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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There's a last minute DX Test from WCIT 940 in Lima, OH (yes, Fred Vobbe's back yard). Details can be found on Page 2. We're still looking for a CPC Chair and an editor for the Slogans List. Read below in Phil's notes.

Have you begun planning for the 2014 Golden Anniversary IRCA Convention yet? Details on the upcoming Convention, hosted by John and Nancy Johnson, appear below. Billings, MT is the host city for this milestone event. Speaking of the Convention, the nominations for the Ted Vasilopoulous and Ric Heald

Awards are now open. Details can also be found on Page 2. DX Worldwide East is taking this week off...I'm sure a lot of us are doing our Christmas shopping at this point. This has been a very cold period in this part of the world...a good time to stay inside and DX between shopping trips.

2014 IRCA 50th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION – BILLINGS, MONTANA

The 2014 IRCA 50th Anniversary Convention will be held in Billings, Montana on September 19th and 20th. John and Nancy Johnson are your convention hosts. The convention will be held at the Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage located at 3040 King Avenue West. IRCA members are eligible to receive a special room rate of \$95.00(US) per night plus 7% Lodging Tax & \$1.00(US) TBID fees. A limited block of rooms have been set aside so you will want to make your reservations early. Please mention "IRCA-International Radio Club of America" when making your reservation for the special IRCA member's rate. You may call them directly at 406-294-9090 or toll-free 1-877-488-4649. You will need to give them a credit card number and check-in and check-out dates. They do offer an airport shuttle. The parking area is quite large.

With this rate you will enjoy the following COMPLIMENTARY top quality amenities to enhance your stay

- A 100% SMOKE-FREE and PET FREE to ensure a healthy environment,
- Guest rooms featuring beautiful furniture, sitting areas, spacious bright bathrooms, pillow-top mattresses, upgraded bed and bath linens and exceptionally quiet rooms,
- New Panasonic flat-screen TVs, iHome radios
- Comfortable and well-lit workspaces with secure high-speed internet desk access,
- Voice mail and free local calls within the (406) area code,
- Free Internet – wired and wireless
- Indoor swimming pool with hot tub, changing room and outdoor patio, fitness center
- Hot continental breakfast. Some gluten ideas available for purchase.

For more information about Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage go to LexingtonBillings.com Registration for club* members is just \$35.00(US) (Does NOT include the banquet – details of the banquet will be announced later). Non-club member's registration is \$50.00(US) which includes a one year membership in the IRCA. (Hint: Save money, a one year membership in the IRCA is less than the increased registration fee for non-members. Join the IRCA now.) You may pay in advance by check or PayPal. If paying by PayPal, please add \$1.00(US) to cover the \$1.34(US) additional charges added on by PayPal. Use this PayPal address: john@johninmontana.com and include a message that the money is for the IRCA convention registration. If paying via check, make that out to John C. Johnson and mail to 265 Waterton Way, Billings, Montana 59102-7755. *club membership in IRCA, NRC, and WTFDA qualifies for the \$35.00(US) registration fee. Non club members are encouraged to join the IRCA.

More details about the convention will be announced later. Check out the IRCA Facebook site too! If you have any questions please contact John Johnson at john@johninmontana.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT (Phil Bytheway)

We are currently looking for a volunteer for **DX TEST (CPC) Chairman**. Helps arrange DX tests from stations and communicate with the various radio clubs/eGroups. In addition, we are seeking a volunteer to compile the **IRCA Slogans List**.

Contact me if interested in either position or have concerns about IRCA. pb

DX TESTS

WCIT 940 kHz Lima, OH will be conducting a DX Test at 250 watts, directional, Monday morning, December 16 (Sunday night, December 15 in the Pacific Time Zone) from 0159 to 0259 Eastern Standard Time.

