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## Don Kaskev

Don Kaskey was one of the founding fathers of IRCA; a noted DXer who volunteered for various positions in IRCA over the years. Kevin Redding in Crump, TN informs us that Don passed away from a heart attack on his birthday. A memorial service was held on March 2, 2013 in Daly City, CA. IRCA sends its most sincere condolences to Don's family in their most difficult hour.

## **DX TESTS**

Sunday March 17	KBXD 1480 Dallas, TX	0000-0200 ELT	Paul Walker
Monday, March 18	WVBG 1490 Vicksburg, MS	2132-2200 ELT	Saul Chernos
Sunday March 24	KSEY 1230 Seymour, TX	0000-0200 ELT	Paul Walker
Sunday March 31	WKBI 1400 St. Marys, PA	0000-0300 ELT	Paul Walker

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## FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There's still some time to decide what you can do for IRCA; see this page and Page 2 for details. **Come on, let's give** Fresh a hand! IRCA is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of noted DXer Don Kaskey. I remember seeing his contributions in both DX Monitor and NRC's DX News. Another opening has come up in the editorial ranks; read below. This is the first of the fortnightly editions for this season; the next edition is in two weeks!

## DX WORLWIDE EAST EDITOR NEEDED

Vincent Ferme will be resigning as Editor for DX Worldwide-East at the end of this volume, or the appointment of a new editor, whichever comes first. Anyone interested in editing DX Worldwide-East should contact Lee Freshwater immediately.

## **NEW PUBLISHER NEEDED NOW!**

Friends...we have seven hard copies of DXM left in this Volume. As of today, NO ONE has expressed interest in taking over the publication duties. Should this lack of interest continue, I will be forced to ask for a Board of Directors vote on ceasing publication of the printed version of DX Monitor. I will not be waiting until the last minute on this. Plans have to be put place ahead of time for this to happen. **THERE WILL BE NO REPRIEVE**. IRCA will become an "Internet only" club. We will continue to publish DX Monitor as before, but only in a PDF file. Those who do not own a computer will be able to get a free E-mail account from various sources (Yahoo!, GMail, et cetera) and print a copy at their local library (most good libraries have Internet access). Members who get the hard copy version will have their dues adjusted accordingly. Those who want refunds will get them, or they can apply any overage to their membership. We announced that this would be the last volume in the hard copy version LAST AUGUST. The time has come. IF SOMEONE DOES NOT COME FORWARD IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE HARD COPY VERSION WILL END THIS AUGUST.

(via IRCA President Lee Freshwater)

## **LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013 - TWIN CITIES**

The NRC and IRCA, the Minnesota DX Club and the Worldwide TV-FM DX Association will convene in Minneapolis August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The hotel selected for the 2013 Convention is the Holiday Inn Bloomington South Airport Mall in Minneapolis. The hotel provides free transportation to and from the airport and the Mall of America and will host the Saturday night joint banquet. All hotel rooms have microwave and refrigerator, HD cable. Free WiFi, and a Business Center are available. There's a great pool area where we'll have a Hospitality room. Breakfast is provided each morning and there's a Green Mill Restaurant and bar area.

Make your hotel reservations right now, to get the special convention rate. Call the Holiday Inn at 952-884-8211. Use the registration code "NRC" to obtain the special convention rate of \$79.00 per night. This rate

Cost for convention registration is \$45 for members and guests. This includes the Saturday night banquet, as well as the amenities at the Museum of Broadcasting and the Friday evening "Pizza-fest" at the

Your check or Money Order for registration should be payable to: "The National Radio Club". Send to Skip Dabelstein at 8008 North Iron Ridge Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85743. You can contact Skip at ckdabel@comcast.net. Once you are registered, we'll send you an information form so we can learn about vour special needs and interests. PLEASE register early so we can include you on pre-convention information.

You can also register on-line at http://www.nrcdxas.org/convention/13nrccon/2013Info.htm Remember to add a dollar to the on-line cost if you're using PayPal.

Auction items as well as anything else you wish to send ahead of your arrival should be sent to: Steve Raymer, Museum of Broadcasting, 3517 Raleigh Avenue, St. Louis Park Minnesota 55416. Please put "HOLD FOR DX CONVENTION" on your packages.

If you have questions please contact Host Mark Durenberger at www.durenberger.com. For further information about the clubs, click on their logos above.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT (Lee J. Freshwater)

Volunteers are 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 go out on or before the masthead date. You will also need to send out sample issues as needed.

E.D.X.R.: Take email and mailed in DX reports and put in proper form for publication. Usually takes me about an hour to 90 minutes per issue.

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.

# **DX TESTS**

KBXD 1480 Dallas, TX will test on Sunday, March 17 from 0100 to 0300 ELT. Note that it will be late Saturday night in the Western time zones.

The test will feature Morse Code, sweep tones, special music and easily identifiable content. KBXD will be operating at 50,000 watts using their new six-tower daytime pattern.

No E-mail reports will be accepted for this test. Reports should be sent by regular postal mail. Note that KBXD is graciously covering the cost of mailing out QSLs. No need to send a SASE. Reports must include the listener's location, equipment used and details about content heard. If possible, please provide an audio recording (regardless of whether it's a cassette tape or USB stick).

All reports go to:

Jerry Kiefer KBXD 8035 East R.L. Thornton Freeway Dallas, TX 75228

When you write, be sure to thank Jerry for running the test.

This test was arranged by Paul Walker, (Thanks Paul!)

WVBG 1490 Vicksburg, MS will test on Monday, March 18 from 2132 to just shy of 2200 ELT. No need to be a night owl for this one, as this will run after local sunset.

The test will likely run 20-25 minutes and include a mix of music and Morse Code IDs, tones and sound effects. WVBG plans to test with its 1,000-watt non-directional power/pattern.

Reports sent by postal mail should include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) if possible. Audio clips may be sent on cassette tape, CD and USB stick. Reports sent by E-mail should include an MP3 audio file. Reports must include written or printed information with the listener's location, equipment used, and details about content heard. Please note that audio materials will not be returned.

Please send reports to:

#### Dailon Huskey, Operations Manager WVBG Post Office Box 46 Vicksburg, MS 39181 E-mail: dailon@vicksburgy105.com

When you write, be sure to thank Dailon for running the test.

This test was arranged by Saul Chernos, with thanks to station owner Mark Jones and Operations Manager Dailon Huskey. (Thanks Saul, Mark and Dailon!)

KSEY 1230 Seymour, TX will test on Sunday, March 24 from 0100-0300 ELT. Note that it will be late Saturday night in the Western time zones. KSEY is located 50 miles SW of Wichita Falls, 75 miles NNE of Abilene and 140 miles NW of Fort Worth.

The test will include Morse Code, sweep tones, sound effects, odd music and other easily identifiable content. KSEY's regular format is Western swing and Classic Country. KSEY will test at 1,000 watts non-directional

At press time, QSL information is still being worked out. The station's mailing address is:

KSEY Post Office Box 471 Seymour, TX 76380-0471

When you write, be sure to thank the station for running the test.

This test was arranged by Paul Walker. (Thanks Paul!)

