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2 new folks this time: **Michael Cathcart** in Branson MO and **Kenneth Hawkins** in St. Charles MO!! Deadline for our next issue is **Monday 5/18 @ 6 PM PLT.**

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Joint Convention East

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** 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**

Joint 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**.

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** or phoning 414 813-7373.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND TALKS:

We're setting up the schedule of informal talks and presentations for the joint **IRCA/NRC/WTFDA/DecalcoMania** convention in Fort Wayne in July and Torrance in September. If you're interested in sharing some DXing experience with us; perhaps presenting a talk on any subject useful to DX-ers assembled, please contact Mark Durenberger; **Mark4@durenberger.com**

We can provide you with audio/visual support for slides and audio playback and even duplicate any handouts you might like to share.

We're interested in your experiences so please get in touch!

Thanks folks, **Mark Durenberger**

DX Audio Service

From Paul Swearingen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Radio Club: We regret to announce that DX Audio Service has been terminated by Fred Vobbe after 30 years, who has decided to retire. Unfortunately, the NRC has been unable to find a replacement for Fred. I suggest that those with suitable print readers use **e-DXN.com** as an alternate source for current DX information.

ELECTION REPORT – Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6
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Total Votes Cast: 30 (for exact totals, please contact the ECC)

President Voting Result: **Phil Bytheway** is re-elected

Secretary/Treasurer Voting Result: **Lynn Hollerman** is re-elected

Board of Directors Voting Results:

Dennis Gibson
John C Johnson

Patrick Martin
Bruce Portzer

Mike Sanburn
Robert Wien

Bill Block was also elected by write-in votes

The winners of the **Ted Vasilopoulos Award** and the **Ric Heald Award** will be announced at the business meeting of the IRCA in Fort Wayne, along with presentation of the awards if the winners are present.



IRCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Phil Bytheway – 9705 Mary NW – Seattle WA 98117-2334
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26.2.7 Approve **Brandon Jordan** as Tropical Band editor (taking over from Pat Martin).

All 7 BoD members voted in favor of this. Brandon has been editing the Tropical Band column for some time now; this just makes it official. pb



DATE OF COLUMN: April 25, **Column data span:** April 11 2015-April 25 2015, Data courtesy of **Stationintel.com**, FCC database and member contributions

