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IRCA welcomes **Doug McAbee** in Goodrich MI. No tips were received for the Verification Signers column during March, so there is no column this issue. Next column deadline is the last Monday of April at 1500 ELT. Send your tips to **Steve Howe** – showe@albany.edu. Next Seattle deadline **Monday** 4/16/18 6 PM PLT.

2018 IRCA Convention

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The 2018 IRCA convention will be held at the Best Western Plus Charles Inn in St Charles MO on September 7 and 8 2018. The hotel is located at 1425 S Fifth Street in St Charles, NW of I-70 exit 229B, or the first exit west of the Missouri River, eight miles west of the Lambert St Louis International Airport. The room rate is \$104.99 a night for either a standard king or two queens. The phone number to call the hotel directly to make reservations for that weekend is (636) 946-6936 or toll-free at 1-888-274-0988. When calling to make the reservation, you must mention the code IRCA to get the rate. There is a block of 30 rooms reserved at that rate for each night for your choice of a single or double bed, your choice. Reservations must be made by August 7 2018. One note, if all the rooms for this block sell out, then the meeting room at the hotel will be complementary. Registration fee is only \$25 per person with free breakfast. There will be a tentative radio tour of KCLC FM 89.1 at Lindenwood College in St Charles as well as another possible radio tour and a possible tentative radio tower visit. Banquet is out of pocket and the place will be announced at a later date, possibly soon. Your host for the convention is Ken Hawkins. You can either email him at StLouisHerdFan@gmail.com

or you can call him on this cell phone at (636) 577-4295. Registration and auction items can be sent to Ken at 4034 San Fernando Ln, St Charles MO 63304-2829.

Make your plans and reservations now for the 2018 IRCA convention as this will probably be one of the best!

This year's IRCA convention will be an excellent chance to re-connect with old friends and to share DX stories. Speaking of sharing, we issue our annual **call to action** for those who wish to present a talk or paper during the convention. As you know, this can be as *formal* or *informal* as you want. To make it easier, we can provide you with audio-visual support, including slide-preparation and display.

If you're interested in sharing your experiences... or if you want to present questions for discussion that might lead to a better understanding of a particular aspect of your own DXing, please contact Mark Durenberger at Mark4@durenberger.com



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The ballot must be **RECEIVED** by the Election Committee Chairman, Nick Hall-Patch, no later than 0001 hours Eastern Standard Time, **May 15 2018**. You may simply state your votes in a regular e-mail text, if you so choose. (details in the last issue of DXM). E-mail to: nhp@ieee.org



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DATE OF COLUMN: March 24 2018 **Column data span:** March 10-24 2018, Data courtesy of Stationintel.com, FCC database and member contributions.