WKBI 1400 St. Marys, PA will test on Sunday, March 31 from 0000-0300 ELT. Note that the test will run at the top of the hour only. Note that it will be late Saturday night in the Western time zones. WKBI is located 100 miles NE of Pittsburgh, 60 miles NW of State College and 90 miles SE of Erie (one of your Editor-in-Chief's favorite towns-EiC).

WKBI will run 60-second Morse Code IDs and sweep tones at the top of each hour only. Otherwise, look for a format that's referred to on-air as "America's Best Music"; music technically thought of as Adult Standards, but to the non-radio person, more like Soft Oldies. WKBI will operate at 1,000 watts on a non-directional pattern.

No E-mail reports accepted. Reports should be sent by regular postal mail only, accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Audio clips welcome on CD or MP3/Wave files on USB/thumb/jump drive. Please do not send cassette tapes.

Send reports to:

Paul Walker c/o WKBI DX Test Post Office Box O Ridgway, PA 15853

This test was arranged by Paul Walker. (Thanks Paul!)

## **BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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COLUMN DEADLINES: SATURDAYS

Please send your tips to the Email address above only <u>and no other</u>.

Deadlines for column will be Saturdays. Thank you.

## CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE		NEW CALL
1000	WBZR	Robertsda	Robertsdale, AL	
		FORMAT, SLOGA	AN AND SILENT STATUS CHANG	ES
FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION	
620	KHNU	Hilo HI	is silent	

750	WARD	Petoskey, MI	was talk, now country
750	WARD	Petoskey, MI	adds slogan "Sunny Country"
950	KMTX	Helena, MT	old slogan: "Max 950", new: "Classy 950"
950	KMTX	Helena, MT	was classic hits, now Dial Global adult standards
950	KXJK	Forrest City, AR	old slogan: "Rock & Soul", new: "Hometown Radio 950"
950	KXJK	Forrest City, AR	was classic hits, now talk/Yahoo Sports Radio
1010	KDLA	DeRidder, LA	was silent, now black gospel

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1260	WYDE	Birmingham, AL	old slogan "The Source", new: "Superstation 101 WYDE"
1290	WOPP	Opp AL	new slogan: "Opp's Community Radio Station" (??-ye ed)
1290	WOPP	Opp, AL	old slogan: "Opp's Community Radio Station"
1310	KYUL	Scott City, KS	adds slogan "News Radio KIUL"
1310	KYUL	Scott City, KS	was silent, now talk/sports
1340	KFMD	Bethel Heights, AR	is new, talk, adds slogan "AM 1290 The Mouth" (KUOA?-EiC)
1340	KQJZ	Evergreen, MT	adds slogan "The Lounge"
1340	KQJZ	Evergreen, MT	was smooth jazz, now adult standards
1350	WNVA	Norton, VA	new slogan: "ESPN Radio 1350"
1350	WNVA	Norton, VA	old slogan: "Classic Country 1350"
1350	WNVA	Norton, VA	was classic country, now ESPN Radio sports
1370	WKMC	Roaring Springs, PA	new slogan: "1370 WKMC Good Times Great Oldies"
1370	WKMC	Roaring Springs, PA	old slogan: "Classic Hits 1370"
1370	WKMC	Roaring Springs, PA	was classic hits, now oldies
1380	KSRV	Ontario, OR	old slogan: "The Bull", new: "Oldies 1380"
1380	KSRV	Ontario, OR	was country, now oldies
1390	WAJD	Gainesville, FL	was R&B, now talk, adds slogan "Liberal Talk Radio"
1420	KSTN	Stockton, CA	new slogan: "Classic Country 1420"
1420	KSTN	Stockton, CA	old slogan: "Boss Oldies Station"
1420	KSTN	Stockton, CA	was oldies, now Dial Global classic country
1440	WBLA	Elizabethtown, NC	was silent, now religious teaching
1450	WIZS	Henderson, NC	new slogan: "WIZS 1450"
1450	WIZS	Henderson, NC	old slogan: "WIZS-Your Community Voice"
1450	WIZS	Henderson, NC	was classic hits, now country
1450	WTBO	Cumberland, MD	was oldies, now Dial Global adult standards
1480	KTHS	Berryville, AR	old slogan: "96.9 The Mountain", new "96.9 The Legend"
1480	KTHS	Berryville, AR	was bluegrass, now classic hits
1480	WQOH	Irondale,AL	was Catholic, now Christian Talk
1480	WQOH	Irondale, AL	new slogan: "Truth In Broadcasting"
1480	WQOH	Irondale, AL	old slogan: "Queen Of Heaven Radio"
1500	WAKE	Valparaiso, IN	adds slogan "Oldies 1500"
1500	WAKE	Valparaiso, IN	was classic C&W, now Dial Global pop classic hits/oldies
1550	KRKE	Albuquerque, NM	old slogan: "Cool 107.5", new: "Kool 94.5"
1550	KRKE	Albuquerque, NM	was oldies, now classic hits
1570	WFTU	Riverhead, NY	currently silent
1650	KYHN	Fort Smith, AR	adds slogan "Arklahoma's Intelligent News Talk"

was standards, now CBS Sports, slogan: "Y 101.1"

# was silent, now talk MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

#### (NO NEW MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS THIS ISSUE)

(I'm always willing to take member inputs for the column!)

This column is dedicated to Don Kaskey, a wonderful fellow DX'er who passed away earlier this week of a heart attack on his birthday. He was an influential member of IRCA and a close friend. He will be sorely missed in the entire DX community as well as in IRCA. My deepest condolences, may he rest in peace. 73's. Bob Wien

## **WESTERN DX ROUNDUP**

Fort Smith, AR

Grayling, MI

1230

1650

WGRY

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WDXR DEADLINES: March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19, May 3. Please use Eastern Time.

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2003 Nissan Xterra car radio

600	KGEZ	MT, Kalispell 2/8 0030 oldies, ID.	Really noisy and choppy on HQ-180 with E/W wire. L	_ong
		time no hear. (GH-OR)		

