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IRCA welcomes **Brian Delit** in Australia. The **PEI DXpedition** report in the last issue was courtesy of **Bruce Conti**, thanks!! Seattle deadline is Monday 4 PM PLT.

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Nominations for the IRCA 2015 Elections

IRCA members, it is time to think about who you would like to represent you as the next club President, Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors. Their terms will start on September 15th, 2015 per the IRCA Constitution, Article III, Section 5, Part 2. Nominations will be open for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and seven members of the Board of Directors from December 1st, 2014 through January 15th, 2015. Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board, shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate his or herself. All nominations must be submitted in written (e-mail) form to the ECC by January 15th, 2015.

IRCA's Election Committee Chairman (ECC) is Nick Hall-Patch, who can be contacted via email at: nhp@ieeee.org

Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA for 2014-2015

Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

Ted Vasilopoulos was a charter member of IRCA who died in 1965, and was known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: **Nick Hall-Patch**, **Lee Freshwater**, **Richard Evans**, **Phil Bytheway** and **Bill Block**.

Ric Heald Award (RHA)

Ric Heald was an enthusiastic IRCA volunteer and contributor. In 1995, after his passing, the RHA was created to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: **Mark Connelly**, **Kraig Krist** and **Mike Sanburn**.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, should be sent to Nick Hall-Patch, at nhp@ieeee.org

All nominations must be received no later than February 15 2015.

2015 SWL Fest

The North American Shortwave Association will have its annual SWL Fest February 27-28 outside of Philadelphia. The exact venue is to be selected, but the recent ones have been at the Doubletree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting PA. The details will be posted on their Fest will be on their web page, <http://www.swlfest.com/>.

IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Phil Bytheway – 9705 Mary NW – Seattle WA 98117-2334

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Recent IRCA Board of Directors Activity

26.2.3 Mike Sanburn has submitted a bid for the **IRCA West** convention in Torrance CA on September 10-11 2015. This is a Thursday-Friday convention which will occur right before an ARRL convention (across the street). Mark Durenberger and I will probably organize talks which will take place on Saturday for those not attending the ARRL convention.

26.2.4 Mark Durenberger and Scott Fybus have submitted a bid for the **IRCA East** joint convention in Fort Wayne IN on July 10-12 2015.

26.2.5 This to affirm the **West/East dual** conventions for 2015 as a special exception.

26.3.6 Create a monthly **DXAS** column in **DX Monitor** (compiled by Phil Bytheway/Mark Durenberger/Fred Vobbe) which will include a brief summary of the latest **DXAS** issue. **DXAS** is a monthly audio CD compiled by Fred Vobbe for DXers. (first column was last issue, second column in this one!)

All IRCA Board of Directors favored all of the above. There will be an **IRCA West** and **IRCA East** convention in conjunction with several other clubs (**NRC**, **WTFDA** and **DecalcoMania**). Details will be forthcoming... plan for one or both!! pb



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WDXR DEADLINES: Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 and Feb 6. Please use Eastern Time.

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- 590 KQNT **WA**, Spokane 11/22 2000 with "KQNT Spokane" then Fox news. (BB-AZ)
- 590 KID **ID**, Idaho Falls 11/24 0840 with weather and "KID 590 and 92.1." (BB-AZ)
- 710 KGNC **TX**, Amarillo 11/28 0749 with "KGNC, the time is 6:49" then at 0756 "Newstalk KGNC." (BB-AZ)
- KIRO **WA**, Seattle 11/28 0800 with "KIRO Seattle." (BB-AZ)
- 740 CFZM **ON**, Toronto 11/27 good on top with usual Adult Standards. Many AM 740 IDs, and "Tell your friends about the All Night Jukebox on AM 740," spot for Henry Camera's at 0357. (PM-OR)
- 760 KKZN **CO**, Thornton 11/26 0759 with "Real talk 760 KKZN Thornton, Denver" ID out of business program. (JCJ-AZ)
- 790 KSPD **ID**, Boise 11/26 2059 with "KSPD Boise." (BB-AZ)
- 980 KDSJ **SD**, Deadwood 11/24 0831 weather report then "KDSJ" followed by sports. (BB-AZ)
- KSVC **UT**, Richfield 11/27 0031 with "KSVC AM and FM" ID into The Ozgood File. (JCJ-AZ)
- 980 KVLV **NV**, Fallon 11/26 1905 weather report and at 1906 "KVLV." (BB-AZ)

