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IRCA welcomes **Bill Whitacre** in Alexandria VA. Seattle deadline is now Monday 6 PM PLT.

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IRCA ELECTIONS – Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC V8R 4Z6
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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@ieee.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@ieee.org

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

2014 CONVENTION TALKS

Mark Durenberger recorded and edited three of the four talks given at the recent IRCA convention in Billings. They include 1) **PATRICK MARTIN** on "A life of DX-ing"; 2) **PHIL BYTHEWAY** with Nick Hall-Patch's comments on 'miniaturizing' DXpeditions and on noise-reduction, as well as Phil's comments on computer performance, and 3) **LARRY GODWIN** talking about the beginnings of IRCA.

These three talks are available for download as a free service of IRCA, from www.dot-durenberger-dot-com

Oh: The fourth talk? Mark tells how he recruits new DXers, and reviews antenna performance including his success with the D-Kaz antenna. Mark forgot to record his own spiel :-))

IRCA Slogans List

Kraig Krist has agreed to take on the **IRCA Slogan's List**. Plan is to publish a new list early next year. Please send all updates to him at kg4lac@gmail.com.

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Recent IRCA Board of Directors Activity

26.2.7 Confirm **Kraig Krist** as **IRCA Slogan's List** editor (there were no other volunteers).

All IRCA Board of Directors favored the above.

We need someone to volunteer to be the backup Editor-in-Chief for **DX Monitor**. Please contact me if interested. pb



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DATE OF COLUMN: December 20. Column data span: December 6-December 20. Data courtesy of Stationintel.com, FCC database and member contributions

CALL CHANGE

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
570	KGRT	Las Cruces, NM	KWML

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

NEW INFORMATION

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE
580	WYHM	Rockwood, TN
590	WARM	Scranton, PA
680	WINR	Binghamton, NY
800	WSVS	Crewe, VA
860	KFST	Fort Stockton, TX
900	WCPA	Clearfield, PA
1010	WPCN	Stevens Point, WI
1020	KDYK	Union Gap, WA
1020	WRIX	Homeland Park, SC
1070	KFTI	Wichita, KS
1190	WWIO	St. Marys, GA
1230	KOZA	Odessa, TX
1230	WTCJ	Tell City, IN

now silent
was silent, now CBS Sports Radio, adds slogan: "Sports Radio 590"
was oldies, now classic country, old slogan: "Oldies 96-9", new: "US 96.9"
was sports, now country
was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
was oldies, now classic hits
deletes unknown secondary format, adds slogan: "WPCN Newstalk"
was Spanish adult hits, now regional Mexican, old slogan: "Juan AM 1020", new: "La Zeta 1020"
now silent
old slogan: "Classic Country 92.3", new: "Classic Country 1070"
was silent, now contemporary Christian, religious teaching, adds slogan: "The Lighthouse"
now silent
was Westwood One Classic Hits, now Westwood One SAM Adult Hits

1240	WVOS	Liberty, NY	was Spanish sports, now classic hits, old slogan: "1240 ESPN Deportes", new: "The Greatest Hits Of All Times 95.9"
1250	KHIL	Willcox, AZ	was country, now adult hits, old slogan: "KHIL Country", new: "XWave"
1280	WANS	Anderson, SC	was sports, now classic hits
1340	WMDR	Augusta, ME	was religious teaching, now southern gospel, old slogan: "The Word 1340", new: "God's Country 88.9"
1400	KFTM	Fort Morgan, CO	was adult contemporary, now classic hits
1400	KWON	Bartlesville, OK	old slogan: "K-WON", new: "KWON 1400 AM/93.3 FM"
1420	WQBC	Vicksburg, MS	was silent, now oldies
1490	WCSS	Amsterdam, NY	adds slogan: "Good Times Oldies"
1530	WLWB	New Holstein, WI	was silent, now easy listening
1560	WLZR	Melbourne, FL	was silent, now CBS Sports Radio, adds slogan: "Sportsradio 95.9"
1570	WIGO	Morrow, GA	old slogan: "1570 The Light", new: "WIGO AM 1570-Atlanta's Incredible Radio"
1590	WGBW	Two Rivers, WI	adds slogan: "The Oldies Station"

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara, CA passes along the following dated 12/10/14:

Re: KIGS-620 in Hanford (CA-ye ed). It was sports (not sure if Fox or CBS) and is now ethnic Indian/Asian. The new slogan is Radio Punjab AM 620. I might have missed it.

