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This week, IRCA welcomes Doug Pifer in Aumsville OR (rejoins). Seattle deadline, every Monday 6 PM PLT (we are weekly now).

Updated PAL Available

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9/13. I updated the Pacific Asian Log a few days ago. It's now posted on the Radioheritage website: <http://www.radioheritage.net/>. You'll need to go through a couple of the site's internal links to get to the proper page, but you'll be able to either download the PDF version or use the interactive version. If you have problems finding it, let me know. I can also send a copy directly.

Changes since last update in May include major updates to the Australia, China, and Philippines listings, as well as changes for other countries. Corrections and updates from users are always welcome and can be sent to bportzer@comcast.net or portzerbt@gmail.com. I'm planning to issue the next update in November.

First issued in 2001, The PAL lists medium wave and domestic shortwave broadcasting stations in southern and eastern Asia and the Pacific. It lists about 5000 stations in over 50 countries, with frequencies, call signs, locations, power, networks, schedules, languages, formats, networks and other information.

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2018 Convention Bids

Bids for the IRCA 2018 convention are now being accepted. If you're interested, please contact me at the above email address for a convention bid form. Deadline for bids is 10/15/17.



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DATE OF COLUMN: October 07 2017 Column data span: September 23-October 07 2017, Data courtesy of Stationintel.com, FCC database and member contributions.

CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
1200	WCHB	Taylor, MI	WMUZ
1290	WLEJ	Bellaire, OH	WYLY
1340	WEXL	Royal Oak, MI	WCHB

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
570	WTBN	Pinellas Park, FL	old slogan: "Faith Talk 570/910", new: "Faith Talk 570-910"
590	WMBS	Uniontown, PA	adds talk as secondary format
630	KYMA	Magnolia, AR	drops Westwood One Classic Hits network
710	KFIA	Carmichael, CA	old slogan: "Keeping Faith In America", new: "710 The Word"
910	WTWD	Plant City, FL	old slogan: "Faith Talk 570/910", new: "Faith Talk 570-910"
920	KSRM	Soldotna, AK	old slogan: "News/Talk 92", new: "News-Talk 92"
930	KLUP	Terrell Hills, TX	old slogan: "NewsTalk 930, The Loop", new: "930 AM The Answer"
970	WKCI	Waynesboro, VA	was News/Talk, now News-Talk
990	KZZB	Beaumont, TX	now silent
1010	KTNZ	Amarillo, TX	was sports, now new unknown format
1060	WIXC	Titusville, FL	now silent
1140	WAWK	Kendallville, IN	old slogan: "95.5 FM/1140 AM – The Hawk", new: "95.5 FM-1140 AM – The Hawk"
1190	KJJI	White Hall, AR	now silent
1230	WTCJ	Tell City, IN	was hot adult contemporary, now urban contemporary, adds slogan: "93.3 The Vibe"
	WIBQ	Terre Haute, IN	old slogan: "NewsTalk 1230/1440", new: "NewsTalk 1230-1440"
1250	KOFC	Fayetteville, AR	was religious teaching, now new unknown format
1260	KEIR	Idaho Falls, ID	old slogan: "Sunny AM 690/1260", new: "Sunny AM 690-1260"
	WNOO	Chattanooga, TN	old slogan: "Glory 1260", new: "Soul Of Chattanooga"
1280	WPKZ	Fitchburg, MA	old slogan: "The Heart Of New England's Pulse", new: "K-Zone 105.3 FM"
1300	WKCY	Harrisonburg, VA	was News/Talk, now News-Talk
1310	WORK	Canandaigua, NY	was sports, now talk, old slogan: "The Team 1310-1590", new: "WOKR 1310"
1320	KELO	Sioux Falls, SD	old slogan: "KELO AM 1320/107.9 FM", new: "KELO AM 1320-107.9 FM"
1400	WANI	Opelika, AL	old slogan: "NewsTalk 1400", new: "NewsTalk 1400 & 98.7"
	KWON	Bartlesville, OK	old slogan: "KWON 1400 AM/93.3 FM", new: "KWON 1400 AM-93.3 FM"
	WKAV	Charlottesville, VA	was classic country, now contemporary Christian, old slogan: "94.1 Hank FM", new: "94.1 The Oasis"
1430	WGFS	Covington, GA	was ethnic, now urban gospel, old slogan: "Rainbow 1420 AM WATB", new: "1430 The King"
1440	WBOW	Paris, IL	old slogan: "NewsTalk 1230/1440", new: "NewsTalk 1230-1440"
1450	WMFJ	Daytona Beach, FL	now silent
	WOXO	South Paris, ME	old slogan: "96.9/100.7 The Ox", new: "96.9-100.7 The Ox"
1460	WNPL	Golden Gate, FL	now silent
1480	KYOS	Merced, CA	old slogan: "Merced County's News/Talk", new: "Merced County's News-Talk"
1490	WFZX	Anniston, AL	was classic hits, now urban contemporary, old slogan: "The Fox", new: "The Vibe"
	KJOQ	Duluth, MN	old slogan: "The Fan 1490", new: "The Jock 1490"

