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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Are you still thinking about hosting this year's IRCA Convention? If you are, Lee Freshwater would like to hear from you! There is bound to be someone out in IRCA-land who would be very interested in landing this year's IRCA Convention. **Potential hosts should contact Lee Freshwater by the end of this month.** This is the last of the weekly editions, so that's going to take some of the load off our column editors. I don't know about the DX season in your locale, but this season's conditions in this Midwestern locale have favored more DX from the south. Bruce Portzer updates us with the latest from the international AM scene in this issue, as well as another edition of DX Forum. The next issue is in two weeks!

SPRING MIDWEST DX GET-TOGETHER – ROLLA, MO

The 2012 Spring Midwest Get-Together will be held the weekend of May 4-6 at the Budget Deluxe Motel, 1908 North Bishop Avenue in Rolla MO. The motel is located on the south side of I-44 (Historic Route 66) Exit 186 at the U.S. 63 junction, about 100 miles southwest of St Louis. This is the same location we had our first Midwest GTG in 1993.

Rolla is a college town of about 20,000 residents; home of KTTR 1490 and 4 FM stations owned by Results Radio. Also, there's 2 FM stations at the Missouri Science and Technology University campus (KMST 88.5 and KMNR 89.7), plenty of eating places within one half mile of motel. A possible tour of KFLW FM 98.9 in St. Robert, MO (near Fort Leonard Wood) about 25 miles down I-44, also a visit to KSMO 1340 and KKID 92.9 in Salem, MO.

We are getting the word out early so many will have a chance to plan for it in advance. For those wanting to make a reservation the phone number is (573) 364-4488. Most of the activity will be Saturday May 5th. For more information contact John Tudenham at (417) 624-8058. or E mail: jotud@yahoo.com

WINTER SWL FEST 2012 – PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA

The North American Shortwave Association is pleased to sponsor the Winter SWL Fest, which will be held March 1-3 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Plymouth Meeting, PA (near Philadelphia). The organizational committee is co-chaired by noted DXers Richard Cuff and John Figliozzi. More information is available at www.swlfest.com (From The NASWA Journal)

MADISON-MILWAUKEE GET-TOGETHER 2012 – MADISON, WI

This year's edition will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2012 beginning at 1300 CLT (1400 ELT) in Madison, WI. Bill Dvorak is this year's host; it's an informal event where you can meet and socialize with other radio hobbyists and enthusiasts. More information will be available in the coming weeks. (From The NASWA Journal)



DX TESTS

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Sun 2/26/12	0400-0430	1550	KRPI	Ferndale WA	(Stephens/Pogue)
Mon 2/27/12	0015-0445*	1460	WTKT	Harrisburg PA	(Stephens/Pogue)
Mon 2/27/12	0005-0433*	580	WHP	Harrisburg PA	(Stephens/Pogue)

* See test description for specific times

KRPI Radio, 1550 kHz, Ferndale, WA will conduct a DX Test on Sunday morning, Feb. 26, 2012 from 4:00 to 4:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The test will consist of voice announcements, Morse code identifications, distinctive music, and audio tones. Chief Engineer David Harris has indicated the station will be using their daytime power and antenna pattern for the test. Reception reports and digital audio recordings may be directed to 1550radio@gmail.com. DXers can receive a KRPI QSL card for correct reception reports by sending their reports along with a self-addressed envelope and return postage to the following address: Mr. David Harris, Chief Engineer, KRPI Radio, P.O. Box 3213, Ferndale, WA 98248. Many thanks to Mr. Harris who is also amateur radio operator AC7OB. (Test arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue)

WTKT Radio, 1460 kHz, Harrisburg, PA will conduct a DX Test on Monday morning, Feb. 27, 2012 at 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15 and 4:45 a.m. Eastern Time for one minute. The test will consist of voice announcements and Morse code identifications. Operations Manager R.J. Harris is also investigating the possibility of using WHP's daytime antenna pattern during the test periods. More information regarding the DX Test will be provided as it is developed. Reception reports and digital audio recordings may be directed to RJHarris@ClearChannel.com. DXers can receive a WHP QSL card for correct reception reports by sending their reports along with a self-addressed envelope and return postage to the following address: Mr. R.J. Harris, Operations Manager, 1460 The Ticket, c/o Clear Channel Communications, 600 Corporate Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Many thanks to Mr. Harris who is also amateur radio operator W3HP. (Test arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue)

WHP Radio, 580 kHz, Harrisburg, PA will conduct a DX Test on Monday morning, Feb. 27, 2012 at 12:05, 12:33, 1:05, 1:33, 2:05, 2:33, 3:05, 3:33, 4:05 and 4:33 a.m. Eastern Time for one minute. The test will consist of voice announcements and Morse code identifications. Operations Manager R.J. Harris is also investigating the possibility of using WHP's daytime antenna pattern during the test periods. More information regarding the DX Test will be provided as it is developed. Reception reports and digital audio recordings may be directed to RJHarris@ClearChannel.com. DXers can receive a WHP QSL card for correct reception reports by sending their reports along with a self-addressed envelope and return postage to the following address: Mr. R.J. Harris, Operations Manager, WHP Radio, 600 Corporate Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Many thanks to Mr. Harris who is also amateur radio operator W3HP. (Test arranged by J.D. Stephens and Jim Pogue)

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		CALL CHANGES		
		WPKX		
		FORMAT CHANGES		
FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
930	WGIN	Rochester, NH		
610	WCEH	Hawkinsville, GA	Adult Stands	Classic Country
930	WPKX	Rochester, NH	News/Talk	Sports - ESPN
1050	KMTA	Miles City, MT	????	Oldies
1100	WMBI	Chicago, IL	Religion	Spanish Religion
1120	WXJO	Douglasville, GA	Southern Gospel	Spanish Religion
1170	WKFL	Bushnell, FL	Silent	Classic Country
1190	WHUN	Humboldt, TN	Southern Gospel	Reported Silent
1220	WPHX	Sanford, ME	Silent	Adult Stnds
1300	KWCK	Searcy, AR	Talk	Adds Sports – FOX
	KSET	Lumberton, TX	News - Talk	Reported Silent
1340	KYLT	Missoula, MT	Sports - ESPN	Sports – FOX // KQRZ 1450
1370	KAWW	Heber Springs, AR	Talk	Adds Sports - FOX
1570	WIZK	Bay Springs, MS	Country	Reported Silent
1600	KNCY	Nebraska City, NE	Oldies	Country

SLOGAN / IMAGE UPDATE

690	KSTL	St. Louis, MO	"Shine 690"
930	WPKX	Rochester, NH	"The Sports Animal"
1100	WMBI	Chicago, IL	"Radio Moody Chicago"
	KQNM	Milan, NM	"The Truth"
1170	WKFL	Bushnell, FL	"Kickin' Country"
1210	KGYN	Guymon, OK	"US Country 1210"
1220	WPHX	Sanford, ME	"The Legends"
1370	KAWW	Heber Springs, AR	"Fox Sports Radio"
1600	KNCY	Nebraska City, NE	"Today's Country"

F.C.C. FINES

WLS(AM), Chicago, Illinois In this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, the FCC assess a monetary forfeiture in the amount of forty-four thousand dollars against Radio License Holding XI, LLC or the licensee of Station WLS (AM), Chicago, Illinois, for its apparent willful violation of section 317 of the Communications Act, as amended, and section 73.1212 of the Commission's rules. These provisions generally require a licensee to make sponsorship identification announcements whenever it broadcasts matter in return for money, service, or other valuable consideration.

