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COMING UP IN THIS DX MONITOR:

In **Canadian Radio News**, three stations in the state of Washington are on the CRTC Hot Seat. Format changes at the CHNL group and CISL in British Columbia. Three applications for one frequency have been denied, also in British Columbia.

In **Broadcasting Information**, reports of several AM stations in the East making a change to a Comedy format from the Today's Comedy network. The Big Apple finally gets a full-time Catholic radio station. X-Band station KRJO 1680 returns to the air.

Kraig Krist begins experimenting with a new antenna heading in **Eastern DX Roundup**.

DX Worldwide West and **Tropical Band DX** are now separate columns to encourage reports to Tropical Band DX from the East.

DX Worldwide West includes reports on Trans-Atlantic DX from Alberta.

Tropical Band DX features reports from Arizona and Oklahoma.

Nancy Johnson announces the rules for the **2014-15 IRCA Contest**. **No WDXR** this issue.

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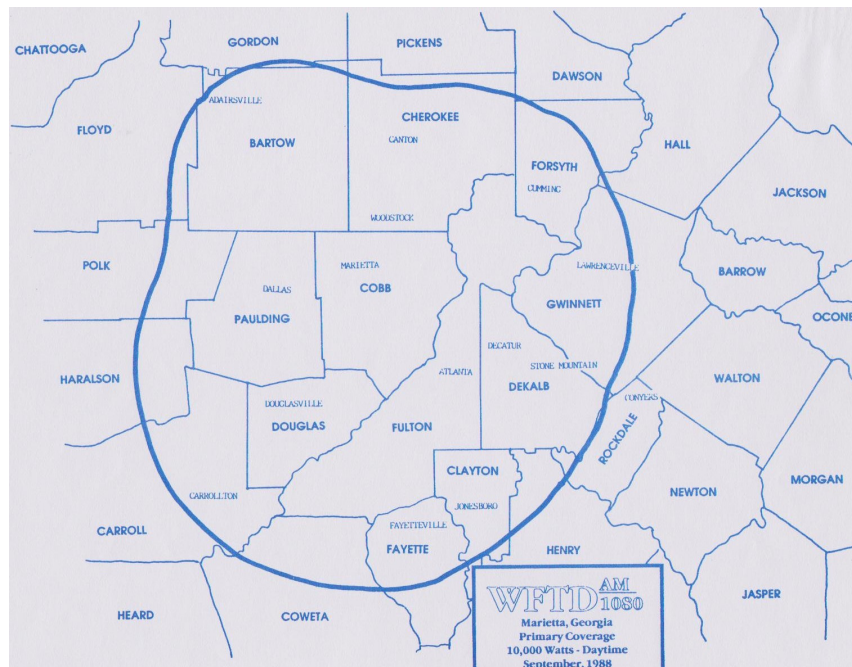
It's time to update the list of IRCA members who are licensed Amateur Radio operators. The last update was in 2012; if you've upgraded your license class or have just gotten your Amateur Radio license, then E-mail your information to me at n0uiheric@aol.com

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

COVER COVERAGE MAP

This issue's Cover Coverage Map is a September 1988 coverage map from WFTD 1080 Marietta, GA. At the time, they were 10,000 watts DA-D.



CANADIAN RADIO NEWS – Dan SysE-mail: sysdan@gmail.com

For August 2014 (September 1 2014 – next update October 1 2014)

FORMAT CHANGES

610	BC	Kamloops	CHNL	From News-Talk to Classic Hits/some Talk (days) Sports (nights). Includes CINL 1340 Ashcroft, CHNL-1 1400 Clearwater, CJNL 1230 Merritt, CFNL 107.1 Sorrento, VF2513 97.5 Avola, VF2514 98.1 Blue River, and VF2347 106.7 Logan Lake.
650	BC	Richmond	CISL	From Oldies-Standards to Soft Oldies from the 60's and 70's.

BRANDINGS

1040	BC	Vancouver	CKST	From TEAM 1040 to TSN 1040.
1410	BC	Vancouver	CFTE	From TEAM 1410 to TSN 1410.

ON THE CRTIC HOTSEAT

1110	WA	Oak Harbor	KRPA	The CRTIC will hold a public hearing as to whether these 3 stations are contravening the broadcast act by airing programming on US based stations while their studios are in Canada. Also Revenue Canada will be notified that the advertisers on the 3 stations may have been illegally writing the costs of the ads off.
1550	WA	Ferndale	KRPI	
1600	WA	Blaine	KVRI	

TECHNICAL CHANGES GRANTED

650	BC	Richmond	CISL	Increase day power from 10,000 to 20,000 watts. Decrease night power from 9,000 to 4,000 watts. Relocate transmitter site.
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DENIALS

600	BC	Surrey		Commercial. 10,000 watts (fulltime). South Asian. Sher-E-Punjab Radio Broadcasting.
600	BC	Surrey		Commercial. 10,000 watts (fulltime). South Asian. South Asian Link Directory.
600	BC	Vancouver		Commercial. 10,000 watts (fulltime). Business News-Talk. Channel Zero.

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Column Deadlines: Saturdays

DATE OF COLUMN: September 13, 2014

Column data span: August 30, 2014-September 13, 2014

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

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

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
700	WWBZ	Orange-Athol, MA	WFAT
1110	KPER	Hobbs, NM	KEJL
1490	WMOG	Brunswick, GA	WBGA