1500	WKIZ	Key West, FL	now silent
1520	WRSJ	San Juan, PR	now silent
1540	WIBS	Guayama, PR	now silent
1550	WSRY	Elkton, MD	was contemporary Christian, now urban gospel, old slogan: "Reach Radio", new: "Reach Gospel Radio"
1590	KWEY	Weatherford, OK	was sports, now classic country
1660	WGIT	Canovanas, PR	now silent
1670	KGMS	Redding, CA	old slogan: "News Talk 1670/105.7", new: "News Talk 1670-105.7"
1690	WIGT	Charlotte Amalie, VI	now silent

(Note: some repeating slogans again from stationintel.com, they are replacing the symbol/with "-" -ye ed)

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA passes along the following via Radio Insight dated 9/26/17:

<https://radioinsight.com/headlines/119937/entercom-divests-100-3-sound-los-angeles-two-others-educational-media-foundation/>

Entercom Divests 100.3 The Sound Los Angeles & Two Others To Educational Media Foundation, By Lance Venta on September 27 2017

Update 9/27: Educational Media Foundation will pay \$57.75 million for the three stations.

Part of the deal includes an environmental assessment of the station properties and a clause that should a Remediation Assessment of the 95.9 WGGI facilities exceed \$50,000, than EMF can remove that station from the deal by subtracting \$275,000 from the purchase price.

Both KSWD and WGGI will join EMF's Christian AC "K-Love" network, while 92.1 KSOQ will join Christian CHR "Air 1". All three stations have applied to convert to non-commercial status and main studio waivers. No LMA's are included in the deal, which will not close until after the CBS Radio/Entercom merger is completed.

Original Report 9/26: Educational Media Foundation will acquire three stations from Entercom as part of that companies required spin-offs from its upcoming merger with CBS Radio.

EMF will acquire Classic Rock "100.3 The Sound" KSWD Los Angeles as well as 92.1 KSOQ Escondido CA (Simulcasts Country <http://www.froggy101.com/> 97.3 KSON San Diego) and 95.9 WGGI Berwick PA (Simulcasts Country "Froggy 101" WGGY Wilkes-Barre). EMF will use KSWD to debut the Christian AC "K-Love" network in Los Angeles, however that will also require an agreement with Univision as that company's Spanish AC "107.5 K-Love" KLVE predates EMF and local usage. No word on the status of the soon to be former Sound staff, or if the Intellectual Property could shift to one of the current CBS Radio stations in the market. The impending demise of KSWD would leave Cumulus' 95.5 KLOS as the only Classic Rocker in Los Angles.

Those three stations had been expected to be among the stations to be divested since the announcement of the CBS Radio/Entercom merger. KSWD was a standalone next to CBS Radio's maxed out group of FM's in Los Angeles, while KSOQ and WGGI were formerly grandfathered signals used to simulcast and boost coverage of a nearby Country station.

Entercom is still required to dives 2 FMs in Boston, 3 FMs in Sacramento, 4 FMs in San Francisco, 2 FMs in Seattle, and whatever else is imposed on it by the Department of Justice or FCC to clear the merger.

Entercom Communications Corp. (NYSE: ETM), a leading media and entertainment company, today announced that it has entered into an agreement to divest three stations to Educational Media Foundation (EMF), including KSWD-FM 100.3 The Sound in Los Angeles, KSOQ-FM 92.1 in San Diego and WGGI-FM 95.9 in Wilkes-Barre. This transaction marks the first required divestitures related to Entercom's pending merger with CBS Radio.

"We have made great progress towards the completion of our merger with CBS Radio and this agreement with EMF brings us one step closer to the finish line," said David Field, President and Chief Executive Officer, Entercom. "We remain on track to close the CBS Radio transaction later this year and confident in the value-creating opportunities presented by this transformational combination."

Based in Rocklin, California, EMF is a non-profit organization that operates radio networks specializing in adult contemporary Christian music, including K-LOVE and Air1. As of September 26, 2017, EMF owns and operates some 770 FM stations and translators.

With EMF adding to its footprint in Los Angeles, San Diego and Wilkes-Barre, EMF CEO Mike Novak commented, "We are particularly excited to see what God has in store for the people of Los Angeles, through our new station, Positive & Encouraging K-LOVE at 100.3 FM. The people at Entercom have been a joy making this purchase possible."

On February 2 2017, Entercom announced an agreement to combine with CBS Radio Inc. in an all-stock transaction which is expected to be tax-free to CBS and its shareholders. The merger will make Entercom a leading local media and entertainment company with a nationwide footprint of 240 stations, with strong positions in virtually all of the top 50 markets, as well as robust digital capabilities and a growing events platform.

MVP Capital, LLC acted as a financial adviser to Entercom for this transaction.

Dave Gordon of Morgan Hill CA passes along the following dated 9/28/17:

I just saw the latest IRCA DX monitor. I checked KNRY this morning and the station is still adult standards. I wish KNRY was oldies.

John T Arthur of Belfast NY passes along the following dated 9/28/17:

Just today I heard WABH-1380, Bath NY, promote as "Big Country". And they're paralleling on their translator on 100.3 FM.

Mike Sanburn passes along the following from Dennis Gibson of Salinas CA via the IRCA Digest list dated 10/2/17:

<https://radioinsight.com/headlines/120017/fcc-report-101-two-salt-lake-ams-turn-licenses/>

FCC Report 10/1: Two Salt Lake AMs Turn In Licenses, By Lance Venta on October 1 2017, Station Deletions

United Broadcasting Company has requested the deletion of 630 KTKK Sandy and 1510 KLLB West Jordan UT in the Salt Lake City market. Both stations have been silent since May when KTKK's Talk programming was moved to sister 1640 KBJA Sandy. KTKK had been operating via STA from KLLB's tower, which was demolished in June.

