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DX TESTS

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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is the last of the weekly issues of DX Monitor; we're fortnightly from this point until the end of this volume.

The next issue is the Anniversary Issue. 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. The announcement of the TVA and RHA nominations are being run again. CDXR is taking this issue off; there weren't any logs reported to John this time around.

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-free items available for purchase.

For more information about Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage go to LexingtonBillings.com Hungry? You'll discover Billings, Montana is filled with numerous places to eat. There is a Johnny Carino's adjacent to the convention hotel. A few blocks away there is a Pizza Ranch. We're planning on a Friday evening get-together at Pizza Ranch where you'll find pizza and broasted chicken are on the buffet. The Saturday night convention banquet will be held at the Montana Rib and Chop House. 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

KCKM 1330 Monahans, TX will be conducting a DX Test on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 0100 to 0130 ELT (Midnight-0030 CLT). The test will be at full daytime power of 12,000 watts using a non-directional pattern into a five-eighths wave tower. The test will consist mainly of Morse Code, sweep tones and sound effects known to cut through the mud. There will be a few voice announcements spread out throughout the 30-minute test.

Reports sent via E-mail are preferred, but will accept reports submitted via snail mail. If you send an E-mail, please send MP3 attachments only; WAV files would be too big.

E-mail reports are to be sent to bob@kckm1330.com

Snail mail reports can be sent with a CD or cassette cued up to the best part of the reception. The mailing address is:

KCKM AM 1330
Attention: Bob Souza, Owner and General Manager
P.O. Box 990
Monahans, TX 79756

Bob has said a verification post card will be sent. A single stamp is encouraged to help defray the cost of postage. Bob didn't ask for that, but it will be a kind gesture.

If there are any questions or any information left out, Paul will be glad to take your E-mail directly at walkerbroadcasting@gmail.com

(This DX test was arranged by Paul Walker.)

TVA/RHA NOMINATIONS

Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6
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We have a Ted Vasilopoulos Award / Ric Heald Award election coming up, the deadline for nominations has passed, and your Election Committee Chair received zero nominations for the RHA, in spite of repeated calls for same on the front page of DX Monitor. (we have three for the TVA, a good showing)

So, I'm asking for your help. As a volunteer editor for the club, and/or a Board member you have perhaps a better idea of who might be worthwhile candidates for these awards, given that you may deal with potential candidates as much as every week during the season.

Could I get any nominations from you for this award as quickly as possible, please?

Again, here is the announcement that was running on the front page of DXM for the better part of two months (so nominations for the ineligible don't arrive):

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

Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

Ted Vasilopoulos 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.

Best wishes,
Nick Hall-Patch
Elections Committee Chair

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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DATE OF COLUMN: February 22, 2014

Column data span: February 8, 2014-February 22, 2014

Data courtesy of Stationintel.com, FCC database and member contributions

COLUMN DEADLINES: SATURDAYS

Please send your tips to the Email address above only and no other.
Deadlines for column will be Saturdays. Thank you.

