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### WRTH 2018 B17 updates

We have uploaded a pdf of updates to the B17 schedules in the International section of WRTH 2018. Visit **Updates** and click the "International Updates" link to download the file from the **WRTH** store.

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Readers in North America can also order copies from **Amazon.com**. Please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts about WRTH on the **2018 Questionnaire**.

I hope you find the update useful. **Nicholas Hardyman**, Publisher

### 2018 IRCA Convention

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The dates of the **2018 IRCA Convention** will be Friday September 7 and Saturday September 8 2018 at the **Best Western Plus Charles Inn** in **St Charles MO**. The registration fee is \$25.00 per person. Radio tours and the Saturday banquet site are TBA at this point. Ken Hawkins ([stlouisherdfan@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisherdfan@gmail.com)). (More details as they become available. Set these dates now if you plan to attend – pb)

### Bruce Portzer's Annual GetTogether

I'll be holding my annual DX get together on Saturday February 17 at 2 pm. Consider yourself invited, and be prepared to talk about AM, shortwave, or TV-FM DX with like-minded persons. Bring radio stuff for show-and-tell if you'd like.

It will be held at my house: 6546 19th Avenue NE in Seattle, 206-522-2521. Potluck snack food (liquid or solid) is welcome. See you there! **Bruce**



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### Nominations are Open for the TVA and RHA for 2017-2018

#### Ted Vasilopoulous Award (TVA)

**Ted Vasilopoulous** 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: John C Johnson, Gary DeBock, Eric Bueneman, Nick Hall-Patch and Lee Freshwater.

#### 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: Mark Durenberger, Ernest Wesolowski and Phil Bytheway.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, should be sent to the ECC, Nick Hall-Patch at [nhp@ieee.org](mailto:nhp@ieee.org)

All nominations must be received no later than March 15 2018.

Nick Hall-Patch, IRCA Election Committee Chairman



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**DATE OF COLUMN:** February 10 **Column data span:** January 27-February 10 2018, Data courtesy of **Stationintel.com**, FCC database and member contributions.

### CALL CHANGES

| FREQ | OLD CALL | CITY OF LICENSE          | NEW CALL |
|------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1050 | WADC     | Parkersburg, WV          | WLYQ     |
| 1230 | KLTO     | Del Rio, TX              | KDRN     |
| 1420 | WATB     | Decatur, GA              | WWSZ     |
| 1460 | WHAL     | Phenix City-Columbus, AL | WGSY     |

### FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

| FREQ | CALL | CITY OF LICENSE  | NEW INFORMATION   |
|------|------|------------------|---|
| 620  | WZON | Bangor, ME       | was talk, now oldies, old slogan: "The Pulse", new: "Z62"   |
| 640  | WMFN | Peotone, IL      | changes city of license from Zeeland to Peotone   |
| 810  | WKVM | San Juan, PR     | was Spanish religion, now silent  |
| 850  | KHHO | Tacoma, WA       | was sports, now talk and Westwood One NBC Sports Network, old slogan: "South Sound Sports 850", new: "South Sound Talk 850" |
| 870  | KLSQ | Whitney, NV      | was Spanish News-Talk, now Spanish sports, old slogan: "Univision America", new: "Univision Deportes Las Vegas 870AM"       |
| 910  | WOLI | Spartanburg, SC  | was regional Mexican, now Spanish sports, old slogan: "Activa", new: "Univision Deportes"                                   |
| 960  | WDNO | Quebradillas, PR | now silent  |
| 980  | WTEM | Washington, DC   | old slogan: "ESPN 980", new: "The Team 980"   |
| 990  | WRFM | Muncie, IN       | now silent  |
|      | WWKY | Winchester, KY   | changes frequency from 980 to 990, changes city of license from London to Winchester  |
| 1020 | WLVJ | Kendall, FL      | was silent, now Spanish News-Talk, adds slogan: "Actualidad 1040"   |
| 1030 | WNOW | Mint Hill, NC    | was regional Mexican, now Spanish sports, old slogan: "Activa", new: "Univision Deportes"                                   |
| 1050 | WLYQ | Parkersburg, WV  | was adult standards, now classic country, old slogan: "Great Songs, Great Memories", new: "Willie 1050"                     |
| 1080 | KCNM | Navy Hill, MP    | now silent  |