KQMG and KQMG-FM, Independence, Iowa; and Owner of Antenna Structure #1053693 In this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture and Order, the FCC finds that KM Radio of Independence, LLC, licensee of Stations KQMG and KQMG-FM, in Independence, Iowa, and owner of antenna structure number 1053693 also located in Independence, Iowa, apparently willfully and/or repeatedly violated Sections 11.35, 17.51, and 73.3526 of the Commission's rules, 1 and Section 303(q) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by failing (with respect to both of its stations) to: maintain operational emergency alert system equipment; exhibit required obstruction lighting on the Tower; and maintain and make available a complete public inspection file. Furthermore, specifically with respect to Station KQMG-FM, we find that KM Radio apparently willfully violated Section 73.1560(b) of the Rules by operating Station KQMG-FM with more than authorized transmitter output power. After adjusting the possible forfeiture based on the Licensee's limited financial resources, we conclude that KM Radio is apparently liable for a forfeiture in the amount of ten thousand dollars. In addition, no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this NAL, KM Radio must submit a statement signed under penalty of perjury that it has repaired its EAS equipment and tower lighting, it is operating within authorized power limits, and it is maintaining two complete public inspection files for Stations KQMG and KQMG-FM.

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FROM: PRN NEWSWIRE DOT COM Radio Moody Chicago Launches Feb. 6: WMBI-AM 1110 is the Only Spanish-Speaking Christian Radio Station in Chicago Moody Radio launched the only fully operational Christian Spanish-speaking radio station in Chicago on Monday, Feb. 6. With the tagline, "Compartiendo Esperanza. Siempre Contigo." (*Sharing Hope. With You Always.*), Radio Moody Chicago will broadcast daily on WMBI-AM 1110. "There are approximately two million Hispanics living in Chicago and with no Spanish-speaking, Bible-based Christian radio station serving them, we believe this station and its programming will fill a significant need for this community," said Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio. "We are excited about this initiative and look forward to hearing from listeners how Moody is ministering to them." The Hispanic community is the nation's largest and fastest-growing minority group, making up 26 percent of the total population in Chicago. Radio Moody Chicago will provide concrete biblical teaching, address relevant issues affecting Hispanics and provide the hope of Jesus through inspirational music native to the Hispanic culture. "Through this effort Moody is recapturing its original vision for reaching the Hispanic community and expressing a renewed commitment to serve them," said Elsa Mazon, project manager for Radio Moody's Programming. "We want to bring hope and encouragement to our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters and there is no better time than right now." In addition to original Spanish-speaking programming, Radio Moody Chicago will utilize existing Moody Radio ministry partners with Spanish-based teaching such as *Turning Point* with Dr. David Jeremiah, *Grace to You* with Dr. John MacArthur and *Insight for Living* with Dr. Chuck Swindoll.

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Andres Gutierrez launches Spanish-language financial talkshow via Dave Ramsey Financial guru Andres Gutierrez is launching a syndicated "life, money, relationships and more" show. Think Dave Ramsey, only in Spanish. There's no irony there, since "El Show de Andres Gutierrez" comes with the support of Ramsey, with whom the former San Antonio radio talker began working in 2009. Small business owner and entrepreneur Gutierrez has also appeared on NBC's Telemundo network, discussing financial matters. Last fall, he garnered more visibility for his daily radio talk show, and now the Nashville-based Ramsey operation formally introduces his 11 a.m. to noon live talkie (with multiple re-feeds). Dave Ramsey EVP Suzanne Simms says Andres offers "compelling radio to the Hispanic community while bringing them the same service-oriented content that Dave has been doing for years." The show is already airing in markets like Atlanta (WAZX/1550), Charlotte (WGSP/1310) and Seattle (KNTS/1680).

FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Oldies out as CC's WLAN-AM Lancaster PA mostly simulcasts talk WHP-AM Harrisburg Clear Channel has sacrificed its "Cool Oldies" format on WLAN-AM (1390) serving Lancaster, Penn., to simulcast conservative talk sister WHP-AM (580), Harrisburg. Programming on both includes Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh and other syndicated yakkers, along with Harrisburg local Bob Durgin. But the stations will be running separate spots

Thanks to Dale, Eric, Rick Dau, and Larry Godwin this week

2/11/12 0930 73's. fresh

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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- 540 CBK SK, Regina 2/8 0836 gent with weather for various Canadian cities. (AB-ID)
 - 550 KOAC OR, Corvallis 2/9 0059 program notes and "KOAC." (AB-ID)
 - 600 KCOL CO, Wellington 2/8 2050 ad block, Fox News at 2051. (AB-ID)
KGEZ MT, Kalispell 2/3 1045 fair signal, KGEZ ID, "Flathead Valley weather." (DV-WA)
 - 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 2/8 2114 "640 KFI Stimulating Talk Radio." (AB-ID)
 - 650 KMTI UT, Manti 2/8 0812 C&W music, brief weather report and KMTI ID at 0814. (AB-ID)
 - 660 KWVE CA, Oildale 2/4 0953 heard with Dr. McGee Questions and Answers program, ToH ID and into The Saturday Morning Kids show. New. (MF-CA)
 - 690 KRGS CO, Rifle 2/8 0817 KRGS ID and ESPN mention, Colorado number 50. (AB-ID)
 - 700 KALL UT, North Salt Lake City 2/9 2230 "Jazz Radio Network." (AB-ID)
 - 750 KERR MT, Polson 2/12 2030 fair signal with local KXL phased, C&W, KERR ID. (DV-WA)
KOAL UT, Price 2/9 2240 Sports Byline USA program with Ron Barr. (AB-ID)
KHWG NV, Fallon 2/9 0041 "KHWG 750 AM," then C&W music. (AB-ID)
CKJH SK, Melfort 2/3 2225 fair signal with rock music and "CK750" slogan. (DV-WA)
 - 760 KFMB CA, San Diego 2/9 2300 "KFMB San Diego" into ABC news. (AB-ID)
 - 830 KNCO CA, Grass Valley 2/8 2029 unID talk program, KNCO ID at 2032. Strong & all alone. (AB-ID)
 - 840 KMAX WA, Colfax 2/10 1600 CNN news, few ads 1602, local news & weather at 1603-1605. (AB-ID)
 - 870 KFLD WA, Pasco 2/7 1958 "Newstalk 870 KFLD," again at 1959 with Fox News at 2000. (AB-ID)
 - 910 KGME AZ, Phoenix 2/7 2210 "Phoenix Suns Radio Network," then gone. (AB-ID)
 - 1130 KQNA AZ, Prescott 2/4 1655 much stronger than usual for unknown reason with "Newstalk 11-30 KQNA" after break from repeat of last Friday's Michael Medved show. (RB-AZ)
 - 1140 KYDZ NV, Las Vegas 2/8 1145 Radio Disney like fare, amazingly local-like signal still blazing here hours beyond local sunrise. Had gone from monitoring on HQ-140X to portable RF-2200, with S-Meter needle bending all the way to the top. I e-mailed the chief engineer who replied "The Troposphere is really putting on a show for us lately! Although recent solar activity has caused us grief with satellite communications (C and Ku) the effect on Medium Wave has been fascinating." The station didn't fade out at all until after 11am local time! (RB-AZ)
 - KZMQ WY, Greybull 2/8 0955 sports news re: NY Giants just before the hour, then ID by male "KZMQ Greybull, Wyoming" and sister station in Cody, WY (KODI 1400). Really blasting in...surprised me. By this time locally, Las Vegas or Palm Springs are usually heard, and not with such a strong signal. Went to CNN News after ID. Subsequent rechecks showed them gone, but replaced by KYDZ ("Kids Radio") Las Vegas with local quality signal, as heard now on my portable RF-2200. This is not an exaggeration! After 9am local time here now. (RB-AZ)
 - 1250 KHIL AZ, Willcox 2/8 2017 female "On K-Hill Country, AM 12-50," into local spots with references to "Willcox" and political ad for "Dawn Walker." Good. (RB-AZ)
 - KZDC TX, San Antonio 2/8 1900 sports talk mixing with another station playing country. On the hour much improved signal, and ID by male "on 1250, The Zone," to ESPN

