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### IRCA Convention East

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With big thanks for your patience as we've been busy negotiating for a good rate... I'm pleased to announce that hotel registration is now open for the **NRC/IRCA/WTFDA/Decalcomania** DX Convention, July 10-12 2015 in Fort Wayne, Indiana!

Our hotel will be Don Hall's Guesthouse Hotel, 1313 W Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne IN 46825, and our specially-negotiated rate is \$85 per room per night. That includes comfortable lodgings and a very tasty breakfast buffet each morning. The hotel is conveniently located right off I-69, the main drag through Fort Wayne.

Reservations for the hotel are due by JUNE 10 2015 and must be made directly with the hotel by calling 260-489-2524 or 1-800-348-1999. The Group Number is 7110. \*PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE THE GROUP # TO MAKE SURE WE ARE PROPERLY CREDITED FOR ALL THE ROOMS THE CLUBS ARE USING!\*

Once you've made your reservation, please drop me a line at [scott@fybush.com](mailto:scott@fybush.com) so I can keep track of who's staying with us.

Stay tuned for additional registration information. I expect the registration fee to be about \$55/person, which will include a Hall's-catered banquet at the hotel Saturday night, a convention program and meeting room snacks. We'll also be making tickets available separately for a Fort Wayne TinCaps baseball game on Friday night, July 10 at Fort Wayne's beautiful Parkview Field downtown.

See you in WOWO-land!! Your Convention Host, Scott Fybush [scott@fybush.com](mailto:scott@fybush.com)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mikesanburn@hotmail.com).

### Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together

The 22nd annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together returns to the Milwaukee area this year, on Saturday, August 15. This is an all-band event, open to anyone with an interest in the radio hobby. Your hosts are Tim and Jill Noonan and their sons Chris and Paul, and you can obtain more information by writing to Tim at [DXing2@aol.com](mailto:DXing2@aol.com) or phoning 414 813-7373.

### IRCA ELECTIONS – Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6

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**Don't forget to vote.** Election info and ballot sent out in a previous issue. **Note: Bill Block** will accept a BoD position if he receives enough write-in votes.

This ballot must be **RECEIVED** by the Election Committee Chairman no later than 0001 hours Eastern Standard Time, **May 1 2015**. Mail to: Nick Hall-Patch ([nhp@ieee.org](mailto:nhp@ieee.org))



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### CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
620	WTUV	Louisville, KY	WAKY
970	WMPW	Danville, VA	WZDV
1580	KREL	Colorado Springs, CO	KHIG

### FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
540	WETC	Wendell-Zebulon, NC	was regional Mexican, now Spanish
810	WYZI	Royston, GA	was sports, now farm, old slogan: "Sports Radio 810", new: "Farm Radio 810"
1000	WCCD	Parma, OH	was silent, now black gospel, adds slogan: "Radio 1000"
1030	WOSO	San Juan, PR	now silent
1150	WDEL	Wilmington, DE	adds Yahoo! Sports Radio, old slogan: "News Talk 1150 WDEL", new: "WDEL 101.7 FM"
1190	KXKS	Albuquerque, NM	was Wilkins Radio religious teaching, now Fox Sports Radio, adds slogan: "Fox Sports 1190 AM/107.5 FM"
1220	KDDR	Oakes, ND	old slogan: "Dakota Country", new: "KDDR"
1230	WLNR	Kinston, NC	was silent, now Spanish
1240	KNRY	Monterey, CA	was classical, now adult standards, old slogan: "K-Mozart", new: "Unforgettable 1240"
1280	KLDY	Lacey, WA	now silent
1340	KWLE	Anacortes, WA	now silent
1350	WGPL	Portsmouth, VA	was R&B oldies, now Willis Broadcasting Network black gospel
1360	WVMC	Mt. Carmel, IL	now silent
1380	WWRF	Lake Worth, FL	was regional Mexican, now Spanish hits
1390	WPLM	Plymouth, MA	was business news, now soft AC, adds slogan: "Today's Easy 99.1"
1400	WSMY	Weldon, NC	was ESPN Radio network, now CBS Sports
1410	KCUL	Marshall, TX	was sports, now new unknown format

1450	WHRY	Hurley, WI	was oldies, now hot AC, old slogan: "The Oldies Station", new: "Your Favorite Station"
1450	WTBO	Cumberland, MD	was Westwood One adult standards, now Westwood One adult contemporary, old slogan: "WTBO 1450 AM", new: "105.7 The River"
1480	KNTB	Lakewood, WA	now silent
1480	WIZD	Neon, KY	was soft AC, now oldies
1480	WPWC	Dumfries-Triangle, VA	was talk, now new unknown format
1490	KBRO	Bremerton, WA	now silent
1490	KOVC	Valley City, ND	old slogan: "Dakota Country", new: "KOVC"
1490	WGCD	Chester, SC	was urban AC, now gospel music, old slogan: "Soul Of Charlotte", new: "Good News Radio"
1490	WLPA	Lancaster PA	was ESPN Sports Radio, now Westwood One adult standards, old slogan: "ESPN 1490 AM", new: "America's Best Music WLPA 1490"
1490	WSTP	Salisbury, NC	was silent, now Cumulus Real Country, adds slogan: "1490 Carolina Country"
1520	KOKC	Oklahoma City, OK	was silent, now talk, adds slogan: "KOKC News Talk 1520"
1550	KMAD	Madill, OK	now silent
1550	WVAB	Virginia Beach, VA	now silent
1560	WAHT	Clemson, SC	was Westwood One NBC Sports Network, now CBS Sports
1560	WLZR	Melbourne, FL	old slogan: "Sportsradio 95.9", new: "Sportsradio 1560 The Fan"
1590	WAKR	Akron, OH	was oldies, now news-talk and oldies
1600	KDAK	Carrington, ND	old slogan: "Dakota Country", new: "KDAK"
1600	WKZK	North Augusta, SC	old slogan: "The Spirit 1600 AM", new: "The Spirit 103.7 FM and 1600 AM"

**MEMBER CONTRIBUTION**

**Pat Martin** of Seaside OR sends along the following dated April 1 2015:

According to the NW Broadcasters site, several more smaller WA stations have gone silent. They are KLDY-1280, KNTB-1480, and KBRO-1490. I have not checked to see if they are off as yet, but 1280 is probably the only one I could check for sure during the day. Anyone in the Puget Sound verify this? (Pat sent an additional Email noting these 5 stations: 1110-KRPA-Oak Harbor, 1280-KLDY-Lacey, 1340-KWLE-Anacortes, 1480-KNTB-Lakewood, & 1490-KBRO-Bremerton.)

4 days till taxes are due, hope your DX isn't taxing! Cherry blossoms now in full bloom out here in Maryland, getting some rain this week but will have nice weather this weekend. Of course April showers bring May flowers! Flower the column with your latest station tips in your area! **And a big happy belated B-day to Phil Bytheway! 73's. Bob Wien**



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**WDXR DEADLINES:** May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 3 and Aug 14. Please use Eastern Time.

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**OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

- 1180 KCKQ **NV**, Sparks Heard 4/13 at 0831 with "1180 Reno's Oldies Station." (BB-AZ)  
+4/13 2240 heard weak oldies and the word Reno underneath KERN. In the FCC database it's a CP with program test authority. It's being heard widely so it could be using the 4kw nondirectional day facilities instead of 190 watts with the pattern that protects KERN & KOFI. (DG-CA)  
?KCKQ? 4/13 2220 possibly them in test mode with oldies by Steppenwolf, Fleetwood Mac, in KERN downfades. Hope eventually to hear call letters. (MS-CA)
- 1580 KHIG **CO**, Colorado Springs heard 4/15 at 2140 with "K-High 1580" then talk about Marijuana new format. (BB-AZ)  
?KHIG? Apparently the one I heard here replacing KREL. I heard "K-Hi" on car radio on 4/13 at 0925 and believe the announcer said this was their first day on the air. A farm-related commercial followed. (LG-MT)
- 700 KHSE **TX**, Wylie 4/10 on top 700. No KALL at all, 0200 out of Spanish talk with "This is KHSE 700 Wylie, Dallas, Fort Worth" ID in English and then in Spanish. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1180 KERN **CA**, Wasco-Greenacres heard 4/13 at 0828 with "News Talk KERN." (BB-AZ)  
KOFI **MT**, Kalispell 4/16 dominant, 0900 out of rock oldies with mention of 27 degrees and ID "News talk oldies KOFI Kalispell" followed by a KOFI jingle. (JCJ-AZ)  
+Heard 4/13 at 0900 with "KOFI Kalispell." (BB-AZ)
- 1210 KHKR **UT**, Washington 4/8 mixing with KGYN. 0151 out of country music with spots, KDXU Weather Center report and "97-7 Big Classic Country" slogan, 0201 with "KHKR Washington, the all new 97-7 Classic Country" ID. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1270 KFLC **TX**, Benbrook 4/15 on top 1270 with others. 2300 out of Spanish talk programming with "KFLC Benbrook, Dallas, Fort Worth" ID. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1300 KCSF **CO**, Colorado Springs 4/11 alone on 1300. 0855 with sports programming, Colorado Springs spots, and numerous "AM 1300 The Animal" slogans. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1410 KERI **CA**, Bakersfield heard 4/17 at 0900 with "KERI Bakersfield." (BB-AZ)
- 1420 KMOG **AZ**, Payson heard 4/17 at 0912 with "Real Country KMOG The Ranch." (BB-AZ)
- 1450 KQTE **CA**, Helendale 4/5 1640 fair today with some mixing product noted, song "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash. I wish I could get a verie out of them. (MS-CA)
- 1480 KSBQ **CA**, Santa Maria 4/9 on top of 1480. 0201 out of Spanish programming with "KSBQ Santa Maria 1480 AM... 94 point 5 Gilroy" ID in English. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1520 KKZZ **CA**, Port Hueneme 4/5 good, KOKC off the air due to tornado damage. 2200 with "This is KKZZ Port Hueneme" ID out of Spanish music. (JCJ-AZ)  
KOKC **OK**, Oklahoma City 4/10 weak. 0120 noticed back on the air after being off the air for a few days. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1540 KEDA **TX**, San Antonio 4/13 on top 1540. 0206 out of Spanish programming with "KEDA 1540 AM... 102.3 San Antonio... Ciaro Communications" ID. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1550 KDCC **KS**, Dodge City 4/12 mixing with others. 0200 out of Fox Sports Radio with "KDCC" ID into Fox News. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1700 KVNS **TX**, Brownsville 4/16 over and under XEPE. 0200 out of Fox Sports with "Fox Sports Radio 1700, KVNS 1700 AM... FM." (JCJ-AZ)