|      |      |                        |   |
|------|------|------------------------|---|
| 1090 | WUVI | Charlotte Amalie, VI   | now silent  |
|      | KFNQ | Seattle, WA            | was CBS Sports, now Fox Sports Radio, old slogan: "The Fan 1090", new: "1090 KJR"                         |
| 1110 | WVJP | Caguas, PR             | now silent  |
|      | WSLV | Ardmore, TN            | adds slogan: "Cat Country"  |
| 1120 | WKQW | Oil City, PA           | was ESPN Radio Network, now Fox Sports Radio, old slogan: "1120 ESPN Radio", new: "1120 Fox Sports"       |
| 1130 | WALQ | Carrville, AL          | now silent  |
| 1160 | WBQN | Barceloneta-Manati, PR | now silent  |
| 1220 | KLDC | Denver, CO             | was talk, now religious teaching, adds slogan: "Serving God and Country KLDC AM 1220-95.3"                |
| 1240 | WGVA | Geneva, NY             | old slogan: "Talk Radio", new: "News-Talk Radio"  |
| 1340 | KQDE | Evergreen, MT          | was urban contemporary, now new unknown format  |
|      | KHUB | Fremont, NE            | was classic hits, now country, old slogan: "1340 KHUB", new: "The Big Dog"                                |
| 1350 | WEGA | Vega Baja, PR          | now silent  |
| 1370 | WIVV | Vieques, PR            | now silent  |
| 1380 | WABH | Bath, NY               | was adult standards, now Westwood One Nash Icon country, old slogan: "1600 Favorites", new: "Big Country" |
|      | WWNT | Winston-Salem, NC      | was regional Mexican, now Spanish sports, old slogan: "Activa", new: "Univision Deportes"                 |
| 1400 | WZAZ | Jacksonville, FL       | now silent  |
|      | WGIL | Galesburg, IL          | old slogan: "Galesburg Radio 14", new: "93.7FM and 1400 AM Galesburg's News"                              |
|      | KGVL | Greenville, TX         | old slogan: "1400 GVL Texans, Legends and Outlaws", new: "1400 Texas Country"                             |
|      | WINC | Winchester, VA         | old slogan: "The Right Side Of The AM Radio Dial", new: "News Talk AM 1400 104.9 FM"                      |
| 1410 | KRML | Carmel, CA             | adds slogan: "KRML 102.1 FM"  |
|      | WZBR | Dedham, MA             | was ethnic, now R&B oldies, old slogan: "Radio Brasileira", new: "The Bass Of Boston"                     |
| 1420 | WUKQ | Ponce, PR              | now silent  |
| 1430 | WNEL | Caguas, PR             | now silent  |
|      | WHAN | Ashland, VA            | was variety, now classic hits, adds slogan: "The Mater 102.9"   |
| 1450 | WZGX | Bessemer, AL           | now silent  |
|      | KQTE | Helendale, CA          | was silent, now oldies  |
| 1460 | WBUC | Buckhannon, WV         | was news/talk, now classic country, adds slogan: "The River 93.1"   |
| 1470 | WWBG | Greensboro, NC         | was regional Mexican, now Spanish sports, old slogan: "Activa", new: "Univision Deportes"                 |
| 1490 | WDBQ | Dubuque, IA            | old slogan: "Dubuque's News/Talk/Sports Leader", new: "Dubuque's News-Talk-Sports Leader"                 |
|      | KYWL | Bozeman, MT            | changes from CP (construction permit-ye ed) to 'KYWL'   |
|      | KRSN | Los Alamos, NM         | old slogan: "KRSN AM 1490", new: "KRSN AM 1490 FM 107.1"  |
| 1510 | WBSG | Lajas, PR              | now silent  |
| 1520 | WTHE | Mineola, NY            | now silent  |
| 1530 | WTTI | Dalton, GA             | old slogan: "Today's Christian Music", new: "Hope 93.3"   |
| 1570 | WFLR | Dundee, NY             | old slogan: "Country 96.9 and 1570", new: "Finger Lakes Country"  |
|      | WFTU | Riverhead, NY          | was silent, now variety   |
| 1580 | WVOZ | Morovis, PR            | now silent  |
| 1590 | WAUB | Auburn, NY             | old slogan: "Talk Radio", new: "News-Talk Radio"  |

#### MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

**Andrew Brade** points out a correction to the last BI column in an Email dated 1/30/18:

There seems to be a small error in this issue. The Florida station on 1200 was WJUA and is now WAXA. It was WJUA from 3rd September 2013 and WAXA from 19th January 2018.