- sports, sports talk to 1930 suddenly off. Maybe power reduction/antenna change at San Antonio local sunset? (RB-AZ)
- 1290 KPAY CA, Chico 2/4 0035 heard with recap of Chico State Wildcats vs. Pomona basketball game, interview after that and nice ToH ID at the end of a Sean Hannity promo "... on Newstalk 12-90 KPAY Chico," into Fox News at 0100. New. (MF-CA)
- 1340 KYNS CA, San Luis Obispo 2/4 0118 ads, Mike Malloy talk program, 0130 nice ID "13-40 KYNS San Luis Obispo's new home for Progressive Talk (??) 13-40 KYNS." (MF-CA)
- KIHR OR, Hood River 2/6 0900 "Hood River's Country" slogan. (AB-ID)
- 1350 KABQ NM, Albuquerque 2/4 0915 very good with Stephanie Miller & male co-host, suddenly wiped out by local on 1360 going to daytime power and splashing all over the frequency. (RB-AZ)
- 1390 XEKT BCN, Tecate 2/5 0900 rousing all female chorus with Mexican National Anthem, covering everything on the frequency, to s/on by male "AM trece-noventa (1390)," XEKT, Tecate Baja California del Norte" and mentions of area "Rosarita, San Diego, Tijuana." (RB-AZ)
- 1400 KTUC AZ, Tucson 2/6 2004 with "KTUC AM 1400 Tucson." (BB-AZ)
- KRVZ AZ, Springerville 2/7 2000 with "KRVZ Springerville." (BB-AZ)
- 1460 KUTI WA, Yakima 1/27 0330 fair signal, "Country Gold." (DV-WA)
- 1490 KSKR OR, Roseburg 1/20 2345 fair signal, "1490 The Score," Fox Sports. (DV-WA)
- KYNR WA, Toppenish 1/21 0030 "Yakima Nation" Native American chants and rock music. Fair signal. (DV-WA)
- KTEL WA, Walla Walla 1/21 2359 fair for a few seconds, "KTEL Walla Walla." (DV-WA)
- 1550 KKOV WA, Vancouver 2/7 1917 long ad block, back to Savage Nation program at 1921. Ex-KKAD. (AB-ID)
- 1700 XEPE BCN, Cerra Jarramillo/Tijuana 2/8 1000 talk, rolling in & out. 1035 fair to good with local spots, many about taking part in elections + "San Diego County Toyota dealers." Back to talk show with Rod Stewart bumper music. Checking other X-band frequencies, found stations (mostly poor) on 1680, 1690 & 1650. Also 1120 KANN Roy, UT still on at this late hour. (RB-AZ)

NOTES ON PREVIOUS LOGGINGS:

- 1300 KYNO CA, Fresno logging by Glen Hansen in Issue #21 can't be KYNO. They traded frequencies with KWRU-940 in April 2010. KWRU is Spanish religious. That must be why he hasn't heard them in a long time! (MF-CA)
- 1610 WPFK-505 CA, Banning reported by Bill Block in Issue #22, this is actually WPSE479 Needles, CA. They have been running this wrong tape for years. Both are from the same CALTRANS district office. (MF-CA)

Thank you to all our WDXR reporters this week. Nancy 2/10 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 690 KFXN MN, Minneapolis. 2-3 noticed Chinese music format, nothing noted in English. Faded out. [POB-IN] {No doubt part of Clear Channels donation of KFXN to the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council in 2010. ed.}
- 810 KXOI TX, Crane. 2-4 fair over WHB, WGY. 02:01 with "KXOI Crane" legal ID in English, "Radio Alabanza" ID and Contemporary Christian music in Spanish. [EB-MO]
- 860 KOSE AR, Wilson. 2-9 fair to poor over several others in CJBC null. 01:52 with Classic Country format, "Songs you can sing along to, and it's okay to sing, Classic Country KOSE" ID. Last logged in 1996 with it was licensed to Osceola. [EB-MO]
- 1230 WDBZ OH, Cincinnati. 2-3 fair to poor, poking through several others. 20:38 with "At home, at work, or in your car, AM 12-30 WDBZ" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1270 WWCA IN, Gary. 1-31 poor. 23:06 with news, weather. [POB-IN]
- 1360 WCHL NC, Chapel Hill. 1-30 poor. 01:20 with sports format, spots. Faded out. [POB-IN]
- 1370 KWTL ND, Grand Forks. 2-7 fair to poor over WLLM, KWRT. 17:56 with EWTN programming, promos, "This is KWTL Grand Forks" legal ID. 1370 #20. [EB-MO]

- 1410 WING OH, Dayton. 2-4 good. 23:00 with Tarheels vs. Maryland on ESPN Sports. [POB-IN]
- 1480 KQAM KS, Wichita. 2-9 fair to poor over WLMV, KGUS, WJBM. 00:18 with "14-80 KQAM" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]
- WGUS GA, Augusta. 2-3 good to poor over several others. 03:59 with hard rock format, "WGUS AM Augusts, WCHZ FM Warrenton, 95 Rock" legal ID. [EB-MO]
- 1490 KTTR MO, Rolla. 2-3 fair to poor over WQOQ, KDMO, and several others. 04:05 noted with "Mid-Missouri's news and information station, KTTR-FM Saint James, KTTR Rolla" legal ID, weather forecast, local news. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

February 21, 1987 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Richard Eckman** of Cambridge, England commented on his DX while visiting the U.S. over the holidays ... **Tom Jasinski** of Shorewood, IL mentioned having a little baby in the house put a dent in his DX'ing ... **Mike Stonebridge** of Fox Creek, AB submitted his first DX Forum and told about his equipment and DX catches.