Thank you to our WDXR reporters this issue. The next column deadline is Friday May 1. – Nancy 4/17 2100



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**RIDING GAIN**

[EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood MO **N0UIHeric@aol.com**  
 GE Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Space Magnet II, 150-foot homebrew dipole

**DOWN THE DIAL**

- 740 CFZM **ON**, Toronto. 4/12 fair to good signal over WVLN, apparently on day power. 2153 noted with Big Band vocals, "Big Band Sunday Night" mention, "Zoomer Radio AM Seven-40" and "CF-Zed-M" IDs. [EB-MO]
- 770 KAAM **TX**, Garland. 4/5 fair to poor signal, mixing with WABC in WEW null. 2037 noted with "The Sounds of Sinatra" and local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1160 KVCE **TX**, Highland Park. 4/10 fair to poor signal, mixing with WYLL. 2100 noted with "Money Radio 11-60, KVCE Highland Park, Dallas, Fort Worth" legal ID into SRN News. [EB-MO]
- 1280 KNBY **AR**, Newport. 4/10 fair to poor signal, mixing with WBIG, WGBF, KYRO. 2340 noted with Oldies format, local spots, weather forecast, "AM 12-80 KNBY, your weather information station" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1370 KWRT **MO**, Boonville. 4/12 fair to poor signal, mixing with KCRV and other stations. 2020 noted with local spots. Need the calls for the contest! [EB-MO]
- 1390 WRIG **WI**, Schofield. 4/10 fair signal over other stations. 2115 noted with Milwaukee Bucks basketball PBP, local spots and "Fox Sports Radio, 13-90 and 93-point-9 FM" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1400 KFRU **MO**, Columbia. 4/12 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 2000 noted with "KFRU Columbia" legal ID into ABC news. [EB-MO]
- 1430 WXNT **IN**, Indianapolis. 4/10 fair signal in KZQZ null. 2120 noted with minor league hockey PBP, "CBS Sports 14-30" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1560 KLT1 **MO**, Macon. 4/12 fair to poor, mixing with WPAD after KGOW power cut/pattern change. 2031 with Country format, "KLT1 Country" ID. [EB-MO]

**25 & 50 YEARS AGO**

50 Years Ago April 28, 1964 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest J Wesolowski** of Omaha NE received a verie from WDEL-1150 for state #45 ... **Larry Godwin** of Boulder CO also received a WDEL verie for state #48 ... **Dave Johnson** of Denver CO mentioned his totals were now at 420/272. // 25 Years Ago April 29 1989 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Charley Keleher** of Wildwood IL heard WLUP-1000 talking about DXing ... **Tim Hall** of Chula Vista CA told about 950 Tijuana returning to the air as XEK ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee WI commented on Chicago top 40 stations in the late '50s and early '60s.

**OPEN MIKE**

One month left in this year's DX Contest. There is still time to join the fun. This column was typed 4-17-15. 73, John

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**TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:**

- (MC-MA) **Mark Connelly** (WA1ION), South Yarmouth, Cape Cod MA  
 Microtelecom Perseus software-defined receiver, two cardioid-pattern Super Loops: Antenna 1 – 10 meters vertical by 11 meters horizontal (peak 165 degrees, null 345 degrees), Antenna 2 – 8 meters vertical by 15 meters horizontal (peak 75 degrees, null 255 degrees)  
 See <http://www.bamlog.com/superloop.htm> for a similar antenna type.
- (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist** (KG4LAC), Manassas VA  
 Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop

**ACROSS THE DIAL**

- 540 WFLF **FL**, Pine Hills – 3/17 2200 noted with the end of the "Brain Health" infomercial medical show, "WFLF Pine Hills/Orlando, WMGF HD3 Mount Dora/Orlando" legal ID into Fox News Radio. A good signal was noted. (MC-MA)
- 610 WIOD **FL**, Miami – 3/17 2000 noted with Miami traffic report, "Newsradio 610 WIOD" ID and weather forecast. A good signal was noted. (MC-MA)
- 640 WMEN **FL**, Royal Palm Beach – 3/19 2000 noted with "In Royal Palm Beach/Miami" mention by a male announcer, into ABC Sports update. The signal was noted over Cuba's Radio Progreso. (MC-MA)
- 670 WWFE **FL**, Miami – 3/17 2200 noted with talk, "Poderosa" slogan and "en Miami" mentions in Spanish. The signal was slightly over Cuba's Radio Rebelde. (MC-MA)
- 710 WAQI **FL**, Miami – 3/19 2001 noted with talk and a "Mambi" jingle in Spanish. The signal was noted under the Cuban with no sign of WOR. (MC-MA)
- 740 WSBR **FL**, Boca Raton – 3/19 1959 noted with "South Florida's Money Talk Radio..." WSBR" ID. A fair signal was noted. (MC-MA)
- 790 WAXY **FL**, South Miami – 3/17 2200 noted with an ad for the Fort Lauderdale Auto Show, "WAXY" ID. The signal was noted over Cuba's Radio Reloj and WPRV. (MC-MA)
- 850 WFTL **FL**, West Palm Beach – 3/23 2000 noted with "This is 850 WFTL West Palm Beach/Fort Lauderdale/Miami" legal ID; at equal strength with WEEI. (MC-MA)
- 900 WSWN **FL**, Belle Glade – 3/23 2000 noted with a promo for their Web site (900 The Talk-dot-com); noted under a huge signal from Cuba's Radio Progreso. (MC-MA)
- 1220 WENC **NC**, Whiteville – 4/4 0610 noted with ad for Joe's Used Parts, mention of Whiteville by a male announcer. Never did hear an ID, but this ad is enough for me. The signal was noted mixing with WHKW, WSLM and WFAX. (KK-VA) (Kraig, WSLM has been forgetting to power down at night in recent months, operating at 5 kW at night instead of the authorized 82 watts – eb)
- 1230 WBLQ **RI**, Westerly – 4/4 0711 noted with "Time for The Birthday Show on Stereo 1230 WBLQ, brought to you in part by Delon Rugby's Serv-Pro in Washington County, (401) 315-2337. Here's today's Birthday Show" mention by a male announcer. This is a new station in the logbook; the signal was noted mixing with WFVA, WRBS and unidentified stations with vocal music, ESPN Radio, Oldies and Country formats. (KK-VA)
- 1250 WTMA **SC**, Charleston – 4/4 0651 noted with mentions of "Weekday afternoons WTMA, The Big Talker" and "Talk Radio Countdown" by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDVA, WRCW, and unidentified stations with Oldies and Country formats. (KK-VA)
- 1260 WSUA **FL**, Miami – 3/21 2301 noted with a talk format, "WSUA" and "Caracol" IDs in Spanish. (MC-MA)
- 1270 WJJC **GA**, Commerce – 4/4 0605 noted with "WJJC 1270 AM Commerce" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WMPM, WLIK, WTJZ and unidentified stations carrying ESPN Radio and a Country format. (KK-VA)
- 1270 WMPM **NC**, Smithfield – 4/4 0653 noted with "Station information is now at your fingertips; join us online at 1270 WMPM-dot-com" mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WLIK, WJJC, WTJZ and unidentified stations carrying ESPN Radio and a Country format. (KK-VA)
- 1270 WLIK **TN**, Newport – 4/4 0650 noted with "WLIK Newport" jingle legal ID. The signal was noted mixing with WMPM, WJJC, WTJZ and unidentified stations carrying ESPN Radio and a Country format. (KK-VA)
- 1280 WHTK **NY**, Rochester – 4/4 0728 noted with "Fox Sports 1280 Rochester" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WADO, WSAT, WHVR, WYVE and unidentified stations with Oldies and Talk formats. (KK-VA)
- 1280 WYVE **VA**, Wytheville – 4/4 0637 noted with "Your Favorite Country, AM 1280 WYVE" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WADO, WSAT, WHVR, WHTK and unidentified stations with Oldies and Talk formats. (KK-VA)
- 1300 WGDJ **NY**, Rensselaer – 4/4 0559 noted with "WGDJ Rensselaer, Preston and... the Capital District's Talk Station" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WLNC, WSSG, WSYD, WMTM, WLXG, WNQM and an unidentified talk station. (KK-VA) (Could your unidentified talker be WOOD Grand Rapids MI? – eb)
- 1300 WLNC **NC**, Laurinburg – 4/4 0642 noted with "...tune to 95.1 FM... WLNC" ID by a male announcer. A new station in the logbook for me; the signal was noted mixing with WSYD, WSSG, WGDJ, WMTM, WLXG, WNQM and a possible WOOD. (KK-VA)
- 1300 WSYD **NC**, Mount Airy – 4/4 0659 noted with "You're listening to Granite City Gold... 1300 AM WSYD" ID by a female announcer. A new station in the logbook for me; the signal was noted mixing with WLNC, WSSG, WGDJ, WMTM, WLXG, WNQM and a possible WOOD. (KK-VA) ("The Granite City" is a nickname for Mount Airy; there's a real city called Granite City in Illinois – eb)
- 1300 WNQM **TN**, Nashville – 4/4 0759 noted with mention of "Become a Part of the Biggest Outreach Ministry in Middle Tennessee. Put your broadcast on WNQM today; call WNQM AM 1300 Sales Department at (615) 255-1300" by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WLNC, WSSG, WSYD, WMTM, WLXG, WGDJ and a possible WOOD. (KK-VA)