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
910	KWDZ	Salt Lake City, UT	was silent, now Radio Disney pre-teen
910	WAEI	Bangor, ME	adds slogan: "Big 104 FM"
910	WAEI	Bangor, ME	was silent, now Classic Hits
960	WQLA	La Follette, TN	adds slogan: "Campbell County's Greatest Hits WQLA AM 960"
970	WESO	Southbridge, MA	old slogan: "Spirit 970", new: "Emmanuel Radio 1230"
970	WESO	Southbridge, MA	was Business News, now Eternal Word Network Catholic
970	WRHA	Spring City, TN	was Oldies, now Classic Hits
1010	WTZA	Atlanta, GA	old slogan: "Old School 1010", new: "Old School 99.3"
1110	KRPA	Oak Harbor, WA	adds slogan: "Radio Punjab 1110"
1120	WKCE	Maryville, TN	old slogan: "ESPN Radio", new: "Funny 1120"
1120	WKCE	Maryville, TN	was ESPN Sports, now Today's Comedy format
1180	WVLZ	Knoxville, TN	old slogan: "ESPN Radio", new: "Oldies 1180 AM"
1180	WVLZ	Knoxville, TN	was Sports, now Oldies
1200	WEMM	Huntington, WV	adds slogan: "Southern Gospel 1200"
1200	WEMM	Huntington, WV	was silent, now Southern Gospel
1220	KQMG	Independence, IA	now silent
1230	KSST	Sulphur Springs, TX	old slogan: "America's Best Music", new: "Good Time Oldies 1230 AM"
1230	KSST	Sulphur Springs, TX	was Westwood One Adult Standards, now Westwood One Good Time Oldies
1240	WATT	Cadillac, MI	old slogan: "Rush Radio 1240 WATT", new: "News Talk 1240"
1250	WRKQ	Madisonville, TN	was Oldies, now Classic Hits
1280	KMFR	Pearsall, TX	was unknown format, now Country
1280	WDNT	Dayton, TN	was Oldies, now Classic Hits
1290	WNIL	Niles, MI	old slogan: "ESPN South Bend", new: "95.3 MNC"
1290	WNIL	Niles, MI	was ESPN sports, now a variety of networks
1340	WKSN	Jamestown, NY	now silent
1390	WCAT	Burlington, VT	was Oldies, now Today's Comedy format
1400	KJFF	Festus, MO	old slogan: "The Talk of Jefferson County", new: "Straight Talk/Jefferson County"
1400	WWGE	Loretto, PA	was silent, back on air with new unknown format
1420	WRSA	St. Albans, VT	was Oldies, now Today's Comedy format
1430	WNSW	Newark, NJ	old slogan: "Radio Cantico Nuevo", new: "Relevant Radio"
1430	WNSW	Newark, NJ	was Radio Cantico Nuevo Spanish Cont. Christian, now Starboard Network Catholic
1440	WGMI	Bremen, GA	old slogan: "Christian Family Radio 1440", new: "1440 The Train"
1450	WCOX	Camden, AL	adds slogan: "Best Gospel Around"
1450	WCOX	Camden, AL	was silent, now Urban Gospel

1470	WBFC	Stanton, KY	old slogan: "Your Solid Gospel Station", new: "The Cross 1470"
1490	WBGA	Brunswick, GA	old slogan: "1490 AM Classic", new: "B 96.3 Jamz"
1490	WBGA	Brunswick, GA	was Westwood One Classic Hits, now Cumulus The Touch Urban AC
1490	WFAD	Middlebury, VT	was Oldies, now Today's Comedy format
1490	WRLA	West Point, GA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1490	WSYL	Sylvania, GA	now silent
1570	WFTU	Riverhead, NY	adds slogan: "Voice of Five Towns College"
1580	WLIM	Patchogue, NY	was Spanish Christian, now Ethnic
1600	KNCY	Nebraska City, NE	adds Classic Hits as secondary format
1680	KRJO	Monroe, LA	adds slogan: "Classic Country 1680"
1680	KRJO	Monroe, LA	was silent, now Classic Country

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Eric Bueneman of Hazelwood, MO sends along the following dated September 13, 2014:

KXFN 1380 St. Louis, MO is now off the air. The station has tried and failed with a Talk format oriented toward a female audience and an Extreme Talk format in the last year. It is unknown how long the station will be off the air. Their daytime transmitter site on Chouteau Island near Madison, IL is still standing; it is not known if the nighttime transmitter site in Monroe County, IL is still being used. KFNS 590 Wood River, IL, owned by the same company, remains on the air with a mixture of male-oriented Talk and NBC Sports Radio. With KXFN off and WSDZ 1260 Belleville, IL scheduled to sign off at the end of this month, this could be the first time in recent memory (if ever) that two St. Louis AM stations have been silent at the same time.

Well, in process of signing a lease for a new 55+ retirement community brand newly built 2-bedroom apartment townhome in Laurel, MD 20 miles NW of my current house, we're selling our current place and moving out of Bowie due to some neighbor noise and area-in-general issues. I'll let you know the new address at the top of the column (planning on getting a new phone number also at this point) when we move, likely in the October timeframe. IRCA convention is just a very short time away, be sure to attend in Billings, MT, John and Nancy are great hosts! Weather in Montana (and Wyoming and Colorado) cold of late! 73's. Bob Wien

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RIDING GAIN

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 890 KGGN MO, Gladstone. 9/7 good signal over WLS. 20:44 noted with Urban Gospel format, "Gospel Eight-90" ID, promo, local spots and PSA. [EB-MO]
- 1010 WINS NY, New York. 9/7 fair to poor over CFRB in KXEN null. 20:31 with traffic report, "10-10 Wins" ID, weather forecast and local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1150 KSAL KS, Salina. 8/31 fair to poor over CKOC, KNED. 02:58 noted with local spots, "America in the Morning" mention, "News radio 11-50 KSAL Salina" legal ID into ABC news. [EB-MO]
- 1180 WV LZ TN, Knoxville. 9/3 fair to poor signal over WHAM, Cuba. 03:27 noted with Oldies format, "Knoxville's Oldies Station, WV LZ" ID. Someone forgot to turn this off at night; listed as daytime only. [EB-MO]
- 1320 KELO SD, Sioux Falls. 8/28 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations in KSIV null. 04:00 noted with "1320 KELO Sioux Falls, 107.9 KELO-FM Flandreau" legal ID into Fox News Radio. [EB-MO]
- 1380 WV SA AL, Vernon. 9/4 fair to poor mixing with WLRM, other stations; local KXFN off. 01:40 noted with Country format, "This is AM 13-80 WV SA, Vernon, Sulligent" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1400 K SIM MO, Sikeston. 9/7 fair to poor signal, mixing with WGIL, KFRU, other stations. 20:59 noted with local spots, "KZIM Cape Girardeau, K SIM Sikeston" legal ID into ABC News. [EB-MO]
- 1560 WBOL TN, Bolivar. 9/4 fair to poor signal mixing with KLT I, WPAD. 05:28 noted with "Taking you back to the basics, AM 15-60 WBOL" ID into R&B Oldies format. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

September 24, 1988 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Ray Bauernhuber of Rosedale, NY said he was 43 and has spent 20 years working for the Nassau County Sheriff's Department ... Ric Heald of Sacramento, CA mentioned KEBR 1210 was back on daytime, but had distorted audio ... Floyd Perry, Jr. of Stockton, CA told about KKSA 1030 being silent again.

