

# DX MONITOR

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No new members this time... lots of DX though!! Seattle deadline Monday 6 PM PLT.

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IRCA ELECTIONS – Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC V8R 4Z6 E-mail: 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 yéar: 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.

#### **IRCA Convention West**

Will be held Thu Sept 10-Sat Sept 12 2015 at Best Western Plus Avita Suites 3531 Torrance Blvd. Torrance CA 90503. Phone number for reservations is 310-540-5051 or email guestservices@avitasuitestorrance.com. Request International Radio Club of America group rate before August 9th deadline. Studio with one queen bed \$120. Studio with 2 queen beds \$125. Additional guest \$10 pp/night. 12% tax. Hotel website is www.avitasuitestorrance.com. Includes comp all you can eat hot breakfast buffet daily/ comp covered self parking/secured high speed wireless internet/nice view of KNX tower site. Registration fee is \$30 payable to Mike Sanburn, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707 (Does not include banquet). More details TBA. Questions and comments to mikesanburn@hotmail.com.

#### The 28th Annual NASWA Winter SWL Festival

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania - February 27-28 2015.

The largest annual gathering of radio enthusiasts in north-eastern North America, bringing together shortwave listeners, DXers, AM/FM/TV DXers, scanner enthusiasts, radio broadcasters, Internet broadcasters, amateur radio operators, and others. Exhibits, workshops and lectures on all aspects of radio. 2 days of nothing but radio. If you love radio, you should be here! February 27-28 2015. See www.swlfest.com for full details. Follow the event on Facebook at Winter SWL Festival. **Sheldon Harvey**, Greenfield Park, Quebec

## **Bruce Portzer Annual DX Get Together**

I'll be holding my annual DX get together on Saturday February 21 at 2 pm. Consider yourself invited, and be prepared to talk about AM, shortwave, or TV-FM DX with like-minded persons. Bring radio stuff for show-and-tell if you'd like.

It will be held at my house: 6546 19th Avenue NE in Seattle, 206-522-2521. Potluck snack food (liquid or solid) is welcome.

See you there! Bruce



# WESTERN DX ROUNDUP – Nancy Johnson – 2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923

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WDXR DEADLINES: Feb 13, Feb 20, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29 and June 12. Please use Eastern Time.

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GE Superadio 2

540	KRAI	CO, Craig 2/2 0900 with "KRAI Craig" then "55 Country," news, and at 0905 "Wild West Radio News KRAI." (BB-AZ)
590	WJMS	MI, Ironwood 1/29 0200 caught call letters and Ironwood mention, while mixing with a Spanish language station. (NP-AB)
	KSUB	UT, Cedar City 1/25 0950 local spots, good. (RB-AZ)
720	WGN	IL, Chicago 2/3 good under KDWN 0037 with news, traffic, weather for Chicago. Numerous mentions of "WGN." Unusual here, new state logging
		for me. (JCJ-AZ)
860	KNUJ	MN, New Ulm 1/29 0200 ID at the hour as "860 AM, KNUJ New Ulm." (NP-AB)
910	KPOF	CO. Denver 2/5 0843 traffic report and "AM 91 The Point of Faith." (BB-AZ)

TX, Roswell 2/5 0849 "Newstalk 93.7 KBIM." (BB-AZ) **KBIM** 

**TX**. Lubbock 2/5 0905 "Newstalk Sports 950 and 100.7." (BB-AZ) 950 KJTV

CA, Los Angeles 1/30 0955 faded out right on the hour leaving only a little splash from adjacent channel 1060 (KDUS). (RB-AZ) 1070 KNX

1120 KANN UT, Roy 1/27 1015 Christian rock, excellent post-sunrise signal, and hanging around much later than usual. (RB-AZ)

1160 KSL UT, Salt Lake City 1/27 1030 woman with local weather, traffic report. Excellent post-sunrise signal. (RB-AZ)

AZ, Golden Valley 1/30 0930 way out in the mud to 0945, talk show with somebody powering up for daytime, male "11-70 KYET" into country 1170 KYET music. (RB-AZ)

