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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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This is the first of five softcopy-only editions of DX Monitor for Volume 50; the next softcopy-only edition comes when the weather gets warmer. Have you thought of doing something new for IRCA? If you are, let Lee Freshwater know. The list of what still needs to be filled in IRCA is listed below.

Remember, YOU, the members, are the Heartbeat of IRCA.

IRCA Goodie Factory/Bookstore Closure

The IRCA Goodie Factory (ie Bookstore) is now closed until January of 2013. I will be having aorta re-repair surgery on 12/13 and will be unable to process orders for several weeks

afterwards. Phil Bytheway - Seattle WA (Get well guick, Phil!-EiC)

LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013 - TWIN CITIES

The National Radio Club and the International Radio Club of America, in conjunction with the Minnesota DX Club and the Worldwide TV-FM DX Association, take great pleasure in announcing their joint "DXer" convention will be held in Minneapolis, August 1st through the 4th, 2013. Your hosts: Mark Durenberger (NRC), Mike Sanburn/Phil Bytheway (IRCA).

Called LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013, the conference will combine formal tutorials and technical sessions, gab gatherings, a DXpedition and ideas on how to enhance radio listening. Show-and-tell, new antenna designs and DX stories will be combined with information on receiver improvements and propagation.

The highlight of the convention will be one of its venues: The Museum of Broadcasting. There we'll see first-hand more than a century's worth of communications artifacts, operate a live Spark-Gap transmitter. learn about the history behind our hobby and see how broadcasts were made from the Museum's vintage radio studio.

The combined auction is going to be a big one this year; the Museum and others will be auctioning some nice communications gear.

Optional tours during the three-day Convention include area radio stations and the Mall of America.

The hotel selected for the 2013 Convention is the Holiday Inn Bloomington South Airport Mall in Minneapolis. Reservation and Registration information will be published shortly.

SAVE THE DATE ... the first weekend next August! Further information will follow. If you have guestions please contact Host Mark Durenberger at www.durenberger.com.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (Lee J. Freshwater)

Please see the note at the end of the December 1 EDXR. It is time for some other members to step up.

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

AWARDS: Not much to do here except for printing out the HEALD award every year. No one has applied for the DX awards for many years.

PUBLISHING : Get address list from Lynn. Create labels and envelopes. Send (email) PDF file from the EIC to the printers, Pick up, Staple, Fold, stuff, then mail. It takes me about an hour to do the labels and envelopes. I usually do the envelopes on Wednesday morning before leaving for work. I pick up the DXM at the Printers on Wednesday night on my way to dinner. I staple, fold and mail on SATURDAY AM. It takes about an hour to fold and staple. It helps when you have a wife that assists you. You can set your own schedule as long as the issues goes out on or before the masthead date. You will also need to send out sample issues as needed.

I will be giving up these duties at the end of VOLUME 50. If no one comes forward during VOLUME 50. these features WILL go away. I will NOT extend my club duties past VOL 50.

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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- KUZZ CA. Bakersfield 12/4 1920 with "It's 4:20 at KUZZ" way on top of KFYI. (BB-AZ) 550
- 560 KSFO CA, San Francisco 11/30 1900 ID and news over/under the usually dominant KPQ.
- Fair to poor on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR) 580 WIBW KS. Topeka 12/5 0359 man with local weather report to "On 580 WIBW." Fair, mixing
- with Mexican station plaving anthem. Not unknown here, but rare. (RB-AZ)
- KUGN OR, Eugene 12/3 0906 "KUGN" then traffic report. (BB-AZ) 590
 - KSUB UT. Cedar City 12/5 0330 break from Coast to Coast program to string of spots. including auto repair shop in Saint George. Good, some co-channel QRM nulled out. (RB-AZ)
 - KONT WA, Spokane 12/3 0846 with weather report and "KQNT 590" at 0847. (BB-AZ)
- WA, Mercer Island-Seattle 11/30 2204 with "KIXI.com" mention. KRVN QRM. (AB-880 KIXI ID)
- 930 KTKN AK. Ketchikan 12/1 1630 ID into AC type music. Very weak but totally alone on R-390A with E/W wire. Unusual as can be. (GH-OR)
 - WA, Bellingham 12/2 0020 man said "Progressive Talk Radio 930 KBAI." Fair with KBAI one unID far under, on TMC with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
- KWSW CA, Eureka 12/1 1645 man said "North Coast Talk Radio 980 KWSW" into talk show. 980 Fair signal with semi-local 970 slop, on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
- KATD CA, Pittsburg 12/7 1650 gent with dialog in Spanish, "KIQI San Francisco" at 1700. 990 (AB-ID)
- WHO IA, Waterloo 12/5 0122 live p-b-p lowa college basketball, "13 minutes, 13 seconds to 1040 go." Had been mixing with unID with ballads and Christmas music, now going to S-9 and dominating. Not heard in a while here. (RB-AZ)
- KNX CA, Los Angeles 12/4 2314 "KNX 1070 News Radio." Very good, nearing local 1070 sunset, already showing S-9 signals here. (RB-AZ)
- 1080 KRLD TX, Dallas 12/4 2315 basketball live p-b-p, very good, S-9 and then some. (RB-AZ)
- OK, Tulsa 12/4 2316 string of spots, including "TulsaHelpWanted.com." Signal wise, 1170 KFAQ really ripping it up! (RB-AZ)
- 1210 KGYN OK, Guymon 12/4 2320 promo for "Rusty Ryerson," "On KGYN Saturdays at 9." Very good. (RB-AZ)
- KINO AZ, Winslow 12/6 1930 with "On KINO Radio," then lost. (BB-AZ) 1230
- NM. Gallup 12/4 2240 really lighting it up here, before local sunset, with country 1330 KGAK music and male presenter. English and Navaio. (RB-AZ)
 - KMBI WA, Spokane 12/3 1902 religious talk with mention of Seattle events. Poor, mixing with KKPZ. (AB-ID)
- CA, Sacramento 11/27 2250 ID and ad for USA.com mixing it up with unID. Fair on 1380 KTKZ Hammarlund with S/W wire. (GH-OR)
- NM, Hobbs 12/4 1959 with "KHOB 1390 Hobbs, New Mexico, ESPN Radio." (BB-AZ) KHOB 1390
- CA, Fresno 12/4 0900 with "KXEX" in English then back to Spanish. (BB-AZ) 1550 KXEX KRKE NM, Albuquerque 12/4 0836 heard with "The Greatest Hits, Cool 107.5." (BE-AZ)
- KNZR CA. Bakersfield 12/5 0005 mixing with unID with Mexican ballads (the unID). 1560 Bakersfield finally started to resurface with the perpetually anory Mark Levin to regain dominance. (RB-AZ)
- KPRO CA, Riverside 12/1 1000 KPRO ID and religious programming (AB-ID) 1570
 - CKMW MB, Winkler 11/30 1725 ID into C&W (I think). Really weak, one unID Spanish out there as well, on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)

