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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Thanks to everyone who sent E-mails of condolence in the wake of my brother's passing. He was laid to rest on April 11 with full military honors. On April 22, a series of tornadoes hit the St. Louis metropolitan area; my QTH is three miles north of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, where a magnitude EF2 tornado hit. The worst tornado hit five miles south of my QTH. I also have to eat some crow and humble pie on this end...for posting the wrong link for our SDXM subscribers. For the first time, I've had to resend SDXM with the corrected link for the PDF version. This issue features an announcement on the NRC/WTFDA/DX Audio Service Convention (this year, breaking with the traditional Labor Day Weekend dates), as well as the regular columns, DX Worldwide II, a Contest Update for HDXM subscribers, DX Test report and the Geomagnetic Indices.

IRCA Elections Reminder

For those who have not already voted in the IRCA elections (it's been slow so far), please note that the deadline for ballots to be received is June 1st. Please take a moment to send either an e-mail ballot to nhp@iee.org or a regular postal ballot to Nick Hall-Patch, 1538 Amphion St., Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 4Z6. The ballot and details were contained in the 9 April 2011 DX Monitor. Take a moment to show your appreciation by voting for one of the candidates who have worked hard for IRCA.

The ballot must be RECEIVED by the Election Committee Chairman no later than 0001 hours Eastern Standard Time, June 1, 2011. (contact the ECC, Nick Hall-Patch, 1538 Amphion St., Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 4Z6 (or e-mail: nhp@iee.org) if you do not have a ballot)

Those subscribing to both the hard copy and electronic versions of the DX Monitor may vote by using the hard copy ballot OR by e-mail, whichever is the most convenient to you. PLEASE DO NOT DO BOTH. Thank you.

(I have tried to confirm by return mail every e-mail ballot that has been received. Unfortunately, spam filters sometimes eat mail, so, if you voted by e-mail, and did not receive a confirmation, please try re-sending your ballot and cc it to nhallpatch@netzero.net to guarantee arrival. Thanks.)

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: Mike Sanburn, P.O. Box 1256, Bellflower, CA 90707-1256. 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.)

NRC/DXAS/WTFDA Convention, Omaha, NE

The dates are: OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15, Thursday (3PM) through Saturday night (midnight). Location: Comfort Inn & Suites, 7007 Grover St, Omaha NE 68106 (call 402-934-4900 for reservations, mention NRC), I-80 at 72nd St, exit 449. Airport Shuttle, Expanded Continental Breakfast, Hospitality Room on 2nd floor for all 3 days, an indoor pool, and Meeting Room. Buffet Banquet in that same room on either Friday or Saturday evening. Cost: \$75.00 + tax = \$88.62 if room quota is met. Checks for the registration fee (\$45) will be payable to the NATIONAL RADIO CLUB and mailed to: Ernest Wesolowski, 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543.

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
820	KORC	Waldport, OR	KWDP
1200	WAGE	Leesburg, VA	WCRW
1260	KGIL	Beverly Hills, CA	KMZT
1490	WSYA	Anniston, AL	WGBZ
1590	WMHZ	Ocean City, MD	WAMS
	NEW	Big Rapids, MI	WODJ
1600	WAMS	Dover, DE	WMHZ
1660	KXTR	Kansas City, KS	KUDL

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
570	WQDR	Raleigh, NC	Classic Country	Silent – Storm Damage
580	KZMX	Hot Springs, SD	Silent	Country
810	WSJC	Magee, MS	Religion	Reported Silent
990	WISK	Lawrenceville, GA	Oldies	Spanish Religion
1050	CHUM	Toronto, ON	News	Sports
1180	WSFM	Carolina Beach, NC	Silent	Spanish AC
1230	KGEO	Bakersfield, CA	Sports	Talk
	KELY	Ely, NV	Talk	Oldies
	WFVA	Fredericksburg, VA	Talk	Standards
1260	KGIL	Beverly Hills, CA	Standards	Classical
1300	WKSC	Kershaw, SC	Talk	Reported Silent
1310	WPBC	Decatur, GA	Silent	Black Gospel
1340	WYBC	New Haven, CT	Modern Rock	NPR News – Talk
	WIZE	Springfield, OH	Sports	Classic Country
1350	KZTD	Cabot, AR	Spanish Sports	Reported Silent
1390	WZHF	Arlington, VA	Spanish	Voice of Russia
1400	WLSB	Copperhill, TN	Oldies	Reported Silent
	WBBD	Wheeling, WV	Standards	Oldies
1550	WCLY	Raleigh, NC	Spanish Sports	Silent – Storm Damage
	KKOV	Vancouver, WA	Standards	Talk

SLOGAN / IMAGE CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO
1050	CHUM	Toronto, ON	"TSN Radio 10-50"
1180	WSFM	Carolina Beach, NC	"Radio Maxima"
1230	KGEO	Bakersfield, CA	"Smart Talk 1230"
1260	KGIL	Beverly Hills, CA	"K-Mozart"
1310	WPBC	Decatur, GA	"Reggie AM 1310"

FACILITY AND PARAMETER GRANTS

720	WGCR	Pisgah Forest, NC	License to cover for 50K/15K CH at 35-15-10 / 82-40-28
760	KTBA	Tube City, AZ	Modify license to 250 / 6 NDA at 36-07-54 / 111-14-59
790	WAXY	South Miami, FL	Minor change granted 5K/ 5K DA-2 at 25-45-24 / 80-38-22
	WBLO	Thomasville, NC	CP for 10K/26 NDA from 2.5K/26 at 35-57-41 / 80-02-13
910	KKSN	Vancouver, WA	Modify CP to 3.3K/4.3K DA-2 from 5 K / 5 K at 45-33-30 / 122-28-57
930	KKXX	Paradise, CA	Granted CP to replace ground system at existing site
	WRHON	Cernterville, IN	Modify license to 500 / 114 DA-2 at 39-53-32 / 84-56-08
990	WISK	Lawrenceville, GA	License to cover for 1K DAY NDA at 33-57-11 / 83-58-15
1100	KDRY	Alamo Heights, TX	Modify license to 11K/1K DA-N at 29-33-28 / 98-22-32

1100	WISS	Berlin, WI	Granted Cpor 50 K / 20 K DA-2 at 43-56-55 / 88-59 -08
1150	KBPO	Neches, TX	Granted CP for 5K/63 DA-2 at new site 30-05-04 / 93-58-13
1190	WAFS	Atlanta, GA	Drops 2.3 K Critical Hours Requirement
1200	WXKS	Newton, MA	License to cover for 50K/50K at 42-17-20 / 71-11-21
1210	KPRZ	San Marcos, CA	Modify license to 20K/10K DA-2 at 33-04-10 / 117-11-35
	new	Oscelola, IN	CP granted for new station 2.5 K / 219 DA-2 at 41-38-33 / 86-03-13
1240	WMFG	Hibbing, MN	2008 application to change tower height cancelled
1280	KPRV	Poteau, OK	License to cover 1 K / 108 NDA at 35-00-55 / 94-39-06
1320	WDDV	Venice, FL	Modify license for 5K/1K DA-2 at 27-06-18 / 82-23-59 Added FM antenna on Tower # 2 and re-tuned the array
1340	KTFI	Preston, ID	Granted 1 K / 1 K NDA at 42-43-25 / 114-40-12 Change COL to Wendell, ID
	KWVR	Enterprise, OR	Granted change to 1K/1K NDA at 45-23-58 / 117-15-30
1380	WKDM	New York, NY	Minor change to 5K / 13K DA-2 at 40-19-13 / 74-04-04
1380	WMTD	Hinton, WV	License to cover for 5K/1K DA-2 at 42-26-54 / 71-25-39
1420	WCED	Du Bois, PA	Grnbated 4.2K/5 NDA from 5K/500 DA-N New site at 41-08-25 / 78-49-50
1430	WNSW	Newark, NJ	License to cover 10 K / 7.4 K DA-2 at 40-50-59 / 74-10-59
1490	WSIP	Paintsville, KY	Granted change to 1K/1K NDA at 37-47-21 / 82-47-04 Moving to co locate with WKYH 600
1600	NEW	Halifax, VA	Application for new station dismissed
1640	WTNI	Biloxi, MS	Granted CP to replace old tower
1660	WWRU	Jersey City, NJ	Correct night time co-ordinates to 40-49-13 / 74-04-04

