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This is our last weekly issue!! Next time, our **ANNIVERSARY** issue, send your annual reintroductions to **Rick Evans** at **REvans5435@yahoo.com**. Next Seattle deadline **Monday 3/5/18 6 PM PLT**.

2018 IRCA Convention

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**). (More details as they become available. Set these dates now if you plan to attend – pb)

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – **Nick Hall-Patch** – **1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6**
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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**
All nominations must be received no later than March 15 2018.
Nick Hall-Patch, IRCA Election Committee Chairman



WESTERN DX ROUNDUP – **Nancy Johnson** – **2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923**
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WDXR DEADLINES: March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13. April 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22 and July 13. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- 550 KRAI **CO**, Craig 2/9 good in KFYI null. 2330 with country music, numerous "55 Country" slogans, mention of "Colorado's country music, news, and sports station" and "The station that plays your favorite country music, KRAI Craig, Steamboat, and Meeker. 55 Country" ID on the hour. Station must have been on daytime power as they could be heard under local KFYI. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1240 KJAA **AZ**, Globe heard 2/15 at 0902 with a very weak "?? KJAA." (BB-AZ)
- 1270 KBZZ **NV**, Sparks heard 2/16 at 0856 with "96.1 and 1270 The Buzz." (BB-AZ)
- 1340 KIKO **AZ**, Apache Junction 2/13 station changed formats again. They had a Mexican format for quite some time until 12/11 they changed to oldies, now they are country with "KIKO The Bull. Classic Country" IDs. This station is quite a pest for us as their transmitter is about 5 miles from our house. (JCJ-AZ)

The next WDXR deadline will be Friday March 2! – Nancy 2/16 1900



CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP – **John C Johnson** – **2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923**
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RIDING GAIN

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1240 KOKL **OK**, Okmulgee. 2/15 fair to poor signal, mixing with WENK, WTAX and other stations. 0345 noted with "...on The Brew" mention into Classic Hits format. [EB-MO]
- 1250 KCFI **IA**, Cedar Falls. 2/13 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 0409 noted with "KCFI" jingle into Oldies format. [EB-MO]
- 1280 WANS **SC**, Anderson. 2/13 fair to poor signal, mixing with WBIG, WGBF, WMCP, WNAM. 0425 noted with Southern Gospel format, "This is the best part of the country, God's Country" mention. [EB-MO]
- 1580 KHGG **AR**, Van Buren. 2/15 fair signal over WHLY. 0513 noted with Country format, "101-point-One FM, 15-80 AM" mention in promo, "The Judge" ID. First time noted since flipping from Sports. [EB-MO]
- 1700 KKLK **TX**, Richardson. 2/15 good signal over KBGG. 0315 noted with "Banda Trece" IDs into Adult Contemporary format in Spanish. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

February 24 1968 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Rick Evans** of Gary IN told about his new HQ-100ac receiver ... **Marvin Garber** of Lincoln NE had KORL coming in strong on the 5th of the month ... **Bruce Kirkpatrick** of Topeka KS commented the house he was considering buying was in a good DX location ... **Kenneth Dunn** of Windsor ON now had 30 states verified. // **February 20 1993** issue of "DX Monitor" ... New members included **Stan Weisbeck** ... **Carl DeWhitt** of Ponca City OK returned to DXing and commented about the changes he has noticed from the last 3 years ... **Ernest Cooper** of Provincetown MA said his verie total was up to 4421 ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee WI mentioned to send in Forums for the anniversary issue which was coming up soon.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to **Eric Bueneman** we have a column this week. This is the last weekly column for the season. Next issue is the anniversary issue so be sure to report some of your DX so you can be part of this anniversary issue. This column was typed 2-16-18. 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
- (RW-MD) **Robert Wien** (KG6RJW/3), at home in Laurel MD wienbob@aol.com
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- (RW-MD1) **Robert Wien**, on the road in Laurel MD
2011 Ford Fusion car radio

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 560 WJLS **WV**, Beckley – 2/11 0114 noted with Country format, "104.1... WJLS" ID at 0121 between music sets. A poor to very poor signal was noted in a mix of stations. (PS-ON) (104.1 refers to W281AJ Beckley WV – eb)
- 640 WHLO **OH**, Akron – 2/12 0524 noted with "WHLO, Akron's (the rest is indiscernible)" ID floating out before fading into the mess; first time noted. (RW-MD)
- 950 WAKM **TN**, Franklin – 2/5 2207 noted with "950 WAKM" ID at tune-in, "Hometown Radio" slogan into Country format. A fair to poor signal was noted, mostly over WWJ; on day power again. (PS-ON)
- 1200 WSML **NC**, Graham – 2/9 1706 noted with "That's Accu-Weather on 1200 WSJS Sports" mention by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WJXY, WRKK, WXIT, WXKS and an unidentified station with ESPN Radio. (KK-VA) (Your unidentified ESPN is WTLA North Syracuse NY – eb)
- WRKK **PA**, Hughesville – 2/9 1640 noted with "Re-enforced Oldies; Real Rock is on 94.9" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WJXY, WSML, WTLA, WXIT and WXKS. (KK-VA) (94.9 refers to W235BA Williamsport PA – eb)
- WJXY **SC**, Atlantic Beach – 2/9 1728 noted with "102-5 Rejoice FM" ID by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WRKK, WSML, WTLA, WXIT and WXKS; first time heard since call change from WMIR. (KK-VA)
- 1220 CJRB **MB**, Boissevain – 2/6 2213 noted with Christian music, "You are listening to CJRB" ID at 2230, "Westman weather" mention, weather conditions and forecast for various cities in Manitoba, mention of "Discover Westman-dot-com" into more music. A very poor signal was noted; barely audible at times under WHKW. Confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON) (Westman refers to the region of Manitoba where Boissevain is located; Discover Westman is a local news and information Web site – eb)
- 1320 WDER **NH**, Derry – 2/15 0125 noted while trying to ID a station mentioning 107.9 FM with a female announcer interviewing a male guest (according to the schedule on the station's Web site, this is *Janet Mefferd Today* – eb), "Life Changing Radio" slogan at 0130 into a show promo. A fair to poor signal was noted in a mix of stations. (PS-ON) (The FM relays of both KELO and WMSR are on 107.9; WMSR's relay is W300BL Manchester TN, while KELO's is KELQ Flandreau SD – eb)
- 1330 WBTM **VA**, Danville – 2/12 1725 noted with ad for a credit union in Danville (confirmed via online check), into local news, although no definitive ID was heard. A good signal was noted, briefly atop WHGM; faded out in about 10 minutes. (RW-MD1)
- 1380 KLIZ **MN**, Brainerd – 2/2 2259 noted with "KLIZ Brainerd" legal ID, Fox Sports Radio mentions into *The David Smith Show*. Heard while trying to ID a station carrying *The Dave Ramsey Show*. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with WKDM and other stations. (PS-ON) (According to the latest NRC Log, WMLP Milton PA is the only Dave Ramsey affiliate on 1380 – eb)
- 1590 WCSL **NC**, Cherrystone – 2/10 0050 noted with Country format, "WCSL" ID at 0100, into a weather report mentioning "from the North Carolina News Network" before another music set. Mostly dominating the frequency, mixing with maybe WARV; no sign of the usual WAKR. (PS-ON)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig, Paul and Bob for their logs in this issue. How many of us in EDXR-land have caught WAKM on day power? Every time someone forgets to cut power on this one, WAKM takes out KWOS, WORD and WWJ at my location. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister



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Deadline – Sunday Midnight Central Time.

*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

- 558 **REP KOREA** HLQH, Yeong-il, KBS2. JAN 29 1543 – //603, only poking above the splatter for a short time. Much better 1455 FEB 13, good strength, male ballad //603 which was quite weak; KBS jingle 1459, and single pip heard on hour. [NHP-BC]
+FEB 18 1218 – instrumental music fair-good //603. [BP-WA]
- 567 **JAPAN** JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. JAN 23 1521 – Man in Japanese //594, excellent signal, unusual for this one. [NHP-BC]
+FEB 18 1221 – male talk poor //594. [BP-WA]
- 576 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Sydney. FEB 5 1441 – Man in DU English, fair strength, //846. [NHP-BC]
- 585 **JAPAN** JOPG, Kushiuro, NHK1. JAN 22 1510 – Poor strength, man talking //594, then NHK1 interlude music. [NHP-BC]
- 594 **JAPAN** JOAK, NHK1, Tokyo. FEB 18 1205 – male talk sounded like sporting event good. [BP-WA]
- 603 **NEW ZEALAND** Manukau, Radio Waatea. JAN 22 1543 – Poor strength, //765 (see there for details). was quite difficult to get these two up at the same time. [NHP-BC]
REP KOREA HLSA, Seoul, KBS2. JAN 29 1543 – Poor strength, quiet music, deep voiced man //558. [NHP-BC]
+FEB 18 1218 – music //558 fair-poor. [BP-WA]
UnID FEB 13 1429 – woman in Chinese, good strength; mostly this put HLSA in the shade this morning. [NHP-BC]
- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Brisbane. ?
JAPAN JOLK, Fukuoka, NHK1. FEB 15 1459 – Fair, Anshin Rajio mention by woman //594. [NHP-BC]
+FEB 18 1541 – poor w/song //594. [BP-WA]
- 639 **CHINA** CNR1. JAN 23 1416 – Woman in Chinese //945. This was in quite a bit this morning, but peaked early to good level. Normally not this strong, but a frequent visitor this month.
+FEB 15 1452 – In the DX blowout of the 15th, this was excellent level, with woman in Chinese, used a number of times for parallels. [NHP-BC]
- 657 **DPR KOREA** Pyongyang, Pyongyang BS. FEB 18 1307 animated woman in Korean fair in splat. [BP-WA]
- 666 **JAPAN** JOBK, Osaka, NHK1. JAN 23 1525 – Poor strength, man on phone, woman agreeing, //594. [NHP-BC]
+FEB 18 1210 – Japanese talk //594 fair. [BP-WA]
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. JAN 22 1504 – Good strength in CBU-690 splatter, s/off music box. [NHP-BC]
+FEB 18 1228 good in CBU splat, man talking and playing piano. [BP-WA]