- 1590 KLIV CA. San Jose 12/5 1248 traffic reports, mentions of "Bay Area" locations, to local weather ("high 64"). Fair-good, hanging in after local SR. First log here. Heard on HQ-200 with Slinky. Was still about the same on recheck after 0900. (RB-AZ)
 - OR. Tillamook 12/1 1916 Portland Trailblazers talk. New! (AB-ID) KTIL
- KOPB OR, Eugene 11/23 1800 NPR news, public radio format. Mixing over/under local 1600 KOHI. fair to poor on TMC with SW wire. New! (GH-OR)
- CA, Vallejo 12/4 0759 with "This is KDIA Vallejo-San Francisco." (BB-AZ) 1640 KDIA OR, Lake Oswego 12/1 1013 "Radio Disney Top 30 Countdown" program, "AM 16-KDZR 40" at 1014. (AB-ID)
- KFSG CA, Roseville 12/1 1900 woman with dialog in Spanish with mentions of Sacramento. 1690 gent with ID at 1902. (AB-ID)

HELP WITH UNIDS

1220 UNID Rick Barton, your unID station with money/business talk is KDOW in Palo Alto, CA as they have been heard here several times in the last year. (BB-AZ)

Thank you to our WDXR reporters this week! Nancy 12/7 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- KIND KS, Independence. 12-1. 09:06 surprised to hear Don Imus on a Saturday, but as per 1010 Imus' website, KIND is listed as an affiliate. [GH-OK]
- KDRY TX, Alamo Heights. 12-1. 09:37 with spots, mention of Area Code 210. [GH-OK] 1100
- WIMA OH, Lima. 12-3 poor, fades. 04:34 with call letter ID between 60s oldies. [POB-IN] 1150
- WIXE NC, Monroe. 12-2 poor. 04:34 with country music format. [POB-IN] 1190
- WWKB NY, Buffalo. 11-30 fair. 01:22 with repeat airing of Leslie Marshal program. [POB-IN] 1520

25 YEARS AGO

December 19, 1987 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Jim Hall of Pittsburgh, PA told about his new TA Beverage and hearing Yugoslavia 1134 and Monaco 1467 ... Doug Lamerson of Honolulu. HI mentioned someone reported KULA 1460 testing with OC: however Doug pointed out the CP has vet to put up a tower ... Shawn Axelrod of Winnipeg, MB commented there was no snow yet.

OPEN MIKE

Christmas is getting closer. 2013 can't be far behind that. This column was typed 12-8-12. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Deadlines: Saturdays 7 AM!!											
STARS OF THE WEEK											
MI)	John J	Rieger L'Anse, MI									
		Grundig Satellit 750 stock									

LOGGINGS											
AB	CFFR	Calgary 12/1 0721 Poor but alone. Metro services Calgary, 660 Newstime 5:21,									
		Traffic & weather on the 1s. Always after needed KEYZ. (JJR-MI)									
SK	CBFK1	Gravelsbourg 12/1 0514 Poor -FF chatter that would fade and come in later. OMs on									
		phone. CKGM gone-period!. (JJR-MI)									
MN	KINF	Saint Louis Park 12/2 0806 Poor -ad:Continenal Jewelers in the Twin Cities." Not									
	05414	common. (JJR-MI)									
AB	CFAM	Altona 12/2 0805 Poor -WWJ nulled. J&D Dentist, 612-332-91XX. SK temps, "This is									
	KOOLI	CFAM 950, Community service radio for Christmas" then Christmas music. (JJR-MI)									
IA	K500	Sioux Centre 12/1 0813 Poor w/:06 fade out during calls of course, and finally at :13 "KSOU-KSOU" jingle. Christmas music. (JJR-MI)									
N/I		Livonia-Detroit 12/1 0700 Very poor LID, no KAAY, WBAL, others. Rare (JJR-MI)									
IVII	WGAN	LIVOIIIA-DELIOIL 12/1 0/00 VELY POOL LID, 10 KAAT, WEAL, OLIEIS. HAIE (JJH-IVII)									
	MI)	AB CFFR SK CBFK1 MN KTNF AB CFAM IA KSOU									