CALL CHANGE

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
910	KBIM	Roswell, NM	KKBE

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
580	KANA	Anaconda, MT	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
580	KRFE	Lubbock, TX	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
580	WACQ	Tuskegee, AL	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
600	WVAR	Richwood, WV	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
630	KVMA	Magnolia, AR	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
660	KAPS	Mount Vernon, WA	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
700	WCNF	Dothan, AL	was unknown format, now black gospel, adds slogan: "Praise 107.7"
860	WSON	Henderson, KY	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits, old slogan: "The Home Team WSON", new: "Your Tunes, Your Team, Your Town" old slogan: "The Voice of Encouragement", new: "The Voice of Hope"
880	KHAC	Tse Bonito, NM	was news/talk, now rhythmic CHR, old slogan: "News Talk 910", new: "The Beat 93.7/910"
910	KKBE	Roswell, NM	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
910	WGTO	Cassopolis, MI	was silent, back on with CBS Sports Radio, adds slogan: "Sports Animal 920"
920	KARN	Little Rock, AR	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
920	KWYS	West Yellowstone, MT	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
920	WHJD	Hazlehurst, GA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
930	WMGR	Bainbridge, TN	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
980	KDSJ	Deadwood, SD	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
990	WDYZ	Orlando, FL	was silent, now Spanish contemporary Christian, adds slogan: "Radio Luz"
990	WPRO	Mayaguez, PR	adds Spanish oldies format
1000	WRQR	Paris, TN	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1050	WGP	Sanford, NC	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1050	WMSG	Oakland, MD	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1070	WCSZ	San Souci, SC	old slogan: "La Jefa 1070", new: "La Jefa 94.9 FM & 1070 AM"
1080	KOAK	Red Oak, IA	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1110	KVTT	Mineral Wells, TX	old slogan: "Radio Dhanak", new: "Bringing The Community Together"
1120	WKAJ	St. Johnsville, NY	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1140	WRLV	Salyersville, KY	old slogan: "The Eagle", new: "Kool Gold"
1140	WXLZ	St. Paul, VA	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1150	KGDD	Portland, OR	adds Bustos Media-La Gran D network
1170	WCLN	Clinton, NC	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1180	WUMY	Turrell, AR	was classic country, now classic hits, old slogan: "Big Country 100.1 & 100.5", new: "Guess FM"
1190	WJPJ	Humboldt, TN	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1210	KGYN	Guymon, OK	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1210	KQEQ	Fowler, CA	was southern gospel, now Spanish religion
1210	KRSV	Afton, WY	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1210	WANB	Waynesburg, PA	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1220	WFKN	Franklin, NY	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1230	KBOV	Bishop, CA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1230	KIFW	Sitka, AK	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
1230	KJQS	Murray, UT	now silent
1230	KLAV	Las Vegas, NV	was talk, now new unknown format
1230	KLCB	Libby, MT	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1230	KLIC	Monroe, LA	now silent
1230	WBPZ	Lock Haven, PA	old slogan: "Oldies 1230", new: "AM 1230 WBPZ"
1240	KASO	Minden, LA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1250	KCFI	Cedar Falls, IA	old slogan: "Cruisin' 1250", new: "Cruisin' KCFI"
1250	KIKZ	Seminole, TX	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
1250	WQHI	Live Oak, FL	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1260	KWSH	Wewoka, OK	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1270	WPKR	Portland, TN	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1280	KZFS	Spokane, WA	was sports, now contemporary Christian, old slogan: "1280 Fox Sports Spokane", new: "Up 99.3"
1300	WCLG	Morgantown, WV	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1310	WTIL	Madisonville, KY	old slogan: "ESPN 1310", new: "Madisonville's ESPN 1310 AM"
1320	KSCR	Eugene, OR	was business news, now Spanish, old slogan: "1320 Info Radio", new: "1320 Radio Unica"
1320	WHIE	Griffin, GA	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1320	WICO	Salisbury, MD	was news/talk, now talk, old slogan: "Delmarva's Talk Station", new: "Delmarva's Talk Stations 92.5/1320"
1330	WETZ	New Martinsville, WV	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1340	WBRK	Pittsfield, MA	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
1340	WKRM	Columbia, TN	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
1340	WLDY	Ladysmith, WI	was CBS Sports Radio, now NBC Sports Radio
1400	KADR	Elkader, IA	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
1400	KCOW	Alliance, NE	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1400	KNNR	Sparks, NV	was talk, now regional Mexican, old slogan: "KNNR AM 1400 Local Government", new: "La Mejor!"
1400	KRUN	Ballinger, TX	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1400	WDTK	Detroit, MI	old slogan: "AM 1400 The Patriot", new: 1420 AM & 96.5 FM CBS Sports Radio
1400	WHGB	Harrisburg, PA	adds Westwood One-Nash Icon
1410	KRWB	Roseau, MN	was Cumulus Classic Rock, now Westwood One Classic Rock
1420	WAOC	St Augustine, FL	was ESPN Radio, now CBS Sports Radio, old slogan: "ESPN Radio 1420", new: "1420 AM & 96.5 FM CBS Sports Radio"
1430	KBRC	Mount Vernon, WA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1430	KROO	Breckenridge, TX	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary
1430	WFHK	Pell City, AL	old slogan: "94.9 The River", new: "94.1 The River"
1440	WDXQ	Cochran, GA	was silent, now Westwood One Hot AC, adds slogan: "96Q"
1440	WHDM	McKenzie, TN	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1440	WZYX	Cowan, TN	old slogan: "Sam FM", new: "The Eagle 1440"
1450	KGIW	Alamosa, CO	was Cumulus Hits & Favorites, now Westwood One Adult Contemporary

1450	KVCK	Wolf Point, MT	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1450	WHLS	Port Huron, MI	was classic hits, now modern rock, old slogan: "The Cruise", new: "Rock 105.5"
1450	WLKS	West Liberty, KY	old slogan: "The Eagle", new: "Kool Gold"
1450	WTRQ	Dyersburg, TN	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1450	WZGX	Bessemer, AL	was silent, now regional Mexican
1460	KKAQ	Thief River Falls, MN	was Cumulus Classic Rock, now Westwood One Classic Rock
1470	WCLA	Claxton, GA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1470	XERCN	Tijuana, BCN	old slogan: "Radio Hispana 1470 AM", new: "Uniradio Informa"
1480	WPWC	Dumfries-Triangle, VA	was unknown format, now Spanish religion
1480	WVOV	Bridgeport, AL	was Yahoo! Sports Radio, now CBS Sports
1490	WICY	Malone, NY	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1490	WOHI	East Liverpool, OH	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1490	WSGB	Sutton, WV	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1490	WSVM	Valdese, NC	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1500	WSEM	Donalsonville, GA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1510	KIFG	Iowa Falls, IA	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1510	WQUL	Woodruff, SC	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1520	WTRI	Brunswick, MD	was silent, back on with new unknown format
1530	KLBW	New Boston, TX	now silent
1560	KHBR	Hillsboro, TX	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1560	WMRO	Gallatin, TN	was Cumulus Today's Best Hits, now Westwood One Hot AC
1560	WTNS	Coshocton, OH	was Cumulus Today's Best Country, now Westwood One Mainstream Country
1580	KHIG	Colorado Springs, CO	was sports, now talk, old slogan: "Fox Sports Radio 1580", new: "K-High 1580"
1580	KTLU	Rusk, TX	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1580	WNTF	Biithlo, FL	was silent, back on with new unknown format
1580	WZKY	Albemarle, NC	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits
1590	KYNG	Springdale, AR	was regional Mexican, now tropical, old slogan: "La Maquina Musical", new: "Estero Rumba"
1590	WHLX	Marine City, MI	was classic hits, now modern rock, old slogan: "The Cruise", new: "Rock 105.5"
1600	WRPN	Ripon, WI	was Cumulus Classic Hits, now Westwood One Classic Hits