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM CNN Radio adds staff and new radio content Saying it now has over 1,000 terrestrial radio affiliates, CNN Radio has bolstered its staff with new hires, and will also develop and implement new programming. CNN Radio has added new correspondents Libby Lewis, to be based in Washington, DC, and John Sepulvado as a correspondent in Atlanta. In addition, longtime NPR staffer Chip Grabow is the new Senior Editor, to be based in Atlanta, and Susanna Capelouto, Lisa Campbell and Thomas Andres are all new to CNN Radio's Atlanta newsroom. Emma Lacey-Bordeaux, Jonathan Binder, and Gavin Godfrey are now Associate Producers. CNN Radio is also offering content from TV interviews from CNN TV and from hosted shows including Piers Morgan Tonight, Fareed Zakaria GPS and AC 360, as well as various podcasts. CNN Radio is also providing live reporters focusing on international stories, including placing a reporter in Japan reporting on the devastating earthquake and tsunami, and Sepulvado reporting live from London during the upcoming Royal wedding.

FROM: COLUMBUS DISPATCH DOT COM Rob Oller commentary: Indians strike out in Columbus radio market Up and down their lineup, the Cleveland Indians are starting from scratch. Up and down the local radio dial, the Tribe is even scratchier. Now that the Indians and WBNS-AM (1460) have parted ways - the contract was not renewed after last season for reasons about to be explained - static dominates the airwaves in Franklin County. With no 1460 to provide coverage, Indians fans are left with few options. They can tune to WTAM-AM (1100), which is the team's 50,000-watt flagship station based in Cleveland. But the signal locally is almost nonexistent during the day and spotty at night. Or they can try several central Ohio outlets, including WLOH-AM (1320) in Lancaster. Granted, 1460's signal strength is not Herculean outside of I-270, but it mostly served its purpose for the team, which is most interested in Columbus and its immediate surroundings. "It's certainly not the way we wanted to start the season, not having a radio presence down there," said Bob DiBiasio, team vice president of public relations. "Central Ohio is so vitally important for us. So we're working on it. We just got thrown a little curveball." Apparently, curveball is the pitch of choice in explaining this pickle of a problem, because WBNS radio president and general manager Dave Van Stone used the same word. "What it came down to was a curveball in all this," Van Stone said. "We have Ohio State baseball now." Ah, yes, Buckeyes baseball. There are official and unofficial reasons why the Indians-1460 partnership went kaput. Ohio State baseball is the official reason. When IMG College and RadiOhio, which is an affiliate of The Dispatch Printing Company, signed its 10-year, \$110million deal with Ohio State in 2009, the contract called for WBNS to begin broadcasting OSU baseball games in 2011. Enough of those games coincide with Indians games that both 1460 and the Indians decided the station no longer would be the best fit for Cleveland games. "Our ability to carry games was reduced," Van Stone said, adding that the reduction would have been to about 70. "We loved the Indians. There are no hard feelings. Their fans just deserve an affiliate that can (broadcast) games for them." DiBiasio was equally diplomatic. "It's nobody's fault, really," he said. "It's just a business issue for them." The unofficial version goes something like this: the Ohio State/Indians conflict is legitimate, but the franchise waited too long to begin negotiating with other central Ohio radio stations and now is playing catch-up. Not only that, but the Tribe losing 97 and 93 games the past two seasons did not make the franchise as attractive to WBNS. "I would say that is a fair assessment," Van Stone said. The two sides could have worked something out - by moving Indians games to sister station WBNS-FM (97.1), for example - but ratings for Cleveland games do not even match the station's standard ESPN programming. So now the Indians are in search mode, with no deal with another central Ohio station in clear sight. "We are desperately trying to find a radio affiliate in the (Columbus) market," DiBiasio said. In the meantime, the Indians are offering free access to audio broadcasts of games

via mlb.com, but only through April. Fans need to call 216-420-4487 to receive a password to access the website. Regardless of that generous gesture, the lack of radio accessibility is an embarrassing mess, especially considering the connection between the Indians and Columbus is tightened because the Clippers are Cleveland's triple-A affiliate. "We need to regroup and find a solution," DiBiasio said, adding that the Indians remain an enticing value because they offer 162 games of programming. Perhaps, but all that is known for certain is the Tribe on radio is currently more miss than hit. And that curveball is a strikeout pitch.

Rob Oller is a sports reporter for The Dispatch.

FROM J S ONLINE DOT COM The day after WISN-AM (1130) announced it was dropping Glenn Beck's syndicated radio talk show, the controversial conservative announced he was leaving the Fox News network. According to various reports Beck will leave his daily TV show later this year to "develop and produce a variety of television projects for air on the Fox News channel as well as content for other platforms including Fox News' digital properties," according to a press release. While Beck's Fox show draws almost 2 million viewers nightly, it has been reported that he has lost over a third of his audience in the past year. Tuesday, WISN-AM announced it was canceling Beck's syndicated radio show, which was getting trounced by fellow conservative Charlie Sykes on WTMJ-AM (620). The ratings for Sykes top rated show were four times that of Beck's 11th ranked show. Jerry Bott, WISN-AM program director said Beck's cancellation reflected the audience's desire "that the station address local issues ... especially with regard to what is going on in state government." Local host Jay Weber will replace him. Weber's show was moved last year to make room for Beck's show. WISN-AM's move aside, Beck's radio show "has basically been holding steady in general ratings" and his "affiliate base is continuing to grow," said Michael Harrison, publisher of Talkers magazine. Beck, Harrison said, "remains one of the most successful radio hosts in the country"

FROM DAYTONA NEWS JOURNAL ON LINE DOT COM : Copper theft knocks radio station off the air Radio station WNDB 1150 AM was off the air for more than eight hours this week after someone ripped two copper straps off the station's pair of 200-foot towers, causing an estimated \$10,000 in damage and another \$10,000 in lost ad revenue. The stolen copper, a station engineer estimated, was worth a few dollars as scrap. "Radio stations all over the country get hit," said Bobby Gray, the engineer for Black Crow Broadcasting who discovered the late-night or early morning theft. "They probably made \$30 at the scrap yard." Daytona Beach police are investigating the case but did not identify any suspects Thursday. Gray awoke to a remote alarm about 5:40 a.m. Wednesday, alerting him the station was off-air. He eventually found the copper, which is at the base of each tower off LPGA Boulevard to protect the transmitters from lightning strikes, was gone. The station, home of the Marc Bernier Show and other talk shows, was dead until just after 2 p.m. Wednesday, Gray said. He estimated the copper will cost about \$600 to replace and up to \$10,000 to reinstall. The copper theft also damaged the transmitter. Gray said. Gray told police one of the copper straps was hot, and the thief might have suffered severe burns in the process. A police officer who checked hospitals for new patients with burns didn't find any.

FROM RADIO INFO DOT COM CBS Radio's KNX-AM (1070) owes a \$10,000 fine after it was discovered that they had a burned-out tower light last year. According to the FCC report, "On May 13, 2010, an employee of the Enforcement Bureau's Los Angeles Office observed that the top beacon of a tower, located next to the intersection of West 190th Street and Prairie Avenue in Torrance, CA was unlit, at approximately 11:20pm." But the Federal Aviation Administration had no record of a "Notice to Airman," or "NOTAM" as it is called. A "NOTAM" is issued by the FAA to notify pilots and airports of any potential hazards, which includes tall buildings and radio towers. The FCC based their fine on their observation of the top beacon light being out on March 14, and a subsequent visit by the FCC to inspect tower logs. \$10,000 is the Commission's base amount for such violations.