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
690	KEWI	Benton, AR	now silent
730	WUMP	Madison, AL	was Fox Sports Radio, now CBS Sports Radio
830	WQZQ	Goodlettsville, TN	old slogan: "Sports Talk 830 AM", new: "94.9 FM Game 2"
860	WAOB	Millville, PA	new: "We Are One Body 106.7"
860	WAOB	Millville, PA	old slogan: "Catholic Radio"
920	WGKA	Atlanta, GA	old slogan: "News Talk 920", new: "Talk 920"
930	WGAD	Rainbow City, AL	new: "WGAD 930" (ex WJBY-EiC)
930	WGAD	Rainbow City, AL	old slogan: "The Southern Gospel Giant"
930	WGAD	Rainbow City, AL	was Southern Gospel, now Adult Contemporary
960	KLAD	Klamath Falls, OR	old slogan: "960 The Sports Legend", new: "ESPN 960"
960	KLAD	Klamath Falls, OR	was Fox Sports Radio, now ESPN Radio Network
970	WNIV	Atlanta, GA	old slogan: "Christian Talk Radio", new: "Faith Talk 970"
1060	KRCN	Longmont, CO	new: "Bloomberg Radio 1060"
1060	KRCN	Longmont, CO	old slogan: "1060 The Biz"
1080	WOAP	Owosso, MI	old slogan: "The Big 1080", new: "Radio Exitos"
1080	WOAP	Owosso, MI	was Oldies, now Regional Mexican
1140	KLTK	Centerton, AR	was Regional Mexican, now new unknown format
1150	WDTM	Selmer, TN	was silent, back on with new unknown format
1190	WAMT	Pine Castle-Sky Lake, FL	was News, now Ethnic
1200	KFNW	West Fargo, ND	was Contemporary Christian, now Christian Teaching
1210	KEVT	Sahuarita, AZ	adds Fox Sports Radio, adds slogan "Power Talk 1210"
1220	KPJC	Salem, OR	old slogan: "JC Talk", new: "Hebrew Nation"
1240	KGY	Olympia, WA	adds Classic Hits format
1240	KRJW	Altamont, OR	adds slogan: "The Winner 1240"
1240	KRJW	Altamont, OR	is new, CBS Sports Radio
1300	WMVO	Mount Vernon, OH	new: "Talk Radio WMVO 1300"
1300	WMVO	Mount Vernon, OH	old slogan: "WMVO Your Knox County Connection"
1340	KHUB	Fremont, NE	old slogan: "HUB Radio 1340", new: "1340 KHUB"
1340	KHUB	Fremont, NE	was Talk, now Classic Hits
1350	KLHC	Bakersfield, CA	new: "Radio Vida Abundante"
1350	KLHC	Bakersfield, CA	old slogan: "La Redencion"
1400	WIRA	Fort Pierce, FL	adds slogan: "Rejoice 1400"
1400	WIRA	Fort Pierce, FL	was Talk, now Urban Gospel
1400	WLTA	Alpharetta, GA	old slogan: "Christian Talk Radio", new: "Faith Talk 970"
1400	WSPG	Spartanburg, SC	now silent
1430	WOIR	Homestead, FL	adds slogan: "Radio Zoe 1430 AM"

1450	KVSL	Show Low, AZ
1470	WMGG	Dunedin, FL
1470	WMGG	Dunedin, FL
1490	WMOA	Marietta, OH
1490	WOLF	Syracuse, NY
1490	WQQX	East St. Louis, IL
1490	WQQX	East St. Louis, IL
1490	WQQX	East St. Louis, IL
1510	WPGR	Monroeville, PA
1510	WPGR	Monroeville, PA
1510	WQQW	Highland, IL
1540	WKXG	Greenwood, MS
1570	WIZK	Bay Springs, MS
1570	WMAK	Lobelville, TN
1570	WMAK	Lobelville, TN
1570	WMAK	Lobelville, TN

adds slogan: "Real Radio For Real People"
old slogan: "News Talk AM 1470", new: "Mega AM 1470"
was Talk, now Spanish News/Talk
old slogan: "Full Service Radio", new: "Local Radio 1490"
now silent
new: "1490 The Champ"
old slogan: "Hot Talk, Timeless Memories"
was R&B Oldies, now Fox Sports Radio
new: "We Are One Body 106.7"
old slogan: "Catholic Radio"
was Country, now Spanish, adds slogan: "Qué Buena" (this one is leased from Bob Romanik-EiC)
was Southern Gospel, now new unknown format
was silent, back on with new unknown format
new: "America's Bluegrass Channel"
old slogan: "Solid Gold 16 WMAK"
was Classic Hits, now Bluegrass

Still out of work but have some possible prospects. Missed the WFNY-1440 test last night, fell asleep, darn! But it was heard throughout the east coast and into the Midwest, so really got out. Next DX test: KCKM-1330 Monahans, TX, if you hear it, report it to your respective DX columns! All our snow in Bowie here has melted, had a hard time getting out of our driveway recently, even had a tornado warning the other day! I guess you never know about the weather here. Attend the 2014 IRCA convention in Billings, Montana! 73's. Bob Wien