ON, Ottawa 1/31 0300 heard through KLNW with ID "...TSN 1200, CFGO... Ottawa, a Bell Media station." (NP-AB) 1200 CFGO 1210 WPHT PA, Philadelphia 1/29 0200 PSA about housing, then ID "...we're live and local, we're Talkradio 1210 WPHT," then CBS news. (NP-AB) CO, Grand Junction 1/29 0100 "KEXO Grand Junction is western Colorado's sports leader, ESPN Radio 1230 and online at 123espn.com" then 1230 KEXO into ESPN Radio Sports Center. (NP-AB) CO, Colorado Springs 2/2 1958 with "KRDO ?? 105.5" then lost. (BB-AZ)

ID, Twin Falls 2/3 2000 with "KXQZ" then lost. (BB-AZ)

KS, Liberal 2/2 0834 with weather report then at 0837 "1270 Newstalk KSCB Liberal" then sports. (BB-AZ) 1240 KRDO 1270 KXQ7 **KSCB** KIML WY, Gillette 2/2 2200 with "You're listening to KIML Gillette." (BB-AZ) 1290 AZ, Prescott 2/5 0816 on top with extensive weather forecast, ID and Mountain time check. (MS-CA) **KYCA** KOUU ID, Pocatello 2/3 1937 with weather report and at 1938 "Country Classics 1290 and 102.0 KOUU." (BB-AZ) ON, Ottawa 1/31 just heard "1310 News is ClWW..." call ID by a man through another station. (NP-AB)

MN, Grand Rapids 2/2 0600 ID "1320 KOZY, Grand Rapids, then news source for the Grand Rapids area," then ABC news. (NP-AB) CIWW 1310 1320 KO7Y AZ, South Tucson 2/3 weak in heavy splatter from local 1340. 1902 with "KWFM South Tucson" jingle after spots. (JCJ-AZ) 1330 **KWFM** ID. Nampa 2/2 1947 with info on Treasure Valley Boat Show and at 1950 "93.1 The Ticket." (BB-AZ) KTIK 1350 CA, Corona 2/4 no KSOP, mixing with KXTL. 0101 out of oriental language program with "KWRM AM 1370 Corona" ID in English. (JCJ-AZ) MI, Cadillac 2/1 0100 came through the relations at just the right time with ID "...94.9 WLJN, WLJN AM 1400 and WLJW AM 1370." (NP-AB) KWRM 1370 WLJW **KXTL** MT, Butte 2/5 no KSOP, mixed with XEHF. 0031 with promo to advertise on the station and to contact Cherry Creek Media, back to Jim Bohannon Show. 0106 with mentions of KXTL and kxtl.com returning to Bohannon. (JCJ-AZ) **WLCM** MI, Holt 2/1 0100 just heard "WLCM Radio" ID by a woman in a jumble of stations. (NP-AB) 1390 UT, Logan 2/3 1922 with "Lite FM." (BB-AZ) KLGN WY, Sheridan 2/4 weak at 1910 with news, weather, mentions of Sheridan and Buffalo. Gave "sheridanmedia.com" web address. (JCJ-AZ) NV, Las Vegas 2/5 mixing with other with ESPN Deportes programming. 1859 with "KENO Las Vegas ESPN Deportes" ID in English. (JCJ-AZ) **KWYO** 1410 1460 KFNO IL, Peoria 1/29 0059 ad for Peoria restoration company, then ID "1470 and 100.3 WMBD, Peoria...." (NP-AB) 1470 WMBD CA, Ontario 2/3 under KCKK. 2021 with "KSPA Ontario" legal ID, numerous "KIK AM 1510" slogans. (JCJ-AZ) 1510 KSPA +2/4 1550 thanks to Dennis Gibson for the tip, they are now country music format with current tunes by Florida Georgia Line, etc. Slogan is "Kick AM" which is a throwback to KIKF (Kick FM) which was also owned by Astor Group. (MS-CA) 1540 CHIN ON, Toronto 2/1 0059 presumed the one under KXEL with announcement about programming from "G&E Studios," then program from China Radio International in English. (NP-AB) KS, Dodge City 1/29 0059 Fox Sports programming, then ID by a woman "...you're listening to the Sports Hound 1550 AM, KDCC in Dodge City, 1550 KDCC Kansas." (NP-AB) NE, Cozad 2/2 1902 pretty much alone on the frequency with country music, then ID "What we play is in our name, American Music Icon, KAMI, 1580 KAMI Cozad is Kami 1580." (NP-AB) CA, W Sacramento 1/27 1115 man with religious lecture. Fair, and with flutter until some local electrical buzz wiped it out. (RB-AZ) 1620 KSMH 1680 KGED CA, Fresno 1/27 1040 talk show with long talk by woman. Good post sunrise reception. (RB-AZ)