CALL CHANGE

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
1270	KBGG	Sparks, NV	KSGG

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
580	KZMX	Hot Springs, SD	was unknown format, now classic rock, adds slogan: "96 The Mix"
750	WBMD	Baltimore, MD	now silent (confirmed by ye ed-ye ed)
760	KTBA	Tuba City, AZ	was contemporary Christian, now southern gospel
800	WKBC	North Wilkesboro, NC	old slogan: "Today's Hot New Country", new: "Your All Time Favorites To Your Country 800"
880	KHAC	Tse Bonito, NM	adds Moody Broadcasting Network as primary network provider
900	WABY	Watervliet, NY	was adult standards, now adult hits, old slogan: "Moon Radio 900", new: "The X"
950	WROC	Rochester, NY	old slogan: "ESPN Rochester", new: "ESPN Rochester 950-95.7 FM"
	KJTV	Lubbock, TX	was Westwood One NBC Sports Network and news/talk, now sports and unknown format, old slogan: "AM 950-100.7 FM Lubbock's News Talk Sports", new: "100.7 The Score"
1010	WPMH	Portsmouth, VA	old slogan: "Christian Talk Radio", new: "The Lighthouse 100.1"
1120	WXJO	Douglasville, GA	was sports, now urban gospel
1160	WAIX	Mechanicville, NY	was adult alternative, now CHR, old slogan: "106.1 The X", new: "The Jockey"
1250	KRRD	Fayetteville, AR	was unknown format, now news/talk
1270	WLIK	Newport, TN	old slogan: "Smokies Oldies", new: "Smokies Oldies 97.9 FM And 1270 AM"
	WTJZ	Newport News, VA	was gospel music, now urban gospel, old slogan: "Praise 104.9", new: "Praise Radio"
1320	WDSA	Dothan, AL	changes primary network from SB Nation Radio to Westwood One NBC Sports Network
	WMSR	Manchester, TN	old slogan: "Thunder 1320", new: "Thunder 107.9-1320"
1330	WGTJ	Murrayville, GA	was religious teaching, now southern gospel
	WSNQ	Marion, VA	was urban gospel, now classic hits, adds slogan: "KZ 101"
	WETZ	New Martinsville, WV	old slogan: "AM 1330 WETZ", new: "AM 1330-93.1 WETZ"
1340	KIKO	Miami, AZ	was oldies, now classic country, old slogan: "Oldies 1340/97.3", new: "1340 AM The Bull"
1350	KHDY	Clarksville, TX	was classic country, now country, old slogan: "K-Car", new: "Howdy"
1390	KULP	El Campo, TX	was classic country, now country
1400	WEOA	Evansville, IN	was urban adult contemporary, now urban contemporary, old slogan: "Magic 98.5", new: "98.5 WEOA"
	KGVL	Greenville, TX	was classic country, now classic hits, old slogan: "1400 Texas Country", new: "EZ Rock 105.9"
1450	WASK	Lafayette, IN	old slogan: "ESPN Radio 1450", new: "101.7 The Hammer"
	WUNW	Highland Springs, VA	was R&B Oldies, now adult hits, old slogan: "U Win Radio", new: "Boomtown Richmond"
1490	WRLA	West Point, GA	was contemporary Christian, now talk
	KJIN	Houma, LA	was oldies, now urban adult contemporary, adds slogan: "104.7 Jamz"

1540	WBTL	Richmond, VA	was R&B Oldies, now adult hits, old slogan: "U Win Radio", new: "Boomtown Richmond"
1550	KNSH	Canyon, TX	now silent
1590	WTVB	Coldwater, MI	old slogan: "The Voice Of Branch County", new: "1590 AM and 95.5 FM – The Voice Of Branch County"
	KGFK	East Grand Forks, MN	was adult hits, now classic rock
	WGGO	Salamanca, NY	was silent, now talk, adds slogan: "News Radio"
1620	WDND	South Bend, IN	now silent
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth, VA	was talk, now urban gospel, old slogan: "1650 The Answer", new: "Praise Radio"

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA sends along the following from **Bruce Portzer** of Seattle WA re KKOL-1300 Seattle WA silent status via IRCA digest dated 3/12/18:

(reply from station-ye ed): We have shut down both our KKOL transmitter site and our webpage so we could move the radio station transmitter and towers to Bainbridge Island, from the Port of Tacoma. We should be off-air for 3-4 months, then the station should be back on-air.

Andrew Adams, Salem Media Group – Seattle

Mike Sanburn also sends along the following from **Dennis Gibson** of Salinas CA dated 3/15/18 re KSPA-1510 Ontario CA:

KSPA has filed an application to transfer the license to Intelli Inc, which owns Vietnamese format KAZA in Gilroy. The sale price is \$1.35 million.

Mike Sanburn sends along the following from **Dennis Vroom** of Vancouver WA via the IRCA Digest dated 3/22/18:

From Oregon live, KUIK 1360 will cease broadcasting on March 31 2018. New owner will take over April 1 2018 and broadcasting will begin in around a month. New format unknown. Posted in **PDXradio.com**. http://www.oregonlive.com/tv/2018/03/kuik-am_1360_radio_in_hillsbor.html

KUIK-AM 1360 radio in Hillsboro will stop operating March 31 Updated Mar 23; Posted Mar 22

KUIK-AM 1360 radio in Hillsboro is ceasing operations on March 31. (KUIK), By Kristi Turnquistturnquist@oregonian.com, The Oregonian/OregonLive

The station that bills itself as "The Voice of Washington County" is ceasing operations Saturday, March 31 at midnight. Owner Don McCoun has sold KUIK-AM 1360 to a new owner, who will take over on April 1.

According to KUIK employees, the new owner will take over on April 1, but won't begin broadcasting for about a month. The format will be new, but a KUIK staffer who preferred their name not be used said there's no word yet on what that new format will be.

