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The 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the NRC AM Radio Log has been out for a month now. If you haven't ordered your copy of the NRC Log, order as soon as possible. Having had a front seat to history in monitoring the police and fire department communications coming out of Ferguson, I am reminded of how important radio is in the events that have shaped our times. How many of the old-timers in IRCA were near a radio or TV set when the news broke of the assassination of President Kennedy? I remember hearing my clock radio go off on the morning of September 11, 2001 to hear of the attacks on our country. It's hard to believe it will be 13 years since our country was attacked. DX season is just around the corner; are you ready to go? Do you have any stories to tell about DX seasons past? If you do, please feel free to tell your stories in a Forum to Richard C. Evans. A note to all editors: the deadline for the next edition is one week from today, since I'd like to get the next bulletin out before the IRCA Golden Anniversary Convention in Billings, MT. I'd like to have our members attending the Convention to have the next DX Monitor by the time the Convention begins on September 19. Best of luck to John and Nancy!

### 2014 IRCA 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION – BILLINGS, MONTANA

By now you have already made your reservations and paid your registration fees for the 2014 IRCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention. John and Nancy are looking forward to hosting the convention in Billings, Montana on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The convention will be held at the Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage located at 3040 King Avenue West.

If you have not reserved your room you will need to do so this week to take advantage of the special room rate (\$95.00(US) per night plus 7% Lodging Tax & \$1.00(US) TBID fees) which will end soon. A limited block of rooms were set aside. 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. Station tours have been scheduled for the NorthernAG Network which includes KGHL 790, and a tour of Connoisseur Media's stations KYVA-730, KBLG-910, KRKX-94.1, KRZN-96.3, KWMY 105.9 and KLPN-106.7. There will also be a tour of KTVQ 2.1 / Billings CW 2.2 on Friday evening to watch a live production of the 10 PM News. Tours are subject to availability of transportation and attendance may be limited.

Friday evening the IRCA will pay for your meal at the Pizza Ranch which is a buffet facility featuring pizza and broasted chicken. The Saturday night convention banquet will be held at the Montana Rib and Chop House and is NOT included in your registration fees.

Registration for club\* members is just \$35.00(US) (Does NOT include the banquet). 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](mailto: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 2922 S Olivewood, Mesa, AZ 85212-2923. \*Club membership in IRCA, NRC, or WTFDA qualifies for the \$35.00(US) registration fee. Non club members are encouraged to join the IRCA.

If you have any questions please contact John Johnson at [john@johninmontana.com](mailto:john@johninmontana.com) or [John\\_Johnson@Prodigy.net](mailto:John_Johnson@Prodigy.net)

### NATIONAL RADIO CLUB AM RADIO LOG (35<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Shipping for the 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Radio Club AM Radio Log began on August 15. The **NRC AM Radio Log** is unbound and three-hole punched for standard binders. Media Rate: \$22.95 to US IRCA/NRC members; \$28.95 to US non-members. Via Priority Mail: \$26.80 to NRC/IRCA members, \$32.80 to non-members. To Canadian members, \$36.00. Airmail to all outside of USA/Canada: \$40.00. Canadian orders: PayPal or postal MO only. Order from: NRC Publications – PO Box 473251, Aurora CO 80047-3251, or via [www.nrcdxas.org](http://www.nrcdxas.org). (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.) Please state your IRCA membership affiliation when you order.

### IRCA HAM RADIO LIST

It's time to update the list of IRCA members who are licensed Amateur Radio operators. The last update was in 2012; if you've upgraded your license class or have just gotten your Amateur Radio license, then E-mail your information to me at [n0uiheric@aol.com](mailto:n0uiheric@aol.com)

### FROM THE PRESIDENT (Phil Bytheway)

We are currently seeking a volunteer to compile the **IRCA Slogans List**. Contact me if interested in either position or have concerns about IRCA. Pb



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Please send your tips to the Email address above only and no other.

**CALL CHANGES**

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
1110	KYKK	Hobbs, NM	KPER
1190	KPHN	Kansas City, MO	KDMR
1360	KAHS	El Dorado, KS	KPHN
1340	new	Fairbanks, AK	KSDG

**FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES**

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
600	WCHT	Escanaba, MI	was Yahoo! Sports Radio, now Fox Sports Radio
750	KSEO	Durant, OK	old slogan: "Texoma Talk 750", new: "Good Time Oldies 750"
750	KSEO	Durant, OK	was Talk, now Westwood One Good Time Oldies
800	WSVS	Crewe, VA	was Westwood One Classic Country, now CBS Sports Radio
890	KMJE	Olivehurst, CA	adds slogan: "La Buena 92.1"
890	KMJE	Olivehurst, CA	is new, Spanish Hits
910	WEPG	South Pittsburg, TN	old slogan: "The River", new: "Hot News Talk Radio"
910	WEPG	South Pittsburg, TN	was Traditional Country, now Talk
920	KVIN	Ceres, CA	was Adult Standards, now Oldies
1000	WVWI	Charlotte Amalie, VI	deletes unknown secondary format
1040	CKST	Vancouver, BC	old slogan: "Team 1040", new: "TSN 1040"
1110	KPER	Hobbs, NM	old slogan: "The Talk of Lea County", new: "Eagle 1110"
1110	KPER	Hobbs, NM	was Talk, now Westwood One Classic Rock
1190	WSDQ	Dunlap, TN	old slogan: "The Q", new: "Hot News Talk Radio"
1190	WSDQ	Dunlap, TN	was Traditional Country, now Talk
1200	KYOO	Bolivar, MO	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Cumulus Real Country
1200	KYOO	Bolivar, MO	adds slogan: "Real Country KYOO"
1240	WSDT	Soddy-Daisy, TN	old slogan: "Copperhead 1240", new: "Hot News Talk Radio"
1240	WSDT	Soddy-Daisy, TN	was Country, now Talk
1350	WRWR	Warner Robins, GA	adds slogan: "Kiss AM 1350"
1360	WGBN	McKeesport, PA	now silent
1360	WHJC	Matewan, WV	now silent
1380	KVSM	Santa Maria, CA	adds slogan "Fresca 1380"
1380	KVSM	Santa Maria, CA	is new, Regional Mexican
1400	WPCE	Portsmouth, VA	adds slogan: "Your Inspirational Leader"
1400	WPCE	Portsmouth, VA	was silent now Willis Broadcasting Network Urban Gospel
1400	WSJM	St. Josephs, MI	old slogan: "The News Station", new: "Sports Radio 1400"
1400	WSJM	St. Josephs, MI	was Talk, now Fox Sports Radio
1420	KUJ	Walla Walla, WA	old slogan: "Talk Radio 1420 KUJ-AM", new: "Radio Impacto"
1420	KUJ	Walla Walla, WA	was News/Talk, now Regional Mexican
1420	XEXX	Tijuana, BCN	was Spanish News/Talk, now Regional Mexican
1440	KPTO	Pocatello, ID	was silent, now Talk
1440	WSEL	Pontonoc, MS	now silent
1460	WKAM	Goshen, IN	old slogan: "La Mejor 1460", new: "La Raza 1460"
1480	KCZZ	Mission, KS	old slogan: "Que Buena", new: "Radio Luz 1480 AM"
1480	KCZZ	Mission, KS	was Spanish Hits, now Spanish Contemporary Christian
1480	WERM	Mobile, AL	was silent, now Urban Gospel (ex WABB-EiC)
1490	WSYL	Sylvania, GA	was Oldies, now new unknown format
1540	WCYL	Niles, OH	now silent
1590	KVTR	Victorville, CA	old slogan: "Mi Compadre 1590", new: "Victor 1590"
1590	KVTR	Victorville, CA	was Ranchera, now Regional Mexican

**MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Mike Sanburn of Long Beach, CA sends along the following via Paul Walker dated August 18, 2014:**

WHEO 1270 Patrick County Communications, in Stuart VA will discontinue operations as of August 31.