- 1090 KVOP **TX**, Plainview 11/26 0712 with a long weather report then farm news and ads for Plainview at 0727. (BB-AZ)
 1190 KVSU **KS**, Beloit 11/27 0735 "KVSU 1190." (BB-AZ)
 KDYA **CA**, Vallejo 11/27 1933 with "Gospel 1190 the Light." (BB-AZ)
 1240 KRJW **OR**, Altamont heard popping up under KEJO with CBS Sports. At 0456:30 11/26 "You've made the right choice. This is KRJW, 12-40 The Winner," back into CBS sports, lost in the jumble again. KRJW has not been on the air too long. New for me. (PM-OR)
 KEJO **OR**, Corvallis 11/26 on top at ID time of 0459:50 "KEJO Corvallis... JO Radio." (PM-OR)
 KQEN **OR**, Roseburg 11/26 on top briefly with "Newsradio KQEN" slogan at 0459. (PM-OR)
 1250 KHIL **AZ**, Willcox 11/23 2159 with "KHIL Willcox, Arizona." (BB-AZ)
 KZDC **TX**, San Antonio 11/22 0816 with "ESPN 1250 San Antonio." (BB-AZ)
 KNEU **UT**, Roosevelt 11/28 weak, listed as 129 watts. Country music format. 0100 with "Real Country AM 1250 KNEU Roosevelt, Vernal" ID into ABC News. (JCJ-AZ)
 1260 KPOW **WY**, Powell 11/26 0813 with "KPOW Your Home Town Station" then weather report. (BB-AZ)
 1270 KJUG **CA**, Tulare 11/25 0844 11/25 0844 with ads for Tulare then at 0851 "Living Water Radio on the Valley's Christian Radio Station." (BB-AZ)
 KXQZ **ID**, Twin Falls 11/22 1857 "Comedy 1270" then ads for Twin Falls. (BB-AZ)
 KSCB **KS**, Liberal 11/26 0838 with sports talk, lots of talk about Kansas and Oklahoma sports. (BB-AZ)
 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks 11/22 1903 with "CBS Sports Radio KBZZ and 96.1." (BB-AZ)
 KIML **WY**, Gillette 11/24 1932 with Wyoming road report. (BB-AZ)
 1280 KFRN **CA**, Long Beach 11/26 0859 with "Family Radio KFRN Long Beach." (BB-AZ)
 1290 KOUU **ID**, Pocatello 11/24 1854 with "Country Classics 1290 and 102.9 FM." (BB-AZ)
 KUMA **OR**, Pendleton 11/26 0823 with weather report then "Newstalk 1290 KUMA." (BB-AZ)
 1310 KTCK **TX**, Dallas 11/27 0808 ads for Dallas-Fort Worth, then at 0812 "The Ticket 1310 and 96.7." (BB-AZ)
 1350 KTIK **ID**, Nampa 11/24 1904 traffic report, weather at 1905, then "The Ticket." (BB-AZ)
 1400 KART **ID**, Jerome 11/27 1921 with "Real country music for the Magic Valley." (BB-AZ)
 1440 KFNY **CA**, Riverside 11/23 0905 with "KFNY." (BB-AZ)
 1460 XECB **SON**, San Luis Rio Colorado 11/24 0046 with numerous "Radio Ranchito" slogans, 0059 XECB ID. (JCJ-AZ)