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Dennis Gibson of Santa Barbara CA sends along the following dated 4/14/15:

KTSN-1340 Elko, Nevada requested cancellation of its license. From the April 14 FCC Daily Digest: "Renewal of license. Dismissed 4/9/2015 per the licensee's 4/9/2015 letter request to cancel the station license".

AND 3 ITEMS CONCERNING KHIG-1580, SEE BELOW:

Mike Sanburn of Lakewood CA sends along the following from Bill Block of Prescott Valley AZ dated 4/15/15:

Just heard the new KHIG-1580 in Colorado Springs with "K-High 1580" at 2140 EST was KREL.

Mike Sanburn passes along the following dated 4/16/15 from Radio Ink Magazine:

(Article URL: <http://www.radioink.com/article.asp?id=2917347&spid=24698>)

Colorado Springs AM Station Gets High, 4-15-15

Colorado Springs syndicated sports talker KREL/Fox Sports 1580 has flipped formats and call letters to KHIG/K-High 1580, a mostly-marijuana talk station. The new format and call letters debuted on Monday.

According to the Colorado Springs Gazette, six area medical marijuana dispensaries signed on as advertisers. There will be three local weekday shows: Wake and Bake from 7-9 am, High Noon from Noon-1 pm, and High Drive from 5-7 pm. There will also be three one-hour newscasts of the Los Angeles-based National Marijuana News service, with the rest of the schedule filled with syndicated medical talk programming from the Chicago-based RadioMD network.

Although the station is still owned by Pilgrim Communications, it is now being operated by SoCo Radio, owned and managed by Mike and Lori Knar. The three-year-old company took over operation of the station via an LMA on April 1. SoCo Radio now operates eight radio stations in Colorado.

Knar told the Gazette: "I don't have much knowledge about this industry and I don't partake, so I am the world's worst expert on it, but I just saw a business opportunity. I have been trying to lease this station for two years because it has one of the better AM signals in the Springs."

Kit Sage of Arvada CO sends along a similar article dated 4/17/15 from radioinsight.com:

(Article URL: <http://radioinsight.com/blog/headlines/92713/pot-talk-launches-in-colorado-springs/>)

Pot Talk Launches In Colorado Springs Last Updated on April 15 2015 at 7:15 am 1580 KHIG K High Colorado Springs Pot Talk Marijuana With Colorado being one of two states legalizing marijuana and 4/20 approaching, SoCo Radio has flipped Sports "Fox Sports 1580" KREL Colorado Springs CO to Marijuana Talk as "K-High 1580" KHIG. "K-High" will feature three local shows supplemented by National Marijuana News syndicated programming and the RadioMD network. Diablo, Dr Tre and Les-B-Honest will host "Wake & Bake" from 7-9am. High Noon will air from 12-1pm, and High Drive from 5-7pm. KHIG is owned by Pilgrim Communications and operated by SoCo Radio via LMA.

Ye editor passes along the following dated 4/20/15:

Local WYRE-810 Annapolis MD apparently knocked off by a real bad lightning storm we had Monday night 4/20, but appears to be back on the air as of 4/25/15, off 4 days. They are Hot AC format and part of the khztv.com network along with WAMD-970 and WKHZ-1460 MD.

Martin Foltz of Mission Viejo CA passes along the following dated 4/19/15:

Two recent format changes heard here on 1230 kHz

1230 KGEO Bakersfield CA was Talk, now Sports, running ESPN and CBS Sports Radio programming (see KERN website and CBS Sports Radio website). <http://www.kernradio.com/> has ESPN Bakersfield 1230 AM logo.

1230 KSGG Reno NV heard with Country Music, ID as "Rodeo 96.9" and mentioning 90's Country, see their website <http://969therodeo.com/>. Thanks to Mike Sanburn and Rick Dau for their help with this ID.

