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Bruce F. Elving, Ph.D.

While Bruce Elving was more connected with the FM portion of the hobby, his *FM Atlas* found its way into the shacks of numerous IRCA members (your Editor-in-Chief included). He also edited the *FMedia!* newsletter, updating readers on the changes in FM radio across the U.S. and Canada, sold SCS (Subsidiary Communication Services)-modified FM receivers through FM Atlas and did selectivity and filter modifications for FM receivers. Dr. Elving passed away on July 24 in California, where he was being treated for prostate cancer. A memorial service was held on August 8, 2011 in Duluth, MN. IRCA sends condolences out to his family.

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The new DX season is getting closer, so it's time to check your equipment for the forthcoming season! At this time of year, I've been active with FM and TV DX, as well as giving out points to other Amateur Radio operators in the various contests, in addition to continuing to monitor the AM band. No matter what band you DX, it is an excellent indoor activity, even with the heat as oppressive as it is in many parts of the United States this time of year, especially in the Midwest and Southwest. We're also nearing the end of Volume 48; a publication schedule for Volume 49 will be in the next hardcopy DX Monitor. This first volume has been a learning experience for me, and I'm sure to learn more in Volume 49. Thanks to all of you...the members who make the IRCA the club it is.

NRC/DXAS/WTFDA Convention, Omaha, NE

IT'S OMAHA NEBRASKA! Once again the "BIG-O-TEAM" rises again to host a Convention! They will host the National Radio Club/WTFDA Convention! The convention will be held at the Comfort Inn and Suites at 7007 Grover Street, Omaha Nebraska 68106. The Inn is located north east of I-80 at the 72nd Street exit number 449.

We have Ballroom "C", a hospitality room on the 3rd floor, an airport and bus shuttle, deluxe continental breakfast, guest laundry, 24 hour fitness room and business center and a large indoor pool.

Make your reservations directly with the hotel at Area Code 402 934-4900; this is the ONLY number to receive our convention rate! You MUST mention the NRC/WTFDA Convention Rate of \$75 plus tax = \$88.62 per night which is for 1 to 4 persons per room. The Convention registration fee is only US\$45 per person; children (age 11 and under) US\$13. Please make checks payable to: National Radio Club and mail them to Ernest J. Wesolowski, 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68144-3543 by October 1st. You may also register on line, using Pay Pal Only, at the National Radio Club website <http://www.nrcdxas.org>.

Activities will begin at 3PM on Thursday October 13 and will included tours which will be announced, as well as the ever popular Auction. Please send auction items to Ernie. The Saturday night banquet is included in your registration fee and will feature a popular DX Audio Service editor as the guest speaker. Spouses and children are welcome and pets are allowed at the hotel, please inquire with the hotel for restrictions and any additional charges.

Come to OMAHA and see where the College Baseball World Series is held, the home of Warren Buffett, the TV/FM Antenna Farm and Capstar's KFAB-1110. If you have any questions you may contact Ernie at his postal address above or via email at neerniew@yahoo.com

IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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From el president.

Welcome to the newest volume of DX Monitor, and a new term for club officers. There were no changes this election, other than a new Chairman of the BOD, John Johnson. I had to promise John I would not do anything to cause him to become president, hi. I ask each of you to contribute and support the club. I am announcing at this time, this 2 year term will be my LAST as President and publisher of DXM. At 60, I am now looking long term down the road. It is time for some new blood to take over the reins of the club government. That being said, LET'S DX !!!

RE-CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING EDITORS AND POSITIONS

25.1.1 Approve Volume 49 Publishing Schedule ALL APPROVED

PROPOSAL TO THE IRCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Volume 49 Publication Schedule

Submitted by Eric Bueneman, Editor-in-Chief

The following is a proposed publication schedule for Volume 49 of *DX Monitor*, the official publication of the International Radio Club of America.

The number of hardcopy and softcopy issues will remain the same for Volume 49: 30 hardcopy issues and 35 softcopy issues. The first issue of Volume 49 will have a masthead date of August 27, 2011; the last issue of the hardcopy DXM will have a masthead date of July 28, 2012. The first weekly issue will have a masthead date of September 24, 2011, with the last one having a masthead date of February 18, 2012. Deadlines, as for Volume 48, will be on Mondays, except for the December 24 issue; the deadline will be Saturday, December 17, to allow for extra time to get the HDXM mailed to most of the U.S. membership for delivery on masthead date due to the heavy volume of mail during the week before Christmas.

(The publishing schedule will appear elsewhere in this issue)

- 25.1.2 Re-confirm Lee Freshwater as Broadcasting info editor
- 25.1.3 Re-confirm Nancy Johnson as Western DX Roundup editor
- 25.1.4 Re-confirm John Johnson as Central DX Roundup editor JJ ABSTAINS
- 25.1.5 Re-confirm Lee Freshwater as Eastern DX Roundup editor
- 25.1.6 Re-confirm Bruce Portzer as DX Worldwide II editor BP ABSTAINS
- 25.1.7 Re-confirm Richard C. Evans as DX Forum editor
- 25.1.8 Re-confirm Stephen S. Howe as Verification Signers editor
- 25.1.9 Re-confirm Nancy Johnson as Contest Manager
- 25.1.10 Re-confirm Patrick Martin as DX Worldwide West editor
- 25.1.11 Re-confirm Patrick Martin as Tropical Band DX editor
- 25.1.12 Re-confirm Nick Hall-Patch as Technical Column editor
- 25.1.13 Confirm Phil Bytheway as Ultralight Madness editor PB ABSTAINS
- 25.1.14 Re-confirm Phil Bytheway as Geomagnetic Indices editor PB ABSTAINS
- 25.1.15 Re-confirm Lee Freshwater as IRCA Awards Chairman
- 25.1.16 Re-confirm Lee Freshwater as IRCA Reprint Chairman
- 25.1.17 Re-confirm Bruce Portzer as IRCA Countries List editor BP ABSTAINS
- 25.1.18 Re-confirm Phil Bytheway as IRCA Slogan List editor
- 25.1.19 Re-confirm Nick Hall-Patch as IRCA Election Chairman
- 25.1.20 Re-confirm Mike Sanburn as IRCA Publicity Chairman
- 25.1.21 Re-confirm Lee and Penny Freshwater as IRCA Publisher
- 25.1.22 Re-confirm Eric Bueneman as IRCA DX Monitor Editor
- 25.1.23 Re-confirm Brandon Jordan DXWW-EAST

All the above were voted "in favor" with the noted exceptions.



CANADIAN RADIO NEWS

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For July 2011 (August 1 2011 – next update September 1 2011)

NEW STATIONS LAUNCHED

1350 QC Gatineau CIRA-5 Christian (French) (simulcasts CIRA 91.3 Montreal)

TECHNICAL CHANGES GRANTED

1010 AB Calgary CBR Relocate transmitter site
1610 ON Toronto CHHA Decrease daytime power from 10,000 watts to 6,250 watts and increase night power from 1,000 watts to 6,250 watts (contour pattern will change from non-directional to directional)

PROPOSED NEW STATIONS

600 QC Montreal 250 watts (days) 50 watts (nights) (South Asian) (Neeti P. Ray)
960 ON Mississauga 2,000 watts (days) 280 watts (nights) (News-Talk) (Elliot Kerr – Landmark Sport Group)
1400 QC Montreal 1,000 watts (fulltime) (South Asian) (Radio Humsafar)
1530 QC Montreal 1,000 watts (daytime only) (Christian) (French) (Communications Media Evangelique) (CKZW call letters reserved)
1610 QC Montreal 1,000 watts (fulltime) (South Asian) (Radio Humsafar)
1610 QC Montreal ** (backup plan if 1400 application fails)
1,000 watts (fulltime) (Spanish) (La Mega Radio)

PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSIONS

860 BC Lillooet CBUL Move to 92.7 with 90 watts

PROPOSED PROGRAMMING CHANGES

1420 NS Digby CKDY Replace CKEN 97.7 Kentville (AVR) simulcast with locally produced programming (includes CKDY-1 103.3 Weymouth)

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

690 QC Montreal All Traffic (French) (Cogeco-Transport Quebec)
940 QC Montreal All Traffic (Cogeco-Transport Quebec)
Both of these applications have been temporarily withdrawn due to opposition from the public and interventions filed by several broadcasters citing that the frequencies could be put to better use. As a result the CRTC has now issued a "calls for applications" for both frequencies inviting other interested parties to submit applications.