Been sick at home the last week and a half, got hand-foot-mouth disease (bad blisters on my feet and blisters on my hands) after eating 2 infected tacos at a local Taco Bell on 9/27, stayed home since 9/29, working from home during the week, I was contagious, I'm getting over it as of 10/7 but haven't been cleared to go back to work, the health department inspection results were inconclusive but I can say with 100% confidence I got it, there, currently discussing legal options with a lawyer, the restaurant offered me a few tacos so I wouldn't report, are they kidding? Won't be going back to a Taco Bell for a LONG time, if ever. Hope DX is better for all of you. 73's. Bob Wien



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WDXR DEADLINES: Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15 and Dec 22. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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930 KSEI **ID**, Pocatello heard 10/3 at 0906 with "Idaho's Oldies Channel KSEI and 106.7." (BB-AZ)

990 KTMS **CA**, Santa Barbara 10/1 mixing or over XECL, 0105 out of Fox News with PSA, "We're connected so you'll be connected. This is Santa Barbara's News Talk 990 KTMS" into C2C program. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)

1010 CBR **AB**, Calgary heard 10/6 at 2159 with "This is CBC Radio One" then CBC News at 2200 with weather at 2205. (BB-AZ)

1120 KPNW **OR**, Eugene heard 10/3 at 0924 with "News Radio 1120 KPNW." (BB-AZ)

1180 KZOT **NE**, Bellevue 10/2 good with KOFI and KERN nulled. 0100 out of CBS Sports program with "CBS Sports Radio 1180, The Zone Two, KZOT Bellevue, Omaha." New for me. (JCJ-AZ)

- 1230 KINO **AZ**, Winslow heard 10/1 at 2034 with "Key No Radio." (BB-AZ)
 1250 KNEU **UT**, Roosevelt 10/5 2150 "In all the world, you'll never find a love as true as KNEU, AM 12-50 Country." Heard steady and well, and well before local sunset with SW-2000629, Terk Advantage loop. (RB-AZ)
 1270 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks 10/5 alone on 1270, no sign of KVMI. 0800 out of PSA with "KBZZ Sparks, Reno 96.1, 1270 AM The Buzz." New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 1290 KOUU **ID**, Pocatello heard 10/2 at 2040 with "Country Classics KOUU 1290 and 102.9." (BB-AZ)
 1400 KTUC **AZ**, Tucson heard 10/4 at 2033 with "Tucson's All Time Favorites 1400 KTUC." (BB-AZ)
 1450 KVEN **CA**, Ventura 9/30 good in KZNU null. 0800 with "KVEN Ventura" ID, mention of "Sports Radio KVEN" twice into sports news broadcast. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 1460 KLTC **ND**, Dickinson 10/3 in briefly when KZNT faded. 0032 with "AM 1460 KLTC" into a country music song. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 1480 KQAM **KS**, Wichita 10/1 2335 local spots, "On the Big Talker 14-80 KQAM." Good, steady on RF-2200 looped for NE/SW. First time heard by me. I was happy to add this one, as I once visited that station back in the days when it was the big top-40 station there. Every teenager in Wichita was tuned to "Cleo," or, KLEO. I remember seeing the tower array from the studio window in a field behind the station. (RB-AZ)

Looks like DX conditions are improving as 6 of the 13 stations reported to WDXR this week were new ones for members. John's five new stations were a direct result of his DXing for the contest. He was trying to relog stations and heard new ones in the process. Like I've saying for years, if you want to get new catches join the contest! – Nancy 10/6 1900



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1250 WSSP **WI**, Milwaukee. 10/5 fair to poor signal, mixing with KYYS and other stations. 0423 noted with local spots, promo, "105-Seven the Fan" ID in promo. [EB-MO]
 1260 KDLF **IA**, Boone. 10/5 good signal over WSDZ. 0427 noted with "La Reina" ID into interview in Spanish. Most likely on daytime power. [EB-MO]
 1390 KCLN **IA**, Clinton. 10/2 fair to poor signal, mixing with WLLI and other stations. 2048 noted with Adult Standards format, "AM 13-90 KCLN Clinton, Iowa" legal ID into local spot. [EB-MO]
 WLLI **TN**, Jackson. 10/2 fair to poor signal, mixing with KCLN and other stations. 2057 noted with "Willie 94" ID and Country format. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

October 8 1966 issue of "DX Monitor" ... The 1967 frequency check list was 10 pages long ... DX Contests included one giving points for call letters with I-R-C-A ... **Dave Johnson** mentioned he obtained his novice license. // October 5 1991 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Larry Godwin** of Missoula MT wondered if using floppy discs to send reports to editors would be something to consider ... **Mark Connelly** of Billerica MA discussed stations going dark offering DX opportunities.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric we have a column this week. Have you joined this year's DX Contest? This week alone I logged 5 new stations while trying to re-log others for contest points. This column was typed 10-6-17. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

- (HD-KY) **Harry Dence** (N4HT), Lexington KY
 No equipment listed
 (PS-ON) **Paul Snider**, Welland ON, Canada
 Elon FDM-S2 software-defined receiver, Pixel RF Pro-1B loop