Mike Sanburn of Lakewood, CA passes along the info from Bill Block of Prescott Valley, AZ dated 12/16/14:

KVSL-1470 in Show Low, Arizona is now on their new frequency with music for the 60's, 70's and 80's the old frequency was 1450.

Mike Sanburn of Lakewood, CA passes on the following dated 12/20/14:

KIDD 630 Monterey Ca will go dark on Dec 31. Their towers built in 1955 are rusted and unsafe and the town of Marina refuses to grant a permit to build new ones Not sure if they are scouting new locations or maybe a duplex situation or if they will just liquidate and return their license.

Thanks to Dennis, Mike and Bill for their tips above! Hope everyone has a great holiday and wonder Christmas, and a Happy 2015! I'll be in Vegas 12/28-12/31, hope to win something! Keep reporting your tips to this column. 73's. Bob Wien



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WDXR DEADLINES: Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6, Feb 13, Feb 20 and March 6. Please use Eastern Time.

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- 840 KMPH **CA**, Modesto 12/13 0800 with "KMPH Modesto" into EWTN. (BB-AZ)
- 910 KPOF **CO**, Denver 12/16 very weak with local KGME nulled, 0033 with Christmas music, at 0100 "KPOF Denver" ID. (JCJ-AZ)
- 920 KXLY **WA**, Spokane 12/16 0819 with "KXLY Morning News." (BB-AZ)
- 990 KRKS **CO**, Denver 12/14 2056 with "Merry Christmas KRKS." (BB-AZ)
- 1140 KNAB **CO**, Burlington 12/13 0838 with weather report and then "KNAB." (BB-AZ)
- 1270 KJUG **CA**, Tulare 12/17 0230 mostly dominant with Living Water Radio slogan and Christian format (ex-country). XEAZ also in the mix. (MS-CA)
- KIML **WY**, Gillette 12/15 2000 with "1270 KIML Gillette," then Fox News. (BB-AZ)
- 1270 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks 12/18 1857 with "CBS Sports Radio Reno." (BB-AZ)
- 1290 KOWB **WY**, Laramie 12/15 2056 with "KOWB news time." (BB-AZ)
- 1310 KLIX **ID**, Twin Falls 12/17 0000 ID strong at top of hour, with occasional lightning crackle, heard XE National anthem in background. (MS-CA)
- KTCK **TX**, Dallas 12/18 0755 with traffic report and at 0758 "Sports Radio 1310 The Ticket." (BB-AZ)
- 1340 KTMM **CO**, Grand Junction 12/13 1900 "Colorado's Sports Leader ?? 1340 and 1490." (BB-AZ)
- 1350 KABQ **NM**, Albuquerque 12/15 1852 with "KABQ Albuquerque's Progressive Talk." (BB-AZ)
- 1370 KXTL **MT**, Butte 12/14 1859 "KXTL" and then news. (BB-AZ)
- 1380 KLPZ **AZ**, Parker 12/18 2320 good in KLTX splash with ID "Here on KLPZ," faded down quickly. (MS-CA)
- 1390 KGNU **CO**, Denver 12/17 1925 with BBC News and ID at 1930 "KGNU." (BB-AZ)
- 1400 KART **ID**, Jerome 12/13 1912 with "KART Jerome-Twin Falls." (BB-AZ)
- 1410 KIIX **CO**, Fort Collins 12/15 1924 with "1410 KIIX Country." (BB-AZ)
- 1430 KEZW **CO**, Aurora 12/15 heard at 1921 with "KEZW." (BB-AZ)
- 1450 KNOT **AZ**, Prescott 12/18 2250 out of PSA's mentioning Boys Club of America, slogan "Fun Oldies 1450 AM and 100.9 FM," jingle at 2357. (MS-CA)
- 1480 KQAM **KS**, Wichita 12/15 heard at 1921 with "KEZW." (BB-AZ)
- 1490 KRKC **CA**, King City 12/17 2142 above the mess coming out of ad mentioning Paso Robles, ID "News and sports for 55 years, KRKC Country." (MS-CA)
- 1580 KMIK **AZ**, Tempe 12/18 0840 beneath KBLA with Radio Disney programming. (MS-CA)
- 1600 KYBC **AZ**, Cottonwood 12/17 2352 huge through local Pomona, CA station, with Christmas music, 2352 ID "Merry Christmas from KYBC." ID at top of hour mentioned that they are also heard on 96.3 FM. (MS-CA)
- 1620 WPGG527 **CA**, Lakewood 12/1 0300 slogan as KLWD, promos for Bow Wow and Meow days, emergency planning, earthquake preparedness, water conservation. (MS-CA)