FROM ACCESS ATLANTA Reggie Gay, who has worked at several other R&B and gospel stations in town, earlier this month took control of his own at 1310 AM/WPBC-AM, calling it Reggie AM 1310. For several years, it was Radio Korea and for about five seconds, a progressive talk-show station called the King. Before it was a Korean format, it was Hispanic. And long before that, it was gospel. The station's signal is out of Decatur and can be heard mostly inside the perimeter. In an interview, Gay said he'd like to focus more on local artists and provide an advertising home for folks who feel alienated by FM gospel station Praise 102.5, the most popular gospel station in the nation. "I want to create a brand for local gospel radio stations," he said. "We'll pay attention to what they don't pay attention to." He has no beef with Praise. He's just hoping to find a niche that is hopefully viable enough to keep the lights on. Gay over the past 20 years has worked at Kiss (when it was at 104.7), Glory 1340, 1480/WYZE-AM and WAOK-AM, among others. He will work on air in the mornings and will seek out local sponsors and churches during the day. "We will add jocks as the months progress but for now, it will be music intensive," he said. Chang Kim, the station owner, and Gay came up with an agreement. Gay is currently leasing the station but hopes to buy it eventually.

FROM RADIO INFO DOT COM Tornado takes down a Raleigh, North Carolina radio tower The severe weather that has ripped through a number of southern states appears to be the cause for the broadcast tower of Spanish sports WCLY-AM (1550) & country WQDR-AM (570) in Raleigh. According to WRAL-TV, a tornado which cut a mile-wide path through Raleigh snapped trees, utility poles and wires. Some fallen trees clipped the guy-wires holding the station's tower, causing the stick to come crashing to the ground and knocking both stations off the air. WCLY is owned by Capitol Broadcasting, while Curtis Media owns WQDR. They shared the same tower. WQDR posted on their station website, "Due to storm damage from the tornadoes that ripped through South Raleigh Saturday, WQDR-AM has been knocked off the air. Our engineers are assessing the damage and hope to be back on the air as quickly as possible." Meanwhile:

Curtis Media announces that its entire Raleigh station group is cooperating on a tornado benefit event this Thursday, named "Care on the Air." Five stations will be broadcasting from five separate Wal-Mart locations around the Triangle from noon to 2pm.

FROM TALLAHASSEE DOT COM A Tallahassee Catholic radio station was burglarized over the weekend, Tallahassee Police Department spokesman Officer Derek Friend said today. Friend said someone had broken into WCVB on Henderson Road between Saturday night and early Sunday morning and took a digital satellite receiver and radio mixing board. The investigation is ongoing, Friend said, and no suspect information was available at this time. The station was back on the air today.

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1260 KMZT CA, Beverly Hills 4/4 0258 KGIL played their final retro "12-6-0" jingle followed by the final standard tune "How Sweet It Is." Top of hour legal ID for new call sign "KMZT Beverly Hills, KKG0 HD2 Los Angeles," into AP news brief then classical music (standards are now on KKG0 HD3). Sad day in L.A. for NOS fans. (MS-CA)

- 570 KSNM NM, Las Cruces 4/20 2200 with "Your source for news and talk KSNM." (BB-AZ)
- 730 CHMJ BC, Vancouver 3/26 0755 (tent) ad for VanvouverBestYards.com, Ferguson Moving & Storage, ad, PSA for Action in Education, back to traffic, weather forecast, traffic again, W with ad, M with talk. Missed ID. Poor, ripply signal. (5P-HI)
- 850 KOA CO, Denver 4/8 2140 MLB Rockies at Pirates (KOA is the flagship station for the Colorado Rockies). (AB-ID)
- 910 KPOF CO, Denver 4/23 1003 "AM 91 the Point of Faith" slogan. (AB-ID)
- 920 KSHO OR, Lebanon 4/3 0100 ID and news. Good signal and alone where KXLY usually dominates, on Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 930 KAGI OR, Grants Pass 3/27 0000 heard ID under/over CJCA which usually dominates. Weak but intelligible on Drake with Kiwa loop. Not often heard. (GH-OR)
- 950 KAH1 CA, Auburn 4/23 0800 "Voice of the Foothills" slogan, some KMTX QRM. (AB-ID)
- 990 KKRT WA, Wenatchee 4/4 1018 "The Herd" with Colin Cowherd, ads at 1024, local weather and KKRT.com at 1026. (AB-ID)
- 1120 KZSJ CA, San Martin 3/19 2110 ID to program in what sounded like Vietnamese, tangling with KANN Roy, UT, which later rose up and dominated the channel. (RB-AZ)
- KPNW OR, Eugene 3/29 0158 PSA about wildfires, ID "We Report, You Decide. This is Newsradio 11-20 KPNW Eugene-Springfield, USA" into news with Bill Vitka, broke away after 2.5 minutes for PSA string. Poor to fair. (5P-HI)
- 1150 KAGO OR, Klamath Falls 3/27 0030 "Newstalk 1150 K-A-G-O" ID into talk show. Really weak and sputtering in the static on Drake with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)
- KQQQ WA, Pullman 4/11 2221 MLB Blue Jays at Mariners. (AB-ID)

- 1180 KOFI MT, Kalispell 3/27 0100 ABC news. strong with shallow fades and alone on Drake with Kiwa loop. Surprisingly not heard for a while. (GH-OR)
- 1190 KEX OR, Portland 3/29 0259 UPS Store ad, ID "Weather from the K-2 (slogan for KATU-TV) Storm Tracker Center. Breaking news with you need it and (words missed), Newstalk 11-90 KEX Portland," ABC-I news with Michael Barnes. Fair, local QRM. (5P-HI)
- 1220 KDOW CA, Palo Alto 4/12 1029 stock market news, KDOW ID at 1030 followed by local traffic and weather. (AB-ID)
- 1230 KLXR CA, Redding 4/15 2309 sung "She's Got You" sung by Patsy Cline, KLXR ID at 2312. New. (AB-ID)
- KYVA NM, Gallup 4/27 0900 with "KYVA Gallup New Mexico." (BB-AZ)
- 1240 KNRY CA, Monterey 4/13 0013 above QRM with ID by woman "Here on AM 1240 KNRY," into sports. (MS-CA)
- KWIK ID, Pocatello 4/6 0700 KWIK ID. Last heard 8/10/09. (AB-ID)
- 1260 KGIL CA, Beverly Hills 3/31 1612 local heard with announcer stunting and mentioned switch from NOS format to Classic K-Mozart starting Mon. 4/2/11. Music selection by Chicago Symphony orchestra played. Standards will still be broadcast on the internet at new site www.retro105.com and on KKG0 HD3. (MS-CA)
- 1280 KRVM OR, Eugene 4/19 2259 KRVM ID and "Jefferson Public Radio" mention, BBC News at 2301. (AB-ID)
- 1290 KPAY CA, Chico 4/18 1027 time check, KPAY ID, and news. (AB-ID)
- 1300 KPMO CA, Mendocino 4/25 2300 KPMO ID and NPR news. (AB-ID)
- 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup 3/20 2130 tom-tom drums, indigenous chanting, cycling in & out, trading off with KROP (Brawley, CA) and KJLL (Tucson, AZ). At times almost local signal. (RB-AZ)
- 1340 KACH ID, Preston 4/10 1000 KACH ID and news. Last heard 6/27/08. (AB-ID)
- KCAP MT, Helena 4/23 2157 KCAP ID, at 2200 "KCAP Helena" ID. New. (AB-ID)
- KTMP UT, Heber City 4/25 2202 C&W music, 2204 KTMP ID. Last heard 11/24/08. (AB-ID)
- KYLT MT, Missoula 4/23 2152 KYLT ID and FSR mention. Last heard 12/21/08. (AB-ID)
- KSGT WY, Jackson 4/10 0858 C&W music, KSGT ID at 0900. Last heard 3/27/09. (AB-ID)
- 1350 KTIK ID, Nampa 4/9 1630 MLB Yankees at Red Sox. Note: KTIK now // with KTIK 93.1. (AB-ID)
- 1360 KHNC CO, Johnstown 4/12 0900 with "This is The Lion KHNC Johnstown-Denver." (BB-AZ)
- 1380 KSRV OR, Ontario 4/19 2237 MLB Tigers at Mariners. (AB-ID)
- KRKO WA, Everett 4/13 0120 Fox sports talk with many ID's. Choppy and alone on Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1430 KEZW CO, Aurora 4/20 1024 KEZW ID and partial playlist. Poor under KYKN. (AB-ID)
- 1490 KRKC CA, King City 4/20 2343 dominant with ID "The best of the country, KRKC King City, Springfield, Soledad," into song by lady ("Independence Day?"). (MS-CA)
- 1550 WLOR AL, Huntsville 4/2 0130 many "True Oldies Channel" ID's with 70's type oldies. Fair to poor sputtering over/under KKAD on Hammarlund with SW wire. New! (GH-OR)
- 1570 KCVR CA, Lodi 4/27 2210 Mexitunes, woman with "Romantica" slogan at 2213. (AB-ID)
- CKMW MB, Winkler 4/21 0121 C&W music, CKMW ID at 0127. Poor with QRM from an unID Spanish language station. (AB-ID)
- 1600 KRKE NM, Albuquerque 3/19 2120 Woolly Bully, other oldies to ID by man and slogan "Real Oldies." Suddenly came up over unID Mexican station that was mixing in. Promo for "Tom Kent." Note to fellow DXers: you have to be careful with this one, format is nearly identical to KYBC in Cottonwood, AZ. (RB-AZ)
- 1670 KNRO CA, Redding 4/3 0000 fair to poor in & out of the slop and choppy, with ESPN sportstalk. Alone on Hammarlund with E-W wire. (GH-OR)