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 560 WGAI **NC**, Elizabeth City – 10/1 2338 noted with an Urban Gospel format, "Music the Whole Family Can Listen To... Only the Best Gospel, Gregory Gospel-dot-com" mention at 0006. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CFOS, WFIL and probably WIND; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)
 1250 WLRT **KY**, Nicholasville – (no date or time) Format change from Talk to Spanish took place 8/1. (HD-KY)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Paul for his log this week. A big welcome to Harry Dence of Lexington KY; he's returning to the hobby after a 13-year hiatus. Harry also reports that WWKY 990 Winchester KY should be testing any day now (if not already). The station is owned by Hays McMakin's Gateway Radio Works of Mount Sterling KY, which also owns WMST 1150 and several other stations. 73 and good DX from N0UIH (The Florissant Valley Dial Twister)



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Deadline – Monday 1200 UTC. **Note** – New email address for reports.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 531 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi. SEP 29 2301 – Music, Jil FM mention by man //549; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 549 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, Les Trembles. SEP 29 2301 – Music, Jil FM mention by man //531; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 603 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. SEP 29 2300 – 5+1 pips, fanfare music, Radio Nacional de España ID at start of news; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio Wales, Washford et al. SEP 24 2300 – BBC Radio Wales ID, fanfare music followed by "Manic Monday" by the Bangles; fair through WCBS slop. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros. SEP 25 0000 – Promo for TalkSport afternoon drive time show; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. SEP 25 0001 – End of Billy Idol "Rebel Yell", Absolute Radio ID; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]

*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

- 549 **AUSTRALIA** 2CR, Orange. SEP 29 1300 – Could just make out the ABC news fanfare at the hour, but nothing else. [NP-AB]
 594 **JAPAN** JOAK, NHK1, Tokyo. OCT 2 1322 – good with man in Japanese. [DV-WA]
 702 **NEW ZEALAND** (t) Christchurch, 'Magic'. OCT 6 1412 – weak. Assuming the station with talk and music. Programming did not match ABC live stream. [DV-WA]
 738 **TAIWAN** (t) Baisha, BEL2. OCT 2 1418-1422 – very weak, assuming the station w/Asian language speaker. [DV-WA]
 774 **JAPAN** JOUB, Akita, NHK2. OCT 2 1335 – good with Chinese lessons. Still good at 1423. [DV-WA]
 810 **AUSTRALIA** 2BA, Bega, ABC National. SEP 29 1300 – ABC news fanfare heard through KGO. First time I've heard Australia on 810 in 30 years! [NP-AB]
 873 **JAPAN** JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. OCT 6 1309 – seldom heard powerhouse JOGB with weak signal and woman in Japanese. [DV-WA]
 972 **REP KOREA** HLCA, Dangjin. OCT 2 1404 – fair. Man in Korean. [DV-WA]
 1017 **TONGA** (t) A3Z, Nuku'alofa. OCT 6 – assuming A3Z with poor signal and woman speaker. [DV-WA]

- 1026 **AUSTRALIA** 4MK, Mackay. SEP 22 1307 – Playing top song from this week in 1982, talk about rugby events that year. [NP-AB]
 1098 **MARSHAL ISLANDS** V7AB, Majuro. SEP 29 1100 – Man speaking in local language, then into BBC news at 1301. Also noted at 1132 with national anthem. [NP-AB]
 1134 **JAPAN** JOQR, Tokyo, NCB. OCT 2 1425 – weak with man in Japanese. [DV-WA]
 1206 **CHINA** (t) Yanbian, PBS. OCT 2 1402 weak. Guessing China w/Korean program? [DV-WA]
 1296 **AUSTRALIA** 6RN, Wagin, WA. SEP 23 1300 – Faint traces of the ABC news fanfare at the hour. Better at 1315 with feature about opera singer Joan Sutherland. Confirmed program on Radio National web site. My first logging of a station from Western Australia. [NP-AB]
 1332 **AUSTRALIA** 4BU, Bundaberg, QLD. OCT 1 1335 – 70's and 80's vintage pop tunes. Canned ID was indistinct, but managed to match it up with one I found on their webstream. [NP-AB]
NEW ZEALAND Auckland, Radio Sport. SEP 29 1259 – Very marginal, but heard definite Fox Sports ID just before the hour. [NP-AB]
 1548 **AUSTRALIA** 4QD, Emerald. SEP 29 1318 – Big signal for a couple of minutes with interview, then faded to a more normal level. [NP-AB]
 1566 **AUSTRALIA** 3NE, Wangaratta. SEP 24 1307 – Oldies music. No sign of Korea today. [NP-AB]
REP KOREA HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. OCT 2 1411 – very weak with man in Chinese. [DV-WA]
 1629 **AUSTRALIA** Newcastle. Radio 1629 AM. SEP 27 1305 – Nostalgia music. Confirmed station identity on SDR in Newcastle, and station also verified it was them. [NP-AB]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 550 **VENEZUELA** YVKE, Mundial, Caracas. SEP 30 0000 – Mundial and Venezuela mentions; over others. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ, San Juan. SEP 30 0001 – WKAQ 580 AM San Juan ID and affiliates list; loud, apparently at full power. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 600 **COLOMBIA** HJHJ, Radio Libertad, Barranquilla. SEP 30 0000 – Radio Libertad ID; briefly over Cuba. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 670 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde + Dobleve synchros. SEP 29 0000 – Rebelde and Dobleve Cubans fighting it out, ID's for each. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
VENEZUELA YVLL, Radio Rumbos, Caracas. SEP 24 2302 – NotiRumbos slogan; fair, dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 700 **BRAZIL** ZYK686, Nossa Radio, São Paulo. SEP 29 2300 – Nossa Radio ID by man in Portuguese; fair, alone on channel. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
COLOMBIA HJCX, W Radio, Cali. SEP 30 0000 – W Radio ID; through slop from 710 Cuba. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 720 **COLOMBIA** HJAN, Emisoras Unidas, Barranquilla. SEP 29 0000 – ID "Emisoras Unidas, la primer emisora de Colombia"; fair. {A}
 +SEP 30 0000 – Tropical music, Barranquilla mentions, ID "Emisoras Unidas, tu mejor compañía", mellow vocal; loud. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 740 **CUBA** Radio Angulo, Sagua de Tánamo. SEP 30 0000 – Spacey music, man with ID "Radio Angulo, transmitiendo desde Holguín, Cuba", then 6 note chimes, jingle. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ, RCN Radio, Barranquilla. SEP 29 2359 – RCN ID's and repeated 4-ascending-notes attention signals; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 790 **CUBA** Radio Reloj, Pinar del Río/Holguín. SEP 30 0001 – Radio Reloj ID, beeps in news program. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 990 **MEXICO** XECL, Mexicali, BCN. OCT 7 0005 – post-game wrap, Calexico Bulldogs. [RB-AZ]