1500	IN	WAKE	Valparaiso 12/1 0646 Poor tho steady, no KSTP. "Oldies 1500 WAKE" (JJR-MI)			
1510	SD	KMSD	Milbank 12/2 0824 Poor at tune in "on 1510 KMSD" into OLD. WLAC nulled (JJR-M			
			UN-IDEN			
1120	??	????	12/2 0813 Very poor -weak in KMOX null. Male singer/crooner, lost after 4 seconds.			
			So unusual to hear any sliver of anything on 1120. (JJR-MI)			
1490	??	????	12/1 0725 Poor- SS chatter in/out, lost forever. (JJR-MI)			

Best to all fresh 12-08 0900

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Deadlines, Sunday noon PLT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 RUSSIA, Komosomolsk, R Rossii. 1434 12/3 fair with instrumental music. HPAW. (DV-WA)
 - + 1415-1417 12/5 weak signal with man in RR. A lot of noise. HPAW. (DV-WA)
 - + 1402 12/6 fair w/woman in RR. Noise. Heard on second scan of LW band. HPAW. (DV-WA) + 1452 12/8 fair signal with woman in RR followed by music. HPAW. (DV-WA)
- RUSSIA, Petropavlovsk, R Rossii. 1355-1337 12/6 weak with man in RR. HPAW. (DV-WA) 189 + 1408 12/7 very weak signal with RR talk. HPAW. (DV-WA)
 - + 1455 12/8 good signal with music. R Rossii ID. HPAW. (DV-WA)
 - 1436 12/9 weak signal on second scan of LW. Man in RR. HPAW. (DV-WA)
- ALASKA, CYT, Yakataga. 0654 12/3 fair signal with weather forecast. HPAW. (DV-WA) 209 1438 12/9 weak signal with weather forecast. HPAW. (DV-WA) +
- RUSSIA, Yuzhno-Šalhalinsk, R Rossii. Man in RR 1429 11/8, poor strength. Hasn't been 279 heard that often recently. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1339 12/8 good signal with music. HPAW. (DV-WA)
 - 1404 12/9 poor with RR talk. 1440 strong signal low audio with man in RR. HPAW. (DV-WA)
- ALASKA, SQM, Level Island. 0655-0605 12/3 weak signal with weather forecast Alaska. 529 HPAW. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JOIK, Sapporo. Man talking //594, poor strength 1438 11/8. (NHP-BC) 567
- 594 JAPAN, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. 1505-1504 12/3 poor wman in JJ briefly. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA) +t Presumed JOAK 12/6 with traces of audio - it's been weeks since I've heard any audio from this one. (NP-AB)
 - + The DX gods forgot to draw the curtains on this one, as it was in at 1704 11/9 at very good strength. Two hours after Victoria sunrise! I don't believe it either. That seemed to be JOAK's last hurrah, but it was still a strong carrier at 1720; other carriers were there also, but nothing like this one. (NHP-BC)
- 603t REP KOREA. HLSA. Seoul. 1424-1431 12/8 assuming the station with woman talking and verv weak signal. NW-ewe. (DV-WA)
- CHÍNA, various, CNR1. Man talking, poor strength, 1415 11/10 //6125 (NHP-BC) 639
- RUSSIA, Ussuriysk. VOR. 1505-1507 12/4 assuming VOR with very weak signal with man in 648**t** KK (PALs.) W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JÓBK, Osaka. Man talking, poor strength, seemed //594, 1442 11/8. (NHP-BC) 666
- JAPAN, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. 1439 12/3 poor signal with bits of audio. Moderate solatter. W-693 SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1339 12/6 poor signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima, Woman in JJ //774 at 1453 11/7, fair strength, Also, 702 w/man talking, fair to good o/hum at 1430 11/10, //774 747 and 828 which all were weaker than 702 at the time! (NHP-BC)
- TAHITI, Papeete, R Polynesie, 1448 12/3 weak signal with male announcer, 1505 fair signal 738 briefly with man in FF. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 0635 12/3 very weak. In and out, mostly out. Heavy KCBS splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1406 12/9 very weak signal with woman in FF. Heavy splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. 1450-1452 12/3 very weak signal with woman in JJ and 747 heavy KXTG. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1412 12/7 weak with woman/man in JJ. Heavy splatter from KCBS. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 774 JAPAN, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. 1350 12/3 very weak =with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA) + Hrd at 1406 12/5 with very weak talk. (BB-AZ)
 - +t Presumed JOUB Japan with traces of audio at 1430 12/5. (NP-AB)
 - + 1342 12/6 very weak signal with man in JJ. Weak signal at 1405. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Weak with talk by man/woman at 1422 12/6, //693 and 747 about the same strength. (NP-AB)
 - + Poor-fair with talk by man and woman at 1430 12/7, //693 a bit worse, with 747 not reaching audio today. (NP-AB)