The test will consist of CW IDs, sweep tones, march music and other audio novelties. Reception reports with pre-paid postage can be sent to:

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Childers Media Group
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E-mail reports to: mark@cmgroup.co (Note there is no "m" on the end of the E-mail address)

No phone calls before, during or after the test. This test was arranged by the DX Audio Service magazine and Fred Vobbe (W8HDU) for members of the National Radio Club and the DX community. **Station cannot operate non-directional.**

TVA-RHA NOMINATIONS

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Nominations are Open for the TVA and RHA for 2013-2014

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. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to 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: Lee Freshwater, Richard C. Evans, Phil Bytheway, Bill Block and Nancy Johnson.

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 most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: Kraig Krist, Mike Sanburn and Eric Bueneman.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, should be sent to the folks listed below:

TVA Nominations: Lee Freshwater bgsfresh@yahoo.com

RHA Nominations: Nick Hall-Patch nhp@ieee.org

All nominations must be received by the above no later than February 1, 2014.

Nick Hall-Patch
 IRCA Election Committee Chairman

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Dec. 27, Jan. 3, Jan. 17, Jan. 24. Please use Eastern Time.

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- 590 KID ID, Idaho Falls 12/4 1925 with "KID Newstalk 590 AM and 92.1 FM." (BB-AZ)
 600 KSJB ND, Jamestown 12/6 0823 with weather, then "KSJB." (BB-AZ)
 930 KRKY CO, Granby 12/2 0840 with "Colorado Country" and at 0850 "KRKY." (BB-AZ)
 960 KNDN NM, Farmington 12/3 0832 with "The Blow-torch of the Four Corners KNDN Farmington." (BB-AZ)
 1190 CFSL SK, Weyburn 12/4 0852 weather report and "weyburn.com." (BB-AZ)
 1310 KFKA CO, Greeley 12/3 0859 "This is AM 1310 KFKA Colorado Newstalk." (BB-AZ)
 1580 KKTS WY, Evansville is now here, ex-1600. Very strong at 0800 on 12/1, surely operating on day power. Ended spirited vocal that could suggest kids' format, then ID "Turn it up loud...107.3 FM in ???, 89.3 FM Douglas, KKTS-FM, KKTS-AM 1580 Evansville-Casper," followed by NBC news. Wikipedia says format is hot adult contemporary and already registers the frequency as 1580, although I haven't seen this in DXM. When did this change take place? (LG-MT)

It looks like DX has slowed down this week. Thank you to Bill and Larry for reporting their catches. Nancy 12/6 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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RIDING GAIN

- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood, MO **NOUIHEric@aol.com**
 GE Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Space Magnet II.
 [NJ-MT] **Nancy Johnson**, Billings, MT **NancyJohnson@Prodigy.net**
 Drake R8B and Kiwa Loop

DOWN THE DIAL

- 600 WMT IA, Cedar Rapids. 11/30 fair signal with ACI from KFNS 590. 17:05 noted with weather forecast, "WMT AM and FM" ID into the Dave Ramsey program. [EB-MO]
 860 KWPC IA, Muscatine. 12/5 fair to poor signal over WSON, KOSE in CJBC null. 08:03 noted with ABC News, ad for Godfather's Pizza, local news. [EB-MO]
 960 WSBT IN, South Bend. 12/3 fair to poor signal, tough copy under WABG in KMA null. 03:01 noted with Fox News Radio, local and national spots, weather forecast before fading to WABG. [EB-MO] (My 40th AM from the Hoosier State-EIC)
 1050 WEPN NY, New York. 11/28 fair to poor signal, mixing with XEG, CKSB. 02:22 noted with sports talk, "ESPN Deportes" mentions in promos in Spanish. [EB-MO]
 1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles. 12/3 fair signal over WDIA, digital interference from KRLD 1080. 03:35 noted with traffic report, "KNX 10-70" ID, local spots and news. [EB-MO]
 1150 WJRD AL, Tuscaloosa. 11/30 1734 fair to poor, mixing with WGGH and other stations. 17:34 noted with Oldies format, "The True Oldies Channel" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]
 1240 KOKL OK, Okmulgee. 12/5 fair to poor signal through other stations. 02:24 noted with "KOKL, 12-40 AM, Okmulgee, Oklahoma" legal ID into country format. [EB-MO]
 1550 KAPE MO, Cape Girardeau. 11/30 fair to poor signal, mixing with WPFC and KYAL. 19:51 noted with local spots, "Cape radio, 15-50 AM and 100-point-3 FM" ID. [EB-MO]
 1580 KKTS WY, Evansville. 12-1 weak mixed with others. 23:00 legal ID with mention of KKTS FM Douglas. Thanks to Larry Godwin for the tip. [NJ-MT]

