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Seattle deadline, every **Monday** 6 PM PLT. "No tips were received for my December column, so there is no column this month. Deadline for the January column will be the usual last Monday of the month (January 29) at 1500 ELT." Steve Howe – showe@albany.edu

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Recent Board of Directors voting:

28.1.24 – IRCA Convention bid for St Charles MO, submitted by **Kenneth Hawkins**. Passed 6-0 with John Johnson abstaining.

As noted above, the IRCA convention will be centrally-located in St Charles MO, near St Louis. The dates will be September 7-9, 2018. More details will be announced later.



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CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
830	WGUE	Memphis, TN	WUMY
910	KRAK	Hesperia, CA	KMPS
1180	WUMY	Turrell, AR	WGUE
1220	WABF	Fairhope, AL	WERM
1480	WERM	Mobile, AL	WABF

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

NEW INFORMATION

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
730	WLTQ	Charleston, SC	was silent, now Eternal Word TV Network religious teaching, adds slogan: "Catholic Radio For The Upstate"
750	KXTG	Portland, OR	old slogan: "750 AM The Game", new: "102.9-750 The Game"
760	WETR	Knoxville, TN	old slogan: "Talk Radio 92.3/AM 760", new: "Talk Radio 92.3-AM 760"
	WENO	Nashville, TN	old slogan: "760AM The Gospel", new: "760 AM The Gospel"
790	WLBE	Leesburg-Eustis, FL	was oldies, now country, old slogan: "My 790 AM", new: "Real Country 790 AM"
850	WKVL	Knoxville, TN	was classic country, now country, old slogan: "Genuine Country", new: "Pure Country"
900	WOZK	Ozark, AL	was silent, now oldies, adds slogan: "Oldies 104.9"
	WSWN	Belle Glade, FL	was talk, now gospel music, old slogan: "900 The Talk Of The Palm Beaches", new: "Sugar 900"
920	KKLS	Rapid City, SD	old slogan: "Smash Hits 920/104.7", new: "Smash Hits 920-104.7"
940	WKYK	Burnsville, NC	old slogan: "K-94", new: "WKYK 940 Real Country"
950	WDIG	Steubenville, OH	now silent
980	WAZS	Summerville, SC	was Spanish CHR, now regional Mexican, old slogan: "El Sol", new: "La Raza 980-1480"
1020	WIBG	Ocean City/Somers Point, NJ	changes city of license from Ocean City/Somers Point to Ocean City-Somers Point
1070	WFRF	Tallahassee, FL	old slogan: "Radio Fe 1070/1580", new: "Radio Fe 1070-1580"
1090	KBOZ	Bozeman, MT	old slogan: "KBOZ Talk Radio 1090", new: "KBOZ News Talk Radio 1090"
1140	WL0D	Loudon, KY	old slogan: "Genuine Country", new: "Genuine Classic Country"
1200	WYSN	Huntington, WV	was unknown format, now Salem Singing Radio, old slogan: "Spirit 1200", new: "The Voice Of Southern Gospel"
1220	WSTL	Providence, RI	was silent, now tropical, adds slogan: "Mega 94.9"
1230	KOBB	Bozeman, MT	adds slogan: "ESPN Sports 1230"
	WCBT	Roanoke Rapids, NC	was R&B oldies, now Westwood One NBC Sports Radio, adds slogan: "WCBT AM 1230 The Ticket"
	WYTS	Columbus, OH	was urban AC, now classic hip hop, old slogan: "Kiss 105.3", new: "Throwback 105.3"
1240	KBIZ	Ottumwa, IA	old slogan: "KBIZ-AM 1240/102.7 FM", new: "KBIZ-AM 1240-102.7 FM"
	WSYY	Millinocket, ME	now silent
	WPBQ	Flowood, MS	was urban AC, now variety
	WGCM	Gulfport, MS	old slogan: "Cruisin 1240/100.9, new: "Cruisin 1240-100.9"
	WCNC	Elizabeth City, NC	old slogan: "Classic Country 1240/1260", new: "Classic Country 1240-1260"
1250	WQHL	Live Oak, FL	was Westwood One Classic Hits, now talk with various networks
1260	WZBO	Edenton, NC	old slogan: "Classic Country 1240/1260", new: "Classic Country 1240-1260"
1320	WICO	Salisbury, MD	was talk, now regional Mexican, old slogan: "Delmarva's Talk Stations 92.5/1320", new: "La Raza"
1330	WSPQ	Springville, NY	now silent
1340	KYLT	Missoula, MT	old slogan: "Griz Radio", new: "Fox Sports Radio"
	KTMP	Heber City, UT	was silent, now 80's hits

1360	WKAT	North Miami, FL	was Spanish religion, now religious teaching
1390	WZQQ	Hazard, KY	adds slogan: "WZQQ Rock 96.9"
	KZGD	Salem, OR	old slogan: "La Gran D 1390/97.5 FM", new: "La Gran D 1390-97.5 FM"
1400	WIRA	Ft. Pierce, FL	was ethnic, now Spanish hits, adds slogan: "Hola FM"
	WGAP	Maryville, TN	old slogan: "Genuine Country", new: "Genuine Classic Country"
1410	KLEM	Le Mars, IA	adds slogan: "KLEM 1410 and 96.9 FM"
1450	WMFJ	Daytona Beach, FL	was silent, now contemporary Christian and religious teaching, adds slogan: "The Cornerstone"
	KGRZ	Missoula, MT	old slogan: "Griz Radio", new: "Fox Sports Radio"
1460	WATD	Brockton, MA	now silent
1480	KLEE	Ottumwa, IA	old slogan: "Good Time Oldies", new: "Good Time Oldies 1480 AM-107.7 FM"
	WCNS	Latrobe, PA	was talk, now new unknown format
	WZJY	Mount Pleasant, SC	was Spanish CHR, now regional Mexican, old slogan: "El Sol", new: "La Raza 980-1480"
1500	WGHT	Pompton Lakes, NJ	now silent
1540	WYCL	Niles, OH	was tropical, now talk
1580	WTCL	Chattahoochee, FL	old slogan: "Radio Fe 1070/1580", new: "Radio Fe 1070-1580"
1600	WEJS	Jersey Shore, PA	was silent, now news/talk, adds slogan: "News Talk 104.1-1600 WEJS"