- 1320 WLQY **FL**, Hollywood – 3/21 2300 noted with “WLQY” ID; a dominant signal was noted. (MC-MA)  
 1370 WTAB **NC**, Tabor City – 3/21 2300 noted with “We’re AM 1370 WTAB” ID. (MC-MA)  
 1550 WKBA **VA**, Vinton – 4/2 1859 noted with “You’re listening to The Christian Station, AM 1550 WKBA Vinton/Roanoke; at AM 1390 WTKA Lynchburg and worldwide coverage at WKBA Radio-dot-com” legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WHIT, a Cuban station and unidentified stations carrying Spanish, an Oldies format and Fox Sports Radio. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your Oldies station could be WDLR Delaware OH; they’ve been forgetting to cut power on numerous occasions in recent months – eb)  
 1550 WHIT **WI**, Madison – 4/2 2032 noted with a Country format, “You’re tuned to WHIT 1550 AM” ID by a female announcer. A new station in the logbook for me; the signal was noted mixing with WKBA, a Cuban station, a possible WDLR and unidentified stations carrying Spanish and Fox Sports Radio. (KK-VA)  
 1570 WNCA **NC**, Siler City – 4/2 2000 noted with “There’s something for everyone, WNCA Siler City” legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WPGM, WNST, WYTI and an unidentified talk station. (KK-VA) (Your other talk station could be WNDA New Albany IN – eb)  
 1570 WYTI **VA**, Rocky Mount – 4/2 1959 noted with “You’re listening to 1570 AM WYTI Rocky Mount, Virginia; also broadcasting... WYTI Radio-dot-com” legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WPGM, WNST, WNCA and a possible WNDA. (KK-VA)  
 1580 WZKY **NC**, Albemarle – 3/21 2300 noted with a song by Aretha Franklin, “Oldies Radio WZKY” jingle. (MC-MA)  
 +4/2 1949 noted with “WZKY Albemarle” jingle ID into an Oldies format; at 1952, this ID was read by a male announcer: “Classic Hit Songs, Great Oldies, All Your Favorites all the time right here on AM 1580 WZKY.” The signal was noted mixing with WJFK, two unidentified Talk stations, Spanish language programming, and unidentified stations with a baseball game, a Gospel format and rap music. (KK-VA) (The station carrying the ball game could be WAMW Washington IN, which is on the Cincinnati Reds’ network – eb)  
 1590 WPSN **PA**, Honesdale – 4/2 1932 noted with “Thank you for listening to Wayne/Pike News Radio... news and weather for Wayne and Pike County as well... throughout the world. America’s Morning News with CRN Radio... at 12 noon, Rush Limbaugh from 12 to 3. Wayne/Pike News Radio... 104.3 FM, 101.9 FM, 1590 AM” ID by a male announcer; a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WHGT, WFTH, WAKR and unidentified stations with Spanish programming, college basketball, Oldies and Country formats. (KK-VA) (A possible ID for your Spanish station could be WCGO Evanston IL; they’re an Ethnic format – eb)  
 1700 WJCC **FL**, Miami Springs – 3/21 2300 noted with this disclaimer: “The views expressed in this program do not necessarily reflect those of Radio Mega LLC or AM 1700 WJCC”; mention of covering the Palm Beach area and northern Haiti. (MC-MA)

#### EDITOR’S NOTES

Welcome to Mark Connelly, DXing on Cape Cod! He was my most frequent contributor when I edited DX Worldwide-East. While he primarily logs Pan American and Trans-Atlantic DX, he took some time to report his domestic catches to this column. Mark also commented: “This period of reception included a significant auroral event that affected DX considerably from March 18 to 25. This enhanced southerly DX. Audio clips from this event can be found at [http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio\\_march2015.htm](http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_march2015.htm) I’ve been posting my AM DX clips on a Box account, most of them domestic in nature. 73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Deadline Monday noon PLT. Next deadline in 2 weeks. All times UTC/GMT.

#### TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 558 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLQH, Yeong-il, KBS2. Laid back vocal music 1335 3/12, good strength, no 603// just then, but heard later. Also noted 1403 3/15 at similar strength and //603. (NHP-BC)  
 567 **JAPAN**, JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. Very good strength, traditional male Japanese vocal 1250 3/10 //1503; a concert? end of piece was followed by man talking with a ‘live’ sound. (NHP-BC)  
 576 **AUSTRALIA**, 2RN, Sydney. 6 pips and ABC news fanfare 1300 3/3, poor strength. Noticed man talking 1239 3/21, fair strength, then jazzy guitar music, no parallels available, but came up at 1400 with 6 pips and ABC fanfare, woman saying “ABC news”. (NHP-BC)  
 594 **AUSTRALIA**, 3WV, Horsham. Man talking, poor strength, pips at 1400 3/20, ABC news fanfare //774 but slightly delayed. (NHP-BC)  
 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. Very good strength, w/woman and two men talking Japanese 1340 3/3. Also strong w/man in Japanese 1423 3/4. (NHP-BC)  
 +Japanese male conversation at a good level at 1322 4/6 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/6ntzemd8q4fm6z/594-JOAK-1322z040615CCSW.MP3>. (GDB-WA)  
 +Very similar to yesterday, first showing up through IBOC splatter at 1228 4/7. Poor-fair signals. (NP-AB)  
 603 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLSA, Seoul, KBS2. Man in Korean //558 1408 3/12, good strength. (NHP-BC)  
 612 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QR, Brisbane. Woman saying “ABC Brisbane” followed by ABC news fanfare; no pips heard 1300 3/2, fair to poor. Much better strength after geomagnetic storm 3/18, heard a number of times that morning, maxing out about 1404 w/weather forecast by man and “ABC news” mention by woman. Also heard at this level 1400 3/20 w/news. (NHP-BC)  
 666 **JAPAN**, JOBK, Osaka, NHK1. Pips, man in Japanese //594 1400 3/14, poor to fair strength. (NHP-BC)  
 675 **NEW ZEALAND**, Christchurch, Radio New Zealand National. Woman talking, poor level, 1228 3/29 //837. (NHP-BC)  
 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Winning the battle with CBU-690 splash, good level w/Korean lessons 1406 3/10. (NHP-BC)  
 +Male talk //774 at 1311 4/6. (bp-WA)  
 +Just traces of audio now and again from 1216 4/9. (NP-AB)  
 +English lesson //775 1246 4/9. (bp-WA)  
 +Anemic Chinese lessons at 1318 4/13; not very energetic, but best Asian signal of the morning <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/bslpai5zqqgqigs/693-JOAB-1318z041315CCSW.MP3>. (GDB-WA)  
 702 **AUSTRALIA**, 2BL, Sydney. Woman and man DU English, fair to poor strength 1214 3/18; //612 at 1235, and leading it by about half a second. Quite good level w/countryish music //612 at 1407 3/21. (NHP-BC)  
 702 **JAPAN**, JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima. Fair strength, w/man in Japanese //774 1249 3/15. (NHP-BC)  
 738 **AUSTRALIA**, 2NR, Grafton. Poor w/man in DU English //612 with latter leading; 1417-19 3/4. (NHP-BC)  
 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. Man in Japanese 1418 3/8, very good level, //774. (NHP-BC)  
 +Traces of audio, up to poor by 1211 4/9, and stayed at that level until fading out around 1220. (NP-AB)  
 +English lesson //774 1243 4/9. (bp-WA)  
 +Faint talk //774 1310 4/10. (bp-WA)  
 750 **ALASKA**, KFQD, Anchorage. 1300 4/9 “103.7 KFQD Anchorage” jingle, then CBS news, dominant. (bp-WA)  
 774 **AUSTRALIA**, 3GI, Sale. Interview, fair to poor strength //612 1356 3/20. Peaked briefly to similar strength, 1322 3/21 woman talking //774. (NHP-BC)  
 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. Japanese woman 1436 3/4, very good strength; nice JOUB ID by man at 1440 just before national anthem and s/off music box. (NHP-BC)  
 +Male talk 1312 4/6. (bp-WA)  
 +Already in audio when I got to the radio at 1154 4/7, peaking around 1230 with fair signals. (NP-AB)  
 +Japanese male 1305 4/7. (bp-WA)  
 +Fair with man/woman talking at 1202 4/9. Stayed that way until a fairly rapid fade out beginning at 1217. (NP-AB)  
 +English lesson 1236 4/9. (bp-WA)  
 +1311 4/10 English lesson. (bp-WA)  
 792 **AUSTRALIA**, 4RN, Brisbane. Woman talking, news //612 1204 3/20 “you’re listening to ABC news”, then split off to music 1205. Fair strength. (NHP-BC)  
 828 **AUSTRALIA**, 3GI, Sale. Interview, fair to poor strength //612 1356 3/20. Peaked briefly to similar strength, 1322 3/21 woman talking //774. (NHP-BC)  
 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. Man in Japanese 1324 3/10, excellent strength, many other times also on this rather good morning. (NHP-BC)  
 837 **JAPAN**, JOQK, Niigata, NHK1. Man in Japanese //594 at 1314 3/10 poor to fair strength. (NHP-BC)  
 837 **NEW ZEALAND**, Kaitaia/Whangarei, Radio New Zealand National. Man talking //819. 1404 3/18, poor strength, but a pair at 2 kw is pretty good DX, and a bit better than 819 too. (NHP-BC)  
 846 **JAPAN**, NHK1. Woman talking //567 1243 3/10 poor strength. (NHP-BC)  
 855 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QO/4QB, Eidsvold/Pialba. Poor strength w/man talking 1340 3/18, //612 but lagging it by a second or so. (NHP-BC)