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 2. Please use Eastern Time.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (RB) **Rick Barton**-Box 1804-El Mirage, AZ desertmoon_dxshack@inbox.com
Grundig Satellit 750, Hammarlund HQ-180A, Palomar loop, outdoor Slinky
- (BB) **Bill Block**-Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 billblock@cableone.net
Drake R8
- *****
- 560 KMON MT, Great Falls heard at 0854 with ads for Great Falls and at 0900 "We are KMON Great Falls." (BB-AZ) (Date?—NJ)
- KLZ CO, Denver 2/28 0001 "KLZ 560 The Source." (BB-AZ)
- 570 KLAC CA, Los Angeles 2/16 0846 with "AM 570 Fox Sports" then "LA's Best Sports Talk." (BB-AZ)
- 590 KQNT WA, Spokane 2/19 0828 with weather report and at 0832 "KQNT 590" then "KQNT.com." (BB-AZ)
- 610 KEAR CA, San Francisco 2/20 0859 with "Family Radio KEAR San Francisco." (BB-AZ)
- 630 KHOW CO, Denver 2/16 2135 traffic report, station promo, to "AM 6-30, K-HOW." Good with loop null of splash and hash from local flamethrower KTAR 620. (RB-AZ)
- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 2/17 1030 local talk show on politics & law, "Bill Handel," the "rap music shooting." Good, well after local sunrise. (RB-AZ)
- 790 KBET NV, Winchester 2/21 heard at 0900 with "KBET Las Vegas." (BB-AZ)
- 820 KUTR UT, Taylorsville 2/16 1000 break from religious program to ID "AM 8-20 KUTR Taylorsville...Ogden, Provo, Salt Lake City." (RB-AZ)
- 1040 WHO IA, Des Moines 2/14 2044 "WHO radio dot com, and newradio 10-40 AM, WHO, Des Moines." Alone on channel, very good and steady, on Hammarlund with Slinky just after local sunset. (RB-AZ)
- 1150 KEIB CA, Los Angeles 2/15 0300 break from Rush Limbaugh (replay not live) to ID by male at ToH "KEIB Los Angeles, The Patriot." Fair with some deep fades. (RB-AZ)
- 1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa 2/18 0745 long dialog with talk show host and caller, "Here on KFAQ," very good. (RB-AZ)
- 1370 KWRM CA, Corona 2/16 0859 with "KWRM AM 1370." (BB-AZ)
- 1530 KCMN CO, Colorado Springs 2/15 0814 with "This is I-25 Radio, the time is 6:19." (BB-AZ)
- 1590 KERP TX, El Paso 2/16 1930 long religious monologue by male, "This is Christian Radio KERP." (RB-AZ)
- 1600 KYBC AZ, Cottonwood 2/16 2219 with "KYBC." (BB-AZ)
- 1620 WTAW TX, College Station 2/18 0759 "Newstalk 1620 WTAW," then Fox News. (BB-AZ)

1660 KRZI TX, Waco 2/16 2045 tax shield spot, report that Nebraska beat #2 Michigan State in college hoops, good with slight QRM. Rarely heard here, and usually buried under one or two co-channels. Very good on Grundig Satellit 750 with loop favoring E-W. (RB-AZ)

Next week will be a skip week, so the next WDXR deadline will be March 14 (for our anniversary issue). Nancy 2/21 2100

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

(JJR-MI) John J. Rieger, L'Anse, MI
Grundig Satellit 750, Terk AM-1000 loop

ACROSS THE DIAL

760 WLCC FL Brandon – 2/13 1750 noted with programming in Spanish. “WLCC Brandon/Tampa/St. Petersburg/Clearwater” legal ID in English at 1759 by a female announcer noted. The signal was noted mixing with WJR, WCHP, WVNE and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)

760 WVNE MA Leicester – 2/13 1628 noted with “Life-Changing Radio, 760 WVNE” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WJR, WCHP, WLCC and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)

760 WCHP NY Champlain – 2/13 1659 noted with promo for advertising on WCHP. “A thought from WCHP Champlain/Montreal” legal ID by male announcer at 1701. The signal was noted mixing with WJR, WLCC, WVNE, and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)

770 WAIS OH Buchtel – 2/13 1659 noted with a Country format, “We’re your...information...news, weather, talk radio; AM 770 WAIS” ID by male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WABC, WKFB, Cuba and an unidentified talk station. (KK-VA)
(If that talk was in Bosnian, it’s definitely WEW-eb)

790 WBLO NC Thomasville – 2/13 1626 noted with Spanish language programming, “Pepe 790 (siete noventa) ID in Spanish. The signal was noted mixing with WNIS, WAEB, WPIC, Radio Reloj (Cuba) and unidentified stations carrying Oldies and Country formats. (KK-VA)

800 WCHA PA Chambersburg – 2/15 1627 noted with Oldies format, “We’re glad you found us; New FM 96.3, The True Oldies Channel” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CKLW, WSVS and WVHU. (KK-VA)

