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The 2017 IRCA Convention will be in Reno NV on August 17-19 2017 hosted by **Mike Sanburn**. If you are interested in helping Mike, contact him at mikesanburn@hotmail.com.

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I hope you enjoy using this new edition of WRTH and the new CD. Best regards, **Nicholas Hardyman**, Publisher



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Nominations for the IRCA 2017 Elections

IRCA members, it is time to think about who you would like to represent you as the next club **President**, **Secretary-Treasurer** and **Board of Directors**. Their terms will start on September 15th 2017 per the IRCA Constitution, Article III, Section 5, Part 2. Nominations will be open for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and seven members of the Board of Directors from December 15 2016 through January 31 2017. Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board, shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate his or herself. All nominations must be submitted in written (e-mail) form to the ECC by January 31st, 2017.

IRCA's Election Committee Chairman (ECC) is **Nick Hall-Patch**, who can be contacted via email at: nhp@ieee.org

Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA for 2016-2017

Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)

Ted Vasilopoulos was a charter member of IRCA who died in 1965, and was known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: **Gary DeBock**, **Eric Bueneman**, **Nick Hall-Patch**, **Lee Freshwater** and **Richard Evans**.

Ric Heald Award (RHA)

Ric Heald was an enthusiastic IRCA volunteer and contributor. In 1995, after his passing, the RHA was created to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: **Ernest Wesolowski**, **Phil Bytheway** and **Mark Connely**.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, should be sent to **Nick Hall-Patch**, at nhp@ieee.org

All nominations must be received no later than January 31 2017.



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CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
1040	WLVJ	Boynton Beach, FL	WURN
1380	WMGE	Portsmouth, NH	WPLA
1670	WPLA	Dry Branch, GA	WMGE

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ CALL CITY OF LICENSE

780	KSPI	Stillwater, OK
850	WYLF	Penn Yan, NY
880	WAMI	Opp, AL
950	WJKB	Moncks Corner, SC
1010	WORM	Savannah, TN
1020	WLVJ	Kendall, FL
	WRIX	Homeland Park, SC
1050	WMSG	Oakland, MD
1080	KCNM	Navy Hill, MP
1140	WNWF	Destin, FL
1190	KQQZ	Fairview Heights, IL
1200	WXIT	Blowing Rock, NC
1230	WGUU	Veazie, ME
	KSGG	Reno, NV
1270	WXYC	Cartersville, GA
1280	WANS	Anderson, SC
1320	WBRT	Bardstown, KY

NEW INFORMATION

was sports, now modern rock, old slogan: "KSPI Sports 780", new: "Pete 94.3"
old slogan: "Timeless Favorites WYLF 850 AM", new: "Your Lifetime Favorites"
moves from 860 kHz to 880 kHz

was talk, now urban gospel, old slogan: "1340 The Voice", new: "Charleston's Inspiration Station"
old slogan: "Good Times and Great Oldies", new: "Good Times and Great Oldies" (??-ye ed)
changes calls from XWURNAM to WLVJAM then from WURNAM to XWURNAM (?? as reported-ye ed)

was religious teaching, now business
old slogan: "1050 WMSG", new: "Classic Hits 1050"

was silent, now ethnic

was sports, now adult standards, old slogan: "The Game", new: "Legends 1140"
changes city of license from Desoto to Fairview Heights

was talk, now CHR, old slogan: "News Talk 1200", new: "Pulse Boone"
old slogan: "93.7 The Wave", new: "The Wave"

was sports, now classic hip hop, adds slogan: "Power 1230"

was silent, now silent (??-as reported by stationintel.com)

was classic hits, now southern gospel, adds slogan: "God's Country"
old slogan: "Hometown Radio and Classic Country", new: "Hometown Radio and Classic Country" (??-ye ed)