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

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
540	KNAK	Delta, UT	KYAH
950	KNJY	Boise, ID	KMHR
1240	KRJV	Sacramento, CA	KCVV
	WYGL	Selinsgrove, PA	WVSL
1310	KGLB	Glencoe, MN	KTWN
1420	WLET	Toccoa, GA	WMJE
1430	WQQQ	Durand, WI	WRDN
1480	WGCK	Neon, KY	WIZD

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
610	WFNZ	Charlotte, NC	ESPN Sports	Sports - FOX
720	WWII	Shiremanstown, PA	Contemporary Christ.	Religion - Catholic
730	KINF	Boise, ID	Silent	News-Talk
730	WZGV	Cramerton, NC	ESPN FOX	Sports - ESPN
810	KLVZ	Brighton, CO	Spanish Religion	Reported Silent

840	KMPH	Modesto, CA	Silent	Spanish Religion
1130	KFAN	Minneapolis, MN	Sports	News Talk
1190	WVUS	Grafton, WV	Silent	Religion - Catholic
1210	KQEQ	Fowler, CA	Ethnic	Spanish Contemporary Christian
	WNMA	Miami Springs, FL	Spanish Talk	Spanish Sports ESPN Deportes
1220	WAYE	Birmingham, AL	Silent	Black Gospel
1230	WNGM	Hiawassee, GA	Classic Hits	Reported Silent
1340	WHAT	Philadelphia, PA	Standards	Reported Silent
1450	WOCN	Miami, FL	Spanish Sports	Spanish AC
1480	KNIT	Dallas, TX	Spanish Religion	Silent
1490	WBSS	Pleasantville, NJ	ESPN Sports	Contemporary Christian // 89.1
1530	WMBE	Chilton, WI	Sports - ESPN	Classic Country
1580	WGYM	Hammonton, NJ	Spanish Tropical	News Talk // WOND 1400

SLOGAN CHANGES

730	KINF	Boise, ID	"News Radio AM 730"
840	KMPH	Modesto, CA	"Radio Cristiana"
1130	KFAN	Minneapolis, MN	"Twin Cities News- Talk"
1190	WVUS	Grafton, WV	"Light of Life Radio"
1210	KQEQ	Fowler, CA	"Radio Amistad Cristiana"
1220	WAYE	Birmingham, AL	"Praise 1220"

F.C.C. ACTIONS

710	KAPZ	Bald Knob, AR	License to cover cancelled. Call and license deleted
790	WAXY	South Miami, FL	License to cover for 5 K / 5 k DA-2 at 25-45-24 / 80-38-22
830	WGHC	Clayton, GA	Application to increase day power from 1 KW to 2.8 KW Dismissed
850	KXGM	Waterloo, IA	License to cover cancelled. Call and license deleted
1020	KOAN	Eagle River, AK	License to cover for 10K/10K DA-N at 61-29-07 / 149-45-50
1130	KPWX	Mount Angel, OR	Application to increase Day Power from 25 kw to 50 kw Dismissed
1170	KOWZ	Waseca, MN	Correct co-ordinates to 44-02-45 / 93-23-08
1230	NEW	Beaver, UT	New CP for 1K/1K NDA at 38-12-55 / 112-38-45
1250	WBRM	Marion, NC	Minor change granted to lower night power to 51 watts. New site at 35-41-08 / 82-02-05
1260	WBBK	Blakely, GA	License to cover cancelled. Call and license deleted
1330	NEW	Prescott Valley, AZ	New CP for 800/250 DA-2 at 34-34-14 / 112-18-46
	WBHV	Somerset, PA	Requesting an STA to remain silent until a new owner can be found
1350	KTIK	Nampa, ID	Application to raise day power from 5 K to 25 K is cancelled
1380	KRKO	Everett, WA	Minor change in CP granted. 50 k / 50 k DA-N at new site 47-52-32 / 122-04-42
1430	WRDN	Durand, WI	Minor change granted to 2 K / 152 NDA new site at 44-39-13 / 91-59-43
1440	WLXN	Lexington, NC	Correct co-ordinates to Day-35-50-02 / 80-14-01 Night 35-49-56 / 80-17-14
1490	WSPY	Geneva, IL	Application for 400 / 300 DA-2 with new COL Milbrook, IL dismissed (station is on 1480-EiC)
	KLZN	Susanville, CA	Minor change granted for 1 K / 920 NDA at 40-26-38 / 120-38-35 Change in co-ordinates and tower heights
	WCHM	Clarkesville, GA	License to cover for 880/880 NDA at 34-36-27 / 83-32-15
1520	WSVX	Shelbyville, IN	Minor change granted to 260/ 4 w NDA from 1 K / 250 DA-2 at 39-33-29 / 85-46-13 They are removing the DA towers and going NDA
1530	WMBE	Chilton, WI	Granted minor change to change city of licence to New Holstein. No change in facility
1550	KRPI	Ferndale, WA	Application to raise night power from 10 to 50 Kw, Dismissed
1560	WQEW	New York, NY	Modify license for 50 k / 50 K DA-2 at 40-43-00 / 73-55-04
1590	KTIL	Tillamook, OR	Minor change granted to 5 K / 1 K DA-N new site at 45-27-25 / 123-52-19

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

FROM: MYSANANTONIO DOT COM KEDA, one of the oldest family-owned Mexican American radio stations in the U.S., may go off the air temporarily after being sold to Corpus Christi-based **Claro Communications**, which takes over operations of the conjunto station Monday. Manuel Davila Sr. launched the legendary AM station on March 17, 1966. Friday morning marks the end of a golden era when KEDA's most famous voice, Ricky "Güero Polkas" Davila, signs off after his 6-10 a.m. show. Madeline Peña Davila, 92, owner of D&E Broadcasting Co. Inc., has entered into a lease-management agreement with Claro Communications. She also has a deal pending with H-E-B for the rustic two-story landmark at **510 S. Flores St.** Dya Campos, H-E-B director of public affairs, confirmed the property is under contract, and if acquired, it will be an extension of its corporate headquarters. Terms of the sales were not disclosed. "It'll be a transitional period," said **Albert Davila**, KEDA program director, who described the sales as "inevitable." According to the **Federal Communications Commission** database, no application has been received for the sale of KEDA's license. Claro chief Gerald Benavides, who owns several radio stations and

low-power TV stations in the U.S., said he expects transfer of the FCC license to be final by October. He said the beloved station likely will go dark or automated until KEDA finds new studio and office space. Plans are for KEDA to return as an updated simulcast AM/FM frequency station playing conjunto and Tejano statewide, patterned after KROB in Corpus Christi. "It's always been in my blood," said Benavides, whose father, **Baldemar Benavides**, did business with **Manuel Davila Sr.** "It's going to be conjunto. That's the only reason I bought it. 'Radio Jalapeño' will continue; obviously we'll tweak it with a little more Tejano, but the format will continue." "They'd be wise to program a lot of conjunto and all the crazy stuff I play," said **Ricky Davila**. "Who's gonna play **Flaco Jimenez**, Los Aguilares, **Henry Zimmerle**? The station is famous for the DJ's freewheeling renegade Wolfman Jack style. He often spun records no else would play, a courageous format that ranged from Bo Diddley and **Freddy Fender** to **Doug Sahm** and **Santiago Jimenez Jr.** The music community is stunned. "That's a bummer," said **Augie Meyers** of the **Texas Tornados**, calling it a blow to West Side and local musicians. "A lot of guys, including me, would never get any airplay if it wasn't for Güero." "Que lastima" — "What a shame" — said music writer and longtime listener **Joe Nick Patoski**, author of "**Willie Nelson: An Epic Life**" and "Selena: Como La Flor." "It's a sad day, not only for San Antonio but for conjunto music. It was the first Mexican American-owned station in San Antonio. There's a lot to be proud of. It saddens me," he said. "Whenever anyone has visited San Antonio, I always tell them, 'You want to hear what San Antonio sounds like? Tune to 1540.' "If **Ricky's** not on in the morning, I don't care what they decide to keep. It marks the passing of an era."