KUIK is located in Hillsboro, and has been on the air for decades. According to a 2012 Oregonian story, McCoun bought KUIK in 1978. He sold the station to a longtime partner and employee in 2005. In 2012, McCoun again resumed control of the station.

Long a home for talk, news and sports, KUIK is known for its coverage of local high school sports. The station has also broadcast Oregon Ducks baseball, Ducks women's basketball, Gonzaga basketball, San Francisco 49ers and San Francisco Giants games, as well as other sports.

The talk lineup includes syndicated shows hosted by Dennis Prager and Laura Ingraham, along with "The Jayne Carrol Show," hosted by Carroll, who the KUIK website describes as "The Voice of Washington County" for more than 17 years. Carroll's show airs weekdays from 3-6 pm and her last broadcast, on Friday, March 30, is expected to be a retrospective of KUIK, its impact, and McCoun's ownership.

McCoun also has hosted a program on KUIK, "Washington County Today With Don McCoun," which airs Fridays from 8 to 9 am.

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Easter is less than a week away, hope everyone hops to getting their DX reported! I may be starting a new job soon, details later when they become more definitive. Spring has sprung and the cherry blossoms are blooming here in Maryland though we got a fair amount of snow Wednesday 3/21. Have a great rest of March and month of April. 73's. Bob Wien



CANADIAN RADIO NEWS – Dan Sys

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For March 2018, April 1 2018

AM TO FM CONVERSION ON THE AIR

610 AB Peace River CKYL Moved to 94.9 from 610. Operates with 100,000 watts.



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WDXR DEADLINES: April 13, April 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, August 10 and August 24. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- (JP) **Jon Pearkins**-Edmonton AB jon@pearkins.com
Sangean PR-D5 with 8" internal ferrite rod

- 690 CBKF-1 **SK**, Gravelbourg 3/18 0358-0401 almost certainly off the air while CBU was on low power for tower/transmitter work, allowing XEWW to fade up into Spanish light pop vocal music on either side of one minute female Spanish talk mentioning Baja California and call letters twice. (JP-AB)
- 730 CHMJ **BC**, Vancouver heard 3/30 at 0828 with traffic, at 0831 "AM 730," and at 0833 "This is AM 730." (BB-AZ)
- 770 CHQR **AB**, Calgary 3/16 good in KKOB null mixing with KCBC, no sign of XEREV. 0040 with "770 CHQR" in promo. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 880 KCMX **OR**, Phoenix heard 3/26 at 0918 with "KCMX Serving Southern Oregon." (BB-AZ)
- 950 KCAP **MT**, Helena heard 3/22 at 0851 with weather report then at 0852 "KCAP News Time." (BB-AZ)
- 980 KMBZ **MO**, Kansas City 3/26 2103 man "On 9-80 KMBZ" over the jumble, then a "March Madness Update." I couldn't tell if the March Madness Update was from KMBZ or a co-channel station. KMBZ format is more political talk, not sports, but it did sound like to me it was from KMBZ. Either way, the ID was very clear. First for me. (RB-AZ1)
- 1000 KOMO **WA**, Seattle 3/27 0115 was able to null for first time ever thanks to poor DX conditions to the SW, but nothing to hear but RFI. (JP-AB)
- 1140 KGEM **ID**, Boise 3/29 at 1000 ID at the top, "Morning Glory" program (no, not Hugh Hewitt), solid and dominating the channel today. This is one of a pool of rotating regulars heard on the channel. (RB-AZ)
- CHRB **AB**, High River heard 3/17 at 0800 with "AM 1140 is CHRB High River." (BB-AZ)
- 1150 KSAL **KS**, Salina heard 3/17 at 0906 with "Newstalk KSAL." (BB-AZ)
- 1250 KZDC **TX**, San Antonio 3/21 good in KHIL null. May have been on daytime power, 0100 with "KZDC San Antonio" legal ID. Numerous "1250 ESPN San Antonio and 94.5 FM" slogans. ESPN form. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1320 KELO **SD**, Sioux Falls 3/27 0057-0101 dominant with poor DX conditions to the SW almost eliminating CHNB. Coast to Coast into South Dakota society PSA then Sioux Falls ad and ID for KELO/KELQ-FM into Fox News. (JP-AB)
- CHMB **BC**, Vancouver 3/26 0105 very strong but suddenly disappeared for about a minute. Previously thought this was a deep fade but now think it is Open Carrier ("dead air") when program segments "run short," typically after their top of the hour information segment. (JP-AB)