1340	WBAN	Veazie, ME	old slogan: "NewsRadio 1340 WNZS", new: "NewsRadio 1340"
	WQSC	Charleston, SC	was talk, now sports, old slogan: "1340 The Voice", new: "The Zone"
1450	KHIT	Reno, NV	was ESPN Deportes Radio Network, now Westwood One NBC Sports Network, old slogan: "ESPN Deportes 1450 AM", new: "NBC Sports Radio 1450"
	WQNT	Charleston, SC	was sports, now classic hits, old slogan: "Sports Radio 1450 AM", new: "The City"
1530	WLAK	New Holstein, WI	now silent
1560	WSEZ	Paoli, IN	old slogan: "Rock and Roll The Cool Easy Way", new: "Rock and Roll The Cool Easy Way" (??-ye ed)
1570	WNCA	Siler City, NC	old slogan: "Your Hometown Local News and Information Station", new: "Your Hometown Local News and Information Station" (??-ye ed)
1590	WGBG	Ocean City, MD	now silent
1690	WPTX	Lexington Park, MD	was talk, now Westwood One adult standards

(Note: more 'repeating' slogans from Stationintel.com, I'll just continue reporting them as they are reported-ye ed).

Well, started my new job as test engineer for CSRA at the Space Telescope Institute in Baltimore on Monday 12/12, working on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) which launches in 2018. I'll be travelling to Goddard Space Flight Center near my house as well as to Johnson Space Center in Houston TX for payload testing in 2017. Should be fun. Commute is 35 miles one-way and about an hour drive to and an hour drive back home. A little over a week until Christmas, hope all your DX is the gift you want it to be! 73's. **Bob Wien**



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- 630 KSLR **TX**, San Antonio 12/9 over and under KHOW's null, 2339 with a mix of English and Spanish music, talk. Mentions of San Antonio, 2359 with PSAs in English and promo for a Bible program on KSLR, "The word in Texas AM 630 KSLR" and "We are AM 630 KSLR" into another religious program. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 - CHED **AB**, Edmonton 12/10 0700-0710 going to news at the ToH with MST TC, call ID, mention of Edmonton and reporting a temperature of -23C and wind chill of -29C, blasting in over Reno and Boise. Man, that's a way too cold for me! (AWP-CA)
 - 680 KKYX **TX**, San Antonio heard 12/16 at 0825 with "Country Legends KKYX." (BB-AZ)
 - 790 KBET **NV**, Winchester heard 12/14 at 0900 with "KBET 790 Winchester, Talk That Rocks." (BB-AZ)
 - 960 KNDN **NM**, Farmington 12/11 weak in KKNT null, some fades. 2328 with "You're listening to 960... country KNDN" into country music. Some talk in Navajo including spots for Farmington, 2359 "From the heart of the Navajo Nation... KNDN Farmington, New Mexico 960 AM" ID. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 1140 KHTK **CA**, Sacramento 12/14 0900 ID and CBS News up over the rumble, very good on HQ-180A and loop. (RB-AZ)
 - 1150 KEIB **CA**, Los Angeles 12/14 1031 woman with local traffic report "From 11-50, The Patriot." Fair, steady in the mumble jumble on HQ-180A and Terk loop aimed for E-W reception. (RB-AZ)
 - 1170 KYET **AZ**, Golden Valley 12/10 strong in KFAQ null 2337 with "KYET Cactus Country" into country music song. Not new, station must have been on daytime power. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 1290 KAZA **CA**, Gilroy 12/12 0645 monologue with woman in Vietnamese, very good and steady on RF-2200. (RB-AZ)
 - 1410 KIIK **CO**, Fort Collins heard 12/9 at 1928 with "Kicks Country 1410." (BB-AZ)
 - 1420 KMOG **AZ**, Payson heard 12/9 at 2002 with "KMOG, The Ranch." (BB-AZ)
 - KTAN **AZ**, Sierra Vista heard 12/9 at 1956 with "K-tan Classic Country." (BB-AZ)
 - 1460 KCNR **CA**, Shasta 11/19 0800 clear call ID and city at ToH. (AWP-CA)
 - 1470 KYYW **TX**, Abilene heard 12/9 at 2058 with "Newstalk KYYW." (BB-AZ)
 - 1520 KKXA **WA**, Skokomish 12/15 good in KOKC null 0035 with country music, "Tell a friend about Classic Country KXA AM 1520" slogan. Not needed, rare here. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 1570 XERF **COAH**, Ciudad Acuna 12/7 0700-0730 was just cruising past when a strong Mexican NA caught my ear. That was followed by a full call ID and bragging about their power but did not catch the exact amount, also mentioned La Poderosa. I haven't heard this one in years. I remember when they used to carry Wolfman Jack almost nationwide and had a sponsor 1000 miles away in Minneapolis! (AWP-CA)
 - 1580 KFCS **CO**, Colorado Springs 12/12 0001 break from religious talk to woman and ID "The All New 15-80, KFCS Colorado Springs-Pueblo." Good on CountyComm GP5/SSB. (RB-AZ)