FROM: MERCURY NEWS DOT COM New ESPN Deportes affiliate reaches Spanish soccer fans For Daniel Zubizarreta, listening to sports broadcasts in Spanish isn't merely about the language. It's the delivery that makes the difference. "The announcers know a little more about the game. It's like they're passionate about it. In English, the announcing sometimes seems forced," said Zubizarreta, 21, whose father is from Argentina and mother is from Mexico. "The English is too slow for me." For Zubizarreta and 3 million other Hispanics in the greater Bay Area, Modesto, Stockton and Sacramento, there is now an alternative: KTRB 860-AM, the Bay Area's first 24/7 Spanish-language sports radio station. The newest affiliate of ESPN Deportes, KTRB switched on at 3 p.m. on June 23 and hopes to become the local radio destination of the Spanish-speaking sports crowd. "We want to make listeners feel, 'This is my station. It's mine,'" KTRB general manager Michael Sher said. With 50,000 watts, the station (which formerly carried Oakland A's games), is the most powerful among ESPN Deportes' 42 national affiliates. KTRB currently provides listeners with ESPN's national programming, including popular commentator Jorge Ramos. The network also is covering the Copa America and will air Sunday's championship game from Argentina. Eventually, KTRB will feature local talk shows and, possibly, play-by-play of Bay Area professional teams. Sher, a veteran of 25 years in Spanish broadcasting, said the station will be a forum for listener interaction, develop relationships with Bay Area teams and feature contests and grass-roots promotional events. "We really want to create local legs for the station," he said. David Jacobs, CEO of Deportes Media LLC, which signed a five-year lease with an option to purchase after KTRB went into receivership last year, said the station's local programming plan will be developed carefully over the next two to four months. "We view ourselves as a station that's going to be involved in the community. We're in it for the long term," said Jacobs, whose company also operates ESPN Deportes affiliates in Houston and Miami. "We're extremely excited about the San Francisco market. We're really fortunate to have found KTRB. We have a fantastic signal, and the Hispanic population of the San Francisco area is a very good fit with the network programming, which focuses on soccer." Oscar Ramos, national general manager for ESPN Deportes, said some affiliates merely run the network feed, with its mix of national talk shows and game coverage. For most stations, he said, "Local content is very important. It address issues we just can't." Amaury Pi-Gonzalez, the longtime former Spanish radio voice of the Oakland A's, said KTRB will fill a vacuum in the market, especially for soccer fans. "I think it's like heaven to have it in your own language," Pi-Gonzalez said. Radio is a tough business these days, with stations having lost much of their value in recent years, Oscar Ramos said. But the ESPN label provides an immediate level of credibility beyond the listening audience. "This would not be as easy or attractive if you didn't have the network behind you," Jacobs said. "From an advertising standpoint, to walk in and say we're ESPN, it gets you in the door. The flip side is they also perceive you as ESPN, so we have to look and feel and act like it." Sher embraces that responsibility. "We want to be the sports brand of the Bay Area Hispanic community," he said. That can happen only when the broadcaster and listener not only speak the same language, Oscar Ramos said, but also share a common perspective. The result, he said, is that ESPN Deportes affiliates receive an average of 200,000 calls monthly from listeners on their toll-free lines. "We have many journalists that really all they cover is soccer," Ramos said. "That creates a very powerful combination for our audience. We not only give them the opportunity to listen to these journalists, we give them an opportunity to interact with them." No other electronic format serves the audience in that way, Pi-Gonzalez believes. "It's like a friend coming to your house and talking to you," he said. "TV is more plastic. Radio is a very, very personal."

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Miami's Spanish all-sports franchise moves from WOCN to the stronger WNMA ESPN Deportes says that as of Monday (8/1), it is "re-launching" in Miami on WNMA, thanks to an LMA of the Multicultural Radio station by David Jacobs of Deportes Media LLC. That moves ESPN Deportes from a 1,000 watt station at 1450 (WOCN, Miami) to a station with a 47,000 watt daytime signal and 2,500 watt nighttime signal. That is WNMA, Miami Springs at 1210, which previously ran brokered Spanish-language programming. The move isn't a surprise to WOCN: Jacobs is the lead principal of WOCN owner DM FL Licensee. ESPN Deportes now clears in 42 U.S. markets.

FROM: THE ADVERTISER DOT COM The Federal Communications Commission has fined Lafayette radio station KJCB AM-770 \$13,000 for submitting a late license renewal application and for operating more than six years without a license. But that may not be the end of the station. The FCC also granted KJCB special temporary authorization, reinstated its call letters and cleared it to operate. The station, located on St. John Street, has been off the air since March 24. Owner Roy Winbush, a bishop with the Gethsemane Church of God in Christ on East Pinhook Road, said at the time that it wasn't operating due to transmitter issues. Contacted this morning, Winbush said he had not seen the FCC ruling and could not comment on it. However, he said the station lost the lease for its antenna and is in the process of relocating it. When the move is complete, there should be no problems in returning to the air, he said. KJCB's format includes religious programming, music and talk shows, including a popular show by KJCB manager J'Nelle Chargois, a former president of the local chapter of the NAACP.

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Owner Ed Stolz takes the case of his unbuilt AM to the D. C. Appeals Court Stolz has exhausted all his options at the FCC. He was granted the construction permit for a new AM at 1500 in 1984, had trouble getting it built, got the city of license changed from Burbank to Culver City, and obtained ten extensions. The process took so long that other broadcasters complained that the unbuilt KIEV (1500) was messing up their own plans. In late June, the FCC again denied a Stolz petition to revive KIEV, which would have had 50,000 watts daytime and 4,300 watts at night, from five towers. Stolz is now the "appellant" in a case filed at the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has jurisdiction over FCC-related cases. Stolz is alleging that the agency has been "arbitrary and capricious." His Royce International Broadcasting Company is represented by Amy Lynn Brown. Stolz also fought determinedly for years to reverse the sale of then-KWOD, Sacramento (106.5) to Entercom. He is currently the owner of Las Vegas CHR "104.3 Now" KFRH.

FROM: MINNPOST DOT COM Sports station **KFAN-1130 AM** will soon ditch its AM frequency and swap spots with right-wing talker **KTLK-100.3 FM**, according to informed sources. In some markets, up to 50 percent of adults — especially younger ones — don't touch the AM band, analyst Sean Ross estimates. Therefore, going FM should help KFAN battle with Clear Channel Communications, which owns KFAN and KTLK, isn't commenting, but it's fair to say they wouldn't mind repeating history. Five years ago, Clear Channel switched Smooth Jazz KJZI-FM to conservative talk, ultimately vanquishing 1500's long-dominant predecessor, KSTP-AM. The KFAN-KTLK swap will happen before the opening of the Minnesota Vikings regular season Sept. 11, and conceivably, early in the exhibition schedule. Clear Channel already simulcasts the Vikings on KTLK and KFAN, and was slated to do the same with newly acquired Minnesota Gophers football games. One team that will be better off is the Minnesota Wild. They, like the Gophers, switched to KFAN this off-season but were only on AM. Is this a sign that conservative radio is fading? Nope. The move comes as KTLK's ratings are near the top of its two-year range, buoyed by the **strong performance** of the recently debuted "**Davis & Emmer**" morning show. In the June Arbitron ratings, KTLK had a marginally higher share of the total Twin Cities listening audience — 3.6 percent to KFAN's 3.3 — but the sports station had roughly 50 percent more 25-to-54-year-old listeners. Hubbard Broadcasting's year-old AM sports competitor, **1500 ESPN**.

FROM: BALTIMORE SUN DOT COM Dorothy E. Brunson, who became the first African-American woman in the nation to own a radio station when she bought WEBB-AM in Baltimore, died Sunday of complications from ovarian cancer at Mercy Medical Center. The Northwest Baltimore resident was 72. "Thanks to the pioneering work of Ms. Brunson, the world of broadcast media was opened up to African-American entrepreneurs and business leaders," Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said in a statement. "Her vision and commitment to excellence at every level of the business led to her success and paved the way for others to find success in cities across America."

FROM: NYDAILY NEWS DOT COM Fred Imus, younger brother of WABC morning host Don Imus and a long-time songwriter and radio host himself, was found dead Saturday at his home in Tucson, Ariz. He was 69. He was reportedly found in his trailer after he failed to show up for "Fred's Trailer Park Bash," a weekend show he cohosted with Don Collier and "Missy" on Sirius XM's Outlaw Country channel. In 1976 he and a fellow railroad worker named Phil Sweet cowrote "I Don't Want To Have To Marry You," a No. 1 country hit for Jim Ed Brown and Helen Cornelius. It was voted song of the year by Music City News

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Boise has a news/talk simulcast — KINF-AM/FM Earlier this year, Impact Radio Group bought KBSU-AM (730) from Boise State University, and made it a commercial news/talk station about three weeks ago. Now Impact says it will "expand the brand by simulcasting on 99.1 beginning today at 12 noon, replacing alternative KQLZ-FM." Impact says the Mountain Home-licensed 99.1 signal has coverage of both the Boise and Twin Falls-Sun Valley metros — the so-called Treasure Valley and Magic Valley. They're promoting the station as "NewsRadio KINF 99.1 FM and 730 AM." The market manager is Darrell Calton.