The next WDXR deadline is Friday December 5. – Nancy 11/28 2100



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 540 KMLB **LA**, Monroe. 11/24 fair to poor signal mixing with other stations, ACI from KTRS 550. 0301 noted with Fox News Radio, weather forecast and "Talk Five-40 KMLB" ID. [EB-MO]
 880 KHAC **NM**, Tse Bonito. 11/24 fair to poor signal, mixing with WIJR and WCBS. 0203 noted with "Moody Radio" IDs, brief inspirational talk, Contemporary Christian music, talk on Christian celebrities and calls at 0220. More than likely on 10 kW day power. [EB-MO]
 WCBS **NY**, New York. 11/22 fair signal in WIJR null, ACI from WLS 890. 0442 noted with "WCBS news time 4:42" time check, local and national news items, "WCBS news radio Eight-80" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]
 940 WMAC **GA**, Macon. 11/22 fair to poor signal, mixing with WMIX, WYLD. 0455 noted with "Red Eye Radio", local spots, "Broadcasting at WMAC AM-dot-com, this is news, talk Nine-40, WMAC Macon, Warner Robins, a Cumulus station" legal ID into ABC news. [EB-MO]
 970 WMAY **IL**, Springfield. 11/21 fair to poor signal, mixing with KQAQ, WGTK. 0405 noted with weather forecast, "News, talk Nine-70 WMAY" ID, promo, into "Red Eye Radio". [EB-MO]
 1070 CHOK **ON**, Sarnia. 11/21 fair to poor signal over KNX. 0432 noted with Classic Hits format, "CHOK" ID in promos and local spots. [EB-MO]
 1250 WDDZ **PA**, Pittsburgh. 11/21 fair signal over WSSP. 0338 noted with pop music and "Radio Disney" ID. Semi-local WSDZ 1260 in at the same signal level. [EB-MO]
 1400 KTMC **OK**, McAlester. 11/21 fair to poor signal mixing with WGIL, other stations. 0410 noted with Adult Standards format, "AM 14-hundred KTMC" ID. [EB-MO]
 1450 WTRO **TN**, Dyersburg. 11/22 fair to poor signal, mixing with KMRY, KATE, other stations. 0411 noted with "WTRO" ID and Oldies format. [EB-MO]
 1520 KKXA **WA**, Snohomish. 11/22, 20:11 to 20:13 while listening to a semi-clear WWKB KKXA came up with a "KXA" ID into a Patsy Cline oldie. Unexpected and a new logging for me! [FTS-MN]
 1540 KGBC **TX**, Galveston. 11/26. 05:15 very strong over KXEL, clearly they switched to their day facilities at this time and they were still over KXEL at 05:30 when I had to head off to work. Before 05:15 it was KEDA under KXEL. [FTS-MN]

25 & 50 YEARS AGO

25 years ago, December 3, 1988 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ric Heald** of Sacramento, CA was starting to work on next year's IRCA 25th Anniversary Convention being held in Sacramento ... **Bill Townshend** of Washington, DC planned to attend next year's ANARC convention being held in Saint Petersburg, FL ... **Gary Siegel** of Toledo, OH logged Martini to bring his country total up to 50 heard.

OPEN MIKE

Now that Thanksgiving is over, it's time to start making out that Christmas list. What do you want Santa to put under your tree? A new receiver? Perhaps a new antenna? Or, just some great DX? This column was typed 11-28-14, John

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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

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ACROSS THE DIAL

- 540 WDAK **GA**, Columbus – 11/21 1723 noted with Sean Hannity, "News Radio 540 WDAK" ID by a male announcer. This is a new station in my logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WGTH, WRGC, WFLF, WWCS, and unidentified stations carrying Spanish, sports talk and vocal Gospel music (not WGTH). (KK-VA) (Kraig, your unidentified Gospel music station is WFNN Florence SC; your Spanish station could very well be WETC Wendell/Zebulon NC, and your sports talk station could be WAUK Jackson WI – eb)
 540 WRGC **NC**, Sylva – 11/21 1659 noted with "Broadcasting with 5,000 watts of power, we're 540 WRGC Sylva, Waynesville, Bryson City and Cherokee" legal ID by a male announcer into NBC News Radio. This is a new station in my logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WGTH, WDAK, WFLF, WWCS and unidentified stations carrying Spanish, sports talk and vocal Gospel music. (KK-VA)
 560 WOOF **AL**, Dothan – 11/21 between 1625 and 1905 noted with a sports-call-in show; a male announcer gives the call-in phone number as (855) 242-7285. The signal was noted mixing with WFRB, WXBT, WJLS, WGAI and unidentified stations carrying Oldies and Christian teaching. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your Christian Teaching station is most likely WFIL Philadelphia PA; your Oldies station could be CFOS Owen Sound ON – eb)