- 740 CBX AB, Edmonton 2/22 0802 news, fair/poor mixing with KCBS. (AB-ID)
- 790 KABC CA, Los Angeles 2/12 0745 "...here on 7-90 Talkradio KABC." DXers farther out, be careful with this one as the call is given by the announcers very fast, making it sound like "KBC," "KBT" and so on. Good after local sunrise (RB-AZ)
  - KGMI WA, Bellingham 2/11 0000 news, really buried in the static but up from time to time, on TMC with E/W wire, unID country station in the mix. (GH-OR)
  - KJRB WA, Spokane 2/12 2230 ID and ads for local businesses. Very weak and soon lost on HQ-180 with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 800 CKOR BC, Penticton 2/13 2300 vocal music, ID. Fair but choppy from time to time on HQ-180 with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 830 KLAA CA, Anaheim-Los Ángeles 2/12 1030 strong, local-like reception for 20 minutes of Los Angeles traffic reports and into a local sports talk show, naming all the different teams & player news in LA. Never heard before. KNCO disappeared entirely and this station just came booming in like a trans-Pacific one. (KJP-OR)
  - KNCO CA, Grass Valley 2/10 0030 weather report into Cost to Coast. Fair but scratchy on HQ-180 with S/W wire. (GH-OR)
  - WCCO MN, Minneapolis 2/2 0015 many ID's and talk programming. Big & strong for 10 minutes or so, then back under unIDs. (GH-OR)
  - CKKY AB, Wainwright 2/9 0700 "Key 93" dominating for 3 hours with KNCO almost inaudible underneath the entire time. It has been several years since regularly logging this one. (K.IP.OR)
- 840 KKNX OR, Eugene 2/10 2215 oldies, ID, fighting it out with KSWB but mostly on top on HQ-180 with S/W wire. Not often heard. (GH-OR)
- 860 KPAM OR, Troutdale 2/11 1930 ad block and "AM 8-60 and K-Pam.com." (AB-ID)
- 910 KPOF CO. Denver 2/22 0900 with weather report and at 0902 "The Point of Faith KPOF." (BB-AZ)
  - KURY OR, Brookings 2/11 2046 KURY ID, an unID vocal number and gone. (AB-ID)
- 930 KTKN AK, Ketchikan 2/8 0945heard call letters and music under/over Pocatello oldies station.
  (KJP-OR)
  - KSEI D., Pocatello 1/30 2330 oldies with many "The Cruise" ID's. Fair signal with a few interruptions from CJCA, on R-390A with S/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1000 KOMO WA, Seattle 2/17 0905 traffic report (I-5), local weather "It's 43 degrees right now in downtown Seattle." Way out in the weeds, but also alone on the channel, so still audible even on fades. (RB-AZ)
- 1040 KLHT HI, Honolulu 2/17 0530 vocal music, male with ID. Fair over/under unIDs. Heard only once before back in 2005. (GH-WA)
- 1080 KGVY AZ, Green Valley 2/11 0907 with "KGVY" under KSCO. (BB-AZ)
- KSCO CA, Santa Cruz 2/11 0907 with traffic report. (BB-AZ)
- 1110 KDIS <u>CA</u>, Los Angeles 2/13 0856 Radio Disney reference and promo well after local sunrise. Fair-good. (RB-AZ)
- 1130 CKWX BC, Vancouver 2/10 1123 "News 11-30 weather...downtown, it's still 4 degrees." Very good & alone on the channel. (RB-AZ)
- 1140 KNWQ <u>CA</u>, Palm Springs 2/11 1958 "We'll be back with more of the Gary Stone Show on Ninetyfour-Three K-News." A cupola minutes before, channel was a jumble of mumble, then my; recheck had them raising up the needle and covering everything else. Maybe pattern/power change? (RB-AZ)
- CHRB AB, High River 2/12 0841 with weather report then ads for High River. (BB-AZ)
- 1150 KTLK <u>CA</u>, Los Angeles 2/13 0856 with "K-Talk 1150." (BB-AZ)
- 1170 KPUG WA, Bellingham 2/20 0532 ESPN programming with NBA scores, NCAA news, and promo for Mike & Mike. (AB-ID)
- 1210 KUNF UT, Washington 2/13 2118 local spots, mentions of "Utah" and other local references,
  - during fadedown of KYGN (OK), which was doing live broadcast p-b-p at the time. (RB-AZ) KRSV WY, Afton 2/14 1910 KRSV ID, song "Behind Closed Doors" sung by Charlie Rich. (AB-ID)
- 1220 KDOW CA, Palo Alto 2/22 0816 business news, weather & traffic reports. Poor. (AB-ID)
- WHKW OH, Cleveland 2/14 0159 popped up with announcement for a program "...that is 5:30 in the morning on WHKW AM 12-20 The Word." (PM-OR)
- CJRB MB, Boisevain 2/14 0110 good with woman announcer mentioning "Classics till dawn" and weather, "CJRB is your Hometown Station." (PM-OR)
- 1230 KINO AZ, Winslow 2/8 2000 with "KINO Winslow, Arizona." (BB-AZ)
  - KATO AZ, Safford 2/8 2100 with "KATO." (BB-AZ)
    - KHSN OR, Coos Bay 2/3 2115 ESPN talk (I think), faint ID way out in the sputter on HQ-180 with SW wire. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)
    - KVAS OR, Astoria 2/14 0000 C&W music with ID in a very noise jumble, soon lost, on HQ-180 with S/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1240 KDGO CO, Durango 2/17 0900 "Four Corners Radio" and news. Weak. (AB-ID)
- 1250 KZDC TX, San Antonio 2/16 0900 with "ESPN Radio for San Antonio." (BB-AZ)

- 1300 KCSF CO, Colorado Springs 2/22 0829 gent with "1300 KCSF." New. (AB-ID)
  - KAPL OR, Phoenix 2/11 2330 relig. vocal music into sermon with Pastor Brent. Big & strong, way over KKOL. Rarely heard. (GH-OR)
- 1310 KFKA CO, Greeley 2/22 0837 news & weather, fair/poor on a crowded frequency. (AB-ID)
- 1330 KXXJ AK, Juneau 2/16 0300 oldies in a noisy mix with ID. Poor, new! (GH-WA)
- 1340 KSGT WY, Jackson 2/14 2100 KSGT ID and news. (AB-ID)
- 1380 KLPZ AZ, Parker 2/18 1922 in/out over 2 or 3 unID weak one heard under. Local spot for "Parker Chevrolet." ID by male at the BoH. Located on the state line (AZ & CA). (RB-AZ)
- 1400 KBCH OR, Lincoln City 2/17 0700 ABC news with ID. Fair to poor in a mix with unIDs. New! (GH-WA)
- 1430 KLO <u>ÙT</u>, Ogdén 2/19 0950 break from "America's Radio News" to female with local weather and ID "!-Oh-3 point 1 FM, 14-40 AM, KLO." Very strong well after local sunrise. Very good on thryu the hour to CBS news, and still very good on rechecks as late as 1144. (RB-AZ)
- 1440 KAZG AZ, Scottsdale 2/21 very good with what may be temporary format change due to technical problem with "Arizona Gold" feed. Has been broadcasting audio from sister station (KSLX 100.7 FM) with harder rock album format, but still with the Indian community "Radio Sri" in the late afternoons. Normally doo-wop and early (50's) R&B heard here, today it's Alice Cooper "School's Out...Forever." (RB-AZ)
- 1460 KZNT CO, Colorado Springs 2/21 0355 popped out of the jumble with a weathercast, mentioned it was 14 in Colorado Springs. (PM-OR)
  - KLTC ND, Dickinson 2/21 fair with non-stop C&W oldies and an ID at 0410 "KLTC AM 1460," back to music. (PM-OR)
  - KUTI WA, Yakima 2/14 1938 ESPN programming with talk about LeBron James. (AB-ID)
- 1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 2/15 2102 I caught the legal ID in English on the hour on a strictly Vietnamese programming station. Proceeded by Vietnamese music program. I've never heard their programming before. This station came up and over KSTP for several minutes. New. (KJP-OR)
  - KSTP MN, St. Paul 2/15 2105 listened to Minnesota Gophers ice hockey game. I've been hearing them tentatively for several days. Being ESPN Radio, I FINALLY got a couple of good, clear ID's along with their FM-affiliate freq. and call letters. New. Not a new state but 15 years since logging Minnesota. (KJP-OR)
- 1560 KNZR <u>CA</u>, Bakersfield 2/16 1045 local spots, home improvement show, and good right thru the ToH. Good ID at 1100 "97-7 FM and 15-60 AM, KNZR." Still good and steady at local midmorning. (RB-AZ)
- 1610 TIS WA, Bremerton 1/21 1025 tape loop by woman including ID "This is Naval Base Kitsap...and Emergency Advisory Radio, broadcasting on 1610 kHz, 24 hours a day, as licensed by the Federal Communications Commission..." (NP-AB1)
- WQEL1018 <u>WA.</u> Westport 1/21 1018 woman giving weather for Grays Harbor, then man with ID. (NP-AB1)
- WTAW TX. Bryan 2/10 Fox network to accompaniment of church organ? No, not a perfect blending of WTAW and KSMH (CA). The latter broadcasting Catholic mass. It was easy to follow the programming on either/or. WTAW not as regular here as KSMH. A 1000 recheck had KSMH solo with a religious talk by male, at strong signal level. (RB-AZ)
- 1640 KDIA <u>CA</u>, Vallejo 2/12 "16-40, KDIA Vallejo-San Francisco." (RB-AZ)
- 1650 WPZQ660 OR, Astoria 1/21 1010 came up over Spanish language station with weather conditions for Astoria, Newport, etc, time check, nautical weather. (NP-AB1)
  - WQHK904 <u>WA</u>, Vashon Island 1/21 1019 "You are listening to Voice of Vashon Standing By, your island information station.,.1650 AM, WQHK904..." then list of the type of information the station will be broadcasting. (NP-AB1)
- 1660 ?WCNZ? FL, Marco 2/12 0559:50 in the jumble with ID, but only could catch "1410 and 1660," so I presume this was WCNZ. (PM-OR)
  - KUDL Kansas City 2/12 0759:50 fair and popped up for an ID "AM 16-60 is KUDL Kansas City. KMBZ Business Channel on AM 16-60." (PM-OR)
  - WQLR MI. Kalamazoo 2/12 0359:55 generally trading places with KQWB with Fox Sports, "...weekdays at noon on 16-60 WQLR Kalamazoo." (PM-OR)
  - ?WGIT? PR, Canovanas 2/12 0259:30 possible ID in Spanish with Tropical Spanish music "La Gigante," but lost under jumble. (PM-OR)
- 1690 KGED <u>CA</u>, Fresno 2/12 0900 "KGED Fresno" at conclusion of Bill Bennett. SRN news, upcoming State of the Union speech, DPRK bomb test to GEICO spot. Alone with solid, strong level. (RB-AZ)
- 1700 TIS OR, Happy Valley 2/20 1445 weak with man announcer talking about Happy Valley area. I have not caught the call letters as yet. I don't know how long this has been here, but I believe this is what I first heard a few days ago. (PM-OR)

