



DX MONITOR

The official publication of the
International Radio Club of America

January 2 2016 – Volume 53 Number 17 – Edition 1689 – ISSN 899-9733

Have a great radio New Year!! No new members this issue. No **DXWW-West** or **DXWW-East** this time. **Steve Howe** reports no contributions for the **Verification Signers** column... his next deadline is the last Monday in January (January 25) at 1500 ELT. Next DXM deadline **Monday @ 6 PM.**

2016 IRCA-NRC-WTFDA-DecalcoMania CONVENTION NEWS

The IRCA will join the members of the NRC, WTFDA, and DecalcoMania on September 9-11 2016 in Kansas City MO and other DXers in AM, FM or TV. It will be held at the Hyatt Place Kansas City Airport, 7600 NW 97TH Terrace.

Information on registration will be made available starting in January. Rates are \$99.00 per night for 1 to 3 persons per room plus taxes and fees. Plan to arrive on Thursday for 3 nights and ends on Sunday noon. Free airport transfers and breakfast each morning. Registration: \$55 per person which includes a free Friday evening pizza party and Saturday evening banquet. Checks made payable to NATIONAL RADIO CLUB and sent to ERNEST J WESOLOWSKI, 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543. Please mention which clubs you belong to for club treasury info. **Dale Hamm W5LN and Ernie** are your host. 73's neerniew@yahoo.com

In This Issue:

Western DX Roundup...	1
Central DX Roundup...	2
Eastern DX Roundup...	2
DX WorldWide II...	2



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP – Nancy Johnson – 2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923
E-mail: NancyJohnson@prodigy.net

WDXR DEADLINES: Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 19, March 4 and March 18. Please use Eastern Local Time.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (RB) **Rick Barton**-Box 1804-El Mirage AZ 85335 desertmoon_dxshack@inbox.com
Hammarlund HQ-180A with Terk loop; County Comm GP-5 SSB, Panasonic and Grundig Satellit portable (with stock loops), 2002 GMC factory dash radio
- (BB) **Bill Block**-Prescott Valley AZ billblock@cableone.net
ICOM IC-75
- (GH) **Glen Hansen**-64985 Olson Rd-Deer Island OR 97054 gbhansen2@q.com
Hammarlund HQ-180A & SP-600, R-390A, various wires
- (JCJ) **John Johnson**-2922 S Olivewood, Mesa AZ 85212 John_Johnson@prodigy.net
Icom IC-R75, 75' N-S longwire