**Mike Sanburn** of Bellflower CA sends along the following from **Dennis Gibson** of Salinas CA via IRCA Digest dated 2/1/18:

<https://radioinsight.com/headlines/122829/kqv-to-be-resurrected/>

KQV To Be Resurrected – RadioInsight, [radioinsight.com](http://radioinsight.com)

One month after taking News 1410 KQV Pittsburgh silent, Calvary Inc has agreed to sell some of the station's assets to Bob and Ashley Stevens' Broadcast Communications Inc. Broadcast Communications will acquire the KQV license and all equipment and documents connected to the operation of the station for \$55,000. As the station's current tower site will not be included in the sale, an application will be filed to diplex KQV on the tower of the buyer's 810 WEDO McKeesport. Broadcast Communications owns Talk/Oldies 620 WKHB Irwin, Talk/Oldies 770 WKFB Jeannette, Brokred Ethnic 810.

**Eric Bueneman** of Hazelwood MO sends along the following dated 2/2/18:

KFTK-FM 97.1 Florissant MO has been sold by Emmis Communications to Entercom as part of Emmis' retreat from the St Louis market. The status of KFTK 1490 East Saint Louis IL, which Emmis presently leases from Entertainment Media Trust (doing business as Insane Broadcasting Company) is unknown at this time. Entercom, which owns KMOX 1120, KYKY 98.1 and KEZK 102.5, also picked up CHR-formatted KNOU 96.3 St Louis MO in the deal. The other two Emmis properties in St Louis, AOR-formatted KSHE 94.7 Crestwood MO and Alternative-formatted KPNT 105.7 Collinsville IL, have been sold to Hubbard Broadcasting. KFNS 590 Wood River IL leases KPNT's HD2 channel to simulcast its all-Sports format.

**Jon Pearkins** of Edmonton AB sends along the following dated 2/5/18:

Just noticed that KRLC-1350 in Lewiston, Idaho, has applied to go non-directional at night with only 158 watts. They have been running 1,000 watts in an E-W Figure 8 pattern at night. The NRC log lists it as a Construction Permit, but [fccinfo.com](http://fccinfo.com) lists it as up and running now. Went back 15 years of DX Monitor but could not find any mention of this.

KRLC-1350 Lewiston, Idaho – Bruce Portzer reports the same strong night-time signal strength on 2/11 as heard in the past with their 1KW directional pattern. This contradicts FCC records, as reported by the NRC in October, that indicate that KRLC completed its CP to 158 watts non-directional at night. If this is simply a last minute CP issue, now is certainly the time to log KRLC before they move to 158 watts non-directional at night and remove their second tower.

**Mike Sanburn** sends along the following from Northwest Broadcasters dated 2/7/18:

Northwest Broadcasters – Since 1997 – News you can trust ..., [nwbroadcasters.com](http://nwbroadcasters.com)

Radio Television News for Coastal Washington State and Southwest British Columbia

02/07/18 – The CRTC has approved an application by CBC to change the antenna pattern and decrease daytime and nighttime transmitter power from 50,000 to 25,000 watts for CBU AM 690 Vancouver. CBC stated that the changes are required due to damages sustained by a recent fire and that they should result in a similar coverage area, as most of the Radio One AM reception in the area is duplicated by the Radio One FM signal from CBU-2-FM 88.1 Vancouver. CBC noted the proposed changes will ensure excellent coverage in Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast.

Thanks to all the contributors above, including Andrew's column correction. Still looking for work, some prospects come, some go, will find something eventually. Super Bowl is over and congrats to the Philadelphia Eagles, just 110 miles up the road from me. Valentine's Day is next week and tax season will be on us shortly if not already. Make your DX less taxing and report your tips to the respective column editors or here as you see fit. Have a great shortest month of the year!