25 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1988 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Frank Merrill** of Macomb, IL resumed DXing after four years of being inactive and easily logged 36 states in a little over a week ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee, WI told about a visit from **John Clemmer** and **Gary Siegel** ... **John C. Johnson** of Billings, MT received a verie from KANN for their new frequency 1120.

OPEN MIKE

Have you made plans to head to Billings for the 2014 IRCA 50th Anniversary Convention? Details appear in this issue of "DX Monitor." This column was typed 12-6-13. 73, John



EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

- (KK-VA) Kraig Krist (KG4LAC), Manassas, VA
 Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop
 (RW-MD) Robert Wien (KG6RJW/3), Bowie, MD
 No equipment listed

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 1390 WJRM NC Troy – 11/24 1841 noted with ad for a hardware store in Troy by a female announcer. "You're listening to 1390 AM right here in Troy...broadcasting around the world...WJRM-dot-com...Troy, North Carolina" ID by male announcer at 1843. The station was noted mixing with WZHF, WSPO, WEGP, WFSL, and unidentified stations carrying Christian talk, Oldies and a Pre-Teen format. (KK-VA)
 1400 WJZN ME Augusta – 11/24 1759 noted with Oldies format. "AM 1400 WJZN" ID by male announcer. The station was noted mixing with WHGB, WINC, WSMY and an unidentified station carrying Fox Sports Radio. (KK-VA)
 1420 WLNA NY Peekskill – 12/1 1705 noted with "This is Hudson Valley Talk Radio, 920 WGHQ, 1260 WBNR and 1420 WLNA, with a great lineup of programs all day long. Hudson Valley Talk Radio, your station for sound advice. News you can use, at Hudson Valley Talk Radio-dot-com" ID. The station was noted mixing with WAMV, WHK, WKCV, and unidentified stations carrying unknown music, Bluegrass music, a football game and Oldies. (KK-VA)
 1420 WAMV VA Amherst – 12/1 1703 noted with Christian music, "1420 AM WAMV, on the web at WAMV Radio 1420-dot-com" mention. The station was noted mixing with WLNA, WHK, WKCV and unidentified stations carrying other music, Bluegrass music, a football game and Oldies. (KK-VA)
 1430 WNSW NJ Newark – 12/1 1700 noted with "AM 1430 WNSW Newark, New Jersey" legal ID by male announcer. The station was noted mixing with CHKT and unidentified stations carrying ESPN Radio, other sports (maybe WXNT-eb), Oldies (maybe KZQZ-eb), Bluegrass and Spanish music. (KK-VA)
 1440 WJLL NY Niagara Falls – 12/1 1846 noted with "1440 WJLL, Old Time Rock and Roll" ID by male announcer. The station was noted mixing with WGIG, WHKZ, WNPV and unidentified station carrying NBC Sports Radio. (KK-VA)
 1450 WCTC NJ New Brunswick – 12/1 1746 noted with "The New Talk Radio 1450 WCTC, The Voice of Central Jersey" ID by male announcer. The station was noted mixing with WVAX, WHNK and unidentified stations carrying Oldies and Big Band music. (KK-VA)
 1450 WHNK WV Parkersburg – 12/1 1658 noted with "Your Station for The Best in Country, WHNK Radio..." ID by male announcer. The station was noted mixing with WVAX, WCTC and unidentified stations carrying Oldies and Big Band music. (KK-VA)

DX TESTS

- 1150 (WNDB) FL Daytona Beach – 12/7 0100-0123 DX test tried, not heard. I had a station topping the frequency carrying John Denver's "Feels Good to Be Back Home Again" and "White Christmas" performed by Kenny G, then a mention of the slogan "One Great Song after Another, W???" (I heard what I thought was a K in the calls), then faded out. No sign of any Morse Code IDs; checked WNDB's Internet feed, and they were carrying "Coast to Coast AM" online; no idea if the test was even on? Oh well...frequency was a graveyard, basically. (RW-MD)

EDITOR'S NOTES

I also did not try for the WNDB test...it came on the same day as Skywarn Recognition Day at the National Weather Service (I'm a volunteer severe weather spotter). With CKOC and KSAL usually dominating the frequency, I might not have had a chance to hear it.