- + 1505 12/7 fair signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + JJ talk by woman at 1438 11/9, excellent, good enough that I could hear traffic noise, horn from a boat etc in the background. This has become weaker as the month wore on. (NHP-BC)
- + A few words of audio from Japan at 1453 12/9, but that was it for JJ audio today. 747 was very close at the same time. (NP-AB)
- 828 JAPAN, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. 1457 12/3 very weak signal with moderate splatter with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1347 12/6 weak signal with moderate splatter with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1401 12/7 very weak signal with moderate splatter with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1408 12/9 weak w/heavy splatter and woman in JJ. Fair signal at 1528. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JOGB, Kumamoto. Woman talking then man //774, poor at 1503 11/8. (NHP-BC)
 + 1422 12/7 poor signal with bits of woman in JJ making it through. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 891t JAPAN, JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. 1514-1515 12/4 very weak signal assuming JOHK. Heavy 890 splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- Man talking 1455, poor strength seemed //594; more interesting was SE Asian sounding stringed mx on channel, but no IDs. (NHP-BC)
- 945 CHINA, Jiaohe, CNR1. Woman speaking CC, poor but //6125 at 1349 11/7. (NHP-BC)
- 954 JAPAN, JOKR, Tokyo. Man in JJ 1431 11/8, fair strength w/better readability than its carrier strength would indicate. (NHP-BC)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Faint traces of talk by a woman at 1455 12/7, presumably from the KK. (NP-AB)
 - Quite good, with conversation between man and woman in KK at 1452 12/8. An anomaly, as this signal was considerably better than the past 2 days. (NP-AB)
 - + 1523-1526 12/8 weak signal at best with man in KK. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1017 CHINA, Changchun, CRI. Woman talking, then man, poor at 1449 11/5, but //5965. (NHP-BC)
- 1044 CHINA, Changzhou, CRI. Woman talking, then man, poor, //7220 1523 11/30. (NHP-BC)
- + 1529-1531 12/8 weak signal with woman/man in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1098 UnID. 1533 12/8 just above threshold signal (very poor signal) with woman in Asian language? NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1116 UnID. 1517 12/4 very weak signal with brief Asian language and heavy domestic splatter. China? W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1206 CHINA, Yanji. 1537-1538 12/8 very weak signal with KK (PALs). NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1242 JAPAN, JOLF, Tokyo. Woman talking slowly fair strength //1332, 1443 11/8. (NHP-BC)
- 1269 UnID. Seemed like 2 stations, with traces of music and talk at 1455 12/7. (NP-AB)
- 1287 JAPAN, JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. Fair audio w/pop mx, presumed this, at 0635 11/10, about 45 minutes before Sapporo sunset. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1350 12/6 fair signal with moderate splatter with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - +t Traces of audio with man talking at 1436 12/7, likely JOHR. (NP-AB) + 1542 12/8 very weak signal with moderate splatter with man in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1314 JAPAN, JOUF. Weak audio, with music and woman speaking in JJ at 1457 12/6. (NP-AB)
- +t Traces of audio at 1457 12/7, likely JOUF Japan. (NP-AB)
- 1314 UnID. 1544 12/8 poor signal with woman in unknown language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1323 CHINA, Shuanghyashan, CRI. Oriental stringed mx that leads up to chimes and fanfare on the hour, poor to fair strength, 1458 11/9, but faded down for the hour. (NHP-BC)
 - Assuming the station with weak signal and woman in ? Most CC stations on this channel have no broadcasts after 1500 12/7. W-SW eve. (DV-WA)
 - + 1546-1555 12/8 in and out weak signal. Could not make out language. Woman singing. NW-ewe. (DV-WA)
 - +t 1324-1328 12/9 assuming the VOR transmission with weak audio slight splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1332 JAPAN, JOSF, Nagoya. Instrumental mx followed by woman talking slowly (unusual on JJ commercial stations) //1242, All Night Nippon. Fair strength at 1443 11/8. (NHP-BC)
- 1359 CHINA, CNR1 synchros. Echoey CC pips at 1500 11/30, poor strength but // to 1593 and lagging slightly, with fanfare after the hour; echoey talk also noted, so presumably receiving more than one transmitter. (NHP-BC)
- 1386 JAPAN, NHK2 synchros, JÒQC Morioka most likely? Woman talking, poor strength, at 1522 11/12, then light mx, //774 which was pretty weak also at this time. (NHP-BC)
 - +t 1535 12/7 assuming the station heard briefly with JJ and very weak signal. Furthest Northern JJ station on channel. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1413 UnID. Traces of audio at 1457 12/9, with talk by man, but too weak to determine language. (NP-AB)
- 1422 JAPAN, JORF, Yokohama, RF R Nippon. 1521-1522 12/4 weak signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1521-1522 12/5 very weak with woman singing. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - +t Woman speaking at 1459 12/6, seemed JJ, so likely JORF. (NP-AB)
 - + 1514 12/7 weak signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)