*** TROPICAL BAND DX ***

- 3325 **INDONESIA** RRI Palangkaraya. OCT 6 1251 – RRI with songs at S9=S7, thru hourtop, 1301 clear R-R-I (air-air-eee) Palangkaraya ID, finally 5-pip timesignal ending at 1301:34.5! Then Palangkaraya mentioned a few times more, 1303 promo for berita but no news now, 1305 back to songs. [GH-OK]
 3945 **JAPAN** Radio Nikkei 2, Chiba-Nagara. OCT 5 1310 – man and woman in Japanese. Much improved over an earlier check where reception was poor. Fair. [RB-AZ]

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 NOTE: {A} in entry indicates that audio can be accessed from link on the following page: http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_2017.htm
Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus
Antenna 1: Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 10m vert by 11m horiz (peak 165 deg, null 345 deg)
Antenna 2: Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 9m vert by 20m horiz (peak 90 deg, null 270 deg)
 GH-OK **GLENN HAUSER**, Enid OK (via direct and DXLD eGroup)
 DX-398 or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside random wire N-S; ICR-75 with E-W longwire; FRG-7 with NW-SE short wire
 NP-AB **NIGEL PIMBLETT**, Dunmore AB
 Perseus SDR with a Wellbrook Phased Array, 1000' west beverage
 DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA
 JRC NRD 545 + Drake R8B, NW ewe 310°, Long wire 339', Random wire 380'

Many thanks to this week's reporters, especially Nigel and Dennis who reported to DXWW directly. I would like to ask all of the regular IRCA eGroup TP DXers to please consider at least reporting a few of your week's best catches to the column directly. I have a second Vactrol on the way from Colin, and am looking forward to getting a second DKAZ up over the next week or two, this one 120' oriented NW/SE.

73 and Good DX, **Brandon**



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ASIA AND PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: Last evening 522 KHz was noted for the first time with strong ABC New Radio from the 630 KHz Sydney TX. The same TX also radiates a strong spurious signal on 774 KHz. This is genuine external spurious radiation that has been noted over many parts of Sydney. The 522 KHz spur doesn't likely have any competition, so may be received via evening skywave within roughly 1,000 km of Sydney. Especially for DXers located within 600 km of Sydney, there should be at least a fading carrier on 522 KHz. A few weeks ago I tested to see if my PVC loop could tune down to 522 KHz on the Sangean PR-D15. The 522 KHz peak was strong, but confined to QRM and QRN. The loop peaked at 522 KHz greatly outperforms outdoor un-tuned random 100 ft wires. Hence the fault has developed recently. (Todd Emslie, ICDX, 20 Sept) (Patrick Martin heard this spur in Oregon many years ago, so another reception in N America is possible. bp)
 1629 Vision station at Bathurst is off air. (ADXN Oct 2017)

MALDIVES: On 28 April 2015 national broadcaster Maldives Broadcasting Corporation ceased to be and was reformed as Public Service Media (PSM). The new entity operates two TV channels, a weekly magazine and three radio stations, the latter being Dhivehi Raajjeyge Adu (Voice of Maldives) on 1449 kHz mediumwave and 89.0 MHz FM, Dhivehi FM on 91.0 MHz and Dheenuge Adu on 90.0 MHz FM. This and further info in English is available on their new website at www.psm.mv. I couldn't find any links to live streams on the site but Dhivehi Raajjeyge Adu and Dhivehi FM streams can be accessed via the **Tuneln.com** portal. On Dhivehi Raajjeyge Adu a 10-minute newscast in English was noted at 1300 UT. (Dave Kernick, WRTH Facebook 18.8.2017).