Trivia time: The call sign WAMV is mentioned in this edition. For several years in the 1950s, the calls were assigned on 1490 kHz in East St. Louis, IL, changing calls from WTMV. The station later used the calls WBBR before going silent sometime in the 1960s. The frequency was revived in 1972 with the calls WESL (for East St. Louis), and flipped to WFFX (for Fox Sports Radio) around 2007. The

station once again has Fox Sports Radio (with Fox News Radio at the top of the hour) with the call sign WQQX.

DX Worldwide East is taking the week off.

73 and good DX from NØUIH.

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Deadlines Monday noon PLT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 153 **RUSSIA**, Komsomolsk, Radio Rossii. 0732 12/2 very weak signal with woman in Russian. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1417 12/6 very weak signal with man in Russian. Active whip. (DV-WA)
- 180 **RUSSIA**, Yelizovo, Radio Rossii. 0733 12/2 poor with man in Russian. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 189 **RUSSIA**, Petropavlovsk, Radio Rossii. 1430 12/6 very weak signal with woman in Russian. Active whip. (DV-WA)
- 279 **RUSSIA**, Yuzhno-Salhalinsk, Radio Rossii. Man in Russian 1417 11/03, fair to good. Good strength on 11/04 at 1300, 6 pips on hour, Radio Rossii ID by man, then woman in Russian. Appeared to sign off at 1500: Radio Rossii mention by woman just before the hour, fairly weak by then, then silence, no pips, and carrier cut at 1500:20. (NHP-BC)
+ 0735 12/2 weak signal with music. Active whip. (DV-WA)
- 529 **ALASKA**, SQM, Level Island. 1453 12/6 very weak signal with weather forecast. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 531 **JAPAN**, JOQG, Morioka. Man in Japanese talk //567 1405 11/03, poor at best, but it's a relatively quiet channel. (NHP-BC)
- 549 **CHINA**, Putian, CNR5. After IDing it earlier with parallel with 1116, at poor strength, this hung in until nearly 1500 11/23, peaking to fair w/man in Chinese at 1458; brutal splatter from 550. (NHP-BC)
- 558 **REP KOREA**, HLQH, Yeong-il. Quiet ballad 1423 11/2, poor strength but //603; someone else was on the channel as well. (NHP-BC)
- 567 **JAPAN**, JOIK, Sapporo. Man holding forth in Japanese //594 1336 11/02, fine signal strength. (NHP-BC)
- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. Time pips 1300 12/6, theme music, Japanese talk. (bp-WA)
+ 1420 12/6 weak signal with man in Japanese. Fair at 1435. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 603 **UnID CHINA**. Woman in Chinese with little musical interlude 1445 11/03, fair signal, no HLSA just then. (NHP-BC)
- 603 **REP KOREA**, HLSA, Namyang. Very good signal w/man in Korean 1448 11/04; slightly less strength but very readable at 1500, and still plenty left for a lovely round of KBS IDs and a jingle (never heard those before), and NHK style pips, except there was a pause between the three short, then the long that was quite catchy. Briefly at good level //558 w/female ballad and Korean talk by deep voiced man 1523 11/22; had actually been around since 1445 at lower levels, and distinctive syncopated pips poked through at 1500. (NHP-BC)