- 1476 CHINA? 1536-1538 12/5 weak with music and moderate splatter. Talk at 1538. Heard in October and September. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1503 JAPAN, JOUK, Akita, NHK1. 1525 12/4 weak signal with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA) + 1530-1531 12/5 weak signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1516-1517 12/8 poor signal with woman in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1545-1553 12/9 weak to fair signal at times with JJ talk and music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1557t TAIWAN, Kouhu, CBS-RTI-VoTaiwan, Family R. Likely Taiwan. Bursts of vocal pop mx fair to good strength at 1509 11/26, by 1514 it was at a lower level, with woman in CC inflected talk. This seems to be continuing after Family R stopped using the transmitter. (NHP-BC) 1509 1509 1604 using the transmitter.
 - + 1526-1527 12/4 weak signal with singing and talk. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1414 12/6 with a little talk just above the noise level. (BB-AZ)
 - + Not quite as good as yesterday, but still fair by 1445 12/7, up to good by 1455, with vocals by a woman, then talk in CC by a man over music in the background. (NP-AB)
 + Way down on the past 2 days, with just traces of audio after 1500 12/8. (NP-AB)
- 1557 TAIWAN/UnID. Woman speaking in CC, mixing with a station playing a Scott Joplin piano selection at 1450 12/6. Both fair, then talk station faded while music station improved to good, as it went straight into another western style song at 1452. Went into talk at 1457, also seemed CC. Presume stronger station was Taiwan, with strongest signal on 1557 this season. (NP-AB)
- 1566 REP KOREA, HLAZ, Cheju, FEBC. 1444 12/3 poor with woman in CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Hrd at 1413 12/4 with talk just above the noise level for 2 minutes. (BB-AZ)
 - + 1418 12/5 weak signal with woman singing in CC. Good at 1412 with woman singing. Still around with good signal at 1558. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + At fair to good level when I tuned in at 1423 12/5, but slipped back a bit after that. (NP-AB)
 - + Hrd at 1408 12/6 very weak and just above the noise level. (BB-AZ)
 - + Fair at first check at 1425 12/6, improved to good with talk by woman at 1450. Interestingly another significant carrier noted about 40 Hz higher. (NP-AB)
 - + 1418 12/7 fair signal with woman in CC. Good signal at 1521 with CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA) + Good level by 1430 12/7, the strongest TP of the morning. No sign of the second carrier
 - today. (NP-AB)
 - + 1431 12/9 good signal with woman in CC. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Doing very well today, particularly for several minutes before 1500 12/9, when it was the strongest it's been all season. (NP-AB)
 - + 1554 12/9 weak signal with CC. Good signal at 1600. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VoA. This showed weak audio at 1426 12/1, but just kept on building, peaking about 1525 at very good strength; at 1530, heard a nice EE ID "welcome to the Voice of America in Burmese," followed by a woman presumably in Burmese. Also heard 1600 12/2 weakly w/VoA ID in EE. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1447 12/3 very weak woman in Asian language. Weak signal at 1515. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Rose to audio level at 1450 12/5, with fair signal for the next 15 minutes. (NP-AB)
 - + 1513 12/5 fair signal with man in Asian language. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Reached audio level at 1432 12/6, with talk by a woman, good quality by 1450. (NP-AB)
 - + No audio at all until about 1450 12/7, but quickly reached fair/good level with talk by a man. (NP-AB)
 - + 1522 12/7 good signal with man in Burmese. (PALs) W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - Like 1566, no audio until late, about 1455 12/8, but reached fair level for about 10 minutes after 1500. Noted a second carrier today, about 40 Hz lower, which at times was nearly as strong as VOA, but never any detectable audio. (NP-AB)
 - Only bits of audio until after 1500 12/9, when it was a bit better with steady audio at a fair level for several minutes. (NP-AB)
 - + 1555 12/9 good signal with man in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1593 CHINA, Changzhou, CNR1. Man in CC //6125 good strength at 1524 11/30. This became quite a bit more consistent, and sometimes the strongest signal on the band vying with HLAZ, towards the end of November. Sometimes that's all there was too. (NHP-BC)
 - + The strongest TP this morning, with good levels, especially around 1440-1455 12/5, when it was about as good as I've heard it all season. (NP-AB)
 - + Hrd at 1411 1Ž/6 fair signal with talk. (BB-AZ)
 - + Mixing with Japan at 1449 12/6. Both generally fair, with the JJ up to good at times. (NP-AB)
 - + 1525 12/7 fair signal with in CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Was alone here today, with fair signal from 1440-1510 12/9, though seemed to have more splatter today for some reason. (NP-AB)
 - + 1506-1507 12/9 weak signal with man in CC. Moderate KOHI splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1593 JAPAN, JOTB/JOQB, Matsue/Niigata. First few bars of JJ national anthem //1602, poor strength at 1540 12/1, then both faded (catching 1593 was after the fact on the SDR recording) (NHP-BC)
 - + Just like yesterday, China's CNR1 mixing with Japan at 1447 12/7. Pretty much even, both with fair sigs. (NP-AB)