OPEN MIKE

As you are reading this the IRCA 50th Anniversary Convention is being held in Billings, Montana. Next time we start the weekly bulletin issues. Deadlines are every Friday during the season. This column was typed 9-12-14. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP – Eric Bueneman (N0UIH) – 631 Coachway Lane – Hazelwood MO 63042-1347
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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

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 1060 WILB OH Canton – 8/28 2029 noted with "You're listening to Living Bread Radio, AM 1060" ID into sign-off announcement by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with KYW and an unidentified station with vocal music in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 1070 WFLI TN Lookout Mountain – 8/28 2000 noted with "Thank you for listening to WFLI Lookout Mountain, Tennessee" legal ID by a male announcer, which sounded like a sign-off. IRN-USA Radio News followed. The signal was noted mixing with WFNI, WNCT, WINA and an unidentified Spanish language station. (KK-VA)
 (Kraig, your Spanish station is WCSZ Sans Souci, SC-eb)
- 1080 WWNL PA Pittsburgh – 8/28 2000 noted with "Quality Christian Radio, WWNL 1080 Pittsburgh" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WTIC and unidentified stations carrying Oldies and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)
- 1120 WKAJ NY Saint Johnsville – 9/7 1916 noted with Oldies format, "Good Times and Great Hits only on 1120 AM WKAJ" by a male announcer. At 1945, another announcement from a male announcer: "...classic hits...one song at a time from Utica to Amsterdam. Classic Hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s, WKAJ 1120 AM for Central New York." The signal was noted mixing with KMOX and unidentified stations with talk and vocal music. (KK-VA)
- 1150 WAVO SC Rock Hill – 9/10 19222 noted with "Wave-O Community Calendar" read by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CKOC and unidentified stations carrying a baseball game, talk and a Cuban station broadcasting in Spanish. (KK-VA)

1160 WTEL NC Red Springs – 9/10 2028 noted with "...along with some of the best in ministry. You are tuned to The Powerhouse, AM 1160 WTEL Red Springs, North Carolina" legal ID. The signal was noted mixing with WMET, WYLL and an unidentified Oldies station. (KK-VA)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Kraig notes that the logs on 1060, 1070 and 1080 were the last batch of logs with the Imperium loop in the 135/315 degree bearing. It would be interesting to note which bearing he has the loop on now.

Northeastern DXers may have a rare treat at the end of the month; 1560 as an open frequency. Unless a deal is struck, WQEW 1560 New York, NY will be leaving the air (at least temporarily) at the end of this month. One target station worth looking for is WPAD Paducah, KY with an all-Sports format. Some lower-powered stations operate on this frequency at night; you might be able to pull in one of those. A number of other stations will also leave the air at the end of the month, as a result of the sale of all but one of the stations owned by Radio Disney LLC. WQEW is heard several times a year in east central Missouri.

I hope everyone is enjoying the 50th Anniversary IRCA Convention in Billings!

73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Deadline 9/29 noon PLT. All times UTC/GMT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 567 **UniD.** Bits of talk in KVI splatter 1319 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. The only Japanese to reach discernible audio today, with talk by a man at 1215 9/4. 774 and 828 had maybe a word here and there, but pretty much at imagination level. (NP-AB)
- + 1303 9/6 weak signal with man in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Rapid fire Japanese conversation at an anemic level during "sunrise enhancement" around 1312 9/6 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/xfi6x6nkfgxlxs/594-JOAK-1312z090614PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
 - + Male talk and time pips 1300 9/9. (bp-WA)
 - + Strong Japanese woman speech and interval music at 1311 9/9; best TP signal of the session <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/i2z3eu4t6bd9jw/594-JOAK-1311z090914PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
 - + Fair level Japanese female-male speech at 1322 9/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/dar2dardmiw3le3/594-JOAK-1322z091014PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
 - + 1318 9/12 weak signal with man in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Very good level Japanese woman speech late in sunrise enhancement at 1327 9/12 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/qq5p0d6mc44wjb/594-JOAK-1327z091214PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 594 **UniD.** Traces of talk 1321 9/10. (bp-WA)
- + Bits of talk 1304 9/12. (bp-WA)
- 603 **CHINA**, Hulun Buir. Wispy female-male Chinese speech at 1307 9/10 during HLSA fade; first appearance of the new season <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/hoa78jkak6s2l2k/603-China-1307z091014PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 603 **REP KOREA**, HLSA, Seoul. KBS2 network deep-voiced male DJ back for another season with fair signals at 1314 9/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/7cfgv2rrrs8pa2d/603-HLSA-1314z090914PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 657 **DPR KOREA**, Pyongyang. 1242 9/2 assuming the station with poor signal with woman speaker. Very weak 1303. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Anemic-sounding tirade barely making it through the noise at 1305 9/4 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/9qxmrr45mncr717/657-Pyongyang-1305z090414PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
 - + 1319 9/12 very weak with women singing. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 657 **UniD.** Traces of talk 1303 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. 1335 9/6 weak signal with woman in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1336 9/8 very weak signal with talk and domestic splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Weak, with man in Japanese at 1221 9/9. (NP-AB)
 - + Very weak pips in CBU splatter 1300 9/9. (bp-WA)
 - + Faint pips 1300 9/10, weak female talk 1305. (bp-WA)
 - + Bits and pieces of talk in Japanese between 1215 9/11 and 1225. (NP-AB)
 - + 1321 9/12 weak with woman in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 702 **UniD.** Interview in English at 1219 9/10. Likely ABC, but too weak to be certain. (NP-AB)
- 738p **TAIWAN**, BEL2, Penghu. Fair level rapid-fire Chinese male speech at 1318 9/10 during KCBS fade (recorded on 737) <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/qsq70q9244l5de9/738-Chinese-1318z091014PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- + Fair-level Chinese woman speech during call-in talk program; best level of the new season so far 9/11 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/d6dqw7f7gcx1deg/738-BEL2-1329z091114PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 738 **UniD.** Faint talk 1316 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 740 **HAWAII**, KCIK, Kihei. Totally dominant over KCBS tonight, with Immaculate Heart Radio and a nice ID at 0700 9/4 with "K-C-I-K, Kihei" Back into Network programming. The best I have heard them. (PM-OR)
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. 1309 9/6 weak signal with talk. Heavy domestic splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Bits of talk 1311 9/8. (bp-WA)
 - + Language lesson noted at 1204 9/9, poor signal. (NP-AB)
 - + Time pips and bits of talk 1300 9/9. (bp-WA)
 - + Faint talk and pips 1300 9/12. (bp-WA)
- 747 **UniD.** Weak female talk 1304 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 750 **ALASKA**, KFQD, Anchorage. "103.7 FM, 750 AM, KFQD" ID and news u/KXTG 1307 9/9. (bp-WA)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, 3LO, Melbourne, ABC. Weak, but heard Aussie-accented man speaking at 1233 9/13. (NP-AB)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. 1253 9/2 weak signal with man in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Weak, with man in Japanese at 1158 9/6. (NP-AB)
 - + 1247 9/6 weak signal with man/woman in Japanese. Fair signal 1313. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Man in Japanese at 1221 9/8. (NP-AB)
 - + 1259 9/8 very weak with bits audio heard through heavy domestic splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Language lesson 1316 9/8. (bp-WA)
 - + First noted with time pips at 1200 9/9, then quickly improved, up to fair by 1205 with language lesson, even good for short periods. (NP-AB)
 - + Pips at 1300 9/9 were barely heard, but English lesson was sort of OK by 1304. (bp-WA)
 - + **Heard from 1051 9/10 until fade out at 1059. The signal strength was poor to fair. No other signals were heard although there was a trace on 594 kHz shortly after 1100 hours. (RA-OK)**
 - + Traces of what seemed to be Japanese at 1218 9/10, but too weak to be 100% certain. (NP-AB)
 - + 1323 9/12 fair signal with man in Japanese. Good at 1333 W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Only traces of talk at 1223 9/12, but 99% sure it was //828. (NP-AB)
 - + English lesson about playing sports in school 1308 9/12. (bp-WA)