+ 1435 12/6 very weak signal with music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 639 **CHINA**, various locations, CNR1. Man and woman in Chinese //6030, 1419 11/05, fair to good strength. Tuning to 640 showed mostly just a het from 639 by now. (NHP-BC)
- 648t **RUSSIA**, Ussuriysk, VoR. Likely this 1440 11/4, with woman talking, then man, um... DU English sounding? VoR supposed to be English at this time per one source: <http://www.shortwaveschedule.com/index.php?station=9>, but hiring Aussies just isn't fair. (NHP-BC)
- 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Woman and man in Japanese, little musical interlude and pips 1300 11/06, followed by weather report, fair signal. Surprise of the morning, how clear it was, until I realized that CBU-690 was off the air, and only XEWW was IDing on the hour. I could learn to like that situation. (NHP-BC)
+ Best of the Japanese this morning, but only at a decent level from about 1440 to 1450 12/2. (NP-AB)
+ Time pips 1300 12/6, then weather report fading in and out. (bp-WA)
+ 1422 12/6 fair signal with English lessons. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 738 **FRENCH POLYNESIA**, Papeete, Radio Polynesie/France Inter. Female vocal mx 1415 12/3, good strength, and into man in French as level dropped slightly, hung in for the better part of 10 minutes. Got to take your enhancement where you can find it, as there really wasn't much else today. (NHP-BC)
- 738 **TAIWAN**, Baisha, BEL2. Woman talking 1449 11/2, //1143, poor in 730 splash. (NHP-BC)
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Tokyo, NHK2. 0738 12/2 weak signal with man in Japanese. Heavy splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ A few seconds of talk 1319 12/2. (bp-WA)
+ 1338 12/6 talk in 750 splatter. (bp-WA)
+ Traces of talk 1317 12/7. (bp-WA)
- 750 **ALASKA**, KFQD, Anchorage. Atop Portland w/PSA, jingle ID, CBS news 1400 12/6. (bp-WA)
- 765 **CHINA**, Fuzhou, CNR5. Snatches of instrumental mx //1116 1439 11/23; extreme minimalist DXing at its finest. (NHP-BC)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. 0740 12/2 weak signal with man/woman in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Time pips 1300 12/2, mostly faint-nil after that, but surfaced for briefly with talk 1312. (bp-WA)
+ Weak audio from Japan at times 12/2. (NP-AB)
+ Weak talk & time pips 1500 12/5. (bp-WA)
+ End of English program 1259 12/6, pips at ToH, then weather report. Local ID 1320, then start of English lesson. (bp-WA)
+ 1423 12/6 good signal with English lessons. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Extremely faint pips 1300 12/7. (bp-WA)
- 783 **UnID CHINA**. Woman talking, then Chinese pips 1500 11/03, poor at best. (NHP-BC)
- 792 **UnID CHINA**. Man holding forth 1457 11/03; Chinese pips on the hour. Poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. 0739 12/2 weak with man in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Faint talk and a few bars of music 1330 12/2. (bp-WA)
+ 1451 12/6 fair signal with man in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Same thing as JOUB but not as good 12/6. (bp-WA)