Wow, long column!! Thanks for all the great member contributions! Had a heck of a lightning storm this past Monday, really lit up the sky here. Into late April now here, short time till May Day then Cinco de Mayo, celebrate with a Tecate Cerveza! 73's. **Bob Wien**

CANADIAN RADIO NEWS – Dan Sys

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For **April 2015** (May 1 2015 – next update June 1 2015)

FORMAT CHANGE

590 NL St John's VOICM From News-Talk/Country to News-Talk/Classic Hits.

LICENSE RESCINDED

1350 QC Gatineau CIRA-5 Voluntarily surrendered license. Station was not financially viable.

PROPOSED NEW STATIONS

580	AB	Edmonton	Commercial. 10,000 watts fulltime. Multilingual. South Fraser Broadcasting. (reapplication)
1350	ON	Brampton	Commercial. 1,000 watts (days)/38 watts (nights). English News-Talk (days) / Multilingual (nights). Ravinder Singh Pannu.
1350	ON	Brampton	Commercial. 1,000 watts (days)/45 watts (nights). Multilingual. Radio Humsafar.
1350	ON	Brampton	Commercial. 1,000 watts (days)/55 watts (nights). English News-Talk (days) / Multilingual (nights). Neeti P Ray. (reapplication)
1650	AB	Edmonton	Commercial. 10,000 watts fulltime. Multilingual. Neeti P Ray.



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

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- 720 KFIR **OR**, Sweet Home 4/28 strong in KDWN null at 0800 with "Voice of the Valley, KFIR." Good signal for 184 watts. (LG-MT)
- 840 KARS **NM**, Belen 4/20 mixing with KXNT, 0901 out of rock music with "Area 102.9" slogan and a "KARS Belen" ID. (JCJ-AZ)
- 920 KVEC **CA**, San Luis Obispo 4/27 0829 with weather report then "KVEC." (BB-AZ)
- 1140 KXST **NV**, North Las Vegas 4/27 0800 with "KXST Las Vegas." (BB-AZ)
- KZMQ **WY**, Greybull 4/25 0851 with weather report and 0852 "Good Time Oldies KZMQ." (BB-AZ)
- 1240 KNRY **CA**, Monterey 4/24 0837 good signal this morning with full legal ID by lady and into "The Way We Were" by Barbra Streisand on their new standard format. (MS-CA)
- 1290 KOUU **ID**, Pocatello 4/28 0900 with "Country Classics 1290 and 102.9 KOUU Pocatello." (BB-AZ)
- 1340 KTOX **CA**, Needles 4/27 0854 with "KTOX Needles, California." (BB-AZ)
- 1350 KCCY **CO**, Pueblo 4/27 0900 with "KCCY Pueblo" then Fox Sports. (BB-AZ)
- 1440 KPUR **TX**, Amarillo 4/22 under KAZG, 0100 out of CBS Sports programming with "You're listening to CBS Sports Radio on 1440 KPUR Amarillo." (JCJ-AZ)
- 1510 KGA **WA**, Spokane 4/26 mixing with KCKK, 0103 out of CBS Sports with "KGA weather forecast" and then "...on 1510 KGA" back into CBS sports. (JCJ-AZ)
- +4/28 0821 with "Sports Radio KGA Spokane." (BB-AZ)

As John just said to me "Summer is here!" From the looks of WDXR it appears that is true. It is May and the DX season is definitely coming to an end. The next WDXR deadline is in two weeks, Friday May 15. – Nancy 5/1 2100



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1220 CJRB **MB**, Boissevain. 4/26 over CFAM. 00:20 with classical music. New. [SP-WI]

25 & 50 YEARS AGO

50 Years Ago May 13, 1964 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Dallas John** of Denver CO received a verie from KFQD-730 for his 50th state verified ... **DeWayne Bruce** of Denver CO logged WKBH-1410 for his first Wisconsin station. //25 Years Ago May 13 1989 issue ... **Tom Jasinski** of Shorwood IL received a verie from CKSL-1410. It took 1,800 days to arrive ... **Ric Heald** of Sacramento told about a visit from **Ted Wendland** from Calgary AB.