**Mike Sanburn of Long Beach, CA sends along the following via Ray Thomas dated August 19, 2014:**

WHYL 960 Carlisle PA is coming back on the air this fall after going bankrupt. License was bought by the owners of WIOO and WCAT. They will be 2000 watts non-directional into a folded unipole antenna and run an oldies format.

Flew back to Bowie, MD on Saturday 8/23/14, checked out of my hotel that morning. Bit of a rough flight on Frontier Airlines due to some turbulence. I am back here in Maryland permanently so the Denver address is no longer applicable. Using our new template for this column, seems to look pretty good! Labor Day weekend coming up as we speak, enjoy the last weekend of summer! IRCA convention is just a short time away, be sure to attend in Billings, MT, John and Nancy are great hosts! 73's. Bob Wien



**WESTERN DX ROUNDUP – Nancy Johnson – 2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923****E-mail: NancyJohnson@prodigy.net****WDXR DEADLINES:** Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5. Please use Eastern Time.**REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:**(JCJ) **John Johnson**-2922 S Olivewood, Mesa, AZ 85212 **John\_Johnson@prodigy.net**  
Icom IC-R71A, Kiwa loop

- 840 KVJY TX, Pharr 8/26 0150 signal came up when KXNT faded out, with ID "840 AM KVJY Pharr." (JCJ-AZ)
- 1200 KPSF CA, Cathedral City 8/24 0158 fair with WOAI nulled. ID at end of spots, then "Money Radio 1200 is KPSF Cathedral City" into NBC news. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1330 KCKM TX, Monahans 8/27 0139 ID between country music songs. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1430 KLO UT, Ogden 8/2 0138 mixing with KEZW, with "1430 KLO" ID during commercial in local football game. (JCJ-AZ)

The IRCA Golden Anniversary is nearly here, by now all reservations should be complete. We hope to see you in Billings, Montana September 19-20! -- Nancy 8/29 2100

**CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP – John C Johnson – 2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923****E-mail: John\_Johnson@prodigy.net****CDXR reports ONLY: cdxr@ircaonline.org****RIDING GAIN**

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- [RD-NE] **Rick Dau**, South Omaha, NE **drummer1965us@hotmail.com**  
Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop.

**DOWN THE DIAL**

- 600 WVOG LA, New Orleans. 8/27 fair to poor signal, mixing with WMT. 04:58 noted with "Jay Sekulow Live", PSA for the American Center for Law and Justice, SRN News and EAS test. [EB-MO]
- 640 KTIB IA, Thibodeaux. 8/26 fair to poor signal, mixing with WOI, KXPN. 03:17 noted with Classic Hits format, "Taking you back in time" mention. [EB-MO]
- 680 CFTR ON, Toronto. 8/27 fair to poor signal over WMFS, ACI from WSCR 670. 05:07 with news stories, "Six-80 News" ID, EDT time check. [EB-MO]
- 750 KAMA TX, El Paso. - 8/27 fair to poor signal in WSB null. 04:54 noted with talk format, PSA for Heritage for the Blind and local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]
- 970 KIXL TX, Del Valle. 8/27 fair to poor signal, mixing with KNEA, WGTK, WMAY. 03:58 noted with calls in promo. [EB-MO]
- 1010 CFRB ON, Toronto. 8/27 fair to poor signal in KXEN null. 04:04 noted with news and sports reports, weather forecast, "In-depth radio, news, talk 10-10" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1450 KENA AR, Mena. 8/14 2203 - Atop with late legal ID: "...1450 KENA, a Ouachita Broadcasting station", then into a Gospel song by female. [RD-NE]
- 1540 CHIN ON, Toronto. 8/26 fair to poor signal, mixing with KBOA, KEDA; no sign of KXEL. 03:35 noted with international pop music, mention of G&E Studio, gave E-mail address and toll-free number into world news. [EB-MO]

**OPEN MIKE**The IRCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention is all set for September 19-20 in Billings, Montana. By now you have paid your registration fees and have met the deadline for reduced hotel rates. See you in a couple of weeks! This column was typed 8-29-14. 73, John**EASTERN DX ROUNDUP – Eric Bueneman (N0UIH) – 631 Coachway Lane – Hazelwood MO 63042-1347****E-mail: n0uiheric@aol.com****DEADLINES: Thursday 2000 ELT****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

**ACROSS THE DIAL**

- 800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City – 8/13 0643 noted with Christian teaching from Bott Radio Network. A poor signal was noted, mixing with unidentified stations in Spanish (XEROK?) and Classic Country (WVAL?); no sign of CKLW. (JJR-MI)
- 810 CKJS MB Winnipeg – 8/11 0552 noted with "Night Flight on Radio 810 CKJS" mention, information on concerns with the station and CKJS-dot-com. This station is not commonly heard in L'Anse. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WGY. (JJR-MI)
- 910 KJJQ SD Volga – 8/13 0642 noted with "The Ranch, AM 910" ID and commodities report. A fair signal was noted; rarely in this well. (JJR-MI)
- 940 WKYK NC Burnsville – 8/8 2122 noted with Country format, "You're listening to...WKYK" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with an unidentified Christian talk station (WKGW?-eb). (KK-VA)
- 950 WPET NC Greensboro – 8/15 2002 noted with "We're the Piedmont's Big...Station, WPET Greensboro and WPET-AM-950-dot-com" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDIG, WORD, WKDN, WJKB, Radio Reloj (Cuba) and an unidentified station broadcasting in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 950 WDIG OH Steubenville – 8/15 2204 noted with Oldies format. "The smooth...WDIG" ID by a male announcer at 2204. This is a new station for me. The signal was noted mixing with WORD, WPET, WKDN, WJKB, Radio Reloj (Cuba) and an unidentified station broadcasting in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 950 WJKB SC Moncks Corners – 8/15 2106 noted with "This is the radio station that's live and local. WQSC AM 1340...AM 950 and streaming live at WQSC 1340-dot-com" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDIG, WORD, WKDN, WPET, Radio Reloj (Cuba) and an unidentified station broadcasting in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 950 WORD SC Spartanburg – 8/15 1959 noted with "Hi, this is Mike...", mention of "Mike and Mike". You're listening to Carolina's New Home for the World Wide Home of Sports, ESPN Upstate 950, 1330 and 97-1 FM and on ESPN Upstate-dot-com" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDIG, WPET, WKDN, WJKB, Radio Reloj (Cuba) and an unidentified station broadcasting in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 970 WYSE NC Canton – 8/15 2013 noted with Atlanta Braves baseball PBP (vs. Oakland Athletics), "Atlanta Braves Baseball; all the action, all season long on ESPN Radio 1310 and 970" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WBGW, WDCZ, WKCI, and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and Christian talk (WNIV?-eb). (KK-VA)
- 990 WEEB NC Southern Pines – 8/15 1958 noted with "Dennis Miller, weeknights 9:00 to 11:00, here on Talk Radio 990 WEEB" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WNRV, WNML and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and talk (CBW?-eb). (KK-VA)
- 990 WNML TN Knoxville – 8/15 2140 noted with Tennessee Smokies minor league baseball PBP, including an ad for the Tennessee Lottery. The signal was noted mixing with WEEB, WNRV, and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and talk. (KK-VA)