- 702 **JAPAN** JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima, NHK2. FEB 18 1228 man and piano poor in splat //693. [BP-WA]
738 **TAIWAN** Baisha, BEL2. FEB 13 1442 – Woman talking //1143 fair strength. [NHP-BC]
747 **JAPAN** JOIB, Sapporo. NHK2. FEB 18 1323 – fair English lesson "The party will definitely be fun". [BP-WA]
765 **NEW ZEALAND** Napier-Hastings Radio Kahungunu. JAN 22 1543 – Apparently this with man talking, quite murky and poor strength, then country sounding music; seemed //603 but leading by half a second or so... bit of a surprise. [NHP-BC]
774 **AUSTRALIA** 3LO, Melbourne. JAN 24 1500 – BC fanfare and man reading news, poor. [NHP-BC]
JAPAN JOUB, Akita, NHK2. FEB 18 1210 – loud w/man in Japanese. Loud.
+FEb 18 1421 English lesson. [BP-WA]
783 **UnID** FEB 18 1318 – bits of music. [BP-WA]
819 **DPR KOREA** Pyongyang, KCBS. JAN 23 1428 – Poor strength, man talking, then blast of music //2850; pips hear at 1430; also noted with man sounding Korean 1455. [NHP-BC]
+FEb 18 1217 – fair w/orchestral music in KGNW splat.
+FEb 18 1308 – better with female operatic singer. [BP-WA]
828 **JAPAN** JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. FEB 18 1211 – fair-good man //774. [BP-WA]
837t **CHINA** Quanzhou, Voice of Zhonghua, CNR5. JAN 23 1500 – Sounded very much like the CNR5/6 chimes just after 1500, then some music, then woman talking, Chinese intonation, but didn't sound like an ID. Poor strength. [NHP-BC]
JAPAN JOQK, Niigata, NHK1. FEB 15 1447 – Poor, //594 woman talking. [NHP-BC]
+FEb 18 1400 – time pips poor. [BP-WA]
846 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Canberra. FEB 5 1441 – Poor strength, man talking //576. [NHP-BC]
JAPAN NHK1 synchros. FEB 13 1435 – Poor strength, riding on carrier from assumed Christmas Island; NHK1 interlude music; seemed to be other signals also. [NHP-BC]
873 **JAPAN** JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. FEB 18 1217 – fair talk //774. [BP-WA]
891 **JAPAN** JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. FEB 18 1248 – talk poor in CJDC-890 splat //594. [BP-WA]
936 **UnID** FEB 18 1346 – weak talk. [BP-WA]
945 **CHINA** Jiaohu, CNR1. JAN 23 1523 – Poor strength, man talking //6125. [NHP-BC]
+FEb 18 1238 – poor //981. [BP-WA]
954 **JAPAN** JOKR, Tokyo, TBS. FEB 16 1449 – Peaking at fair strength, man in Japanese, but also "90.5" in English, TBS' FM frequency. [NHP-BC]
972 **REP KOREA** HLCA, Dangjin. FEB 18 1308 – lively discussion in Korean. [BP-WA]
981 **CHINA** CNR1 synchros. FEB 18 1238 – music. [BP-WA]
+FEb 18 1338 – Chinese woman. [BP-WA]
1053 **UnID** FEB 18 1320 – woman weak, sounded Japanese. [BP-WA]
1089t **CHINA** Fuzhou, CNR6. FEB 12 1534 – Likely with distinctive classical music, poor; 6185 seemed parallel but too weak to tell for sure. [NHP-BC]
1098 **CHINA** CNR1. FEB 12 1549 – Man in Chinese 1549, strongest overseas signal on band at this point with fair strength. IDed earlier at similar strength with //945 1530.
+FEb 15 1522 – Good level with woman in Chinese //639. [NHP-BC]
UnID FEB 18 1253 – male/female in Chinese-like language, probably CNR11. [BP-WA]
1134 **JAPAN** JOQR, Tokyo, NCB. FEB 18 1218 – woman in Japanese fair in splat. [BP-WA]
1143 **TAIWAN** Baisha, BEL3. FEB 15 1456 – Woman in Chinese, good level //738. [NHP-BC]
1188 **JAPAN** JOKP, Kitami, NHK1. JAN 23 1504 – Poor strength, man talking //594. [NHP-BC]
1206 **CHINA** Yanbian, PBS. FEB 18 1438 – weak talk. [BP-WA]
1224 **JAPAN** JOJK, Kanazawa, NHK1. FEB 12 1546 – Poor with slow piano music, seemed //594 which was weak; double checked a Japanese online SDR to establish NHK1 program for sure at that time. [NHP-BC]
1242 **JAPAN** JOLF, Tokyo. JAN 29 1453 – Rock music, fair strength in splatter, cuckoo pips noted at 1500. [NHP-BC]
1251 **CHINA** Jixi, CNR1. FEB 13 1458 – Man talking //639, poor strength. [NHP-BC]
1287 **JAPAN** JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. FEB 12 1600 – man in Japanese, fading up quickly to good strength after a weak pip on the hour, then fading back down again. Was on and off audible until after 1630 today. [NHP-BC]
1323 **CHINA** Shuangyashan, CRI. FEB 15 1459 – An incredibly strong carrier delivered good audio level very briefly, stringed music leading to chimes and fanfare. [NHP-BC]
1377 **CHINA** Xingyang, CNR1. FEB 9 1521 – Poor strength, man talking //639. [NHP-BC]
1386 **JAPAN** NHK2 synchros. FEB 18 1444 – weak talk //774. [BP-WA]
1422t **JAPAN** JORF, Yokohama. JAN 29 1528 – Assumed the woman in Japanese, better on north Flag, but still lots of 1420 splash; this was quite strong for much of the morning, not a usual visitor. [NHP-BC]
+FEb 18 1450 – Japanese woman fair. [BP-WA]
1494 **UnID** FEB 18 1452 – faint talk. [BP-WA]
1503 **JAPAN** JOUK, Akita, NHK1. FEB 2 1546 – Man in Japanese, good signal; earlier had been weaker but //594 which was gone by now. [NHP-BC]
+FEb 18 1456 – faint talk //594. [BP-WA]
1557t **TAIWAN** Kouhu, 1557 Music Interactive Network. JAN 27 1557 – Woman in Chinese, fair strength, 1536 1/27, better on north Flag. Also, woman in Chinese. FEB 13 1528; good strength, best on north Flag. [NHP-BC]
1566 **REP KOREA** HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. JAN 23 1456 – Man in Chinese, excellent strength. This did also turn up after my local sunrise (1550UT) at much lower levels, and actually featured quite readable Russian talk by man at 1636.
+FEb 13 1456 – Man in Chinese at 1456 and a number of other times at excellent strength; heck there was a man in Russian at 1648 and 1640-1, perfectly readable. Then there was the Voice of America news mention by man at 1701, followed by another man in Korean. The recording finished at 1702, but the signal strength recorder indicates readable audio as late as 1728. [NHP-BC]
+FEb 18 1237 – the usual Sunday church service, choir singing quite strong. [BP-WA]
1575 **JAPAN** Misawa, AFN, FEB 14 1531 – Pop music, weak, same as what was heard strongly on Tokyo KiwiSDR, dominating VoA in a battle of weak signals. [NHP-BC]
THAILAND Ban Phachi, VOA. FEB 15 1530 – Voice of America ID by man, Yankee Doodle, "following program is in Burmese" announcement by man, good level. [NHP-BC]
1593 **CHINA** Changzhou, CNR1. JAN 22 1536 – Woman in Chinese, good strength, IDed a couple of minutes later //639. Also noted 1534 JAN 29 and 1536 JAN 31 at this strength, //6125. Also heard other days, but weaker. [NHP-BC]
- *** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***
- 189 **ICELAND** RÚV Rás, Gufuskálar. JAN 7 0200 – Hard rock, electronic sounder, Icelandic talk by man with RUV ("roov") mention; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
531 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi. JAN 20 2200 – Dance music, man with Jil FM ID; fair.
+JAN 21 2200 – Jil FM ID, Sabre Dance (Khachaturian); good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
549 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, Les Trembles. JAN 19 0500 – Jil FM jingle, tropical music; good. {A}
+JAN 20 2200 – Music, Jil FM ID //531; good.
+FEb 3 2200 – Pop Arabic female vocal through top-of-hour, Jil FM ID; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
567 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
576 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** RNE synchros, Las Palmas/Barcelona. JAN 20 2200 – Radio Nacional de Espana net ID in news intro; fair over other. [MC*Y-MA]
585 **SPAIN** RNE1, Madrid. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news; in slop.
+JAN 31 0100 – Two men talking, 5+1 pips, news intro with fanfare music and man "Radio Nacional de Espana, servicios informativos" and woman "Buenas noches"; through WEZE slop. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
595 **MOROCCO** SNRT, Oujda. JAN 20 2200 – Bits of talk; in slop, slight 594 het from presumed Saudi. [MC*Y-MA]
603 **ROMANIA** Radio România Actualitati, Botosani/Oradea. JAN 13 2200 – //756 with ID "Aici Bucuresti, Radio Romania Actualitati, hora exacta", 6 pips, fanfare music at start of news includes Morse KS and, at a lower pitch, K; poor. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – Rock music, 5+1 pips, Radio Nacional de Espana news intro; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]