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Arbitron takes a silent station out of the Lafayette, Louisiana Spring book It's not unprecedented for diarykeepers to report listening to stations that were actually off-air, and in the case of R & M Broadcasting's former KJCB (770), that's just about what happened in the Spring survey. The urban station was dark as of April 4. The Spring diary survey period ran from March 31 to June 22. The FCC ordered the station to sign off and deleted the assignment from its table of allocations. R & M is fighting that decision now. The original Arbitron Spring book listed the station with a 1.0 share. The new Lafayette book will be issued tomorrow (8/10).

FROM: CHRONICLE DOT AUGUSTA DOT COM Beasley Broadcast this afternoon changed the FM simulcast station for its WGAC 580 AM news and talk programming. The programming moved at 3 p.m. from 93.1 FM to 95.1 FM to take advantage of the stronger signal strength. "So many people who enjoy the news/talk format are die-hard FM listeners and never think to sample the AM band. The strong reach of this 95.1 FM dial position allows us to broaden our audience," said Kent Dunn, Beasley Broadcast Augusta's vice president and market manager. The rock music format of 95.1 FM moved to the 93.1 FM station, the company said. Beasley Broadcast Augusta operates two AM and six FM stations

FROM: CLICKORLANDO DOT COM News talk radio station WDBO - 580 AM will soon be simulcast on FM radio. **According to the station's website**, the 87-year-old station will not change, but will also be broadcast on 96.5 FM beginning at 5 a.m. Friday. "The decision to simulcast our 24-hour News-Talk format on FM will offer unique radio content to a wider listening audience," said Cox Media Group Orlando Radio Operations Vice President Susan Larkin. "Many members of Orlando's radio audience have never visited the AM dial. The simulcast of WDBO on FM allows us to penetrate twice the previously available listening audience to serve our local community as well as our advertisers." Larkin said Cox anticipates significant ratings growth. WDBO's new home is the former home of 96 Rock, which earlier this year began playing more modern rock over its typical classic rock programming and changed its name from 96.5 WHTQ. "We want to thank all of our 96 Rock fans and advertisers for supporting the station over the years, and we invite you to listen to FM 96.5 & AM 580 WDBO for your weather, news and talk," said Larkin. "We also invite you to listen to our sister station, 98.9 WMMO for some great rock music." According to a news release, WDBO is home to talk show hosts Neal Boortz, Clark Howard, and Sean Hannity.

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Kenwood R-1000 with a four foot box loop
- *****
- 580 KUBC **CO**, Montrose 8/16 0000-0007 tuned in just as ABC news started. Starting at 0002 there were a number of spots including ones for Rosetta Stone, home.servicemagic.com and Red Barn Steak House. At 0006 a clear ID of "When the western slope has something to say, they tune to the voice of the valley, AM 580 KUBC" followed by jingle music and into the Jim Bohannon Show. Very good signal with minimal interference from KMJ. (GS-CA)
- 650 KMTI **UT**, Manti 8/18 2335-2338 tuned in at the end of the news with a spot for a local attorney followed by a woman singing a jingle including "KMTI" and then into a C&W song. About half way through the song they were covered by XETNT in Los Mochis, Sinaloa. (GS-CA)
- 710 KNUS **CO**, Denver 8/4 0500 KNUS ID and news, poor with QRM from KIRO. (AB-ID)
- 730 KINF **ID**, Boise 8/2 1653 KINF ID and "America's Radio News," ex-KBSU. (AB-ID)
- 740 CBX **AB**, Edmonton 8/4 0600 "CBC Radio One 740," QRM from KCBS. (AB-ID)
- 800 KBFP **CA**, Bakersfield 8/8 music, gent with KBFP at 0700, CKOR QRM. (AB-ID)
- 930 KTKN **AK**, Ketchikan 8/17 0255 good on top with oldies, "KTKN 930 with more of today's hits and yesterday's classics," into Just Remember I Love You by Firefall. (PM-OR)
- 1010 KIHU **UT**, Tooele 8/16 0055 very good with Catholic radio ID at 0059:45 "From our tower to your radio, this is Immaculate Heart Radio, KIHU Tooele." (PM-OR)
- 1240 KQEN **OR**, Roseburg 7/26 2330 heard ID in the mix with news (I think). Weak on R-390A with SW wire. (GH-OR)
- 1280 KIT **WA**, Yakima 7/5 0000 ID and news. Fair to good, one unID far under, on Hammarlund with S/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1290 KUMA **OR**, Pendleton 7/29 0030 George Noory, fair to good and alone on Hammarlund with S/W wire. (GH-OR)

- 1340 KLOO **OR**, Corvallis 7/16 0000 faint ID in the jumble, news (I think) really weak, on Hammarlund with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1520 KKXA **WA**, Snohomish very good with lots of promos, "KKXA Snohomish-Everett 1520, in the air everywhere." Good over KGDD with bits of music involving the word "Radio." (PM-OR)
- 1590 KLIV **CA**, San Jose 7/25 0000 female gave ID very faint but heard mention of Alameda County Health Program, on Hammarlund with E/W wire. (GH-OR)

UNIDS

- 1260 KTRP?? That's what it sounded like. Fair to poor with country music, mention of "Treasure Valley," on Hammarlund with S/W wire. (GH-OR) (Glen, KTRP is in Weiser, ID, ex-KWEI,—NJ)
- 1540 UNID 7/17 0100 weak and alone on TMC with Kiwa loop. No ID that I could discern, Spanish vocal music. (GH-OR)

Summer is coming to a close and before we know it the new DX season will be in full swing. Be sure to enter the new Letterama contest, and report your DX catches to John, Lee or to WDXR if you live in the western U.S. Nancy 8/19 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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RIDING GAIN

- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood, MO N0UIHEric@aol.com
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- [NJ-WY] **Nancy Johnson**, Billings, MT NancyJohnson@Prodigy.net
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DOWN THE DIAL

- 540 KMLB LA, Monroe. 8-13 fair to poor through KWMT. 22:58 with locals spots, "Talk 5-40 KMLB Monroe" legal ID into news. LA#35 from here. [EB-MO]
- 860 KKOW KS, Pittsburg. 7-25 fair. KFUE-850 not on air yet. 07:32 with CBS News, "Classic Country 8-60 KKOW" ID into classic country format. [EB-MO]
- 870 KAAN MO, Bethany. 7-25 fair with ACI from WIJR-880. KFUE not on air yet. 07:30 with local spots, ID, oldies format. [EB-MO]
- 950 WWJ MI, Detroit. 8-3 fair to poor mixing with KRWZ. 22:21 with MI news item, "WWJ news radio 9-50" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1180 KOIL NE, Bellevue. 7-23 good over WHAM. 21:42 with local spots, Omaha Storm Chasers baseball PBP. [EB-MO]
- 1270 KIML WY, Gillette. 7-31 good. 21:46 with "The home of Sean Hannity, AM 12-70 KIML" ID. Heard using the SRF-59 while in Yellowstone National Park. [NJ-WY]
- WEIC IL, Charleston. 7-29 fair to poor through WKBF. 00:58 with Southern Gospel music, legal ID at 01:00. [EB-MO]
- 1290 KOUU ID, Pocatello. 7-31 strong. 21:36 with weather, country music. "The Country Cow" slogan. Heard using the SRF while in Yellowstone National Park. [NJ-WY]
- 1300 WLXG KY, Lexington. 7-29 fair to poor mixing with WOAD. 01:58 with ESPN Radio promos, legal ID into Sports Center. [EB-MO]
- 1340 KADI MO, Springfield. 7-29 fair to poor mixing with others. 03:00 with "The Ozarks big talker, 13-40 KADI AM Springfield" legal ID into ABC News. [EB-MO]
- KCAT AR, Pine Bluff. 7-24 fair to poor signal through KXEO and others. 00:00 noted with legal ID. [EB-MO]
- KXEO MO, Mexico. 7-24 good to poor, alone on 1340 at times. 21:38 with Adult Contemporary format, calls, local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1410 WIQR AL, Prattville. 8-3 good to poor mixing with WIZM, WING, KKLO. 21:00 with local spots, legal ID into Montgomery Biscuits vs. Huntsville Stars baseball. [EB-MO]
- 1430 WDIC VA, Clinchco. 7-27 good to poor in KZQZ null. 03:19 with Classic Country format, "Real Country 14-30 WDIC" ID. Listed at just a 5kW daytimer. [EB-MO]
- WXNT IN, Indianapolis. 7-27 fair to poor signal mixing with others in KZQZ null. 03:00 noted with legal ID into Fox News. [EB-MO]
- 1440 KTUV AR, Little Rock. 7-23 good to poor mixing with WROK, ACI from KZQZ-1430. 22:09 noted with Tejano music, ID, local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]
- 1450 KWPM MO, West Plains. 7-24 fair to poor through several others. 21:50 with local spots, "Ozark News Talk" and calls in promo. This completes MO on 1450 for me. [EB-MO]
- 1480 WQOH AL, Irondale. 8-3 fair to poor mixing with WBBP, WLMV. 21:08 with The Holy Rosary program. [EB-MO]