## UNIDS

- 1220 UNID 2/14 0459:50 with blip ID "KJ??...", may have been Atlantic, IA, but lost in the jumble. (PM-OR)
  - JNID Have been hearing of and on for the last week, an unID oldies rock station that I can hear in the jumble. On 2/12 around the same time I caught a Supremes 1960s song. Then this time, a Doobie Brothers 1970s song at 0258 2/14. The only station I can find running rock oldies is in NY, but their Ip night lobe does run west. I'll keep checking. (PM-OR) (Paul B. Walker sent a note suggesting WSLM Salem. IN.-- NJ)

fresh 2-16 0730

# CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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## **RIDING GAIN**

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Eton S350DL, Grundig Indoor Loop.

## DOWN THE DIAL

WELO MS, Tupelo. 2-22 good to fair over WIBW, no sign of XEMU. 03:37 with R&B Oldies format, "The Heart and Soul of Tupelo" slogan, [EB-MO]

KOMC MO. Branson, 2-19, 02:33 with "12-20 KOMC radar..." and spot for southwest 1220 Missouri. Seemed to be on daytime power. [GH-OK]

WRCY IN. Mount Vernon, 2-18 poor, 23:28 with female announcer, country music format. 1590 recorded ID. [POB-IN]

KYHN AR. Fort Smith. 2-12 good signal on peaks, with or over CINA, KCNZ nulled, 17:12 1650 first day back on the air after several years absence. Frequent ID's mentioning "16-50 KYHN, 10,000 Watts of intelligent talk..." Some mentions of upcoming programs with each one mentioning the ID. [TMJ-IL]

## 25 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1988 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Gary A. Heisey of Osterburg, PA started having tuning knob problems with his Superadio ... Thomas H. White of Herndon, VA mentioned he was 31 and has been a member since 1971 ... Rick Evans of Wisconsin Rapids, WI received a verie from KVOO-1170.

## **OPEN MIKE**

This column was typed 2-23-13. 73, John

## **EASTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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STARS OF THE WEEK

John J. Rieger (JJR-MI) L'Anse,MI Grundia Satellit 750 stock

(WM-MD) William McGuire Cheverly, MD

LOGGINGS					
620	NY	WHEN	Syracuse 2/6 1800 "The Power"; ID	(WM-MD)	
800	V٨	WSVS	Crewe 2/6 1910 Classic C&W music hrd.	(WM-MD)	
830	PA	WEEU	Reading 2/6 1725 Traffic report; ID	(WM-MD)	
870	TN	WPWT	Colonial Heights 2/9 1745-1750 Local ads, station promo C&W //100.7 (WI		
1160	NY	WPIE	Trumansburg 2/22 0750 Fair tho lost to KSL. Mike & Mike.Faded up in time		
			LID into Sports Center. Only 2nd time hrd.	(JJR-MI)	
	UT	KSL	Salt Lake City 2/22 0750 P w/"high of 30" and forcast 5 days out. "KSL new		
			5:50. Traffic and weather on the 9's on KSLnewsradio." Always nice to hea		
1330	IN	WVHI	Evansville 2/22 0830 Poor w/"AM 1330 WVHI Evansville" into REL program		
			sign of WHBL/KWLO.	(JJR-MI)	
1450	WΙ	KFIZ	Fond du Lac 2/22 0732 Poor "from the KFIZ newsroom" in mess	(JJR-MI)	
1520	ОН	WNWT	Rossford 2/22 0811 Poor -steady for 5-7 mins. "Positive, encouraging K-Lo		
		1410011	the only fit on 1520. Only 3rs time hrd. Rare!	(JJR-MI)	
1550	CT	WSDK	Bloomfield 2/9 1803 Program promo; ID	(WM-MD)	
1630	IA	KCJJ	lowa City 2/9 2005 ID	(WM-MD)	
1690	ON	CHTO	Toronto 2/9 2105 ID heard	(WM-MD)	
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1530	??	????	2/6 1745 Spanish music heard	(WM-MD)	

# DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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## TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- RUSSIA, Komosomolsk, R Rossii. 1335-1338 2/20 fair signal with Judy Garland singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" followed by other American musicals. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- RUSSIA. Petropaylovsk. R Rossii. 1342 2/20 fair signal with American musicals. NW ewe.
- RUSSIA, Yuzhno-Salhalinsk, R Rossii, 1457 2/10, Woman in RR followed by light instrumental mx, weak but clear. Also noted 1420 2/11, man in RR, fair to poor strength.
  - + 1431 2/18 very weak signal with music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - 1345 2/20 fair signal with Lisa Minnelli's "Money Makes the World Go Round" from Cabaret. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JOQG, Morioka. 1502 2/9. Man in JJ faded up briefly to poor strength //594. Rare visitor here. (NHP-BC)
- REP KOREA. HLQH. Yeong-il. Slow vocal mx //603. fair signal at 1504 2/9, moments later woman talking faded up underneath, JJ cadence, so possibly JOCR. HLQH also noted w/monster carrier //603 1513 2/11, but never more than poor to fair strength in KARI-550 (!) splash. (NHP-BC)
- JAPAN. JOIK. Sapporo, NHK1, Man in JJ //594, fair signal at 1501 2/9. A fairly regular visitor in the following days also. (NHP-BC)
  - + 1506 2/12 weak signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - 1501 2/14 weak signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter, NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 585 JAPAN, JOPG, Kushiro. 1503 2/9. Man in JJ, poor strength //594. Not a very common visitor here, but noted again 1515 2/15 w/woman talking //594, also poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- JAPAN, JOAK Tokyo, NHK1. 1306-1316 2/12, with a man speaking in JJ. The signal rose to a fair level briefly before fading away. It was the best signal from Japan heard in some time.
  - + Had weak audio with talk by a woman when I first checked at 1402 2/12, peaking at a fair level around 1440. (NP-AB)
- + Good JJ male talk at 1414 2/12; best NHK signal. (GDB-WA)
- + Heard at 1408 2/13 with talk. (BB-AZ)
- 1507 2/14 very weak signal briefly with man in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 603 CHINA. Hulun Buir RGD. 1507 2/12 very weak signal under HLSA with man in CC briefly. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, JOOG/JOKK, Obihiro/Okayama. 1508 2/9 man in JJ //594 fading up over HLSA, poor strength; haven't heard in years. (NHP-BC)
- 603 REP KOREA, HLSA, Namyang. 1506 2/9. Slow vocal mx //558, poor strength. Better strength on 2/12, w/ light instrumental mx, //558 1525. (NHP-BC)
  - + 1507 2/12 with music and fair signal. Splatter-less channel. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1508 2/14 assuming the station with music and weak signal. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - Presumed the one with pop music at 1410; 558 // unavailable. (GDB-WA)
- 612t AUSTRALIA, 4QR, Brisbane. 1454 2/14. Some sort of radio drama?, man knocking on door, "anyone home?" "I want to marry you" and other normal everyday conversations; too late for Valentine's Day in Australia though? (NHP-BC)
- 612 JAPAN, JOLK, Fukuoka. 1512 2/9, another NHK1 on a good NHK1 morning, woman in JJ //594, poor strength, (NHP-BC)
- 639 CHINA, various locations, CNR1, 1519 2/10, Woman talking, echoev signal, so at least two sites? //6125, poor strength. Also noted the following morning at 1507 //6125. (NHP-BC)
- 648 **RUSSIA**, Ussuriysk RFA. 1512 2/12 fair signal with KK service with slight splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 657 **DPR KOREA**, Pyongyang. Hrd at 1415 2/12 with talk. (BB-AZ)
- + In and out of noise at 1458 2/12 with ancient music. (GDB-WA)
- 693 JAPAN, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Hrd with talk at 1414 2/11. (BB-AZ)
  - + Had poor-fair audio when I first tuned in at 1355 2/12, generally fair 1410-1445. (NP-AB)
  - + Heard at 1409 2/13 with talk. (BB-AZ)
  - + 1517 2/14 weak signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter. First time heard in a less a month. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + Heard at 1412 2/17 with talk just above the noise level. (BB-AZ)

- 702t **AUSTRALIA**, 2BL, Sydney. 1342 2/7. Likely 2BL w/woman talking DU EE 1342, fair signal. Had deteriorated to a big hum by 1520 possibly from the N KK. (NHP-BC)
- 702 JAPAN, JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima. 1421 2/12. EE lessons //774, fair signal, rough carrier probably from N Korea trying to get through. (NHP-BC)
- 738 **UnID**. Faint audio traces at 1444 2/12. (NP-AB)
- 747 JAPAN, JOIB, Tokyo, NHK2. Traces of audio at 1401 2/12, somewhat better by 1415, but never above poor. (NP-AB)
- + 1353 2/20 weak signal with woman/man in JJ. Heavy splatter from KXTG. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 74 JAPAN, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. Hrd at 1417 2/12 with talk. (BB-AZ)
  - Weak audio when I first checked at 1356 2/12, fair with occasional good spells 1420-1450. (NP-AB)
  - + 1500 2/12 good signal with two 2 + 1 pips followed by woman in JJ. NW- ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1524 2/12. Perfectly readable EE lessons in spite of splatter; still pretty good after 1530 (local sunrise 1525). 2/12 probably the best morning of the last couple of weeks. (NHP-BC)
  - + Heard at 1411 2/13 with talk. (BB-AZ)
  - + Heard at 1410 2/17 with EE Language. (BB-AZ)
  - + 1427 2/18 fair signal with woman in JJ. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1355 2/20 fair signal with man/woman in JJ and moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 328 JAPAN, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. Fair JJ male talk in and out of noise at 1415 2/12. (GDB-WA)
  - + Nothing earlier, but up to weak audio by 1425 2/12. (NP-AB)
  - + 1510 2/14 weak signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1437-1440 2/18 very weak signal at best with JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1502 2/20 weak signal with moderate splatter with woman in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 873 JAPAN, JOGB. Not even a decent carrier at 1400 2/12, but was nearly up to the other JJ at 1442, as we reached sunrise here. (NP-AB)
- 391 JAPÁN, JOHK, Sendai. 1508 2/11. Man in JJ //594, but quite weak. (NHP-BC)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Huge signal at 1418 2/12 with KK male conversation (apparently regarding the N.K. nuclear test, preempting the regular variety show.) (GDB-WA)
  - + 1505 2/12 weak signal at best with man in KK. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1357 2/20 weak signal with man in KK and moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + Fair KK male speech and music at 1502 2/20; best TP signal of the morning
  - http://www.mediafire.com/?sesbmfg9fbwg6zf. (GDB-WA)
- 1116t AUSTRALIA, 4BC, Brisbane. Likely this one, fair signal w/ man talking in DU EE 1339. Also noted DU EE inflection by man 1446 2/14, but by the top of the hour it was "merely" CC pips to be heard. (NHP-BC)
- 1134 **REP KOREA**, Hwaseong, KBS. Fair KK female talk in CKWX splatter at 1455 2/12. (GDB-WA)
  - + Good male KK speech at 1015 2/16 (sermon or radio drama?); best signals of entire season http://www.mediafire.com/?19jfyetofInc861. (GDB-WA)
- 1278t JAPAN, JOFR, Fukuoka. Man talking, poor to fair strength, pretty sure it was JJ, at 1509 2/12. If JOFR, believe that would be new at home. (NHP-BC)
- 1287 JAPAN, JOHR presumed, with bits of audio at 1430 2/12. (NP-AB)
- 1314t PHILIPPINES, DWXI, Parañaque. Man talking in what sounded like Tagalog (not JJ I'm pretty sure). First heard 1515 2/7, but faded up to this level 1530. Also noted 1519 2/12, w/echoey talk my man, as if in a large building, a sermon by the cadence? Tagalog maybe? This is a religious station per PAL. (NHP-BC)
- 1323 CHĬNA, Shuanghyashan, CRI. 1422 2/10. Man in RR then into vocal mx, fair to poor signal //9450. (NHP-BC)
- 1359 CHINA, CNR1 synchros. 1502 2/14. Woman talking, poor strength //6125. (NHP-BC)
- 1386 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros, JOQC Morioka most likely? 1525 2/5. Man and woman talking //774, poor strength. Also 1514 2/12 w/woman talking //774, poor in splash. (NHP-BC)
- 1431 **UnID**. Man talking, weak in 1430 splash, at 1514 2/11, but faded up to fair level at 1517 as instrumental mx started. (NHP-BC)
- 1467 JAPAN, JO??, NHK2. 1516 2/12 one of the low power JJ stations with very weak signal. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1476 UnID. Slow instrumental mx 1430, 1454, 1515 on 2/10. Never more than a poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1503 JAPAN, JOUK, Akita, NHK1. 1517 2/5. Woman and man in JJ, fair signal. (NHP-BC)
- + 1517 2/12 assuming the station with very weak signal, NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- JAPAN, NHK2 synchros. 2/5. Man talking, some ĬBOC hash, at 1520 and 1531, at times w/1386 and 774 with a slight delay. Weak to nil signal, but at one point, weak though they were, they were stronger than 774! (NHP-BC)
- 1566 REP KOŘEA, HLAZ, Čheju, FEBC. Hrd at 1420 2/12 with talk very strong and at times it was S-9. (BB-AZ)
  - + Poor-fair with talk by man and woman at 1432 2/12. (NP-AB)
  - Strong CC male-female conversation during Christian program at 1503 2/12 http://www.mediafire.com/?knhj3b59sv1v807. (GDB-WA)