- 550 KLUZ **CA**, Bakersfield heard 12/23 at 1929 with "KLUZ" way under KFYI. (BB-AZ)
- KTSA **TX**, San Antonio heard 12/24 at 0838 with "Newstalk KTSA." (BB-AZ)
- 590 KID **ID**, Idaho Falls heard 12/20 at 0905 with "KID 590" then weather report. (BB-AZ)
- 670 KBOI **ID**, Boise 12/21 1035 "Voice of the Broncos, here on 6-70 KBOI." Very good post sunrise on Panasonic portable. (RB-AZ)
- 880 KHAC **NM**, Tse Bonito heard 12/19 at 1858 with "KHAC Tse Bonito, New Mexico." (BB-AZ)
- 950 KDCE **NM**, Espanola heard 12/18 at 1935 with "The songs that you like to sing along with 100.7 and 590 KDCE." (BB-AZ)
- 960 KGKL **TX**, San Angelo heard 12/20 at 0831 with "The Voice of Concho Valley, News Talk KGKL." (BB-AZ)
- 980 KVLV **NV**, Fallon heard 12/23 at 0900 with s/on then news. (BB-AZ)
- 1060 KRCN **CO**, Longmont 12/20 mixing with/over local KDUS. 0900 out of EWTN programming with "KRCN 1060 AM Longmont, Boulder, Denver" ID. They may have been on their 50kw day power instead of 111w night power. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1120 KANN **UT**, Roy 12/23 1113 Christian rock and Christmas music. Good with some long deep fades. Monitored on Grundig Satellit portable and stock loop well past sunrise. (RB-AZ)
- 1140 KXST **NV**, N Las Vegas 12/19 1115 dialogue with two men re: NFL sports. Very good post sunrise on County Comm GP-5/SSB. Faded out, but came back strong at 0930 "Oakland Raiders." Signal noted much stronger here than from KQNA on adjacent channel. (RB-AZ)
- 1160 KSL **UT**, Salt Lake City 12/23 1126 "Right here on KSL News Radio." Deep fades, fair/good on peaks with Grundig Satellit portable and stock loop. (RB-AZ)
- 1190 KFXR **TX**, Dallas heard 12/21 at 0834 with "KFXR Dallas, Fort Worth, Texas" then traffic report. (BB-AZ)
- 1220 KDOW **CA**, Palo Alto 12/19 0020 Bay Area Business Talk Radio "1220 KDOW." Long time no hear! Fair to poor on SP-600 with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1250 KNEU **UT**, Roosevelt 12/20 at 0854 with "Right here on KNEU" then country music. (BB-AZ)
- 1290 KOUU **ID**, Pocatello heard 12/22 at 1831 with weather report and at 1832 "Country Classics 1290 and 102.9 KOUU." (BB-AZ)
- 1320 CHMB **BC**, Vancouver 12/6 1634 60's type oldies with rare ID at bottom of hour. Fair, trading places with unID on R-390A with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1330 KNSS **KS**, Wichita 12/21 over KGAK, 1905 with Wichita State Shocker's Basketball Coaches Show "on KNSS." KNSS still coming in at 2000. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- KGAK **NM**, Gallup 12/23 1510 long talk with man in Navajo, local spots, mentions of local landmarks "North Highway 491." Good on GMC Sonoma dash radio. This is the latest I have ever heard this one, on a day with unusual conditions. (RB-AZ)
- 1350 KTIK **ID**, Nampa heard 12/18 at 1857 with "93.1 The Ticket." (BB-AZ)
- 1380 KTKZ **CA**, Sacramento 12/1 0000 heard "AM 1380 The Answer" ID in a jumble with unIDs. Weak with talk show, on HQ-180A on E-W wire. (GH-AZ)
- +Heard 12/20 1900 with "KTKZ 1380." (GH-OR)
- KSRV **OR**, Ontario heard 12/20 at 1858 with "Oldies 1380 Ontario." (BB-AZ)
- 1410 KIIX **CO**, Fort Collins heard 12/23 at 1926 with weather report and at 1855 "Kicks 1410." (BB-AZ)
- 1430 KLO **UT**, Ogden 12/7 0000 fair to poor whirling around in the mix with ad for Christmas charity(?), on R-390A and E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1450 KTIP **CA**, Porterville 12/22 surfaced to the top of a jumble. 1900 with "Your local news source KTIP Porterville, Visalia, Tulare. The South Valley's newstalk leader. News talk 1450." New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- KRZY **NM**, Albuquerque 12/23 on top 1450. 1800 with "KRZY Albuquerque" ID in English during ESPN Deportes programming. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1540 KXEL **IA**, Waterloo 12/20 0105 faint ID way far out in the static, on HQ-180A with E-W wire. Heard occasionally. (GH-OR)
- 1550 KMRI **UT**, West Valley City 12/23 on top 1550 with "KMRI 1550 AM West Valley City, KXOL 1660 AM Brigham City" ID into Spanish programming. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1560 KNZR **CA**, Bakersfield 12/19 0957 "At Home" program, "KNZR Bakersfield." Very good post sunrise on County Comm GP-5/SSB. (RB-AZ)
- 1590 KVGB **KS**, Great Bend heard 12/20 at 1926 with "KVGB 1590." (BB-AZ)
- 1600 KEPN **CO**, Lakewood 12/19 1036 "Denver's Sports Radio 16-hundred, The Zone." Good post-sunrise on Panasonic RF-2200. (RB-AZ)
- 1620 KSMH **CA**, Sacramento 12/16 1000 woman "KSMH West Sacramento." Fair/good but very good at 1020 with "Patrick Madrid" program. (RB-AZ)
- 1680 KGED **CA**, Fresno 12/23 1030 news items, very strong signal post sunrise, caught on Hammarlund HQ-180A and Terk Advantage loop. (RB-AZ)

Happy New Year! The next WDXR deadline is Friday January 1. – Nancy 12/25 1900



CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP – John C Johnson – 2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923
E-mail: John_Johnson@prodigy.net **CDXR reports ONLY: cdxr@ircanonline.org**

RIDING GAIN

[MB-TX] **Mike Beu**, Austin TX **mbeau@swbell.net**
 Drake R8B, Terminated Delta Antenna northeast, Mini-Flag Antenna southeast

DOWN THE DIAL

810 WCKA **AL**, Jacksonville. 12/18 good signal. 18:10 with country music. [MB-TX]
 990 KWAM **TN**, Memphis. 12/16 very good signal. 18:38 with a news-talk format. [MB-TX]
 1000 KKIM **NM**, Albuquerque. 12/16 very good signal. 22:01 with religious programming. [MB-TX]
 1690 WVON **IL**, Berwyn. 12/16 very good signal. 18:56 with news-talk programming. [MB-TX]

50/25 YEARS AGO

50 years ago December 29 1964 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... Membership reached 251 ... **Bill Nittler** spent the Christmas holiday in Nebraska ... **Dan Sheedy** logged in 500th station. //25 years ago December 30 1989 "DX Monitor" ... **Steve McGreevy** of San Rafael CA rejoined the club ... **Bill Townshend** of Washington DC attended **Greg Monti's** WADXA get together in South Arlington VA ... **Karl V Jeter** of Stone Mountain GA noticed DX conditions changed with 1/2" of snow.