Happy Holidays everyone! – Nancy 12/19 2100



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RIDING GAIN

- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood MO NUIHEric@aol.com
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DOWN THE DIAL

- 560 KLVI **TX**, Beaumont. 12/17 fair to poor signal mixing with XEGIK, WHBQ; slight ACI from KTRS 550. 0337 noted with local spot, "News, talk Five-60 KLVI" ID into C2C. [EB-MO]
- 730 WUMP **AL**, Madison. 12/16 fair to poor signal, mixing with CKDM, XEX. 0455 noted with CBS Sports Radio, "WUMP Madison, W280BA Madison, CBS Sports Radio Seven-30 AM and 103-point-Nine FM" legal ID. [EB-MO]
- 800 CKLW **ON**, Windsor. 12/16 good over XEROK, KQCV. 0501 with local news, "AM Eight Hundred" ID, EST time check and weather forecast. [EB-MO]
- 1010 KRNI **IA**, Mason City. 12/18 fair to poor through WINS and other stations in CFRB null; local KXEN off. 0500 noted with "KRNI Mason City, AM Ten-Ten and KUNI Cedar Falls, 90-point-Nine FM" legal ID into BBC News. [EB-MO]

- 1060 WRHL **IL**, Rochelle. 12/18 fair to poor signal, mixing with XERDO, XEEP and KYW. 0400 noted with "News, talk 10-60 WRHL" ID in promo, legal ID into CBS News. [EB-MO]
 1400 KLIN **NE**, Lincoln. 12/17 fair to poor signal in mess. 0400 noted with "14-hundred KLIN Lincoln and 94-point-Five FM" legal ID (FM referring to K233AN) into Fox News Radio. [EB-MO]
 1560 WGLB **WI**, Elm Grove. 12/17 fair to poor signal, mixing with KTXZ. 0328 with Urban Gospel music, "WGLB" ID in promo into Christmas tune. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

25 years ago, December 24, 1988 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest Cooper** of Provincetown, MA commented that the GE Superadio was not at all super ... **Glen Kippel** of Merced, CA had some good DX in the past three months adding some 86 loggings ... **Frank Aden** of Boise, ID explained the recent format changes in the Boise market ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee, WI spotted a Hammarlund HQ-140X on a local TV news story featuring a ham radio operator.

OPEN MIKE

Nancy and I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and that 2015 will turn out to be a great year for you. 2014 was quite eventful for us. We both retired this year. We sold our house in Billings, Montana and had a house built for us in Mesa, Arizona. We are loving living in the Phoenix area, the nation's 6th largest city. The weather is wonderful. No snow to shovel and no icy roads to drive on! This column was typed 12-19-14. 73, John

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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

- 720 WRZN **FL**, Hernando – 12/12 1900 noted with "WRZN, the Voice of North Central Florida" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WVCC and an unidentified music station. (KK-VA)
 730 WZGV **NC**, Cramerton – 12/12 1801 noted with "Here's the ESPN 730 traffic report by a male announcer. "This is Charlotte's new sports radio alternative, WZGV AM ESPN 730 Cramerton/Charlotte" legal ID by a male announcer at 1804. The signal was noted mixing with WTNT and WFMC. (KK-VA)
 730 WFMC **NC**, Goldsboro – 12/12 1858 noted with "If you like Gospel, we've got what you're looking for. We're 730 WFMC, the best music..." ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WTNT and WZGV. (KK-VA)
 740 WRNR **WV**, Martinsburg – 12/12 1630 noted with "Talk Radio WRNR Martinsburg" legal ID by a child announcer into NBC News Radio. The signal was noted mixing with CFZM, WMBG, WPAQ and unidentified stations carrying talk and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)