- + Heard at 1414 2/13 with talk. (BB-AZ)
- + 1513 2/14 weak signal with man in CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Very good CC male speech during Christian program at 1415 2/15 http://www.mediafire.com/?4jfppkjwvwcyowa. (GDB-WA)
- + Heard at 1415 2/15 with talk. (BB-AZ)
- Lively music intro with (YL speech) for EE teaching program at 1030 2/16 (for KK listeners) http://www.mediafire.com/?ueyke7jpwzjzzx6. EE teaching program at 1033 (KK male teacher speaking in EE and giving instructions in KK) http://www.mediafire.com/ ?k16020ab97c3nvd. (GDB-WA)
- + Heard at 1407 2/16 with talk and just above the noise level. (BB-AZ)
- + 1428 2/18 good signal with music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1401 2/20 fair signal with woman in CC. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Heard from 1403-1413 2/21 with talk and a little music. (BB-AZ)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Rassom, VOA. Presumed VOA, with weak talk by woman at 1435 2/12. (NP-AB)
  - + Fair Asiatic language male speech at 1507 2/12. (GDB-WA)
  - + 1522 2/12 very weak signal with man in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1430 2/18 weak signal with "You are listening to the Voice of America from Washington DC" NW ewe. (DV-WA)
  - + 1358 2/20 very weak signal with man in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1593 CHINA, Changzhou, CNR1. 1527 2/12. Man talking //6125, fair to poor strength. Also noted just after 1500 2/15 and 2/16, //6125, but mostly poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1593 JAPAN, JOTB/JOQB, Matsue/Niigata. 1516 2/9. JJ talk by man //774, poor. (NHP-BC)
- JAPAN, NHK2 synchros. 1527 2/5. Man and woman talking //1386 and 774, poor strength. Also noted 1517 2/11 w/woman talking //828, weak at best in 1600 splash. (NHP-BC)

## PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- MÉXICO, XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih, La Ranchera de Paquimé. 0633 2/18, took less than a minute after tune-in to Mexican music to hear not one, not two, but by 0635, three IDs from XETX. The middle one was a full ID with studio address, etc, and all also mentioning their FM. 5 kW dominating the channel, again raising questions about whatever became of 150 kW XEWA, SLP? (GH-OK)
- 570 MÉXICO, XEVX, Comalcalco. 0700 2/19, "570 AM, La Grande de Tabasco," ie XEVX, 10/1 kW, 24 hours per IRCA Log. Nice to hear something this deep into Mexico. By 0703, KLIF has resurged. (GH-OK)
- MÉXICO, XETNT, Los Mochis, Chih, Radio 65. 0656 2/19, polka making fast SAH with WSM which is just about nullable, 0657 segué to choral Mexican NA. It's probably my regular XETNT, but haven't relogged it for some time, so I keep checking. Long version NA still going past 0701; finally 0702 full ID for XETNT Radio 65, 106.5, Los Mochis, Grupo Chávez, and the mysterious nickname "Radio K" or is it? Now it sounds more like "Radio Caos"??? Searching on that plus Mochis leads to an interesting website with lots of clips of stations around there even tho it's headlined in Arabic, with a domain in Israel! It seems there is a Radio Caos somewhere on 107.3. Here's a R 65 ID, but not the one I heard, nothing about K/Caos: http://www.wen.co.il/play.php?id=kW3hbEhuxbg. (GH-OK)
- 960 UnID. 0600-0605 2/12, a little bit of everything but no IDs during local KGWA's unmodulated Fox-hole: 0601 romantic music in SS, so XEK or XEFAMA; 0602 mixing with blues, so WABG Mississippi; 0603 ABC news so KMA lowa. (GH-OK)
- MÉXICÓ, XELO, Chihuahua, Chih. 0715 2/19 another try at my recent unID here, romantic music in SS, upbeat and female singers (only?), NE-SW, 0720 catch slogan "Exa FM" plus 100.algo FM, y "10-10 AM," That makes it XELO in Chihuahua city per IRCA Log, 500 watts night with a BAL/SPO format and FM on 100.9. (GH-OK)
- 1100 UnID. 0628 2/19, WTAM 'C2C' has some musical CCI with a SAH which is hard to null, making me suspect it be from near-opposite direction. The AZ station talk format looks unlikely, and the NM station is silent, so that leaves maybe XENAS, Navojoa, Sonora, which is CHR. (GH-OK)

## TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP

- 2910 MÉXICO, XEVT, Villahermosa, Tab (3x 970). 1155 2/11 and still 1219, very poor signal but usual SS morning news magazine with some music, from XEVT, our most persistent and regular MW harmonic, along with KGLD 2660 Texas. Ever-increasing storm noise level disrupts our 2 MHz DXing. Following story is of interest because it refers to XEVT at the end, about the migration of AM stations to FM, in this case in Tabasco state. That will take care of the AM harmonic on 2910! "Cambio de frecuencia no afectó a radiodifusoras" http://www.oem.com.mx/elheraldodetabasco/notas/n2839557.htm. (GH-OK)
- 2850 **DPR KOREA**, KCBS. 1215 2/20. Very animated and unhappy sounding male in KK. Good. (RB-AZ)
- 3320 DPR KÓREA, Pyongyang, PBS. 1350 2/14, revolutionary music, fair. Still hanging in on recheck after local sunrise, but fading fast. (RB-AZ)

## THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

BB-AZ **BILL BLOCK**, Prescott Valley AZ

Drake R8

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)

GDB-WA GARY DeBOCK, Puyallup, WA

C Crane SWP 7.5" Slider loopstick Ultralight + 8" Medium Wave FSL antenna

GH-OK GLENN HAUSER. Enid OK

Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only, or Sony SRF-59

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Drake R8, RFSpace NetSDR; RFSpace SDR-14 running DX Fishbarrel program; north and west Flag antennas, westerly corner fed loop, 1m indoor box loop, 14m sloper, DXP-3

phasing unit.