UNIDS

- 1710 UNID Frequency approximate. Spanish-speaker frequently heard around 0755-0805 in late-March and early April. It was weak but all alone on 4/7 at 0800 with ID "Escuchas aqui WWW-30." So evidently it's a pirate, Mexican or domestic. The announcer had a polished voice and loop bearing was north/south. Anyone else hearing this? (LG-MT)

Two reports were received the day after my last WDXR deadline, so they had to be held two weeks for this issue. Now that we are not weekly anymore it's important for you to watch the deadlines listed at the beginning of the column! Nancy 4/29 2100



CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

760 WJR MI, Detroit. 4-17 good. 23:30 with news, weather, sports, PSA. [POB-IN]
950 WXLW IN, Indianapolis. 3-31 fair. 18:50 with Milwaukee vs. Reds baseball game. [POB-IN]
970 WFUN OH, Ashtabula. 4-18 good to fair over WMAY and KQAQ. 22:41 with Cleveland Indians baseball game and spot cluster. [EB-MO]
1080 WYHY KY, Cannonsburg. 3-29 poor with lots of fading. 23:05 with country music. [POB-IN]
1130 WLBA GA, Gainesville. 4-7 fair. 23:35 with Spanish music, "La Favorita" slogan, Spanish programming. [POB-IN]
1160 WQRT KY, Florence. 4-14 good. 23:08 with Dave E. Finance talk. [POB-IN]
1330 WHBL WI, Sheboygan. 4-24 fair. 00:04 with Brewers baseball game. [POB-IN]
1420 WHBN KY, Harrodsburg. 4-11 fair. 23:13 with news, weather. [POB-IN]
1430 WION MI, Ionia. 4-4 good. 20:02 with ID and promo for Coffee Crew Morning Show followed by a high speed Morse Code which I was able to decipher as "W224BZ IONIA" which is an ID for their FM translator. This 20WPM code is sent out immediately before CBS News which varies from day to day from one minute to five minutes past the top of the hour. This is like having a mini DX Test sent out every hour! [TMJ-IL]
1470 KLCL LA, Lake Charles. 4-22 fair to poor through WMBD. 23:40 noted with Cajun music and local spots. [EB-MO]
WMBD IL, Peoria. 4-22 good to fair over KLCL. 23:30 with St. Louis Cardinals baseball, local spots, "News radio 14-70 WMBD" slogans aver every spot cluster and a legal ID every 30 minutes. [EB-MO]
WRGA GA, Rome. 4-8 poor. 23:40 with political talk program. [POB-IN]
1480 WABB AL, Mobile. 3-31 poor. 23:31 with news, weather, sports. [POB-IN]
WGVU MI, Kentwood. 3-31 poor, lots of fading. 23:47 with oldies music format. [POB-IN]
1520 WHOW IL, Clinton. 4-13 poor. 23:07 with mention of Radio America. Faded out. [POB-IN]

DX Test

580 KSAZ AZ, Marana. 4-24 DX Test was good briefly on top WIBW and XEFI. 04:03 with a nice ID "Cinco-ochenta-ah-emme, kah-esse-ah-zeta, Marana, Arizona, Radio Ebineezer" then faded down. [RW-CO]

25 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1986 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Howard Kemp** of Laconia, NH said he started DXing in 1932 ... **Jack Woods** of Waldport, OR discussed the effects of weather on DX conditions ... **Guy Kudlemyer** of Eugene, OR commented he had only logged 15 new stations the past season.

OPEN MIKE

Eric heard WFUN-970 recently. Nancy and I were by their tower site just last August. Photos at www.johninmontana.com. The season is coming to an end. This column was typed 4-30-11. 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 Manassas, VA.
NRD-545 rx w/ KIWA LOOP

(KK2-VA) Kraig Krist Manassas, VA.
PL-310 with built in antenna
(JJR-MI) John Rieger L'Anse, MI.
CC Radio 2