KOREA (NORTH) [non]: The new BBC Korean service is broadcast for three hours daily at 1530-1830 UTC on SW on 5810 and 9940 kHz (valid 25 Sep 2017 till 28 Oct 2017). From 29 Oct 2017 till 24 Mar 2018 BBC Korean will use 5810 and 5830 kHz. According to the Korean language website of the BBC the service is on the air "from 00:00 till 03:00 local time in Pyongyang". As data are given in North Korean time the service seems to be aimed for listeners in the north of the peninsula. In addition the service is broadcast for one hour (via transmitter site in Mongolia – bp) on MW 1431 kHz from 1630-1730 UTC or 0100-0200 "local time in Pyongyang". (Manfred Reiff, dxld)

RUSSIA: Khabarovsk regional radio station "Vostok Rossii" ("East of Russia") has significantly increased the number of FM broadcasting points, becoming, according to the management of the media resource, the largest regional radio network in the Far East region.

To date, the station has five FM transmitters in Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Ayana, Vanino and Amursk (the last two have been made today) and 13 medium-wave AM transmitters. The coverage area of the signal was 92% of the territory of the Khabarovsk Territory.

On the eve of the anniversary, and next year the radio station "Vostok Rossii" will turn 20 years old, we decided to completely change the existing approach to the work of the station and started a reorganization. The government of the Khabarovsk Territory, which owns a large part of the assets of the radio station, fully

supported our initiatives. The broadcasting grid has changed significantly, new, versatile projects have appeared. The creative staff of the radio station increased, and, most importantly, the idea of expanding the FM broadcasting zone was supported. Today, on FM waves, we were heard in Vanino (105.8 FM) and Amursk (100.9 FM), actively working on the beginning of broadcasting in Sovetskaya Gavan, I think we will appear there also this autumn, "said the general director of the radio station Evgenia Razlataya.

The management of the radio station assured that the expansion of the broadcasting network made the "Vostok Rossii" the largest radio network of the Far East. According to the latest research commissioned by the Far East Institute of Management RASHiGS, the radio station "Vostok Rossii" is listened to by 18% of radio listeners in the Khabarovsk Territory. The core of the audience are men aged 25 to 45, among the fans of the "Vostok Rossii" 60%. The station broadcasts on FM and AM frequencies, as well as on the Internet, at <http://vostoknews.ru>.

The station's format combines rock-n-roll, electronic and folk sound. There are projects devoted to hip-hop culture and author's song.

Waves of broadcasting of the radio "Vostok Rossii":

765 AM – Khabarovsk Territory; 88.9 FM – Komsomolsk-on-Amur; 105.8 FM – Vanino;
103.7 FM – Khabarovsk; 100.9 FM – Amursk; 102.0 FM – Ayan.
http://debri-dv.com/article/17278/radiostanciyu_vostok_rossii_segodnya_uslyshali_vanino_i_amursk (<https://vk.com/club59176345>) (via Anatoly Klepov)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST

ITALY: Band scan daytime 0930 UTC:

828 Radio Z-100 Milan (Milano), very weak 1368 Radio One (somewhere in region Tuscany), weak
846 Challenger Radio (Villa Estense, Padova), excellent 1476 Free Radio AM (Trieste), good
1098 Media Radio Castellana (Castel San Pietro, Bologna), good 1584 Radio Studio X (Momigno, Pistoia), weak to good
1206 Amica Radio Veneta (Vigonza, Padova), non-stop folk music, good 1602 Baby Radio AM (Trieste), ex 1566 kHz, very weak

On 1350 kHz, I AM Radio is currently transmitting with low power (about 8 W) due to transmitter fault.

(Fabrizio Magrone via Ydun's Medium Wave Info 10.9.2017)

LATVIA: Radio Merkurs is testing on 1269 kHz with 80'er music. Still low power, maybe using a sky wave antenna.

(Karl-Erik Stridh, NORDX yg via mediumwave.info 7/9-2017)

NETHERLANDS: The Dutch authorities have started issuing new MW licenses after receiving over fifty applications for low power stations to use five new AM frequencies. The channels 675 kHz, 1224 kHz, 1332 kHz and 1584 kHz were previously used by commercial stations – 675 was well known as Radio 10 Gold for many years and was heard throughout western Europe with its 120kW transmitter. 1224 kHz was used at the 50 kW level by the radio ship Communicator for 8 years in the late 1990s, when licensed by the Dutch government. The other stations operated at more modest power levels, mainly by Radio Paradijs, a local station in Utrecht. The new licensees of the frequencies will be able to use only 100 watts.

(World of Radio FB group via Svenn Martinsen in DX-Listeners' Club FB group via mediumwave.info 16/9-2017)

POLAND: From sources working with Radio AM I have got information that the following stations are on the air: Lipsko 963, Cmolos 1062, Andrychow 1584 and the main station Kraków 1602 kHz. What has been heard recently in Växjö are: 963 and 1602 kHz. (Bengt Ericson, ARC 9.9.2017)

RUSSIA: Radio Pridnestrovye (aka the 2nd channel) rebranded into Radio 1+ identifying itself as such (Radio Odin Plus) on 621 kHz right now, in parallel with the westream (the latter is delayed by 3-4 seconds). Nostalgic, mostly Soviet-era music. (Mauno Ritola, ARC 21.8.2017)

SPAIN: [Google translate] Spanish AM stations' schedule of regional programs in 15 minutes (0745-0800 local). The quarter of an hour separating 7:45 am from 8am (local time in Madrid and Rome) is a magical moment to listen to the local/regional programming of Spain in medium waves, from Monday to Friday.