OPEN MIKE

We are to the last weekly issue and just one month away from Anniversary issue. This column was typed 2-11-12. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!!

- | | | STARS OF THE WEEK |
|----------|---------------|--|
| (KK-VA) | Kraig Krist | Manassas, VA.
Winradio G33DDC SDR rx with homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE. |
| (JJR-MI) | John J Rieger | L'Anse, MI
CCRadio 2 |

LOGGINGS

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- 540 NC WETC Wendell-Zebulon 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with Fox Sports, singing and religious. WETC with Spanish programming. 2043 "WETC 5-40 AM Wendell North Carolina". (KK-VA)
- 550 NC WIOZ Pinehurst 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WSVA and WGR. WIOZ with oldies. 1930 "America's best music 5-50 AM WIOZ". (KK-VA)
- 560 WV WJLS Beckley 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WFRB, WFIL, singing and hockey game. WJLS with "2012 Big Atlantic Classic Basketball Game" Hedgesville vs Morgantown. (KK-VA)
- 590 MA WEZE Boston 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WKZO, CJCL, oldies and Spanish. 1926 "Christian talk. AM 5-90 WEZE Boston". (KK-VA)
- 600 KY WKYH Paintsville 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WVAR, WMT, WSJS, religious and R. Rebelde. 1924 basketball pregame show. "Yahoo sports radio. AM 6 hundred WKYH. Your home for the Paintsville Lady Tiger sports". (KK-VA)
- NC WSJS Winston-Salem 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WVAR, WMT, WKYH, religious and R. Rebelde. 1756 "We're the official home for NASCAR. AM 6 hundred WSJS". (KK-VA)
- WV WVAR Richwood 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WSJS, WMT, WKYH, religious and R. Rebelde. 1730 Jingle "Classic hits radio. WVAR". (KK-VA)
- 620 NY WHEN Syracuse 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WWNR, WDNC, WRJZ and Spanish. WHEN with oldies. 1800 "This is the Michael... show on the 'Voice of the Community' AM 6-20 WHEN Syracuse and WSYR FM...". (KK-VA)
- NY WHEN Syracuse 2/5 0707 Poor -upbeat mx, "Power 620" sweeper between songs. No WTMJ-CKRM! NEW! (JJR-MI)
- NC WDNC Durham 2/3 1715-2215 EST. Mixing with WHEN, WWNR, WRJZ and Spanish. Fox Sports programming. ID "99-9 'The Fan'" and "6-20 'The Buzz'". (KK-VA)
- TN WRJZ Knoxville 2/3 1715-2215 EST. Mixing with WHEN, WDNC, WWNR and Spanish. Religious programming. 1858 "Here on 6-20 WRJZ". (KK-VA)
- WV WWNR Beckley 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WHEN, WDNC, WRJZ and Spanish. WHEN with oldies. 1737 "The sun is still shining on downtown Beckley... 6-20 WWNR ...". 1757 "News talk WWNR AM 6-20 and 101 point 1 FM". (KK-VA)
- 640 NC WFNC Fayetteville 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WHLO, WWJZ, WXSM and R. Progresso. Echo effect with WHLO as they both have "Sean Hannity Show". 1756 "News talk 6-40 WFNC". (KK-VA)
- TN WXSM Blountsville 2/3 1715-2215 EST. Mixing with WHIO, WWJZ, WFNC and R. Progresso. Lady Vikings Tennessee High vs Volunteers. 2004 "The extreme sports monster

660 NE KCRO WXSM". (KK-VA)
Omaha 2/5 0902 Poor -wx:hi 32, Mon:34, just above noise. "Christian Talk 660" and calls at end of wx. REL (JJR-MI)

670 FL WWFE Miami 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WSCR, talk and singing. WWFE with Spanish programming. 1758 in English "6-70 WWFE Miami". (KK-VA)

680 MD WCBM Baltimore 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WKAZ and WPTF. 1733 "Weather and traffic on 6-80 WCBM. Here is the latest from the WCBM Maryland news center". (KK-VA)

NC WPTF Raleigh 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WCBM and WKAZ. 1725 "You're listening to WPTF Business" into employment report. 1730 "News radio 6-80 WPTF". (KK-VA)

WV WKAZ Charleston 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WCBM and WPTF. 1726 jingle "Great music WKAZ". (KK-VA)

690 CT WADS Ansonia 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WOKV and R. Progresso. Spanish singing. 1730 "WADS Ansonia Connecticut concludes its broadcasting for today. WADS operates on a frequency of six hundred and ninety kiloHertz with a day time power of 32 hundred watts... tomorrow morning for another day of broadcasting. God bless". (KK-VA)

FL WOKV Jacksonville 2/3 1715-2215 Mixing with WADS and R. Progresso. Spanish singing. 1727 "Traffic and weather AM 6-90 and 102 point 5 FM. News talk WOKV. Depend on it". Sean Hannity show. (KK-VA)

730 MN KWOA Worthington 2/5 0736 Poor -Superbowl on WW1/DialGlobal net "at 4 this afternoon on 730 KWOA." No usual CKDM-WJMT. (JJR-MI)

1090 IA KSOU Sioux Center 2/5 0801 Poor -end of wx-eye wx. Tagged w/calls. "Faith Radio 1090 KSOU." Alone. (JJR-MI)

1230 MN KGHS International Falls 2/5 0818 Poor -alone, "Meet the Beatles weekend", chatter, "KGHS radio" into ad. (JJR-MI)

1320 ND KHRT Minot 2/5 0749 Poor -steady o/anything. SolidGospel.com and winners list. "KHRT" into another song. (JJR-MI)

1340 SD KIJV Huron 2/5 0853 Poor upon tune in w/"1340 KIJV" into Oldie. Lost. (JJR-MI)

1390 ND KRRZ Minot 2/5 0853 Poor "at work, in the car, Classic Hits 1390 KRRZ." (JJR-MI)

Thanks to Kraig and John this week. Best to all... fresh 2/11 0830

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, NHK1. 1449 2/6. Fair signal with JJ. (DV-WA)
774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, NHK2. 1440-1447 2/6. Fair to good signal. (DV-WA)
828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, NHK2. 1447 2/6. Weak signal with woman in JJ. Fair signal at 1509 with woman in JJ. (DV-WA)
1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ. 1450 2/6. Weak signal. (DV-WA)
1575 **THAILAND**, VOA. 1508 2/6. Weak with bits of audio coming through. (DV-WA)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

1190 **MÉXICO**, XEPZ, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. 0605 2/7. Noted with Norteña music, "Radio Norteña" ID in SS. Fair to poor signal, equal to or taking out KQQZ. XEPZ operates at 100 watts night power, according to the World Radio-TV Handbook. At 1,025 miles, this seems to be one of my farthest low-power nighttime DX receptions. Lately, I've been able to put a tight null on KQQZ to pull in some DX. I don't think it sounds like they're operating on 10 kW day power, as some DXers are claiming, but more like the 650 watts stated on their CP to move to Fairview Heights, IL. (EB-MO)