- 1490 KJNT WY, Jackson. 7-30 while in Jackson noted this station is NOT on the air. [NJ-WY]
- 1530 KLBW TX, New Boston. 7-29 good to poor mixing with WCKY. 00:25 with Southern Gospel music, local promos. [EB-MO]
- 1570 WCLE TN, Cleveland. 7-27 fair through several others, local WBGZ with OC. 00:28 noted with calls in PSA. [EB-MO]
- 1580 KHGG AR, Van Buren. 7-27 good over CKDO. 01:58 with Fox Sports Radio, legal ID mentioned KHGG-FM 103.1 Waldron, AR. [EB-MO]
- KTGR MO, Columbia. 8-3 fair to poor mixing with KXZZ, WBCP, ACI from WBGZ-1570. 21:39 noted with Kansas City Royals baseball PBP, local spots. [EB-MO]
- KXZZ LA, Lake Charles. 7-29 good to poor, mixing with KHGG, CKDO. 01:27 noted with Classic Soul format. "All true soul, 15-80" slogan, local spots. [EB-MO]
- WBCP IL, Urbana. 8-3 fair to poor, mixing with KXZZ, ACI from WBGZ-1570. 21:20 noted with Urban Gospel music, calls. Listed as 6W at night. [EB-MO]
- 1590 WPPU297 WY, Jackson. 12:40 heard with road advisories for area. "Jackson area road report." WY DOT HAR heard using the Trailblazer radio while in Jackson. [NJ-WY]

25 YEARS AGO

September 6, 1986 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Gary Larson of Burbank told of his visit to the new KRLA transmitter site in Irwindale and visiting with CE Dave Ping ... Steve Mittman of San Pedro, CA commented on the recent earthquakes in his area ... John Clemmer of East Moline, IL mentioned WMAQ has dropped most of its country music in favor of local talk.

OPEN MIKE

The new season has started! This column was typed 8-20-11. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- (KK-VA) Kraig Krist Manassas, VA.
NRD-545 rx w/134' multiband antenna NW to SE.
- (JJR-MI) John J Rieger L'Anse, MI.
CCRadio 2 Stock

LOGGINGS

- 580 CO KUBC Montrose 8/18 0633 Fair! "Montrose", "Colorado Alzheimers",
"Montrose wx: lo:60, High:85" Calls, Noory Coast to Coast. NEW! (JJR-MI)
- 630 CO KHOW Denver 8/18 0658 Fair! Coast2Coast, Colorado ads, psa, LID.
No usual CFEO. Rare! (JJR-MI)
- 680 CA KNBR San Francisco 8/18 0655 Poor- steady o/anything/CFTR. ESPN,
:58 promos, LID "Cumulus" (JJR-MI)
- 810 SD KBHB Sturgis 8/18 0638 Fair w/"weathereye wx on 5 state KBHB"
o/anything. Loud! (JJR-MI)
- 830 NC WTRU Kernersville 8/4 2355-0105 Mixing w/ singing. WTRU w/ religious call in program
"Hope for the Heart". "AM 8-30 'The Truth'. AM 8-30 WTRU Kernersville... FM...
Highpoint..." (KK-VA)
- 900 MI WATK Antigo 8/17 0800 Poor -LID, ABC nx, local nx:03 o/faded CHML. NOS. (JJR-MI)
- 910 WI WHSM Hayward 8/18 0640 Poor -"WHSM-910AM" into ads w/o/thers. (JJR-MI)
- 950 GA WGOV Valdosta 7/22 2355-0105 Mixing w/ Spanish from Cuba, R. Relej and talk.
Initially I thought I had a religious/gospel type station as the music sounded
religious. "WGOV 9 hundred fifty AM... 9-50 WGOV" into Oldies (KK-VA)
- MN KNTF Saint Louis Park 8/17 0723 Poor- Calls, Letterman Top10,
promo: Stephanie Miller (JJR-MI)
- 1030 WY KTWO 5 Casper 8/18 0618 Poor -"KTWO" calls after Toyota ad, 1
other ad. No WBZ at all. (JJR-MI)
- 1070 CA KNX Los Angeles 8/18 0615 Poor- nx stories, "KNX nxtime", "CBS2
...KNX forecast", "Southern California..." way o/WTSO. (JJR-MI)
- 1240 IL WSBC Chicago 8/16 2100 Poor- Missed LID, but "at ... W.Superior
St here in Chicago." Preacher. Never hear @S.Milw QTH, but in L'Anse, a
few times per season. Go figure! (JJR-MI)
- 1250 IN WGL Ft. Wayne 8/16 2134 Very poor -"America's Best Music -1250
the River" w/u/WSSP. NOS (JJR-MI)
- 1330 WI WHBL Sheboygan 8/14 2205 Poor- "WHBL.com". Alone. Never hrd at
night here. KWLO usually. (JJR-MI)

- 1340 MN KRBT Eveleth 8/17 0807 Poor "KRBT presents" into UNID TALK show
o/others to fade. (JJR-MI)
- WI WJYI Milwaukee 8/15 0552 Very poor-fade out. Ads, Christian web
site, "Joy 1340" CCM mx. Rare! (JJR-MI)
- 1360 MI WKYO Caro 8/14 2056 Very poor u/WTAQ. "Greatest Hits-Oldies
1360" jingle. LID at TOH. (JJR-MI)
- 1400 MI WQXO Munising 8/14 2100 Poor -"QXO-The True Oldies Channel"
o/WCCY, 28 mi away. (JJR-MI)
- WI WBIZ Eau Claire 8/14 2100 Poor -"WBIZ, Fox Sports Radio", local ads, London Sq
Mall into mess) (JJR-MI)

UNIDEN

- 1010 ?? ???? 8/18 0631 Fair-loud w/"Sonrise morning show", "EWTN", "Sacred
Heart Radio", "19 mins b4 the hour", no CFRB. All points to KIHU-UT, but
WCKW in LA is EWTN too. Should have been here for TOH. Duh. Either would
be new! (JJR-MI)

Thanks to John and Kraig as we enter a new Volume of EDXR. You know the rules... NO LOCALS, DX ONLY, Deadlines are Saturdays 8 AM. fresh 8-20 0800

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Here are two reports from Gary DeBock, DXing on the Central Oregon Coast.

The one-week trip to the Oregon beach this month was an excellent opportunity to test the compact new Ferrite Sleeve Loop antennas (8" diameter MW and 6.5" diameter LW) in weak-signal international DXing for the first time. They had both been tested prior to the trip (against 3' and 4' sided air-core tuned passive loops in fringe daytime DX) and had demonstrated superior weak-signal capability, so their excellent beach performance was no surprise. The Longwave model provided an inductive coupling boost to a Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight radio to receive the Samoan 1,000 watt beacon 270-FA at over 5,000 miles, providing the first Ultralight trans-equatorial NDB DX. Despite spotty propagation, on medium wave the 8" FSL received signals from more DU-DX countries than during any other summer Ultralight DXpedition I've ever conducted, including the new country of 666-New Caledonia.

The loggings are posted below, with the MP3 links showing the time and date of reception for the recordings.

DX Loggings: With the exception of the two Longwave loggings all the following receptions were made with a stock Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight radio with an inductive coupling boost provided by an 8" diameter tuned Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna composed of 63 Russian surplus 200mm x 10mm ferrite bars wrapped by a single coil of 660/46 Litz wire. Times are in UTC. Sincere thanks is given to Walt Salmaniw, Chuck Hutton, Bruce Portzer, Patrick Martin, Nick Hall-Patch and Guy Atkins for their suggestions on unknown station identities after the past three DXpeditions.