Happy Holidays everyone! – Nancy 1/15 1900



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RIDING GAIN

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 630 CFCO **ON**, Chatham. 12/14 fair to poor signal in a tight KYFI null. 0450 noted with Country format, promo and calls. [EB-MO]
- 800 CKLW **ON**, Windsor. 12/13 very good signal over KQCV. 0529 noted with local spots, "AM Eight Hundred" mention, promo for the midday show, "AM Eight Hundred CKLW, the information station" ID into local news. [EB-MO]
- 830 WGUE **TN**, Memphis. 12/14 fair signal. 19:08 with Classic Rock music. [MB-TX]
- 950 WORD **SC**, Spartanburg. 12/15 good and dominant signal. 0358 noted with ESPN promos, "ESPN Upstate" IDs, legal ID including WURD 1330, an analog FM outlet and an FM HD2 channel into ESPN Sports Center All Night. [EB-MO]
- 990 CBW **MB**, Winnipeg. 12/11 very good signal. 03:16 with news segment. [MB-TX]
- 1020 KOKP **OK**, Perry. 11/22 very good signal. 06:18 with sports talk format. [MB-TX]
- 1070 CHOK **ON**, Sarnia. 12/15 fair signal, mixing with KHMO, WFNI. 0404 noted with weather forecast giving temperatures in Celsius and Fahrenheit, "CHOK" jingle into Classic Hits format. [EB-MO]
- 1290 WNBN **MS**, Meridian. 12/13 good signal over WHIO. 0512 noted with Urban Gospel format and local spots. [EB-MO]

- 1330 KPTY **IA**, Waterloo. 12/11 fair signal over KNSS. 0341 noted with Contemporary Hit Radio format, "55 minutes of party favorites every hour, 107-three the Party" ID. [EB-MO]
 1580 WHLY **IN**, South Bend. 12/13 fair signal, mixing with CKDO and KHGG. 0518 noted with "La Raza" ID and a Regional Mexican format. [EB-MO]
 1610 CHHA **ON**, Toronto. 12/14 good steady signal. 05:04 with Latin-American music. [MB-TX]
 1690 CHTO **ON**, Toronto. 12/10 fair signal under WVON and WMLB. 05:48 with Greek flavored music. [MB-TX]

FLASHBACK

December 25 1965 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Jerry Wolf's** Christmas poem included "... QSL cards hung on the wall with care in hope St. Nicholas will put some more there" ... **Ron Schatz** submitted a "Frequencies before 1941" article ... Membership reached 463. // December 22 1990 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Ernest Cooper** of Provincetown MA reached 4369 veries dating back to 12/28/1932 ... **RC Watts** of Louisville KY mentioned the Caribbean Beacon 1610 was asking for reception reports.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Mike and Eric we have a column this week. Eric wanted to correct his 980 York, SC logging recently reported. Their calls are WULR (EX-WBZK). Christmas is almost here. Nancy and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and hope Santa brings you nice gifts. This column was typed 12-16-16. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