1390 **MÉXICO**, XEKT, Tecate Baja California. 0900 2/5. Rousing all female chorus with Mexican national anthem, covering everything on the frequency, to s/ on by M "AM trece-noventa (1390)," XEKT, Tecate Baja California del Norte," and mentions of area "Rosarito, San Diego, Tijuana." (Barton-AZ)

1700 **MÉXICO**, XEPE, Baja Del Norte, Cerra Jarramillo/Tijuana. 1000 2/8. Talk, rolling in and out. Fair-Good at 1035 with local spots, many about taking part in elections, "San Diego County Toyota dealers." Back to talk show with Rod Stewart bumper music. Checking other X-Band frequencies, found stations (mostly poor) on 1680, 1690, 1650. Also 1120 KANN Roy UT still on at this late hour. (Barton-AZ)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

RB-AZ **RICK BARTON**, El Mirage, AZ
Panasonic RF-2200, Hallicrafters S-77A, Hammarlund HQ-200-X, Outdoor Slinky

EB-MO **ERIC BUENEMAN**, Hazelwood MO

DV-WA General Electric Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Electronics Space Magnet II
DENNIS VROOM, Kalama WA
DXing with JRC NRD 545, Sky wire loop 753', Long-wire 225'. 50' SW EWE

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ASIA AND PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: Here is a list of Melbourne extended band AM stations licensed, which I compiled with assistance from Ian Stanley.

1611 kHz 3UCB Hoppers Crossing Vic AUS (VRN)
1620 kHz 3CW Bayswater Vic AUS
1629 kHz 3CW Williamstown Vic AUS
1638 kHz 3ME South Morang Vic AUS (R.Lebanon)
1647 kHz ? Wheelers Hill Vic AUS (Not on air)*
1656 kHz ? Altona North Vic AUS (Not on air)*
1665 kHz 3UCB Vermont Vuic AUS (VRN) (Not on air)*
1674 kHz 3MJR Werribee South Vic AUS (Lion 16-74)
1683 kHz ? Campbellfield Vic AUS (Not on air)*
1692 kHz ? Werribee South Vic AUS (Not on air)*
1701 kHz 3VMV Somerton Vic AUS (Islamic Voice R.)
Robert Copeman, mw-Pacific-Asia YG, 24 Jan

According to the vision Radio Network website, they are today adding 1611 in Sydney's West as their 514th outlet. Quick check of 2GW website reveals no current audio but automated news and other tickers continuing. Can someone in Sydney check what's on 1611 and let us know? (Dave Ricquish, mw-Pacific-Asia YG, 22 Jan) I had a listen today and they are now broadcasting the Vision Network programming. (Paul Mech, ibid)

CAMBODIA: Hasn't been on shortwave for several years, though still on 918 kHz mediumwave, with 200 kW according to WRTH. They've had a web presence (www.rnk.gov.kh) since mid-2010, initially with a live stream of their 96 FM service, however that's now been replaced by streams of the National [918 kHz] Service (observed 2225-1600 UT) and a youth channel called Wat Phmom FM (observed 2255-1600 UT), named after a Buddhist temple in the capital. (David Kernick, dxld, 27 Jan)

INDIA: Akashvani Mangalore is gearing up for a qualitative change in the manner in which it broadcasts its programs by going digital in the near future. What it means for listeners is crystal clear transmission quality for programs. The engineering staff of Akashvani is making an all-out effort to complete installation of equipment so that broadcast can go digital latest by April, Ramesh said. Akashvani, Mangalore, which also broadcasts its programs with the help of a 20-kW AM transmitter in Brahmawar in Udupi is planning to replace it with digital radio mondiale. Full story at http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-02-09/mangalore/31041650_1_programmes-studio-digital-units (Alokesh Gupta, dx_india, 10 Feb)

PAKISTAN: Pakistan Information Minister Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan and Senator Ismail Buledi inaugurated a 100 KW high power mediumwave transmitter of Radio Pakistan Tarbat on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the Information Minister - who was in Karachi due to a technical problem with the aircraft that was due to take her to Tarbat - said the transmitter will provide easy access to news and entertainment to the people of far flung areas of Balochistan. She said this project reflects the priority and importance the government accords to the people of Balochistan.

The Director General of Radio Pakistan, Murtaza Solangi, said that installation of the transmitter had been completed at a cost of over 164 million rupees (US\$1.8 million). He said the station will cover a vast area of Balochistan during the day and can be heard in UAE, Iran, Oman and other Gulf countries. In daytime the station can cover a radius of 300 km, and triple that during nighttime. (Radio Pakistan and agencies, via RNW blog)

The newly inaugurated transmitter at Turbat broadcasts programs at frequency 981 from 7 am to 10 pm daily. It will be fully operational soon after some technical adjustments. (email from Radio Pakistan to Bruce Conti)

PHILIPPINES: A Philippine MW-station of UNTV relay during the Autumn was finally heard with a full ID "UNTV Radyo La Verdad Tapat at Totoo 13-50" on Jan 18th. According to several web-pages the station started with own programs on Jan 16th after several months test with UNTV relay (which were heard often in Scandinavia since October 2011). According to web-pages the power is 50 kW and the call now is DWUN. The station has been heard on 1349.97 kHz. (Tarmo Kontro, Arctic)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