OPEN MIKE

It looks like the DX season is coming to an end. Thanks to Sheryl we have a report. This column was typed 5-1-15. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP – Eric Bueneman (NØUIH) – 631 Coachway Lane – Hazelwood MO 63042-1347
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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

- (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist (KG4LAC)**, Manassas VA
 Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop
- (JJR-MI) **John J. Rieger**, L'Anse MI
 Grundig Satellit 750, stock antenna, Terk AM1000 Loop

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 960 KNEB **NE**, Scottsbluff – 4/11 0754 noted with a mention of "3109 Avenue B in Scottsbluff" and a "KNEB ID. A good and loud signal was noted; way atop the frequency. NEW! (JJR-MI)
- 990 KRMO **MO**, Cassville – 4/11 0759 noted with a commodities report from Brownfield Livestock, legal ID. A poor signal was noted with no sign of CBW. (JJR-MI)
- 1090 KBOZ **MT**, Bozeman – 4/25 0631 noted with call letters and ads for the Bozeman Chronicles and Good Vibrations at 22 West Main in Bozeman. A poor signal was noted, though alone on the channel. (JJR-MI)
- 1230 KMRS **MN**, Morris – 4/28 0800 noted with an ad for the West Point Lodge, legal ID into local news before losing the signal. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 1300 KOLY **SD**, Mobridge – 4/12 0827 noted with "KOLY, the Light is on" slogan into an Adult Standards format. A poor signal was noted over a faded WOOD. (JJR-MI)
- 1320 WKRK **NC**, Murphy – 4/4 0629 noted with a Country format, "Real Country" mention by a male announcer. Another male announcer gave this ID: "You're tuned into 1320 AM WKRK Murphy... WKRK". The signal was noted mixing with WGOC, WISW, WVNZ and two unidentified ESPN Radio affiliates. (KK-VA)
- 1320 WISW **SC**, Columbia – 4/4 0713 noted with NBC Sports Radio programming, "NBC Sports Radio" mention by a male announcer. A second male announcer gave this mention: "Hi, I'm Kevin Bass, and you're listening to NBC Sports Radio." A third male announcer gave this ID: "1320 The Fan, Columbia's source for sports radio; 1320 The Fan-dot-com". This is a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WGOC, WKRK, WVNZ and two unidentified ESPN Radio affiliates. (KK-VA)
- 1320 WGOC **TN**, Kingsport – 4/4 0706 noted with "Giving you the business, AM 1320 WGOC" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WISW, WKRK, WVNZ and two unidentified ESPN Radio affiliates. (KK-VA) (Your two ESPN Radio affiliates could be WCOG Greensboro NC and/or WVGW Lynchburg VA – eb)
- 1330 WESR **VA**, Onley – 4/4 0859 noted with "Your Station for Playing the Best... favorite stars, AM 1330 WESR Onley, Boston's Cool Classics." Boston refers to Boston VA, which is near Assateague and Chincoteague. The signal was noted mixing with WYRD, WBTM, WRAA and unidentified stations with Christian Teaching and an Oldies format. (KK-VA)