- 990 WNRV VA Narrows-Pearisburg – 8/15 2001 noted with “Bluegrass...all the time, any time at WNRV Bluegrass Radio-dot-com” mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WEEB, WNML, and unidentified stations carrying vocal music and talk. (KK-VA)
- 1040 WYSL NY Avon – 8/21 2006 noted with “You’re tuned to WYSL...FM, 1040 AM...WYSL 1040-dot-com; we’ll be right back” mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WSGH and talk in a foreign language. (KK-VA)  
(Kraig, the station in a foreign language is WPBS Conyers, GA; it broadcasts in Korean.-eb)
- 1040 WSGH NC Lewisville – 8/21 2003 noted with Christian teaching in Spanish. “This is WNOW Charlotte, WSGH Lewisville” legal ID in English, followed by an ID in Spanish. This is a new station for me. The signal was noted mixing with WYSL and WPBS. (KK-VA)  
(WNOW is actually licensed to Mint Hill, NC-eb)
- 1070 KNX CA Los Angeles – 8/11 0548 noted with ad for Mazda of Orange, mention of back taxes, “KNX news time” mention. This station was still in 30 minutes later with Sports at 21 minutes past the hour. “KNX 1070 Newsradio” ID in a tight null. (JJR-MI)
- 1190 WNWC WI Sun Prairie – 8/13 0732 noted with Christian announcements, weather forecast, “Faith 1190” ID into SRN News. A poor signal was noted; up and down, mixing with WOWO. (JJR-MI)
- 1290 WKLJ WI Sparta – 8/14 0844 noted with Wisconsin sports headlines, “Coulee Region” realtor licensed in Minnesota and Wisconsin. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 1430 WRDN WI Durand – 8/11 0725 noted with “Real Country WRDN” ID; noted with “WRDN News” mention an hour later. The signal is not common at L’Anse. A poor signal was noted over CHKT. (JJR-MI)  
(John, the CKFH calls were dumped on 1430 Toronto years ago. The calls are now CHKT-eb)
- 1460 CJOY ON Guelph – 8/13 0722 noted with calls and EDT time check. Rarely in on sunrise skip propagation; more common at night. A poor signal was noted in the mess, mixing with KXNO. (JJR-MI)
- 1470 KWAY IA Waverly – 8/12 0702 noted with end of Country selection, legal ID and a newscast. A poor signal; mostly under other stations. (JJR-MI)
- 1490 KXRA MN Alexandria – 8/14 0819 noted with ad for Alexandria Motors. A poor signal was noted; in with two or three other stations. (JJR-MI)
- 1590 WPVL WI Platteville – 8/12 0649 noted with three or four ESPN promos, “ESPN Double Team” mention into Mike and Mike. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 1600 KPNP MN Watertown – 8/14 0817 noted with chanting in the Hmong language. A poor signal was noted over an assumed WAAM. (JJR-MI)

#### UNIDENTIFIED

- 900 to 1000 (No date or time) Many frequencies with Morse Code. Very slow speed CW. Sounds like “M” and “T”. Are they spurs or harmonics? Morse Code noted Monday through Friday; gone on the weekends. There are several barbed wire fence facilities in the area. Also, Manassas Airport is nearby. Perhaps experiments are causing the CW? (KK-VA)

#### EDITOR’S NOTES

The DX season is just about here; I’m sure you’re all ready to go. How many of us are going to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IRCA Convention in Billings, MT? If you did, have a great time!

Trivia Time: The Hmong language is mentioned in one of John J. Rieger’s logs. The Hmong language is one of several languages spoken in the Southeast Asian nation of Laos. The primary religion in Laos is Buddhism; chanting is common in the Buddhist faith. (Information comes from the World Radio-TV Handbook and Hammond’s World Atlas.)

73 and good DX from NØUIH

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#### TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 576 **UnID**. Very weak, with man talking at 1212 8/23, seemed DU. (NP-AB)
- 684 **UnID**. Traces of audio at 1213 8/30. (NP-AB)
- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. Too much IBOC noise to hear much else, but the time pips at 1200 8/19 came through clearly. (NP-AB)  
 + Traces of Japanese through IBOC noise at 1157 8/23. (NP-AB)  
 + 1309 8/24 weak signal with man in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Man in Japanese at 1148 8/19. (NP-AB)  
 + Man in Japanese at 1159 8/22, then NHK time pips. (NP-AB)  
 + Traces of Japanese at 1204 8/23. (NP-AB)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA**, 2BL, Sydney. Talk by a woman at 1207 8/26. Strong carrier for the whole session, but only a few minutes of audio. (NP-AB)
- 702 **UnID**. Traces of audio with woman speaking at 1203 8/19 but too weak to say if it was DU or TP. (NP-AB)  
 + Weak audio, likely ABC Sydney, as the traces of talk by a man at 1205 8/31 had that ABC sound. (NP-AB)
- 738 **TAHITI**, Papeete, Radio Polynesie. Man speaking in French. Not heard the past few days, but my antenna is not well oriented for Tahiti 8/19. (NP-AB)  
 + Faint traces of audio, likely from Tahiti, at 1201 8/21. (NP-AB)  
 + 1240 8/27 assuming the station with very weak signal with music. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)  
 + Strong French disco music at 1318 9/1; best signal ever heard here in Puyallup <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/4jbuioeod8c6rj9/738-R.Polynesie-1318z090114PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 738 **UnID**. Got into audio briefly with talk by a man at 1158 8/30, but not strong enough to determine if it was French or English. (NP-AB)
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. Music, then time pips at 1200 8/19, //774. (NP-AB)  
 + Talk in Japanese by man at 1154 8/23, //774. (NP-AB)
- 756 **UnID**. Faint traces of audio at 1204 8/30. (NP-AB)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, 3LO, Melbourne. With time pips and news fanfare at 1200 8/21. (NP-AB)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. Definitely Japan today, with woman in Japanese at 1148 8/18. (NP-AB)  
 + Man in Japanese at 1149 8/19. Almost October-like levels at times. Noted at 1200 with ABC Melbourne in the background. (NP-AB)  
 + 1254 8/21 weak signal with Radio Conversation English program. Fair signal at 1256. NW ewe. (DV-WA)  
 + Man in Japanese at 1158 8/22. The best TP signal today. (NP-AB)  
 + 1230 8/22 very weak with moderate splatter. Woman in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)  
 + Man in Japanese at 1154 8/23. The best TP signal again today, reaching good levels at times. (NP-AB)  
 + Man in Japanese at 1150 8/24. Not as strong as yesterday but still a fair signal, and the best TP. (NP-AB)  
 + 1256 8/24 weak signal with woman in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)  
 + Weak Japanese at 1150 8/25. (NP-AB)  
 + Traces at 1152 8/26, and never got better than a word here and there. (NP-AB)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. Unlike yesterday, it was Japan by itself here today, with woman in Japanese at 1147 8/18, and still around at 1200 for time pips. (NP-AB)  
 + Man in Japanese at 1146 8/19. Second in level only to 774. (NP-AB)  
 + 1257 8/21 very weak signal with Radio Conversation English program. NW ewe. (DV-WA)  
 + Traces of Japanese at 1155 8/23. (NP-AB)  
 + Heard the time pips at 1200 8/24, but not much else. (NP-AB)  
 + Weak Japanese at 1150 8/25, about the same level as 774. (NP-AB)  
 + Very weak Japanese at 1154 8/26, about the same situation as 774. (NP-AB)