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 Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop
 (PS-ON) **Paul Snider**, Welland ON, Canada
 ICOM IC-R75, Pixel RF Pro-1B loop, MFJ-1020C tuner

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 540 WGTH **VA**, Richlands – 12/14 2245 noted with a Southern Gospel format, "We Are the Sheep, 540 WGTH" jingle into another music segment. "105.5 FM, 540 AM WGTH, the Sheep" ID at 2259. A very poor signal was noted, mixing with several stations, including WETC, WLIE and a CBC Radio One station (CBK or CBT). (PS-ON)
 620 WVMT **VT**, Burlington – 12/14 2332 noted with a "News/Talk WVMT" ID into *The Jim Bohannon Show*. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with a probable WGCV. I usually get only WGCV, WRJZ and WTMJ. (PS-ON)
 670 WWFE **FL**, Miami – 12/9 0600 noted with Spanish language programming, "WWFE 670 Miami" legal ID in English by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with Radio Rebelde (Cuba) and unidentified stations with talk and Oldies. (KK-VA)
 980 WONE **OH**, Dayton – 12/13 2222 noted with *JT the Brick*, "Fox Sports 980" ID at 2223, mentions of Fox Sports. A very poor signal was noted, mixing with WITY and WTEM. (PS-ON)
 990 WJEH **OH**, Gallipolis – 12/13 2235 noted with Christmas music, "WJEH" ID at 2332, mention of "The best Southern Gospel music" (maybe a promo?), "Joy 990" ID at 2340. A poor at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CBW and WDCX. (PS-ON)
 1260 WCCR **OH**, Cleveland – 12/12 2250 noted with either Mass or *The Holy Rosary*, promo for *The Best of Mother Angelica Live*, promos for EWTN Global Catholic Radio, nice "This is WCCR Cleveland, Listener Supported Radio, The Rock" legal ID at 2300, into *EWTN News Link*. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with WPHB and WSKO. (PS-ON)
 1380 WPHM **MI**, Port Huron – 12/12 2336 noted with *Goin' Deep with Armani and Eytan*, NBC Sports Radio mentions, spots for Miller Maytag and Jet's Pizza (both in Port Huron), ad for Fro Yo Robot, "You are listening to 1380 WPHM" ID at 2353, followed by a "1380 WPHM" jingle. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with other stations. I usually hear CKPC, WABH and WKDM. (PS-ON)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and Paul for their logs! Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. 73 and good DX from NØUIH