- 1340 WLSG **NC**, Wilmington – 4/4 0659 noted with “Your Beach, Your Music, the all-new 94-1 The Beach” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WVCV, WAGR and unidentified stations carrying talk, Fox Sports Radio and Christian teaching. (KK-VA) (Could your Christian teaching station be WYCB Washington DC? – eb)
- 1360 WIXI **AL**, Jasper – 4/4 0600 noted with “WIXI Jasper” jingle ID. The signal was noted mixing with WMOB, WHBG, WCHL and unidentified stations with talk and Fox Sports Radio. (KK-VA)
- 1360 WMOB **AL**, Mobile – 4/4 0558 noted with “You are listening to WMOB Mobile. We are Mobile’s Christian Voice right here at 1360 on your AM dial” legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WIXI, WHBG, WCHL and unidentified stations carrying talk and Fox Sports Radio. (KK-VA) (Your Fox Sports Radio station is most likely WSAI Cincinnati OH – eb)
- 1370 WPAZ **PA**, Pottstown – 4/4 0600 noted with “WPAZ 1370 AM” ID by a male announcer; a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WTAB, WWCB and an unidentified Talk station. (KK-VA)
- 1370 WWCB **PA**, Corry – 4/4 0559 noted with “Serving Northwest Pennsylvania and Southwest New York with pride since 1955, this is AM 1370 WWCB” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WTAB, WPAZ and an unidentified Talk station. (KK-VA) (This is a semi-local in Erie PA; the station is in the eastern end of Erie County – eb)
- 1380 WNRR **SC**, North Augusta – 4/4 0559 noted with “WNRR, your... for South Carolina. The Original, One of a Kind, 1380 AM... station” ID by a male announcer. Seems WYNF carrying ESPN has become WNRR with (Urban) Gospel programming. The signal was noted mixing with WKJV, WTOB, WWMI and two unidentified Talk stations. (KK-VA)
- 1390 WOHS **NC**, Shelby – 4/4 0559 noted with “Cleveland County Sports with Bert... Shelby... Real Country” mention by a male announcer. At 0731, this announcement was made by a male announcer: “Currently at the Big O Country studios, it’s 7:31 and the temperature is 63 degrees.” This is a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WSPO, WMPO, and unidentified stations carrying a Christian Talk format and Spanish programming. (KK-VA)
- 1390 WMPO **OH**, Middleport – 4/4 0644 noted with a “Fox Sports 1390 and 103.7” ID by a male announcer. This is a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WSPO, WOHS and unidentified stations with Christian talk and Spanish programming. (KK-VA)
- 1400 KADR **IA**, Elkader – 4/27 0524 noted with a mention of “KADR Weather for early Monday”. A poor signal was noted, even without WCCY. (JJR-MI)
- 1400 KEYL **MN**, Long Prairie – 4/25 0800 noted with legal ID, ABC News. A poor signal was noted with WBIZ and WCCY all in at once. Kind of cool! (JJR-MI)
- 1400 WAVQ **NC**, Jacksonville – 4/4 0728 noted with “This is Connie Sellecca with Intelligence... here on The Q, 95.5, 1400 and worldwide at WAVQ Radio-dot-com” ID by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WPCE, WKAV, WHHV and unidentified stations carrying vocal music, Spanish language programming and ESPN Radio. (KK-VA)
- 1400 WHHV **VA**, Hillsville – 4/4 0850 noted with “WHHV AM 1400 Hillsville, Virginia; Your Victory Gospel Radio Station” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WPCE, WKAV, WAVQ and unidentified stations with vocal music, Spanish language programming and ESPN Radio. (KK-VA)
- 1400 WATW **WI**, Ashland – 4/23 2100 noted with legal ID, mention of “A Heartland Communications Station” into ABC News. A poor signal was noted in the mess. (JJR-MI)
- 1410 WHLN **KY**, Harlan – 4/4 0600 noted with “WHLN Harlan” jingle ID. At 0624, this ID by a male announcer was noted: “This is the station where you’ll find all your favorite artists. We’re 1410 WHLN, playing the best music of the ‘80s, ‘90s and now”. The signal was noted mixing with KQV, WSCW, WNER, WING and an unidentified Spanish language station. (KK-VA)
- 1410 WNER **NY**, Watertown – 4/4 0711 noted with mentions of “Fox Sports Radio 1410, Watertown’s Sports Authority” “place”, “sports” and “Fox Sports Radio 1410, The Winner” by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with KQV, WSCW, WHLN, WING and an unidentified Spanish language station. (KK-VA) (A possible ID for your Spanish station could be WIQR Prattville AL – eb)
- 1600 KNCY **NE**, Nebraska City – 4/12 0818 noted with a short promo mentioning “2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Big Apple News Radio”. A poor signal was noted over a faded WAAM. This is a new station in the logbook. (JJR-MI)

EDITOR’S NOTES

Even though the warm weather brings us FM DX in the eastern part of the country, keep tuned to the AM frequencies for DX this summer. There’s plenty of AM BCB DX during the summer months. When the conditions on the FM dial are not good, it’s a great time to check out AM during warm weather. 73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Next deadline in 2 weeks. All times UTC/GMT. Thanks to a misplaced report from Bruce, we have some tips this time!!

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 972 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Briefly peaking 1313 4/8 with discourse between man & woman. (bp-WA)
- 981 **UniD**. Bits of talk amid much splatter 1314. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **JAPAN**, JORF, Yokohama. Japanese male 1314 4/8 in 1420 splash. (bp-WA)
- 1566 **KOREA-SOUTH**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Japanese lady 1319 4/8, then music. (bp-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VOA. Male talk 1311 4/8. (bp-WA)
- 1593 **UniD**. Occasional syllables in the 1590 splash 1316, sounded Chinese. (bp-WA)

MISCELLANEOUS

Hereby you will find my report of the last St-Patrick’s Day solar storm. There was enough content to justify adding a new page to my website. The highlights to me among all Latins was to log five Ecuadorean stations including two new entries (Radio Sucre on 700 and Radio Ecuantena on 1030) plus a new Argentinian on 1030. Surprisingly, no Brazilian stations were noticed.

The page contain 46 audio clips and a link to the logs’ report as well. Enjoy: http://www.quebecdx.com/2015_st_patrick_day_solar_storm_audio_files.html.
Sylvain Naud, Portneuf QC, CAN www.quebecdx.com

Great logs Sylvain. Your report builds on some of the previously published reports, including mine, because you covered some time slots after 0400 UTC (during which I had not DXed).

I have added links to your logs/recordings on my page covering the same period: http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_march2015.htm.

If anyone else has log reports online from the last two weeks of March, please let me know and I’ll add links to them as well. Doesn’t matter if East Coast, Midwest, West Coast, Europe, Asia, or anywhere else.