UNID

1380 UNID 1/27 1048 country music to religious messages. Wrong direction with loop for KLPZ, which can stay on this late. (RB-AZ)

The DX season will be winding down soon, there are only two more weekly deadlines! - Nancy 2/6 2100



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# **RIDING GAIN**

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#### **DOWN THE DIAI**

LA, Monroe. 2/4 fair to poor signal over KWMT. 0730 noted with local spots and the "Sean Hannity Minute". [EB-MO] 540 KMLB

680 WCBM MD, Baltimore. 2/3 fair to poor signal, mixing with WMFS, KNBR; ACI from KSTL 690. 0401 noted with Fox News Radio, national ads, a quick "WCBM" ID into C2C. Must have been on day power/pattern due to snowstorm. [EB-MO]

980 WULR SC, York. 2/3 fair to poor signal, mixing with WYFN, KSGM. 0501 noted with "This is WULR York" legal ID in heavily accented English, into Christian music in Spanish. Last heard as WBZK in 1996. Must have been on day power. [EB-MO]

IL, Carthage. 2/4 fair signal over CBW. 0759 noted with "WCAZ, your hometown station" ID, weather forecast into SRN News. [EB-MO] 990 WCAZ

IL, Peoria. 2/4 fair signal over KDKA, WCIL. 0801 noted with local spots, "Christian Talk 10-20 WPEO Peoria" legal ID, into "Family Talk". [EB-MO] 1020 **WPEO** AR, Little Rock. 1/31 good to fair signal over WBAL. 0605 with Southern Gospel music, "KAAY, proclaim the Word, AM 10-90 KAAY" ID. [EB-MO]

PA, Philadelphia. 2/1 fair signal, at equal strength with KGYN. 0356 noted with an infomercial, "WPHT, WPHT HD, WOGL HD3 Philadelphia" legal 1090 KAAY 1210 WPHT

ID, station promo, into another infomercial. [EB-MO] 1240 KLIK MO. Jefferson City, 2/1 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations, 0506 noted with "News, talk 12-40 KLIK" ID in passing, [EB-MO]

IA, lowa City. 2/1 good signal over KRND. 0343 noted with local spots, "The mighty 16-30 KCJJ" ID into Hot Adult Contemporary format. [EB-MO] 1630 KCJJ

# **OPEN MIKE**

No 25 years ago this week, that issue contained no Forum reports. This column was typed 2-6-15. 73, John

#### EASTERN DX ROUNDUP – Eric Bueneman (NØUIH) – 631 Coachway Lane – Hazelwood MO 63042-1347 E-mail: n0uiheric@aol.com **DEADLINES: Thursday 2000 ELT**