NP-AB **NIGEL PIMBLETT**, Dunmore AB

Perseus SDR, Wellbrook Phased Array RA-OK RICHARD ALLEN, near Perry OK

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Hammarlund HQ-120X, Slinky

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## \*\*\* TRANSATLANTIC LOGS \*\*\*

- 531 ALGERIA Jil FM, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi, JAN 18 0354 // 549 with "Jil FM" ID's by woman then man, dance music; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA Jil FM, Les Trembles, JAN 15 2200 African music, pips, electronic instrument "Happy Birthday"; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 585 SPÁÍN RNE R.1, Madrid, JAN 15 2200 pips, Radio Nacional de Espana ID; in bad WEZE slop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 594 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, FEB 14 0300 Saudi news-intro music, Arabic talk. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 603 FRANCE France Info, Lyon-Tramoyes, FEB 9 0000 slow song, France Info theme music; to fair peak, dominant, [Connellv\*Y-MA]
- 603 SPÁIN RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 15 2200 pips (5+1), Radio Nacional de Espana ID; to good peak, dominant. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, JAN 15 2202 woman with news in Spanish; in WZON/CKCM/WVMT slop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** RNE R.1, La Coruna et al., FEB 14 0259 guitar, Spanish folk vocal // 774; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 665.765 IRAN, FEB 14 0259 something on the low side of the channel, audio not extractable. [Connellv\*Y-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL RDP Antena 1 synchros, FEB 14 0400 news in Portuguese; poor. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R. 5, Droitwich et al., FEB 9 0000 Five Live ID. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 738 SPAIN RNE R.1, Barcelona, FEB 14 0400 pips, fanfare, Radio Nacional de Espana ID; in CHCM/CFZM slop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** R.5, Zeewolde (Flevoland), FEB 9 0001 man in Dutch; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, FEB 14 0300 electronic sounder, Deutschlandfunk ID; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, FEB 14 0259 // 639 with folk vocal; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 783 **SPAIN** Rock y Gol Radio Miramar, Ctra. Conseria (Barcelona), JAN 18 0400 two men in Spanish; over station with Koranic chanting. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 819 **SPAIN** Radio Euskadi, San Sebastian, JÄN 15 2159 man in Spanish; poor. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 855 SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, JAN 15 2158 two men in Spanish; fair over slop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 873 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JAN 18 0359 man in Spanish; in slop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 18 0400 woman in Spanish, pips. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R.Wales, Washford, FEB 14 0400 BBC Radio Wales ID; in slop.

[Connellv\*Y-MA]

- 890.96 **ALGERIA** Chaine 1, Algiers, FEB 14 0300 het against WAMG, not much audio. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 918 SPAIN R. Intercontinental, Madrid, JAN 18 0354 man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 936 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 18 0400 pips, RNE fanfare music, Spanish talk; poor. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 945 FRANCE France Info, Toulouse, JAN 18 0354 man in French; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 954 SPAIN Onda Cero, Madrid, JAN 18 0354 two men in Spanish talking and laughing, then pop female vocal; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 999 MOLDOVA Maiac, Grigoriopol, JAN 11 2200 Golos Rossii ID, woman in Russian; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 999 SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 18 0354 Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN SER synchros, JAN 18 0354 Spanish talk by man; fair through WBZ slop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros, FEB 14 0300 Vodafone advert, TalkSport ID, time 3 o'clock; to good peak. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 18 0354 teletalk // 999. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 18 0354 mood music, echoey Spanish talk by man; to good peak. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, JAN 18 0354 two men in Spanish talking about several countries including Italy and Germany (Alemania); good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1188 IRAN R.Payam, Tehran, FEB 14 0300 3-ascending-notes at top-of-hour cutting through the mush, otherwise poor. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE France Info, Bordeaux, JAN 18 0354 man in French; very good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 18 0354 Spanish talk; over growl. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDÓM** Absolute R. synchros, FEB 14 0259 Toto "Hold the Line"; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1224 SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 18 0354 Spanish teletalk; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1287 SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 18 0354 man in Spanish; poor. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN COPE, Valencia, JAN 18 0354 Spanish teletalk; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1305 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 18 0354 music, talk // 1152; fair to good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1314 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 18 0400 // 1413 with pips, Radio Nacional de Espana ID; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1341 SPAIN ?, JAN 18 0359 man & woman in Spanish; briefly atop. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1404 FRANCE (CORSICA) France Bleu, Ajaccio, JAN 18 0359 Elvis-influenced '50s French rock male vocal (not // 1206); good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1413 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, JAN 18 0400 // 1314 with pips, Radio Nacional de Espana ID, good, over other. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** RTA, Algiers, JAN 18 0355 French talk by man, then "tubby" anthem march that sounded like it was played by a high school band; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, FEB 14 0300 // 756 with Deutschlandfunk ID; over Algeria. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
   1449 LIBYA Voice of Great Homeland, Misurata, FEB 14 0259 reverberated Koranic chant;
- good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]

  1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, FEB 8 2203 male preacher in English; to fair peak.
- [Connelly\*Y-MA]

  1476 SPAIN Euskadi Irratia, San Sebastian, JAN 18 0400 pips, Euskadi mention.
- [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1485 SPAIN SER synchros, JAN 18 0354 fast Spanish talk, some echo. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  1494 FRANCE France Info synchros. JAN 18 0354 man in French // 1206: fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1511.95 **GREECE**, JAN 18 0354 '50s-type blues briefly audible, about 50 Hz to low side of channel. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1521 SPAIN SER R. Castellon, JAN 18 0354 // 1179 with Spanish talk mentioning Germany and Italy: to good peak, [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1530 SAO TOME E PRINCIPE VOA, Pinheira, FEB 14 0259 Yankee Doodle theme music, ID by man "This is the Voice of America, Washington, DC, signing on."; evenly mixing with WCKY. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1539 **SPAIN** SER synchros, JAN 18 0354 // 1179 with Spanish talk mentioning Germany and Italy; to good peak. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1548 KUWAIT R. Sawa, Kabd-Kuwait City, JAN 27 2159 Sawa ID, female Mideast dance vocal; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1557 FRANCE France Info, Fontbonne, JAN 18 0354 two men in French; huge signal, stronger than 1560 WQEW! [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1593 KUWAIT R. Free Iraq, Kuwait City, JAN 27 2201 man & woman in Arabic; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN SER synchros, JAN 18 0354 talk // 1521, 1539, et al.; over R. Vitoria. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN R. Vitoria, Vitoria, JAN 18 0354 Spanish female vocal; under SER synchros.