The various chains have a space dedicated to information and local advertising, while the rising sun is still low to the west, helping to reduce interference from the east. While the northwest (Holland and UK in particular) remain strong, with a little patience I have carried out a monitoring by Bocca di Magra. Below you find the timetables verified and the hearings of October 5 2017.

Hours from Monday to Friday: RNE regional programming: 0745-0800 local time, Onda Cero local programming: 0755-0800 local time, SER regional programming: 0750-0800 local time, COPE regional programming: 0756-0800 local time

Heard: **RNE Regional** at 0545 UTC (from Monday to Friday)

558 5/10 RNE Valencia, Spain, RNE Valencian Community, good	801 5/10 RNE Girona, RNE Catalunya, fair
567 5/10 RNE Murcia, Spain, Regional RNE Murcia, good	855 5/10 RNE Murcia, RNE Murcia, very good
576 5/10 RNE Barcelona, Regional RNE Catalunya, in Catalan, good	864 5/10 RNE Socuellamos, RNE Castilla y la Mancha, weak/fair
585 5/10 RNE Madrid, Spain, RNE Comunidad de Madrid, good	936 5/10 RNE Valladolid, RNE Castilla y Leon, QRM RAI Belluno
603 5/10 RNE Sevilla, Spain, RNE Andalusia, good	972 5/10 RNE Melilla, RNE Melilla, fair
612 5/10 RNE Lleida, RNE Catalunya, fair	1017 5/10 RNE Malaga, RNE Andalusia, fair
621 5/10 RNE Palma, RNE Baleares in Mallorquino, fair	1098 5/10 RNE Almeria, RNE Andalusia, fair
648 5/10 RNE Badajoz, RNE Extremadura, fair	1107 5/10 RNE Ponferrada, RNE Castilla y Leon, fair QRM Rome
684 5/10 RNE Sevilla, RNE Andalusia, excellent	1125 5/10 RNE Castellon, RNE Comunidad Valencia, weak QRM RTBF Vivacite'
693 5/10 RNE Tortosa, RNE Catalunya, fair	1152 5/10 RNE Lleida, RNE Catalunya, weak
729 5/10 RNE Cuenca, RNE Castilla y la Mancha, fair	1305 5/10 RNE Ciudad Real, RNE Castilla y la Mancha, fair/good
738 5/10 RNE Barcelona, RNE Catalunya, excellent	1305 5/10 RNE Bilbao, RNE Euzkadi regional, at 0548 dominant for few minutes
747 5/10 RNE Cadiz, RNE Andalusia, fair/good	1314 5/10 RNE Tarragona, RNE Catalunya, fair with some QRM Romania
774 5/10 RNE Valencia, RNE Comunidad Valencia, very good	1413 5/10 RNE Girona, RNE Catalunya, good

Onda Cero

1341 5/10 0555 Onda Cero Radio Ciudad Real, local ID, commercial, fair

1341 5/10 0556 Onda Cero Almeria, local ID and commercials, poor QRM Ciudad Real

SER

810 5/10 0550 SER Madrid, Hoy por hoy Madrid, news, commercials, weak QRM Macedonia

873 5/10 0550 SER Zaragoza, Hoy por hoy Aragon, fair

1044 5/10 0550 SER Valladolid, Hoy por hoy Castilla y Leon, fair

1080 5/10 0550 SER Huesca, Hoy de hoy Aragon, fair

1116 5/10 0550 SER Pontevedra, Hoy por hoy Galicia, fair

1260 5/10 0550 SER Murcia, Hoy de hoy Murcia Region, fair/good

1485 5/10 0550 SER Alcoy, hoy por hoy Valencian Community, fair

COPE

711 5/10 0558 COPE Murcia, local ID with FM and AM frequencies, local commercials, fair/good

882 5/10 0556 COPE Alicante, local ID, provincial news and commercials, fair

1143 5/10 0556 COPE Jaen, local ID, news, weather, fair

1224 5/10 0557 COPE 2 transmitters, ID COPE Andalusia, news, fair

1296 5/10 0557 COPE Valencia, Spain, local ID, news Valencia, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, playdx.blogspot via MWC fb group 6/10-2017)

SYRIA: Right now Damascus Radio announces three "working" MW frequencies (567, 783, and 936 kHz). (Rawad Hamwi, WRTH fb group 16/9-2017)

783 Radio Damascus program schedule: 1700-1800 UTC Russian; 1800-1900 German, 1900-2000 French, 2000-2100 English, 2100-2200 Spanish. The foreign languages in the evening seem to have started 21.9.2017, probably test transmissions. (Mauno Ritola, mwcircle 22.9.2017)

UKRAINE: Radio Maiak, Odessa reactivated its transmitter on 765 kHz from Kapitanivka, Odessa region, with 40kW. Heard today after 1900.