# **TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:**

Kraig Krist (KG4LAC), Manassas, VA

Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop

#### **ACROSS THE DIAL**

1110 WKQA VA, Norfolk – 1/30 1700 noted with "This is Freedom 1110 WKQA Norfolk, serving eastern Virginia and North Carolina with 50,000 watts of power and worldwide at..." legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WBT and an unidentified station carrying vocal music in Spanish. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your Spanish language music station could either be WPMZ East Providence RI or WMBI Chicago IL - eb)

CT, Bristol – 1/30 1900 noted with non-stop vocal music in Spanish. "WPRX" ID by a male announcer in English and Spanish. The signal was 1120 WPRX noted mixing with WUST, WKAJ, KMOX and an unidentified vocal music station. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your unidentified vocal music station could very well be WSME Camp Lejeune NC - eb)

1120 WKAJ NY, Saint Johnsville - 1/30 1851 noted with an Oldies format, "1120 AM WKAJ, playing Saint Johnsville's Classic Hits" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WUST, WPRX, KMOX and a possible WSME. (KK-VA)

#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Thanks to Kraig, we have EDXR this week! I've been remiss to mention the Numberama contest that's going on this DX season. There's still plenty of time to enter the contest; it runs through the end of May, WDXR editor Nancy Johnson is the contest manager; her contact info is in the WDXR masthead, 73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Deadline Monday noon PLT. All times UTC/GMT.

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TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP
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JAPAN, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. Weak pips 1500 2/4, faint traces of talk later. (bp-WA)
+News at a fair level with Japanese male announcer at 1503 2/4 http://www.mediafire.com/listen/59k2f0nphc78597/594-JOAK-
 1503z020415CCSW.MP3. (GDB-WA)
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+Male talk 1357 2/6. (bp-WA)

+Traces of woman in Japanese at 1429 2/8. (NP-AB)

JAPAN, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Weak talk, 1458 2/4, music, pips 1500. (bp-WA)

+Man and woman, sounded like language lesson 1421 2/5. (bp-WA)

+Male talk 1359 2/6, music, pips 1400. (bp-WA)

+First noted with audio traces at 1427 2/8, up to fair with woman in Japanese at 1437. (NP-AB)

+Japanese talk 1451 2/8. (bp-WA) JAPAN, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. Pips and talk 1500 2/5. (bp-WA)

+Chinese lessons 1356 2/6. (bp-WA)

+1408 2/7 Japanese male. (bp-WA)

+Poor, with man and woman speaking at 1437 2/8. Pretty sure this is the first time I've heard this one in 2015. (NP-AB)

+1500 2/8 pips and bits of talk. (bp-WA)

UnID. Traces of talk 1433 2/5. (bp-WA)

JAPAN, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. 1448 2/3 Japanese woman. (bp-WA)

+Weak man and woman 1504 2/4. (bp-WA)

+Woman in Japanese 1426 2/5, traditional male singing in background. (bp-WA)

+End of Chinese lesson, music //693, pips 1400 2/6, then Korean lessons. (bp-WA)

+Japanese male 1419 2/7. (bp-WA)

+Chimes, man and woman in Japanese 1421 2/8. (bp-WA)

+Fair, with man in Japanese at 1428 2/8. (NP-AB)

JAPAN, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. Weak Chinese lesson 1358 2/6. (bp-WA)

+1416 2/8 woman //774. (bp-WA)

+Man in Japanese, //774 at 1443 2/8. (NP-AB)

UnID. Woman talking 1435 2/5. (bp-WA)

UnID Traces of audio for a minute or two at 1429 2/8. The mystery of the morning, as I've never logged an identified TP here. (NP-AB)

UnID. Occasional bits of talk in the KJR splash 1437 2/5. (bp-WA) 945

963

UnID. Bits of music 1359 2/6, probably CRI. (bp-WA)
REP KOREA, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Woman and man in Korean 1445 2/5. (bp-WA) 972

+Korean woman 1404 2/6. (bp-WA)

+Male Korean conversation at a fair to good level at 1445 2/6; best Asian signal of the morning http://www.mediafire.com/listen/qqh5s17wor5m7by/972-