- 837 **JAPAN**, JOQK, Niigata. Man in Japanese //594 1356 11/02, then woman talking, fair to poor. (NHP-BC)
- 846 **JAPAN**, NHK1 synchros. Uproarious talk //891 1344 11/02, poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 850 **ALASKA**, KICY, Nome. Legal ID u/KHHO 1400 12/7. (bp-WA)
- 873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, Kumamoto. Man in Japanese //747 1332 11/02 and other times, fair to good; this was a consistently fair signal this morning, which is unusual. (NHP-BC)
- 890 **ALASKA**, KBBI. ID 1459 12/7 u/CJDC, music fill, then BBC Special Report from South Africa 1500. (bp-WA)
- 891 **JAPAN**, JOHK, Sendai. Uproarious women and men 1343 11/02, fair to good, //567 and stronger; in fact strongest NHK1 at this time. (NHP-BC)
- 918 **CHINA**. Somewhere in there was an ID, "guangbo diaintai" by man 1400 11/03, plus two sets of offset Chinese style pips about 12 seconds after the hour. No luck in digging out the ID. Fair to poor signal. A number of other UnID Chinese stations heard around this time. (NHP-BC)
- 945 **CHINA**, Jiaohu, CNR1. Man and woman in Chinese //6030 1517 11/04; need a new parallel, dominant here was English comedy. (NHP-BC)
- 963 **CHINA**, Huaduan, CRI. Stringed music 1357 11/03, fair to good, leading up to chimes and fanfare on hour as it faded down. (NHP-BC)
- 963 **JAPAN**, NHK1 synchros. Humorous sounding Japanese talk //594 1415 11/02, fair to poor, not a frequent visitor. (NHP-BC)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Woman in Korean 1436 12/5. (bp-WA)
+ Peaking at various times 1328-1406 12/6 with Korean talk & sometimes music. (bp-WA)
+ 1439 12/6 weak signal with man in Korean. Splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Weak talk 1414, music 1417 12/7. (bp-WA)
- 981 **CHINA**, CNR1. Chinese talk in 980 splatter 1502 12/5. (bp-WA)
+ Chinese talk briefly 1351 12/6. (bp-WA)
- 1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI. Slow female vocal mx //5965 1442 through 1445, 11/2, fair to poor. (NHP-BC)
- 1044 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CRI. Woman in Japanese //7220 1516 11/25, fair to good strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA**, 4BC, Brisbane. Likely this was woman talking DU English "Sunshine Coast" mention 1441; only up for 30 seconds or so, poor to fair signal. (NHP-BC)
- 1116 **CHINA**, Shaowu, CNR5. Man and woman talking, poor strength sounded Chinese, then female ballad 1446-1453 11/25, //549 though leading by a second or so. (NHP-BC)
- 1134 **REP KOREA**, KBS. Time pips and Korean talk 1300 12/6. (bp-WA)
- 1143 **TAIWAN**, Baisha, BEL3. Man talking then woman //738 1449 11/2 poor at best. (NHP-BC)
- 1170 **REP KOREA**, KBS. Very faint pips during several-second pause in KPUG audio 1300 12/6. (bp-WA)
- 1206 **CHINA**, Yanbian. On 1205.96 with woman in Korean, no pips at ToH 1300 12/6. (bp-WA)
- 1269 **JAPAN**, JOFM/JOHW, Esashi/Obihiro. Man in Japanese //1287 1526 12/2, poor at best. (NHP-BC)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHK. Traces of audio around 1445 12/2. (NP-AB)
+ Japanese talk briefly rising above the splatter 1521 12/2. (bp-WA)