BRAZIL: 540 ZYK322 R Sepé, Santo Ângelo (RS02) - ex. R São (DXCB)
 570 ZY621 R Capital, Belo Horizonte (MG03) - ex. R Gospel Mira (DXCB)
 580 ZYJ465 R Relógio, Rio de Janeiro (RJ03) - ex. R Nossa Radio (DXCB)
 620 ZYL357 R Catuaí, Manhuaçu (MG145) - moved to 1090 (DXCB)
 640 ZYJ262 Super R.Deus e Amor, Londrina (PR08) - ex. R Tupi (DXCB)
 940 ZY1911 R AM 7 Cidades, Piracuruca (PI25) - ex: R Sete Cidades (web)
 670 ZYH288 R Messorregional, Tabatinga (AM04) - ex. R Nal. (DXCB)
 670 ZYL361 R Uberaba, Uberaba (MG123) - ex. R Vitoriosa (DXCB)
 770 ZY1412 R Caiuás, Douradas (MS11) - moved from 1250 (DXCB)
 780 ZYK279 R O Sul, Porto Alegre (RS31) - ex. R Jornal do Sul (DXCB)
 810 ZYH528 R Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe, Riacho de Santana (BA54) - ex: R Guadalupe (DXCB)
 820 ZYH805 R Sempre, Goiatuba (GO50) - ex. R Cidade (DXCB)
 850 ZY1416 R Sulmatogrossense, Poxoréo (MT102) - ex: R Cultura (DXCB)
 870 ZYL247 R Difusora, Ituiutaba (MG96) – moved to 1470 (DXCB)
 870 ZYL650 R Voz do São Francisco, Januária (MG127) - ex: R Voz Januária (DXCB)
 910 ZYK536 R Onda Livre (SP66) - new address: Rua Alf. José Caetano 1039, 13400-120 Piracicaba SP (Rudolf R.Grimm)
 920 ZYJ494 R Sociedade, Volta Redonda (RJ41) - ex: Stereo Sul (DXCB)
 950 ZYH916 R Dif. Karajás, João Lisboa (MA17) - ex: R Capital (web)
 1050 ZYH494 R Notícia, Camaçari (BA47) - ex: CBN (DXCB)
 1070 ZYI427 R Industrial, Cuiabá (MT14) - ex: R Bandeirantes (DXCB)
 1090 ZYL357 R Catuaí, Manhuaçu (MG145) - moved from 620 (DXCB)
 1090 ZYH758 R Aliança, Goiânia (GO24) - ex: R 1090 (DXCB)
 1090 ZYJ592 R Canção Nova, Natal (RN07) - ex: R Rural (DXCB)
 1120 ZYK660 R Cidade, São José dos Campos- ex: R Bandeirantes (DXCB)
 1140 ZYL204 R Minas, Divinópolis (MG62) - moved from 1320 (DXCB)
 1150 ZYH643 R Cultura – Rede Imaculada, Paracura (CE47) - ex: R Morá (DXCB)
 1180 ZYI602 R Ativa, Campo Grande (MS34) - ex: R Guanandi (DXCB)
 1180 ZYK674 R Super Nova Difusora, Santa Cruz do Rio Pardo (SP179) - ex: R Difusora (DXCB)
 1200 ZYK342 R Fundação Cotrisel, São Sepé (RS85) - ex: R Cotrisel (DXCB)
 1250 ZY1412 R Caiuás, Douradas (MS11) - moved to 770 (DXCB)
 1270 ZYH271 R Boas Novas, Tefé (AM10) - ex: R Educação Rural (DXCB)
 1270 ZYL240 R Globo Vale do Aço, Ipatinga (MG155) - ex: R Libertas do Vale do Aço (web)
 1290 ZYL273 R Uberlândia, Uberlândia (MG77) - ex: R Record (DXCB)
 1290 ZY... Rede SIM - new station. Address: Rua Dr. Moacir Velos, 63 - Gloria, 29122-610 Vila Velos, Espírito Santo. Tel: 27 3319 1068. Web: www.redesimsat.com.br (web)
 1310 ZYL351 R Difusora, Salinas (MG168) - moved from 1540
 1320 ZYL204 R Minas, Divinópolis (MG62) - moved to 1140 (DXCB)
 1320 ZYK266 R Sulbrasileira, Panambi (RS109) - ex: R Panambi (DXCB)
 1320 ZYJ762 R Litoral, Imarui (SC68) - moved to 1480 (DXCB)
 1330 ZYK641 R Cultura, Ribeirão Preto (SP143) - ex: R Eldorado (web)
 1370 ZYH555 R Jornal Grande, Monte Santo (BA82) - ex: R Piquaraca (DXCB)
 1370 ZYJ267 R Independência, Curitiba (PR80) - ex: R Canção Nova (DXCB)
 1390 ZYJ769 CBN Rádio (SC57) - ex: R Globo (web)
 1390 ZYK594 R Anchieta, - new station. Address: Rua Luiza Rosa Bechelli, 284 – Sabaúna, 11740-000 Itanhaém, São Paulo. (DXCB)
 1400 ZYH529 R Vaza-Barris, Jeremoabo (BA71) - ex: R Vale do Vasa-Barris (DXCB)
 1400 ZYJ339 R Ágape, Balsa Nova (PR119) - ex.. R Gospel (DXCB)
 1410 ZYK284 R Minuano, Rio Grande (RS125) - ex: R Cassino (DXCB)
 1460 ZY.... R Litoral - new station. Address: Rua Marechal Floriano Peixoto, 920 - Centro, 95520-000 Osório. Tel: 51 3663 1988 Web: www.radiolitoraljp.com.br (web)
 1470 ZYL247 R Difusora, Ituiutaba (MG96) - moved from 870 (DXCB)
 1470 ZYJ476 R Absoluta, Campos dos Goitacazes (RJ08) - ex: R Jornal Fluminense (DXCB)
 1480 ZYJ762 R Litoral, Imarui (SC68) - moved from 1320 (DXCB)
 1510 ZYH608 R Planalto de Ibianaba, São Benedito (CE40) - ex: R Nova Plan (DXCB)
 1520 ZYH635 R Ararape, Ipu (CE75) - ex: R Regional (DXCB)
 1520 ZYH899 R Mirante, Pindaré-Mirim (MA15) - ex: R Ribamar (DXCB)
 1540 ZYL351 R Difusora, Salinas (MG168) - moved to 1310 (all the above via Arctic)

COLOMBIA: The following stations relay Radio María 1220, at night. Their relaying schedules vary, some stations start at midnight UTC, others later.

1240 R Buenaventura, Buenaventura
 1330 La Voz de Aguachica, Aguachica
 1360 Ecos del Risaralda, Pereira
 1390 La Primera, Bucaramanga
 1400 Emisora Mariana, Bogotá
 1470 Ondas de Ibagué, Ibagué (Henrik Klemetz, Arctic)

CUBA. CMGA Radio Trinidad on 1280. In 2011 RadioCuba installed a MW transmitter for the local station Radio Trinidad (Sancti Spiritus province) on 1280 kHz. This info is in the station web site: <http://www.radiotrinidad.cu/noticias/> balance-anual-2011-radio-trinidad-se-mira-por-dentro Radio Trinidad celebrated its 13th birthday on Dec. 28th 2011: <http://www.radiotrinidad.cu/noticias/trece-a%C3%B1os-de-radio-trinidad-latiendo-junto-su-pueblo> At the end of this article there is a player to listen to a report about that fact. This work includes two IDs of Radio Trinidad. On the second one the frequencies can be heard. This is the direct link to the audio file: <http://www.radiotrinidad.cu/13-aniv-rtddad/13-aniv-rtddad.mp3> So you can add a new frequency/station to your RadioCuba list! (Mauricio Molano, dxld)

CUBA: 1230 CMBC R Progreso unidentified site heard 21.10.2011. Tropical vocals, female, "la onda alegría"slogan was the tip-off on paralleling to 640. One requested undisclosed source lists as Guaimaro while another has it as Santiago, ex-R. Mambí (Terry L Krueger via DXLD)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 990 Hl.. R Eternidad, Santo Domingo, ex 1700 kHz (Jim Solatie, Arctic)

PERU: From high up in the Andes, Radio Inka (or Inca) has begun broadcasting on the frequency of 1610 kHz mediumwave. Radio Inka is based in the town of Puno on the shore of Lake Titicaca. The station was first reported heard by Peruvian DXer Alfredo Cañote. No further information about the station is known. Also a new shortwave station has begun broadcasting in Peru recently: Aroma Café Radio can be heard on 6060 kHz.(Dxing,info)