- 1602 JAPAN, NHK2 synchros. First few bars of JJ national anthem, poor at 1540 12/1, then snippets of chimes; 774 also heard occasionally at better strength at this time. (NHP-BC)
 - + Talk, then into music at 1444. Stronger by 1453 12/6, and I could have understood the topic of discussion (if I'd known JJ.) (NP-AB)
 - + //1593, talk at 1446 12/7, with fair level. (NP-AB)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 630 MÉXICO, XEFB, Monterrey, NL. 0602 12/6, full ID for XEFB, including "FB Romántica, 6-30 AM, 10,000 watts, 24 horas, 365 días, noche y día, centro de la ciudad de Monterrey, grupo R México" so this is a very recent and drastic format change I was suspecting as soon as I tuned in on the SRF-59 and heard romantic music instead of talk. Current Cantú still shows the old slogan and format, "FB La Estación Que Da Las Noticias." (GH-OK)
- 660 UnID. 1314 12/1, mentions "el maestro de Mazatlán" and several parroquias; based on that I would have presumed a Maz. station except there aren't any Sinaloans or even Sonorans on 660. And XETNT Los Mochis, formerly dominant around sunrise, was not to be heard on 650, just a SAH. At 1316, 660 overtaken by KSKY. (GH-OK)
- 870 MÉXICO, XETAR, Guachochi, Chih, La V de la Sierra Tarahumara. 1308 12/1, talk in Indian language with SS terms including "seguro popular" several times, a PSA? Then into SS mentioning XETAR in passing, ie La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, in Chihuahua. Not much WWL but it's too early for it to have faded out completely. (GH-OK)
- 960t MÉXICO, XEFAMA, Ćiudad Camargo, Chih, Radio Fama/La Grandota. 11/30 from 0600 during local KGWA dead air, mostly Mexican in QRM with romantic, almost operatic music, 0604 "la estación grande." Suspect XEFAMA again. At 0605 sharp, KGWA blasts back on with commercial for Land & Lawn which starts with bangs on a countertop bell. I always have to watch the seconds tick away and get the volume turned down before this extremely jarring resumption of modulation. This ad plays frequently, but not every night at 0605. (GH-OK)
 - + 0601 12/4 atop the QRM briefly in the KGWA dead-air carrier null is a full ID mentioning Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua, again, so XEFAMA. Then a couple of minutes of big band music, maybe WABG Mississippi if not an XE; by 0604 ABC news is gaining, with closing commercial, and just before 0605 KGWA blasts back on, the ABC stations starts to say "partly cloudy skies..." (GH-OK)
- 960 MÉXICO. 0600-0605 12/1, local KGWA Enid again stops modulating, and this time dominant under signal is dramatic narration about Pancho Villa, and at 0604 another(?) station weakly audible with Mexican NA. Pancho tribute probably from XEFAMA in Chihuahua. (GH-OK)
- 960 UnID. 0600-0605 Sunday 12/2, KGWA dead air audiblizes mostly SS music and talk, probably XEK or XEFAMA as previously IDed. (GH-OK)

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- DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA DXing with JRC NRD 545, Drake R8B, EAC R-390. NW & W-SW ewe, Sky wire loop 753', Long wire 300', High Performance Active Whip (long wave)
- GH-OK GLENN HAUSER, Enid OK
- Rx: mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only

NP-AB NIGEL PIMBLETT, Dunmore, Alberta

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*** TRANSATLANTIC LOGS ***

- 540 SPAIN Onda Cero Radio, Barcelona 19:25 UTC Dec 7 Spanish tk, ID mixing with CBT ***NEW ***. [AW-BH]
- 549 ALGERIA Jil FM, Les Trembles 22:29 UTC Dec 5 Arabic talk & music (good) // 531. [AW-BH]
- 558 SPAIN R. Nacional various 21:50 UTC Dec 5 woman in Spanish. [AW-BH]
- 585 SPAIN R. Nacional, Madrid 22:43 UTC Dec 7 Spanish talk by man, ID. [AW-BH]
- 612 SPAIN R. Nacional, various 19:34 UTC Dec 6 woman in Spanish, ID. [AW-BH]
- 621 BELGIUM RTBFi Waver Overijse 20:00 UTC Dec 5 woman in French, ID, music. [AW-BH]
- 630 TUNISIA RTT Tunis 4:06 UTC Dec 6 man in Arabic. [AW-BH]