800 WVHU WV Huntington – 1750 noted with “News Radio 800 WVHU...Only Local News” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CKLW, WCHA and WSVS. (KK-VA)

810 WMJH MI Rockford – 2/15 1809 noted with “We’re going off the air about 6:15” reminder, mentions of 810 AM and the station’s Smart Phone app, “Super Hits 810 or on our Web site, Super Hits 810-dot-com, bye-bye!” sign-off announcement. The signal was noted mixing with WGY, WEDO, WPIN and an unidentified talk station. (KK-VA)
(If the unidentified talk station was talking sports, it’s WHB Kansas City-eb)

810 WDMP WI Dodgeville/Mineral Point – 2/19 0713 noted with “Outlaw Country D-99.3” ID in sweep between Country selections. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WGY. (JJR-MI)

820 WWFD MD Frederick – 2/15 1640 noted with “A good variety of music is found here at The Gamut” ID by male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WVSG, and unidentified stations carrying talk and comedy. (KK-VA)
(Kraig, that other talk station may be WCPT Willow Springs, IL; the comedy station is definitely CHAM Hamilton, ON.-eb)

880 WRFD OH Columbus/Worthington – 2/19 0756 noted with “Walking Through the Word” Christian teaching program giving a mailing address in Elgin, IL; “AM 880 WRFD” ID given. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WCBS. (JJR-MI)

1060 KFIL MN Preston – 2/19 0709 noted with an ad for the Central Livestock Feed Association, giving a number with an 886 prefix, “sponsored by 1060 KFIL” mention in fade up. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)

1290 KOIL NE Omaha – 2/19 0735 noted with “1290 Coil” ID into “Imus in the Morning”. A poor signal was noted, mixing with WIRL; lost to WIRL shortly after. (JJR-MI)

1290 WNBK NY Binghamton – 2/19 0737 noted with “News Radio 1290 WNBK” ID said twice by a female announcer. A poor signal was noted, mixing with WIRL; lost to WIRL shortly after. (JJR-MI)

1360 KSCJ IA Sioux City – 2/19 0728 noted with “The Osgood File”, “Sioux-land’s...1360 KSCJ” ID. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WTAQ. (JJR-MI)

1420 KJCK KS Junction City – 2/19 0836 noted with PSA, “on 1420 KJCK” mention. A poor signal was noted; all alone on channel with no sign of KTOE. (JJR-MI)

1420 KOTK NE Omaha – 2/19 0955 noted with programming in Spanish, then “...Omaha, KOTK Omaha, a ????” in English. I was lucky to catch a legal ID. A poor signal was noted with no sign of KTOE. (JJR-MI)

1430 KRGI NE Grand Island – 2/19 0847 noted with “KRGI Sports, Brad Foster...” mention into local area scores. A poor signal was noted, mixing with others. (JJR-MI)

1440 KMAJ KS Topeka – 2/19 0837 noted with Kansas news, a story mentioning the state’s Governor, “for AM 1440 KMAJ News, I’m...” mention into an ad mentioning a phone number of 234-66xx. A poor signal was noted; alone on frequency. (JJR-MI)

1450 WATZ MI Alpena – 2/18 1836 noted with “University of Michigan Hockey on AM 1450 WATZ Alpena” legal ID into University of Michigan hockey game. A poor signal was noted; atop frequency. (JJR-MI)

1490 KTOP KS Topeka – 2/19 0825 noted with local ads, “This is Sports Radio KTOP, KTOP, a ??? Station” ID into CBS Sports Radio. A poor signal was noted; atop all signals on the frequency. (JJR-MI)

1490 KOMJ NE Omaha – 2/19 0936 noted with “Don’t Hang Up” by The Orlons, “Magic 1490” ID in sweep into “I Want to be Wanted” by Brenda Lee. The station was still in 10 minutes later on recheck. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)

1520 KSIB IA Creston – 2/19 0940 noted with PSA for the Iowa National Guard, “presented by the Iowa Broadcasters and this station” mention, into “Agri-Vision” for Southwest and South Central Iowa farmers, “AM 1520 KSIB – we are Fox Sports Radio” ID. No mention of the FM on 101.3. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
(John, the FM no longer simulcasts on AM-eb)

1550 KYAL OK Sapulpa – 2/19 0723 noted with “Law Offices of...” and “IRS Help Oklahoma-dot-com” mentions, faded before an ad for Staples and a possible traffic report. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)