- 612 **SPAIN** RNE synchros. JAN 18 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; only to fair peak but dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 621 **BELGIUM** RTBF International, Wavre. JAN 13 2201 – French talk by man; over WZON slop, not much RNE at the time. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN RNE1 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news; over Belgium and WZON slop. [MC*Y-MA]
 +FEB 15 0644 – After half hour of snippets of Spanish talk, finally at 0644 quite readable Spanish by man and woman for a minute or so, enough to follow the talk from man to woman, and then a brief chunk of music on 621 on the KiwiSDR on the Canary Islands. New one here. TA carriers noted on 711, 783 and 1566 also at this time, but only 783 delivered tiny bits of audio, sounding like Arabic vocal music, maybe religious? [NHP-BC]
- 639 **CZECH REPUBLIC** CRo Dvojka, Praha/Liblice. JAN 20 2201 – Ballad vocal; slightly under Spain. [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE1, La Coruña et al. JAN 20 2201 – News about Catalan parliament; over Czech.
- 684 **SPAIN** RNE1, Sevilla. JAN 19 0600 – Female soul vocal, 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; good during pause in audio on adjacent 680 WRKO. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 693 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. JAN 31 2200 – Rapid-fire Spanish talk by man, likely a sporting event; over UK. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
UNITED KINGDOM BBC Radio 5, Droitwich et al. JAN 19 2200 – Sports talk, then talk about subjects including court case about the black cab rapist, energy drinks sold to kids, proposed bridge over the Channel, then BBC Five Live ID; good. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – BBC Five Live talk; pronounced synchro echo. [MC*Y-MA]
- 720 **CANARY ISLANDS** RNE5, Finca Espana. JAN 20 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news; poor but dominant. Lower pitch Portugal pips under. [MC*Y-MA]
- 729 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – //603 with 5+1 pips, fanfare music, Radio Nacional de Espana ID at start of news; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 738 **SPAIN** RNE1, Barcelona. JAN 20 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news; in CHCM slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 747 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 13 2200 – 5+1 pips, time check, Radio Nacional de Espana news intro; fair. {A}
 +JAN 21 2200 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair through slop. {A}
 +JAN 29 2200 – 5+1 pips, fanfare music and Radio Nacional de Espana ID in news intro; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 756 **ROMANIA** SRR Radio România Actualitati, Lugoj/Boldur. JAN 13 2100 – //603 with ID "Aici Bucuresti, Radio Romania Actualitati, hora exacta", 6 pips, fanfare music at start of news includes Morse KS and, at a lower pitch, K; poor. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 774 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news, some echo, better on LSB to dodge 774.19 growl from Egypt.
 +JAN 22 2200 – Guitar music, 5+1 pips, RNE news intro; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** Radio Mauritanie, Nouakchott. JAN 25 2300 – Man in Arabic, signature strumming and drumming, interspersed talk and music; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 810 **SCOTLAND** BBC Radio Scotland. JAN 13 2100 – End of jig tune, ID "On digital radio, 92 and 95 FM, and 810 AM, BBC Radio Scotland", fanfare music, news about missile attack false alarm in Hawaii; poor to fair. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – BBC Radio Scotland ID, news about terror attack at hotel in Kabul, Afghanistan; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN** COPE synchros. JAN 14 2200 – Talk with "en COPE" ID, 5+1 pips, Canarias mention, fanfare music, "ultima hora en COPE, esta informando" news intro; good. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – Advert with jingle, man and woman in Spanish with La Eterna mention and net ID "COPE, esta informando", 5+1 pips, Canarias mention, fanfare music leading into news; loud. {A}
 +JAN 31 2300 – Cadena COPE IDs, "...esta informando", pips; to good peak. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 855 **ROMANIA** Radio România Actualitati, Tancabesti. JAN 29 2200 – Man "Aici Bucuresti, Radio Romania Actualitati, hora exacta" initially slightly atop, then co-channel Spain got a bit stronger. (Messy) {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al. JAN 20 2159 – //774 with "Salvation" by the Cranberries, man in Spanish. [MC*Y-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** Holy Koran Program, Santah. JAN 13 2200 – 4+1 pips (last higher pitch), a few words, Koranic chant, reverberated preaching by man; fair. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – 4+1 pips (last higher pitch) about 22 seconds late, man in Arabic, bit of chant; noisy. [MC*Y-MA]
 +FEB 12 0251 – Quranic singing, fair strength and sounding pretty similar to the KiwiSDR on Zante in the Ionian Islands. By 0348 signal was at good level, loudest TA I've heard in quite awhile, but presumably that was its swan song as local sunrise approached in the Nile Delta; it disappeared shortly afterwards. [NHP-BC]
- 873 **SPAIN** SER synchros. JAN 20 2201 – Spanish singing to melody of "When the Saints Come Marching In", sports coverage promo, "en la SER" network ID; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio Wales, Washford et al. JAN 15 2200 – BBC Radio Wales ID; tough WCBS slop. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – Woman then man with BBC mention, atmospheric orchestral music and vocal (maybe Pink Floyd or Coldplay); in WCBS slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio 5 synchros. JAN 20 2159 – Announcers joking about George W Bush "Do you remember the time you thought I was a really terrible president?" and "How do you like me now?" then talk about the average British dinner only being 21 minutes and consumed in front of the telly. BBC Five Live ID then woman with news about attack in Kabul. Good peak. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 +FEB 12 0400 – Man talking, just after 0400, quite poor, assumed Five Live, certainly sounded like the same thing on a British remote SDR, which had just given a Five Live ID. [NHP-BC]
- 918 **SPAIN** Radio Inter, Madrid. JAN 20 2200 – Woman in Spanish; poor through 920 slop and 917 Nigeria het. [MC*Y-MA]
- 936f **IRAN** IRIB Radio Markaze Azerbaijaneh Gharb, Fesanduz. JAN 20 2201 – Mideast male vocal and strings, seemingly not //612 Morocco, so possibly Iran. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 945 **UnID** JAN 20 2159 – Koranic chant; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 954 **SPAIN** Onda Cero, Madrid. JAN 20 2200 – Spanish teletalk by two men; to fair peak, something wobbly noted in background near channel.
 +JAN 31 0100 – 5+1 pips, man "Noticias Radio Cero"; poor. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 963 **UnID** JAN 20 2200 – Talk by woman, maybe French; severely hacked by 970 WZAN slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE, Madrid. JAN 20 2201 – News //837 mentioned Dinamarca; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1008 **NETHERLANDS** GrootNieuws Radio, Zeewolde (Flevoland). JAN 20 2201 – Choral hymn, Dutch talk by woman and man; good peak. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1017 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros. JAN 14 2201 – Fast talk by men, deportivo and Cadena SER mentions; good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN SER Radio San Sebastian, San Sebastian. JAN 20 2202 – ID Radio San Sebastian, Cadena SER. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1053 **ROMANIA** SRR Radio Iasi, Iasi. FEB 7 0401 – a woman talking rapidly, sounded like Romania's Radio Iasi stream, followed by music, which turned up somewhat later on the stream. There had been nothing at 0400, became audible fairly quickly, but never anything more than just audible. [NHP-BC]
UNITED KINGDOM TalkSport synchros. JAN 20 2200 – //1089 with TalkSport talk with goofy limerick; fragmentary on LSB, generally taking a beating from Libya on USB. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1053.1 **LIBYA** Libyan Jamahiriya/Radio Libya, Tripoli. JAN 20 2200 – Man in Arabic, news with emphasis music; fair to good. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1062 **ITALY** RAI synchros. JAN 20 2201 – Woman in Italian; poor in heavy WQOM slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros. JAN 20 2159 – Man reading silly limerick promoting a show on TalkSport; good, echoey. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1098 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBC Radio Jeddah, Dammam. JAN 22 2200 – Spain at start of audio clip, another station over with violin music, reverberated talk by man. Saudi Arabia per RealDX: thanks to Alessandro Groppazzi and Franck (F4LKC) for ID, also to Chuck Hutton and Jim Renfrew for looking into it. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2201 – //1107 with news by man and woman; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 13 2300 – 5+1 pips, RNE news intro "Radio Nacional de Espana, servicios informativos"; fair. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – Echoey RNE news; over something else. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros. JAN 20 2200 – //1044 with woman and man laughing and singing something to the melody of "When the Saints Come Marching In"; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1125 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro; poor but dominant. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1152 **ROMANIA** SRR Radio România Actualitati, Cluj-Napoca/Jucu. JAN 20 2200 – "...Actualitati, hora exacta", pips, fanfare music with Morse KS then lower pitch K; over Spain, through tough WWDJ slop. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SPAIN RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro fanfare music; audible under Romania. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1179 **ROMANIA** Radio România Actualitati, Galbeni/Bacau. JAN 20 2200 – ID "Aici Bucuresti, Radio Romania Actualitati, hora exacta", 6 pips, fanfare music at start of news includes Morse KS and, at a lower pitch, K. Some slop from local daytimer 1170 WFPB. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1188 **IRAN** IRIB Radio Payam, Tehran. JAN 20 2200 – Interval signal of 3 ascending notes; poor, in WLIB slop.
 +JAN 22 2200 – 3-ascending-notes attention signal, fanfare music, talk by man; poor. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1197 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. JAN 20 2200 – U2 "With or Without You" //1215; poor, hammered by 1200 WXKS slop. [MC*Y-MA]

- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. JAN 20 2159 – Ryanair advert, Harvey's furniture advert; huge. {A}
 +JAN 20 2201 – Advert for barbecue chicken BLT for £1.49 at McDonald's, then one for packaged holiday trips, Absolute Radio ID, U2 "With or Without You"; strong peaks. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 +FEB 12 0444 – rock music, nil to fair strength, same as what was on a British SDR at G4BKH near Manchester. [NHP-BC]
- 1305 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro; to fair peak. Weak low pitch growl from 1305.1, presumably Iran. [MC*Y-MA]
 1314 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2159 – Pop vocal //1107 but not 855; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** BBC Radio Ulster. JAN 20 2200 – BBC news; poor in mix with something else possibly Spanish. [MC*Y-MA]
 1386 **LITHUANIA** Radio Baltic Waves/Radio Liberty, Viesintos. JAN 29 2200 – Russian talk by man, Svoboda mentions; fair on peaks. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 +FEB 7 0405 – man talking, poor, Slavic intonation; woman talking 0411. Both man and woman were audible at similar times on Swedish/Finnish kiwiSDRs. [NHP-BC]
- 1413 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro; tough CJWI slop. [MC*Y-MA]
 1458 **ROMANIA** SRR Radio România Actualitati, Constanta/Valu lui Traian. JAN 20 2200 – Usual news intro with Morse "KS" (joined) in music, then lower pitch "K"; poor in mix with apparent UK station. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR, Roumoules. JAN 19 2201 – Preacher in English was translated into Arabic by another man after each sentence; fair. {A}
 +JAN 20 2200 – Woman in Arabic, string music; occasionally over WLAM slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** RNE5, La Línea de Concepción and Piñeira. JAN 20 2200 – RNE news intro; poor, some echo, possible Iran under. [MC*Y-MA]
 1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBC Idha'at ul-Nedaa al-Islam, Jeddah/Sumaymah, FEB 2 0200 – Koranic chanting man; poor but alone on channel. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBC Radio Riyadh, Dubai. JAN 21 2200 – Man and woman in Arabic, marching music, talk with reverb, then a male vocal; fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1530 **ROMANIA** SRR Radio România Actualitati, Radauti. JAN 31 0100 – Man with "hora exacta" mention, pips, fanfare music containing Morse code KS (joined); mixed with WCKY sportstalk. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
SAO TOME E PRINCIPE VOA, Pinheira. JAN 13 2200 – WJDM sign-off announcement in English, mention of Cantico Nuevo program. VOA Sao Tome then audible with its sign-off announcement right after. {A}
 +JAN 15 0259 – Man with "This is the Voice of America, Washington, DC, signing on." Yankee Doodle music; mostly over WCKY. {A}
 +JAN 16 2200 – Dance club music abruptly cut to go into closing announcement "This is the Voice of America, Washington, DC, signing off. For information regarding the times and frequencies of VOA programs, write to Program Schedules, Voice of America, Washington, DC 20547."; fair, dominant. {A}
 +JAN 21 2200 – Man "This is the Voice of America, Washington, DC, signing off." Domestic and Romania under. {A}
 +JAN 28 2200 – WJDM sign-off immediately followed by VOA Sao Tome sign-off, "This is the Voice of America, Washington, DC, signing off. For information regarding the times and frequencies of VOA programs, write to Program Schedules, Voice of America, Washington DC 20547 or you may get a schedule from the nearest American Cultural Center or United Information Service in your country." Fair. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1575 **IRAN** Qeshm. JAN 31 0100 – Buzzsaw-like jammer covering UAE, Spain, et al. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 +FEB 12 0239 – Good signal, but could hear Farda underneath. First heard here FEB 7 0345, but had turned up a couple of times since, but not so strong at FEB 12. [NHP-BC]
UAE Radio Farda, Al Dhabiya. FEB 12 0239 – quite poor under the Iranian buzz jammer, but woman, man, and man on phone were following the Farda webstream by about 10 seconds. [NHP-BC]