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

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Glenn Hauser of Enid OK sends along the following dated 12/8/17:

1360 KPHN El Dorado AR was silent, now Eternal Word Network religious teaching, adds slogan: "Catholic Radio"

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA sends along the following from Todd Skaine via IRCA Digest dated 12/15/17:

Canadian regulators have approved a new major FM signal for Winnipeg. The CRTC has granted <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2017/2017-423.htm> Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2017-423 | CRTC www.crtc.gc.ca

The Commission approves the application by Dufferin Communications Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate an ethnic commercial specialty FM radio station.

Radio Group's application to move CKJS/810 to 92.7 with 35kW/154m (class B) from a tower south of the city. The AM signal will remain on the air for three months after the new FM signal signs on and then leave the air permanently, becoming the fourth Winnipeg AM station to go silent in the past quarter-century (joining 580, 630, and 1050). CKJS carries Ethnic and Christian programming, and Evanov said the move to the FM band is necessary to reverse a problem of declining revenues. The new CKJS-FM will force Baldev Gill's 50-Watt "Awaz 92.9" (CKYZ-FM) to change frequency, and the application prompted an opposition from CKYZ claiming that CKJS was simply trying to force it off the air. The CRTC decided that Evanov had followed proper procedures and stated that CKYZ should be able to find a new frequency. Evanov already has two FM signals in Winnipeg, which is the market cap for Canada, but CKJS does not count against the cap because it is licensed as an Ethnic station.

Mike Sanburn also sends along the following dated 12/16/17:

I'm reading KQV Pittsburgh will go away at tears end. I wonder if that is the entire station, calls, just format or ??

KQV going off the air at end of the year, Gary Rotsein, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Dec 15 (via **Jon Peakins** – pb)

No more imploring to "Give us 22 minutes, we'll give you the world." No more looking ahead to "traffic and weather on the 8's."

KQV at 1410 on your AM dial – with a broadcasting history that dates back nearly 100 years, the last 42 of them with a rare all-news format – is preparing to go off the air at year's end.

Robert W Dickey Jr, the station manager whose family has owned or co-owned the station since 1982, delivered that news Friday morning to most of his 20 employees gathered in the KQV office at Centre City Tower Downtown.

The station made no immediate on-air announcement and doesn't plan any until Dec 31, Mr Dickey said. He calls the plan a "suspension" of broadcasting, allowing for the possibility some investor or buyer may come along in the interim, though he's made no active efforts to sell KQV.

"Candidly, I think it's a sad day for broadcasting," he said in a phone interview. "It's fair to say we've been trying to provide a community service. The bottom line is I just can't sustain the business model. We're an independent, labor-intensive format, and we were happy to take it on as long as we could financially do it."

Mr Dickey, 61, whose sister and business partner, Cheryl Scott, died last month, said KQV would continue all of its existing programming until the end of the year. After that, he's not sure what, if anything, anyone will hear when tuning in the future to 1410.

"If you tune to us on Jan 1, you probably won't hear anything," he said.

That will be a switch for many Pittsburghers, whether they are news junkies or baby boomers who grew up in the 1960s and early '70s using KQV as their first source of Top 40 music.

As FM became the primary radio format to hear rock or other music, KQV in 1975 became one of a number of stations nationally switching to an all-news-all-the-time format. Mr Dickey's father, the late Robert W Dickey Sr, was a station manager who got financial backing from billionaire Richard Mellon Scaife to form Calvary Inc and purchase the station from Taft Broadcasting in 1982.

The senior Mr Dickey died in 2011, and before Mr Scaife's own death, he sold his shares to the Dickey family in 2013. Mr Dickey Jr and his sister ran it, with her as president and business manager, and Mr Dickey said it became clear after her recent passing that it would be difficult to continue.

The news format, due to the salary costs of the necessary number of reporters, editors and announcers involved, is much more costly than music programming on radio, Mr Dickey said. At the same time, the media industry in general has been suffering from a drop in advertising by major retailers and others. Mr Dickey said he did not consider a format change at the station because of his family's longtime focus on delivering news as a mission.

"We perceived the world of reporting on the news as a sacred one," he said. "What made this worthwhile is not that we were making money, but that we were doing something important."

In the corporate-dominated broadcast industry, Mr Dickey said part of KQV's strength was its independent, family ownership that was immediately responsive to staff, listeners, advertisers and others.

"There's got to be commitment to the product, and that attitude kept the station on air for as many years as it has," he said. "We didn't want to sacrifice the quality of the product by cutting costs, letting people go. We curbed costs [by other means] as much as we could."

While he's uncertain what will happen to the broadcasting license, Mr Dickey said there's also value in potential sale of the North Hills property holding its transmission towers.