- 1330 KGAK **NM**, Gallup 3/26 2115 man in Navajo and some English, jingle at ToH. Solid and strong on SW02000629. (RB-AZ1)
 KOVE **WY**, Lander heard 3/18 at 0846 with "1330 Country KOVE." (BB-AZ)
- 1340 KPGE **AZ**, Page heard 3/23 at 0923 with "98.3 Lake Powell Country." (BB-AZ)
 KCBL **CA**, Fresno 3/28 0858 Fox Sports Radio slogan, ID at 0900 "1340 KCBL Fresno" over unID with piano music. Local KIKO off the air. Another new station on 1340 for me, the third in three days! (NJ-AZ)
- KOMY **CA**, La Selva Beach 3/27 1000 "KOMY, La Selva Beach" ID, may have gone into news but faded into the jumble. Local KIKO completely off the air. New for me. (NJ-AZ)
- KDCO **CO**, Denver heard 3/28 at 0813 with "Right here on KDCO." (BB-AZ)
 KRLV **NV**, Las Vegas 3/26 0900 "98.9 FM and 1340 AM...KRLV Las Vegas" ID. Fair with our local KIKO off the air. New logging. (NJ-AZ)
- 1400 KTUC **AZ**, Tucson heard 3/18 at 0936 with "KTUC." (BB-AZ)
 KCYK **AZ**, Yuma heard 3/18 at 0930 with "KCYK." (BB-AZ)
- 1410 KERI **CA**, Bakersfield heard 3/19 at 0847 with "KERI." (BB-AZ)
 KWYO **WY**, Sheridan heard 3/19 at 0847 with "KWYO," then sports. (BB-AZ)
- 1430 KLO **UT**, Ogden 3/26 at 2100 with approaching sunset. Theme music and intro to "Mike Gallagher Show." Absolutely rock solid before local sunset. Caught the ID just after KBRE working the pushbuttons on dashboard radio. (RB-AZ1)
- 1470 KSMW **KS**, Liberal 3/18 good in XERCN fade. 0803 with classic rock music, PSA with web site kansastruth.com mention, "KSKK AM Liberal 1470 AM a Rocking M Media Station" legal ID. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1660 KBRE **CA**, Merced 3/26 2100 modern rock and "The Bear," very strong as sunset nears. (RB-AZ1)

Thank you WDXR reporters for out column this time! – Nancy 3/30 1900



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RIDING GAIN

[EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood, MO N0UIHEric@gmail.com
 CountyComm GP-5/SSB Ultralight receiver, Grundig AN-200 tunable loop, General Electric Superadio III

DOWN THE DIAL

- 730 KKDA **TX**, Grand Prairie. 3/26 fair to poor signal, ACI from CFZM 740. 0445 noted with pop music and talk in Korean. [EB-MO]
 880 WIJR **IL**, Highland. 3/26 good signal, ACI from WLS 890. 0450 noted with Regional Mexican format, "La Primera Ocho-Ochenta AM, La Raza" ID in Spanish. Must have been on day power, as there was no sign of WCBS. [EB-MO]
- 1010 WKJW **NC**, Black Mountain. 3/26 good signal over CFRB, WINS. 0459 noted with USA Radio News, "This is WKJW Asheville and WKJW Black Mountain" legal ID, weather forecast, local underwriting into Southern Gospel format. Must have been on day power. [EB-MO]
- 1220 KZEE **TX**, Weatherford. 3/25 fair signal over WSLM. 0549 noted with South Asian music, promo for an upcoming event in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. [EB-MO]
- 1290 KIVY **TX**, Crockett. 3/25 fair to poor signal, mixing with WHIO, WNBN. 0601 noted with Adult Standards format, "This is KIVY" ID. [EB-MO]
 1300 WCKI **SC**, Greer. 3/27 fair to poor signal under WLXG. 0550 noted with the Holy Rosary broadcast. [EB-MO]
 1450 KNSI **MN**, Saint Cloud. 3/29 fair to poor signal, mixing with KMRY, WASK, WFMB, WMOH and other stations. 0505 noted with local spot, "Here's your KNSI weather forecast!" mention, weather forecast for the Saint Cloud area. [EB-MO]
- 1510 WWHN **IL**, Joliet. 3/28 fair to poor signal, mixing with WLAC. 1957 noted with Urban Gospel format and legal ID. [EB-MO]
 1650 KBJD **CO**, Denver. 3/26 fair to poor signal over KCNZ, KFSW. 0535 noted with local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]
 1680 WPRR **MI**, Ava. 3/26 fair signal, mixing with KRJO. 0540 noted with a speech from the *March for Our Lives*, local underwriting, calls in promo. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