*** 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]
CUBA Radio Caribe. JAN 14 0000 – Xylophone or similar, Radio Caribe ID by woman, talk by man, fanfare music, another ID by woman, short mash-up of electronic sounds and dance club music, talk by man; loud. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 540 **COLOMBIA** HJKA, Bogota. JAN 16 0200 – Autentica ID; over CBT, WFLF, HICM, Rebelde, others. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HICM, Radio ABC, Santo Domingo. JAN 14 0000 – "Radio ABC" jingle, woman in Spanish, phone numbers; dominant. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 550 **PUERTO RICO** WPAB, Ponce. JAN 19 0559 – WPAB ID in Spanish talk; over jumble with Venezuela, Colombia, and Cuba. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ, San Juan. JAN 20 2200 – WKAQ cinco ochenta IDs; to good peak. [MC*Y-MA]
 630 **PUERTO RICO** WUNO, Radio Uno, San Juan. JAN 19 0600 – WUNO 630 AM San Juan ID along with listing of other affiliates; dominant. {A}
 +FEB 3 2300 – WUNO Seis Treinta IDs; over WPRO. [MC*Y-MA]
- 760 **BRAZIL** ZYH588, Radio Uirapuru, Fortaleza. JAN 16 2200 – Man in Portuguese with ID "Radio Uirapuru AM, 760 kHz, Fortaleza, Ceara" then fanfare music, talk by woman; somewhat noisy. {A}
 +JAN 22 2200 – Portuguese talk with Uirapuru mention evenly mixed with "WJR... Great Voice of the Great Lakes" ID. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 870 **MÉXICO** XETAR, Chihuahua, Chih. FEB 13 1311 – XETAR, time check and ID in Spanish, La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, Chihuahua; other usual Chihuahuans still audible on 700, 710, 720, 730 – but no 800 XEROK. [GH-OK]
- 959.93 **UnID** JAN 20 2200 – Growl against 960.0 pile, not sure if foreign or domestic. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1100 **BRAZIL** ZYK694, Radio Globo, São Paulo. JAN 17 2301 – Globo ID, man in fast Portuguese with São Paulo mention, "gol" shout; over WTAM. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1170 **COLOMBIA** HJNW, Caracol Radio, Cartagena. JAN 13 2300 – "Caracol Radio presenta el himno nacional de la república de Colombia" into anthem; alone on channel. {A}
 +JAN 19 0600 – Ultima Hora Caracol and Caracol Radio mentions; over WWVA. {A} [MC*Y-MA]
- 1190 **MÉXICO** XEWK, Guadalajara, Jal. FEB 18 0940 – Spanish talk, songs by Aerosmith "Dream On", ID – "W Radio" by a woman, then a Spanish song vocal followed by another song by Oasis – "Wonderwall". Signal strengthened while mixing with WLIB New York. Matched XEWK Streema online audio feed. [AW-NF]

*** TROPICAL BAND DX ***

- 2850 **DPR KOREA** KCBS, Pyongyang. FEB 9 1400 – Man, Woman in Korean dialogue, soprano vocalist w/quavering voice. [RB-AZ]
 4775p **SWAZILAND** TWR Africa, Manzini. JAN 24 0430 – vocal music. Good, and well atop the CODAR, but soon signal dropped off, with man in listed English but unable to confirm due to poor reception. Good for a while, then poor. [RB-AZ]
 4885 **BRAZIL** Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, AM. JAN 27 0515 – Mix of music and talk by M in Portuguese. Very good. [RB-AZ]

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- MC*Y-MA **MARK CONNELLY**, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, Cape Cod MA (GC= 41.6931 N/70.1912 W) (grid FN41vq)
 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)
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- 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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- AW-NF **ALLEN WILLIE**, VOPC1AA, Carbonear, Newfoundland, Canada (GC=47°44'15N 53°11'46W) (grid GN37jr)
 ICOM R-75 w/183m random wire to SE @ 135°

Thanks to all of this week's reporters!

73, Brandon



Bruce Portzer Caribbean DX

In late January and early February, my wife Evelyn and I went on a cruise through the western Caribbean. Our travels took us from Fort Lauderdale to the Panama Canal and back, with intermediate stops at Princess Cay, Bahamas, Cartagena, Colombia, Limon, Costa Rica, and Grand Cayman.

I naturally brought along a radio and spent many happy hours DXing on our stateroom balcony. It was a welcome adventure and my first real attempt at hearing Latin Americans in many years. Cubans and Colombians dominated the dial at night, but stations from the US and other countries were also readily heard.

NOTES AND DAYTIME OBSERVATIONS

Here are a few random Observations made during the trip:

BAHAMAS: ZNS1-1540 had a nice clear signal on all but one night of the trip. It was generally the strongest English-speaking signal wherever we went. ZNS3-810 had a fair daytime signal at Princess Cay but was not heard elsewhere. It had gospel programming with preachers, blocks of music, etc.

COLOMBIA: The Cartagena stations HJVP-620 and HJPX-1470 were silent during our visit and are possibly inactive. HJUO-1360 Cartagena now IDs as Sistema Cardenal. HJCT-1190 in Barranquilla had a much weaker signal than other Barranquilla stations, and is almost certainly operating well below the listed 10 kW. Maybe 1kw or less, judging from how it sounded. HJMY-910, San Andres Island, can be heard during the day over a huge expanse of the western Caribbean ranging from Cartagena to Costa Rica to Grand Cayman.

On the afternoon of February 3, I had daytime reception of many Cartagena and Barranquilla stations about 200 miles south of Grand Cayman. That was at a distance of about 600 miles. The stations included HJZD-680 HJAN-720 HJAJ-760 HJAH-1070 HJNW-1170 HJUO-1360 and possibly others.