Regardless of its future, the station will retain its storied history, with roots traced to 1919. In addition to its many modern broadcast journalists, it will be remembered as the former "Groovy QV" that once captured teens' attention with not just rock, soul and pop music but colorful disc jockeys, including Chuck Brinkman, Jim Quinn and "Jeff Christie," the pseudonym used in the early '70s by future conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2017/12/15/KQV-radio-going-off-the-air-Dec-31-all-news-format-Robert-W-Dickey-Jr/stories/201712150145>

Thanks, Glenn and Mike for the tips above! Be sure to send your latest format, call or other changes to the column here and you'll get your name in lights. We've had snow twice now in December here in Laurel, including Friday the 15th with an unexpectedly large amount. Been cold lately also. Still looking for work and awaiting if I'll get unemployment which I should. Following some job leads in Texas and Florida right now. Not a very merry Xmas for me but I'll survive I guess. To top it all off my computer crashed on Saturday the 16th, had to buy a new one and retype the entire column on the new laptop but I'll get it to Phil on time for bulletin inclusion. Such is the luck in the ides of December, hope your DX is better than my luck, heh. Did hear WFLR-1570 the other day here! 73's. Bob Wien





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- 670 KLTT **CO**, Commerce City 12/11 0410 man with religious lecture, very good and dominant. (RB-AZ)
 KMZQ **NV**, Las Vegas 12/11 0100 slogan ID "The Score" followed by sports update with very good, solid signal. (RB-AZ)
- 680 CJOB **MB**, Winnipeg heard 12/12 at 0834 with "CJOB Traffic" traffic report and weather, at 0837 "680 CJOB." (BB-AZ)
- 790 KGHL **MT**, Billings heard 12/10 at 0849 with "Classic Country 94.7 and KGHL." (BB-AZ)
- 830 WCCO **MN**, Minneapolis heard 12/11 at 0527 with a weak "wcco.com." (BB-AZ)
- 900 CKBI **SK**, Prince Albert heard 12/11 at 0700 with "This is CKBI Prince Albert." (BB-AZ)
- 920 KLMR **CO**, Lamar heard 12/14 at 1900 with "This is KLMR Lamar, Colorado." (BB-AZ)
 KVEL **UT**, Vernal heard 12/14 at 0858 with "Newstalk 104.5 KVEL." (BB-AZ)
 KXLY **WA**, Spokane heard 12/13 at 0900 with "KXLY 920." (BB-AZ)
- 960 KNEW **CA**, Oakland heard 12/15 at 0758 with weather and traffic at 0859, and at 0800 "Bloomberg?? KNEW, Oakland." (BB-AZ)
 KVLV **NV**, Fallon heard 12/8 at 1859 with "KVLV Fallon, Nevada." (BB-AZ)
 KGKL **TX**, San Angelo heard 12/9 at 0758 with "Newstalk KGKL." (BB-AZ)
 CFAC **AB**, Calgary heard 12/8 at 1958 with "980 The Fan Calgary." (BB-AZ)
- 980 KSVC **UT**, Richfield 12/11 1109 "Good morning Utah, we're Newstalk 9-80 KSVC." Good and steady and well, well after local sunrise on SW-2000629 and passive tuned loop. (RB-AZ)
- 1010 KXPS **CA**, Thousand Palms heard 12/11 at 0840 with "KXPS Thousand Palms." (BB-AZ)
- 1070 KNX **CA**, Los Angeles 12/11 1120 tag-team newscasters, man and woman. Faded completely out, and then came back up 1135 in time for two female announcers to say "KNX 10-70." Fair on peaks, and over two hours after local sunrise. Heard on SW-2000629 and loop aimed for E-W. (RB-AZ)
- 1130 KSDO **CA**, San Diego 12/11 1925 man and woman in religious dialog (in Spanish), local spots and references. Good over the CCI (co channel interference), on HQ-180A and loop. (RB-AZ)
- 1320 KOFA **AZ**, Yuma 12/12 0200 jazz quartet to ID and local promos by man to a relay of BBC World Service news. Listed as 106 watts at night, solid and steady on loop null of Sacramento (ESPN KIFM). (RB-AZ)
- 1330 KGAK **NM**, Gallup 12/13 0730 chanting, tom-toms, to spot for "Earl's Family Restaurant." Solid S-9 signal. Usually very reliable here, but in recent months I hear only the "mumble-rumble" when checking the frequency (is it just bad luck on my part?). Very solid at tune-in but faded back down in to the mumble at 0742. Heard on HQ-180A with loop aimed for NE. (RB-AZ)
- 1340 KIKO **AZ**, Apache Junction 12/11 noted local station had changed formats from Spanish back to oldies. IDing as "KIKO FM 96.5 Claypool and KIKO AM 1340 Apache Junction with translator K275CL Phoenix." This is quite a pest for us as the transmitter site is about 5 miles from our house in Mesa. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1410 KWYO **WY**, Sheridan heard 12/9 at 1856 with "KWYO" then ads for Sheridan. (BB-AZ)
- 1450 KZNU **UT**, St. George 12/11 0900 ID to network news, local news after. Going under/over/under KNOT, making it hard to know who's on first and what's on second. Strong S-9 on peaks. (RB-AZ)
- 1480 KQAM **KS**, Wichita 12/11 2330 break from talk show to ID by man, SRN news. Good, steady, and covering all co-channel stations on RF-2200. (RB-AZ)
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! – Nancy 12/15 1900



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 950 WAKM **TN**, Franklin. 12/8 fair to poor signal over WORD, WWJ. 0321 noted with local spots, call letters into Country format. Must have been on day power. [EB-MO]
- 980 WYFN **TN**, Nashville. 12/8 fair to poor signal, mixing with KMBZ, KSGM. 0319 noted with Scripture reading into choral Christian music //KYFI 630. [EB-MO]
- 1060 WLNO **LA**, New Orleans. 12/10 fair signal over KYW. 0410 noted with call letters into Urban Gospel format. [EB-MO]
- 1070 WAPI **AL**, Birmingham. 12/12 fair signal over KHMO, WFNI. 0527 noted with "Talk 99-Five" ID in promo. [EB-MO]
- 1480 WDJO **OH**, Cincinnati. 12/9 fair signal over WJBM. 0415 noted with "Good times, great oldies, 14-80 WDJO" ID into Oldies format. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