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Deadline – Sunday Midnight Central Time.

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 660 **MÉXICO** XEEY, Aguascalientes, Agua. APR 28 0650 – as I tune in at 0650, convenient ID, “tocando éxitos, La Kaliente, 102.9”, ie XEEY, 50/10 kW in Aguascalientes, dominating channel. [Hauser-OK]
- 730 **MÉXICO** XESOS, Agua Prieta, Son. APR 20 0619 – surprised to hear the NA playing, orchestral version, looping westward, a bit late after local midnight if from the UT-6 zone. 730 is normally dominated by XEHB, so I am even more surprised to hear an ID following for XHSOS FM 97.3 y XESOS AM 730, 25 kW (which is the FM power, AM listed as 2000/300 watts!, 24h), “La Ranchera de Agua Prieta”, and into such music. No sign of XEHB, off now? XESOS is stronger than 100/100 kW XEX from the south. Agua Prieta, Sonora, is the border town across from Douglas in the SE corner of AZ, so in UT -7 zone, playing anthem at 11:18 pm local. On a Sunday night, maybe skewed by ‘La Hora Nacional’, which might have aired at 10 pm local, after which some stations patriotically play the NA rather than (or in addition to?) at midnight. [Hauser-OK]
- +APR 21 0621 – rechecking 24+ hours later, no NA, but “La Ranchera” ID with a “siete” in a frequency, loops west, and again no sign of XEHB, Ke Buena. Its nominal hours in the IRCA Log are only 13-01 UT, but seems I have heard it later. [Hauser-OK]

- 1020 **CUBA** Radio Reloj. April 28 0619 – “RR” in code, so there’s a Radio Reloj outlet. None of the three Cubans on 1020 in WRTH 2015 is Reloj, so maybe a new one, or one of the trio plugs into Reloj overnight. Or: Terry Krueger’s Cubalist as of Feb 11 2014 recalls that in 2003-2006y there was a jammer against Martí on 1020 in Jarobo, Las Tunas with Reloj audio. Also linked is Mauricio Molano’s more recent exhaustive listing from official sources as of 2010y, showing 1020 Reloj as 10 kW in Victoria de las Tunas. [Hauser-OK]
- 1030p **MÉXICO** XEYC, Radio Fórmula, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. April 27 0530 – Spanish announcement mentions Chihuahua; CCI from something else with Spanish music (there are 11 other XEs listed on 1030), and another station in English. Probably XEYC. [Hauser-OK]
- 1100p **MÉXICO** XETGO, Tlaltenango, Zac. April 28 0629 – Mexican music with tuba, loops SSW and over WTAM, presumably usual XETGO. [Hauser-OK]

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- 3290 **GUYANA** Voice of Guyana, Georgetown. MAY 1 0545 – noted with discussion program and local ads in English. Fair to poor signal. [Bueneman-MO]
 4055 **GUATEMALA** Radio Verdad, Chiquimula. MAY 1 0537 – noted with vocal Christian music and undermodulated talk in Spanish. Fair to poor signal. [Bueneman-MO]

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A Comparison of a 7” FSL antenna and the Kiwa Pocket Loop

The Kiwa Pocket Loop has been available for many years (see details at <http://www.kiwa.com/pktloop.html>). As you can see from Photo 1 compared with Photo 2, it is an ingenious arrangement that, with a couple of twists, compresses down to quite a small size for transport, with a total weight of about 13ounces (~370 grams). But it is its operation as an antenna that is important. When expanded, it is a 12.5” diameter tuned air core loop antenna, covering 530 kHz to 23 MHz in four bands using a battery powered amplifier that requires 27mA from a 9 volt battery. It was designed for use with portable radios in mind, particularly with the Sony ICF-2010, and can either be inductively coupled to the radio from the amplifier output via a coupling coil, or fed into a high impedance antenna input (not 50 ohms however). The Pocket Loop includes a broadband noise generator, which, when switched on, provides a broadband noise signal. The main loop is then tuned for maximum noise output, which is easier than trying to peak a fluctuating signal. Once tuned, the noise generator is switched off. Like any loop, it can be rotated to minimize interference, though, unless the receiver’s internal loop is bypassed (as with the 2010’s antenna input) when the Pocket Loop is used, the null will be a combination of the nulls of both Pocket Loop and radio. For the DXer who travels light, it has been a fine booster for a portable radio, taking up very little room.