HLCA-1445z020615CCSW.MP3. (GDB-WA)

+Korean man and woman briefly good 1353 2/7, signal greatly diminished by 1400. (bp-WA)

+Man speaking in Korean, peaking to fair around 1431 2/8. (NP-AB) +Woman talking, then song 1448 2/8. (bp-WA)

UnID. Faint talk 1447 2/3. (bp-WA)

CHINA, CNR1. 1447 2/5 man in Chinese through the CKNW splatter, about as strong as 972. (bp-WA) 981

+Chinese talk 1357 2/6. (bp-WA) 1017

UnID. Traces of talk 1356 2/6. (bp-WA) REP KOREA, jammer. 1355 2/6. (bp-WA) 1053

1134 UnID. Talk 1357 2/6. (bp-WA)

1188 UnID. Traces of audio at 1437 2/8, but too weak to ID language. (NP-AB)

1242 UnID. Music 1504 2/8. (bp-WA)

UnID. Traces of talk 1517 2/3. (bp-WA) 1314

+Talk, hard to make out 1509 2/8, sometimes slow paced woman, sometimes sounded faster, possibly 2 different stations. Music faded up 1511-12, then female talk again 1513. (bp-WA)

JAPAN, NHK2. Surfaced for a few minutes around 1428 2/8 with man in Japanese. (NP-AB) 1386

+Japanese male talk faded up briefly 1509 2/8. (bp-WA)

UnID. Male talk in much splatter 1514 2/8. (bp-WA)

1413

JAPAN, JORF, Yokohama, RF Radio Nippon. Weak, with talk in Japanese by a man at 1429 2/8. (NP-AB) 1422

1422

UniD. 1515-18 2/3 Chinese man talking, very erratic signal. (bp-WA) +Male talk 1513 2/5, sounded more like Chinese than Japanese but not sure. (bp-WA)

-Female talk 1501 2/8, also in much splatter. (bp-WA)

1467 **UnID**. Weak talk 1514-17 2/3. (bp-WA) 1495

UnID. Woman talking 1503 2/8, female vocal song 1505. (bp-WA)

JAPAN, JOUK, Akita, NHK1. Male talk 1516 2/3. (bp-WA) 1503

+Faint pips 1500 2/8, gradually improving to fair level 1511 w/male talk. (bp-WA) UnID. Talk, sounded Japanese 1515 2/5. (bp-WA)

1512

1557 TAIWAN, Kouhu, 1557 Music Interactive Network. Female song 1515 2/3. (bp-WA)

+Music 1512 2/8 (male vocal), probably Taiwan. (bp-WA)

REP KOREA, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Briefly good with Chinese announcements 1515-17 2/3, fair-poor otherwise. (bp-WA)

+Music, female and male Chinese speech at an exceptional level during Christian program at 1518 2/3; best signals of the new year

http://www.mediafire.com/listen/plf1n2z7802iInk/1566-HLAZ-1518z020315CCSW.MP3. (GDB-WA)

+Weak talk 1511 2/4. (bp-WA)

+Chinese woman 1516, song 1518 2/5. (bp-WA)

+Chinese Christian song at a temporary good level at 1519 2/5; only decent Asian signal of the morning

http://www.mediafire.com/listen/jopf6b9p4rqnbgp/1566-HLAZ-1519z020515CCSW.MP3. (GDB-WA)

+Weak talk 1406 2/7. (bp-WA)

1575

+In audio at first tune in at 1425 2/8, peaked at fair (almost good) around 1429. (NP-AB)

+Chinese woman 1509 2/8. (bp-WA)

1566 UnID. Traces of talk 1400 2/6. (bp-WA)

TAIWAN, Ban Phachi, VOA. Fair at 1427 2/8 with woman speaking. Nil-poor for 1430 ID, but improved a bit after that. (NP-AB)