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- 531 **JAPAN** JOQG, Morioka, NHK1. Woman talking, briefly strong enough to establish parallel with 594 1522-3 12/7. (NHP-BC)
 558 **REP KOREA** HLLQ, Yeong-il, KBS2. Soft vocal music 1441 12/2, poor to fair and //603 which channel was actually mostly Chinese talk by woman at that time. (NHP-BC)
 567 **JAPAN** JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. Woman in Japanese //594 1514 12/3, fair to good. (NHP-BC)
 585 **JAPAN** JOPG, Kushiro, NHK1. Man mumbling //594, poor signal, 1508 12/7. (NHP-BC)
 594 **JAPAN** JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. Japanese man on phone talking to woman announcer 1514 12/1, very good strength. (NHP-BC)
 603 **REP KOREA** HLSA, Seoul, KBS2. Soft vocal music 1431 12/2, fair to poor, //558 which was barely there just then. (NHP-BC)
 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Brisbane. Much weaker fanfare heard at 1500 11/22, but peaked at very good level 1507, man in DU English. (NHP-BC)
JAPAN JOLK, Fukuoka, NHK1. Woman in Japanese //594 1529-31 12/9, poor strength. (NHP-BC)
 639 **CHINA** CNR1. Fair to good with man in Chinese, one low pip, one high pip, Beijing time check 1430 12/2, news sounder etc. (NHP-BC)
 666 **JAPAN** JOBK, Osaka, NHK1. Japanese man //594 1501 12/3, poor at best. (NHP-BC)
 693 **JAPAN** JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Man in Japanese //774 1516 12/3, sneaking past murderous 690 splash. (NHP-BC)
 702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL, Sydney. Pips and ABC fanfare on hour, and continued to fade up for news peaking to very good signal, 1502 12/6. (NHP-BC)
JAPAN JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima. NHK2. Woman in Japanese //774 1509 12/3, fair to poor. (NHP-BC)
UnID. (2BL?) A weak carrier from DU at 1331 12/16. (RA-OK)
 810 **JAPAN** Tokyo, AFN, The Eagle. Was in at 1804 12/16 Reception was better than usual but not the best I've ever had them. But like usual, they only stay good for a short period and disappear into the mush for awhile becoming coming back up. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtBkh0OWcJg>. (PW-AK)
 837 **JAPAN** JOQK, Niigata, NHK1. Man talking //891 1401 12/2 poor at best. (NHP-BC)
 846 **JAPAN** NHK1 synchros. Woman talking //594 1537 12/5, poor at best. (NHP-BC)
 855 **AUSTRALIA** 4QO/4QB, Eidsvold/Pialba, ABC. Woman mumbling, poor strength //612 1449 12/6. (NHP-BC)
 873 **JAPAN** JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. Man in Japanese, fair to good, //774 1506 12/3, woman talking underneath (N. Korea?). (NHP-BC)
 891 **AUSTRALIA** 5AN, Adelaide. Mention of ABC news by man after fanfare 1430 11/30, fair to poor strength. (NHP-BC)
JAPAN JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. Man in Japanese //594, 1401 12/2, fair to good level. (NHP-BC)
 945 **CHINA** Jiaohe, CNR1. Man in Chinese //6125 1513 12/3, poor to fair level. Amazingly late signal heard with man talking with Chinese inflection, poor level 1659 11/22, and then CNR pips on the hour; Murphy on vacation apparently. (NHP-BC)
 954 **JAPAN** JOKR, Tokyo, TBS. Woman in Japanese 1458 12/6, poor to fair, two and one pips on hour as it faded down. (NHP-BC)
 963t **CHINA** Huaduan, CRI. Fair to poor w/man in Russian 1311 12/3. (NHP-BC)
 972 **REP KOREA** HLCA, Dangjin. Woman in Korean 1459 12/3, then pips, excellent level, dominating 970 if both channels included in an AM passband. Also very good level 1503 12/2 with man in Korean, had been bothered by a Chinese speaker a minute or two earlier though. (NHP-BC)
 +12/17 with talk mainly by a man with a woman speaking occasionally. The whine/het and talk in the background is from KFBX 970 Fairbanks, 10kw, 300 miles to my east. Audio here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJfFaszG9e8>. (PW-AK)
 981 **CHINA** CNR1 synchros. Woman in Chinese 1508 12/2, fair to good level, IDed earlier by parallels. (NHP-BC)
 1017 **CHINA** Changchun, CRI. Assumed with woman in Korean 1502 12/2, fair to good level. (NHP-BC)