- 560 WGAI **NC**, Elizabeth City – 11/21 1856 noted with Gospel music, “WGAI, where Gospel is always in style” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFRB, WXB, WJLS, WOOF and unidentified stations with Oldies and Christian teaching. (KK-VA)
- 560 WXB **SC**, Columbia – 11/21 1651 noted with Sean Hannity, “100.1 FM, 560 AM WVOC” ID by a male announcer. The whole time I listened, I only hear a WVOC ID. Interestingly, at 1900 ET, the station also sends a “WVOC” ID in Morse Code. The signal was noted mixing with WFRB, WOOF, WJLS, WGAI and unidentified stations with Oldies and Christian Teaching. (KK-VA)
- 1510 WMEX **MA**, Boston – 11/20 2004 noted with Sean Hannity, “I’m Ross Rosenthal, reporting for 1510 WMEX Boston” mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WLAC, WLGN and an unidentified Oldies station; WWKB 1520 was off the air at the time due to the massive snowstorm in Buffalo. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your unidentified Oldies station could be either: WLKR Norwalk OH or WQUL Woodruff SC – eb)
- 1510 WLGN **OH**, Logan – 11/20 between 1937 and 20205 noted with an Oldies format; the only thing close to an ID I could hear while listening is the jingle “WLGN Logan”. The signal was a nice surprise; a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WLAC, WMEX and an unidentified Oldies station. (KK-VA)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig for his report this week!

Kraig gives his thoughts on the use of Morse Code IDs: “A while back, in jest, I proposed stations provide a brief CW ID. Guess what? Someone listened. While DXing on November 14 2014, I clearly heard a “WVON” Morse Code ID while listening to 1690 kHz. I found the ID interesting, but thought it was something WVON and only WVON was doing. Then, while listening to 1510 kHz on November 20 2014, I heard another Morse Code ID. It was quick and mixing with other stations. I wasn’t able to decode the Morse Code. I thought: ‘This is now very interesting. Two times I’m hearing code IDs Is this valid or am I hearing things?’ While listening to 560 kHz on November 21 2014, I hear ‘WVOC’ ID given in Morse Code. There is no WVOC on 560, but WXB Columbia, SC IDs as WVOC, as WVOC is WXB’s FM parallel on 100.1 MHz. The Morse Code IDs are quickly given over the top with talk, news, etc. In other words, the Morse Code IDs are not given in the clear and by themselves. The Morse Code IDs are not the Radio Reloj ‘RR’. Very interesting; anyone else hearing Morse Code IDs?”

I see that 1510 Boston got its heritage calls WMEX back. Many of the old-timers may remember WMEX as the Top 40 powerhouse “Whimex” in the 1960s and 1970s, anchored by Arnie “Woo Woo” Ginsburg. “Woo Woo” revived 1961 at WMEX on “Cruisin’ 1961”. Some interesting tidbits: the morning personality at WMEX back in 1961 used the air name Fenway! One of their famous jingles: “Needless to say, your radio came with WMEX 1510”. There’s also an ad on “Cruisin’ 1961” for a drive-in restaurant in Saugus in which “Woo Woo” promoted “The Ginsburger”. That was included in the 1973 movie “American Graffiti”.