OPEN MIKE

Happy New Year everyone. This column was typed Christmas Day 12-25-15. 73, John



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

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

710 WEGG **NC**, Rose Hill – 12/18 1647 noted with an ad for Pizza Corner in Wallace and Innisville by a female announcer, "This is Surge Radio" ID by a male announcer at 1648. At 1650, this announcement was noted by a male announcer: "This is Surge 100 Weather". The signal was noted mixing with WOR, another talk station and Cuba. (KK-VA)
 720 WRZN **FL**, Hernando – 12/18 1759 noted with "You're tuned to 1430 WTMN Gainesville and 720 WRZN Hernando" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WGCR, WHYF, WGN and WVCC. (KK-VA)
 WVCC **GA**, Hogansville – 12/18 1659 noted with "WVCC Hogansville, AM 720 the Voice" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WGCR, WHYF, WGN and WRZN. (KK-VA)
 WGCR **NC**, Pisgah Forest – 12/18 1631 noted with mention of "You can listen to all of our broadcasts at WGCR-dot-net" by a male announcer; sign-off by a male announcer was noted at 1713. The signal was noted mixing with WVCC, WHYF, WGN and WRZN. (KK-VA)
 770 WLWL **NC**, Rockingham – 12/18 1644 noted with "Big Wave Radio, WLWL" ID by a male announcer. At 1701, this sign-off was noted by a male announcer: "This is WLWL Radio signing off. Big Wave 77, with offices and studios located at 275 River Road in Rockingham, North Carolina. WLWL broadcasts on the assigned frequency of 770 kiloHertz with a power output of 5,000 watts digital Stereo. This is your Carolina Beach Music Award-winning Station of the Year and the only station in the nation to be inducted into the Beats Music Hall of Fame. Join us again at sun-up for another full day of first class broadcasting. This is WLWL Rockingham, Big Wave 77, signing off." The signal was noted mixing with WABC, vocal music in Spanish, an unidentified Talk station and Cuba. (KK-VA) (This station signed off with Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther Theme" many years ago. Your unidentified talker could very well be WVNN Athens, AL. Your Spanish music station may be actually in Bosnian; it's likely my local WEW. The only Spanish on 770 in the U.S. is WJBX North Fort Myers, FL; they're ESPN Deportes – eb)
 1230 KWSN **SD**, Sioux Falls – 12/22 2058 noted with Sioux Falls Schools PSA, mention of 367-84xx as the phone number. A poor signal was noted; alone on channel. (JJR-MI)
 1240 CJCS **ON**, Stratford – 12/20 0824 noted with "1240 CJCS" ID into "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" by Sir Elton John. A poor signal was noted, mixing with three or four other stations. (JJR-MI)
 1280 KBNO **CO**, Denver – 12/22 0818 noted with "Qué Bueno" slogan and telephone talk in Spanish. A fair signal was noted with no sign of WNAM; I thought it would fade! This is a rare log at L'Anse. (JJR-MI)
 1420 KULY **KS**, Ulysses – 12/22 0813 noted with local news, obituary mentioning the passing of the station's owner. A poor signal was noted with no sign of KTOE; a new log at L'Anse. (JJR-MI)
 1550 WKBA **VA**, Vinton – 12/21 1627 noted with call letters and an ad for Chicken Little Restaurant. A poor signal was noted with no sign of the usual WHIT or CBEF. (JJR-MI)
 1580 KOKB **OK**, Blackwell – 12/22 0604 noted with "Triple Play Sports, 105.1, 1020 and 1580" ID. A poor signal was noted with no sign of CKDO. (JJR-MI)
 1600 KLGZ **IA**, Algona – 12/22 0827 noted with a conversation between a male and a female announcer, "KLGZ" ID. A poor signal was noted with no sign of KGYM. (JJR-MI)
 1690 KDMT **CO**, Arvada – 12/22 0825 noted with ad for the CBR Rodeo in Cheyenne, WY, followed by an ad for a mortgage company giving a telephone number of (720) 410-555x. A poor signal was noted; atop the channel with no sign of WVON. (JJR-MI)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and John for their logs this week! John noted: "Lousy to horrid conditions in the past week or so"; his logs were the best he could do. Judging by the logs, John did very well for the conditions! Speaking of conditions, I hope many of us fared well in last week's storms; all I got was dumped on with rain. Being on high ground, I was spared from the flooding. I hope that 2016 is filled with DX! 73 and good DX from NØUIH



DX WORLDWIDE – II – Bruce Portzer – 6546 19th Ave NE – Seattle WA 98115
E-mail: bportzer@comcast.net **All times UTC unless noted otherwise**

ASIA AND PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: Marc McCreadie is Program Director 2CA Canberra (1053 kHz) and he says he's always happy to get reception reports, which he will try and answer. Please write to Marc at PO Box 1053, Mitchell ACT 2911, Australia and include an email address. (MediumWave Oz Facebook Page)

INDIA: 675 the transmitter building of All India Radio Itanagar in Khating Hills was destroyed by fire in the night from 25 to 26 September 2015 due to an electrical fault. Among others the MW transmitter on 675 kHz (100 kW) was lost. (Gautam Kumar Sharma via Prof Dr Hansjoerg Biener-D, from BCDX)

Here's the updated MW DRM schedule of All India Radio: <http://tinyurl.com/q8wa2ym>. (Alokesh Gupta, dx_india)
 News AIR continues experiments with DRM: first India-made set goes on sale on Amazon India InShare RnMTeam | 28 Nov 2015
 Even as Prasar Bharati Chief Executive Officer Jawhar Sircar feels there is need to promote FM, which is a terrestrial technology since affordable digital sets are not available, All India Radio (AIR) continues to experiment with DRM in different parts of the country.
 AIR Panaji – 1297 KHz – 100 KW – is broadcasting on both analogue and DRM mode in nearby frequencies: analogue frequency: 1287 kHz whereas the simulcast DRM Frequency was 1297 kHz.
 AIR Mumbai is testing in DRM mode on 1044 kHz and the Asmita channel is available as simulcast on DRM mode at 568 kHz (558 kHz, Analogue).