LOGGINGS

660 MN KBHR Sauk Rapids 4/20 0614 Poor but o/WFAN. Traffic, "you're on the Bear..." and local car dealer ad. No calls hrd. (JJR-MI)
670 PA WIEZ Lewistown 4/1 1731 "Coming up after this news update on WIEZ...". (KK1-VA)
740 WV WRNR Martinsburg 4/1 1734 "... on WRNR dot com". (KK1-VA)
930 NY WBEN Buffalo 4/17 2200 Poor LID for AM and separate FM (WLKK) calls. CBS nx o/UNID NOS outlet. (JJR-MI)
1000 NY WLNL Horseheads 4/6 1722 Mixing w/ talk and other singing. WLNL with religious singing. 1800 "SRN News". "WLRL weather... right now". (KK2-VA)
PA WIOO Carlisle 4/1 1741 Mixing w/ talk and music. WIOO with c&w songs. Ad mentioning Harrisburg and Carlisle. "Solid country gold WIOO" into Donna Fargo song. 1800 "ABC News". "Country gold 1 thousand WIOO Carlisle and 14-80 WEEQ Shippensburg. Now on 93 point 9 and 97 point 9 FM.". (KK1-VA)
1070 CA KNX Los Angeles 4/20 0605 Poor - steady w/one 1 min fade. "Pomona...Orange Freeway, San Bernardino...". "Traffic on the 5's" CBSLA.com, "KNX newstime 3:05" still in 90 mins later! If I'm correct 1st time noted this season. . (JJR-MI)
1080 ND KNDK Langdon 4/20 0803 Poor //105.1FM (in AM drive) w/nx on area flooding, ND nx. No calls hrd. (JJR-MI)
1090 CO KMXA Aurora 4/20 0800 Excellent and loud! Strong! No calls hrd.SS. (JJR-MI)
1100 MN WZFG Dilworth 4/20 0807 Poor w/ "Flag weather" Rain-snow mix. "AM1100.tv" for current cx. Ads. (JJR-MI)
1220 ND KDDR Oakes 4/20 0810 Poor to fade out w/talk "Dakota Country" (JJR-MI)
1230 SD KWSN Sioux Falls 4/20 0812 Very poor - local sport chatter "on KWSN" In w/others. SPO:FOX (JJR-MI)
1250 MI WNEM Bridgeport 4/3 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WDDZ, CJYE, oldies and ESPN Radio. WNEM with talk. "Talk... 12-50... WNEM...". (KK-VA)
ON CJYE Oakville 4/3 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WDDZ, WNEM, oldies and ESPN Radio. CJYE with singing. "You're listening to overnight... CJYE Oakville 11-50 and C.J.. AM 13-20. (KK-VA)
1260 MN KROX Crookston 4/20 0829 Poor -"in downtown Crookston", local nx, calls. (JJR-MI)
NY WSKO Syracuse 4-17 2125 Poor steady w/web addr. o/WNDE, others. thescore 1260.com (JJR-MI)
WI WXCE Amery 4/17 0806 Poor w/end of nx, "...on AM 1260 wixie" by meteorologist. Steady. Only fit for slogan. (JJR-MI)
1290 IL WIRL Peoria 4/6 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WHIO and CJBK. WIRL with c&w songs "12-90 WIRL". Local ads. . (KK-VA)
ON CJBK London 4/6 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WHIO and WIRL. "This is CJBK AM London. News talk 12-90. The trusted voice in London for nearly..." "From the national newsroom... I'm Karen...". (KK-VA)
1330 NY WSPQ Springville 4/9 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WYRD. WSPQ with 1970's oldies "WSPQ... has taken an extended leave..." (KK-VA)
SC WYRD Greenville 4/9 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WSPQ. "News radio WORD and WYRD... this is your Greenville Spartensburg... WYRD Greenville WORD Spartensburg" into "Fox News Radio". (KK-VA)
VA WBTM Danville 4/12 2003 Mixing w/ talk. WBTM with oldies. "...down home... 13-30 WBTM..." into oldie. (KK1-VA)
1340 MN KDLM Detroit Lakes 4-17 0729 Poor -calls, t/c into promo. A live jock! Not on bird on Sun AM! in/out w/2 others. Arrowheadtransit.com ad. (JJR-MI)
WV WEPM Martinsburg 4/2 1335 Mixing w/ WVCV and preaching. Talking about Friday's baseball games. "You are here for West Virginia Mountaineers... sports radio 13-40 WEPM". . (KK2-VA)
1350 OH WARF Akron 4/11 0355-0505 Mixing w/ Spanish singing and ESPN Radio. WARF with typical "Fox Sports Radio" programming. "Fox Sports Radio. This is WARF Akron your home of the ... Fox Sports 13-50". "The sports animal". OMs discussing gold, masters and Tiger Woods. (KK-VA)
1360 MN KKBj Bemidji 4/20 0833 Poor in/out w/WTAQ. Local ads "Bemidji Bowl", others. No calls hrd. (JJR-MI)
VA WHBG Harrisonburg 4/1 1719 Mixing w/ singing. WHBG with typical ESPN Radio programming. "ESPN Radio..WHBG...". (KK1-VA)
1370 NY WXXI Rochester 4/15 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WSPD and WGIV. "... on WXXI". "You're listening to WXXI Rochester". BBC World Service programming. (KK-VA)

NC WGIV Pineville 4/15 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WXXI and WSPD. Religious singing. "... at WGIV..." (KK-VA)

OH WSPD Toledo 4/15 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WXXI and WGIV. "Coast to Coast AM". "... weekdays on WSPD". (KK-VA)

1380 MN KLIZ Brainerd 4-17 0755 Fair - "1380 KLIZ the Fan" into ad. Alone. Not hrd all season! (JJR-MI)

ON CKPC Brantford 4/16 0355-0505 Mixing w/ talk and other talk. CKPC with c&w songs. "This is 13-80 CKPC AM Brantford..." "From the national newsroom of the Canadian press 'm...". (KK-VA)

1390 MI WLCM Holt 4/20 0800 Poor w/ LID in/out fades. "Victory 1390" REL NEW! (JJR-MI)

1420 OH WHK Cleveland 4/20 0729 Poor - LID, local nx. Bill Bennett in fade up o/usual KTOE. (JJR-MI)

1430 IN WXNT Indianapolis 4/19 0355-0505 Mixing w/ CHKT. "WXNT Indianapolis" (KK-VA)

MD WNAV Annapolis 4/2 1303 "CBS News" "WNAV forecast". (KK2-VA)

1440 MI WMAX Bay City 4/20 0659 P LID. Chat on programming o/WNFL. REL:EWTN (JJR-MI)

1450 MI WKLA Ludington 4-17 0709 Poor - Calls, True Oldies o/mess. (JJR-MI)

1450 MN KBMW Breckenridge 4/20 0837 Poor - ad for local Lincoln dlr, catering for NDSU, "Wapheton (ND) is a great place to live" psa, calls, jx OLD C&W (JJR-MI)

ND KZZJ Rugby 4/20 0646 Poor in w/2-3 others. "...only on 1450-KZZJ" into C&W(JJR-MI)

1460 ND KLTC Dickinson 4/20 0649 Poor w/CJOY others in fade up. "Classic Country Favorites" (jingle) 1460-KLTC (said by anncr) OLD C&W . (JJR-MI)

1480 MI WGVU Kentwood 4-17 2208 Poor o/others. No usual WLMV. Noted w/psa, "Real Oldies 1480 and 850". RealOldies1480.org into OLD. (JJR-MI)

1480 PA WCNS Latrobe 4/20 0355-0505 Mixing w/ talk and other talk. WCNS with oldies. "14-80 WCNS" "14-80 WCNS" jingle. (KK-VA)

1510 MA WWZN Boston 4/22 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WLAC. Ad "12 minutes from Boston's Logan Airport..." "Here on AM 15-10 revolution Boston." This is WWZN according to www.1510thezone.com (KK-VA)

TN WLAC Nashville 4/22 0355-0505 Mixing w/ WWZN. "Coast to Coast AM" discussing God. "15-10 WLAC". (KK-VA)

1540 PA WNWR Philadelphia 4/6 1814 Mixing w/ singing. religious broadcast originating from Baltimore. Cuts off the church broadcast to give signoff. " 15-40 WNWR Philadelphia". (KK1-VA)

1570 IN WNDA New Albany 4/25 0355-0505 Mixing w/ talk and other talk. WNDA with oldies. IDs as "Cool 15-70" and "Old school cool 15-70". EAS breaks into programming several times with severe thunderstorm warnings for Kentucky. (KK-VA)

MN KYCR Golden Valley 4-18 0702 Poor - SRN nx, "Twin Cities nx", "Anoka" ment, "Mpls" ment by nx man Mike Scott (who also does WIND nx.) Traffic, wx, calls finally! Rare! J (JJR-MI)

1580 ON CKDO Oshawa 4/29 0355-0505 Mixing w/ religious talk and Spanish. CKDO with oldies. "CKDO classics". "CKDO" jingle. (KK-VA)

 Thanks to Kraig and John this week. Best to all... fresh 4-30 0800

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ALASKA: According to a "Request for Silent STA" posted on the FCC website, "the station's transmitter, located in Wasilla, Alaska, ceased operations on January 23, 2011. Due to dangerous ice and snow conditions immediately surrounding the transmitter site, the licensee has been unable to access the transmitter site to determine or resolve the technical issues impeding normal operations." A check of the FCC website on 17 April still shows it as silent (FCC website via Bruce Portzer)

ARGENTINA: Radio Sentir is a new unlicensed Argentine station on the extended AM band. Radio Sentir broadcasts on 1620 kHz from Merlo, Provincia de Buenos Aires. The station was first reported heard on January 22 by local DXers Arnaldo Slaen and Enrique Wembagher. The directors of the station are Daniel Barrientos and Estela Sánchez. Radio Sentir was first reported by Marcelo A. Cornachioni on Condig mailing list on January 28. (DXing.info 6 Mar)