- 828 **UnID**. Came up to audio level (just barely) for a couple of minutes at 1208 8/31 with music. (NP-AB)
- 855 **UnID**. Just traces of audio. Not sure if it was TP or DU 8/26. (NP-AB)
- + Man talking at 1203 8/31. Too weak to be certain, but ABC is the only DU I've ever heard here on 855. (NP-AB)
- 891 **UnID**. Just faint traces of audio at 1204 8/21. (NP-AB)
- + Talk by man at 1204 8/31. Too weak to know if it was ABC Adelaide or TAB Radio. (NP-AB)
- + Talk by man at 1209 9/1. Pretty much "mumble in the splatter" signal level. (NP-AB)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Weaker than yesterday, but weak audio noted at 1149 8/18. (NP-AB)
- + After not making audio for several days, it did quite well today, coming in #2 to JOUB, with talk by a man at 1151 8/24. (NP-AB)
- + 1245 8/24 weak to fair signal with moderate splatter. Woman/man in Korean W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Not quite as good as yesterday, but a little stronger than the two Japanese 8/25. (NP-AB)
- + Weak, with talk by a man at 1151 8/26. (NP-AB)
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA**, 4BC, Brisbane. The only DU audio today, with talk by a man at 1159 8/18. (NP-AB)
- + With male host talking to caller at 115 8/21. (NP-AB)
- + The only Australian with any audio today, with usual talk program at 1153 8/22. (NP-AB)
- + Aussie-accented talk at 1154 8/23. (NP-AB)
- + Traces of presumed 4BC at 1209 8/26. (NP-AB)
- 1188 **UnID**. With traces of woman talking and music at 1151 8/18. (NP-AB)
- 1269 **UnID**. With conversation between 2 women at 1150 8/18. Sounded Japanese or possibly Korean. (NP-AB)
- + Very weak at 1206 8/23, but what little audio I could hear seemed Japanese. Second carrier on 1269.02. (NP-AB)
- + Traces of audio at 1152 8/24. (NP-AB)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. Man in Japanese at 1153 8/18. Oddly, this was the strongest of the TP signals today. (NP-AB)
- + Man in Japanese at 1150 8/19. (NP-AB)
- + Presumed the one here at 1152 8/22, but only bare traces of audio. (NP-AB)
- + Presumed the one with traces of audio at 1158 8/23. (NP-AB)
- + Talk by a woman in Japanese at 1150 8/24. (NP-AB)
- 1413 **UnID**. Traces of audio at 1154 8/28. (NP-AB)
- 1422 **UnID**. Traces of audio at 1148 8/18. JORF would seem likely. (NP-AB)
- 1494 **UnID**. Traces of audio at 1212 8/28. (NP-AB)
- 1548 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QD, Emerald. This one needs a decent signal to get through strong 1550 splatter, but did so today with music program with woman host at 1212 8/23. (NP-AB)
- + Very weak, with talk by a man at 1159 8/30, then ABC news fanfare. (NP-AB)
- 1557 **UnID**. Decent carrier, but only managed bare traces of audio at 1202 8/26 for a minute or so. (NP-AB)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Woman talking at 1146 8/18. (NP-AB)
- + Much weaker than the past couple of days, with traces of woman speaking at 1151 8/19. (NP-AB)
- + 1232 8/20 from noise level to good signal in a minute. Religious music. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1243 8/21 fair signal with woman in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Very weak, but a few syllables of audio here and there at 1152 8/22. (NP-AB)
- + 1236 8/22 good signal with organ music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Just like yesterday, very weak with a few syllables of audio here and there at 1158 8/23. (NP-AB)
- + A bit better than the past couple of days, with poor-fair signal at 1152 8/24. (NP-AB)
- + 1235-1241 8/24 good signal at times with JJ talk and music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Best TP of the morning, with poor-fair audio at 1154 8/25. (NP-AB)
- + Was fair with a woman in Japanese at 1232 8/25 with much KZIZ-1560 splatter. (bp-WA)
- + Again the best TP of the morning. Mostly poor, but with a brief spike up to good at 1212 8/26. (NP-AB)
- + 1235 8/27 very weak signal. Fair signal at 1242 with talk. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, VOA, Ban Phachi. 1237 8/27 weak signal with man in Asian language. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1258 8/27 fair signal with VOA news.com address. 1300 VOA ID with Yankee Doodle theme music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1584.02 **UnID**. First noted traces at 1155 8/28, but came back stronger at 1214 with music. Unfortunately though the signal was fair for several minutes, that coincided with a couple of musical selections without any talk between. Suspect Coast from New Zealand, one I could have checked against the web stream. (NP-AB)
- 1593 **UnID**. Weak instrumental music at 1214 8/28. (NP-AB)
- 1611 **UnID Australia**. Just into audio with music at 1205 8/23. (NP-AB)
- 1628.92 **UnID**. Traces of music going through the hour at 1200 8/21. (NP-AB)
- 1629 **UnID**. Australia Weak, with bits of music sounding similar to 1611 8/23, and sure enough checking the recording showed they were parallel. (NP-AB)
- 1656 **AUSTRALIA**, Voice of the Australian Chinese, Brisbane. Presumed with appropriate music and woman speaking at 1158 8/19. Several good X-band carriers today, but only this one delivered any audio. (NP-AB)
- + Weak but definitely man in Chinese after pips at 1200 8/21. (NP-AB)
- 1665 **UnID Australia**. Weak, with duet by man and woman at 1206 8/23. (NP-AB)
- 1701.07 **AUSTRALIA**, Radio Brisvaani, Brisbane. Very weak with man mentioning phone number at 1159 8/21, a bit better by 1204 with subcontinent music. (NP-AB)
- + Talk by man at 1212 8/23. (NP-AB)

#### PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 **MÉXICO**, XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. 0535 8/21, dominating is Mexican music from WSW, ID as frequently expected at 0537, "La Ranchera de Paquimé", ie XETX, despite its 1 kW night, vs 150 kW ND listed XEWA San Luis Potosí, still surely way underpowered now. (GH-OK)
- 540 **MÉXICO**. 0603 8/31 Sunday, techno music from N/S, announcement in Spanish about this being overnight on Friday and Saturday nights. Probably XEWA SLP with W Radio; program grid for network is not that specific: <http://www.wradio.com.mx/parrilla-programacion/>. (GH-OK)
- 580 **MÉXICO**, XEMU, Piedras Negras, Coah. 1046 8/21, music and live DJ with 14:6 time-check and at 1047, 13:6, temps in C&F so certainly on the border, and no doubt XEMU, making 68/min SAH = 1.13 Hz with WIBW in KS, and close to collinear so I can't null one or the other. WIBW is closer, stronger and beaming our way, but XEMU is non-directional also with southern advantage. Slogan I took as "La Ranchita" but maybe really the listed "Rancherita". (GH-OK)
- 700 **MÉXICO**, XEGD, Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. 1121 8/21, open carrier with hum, from SW/NE, which we've previously traced to XEGD. By 1130 probably same station now modulating with federal PSAs including one for the SEP, ads, program promo. Still some hum detectable but much less than with OC when the AVC boosts it up. (GH-OK)
- 710.0 **MÉXICO**, XEDP, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 1116 8/21, preacher we've heard before although in good Spanish, has slight accent, or is it merely over-emphasized evangelistic? I think he's the same one who sometimes preaches here in Low German. Closes at 1128 as "La Biblia Dice", but local rather than syndicated, with Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua address and phone; 1129 XEDP, La Ranchera de Cuauhtémoc jingle and into secular music main format. 5.5 hours earlier, this frequency had a big het on it, believed to be same XEDP, but with different or constantly jumpy transmitter. (GH-OK)
- 720 **NICARAGUA**. 1042 8/28, more than one Spanish station with WGN nulled as much as possible. One requests, "oremos, oremos" (let us pray x 2), so I suspect it's Radio Católica in Managua; 1046 a mention of "fútbol mexicano", so is that an XE or non? Then a Radio Católica ID in passing. Listed as 25 kW, YNA3RC. It's rare here to hear any LA on MW beyond Mexico and Cuba. Meanwhile the inimitable Orion Samuelson is on WGN talking with morning woman host, about going to some farm event in Decatur. She calls him twice "Big O". (GH-OK)