December 17 1966 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Charles W Buckley** of Albuquerque NM received his 100th verie ... **Curt Fredrickson** of Chicago IL liked to be called "Snoopy" ... **Dave Johnson** of Denver CO mentioned his 6th final test was coming up ... **Steven Russell** of Bethesda MD mentioned the 1967 Broadcasting Yearbook was available for \$5.00 which included postage. // December 14 1991 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Tim Hall** of Chula Vista CA enjoyed the recent convention. He was impressed with the music library at KSCO which had a lot of big band and showtune albums from the 1950s ... **Patrick Martin** of Seaside OR also enjoyed the Monterey convention ... **John C Johnson** of Billings MT mentioned his DX was suffering due to a lot of overtime hours at KTVQ.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric we have a column this week. Christmas is coming soon! Nancy and I wish you a very Merry Christmas. This column was typed 12-15-17. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

- (HD-KY) **Harry Dence** (N4HT), Lexington KY
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- (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist** (KG4LAC), Manassas VA
 Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop
- (PS-ON) **Paul Snider**, Welland ON, Canada
 Elad FDM-S2 software-defined receiver, Pixel RF Pro-1B loop, MFJ-1020C as a tuner
- (RW-MD) **Robert Wien** (KG6RJW/3), Laurel MD
 Ford Fusion car radio

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 600 WFST **ME**, Caribou – 12/10 2140 noted with choral Christmas music and Christian talk before fading out. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CKAT, WCAO, WICC and other stations. Confirmed by Web stream on Family Radio-dot-org. (PS-ON)
- 770 WCGW **KY**, Nicholasville – 12/8 1657 noted with mentions of "That's the forecast, "Weather Bug" and "at 770 AM and 93.3 FM, the Eagle" by a male announcer before a musical selection. The signal was noted mixing with WABC and WYRV; a nice surprise and a new station in the log. (KK-VA)
- WYRV **VA**, Cedar Bluff – 12/8 1626 noted with "You're listening to 770 AM WYRV" ID and mentions of "Christian" and "God's Country" by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WABC and WCGW. (KK-VA)
- 790 WPRV **RI**, Providence – 12/8 1559 noted with "Your Home for... AM 790 WPRV Providence" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WAXY, WNIS, WQXI and unidentified stations with Country and Oldies in English and vocal music in Spanish; a new station in the logbook. (KK-VA)
- 990 WWKY **KY**, Winchester – 12/13 1615 heard while driving home with a strong signal with no background noise or interference. According to Hays McMakin, owner of Gateway Radio, the station is playing Christmas music in a loop on a hard drive, although they are keeping regular hours. The Christmas music continues through 12/25; they plan to adopt an Adult Standards format from Westwood One. The station will also carry George Rogers Clark High School football and basketball, operating with 350 watts day and 20 watts at night, ND. The FM translator is not yet on, but should be in January 2018. (HD-KY)
- 1060 WHFB **MI**, Benton Harbor/Saint Joseph – 12/8 2157 noted with Christmas music, "Merry Christmas, 1060 WHFB" IDat 2201, followed by "1060 WHFB Benton Harbor/Saint Joseph" legal ID into the news. A poor to very poor signal was noted under KYW. (PS-ON)
- 1090 WFCV **IN**, Fort Wayne – 12/8 2248 noted with Focal Point Ministries program (seems to be the only station on 1090 to carry the program, according to their Web site), news, possible ad and a Bott Radio Network promo. An occasionally fair to very poor signal was noted, mixing with KAAV, WBAL and WCAR. (PS-ON) (This was apparently left on overnight; this is a daytime-only station – eb)
- 1570 WFLR **NY**, Dundee – 12/14 1834 noted with a few local spots, ID, mention of the Finger Lakes region into a Country format. The calls mean W-Finger Lakes Radio, I believe. Nicely on top of the frequency for a bit before fading out to WCCM and WNCA; first time heard in Laurel. (RW-MD)