873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. English lessons //828 1241 3/10, poor to fair. (NHP-BC)

890 **ALASKA**, KBBI, Homer. 1245 4/9 BBC news clobbering CJDC, 1259 musical fill & ID "...KBBI AM 890 Homer, where the sound meets the sea", then "Democracy Now" program. (bp-WA)

891 **AUSTRALIA**, 5AN, Adelaide. Poor w/ABC news fanfare at 1430 3/4. (NHP-BC)

891 **JAPAN**, JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. Woman in Japanese //594, good at 1426 3/10. (NHP-BC)

909 **JAPAN**, JOCB, Nagoya, NHK2. Woman talking //774 at 1337 3/10, poor strength, but rarely heard. (NHP-BC)

909 **NEW ZEALAND**, Napier, Southern Star. Poor to fair w/laid back vocals 1322 3/18, //963 a few minutes earlier. (NHP-BC)

945 **CHINA**, Jiaohu, CNR1. ID 1356 3/14 man in Chinese //6125, but had peaked at good level at 1354, then started fading down. (NHP-BC)

945 **JAPAN**, NHK1. (JOIQ?) Man in Japanese //594 1322 3/10, poor strength. Fair strength w/vocal pop music 1254 3/15; IDed //981 a minute before. (NHP-BC)

954 **JAPAN**, JOKR, Tokyo. Man in Japanese 1409 3/10, good level, if not for splash would have been perfectly readable. (NHP-BC)

963 **CHINA**, Huaduan, CRI. Various times after 1345 3/12 long, stringed music session leading to hour w/chimes, poor strength, seemed //1323. Much better strength w/man in Russian 1415 3/15, //1323 a few minutes later as it faded down. (NHP-BC)

963 **NEW ZEALAND**, Christchurch, Southern Star. Laid back vocal music, poor strength, 1309 3/18 //909. (NHP-BC)

972 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Group discussion 1307 4/6. (bp-WA)

+Korean group discussion 1251 4/7. (bp-WA)

+Energetic female pop song 1304 4/9, then man & woman conversing. (bp-WA)

981 **CHINA**, CNR1. Woman and man, fair w/news in Chinese 1402 3/12, it was dead across the hour of course. Also vocal pop music 1311 3/15, fair strength; man and woman in Chinese 1406 3/15. //945. (NHP-BC)

+Fast talking Chinese male 1310 4/7, as strong as 972 but much more splatter. (bp-WA)

+Pips 1300 4/9, then weak Chinese talk and the usual musical flourishes, fading up for about a minute 1302 with fast-talking man. (bp-WA)

1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI. Woman and man in Korean very good level 1404 3/15; IDed at weaker strength by music leading up to chimes and fanfare at 1400, which were barely heard, though the music was quite strong. (NHP-BC)

1035 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, Newstalk ZB. Man talking excitedly //1098 which was delayed somewhat, 1359 3/19, both were at poor level and splatter killed anything on hour. (NHP-BC)

1053 **KOREA-SOUTH**, jammer. 1349 3/10 good level. (NHP-BC)

+1316 4/6. (bp-WA)

+1243 4/9. (bp-WA)

1089 **JAPAN**, JOHB, Sendai, NHK2. Woman in Japanese //828, poor strength, 1405 3/10. Also noted w/woman in Japanese //828 1408 3/14, also poor strength. (NHP-BC)

1098 **CHINA**, CNR1. Man talking //981, fair to poor level, 1347 3/14. (NHP-BC)

1188 **JAPAN**, JOKP, Kitami, NHK1. Man talking //567 1251 3/10, poor strength. (NHP-BC)

1206 **CHINA**, Yanji, Yanbian. Woman in Korean 1359 3/12, good strength, continued across hour, no ID as usual. (NHP-BC)

+Weak talk 1317 4/6 on 1205.95. (bp-WA)

+Weak talk 1306 4/7 on 1205.95. (bp-WA)

1242t **JAPAN**, JOLF, Tokyo. Weak female talk 1318 4/6. (bp-WA)

1269 **JAPAN**, JOFM/JOHW, Esashi/Obihiro. Man in Japanese poor strength, but //1287 at 1245 3/10. (NHP-BC)

1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo. Man in Japanese except for several shouted mentions of "Hokkaido people", laughter, fading up to this madness, very good level, 1416 3/14, something interesting going on there? Also noted w/slow female pop vocal 1456 4/2, best signal of the morning for this channel, note that it was an hour after local sunrise. (NHP-BC)

1314 **UnID**. Traces of talk 1312 4/7. (bp-WA)

1323 **CHINA**, Shuanghyashan, CRI. Various times at poor level, seemed to be //963 in snippets around hour, traces of chimes at 1400 3/12. Also heard at similar strength and time on 3/13 and 3/14. (NHP-BC)

1323 **UnID**. Music 1258 4/6, sounded like the tune CRI normally plays just before the ToH. (bp-WA)

+Weak woman talking 1313 4/7. (bp-WA)

1377 **UnID**. Man talking quietly, definitely not CNR or NHK, 1416-1420 3/15. Heard Indonesia here last year around this time, so went to RRI webpage, and there should be a stream for Toli Toli, but it doesn't work. Station had faded by then anyway. Also noted poor w/rhythmic island-sounding vocal music 1329-40 4/1, erratic fading, better on north Flag, as it was showing a stronger carrier. The RRI Toli Toli webstream continues to be down. Carrier pretty close to nominal 1377.000 (NHP-BC)

1386 **JAPAN**, JOQC, Morioka, NHK2 most likely? Briefly at good level with language lessons 1346 3/26, no parallels available until 1350, when matched with 1593. Also noted Korean lessons //774 1414 3/13, poor level. Poor also w/man talking //747 1327 3/30. (NHP-BC)

1422t **JAPAN**, JORF, Yokohama. Woman in Japanese 1427 3/10, might be the loudest ever heard here at home, good level, overcoming the usual splash. (NHP-BC)

+JORF? Weak talk 1309 4/6. (bp-WA)

+t Bits of talk 1313 4/7. (bp-WA)

1458 **UnID**. Bits of talk 1319 4/7. (bp-WA)

1494 **UnID**. Possibly a few burbles in the splatter 1318 4/7. (bp-WA)

1503 **JAPAN**, JOUK, Akita, NHK1. Fair w/woman and man in Japanese //594 which was considerably weaker, 1345 3/26. Similar strength, woman in Japanese //594 1323 3/30. (NHP-BC)

1512 **UnID**. 1312-1323 4/7 man and woman interspersed with brief bits of pop-ish music. Too much domestic splash to ID language. Inflections suggest maybe perhaps Tagalog or Indonesian. (bp-WA)

1539t **AUSTRALIA**, Adelaide, Radio Tab. The oddity of the morning, presumed this, with woman in DU English 1324 4/3, briefly fair, and as it faded down again, man announcing what sounded like a live horse racing event. 1330-1335 4/4, erratic fading, man talking, but at peaks a word or two of DU English crept through. (NHP-BC)

1566 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Man in Japanese 1315 3/6 also pretty good at 1442 with woman in Chinese, at local sunrise... and still making a small appearance two hours later w/weak talk by man, best on north Flag. The late appearance of HLAZ was repeated 3/7 as well. Also choral music w/organ, 1429 3/10, very good with sunrise enhancement... although it was pretty close to this level again at 1601 w/man in Chinese. Last really readable fade up was 1616, but audio traces for quite some time afterward. Continuing the post sunrise saga, the last strong peak on 3/15 was at 1608 w/rock music (!), and man in Korean, briefly better than 1560 at this time. Choral music at 1615 was pretty good, but after that, it was mostly carrier, though with audio traces as late as 1636 (FEBC ID at 1600 3/15 was noted in case there was any doubt). Local sunrise on the 15th was 1427UT. (NHP-BC)

+Japanese woman 1241 4/6. (bp-WA)

+Japanese Christian service with a brief good peak at 1259 4/6 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/nkf2wcm5ksnef1w/1566-HLAZ-1259z040615CCSW.MP3>. (GDB-WA)

+In audio by 1155 4/7, and a bit better than yesterday, bordering on good at times around 1220. (NP-AB)

+Japanese male, huge signal 1313 4/7. (bp-WA)

+1230 4/9 song, possibly a jingle, followed by Japanese ID mentioning FEBC, something kilohertz, and HLAZ. Then brief music and woman talking. (bp-WA)

+Faint mumbling 1317 4/10. (bp-WA)

1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VOA. Woman in SEA language 1318 4/6. (bp-WA)

+Missing yesterday, but fair audio today with woman talking at 1228 4/7. (NP-AB)

+Woman 1317 4/7 in SEA Language, English sound bite, nice signal. (bp-WA)

1575 **UnID**. Weak male talk 1303 4/9. (bp-WA)

1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CNR1. Man in Chinese at 1425 3/3, //6125, slightly offset in time, increasing in strength to good level at 1426, then fading a bit, but low and high pip at 1430 and Beijing time check quite distinctive. (NHP-BC)

+Chinese talk in KLFE splash 1317 4/7. (bp-WA)

1593 **JAPAN**, JOTB/JOQB, Matsue/Niigata, NHK2. Poor w/man talking 1350 3/26 //1386, assumed Chinese lessons. Noted at similar level w/man talking //747 1318 3/30 followed by musical interlude. (NHP-BC)

1602 **JAPAN**, NHK2. Talk //774 4/7. (bp-WA)

- 1611 **UnID AUSTRALIA**. Traces of audio at 1223 4/9. (NP-AB)  
 1638 **UnID AUSTRALIA**. Mix of two weak stations here at 1226 4/9, with one being about 40 Hz low. (NP-AB)  
 1665 **UnID AUSTRALIA**. A few seconds of piano music noted at 1226 4/9. (NP-AB)  
 1674 **UnID AUSTRALIA**. Traces of woman singing at 1226 4/9. (NP-AB)  
 1683.23 **AUSTRALIA**, Sydney, Radio Club AM. Church service with man reciting and congregation responding. I thought that was a bit odd until I remembered this weekend is Orthodox Easter 4/9. (NP-AB)  
 1701.062 **UnID AUSTRALIA**. Traces of talk by a man. Matches the freq for Voice of Charity, but Brisvaani is also close, and moves around a bit. Carrier on 1701.022 was also clearly visible 4/9. (NP-AB)

## MISCELENEOUS

### Parallel DXpedition Report Nick Hall-Patch

While Bill Whitacre was DXing at Grayland during the week of 15-22 February (see details [http://realmonitor.com/am\\_logs\\_grayland11.php](http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_grayland11.php)), I was able to fit in at quick visit to Tofino BC and place a Flag antenna just in from Chesterman Beach for the mornings of 18 and 19 February. He recorded at the tops and bottoms of the hour using his Perseus, and I recorded pretty much full time from 1400-1600UT, with tops of hours recorded at other times throughout the night.