AIR Jabalpur is also commencing DRM tests next month while AIR Bengaluru DRM [short wave] transmission was clearly heard in Russia. Radio Kashmir in AIR Jammu earlier this month started simulcast transmission of its primary service programs with AM on 990 kHz & DRM on 1000 kHz. AIR Jammu commenced with a discussion on what DRM means to a radio listener, in which DDG (Engineering) Radio Kashmir, Jammu KK Singh along with Shailesh Raina explained DRM.

Amazon India has for the first time commenced sale of DRM sets on its Mobile App. The set is made in India by Communications System Inc. (Avion) which is the first company in India to manufacture a DRM receiver, one of the world's largest radio digitization rolls out countrywide. The DRM digital radio receiver AV-DR-1401 is now available on Amazon India. The receiver offers the full set of features including: DRM/AM/FM Stereo Reception; MW/SW/FM Bands; DRM Journaline Data; DRM Scrolling Text; DRM Program Recording; Auto Scan and Manual Tuning; DRM Emergency Warning; Unicode Character Support; 100 Station Memory; Music/Photos playback from Micro SD Card; Multiple Language Support; Realtime Clock; MOT Slideshow; Service Mode; DRM AFS and Battery Indicator. <http://www.radioandmusic.com/biz/radio/air/151128-air-continues-experiments-drm-first-india-made-set-goes>. (Hansjoerg Biener, dx_india)

All India Radio (AIR) Chinsurah with 1000kW MW transmitter will air the external services program instead of the present Bengali broadcast as from Sunday 25th October 2015. The schedule is (all times are in UTC – add 05.30h for IST): On 594 kHz MW 0130-0230 Nepali, 0230-0300 News in Hindi and English; Nepali at 0700-0800 hrs. On 1134 kHz at 1115-1215 Tamil to SE Asia, 1215-1315 Burmese to SE Asia, 1330-1430 Nepali, 1515-1600 News in Hindi, English and News Analysis. AIR Tuticorin MW on 1053 kHz to Sri Lanka will add English News and News analysis at 1530-1600 UTC as from 25th October. At the moment it is closing at 1530 UTC. (Alok DasGupta via WRTH)

KAZAKHSTAN: 1557 Kazakh Radio has appeared on a new frequency, heard in Finland at 1430, and continues at 2100, so seemingly 24h. <http://kazradio.kaztrk.kz/ru>. (Mauno Ritola via ARC)

NEW ZEALAND: the Rhema Group has done some housekeeping with the two transmitters on 594: both Timaru/2 kW and Whanganui/5 kW have now switched to 'Star' from 'Rhema', according to David Ricquish. The South Island transmitter went several weeks ago, with the North Island outlet just in the last few days, so there was a short-lived window to prove either one could be heard. (Theo Donnelly)

Radio New Zealand National now regularly uses the slogan "RNZ National" on air, rather than the full version, reflecting the fact that, with their increased online offering, they are more than just a traditional radio network. (Bryan Clark, NZDXT)

PAKISTAN: Radio Pakistan Director General Syed Muhammad Imran Gardezi has said that the state-run organization is going to extend its reach across Pakistan through new high range transmitters. No further details but "high range" could mean MW. (Steve Whitt, mwcircle 13.11.2015)

RUSSIA: On my question about broadcasting in LW, MW and SW on Territory Far East of Russia said Irina Tulmenteva – Head of the operational management of the branch network RTRS "Far East RC": The program "Radio Russia" + local program of GTRK "Dal'nevostochnaya" (STRC "Far East") are broadcast via a transmitter on the frequency 1224 kHz, power 5 kW. Location – s. Krasnoe Nikolaevskogo rajona (village of Red Nikolaev district) of the Khabarovsk Territory. In Kamchatka broadcasting in LW, MW and SW bands by public broadcasters is missing. (Vasily Gulyaev, Mediumwave.Info)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST

ABKAZIA/GEORGIA: Abkhaz Radio observed 1-15 November 2015 on MW 1350 (no traces on SW 9535) in Abkhaz and Russian, Mon-Fri at 0357-0457 and daily 0457–vary 0555 and daily 1458–vary 1555. News in Russian: Mon–Sat at 0530–0540 and Mon–Fri 1507–1515 and Sat & Sun irregularly 1500-1515. Before the start of broadcast and after the end, sounded [like?] Auto Radio Moscow program in Russian. (Rumen Pankov via DXLD)

ALGERIA: 891 Strong open carrier on 891 kHz at 1500 via Spain remote receiver, so probably Algeria soon to start with renovated equipment. (Mauno Ritola, WRTH fb group 9.12.2015)

AZORES: Log in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote. Sangean ATS-909X
693 RDP Azores, Antena 1, Sta Barbara-Terceira, 0653-0715, 19-11, Portugueses, comments, at 0700 news, id. "Antena1". //828. 14321.
828 RDP Azores, Antena 1, Mte das Cruces-Flores, 0705-0717, 19-11, Portugueses, news. //693. 14321. (Manuel Méndez, DXLD)

CANARY ISLANDS: 837 COPE, Las Palmas heard on this frequency. Not in WRTH 2015. (Bengt Ericson, ARC visiting Maspalomas)

FRANCE: Here is a confirmation that all Radio France medium wave stations will close in December. Here is a report about France Bleu Elsass (1278 kHz), published today by the newspaper Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace: <http://www.dna.fr/societe/2015/10/30/france-bleu-elsass-devient-numerique>. 1593 Bretagne 5 will stay on the air.