- 180 RUSSIA, Radio Rossii, Yelizovo. The weaker of two Radio Rossii stations heard during this beach trip, its frequency was too low for a gain boost from the Longwave-optimized FSL. Heard on the 7.5" LW loopstick PL-380 with fair signals on most mornings.
<http://www.mediafire.com/?3417tfd6k6dx962>.
- 279 RUSSIA, Radio Rossii, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk. This powerhouse Russian TP often produced legendary signals on the beach, especially when assisted by the Longwave FSL. Beach propagation, sunrise enhancement and an FSL boost produced the strongest Longwave TP signal ever received (pegging the PL-380's S/N display at 25), as the Russian YL's voice recorded in this MP3 tested the "crunch resistance" of my Ultralight
<http://www.mediafire.com/?2ywc77uujq3mmea>.
- 531 UNID DU. The classic soft rock station with a classic non-ID format was back for another DXpedition, presumed to be 2PM because of the format and lackluster signal (fitting the general Australian station trend during the entire week at the beach)
<http://www.mediafire.com/?fy7oop7ocoa9tnh>.
- 567 NEW ZEALAND, 2YA, Wellington (National Radio). The second strongest of four NR stations heard during the week, it typically had good signals with some minor KVI-570 splatter. With frequent easy listening music, it was an indicator of great Kiwi propagation if strong
<http://www.mediafire.com/?s0ebj7gtl357sbg>.
- 576 AUSTRALIA, 2RN, Sydney. Music-oriented signals of mediocre strength were occasionally heard from this station, fitting the general pattern of Aussie station anemia. Parallel to equally underperforming 792-4RN.

- 585 **UnID DU.** The vibrant classic rock signals from last July were long gone this trip, with only an occasional trace at times. This would suggest an Australian origin, in keeping with the weakened trend of other Aussie stations.
- 594 **AUSTRALIA, 3WV, Horsham.** Last July's booming signal was pitiful this time, as it struggled to get out of the noise on most days. A puzzle was the complete absence of the low-powered Kiwi Rhema stations during favorable NZ propagation 603 Radio Waatea Auckland, New Zealand back with its Maori-language music and speech, signals were generally decent, and all alone on the frequency. Its Polynesian choral music compensated somewhat for the weakness of Fiji stations during the trip <http://www.mediafire.com/?cd34f09b95ihzy4>.
- 612 **AUSTRALIA, 4QR, Brisbane.** Australian "big gun" sounded pretty puny during this trip, typically struggling to get above the noise level. At least it showed up occasionally, though, unlike in the July and August trips last year.
- 639 **NEW ZEALAND, 4YW, Alexandra (presumed).** The strange Kiwi-slanted propagation apparently produced this unusual logging, as the typically dominant 639-Radio Fiji One was practically missing in action on most days. In this MP3 from 1252 on July 17th a trace of Fiji choral music can be heard in the background with headphones, confirming the separate identity of the YL-voiced dominant station. Although a parallel check with other RN stations was not run at the time, her voice matches that of a YL announcer frequently heard on the 675 and 567 National Radio stations. <http://www.mediafire.com/?opt3b4ighkfz22w>. The UnID talkback station from last July (presumed Coff's Harbour) never produced a trace during this trip, in keeping with the trend of Aussie anemia. 648 NZ-Rhema Gisbourne, New Zealand. A real puzzle considering the great Kiwi propagation, this station barely managed a trace with its Christian music. But that was better than its 594 parallels, which didn't show up at all.
- 657 **NEW ZEALAND, 2YC, Wellington (Southern Star).** The strongest Kiwi performer during the DXpedition, this 50 kW 'big gun' was an NZ propagation beacon, with occasional great signals. Christian-oriented music was typical, as in this MP3 with the usual ID ('Great music, good company. Southern Star') <http://www.mediafire.com/?ifdzvuoe7j8qx3h>. Another strong recording of Christian music was on 7-17 <http://www.mediafire.com/?0jrccy4b59ubobr>. Like last July, a weak DU co-channel was heard occasionally.
- 666 **NEW CALIDONIA, Noumea, Noumea.** Signals from this French-language station were significantly stronger than during last July's trip, finally allowing the confirmation of parallel (France International) programming with 738-Tahiti. Popular French vocal music was common, as in this MP3 from 1257 on 7-13 <http://www.mediafire.com/?5m5clydj88rql4c>. The parallel check with 738 was made at 1233 on 7-13, matching the French-speaking YL's voice on 666 <http://www.mediafire.com/?hp0jd6jpljcxaye> (headphones recommended) with the French-speaking YL's voice on 738 (mixing with 2NR, headphones recommended) <http://www.mediafire.com/?cr54l2p3o3w9sn0>. New Caledonia was an all-time new Ultralight DX country, never having produced a trace for John Bryant or me at Grayland.
- 675 **NEW ZEALAND, 3YA, Christchurch.** Strongest of the National Radio stations, this Kiwi 'big gun' was another helpful propagation beacon, //567 and 756. Classic popular music and interviews were common, with news and current events <http://www.mediafire.com/?ggock4ngs0onlg4>. Another MP3 was recorded on 7-15 with a YL's voice sounding very much like the one on the presumed 639-4YW recording on 7-17. <http://www.mediafire.com/?20zp1skmqcdcl3r>.
- 702 **AUSTRALIA, 2BL, Sydney.** Another Aussie 'big gun' struggling to get out of the noise for most of the DXpedition, it rarely managed to show up with any strength.
- 738 **TAHITI, Radio Tahiti, Mahina.** By far the strongest South Pacific performer during the DXpedition, this French language station was a booming regular whenever DU propagation was in. Unlike last July it was usually running roughshod over an anemic 2NR or completely covering the weakened Aussie, as in this typical MP3 <http://www.mediafire.com/?bjpdmcq1adrn487>. The French International programming helped to confirm the //666-Noumea identity.
- 738 **AUSTRALIA, 2NR, Grafton.** Either down in the noise or 'down for the count' during most of the week, its weakened signals rarely gave Tahiti any competition. An exception was during the 666/738 parallel check on 7-13, when its presumed signal was roughly equal with that of the French YL-voice signal from Tahiti <http://www.mediafire.com/?cr54l2p3o3w9sn0>.
- 756 **NEW ZEALAND, 1YA, Auckland.** Weakest of the NR network stations during the trip (and even weaker than a presumed parallel, 639-4YW). Portland splatter from 750 didn't help <http://www.mediafire.com/?atmfv0464t96dv>.
- 765 **UnID DU.** The mystery pop music station was back at a slightly reduced level this year (possible Australian origin?) <http://www.mediafire.com/?cy6zk1snxp2wvz8>. Lots of music with little speech, making it tough to check the language.
- 774 **AUSTRALIA, 3LO, Melbourne.** Aussie 'big gun' Aussie reduced to mediocrity by Kiwi-slanted propagation. Rarely heard at all during the entire week.
- 792 **AUSTRALIA, 4RN, Brisbane.** Normally vibrant music-oriented station rarely produced a trace during the entire DXpedition.

- 891 **AUSTRALIA, 5AN, Adelaide.** The only 'big gun' Aussie to really play the part this trip. Presumably because of slightly different propagation from southern Australia, it generally avoided the 'black hole' seeming to swallow the signals from eastern Australia <http://www.mediafire.com/?9bxwm3409u4fdn>.
- 1017 **TONGA, A3Z, Nuku'alofa.** Much weaker than last August, it managed to produce an anemic signal occasionally <http://www.mediafire.com/?o3fo7p5tl5op9n7>.
- 1035 **NEW ZEALAND, 2ZB, Wellington.** 'Newstalk Zed-B' came through with weak signals occasionally, but definitely wasn't fighting off domestic splatter.
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA, 4BC, Brisbane.** Another underperforming Aussie usually losing the battle with domestic splatter.