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[Connelly\*Y-MA] Mark Connelly, South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA, USA

(GC= 41.6931 N / 70.1912 W) (= 41 ° 41.59' N / 70 ° 11.47' W)

Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus

Antenna: west-null Kaz Delta, 7 m vertical (mid-base to apex) by 21 m horizontal,

base height 1 m.

## TVA-RHA NOMINATIONS

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Nominations are open for the TVA and RHA for 2012-2013.

## Ted Vasilopoulous Award (TVA)

Ted Vasilopoulous was a charter member of IRCA who died in 1965, and was known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. The award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to the IRCA and the DX hobby during the past several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years, and are ineligible this year: Richard Evans, Phil Bytheway, Bill Block, Nancy Johnson and Patrick Martin.

#### Ric Heald Award (RHA)

Ric Heald was an enthusiastic IRCA volunteer and contributor. In 1995, after his passing, the RHA was created to recognize the IRCA member who benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the past three years, and are ineligible this year: Mike Sanburn, Eric Bueneman and the late John Bryant.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, should be sent to the people listed

TVA Nominations: Richard Evans, 3908 Grand Oak Avenue - Apartment 4, Indianapolis, IN 46237 U.S.A., E-mail: REvans5435@yahoo.com

RHA Nominations: Mike Sanburn, Post Office Box 1256, Bellflower, CA 90707 U.S.A. E-mail: mikesanburn@hotmail.com

All nominations must be received by the above no later than March 24, 2013. For those who wish to use the postal service to submit nominations, please do it right away to guarantee that your nomination is received in time.

Nick Hall-Patch

ECC Chair

## **2012-2013 IRCA DX CONTEST**

Manager: Nancy Johnson – 265 Waterton Way – Billings MT 59102-7755 E-mail: NancyJohnson@prodigy.net

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1. Art Blair

2. Eric Bueneman 232

3. Greg Hall 155

4. Tim Noonan 130

5. Nigel Pimblett 123

John Tudenham 111

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7. Bill Nittler

8. Dennis Vroom 64

9. Nancy Johnson\* 11

10. John C. Johnson 1

The rules for our contest appear in the August 18, 2012 DXM, and online at the IRCA website.

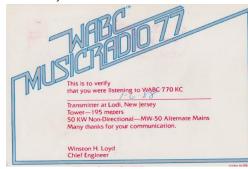


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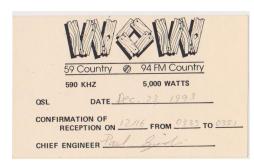
## Verification Highlights from My DX Career By Eric Bueneman

One of the true joys of being a DXer is receiving that QSL card or letter from any radio or television station. For me, a new verification from any radio station is a true joy to receive. I've even had the pleasure to write a few verification letters to DXers when I was in the broadcast business.

One of the first verifications I received from an AM radio station came from WABC 770 New York, for a reception on January 6, 1982. A number of 50 kW AM stations sent out QSL cards (like WABC), while others sent out letters (like my local KMOX 1120). WABC was still broadcasting a Top 40 format at the time. I was listening to WABC (and Dan Ingram) on the night of December 8, 1980 when I first heard the news that John Lennon had been shot. I also have a card for the station's talk format, which I received later in 1982. Some stations still send out QSL cards today.



Another QSL card I received came at my present location; this one from WOW 590 (now KXSP) Omaha, NE. I managed to log this station with my local (KFNS Wood River, IL) on the air. This was from a reception in December 1993.

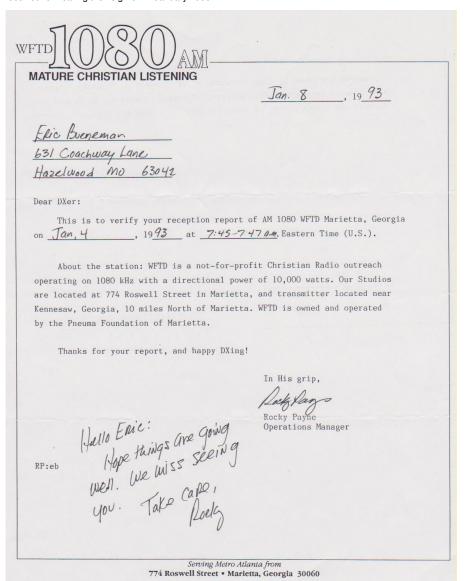


As noted earlier, stations still send out QSL cards. This particular one is from CKDO 1580 Oshawa. ON, for a reception in October 2012. Their transmitter site is depicted in this card.

Call Sign	GKDO	CKDO-FMH	107.7
Frequency	1580 RH2 AM	197.7 mHz FM	TV DC
Radiated Power	19,009 Watta	250 Walts ERP	OSHAWA'S CKDC
Transmitter Location	49° 52′ 19° 11 78° 45′ 54″ VY	43° 59; 02' N 79° 01' 29' W	7580 M
Mode of Operation	DEFI	Hon-directional Antenna	
Fraquancy Received		*	
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<sup>\*</sup>Contest manager is not eligible to win.

Several DXers have also been involved in the broadcast industry. I count myself among them, spending 22 years in the business, mainly at smaller stations that were mostly off the beaten path. Other DXers that have been involved with broadcasting include Glenn Hauser, Tom Bryant, Doug Smith, Peter Q. George and Jerry Starr. I have also written my fair share of verifications. I also wrote this form letter while I was working at WFTD 1080 Marietta, GA back in the late 1980s and early 1990s. It was a letter that I designed to have my boss at the time, Rocky Payne, fill in the blanks. This was my personal copy of the WFTD verification letter, received for hearing their sign-on in January 1993.



Teaching the art of QSLing to Rocky Payne was one of the highlights of my broadcasting career. I was also the official verification signer at WSIE 88.7 Edwardsville, IL until July 2009. When one sends in a report that accurately describes the programming aired at the time of reception, a card or letter is the DXer's reward for his or her description of what he or she heard. Over the 30-plus years I've been in the DX hobby, I have seen my technique for describing program content heard on a radio station improve dramatically. I now try to be as detailed as possible in my reporting techniques. I've shared several more of my verifications on the IRCA Facebook page. Feel free to share your QSLs on the IRCA Facebook page. 73.

## **ARRL Hamfest Calendar**

As you may know (and I can say this from experience-EiC), a Hamfest is a great place to find good deals on new and used receivers, wires and cables for antenna projects, and other hobby-related needs. The American Radio Relay League has a Web page to help you find a Hamfest near your home QTH or while you're traveling to other parts of the country. You can search by Zip Code, select from Hamfests within 25, 50, 100 and 250 miles of your home QTH, as well as city and state. (Searching by ARRL division and section is only for the Ham-savvy, hi.) To find a Hamfest in near your home QTH, visit

http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar and plug in your location or Zip Code. You'll be able to find upcoming Hamfests in your local area.

## IRCA Facebook Page

The IRCA's Facebook page is now online! This is a new feature of IRCA, featuring photos of transmitter sites (many of which provided by our Chairman, John C. Johnson), members' shacks (your Editor-in-Chief included) and plenty of information. If you have a Facebook page, enter "International Radio Club of America" into your Facebook search engine, then click the "Like" icon. Many thanks to Mike Sanburn (KG6LJU) and John C. Johnson for setting this page up.

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