1575 UnID. Bits of music, vaguely hip-hoppish sounding 1508 2/8, so maybe AFN instead of VOA. (bp-WA)

CHINA, Changzhou, CNR1. 1513 2/5 occasional syllables heard when Freedom-1590 relented. (bp-WA) 1593

+Male Chinese speech with fair peaks in and out at 1521 2/6 http://www.mediafire.com/listen/0r7uahwwwlsfalu/1593-CNR1-1521z020615CCSW.MP3. (GDB-WA)

**JAPAN**, NHK2. Pips 1500 2/8. (bp-WA) 1602

UnID. Bits of talk, sounded like Japanese woman 1513 2/5. (bp-WA) 1602

#### **MISCELENEOUS**

Fred Cantu, a local radio-TV personality here in Austin, Texas, has maintained a web site which lists all AM radio stations in Mexico for as long as I can remember. He posted on his Facebook page that he will no longer be able to maintain this site.

(Facebook url: https://www.facebook.com/mexicoradioty?fref=nf. Like much of the site, it is in Spanish, but it's meant for listening to Mexican AM stations, so some knowledge of Spanish is assumed.)

Fred asks is there is anyone (or any group) that might be interested in taking over the maintenance of this resource. I have found it valuable, since I live closer to two Mexican states than to any other US state. From Austin, at least these days, AM radio is probably two-thirds in Spanish, and Fred's site has been a great

I thought I'd announce this end of an era to IRCA, in the off-chance that somebody might be interested in following in Fred's shoes.

Russ Nelson, Austin, Texas

#### THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

**BRUCE PORTZER**, Seattle WA bp-WA Winradio Excalibur, K9AY antenna0

GARY DeBOCK, Puyallup WA GDB-WA

7.5" loopstick CCrane Skywave Ultralight, 15" FSL antenna

NIGEL PIMPBLETT, Dunmore AB NP-AB Perseus with a Wellbrook Array

# DX WORLDWIDE - EAST - Brandon Jordan - PO Box 338 - Rossville TN 38066

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Deadline - Sunday Midnight Central Time. Boundary clarification: Report to DXWW-E if in the Central and Eastern Time zones and east of there.

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

MÉXICO XEBU, Chihuahua, Chih. FEB 6 0332 - full ID for XEBU in Chihuahua, 10,000 watts, also on FM, temp 13 C. WRTH lists as 5/1 kW, NRC as 620 non-directional always, so maybe the 10 kW applies to FM. Not so dominant a signal as it used to be and I feared it might have closed AM already. Somewhat separable from KMKI Plano TX, still on with Disney (which I read has an STA to run night facility also in daytime – that means 4.5 instead of 5 kW, and major lobes to the NW and SW, rather than a broad lobe from SW to NW to NE. [Hauser-OK]

MÉXICO XEACH, Monterrey, NL, Radio Fórmula. FEB 6 0328 – political ad for Partido del Trabajo, then full ID from Radio Fórmula Monterrey, XEACH, 770, 25,000 watts, street address, phone numbers. "Siempre Viva Voz" slogan, then feature/promo with marimba for San Cristóbal de las 770 Casas, Chiapas as a great place to visit; pause at 0330, then resuming program 'Fórmula Financiera' with female hostess. Dominant signal on 770, but best with WBBM 767 IBOC nulled, which is pretty far off the angle from Monterrey. Supposedly cuts to only 1 kW at night, per WRTH. [Hauser-OK] MÉXICO XEROK, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. JAN 31 1014 – noted with local ads, Ranchera music, "XEROK, Radio Canon" ID in Spanish. Good to fair 800 signal over KQCV. [Bueneman-MO]

MEXICO XECF, Los Mochis, Sin. FEB 3 1342 - time check for :23 and "Rancherita regional con música norteña". I make the DF about southwest, but 1410 slogan matches IRCA Mexican Log for XETKR, Monterrey NL, which is SSW, 10/1 kW with NOR/RAN formats. 1480 has become a more DXable frequency with the demise of KBXD Dallas. [Hauser-OK]