73's. **Bob Wien**



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(Yet another update from **Jon Pearkins**)

#### TECHNICAL CHANGE GRANTED

|     |    |           |     |   |
|-----|----|-----------|-----|---|
| 690 | BC | Vancouver | CBU | Decrease power from 50,000 to 25,000 watts, with a two tower directional pattern, rather than the licensed four towers. May be running a temporary pattern after a transmitter fire. Either way, if you need to log CBU, now might be a unique opportunity. |
|-----|----|-----------|-----|---|



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**WDXR DEADLINES:** Feb 16, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, May 25, June 8 and June 22. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- 570 KCFJ **CA**, Alturas 2/6 1000-1040 had mostly KVI until TOH when it was blotted out by a sudden dramatic power boost by KCFJ. Brief minimal ID immediately after, then into Asian talk, likely CC or VV, major fade with Alturas LSR at BOH, allowing a weak KVI to resume as their LSR was knocking them down. Surprised that the only BCB in town would have that much of an Asian audience. This new logging gives me the 50<sup>th</sup> CA county out of 58 total. (AWP-CA)
  - 610 KVNJ **UT**, Logan 2/8 at 0105 end of network, ID by man and local weather. (RB-AZ)
  - 750 KOAL **UT**, Price 2/5 1945 Michael Medved show and breaking to local spots, good pre sunset on RF-2200. (RB-AZ)
  - 900 KBIF **CA**, Fresno 2/3 and 2/5 1000 further monitoring reveals this station has Punjab on Saturdays and SS on weekdays. Considerable splash from KKSF-910. (AWP-CA)
  - KALI **CA**, West Covina heard 2/5 at 0900 with a very weak "??KALI?? 900." (BB-AZ)
  - KFLP **TX**, Floydada heard 2/7 at 0816 with "Ag all day KFLP." (BB-AZ)
  - CKBI **SK**, Prince Albert heard 2/6 at 0829 with weather then "CKBI.com" (BB-AZ)
  - 920 KVEL **UT**, Vernal on 2/7 0600 man with ID "Newstak KVEL" to theme music, intro to "Hugh Hewitt," steady and good. (RB-AZ)
  - 930 KHJ **CA**, Los Angeles 2/6 at 2200 before the hour, religious monologue by man, to man and ID "Ninety Three KHJ Los Angeles" and a woman "9-30 KHJ." Good on RF-2200 with loop out of KAFF. (RB-AZ)
  - KIUP **CO**, Durango 2/5 over KSEI, KHJ nulled. 2347 with "sports here on KIUP Durango and 97.3 FM" ID before returning to WSPN programming. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
  - 1240 KFBC **WY**, Cheyenne 2/4 alone on 1240, no KJAA, KRGO, KRDO. 2359 with "...sports here on KFBC Cheyenne" ID going into sports programming. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
  - 1300 KVET **TX**, Austin 2/3 faded up, mixing with XEP. 0700 with "AM 13-hundred The Zone, KVET" ID. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
  - 1320 KIFM **CA**, Sacramento 2/4 1945 in reverse Murphy's Law, ID and official slogan x3 right at tune-in. Very good pre-sunset. (RB-AZ)
  - 1330 KGAK **NM**, Gallup 2/3 1900 ID, string of local spots, country music, young sounding woman in Navajo. Very good pre-sunset on SW-2000629 and Terk loop. I had been hearing a slew of stations with presumed ID but no calls heard, so none reported here except KGAK. (RB-AZ)
  - 1350 KRLC **ID**, Lewiston 2/6 0116-0123 classic C&W with 0122 promo for krlclassifieds.com, Recent FCC records say they have completed their switch to 158 watts non-directional at night, but signal seemed much too strong, so I suggest logging KRLC now if you need them, as things may change for the worse. (JP-AB)
  - 1450 KVEN **CA**, Ventura 2/8 1000 clear top of hour ID with KFSD in the mix. (MS-CA)
  - 1630 KKGW **TX**, Ft. Worth 2/3 0800 "KKGW Dallas, Fort Worth" by man on the hour, to religious lecture. Very good. (RB-AZ)