UnID

- 780 UnID 12/8 1648 noted with an ad for the Mike Perry Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram dealership on South Street in Nacogdoches, TX by a male announcer. What station am I hearing? There are no AM stations in Texas on 780; WIIN Ridgeland, MS seems a bit far for airing Texas car dealer ads. The station was noted mixing with WBBM, WCKB and an unidentified vocal music station. (KK-VA)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig, Paul and Bob for their logs and Harry for the update on WWKY 990. One AM in the EDXR area is already silent; WGHT 1500 Pompton Lakes NJ signed off a week or two back. One of Pennsylvania's oldest radio stations, KQV 1410 Pittsburgh, is scheduled to sign off December 31. Have a very Merry Christmas, everyone! 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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Deadline – Monday 1200 UTC.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 153 **ROMANIA** Antena Satelor/Romania Actualități, Brasov Bod. NOV 2 2300 – Folk-style flute, violins, man with Antena Satelor ID, 4 pips, energetic female vocal; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 171 **MOROCCO** Radio Mediterranee Internationale, Nador. NOV 2 2300 – Man in French with weather report, fanfare music, woman with news, 3-note stingers used; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 183 **GERMANY** Europe No 1, Felsberg. NOV 2 2300 – Woman in French, chimes, news by man; good over static. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio 4, Droitwich et al. NOV 2 2300 – End of book reading, Radio 4 ID, 5+1 pips, news about a sexual harassment case; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 216 **FRANCE** Radio Monte Carlo, Roumoules. NOV 2 2300 – Man with French talk mentioning football, woman with advert, man with dramatic excerpt from movie, RMC ID; loud, way over CLB beacon. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 225 **POLAND** Polskie Radio, Konstancin. NOV 2 2300 – 5+1 pips, church bells, march/anthem, Chopin piano music, woman in Polish, more music; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** RTL, Junglinster. NOV 2 2300 – Male version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", man in French, then "Sleepwalk" instrumental by Santo and Johnny; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 252 **ALGERIA** Radio Algerienne, Tipaza. NOV 2 2300 – Group vocal, woman in French, 5+1 pips (last higher pitch), jingle, man in French with political news; loud, way over Ireland and 5B beacon. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 531 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi. NOV 2 2301 – Soul/dance female English vocal, man in Arabic; loud. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 2 2200 – RNE news intro; over Algeria. [MC*Y-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, Les Trembles. NOV 9 0200 – Pop Arabic male vocal, 2+2+1 pips, fanfare, Jil FM IDs by woman and man, sound effects, spooky voice and organ, US-accented man "ladies and gentlemen, are you ready?", more music clips and Arabic talk; monster-loud. {A}
- +NOV 11 2101 – Pink Floyd "Money", man and woman with talk mentioning Jil FM Radio; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 576 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** RNE synchros, Las Palmas//Barcelona. NOV 2 2200 – RNE news intro; fair.
- +NOV 2 2300 – Violin music, 5+1 pips, time check, RNE news intro; fair through slop. {A}
- +NOV 9 2200 – RNE news to good peak, some static.
- +NOV 21 2200 – Who "We Won't Get Fooled Again", pips, RNE news; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** RNE1, Madrid. NOV 2 2200 – RNE news; to good peak through WEZE slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 603 **ROMANIA** Radio România Actualități, Botosani/Oradea. NOV 29 2200 – //855 and 1179 with ID by man "Aici Bucuresti, Radio Romania Actualitati, hora exacta", 6 pips, fanfare music including Morse KS and then, at lower pitch, K. News followed. Fair to good signal. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 2 2200 – RNE news; poor to fair.
- +NOV 9 2200 – Man and woman with news in Spanish; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** SNRT Al-Idaa al-Watania, Sebaa-Aioun. NOV 2 2100 – //936 with vocal, then into talk by woman at 2100:45; poor.
- +NOV 2 2200 – Vocal up to about 2201 then apparent news by woman with emphasis music; poor readability considering decent carrier strength. [MC*Y-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. NOV 2 2100 – RNE news intro; some WZON slop.
- +NOV 2 2159 – Lively instrumental //855 blowing right by WZON.
- +NOV 12 2200 – Piano music, 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 630 **PORTUGAL** RDP Antena 1, Montemor-o Velho//Miranda do Douro. NOV 2 2200 – Pips (4 long, 1 short) all same pitch which is a lower one than RNE pips, then occasional bits of Portuguese talk by man //666, 720; under WPRO. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 639 **CZECH REPUBLIC** CRo Dvojka, Praha/Liblice. NOV 2 2059 – Jazz vocal; over Spain.
- +NOV 2 2100 – Slavic talk by man; mixed with Spain. [MC*Y-MA]
- SPAIN** RNE1, La Coruña et al. NOV 2 2200 – Music //855, 5+1 pips, RNE news; over Czech station. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 648 **SPAIN** RNE1, Badajoz et al. NOV 2 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; poor. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 657 **SPAIN** RNE5, Madrid. NOV 9 2200 – RNE news //855; fair through WFAN slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 666 **PORTUGAL** RDP Antena 1 synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Pips (4 long, 1 short, same pitch) //630, 720, Portuguese talk by man; poor to fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 677 **LIBYA** Libya al Wataniya, Benghazi. NOV 2 2201 – Koranic vocal; bad slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 684 **SPAIN** RNE1, Sevilla. NOV 9 2200 – News //855; through WRKO slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 693 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. NOV 9 2100 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; way over UK. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio 5, Droitwich et al. NOV 9 2200 – BBC Five Live IDs; fair. [MC*Y-MA]