Bill had good conditions on the morning of the 17th, but things hit the skids with my arrival later on the 17th, with a K=5 early in the evening as I was setting up the antenna. I'd hoped for great DU conditions, but in fact nothing too amazing was heard, and by 1200, JOBB-828 was the strongest overseas signal on the band. But that didn't mean that there was a lot of Asian action either. I'd suggest that it was like a really good morning at home, and the same "digging in the dirt" DX techniques were needed to get anything other than the regulars, ie I would have been happier if I hadn't known Bill was doing better at Grayland, hi. More northerly paths than those from Honshu were definitely missing on the 18th. Conditions were better on 19 February, more Asiatic, but on neither morning could it be said that Tofino was anywhere near as good a DX site as Grayland, judging by our recorded files. I suspect there may be a bit more gold on the recordings from the 19th, but it's time to put this to bed.

Here were the variables between one site and the other:

-----Grayland, Perseus receiver. Tofino, NetSDR. They are supposedly comparable receivers according to those who have tested them side by side.

-----Grayland, DKAZ antenna at 290 degrees using FLG-100 amplifier. Tofino, Flag antenna at 270 degrees, also using FLG-100 amplifier. Supposedly the Flag puts out somewhat more signal, but at the expense of somewhat poorer front to back, and a wider front lobe; both antennas were close to the beach, at Tofino, within a few meters.

-----Upside to Grayland, 180 degrees of water path to exotic places; downside, open country to major population centers and their splashy transmitters. Upside to Tofino, hides behind Vancouver Island's mountainous spine, big cities are all on the other side, and all major cities except for Vancouver BC are further away than from Grayland; downside, no long distance water path north of about 290 degrees with a number of nearby islands dotting even the "open" water, another downside, not much room for antennas compared with Grayland, essentially this was on a countryish suburban road with back yards facing the beach.

So, I knew that Grayland likely had the edge on Asiatics, as from Tofino, even 300 degrees hits a mountainous island not far away. I compared frequency by frequency 19 Feb at 1500, using Bill's recordings and mine... and there never was any Asian heard from Tofino comparable to Grayland's receptions. Many channels Bill had "something" when I had a carrier, if that. What Bill also had was domestic splatter, no doubt about it. But even if I "turned up the volume" on my files until the splatter was as loud as Bill's, that didn't bring up any DX underneath the splatter. The only bright side was that the splatter at Tofino was not as obnoxious sounding usually. This speaks to location, as the DKAZ supposedly has better back end rejection than the Flag does.

It wasn't just Asia however. Bill's recordings of Tuvalu on 621 were also better than anything I have recorded, as were the New Zealanders heard on the 18th which points to the DKAZ doing something right, or just Grayland being "better". And, on the 19th on 900 kHz Bill had Hawaii's KMVI dominant with KIKI on 990, while I had Fresno on 900 and KATD on 990. This surprised me, until I realized that the other downside to Tofino is a fair bit of water path to California. KGO and KFBK were quite a bit better on my files than on Bill's, for example. About the only DX station that was really comparable between the two listening sites was Brisbane's 4RN-792 at 1200 on the 18th; 2BL-702 was close also. But given the water path to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands from Tofino, I would have expected better.

Finally, there was a good post sunrise enhancement at Tofino of some of the upper band Japanese commercial stations, 1242, 1332, 1422 etc. We compared 1242 at 1600, and again, good though the signal was at Tofino, it was still more solid at Grayland at that time, better than practically any other reception I had of 1242.

Local noise levels were generally quieter at Grayland, but the impression I got was that the higher noise levels at Tofino weren't hiding anything. When levels were quieter at Tofino (they were for one period), DX didn't leap out.

- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo. Strong signal w/man in Japanese 1545 2/18, the poorer of the two mornings for Asiatics. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 603 **UnID**. Fair signal but just changed its laid back music selection across hour, no pips or anything 1100 2/18... New Zealand maybe? (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 612t **AUSTRALIA**, 4QR, Brisbane. Woman in DU English 1452 2/18, likely this, fair strength. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 621t **TUVALU**, Funafuti. Tuvalu Radio. Island choral music briefly fair 0959 2/18, but no sign of listed s/off at 1000 as music continued then. Recording stopped at 1003, but audio had faded below the splash. Pop music poor to fair noted 0650 2/19, woman talking just too murky to get anything from it. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 657t **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington/Tauranga, Southern Star. 1438 2/18 soft ballad, then at 1503 woman with weather forecast in DU English, recognized "Canterbury" and "Nelson", fair strength at times, likely Southern Star? (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo. Strong signal w/English lessons, discussing phrase "out of whack" 1425 2/18. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 702 **JAPAN**, JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima. 1402 2/18, Korean lessons, //828, fair at best. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 702t **NEW ZEALAND**, Auckland, Radio Live. 1427 2/18 DU English man talking, series of commercials, likely NZ, fair to good signal. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 738 **FRENCH POLYNESIA**, Papeete, Radio Polynesie/France Inter. 1301 2/18 man in French, briefly at good/fair level. Also man in French 1503 2/19, fighting with splash. Would have expected better at this listening site. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita. Strong w/English lessons 1426 2/18. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 792 **AUSTRALIA**, 4RN, Brisbane. 1001 2/18 increasing strength after hour man giving news DU English, fair to good level; didn't get ABC radio ID until 1200 though, along with ABC news fanfare. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 819 **NEW ZEALAND**, Tauranga, Radio NZ National. 1440 2/18, DU English woman interviewing man on phone, fair to good in splash, //very weak 756. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 828 **AUSTRALIA**, 3GI, Sale. 1100 2/18, pips and ABC news fanfare, weak, and //stronger 702; an hour later had been replaced with much stronger JOBB. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka. Excellent with Korean lessons, generally the dominant station of the morning once it had faded in. 1401 2/18. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 846 **JAPAN**, NHK1. 1200 2/18 NHK pips and man talking, poor, //594. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, Kumamoto. Man Japanese, strong and //weaker 828 1503 2/18. (NHP-TofinoBC)  
 954 **JAPAN**, JOKR, Tokyo. Man and woman in Japanese, fair to good level. 1521 2/18. Similar strength with two men and a woman in Japanese 1516 2/19.  
 972 **KOREA-SOUTH** HLCA, Dangjin, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong. Man and woman in Korean 1517 2/18, fair to good. Also two women in Korean 1549 2/19, briefly good level.  
 1008 **JAPAN**, JONR, Osaka. 1404 2/18. Man in Japanese, fair to poor. Also noted man in Japanese, briefly 1417 2/19.  
 1026 **UnID**. 1415 2/19. rhythmic pop music, briefly fair after man talking, not //NHK2, and Newstalk ZB wasn't in on 1008 or 1035. Man might have been in Tagalog, so Philippines?  
 1035 **NEW ZEALAND**, Wellington, Newstalk ZB. 1418 2/18. Man talking, poor //1008 which was marginally better.  
 1053 **JAPAN**, JOAR, Nagoya, CBC. Two men carrying on in speedy Japanese and into Japanese pop music. Briefly very good. Canada's CBC doesn't sound like this.  
 1053 **NEW ZEALAND**, New Plymouth, Newstalk ZB. 1458 2/18, laid back vocal music //1035, poor.  
 1089 **JAPAN**, JOHB, Sendai. 1541 2/19. Weak with NHK2 s/off chimes.  
 1116 **AUSTRALIA**, 4BC, Brisbane. Excellent signal 1516 2/18, multiple station ID by man: 2CC, 2UE, 3AW, 4BC.  
 1134 **JAPAN**, JOQR, Tokyo. Man in Japanese, briefly good strength, then into pop music, 1422 2/19.  
 1188 **JAPAN**, JOKP, Kitami. Woman in Japanese //594 1527 2/18, fair at best.  
 1224 **JAPAN**, JOJK, Kanazawa. 1558 2/19. Woman in Japanese, fair at best, //594.  
 1242 **JAPAN**, JOLF, Tokyo. 1600 2/19, cuckoo pips on hour, man in Japanese, excellent strength. This was still holding its own at 1712.

- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo. Woman in Japanese fair to good strength, 1430 2/18.  
 1314 **JAPAN**, JOUF, Osaka. Man and woman in Japanese at 1525 2/18, fair to poor.  
 1332 **JAPAN**, JOSF, Nagoya. 2/19 at 1546 two men in Japanese, general hilarity all round, excellent strength.  
 1350 **JAPAN**, JOER, Hiroshima. Rock music 1611 2/19, //1242 and 1404. Poor u/domestic.  
 1386 **JAPAN**, NHK2. Fair to poor //774 man and woman talking 1530 2/18.  
 1404 **JAPAN**, JOVR, Shizuoka. Rock music fair strength, //1242 1611 2/19. Also //1440 and 1350, but those were under domestics.  
 1422 **JAPAN**, JORF, Yokohama. 1544-7 2/19, female Japanese pop vocal, then woman talking over quiet orchestral music, maybe a live performance? At best, excellent signal, no domestic splatter. Still quite audible at 1732.  
 1440 **JAPAN**, JOWF, Sapporo. Rock music 1611 2/19, //1242 and 1404. Fair to poor u/domestics.  
 1512t **AUSTRALIA**, 2RN, Newcastle. Fair w/woman in DU English 1534 2/18, this one most likely, but no parallels available.  
 1548 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QD, Emerald. Man in DU English fair to poor, 1533 2/18, presumably this; no parallels available.  
 1566 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLAZ, Jeju. Woman in Chinese at excellent strength 1512 2/18. Also excellent strength, woman in Chinese 1549 2/19, followed by male vocal, when it faded down. Back to full strength 1551. Still quite audible 1732, though not as strong.  
 1602 **JAPAN**, NHK2. 1540 2/19. Weak with NHK2 s/off anthem.

#### Ocean Shores DXpedition

Gary DeBock

4/8. This morning was the first of two DXing sessions at Ocean Shores, a flat ocean beach on the central Washington coast (totally devoid of any type of signal-enhancing cliff). In general the ocean coast propagation favored the high band this morning, with 1566, 1575 and 1593 all very energetic. The low band had some action from the usual Japanese big guns, but signals were nothing to shout about (and slightly off even from typical Puyallup levels). The only sign of DU action (besides 738-Tahiti, an ocean coast regular) was a very anemic signal from 1017-Tonga around 1055, with the female announcer (whose voice I remember from Rockwork cliff visits) barely audible under the Spanish splatter before signing off shortly after 1100.

Knowing very well that this flat beach would probably provide pretty flat results in comparison to what the Oregon cliffs typically offer, the DX expectations for this two day visit during a lean solar year were pretty modest. Most of the second and third tier Asians stayed down in the noise as expected, but the high band big guns put on a pretty good show from 1200-1340. Just before 1200 the Chinese service from 1566-HLAZ reached a thunderous level, and continued that way until the Chinese service sign off at 1229. 1575-VOA and 1593-CNR1 also reached potent levels in and out from 1300-1330, and the Korean middle band big guns on 972 and 1053 were pretty energetic. 1134-JOQR had a good signal in Vancouver splatter around 1315, but in general the increasing daylight didn't do much for either the depressed low band or the already vibrant high band. Asian signals didn't receive any kind of extended sunrise enhancement this morning (despite the wet sand DXing location only 50 feet from salt water), and even the big guns had packed it in by 1400. Overall the session was about what I expected from this type of location, which my wife thought would be a nice change from Cannon Beach and Yachats :-). After another halfhearted effort tomorrow morning I'll be looking forward to a real DXpedition-- with an all-out Rockwork 4 visit scheduled for June 27-29. To be fair to Ocean Shores, though, propagation here this morning was probably far better than the Puyallup version.

4/9. The second (and last) DXing session on the beach at Ocean Shores was quite a bit more interesting than yesterday's, with fairly good propagation on both the middle and high band. The low band continued to underperform, but there were multiple TP's on 1044 at 1311, a huge signal from 1206-Yanbian at 1303, and even a pesky co-channel with 1566-HLAZ (apparently Chinese) right before the Japanese program ended at 1342.

It was another clear and cold morning at the beach, with my portable TP-DXing station (Ultralight radio + 15" FSL antenna) set up about 50 feet from the salt water. Without much confidence in the flat beach's potential of providing serious DU action from 0800-1000 my start time was around 1140, by which time 1566-HLAZ's Chinese service was already building up to its usual thunderous level. No other TP was nearly as strong in the total darkness, but some interesting signals starting showing up from the CRI stations on 1017, 1044, 1206 and 1323 just after 1200. All of these except 1044 had good audio in and out, with the 10 kW 1044-KBS station seeming to dominate over CRI. The usual big guns on 1053, 1134 (JOQR), 1287, 1575 and 1593 (CNR1) were all in and out with good audio, but around 1311 an apparent Chinese station started to fight it out on 1566 with the Korean big gun HLAZ. During fades in the Japanese Christian program the UnID Chinese even managed equal strength-- although no real identity clues were gained. After HLAZ switched to its Chinese program (with a different antenna) around 1344 the mystery station tapered off down into the noise, along with most of the other Asians. By 1400 only the big guns 774-JOUB, 972-HLCA and 1566-HLAZ were still around on the wet sand, and after spending two and a half hours on the cold beach it certainly seemed like they would last a lot longer than I would. My portable DXing station was dismantled at 1410, well before 1566-HLAZ's Chinese service dropped into the noise. Overall the two day visit was interesting, with somewhat better Asian results than expected. The low band never really got untracked, however, with even 594-JOAK sounding anemic.

- 1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI. Korean service with Chinese lessons at a good level at 1254 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/rvp20bjqdz9t77t/1017-CRI-1254z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1044 **CHINA**, CRI-KBS Mix. The Korean female voice having the apparent edge over its co-channel at 1311 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/44uwi13fi8acavo/1044-KBS-CRI-mix-1311z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1053 **KOREA-SOUTH**, jammer. Pretty good jam session at 1232 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/25c6y94upcdkqpn/1053-Jammer-1232z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1206 **CHINA**, Yanbian, CRI. Female Korean speech and music at an awesome level at 1303 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/hpcgjm486du0uod/1206-CRI-1303z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo. Japanese male and female speech at good level at 1208 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/ieftk857k9he7j7/1287-JOHR-1208z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1566 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLAZ Jeju, FEBC. Chinese service testing my Ultralight's crunch resistance at 1227 4/8 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/ad3wnnc2hehu6z5/1566-HLAZ-1227z040815CCSW.MP3>. Japanese service sign-on at a nuclear level at 1230 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/amfjgebv7rw0gz9/1566-HLAZ-1230z040815CCSW.MP3>.  
 +The usual nuclear-powered signal during Chinese service at 1214 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/9x1p97dvdhchg67/1566-HLAZ-1214z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1566 **UnID**. Apparent Chinese female speech mixing with HLAZ's Japanese male speech at 1314 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/8bdpot15ib1b3px/1566-HLAZ-UnID-mix-1314z040915CCSW.MP3>. Same station - this time with apparent Chinese male speech mixing with HLAZ's Japanese female speech <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/a6f4hkdmxxka0p/1566-HLAZ-UnID-mix-1342z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Rassom, VOA. Asiatic language male and female speakers sounding pretty energetic at 1302 4/8 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/2lcymrz4ch9369m/1575-VOA-1302z040815CCSW.MP3>.  
 +Male Asiatic language speech at a very good level at 1307 4/9 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/hic9wl9scwomyi2/1575-VOA-1307z040915CCSW.MP3>.  
 1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CNR1. Fast paced domestic program at very good level at 1252 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/77g2oaa198ipv5p/1593-CNR1-1252z040815CCSW.MP3>.

Gary DeBock (in Ocean Shores WA) 7.5" loopstick C.Crane Skywave Ultralight + 15" DXpedition FSL antenna

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\*\*\* PAN-AMERICAN DX \*\*\*

- 950 **MÉXICO** XERN, Montemorelos, NL. APR 10 0117 – Mexican-sounding PSA, then “La Mera Mera” slogan (plus “La Ranchera?” Not sure about that part), but I am sure an 8:17 timecheck followed and temp in Montemorelos. So it’s XERN, 5/1 kW in that Nuevo León city per Cantú, which however calls it “La Jefa”. Even further off is the IRCA Log listing as La Jefa in Monterrey. Where will WRTH find it? Monterrey, but called “Radio Naranjera” – at least that matched the call letters. Could that be what I heard, rhyming with mera? No, “La Mera Mera” was pretty clear and a slogan used by several Mexican stations, odd as it sounds. [Hauser-OK]
- 1030 **MEXICO** XEYC, Radio Fórmula, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. APR 14 1245 – as I tune in, “Radio Fórmula, Ciudad Juárez” ID, quickly losing out to gospel huxtering in English, KCTA TX or KCWJ MO. It’s XEYC, 1/1 kW per IRCA, or 5/0.5 kW per Cantú and WRTH. [Hauser-OK]
- 1290 **VENEZUELA** YVLF, Radio. Puerto Cabello, Puerto Cabello. MAR 22 0159 – Radio Puerto Cabello ID; over WRNI-RI. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1350 **CUBA** UnID, MAR 22 0300 – Cuban national anthem. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1520 **COLOMBIA** HJLI, Radio Libertad, Bogota, MAR 22 0100 – Libertad and Bogota mentions in Spanish religious programming; dominant. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 1610 **ANGUILLA** Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, MAR 22 0300 – usual “You’re watching the University Network” mention, then preaching; dominant over low-pitched growls from TIS/HAR stations. [Connelly\*Y-MA]

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**Antenna 2:** Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 8m vert. by 15m horiz. (peak 75 deg, null 255 deg)

[Hauser-OK]

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**ASIA AND PACIFIC**

**INDIA:** Visited AIR Port Blair TX today (my 4th visit to the station). SW is now only 4 kW (4760, 7390)

Sked is:

2355-0300 4760

0315-0900 7390

1030-1700 weekdays/1730 Weekends 4760

Mw is 52 kW (30 kW when on generator) (Jose Jacob, dx\_india 16 Mar)

**INDONESIA:** 1206 RRI Denpasar, Bali has reactivated its 10 kW Pro 4 transmitter. 1287 RRI Palembang, South Sumatra is inactive. (WRTH Monitor 10.2.2015)