- 774 **UniID**. Weak talk 1322 9/10. (bp-WA)
+ Traces of talk at 1227 9/11, but sounded more Aussie than Japanese. Too weak to be certain. (NP-AB)
- 819 **DPR KOREA**. Man in Korean briefly poking through KGNW splatter 1302 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 828 **AUSTRALIA**, 3GI, Sale, ABC. Weak, but definitely Aussie English. First noted at 1218 9/11, peaked at 1223 before fading. (NP-AB)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. Very weak at 1221 9/2, with talk by man in Japanese. (NP-AB)/
+ Weak with language lesson at 1218 9/3. Usual powerhouse on 774 was only a mediocre carrier. (NP-AB)
+ First noted at 1156 9/6, weak with man in Japanese. Up to fair at times around 1215. (NP-AB)
+ Reached audio about the same time as JOUB, at 1221 9/8. (NP-AB)
+ 1304 9/8 weak signal with man/woman in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Language lesson //774 1318 9/8. (bp-WA)
+ First noted at 1204 9/9, came up much the same way as 774, to fair level. (NP-AB)
+ 1324 9/12 fair signal //774. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Weak, but definitely the language lesson from Japan today, at 1221 9/12. (NP-AB)
- 828 **UniID**. Man talking at 1218 9/10. Too weak to be certain of language, but it sounded DU rather than Japanese. (NP-AB)
+ Weak talk 1314 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 855p **AUSTRALIA**, 4QO, Eidsvold, ABC Wide Bay. Presumed, with instrumental music at 1228 9/13, and conversation between man and woman at 1232. (NP-AB)
- 864 **UniID**. Very faint female talk 1301 9/9. (bp-WA)
- 890t **ALASKA**, KBB1?, Homer. "Democracy Now" program faded up and became dominant 1303 9/12. No ID but matches schedule on KBB1's website.(bp-WA)
- 891 **UniID**. Was very close to audio at about 1233 9/3, most likely Australia. (NP-AB)
- 936 **UniID**. Chinese talk 1306 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 945 **CHINA**. Partial time pips and a few weak syllables of Chinese talk in the KJR splatter 1300 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. 1250 9/2 weak signal with man in Korean. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Good-level female speech and background music at 1310 9/4 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/rkfy4ketsyu4o1p/972-HLCA-1310z090414PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ 1214 9/6 weak signal with music. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Strong-level 3 + 1 time pips and fanfare at the 1300 9/8; best TP signal of the morning <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/blw4gdj703vxjsd/972-HLCA-1300z090814PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ 1309 9/8 very weak signal with woman in Korean and heavy splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Man in Korean 1258 9/8, fanfare and woman talking across ToH, then Korean pop song, good despite CKNW splat. (bp-WA)
+ Traces of audio at 1215 9/9 was the best this one could do. (NP-AB)
+ Not as strong as yesterday, but reasonably OK 1326 9/9 with woman in Korean, then slow vocal song. (bp-WA)
+ Music 1322 9/10. (bp-WA)
+ Very good Korean woman speech at 1257 9/11; strong level throughout morning session <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/3oq09rhqla180ld/972-HLCA-1257z091114PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ 3+1 pips, fanfare and woman in Korean 1300 9/10. (bp-WA)
+ Huge S9+ signal at 1312 9/12 with Korean woman conversation; pegging PL-380 S/N display <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/20mgws7rfp8c04v/972-HLCA-1312z091214PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ Women in Korean 1314 9/12, stronger than 970. (bp-WA)
+ 1326 9/12 fair signal with heavy splatter. Korean talk. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 981 **CHINA**, CNR1. Chinese talk 1301 9/8. (bp-WA)
+ Bits of talk in CKNW splatter 1315 9/9, presumably CNR1. (bp-WA)
+ Chinese talk 1313 9/10 doing quite well against CKNW. Stronger than 972. (bp-WA)
+ Man and woman in Chinese briefly good despite the CKNW splatter 1314 9/10, about as strong as 972. (bp-WA)
- 1044 **CHINA**, CRI, Changzhou. Japanese service at fair level around 1307 9/2; strange catch during anemic propagation <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/psmt2p5a474if2f/1044-CRI-1307z090214PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 1053 **JAPAN**, JOAR, Ngaoya, Chubu-Nippon Hoso, CBC. 9/8 assuming the state with very weak signal heard through the jammer at times. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1053 **REP KOREA**, jammer. 1258 9/2 with fair signal. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Good-level buzz of domestic splatter at 1317 9/2; best Asian signal of the morning <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/1e5vcbyeunrryc1/1053-Jammer-1317z090214PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ Good buzz at 1305 9/3; best TP signal of the morning <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/4dbojfhc7s0e36/1053-Jammer-1305z090314PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ Temporary good-level buzz at 1305 9/6; best TP signal of a lackluster morning <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/ehe9m4acmjru527/1053-Jammer-1305z090614PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ 9/6 with weak signal. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Best of the new season at 1305 9/8 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/gxqn3dequls93mu/1053-Jammer-1305z090814PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ 1312 9/8 with fair signal. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Korean jammer 9/8. (bp-WA)
+ Pretty strong jam during sunrise enhancement around 1318 9/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/c56we7qptimtcgz/1053-Jammer-1318z090914PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ Monster buzz at 1315 9/10; best signal of the new season so far <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/t8mbfubc4oa8s8a/1053-Jammer-1315z091014PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ Monster buzz at 1315 9/11; one of the best TP signals of the morning <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/dm3cn922fldbdo6/1053-Jammer-1315z091114PL380.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
+ 1320 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 1116 **AUSTRALIA**, 4BC, Brisbane. Fair, but only for a couple of minutes at 1157 9/11 before fading. (NP-AB)
+ Would pop up every so often with traces of talk between 1223 9/13 and 1240. (NP-AB)
- 1134 **REP KOREA**, HLKC, Kimpo, KBS3. 1330 9/12 weak signal with woman in Korean. Splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1170 **REP KOREA**, HLSR, Gimje, KBS. Partial pips during pause in KPUG audio 1300 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 1242 **UniID**. Bits of talk 1307 9/8. (bp-WA)
+ What sounded like a mix of talk and music 1330 9/10. Only one carrier visible on the SDR display. (bp-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo, Hokkaido Hoso HBC. 1323 9/8 weak signal with moderate splatter. Man in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Man and woman in Japanese 1311 9/8. (bp-WA)
+ Bits of male talk 1331 9/9. (bp-WA)
- 1287 **UniID**. Male talk 1319 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 1323 **UniID**. Bits of talk 1319 9/12. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **JAPAN**, JORF, Yokohama. 1340 9/8 very weak signal with heavy splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Japanese male in heavy 1420 splat at 1258 9/8. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **UniID**. Male talk 1322 9/10. (bp-WA)
- 1494 **UniID**. Weak music 1322 9/12. (bp-WA)
- 1503 **JAPAN**, JOUK, Akita, NHK1. 1328 9/8 weak signal with talk. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1539 **AUSTRALIA**, Radio TAB, Adelaide. Weak, but definitely in English, with horse race talk by a man at 1222 9/4. (NP-AB)