- 1026 **AUSTRALIA** 4MK, Mackay. Halfway through a station liner and into a song. Recorded at 1848 12/18
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTBIheUGW5Y>. (PW-AK)
- 1044 **CHINA** Changzhou, CRI. Faint traces of CRI fanfare in the murk 1400 12/3. (NHP-BC)
- 1053 **REP KOREA** jammer. 1400 12/3, fair to good level, though disappeared shortly afterward. Supposed sign off at this time. (NHP-BC)
- 1098 **UnID**. The V7AB carrier on 1098 could be heard in WTAM-1100 slop at 0711 12/15. (RA-OK)
 +(V7AB?) a strong carrier in WTAM-1100 slop at 0716-0817 12/16. (RA-OK)
- 1134 **JAPAN** JOQR, Tokyo, NCB. Briefly heard w/woman in Japanese 1502 12/3 poor to fair signal. (NHP-BC)
- 1170 **REP KOREA** HLSR, Gimje, KBS Hamminjok Bangsong. Shows itself occasionally here and it did so at 1846 12/16. You hear a man talking then some music begins to play. There's another man under him, That's Dr J Vernon McGee on semi local 50KW KJNP 1170, 300 miles to my east. 30 minutes later, KBS 1170 was gone and KJNP was in the clear. Here's audio of KBS 1170 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rH9Ii8N3AM4>. (PW-AK)
- 1179 **JAPAN** JOOR, Osaka. Assumed with woman and man in Japanese 1535 12/9, poor to fair strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1206 **CHINA** Yanbian, PBS. Man in Korean 1315 12/3, poor to fair strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF, Tokyo. Assumed with woman in Japanese 1533 12/9, poor to fair. (NHP-BC)
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. Assumed with man in Japanese to another man on phone 1520 12/3, poor to fair signal. Also poor to fair, with man in Japanese 1529 12/1; still various mumbblings on channel 1714, well over an hour after local sunrise. (NHP-BC)
- 1314t **JAPAN** JOUF, Osaka. Assumed with two men in Japanese, much hilarity 1533-4 12/9, fair to good strength. First noted with audio around 1512, but this was its peak. (NHP-BC)
- 1323 **CHINA** Shuangyashan, CRI. Immense carrier, slightest traces of chimes and fanfare 1500 12/2. This interval signal could have been from one of the other CRI stations on that channel, it was so weak. There were a couple of other carriers on the channel, but no better than 20dB down from the main carrier. Either this CRI station is severely undermodulated, or has just been an OC recently. (NHP-BC)
- 1359 **CHINA** CNR1. Woman talking, then man //6125, poor strength, 1534 11/21. (NHP-BC)
- 1377 **CHINA** Xinyang, CNR1. Man talking, news sounders, //639 1502 12/2 poor strength. Had also been noted at fair to poor level 1521 11/21, man talking //6125. (NHP-BC)
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK2 synchros. JOQC Morioka most likely? Woman talking //1593 at 1538 12/9, poor to fair strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1422 **JAPAN** JORF, Yokohama. Assumed with man and woman in Japanese 1536 12/9, poor to fair. Also noted 12/7 1520, man in Japanese, woman responding. (NHP-BC)
- 1494 **UnID**. 1529 12/9. Woman in Japanese then into rock music, better on north Flag. 1287 not heard today, strangely, and 1269, which was heard, was not in parallel with 1494, so was this JOYR? (NHP-BC)
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK, Akita, NHK1. Man and woman in Japanese 1514 12/7, very good signal, earlier noted //594. (NHP-BC)
- 1512 **JAPAN** NHK2 synchros. Traces of anthem and chimes 1540-1 11/21, but struggling with UnID man talking also on channel. (NHP-BC)
- 1539 **JAPAN** NHK2 synchros. Music box 1542 11/21, poor level. (NHP-BC)
- 1548 **AUSTRALIA** 4QD, Emerald. I had the best signal to date from 4QD 1548, Emerald Queensland, Australia with their overnight networked talk programming. 1740 12/16 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEbNig5uqw4>. (PW-AK)
 +Heard the ABC news fanfare at 1500 12/17, but little more than that. (NP-AB)
 +1835 12/18 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wfn6x-2dYU> Here they are about 10 minutes earlier, just coming out of the ABC bottom of hour news: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDjNYU-lnHM>. (PW-AK)
- 1557t **TAIWAN** Kouhu, 1557 Music Interactive Network. Woman in Chinese, fading erratically, peaking at good level briefly in the 1615-18 12/16. (NHP-BC)
- 1566 **REP KOREA** HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Woman in Chinese 1543 12/4, piano music fair to good. Reprise at 1738-40 with man in Korean; still could hear man talking weakly at 1816 when the recording quit. Also heard 1521 12/3, man in Chinese, only briefly fair during sunrise enhancement, but wouldn't quit, just kept fading up, with one particularly good level at 1734 with woman in Korean over piano music, equal to earlier peak levels. Last audio, "O Come All Ye Faithful" carol 1827, nearly three hours after local sunrise. An earlier logging 1600 12/1, very good strength with woman in Chinese ending in piano music, then man in Korean with "FEBC" ID. Audio still noted after 1700, and fairly steady with Korean man and woman (drama?) 1719-27, peaking to very readable 1728. Starting to fade after this, but still noted Christmas carol at 1751. Late fades up to very good strength have been fairly common recently, such as man in Korean 1651-3 11/28, and 1700 11/22, man in Korean, no pips on hour. Program of Christmas music vocals before and after hour. (NHP-BC)
 +There were traces of HLAZ at 1332-1335 12/15 (LSR). (RA-OK)
 +Fair, with woman talking in Chinese at 1501 12/15, then vocal by a woman. (NP-AB)
 +Barely audible talk and music at 1336 (LSR); poor at 1337-1339 12/16; barely audible to poor from 1340 until fade-out at 1345. Signal was strong enough to recognize Japanese speech. (RA-OK)
 +Poor to fair audio from 1566-HLAZ around 1545 12/16 (although Chinese this time, instead of Japanese). (GCB-WA)
 +Was its usual strong self on 1744 12/16 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR0d65YSPNg>. (PW-AK)
 +Nothing at all until faint traces of man speaking heard at 1501 12/17. (NP-AB)
 +Fragmentary signal traces on 1566 kHz between 1306 and 1338 12/18. (RA-OK)
 +With a trace of unintelligible speech at 1333 12/19; barely audible man talking in Japanese at 1335; poor at 1337 (LSR); poor-to-fair at 1340; piano music and talk at 1341; fair at 1342; poor at 1343; faded out 1344-1346; barely audible at 1348; trace of signal at 1353. (RA-OK)
- 1575 **THAILAND** Ban Phachi, VOA. ID by man and Yankee Doodle at 1600 12/14, fair to poor. (NHP-BC)
- 1593 **CHINA** Changzhou, CNR1. Man and woman in Chinese //6125, 1509, 1527, 1516 11/21, fair to good strength; NHK2 sometimes struggling underneath. (NHP-BC)
JAPAN NHK2 synchros. Music box s/off peaking at good level 1543 11/18, some interference from CNR1. (NHP-BC)