EDITOR'S NOTES

I'd like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best of DX in 2015. Thanks to Kraig for his report. 73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Deadline Monday's noon PLT. Please note the order of things when reporting, country, city, estado, slogan/network, time before date. All times UTC/GMT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 738 **TAHITI**, Papeete, Radio Premère Polynésie. 0740 12/22 with fair signal and instrumental music. (DV-WA)
 1560 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Was heard here at 1417 12/22 with audio. This has been a very poor year for TP's with HLAZ heard only a few times. (BB-AZ)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 540 **MÉXICO**, XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. 12/15 weak signal. 0544 with "XETX" call ID and mention of La Ranchera. [Jc-AZ]
 900 **MÉXICO**, XEDT, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. 0646 12/15. Noise peaks NE/SW, presumed the open FM STL still being retransmitted on AM from XEDT. (GH-OK)
 940 **MÉXICO**, XEQ, México, DF. 1004 12/16. Noted with "XEQ" ID in promo, "XEQ" jingle into Adult Contemporary format in Spanish. Good to fair signal over WMIX. (EB-MO)
 960 **MÉXICO**, XEK, Nuevo Laredo, NL. 0600-0605 12/21, Fox-hole dead-air of KGWA Enid checked with tight null: tonight it's inhabited by Spanish romantic song, 0601 choral NA, 0602.5 XEK Nuevo Laredo ID, more romantic music past 0605 when KGWA modulation cuts back on. Making fast SAH with the KGWA carrier. (GH-OK)
 1060 **MÉXICO**, XERDO, Matamoros?/Reynosa?, Tama. 0945 12/18 noted with Nortena music, "La Raza 1060" ID and promo in Spanish. Good to poor signal with WRHL, KYW. (EB-MO)
 + [slightly on the low side] 0230 12/19. I'm looking for the new XERDO in Reynosa, Tama, as reported by KAZ. There is a big signal dominating with romantic music in Spanish, "cada canción", but it's E/W, not N/S; and 0233 ID as "KXPL [letters pronounced in English], Radio El Paso-Juárez, con su música, toda A-M", then ranchera. However it disappears abruptly at 0234.4*. It is "supposed" to be a 10-kW daytimer-only. Official FCC sunset for it in December is 0000 (January: 0030). It does have a PSSA of a hefty 7 watts! But in December that would last only until 0200. 1060, as soon as KXPL goes off, I can now get a weaker Spanish station from the N/S at 0234 12/19; SHVA exclaims "10-60, la estación de todos", but heavy QRM. This may well be XERDO. On NRC-AM, Neil Kazaross, IL, reported 12/17: "For the past couple of nights I'd noted a signal on the high side of 1060 in Spanish and since XEEP was also noted as usual and since KIUN had been noted running all night earlier in the season, I didn't pay any attention to it. Last night it was quite strong and certainly didn't sound like religious Spanish programming, and wasn't XEEP so I paid more attention to it. My Perseus measured the frequency as 1060.076. At 0400 I recorded a nice ID with calls and "La Raza" slogan and 7000 watts mentioned and an address in Reynosa. There's some differences in where this is actually located shown on various sites, but this site says Reynosa. <http://www.mpm.com.mx/?r=radio/view&id=9736003F-3B3B-A79A-8618-7CCA15F69578>. Anyhow, their move from 1450 licensed to Matamoros is complete and I expect this station to be widely heard. 73 KAZ Barrington IL Perseus and Phased DKAZ antennas with the beam steered about WSW." Barry McLarnon, Ottawa ON, replied, "I've also noticed this signal recently, producing a "hum" on the high side of KYW, which was being back-grounded by XEEP. Two nights ago, I measured the carrier frequency to be 1060.0774. Not much chance for audio given my local noise woes, but it's nice to know what it is anyway. Barry" At 0325 12/18, Kaz replies again: "Trivial to log XERDO again tonight with grupera music and seemingly an ID after every song. "La Raza, Mil Sesenta, La Estacion de Todos. 73 KAZ" ie "Toto, I think we are back in Kansas." That clinches it for me as I heard the same slogan. Although XERDO on 1060 from Reynosa instead of 1450 from Matamoros changed too recently to make it into the IRCA Mexican Log or the WRTH 2015, it was already reported more than a biweek ago by Greg Hardison. At the time I did not realize it was newly on 1060: "I've been playing a remote receiver in New Orleans, during middle-of-the-night spare time, and note this morning (12/2) that WLNO/1060 is off the air, shortly after 0700. Frequency without local consists mostly of a battle between Rancho XERDO, and the much more entertaining XEEP; one of whom seems to be somewhat off frequency, creating a half-buzz SAH. WLNO's woes seem financial in nature, affecting owner Communicom Corp. of America, also ex-owner of KXXT/1010 and KXEG/1280 in Phoenix. Both of the Arizona outlets were noted up & running during a visit starting Nov 20; FCC website lists new owners for those two. Very 73z – GREG HARDISON" The MPM listing of it on 1060 linked above was last updated on 10/16. Also says transmitter site is Vallehermoso, Tams, which is SW of Matamoros, further from the border, but also further from Reynosa. Cantú has it on 1060 as 7/2.5 kW, but nombre as "La Radio" and location as Matamoros, not Reynosa. 0235 12/19 I am now getting a Spanish music station from E/W, but it's praise music, keywords such as "redentor", "bendición", so it's obviously the usual KIUN Farwell TX cheater, which earlier had been overcome by KXPL. At 0239 12/19 back aiming N/S, Spanish station is not //6185 XEPPM, so at the moment it must again be XERDO. (GH-OK)
 + I was able to hear XERDO here from about 1204 12/20 until it faded out under CFMX after 1313. The signal was fair to good between 1230 and 1300 with música grupera and numerous "La Raza" announcements, ID-ing as "XERDO XERDO". (RA-OK)