COSTA RICA: The daytime radio dial was nearly empty at Limon. The only listenable signal was HJMY-910 on San Andres Island, about 150 miles away. The only WRTH-listed Limon station, TIQ-1220, was silent. There were fair-poor signals on 570 670 700 760 800 820 850 and 890 during a brief 8 am bandscan. They were probably from the San Jose area, but I never had time to listen further.

CUBA: Cubans were plentiful. I tried my best to ignore them in favor of more interesting DX, but a few managed to work their way into my logs. Reloj-960 was audible during the day along the Colombian coast near Cartagena. Granted, clock ticks and Morse RR's were about the only audio left at that point, but it was my most distant daytime Cuban log.

CUBA (GUANTANAMO): AFN-1340 is alive and well. It had a fair-poor daytime signal as we cruised past the northeast corner of Cuba, and local-like by the time we passed the eastern tip of the island on January 29. I never heard it after that. Mid-late morning programming was adult hits //FM sounding live and local, IDing as "102.1, the Eagle". Afternoons were US talk shows with IDs as "The Voice", switching to NPR at 5 pm LT. http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/AFN-1340_2200-29jN%608.mp3.

PANAMA: Composite daytime bandscan from the canal locks at 1130LT and San Cristobal (near the canal entrance) at 1545-1635 LT. Definite IDs are as noted. 560 Radio Panama strong, 610 weak, 630 weak, 650 Radio Mia fair, 670 weak, 690 Evangelio Vivo (Christian) fair, 710 weak, 720 weak, 740 fair at locks not heard at San Cristobal, 760 fair-weak Christian, 770 fair at locks not heard at San Cristobal, 780 MQV Radio (Christian with rock-like music after 1600LT) good, 840 weak, 890 weak, 910 talk probably HJMY San Andres, 920 talk fair, 990 weak, 1020 weak, 1040 weak music, 1140 fair-good, 1270 fair, 1350 Christian fair, 1530 fair sounded Christian, 1540 ads 1634 LT, 1560 Radio Adventista (Christian, good, sounded like Children's program at 1600LT).

USA: American stations were there most nights, but usually in small numbers. The Spanish language stations generally blended in with their Latin American counterparts, leaving the English and non-SS ethnic stations (Haitian, Vietnamese, etc) to stand out from the crowd.

The most reliable non-Spanish US stations (heard with the best signals on the most nights) were judged to be: #1 – WIOD-610 Miami, #2 – KGOW-1560 Bellaire TX (a big surprise), #3 – WFED-1500 Washington, #4 –KMOX-1120 St Louis (another big surprise), #5 – WINZ-940 Miami.

I didn't always note US stations, but going from memory and notes, here are at least some of what I heard: 560 WQAM?, 610 WIOD, 640 sportstalk, 680 WPTF, 700 WLW, 740 KTRH?, 750 WSB?, 780 WBBM, 790 WAXY, 850 talk, 880 WCBS, 920 EWTN, 940 WINZ, 990 ESPN Deportes, 1000 unid, 1030 WBZ, 1060 KYW, 1080 WHIM?, 1120 KMOX, 1130 WBBR, 1180 Marti, 1300 Unid, 1380 unid, 1460 WNPL Spanish, 1500 WFED, 1510 talk, 1530 WCKY, 1600 WPOM and UnID sportstalk. I kept forgetting to check the x-band....

NIGHTTIME LOGS

Here are the highlights of the trip. All were heard with a barefoot Tecsun PL-380. Dates and times are UTC.

My approximate locations on the dates listed: 1/29-northeast of Cuba, 1/30-150 miles SE of Cuba, 1/31 150 miles north of Cartagena, 2/1 150 miles west of Cartagena, 2/2 100 miles NW of Colon, Panama, 2/3 100 miles N of Limon Costa Rica, 2/4 150 miles S of Grand Cayman, 2/5 near SW corner of Cuba.

Many thanks to Henrik Klemetz for his help with several of these logs. I've posted recordings of some of these stations at www.qsl.net/n7ecj/caribe.

- 540 **NICARAGUA** Managua. 2/3 0343, "Radio Corporación" ID's, talk, music, fair but dominant. Very noticeable buzz from something off-frequency http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/Corporacion-540_0343_3feb18.mp3.
- 550 **COLOMBIA** Tunja. 1/31 0139 Radio Nacional de Colombia lively music //680.
- HONDURAS** Tegucigalpa. 0242 2/4 "ABC Radio (something) la radio en Honduras" ID, then jingle ID and song, fair but dominant http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/abcradio_550_0242_3feb18.mp3.
- 570 **COLOMBIA**. 2/3 0326 "Radio Nacional de Colombia" ID good.
- 580 **COLOMBIA** Cali. 1/31 0128 several "Radio Nacional de Colombia" IDs, good.
- PUERTO RICO** WKAQ. 1/30 0203 "WKAQ 5-80" ID in Spanish, then talk mentioning Puerto Rico, dominant.
- 600 **NICARAGUA** Managua. 2/3 0332-0338 long string of ads, "Nueva Radio Ya" IDs 0334 and 0337, boring-sounding talk (Cuba?) in background http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/RadioYa-600_0327_3feb18.mp3.
- 610 **USA** WIOD, Miami. 2/1 0259 good "610, Florida's home of (something) WIOD", then traffic report. Stronger 0203 2/2 w/news and ID.
- 680 **USA** WPTF. 1/30 0119, good "Carolina News Coverage", local PSA, call ID.
- 700 **ECUADOR** Guayaquil, Radio Sucre. 2/2 0256, good w/program called "Nuca Ecuador", an Ecuadorian government-sponsored program about indigenous cultures. http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/Sucre_0256_3feb18.mp3.
- 730 **CUBA**. 2/5 0107 Radio Progreso distorted audio //890/900.
- 750 **CUBA** Palmire, Radio Progreso. 2/2 0301, Cuban NA sung w/unid US station (WSB?). Apparently Radio Progreso in Palmire, per WRTH.
- VENEZUELA** YVKS. 1/30 0259 dominant w/many RCR mentions.
- 780 **COLOMBIA** Pasto. 2/3 0533 fair, "Radio Viva Pasto" ID mixing w/unid http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/VivaPasto-780_0533_3feb18.mp3.
- VENEZUELA**. 0258 2/4 "Radio Coro" ID.
- 790 **CUBA**. 1/29 0319 Reloj dominant o/US station.
- 800 **NETHERLAND ANTILLES** PJB, Bonaire. I made a point of checking 800 every night to see if PJB had fired up its new 440 kW transmitter. Local quality near the southeast corner of Cuba at 0210 1/30, giving contact info plus IDs as RTM and Radio Trans Mundial. The carrier dropped for 1-2 seconds a few times as though they were having technical issues (I didn't notice this problem on other nights). Further south, the signal was not nearly as strong near the coasts of Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica. Near Panama, 800 had a battle between 3 stations at least once when I checked. PJB was local quality again near Grand Cayman and the SW corner of Cuba on 2/4 and 2/5 respectively, with traces of another station in the background. It more or less sounded like 450 kW with a directional pattern aimed at Cuba, as advertised.
- 840 **CUBA**. 1/29 0458 someone playing the Cuban NA, mixing with 2 other stations.
- 850 **COLOMBIA** Bogota. 1/31 0100 dominant w/lively music, "La Popu, la Popular".
- 880 **USA** New York. 1/29 0311, local weather with temperatures about 40-50 degrees colder than where I was. Mentioned "CBS News Center", "WCBS News Time 10:12", mixing w/Spanish station.
- COLOMBIA** HJGE, Bucaramanga. 0611 2/4 CARACOL program called "Colombia Universal" fair.
- 920 **UnID** 1/30 0126 long discussion about history of Managua, Nicaraguan Coat of Arms, etc. Henrik says it's probably Cuba judging from the program content (not the sort of stuff a commercial station would carry). Dominant at first, then faded w/unid EWTN station.
- 930 **COLOMBIA**. 2/3 0614 "La Voz de Bogota" ID http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/VdeBogota-930_0614_3feb18.mp3.
- 940 **USA** WINZ, Miami. 2/1 0312 loud w/NBC Sportsradio, "9-40 WINZ" ID.
- 1030 **USA** WBZ, Boston, 0347 1/29 fair w/promo, call ID, into talk show.
- 1050 **CUBA**. 2/5 0148 Radio Victoria ID and lively music dominant.
- 1060 **USA** KYW, Philadelphia. 2/2 0410 fair w/news stories, ID mixing with LA station.