CUBA: Medium Wave Rearrangement Plan, 2009-1. I have published in my blog an article about the Cuban MW scene after the 2009 Rearrangement Plan. It includes the list of transmitters operating on the island. There are versions in Spanish and English following the corresponding links. Enjoy!. <http://moladx.blogspot.com/2011/04/cuba-plan-de-reordenamiento-de-onda.html> (Mauricio Molano-ESP, dxld Apr 5)

MEXICO: Radio Anáhuac: After almost two weeks of being heard weakly, the signal of XEANAH, 1670, since yesterday evening 1 March is again being heard well here in Mexico City. I don't know why the signal was weaker for the past two weeks (Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla, DF, 2101 UT March 2, translated by Glenn Hauser for DX LD)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: I have just noticed that 4GM Gympie 1566kHz is quite high in frequency ... measured at 1566.2453 at 0700UTC 25/02. I wonder whether this is a flood resulting problem. Don't know how long they have been there! (Merv Joyce, Brisbane, mwoz)

INDONESIA: The Kang Guru website http://www.kangguru.org/Podcast/Radio/series_70.html now has audio and podcasts. Now everyone can check out their fun programs in English that are being broadcast via 170 stations throughout Indonesia, alas not many go over SW. Believe that currently the KGI program has only been observed via RRI Wamena (4869.96, only on Wednesdays from 1000-1020 UT (Ron Howard, San Francisco, CA, April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KIRIBATI: Kiribati's state radio, a division of the Broadcasting and Publications Authority, began broadcasting today on a new frequency of 1440 kHz, thanks to a grant of almost AU\$137,000 from the government of Taiwan. The new frequency replaces 846 kHz which has been used since independence. General Manager of BPA, Betarim Rimon, told the national paper, Te Uekera, that the new frequency is a big achievement for the organization. Radio Kiribati is the only station that broadcasts across the country to the population of about 100,000, mainly in Kiribati languages. In 2008, the radio station went off air for several months after its transmitter broken down for serious technical problems. This put pressure on the state broadcaster to cut its expenses and consider a bank overdraft to solve its financial problems. (Source: Pacific Media Watch via Radio Nederland Blog)

NEW ZEALAND: According to Rhema Broadcasting Groups latest newsletter, Southern Star is now on-air in Nelson on 612. Also, the Word Bible Radio 24/7 is being carried on 540 in Christchurch during daylight hours – 6am till 6pm. (Bryan Clark, NZDXT) 540 1.5kW Christchurch The Word/Bible Radio 6am-6pm NZT only. There are technical difficulties with this frequency including a degraded signal after sunset and these have still to be fully resolved. 612 2.5kw Nelson Southern Star 24 hours. Final new MW station scheduled to come on air in 2011 is 1368 2.5kW Whangarei Southern Star (David Ricquish, NZDXT)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ALGERIA: Polisario Front frequency change, again: I found them on their old 1550 fq today, at 2233, and still on as I write this. The parallel 6297.15 is not audible. I expect the half hr Castilian prg is carried at 2300. 1550 is strong as usual. Acc. to the news, Morocco and Polisario have resumed talks once again. (Carlos Goncalves, dxld 4 Mar)

ARMENIA: Voice of Russia began broadcasting on frequency 1395 kHz via a new transmitter in Yerevan Gavar, with a capacity of 500 kW. Programs of the Russian service in the direction of the Caucasus in the air 0500-0600, 1200-1300, 1700-1800 and 2000-2100 UT. The rest of the program is listening "Caucasus". (dxing.ru via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 8 via mediumwave.info)

BELARUS: A-11 schedule. Radiostation Belarus. UTC kHz kW Azimuth

1100-2300 7360 75 270

1100-2300 7390 150 246

1705-2300 7255 250 252

1900-2300 1170 800 244

Belarusskoe Radio. 0400-0700 11930 250 72

0400-0700 1170 Sosnovy 800 64

1500-1700 7255 250 72

1500-1700 1170 Sosnovy 800 64

0000-2400 279 Sosnovy 500

1500-2100 1278 Brest 10

0200-0100 6010 Brest 5

0200-0100 6040 Grodno 5

0200-0100 6070 Brest 5

1500-2100 6080 Kolodishchi 150 127

1500-2100 6115 Kolodishchi 75

Circular

0200-0100 6190 Mogilev 5

0200-0100 7235 Mogilev 5

0200-0100 7280 Grodno 5

Kanal Kultura 1500-2100 UT: 1008 Grodno 7 kW 1026 Myadel 25 kW 1026 Sologorsk 5 kW 1026

Brest 7 kW 1125 Kolodishchi 150 kW 7265 Grodno 5 kW (Alexander Mazgo-BLR, RUSdx March 27, also via dxld)

BOSNIA: 612 MW, Sarajevo. One of our club members of CSDXC, Mr. Bielik, got an interesting message today: "Mr. Nebojsa Hasanbasic, director of BHRT Technical Section, just announced that

BHRT still did not obtain any financial means from state institutions to provide a new 300 kW transmitter (Solid State) and antenna system for 612 kHz. Therefore the term of reactivation of the frequency 612 kHz is not known yet." (Jaroslav Bohac, Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic, Jan 31, DSWCI DX Window Feb 9 via DXLD)

ESTONIA: Russian service of Radio Trans Mirovogo is conducting test broadcasts on the frequency 1035 kHz (Radio Eli ") during March-April, with a capacity of 200 kilowatts. Test block lasts from 1900 to 2100 UT every day since March 1. As explained by the chief engineer of Radio Eli, "given a specified time on / off the second transmitter may vary by plus or minus 5 minutes. We kindly request someone who can listen to the transfer at this time, notify the address guvas.dx at gmail.com. Particularly interested in the transition from 100 kilowatts to 200 - it's very noticeable, or not? Are there any problems with the signal when you switch the second transmitter? Well, whatever you wish to report. Welcome recording. Messages will be confirmed by QSL-cards of four kinds, if anyone, they will need. (Vasily Gulyaev, open_dx / MIDXB 726; via RusDX March 6 via dxld)

ITALY: I just posted on my MW blog an Italian monitoring I made in Bocca di Magra with Dario Monferini. If you can be interested you can find it at: <http://radio-dx.blogspot.com/> (Giampiero Bernardini, mwdx, 7 Mar)

LIBYA: Most Likely MW transmitters used in Libya are ex off-shore radio rigs. The 675 kHz from Banghazi is supposed to be the former 100 kW Ampliphase (RCA) on the MeBo 2, RNI and Radio Noordzee. The radioship Mebo 2 has been sold by it's Swiss owners Meister and Bollier to Khadaffi. On board not only the 100 kW MW but also the 2 10 kW transmitters from Veronica (CE), another 10 k and a SW 10 k. All transmitters were removed from the ship, the ship itself has been used as a target for the Libyan Airforce and is demolished. (Ruud Voss, mediumwave.info 6 Mar)

First of all, 1125 EL Beida is working again. Last night i received this on 972 khz <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5KZc9MKyY0> at 04:49 the announcer says "Alhurra", that's mean, this is a new freed station in Libya. It listed as Radio Jamahiriyyah from Sirt (by EMWG). Sirt is under siege now, very interesting catch, but need confirmation! Very big QRM by NDR Info. (Laszlo Tringer, Hungary, mediumwave.info, 6 Mar)