VENEZUELA 1470 YVSY R Vibración, Carúpano - In an e-mail message to our member Harry Holm, Alido Hernández at R Vibración says that as it looks now the station will close at the end of 2011 due to the severe economic difficulties in the country. Due to the shift from AM to FM, the station can no longer afford to keep the staff now working there and so has to close after 28 years on the air. (Harry Holm, Arctic) (Can anyone confirm whether YVSY has left the air? bp)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ALGERIA: Radio Algeria recently launched a new youth station, Jil FM, which started broadcasting at 0900 on Sunday 15 January on 94.7 FM in the center and center-south, on 531 kHz MW in the east and south-east and on 549 kHz MW in the west and south-west regions of the country. Jil FM will be providing its listeners with music, reports, debates, entertainment, comedy and news 24/7. The radio station is located at 12 rue Shakespeare (El Mouradia–Alger). (EBU via Andy Sennitt, RNW Media Network 20.1.2012)

BELARUS: Probably not mentioned so far: It appears that also all mediumwave transmitters of Radio Kultura on 1008, 1026 and 1125 have been turned off. So the only remaining AM outlets in Belarus besides 6155, 7255 and 11730 are 279, 1170 and 1278, and here it would not hurt to make sure that the 1278 transmitter at Brest has not been turned off as well. (Kai Ludwig, dxld, 4 Feb)

BULGARIA: Radio Bulgaria was observed signing-on their 1600 broadcast in Bulgarian on 747 and 1224 kHz mediumwave (via a Global Tuners rx in Greece). Note that no programming was heard on these frequencies prior to 1600 (747 kHz was on continuous tone, 1224 kHz was apparently silent), although WRTH indicates that both tx are shared with BNR's Horizont domestic service. The 1700 broadcast in Albanian was also observed on the same frequencies. (David Kernick, dxld yg 2 Feb)

AM broadcasting (LW/MW) in Bulgaria effective from February 1:

Vakarel 5	261 VAK 075 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1+Parliamentary channel
Petrich	747 PET 300 kW 1600-2300	Radio Bulgaria till Feb.13
Salmanovo	747 SLM 010 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1+Turkish Minority
Varna 1	774 VRN 075 kW 0400-0200	Radio Varna till Sep.30
Blagoevgrad	864 BLD 075 kW 0400-2200	Radio Blagoevgrad
Samuil	864 SML 010 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1+Turkish Minority
Stara Zagora	873 STZ 060 kW 0300-0100	Radio Stara Zagora+HS-2 till Sep. 30
Shumen 2	963 SHM 075 kW 0300-0100	Radio Shumen+HS-1 till Sep.30
Dragoman 4	963 DRA 040 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1 till Sep.30
Kardjali 2	963 KRL 050 kW 0300-0100	Horizont HS-1+Turkish till Sep. 30
Malko Tarnovo	963 MTN 005 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1 till Feb.29
Doulovo	1161 DLV 010 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1+Turkish Minority
Targovishte	1161 TRG 010 kW 0000-2400	Horizont HS-1+Turkish Minority
Vidin 1	1224 VDN 300 kW 0530-0730	Radio Bulgaria Mon-Fri till May 31
Vidin 1	1224 VDN 300 kW 0500-0900	Radio Bulgaria Sat/Sun till May 31
Vidin 1	1224 VDN 300 kW 1600-2300	Radio Bulgaria Daily till May 31
Kardjali 1	1296 KRL 075 kW 0400-2200	Hristo Botev HS-2 till Feb. 29

No chance to resume DX programs and SW transmitters in Padarsko. BNR and R. Bulgaria managements do not want to fight for money, around 2,000,000 euro per year (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, DX Mix News, via WORLD OF RADIO 1602, DXLD)

FAROE ISLANDS: Erik Kugland reports in the A-DX mailing list that the Faroe Islands transmitter on 531 kHz is at present on air with full 100 kW after storms damaged a number of FM transmitters. Usually the output is limited to 25 kW nowadays. Climbing the Akraberg antenna:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/106908783359348198419/AkrabergRMeistur>

The current transmission equipment, which this way turns out as Thomson M2W, still in the workshop in Switzerland: <http://picasaweb.google.com/106908783359348198419/Sweitz>

And preparations at the Akraberg site with the decommissioned 200 kW Brown Boveri tube transmitter from 1990:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/106908783359348198419/MBSendariAkraberg> (Kai Ludwig, dxld ygd, 21 Jan)

GERMANY: Several German stations were closed in early January: On 30 December 2011: 1413 SWR, Ulm, On 31 December 2011: 1539 ERF Mainflingen and 1593 WDR Langenberg (DRM), On 8 January 2012: 576 SWR Mühlacker; 666 SWR Rorhdorf; 828 SWR Freiburg; 1017 SWR Wolfseim (Andy Sennitt, RNW Media Network 29 Dec)

ITALY: 900 and others - Since the beginning of this year, RAI has stopped the "Notturmo Italiano" program that was heard every night from the MW transmitters of Milan, Rome and Naples. This show was created in 1952 and was dedicated to Italian music and songs. It was also famous for including short news bulletins in Italian, English, French and sometimes German on the top of the hour. According to observations, RAI has now replaced the "Notturmo Italiano" with a simple relay of the RAI 1 programmer on MW, so the transmitters remain on the air throughout the night. (Arctic)

SOUTH AFRICA: The Radio Pulpit relay from Johannesburg has stopped in Cape Town on 729 kHz from beginning of January 2012 (John Plimmer, mwdx, 18 Jan)

UKRAINE: The National Radio Company of Ukraine (NRCU) plans to continue broadcasting on mediumwave with the help of DRM transmitters.

Two channels of Ukrainian radio will go on broadcasting on mediumwave with new DRM digital radio transmitters; this was stated by the Chairman of the State committee for television and radio broadcasting Alexander Kurdinovich in an interview to Telekritika".

"Taking into account that the National radio company does not have a systematic network for FM broadcasting and will not have it due to the lack of frequency resources, and the insane competition with commercial broadcasters, it was decided to transfer a minimum of two programs of the NRCU to broadcasts on mediumwave", he explained. "It is a question of purchasing 15-16 modern digital radio transmitters DRM format, which can work in both digital and analogue radio broadcasting. By placing them on the whole territory of Ukraine, we will be able to provide access to the National radio of at least 85-90% of the population", noted Mr. Kurdinovich.

According to him, the replacement of obsolete analogue transmitters will save money, since the new transmitters consume three times less electricity. He specified that the funds for this re-equipment are not provided, but they must be received at the expense of centralized distribution of capital expenditures. "There is an instruction of the President of the Ukrainian Cabinet of ministers and the Ministry of finance to make specific proposals for this. We have prepared all the technical documentation, the project of creating such a network. The only thing that remains for us is to get financing, announce a tender and purchase transmitters. The problem will be solved seriously and for a long time. After the transition to a digital broadcasting standard we would have created a normal digital radio network", underlined the chairman of Goskomtelradio.