- 840 **UnID**. 0544 8/21, romantic music in Spanish with WHAS nulled, while DF of this signal is close to N/S from here. 0545 non-ID slogan as "noticias, deportes, entretenimiento todo el día; 840 AM te escucha", more romantic music. Format doesn't fit for any of the listed Mexicans in the IRCA Log. DF fits for KVJY Pharr (RGV) TX, but which in the NRC AM Log of last year was News/Talk "Informativa 840"; while **Radio-locator.com** now calls it Radio Luz, which implies religion. 1 kW at night, it has a null toward WHAS but some signal to the north. Although DF seemed wrong, another possibility in WHAS null would be CMHW in Santa Clara, CUBA; would the slogan above fit it? (GH-OK)
- + 1057 8/21, another try at the unID Spanish I was hearing 5+ hours earlier, now says "Fórmula, detrás de las noticias, Grupo Fórmula... 1,500 AM". 1058 into choral Mexican NA, and I make the mistake of tuning away, for at 1100 it's already over and into news. Trouble is, I can't find any Fórmula stations listed on 840, in Cantú or IRCA; and the Fórmula website is totally unhelpful, no station lists found. 1500, however, surely refers to their "segunda cadena" flagship XEDF in the DF (replacing what was one of our favorites relayed on SW sesquidecades ago, XERH/XEHR "desde la muy noble y real Ciudad de México" on 11880). That doesn't necessarily mean this 840 station is on the Fórmula-2 net; it could have been just cross-promotion on the -1 net originating with 970 XERFR. Presumably not the same as the other 840 UnID in Spanish. Fórmula has this annoying habit of constantly referring to and liding for the flagship frequency in Mexico City, meaningless and confusing on the numerous affiliates. (GH-OK)
- + Last week's Radio Fórmula turns out to be USA. (GH-OK)
- 960 **MÉXICO**. XEK, Nuevo Laredo. Tama. 0501 8/18, another Fox-hole, five minutes of dead air on local KGWA instead of Fox news. I still check this periodically although not every night, and sometimes there is no hole. With open carrier nulled, I now hear choral Mexican NA, 0503 XEK ID, still proudly asserting its birth in 1937y. A night or two ago the NA did not start until 0504. As for KGWA, with it totally non-nulled, I can still barely detect audio // from sibling country music 103.1 KOFM bleeding thru. I expect it's there all the time, but normally blown away by KGWA's own mostly-talk modulation. (GH-OK)
- + 0503 8/25 during local KGWA Fox-hole of open carrier/dead air, after Mexican NA, XEK calls itself "La Estación Grande". It's interesting how during this pentamminute, sometimes XEK dominates, sometimes ABC News reverberating between San Angelo and Shenandoah, but no sign of them tonight or lately. Is it just propagation, or are the US stations sometimes out of whack, audibilizing themselves? (GH-OK)
- 970 **MÉXICO**. XEJ, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. 1103 8/28, Mexican NA to full ID by XEJ "La Jota Mexicana", so they are antheing at 5 am local instead of 6. (GH-OK)
- 1510 **UnID**. 0132 8/23, Mexican music vs WLAC, making low rumble SAH, very slightly on the low side. 0133, SHVA (super-hype voice actor) in what sounds like a full ID with slogans, but too much QRM and fade to make anything out. Rough DF for it maybe NE/SW, and best with WLAC nulled, which means aiming N/S. So what is it not? KNNS in Larned KS which flipped off Spanish in March. Last year's NRC AM Log shows three of the 1510 Texans in Spanish, but as daytimers should be off by 0100 or 0115 UT in August per FCC AM Query (admittedly an often unwarranted assumption). IRCA Mexican Log shows a good possibility, a new radio station I was unaware of, XEQI, La Nueva Radio in Monterrey NL, listed as 50 kW day power, cutting to 250 watts at night. Need to keep after this one! BTW, no higher het, lower below 1510 at this time from KCTE, Independence MO. (GH-OK)
- 1610 **MÉXICO**. XEUACH "Radio Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo", Texcoco, Méx. 0143 8/23 playing Red HOT Chili Peppers album CALIFORNICATION. Signal always seems to get better about 0100. Woman in Spanish 0157 giving description of the songs just played. (SW-TX)

#### TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP (2300-5060)

- 2325 **AUSTRALIA**. VL8T. 1215 8/31, audible with talk, // much stronger 4835, VL8A, but not synchronized, 4835 slightly ahead. Then at 1217 8/31, also find 2485, VL8K poorly audible and it's slightly ahead of 4835. Enid sunrise 1202 today. (GH-OK)
- 2850 **DPR KOREA**. 1201 8/15, emphatic Korean talk, as the KCBS hi-MW outlet is making it thru very poorly a bit after sunrise here at 1149. (GH-OK)
- 3185 **SOUTH CAROLINA**. // much stronger 5050, 0143 8/27, Brother Scare on both WWRB frequencies; presumably 3185 will resume breaking away for separate programming when available. (GH-OK)
- 3260 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**. & 3385. 1157 8/25, carriers with some audio from NBC stations only on these frequencies; too much storm noise from Kansas. At 1201, 3260 is in talk, 3385 in music; at 1213, 3385 still audible, 3260 not and presumed off. Today's sunrise: 1157. (GH-OK)
- 3385 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**. 1149 8/31, no signal from RENB, Rabaul, normally the strongest NBC station here, so "Maus Bilong Tavurvur" knocked off by its namesake's eruption 8/29? Is anyone hearing it at any time? Of course, NBC stations come and go with much less impetus than that. I had heard 3385 last on August 25. Ron Howard reported 3385 went off at 1232\* 8/20. 3260 with talk, and 3275 carrier at least are audible at 1149 Aug 31 both gone by 1213; while no signals earlier on 3205, 3905 or any other PNG spots. 3320 has presumed Korea North and 3325 presumed Indonesia. (GH-OK)
- 3945 **JAPAN**. RN2. 1230 8/27. Very nice pop vocals, woman presenter in Japanese. Good. (RB-AZ)
- 3985 **REP KOREA**. Echo of Hope. 1215 8/27. Man and woman in dialogue in Korean, good over jammer. (RB-AZ)
- 4055 **GUATEMALA**. Radio Verdad. 1100 8/26. Choir music, very good today. 44344. (RB-AZ)
- + 1025 8/28, Radio Verdad fair signal going from Swedish to Japanese IDs; a little station which really appreciates the reach of shortwave. (GH-OK)
- 4755.54 **MICRONESIA**. Approx, 1156 8/31, PMA The Cross, poor signal but better than usual, and much stronger than algo on 4750, with "inspirational" music; some light almost co-channel SSB QRM, probably MARS. No DTMF tones heard and stays on the air, 1200 with English devotional announcement including a .org reference; 1222 still with music, 1225 English announcement, 1228 still there. Stepping 1 kHz back and forth on the zeroed BFO of the YB-400, I can tell that V6MP is slightly closer to 4756 than 4755. (GH-OK)
- 4870 **INDONESIA**. 1152 8/29, very poor carrier maybe with traces of modulation, slightly on the low side compared to 9870 India; in the clear, no doubt RRI Wamena, the only Indonesian remaining on 60m; almost sunrise here, and surprised to find it still audible at 1247 (when 4835 NT Australia is in quite well). Atsunori Ishida shows Wamena reliably active every day in August from before 1000 to close down varying around 1500; and also in mornings from opening varying widely after 2000. What is the real power of this? Aoki says only 300 watts; WRTH 2014 is noncommittal in the Indonesia listings, but 10 kW in the frequency roster. I'd have to lean toward the latter. Exact frequency last reported by Ron Howard as 4869.90; by Kouji Hashimoto as 4869.92. (GH-OK)
- + 1202 8/31, presumed RRI Wamena with talk, lower modulation level than 4755 PMA, but roughly equal signals. (GH-OK)
- 5020 **SOLOMON ISLANDS**. I catch the SIBC carrier cutoff at 1158:36\* 8/25. Assumed still on 5020.0, and did not pin down the frequency, but at 1123, Wolfgang Büschel had put it on 5019.878, so back to the old transmitter. (GH-OK)
- + 1153 8/31, SIBC with some talk modulation audible, and frequency matching something on 6020, slightly off 1020 KOKP, but in this case I assume KOKP is the one off-frequency. After our last reports on 5020-, Wolfgang Büschel found SIBC back on 5020.0 again. Today I stick with Micronesia's better signal past 1200 rather than timing the SI cutoff. (GH-OK)

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#### OREGON DXPEDITION TOP TEN DXing at Cape Perpetua, on the Central Oregon coast Gary DeBock

From August 24-26 another wild and wacky ocean cliff DXpedition was conducted from the Highway 101 turnoff on Cape Perpetua – Oregon's highest ocean side cliff (2 miles south of Yachats). As expected, the weather was dicey, with gale-force winds making things interesting on the first and last days. This provided some training in surviving such harsh weather during future FSL-antenna-based DXpeditions on such highly exposed venues in the future.