- 1314t **JAPAN**, JOUF, Osaka. This was one of the stronger stations this morning woman in Japanese, pop mx 1523-1528 12/2, fair to good signal. (NHP-BC)
 + Pop songs 1526, Japanese talk 1529-1531 12/2. (bp-WA)
- 1323 **JAPAN**, NHK1 synchros. CRI was likely w/woman in Russian 1528 11/27, fair strength, but female vocal mx from someone else at 1526, faded into piano mx //594; maximum power on these NHK1 synchros is 1 kw, most are 100w. Catch of the morning. (NHP-BC)
- 1359 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. Woman and man in Chinese sounding talk 1526 11/25, snatches //1593, poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1377 **CHINA**, Zhengzhou, CNR1. Woman talking 1530 11/22, poor strength //6125 and 1593; there was someone else there trading places with this w/female pop mx, western style. (NHP-BC)
- 1386 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros, JOQC Morioka most likely? S/off chimes finishing 1514 11/24, fair to poor level, then man in apparent Korean took over, presumed HLAM, never logged here before. Light mx //774 at 1521, but at 1530 there was choral mx mixing with it, sounding somewhat Christian. There is a Filipino Catholic station on this channel. (NHP-BC)
- 1404 **JAPAN**, JOQL, Kushiro. Man talking 1524 11/25 //1287, poor level, but a new one at home I'm pretty sure. (NHP-BC)
- 1413 **UnID**. Bits of talk 1254 12/7. Slightly better 1530 w/talk possibly in Chinese, but hard to say for sure. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **JAPAN**, JORF. Japanese talk 1516-1525+ 12/2 sometimes good enough to be understandable (I think.) (bp-WA)
- 1494t **JAPAN**, JOYR, Okayama. Woman and man in Japanese, fair to poor strength, not //1287, better on N Flag, 1520 11/24. (NHP-BC)
- 1494 **UnID**. Talk 1530-1534+ 12/7, deep voiced man and sometimes woman, too weak to ID language. (bp-WA)
- 1503 **JAPAN**, JOUK, Akita. Man talking //567 1525 until past 1540 11/25. Very good strength at times. (NHP-BC)
 + Japanese talk sometimes at listenable level 1509-1514 12/2. (bp-WA)
- 1557t **TAIWAN**, Kouhu. "1557 Music Interactive Network." Female pop mx and woman in Chinese at 1534 11/22, followed by man in Chinese, fair strength. (NHP-BC)
 + Pop music and Chinese talk 1521 12/2. (bp-WA)
 + Bits of music 1513 12/5. (bp-WA)
 + I'm assuming Taiwan, weak with pop music & time pips 1500 12/7, brief Chinese-like talk, more pop music in & out for next half hour. Chinese woman peaking at reasonably OK level 1529-1532, the back to pop music. (bp-WA)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Cheju, FEBC. Woman in Chinese at 1539 11/25 very good level, but another carrier about 33Hz high was messing it up, man talking, maybe China? Hubei RGD is listed at around that offset. Also 11/26, woman in Chinese at 1532, "Amazing Grace" sung at top volume, then thundering in at 1542 with two women in Chinese. Rest of the band pretty dead however. (NHP-BC)
 + 0743 12/2 fair signal woman in Korean? Followed by woman singing. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 + Was the strongest TP signal morning, quite consistent from 1430 to 1500 12/2. (NP-AB)
 + Briefly good w/Chinese talk at 1516 1534-36 and 1540 12/2, otherwise poor today. (bp-WA)
 + Briefly fading up with announcements in Chinese 1527-30 12/5, otherwise fair-nli. (bp-WA)
 + Signal peaking at about 1332 12/6 with man in Japanese, before and after that it was fair-nil. (bp-WA)
 + 1426 & 1432 12/6. Good signal with woman in Chinese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 + Lousy signal until 1408 12/7 when it faded up to fair level w/usual Chinese talk and occasional music. Signal took a dive after 1430, but then resurged in a big way 1520, and was still going strong when the recording ended 1534. (bp-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VoA. Couple of VoA IDs at 1530 11/25 at lower strength but readable. By 1540, it was strong w/man in SE Asian language, but also someone else with mx, possibly AFN? (NHP-BC)
 + Faded up w/talk in SE Asian language 1521-26 12/2, otherwise weak at best. 2 other carriers visible on SDR display 1525, one of which had pop music, possibly AFN. (bp-WA)
 + Just traces of VOA now and again 12/2. (NP-AB)
 + Talk in SE Asian language fading up 1525 12/5. A couple of English IDs 1530, then switched to a different language. (bp-WA)
 + 1428 12/6 assuming station with very weak signal briefly. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 + 1530 12/7 ID "Welcome to the Voice of America in Burmese", then man and women in Burmese. Mediocre signal before 1530 but rose up to nice level 1531. (bp-WA)
- 1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CNR1. Man and woman in Chinese 1521 11/25, very good level, noted //6125 various times. (NHP-BC)
 + With fair audio for a few minutes around 1450 12/2. (NP-AB)
 + Had a decent carrier but the audio was getting mercilessly bashed by my 1590 local. I caught a few syllables now and then between 1305 and 1331 12/4. (bp-WA)
 + Occasional syllables in the 1590 splatter at 1503 12/5. (bp-WA)
 + Bits of Chinese talk 1302 12/6 in the usual 1590 splatter. (bp-WA)