73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Deadline Monday’s noon PLT. All times UTC/GMT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 738 **TAHITI**, Papeete, Radio Première Polynésie. Presumed Tahiti strong het, consistent fading in and out 1244 11/28 not heard at 1247. (TS-MN)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK1. Presumed Japan very weak het at 1245 11/28 also gone very quickly. (TS-MN)
- 1548 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QD, Emerald, ABC. Traces of man talking at 1428 11/28, seemingly the Australian. (NP-AB)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Traces of audio from Korea at 1425 11/28. (NP-AB)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VOA. Was fair to good from 1425 11/28. Man talking in SE Asian language, then English ID at 1430, with announcement saying the next program was in Burmese. (NP-AB)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 770 **MÉXICO**, XEACH, Monterrey, NL. 0839 11/21 noted with “Radio Formula” ID, followed by a brief interview into a drama presentation in Spanish. Fair signal over WABC. (EB-MO)
- 860 **CUBA**, Radio Reloj synchronos. 0834 11/21 noted with news and “Radio Reloj” IDs over time signal; “RR” IDs in Morse Code. Fair to poor signal mixing with KOSE in CJBC null; ACI from WWL 870. (EB-MO)
- 870 **MÉXICO**, XETAR, Guachochi, Chih. 1303 11/27, Mexican choral NA is playing, replacing weak Vietnamese from The Metroplex I had been hearing before 1300. At 1304, XETAR sign-on, first by man in Spanish, then by woman in presumed Tarahumara – and then another man in apparent third language [see below]. Many IDs follow, by calls and by La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara. 1305 local vocal ensemble starts singing same national anthem in non-Spanish, but faded down for more talk in Spanish, station’s mission statement, etc. 1306 mentions 10,000 watts on AM 870 and NO mention of any FM which I thought I heard previously; and via complicated website “llegamos a todos los países del mundo”. Sked is still 12 hours daily 6 am to 6 pm. Complicated e-mail address; 1308 heard “interval signal” of percussion for second time, not exactly drumming. 1309 talk in TT with heavy echo imposed, 6:08 TC in Spanish, temp -4 (brrr – latitude is less than 27 N = further south than Okeechobee, but altitude is 2.4 km = 7874 feet, higher than Santa Fe); 1311 history of station, started in 1982y on 860 with 5 kW; at some point stayed on air until 8 pm; 1314 starting to fade. So now is good time to get this on SRS: Enid sunrise today 1321, with another 25 minutes to go before its latest in early January. XETAR website with much more info is: http://www.cdi.gob.mx/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=872&Itemid=44 including about languages: “Un claro propósito de la XETAR es el fortalecimiento de las lenguas indígenas. Así, promueve el rarámuri (o tarahumara), el odami (o tepehuano) y el o’oba (o pima) en sus transmisiones diarias.” (GH-OK)
- 1510 **MÉXICO**, XEQI, Monterrey, NL. 0132 11/29 on caradio, dominant signal is Spanish, news headlines mentioning “estado de Nuevo León” which is more evidence it’s XEQI, lacking a real ID. Man and woman continue conversing. This on vertical car antenna not directional, with no nulling capability, yet this is atop WLAC, but losing out to it by 0135. (GH-OK)

TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA**. 0105 11/29 on caradio, tell-tale het upon jumble of US stations, so much 1520 QRM that KOKC is unlistenable. A directional receiving antenna might help, but it’s probably a silly ballgame. (GH-OK)

TRANS PACIFIC HIGHLIGHTS from Gary DeBock

Although Asian propagation has recently hit the skids and is no longer productive for sunrise DXing here in Puyallup, there were some reasonably good moments during this solar-challenged Fall Season. Probably because of the new (and more sensitive) 15” FSL antenna being used, several big gun Asian stations did manage their best-ever signals here (603-HLSA, 693-JOAB, 738-Tahiti, and 747-JOIB), while a couple of others equaled their best-ever signals (594-JOAK and 972-HLCA). In general, signals dropped off greatly from the Chinese stations, while second and third-tier Japanese and Korean stations were almost always missing in action. High band signals also took a major hit in comparison to past seasons. Asian propagation seems to have taken quite a nosedive since November 8th, making it seem more productive to use limited hobby time for new antenna projects.

All of the following signals were received on a 7.5” loopstick Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight radio, with an inductive coupling boost from a 15” FSL antenna. Signals which pegged the PL-380’s S/N display at the 25 maximum during the reception are identified with a double asterisk (**).