(Karel Honzik, mwdx 28 Sept)

UNITED KINGDOM: Clevedon 909 kHz (carrying BBC Radio 5 Live) is to undergo engineering work starting from 18 September 2017 until 5 November 2017. There will be interruptions to service from this transmitter generally between 0900-1500 UTC, (1000-1600 UTC after 28 October), including at weekends. The work is weather dependent. A similar issue applied to the Moorside Edge 909 kHz transmitter earlier in the summer, as well as Absolute Radio from Moorside Edge on 1215 kHz. (James Robinson, mediumwave.info 18/9-2017)

Spectrum Radio 558 kHz requests Format Change (13 July 2017). Spectrum Radio Limited, which holds an AM commercial radio license for Spectrum Radio in Greater London, wishes to change the 'Character of Service' of the station. If the request is approved Spectrum Radio would change from a service aimed at various different ethnic minority communities in London, to an all speech service for Londoners focusing on "business and finance, sport entertainment, current

affairs and essential information.” Today’s consultation closes on Thursday 10 August. Spectrum Radio originally launched in June 1990 and has measured coverage area of 10,433,014 adults (aged 15 plus). It currently identifies as Europe’s Leading Ethnic Radio Group. (Mediumwave Circle)

BBC to Close 13 Medium Wave Stations (12 August, 2017). This from the BBC “We know how much you love your local radio services, with more and more of you listening in different ways: using FM, DAB or internet-based services such as BBC iPlayer Radio.

We regularly review the value for money of our distribution our services across all platforms to ensure we’re spending the license fee as efficiently as possible. And back in 2011, as part of the BBC’s Delivering Quality First plans to save around £700m, we announced we would be closing some medium wave transmitters to save millions of pounds.

Since then, we have carefully looked at the range of services we deliver on medium wave, and the range of analogue and digital alternative options for audiences. We have also been investing too – funding local DAB expansion, making all local radio stations available on Digital Terrestrial TV (such as Freeview), and enhancing the sound quality of our online output.

But on changes to medium wave coverage specifically, to identify areas where the impact would be felt the least, we conducted detailed assessments of the coverage of each BBC local radio station on FM, MW and DAB. Following this process, we trialed the switch-off of a number of medium-wave transmitters and asked for audience feedback. Taken together, the audience feedback and the coverage data have informed which medium wave transmitters are unlikely to represent value for money in the longer term.

As a result, we will be closing 13 medium wave transmitters in January 2018. So what does this mean? Once the changes take effect, BBC Radio Sussex 1161 and 1485 kHz, Surrey 1368 kHz, Humberside 1485 kHz, Wiltshire 1332 and 1368 kHz, Nottingham 1584 kHz, Kent 774 and 1602 kHz, and Lincolnshire 1368 kHz will no longer be accessible on medium wave. And, there will be reduced medium-wave coverage for BBC Devon, Lancashire and Essex.

We know these changes will have an impact on some listeners. For the majority, re-tuning to FM or DAB is likely to be the simplest solution – and any listeners who have trouble receiving FM or DAB signals can find BBC local radio stations on Freeview or the internet. (Mediumwave Circle)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ANGUILLA: According to the Wavescan program, hosted this week by Ray Robinson while Jeff was otherwise occupied, the AM tower on Anguilla was knocked down by hurricane Irma, while the SW towers are still up but the curtain antenna between them was severely damaged. The owners of the stations plan on getting them back up and running in perhaps as little as three weeks. (Richard Langley, dxld)

ARGENTINA:

540 AM 540 “Pasión de Radio” (CF53)/CF45) 600 kHz. E: radioam540@gmail.com

1300 Radio La Salada (CF26) – W: am1300lasalada.com.ar E: info@am1300lasalada.com.ar

1320 Plus Radio, Lanús (BA63) – ex 1300. W: amplusradio.com E: plusradio@hotmail.com

1360 F.PI. new station located to María Grande, Entre Ríos.

1400 Radio Carandá – new station. Calle Soberanía Nacional 2945, Gregorio de Laferrère, Buenos Aires.

1520 LV Regional, Chascomús (BA92) – ex Radio Chascomús. W: www.lavozregional.com E: infochascomus@isip.edu.ar (web)

1540 F.PI. new station in Río Gallegos, Provincia Santa Cruz.

1570 Dio Eben-Ezer, Ezeiza, BA – ex 1560 kHz. Iglesia Evangélica Eben-Ezer, sita en la calle Catamarca 445 de Villa Golf, en la localidad de La Unión, Partido de Ezeiza. (All from Argentina en AM y FM except 1520 kHz above)

BRAZIL:

650 ZYK518 Radio da Cidade, Santos (SP22) – ex Radio Terra. (Rudolf Grimm)

890 ZYH706 Radio Planalto, Brasília (DF03) – ex Radio Clube. W: www.radioplanalto.com.br (Fredrik Dourén, ARC)

910 ZYH645 Radio Verde Mares, Sobral – ex Radio Caiçari. (Rudolf Grimm)

930 ZYH605 Radio Verde Mares, Barbalha – ex Radio Cetama. (Rudolf Grimm)

1160 Radio Interativa, Itabuna (BA94) – ex Radio São José. (Rudolf Grimm)

COLOMBIA: 1520 HJLQ Radio del Príncipe de Paz, Barranquilla – ex Radio Minuto. W: <http://www.principedepaz.com/> (Jan Edh, Mauno Ritola, ARC)

PERU: 1300 OAX7X Radio La Decana, Juliaca (PU21) – ex Radio Juliaca. W: ladecana.pe E: gerencia@radioladecana.com (ARC)

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