1170 **MÉXICO**, XEIB, Caborca, Son. 12/22 good signal mixing with KFAQ or on top of frequency. 05:33 with "XEIB" ID and city. Numerous "Radio Vida" mentions between songs. [JcJ-AZ]

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

BB-AZ **BILL BLOCK**, Prescott Valley AZ
Drake R8
DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA
R-390A and random wire antenna
EB-MO **ERIC BUENEMAN**, Hazelwood, MO
General Electric Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Space Magnet II
GH-OK **GLENN HAUSER**, Enid OK
Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or Sony SRF-59
JcJ-AZ **JOHN C JOHNSON**, Mesa AZ
Icom IC-R71A with Kiwa Loop
RA-OK **RICHARD ALLEN**, near Perry OK
Barefoot Sony SRF-T615

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3925 **JAPAN**, Radio Nikkei 1. 1217 12/12. Program with big band jazz and female presenter in Japanese. Good with some chop. (RB-AZ)
3945 **JAPAN**, Radio Nikkei 2. 1225 12/15. Program with "classic" rock n roll, including the infamously overplayed "Smoke on the Water". Good. Male announcer with English language ID at 1240. (RB-AZ)
4055 **GUATEMALA**, Radio Verdad. 1050 12/2. Very emotional preacher in English to organ music at ToH. Very good signal. (RB-AZ)
4557 **REP KOREA**, Voice of the People. 1340 12/12. Man in Korean using Beethoven's 5th as musical bridge between segments. All strong over jammer, but CODAR started swishing at 1350. (RB-AZ)
4940 **CHINA**, Voice of the Strait. 1340 12/4. Background music soundbed, monologue with man in Chinese to vocal music. Good. (RB-AZ)

THANKS TO THIS REPORTER

RB-AZ **RICK BARTON**, El Mirage AZ
HQ-140X, Slinky, Grundig Satellit 750, random wire

ULTRALIGHT NEWS – Phil Bytheway – 9705 Mary NW – Seattle WA 98117-2334

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One of the reasons why our Ultralightdx Yahoo group has had booming growth for over seven years is because we have accepted many diverse challenges... from the basic challenge of DXing with a simple pocket radio (which all of us share) all the way up to the challenge of developing 21st Century antennas (and discovering innovative DXing sites) to make pocket radios surprisingly effective in Transoceanic DXing results.