- 711 **WESTERN SAHARA** RTM, Laayoune. NOV 2 2200 – Man and woman in Arabic; fair. Close to nominal 711.0 this time. Sometimes noted about 100 Hz higher. [MC*Y-MA]
- 720 **CANARY ISLANDS** RNE5, Finca España. NOV 2 2100 – Pips, RNE news intro; poor.
+NOV 4 2100 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; poor but dominant.
+NOV 21 2200 – //1098 et al with end of Who "We Won't Get Fooled Again", 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; poor to fair. Lower pitch pips from Portugal noted in mix. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- PORTUGAL** RDP Antena 1 synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Pips (4 long, 1 short, same pitch) //630, 666; dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 729 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Orchestral mx, 5+1 pips, RNE news //738, 855; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 738 **SPAIN** RNE1, Barcelona. NOV 2 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair. {A}
+NOV 17 2200 – RNE news intro; through CHCM/CFZM slop.
+NOV 21 2200 – Sporting event coverage (not //576), pips, RNE news; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 747 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 2 2100 – News //1413; poor to fair.
+NOV 21 2200 – //1098 et al with end of Who "We Won't Get Fooled Again", 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 774 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. NOV 2 2059 – Woman in Spanish; fair over growl from Egypt on 774.167.
+NOV 9 2200 – Piano music, pips, news //855; to good peak over Egypt growl.
+NOV 21 2159 – Sports shouting //738; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** Radio Mauritanie, Nouakchott. NOV 2 2200 – Typical guitar strumming, then man in Arabic; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 792 **SPAIN** SER, Sevilla. NOV 2 2200 – Two men in Spanish //1044; to fair peak.
+NOV 17 2200 – Two men in Spanish across top of hour, no pips; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 801 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Electronic keyboard music, pips, news //855; poor in slop.
+NOV 17 2200 – RNE fanfare, news intro; hammered by 800 WNNW slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 810 **SCOTLAND** BBC Radio Scotland. NOV 29 2201 – Sport discussion with two men mentioning team from Motherwell; atop WGY. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN SER, Madrid. NOV 21 2159 – Man and woman with news in Spanish, audio recording flips back and forth between weaker 810 and stronger 1044 parallel. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 819 **EGYPT** ERTU, Santah. NOV 17 2201 – Arabic woman and man; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 828 **UnID?** NOV 2 2200 – Pop vocal, maybe Anita Baker or Sade; pummeled by WCRN. Hoping for South Africa but maybe just something from the UK. [MC*Y-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** COPE synchros. NOV 9 2100 – Fanfare music, COPE ID; good. {A}
+NOV 17 2200 – Spanish discussion program; to good peak, something under with Mideast music. [MC*Y-MA]
- 855 **ROMANIA** Radio România Actualități, Tancabesti. NOV 29 2200 – Romania //603, 1179 with Radio Romania Actualități ID, pips, fanfare music with Morse KS then lower pitch K; mixing with Spain which had usual RNE news intro. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al. NOV 2 2100 – RNE news intro; loud.
+NOV 2 2200 – Electronic music, 5+1 pips, RNE news; loud. {A}
+NOV 9 2200 – RNE intro, news with items about Catalonia situation; huge.
+NOV 17 2200 – RNE news; loud.
+NOV 21 2159 – Sports shouting mentioning Cristiano Ronaldo, 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** Holy Koran Program, Santah. NOV 2 2100 – Man in Arabic; through WCBS IBOC hash.
+NOV 17 2200 – Koran; good. [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE Radio Nacional Cast. La Mancha, Socuéllamos. NOV 2 2200 – Spanish news //855; under Egypt. [MC*Y-MA]
- 900t **SPAIN** COPE synchros. NOV 2 2300 – Pips that seemed parallel to other COPE outlets; in jumble. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 909 **BOTSWANA** VOA, Moepong Hill. NOV 9 2100 – Man "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC, signing off", then into Yankee Doodle theme; fair and pretty much alone on channel. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 936 **MOROCCO** SNRT, Agadir. NOV 2 2100 – //612 with vocal, then into talk by woman at 2100:45; poor.
+NOV 12 2101 – 5-note attention signals/fanfare, news in Arabic; fair. Thanks to Jari Savolainen and Bruce Conti (RealDX group) for ID help. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 981 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 2, Ouled Fayet. NOV 10 2300 – Arabic vocal, 5+1 pips (last higher pitch), news by man and woman; fair. {A}
+NOV 17 2200 – 5+1 pips (last higher pitch), news by woman; through slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid. NOV 2 2100 – Fanfare music, man in Spanish; to fair peak through WINS IBOC.
+NOV 17 2200 – Man in Spanish //stronger 837. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1017 **SPAIN** RNE5, Burgos//Granada. NOV 21 2200 – //1098 et al with end of Who "We Won't Get Fooled Again", 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1026 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Spanish news by man; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 9 2200 – Teletalk/interview; good.
+NOV 21 2200 – Political newstalk by woman and man, 5+1 pips; loud. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1053.02 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya/Radio Libya, Tripoli. NOV 21 2159 – Pop male Arabic vocal with strings and percussion; to good peak over WEPN slop. {A}
+NOV 17 2100 – Male Arabic vocal, strings, percussion; on 1053.1 this time, fair, better than adjacent UK 1053.0. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1080 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 21 2158 – Spanish news by man under 1080 WTIC. On audio clip, receiver then flipped to 1044 to verify Spain parallel, then back to 1080. News mentioned Catalunya. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Promo for TalkSport drive time show starting weekdays at 4 pm, phone number 08717 double-2 double-3; good. {A}
+NOV 2 2300 – TalkSport IDs, advert; synchro echo.
+NOV 17 2159 – TalkSport IDs and Manchester United mention; to good peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 2 2100 – Pips, news intro //855; poor.
+NOV 17 2200 – Man in Spanish, rock music //855; fair.
+NOV 21 2158 – End of Who "We Won't Get Fooled Again", 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 10 2300 – Violin music, 5+1 pips, time check by woman, RNE news intro, item about Catalunya; over static. {A}
+NOV 17 2200 – RNE news intro; fair.
+NOV 21 2200 – News //1098; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 2 2100 – 5+1 pips, man and woman in Spanish; noisy.
+NOV 2 2200 – Spanish man and woman; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1125 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 21 2200 – News //1098; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1152 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 9 2201 – Woman in Spanish talked about Catalunya; to good peak.
+NOV 21 2200 – News //1098; fair through WWDJ slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 21 2201 – Man and woman with news in Spanish. Audio recording starts with weaker 1179 and switches to stronger 1044 parallel. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
ROMANIA Radio România Actualități, Galbeni//Bacau. NOV 29 2200 – //603 and 855 with "Aici Bucuresti, Radio Romania Actualități, hora exacta", 6 pips, fanfare music at start of news; fair, dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. NOV 2 2300 – Woman with advert about financial services, advert about mobile data access, Manchester City football promo; good. {A}
+NOV 17 2201 – Absolute Radio ID, Clash "Should I Stay or Should I Go"; good.
+NOV 29 2200 – Advert for Micky Flanagan comedy DVD, Absolute Radio ID, short clips from several rock songs, "Real Music Matters" slogan, talk about cold weather, Massive Attack "Unfinished Sympathy"; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1305 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 21 2159 – Who "We Won't Get Fooled Again" //1098; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** Radio Baltic Waves, Viesintos. NOV 2 2201 – Slavic talk by woman; poor. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. NOV 2 2100 – Female vocal, 5+1 pips, time check with mention of Canarias, fanfare music, Radio Nacional de Espana ID, news //747 but not 855; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** Radio Algérienne, Algiers. NOV 2 2100 – 5+1 pips (last higher pitch), man and woman news; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** Radio Sawa, Arta. NOV 2 2200 – US or British pop-dance boy band vocal; good peak. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1458 **UNITED KINGDOM** Lyca Radio 1458, Brookmans Park. NOV 27 2159 – Pop/dance Indian vocal; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]

- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR, Roumoules. NOV 2 2200 – Woman gave email address, woman then man in Arabic with bumper music; good. {A}
 +NOV 21 2159 – Arabic sounding talk by man; through slop.
 +NOV 27 2130 – Apparent Arabic talk by man; fair through WLAM slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1467.371 **IRAN** IRIB Radio Qom, Qom. NOV 27 2130 – High side het against 1467.0 TWR France. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1485 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Discussion //1116; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1502.87 **UnID?** NOV 2 2200 – Growl against Spain. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** RNE5, La Línea de Concepción and Piñeira. NOV 21 2200 – Who song //1098; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBC Radio Riyadh, Duba. NOV 2 2100 – News by man with fast 4-note "stingers" between items; good. {A}
 +NOV 21 2158 – Male Arabic vocal with drumming; to good peak.
 +NOV 27 2129 – Pop style Arabic music, talk by man; loud. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1530 **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE** VOA, Pinheira. NOV 2 2200 – End of soul song, announcement by man "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC, signing off.", then information about contacting the VOA for program schedules; good/dominant. {A}
 +NOV 10 0259 – Man "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC, signing on", then Yankee Doodle theme; mixing evenly with WCKY. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1539 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 2 2159 – Talk //1116; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1550.03 **ALGERIA** National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, Rabouni. NOV 2 2200 – Monotone Arabic talk by man; mixed with WITK, both over WSDK. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** Radio Farda, Al-Dhabbaya. NOV 9 2300 – Mideast string music, Farda mention; poor in tough 1570 slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1602 **SPAIN** SER synchros. NOV 2 2200 – Talk //1116; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- *** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***
- 530 **CUBA** Radio Enciclopedia + Radio Caribe. NOV 27 2300 – Typical samba music and Radio Enciclopedia ID by woman then co-channel Radio Caribe IDs; both strong. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 540 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** HICM, Radio ABC, Santo Domingo. NOV 2 2300 – Santo Domingo advert, monks singing hymn; mixed with CBT.
 +NOV 10 2300 – Radio ABC ID; good. {A}
 +NOV 27 2300 – Per Henrik Klemetz (RealDX) appraisal of audio clip, "Phone number 809 684 2888 goes to Radio ABC in the Dominican Republic." {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 550 **MÉXICO** XEPL, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. DEC 8 0116 – "Los locutores de la fuerte... gran sorteo... Lotería Nacional... Cuauhtémoc Navidad", phrases heard dominating frequency, so certainly XEPL, 5000/150, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua. At first I thought "La Fuerte" might be a station's slogan, but maybe misheard "suerte" to go along with gambling theme. Followed by a Diputados PSA. [GH-OK]
- 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ, San Juan. NOV 12 2200 – ID "WKAQ cinco ochenta", fanfare music, affiliates list; loud. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 610 **BRAZIL** ZYL268, Radio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte. NOV 12 2200 – Excited Portuguese talk by man; mixed with WGIR. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 630 **PUERTO RICO** WUNO, Radio Uno, San Juan. NOV 12 0300 – NotiUno Seis Treinta ID, affiliates list; dominant, way over WPRO. {A}
 +NOV 25 2200 – IDs for NotiUno Seis Treinta, San Juan and other affiliates throughout Puerto Rico; good, way over WPRO. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 640 **VENEZUELA** YVQO, Union Radio, Puerto La Cruz. NOV 2 2300 – Venezuelan anthem vocal; over CBN. [MC*Y-MA]
- 650 **COLOMBIA** HJKH, RCN Antena Dos, Bogotá. NOV 9 2300 – Pips, Antena Dos ID; slightly over others. [MC*Y-MA]
- 700t **ARGENTINA** LV3, Radio Córdoba, Córdoba. NOV 15 0200 – Jingle sounded like "somos capital", 5+1 pips, fast Spanish talk by man; over WLW. Per Fredrik Dourén (RealDX), "Cadena Tres, so perhaps LV3. LV3 was common this autumn here in Sweden. Often with Cadena Tres Argentina IDs, but also LV3 Radio Cordoba identifications." {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- BRAZIL** ZYK686, Nossa Radio, São Paulo. NOV 12 0301 – Portuguese talk by man with São Paulo mention, Nossa Radio jingle; noisy. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 720 **COLOMBIA** HJAN, Emisoras Unidas, Barranquilla. NOV 15 0200 – Phone number, Emisoras Unidas ID; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 760 **BRAZIL** ZYH588, Radio Uirapuru, Fortaleza. NOV 21 2200 – ID "Radio Uirapuru AM, 760 kilohertz, Fortaleza, Ceara"; poor to fair, dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 810 **COLOMBIA** HJCY, Caracol Radio, Bogotá. NOV 12 0301 – "Caracol Radio, mas compania" and "ultima hora Caracol" slogans; dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 820 **CUBA?** NOV 10 2200 – Swishing-VFO type jamming. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 840 **CUBA** CMHW, Dobleve, Santa Clara. NOV 15 2200 – ID "Esta es Dobleve, desde Santa Clara, en el centro de Cuba"; weaker than typical but still dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 920 **MEXICO** XELE Tampico, Tam. DEC 13 0957 – noted with ads mentioning Tampico in Spanish. Fair to poor signal, mixing with KARN and KDHL. AM station #10 from Tamaulipas. [EB-MO]
- 980 **COLOMBIA** HJES, RCN, Cali. NOV 12 0300 – Ascending 4-note attention signals, RCN La Radio ID; under WCAP. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ, RCN La Radio, Cartagena. NOV 15 0159 – Ascending 4-note attention signals and RCN La Radio ID; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1050 **CUBA** Radio Victoria, Las Tunas. NOV 15 0301 – Radio Victoria ID in talk; WEPN oddly absent. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1130 **UnID?** NOV 21 2201 – Jazzy female vocal, then talk by man; through WBBR. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2, Hamilton. NOV 10 2100 – BBN network ID; fair to good, dominant. {A}
 +NOV 21 2200 – Hymn, BBN ID; mixed with WADO, others. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1500 **VENEZUELA** YVRZ, Radio Dos Mil, Cumaná. NOV 10 0041 – Dos Mil ID and Venezuela mentions in Spanish talk by man; over WFED. {A} [MC*Y-MA]

*** TROPICAL BAND DX ***

- 2850 **DPR KOREA** KCBS, Pyongyang. DEC 16 1430 – saccharine instrumental music, soprano vocalist. Very good today at local daybreak on SW 2000629, tomato stake vertical. [RB-AZ]
- 3985 **REP KOREA** Echo of Hope, Hwaseong. DEC 11 1425 – Pop vocal music, man in Korean, all over DPRK jamming station, good. [RB-AZ]
- 4055 **GUATEMALA** Radio Verdad, Chiquimula. DEC 15 1220 – all female choir, good. [RB-AZ]
- 4885 **REP KOREA** Echo of Hope, Seoul. DEC 15 1300 – Monologue by woman in (listed) Korean to instrumental music, 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 vertical by 11m horizontal (peak 165 degrees, null 345 degrees)
Antenna 2: Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 9m vertical by 20m horizontal (peak 90 degrees, null 270 degrees)
- 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

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12/16. A really interesting write up of a recent European Beverage DXpedition: <http://knollehofdxped.blogspot.ca/>

And yes, it is in English.