- 1548 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QD, Emerald. ABC. Poor audio through tough 1550 spatter at 1217 9/4. (NP-AB)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Fair for a few minutes at 1222 9/2, with talk by a man. (NP-AB)
- + 1246 9/2 good signal with moderate splatter. Woman in Japanese, NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Fair for a few minutes at 1220 9/3, with talk by a man. (NP-AB)
 - + Just traces of audio at 1219 9/6. (NP-AB)
 - + 1242 9/6 fair signal with talk. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Was in audio well ahead of the Japanese, noted at 1201 9/8, peaking at fair level at 1215 or so. (NP-AB)
 - + 1250 9/8 good signal at times with man talking. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Japanese male 1259 9/8 briefly rose up out of the muddle. (bp-WA)
 - + Best TP of the morning, with good signal past 1230 9/9. (NP-AB)
 - + Had its ups and downs today, nicely up with Japanese male 1303 9/9, also good at other times. (bp-WA)
 - + Two men in Japanese briefly at decent level 1255 9/10, otherwise just weak audio at best. (bp-WA)
 - + Man in Japanese 1306 9/10. (bp-WA)
 - + Japanese male talk 1305 9/12. (bp-WA)
 - + 1311 9/12 fair signal with man in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1566 **UnID**. Heard music and talk at 1235 9/11. Maybe 2 stations? The music didn't sound what I might here from Korea, so perhaps Australia. (NP-AB)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VOA. 1312 9/2 weak signal with woman in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1332 9/8 weak signal with woman in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Woman and man in SEA language good 1311 9/8, weak VOA ID 1300. (bp-WA)
 - + Woman in SEA language 1309 9/9. (bp-WA)
 - + English ID and Yankee Doodle 1300 9/10, then woman in Vietnamese or similar language. (bp-WA)
 - + Carrier came out of nowhere at 1230 9/12 (s/on or pattern change?), then a few seconds later man IDed as "From Washington, this is VOA News", after which it was into a SE Asian language. By far the best TP signal today, and by far the best this one's been heard this season. (NP-AB)
 - + 1313 9/12 fair signal with woman in Asian language. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Woman in SEA language 1322 9/12. (bp-WA)
- 1593 **UnID**. Fair carrier, traces of talk in the Freedom-1590 splatter 1310 9/9. (bp-WA)
- 1656 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane, Voice of the Australian Chinese. Fair signal with an impassioned Chinese speaking man at 1215 9/4. (NP-AB)
- 1674 **UnID**. Faint traces of audio at 1223 9/4 with woman speaking. (NP-AB)
- 1701.07 **AUSTRALIA**, Brisbane, Radio Brisvaani. Fair signal with Indian music at 1218 9/4. (NP-AB)