1278 From 1 January 2016, France Bleu Elsass will be broadcast digitally, and will cease to broadcast on mediumwave. (Christian Ghibaudo, WRTH FB-group)
The Radio France website now has an article on the closure of mediumwave stations together with a link to their FM frequencies for each area. <http://www.radiofrance.fr/extinction-des-ondes-moyennes>. (Mike Barraclough, DXLD)

Just a confirmation of the closure of the MW in France. When I quote ALL, it's in fact ALL Radio France's stations (France Info and France Bleu). The ONLY private station Bretagne 5 will stay on the air. Radio Maria on 1467 kHz (Col de la Madone) TWR Europe on 1467 kHz (Roumoules) will stay on the air, even the transmitters are in the French Soil, these stations belong to Monaco. (Christian Ghibaudo via Mediumwave.Info)

GERMANY: American Forces Network Benelux has a 1 kW transmitter in Mönchen Gladbach on 1143 kHz transmitting the Eagle program. However they have a local SHAPE Benelux-program between 1600-1700 UTC Monday to Friday. (Bengt Ericson, ARC)

1107 AFN – Counting down to the closure of most German medium wave stations, it might be worth noting, that AFN Bavaria is still active on 1107 kHz from Vilseck. The station "serving America's best" was heard this noon in Nürnberg (some 60 km west of Vilseck) on a car radio. (Dr Hansjoerg Biener via Ydun's Medium Wave Info 14.12.2015)

Deutschlandfunk has just launched a site reporting about their closure of mediumwave transmissions on 31 December 2015: <http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/abschaltung-mittelwelle.2571.de.html>. Final sign off announced to around 2258 UTC on December 31. (Harald Kuhl via Ydun's Medium Wave Info 16.12.2015)

Official notification about the closure of medium wave frequencies in Germany:

"Hello James,
Thanks for your writing.
Our medium frequencies will be completely closed at 22.55 UTC on 31 December.
Nominally: Neumünster 1269 kHz, Braunschweig 756 kHz, Nordkirchen 549 kHz, Thurnau 549 kHz, Heusweiler 1422 kHz and Ravensburg 756 kHz.
With kind regards Konrad Sander, Hörerservice". (James Robinson, mediumwave.info 23/12-2015)

IRELAND: The LW service of RTE will continue until 2017, with reduced broadcast time. These are the latest news. There has been also a survey about the listening of 252 kHz (the news about it and the survey link are on <http://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/generation-emigration/survey-do-you-listen-to-rte-s-longwave-service-1.2397407>) and a website has been created against the stop of the transmissions, which is updated with the news about it (<http://savertelongwaveradio.com/>). (Giovanni Ricci, Mediumwave.info 3/12-2015)

LUXEMBOURG: On 1 January 2016, the medium-wave transmitter site will finally close its doors after almost 60 years in operation, during which it gave generations of listeners their first taste of rock and pop and an opportunity to explore these new genres of music. The now cult English-language station Radio Luxembourg broadcast on the famous "Two-O-Eight", a medium-wave frequency of 208 meters, until 1991. Its programs were not only picked up in the UK, but also reached Scandinavia and even parts of Eastern Europe, where they had a lasting impact. Medium-wave broadcasts of the English program were initially transmitted from the site in Junglinster, starting on 15 January 1951, and joined by programs in Dutch in 1953. But on 14 December 1956, these broadcasts were moved to Marnach to guarantee better signal reception, primarily in the UK and Scandinavia. On 15 July 1957, Radio Luxembourg's day-time German-language programs followed suit, becoming the success story we all know today.

The antennas erected on the high ground at Marnach in northern Luxembourg transmitted daily broadcasts to millions of listeners. However, the advent of FM broadcasts, offering superior listening comfort, gradually eroded the appeal of medium-wave transmissions, which goes some way towards explaining why broadcasts of medium-wave radio programs were gradually abandoned. Nonetheless, the Marnach site managed to hang on to customers like Radio China International, which continued to appreciate the tremendous range covered by medium-wave transmissions.

In 2014, the Luxembourg government concluded an agreement with CLT-UFA on the site's closure under the terms of which the land it covered would be acquired by State. Meanwhile, the sites at Junglinster, Beidweiler and Hosingen continue transmitting long-wave, short-wave and FM radio broadcasts.

Eugène Muller, Head of Technical Services and Transmissions at BCE, says: "The closure of this site devoted to medium-wave transmissions marks the end of a major chapter in our history. Indeed, thanks to the English-language broadcasts by Radio Luxembourg and the German-language programs of Radio Luxembourg, Marnach became a kind of umbilical cord linking us to millions of listeners in Europe."