- 666 **PORTUGAL** Antena 1 various 20:50 UTC Dec 5 Sports commentary in Portuguese // 720. [AW-BH]
- 675 NORWAY NRK Rost 20:15 UTC Dec 5 Norwegian talk, music (mixing with R. Maria) ***NEW *** (Heard on Ultralight also). [AW-BH]
- 675 NETHERLANDS R. Maria, Lopik 20:12 UTC Dec 5 Dutch relgious talk , music. [AW-BH]
- 693 ENGLAND BBC 5 Live, various 20:20 UTC Dec 5 Chelsea Football. [AW-BH]
- 729 SPAIN R. Nacional, various 19:35 UTC Dec 6 Spanish talk // 612. [AW-BH]
- 756 GERMANY Deutschlandfunk, various 20:20 UTC Dec 5 German talk, ID. [AW-BH]
- 774 SPAIN R. Nacional, various 20:18 UTC Dec 6 Spanish talk (Strong) // 684. [AW-BH]
- 783 GERMANY MDR Info, Leipzig 20:23 UTC Dec 5 German talk. [AW-BH]
- 792 FRANCE France Info, Limoges-Nieul 20:18 UTC Dec 6 French talk (good) // 603. [AW-BH]
- 810 SCOTLAND BBC R. Ulster, various 20:35 UTC Dec 5 Football , ID (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 819 EGYPT General Programme, Batrah 19:03 UTC Dec 6 man in Arabic (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 846 IRELAND R. North, Cardonagh 20:37 UTC Dec 5 song "An Old Man's Dream" ID Requests mentioned. [AW-BH]
- 846 **RUSSIA** R. Radonezh, Electrostal 18:47 UTC Dec 6 man in slow Russian talk , ID *** NEW *** (Heard on Ultralight as well). [AW-BH]
- 855 SPAIN R. Nacional, various 22:27 UTC Dec 5 woman in Spanish, ID. [AW-BH]
- 873 **GERMANY** AFN Power Network , Oberursel Weibkirchen 20:17 UTC Dec 7 talk in English on US Politics. [AW-BH]
- 882 ENGLAND BBC Wales 17:30 UTC Dec 6 news, Sports BBC ID (Very strong). [AW-BH]
- 900 IRAN IRIB1 Tehran 20:10 UTC Dec 5 woman & man in Farsi (mixing with Spain). [AW-BH]
- 900 SPAIN Radio Popular de Bilbao, Bilbao 22:42 UTC Dec 7 ID, music , Spanish talk. [AW-BH]
- 909 ENGLAND BBC 5 Live, various 2:05 UTC Dec 5 Sports talk (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 918 SLOVENIA R. Slovenija1, Ljublijana 21:33 UTC Dec 7 news in English, ID. [AW-BH]
- 936 IRAN IRIB1 Urumiyeh 2:04 UTC Dec 5 Farsi talk, ment. Iran. [AW-BH]
- 936 SPAIN R. Nacional, various 20:19 UTC Dec 7 Spanish talk, ID. [AW-BH]
- 945 **FRANCE** France Info, Toulouse-Muret 22:42 UTC Dec 7 French talk by man. [AW-BH]
- 954 CZECH REPUBLIC Cesky Rozhlas, various 20:09 UTC Dec 5 woman in Czech w/ news (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 954 SPAIN Onda Cero Radio, Madrid 21:34 UTC Dec 5 Sports commentary in Spanish. [AW-BH]
- 963 **TUNISIA** RTT Tunis 21:30 UTC Dec 7 Arabic talk & music (alone on frequency at the time). [AW-BH]
- 963 FINLAND China Radio Relay, Pori 22:23 UTC Dec 5 German talk. [AW-BH]
- 972 GERMANY NDR Hamburg 20:08 UTC Dec 5 Sports commentary in German (good). [AW-BH]
- 972 UKRAINE Ukrainskie Radio, various 19:06 UTC Dec 6 Ukrainian talk & music (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 981 ALGERÍA Alger Chaine 2, Ouled Fayet 19:37 UTC Dec 6 Arabic talk (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 990 SPAIN SER various 21:37 UTC Dec 5 Spanish commentary. [AW-BH]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** Voice of Russia Relay, Maiac 20:08 UTC Dec 5 man in Russian (Strong) YOUTUBE VIDEO CLIP <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efAIFLIIDKM&feature=plcp</u>
- 999 SPAIN COPE Madrid 20:38 UTC Dec 5 Spanish talk, ID, promos (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1008 NETHERLANDS GrootNieuws Radio, Zeewolde 20:38 UTC Dec 5 Dutch talk, Religious songs. [AW-BH]
- 1017 SPAIN R. Nacional, various 21:37 UTC Dec 5 man & woman in Spanish talk. [AW-BH]
- 1035 ESTONIA R. Eli, Tartu 21:52 UTC Dec 5 woman in Estonian talk. [AW-BH]
- 1044 SPAIN SER various 22:07 UTC Dec 5 promos & talk in Spanish. [AW-BH]
- 1053 **ROMANIA** R. lasi, lasi 19:12 UTC Dec 6 Romanian talk, ID (Very strong over England). [AW-BH]
- 1062 **ITALY** RAI various 20:07 UTC Dec 5 Italian sports commentary. [AW-BH]
- 1071 IRAN IRIB1 R. Qom 20:42 UTC Dec 5 Farsi talk, ment. Iran. [AW-BH]
- 1071 SAUDI ARABIA General Arabic Programme 21:04 UTC Dec 7 news in Arabic by man // 1521. [AW-BH]
- 1089 ENGLAND Talksport Radio, various 17:33 UTC Dec 6 ID, promos, mention 1053 & 1089. [AW-BH]
- 1107 SPAIN R. Nacional various 9:02 UTC Dec 6 news in Spanish (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1125 BELGIUM RTBF Vivacite', Houdeng 2:55 UTC Dec 7 French talk, vocals, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** Glas Hrvatske, Rasinovac 19:08 UTC Dec 6 news in English (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1143 KALINIŃGRAD Voice of Russia Relay, Bolshakovo 18:45 UTC Dec 6 woman in Russian. [AW-BH]
- 1152 SCOTLAND Clyde 2, Dechmont Hill 22:40 UTC Dec 7 Ads, Clyde 2 ID, music. [AW-BH]
- 1161 SCOTLAND Tay AM Greensude Scalp 20:50 UTC Dec 7 PayPal promo, Tay AM ID, Friday Night lites promo. [AW-BH]
- 1161 **ENGLAND** Magic 1161 AM, Goxhill 20:52 UTC Dec 7 Fifth Dimension song, ID (mixing with Tay AM). [AW-BH]
- 1161 IRAN IRIB1 Abadan 20:54 UTC Dec 7 Chants (mixing with Tay AM & Magic 1161 AM). [AW-BH]