(Source: Media Network, Telekritika via DRM Consortium, via Mike Terry, dxld, 9 Feb)

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/february2012/new_hf_shortwave_radio_station_sign.htm

UNITED KINGDOM: One-third of BBC Radio Scotland's production staff will lose their jobs and two news programs will be dropped in the latest wave of BBC cost savings, it is claimed today. The Herald Scotland (Glasgow) reports that staff at Pacific Quay in Glasgow, the BBC's HQ in Scotland, were told yesterday that eight radio production journalists there, out of 27, and three more in the BBC's base in Edinburgh would lose their jobs in the coming year. And the broadsheet claims that two radio news programs - Scotland at Ten, which reports from Holyrood, and Newsweek, the analysis of the week's news which is broadcast on Saturdays - will also be scrapped as part of the changes. The Herald says the move has been prompted by the BBC's Delivering Quality First savings drive, which will result in the loss of 2000 jobs as £670 million is saved across the BBC in the next five years. It says Newsweek will be replaced by a new Saturday version of Good Morning Scotland, which will become a six-day-a-week operation. The Herald quotes Scottish Government Culture Secretary, Fiona Hyslop, as saying she continues to have "deep concerns" over the impact of the changes. According to The Herald, a spokesman for the BBC said that Ken MacQuarrie, director of BBC Scotland, had outlined staff cuts last year and yesterday's announcement was part of that cuts plan. He is quoted as adding: "These are part of the plan that will save 100 to 120 staff positions over the next four or five years, and we hope to do that, as much as is possible, through voluntary redundancy. "We already broadcast a great range of political coverage. Scotland at Ten has a small audience. We are now trying to concentrate on speech programs during the day, and music at night and this change fits into that plan." (www.thedrum.co.uk. Via Steve Whitt, Medium Wave Circle)

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The week of January 30 was very warm; four straight days of temperatures over 60 degrees F allowed me to take the Superadio III outside during daylight hours during three of those days for DX. On January 30, I was able to catch KZQZ 1430 off the air due to technical problems with their 50 kW daytime service. It was just my luck that I had sunset conditions three and a half hours before the sun went down. With KZQZ off, I pulled WYMC 1430 Mayfield, KY in at 1509 ELT with a promo mentioning the Web site and a phone number in Area Code 270, into Oldies format. WYMC's Oldies format is the more common one heard these days, with songs from the 1960s through the early 1980s, unlike KZQZ's format, which runs from the 1950s to the early 1970s. The two dominant stations on 1430 in KZQZ's absence were nighttime semi-regular (with KZQZ nulled) WXNT 1430 Indianapolis, running conservative talk, and WPLN 1430 Madison, TN, running BBC World Service. On 1440, WOGEM Quincy, IL has a good signal; I did hear WPRS Paris, IL mixing with WGEN at 1521 with a Country format and ID. WPRS 1440 is my 105th Illinois AM from my QTH. On 1420, WOC and WIMS traded places dominating, similar to the conditions during hours of darkness. I finally heard one of my closest unheards when I pulled in KRLL 1420 California, MO (located in central Moniteau County for you mapheads) with a Classic Country format and "Classic Country 1420 KRLL" ID at 1538 ELT. There were also two unidentified stations on 1430, one playing country music and the other playing current hits. WRAM 1330 Monmouth, IL, which I note in the evenings on occasion with 50 watts, was heard on day power over WVHI at 1556 with Classic Country and "Continuous Classic Country 1330 WRAM" slogan. I had minor ACI from KSIV 1320. Before sunset, I pulled in WVSG 820 Columbus, OH (ex-WOSU) with EWTN Global Catholic Radio programming at 1655, mixing with WCPT. WBAA 920 West Lafayette, IN heard with "All Things Considered", local and national underwriting announcements at 1657, with WGNU nulled while I was trying to pull in WMOK. The overnight hours of January 31 (DXing indoors) brought KMOZ 1590 Rolla, MO with promos and a Bott Radio Network ID at 0230; first time noted on 85 watts night power. The afternoon of January 31 brought in WJBC 1230 Bloomington, IL with Web site mention, local news headlines, legal ID for the AM and WJBC-FM 93.7 Pontiac, IL into CBS News at 1458. I nulled out WHCO to pull in this station. I remember when I could pull in KWIX Moberly, MO in WHCO's null. WILL 580 Urbana, IL was noted with a farm report, weather forecast and "WILL, University of Illinois Extension" ID at 1509. WILL had a fair signal with ACI from KFNS 590. KJXX 1170 Jackson, MO was noted with an ID and Adult Standards at 1550; a poor signal was noted in a WLBH null, with ACI from WLDS 1180. Before going inside, WWVA 1170 Wheeling, WV was noted at 1705 with ID, traffic report and Sean Hannity. During the overnight hours of February 1, I noted WGUS 1480 Augusta, GA with a hard rock format, Web site format and "95 Rock" ID (WCHZ 95.1) at 0149. I also noted WGUS on February 3 at 0359 with a hard rock format and AM-FM legal ID. During the daylight hours of February 1, I noted WHOW 1520 Clinton, IL at 1410 with local ads, a talk show on horse care, Web site promo and a mention of both the AM and the FM (95.9). The signal was good to fair, mostly over KRHW, although the latter had an equal signal at times. WIND 560 Chicago was noted with conservative talk, ID and local ads at 1452. WIND came in over KWTO, with ACI from KTRS 550. WCIL 1020 Carbondale, IL noted at 1457 with an ID by Rush Limbaugh, into the final moments of Rush's show before returning to a simulcast of my closest unheard, WJPF 1340. KVDW 1530 England, AR was overpowering WCKY with no sign of WLIQ at 1549; Little Rock ads and Urban Gospel music were heard. I caught a bilingual legal ID from WRTO 1200 Chicago, IL at 1559, as well as promos in Spanish. WRTO was alone on channel with no ACI from KQQZ 1190. Two new lowa stations were noted before 1700 ELT; KLNG 1560 Council Bluffs was noted with a legal ID mentioning Omaha, NE into the "Rhema for Today" program at 1645; they were taking out KTUI, WPAD and KGOW. KSIB 1520 Creston, IA noted with help wanted ads, mention of Area Code 641, local ads and country music at 1651, taking out KRHW and KOKC at times. The outdoor DX sessions wrapped up with relogs of WLIJ 1580 Shelbyville, TN and WIGN 1550 Bristol, TN. A new station was noted at the very end: WHFB 1060 Benton Harbor, MI heard over KYW at 1719 with local ads, "All Talk 1060 WHFB" ID and the Jerry Doyle show. Some of the new logs heard after the three afternoon outdoor DX sessions: WDBZ 1230 Cincinnati, OH noted with ID at 2038 on February 3, poking through several others. KXOI 810 Crane, TX noted on February 4 at 0201 with legal ID in English, "Radio Alabanza" ID and Contemporary Christian music in Spanish. A fair signal was noted over WHB and WGY. XEPZ 1190 Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua was noted on February 7 at 0105 with Nortena music and "Radio Nortena" ID in Spanish. A fair to poor signal was noted, taking out KQQZ at times. KWTL 1370 Grand Forks, ND noted on February 7 at 1756 with EWTN programming, promos and a legal ID, mixing with WLLM and KWRT. KOSE 860 Wilson, AR noted at 0152 on February 9 with Classic Country format and ID; fair to poor signal over several others with CJBC nulled. I last noted this station in 1996, when it was licensed to nearby Osceola. As of 1300 ELT on February 10, I have 1,285 AM stations in my logbook. 73.

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