1580 KAMI NE Cozad – 2/19 0930 noted with end of Christian teaching program, “...:30 Central Time on the Bott Radio Network” and “Here’s the weather for Central Nebraska” mentions, gave a forecast of partly cloudy skies and 51 degrees for a high. No call letters mentioned, into “Turning Point”. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
(John, KAMI simulcasts KCVN 105.3, also in Cozad-eb)

1580 KKTS WY Evansville – 2/19 0908 noted with “That’s What Makes You Beautiful” by the Counting Stars, “Hit Radio 99.3” ID by a female announcer into “Start Me Up” by The Rolling Stones at 0913. One long fade was noted after overtaking KDOM Windom, MN. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
(Counting Stars...they seem to be a new band on the scene. I’ve heard of the Counting Crows. This sounds like an Adult Hits or AC format-eb)

EDITOR’S NOTES

From John’s logbook: “What a morning! I’ve had pipelines into North Dakota or the West on occasion, and the Kansas/Nebraska stations noted this morning were just great, rather than the ‘norm’, and NEW 1580 KKTS helped. This is the 10th new station I noted this year, of which I am proud!”

I’m going to try something new here. I’m going to give you a local as a DX target. We all know that KMOX 1120 is a 50 kW blowtorch that can pretty much roam the earth. In this edition, the first St. Louis target for you to try for is KTRS 550. “The Big 550” has been on the air continuously since 1922, when it began as KSD, owned by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The station has been KTRS since 1998. Those in the EDXR area can try for this station around sunset, when many of the stations in the East on 550 (such as WGR Buffalo, NY, WKRC Cincinnati, OH and WDUN Gainesville, GA) cut to night power and/or pattern, provided if the DXer doesn’t live in an area with a local on 550 or have the nearest 550 beam their night pattern right at the DXer’s location. KTRS is 5,000 watts non-directional during the day; the station doesn’t cut to night power and pattern (5,000 watts with a null toward Cincinnati) until as much as an hour after locals like WGR go to night power/pattern. DXers living west

of St. Louis, provided they don't have a powerful local (like KTSA San Antonio, TX, KRAI Craig, CO or KFYR Bismarck, ND) have their best chance around local sunrise. When I was living in Woodstock and Marietta, GA during the late 1980s and early 1990s, 550 (then KUSA) St. Louis was pretty much a sunset regular after semi-local WDUN cut from 5,000 watts non-directional to 2,500 watts directional. I also noted them on vacation in Erie, PA in August 2009; I put a tight null on WGR to pull in The Big 550 in northwest Pennsylvania.

Trivia Time: Today, we know that the "graveyard" frequencies are 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450 and 1490 kHz. What were these frequencies before 1941? Those frequencies were 1200, 1210, 1310, 1370, 1420 and 1500 kHz. 1200, 1210 and 1500 became Clears, while 1310, 1370 and 1420 became Regional channels.

This is the last of the weekly issues; we'll see you in a fortnight for the Anniversary Issue!