LITHUANIA: Today I received a confirmation email to the Lithuanian Radio, Radio Baltic Waves International. Through this radio rebroadcast other radio stations, including NHK Radio Japan in Russian on 1386 kHz. Took them today and sent the report to radio@balticwaves.cjb.net Today was competently fill confirmation letter. Filled his Rimantas Pleykis. (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan / "deneb-radio-dx" RUSdx April 3) Received today from Rimantas Pleykisa schedule Radio Baltic Waves International and Radio Baltic Waves for the summer season: Below are our A11 schedules (UTC): RBW Vilnius 612 kHz 100 kW 0300-0500 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Belarussian 1200-1500 Voice of Russia, Russian 1500-2100 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Belarussian 2100-2200 Polish Radio, Belarussian RBW1 Kaunas 1386 kHz 500 kW 0330-0400 NHK Radio Japan, Russian 0400-0430 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Belarussian 1500-1600 Polish Radio, Polish 1600-1700 Polish Radio, Belarussian 1700-1800 Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Russian Visaginas 68.24 MHz 4 kW 0000-2400 European Radio for Belarus, Belarussian (Rimantas Pleykisa, RUSdx Mar 27)

MOROCCO: 711.04, SNRT-"R", El Aiún, 2202-2236, 19 Feb, Arabic, talks; Castilian program at 2230, news, western music; 44444, but this reflects the carrier for the modulation was extremely undermodulated, QRM de E & F. 1139.2, SNRT-"A", site?, 2321-, 20 Feb, Arabic, end of prayer, very short announcement and into Arabic songs & music, more on the classical side; 43442, adjacent QRM, noisy & weak modulation, sync. with the audio on 540 Tahadart, so, again, this is may be a spur from this site. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SWAZILAND: Clearer, Stronger Medium Wave from TWR, Swaziland on 1170 kHz <http://www.twrafrica.org/0344.asp> (Alokesh Gupta, mwdx 28 Feb)

SWEDEN: Radio Nord will be resurrected on March 8, 2011, exactly 50 years after its original launch. Radio Nord was a pirate station operating outside Sweden's territorial waters in 1961-1962. Now on the 50th anniversary Radio Nord will be celebrated by launching a licensed temporary station in Sweden, broadcasting on 1512 kHz mediumwave and 6060 kHz on the 49 meter shortwave band. The Radio Nord broadcast will begin at 0848 UTC, and occasional test transmissions can be heard beforehand. The AM transmitter site is located in Vallentuna near the Swedish capital Stockholm. The shortwave transmitter site is Sala, some 100 kilometers northwest from Stockholm. The transmitter power will be 1 kW on the AM band and 10 kW on shortwave. Radio Nord programming will also be rebroadcast on a few Swedish FM stations and Radio Merkurs in Latvia on 1485 kHz. The station can be contacted by email. The project has been organized by Ronny Forslund. (DXing.info 6 Mar)

SWITZERLAND: Radio Gloria is a new station broadcasting on 1566 kHz mediumwave from Switzerland. In previous years, the same frequency had been used by both a public and a private broadcaster in the country. Radio Gloria broadcast 24/7 for a month, but with only 250 watts of power, from a transmitter site near Lucerne. The station was however heard as far as in Scandinavia. The station was testing on the air only from February 3 to March 2. Previously in 2010 the shortwave frequency of 6085 kHz was used, and it may be reactivated in the spring of 2011. Radio Gloria has

been on the air since 2008 on the Internet, satellite and cable, but only occasionally on the broadcast bands. Reception reports are welcome by email, and snail mail can be sent to Postfach 540, CH-6281 Hochdorf, Schweiz. (DXing.info 6 Mar)

Golos Rossii will be played via Cima di Dentro 558 kHz 200 kW:
<http://www.news.admin.ch/NSBSubscriber/message/attachments/22061.pdf>

<http://www.admin.ch/aktuell/00089/index.html?lang=en&msg-id=37584>

5 years contract, mediumwave Cima di Dentro 558 kHz at reduced power of 200 kW. Former 558 kHz RSI-Rete 1 program of 1996 year was registered by ITU Geneva with 300 kW "carrier power", non-directional at 26.9 dB antenna. (Wolfgang Bueschel, mediumwave.info 14 Feb) Voice of Russia aims to start using the transmitter on 558 on Monte Ceneri from March 1 following the granting of permission by the Swiss Federal Office of Communications. (Wolfgang Thiele via wb wwdxc, March WDXC-UK Contact magazine direct and via dxld)

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The Voice of Russia relays via the Monte Ceneri (Switzerland) transmitter on 558 kHz finally started today, noted at 1830 with German, // 1431 kHz etc. When rechecking at 2030 the transmitter was off. The modulation appeared to be pretty soft, even compared to the Wilsdruff transmitter on 1431 which does not run super high density DC either. Probably no limiter/compressor is in use at all, unlike the former SRG use of this frequency. But this needs another listen under better circumstances. The originally circulated schedule information appears to be somewhat outdated, specifically concerning the 1800-1900 hour which is in use for German now. Voice of Russia gives at http://german.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/4007478/48286561.html the slots for German as 1000-1200, 1500-1700 and 1800-1900. Italian could well be on air from 1700-1800 while French could be on between 1900 and 2000. (Beware of DST, resulting in different conversion to UT now.) (Kai Ludwig-D, dxld April 1)

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Deadlines: 5/15 5/29 6/12 6/26 7/10 7/24 8/20

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I was not too pleased to hear that WMOB 1360 had stopped verifying reception reports. In years past, Christian radio stations were always good verifiers, as far as I was concerned. When I was working at WFTD 1080 while I was living in the Atlanta area, I taught the station's manager, Rocky Payne, the art of QSLing. He even signed my verification letter for my reception of the station in January 1993. I even offered my services as QSL Manager for the station, obviously inspired by the examples set by IRCA's own Patrick Martin and the Ontario DX Association. I have not heard anything on this subject from Buddy Tucker, whose evangelistic association also owns WTOF 1110 in suburban Bay Minette (they have "Bay Minette" as one word on their Web site) and WYND 1310 in DeLand, FL. Perhaps the lack of time that Mr. Tucker has for answering reception reports from the station can be summed up in what was included on their Web site. The Buddy Tucker Association was soliciting donations to cover the costs of building a new studio and transmitter site elsewhere in Mobile, due to industrial development in the area of the current WMOB facility affecting the station's signal. With their 212-watt nighttime power sometimes overpowering WSAI and KSCJ (both of them 5,000 watts), I would guess the development that Mr. Tucker mentioned may have an influence on their coverage to the northwest. I also signed verification letters while I was working at WSIE 88.7. As you may have heard, St. Louis was hammered by tornadoes on the evening of April 22. My QTH is three miles north of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, where a fairly strong tornado hit, blowing out windows in Terminal 1 and nearly destroying Concourse C. I'm also five miles from the neighborhoods in Bridgeton and Maryland Heights where the most destructive tornado hit. KMOX 1120 had pre-empted the Cardinals baseball game for continuous coverage. Although the game against Cincinnati was on sister station KYKY 98.1, I listened to it on WMBD 1470 instead, with its 5,000-watt night power directed toward the St. Louis area, although I could also pick the game up on WLW 700. KTRS 550 allowed the hosts of its sports show to pass on storm-related information. It was the top story at 0100 ELT on April 23 on both CBS and ABC's hourly newscasts. This storm also caused damage from New Melle in St. Charles County, MO to Granite City, IL, missing the major AM transmitter sites in the area, including WGNU 920, KXEN 1010 and KMOX 1120. I mainly listened to the local NOAA Weather Radio station for weather information, since the information comes out before the commercial radio and TV stations and even the Skywarn nets on the Amateur Radio bands get their hands on it. I also monitored local police and fire department frequencies. My QTH was without power

from around 2130 ELT to 0245 ELT. Thanks to all the IRCA members who E-mailed me with condolences in the wake of the passing of my oldest brother, they were greatly appreciated. 73.

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My deadline for the May column will be May 23 at 1500 ELT.

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KK

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WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by e-mail; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: * [For this column] = None

Thanks to Kraig we have a column this month. This column was prepared on 4/25/11. Note that the deadline for next month's column will be one week earlier than usual due to the Memorial Day holiday. 73, SSH.