- **594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo. Excellent-level Japanese male speech at 1302 on September 23; equals strongest signal ever received here (in 2011) <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/Ofaqu02vqkqaft/594-JOAK-1302z092314PL380.MP3>.
- **603 **REP KOREA**, HLSA, Namyang. Excellent-level KBS2 network pre-TOH fanfare and 3 + 1 pips at 1400 on October 10; best signal ever received here <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/hpao3yomcailonv/603-HLSA-1359z101014PL380.MP3>.
- 603 **CHINA**, Hulun Buir? Strong mix with HLSA at 1308 on September 23 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/897vzqoeabxh98/603-China-HLSA-mix-1308z092314PL380.MP3>.
- 657 **DPR KOREA**, Pyongyang. Very good level martial music at 1314 on September 23 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/c5ys1282w0y0402/657-Pyongyang-1314z092314PL380.MP3>.
- **693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo. Excellent-level Japanese female speech at 1447 on November 4; best signal ever received here <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/au8139pxwxekdl/693-JOAB-1447z110414PL380.MP3>.
- 738 **TAHITI**, Mahina, Radio Polynésie. Good-level R & B music at 1315 on September 1; best signal ever received here <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/lpxrok1id6dd6in/738-R.Polynesie-1315z090114PL380.MP3>.

- 738 **TAIWAN**, Penghu, BEL2. Very good male-hosted variety program at 1358 on October 11 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/8m09435w45g4u0m/738-BEL2-1358z101114PL380.MP3>.
- **747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo. Excellent-level Japanese male speech at 1344 on October 11; best signal ever received here <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/vy18ep3co6s7i1u/747-JOIB-1344z101114PL380.mp3>.
- **972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin. Excellent-level Korean male speech at 1444 on October 27; equals best signal ever received here <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/ztorvr2627sul0b/972-HLCA-1444z102714PL380.MP3>.
- **1053 **REP KOREA**, jammer. Excellent-level buzz at 1256 on October 18; best signal of the season here <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/3nb2gqi7gnjncb7/1053-Jammer-1256z101814PL380.MP3>.

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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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 PIMPLETT**, Dunmore AB
- TS-MN **TODD SKAINE**, Woodbury MN
Sony ICF 2010, Superradio 2, Grundig S350 & M400, Toyota car radio

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- 2850 **DPR KOREA**, KCBS. 1315 11/26. Woman presenter, symphonic music, to somber sounding man in Korean talking over music. Good. (RB-AZ)
- 2910.0 **MEXICO**, XEVT, Villahermosa, Tab. 0219 11/28. When the noise level is rarely lower, I strain to rehear the third harmonic of XEVT-970. Something is here, but it turns out to be mixture of local overload 1390 KCRC and something else, right on frequency, while XEVT x 3 was slightly off. Getting this only on the DX-398, not the PL-880, which is a bad sign. Better time to get XEVT would be pre-sunrise on the FRG-7. (GH-OK)
- 3185 **USA**, TN, WWCR. 1200 11/25. Piano music and background mumbblers. At H+13, one man making sounds like a cow mooing. I left the channel. (RB-AZ)
- 3925 **JAPAN**, Radio Nikkei 1. 1345 11/22. Girly-girl J-Pop non stop. Good signal. (RB-AZ)
- 3985 **REP KOREA**, Echo of Hope. 1250 11/24. Monologue w/woman in Korean and speaking over the roaring sound of DPRK jammer. (RB-AZ)
- 4055 **GUATEMALA**, Radio Verdad. 1030 11/24. Very good with choral music. (RB-AZ)
- 4450 **DPR KOREA**, jammer. 1245 11/25. (RB-AZ)
- 4450 **REP KOREA**, Voice of the People. 1245 11/25. Woman in Korean and talking over the roar of a broadcast jammer; vocal music closer to the ToH. (RB-AZ)
- 5890 **MARIANNA ISLANDS/TINIAN**, Voice of America. 1450 11/24. Man in Korean under jammer. (RB-AZ)
- 5965 **CHINA**, Xian, CRI. 1450 11/24. Man and woman, language lesson. (RB-AZ)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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FRG-7 with 100 foot E-W longwire (always in the mornings, sometimes evenings), DX-398 with 10-meter N-S random wire (in the evenings) or PL-880 with short reel-out clip-on (in the evenings)
- RB-AZ **RICK BARTON**, El Mirage AZ
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Deadlines: 12/6, 12/13, 12/18, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17 and 1/24