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 684 **SPAIN**, Seville, RNE. 0436 8/25. Talk by a woman in Spanish. (NP-AB)
- 693 **UnID**. 0429 8/25. Just traces of audio, with man speaking. Very likely the UK. (NP-AB)
- 774 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0343 8/25. Spanish language vocal by a man. (NP-AB)
- 837 **SPAIN**, COPE synchros. 0339 8/25. Very weak, with talk by a woman. //999. (NP-AB)
- 855 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0351 8/25. Male vocal in Spanish. //774. (NP-AB)
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM**, Washford, BBC Radio Wales. 0355 8/25. Just the barest traces of audio with man talking through heavy splatter from 880, and time pips at 0400, followed by Newsday theme. A bit stronger by 0409 with the odd English phrase coming through. (NP-AB)
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM**, BBC Radio 5 synchros. 0354 8/25. Weak, with talk by a woman. (NP-AB)
- 981 **ALGERIA**, Algiers, RTVA. 0345 8/25. Presumed the one with recitation heard through heavy splatter from 980. Faded out after several minutes but returned at 0439 with Arabic music. (NP-AB)
- 999 **SPAIN**, COPE synchros. 0333 8/25. Woman talking in Spanish. Decent signal at times, one of the stronger TAs tonight. (NP-AB)
- 1008 **UnID**. 0515 8/25. Very weak, with traces of woman talking. (NP-AB)
- 1026 **UnID**. 0400 8/25. Time pips at 0400, then nothing much else noted until traces of talk by man at 0441. Likely SER synchros from Spain. (NP-AB)
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM**, Talksport synchros. 0428 8/25. Talk by a man, //1089. Good signal level, but lots of 1050 splatter. (NP-AB)
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM**, Talksport synchros. 0331 8/25. Man being interviewed, program promo. Good peaks between 0359 and 0435. (NP-AB)
- 1107 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0508 8/25. A good carrier much of the evening but only managed about 2 minutes of audio, with talk by a woman, //1305. (NP-AB)
- 1125 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0433 8/25. Weak, with talk by woman, but definitely //855. (NP-AB)
- 1206 **FRANCE**, Bordeaux, France Info. 0338 8/25. Talk in French by a man, //1377. (NP-AB)
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM**, Absolute Radio synchros. 0346 8/25. Pop/rock music. Male DJ gave ID in passing at 0348, during talk about the UK album chart. (NP-AB)
- 1269 **GERMANY**, Neumunster, DLF. 0334 8/25. Talk by man in German, //1422. (NP-AB)
- 1305 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0346 8/25. Came up with EZL vocals, //855. (NP-AB)
- 1314 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0409 8/25. Poor, with talk by a woman, //1305. (NP-AB)
- 1341 **UnID**. 0402 8/25. Weak, with talk by a woman (news?), but just too poor in heavy splatter to identify language. Cadence seemed like English, so possibly N Ireland. (NP-AB)
- 1377 **FRANCE**, Lille, France Info. 0347 8/25. Talk by a man in French. First traces had been noted at 0329, and heard through to 0409. (NP-AB)
- 1404 **FRANCE**, France Info synchros. 0340 8/25. Weak signal, but definitely a man in French, //1377. (NP-AB)
- 1413 **SPAIN**, RNE synchros. 0353 8/25. EZL vocal by a man, //RNE on 774. (NP-AB)
- 1422 **GERMANY**, Heusweiler, DLF. 0328 8/25. Man speaking in German. Noted in and out until 0409. (NP-AB)
- 1494 **FRANCE**, France Info synchros. 0438 8/25. Traces of talk in French by a woman. (NP-AB)
- 1557 **FRANCE**, Col de la Madonne, France Info. 0336 8/25. Weak, but definitely French, with talk by a man //1377. Faded after a couple of minutes, then back up @0410. (NP-AB)
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA**. 0148 9/7, JBA het against KOKC-1520, looping NE/SW, presumed 2000 kW Duba BSKSA. Ben Dawson found info in ITU listings that it is highly directional, peak azimuth 296 degrees which crosses populated areas of North Africa, and hits the Americas at the eastern tip of Cuba. Less and less signal at azimuths further north, but still plenty with so much to start with. Tom Roberts in Idaho tells me he hears a signal on 1521, but Nigel Pimblett in southern Alberta says it's feeble. It goes from +8 dB gain at max, to -3 at 340 degrees = Calgary. (GH-OK)
- 1521 **UnID**. 0152 9/7, JBA het upon far-right talk from 1520-KOKC, surely the 2000 kW Saudi, so should I even pretend it's unID? WRTN listings make it easy with *nothing* else on 1521 region 1 except: a 10 kW in Bahrain (whew, at least Duba is directional away from there); a 5 kW in Spain (asking for trouble), and 70 watts in Great Britain (expecting coverage within a few feet only anyway.) (GH-OK)
- 1566 **BENIN**, Parakou, TWR. 0346 8/25. Weak with talk by a man, then faded out. Peaked again better at 0428 with man in unknown language. No ID heard, but I'm 98% certain this is TWR. (NP-AB)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 **MÉXICO**, XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. 0258 9/8, odd language catches my ear, neither Spanish nor English but soon rather certain it's Low German; signal dominating from WSW, and 0300 into Spanish "La Ranchera de Paquimé" XETX ID, 5 kW, Grupo BM, and joining La Hora Nacional a bit late, I think. Often heard before but probably first time in LG; Nuevo Casas Grandes is near the US border beyond what I thought was the Mennonite area further south in Chihuahua. (GH-OK)
- 590 **MÉXICO?** 1145 9/4, Spanish looping N/S, with 6:45 time, temp 22 C and converted to F, then call-in from woman listener complaining about some problem on her street. All clues point to XEFD in Reynosa, Tamaulipas on the border, likely on 5 kW day power by now. As long as I can awaken before sunrise, now post-1200, the SRS Mexicans are back in season – one on practically every frequency in the 500s, 600s and some 700s, with the lowest and easternmost ones fading out first, like XEFD. (GH-OK)
- 610 **MÉXICO**, XEBX, Sabinas, Coah. 1147 9/4, weather forecast for next few days, CDT time, finally mentioning Sabinas in an ad, so XEBX. (GH-OK)