Thank you to the WDXR reporters this week! – Nancy 2/9 1900



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**DOWN THE DIAL**

- 880 WCBS **NY**, New York. 2/7 fair to poor signal over WIJR. 2212 noted with local spot, weather forecast, calls and EST time check. [EB-MO]
- 920 WGKA **GA**, Atlanta. /6 fair to poor signal, mixing with KARN, KDHL. 0533 noted with local spot, weather forecast and a mention of "at our Buckhead studios". [EB-MO]
- 1350 KRNT **IA**, Des Moines. 2/8 fair to poor signal, mixing with WKCU and other stations. 0512 noted with *ESPN SportsCenter All Night*, local spots, ESPN promos, "1350 ESPN, also on 102-point-One FM" ID. [EB-MO]
- 1400 KGMV **MO**, Springfield. 2/8 fair to poor signal, mixing with WGIL and other stations. 0432 noted with Fox Sports Radio update and local spots [EB-MO]
- 1490 KDMO **MO**, Carthage. 2/3 fair to poor signal in KFTK null. 0806 noted with "14-90 KDMO" ID into Adult Standards format. [EB-MO]

**FLASHBACK**

**February 17 1968** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Larry Godwin** of Littleton CO logged both Oceania and South America on February 5<sup>th</sup> ... **Allison Parker** of Weyburn SK told about his reception of CFWH 570 White Horse, Yukon ... **Steven R Russell** of Bethesda MD received a French record along with a verie from CJLR 1060.// **February 13 1993** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Shawn Axelrod** and **Wayne McRae** of Winnipeg MB logged New Hampshire on 1020 for a new state thanks to a DX Test ... Thanks to DX Tests, **Mike Sanburn** of Bellflower CA received veries from CFUN, KPOW, KID, KCKY, and KDES ... **John C Johnson** of Billings MT received a verie from one of his most wanted stations, KDES 920 thanks to the DX Test ... **RC Watts** of Louisville KY told about his recent trip to China and the stations he heard.

**OPEN MIKE**

Thanks to **Eric Bueneman** we have a column this week. This column was typed 2-9-18. 73, John



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**TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:**

- (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist** (KG4LAC), Manassas VA  
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- (PS-ON) **Paul Snider**, Welland ON, Canada **paulisnider@yahoo.ca**  
Elad FDM-S2 software-defined receiver, Pixel RF Pro-1B loop, MFJ-1020C as a tuner

#### ACROSS THE DIAL

- 620 CKRM **SK**, Regina – (no date) 2250 noted with *American Country Countdown*, including selections by Easton Corbin, Carrie Underwood and Chris Lee Doux. "The Source, CKRM, a Harvard radio station" ID at 2258, into another music set. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with WSNR, WTMJ, Radio Rebelde (Cuba) and other stations; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)
- 940 CJGX **SK**, Yorkton – (no date) 2112 noted with a "GX-94" ID into a Country format. A fair at times to poor signal was noted over CFNV. (PS-ON)
- 1150 WIMA **OH**, Lima – 2/2 1632 noted with "1150 WIMA Sports" mention into a local sports report for the Lima area. The signal was noted mixing with CKOC, WAVO, WBAG, WGBR and WNLR. (KK-VA)
- 1150 WAVO **SC**, Rock Hill – 2/2 1727 noted with "Our listeners say our music is fabulous; we couldn't agree more. 1150 WAVO" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CKOC, WBAG, WGBR, WIMA and WNLR. (KK-VA)
- 1150 WNLR **VA**, Churchville – 2/2 1729 noted with "New Life Radio, WNLR" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CKOC, WAVO, WBAG, WGBR and WIMA. (KK-VA)
- 1160 WYDU **NC**, Red Springs – 2/2 1800 noted with "This is Your Station for Inspiration and Information, WYDU Red Springs, WYDU 1160-dot-com" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WCRT, WMET, WYLL and unidentified stations with Country, Oldies and Talk formats. (KK-VA) (Two possibilities for your Country station are WKCM Hawesville KY or WSKW Skowhegan ME. A possibility for your Oldies station may be WCXI Fenton MI, and either WCFO East Point GA or WCCS Homer City PA for your Talk station – eb)
- 1170 WGMP **AL**, Montgomery – 2/2 1644 noted with a Rock format, "I'm... on WGMP" mention by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDEK, WWVA and an unidentified station with vocal music; a new station in the logbook. (KK-VA)
- WDEK **SC**, Lexington – 2/2 1719 noted with "I found my new favorite radio station; Jammin' Hits from the '70s, '80s, '90s and beyond on 97.9 FM and 1170 AM." The signal was noted mixing with WGMP, WWVA and an unidentified station with vocal music. (KK-VA) (97.9 refers to W250CG Lexington SC – eb)
- 1190 WIXE **NC**, Monroe – 2/2 1800 noted with "The button pushing stops here; 93.1 FM and 1190 AM WIXE, North Carolina's Radio Station of the Year" ID by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WCRW, WOWO and unidentified stations with Christian vocal music and a Talk format. (KK-VA) (93.1 refers to W226CD Monroe NC. Your unidentified Christian vocal music station could be either WLIB New York NY or WEUV Moulton AL; your unidentified talker may be Catholic station WVUS Grafton WV – eb)
- 1260 WSPZ **DC**, Washington – 1/31 2355 noted with a Christian Talk format, "on WAVA" ID at 2400 before fading out. A very poor signal was noted in a mix of stations. (PS-ON)
- 1480 WDJO **OH**, Cincinnati – 2/8 2252 noted with ad for a local bakery and insurance agency, phone numbers in Area Code 513 given, into a weather forecast for Cincinnati before fading out; first time this station was noted in Laurel. Nicely on top of the jumble on the frequency. Listed as only 300 watts at night and directional to the southwest; an even better catch, unless they were accidentally on 4,500 watts day power, may be directional to the south. 1480 is usually just a total graveyard here. (RW-MD) (WDJO is dominant in Hazelwood, 25 miles from WJBM – eb)
- 1630 KRND **WY**, Fox Farm – 2/1 0018 noted with talk, possible ads/promos, "La Jota Mexicana" ID in Spanish at 0021 into a Regional Mexican format. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mostly under KCJJ and KKGm; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)

#### EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig, Paul and Bob for their logs in this issue. How many others in EDXR-land are hearing WDJO? I remember overnighting in Richmond KY in 1984; 1480 was then WCIN. Auroral conditions were noted on this particular April night; the station, which had an Urban Contemporary format then and operating 500 watts non-directional at night, took out KLVL Pasadena TX, which was then broadcasting in Spanish. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister



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#### \*Masset Mini-DXpedition 2 – 5 February, 2018.\*

I've just returned from a brief visit to my 2nd home and cottage of the north-west coast of British Columbia, and due south of Ketchikan AK, the nearest larger center. Results are always interesting, no matter what the time of the year. On this visit, for the first evening and morning, I laid down my stalwart W/NW BOG, approximately 750' in length, and my large diameter ALA 100LN loop, aimed NE/SW. On the 2nd and subsequent days, I erected the SW directed DKAZ antenna, while on the final 2 days, I hooked up the due North mini-Beverage of about 450' terminated directly into the ocean. All performed very nicely, but as usual, my favourite all around antenna remains the BOG. Conditions to Australia remained mediocre this time. Neither 1017 nor 846 seemed to be propagating well, if at all during our late evenings, so I wondered whether they were on at all, or not. TP propagation to Asia was superb on Sunday Feb 4th. My highlight is hearing all three Japanese AFN transmitters on 1575 with echoes... very strange! Almost always, it's only Misawa audible. Occasionally, an echo from 1 other, but to hear all 3 with echoes, is downright rare! Equipment in the shack: 2 laptops, each feeding 1 Perseus, with each being able to toggle between antennae. Also an AOR 7030+ receiver. Hope you enjoy my report. Errors are my own, of course, so please send corrections to me! 73, **Walt Salmaniw**, Victoria BC