**KAZAKHSTAN:** BBC relays via 1098, 1188, 1197 and 1440 have been stopped. (WRTH Monitor 10.2.2015)

**MONGOLIA:** as all five long wave transmitters from Mongolia have been received at various locations in Europa, I did a paper about the reception (and offsets), with a little help of some friends: [http://ratzer.at/pdf/Mongolia\\_LW\\_DK8OK.pdf](http://ratzer.at/pdf/Mongolia_LW_DK8OK.pdf) (Nils Schiffhauer, mwcircle)

**VIETNAM:** Many years ago the Voice of Vietnam was carrying an external service on 1010 kHz, where it was also well audible in Sweden. Recently Google Maps extended the area of high resolution in Hanoi to include this broadcast site. The imagery now available shows that the 1010 site is shared with the Son Tay shortwave site for VOV external services. Various SW antennas occupy the northern part of the area and two directional MW arrays are located in the southern part. An SV 2+2 rectangular MW array is beamed almost to the south (north could also be possible), and a two mast array has its in-line direction to the southeast. The arrays can be found at 21.136266, 105.417589 and 21.132518, 105.423296, respectively, in Google maps. To go to the arrays, copy the coordinates into the Google maps search field. (Olle Alm, ARC)

**EUROPE, AFRICA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

**BULGARIA:** 576 Vidin transmitter, carrying Bulgarian National Radio (Home Service 1st program, called Horizont, Radio Bulgaria Turkish program and the Parliament Channel) is on full power (400kW) once again. It was previously transmitting with half-power (200kW). The power was increased two days ago due to complaints from the Turkish minority about the poor coverage of the Radio Bulgaria Turkish program on mediumwave after the switch-off of the low-power transmitters in Salamanovo (747 kHz/10 kW), Samuil (864 kHz/10 kW), Kardjali (963 kHz/50 kW), Doulovo (1161 kHz/10 kW) and Targovishte (1161 kHz/10 kW.) (Georgi Bancov via Ydun’s Medium Wave Info 6.2.2015)

**CZECH REPUBLIC:** Český Impuls on 981 kHz is now also transmit by a second synchronized transmitter with 5 kW at Domamil. This is a facility of České Radiokomunikace, usually referred to as Moravské Budějovice and origin of the 1332 kHz signal. Gossip has it that after Country Radio, Radio Dechovka and Český Impuls a fourth private Czech mediumwave station is in the pipeline. (Source: Wolfgang Lill)

Pictures of the Domamil transmitter: [http://jihlava.idnes.cz/foto.aspx?r=jihlava-zpravy&c=A141114\\_152243\\_jihlava-zpravy\\_mv&foto=&thumbs=1](http://jihlava.idnes.cz/foto.aspx?r=jihlava-zpravy&c=A141114_152243_jihlava-zpravy_mv&foto=&thumbs=1).

270 kHz is at Topolná meanwhile operated with the announced 50 kW solid-state transmitter. Sources within České Radiokomunikace say that it is the very TRAM 50-L that between 1997 and 2000 was used on 261 kHz at Burg. (Source: Wolfgang Lill) (Via Kai Ludwig, DXLD)

**CYPRUS:** 1323 BBC World Service, serving parts of the Eastern Mediterranean, is to close on 25 April 2015. The service will continue on Eutelsat Hot Bird at 13 East, 11.117 V, DVB-S, SR 27500 FEC 3/4 APID 7711, SID 14618, as well as online. The medium wave relay service originates from Zygi with a power of 200 kW. Full story here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/statements/mw-eastern-med>. (James Robinson via Ydun’s Medium Wave Info 3.2.2015)

**FRANCE:** The old French frequency of 1161 kHz (used until 1996 by France Inter) will be used for motorsport arrangements in the French region of Alsace (eastern France) between October 1st and 4th, 2015. The transmitter is located at Sélestat with a power of 200 kW. The transmitter will be tested already in February/March. It is also said that France Bleu will end its transmissions on 1278 kHz in May 2015. (Jean-Paul Meyer and Rémy Friess via A-DX via Bengt Ericson, ARC). It has been reported that the plans for special transmissions on 1161 have been abandoned. —ed.

The CSA, the French regulatory body, has selected Bretagne 5 to broadcast on MW in French Brittany. Frequency was indicated but it is likely to be 1593 kHz. Bretagne 5 will now have to negotiate the conditions with CSA in order to be granted a license. (Rémy. Friess, mwcircle, 27 Feb)

**GERMANY:** The Zehlendorf transmitter on 177 kHz is since March regularly tested with a DRM signal. Or, perhaps, it already are more than just tests, considering the combination of two facts: The signal includes the encrypted Radio Andernach (German forces) signal that also goes out via the Nauen shortwave transmitters, last reported at noon on 49 meters, so hardly for the Horn of Africa as before. And the 177 kHz signal has a good reach into Poland and the Baltics, at least now, with 171 kHz being gone. [http://www.rhci-online.net/files/2015-04-10\\_0815z\\_177kHz\\_DRM-Test.png](http://www.rhci-online.net/files/2015-04-10_0815z_177kHz_DRM-Test.png).

This of course also means that the 177 kHz frequency allocation has not been surrendered, which it turns mean that the Felsberg transmitter cannot be retuned to 180 kHz, if this was really pursued at all. Other gossip has it that now internal discussions of longwave as distribution platform are under way at Lagardère Active, triggered by the plans of Radio France to terminate all its remaining LW/MW outlets. It remains to be seen whether the Felsberg transmitter stays in operation beyond 2015 at all.

Meanwhile the antennas of the Mainflingen/Zellhausen mediumwave transmitter (1539 kHz, shut down at yearend 2011) have been removed. Left behind are the buildings, it would cost at least 80,000 Euro to get rid of them and the lease contract from 1962 did not require the postal office to remove them when abandoning the facility. <http://www.op-online.de/lokales/nachrichten/mainhausen/sendeanlage-mainhausen-stillgelegt-4811759.html>.

This story has nothing to do with the Mainflingen longwave facilities (utility, 1962-1967 also broadcasting, kept as aux at least until 1982 when the Donebach facility had been extensively modernized). It was a separate site southwest of Zellhausen: <https://www.google.de/maps/@50.002076,8.9758081,724m/data=!3m1!1e3>.

Three million Euros had been wasted here by installing a new Thomcast S7HP transmitter and a new antenna in 2005/2006, only to start phasing out 1539 kHz services already in 2009. <http://www.waniewski.de/MW/Mainflingen/index.htm>. (Kai Ludwig, DXLD)



**IRAN:** IRIB provincial stations produce a common programme called "Shabhave Iran" (Iran nights). It is produced by each studio in turn and broadcast between 2100-2230 via most provincial stations. (WRTH Monitor 10.2.2015)

**LUXEMBOURG:** A translation of an article via Mike Knight on the [great-208@yahoo.com](mailto:great-208@yahoo.com) Yahoo group: All broadcasting activities Site Marnach "will be permanently and irreversibly stopped at the end of this year," said Xavier Bettel.

The Prime Minister also said that an agreement on this subject was found with RTL. Radio broadcast residents of the antennas are worried for years electromagnetic waves and what they consider to be nuisances. What had prompted a parliamentary question CSV MPs Emile Eicher and Marco Schank.

The head of government, which also has a cap of Communications Minister recalled that a "first antenna has already been dismantled." The rest of the equipment will disappear with the end of the emissions. As for the future of the site, Xavier Bettel simply states that "the State will acquire land in 2016 the site at market price." <http://www.lessentiel.lu/fr/news/luxembourg/story/19784995>.

Per Wiki: Marnach transmitter is a broadcasting facility of RTL near Marnach in the commune of Munshausen, in northern Luxembourg. The Marnach transmitter was built in 1955 for improving the transmission of the English-speaking program on 1439 kHz (later 1440 kHz), which was transmitted from 1951 with an omnidirectional antenna from Junglinster, to the British Isles and for a better transmission on this frequency to Germany at daytime. Therefore it was given a directional antenna with a switchable directional characteristic pointing North-northeast towards the Rhine-Ruhr area, Germany's most populated area, and West-northwest in the direction of the UK. This antenna was implemented in form of a directional antenna consisting of three ground-fed 105-metre tall guyed mast antennas arranged in the form of an isosceles triangle with a 90 degree angle. As transmitters, two 100 kW units switched in parallel were used when it went in service in December 1955.

Overview: In 1956 the transmission power of Marnach mediumwave transmitter, which worked until 1978 on 1439 kHz and then on 1440 kHz was increased to 350 kW after the mediumwave transmitter of Junglinster was moved to Marnach. On July 15, 1957 the German-speaking program, which rapidly became very popular, started. In April 1958 the regular program service started, which was a German programme in the daytime and the famous English program "2-0-8" in the evening and nighttime.

In 1962 an FM transmitter was also installed at the site of Marnach transmitter. For this transmitter, a further mast was built. In 1965 the transmission power of the mediumwave transmitter was increased to 600 kW and in 1968 to 1200 kW, resulting in Marnach mediumwave transmitter becoming the most powerful privately owned mediumwave transmitter in the world at that time.

On January 17, 1969 the FM transmission mast of the station collapsed and damaged the transmitter building. For the FM transmitters, which were planned to move in 1970 to the newly built Hosingen FM and TV mast, a temporary antenna was installed, which was dismantled after the Hosingen transmitter went in service.

In 1969 a 60-metre tall guyed ground-fed antenna mast was built, which, with its stronger skywave, allowed a better radio supply of the British Isles at night as the prevailing directional antenna. This antenna however was expanded in the 1970s to a system consisting of 5 105 meter tall guyed masts. Nevertheless it did not work as desired and later it was rebuilt again to the former three-mast antenna. The 60-metre mast used for night transmissions was given a reflector in form of a free-standing 65 meter tall lattice tower with triangular cross section in 1976 for bundling the transmitted power to the British Isles at night.