To survive the harsh winds the 30 pound, 15" FSL antenna (and its 5' PVC base) were secured with three 175-lb. test plastic tie wraps strapped to the guard rail fence posts on the Highway 101 turnoff (photo posted at <http://www.mediafire.com/view/a5rb2ul7s51id3a/Cape-Perpetua-Typhoon-Tie-Down.jpg>). Although this "Typhoon Tie Down" secured the antenna quite well, at one point the clipboard-mounted log took a 20 foot test flight past the guard rail into the green vegetation beyond.

In general the South Pacific DX was interesting during the three day trip, but extremely strong signals were rare compared to the 7-day "Rockwork 4" trip last month. Unlike Rockwork 4 the Cape Perpetua cliff has no special preference for New Zealand signals, and the Kiwi big guns on 567, 657 and 702 took major dives. One of the special Kiwi stars last month (702-Radio Live) was completely Dead at Cape Perpetua. On the other hand some Australian signals were noticeably improved, such as 792-4RN. Excellent Australian propagation on the last day also provided some wild DU mixes on some frequencies, such as 567, 639 and 891. A ten-minute fight between 5CK and 2HC on 639 kHz was especially memorable. Overall the ocean cliff DXpedition was another thrilling experience (in more ways than one). All the loggings below were made with a 7.5" loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight radio inductively coupled to a 15" FSL antenna. DU signals which pegged the PL-380's S/N display at the 25 maximum are identified with a double asterisk (\*\*).

- \*\*531 **NEW ZEALAND**, PI, Auckland (5 kW). Once again this Samoan-language Kiwi station set the pace as the strongest DU signal during the DXpedition, with potent signals every morning. It occasionally had some competition from the 10 kW NHK1 station JOQG but had no trouble dispatching the Japanese after 1300 UTC <http://www.mediafire.com/view/r74s7ufdr8jcgzu/531-PI-1248z082414PL380.MP3>.
- 594 **NEW ZEALAND**, NZ's Rhema, Timaru/Wanganui (5 kW/2 kW). Oddly enough this low-powered Kiwi network ruled over the Aussie big gun 3WV on all three days. Here it is with typical Christian contemporary music at a good level // 684 on 8/25 <http://www.mediafire.com/view/p3103bfikj26wdq/594-NZ.Rhema-1330z082514PL380.MP3>.
- 603 **NEW ZEALAND**, Radio Waatea, Auckland (5 kW). The strongest of the Kiwi Maori language stations during this trip, although it wasn't quite up to its typical Rockwork strength. It usually dispatched the Korean big gun HLSA around 1300 UTC daily <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/ymki8di8vwck85w/603-R.Waatea-1312z082514PL380.MP3>.
- \*\*639 **AUSTRALIA**, 5CK, Port Pirie (10 kW). The biggest surprise of the DXpedition, and a new logging. Not in the Grayland master log (but heard by Nigel in Alberta), this ABC LR network station was noted at a potent level on 8-26, parallel to 891-5AN (which, according to Paul Philbrook of South Australia, rules out the 1 kW LR network station in Mossman, which has a 30 minute time difference in LR network programming). This ABC station was fighting it out with the Aussie commercial co-channel 2HC for a full 10 minute period on 8/26 – one of the longest-running Aussie snarls I've ever heard <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/aulw9n6fd41zile/639-5CK-1353z082614PL380.MP3>.
- 639 **AUSTRALIA**, 2HC, Coffs Harbour (5 kW). Commercial co-channel of 5CK occasionally had the upper hand during a wild snarl on 8/26 but generally lost out to the South Australian ABC station. This MP3 has a mention of "Coffs Harbour" after a commercial at the :58 point (thanks very much to Sam Dellit of the ADXC and Ultralight radio group for deciphering this). <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/xl9bgckfftyvsf/639-2HC-1339z082614PL380.MP3>. Full ten minute snarl of the 639 Australians 5CK and 2HC from 1335-1345 on 8/26, the last morning of the DXpedition (7 MB <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/6ln0yjbkuv5g9xb/639-5CK-2HCmix-1335z082614PL380.MP3>).
- \*\*675 **NEW ZEALAND**, RNZ, Christchurch (10 kW). One of the rare Kiwi stations with better signals than during last month's Rockwork 4 trip, this was by far the strongest RNZ network performer during the DXpedition <http://www.mediafire.com/view/iykuvana8g7r35z/675-RNZ-1321z082514PL380.MP3>.
- 684 **NEW ZEALAND**, NZ's Rhema, Gisborne (5 kW). Another Kiwi station with improved signals during this trip, with Christian contemporary music at a good level // 594 at 1350 on 8/25. A rather anemic Rhema network ID is at the end of the recording <http://www.mediafire.com/view/k6w52bjgqoz7ut/684-NZ.Rhema-1350z082514PL380.MP3>.
- \*\*738 **TAHITI**, Radio Polynesie, Mahina (20 kW). Typical French disco music at a potent level at 1124 on 8/25, it usually had some KCBS splatter to deal with (the San Francisco pest is a daytimer at Cape Perpetua, OR) <http://www.mediafire.com/view/caolhn33k928n64/738-R.Polynesie-1124z082514PL380.MP3>.
- \*\*792 **AUSTRALIA**, 4RN, Brisbane (25 kW). One of the strongest Aussie stations during the DXpedition, this RN network big gun was far more potent than its 576 parallel. No sign of the Kiwi Radio Sport at all – the opposite of the Rockwork 4 situation last month. Here it is with typical music at 1313 on 8/26 – the best morning for Australian propagation <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/53gjz439yp0vw2j/792-4RN-1313z082614PL380.MP3>.
- \*\*891 **AUSTRALIA**, 5AN, Adelaide (50 kW). This LR network big gun was the strongest Aussie signal, and similar to last month at Rockwork 4, it could reach a blowtorch level when the propagation favored it. Typically it carries various interviews, with occasional music <http://www.mediafire.com/view/z05bkq4j6za8x8u/891-5AN-1330Z082412PL380.mp3>.

There were other DU stations (and many Asians) received during the DXpedition, and a full report is being drafted. Thanks very much once again to Theo, Chuck, Guy, Nigel, Sam and Phil for their assistance in solving various DU station mysteries!

73 and Good DX, **Gary DeBock** (DXing at Cape Perpetua, on the Central Oregon coast) 7.5" loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight + 15" DXpedition FSL antenna (Full report to appear in a future bulletin – ed)

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#### ASIA AND PACIFIC

**HAWAII:** On a DXpedition to the Pacific Coast on 22 July, Bill Whitacre heard a station on 1060 announcing "Hawaii's newest radio station ... 'The Beach' and 'The Alternative', and giving an FM frequency of 102.7. UK DXer Andrew Brade says that KTBH 102.7 The Beach is owned by Resonate Hawaii who also own KIPA 1060, but he found no reference on the web to rebroadcasting of the FM signal on AM. Andrew also discovered an FCC letter dated 25 June 2014 permitting KIPA to continue to broadcast at a reduced power of 2kW until November. (Real DX Yahoo Group, via NZDXT)

**PAKISTAN:** Radio Pakistan has upgraded its 10 kilowatt medium-wave transmitter at Dera Ismail Khan with a new 100 kilowatt transmitter on 711 kHz. PBC 711 kHz was spotted by Jose Jacob at 1750 UT on 14th June with improved signal strength suspecting upgradation of transmitter, which has now been confirmed. (Alokesh Gupta-IND, DX Asia 30/6 via WWDXC)

**SOLOMON ISLANDS:** 945 (Gizo, Western Province) and 1386 kHz (Lata, Temotu Province) have been off the air for quite some time. Personally, I doubt that they will ever return to MW again. It's simply a matter of expense...essentially the cost of diesel to run the generator. The SIBC doesn't have the cash. FM will become much more common. This is partly due to the fact that many more mobile phone transmission sites are appearing across the country (both Telekom and Bee Mobile) and FM antennae can co-site with this equipment. In fact, the Chairman of the SIBC happens to be the former Chief Engineer of the SIBC...and now the CEO of SI Telekom. While I regret the demise of the MW stations (because they had greater reach, especially at night) I rejoice that SW is still operational and has been upgraded. Likewise, better that many listeners have access to an FM signal (which is within the SIBC's budget) than people have nothing. By the way, if you have a QSL from Gizo or Lata on MW, I think you are holding a rarity in your hand! (Martin Hadlow, former SIBC staffer, via NZDXT)