- 529 **ALASKA** SQM/FDV, Level Island/Nome. 1528- Feb 3. It's not often that I can hear both TWEB broadcasts from Alaska, but this morning the normally very strong SQM from Level Island, with Sitka TWEB is co-channel, with also strong co-channel FDV Nome, with their TWEB. I can also hear someone on 530, also unusual for this time of the morning.
- 670 **ALASKA** KDLG, Dillingham. 0514- Feb 4. Excellent reception with Anna Marie and Sasha hosting a local (?) program called, 'Thunderstruck' with a very interesting selection of music! 'Don't take your guns to town, son. Leave your guns at home, Bill'. Fun to sit back and just listen to these interesting Alaskan AM stations. In our mornings, they normally carry NPR programming, so it's fun to listen to something different! Way over co-channels. At 0530, interviewing 'The Super Suckers'.
- 693t **BANGLADESH** Bangladesh Betar. 1656- Feb 3 Tentative logging at fair level with what sounds like Sub Asian music, which just may be // to 4750 (way under China). It's been a few years since I've heard them here (and in the past, only on disturbed days, and then at very good levels here).
- 830 **ALASKA** KSDP, Sand Point. 0500- Feb 4. Low modulation, but with local ID giving local ads for jobs, and sponsors (mainly several airlines). Co-channel QRM, but mostly dominating. Into music at 0503. Very much a small community station! I believe the co-channel is KNCO in Grass Valley CA.
- 846 **KIRIBATI** Christmas Island, Radio Kiribati (non). 0601- Feb 5. A no show for my 4 days in Masset, and regularly checking each evening. Should have been an easy catch here, if they were more regular.
- 850 **ALASKA** KICY, Nome. 0821- Feb 4. Very good reception in Russian with Christian programming. Listed as from 0800. Co-channel a sports channel, presumably KHHO Tacoma. Sure enough, they announce at 0800 that they're changing their beam towards Russia, although I didn't notice any change in signal strength. Into Russian. At that time, about equal to KHHO.  
+Voice of the Arctic Feb 4 Rather than religious broadcasting, there's Nome basketball action tonight. Local ads for Hanson's Safeway (strawberries, 'just' \$4.99 a pound, etc'l). 'Maggie Miller, number 44 with socks up to her knees, braided hair, etc'. Play by play action. Bering Air local helicopter service.
- 1197 **IRAN** IRIB Radio Iran, Moghan. 0135- Feb 5. Almost certainly Iran with Quranic sounding chants. Too bad I missed the BOH to time pips. Fair to good at times. Directly over the Pole path.
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** V7AB, Majuro. 0904- Feb 4. A tentative logging as I heard a BBC ID and V7AB has 'some BBC programming'. Fair level. I wonder, too, about Newstalk ZB in Christchurch with 5 kW as a possibility.
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. 0133- Feb 5. Always the bell weather station for TA (trans Polar) MW DX. Saving the best, perhaps, until the last day. Good reception at our local SS. Activity started over 90 min, ago, with numerous carriers and weak audio. Chance for some decent TA activity tonight? Perhaps.
- 1520 **UnID USA** 1618- Feb 3. Who's off channel here? I see 2 channels. The nominal channel is KKXA, Snohomish WA with 50 kW, but there's a co-channel on 1520.080. Ideas? 1520, by the way is an IBOC channel.
- 1566 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAZ, Jeju. 1650- Feb 3. Surprised to hear Russian at this time, instead of the normal 1730 to 1800. Superb reception. So presumably has changed to 1630 to 1700? A seasonal change? A morning that goes on and on. Still superb reception when checked at 1857 (10:57 AM local).  
+1630- Feb 5 Happened to be parked on 1566 right at 1630, when the transmitter cut, revealing a Chinese speaker. HLAZ was off for 1 min, and suddenly came on at 1631, equally strong to when they went off, and into Radio Teos in Russian. Exceptionally strong, of course!

- 1575 **JAPAN** AFN The Eagle. 1712- Feb 4. Excellent reception this morning, occasionally fading down to have a loud buzzer, presumably the Iranian jammer. What was interesting this morning was there are clearly 2 co-channel AFN stations heard. Until 1704, there was sport news, with a slight delay between the 2 identical feeds. At 1704, 'AFN The Eagle' ID, and into music. At 1716 PSA, which were not the same on the 2 feeds, but back at 1718 into music, again in parallel, but with a slight delay. Big question is who is the second? Either Iwakuni, in Yamaguchi prefecture with listed 1 kW, or Sasebo, Nagasaki prefecture with 250 watts. Both of the latter on not ideally located for reception across the Pacific, unlike Misawa which is located on the east coast of the country, so a perfect water path. At 1728, 2 PSAs again. One was about West Point, and the other was from a commanding officer, discussing priorities for 2018. That should make it easy to differentiate between the two!
- +1803- Feb 4. I'm quite certain that at this hour, I'm hearing all 3 AFN feeds, as they were all present and in // with delays on each of them. Definitely more than just 1 co-channel. An 'out of this world' effect! Into music at 1804:45. Still fair level, several hours after my LSR.
- SPAIN** SER Network. 0523- Feb 5. Fair to good reception. I did a bandscan from the top to the bottom, and there are a fair number of audios heard, and plenty of carriers. The latter unless otherwise noted. Nothing really strong, though, and all heard on the over the Pole North Beverage: 1584, 1566, 1539, 1503 (hint of audio), 1494, 1485 (SER with faint audio), 1458, 1368 (hints of audio ? Manx Radio), 1341 (either BBC Ulster or SER), 1224 (either RNE or Romania), 1215 (Absolute Radio, of course), 1125, 1107, 1098, 1089, 1053 (Spain vs UK or Romania), 1044 (SER fair strength), 1026, and 909 (UK or Spain).
- THAILAND** Ban Phachi, VoA. 1652- Feb 3. Bengali with excellent reception and just a hint of AFN co-channel. Many mentions of 'VOA', 'phone number', 'internet', etc. Slight buzz noted when VOA fades down. Not sure the source of this. Rechecked at 1705 and VOA now off, and 'AFN Radio' clearly heard. Fair to good level, though, only.