The national anthem of Luxembourg will be broadcast for the last time on medium waves on 1 January at 01:00.

(Link from James Robinson on <http://mediumwave.info/news.html>). https://backstage.rtlgroup.com/public/htm/en/Dailynews_FS.aspx?id=dailynews_217D39B92ECA4F70B3DACD6C85031415&newsdate=22122015. (Mike Terry, DXLD)

MOLDOVA: Rumors confirmed at last.... As of February 2015 Radio Moldova Actualitati on 873 kHz (Codru transmitter site) are employing a new Nautel NX50 (50kW) transmitter.... Curious out of events, given earlier reports of a 100kW Transradio unit delivered, installed, tested and sent back to the manufacturer (mwdx)

MONTENEGRO: Radio Zavidovici has a RFE program in Serbian starting at 2000h on the frequency of 1502.9 kHz (duration not known though). (Stefan Schliephacke, mwcircle)

ROMANIA: While Antena Satelor from div. Sites on 1314 kHz is listed with 24h usage of this channel, they go off at 19:00h. This allows Radio reception of Radio Oltenia-Craiova as only Romanian on that channel after 19:00h. (Stefan Schliephacke, mwcircle)

RUSSIA (and non): 19th edition of the popular "Broadcasting in Russian" Handbook, published by St Petersburg DX Club, has been recently released. The handbook features all radio stations transmitting programs in the Russian language in AM bands (on long, medium and short waves) at present, both from Russia and abroad. Station listings include frequency and programme schedules, transmitter location and power, target areas, postal addresses, phone/fax numbers, Web sites, social network pages, e-mail addresses as well as QSL policy info. The schedules are generally valid until March 27 2015 (ie during B15 broadcasting season). The Handbook is in Russian and distributed as a hard copy only. Volume is 64 pages of A5 size. Please address your purchase requests and questions to St Petersburg DX Club: Alexander Beryozkin, PO Box 463, St Petersburg, 190000, Russia or by e-mail: dxspb@nrec.spb.ru. The price is 5 EUR or 6 USD (including delivery by registered mail). Your comments and suggestions regarding the handbook contents are always welcome. (Alexander Beryozkin, HCDX)

SPAIN: Some regional slots:

SER 1758 brief slot with local announcements and commercials

SER 1820-1840 "La Ventana" regional service

SER 2255 five minutes local/regional

COPE 1758 local slot

COPE 2159 local announcements

RNE R5 1835-1859 regional information. (AIR Radiorama via Bengt Ericson, ARC)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 1170 Abu Dhabi FM is now testing on this frequency. All Arabic. They are also streaming the program. (Mauno Ritola via ARC)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA: 1160 Caribbean Radio Lighthouse, St John's announces "soon 10 000 watts". (Jan Edh, ARC)

BRAZIL: The president of Brazil recently signed a decree authorizing radio stations to migrate their signal from AM to FM. The government's decision was a response to a longstanding demand of the Brazilian Association of Radio and Television (ABERT), which has denounced for years the challenges facing AM broadcasters in major cities. "It is excellent news for all national broadcasters, not only because it addresses the needs and expectations of broadcasters. The decree also establishes a new framework for investments and innovations in the sector, pushing radio to become more competitive to better serve its listeners and the market", said the ABERT president Márcio Villela. The Association estimates that 90 % of the 1784 AM stations operating in Brazil will be transferred to the FM band. The Communications Minister Paulo Bernardo, has clarified that the transfer will be optional. He explained further that the Government will no longer license AM, with the aim of gradually replacing all existing frequencies. "The AM radio is losing quality, it is often very difficult", said the minister. "Especially in big cities, it is very difficult to tune into AM radio." (Infobae via Grupo Radioescucha Argentino via NZDXT)

BERMUDA: 1280 BBN Hamilton heard here on December 12 2015, so apparently it has not left the air, unlike for instance AM Gold 1450, despite that there are reports claiming the opposite. (Jan Edh, ARC)

COLOMBIA: 890 HJPM Caracol Radio, Santa Marta, ex Galeón. (Fredrik Dourén, ARC)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

730 HIB43 Radio HIZ, Santo Domingo, inactive

760 HICO Global 760 AM, Santo Domingo, 5 kW, new station

790 HIB49 Radio Millón, Santo Domingo, inactive

860 HIB58 Radio Clarín, Santo Domingo, inactive

920 HIB65 Radio 9-20 AM Stereo, Santo Domingo, inactive

990 HIB49 Radio Eternidad, Santo Domingo, 5 kW, 11-2400

1010 HIB76 Radio Comercial, Santo Domingo, inactive

1180 HIB99 Radio Mil, Santo Domingo, inactive

1220 HIC24 Radio HIN, Santo Domingo, inactive (Dino Bloise via Mauno Ritola, WRTH)

1670 HI.. "La Voz del Yuna, Bonaó, www.lavozdelyuna.org started on the 1st of August, 2015, but we are still only testing. The power of the transmitter is 3 kW and we are working to get the best reach of our signal. It is an initiative of senator Felix Nova, leader of the Council for the Development of Ecotourism of Monseñor Nouel, our province. La Voz del Yuna marked the start of radio and TV in my country, in 1942. It moved to the capital and the building was demolished. Then the legislator restores that work and creates the cultural station and museum which it is today." (From a QSL to Arctic member Jan Edh)

Background info by OA from the web: "The station started operations on August 1 1942, from Villa de las Hortensias (a nickname for Bonaó) and after not more than four years it was moved to the capital and became La Voz Dominicana. The current station is intended to be a replica of the original station."