(My apologies to Mike and Eric as these should have been in the last issue of DXM. The deadline completely slipped my mind – rce)

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Greetings. It has been quite a while since I last sent in a forum. First off, I wanted to say happy belated 50th anniversary to our club. The highlights of the past year for me were logging the KCKM DX test and attending the IRCA convention in Billings MT. Thanks again to John and Nancy for hosting that fine event. We are very close to seeing an announcement regarding convention details for 2015. Stay tuned, it will blow your mind. Don't forget to visit the IRCA Facebook page (be sure to type in the full club name). Plenty of station photos and other madness on there. Have a wonderful holiday season and Good DX! 73. Ms

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Missouri is now my third most productive DX state on the AM broadcast band. At 0412 ELT on November 19, KYTY 810 Somerset, TX made it through with Contemporary Christian music and a "Star 81" ID. KYTY is the 109th station I've logged on AM from Texas, moving the Lone Star State into second place behind Illinois on my list of most productive DX states. Even though I logged WSPO twice on regular schedule (one of those times before sunset at my location), I heard the DX Test from the station on November 10 with Morse Code and voice IDs, sweep tones and the theme from "The Price is Right" at Midnight ELT. Before that, I finally logged New Mexico, but it wasn't KKOB 770. It turned out to be KKIM 1000 Albuquerque, noted on November 9 at 0500 ELT with ID, the Christian teaching show "Love Worth Finding" and Contemporary Christian music after that. Numerous DXers have noted that KKIM has been forgetting to cut power from 10 kW day power to 38 watts night power on various nights. New Mexico was an FM-only state in my logbook until May 25, when I logged my first NOAA Weather Radio station from the Land of Enchantment (also in Albuquerque). KKOB is a tough station to log at my location, especially with local WEW signing off at Albuquerque's sunset. On the local side, reports on Facebook show that the reason KXFN 1380 is operating daytime only is because they lost the lease on their nighttime transmitter site between Dupo and Columbia IL. The frequency has been dominated at night by WLRM out of suburban Memphis with its R&B format. KFNS 590 was reactivated only briefly during the second full week of November, with NBC Sports Radio for one day, followed by open carrier through November 12. Since the station went silent, KXSP has dominated at night, with WKZO, KLB, XEPE and the Cuban being heard in KXSP's null. Rumors are pointing to the station being sold to Crawford Broadcasting Company, which sold KJSL 630 (now KYFI) to Bible Broadcasting Network and donated KSTL 690 to the Church of God in Christ over the past year. A possible Crawford return would mean the return of fundamentalist Christian talk to St Louis and the possibility of losing 580 and 600, as well as severe interference to 570, 610 and maybe 620 to digital interference from 590, since Crawford is a supporter of so-called "HD Radio". Yet, they didn't convert KJSL or KSTL to digital operation. Then again, Crawford may not convert 590 to digital, given the fact that WSDZ 1260 and KATZ 1600 have dropped digital service in the past year. KFNU 850 brings its digital service down for maintenance twice a year, enabling me to hear DX at sunset on 840 and 860. KMOX 1120 only turns off its digital service during St Louis Cardinals baseball games. Speaking of WSDZ, no word yet on a possible sale of the station by Radio Disney LLC. KTRS 550 has dropped "Red Eye Radio"; they're now carrying Jim Bohannon in the overnight slot. In the last 18 months, the station has carried "Coast to Coast AM with George Noory", "Red Eye Radio" and Jimbo. I'll have to check the FM dial to see where "Red Eye Radio" has gone; George Noory's show moved to conservative talker KFTK 97.1. One of the sports talk show hosts deposed when KFNS pulled the plug. Brian McKenna, is considering doing a daytime time buy on WQQX 1490, the local Fox Sports Radio station. Inside STL Sports, owned by former KFNS host Tim McKernan, buys weekday air time on WGNU 920. Unlike in the latest NRC AM Radio Log, WRYT 1080 is still a 500-watt daytimer. Their 20-watt nighttime CP is not yet on. Simulcast partner KHOJ 1460 has had a stronger signal at night as of late; they may have tweaked their pattern toward the Hazelwood/Florissant area. I can still put a tight null on their 210-watt night signal and hear WKAM Goshen, IN and its Spanish programming. The six towers that once directed KXEN 1010's 50 kW day signal in Mitchell, IL are still standing; the three-tower nighttime array has been demolished in the past year. There's no word on whether they have found a new transmitter site; the station is transmitting at much reduced power from a temporary antenna in downtown St Louis. The four-tower array of sister station WGNU across Historic Route 66 are still standing and transmitting WGNU's programming. As of November 20 2014, 1,551 stations have made it to my logbook. 73.