- 1070 **COLOMBIA** Barranquilla. 2/4 0128 loud w/Emisora Atlantico ID, mentioned Musica de carnival, then tropical music.
- 1080 **UnID** 1/29 0436 and 0450 woman in Haitian Creole. Checked for ID at 0500, but only had Cuban NA mixing with unid US station mentioning 97.7 FM (WHIM?). Possibly Radio Nationale but more likely a US station.
- 1120 **USA** KMOX, St Louis. 1/30 0135 local ad, "Voice of the St Louis Blues, KMOX" ID dominant. Also heard several other nights.
- 1130 **COLOMBIA**. 0227 2/4, "Este es Vida en Bogota" ID.
- 1180 **USA**. 2/5 0216 Radio Marti ID during program of Chuck Berry tunes, good signal but much Rebelde QRM http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/Marti-1180_0216-5feb18.mp3.
- 1190 **COLOMBIA**. 2/1 0328 good w/Radio Cordillera ID http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/Cordillera-1190_0328_1feb18.mp3.
- 1200t **CUBA** Radio Sancti Spiritus. 2/5 0120 program of classical music by Hector Berlioz, with woman announcer. No ID, but Henrik thought the program sounded Cuban.
- 1210 **CUBA**. 1/29 0221 Reloj ticker fair.
- 1220 **MÉXICO**. 1/30 0516 lively music, "Musica de Mexico" mentioned. 2/1 0226 Mexico mentioned several times, "La Grande B" ID.
- 1230 **CUBA**. 1/29 0050 Radio Progreso nice ID very dominant.
- 1340 **CUBA**. 1/29 0100 good w/classical music, then Radio Ciudad del Mar ID.
- 1360 **COLOMBIA** Cartagena. 2/4 0208, good w/lively music, energetic ID as "...Sistema CarrrrdenaIIIIII 1360 AM..." http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/Cardenal-1360_0205_4feb18.mp3.
- 1400 **COLOMBIA**. 2/2 0236 Spanish talk, "Antena Dos" IDs fair but dominant http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/Antena2-1400_0236_2feb18.mp3.
- GRENADE**. 0427 2/4 Christian program, "The Harbor Light in Carriacou" ID, then BBC news, fair but dominant <http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/1400-harborlight-0427-3feb18.mp3>.
- 1460 **COLOMBIA** Bogota. 0229 2/4 ending religious program, announcement w/phone numbers, then two "Nueva Continente" IDs and jingle ID. Quite strong for listed 5kw http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/NuevaContinente-1460_0229_4feb18.mp3.
- 1480 **PUERTO RICO** WMDD, Fajardo. 0322 2/4 fair promo mentioning Puerto Rico, "El 14-80" (WMDD's slogan) and website www.el1480.net in rapid Spanish.
- 1500 **USA** WFED, Washington, 1/29 0403 good w/ABC news, various announcements, one mentioned WTOP website, "Federal Newsradio" slogan. Also heard other nights with Wizards Basketball.
- 1530 **UnID** something was here almost every night with distorted FM'y audio (music and talk). I was never able to understand any of it, so I don't know the source. I had the same stuff on 1510 one night as well, so the culprit might be on 1520. Or possibly from ZNS1, as reported recently by Pete Taylor.
- 1540 **BAHAMAS**. 1/31 0237 good signal, woman talking about computer use by children, mentioned Bahamas Radio Network, then call-in show with woman moderator, phone 325-5403 4 or 5.
- 1550 **CUBA**. 1/29 0138 Rebelde music //600, mixing w/UnID Spanish.
- 1560 **USA** KGOW, Bellaire TX. 0257 2/1, good w/legal ID by woman with Vietnamese accent, then back into Vietnamese program. This station got out amazingly well and was heard most nights. The Asian language made it easy to spot. http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/KGOW-1560_0257_1feb18.mp3.
- PANAMA** Panama, 1/31 0159 Christian songs, TC with chimes, Radio Adventista AM/FM ID mixing w/KGOW. Good w/English preacher ending 0554, then several songs. Chime and recorded "1:02" TC in Spanish 0604, then another talk in English good o/faint QRM.
- 1570 **MÉXICO** XERF, Ciudad Acuna, Coah. 1/30 0159 ID by man and woman mentioning XERF, Acuna, Coahuila, "La Poderosa" etc. Dominant, also heard a couple of other nights. The westernmost catch for the trip. http://qsl.net/n/n7ecj/caribe/XERF-1570_0159_30jan18.mp3.
- 1600 **USA**. 1/29 0423-0502, Haitian Creole/French talk mostly dominant, no ID but WPOM is the only thing that matches. No Hattians listed here.

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