73 and good DX from NØUIH

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Weeklies are finished. Deadline 3/16 noon PLT. All times UTC/GMT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. Man in Japanese 1224 2/17, 3+1 pips then man & woman talking 1300, peaking at 1302. (bp-WA)
 + 1422 2/19 fair signal with man in Japanese. Good at 1424 NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 + Female vocal music temporarily at fair to good level at 1445 2/22 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/rnielIn6p9bp9br/594-JOAK-1445z022214SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
 + Woman singing, then lively conversation 1322 2/23, otherwise poor-nil. (bp-WA)
- 603 **REP KOREA**, HLSA, Seoul. S9 level Korean pop music at 1448 2/18 over fairly strong local electrical noise; best TP signal of the session <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/258igin1v0wr2tv/603-HLSA-1448z021814SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
 + Korean pop music at good level at 1448 2/22; best TP signal of the session <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/1o4p5d5j1eyv1as/603-HLSA-1448z022214SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. English lesson 1228 2/17, two people greeting "good morning." (bp-WA)
 + 1307 2/18 weather //774. (bp-WA)
 + Partial time pips 1400 & 1500 2/21. (bp-WA)
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. Woman talking 1240 2/17, sounded like one of the "regulars" from the English lessons. (bp-WA)
 + Cheerful sounding female, apparently part of language lesson 1256 2/18. (bp-WA)
 + English lesson 1327 2/20. (bp-WA)
 + Man and woman with English lesson 1426 2/21. (bp-WA)
 + Woman/man 1254 2/22, language lesson. (bp-WA)
 + Man in Japanese //774 1244-1254 2/23, much weaker at other times. (bp-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. English lesson 1254 2/17, man talking to another about his relationship with his girl friend, including the phrase "by the way, tomorrow is Valentine's Day" (a bit late, I think). The next segment featured a commercial for a hypothetical movie theater. (bp-WA)
 + Weather report 1306 2/18, English lesson 1324 briefly good at these times. Fair-nil at other times. (bp-WA)
 + Carrier 1254 2/19, not sure if the audio was real or imaginary. (bp-WA)
 + Man in Japanese 1150 2/20. Also 1319-1323, end of weather, local ID, then English lesson. Otherwise, poor-nil. (bp-WA)
 + Man and woman 1408 2/21, listed as Korean lesson. Better at 1500 with pips, music bridge, then man in Japanese. (bp-WA)
 + Man in Japanese 1151 2/22. (bp-WA)
 + Man in Japanese 1243 2/23 briefly good, otherwise fair-nil. (bp-WA)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. Language lesson 1238 2/17, pips and weather 1300. (bp-WA)
 + Faint talk 1231 2/18, faint pips 1300. (bp-WA)
 + 1421 2/19 very weak signal with woman in Japanese. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Man and woman in Korean 1317 2/17. (bp-WA)
 + Korean talk 1238 2/18. (bp-WA)
 + Talk and parts of a song 1343-46 2/23. (bp-WA)
- 972 **UnID**. Woman talking 1424 2/21. (bp-WA)
 + Faint bits of talk/music 1248 and 1327 2/22. (bp-WA)
- 981 **UnID**. Very poor talk in CKNW splatter 1215 2/18. (bp-WA)