GUYANA: I'm reviewing recordings from our first day in Newfoundland, November 7th. There's a ton of stuff to report on, but one item in particular may be most immediately useful. At 2228z on November 7 I have the Voice of Guyana in English operating on or around 559.924. I don't know if this carries through the whole week we were there (NOV 7-16), but in case it does I want you to know about it! It may be just off enough to be heard over a distance. (Jim Renfrew,IRCA eGroup)

PANAMÁ: I recently heard RPC Radio, Panamá, on 610 kHz with a long form ID, where also Colón 560 and Boca del Toro 660 were mentioned. This station has been left out from WRTH 2015. The station web site only mentions 106.3/90.9 FM, but in an ID recorded on the web by Henrik Klemetz they also mentioned 580 and 590 kHz. (Bernt-Ivan Holmberg, ARC)

PUERTO RICO: I heard in an announcement on WAPA 680 that they are also announcing 1350 WEGA, and this appears to be correct, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WEGA_\(AM\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WEGA_(AM)). This has been in effect since November 2. (Fredrik Dourén, ARC)

600 WYEL Mayagüez – granted STA with U1 1250/1250

940 WIPR San Juan, new format and slogan "WIPR 9-40 am, la emisora del pueblo de Puerto Rico". Ex "Máxima". (Jan Edh and Henrik Klemetz, ARC)

1030 WOSO San Juan – granted STA with U1 1000/1000 from folded unipole antenna

1030 WOSO San Juan – has been silent per its STA application but expects to be back soon

1260 WISO Ponce – granted CP for U1 2300/2300 from a new site (17-59-22/66-37-11)

1510 WBSG Lajas – silent 22.10.2015, transmitter failure

1560 WRSJ Bayamón – format to SS, ex silent, ex SS:REL:AC, slogan to "Radio San Juan"

1580 WMTI Morovis – ex WEKO had these calls until 2002. (NRC DX News, numbers 83/03-04)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: 730 Inspirational 7-30AM unfortunately has again left the air, thus depriving DXers of further chances of hearing this country in the MW band. SKY99.5FM, the new channel of the TBC, is the replacement, but as indicated only in the FM band. (Bernt-Ivan Holmberg, ARC)

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS: 530 There is now a chance that Radio Visión Cristiana will restart transmissions from this radio country after an absence of several years. The plan is to erect a new tower and put a new Nautel transmitter of 100 kW into operation on 530 kHz during the second quarter of 2016. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, DX-Aktuellt no6.2015)

VENEZUELA: Radio Barinas 880 kHz is off the air. This station which belongs to the "Circuito Radio Venezuela" owned by Tobías Carrero Nacar and with studios in Avenida 23 de Enero in Barinas has been off the air for several days. The reason for the station's disappearance from the AM band is unknown. The transmitting station is located on a property which was expropriated a few years ago by late President Hugo Chávez. The station's technicians and officials frequently experience difficulties in getting to the transmitting facility in order to repair technical problems. It is believed that Tobías Carrero Nacar was one of the supporters of the Chavez election campaign. It is unknown why the government took over the property. Today the buildings of the property are used by a state owned tourist organization. The Radio Barinas 880 audio on the Circuito Radio Venezuela web page is that of the network's key station RV-790 kHz in Caracas. Radio Barinas 880 kHz, RNV-580 kHz (Radio Nacional de Venezuela) and YVKE 1340 kHz (also off the air for unknown reasons) are the only AM stations in Barinas. (Santiago San Gil G via Mauno Ritola, WRTH Facebook group, translated by Christer Brunström)

IRCA Mexican Log, 20th Edition (Winter 2015)

The **IRCA MEXICAN LOG** lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The transmitter site index (listed by state, then city) tabulates the latitude and longitude of transmitter sites. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11".

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$9.50 (US), \$11.00 (Canada) \$12.50 (México), \$14.00 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

A DXers Technical Guide, 4th Edition (Spring 2004)

In its nearly 200 pages you will learn about the principles underlying the design of successful receivers, antennas and receiving accessories, find reviews of the best commercially available DXing equipment in different price ranges, as well as detailed instructions for building one's own antennas and other DXing aids. Although it focuses on the technical backdrop to medium wave DXing, it will also be of interest to serious shortwave listeners and low band radio amateurs.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$15.00 (US), \$16.50 (Canada) \$18.00 (México), \$20.00 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

IRCA Slogans List (Winter 2015)

This completely revised Slogans List includes radio slogans from the US and Canada (over 4400).

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$7.25 (US), \$8.50 (Canada) \$10.00 (México), \$10.75 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA members** – add \$1.00.