(Part two of this report will appear in the next issue.-EiC)

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA: Current list of expanded band stations

- 1610 a [SL] RADIO GUABIYÚ
 1610 a [SL] RADIO LUZ DEL MUNDO
 1610 a [SL] RADIO BUENAS NUEVAS
 1610 c [SL] RADIO MARANATA
 1610 b [SL] RADIO FÓSIL
 1620 a [SL] RADIO SENTIR
 1620 a [SL] RADIO VIDA ("Red de Vida")
 1620 a [SL] RADIO ITALIA
 1620 a (A) RADIO AM 1620
 1630 a [SL] AM RESTAURACIÓN
 1630 a [SL] RADIO SUPER SPORT
 1630 c (A) [FP]
 1640 b [SL] RADIO NUEVA BOLIVIA
 1640 a [SL] HOSANNA AM 1640
 1640 a [SL] RADIO BONAERGES
 1650 a [SL] AM FÉNIX
 1650 a LRI-227 ANTARES AM 1650
 1660 a [SL] AM REVIVIR
 1670 a [SL] RADIO BETHEL
 1680 a [SL] RADIO HOSANNA TROPICAL
 1690 a [SL] RADIO CRISTO LA SOLUCIÓN
 1700 a (A) AM 1700 (Fantástico)
 1710 a [SL] AM 1710 URQUIZA
 [FP] Futuro Plan (Adjudicación)
 [a] Emisora con emisiones regulares
 [b] Emisora con emisiones irregulares o activa de forma esporádica
 [c] Emisora reportada inactiva
 (A) Emisora autorizada aún sin señal distintiva
 [SL] Emisora Sin Licencia legalmente adjudicada (Arnaldo Slaen condiglist yg via DXLD)

NICARAGUA: New stations: 760 YNA3AR R. Magic, Managua, 10 kW; 860 YNA3CO La Gran Cadena, Managua 5 kW; 1190 YNA6RB R. Bendición, Cayanlipe, Chinandega 1 kW Christer Brunström, WRTH via ARC)

PERU: 1640 R. Kalikanto is the new name of R. Onda Cero (David Torres Boza via H Mattisson, ARC)

VENEZUELA: From a reliable source in Venezuela, I have been informed that the following stations in Aragua state are not active, by decision of CONATEL:
 650 kHz YVLH Araguaena 650 (Maracay)
 1100 kHz YVOP Radio Occidente (Tovar)
 1500 kHz Radio Galaxia (San Mateo)
 Further, 570 kHz YVLX Radio Rumbos (Villa de Cura) is now called "Radio La Villa".
 (Günter Lorenz, mwcircle)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS: Enquiry with AIR Port Blair shows that currently they are running at low power on SW (4760 & 7390 and that some maintenance work is in progress there. By the way

their MW Tower fell down last year and they were on low power on 684 kHz also with temporary arrangement. The station is not currently heard by me on MW or SW currently. (Jose Jacob, dx_india 18 July)

AUSTRALIA: 4AY 873 now relays KIK FM 88.7 Atherton/Mareeba. Also 873 is now back on 500 watts and has a nice QSL for it and 4 AM. (Al Kirton, ARDXC)

INDIA: The government plans to launch a 24-hour news broadcast channel of All India Radio (AIR) as part of its sweeping modernization program in the next five years. AIR will also witness a complete digitization of its studios, transmissions and connectivity across the country by 2017 according to plans by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. With a view to improving efficiency and broadcast quality, the government will replace old and obsolete equipment besides enhancing AIR's infrastructure by refurbishing its studios. For content generation, AIR will organize radio workshops, Akashwani Sangeet Sammalen concerts, Akashwani Annual Awards, Kisan Vani, special poetic symposia and spring music festival concerts. Special activities like music concerts will also be organized and broadcast. Increased coverage of important international and national events will be undertaken along with news activities like production of flagship programs. The entertainment programs will be broadcast on the main channel of the radio. The ministry also plans to begin e-governance to facilitate faster dissemination of information to media units by providing network based on-line management systems. Investments will be made in e-governance to ensure efficient management of the vast AIR network.

At the time of independence, there were six radio stations located in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Lucknow and Tiruchirappalli with 18 transmitters (6 Medium Wave and 12 Short Wave covering 11 per cent population and 2.5 per cent area of the country. The network has now grown to 237 AIR stations with a total of 380 transmitters (149 MW, 54 SW and 177 FM). The primary grade total coverage is 91.85 per cent by area and 99.18 per cent by population. Coverage by FM signal is about 37 per cent by population and about 25 per cent by area. "In order to provide digital quality radio broadcasts in the country, digitalization of complete network and services is the primary aspiration," a ministry official said.

As digitalization will enable AIR make its broadcast available on alternate platforms including mobile services, the ministry proposes making 20 channels available through webcasting and podcasting to serve listeners having internet connectivity besides offering content by SMSes, e-mails and also on iPhones on request. While the reach of the national channel is proposed to be extended to the whole of the country, the external services of the AIR will also be strengthened through digitalization of shortwave transmitters. <http://www.deccanherald.com/content/174820/247-news-channel-part-plans.html> (Alokesh Gupta, dx_india)

TONGA: The Tonga Broadcasting Commission celebrated its 50 Years Golden Jubilee in Nuku'alofa on July 1-4, with a groundbreaking ceremony for the installment of anew national AM medium wave transmission mast at Popua to replace a 50-year-old mast operating since the inception of the service in 1961. TBC chief engineer Solomon Finau said the new transmission mast is an important milestone since it would technically improve their AM radio service to all of the outer islands, including the two Niuas. The \$1.4 million project funded by the Korean Broadcasting Cooperation would fix major problems TBC experiences with its AM service where some areas such as the Nius and other outer islands cannot receive the service. This new mast is expected to be in service in November this year and will enable the AM station to reach everyone in Tonga. (Matangi Tonga/Pacific Media Watch via NZDXT)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

CYPRUS: A recent explosion at Cyprus' Zygi port has required reductions in the operations at the BBC/Babcock transmitting station at Limassol. The current Limassol schedule, including MW is:

FREQ STN BTIM ETIM LANG DAYS TARGET PWR AZI
639 BBC 0300 0329 English s..... 500 180
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(Dan Ferguson, NASWA via dxld yg 14/7-2011)

GERMANY: The German public news MDR Info ceased broadcasting by the medium wave in the southwest of Thuringia. Station operator Media Broadcast has decided on July 1 to stop broadcasting on AM from Wachenbrunn in the frequency 882 kHz is plotted. The other AM stations will stay the MDR Info is in use. (<http://www.radio.nl/>) (Henk.Stelte, mwcircle)

MDR switched at 2205 UT (00:05 local time) its 882 kHz feed from MDR Info to a loop that advises of the closure. As already posted the transmitter will be finally turned off during Monday (4 July bp), and it is understood that it will be immediately removed from the site. (Kai Ludwig dxld, 1 July)

The website of Dutch-based KBC Radio says "KBC has received a test license for 531 kHz in Burg [Eastern] Germany. We keep you informed when we start testing. We are also talking for a few options in other countries as well. The reason that we are gonna test is to see if the signal is doing anything during the nightly hours." This site of course has a very interesting history, having been a key site during the days of the GDR, but has been unused since 2008 following the closure of Truck Radio. It has a 10kW transmitter which can also transmit in DRM mode at 2.7 kW, and a 190 meter antenna mast. (Source: KBC Radio, biener-media.de) <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/dutch-based-kbc-radio-to-test-on-burg-531-khz> (RNW Weblog)

HUNGARY: Our national Kossuth Radio has reduced it's MW broadcast time from 1st of July due economic reasons on 540 KHz. The new broadcast time is 2:30-19:30 UTC. (Laszlo Tringer HNG (1/7-2011) Via mediumwave.info)

LUXEMBOURG: Since mid of June the new TRANSRADIO TRAM/P 1500 LS in Beidweiler, Luxembourg, is in daily operation for RTL replacing an old tube-type transmitter. BCE, the network operator for RTL, upgraded this transmitter to the latest solid-state technology from TRANSRADIO to reduce operational costs and to increase the reliability of this important transmitter, which is broadcasting the French RTL program towards Paris using a directional antenna with three 290 m masts.

The TRANSRADIO TRAM/P 1500 LS consisting of two single TRAM 750 LS transmitters and a paralleling unit (PU) for the loss-free coupling of both transmitters, offers an efficiency of approx. 90%, the outstanding redundancy of the TRAM-line transmitters with its small power moduls (576 identical moduls in this transmitter!) and the fall-back to operate with -3 dB in case of maintenance work or the unlikely event of a serious problem with one of the transmitters.