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 162 **FRANCE** Radio France, Allouis. 12/16 fair. (RA-OK)
- 164 **FRANCE** Radio France, Allouis. With a poor signal here for a few minutes after 2328 12/15 (LSS 2315), fading away at 2335. (RA-OK)
- 171 **MOROCCO** Medi 1, Nador. 12/16 poor-to-fair. (RA-OK)
- 183 **GERMANY** Europe 1, Felsberg. 12/16 poor. (RA-OK)
- 189 **ICELAND** Rás 2, Gufuskalar. 12/16 barely audible. (RA-OK)
- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio 4, Droitwich. 0321 12/16 occasionally very poor. (SR-AZ)
 +12/16 barely audible. (RA-OK)
- 216 **MONTE CARLO** Radio Monte Carlo. 12/16 poor-to-fair. (RA-OK)
- 252 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 3, Tipaza. Radio Algerienne 12/16 fair. (RA-OK)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 970 **MÉXICO** XESW, Ciudad Madera, Chih. Dominating 970. 0505 12/12 with sign off. Mexican National Anthem followed by call letters given twice slowly, location and mention of "Radio Madera" before carrier was cut at 0513. New for me. [JcJ-AZ]

ODDS AND ENDS

12/18 (via IRCA eGroup). This is the final 45 minutes of my 3-hour – exactly 3 hours – broadcast of East Asia AM radio (skywave as heard from Seoul, frequency by frequency). http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/audio/seoul/Korean_Propaganda_and_Jammers.mp3.

This includes jammers and propaganda stations on TV, FM, AM, and SW, though the AM band is covered in the first 2 hours. Some stations covered include Voice of the People, Echo of Hope, Jayuui Sori, Jayu FM, and Korean Central Television, as well as a look at the sounds of more than 30 Korean jammers one frequency at a time.