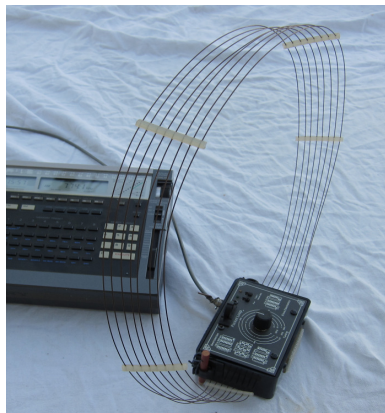


Photo 2



Photo 1

2010’s internal loop antenna, while the Pocket Loop, either fed the ICF2010 inductively using the little coupling coil, or directly to the antenna input but with the antenna plug pulled out slightly, which enables the preamplifier of the 2010. When listening to overseas DX in the morning, it was sometimes difficult to figure out whether a poorer response from one or the other was due to fading of the signal, increased splatter, or to the capability of the antenna, so the general findings were based on several readings to try to swamp out that variability.

General observations:

First of all, there is no doubt that both antennas gave a substantial boost to the 2010’s barefoot capabilities. I sometimes got the impression that the radio was being swamped by the splatter and noise that seems to be an inevitable accompaniment to overseas DX. I’m not sure if this was a subtle form of overloading, or whether it is just that the external antennas were simply giving a clearer idea of the relative strengths of the desired signal versus the interference from the splatter and noise.

The TP audios actually heard were on 747, 774, 972 and 1566. 972 was also heard once barefoot on the 2010, fairly readably, so all the external antennas did at that time were to boost the volume, but the others were only available using the external antennas, though there was too much splatter for good copy. Listening this way sure made me appreciate the Flag antennas I normally use!

This FSL was not one of Gary DeBock’s monster models which can be as much as 15” diameter, so its enhancement of the 2010’s received signal would likely have been greater with one of the larger models. This is a sobering thought, as there was only one configuration of the Pocket Loop where it was competitive with the 7” FSL in terms of raw signal strength. If the Pocket Loop was used with its coupling coil, or even if its amplifier’s output was fed to the ICF-2010’s antenna input, it couldn’t deliver the signal levels that the FSL did to the ICF-2010. Only when the antenna plug was pulled part way out of the 2010’s antenna jack (enabling the radio’s internal preamplifier), were the two antennas comparable in their signal enhancing capabilities.

The “ferrite sleeve loop” (FSL) likely needs no introduction to anyone who has DXed medium wave in the last few years, see Photo 3. Its original design was 7” in diameter, like the one used in these tests, but there are now models that are over double the diameter. To get a full idea of the FSL possibilities, join the Ultralight Yahoo group (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ultralightdx/info>) and browse the files area. This loop is not “Ultralight” however, weighing in at nearly 8 pounds of solid ferrite muscle, and will fit into a 14” x 9” x 12” box.

The FSL is meant to be inductively coupled to portable radios that have internal ferrite rod loop antennas, so is for use by MW, or perhaps LW DXers, depending upon the configuration of the FSL and/or the radio. As with the Pocket Loop in the coupled mode, nulling with the FSL may be a combination of the nulls of the FSL and the radio, but when it is used with small “Ultralight” radios, the null tends to be dominated by the FSL’s null.

The FSL is not commercially available, rather it must be constructed from plans (see <http://www.mediafire.com/?dshnqlbydf6qu2>).

I borrowed both of these loops awhile back, courtesy of Colin Newell and Walter Salmaniw, and tested them with a Sony ICF-2010 in Victoria, BC, using mostly autumn dawn Trans-Pacific receptions on medium wave. The FSL was limited to being coupled inductively to the

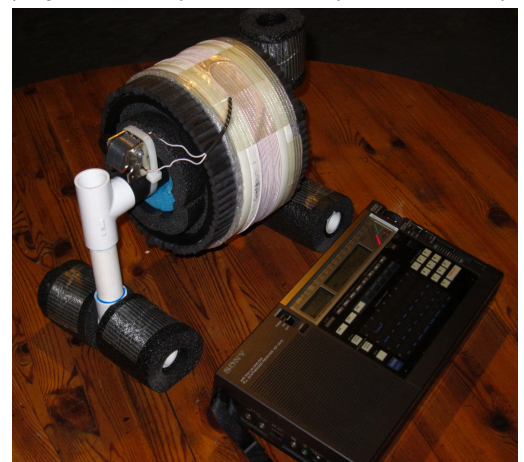


Photo 3



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FREQ CALL NAME, TITLE; ADDRESS; WHAT; WHEN; WHO

740 KBRT Todd Stickler, OpsMgr; 3183D Airway Ave, Costa Mesa CA 92626; P; 12; MF
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WHEN the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, e-mail, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned

NOTES: * [For this column] = None

Thanks to Martin we have a column this month. This column was prepared on 4/27/15. 73, SSH.

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