SPECIAL FEATURE

DX TEST REPORT: WFNY 1440, WKVQ 1540 and WYTH 1250 By Saul Chernos

Here is the list of who heard what - or tried and didn't - or maybe did. Please excuse the delay in sending this. I am having computer troubles to the extreme. The only good news being that the new lap and notebook systems I've just bought are being set up this afternoon. This list is based on reports to four lists I subscribe to, and from people who have independently e-mailed me. Most cool, of course, is the reception in New Zealand of WKVQ, as well as various TA receptions. It's not meant to be a complete list of every one who heard the tests, but an indicator of where the tests were heard, or not heard, or possibly/marginally heard. Enjoy!

Saul Chernos

For the IRCA-NRC DX Test Committee

1440 WFNY NY GLOVERSVILLE – HEARD:

* MN George Sherman – Heard what may have been code at start, partial calls, assorted sound –

This appears to be the farthest reception reported to the DX lists

DC Bill Whitacre	PA Mark Clark
IL Tom Jasinski	TN Steve Francis
MA Allan Dunn	VT Steve Howe
MA Robert Young	VA George Santulli
MI John Rieger	WV David Yocis
MI Tim Tromp	WI Bill Dvorak
NJ Bob Antoniuk	WI Tim Noonan
NY Jim Renfrew	ON Robert Ross
OH David Faulkner	ON Mike Brooker
PA Brett Saylor	ON Barry McLarnon
PA Russ Edmunds	ON Dave Pyatt

1440 WFNY NY GLOVERSVILLE – MAYBE HEARD:

ID Frank Aden – Code at 0105?

OK Glenn Hauser – Heard few beeps of morse code, probably WFNY, but not enough to cop

1440 WFNY NY GLOVERSVILLE – NOT HEARD:

CO Wayne Heinen – Tapes revealed nothing but KMAJ

NE Rick Dau – A no-show at this locality

OK Bruce Winkelman – 1430 KTBZ had IBOC off overnight, but only WGEM

PA Rene Tetro – I tried. Local WNPV 1440 Lansdale made it difficult despite driving into a null

AB Nigel Plumblett – No trace of the test

BC Nick Hall-Patch – Mostly Wetaskiwin with a talker underneath

MB Shawn Axelrod

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1540 WKVQ GA EATONTON – HEARD

**** NEW ZEALAND – Bryan Clark

*** SCOTLAND Paul Crankshaw – Heard in Troon. With details about reception reports and morse IDs, Sleigh Ride playing in the background. Bahamas dominant

*** UNITED KINGDOM Barry Davies – 4000 miles, morse code, heard best at 1540.06 u/ZNS1 Nassau

*** SCOTLAND Ken Baird

* OR Pat Martin – If it wasn't for the morse code – first hour. Second hour much stronger, beautiful morse code ID followed by instrumental music

* AB Nigel Pimblett – Despite auroral conditions and noise from KFBK. Heard zero from first test but some very weak code just after 0700 UTC on second test

* MT Tom Kraft – Morse test tones twice using a Kenwood R-600 and KIWA loop

* CO Robert Wien – Morse code IDs

* CO Wayne Heinen – Nothing until morse ID & Christmas guitar music popped through

CT Mike Bugaj

IL Tom Jasinski

CT Bill Nollman

IN David Hascall

CT Ron Musco

MA Robert Young

DE John Cereghin

MA Keith McGinnis

DE Peter Jernakoff

MI Tim Tromp

IL Neil Kazaross

MN George Sherman – On barefoot Tecsun PL-310

NE Rick Dau

NY Jim Renfrew

NJ Rick Shaftan

OH Michael Procop

NJ Jim Chenard

OH David Faulkner

NY Art ?????? (in Ithaca)

OK Glenn Hauser

OK Richard Allen – 822 miles on barefoot SRF-T615, sometimes with fair signal strength

OK Bruce Winkelman

PA Scott Levitt

PA Brett Saylor

PA Russ Edmunds

PA Mark Clark

SC Powell Way

TN J.D. Stephens, Brandon Jordan and Jim Pogue at Shelby Forest State Park near Memphis

TN Willis Monk

VA George Santulli

TN Kevin Redding

WV David Yocis

TN Doug Smith

WI Tim Noonan

TN Steve Francis

WI Bill Dvorak

VT Steve Howe

MB Shawn Axelrod – Code IDs at u/KXEL

ON Robert Ross on Sony SRF-T615 ULR barefoot at 675 miles

ON Tony Ward

ON Greg Shoom

ON Dave Pyatt

ON Saul Chernos

ON Barry McLarnon

1540 WKVQ GA EATONTON – NOT HEARD

WA Pete Taylor – Wishful thinking: Too much KXPA and KFBK IBOC

BC Nick Hall-Patch – Nothing obvious noted out on the west coast for the first 15 minutes

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1250 WYTH GA MADISON – HEARD

* MB Shawn Axelrod – Sweep tones only, with CHSM nulled.

DC Bill Whitacre

PA Mark Clark

IL Neil Kazaross

PA Brett Saylor

IL Paul Walker

TN Steve Francis

IL Tom Jasinski

TN Jim Pogue

MD Bill Patalon

TN Willis Monk

MI Joe Miller

WV David Yocis

MI Tim Tromp

WI Bill Dvorak

PA Russ Edmunds

ON Barry McLarnon

1250 WYTH GA MADISON – NOT HEARD
 UNITED KINGDOM Barry Davies – Sadly the station's 1000 watts did not stray across the pond
 CA Stephen Airy – A local on 1240 the opposite direction doesn't help
 CT Ron Musco – Mess of other stations
 CT Mike Bugaj – Sports and music – nothing heard of test
 NY Jim Renfrew – Nothing so far at 0116 with Oakville ON and Ft. Wayne IN dominant
 OK Glenn Hauser – Nothing identifiable
 BC Nick Hall-Patch – Only tried second part of the test, no sign here
 ON Greg Shoomb
 ON Saul Chernos – Not a hint with Oakville dominant

1250 WYTH GA MADISON – MAYBE HEARD:
 IL Paul Walker – Two real brief sweep tone type sound effects; other than that, the signal is buried in the mud and can't tell if the music is form WYTH or someone else
 MO Earl Higgins – Occasional weak tones around 1:03 and 1:09 ELT, not really enough to put into the log books, so for now this will have to be the one that got away
 NE Rick Dau – Might have heard something that sounded like a code ID at 0113 ELT, but KYYS in Kansas City just too strong
 OR Pat Martin – Getting tones and sounded like weak morse code a couple of times. Once at :22, but hard to tell. I really did not expect to hear anything, but something is in there. I will try again next hour.
 PA Mark Clark – Way too much WDDZ but there seemed to be a weak morse ID in the mud at 0123, otherwise nothing

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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

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Geomagnetic Summary April 1 2011 through April 30 2011 Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx	15	129	5	2	minor
4/ 1	109	12	3	no storms	16	119	4	2	no storms
2	108	20	4	no storms	17	114	4	1	no storms
3	114	16	3	no storms	18	111	11	1	no storms
4	113	7	1	no storms	19	111	6	3	no storms
5	109	4	2	no storms	20	117	15	1	no storms
6	117	20	3	minor	21	113	5	2	no storms
7	112	5	1	no storms	22	115	5	1	minor
8	109	8	3	no storms	23	119	7	1	no storms
9	105	8	1	no storms	24	117	6	3	no storms
10	105	2	1	no storms	25	112	6	1	no storms
11	106	8	2	no storms	26	109	3	1	no storms
12	110	16	2	no storms	27	108	1	1	no storms
13	118	14	1	no storms	28	110	1	1	no storms
14	119	5	3	no storms	29	110	12	5	minor
4/30	110	21	3	no storms					

2010-2011 IRCA Magic Seven DX CONTEST

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- April 15, 2011 update
 1. Garry Stoklas 36
 2. Tim Noonan 27
 3. Nancy Johnson* 9
 4. Richard Bradley 8
 5. John C. Johnson 1

*Contest manager is not eligible to win.

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