- 1044 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CRI. 1431 2/20 poor with woman speaker. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1053 **REP KOREA**, jammer. 1231 2/18. (bp-WA)
- 1170 **UnID**. Pips, possibly parts of two sets of them 1400 2/18 during pause in KPUG audio. (bp-WA)
- 1332 **UnID**. Music briefly audible 1446 2/22. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **UnID**. Music/talk 1445 2/22. (bp-WA)
- 1503 **UnID**. Woman talking 1451 2/22, not sure of language but probably JOKU. (bp-WA)
- 1557 **UnID**. Bits of audio, sounded like music 1442 2/22. Carrier almost as strong as 1566 but audio was weaker and there was more splatter. (bp-WA)
- 1566t **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Faint traces of talk 1457 2/17, presumably HLAZ but you couldn't prove it by me. (bp-WA)
 + 1344 2/18 woman closing the Japanese service for today. (bp-WA)
 + Christian-sounding music 1318 2/19, then someone talking. (bp-WA)
 + Woman in Chinese 1446 2/20. (bp-WA)
 + 1400-1403 2/20 very weak signal at times. Woman speaker. Fair at 1443 with music. 1455 weak. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 + Woman in Chinese 1440-1453 2/22, mostly poor-nil otherwise. (bp-WA)
 + Weak talk 1342 2/23. (bp-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VOA. Weak talk peaking at about 1456 2/17. (bp-WA)
 + 1443 2/20 weak signal with woman in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 + Fair-weak with the usual English IDs 1430 2/21, then it started to fade up with Burmese program. Reasonably good strength at times 1431-1447, but electrical noise made reception rougher than it should have been. (bp-WA)
- 1575 **UnID**. Bits of talk 1443 2/20. (bp-WA)
 + Reasonably decent carrier but very weak audio 1446 2/22. (bp-WA)
- 1593 **UnID**. Talk poking through the KLFE splatter 1443 2/22, not sure if CNR or NHK. (bp-WA)
- 1602 **UnID**. Woman/man talking 1442 2/22, much 1600 splatter. (bp-WA)
- ### PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP
- 620 **MÉXICO**, XEBU, Chihuahua, Sin. 1357 2/19, mentions of Chihuahua, as low-banders are about to fade out, so XEBU. Also not quite gone by now are the usual 650, 710, 720 and 730 Spanish stations, no doubt in Chihuahua, Sinaloa. Enid sunrise was almost half a sesquiour earlier at 1314. (GH-OK)
- 1300 **MÉXICO**, XEP, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. 1403 2/19, with its 37? kW is still in well more than half a sesquiour after Enid sunrise; IDs as "Radio México Noticias en 1300" but also mentioning more than once, "Reportero 970," apparently referring to a guest reporter. At first I thought it was 960, but more likely from XEJ 970, which by now I can't hear; indeed both are in the Grupo Radio México. Multi-station groups from the same studios were common in Mexico long before this was allowed in the USA. (GH-OK)
- 1430t **MÉXICO**, XEWD, Ciudad Miguel Alemán, Tama. 0658 2/15, dominant signal is banda music, looping N/S. 0703 UT mentions "Fórmula perfecta" and more music. May have dozed during a real ID. NRC AM Log 2013 does not show any likely SS, none of the three Texans. Cantú lists only five (!) XEs on 1430, of which the closest to the south but weakest is: XEWD La Grande de Ciudad Miguel Alemán Ciudad Miguel Alemán, Tamps. 5,000 150. Further, in about the same direction are two stronger ones: XETT Radio Tlaxcala Tlaxcala, Tlax. 5,000 1,000 and XELL Latido + 90.1 FM Veracruz, Ver. 5,000 1,000. IRCA 2013 and WRTH 2014, however show a sixth station on 1430, 250-watt XERAC, La Número Uno en Campeche / Radio Fórmula, Campeche. In the Campeche section, Cantú still has no such station, although he does include its FM counterpart, 97.3 XHRAC (maybe assumed to have "migrated" from AM already?). Anyhow, XERAC looks like the tentative source. I can't find any affiliate list or anything about Campeche at the Grupo Fórmula site. There is still a remote chance it could be a US station changed format, as the Fórmula brand does exist here. (GH-OK)
- + 0656 2/16, much like last night, station with Mexican music is barely atop the heavy QRM of SAHing off-frequency mostly US stations, and looping N/S. Brief break between tunes sounds like "Radio Sí – algo," and next break at 0659 attempts a real ID, sounds like "XEOA, 14-30 de AM," but no such call is listed anywhere. (The real XEOA is 570 in Oaxaca.) Closest call, though from the southwest, per Cantú and WRTH is: XEOX Exa + 106.5 Ciudad Obregon, Son. 5,000 500. And if that were it, would expect national anthem at local midnight. Will have to keep trying, maybe even earlier than 0700. (GH-OK)
- + 0601-0605 2/17, I'm back trying to ID the Mexican I have been hearing dominating the graveyard-like pileup. Long choral multi-verse NA is playing so this one must be in the CST zone = local midnight. But then 0605 segué to other music rather than ID. 0625, tentative ID as "XEOX, la Exa," which would be Ciudad Obregón, Sonora in wrong time zone, so not same station. At 0643, "Radio X," so this one or the other one?
- + 0115 2/18. I try again; once more, there is one Spanish station atop the pileup (fortunately, KZQZ is behaving itself, no more 50 kW day power at night from St Louis), and it's roughly

N/S or slightly west of south. Live hyper (but not super-hype) DJ with rapid speech, greets various colonias, mentions Monterrey, ranchera tune; 0120 next break mentions corridos, 14-30, Tamaulipas. 0123 a canned ID, but it's relatively low-key and smooth, harder to understand. Maybe "La X, 14-30;" then live DJ mentions Reynosa; 0127 plug an event in Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas (that's way down by Tampico, far from the border). I never hear any produced ads or PSAs. Finally says "La Fórmula Perfecta desde Ciudad Miguel Alemán, Tamaulipas" which makes it XEWD, 5/0.15 kW per WRTH and Cantú, 2/0.15 kW per IRCA log, all sloganing it "La Grande" which I don't hear, and IRCA says with RCN network. Unclear yet whether this "Fórmula" refers to the national Fórmula grupo, or just a generic fórmula. CMA is just across the river border from Roma, Tejas. Always with a very fast SAH, which leads me to suspect this station is the one most off-frequency compared to the average. No way it's only 150 watts, yet steadily dominating all the other signals. Suspect but not positive it's the same one I was hearing around 0700, rather than something deeper into Mexico. Three years ago as in DXLD 11-11, XEWD was reported from England by Barry Davies with "La Arrolladora" slogan; ID spotted by Henrik Klemetz who says the name means irresistible women!!! I don't find any other logs of it in DXLD past decade, not even by myself. (GH-OK) (Quite an adventure Glenn – glad you were finally rewarded!! – ed)

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- GDB-WA **GARY DeBOCK**, Puyallup WA
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