- 700 **MÉXICO?** 1200 9/7, big buzz on carrier, with SAH of 38/minute = 0.63 Hz. Such behavior previously traced to XEGD in Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, I thought, but then XE NA and sign-on for "La Podorosa" (not very), 90.3 and 700, which is XEGD, seems to be the under station beneath hum. The only other N/W Mexican on 700 is XEETCH, Navojoa, Sonora which we have also heard. Perhaps we should also suspect KHSE, TX Metroplex, the only nearby US station, otherwise unheard. (GH-OK)
- 710 **MÉXICO.** XEDP, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 0150 9/7, big het to 710.0 stations from the southwest, ie the usual sometimes-off-sometimes-on XEDP. (GH-OK)
+ 0244 9/9, big LAH against 710.0 stations, the usual suspect being XEDP, which is sometimes on-frequency too; hard to believe it's only 100 watts at night as per Cantú. (GH-OK)
- 720 **MÉXICO.** XEDE, Saltillo, Coah, La Kaliente. 0557 9/9, SHVA includes mention of "Caliente 105", but I have misspelt it, per Cantú: 720 XEDE + FM 105.7. 8,000 250. Best with WGN nulled, but sufficient to do a number on the poor Chicagoan even when not nulled; the two are not that far apart oppositely. Hard to believe it's only 250 watts. (GH-OK)
- 790 **MÉXICO.** XENT, La Paz, BCS. 1216 9/7, mentions Radio Fórmula, presumably XENT, on 10 kW day power already. (GH-OK)
- 850 **MÉXICO.** XEM, Chihuahua, Chih, Milenio Radio. 1157 9/4, Mexican choral NA, 1158 into rock music in English, KOA talk easily nulled. I assume it's the usual XEM. (GH-OK)
+ 0145 9/7, after rock in English, Spanish TC for 7:44, 21 grados C; then this-day-in-rock-history mentioning Pink Floyd et al. 0146 PSA for Chihuahua, "más grande estado del país", 0147 federal promo for 'La Hora Nacional' Sunday at 10 pm; mentions Stairway to Heaven, Led Zeppelin, FM 103.7 – which checks as XHHM. //850 XEM. Not much signal from KOA needing nulling, and oppositely, nothing at all heard from KFUD MO which in August was on until 0200 with organ music, etc. Now closing earlier? Official Denver sunset has advanced from 0200 in August to 0115 in September. KOA, of course, stays 50 kW ND day and night, for all the good that does them vs QRMexico. (GH-OK)
- 870 **MÉXICO.** XETAR, Guachochi, Chih. 1205 9/7, XETAR has just opened, man and woman sharing sign-on duties in Spanish and Tarahumara, for 12-hour daytime; 1206 announcement with added echo effect; date as 7 de septiembre, 6:07 am, temp 14C. Always fun to hear this indigenous 10 kW daytime station which can get out well at SRS. Our sunrise today: 1208. (GH-OK)
- 900 **MÉXICO.** XEDT, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 1200 9/4, rock music in Spanish, 1202 ID as Hits FM 95.3 and mixed-choir Mexican NA; 1204 segué to Chihuahua anthem. Therefore it must be XEDT, but IRCA Log of last year and Cantú show FM on 98.3, so I must have mis-heard; there is no Chihuahuan listed on 95.3. (GH-OK)
- 900 **UnID.** 0558 9/11, bee swarm-noise looping WSW/ENE; probably a Mexican just signed off but open STL still being relayed. XEDT in Chihuahua the prime and only suspect in that direction. (GH-OK)
- 910t **MÉXICO.** XEAO, Mexicali, BCN. 1211 9/5, automated woman time check as 5, 11 minutos, back to Mexican music. So has to be in the UT -7 zone = PDT/MST. There is no Nevadan; Arizonan is not Spanish; only Mexican fit is XEAO, 250 watts day and night per Cantú and WRTH; 1000/250 per IRCA; all as Radio Mexicana. Only other possibility would be KOXR in further Oxnard, with similar format, 1 kW night, but like all the 910 Alta Californians directional southwest into the Pacific while XEAO is ND. (GH-OK)
- 920 **MÉXICO?** 1205 9/4, choral Mexican NA is playing, but soon fading out. Assuming it's circa 6 am local, likely but not positively, that narrows it down to the two stations in the four states on UT -6: XEQD in Chihuahua, and XECQ in Culiacán, of which XEQD is more likely. (GH-OK)
- 980 **MÉXICO.** XEFQ, Cananea, Son. 1208 9/4, world newscast in Spanish with woman anchor, several clips in English from NATO/Wales, Cameron, Biden, voiced-over in Spanish; westish, but combating KMBZ and losing out by 1210. Likely the Antena Radio newscast from IMER station XEFQ, which really gets out for 1 kW, as heard several times before. I should have checked for // to 1570 XERF. (GH-OK)
- 1040 **MÉXICO.** XEHES, Chihuahua, Chih. 1205 9/5, amid heavy QRM, not just WHO, make out mentions of BM Radio, Chihuahua, and Grupo Radorama. Therefore it is XEHES, the only 1040 in the estado, and which Cantú confirms is with Radorama: <http://www.radorama.com.mx/chihuahua>. Cantú and IRCA Mexican Log show 5000/250, Estéreo Sensación //94.1 XHHES. WRTH 2014 agrees on power but name as 'Éxtasis Digital'. I logged this a few times in 2012y as "Romántica". (GH-OK)
- 1510 **UnID.** 0128 9/5, again hearing Mexican music station, loops NNE/SSW appropriate for Monterrey; fades for ID at 0130; another SHVA announcement at 0137 mentions 15-10 AM; and at 0138 sounds like "[two syllables] Radio". Just too much QRM from several stations even with WLAC nulled (and something off-frequency making a low rumble). (GH-OK)