Not all of us have the ability or desire to develop breakthrough antennas or perform loopstick transplant operations, but when our late Co-Founder John Bryant was still with us he would constantly challenge each one of the Ultralightdx leaders (including me) to try something new – either in antenna work, DXing accomplishments or volunteer service. Many of us (including me) even remember John "volunteering" us for certain Ultralight group responsibilities :-)

John was an ex-Professor of Architecture at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, and he had a natural teaching style familiar to all those who knew him. John was the one who introduced me to DU-DXing in 2008, teaching me all the basics of how to track down exotic South Pacific DX right in the middle of the worst possible season – the dog days of summer. At the time it sounded like science fiction to me, and I thought that John might be "pulling my leg" but he was absolutely right.

I don't have anywhere near the accomplishments or leadership ability that John had, but he and I did share a fascination with antennas – especially monster antennas that could make Ultralight radios highly competitive in Transoceanic DXing. So, in the spirit of John Bryant, I would like to offer some links to articles that have inspired many Ultralight Radio DXers to really push the limits in antenna construction – including one article that John and I wrote together. As I have shared with anyone willing to listen, I'm convinced that the future of our Ultralight Radio community is very bright – and optimism and innovation will win out over pessimism and boredom every time. Sometime this winter, why not try something new to increase your Ultralight Radio DXing fun – maybe a new Ultralight radio, a new antenna, a new band (FM, SW or Longwave) or Transoceanic DX reception? The future belongs to those of us who are excited about it – one of the primary reasons why our Ultralight Radio Community has become one of the most vibrant segments of the AM-DXing community.

73 and Good DX, **Gary DeBock** (in Puyallup, WA, USA), **Ultralight Radio Group Co-Founder**

1) **E100 Slider Loopstick** (September 2008). Co-authored with John Bryant, this article explains how to replace the E100 stock loopstick with a far more effective 7.5" Slider loopstick. Many of these highly sensitive models are still in DXing service today http://www.mediafire.com/view/nqggfm2jymc/YOU_CAN_DO_THIS_Building_the_Slider_E100.pdf.

2) **PVC Loops – The Low Cost Ticket to High DX Gain** (August 2009). Tired of expensive commercial antennas or pricey ferrite sleeve loops? This article will teach you how to build a dirt-cheap PVC air core loop with side sizes from 18 inches up to 9 feet... all of them (MW models) costing well under \$100. The 9' monster size loop was used here to receive 7 Medium Wave TA's in 2009-2010. <http://www.am-dx.com/ThePVCLoopOverallArticle.pdf>.

3) **PL-360 Plug-in 7.5" Loopsticks** (June 2010). Do you have a PL-360 model (with its plug-in antenna jack for AM and LW loopsticks)? This article will teach you how to replace the deaf midget loopstick with extremely effective 7.5" Medium Wave and Longwave plug-in replacements – with no modification required to the radio at all. 25 of the MW and 5 of the LW plug-in loopsticks were made here and sent out to PL-360 owners – many of which are still in use. <http://www.mediafire.com/view/2cqwsgj0bvajf6k/7.5%20inch-LS.doc>.

4) **7.5" Longwave Loopsticks** (June 2011). Detailed technical article describing the challenge and success in developing 7.5" Longwave-optimized loopsticks for the Tecsun DSP Ultralights. Includes basic instructions for building your own 7.5" Longwave loopstick PL-380 model <http://www.mediafire.com/view/845snah2h4ek9z9/7.5inLWLS.doc>.

5) **7" FSL Antenna – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article** (October 2011). Build your own 7" Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna at a cost of under \$200. This detailed article has multiple Photoshop-enhanced instructional photos to guide you in creating a highly effective 7" FSL antenna <http://www.mediafire.com/view/dshnqbydf6qu25/7%20inch%20Diameter.doc>.

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