The excellent performance and quality of the installed transmission system resulted in a impressive DRM performance with a output spectrum nearly 10 dB better than the ITU requirement and a MER of 36 dB at 400kW DRM average output power. More details about this very successful project can be found in an artikel written from our senior engineer for AM transmitters, Harald Zank, in the Radio World International 06/2011 in the "Buyers Guide" section. A PDF version of the artikel can be downloaded here. Some more pictures of the site can be found in our References section. See:

http://www.broadcast-transradio.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=133%3A15-mw-lw-tube-to-solid-state-upgrade-in-luxembourg&catid=1%3AAktuelle-nachrichten&Itemid=79&lang=en (Mike Terry, dxld yg, 18 July)

NORWAY: 630 - Vigra will cease broadcasting on 30 June 2011. The purpose of keeping it on the air simply isn't there anymore, as it primarily is targeted towards the fishing fleet to let them get the weather reports. Today NRK broadcasts weather forecasts on dedicated channels on satellite and DAB. (Eivind Motland via RN Media Network)

The 630 kHz AM transmitter at Vigra near Aalesund, Norway was switched off at 0645 UTC Thursday June 30th. http://www.nrk.no/nyheter/distrikt/more_og_romsdal/1.7695440 The official "job" was performed during the regional service of NRK and carried live from the transmitter building. The tower will be taken down on Thursday September 08 this year, a task contracted to Army specialists. <http://www.radioassistant.com/RA/2011/06/enda-en-am-sender-forsvinner> <http://norkring.no/templates/page.aspx?id=505> (Geir Stokkeland via NORDX 30.6.2011 via ARC)

OMAN: A contract was signed at the Ministry of Information on 21 June to implement the second phase of radio transmission stations in the wilayats [provinces] of Barka, Bidiyahand Bahla. The pacts were inked by Information Minister Hamad Bin-Muhammadal-Rashidi and Ihab bin Maqbul al-Salih, executive operations manager, OHI, the contractor. The project, which cost US\$15.6 million, provides for the installation of radio transmission stations that work on medium wave to replace the current station in the wilayat of Seeb. The station in the wilayat of Barka on 1242 (500 kW) will provide coverage for Muscat Governorate and the Al Batinah region. The new transmission station in the wilayat of Bidiyah on 558 (500 kW) will extend radio coverage to Muscat Governorate and the Sharqiyah region as well as part of the Dakhiliyah region. The radio transmission station in the wilayat of Bahla on 1278 (100 kW) will provide coverage for the Dakhiliyah region and parts of the Dhahirah region. Work is also underway at a radio transmission station in Al-Buraimi Governorate to operate on 639 kHz (100 kW) to provide coverage to Al-Buraimi and Musandam governorates, as well as parts of the Dhahirah region. The stations are expected to go into operation in the second half of 2012. (Oman Daily Observer 22 June)

POLAND: Radio AM news. The powers of the new stations are not known.

963 Radio AM in Radomsko is a new station

1062 Radio AM at Pulawy (800 watts) has ceased its local programming and is only relaying the main network from Radio AM in Krakow.

1413 Radio AM in Torun (800 watts) is now on the air.

1485 Radio AM in Bielsko-Biala is a new station
1584 Radio AM Busko-Zdrój is a new station
1584 Radio AM at Konskie is new with 500 watts.
1584 Radio AM at Legnica is new. Power not known. (23/29 June, Bengt Ericson/Polka AM, via Arctic)

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Greetings! Had a great time at this year's IRCA convention in Colorado Springs. Many thanks to Bob Wien for making that event possible. We've started up a brand new Facebook page for the club. Just type in International Radio Club of America and click the "like" button to become a fan. Lots of great station photos on there already. We're on the verge of yet another DX season so I'm looking forward to that. 73 and best wishes to all.

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8" Diameter FSL vs. 4' Sided PVC Air-core Loop Runoff

by Gary DeBock

With a DXpedition trip scheduled to the Oregon coast with the family, and only enough space to pack a relatively compact antenna, it was time to choose the best performer for DU-chasing this summer.

The 4' sided portable PVC Loop had performed very well in the August 20-22 DXpedition to Lincoln City last year, receiving over 30 South Pacific stations when inductively coupled to a C.Grane SWP Slider model (the 4' loop is described in the article posted at <http://www.mediafire.com/?9tjd0pqa4ld2f0>; for a detailed overview of PVC loops, see 12 September 2009 DX Monitor). But recently there has been a lot of experimentation with Ferrite Sleeve Loop antennas (see the IRCA Technical Column in 12 March 2011 DX Monitor for a description of the FSL), indicating that these compact ferrite-based antennas provide a real DXing breakthrough for hobbyists with limited setup space. As such, it was time to see if one of the new FSL's could really compete on MW with a proven DXpedition performer like the 4' portable PVC Loop.



Figure 1 Twin FSLs, DXpedition model on right, before MW frequency conversion

An 8" diameter FSL was constructed w/ 63 Russian surplus 100mm x 10mm ferrite rods, purchased on eBay from an Eastern European seller (who, presumably, is amazed at his recent financial bonanza). The ferrite rod assembly was secured on soft rubber form filled with padding material, then wrapped with 18 turns of 660/46 Litz wire from the eBay seller "Mingmak222." A 381 pF variable capacitor from Crystal Radio Supply (part # N50P) was used to tune the compact loop, providing frequency coverage from 450-1700 kHz. The design and construction of this FSL was chosen based on extensive A/B testing with another 8" diameter FSL control model, and a photo of the FSL twins is shown in Figure 1.

At local noon here in Puyallup, WA four fringe stations were chosen to test the two compact loop systems, most of which were well over 100 miles distant. 550-KARI and 550-KOAC are fringe stations in the Vancouver, BC and Portland, Oregon market respectively, while 1040-CKST is a station in Vancouver, BC. 1070-CFAX is in Victoria, BC, and 1110-KWDB is on Whidbey Island, northwest of Seattle.

Four MP3's were recorded of the comparison between the two antennas. The reception on the 4' sided PVC air core loop is first (about 15 seconds), then the reception on the 8" diameter FSL follows. The files can be found at the following locations on the Web:



Figure 2

advantage, especially on the weaker stations! (hint: the smaller and considerably more expensive one)

The new 8" FSL can easily be converted to an "LW Optimized" antenna by switching in about 700 pf of capacitance in parallel with the N50P variable cap, providing the best of both DXing worlds in a compact system taking up only one cubic foot of space. However for the actual expedition itself, I used a 6.5" diameter Longwave FSL composed of 35 Amidon type 33 (American-made) 4" x 1/2" ferrite rods, which, on my coastal expedition, managed to provide the first Ultralight radio reception of a Trans-Equatorial South Pacific beacon from North America-- 270 FA in Apia Upolu, Samoa (1,000 watts at over 5,000 miles distance from the Oregon beach). The astonishing performance of the new FSL is described in the full DXpedition report posted at <http://www.mediafire.com/?9snw5mr2f504wzv>, including background details on development of the new antennas. The report also contains MP3 recording links for the 7 Alaskan and 2 Hawaiian beacons received, as well as a day-by-day report of the challenging conditions at the beach.

550-KARI-KOAC mix:

<http://www.mediafire.com/?akf4kx3sjwlp3>

1040-CKST:

<http://www.mediafire.com/?jvcps6shc99i0q7>

1070-CFAX:

<http://www.mediafire.com/?bn16gdvoa2bdenn>

1110-KWDB:

<http://www.mediafire.com/?ea3z3cjet3mw1cj>

The above recordings were all made on a stock PL-606 model, which was inductively coupled to both loop antennas at the optimum range. A photo of the relative size of these two antenna systems is also seen in Figure 2, which hopefully will be of interest to picnic-table DXers like me!

Although the antenna testing was done with a completely open mind, it soon became quite clear which antenna provided a low-noise signal

2011-2012 IRCA Letterama DX CONTEST

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The object of this year's IRCA contest will be to use letters of the station's callsign to form the alphabet. Any position may be used in any tier. Example: kAbc, kcBs, Cbu, krlD, kEdo, etc. When one tier is completed (entire alphabet) you start on the next tier. There is one point per call letter, if you complete tier one you have 26 points. You do not need to complete the final tier, if you finish with 4 tiers and 21 calls on the 5th tier, you would have 125 points. A station can be used only once, so be sure to make your choice of placement of each station carefully. For example, if you hear KWIQ you might not want to use it as an "I" but use it in the "Q" position instead.

Entry reports need to be in alphabetical order. Your first entry may be a partial tier. If you complete only 10 of the first alphabet tier, you would have 10 points to report. You cannot report the stations for the second tier until you finish the first, you cannot report stations for the third until you finish the second, etc. The contestant with the most total points at the end of the contest will be determined the winner. In case of a tie, earliest entry wins.

The contest will be open to all IRCA members in good standing. Entrants will be disqualified if they cease to be members of the club. The contest will run from 0001 September 1, 2011 through 2359 May 31, 2012. You may join the contest at any time during the year.

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