50 Years Ago – March 30 1968 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Percy R Kesteven** of Edmonton AB started a photo collection of IRCA members ... **Gene Rust** of Carrollton TX started DXing again after 20 years of no activity ... **David Rogers** of Alva OK received a verie from WTIC for his 41st state verified ... **Richard E Brazier** of Pomona CA mentioned he was a senior at Cal Poly in Pomona ... **John C Johnson** of Billings MT was proud of his new computer a 486 running 66 MHz with a total of 16MB of RAM. // **25 Years Ago – March 27 1993** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank CA visited KMGX in Mission Hills and tried to locate the KPLS 830 towers ... **Bill Townshend** of Washington DC mentioned most of his DX was trying for all of the DX Tests that **JD Stephens** had arranged ... **Elliot R Straus** of Toms River NJ told about using indices mentioned on WWV to help his DXing.

OPEN MIKE

Looking back at things, that new computer 25 years ago was pretty good for the time. Sounds ancient now. Does anyone know what become of that photo collection **Percy Kesteven** was starting? Thanks to **Eric** we have a column this week. This column was typed 3-30-18. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

- (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

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 540 WKFN **TN**, Clarksville – 3/29 2327 noted with ESPN mentions, ad cluster including one for a veterinary clinic mentioning Area Code 931, "540 WKFN" ID at 2330 into ESPN sports news. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with the usual WLIE. (PS-ON)
- 1450 WRNN **SC**, Myrtle Beach – 3/15 2038 noted with a "G-105.5" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with unidentified stations with Fox Sports Radio, Christian talk, Oldies and Country formats. (KK-VA)
- 1460 WMBA **PA**, Ambridge – 3/15 2046 noted with Pittsburgh Penguins hockey PBP, "...break in the action; you're listening to the Penguins Radio Network" mention by a male announcer. I checked the NHL Web site for the Penguins' radio network; only WMBA is shown on 1460 kHz on the list. The signal was noted mixing with unidentified stations with Spanish language programming, Talk and Oldies formats. Normally, local WKDV wipes out everything on 1460 for me; luckily, the station's audio goes off at 2015. The carrier was still on, but weaker at times. (KK-VA)
- 1470 WTOE **NC**, Spruce Pine – 3/15 1932 noted with "Good Time Oldies, WTOE 1470" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WBTX, WLMC, WNYX, WQXL, WTZE, WWBG and an unidentified Sports Talk station. (KK-VA)
- WLMC **SC**, Georgetown – 3/15 1859 noted with "Georgetown's Hometown Radio Station, WLMC" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WBTX, WNYX, WQXL, WTOE, WTZE, WWBG and an unidentified Sports Talk station. (KK-VA)
- WQXL **SC**, Columbia – 3/15 1920 noted with "The Point, now at 100.7 FM and 1470 AM" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WBTX, WLMC, WNYX, WTOE, WTZE, WWBG and an unidentified Sports Talk station. (KK-VA)
- WTZE **VA**, Tazewell – 3/15 1929 noted with "You're listening to 1470 AM WTZE, Effect Radio" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WBTX, WLMC, WNYX, WTOE, WWBG and an unidentified Sports Talk station. (KK-VA)
- 1480 WYRN **NC**, Louisburg – 3/15 1903 noted with an Urban Gospel format, "WYRN AM 1480 Louisburg" legal ID by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with unidentified stations featuring Talk and Oldies format and WPWC with a horrible off-frequency heterodyne. (KK-VA)
- 1490 WXTG **VA**, Hampton – 3/15 1930 noted with "We searched this crazy worldwide of music, and hand picked the best: 102.1 the Tide" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WWNB, two unidentified Talk stations and unidentified stations with Christian vocal music, Gospel music, what sounds like Greek music and Jazz. (KK-VA)