- 1170 SLOVENIA R. Slovenija1 , Beli Kriz 1:30 UTC Dec 6 news by woman in Slovenian. [AW-BH]
- 1170 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES R. Sawa, AI Dhabbiya 20:58 UTC Dec 7 Arabic music, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1179 **ROMANIA** Romania Actualitati, various 21:41 UTC Dec 7 Simon & Garfunkel song, Romanian song & talk // 855, 1152, 1530. [AW-BH]
- 1188 IRAN Radio Payam, Tehran 20:27 UTC Dec 5 instrumental music, Farsi talk (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1188 HUNGARY Magyar Radio 4 various 18:02 UTC Dec 7 news by woman in Slovak. [AW-BH]
- 1206 FRANCE France Info, Bordeaux-Neac 21:37 UTC Dec 7 French talk by man , ID. [AW-BH]
- 1269 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Neumunster 19:14 UTC Dec 6 woman in German (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1287 SPAIN SER various 20:16 UTC Dec 6 woman in Spanish (Good). [AW-BH]
- 1296 ENGLAND XL Radio 1296 AM, Langley Mill 17:35 UTC Dec 6 Indian lang. programming. [AW-BH]
- 1323 **GERMANY** Voice of Russia Relay, Wachenbrunn 20:27 UTC Dec 5 French talk by woman (good). [AW-BH]
- 1332 IRAN Tehran Radio, Tehran 20:03 UTC Dec 5 Farsi talk by man, music (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1350 FRANCE R. Orient, Nice 21:50 UTC Dec 5 Arabic talk, music. [AW-BH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille-Camphin-en-Carembault 21:40 UTC Dec 5 French talk about Dave Brubeck and his music. [AW-BH]
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND BBC R. Ulster, Lisnagarvey 20:02 UTC Dec 5 Weather, ID.[AW-BH]
- 1368 ISLE OF MAN Manx Radio, Foxdale 20:52 UTC Dec 5 Racing coverage. [AW-BH]
- 1386 SPAIN Euskadi Irratia, Bilbao 20:16 UTC Dec 6 ID, Basque talk // 1476 (Good). [AW-BH]
- 1395 ALBANIA TWR Fllake 20:15 UTC Dec 6 Polish talk (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1404 FRANCE France Info, various 20:53 UTC Dec 5 woman in French talk (Strong). [AW-BH]
- SPAIN R. Nacional, various 22:12 UTC Dec 5 woman & man in Spanish (Strong). [AW-BH]
 GERMANY Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler 18:53 UTC Dec 6 woman in German (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1422 ALGERIA R. Culture, Alger 21:35 UTC Dec 7 Arabic talk by woman (over Germany). [AW-BH]
- 1431 DJIBOUTI R. Sawa, Arta 20:02 UTC Dec 5 Arabic talk & music, ID (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1431 GERMANY Voice of Russia Relay, Willsdruff 18:43 UTC Dec 6 man in Russian. [AW-BH]
 1440 LUXEMBOURG China Radio Relay, Marnach 22:02 UTC Dec 5 News in English (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1449 LIBYA Voice of Free Libya Meserata 18:53 UTC Dec 6 man in Arabic (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1467 FRANCE Transworld Radio, Roumoules 22:05 UTC Dec 7 Religious talk in Arabic (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1494 **RUSSIA** Voice of Russia, St. Petersburg 18:00 UTC Dec 6 news in Russian ID *** NEW ***. [AW-BH]
- 1494 FRANCE France Info, various 22:22 UTC Dec 7 French talk , ID (mixing with France Bleu). [AW-BH]
- 1494 **FRANCE** France Bleue, Bastia 22:24 UTC Dec 7 French talk, music , ID (mixing with Greece). [AW-BH]
- 1494 **RHODES** ERA Greece 22:26 UTC Dec 7 Greek music & talk (mixing with France Bleue & France Info). [AW-BH]
- 1503 IRAN IRIB1 Bushehr, 22:32 UTC Chants. [AW-BH]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA Duba 20:54 UTC Dec 5 Arabic talk (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1530 **ROMANIA** Romania Actualitati, various 00:32 UTC Dec 7 Romanian talk, music // 1179, 1593. [AW-BH]
- 1548 KUWAIT R. Sawa, Kuwait City 00:00 UTC Dec 7 Arabic talk, music , ID. [AW-BH]
- 1550 ALGERIA/ WESTERN SAHARA RN Dem. Sahara Rep., Rabuni 22:04 UTC Dec 5 Arabic talk, music. [AW-BH]
- 1557 FRANCE France Info, Nice-Fontbonne 21:00 UTC Dec 7 news in French by man. [AW-BH]
- 1575 ITALY RAI1 various 20:55 UTC Dec 5 Sports commentary in Italian. [AW-BH]

*** PAN-AMERICAN LOGS ***

- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ Basseterre 7:58 UTC Dec 5 music & talk (Apparently back on air as per recently reported). [AW-BH]
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, 4:07 UTC Dec 6 Spanish talk, clock ticks, ID. [AW-BH]
- 580 PUERTO RICO WKAQ San Juan 2:08 UTC Dec 5 Spanish talk, ment. PR. [AW-BH]
- 670 CUBA Radio Rebelde 1:40 UTC Dec 6 Sports commentary in Spanish. [AW-BH]
- 690 CUBA R. Reloj 2:52 UTC Spanish talk, clock ticks (mixing with WAXY). [AW-BH]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS Caracas 3:05 UTC Dec 6 Spanish talk, ment. Venezuela. [AW-BH] 1290 **VENEZUELA** - YVLF R. Puerto Cabello 10:47 UTC Dec 7 Latin vocals, Spanish talk, ID (Good). [AW-BH]
- 1480 PUERTO RICO WMDD Fajardo 1:28 UTC Dec 7 Spanish vocals, ment. PR. [AW-BH]

1610 **ANGUILLA** - Caribbean Beacon, The Valley 22:38 UTC Dec 7 Religious talk in English. [AW-BH]

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