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73, Brandon

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# Deadline - Sunday Midnight Central Time

2485 AUSTRALIA ABC Northern Territory, Katherine. JAN 22 1250 - Man and woman in what sounded like typical current events fare. Fair, and noted fair //2325 (Tennant Creek) and 4835 (Alice Springs). [Barton-AZ]

UnID FEB 3 1237 – very poor signal, music barely audible, and can't tell what kind; should be religious from KGLD, 1330 in Tyler TX as presumed still 2660+ radiating a bit on its second harmonic. 1245 seems to switch to talk. Listening again from before 1300 past 1303 but can't hear any signal boost at official Feb sunrise when it should double power from 500 PSRA to 1000 watts full daytime power. Still detectable at 1313. [Hauser-OK]

2850

DPR KOREA KCBS, Pyongyang. FEB 3 1100 – very poor, but fair to good on 1125 recheck, with patriotic music. [Barton-AZ]
DPR KOREA Voice of Korea, Pyongyang. JAN 22 1215 – woman in Japanese. Fair signal, but strange UTE signal cycling on and off over 3250

transmission. Signal was a sort of grinding sound, lasting 10 seconds, the one sec off, alternately. [Barton-AZ]

GUYANA Voice of Guyana, Sparendaam. FEB 3 0630 – very poor signal from Voice of Guyana, presumably with BBCWS overnight relay, marred by 3290 ute blob circa 3287, but then it goes off. [Hauser-OK]

+JAN 5 0028 - nice program of Hindi filmi songs, 'Jab Hum Jawan Honge, Janey Kahan Honge' from Betaab soundtrack at tune in, male DJ with Voice of Guyana ID and TC's, mentioning 560 AM and 102.5 FM. Music switching to obscure light pop at 0038, with All Day Song by Evie. Nice modulation and signal, lightly spoiled by the utility and Gulf of Mexico lightning. [Jordan-TN] +FEB 7 0651 – Voice of Guyana with BBCWS relay in English, SINPO 25432. Feb 8 at 0310, only a JBA carrier; wonder if the power level has dropped

from 1 kW. [Hauser-OK]

+FEB 8 0657 - VOG with fair signal, seems rather undermodulated; missed local ID if any before 0700 BBC pips about one second behind WWV,

BBCWS ID and news relay; roused at 0800, music continues past hourtop, so BBC relay must be over. [Hauser-OK]

DPR KOREA Pyongyang, BS Pyongyang. JAN 22 – Symphonic music, followed by male chorus and patriotic songs. Tremendous signal. Fair on 3320 recheck after 1400. [Barton-AZ]

JAPAN Radio Nikkei 2, Chiba-Nagara. FEB 3 1115 – Poor. Improved on 1155 recheck to Fair, playing Michael Jackson cut. [Barton-AZ] 3945

4885 BRAZIL Rádio Clube do Pará, Belém. FEB 8 0313 - just as I tune by, "Belém, Pará", easiest log ever, from ZY's #1 signal on 60m, but only fair at best. [Hauser-OK]

4920p INDIA AIR, Chennai. FEB 22 1245 - Long talk by woman. Fair/poor. [Barton-AZ]

UnID. FEB 8 0314 – JBA carrier, a tad above channel compared to WWV. Could it be SURINAME? Last log from Dave Valko had it 10 Hz below 4990 4990 on Feb 2 about this same hour. [Hauser-OK]

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Hammarlund HQ-200 & HQ-110C, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor random wire, outdoor Slinky, indoor short wire

[Hauser-OK]

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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)

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Receivers: WinRadio G33DDC 'Excalibur', WinRadio G313e, RFSPACE NetSDR [locked to Thunderbolt GPSDO] Antennas: Array Solutions SAL-30 Shared Apex Loop, DX Engineering NCC-1 Phaser + 2x ARAV3 Active Verticals

73, Brandon

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