- 1500 WDPC **GA**, Dallas – 3/22 2001 noted with “Here’s what’s going on at WDPC” mention by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFED, WLQV and an unidentified station with vocal music in Spanish. WFED dominates 1500 kHz at my location; sometimes able to briefly hear WLQV. (KK-VA) (This was a semi-local when I lived on the Cherokee-Cobb County line in GA; the last three letters stand for Dallas-Paulding County. This station was originally WKRP – eb)
- 1510 WFAI **NJ**, Salem – 3/22 2008 noted with “Here to Inspire You; All Day, Every Day, Faith 1510” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WLAC, WPGR, WRNJ and two unidentified Talk stations. (KK-VA)
- 1510 WPGR **PA**, Monroeville – 3/22 1900 noted with “It’s 7:00 here at We Are One Body Radio, WAOB; my name is Mike...” time check and ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFAI, WLAC, WRNJ and two unidentified Talk stations. (KK-VA) (This is part of a Catholic radio network that includes WAOB 860 Millvale PA and WAOB-FM 106.7 Beaver Falls PA – eb)
- 1520 WARR **NC**, Warrenton – 3/22 1829 noted with “WARR 1520 AM Warrenton, North Carolina” legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WCHE, WWKB and unidentified stations with Oldies and Bluegrass formats. (KK-VA)
- WCHE **PA**, West Chester – 3/22 1825 noted with “This is The Talk of Chester County, 1520 WCHE” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WARR, WWKB and unidentified stations with Oldies and Bluegrass formats. (KK-VA)
- 1660 KWOD **KS**, Kansas City – 3/16 2215 noted with *Ferrell on the Bench*, an ad cluster including Hello Fresh, Progressive Insurance and Walgreens, “The Best of Kansas City Sports, 1660 the Score” ID at 2224 before returning to *Ferrell*. A poor to very poor signal, mixing with WQLR and WWRU. (PS-ON)

UNIDENTIFIED

- 1460 UnID 3/15 2059 noted with “This is Oldies Five Hundred Five – Zero” mention by a male announcer. Could this be the True Oldies affiliate in Radford, VA? The signal was noted mixing with WMBA and unidentified stations with a Talk format and Spanish language programming. Normally, local WKDV wipes out everything on 1460 for me; luckily, the station’s audio goes off at 2015. The carrier was still on, but weaker at times. (KK-VA)

EDITOR’S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and Paul for their logs this fortnight. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister



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Deadline – Sunday Midnight Central Time.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 531 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi. MAR 9 0000 – //549 with Caribbean-influenced pop male vocal; good.
+MAR 10 2300 – Jil FM jingles; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** Jil FM, Les Trembles. MAR 9 0000 – //531 with pop male vocal; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** RNE1, Madrid. MAR 9 0001 – RNE news with Estados Unidos mention; through WEZE slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 603 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. MAR 8 2300 – RNE news intro; fair.
+MAR 10 2300 – Female vocal, 5+1 pips, usual news intro fanfare and “Radio Nacional de Espana, servicios informativos” announcement; to good peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. MAR 8 2300 – Violin music, pips, RNE news; through WZON slop.
+MAR 12 2300 – RNE intro; to good peak over WZON slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** RNE1, La Coruña et al. MAR 8 2300 – News //621; good, over Czech.
+MAR 10 2300 – 5+1 pips (somewhat mixed with pips from Czech station), RNE news intro //603; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 684 **SPAIN** RNE1, Sevilla. MAR 8 2300 – //621 with Spanish talk; in slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio 5, Droitwich et al. MAR 9 0000 – BBC Five Live ID; echoey, fair over Spain. [MC*Y-MA]
- 720 **CANARY ISLANDS** RNE5, Finca Espana. MAR 11 0000 – 5+1 pips, RNE intro; poor. [MC*Y-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** COPE synchros. MAR 8 2300 – Fast Spanish talk by man, COPE net ID; good.
+MAR 11 0000 – “En COPE” net ID in talk; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 855 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. MAR 8 2300 – Talk //621; to good peak, some synchro echo.
+MAR 11 0000 – Woman in interview, bit of lounge jazz, pips, RNE news; to good peak through slop, Romania under. [MC*Y-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** Holy Koran Program, Santah. MAR 8 2300 – Talk by man, then chant; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 873 **SPAIN** SER synchros. MAR 9 0000 – Men in Spanish teletalk; fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio Wales, Washford et al. MAR 9 0000 – Man in English then song by woman (maybe Nana Mouskouri) with Greek-sounding melody; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 918 **SPAIN** Radio Inter, Madrid. MAR 11 0000 – Spanish news by man; through slop. [MC*Y-MA]
- 954 **SPAIN** Onda Cero, Madrid. MAR 11 0001 – Fast Spanish talk by man; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 981 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 2, Ouled Fayet. MAR 9 0000 – 5+1 pips (last higher), French news by woman; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros. MAR 11 0001 – //1116 with two men in Spanish; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** TalkSport synchros. MAR 1 2300 – Promo for Alan Brazil morning show; to good peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. MAR 9 0000 – RNE news intro; to fair peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. MAR 11 0000 – RNE news intro; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** SER synchros. MAR 11 0001 – //1044 with two men in Spanish; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1152 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros. MAR 11 0000 – Pop music, then 5+1 pips, RNE news // stronger 1107. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. MAR 11 0200 – Adverts for Land Rover, McDonald’s; to good peak. [MC*Y-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** Radio Algérienne, Algiers. MAR 8 2301 – Marching band anthem.
+MAR 9 0000 – Arabic vocal, then talk by man; good. [MC*Y-MA]


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- 530 **CUBA** Radio Enciclopedia + Radio Caribe. MAR 9 0100 – CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia ID followed by ID of similar strength Radio Caribe; both loud. [MC*Y-MA]
- 550 **COLOMBIA** HJHF, Señal Radio Colombia. Marinilla. MAR 11 0201 – Radio Nacional de Colombia IDs by woman then man; over other Latin Americans. [MC*Y-MA]
- 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ, San Juan. MAR 11 0200 – **WKAQ580.com** website promo; good. [MC*Y-MA]
- 600 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde, Holguín. MAR 19 0100 – Parada de Éxitos musical program with male announcer, lively pop/hip-hop/reggaeton etc. Under local WREC. [BJ-TN]
- PUERTO RICO** WYEL, Mayaguez. MAR 13 0100 – //580 with IDs for WKAQ and affiliates, TMobile incoming message sound; evenly mixed with Cuba. [MC*Y-MA]
- 610 **BRAZIL** ZYL268, Radio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte. MAR 9 0000 – Portuguese sports shouting overtaking domestics, best on LSB to dodge 612 Morocco het.
+MAR 11 0000 – Itatiaia ID; mixed with WGIR. [MC*Y-MA]
- 620 **MÉXICO** XENK, Radio Seis Viente, México, DF. MAR 19 0200 – man with “de la musica de Radio Seis Viente” at top of hour, talk. [BJ-TN]
- 630 **PUERTO RICO** WUNO, Radio Uno, San Juan. MAR 9 0000 – “notiuno.com” website mention, Facebook and Twitter sites, notiuno seis treinta ID; dominant.
+MAR 13 0100 – NotiUno Seis Treinta – San Juan ID, affiliates list; good, alone on channel. [MC*Y-MA]
- 670 **CUBA** Radio Reloj synchros. MAR 10 0102 – Radio Reloj ID and ticks, wobbling; dominant. [MC*Y-MA]
+MAR 19 0100 – Parada de Éxitos program with male announcer, lively pop/hip-hop/reggaeton etc. [BJ-TN]
- 710 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde synchros. MAR 19 0100 – Parada de Éxitos musical program with male announcer, lively pop/hip-hop/reggaeton etc. [BJ-TN]
- MÉXICO** XEDP, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. MAR 23 1217 – preacher in Low German with American accent: this really stands out on the MW band vs all the Vietnamese and Spanish, and of course it’s XEDP, which emits this guy every morning. I see that WRTH 2018 does not mention this distinctive aspect of La Ranchera de Cuauhtémoc. XEDP has no problem overhopping 10 kW KGNC Amarillo whose day and night patterns favor WSW to S to ESE; KGNC, KCMO and KNUS mutually protect each other. Once skywave is out, KGNC does make it to here marginally on groundwave at 380 km, better/closer than KCMO. [GH-OK]

- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS, RCR, Caracas. MAR 11 0200 – RCR sports coverage promo with horse-whinny sound effect; good. [MC*Y-MA]
 770 **CUBA** CMKB, Radio Rebelde, Las Tunas. MAR 19 0100 – Parada de Éxitos musical program with male announcer, lively pop/hip-hop/reggaeton etc. [BJ-TN]
 790p **MÉXICO** XENT, La Paz, BCS. MAR 30 1221 – world news mentioning “Noticiero Grupo Fórmula”, loops SW or WSW, making rumble het from the low side with other 790s such as Arkansas which is gradually gaining. Must be XENT, though there is one other Fórmula, 250 watts in Guadalajara. IRCA Log 2015 had XENT as 10/0.75 kW; WRTH 2018 as 5/0.75. Only one Mexican, XEBI Ags is in the MWOffset list, and it was exactly 790.000 in 2009y. Stalwart 650 XETNT Los Mochis was also in from across the Gulf. [GH-OK]
 810 **COLOMBIA** HJCY, Caracol Radio, Bogotá. MAR 11 0200 – Ultima Hora CARACOL mention; over WGY (Bahamas not noted). [MC*Y-MA]
 840 **HAITI** Radio-Télé 4VEH, Cap Haitien-Petite Anse. MAR 10 2300 – Restful instrumental music, Dashing through the Snow 5-note interval signal, man with 4VEH ID and “il est six heures” time check; fair. [MC*Y-MA]
 860 **CUBA** Radio Reloj synchros. MAR 11 0200 – Reloj dominant over CJBC, UnID English (St Kitts-Nevis?). [MC*Y-MA]
 890 **CUBA** Radio Progreso, Chambas. MAR 11 0200 – Progreso huge with “Get Up and Boogie” (Silver Convention) '70s disco //640, 690, 900, et al. [MC*Y-MA]
 940.255 **UnID** MAR 11 0000 – Het growl. [MC*Y-MA]
 950 **CUBA** Radio Reloj, La Habana and Mayari Arriba. MAR 11 0200 – Reloj mixed with WKDN. [MC*Y-MA]
 1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAQ, RCN La Radio, Cartagena. MAR 11 0200 – RCN La Radio ID; through WINS IBOC hash. [MC*Y-MA]
 1110 **MÉXICO** XERED Radio Red, México, DF. MAR 19 0100 – Radio Red and Radio Centro ID's by man at the top of the hour into news by woman. [BJ-TN]
 1180 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde synchros. MAR 19 0100 – Parada de Éxitos musical program with male announcer, lively pop/hip-hop/reggaeton etc. Echo effect from multiple transmitters. [BJ-TN]
 1620 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde. MAR 19 0100 – Parada de Éxitos musical program with male announcer, lively pop/hip-hop/reggaeton etc. Dominant over WNRP. [BJ-TN]

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 Antenna 1: Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 10m vertical by 11m horizontal (peak 165 degrees, null 345 degrees)
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 Tabulated from status daily (K @ 0000 UTC).

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx										
3/ 1	67	6	2	no storms	3/12	68	3	0	no storms	3/23	68	16	4	no storms
2	68	4	1	no storms	13	69	4	0	no storms	24	68	9	3	no storms
3	68	6	3	no storms	14	68	9	4	no storms	25	68	16	4	no storms
4	68	6	1	no storms	15	69	15	4	no storms	26	68	12	3	no storms
5	68	5	1	no storms	16	69	20	4	no storms	27	68	9	1	no storms
6	68	4	1	no storms	17	70	12	3	no storms	28	69	2	0	no storms
7	68	4	1	no storms	18	69	25	6	moderate, G2	29	69	4	1	no storms
8	67	4	1	no storms	19	70	16	3	moderate, G2	30	69	5	1	no storms
9	68	12	4	no storms	20	69	8	2	no storms	3/31	69	7	1	no storms
10	68	12	2	no storms	21	69	4	1	no storms					
3/11	68	6	1	no storms	3/22	69	7	3	no storms					

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