On December 30, 1991 the transmission of the English-speaking program of Radio Luxembourg was cancelled, while the transmitter remained in use for the German program "RTL Oldie Radio". Later the transmitter was often hired for other program suppliers. One of these suppliers was the Chinese foreign broadcasting service, which used it for transmitting programs in foreign languages at the evening and the German pop music radio MEGARADIO, which used it in 2002/03 in the daytime. In spring 2004 Marnach mediumwave transmitter worked first time in DRM-mode. At the beginning of 2005, it started regular DRM transmissions in the daytime, while at night the transmitter is still operated in the old AM mode, as there are not many radios available, which can demodulate programs in DRM mode. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marnach\\_transmitter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marnach_transmitter). (Mike Terry [miketerry73@btinternet.com](mailto:miketerry73@btinternet.com), mwdx 6 March)

**NETHERLANDS:** From <https://www.facebook.com/TheMightyKbc> "We are delighted to announce that from the 1st June 2015, KBC will be heard daily on medium wave. We will broadcast on 1602 kHz between 07.00 and 19.00 CET from transmitters aboard the LV Jenni Baynton. Our Sunday shortwave transmissions will continue on 6095 and we will add an extra hour onto 7375 transmission.

"To facilitate these latest changes, our Saturday 6095 transmissions will end on Saturday March 28th but all regular shows will be maintained on a new KBC Internet stream which will be available online 24/7. Also, look out later this year for KBC on DAB+.

"We hope you enjoy our new outlets and will join KBC on MW, SW, DAB+ and Online. Check out our website [kbcradio.eu](http://kbcradio.eu) and our FB page [facebook.com/TheMightyKbc](https://www.facebook.com/TheMightyKbc) for all the latest news."

Andy adds: Just to clarify: KBC will be replacing Radio Waddensee on 1602 from 1 June. There will be no change to Radio Seagull, which will continue to broadcast on 1602 at 1900-0700 Dutch time. Later this year, both stations will share a channel on the regional DAB+ multiplex. Radio Seagull will continue 24h on the internet. (Andy Sennitt, PCJ Media Facebook Page)

**RUSSIA:** The remaining high powered MW transmitters in Russia, as previously announced, left the air on February. First here is what remains after that date (NB – transmitters carrying private stations also appear to remain):

KHz – kW – Location – Regional service

711 7 Naryan-Mar, Nenetskiy Autonomny Okrug GTRK "Zapolyarje"/"Pomorje"  
738 25 Palana, Kamchatkiy kray GTRK "Kamchatka"  
936 5 Matveevka, Orenburgskaya oblast GTRK "Orenburg"  
1008 1 Tuapse, Krasnodarskiy kray  
1089 5 Tilichiki, Kamchatkiy kray GTRK "Kamchatka"  
1098 5 Nikolsk, Vologodskaya oblast GTRK "Vologda"  
1152 50 Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Khabarovskiy kray GTRK "Dalnevostochnoe"  
1251 1 Urup, Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia GTRK "Karachay-Cherkessia"  
1251 7 Cherkessk, Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia GTRK "Karachay-Cherkessia"  
1278 5 Bagdadin, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"  
1278 25 Barguzin, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"  
1350 5 Ust-Kan, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"  
1350 5 Ust-Ulagan, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"  
1395 5 Buguruslan, Orenburgskaya oblast GTRK "Orenburg"  
1440 5 Kosh-Agach, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"  
1440 5 Turochak, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"  
1440 5 Ust-Koksa, Altai Republic GTRK "Gorny Altai"  
1458 7 ?gva, Permskiy kray GTRK "Perm"  
1485 1 Kamenskiy, Kamchatkiy kray GTRK "Kamchatka"  
1521 5 Boguchani, Krasnoyarskiy kray GTRK "Krasnoyarsk"  
1584 1 Taksimo, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"  
1602 1 Novoiylynskiy, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"  
1602 1 Ust-Barguzin, Republic of Buryatia GTRK "Buryatskaya"

(Alexander Berezkin, St Petersburg, Russia "open\_dx", "RUS-DX" #804 Sunday/25, January 2015 via Anatoly Klepov (25/1-2015, via UQ))

**SWEDEN:** A few days ago, I discovered another very interesting documentary video that gives a look at the Radio Sweden shortwave transmitters at Hörby, and the Sölvesborg AM transmitter. Håkan Widenstedt, was the Chief Engineer for Radio Sweden when this film was shot in 2006. What is interesting about this video is the detailed view of the inside of the shortwave and mediumwave transmitters. And it offers some insight into the day-to-day work of an engineer for a large international broadcaster.

The film is in memory of Håkan, who passed away in 2011. It is 30 minutes long and was filmed and produced by Kelly Lindman. The conversation is in Swedish with English subtitles. Special thanks to Jan Oosterveen for making this available on YouTube for all of us to enjoy. <http://youtu.be/dx8GI6GzMRo>. (Rob Wagner VK3BVV, shortwavesites via DXLD)

**UKRAINE:** The Luch MW site near Mykolaiv (549 + 1431 kHz) was off the air March 5 to 13 due to unpaid electricity bills. Heard 14 March in Russian until 2000 s/off. (WWDX, MR, BE, OA)

Update re Ukraine: Regional MW transmissions have been reduced

837 Chernivtsi on the air 06-1100 only  
873 Dnipropetrovsk on the air 10-1300  
1278 It was just a test and the contact Jaroslav Derevyagin thinks that finance is the problem.  
1377 RadioMykolaiv on the air 08-1100  
1377 Vinnitsa on the air 1100-1515. (Jaroslav Derevyagin 16.2.2015 Mauno Ritola, ARC)

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

### COLOMBIA: Changes in Departamento del Cesar:

1030 HJRF Ondas del Cesar. Calle 5 No, 1-76 Local 210, Aguachica. Sked: 1000-0200  
1050 HJBB Caracol, Valledupar. Cl. 15 # 11A-56, Valledupar.  
1170 HJPB Ondas de Macondo. Now inactive, with technical and Ministerio de Comunicaciones problems  
1380 HJMM Vida, Valledupar ex Manantial  
(Rafael Rodríguez via Mauno Ritola, 27.2.2015)

**CUBA:** 1040/CMCL Radio Mayabeque – Per communication with the station, broadcast schedule for the station is 1140 1100-0500 UTC winter time (summer time 1000-0400), except in July and August when they are on 24 hours. (WRTH Monitor via Mauno Ritola 28.2.2015)

**HONDURAS:** Victor Osorio informs, that the stations in Catamacas on 1190 and 1340 kHz were licensed, but never installed. (WRTH Monitor via Mauno Ritola 27.2.2015)

**MEXICO:** Here is important news about the migration of AM stations to FM in Mexico, maybe explaining the abrupt disappearance of some MW stations (like XEJ 970?). Summarizing:

AM stations of under 1 kW must continue on FM only; AM stations of more than 5 kW have the option of moving only to FM or continuing on both (This does not make sense. And what about stations at exactly 1 or 5 kW???) The previous cutoff was 10 kW. Stations in Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua which do not meet the power requirements will have to close down AM on January 15. 25 kW mentioned is the typical power (ERP?) of new FM replacement transmitters. This story mixes in with the television digital transition which ought to be an entirely separate matter. (Source not given! Via GRA blog, Argentina, translated into English and summarized via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**VENEZUELA:** Report from Santiago San Gil G to WRTH Monitor:

Three stations belonging to the Circuito Radio Venezuela are currently inactive: Guayana 880, Llanera 960 and Radio Tricolor 990.

Without a shadow of a doubt Venezuelan AM radio is currently experiencing an unprecedented crisis due to the terrible economic situation and the political conflict which has been going on in the country for more than 15 years.

The Circuito Radio Venezuela – with Venezuela 790 in Caracas as its main station – is owned by entrepreneur Tobías Carrero Nacar. It is right in the middle of this radio electric hurricane. Santiago San Gil refers to the many closed Venezuelan AM stations as an "AM Radio cemetery throughout the country".

Guayana 880 in Puerto Ordaz, Estado Bolívar, left the air due to the lack of spare parts for its ailing transmitter. The programming can still be heard on the network's web page but it is unknown when the station will return to the AM band.

Radio Llanera 960 in Acarigua, Estado Portuguesa, has been closed and its transmitting station dismantled according to DXer Edgard Chirinos Vargas.

Radio Tricolor 990 in Barquisimeto, Estado Lara, is inactive due to theft at the transmitting station according to local newspaper El Impulso. At the time this report was filed the station remains inactive and its future is far from certain according to DXer William López in Cabudare. The other stations making up the network are still on the air.

Radio Ondas del Caribe 1150 in Punto Fijo, Estado Falcón, is still active having moved to new premises. The building which had been the station's home for more than 50 years is up for sale according to DXer Jorge Luis Medina.

Radio Barinas celebrates its 70th anniversary!

On February 5, 2015, Radio Barinas 880 AM in Barinas, Estado Barinas, celebrated 70 years of broadcasting. The station's director is Leopoldo "Leo" Alselmi who is also the official spokesman for the network. He is the nephew of the late broadcaster Ángel María Pérez known as El Tigre. He was one of the founders of Radio Barinas. He also owned the long gone Radio Continental 940 AM, the state's only broadcaster operating on shortwave. Its frequency of 4940 kHz was heard all over the world. Pérez also founded the first FM station in Barinas – Stereo Rey 97.1 FM. (via Mauno Ritola/Christer Brunström)



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3. Tim Noonan	201	6. Dennis Vroom	123	9. Mike Sanburn	10		

The contest is winding down for this season. Catches through May 31 2015 will count toward your total points. 73 – Nancy

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