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Here's what's coming your way on the DX Audio Service for **December 2014**. This is a Christmas gift 3-hour issue... it's available at <http://e-dxn.com/news/index.php>

Graham Maynard SK: Graham Maynard, a noted British MW DXer, passed away on October 6. Many will know his receiver modifications and antenna designs, including the "Ferrite Sleeve Loop" antenna that has become popular with Ultralight DXers.

35th Edition of AM Log: 35th Edition of the National Radio Club's AM Radio Log Is Available and Shipping! The NRC's AM Radio Log is the leading source for information on AM radio stations in the United States and Canada.

AM Switch: Dave Alpert has a full slate of changes, and information on the silent stations, and those stations getting back on the air. We also ask for your help by calling the Musings Line if you note any changes.

Bandscan: Mark Durenberger presents "Time Travel". Mark visits with Steve Raymer at the Pavek Museum in St Louis Park, Minnesota.

Recap of WSPQ Test: Frederick Vobbe presents the results of the WSPQ-1390 test. Fred also gives us a good example of how well distant stations can be heard when your reception is lacking noise.

Turtles vs XM: Wally Wawro tells us about the suit over rights between the rock group "The Turtles" and XM/Sirius. The results of this suit may bring broad reaching changes not only with XM/Sirius, but also on-line services.

The Marketscope: Phil Wayne presents classic airchecks from the past. Great radio from the 80s.

Musings from Members: Let us know what is going on. Call the Musings Line at 419-741-0205.

Tom Magliozzi SK: Tom was one half of the Car Talk show, and when he passed away last month it was a shock to many long-time fans.

America's Radio Nations: Mark Durenberger presents an interesting talk about the history of call letters. Why do we have K, W, A, and N?

The Tell City Decision: Dave Alpert informs us what this decision by the F.C.C. will mean to AM stations desiring FM translators.

A Man's Secret Past: Chris Gay tells us about a British man's past in using radio to help the war effort.

Radio Shack's Business: Phil Wayne tells us about the health of Radio Shack.

WLS hires Steve Dahl: Wally Wawro has the news about shock jock Steve Dahl coming back on the air, and this time he will be (back) on WLS.

Radio Employee Charged with Arson: Two radio stations were the subject of vandalism and arson. Phil Wayne has the interesting story about an employee torching his own station.

New York Pirates: Mark Durenberger tells us about the FCC's effort to play "wack-a-mole" with all the pirate stations.

FCC Signoff – WIFE-FM: Recently a friend of Fred Vobbe shared a bit of radio history. Back in the mid 70s a group of radio stations were stripped of their licenses. You'll hear one of them sign off.

Ransomware Strikes Station: A southeast Michigan station was the recent victim of a serious virus which holds a radio station hostage.

Mini DXpeditions: Phil Bytheway presents an IRCA paper by Nick Hall-Patch on how to miniaturize your DXpeditions.

The Network Primate: Mark Durenberger features an article on how social media may be causing us to be less disconnected with people... and perhaps our clubs.

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