#### Gary DeBock Hawaii DX Mixes

During December's trip to the west coast of the Big Island the TP-DX propagation was radically different from the watered-down version currently being tolerated on the west coast. Instead of a few Asian big guns reaching modest audio each morning there were wild DU-TP snarls every evening, along with intense frequency fights between Asian co-channels on several frequencies.

Linked below are several extended mix recordings that were the most memorable for the trip, all featuring two transoceanic stations fighting it out at potent levels. If anyone is feeling bored with his MW-DXing hobby, I would strongly recommend a trip to Hawaii as the ultimate, permanent cure!

- 1) 1440-**Kiribati** vs **JOWF** (Sapporo, Japan). These two stations were equal-strength competitors from around 0800 UTC until Kiribati's sign off at 1007, carrying on a running battle for supremacy each evening. On December 19th Kiribati switched its sign off time from 0936 to 1007, resulting in an 11 minute recording of the frequency fight (without a Kiribati sign off) starting off at 0931 <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/9eg4ip5jb5pvqsm6m5110e5b05cs8gw>
- 2) 621-**Tuvalu** vs **China** (Heilongjiang?) The pesky Chinese station was a major problem for the exotic DU after 0800 UTC each evening, but North Korea's Japanese service was almost equally troublesome. As if that weren't enough Tuvalu came down with a distorted audio issue on December 18th, which continued until I left. In this 8-minute recording China plasters the distorted Tuvalu sign off routine at 1003 on 12-18, but Tuvalu manages to get the (garbled) National Anthem out by itself. China quickly reclaims the frequency after Tuvalu's sign off <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/msy64393v8ty1qxq6hi8kixflb32beqx>
- 3) 819-**KCBS** (Pyeongyang) vs **South Korean Jammer**. The North Korean "flagship" station's ancient music gets pestered by the South's "Beehive" Jammer at 0921 UTC on 12/19. The jammer is apparently a low-powered transmitter designed to cover only the Seoul metropolitan area, but its range included Kona, Hawaii on most evenings <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/luw8m6wabvli4y6seylzwpx18vfavmw3>
- 4) 1593-**CNR1** (Changzhou, China) vs **NHK2 Synchronos**. Despite running 600 kW the Chinese station could never quite put away the pesky Japanese 10 kW duo. In this typical recording at 1003 on 12/20 CNR1 builds up some potent strength but the NHK2 English lessons never go away <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/m8ob9bccityvus66cdv4jllwbr0bbfrcw>
- 5) 909 Mix (All UNID). One of many potent "mystery mixes" from the Kona trip, this recording at 0956 on 12/18 features multiple Chinese voices, including various children chanting at an S9 level for the last two minutes – maybe CNR6 and others? <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/3f746ufu3x0gjwe2fi05j2jo3pkav4d>

73 and Good DX, Gary DeBock (DXing in Kona, Hawaii with a 7.5 inch loopstick C.Crane Skywave Ultralight + 5 inch "Frequent Flyer" FSL antenna



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A quick note to remind people that my deadline for the anniversary issue is March 3rd. Early reports are appreciated, but please do not use WORD as I don't have it. Just put it in an e-mail and we will both be happy, hi. Haven't listened lately, but hope to by the end of the week. 73.

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