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Winradio Excalibur, K9AY antenna0
- DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA
JRC NRD 545, NW + S-SW EWE
- GDB-WA **GARY DeBOCK**, Puyallup WA
7.5" loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight + 15" DXpedition FSL antenna
- GH-OK **GLENN HAUSER**, Enid OK
Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or Sony SRF-59
- NP-AB **NIGEL PIMBLETT**, Dunmore AB
Perseus SDR with Wellbrook Phased Array
- PM-OR **PATRICK MARTIN**, Seaside OR
Drake R8, SW EWE
- RA-OK **RICHARD ALLEN**, near Perry OK
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- 2749 **CANADA** USB. 0149 9/6, very poor talk, marine weather, presumably scheduled VAR-3 for Fundy NS, but from where, exactly? Starts at 0140 and next one on shared frequency not until 0240 from Halifax, VCS-2, per <http://dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm>. (GH-OK)
- 2850 **DPR KOREA**, KCBS. 1240 9/3. March music and to female vocals, in praise of the Great Leaders. Sinpo 44323. (RB-AZ)
- 3185 **MÉXICO.** 0128 9/3 I am astounded to hear news in Spanish with good signal level and good modulation. Can it still be XEPPM? Yes, same transmitter slightly on the low side, but must have got a new modulation tube. It's even much stronger than 6180 Brasil, but that's partly due to the weakish signal it's been sporting lately. This is great news, if only XEPPM can keep it up! News item at the moment is from Washington about ME affairs, including clips in English from USG spokespersons, maybe originating with VOA? Next story about ébola (who decided that this neologism would be stressed on first syllable in Spanish, second in English??). 0131 wrapping up 'Pulso de la Noche', must be own production, some African song but lyrics sound at least partly Spanish, "Yo soy..." this & that. 0133 ID "Radio Educación desde la Colonia del Valle en la Ciudad de México", next show "Las Mujeres Contamos" – I guess that could be a play on words in Spanish – women count as in they matter, but they also tell their stories. These programs match the MW 1060 XEEP, not SW program schedule at <http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/carta-programatica-del-mes>, which is still labeled Mayo 2014, but just below it says Enero 2014. Furthermore the separate jpg SW schedule below that, if you hover over it, is dated Feb 2013! And is evidently no longer applicable. XEPPM surely remains México's last and only SWBC station; 6010 has weak Spanish with a het at 0134, presumably Colombia & Brasil. (GH-OK)
- 3260 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA.** And 3275, 1200 9/3, two NBC carriers are on, but not 3385; one was off before the other a few minutes later but I lost track of which. Radio East New Britain, 3385 has not been heard since the volcanic eruption at Rabaul, but no news of exactly what happened to it, when it should be most needed. (GH-OK)

- 3320 **DPR KOREA**, Pyongyang BS. 1215 9/1. Classical music, piano, to military chorus after the half hour. Fair. (RB-AZ)
 3480 **REP KOREA**, Voice of the People. 1240 9/1. Long talk by man in Korean, unjammed. Good with some T-storm static. (RB-AZ)
 3912 **REP KOREA**, Voice of the People. 1245 9/1. Monologue by woman in Korean, over/under jammer, and //3480. Good. (RB-AZ)
 4557 **REP KOREA**, Voice of the People. 1320 9/1. Monologue with man in Korean and well over both jammer and CODAR shoooper noise matching the other //s. (RB-AZ)
 4716.7 **BOLIVIA**. 0034 9/12, some music audible here from Radio Yura, still at 0114 when I measure the unique frequency approx. (GH-OK)
 4765 **CUBA**. 0035 9/12, Radio Progreso is AWOL, still off at 0050, but on by third check at 0112. The night before it popped on promptly at *0030 9/11.(GH-OK)
 5020 **SOLOMON ISLANDS**. 1157 9/3, SIBC with talk, 1158 music maybe NA, cut off at 1159:52.5*; Cuban splash from 5025 is worsening with our latening sunrises. Very poor. (GH-OK)
 5025 **CUBA**, Radio Rebelde. 0230 9/3. Vocal music in Spanish. Good. (RB-AZ)
 5040 **CUBA**, Radio Havana Cuba. 0220 9/3. Familiar bridge music, man and woman in Spanish. Good. (RB-AZ)

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- GH-OK **GLENN HAUSER**, Enid OK
 Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only
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 Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, Slinky, passive Wilson antenna

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The object of this year's IRCA contest will be to use numbers from the station's frequency to complete each tier 0-9. Any number position in each frequency may be used in any tier. Example: 1080, 1110, 920, 630, 1540, 750, 1460, 870, 580. 1390 etc. When one tier is completed (0-9) you can start on the next tier. There is one point per station, if you complete tier one you have 10 points. You do not need to complete the final tier, if you finish with 4 tiers and 3 stations on the 5th tier, you would have 43 points. A station can be used only once, so be sure to make your choice of placement of each station carefully. The contestant with the most total points at the end of the contest will be determined the winner.

The contest will be open to all IRCA members in good standing. Entrants will be disqualified if they cease to be members of the club. The contest will run from 0001 October 1, 2014 through 2359 May 31, 2015. You may join the contest at any time during the year.

All loggings must be made within 25 miles of your main DX location. If a person moves during the contest they may start over at the new location.

Stations must be in the normal 530-1710 kHz band, licensed by the U.S., Canada, or Mexico. TIS and utility stations are not eligible for contest purposes. To count a U.S. station, you must hear the actual call letters. To count a Canadian or Mexican station, you must hear the actual call letters or hear a recognized slogan plus location. Loggings may be first time heard, or relogs of stations heard before. If a station changes call letters it may be relogged and be counted.

Contest entries must list station call letters, frequency, location, date and time of logging.

Your contest report of stations heard in any particular month must be postmarked by the 5th day of the following month. For example, a station heard on October 12th must be submitted by November 5th to be eligible. Failure to do this will disqualify the item in question for points. Contest entries must not be sent along with WDXR DX tips as they easily become lost when filed away in the WDXR file. Contest entries may be sent e-mail or postal mail to the address above. E-mail entries must not be "attached files."

The contest manager will have the final word on all station and interpretation of all rules, including disqualification of a station for scoring or a member from the contest.

Standings will be updated on the 15th of each month and results published in the next available bulletin subject to normal deadline delays. The final standings will be tabulated on June 15, 2015 and will appear in the July bulletin, subject to space in that bulletin.

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