#### EUROPE, AFRICA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**BULGARIA:** 864 Radio Blagoevgrad today informed its listeners that the 75kW mediumwave transmitter "Belo Pole" had been switched off on August 1. The station now broadcasts only on the FM band. The only remaining MW broadcasts on the air in Bulgaria are BNR1 Horizont via Vidin-Gramada on 576 kHz (transmitting on half-power, only 200kW) and the low-power mediumwave transmitters on 747 kHz (Salmanovo, 10kW); 864 kHz (Samuil, 10kW); 963 kHz (Kardzhali, 50kW); 1161 kHz (Targovishte, 10kW and Dulovo/Vodno, 10kW), which carry both Radio Bulgaria programs for the Turkish-speaking minorities in the country and BNR1 Horizont. The longwave transmitter carrying BNR1 Horizont and the Parliament Channel on 261 kHz (Sofia-Vakarel, 75kW) is also active. (Georgi Bancov via MWDX 4.8.2014)

**FRANCE:** Radio France has decommissioned the first three of its mediumwave transmitters. Last Wednesday, three high power AM stations of France Info, the news channel of the public broadcaster, were switched off. France Info is currently available in France on more than 260 FM frequencies. Nevertheless there are still areas where the station is not well-received on FM. Therefore France Info also transmits through various high power mediumwave transmitters. To save costs, it was decided to change this. The three mediumwave transmitters affected are:  
In Central France Nieul 792 kHz 300 kW, north of Limoges.

In NE France, Nomeny 837 kHz 200 kW, located north of Nancy.

In the south, Muret 945 kHz 300 kW, SW of Toulouse.

The other high power mediumwave stations of France Info, as well as the mediumwave transmitters of the local network France Bleu, are still on the air. After the summer station operator TDF will dismantle the mediumwave transmitters in Nomeny, Nieul and Muret. What will happen to the towers is still unclear. (Rémy Friess, mwcircle 15.7.2014)

**LESOTHO:** 639 Radio Lesotho, Maseru July 30, 2014 Wednesday, 0940-1008. SeSotho, OM's talking, ID at 1000 "Radio Lesotho", Coca Cola ad in English at 1002, into Afro music and song. Another "Lesotho" at 1007. Exceptionally good reception for our local mid-day. This will presumably be the new Harris Corporation transmitter recently installed at Lancers Gap to replace the old 891 kHz tx which could not cover all of Lesotho. 891 kHz and the old 1197 kHz are now used by Ultimate FM to increase its coverage. Jo'burg sunset 1540. (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, RSA Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D via DXLD 30.7.2014)

**LITHUANIA:** New schedule of MW transmissions from Sitkunai, Lithuania, received directly from Rimantas Pleikys, Radio Baltic Waves International project coordinator:

Kaunas / Sitkunai, 1386 kHz, 75 kW

0200-0330 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Russian

0330-0400 NHK World, Russian

0400-0500 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Belarusian

1730-1800 NHK World, Russian

1800-1900 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Russian

1900-2000 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Belarusian

2000-2100 Polish Radio, Belarusian

2100-2200 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Russian

612 kHz isn't used any longer; this transmitter has been switched off 17 Aug at 2100 UTC. Note the shortened relay of RL Belarusian (now only 2 hours per day) and the new relay of RL Russian (3.5 hours per day). Reception reports are welcome and will be confirmed. Email: riplei [at] takas.lt Postal address: Rimantas Pleikys, Radio Baltic Waves International, Algirdo Str. 13-9, Vilnius, LT-03219 Lithuania. (Dmitry Mezin, Hard-Core-DX mailing list)

**LUXEMBOURG:** Some words about the state of affairs in regard to the Marnach transmitter:

The decisive point is that China Radio International wants to continue its use of 1440 kHz; I understand that the transmission contract has already been prolonged accordingly. Thus the BCE successfully took the government of Luxembourg, which did not want to prolong the operational permit for this facility beyond 30 Dec 2014, to court. The court ruled that the field strength limit of 3 V/m, specified in an EU directive the government refers to, applies to electric equipment in general but not to transmission facilities where the radiation of an electromagnetic field is not an unwanted side effect but the very purpose. Reportedly the disturbances around the transmission facility were particularly bad when the two-mast UK antenna has been used, thus the idea of the possible compromise to exclude this antenna from further operations. It is already out of use anyway since last September, when CRI took French and English off the Marnach transmitter in favour of a much expanded German service. By the way, the German programming that is put on 1440 in between CRI and the paid religion will no longer be produced in Luxembourg as of 2016. This service called "RTL Radio" will move to Berlin, continued employment there will be offered to the eight staff members left after earlier cuts. The decline of this service became apparent in last December when its FM version has been discontinued; the Dudelange and Hosingen FM transmitters now just carry the satellite/cable programming, too. In Germany RTL Radio has an alleged market share of 0.8 percent (600,000 listeners a day). But doubts about this figure persist because it does not appear to be a far-fetched scenario that in phone surveys this RTL Radio gets confused with those FM operations in Germany called "RTL", too (104.6 RTL, 89.0 RTL, Hitradio RTL). (Kai Ludwig via DXLD 14.7.2014)

**RUSSIA:** Only a few minor MW stations remain on air these days. Checked local remote SDR units in St. Petersburg and Moscow today July 23 at 0945 UT:

St. Petersburg:

828 Tent Radiogazeta Slovo, from Sosnovka site, poor S=6

873 registered Olgino tx site, unidentified cultural literature program, featured elegiac Pushkin poet reading. S=9+5dB -72dBm.

1053 Radio Mariya registered, from Sosnovka, talk progr, S=7 or -87dBm

1089 Probably ?Vesti FM?, S=7 -88dBm.

Moscow:

612 Tent Narodnoye Radio, Kurkino, S=9+40dB -35dBm powerhouse.

738 WRN Kurkino, S=9+45 -30dBm powerhouse.

873 registered Lesnoy site?, unidentified cultural literature program, featured elegiac Pushkin poet reading.

S=9+15dB -61dBm. /reported site now Avsyunino, east of Moscow -oa/

1134 Registered Radio Teos, Kurkino, guitar singer program, powerful S=9+30dB -43dBm signal strength.

(Wolfgang Bueschel via MWDX 23.7.2014)

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Russia has almost left AM. Big Mayak and Rossii-stations have moved to FM. Now I can hear only six daytime stations, most of them relatively weak:

765 Petrozavodsk, Karelia, sometimes regional px in Finnish.

828 St. Petersburg Slovo

873 Orfey/Kultura

1035 Estonia religious in Russian

1053 St. Petersburg Mariya

1089 St. Petersburg Teos (Jorma Mäntylä, Kangasala, Finland via MWDX 25.7.2014)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** 1440 On July 1st, 2014, Radio Pulpit began a DRM trial with a 25 kW transmitter radiating a 10 kW DRM signal using a low profile antenna. There will be up to two programs, and extra features offered by DRM will be included. The station covers greater Pretoria and parts of Johannesburg. The test, conducted by the broadcaster, in co-operation with Sentech and Broadcom International, will run until 2015. (Günter Lorenz, mwmasts yg via Ydun's Medium Wave Info 4.7.2014)