- + 1445 12/6 nearly good signal with woman in Chinese. NW ewe. KOHI splatter. (DV-WA)
 + Man in Chinese 1531 12/7, would have been in the good category if not for KLFE-1590 splatter. (bp-WA)
- 1593 **JAPAN**, Matsue/Niigata, JOTB/JOQB. Woman talking //828 1521 11/25, poor strength, but little CNR1. (NHP-BC)
- 1602 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros. Man and woman talking, just briefly 1535 12/2, poor, //774. (NHP-BC)
 + NHK time pips 1500 12/7, Japanese-like talk fading up 1530-1533. (bp-WA)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 530 **CUBA**. 0125 11/30 on car radio I am getting two stations in Spanish, mixed with the fast SAH from presumed remnant of K530AM Vance AFB Enid, which has ceased modulating. One is obviously Enciclopeda, mostly music, and the other is continuous talk, sounds Cuban too; think I hear "Radio Angulo" mentioned, but surely only a passing reference rather than ID. One other is listed, a Radio Rebelde in Guantánamo, which is a long way from here. When I get home, I can't hear it on the DX-398. (GH-OK)
- 660 **MÉXICO**, XEEY, Aguascalientes, Ags, La Kaliente. 0711 12/5 as I tune in, ID amid banda music as "La Kaliente 102.9;" dominant signal at the moment vs IBOC noise from 670 WSCR. Let's see, which one uses that slogan, which I naturally assume must be misspelt with a K instead of a C, in an effort to appear "kool," just like with Ke Buena instead of Q? Cantú reveals immediately: XEEY + FM 102.9 50,000 10,000. It's running ten times the night power of any other XE on 660 if the listings can be believed, tho one other has a 50 kW daytime transmitter, XEDTL in the DF. (GH-OK)
- 730 **MÉXICO**, XEHB, Hidalgo del Parral, Chih, Ke Buena. 1254 12/5, very good dominant signal with Xmas songs in Spanish, "La Ke Buena 107.1" ID, ie XEHB. IRCA Log 2012 had this as only 1000/300 watts from San Francisco del Oro; while Cantú is much more like it: XEHB + FM 107.1. 50.000 1,000. (GH-OK)
- 780 **MÉXICO**, XESFT, San Fernando, Tams. 0125 12/1, Spanish music looping North/South, over WBBM as that can be only heard with this partially nulled. Music stops and starts again; 0128 SHVA ID as "La Poderosa," as already linked to XESFT, despite that slogan lacking in the main references. (GH-OK)
- 950 **MÉXICO**, XERN, Monterrey, NL, Radio Naranjera. 0123 12/1, song in Spanish, segué to ranchera, on top for a while. If looping SSW can be relied on, most likely XERN. (GH-OK)
- 1300 **MÉXICO**, XEP, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. 0116 12/1, romantic music in Spanish from WSW is dominant signal, as if XEJ is still on 38 kW day power; 0117 ID as Radio Trece seems undermodulated by comparison to the music but signal is also suddenly weaker, as if they just got around to switching to night power 500 watts (per IRCA; WRTH says only 50 kW); into ads under too much QRM now. (GH-OK)
- 1570 **MÉXICO**, XERF, Ciudad Acuña, Chih. 1249 12/5, XERF is still playing "Mañanitas" at this hour, heartfelt song, a tradition to gently awaken a child at sunrise on its birthday; and still following at 1251 with "servicio social" segment as frequently repeated, missing persons as far away as California, with phone numbers to call, and lost-and-found items such as documents. (GH-OK)

TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP

- 2910 **MÉXICO**, XEVT, Villahermosa, Tab. (970 3x harmonic.) 1215 12/5, JBA talk, 1217 music probably part of ad, back to talk. Surely the oft-heard but always-weak third harmonic of XEVT. (GH-OK)

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 Winradio Excalibur, K9AY antenna
- DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA
 JRC NRD 545, NW ewe + sky wire loop 880', High Performance Active Whip (HPAW), Palstar Tuner MW550P
- GH-OK **GLENN HAUSER**, Enid OK
 Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or Sony SRF-59
- NHP-BC **NICK HALL-PATCH**, Victoria BC nhp@ieee.org
 Drake R8, RFSpace NetSDR; RFSpace SDR-14 running DX Fishbarrel program; north FLG-100 antenna, west FLG-100 antenna, 1m indoor box loop, 14m sloper, DXP-3 phasing unit.
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