IRCA TIS/HAR LIST (Summer 2014)

The **IRCA TIS/HAR LIST** lists all US and Canadian TIS/HAR stations, by frequency, including call letters, state (province,) city, county, licensee, address, coordinates, expiration date and dates of DXM/DXN reports/sources. It has been updated with FCC data, DXM, DXN and DXer reports, and on-line listings through August 1 2014.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$9.50 (US), \$11.00 (Canada) \$12.50 (México), \$14.00 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

Sunrise/Sunset Maps

12 maps showing 15 minute sunset and sunrise times for the US and 12 maps showing hourly sunset and sunrise times for the World. Explanation includes use of the maps and examples of DX made possible by knowledge of SR/SS times.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$2.25 (US), \$3.00 (Canada) \$3.50 (México), \$4.50 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA members** – add \$1.00.

An Introduction to Broadcast Band DXing

This tri-folded brochure is ideal for explaining the Broadcast Band DXing hobby and the IRCA. It can be included with reception reports and given to other interested folks. Sub topics include: What is DXing?, Broadcasting's early years, The first DXers, Clubs helped listeners share, Our hobby today and DX clubs still unite listeners. It is two color printed on heavy stock. Price is \$0.35/brochure (US and Canada), \$1.00 (rest of the world). Minimum order is 10.

IRCA Reprints

The IRCA maintains a large file of articles that have appeared in past issues of **DX Monitor**. These articles cover a wide variety of topics, including: antenna theory and construction, tips for the foreign BCB DXer, how to improve your DXing skills, history of DXing and broadcasting, lists of stations by subject, construction projects and receiver modification, receiver reviews, medium wave propagation, and more. Copies are available for a nominal charge. Price for the complete list is \$1.00.

Also from the IRCA Goodie Factory. "IRCA REPRINTS ON CD"!!! 648 Reprints. The entire set, now on one CD. Categories include: Antennas, Domestic, Foreign, History, DX Lists, Receivers and Receiver Modifications, and Technical. Check out the table of contents at: <http://ircaonline.org/2004ReprintList.htm>.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$10.00 (US), \$11.00 (Canada) \$11.50 (México), \$12.50 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

"DX Monitor" on DVD

IRCA's regular bulletin "**DX Monitor**" Volumes 1 through 49 in .pdf format on 2 DVDs. Re-live the days gone by and re-introduce yourself to the former members who helped make the IRCA great!! NOTE: You will NEED a DVD reader to open the .pdf files. These files were TOO LARGE to use regular CD's.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$15.00 (US), \$16.00 (Canada) \$16.50 (México), \$17.50 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

To order from the IRCA Goodie Factory, send the correct amount (in US funds payable to **IRCA**) to: **IRCA GOODIE FACTORY, 9705 MARY NW, SEATTLE WA 98117-2334**. Or, order through PayPal [add \$1.00] to email: phil_tekno@yahoo.com (Phil Bytheway). Please state club affiliation when ordering.

The **IRCA** is a non-profit organization devoted to the hobby of hearing distant stations on the Broadcast Band (510-1720 kHz). **DX Monitor**, the official publication of the IRCA, is published in "soft" form 35 times a year (weekly from November through March, twice monthly from April to November.) **DX Monitor** contains members' loggings, articles on radio stations, receiver reviews, technical articles, DX tips, and other material of interest to Broadcast Band DX hobbyists.



CLUB OFFICERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

President: Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334 **E-mail:** phil_tekno@yahoo.com (all proposals, suggestions and gripes go here)

Secretary-Treasurer: Lynn Hollerman, PO Box 60241, Lafayette LA 70596
e-mail: lynnhollerman@yahoo.com – (dues, address changes, IRCA mailing list sign-ups)

Board of Directors: Bill Block – billblock@cableone.net, Dennis Gibson – wb6tnb@yahoo.com, John C Johnson – John_Johnson@prodigy.net, Patrick Martin – mwdxer@webtv.net (Chairman), Bruce Portzer – bpportzer@comcast.net, Mike Sanburn – mikesanburn@hotmail.com and Robert Wien – wienbob@aol.com

Publishing Committee: Temporary Editor-in-Chief: Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334
E-mail: phil_tekno@yahoo.com (all material for publication goes here).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Destination	Rate
USA	\$10
Canada & Mexico	\$10
Western Europe	\$10
Australia/NZ/Japan	\$10
Rest of world	\$10

Make checks and Money Orders in US funds payable to IRCA.

All dues and address changes go to: **IRCA, PO Box 60241, Lafayette LA 70596**

Pay electronically with PayPal – add \$1 to the price above. Go to www.paypal.com, then send your dues to ircamember@ircaonline.org – contact Lynn Hollerman for more information.

Sample copies of DX Monitor are available at phil_tekno@yahoo.com

For information on **subscribing to the IRCA mailing list** at Hard-Core-DX, a group e-mail service, contact the moderator, Lynn Hollerman at lynnhollerman@yahoo.com.

Unless otherwise noted, permission is granted to publish, broadcast, or otherwise reproduce non-copyrighted material appearing in **DX Monitor** provided credit is given to the IRCA and permission is obtained from the original contributor. Opinions in **DX Monitor** are those of the original contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the IRCA, its publishing staff, editors or officers.

©2016 International Radio Club of America

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA
PO Box 60241, Lafayette LA 70596
<http://www.ircaonline.org>