At the end of this month, the first 2 hrs. 15 min. will be released with a 60+ page guide, broadcast transcript with all song titles from the broadcast, and station map and all audio will be posted in a (somewhat) visible location. This project has taken 14 months to complete, so I truly hope you'll take the time to become educated on the radio wars on the Korean peninsula. And if you're too busy now, this part will be included in the full broadcast coming soon, so do not fret!

Chris Kadlec, Seoul AM Radio Listening Guide

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***** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX *****

- 720 **GREENLAND** KNR Kalaallit Nunaata Radioa, Simiutaq. DEC 14 2240 – Greenlandic language by man and woman, song vocal then into instrumental version of "White Christmas" then more talk // online audio feed with a delay. [Willie-NF]
- 1233 **KENYA** Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, Marsabit. DEC 13 2015 – African style vocals, chants, drum type music. This log was ascertained from an earlier similar reporting from the Newfoundland DXpedition team at Cappahayden in 2015 who logged this around the same time of day, content and programming heard at the time similarly matched description of what was heard back then. Signal was fading off and on mixing intermittently with Radio Dechovka from the Czech Republic. [Willie-NF]

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

- 720 **MÉXICO** XEJCC Ciudad Juárez, Chih. DEC 10 0157 – "Continuamos en El Fonógrafo 700-20 AM" non-ID, overcoming WGN, another Chicagoan attenuated by auroral conditions. When this happens I keep hoping to hear something deeper, such as Radio Católica in Nicaragua; El Fonógrafo is only XEJCC, 25 kW daytimer until 0200 per IRCA Mexican Log 2015; 1 kW per WRTH 2016, both as "Extremo 720". Let's hope both catch up with current name in new editions out shortly. [Hauser-OK]
- 780 **MÉXICO** XESFT, San Fernando, Tam. DEC 10 0134 – Spanish station is over WBBM in auroral conditions, plug for a torneo de pesca (fishing tournament), federal PSAs, non-ID as "La Poderosa, 103.7 FM, 780-AM", into music. That all fits for XESFT, 5/1 kW. Also mentioned Victoria, ie the state capital, Ciudad Victoria; on the NRD-545 with fixed antenna; at 0156 recheck on the rotatable DX-398, separable from WBBM. [Hauser-OK]

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- 2859.82H **COSTA RICA** Radio San Carlos. Dec 16 0016 – JBA music, tentative Radio San Carlos 2x 1430v. It's less than the noise level of S9+10. [Hauser-OK]
- 3925 **JAPAN** Radio Nikkei 1, Chiba-Nagara. DEC 6 0915 – continuous great jazz music, fair to poor. [Peterson-CA]
+DEC 17 1330 – Pop-rock. Poor. [Barton-AZ]
- 3945 **JAPAN** Radio Nikkei 2, Chiba-Nagara. DEC 6 1030 – also in but not as strong as 3925. [Peterson-CA]
+DEC 16 1155 – Pop vocal music. Often Japanese J-Pop, but today American pop, including modern cover of old Sergio Mendes Brasil 66 cut. Very good. [Barton-AZ]
- 4450 **SOUTH KOREA** Voice of the People, Goyang. DEC 6 1030 – Clandestine targeted to North Korea in Korean, fair. [Peterson-CA]
- 4557 **SOUTH KOREA** Voice of the People, Goyang. DEC 6 1045 – Clandestine targeted to North Korea in Korean, fair. [Peterson-CA]
- 4949.7 **ANGOLA** Radio Nacional, Mulenvos. DEC 9 0500 – tentatively the modest carrier here. Nothing else listed here at this time, and Congo-6115 was in in this same time period. [Peterson-CA]
+DEC 16 0022. RNA poor at S9 but good modulation in Portuguese talk. Still would like to hear it at armchair level. [Hauser-OK]

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Tower Site Calendar's 16th edition goes to press

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