Please note that North Korea's Kim seems to have become quite an international DXer. After making an appearance in last year's PEI report, he now pops up in Belgium as well!

Nick Hall-Patch, Victoria BC, Canada

12/17. A 5-day Mini-DXpedition to Kona, Hawaii kicked off today as one of the new "Frequent Flyer" FSL models easily breezed through Seattle-Tacoma Airport TSA screening (for the 11th time in 11 tries, for me, Craig Barnes, Pete Taylor and Satoshi Miyauchi).

The 5 inch (127mm) Frequent Flyer FSL started tracking down the DU's right away here in Kona this evening, but T-storm activity made reception of the weaker DU's a little dicey. I was able to confirm a 19-second time delay between the programming on 846-Kiribati (Christmas Island) and 1440-Kiribati (Tarawa), as documented in one of the MP3's linked below. The sign-off routine off 1440-Kiribati was also confirmed to still start at 0933 UTC, with the loud 1000 tone still there until power is cut at 0936. 846-Kiribati seems to have intermittent transmitter issues, as documented in one of the MP3's below. 1098-Marshalls was S9+ around 0700, but the signals from 540-2AP, 558-Fiji and 1017-Tonga were hit hard by the T-storms. 621-Tuvalu was somewhere in between, with fair to good strength female speech (in English) at 0724. Other than that it was another awesome evening in Kona, where the temperature was 79 degrees today.

- 540 **SAMOA** 2AP, Apia. Christian worship music at fair to good level through the T-storms at 0752
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/tsr7nd52srbdjbphms7a0jxqoblo2vqv>
- 621 **TUVALU** Radio Tuvalu, Funafuti. Female speech at good level in English at 0724
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/25fbu2pk27b3umyicostm5rd6y70nmn8>
- 846 **KIRIBATI** Radio Kiribati, Christmas Island. S9 level Christian music at 0620, but with a sudden signal drop out at the 49 second point in the MP3; transmitter issues? <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/p89gsi1wm6vjqdi6jzhwrk13r2v9h8w3>
- 1017 **TONGA** A3Z, Nuku'alofa. Female speech in English through the T-storms at 0735; no idea why there is a heterodyne on this frequency
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/9do7nf5d5uzgk0m98g0qb5fgc3cplfv>
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** Radio Marshalls, Majuro. S9 level Christian music prior to the 0700 TOH, with male native language announcer giving apparent ID after that <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/l9grx1p2c05j3ronyrsme3yw417ie317>
- 1440 **KIRIBATI** Radio Kiribati, Tarawa. Parallel check with 846-Christmas Island; the MP3 starts out on 846 at 0635, switches to 1440 at the 1:02 point, then switches back to 846 at the 1:34 point, with a 19-second time delay evident between the 1440 and 846 programming (846 lags behind)
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/piokzgak85kgw77oz4rvoetv2f8gko8x>

Gary DeBock (DXing in Kona, Hawaii), 7.5" loopstick CC Skywave +, 5 inch "Frequent Flyer" FSL (Demo video posted at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRaOnWS-5lg&t=77s> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRaOnWS-5lg&t=77s>)



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My best DXing this past year was from two distant locations. In August, my wife and I saw the eclipse from Wallowa Lake in northeastern Oregon and I enjoyed the experience of DXing during the eclipse. The farthest signal was KFBK-1530 about 515 miles. KSL-1160, KEX-1190, KOMO-1000 and others were also heard during the eclipse. We visited Richard Wood on the Big Island of Hawaii in early 2007, the same year he passed away. In 2017, we returned, staying at Lava Tree Tropic Inn, which was a good location for stargazing and DXing. Hawaii is a special paradise for distant Mediumwave DXing. We were in the same area as we were 10 years earlier, when we rented a house in Hawaiian Paradise Park, not far from where Richard lived at the time. During that visit, we had dinner with Richard twice, had two DXing sessions and went on a Kona coffee-buying journey with him to the south part of the island in Naalehu. In 2017, I brought my ATS-909 portable. There were plenty of signals on the GY channels. One that stood out was KVEN-1450 in Ventura, California. Two nights later, I listened to a high school football game on KION-1460 in Salinas. One other noteworthy station was KUIK-160 in Hillsboro, Oregon. I heard other California regionals, and a number of stations from Vancouver. KOA-850 was also heard with the local Hawaii station off. Hearing GY stations 2300 miles away was something I haven't been able to do here. In early December, my wife and I stopped by the Chicago Brauhaus, hoping to have a last beer before they closed permanently. I saw Frank Merrill waiting outside to meet John Clemmer at the same time. We were able to have chicken schnitzel and beer at the bar with these two longtime DXers while talking Top 40 Radio.



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| 1. John C Johnson 216 | 3. Greg Hall 171 | 5. Nancy Johnson 55 |
| 2. Tim Noonan 173 | 4. Dennis Vroom 153 | 6. Phil Bytheway 15 |

The 2017-2018 IRCA contest is now underway and rules can be found in the August 19 2017 SDXM (Vol 55 #1). The contest will end 2359 on May 31 2018 so there is plenty of time to enter. New catches are guaranteed! – Nancy

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