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

**COLOMBIA:** Changes to the WRTH 2015 from Rafael Rodriguez via Mauno Ritola:

630 HJE69 LV del Guainia, Puerto Inírida - inactive

780 HJFV R Viva, Pasto, ex 1250

780 HJZW R Almirante, Riohacha - inactive

800 HJJH R Ciudad Milagro, Armenia - inactive

840 HJNA R Robledo, Cartago, ex 1580 but is still on 1580 kHz

870 HJLA Bésame, Ibagué, ex LV del Tolima

960 HJHX Blu, Bucaramanga, ex Candela

970 HJME RCN Guajira, Maicao - inactive

1090 HJOM Blu, Cartagena, ex Fuego AM

1150 HJTE LV de Chocó, Quibdó - inactive

1190 HJEO Ondas del Valle, Cartago - inactive

1200 HJBV R Príncipe, Cartagena - inactive

1230 HJMJ RCN Antena 2, Maicao - inactive

1240 HJGO R Caribabare, Saravena - inactive

1280 HJTK R Ciudad Centinela, Caicedonia - inactive

1350 HJHW Emisora Ecos del Río, Puerto Boyacá - inactive

1370 HJJQ RCN Antena 2, Zarzal - inactive



1390 HJFY R Olímpica, Espinal, ex Oxígeno  
 1400 HJDF LV del Níquel, Montelíbano - inactive  
 1410 HJFS RCN Honda, Honda - inactive  
 1430 HJIU Armonías del Ingrumá, Riosucio - inactive  
 1440 HJEK Caracol Radio, Tuluá - inactive  
 1450 HJMX R Mancomoján, El Carmen de Bolívar - inactive  
 1470 HJIF R Tres Fronteras, Puerto Asís - inactive  
 1520 HJAM R Altamizal, Dolores - inactive  
 1550 HJE68 LV del Río Arma, Aguadas - inactive  
 1560 HJPZ R Codazzi, Codazzi - inactive  
 1560 HJCP RCN Antena 2, Arbelaez - inactive  
 1580 HJKB R Zulima, Villa del Rosario - inactive  
 1590 HJQM Ecos de la Miel, Samaná - inactive  
 1600 HJO72 Colombia Mía, Carepa - inactive (via Arctic)

**GREENLAND:** Good news from Greenland. It has been revealed a few hours ago, that KNR is to return to three Medium Wave frequencies following a lot of criticism about the lack of reception of KNR on the sea and outside towns and villages in Greenland. Three MW frequencies are expected to return:

Qeqertarsuaq - anytime between October 1st and December 1st 2014

Nuuk - anytime between January and March 2015

Simiutaq, Qaqortoq - approx. June 1st 2015

No frequencies nor powers were quoted, but previously they were:

Qeqertarsuaq - 650 kHz (5 kW)

Nuuk - 570 kHz (5 kW)

Simiutaq, Qaqortoq - 720 kHz (10 kW)

And 650 kHz is of course the most commonly reported KNR frequency reported in Europe. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, mwcircle)

I had news from Greenland today confirming frequencies and power of the three Medium Wave transmitters which are due to reopen in the next months:

Qeqertarsuaq - 650 kHz (5 kW) - due on the air in October or November 2014

Nuuk - 570 kHz (5 kW) - due on the air in January, February or March 2015

Simiutaq, Qaqortoq - 720 kHz (10 kW) - due on the air around June 1st 2015

With the reopening of these three MW frequencies, all plans about the launch of a Short Wave transmitter in Greenland have been given up for the time being.

When all three MW transmitters are back on the air, it will be decided if more MW frequencies are to be relaunched. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, HCDX 8/25)

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Much of the news during the month of August centered around Ferguson, just five miles from my shack. That was where a police-involved shooting took place that led to several days of violence. I'm thankful that the violence was contained to a stretch of West Florissant Avenue, and didn't spread my way. For several nights, I monitored the radio traffic coming out of the area; the police presence used 154.725 MHz, while the fire departments used 154.400 MHz for communications. I even recorded some of the traffic. While the local television news stations provided continuous coverage of the events as they were going on, our local 50 kW blowtorch really dropped the ball on this one. As the first riots were happening within 48 hours of the shooting, KMOX 1120 did not interrupt "Overnight America" to provide continuing coverage of the riots as they were happening. The only time they preempted "Overnight America" during these events was to simulcast coverage from KMOV, the local CBS television affiliate. KTRS 550 also refused to interrupt "Red-Eye Radio" for continuous coverage. I did not monitor the other major talk station in St. Louis, KFTK 97.1, because of its extreme right wing emphasis. This proves, to me, that commercial talk radio has lost touch with the communities they're pretending to serve by not broadcasting needed information on the riots to the general public; this also proves that local news/talk radio has become socially irresponsible, in my honest opinion. The only stations that were broadcasting direct appeals for peace were the two stations owned by Radio One, WFUN-FM 95.5 and WHHL 104.1; I recorded some 20 minutes of WFUN-FM's programming the second night of the riots. The first posting of the story on a non-U.S. broadcast Web site came on the CBC's Web site; the Canadian broadcaster cited the aforementioned St. Louis television station's coverage in the story. The problems in Ferguson also got plenty of attention on the BBC World Service; one of the people interviewed was reporter Mike Colombo from the local CBS television affiliate. It was one of the top stories on the CBC's "The World at Six" on August 11; 15 minutes were devoted to the riots in Ferguson on "As It Happens". When the verdict in the case involving Rodney King was handed down in 1992, by contrast, I was living in Marietta, GA. WSB 750 provided continuous coverage of the rioting in Atlanta; many of the stations catering to African-American audiences also broadcast appeals for peace, including the one I listened to at the time, WCLK 91.9 from Clark Atlanta University. The local TV news stations also provided continuous coverage. This proves it pays to invest in a scanner that picks up the police and fire department frequencies. Enough of my soapbox; I've been spending much of my DX time in recent weeks on the VHF and UHF frequencies, especially FM radio and digital TV. However, I did pull in three new stations in the wee hours of August 27: KIXL 970 Del Valle, TX was noted with call letters in a promo at 0358 ELT, poking through KNEA, WGTK and WMAY. KAMA 750 El Paso, TX was noted with a talk show, PSA for Heritage for the Blind and local ads in Spanish at 0454 ELT in a tight WSB null. WVOG 600 New Orleans, LA noted with "Jay Sekulow Live" (pre-recorded), promos for the American Center for Law and Justice (an arch-conservative organization), SRN News and an EAS test at 0458 ELT. I checked the Web site of WSNL Flint, MI; the show is not listed on their Web site. Even though WVOG's schedule is not posted online (it is owned by the F.W. Robbert Broadcasting Company of Nashville, TN, which also owns AM/SW combo WNQM 1300 and WWCR), I had to conclude the station turned out to be WVOG. Entering the new DX season, my total stands at 1,519. 73.

**GEOMAGNETIC INDICES** - Compiled by: Phil Bytheway

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**Geomagnetic Summary August 1 2014 through August 31 2014**

Tabulated from email status daily (K @ 0000 UTC.)

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx										
8/ 1	168	10	4	minor, R1	8/12	104	12	4	no storms	8/23	132	5	1	no storms
2	156	11	2	no storms	13	103	6	1	no storms	24	141	4	1	moderate, R2
3	152	7	2	no storms	14	103	4	2	no storms	25	135	4	1	minor, R1
4	139	12	3	no storms	15	113	5	1	no storms	26	128	4	1	no storms
5	139	10	2	no storms	16	112	3	1	no storms	27	123	20	4	no storms
6	137	7	1	no storms	17	115	7	2	no storms	28	119	21	2	minor, G1
7	136	6	2	no storms	18	111	5	1	no storms	29	120	20	4	minor, G1
8	123	8	1	no storms	19	111	16	6	moderate, G2	30	123	15	2	no storms
9	113	4	0	no storms	20	118	6	2	no storms	8/31	125	15	4	no storms
10	108	9	2	no storms	21	128	10	2	minor, R1					
8/11	105	7	3	no storms	8/22	126	4	1	minor, R1					

Gx – Geomagnetic Storm Level  
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 Sx – Solar Radiation Storm Level

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**IRCA Facebook Page**

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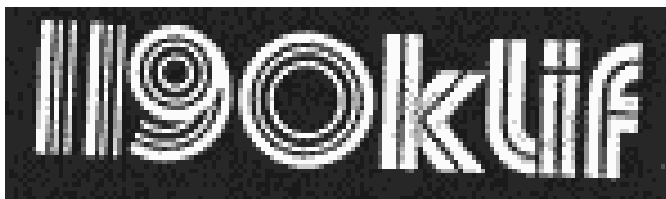
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