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This issue, IRCA welcomes **Tim Rahto** of Madrid IA... excellent! Next Seattle deadline **Monday 4/30/18 6 PM PLT.**

2018 IRCA Convention

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 KGLC 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

Bill Oliver (via eGroup)

It is with great sorrow that we inform you our publisher (LWCA), William E Oliver, passed away on Tuesday, March 27 2018 in Lower Bucks County Hospital, near his home in Levittown PA. He was 89.

His obituary is available at <http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/obituaries/20180329/william-e-oliver>.

There will be an unavoidable disruption in publication of *The LOWDOWN* for an unknown interval. The April edition had not yet been assembled for the printing plant at the time of Bill's demise, and will be delayed until further notice because the mailing list and other vital information are currently unavailable to us.

We are in contact with other writers for the publication, and we are consulting with our counterparts in our sister organization, the North American Shortwave Association, who are currently (2 April 2018) attempting to secure both clubs' essential business records so that operations may resume.

Art Bell (via eGroup and Associated Press)

I have seen several sites today carrying the announcement that Art Bell has passed away. I am sure we all heard him while DXing in many a frequency if not all of them. (Pat Martin)

(I found a link to an obituary on-line. It is copyrighted, so I'm only including the link – pb.) <http://www.legacy.com/news/celebrity-deaths/notable-deaths/article/art-bell-1945-2018-paranormal-themed-radio-show-host>.



IRCA ELECTION – Nick Hall-Patch – 1538 Amphion St – Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6
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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. E-mail to: nhp@ieeee.org



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DATE OF COLUMN: April 07 2018 **Column data span:** March 24-April 07 2018, Data courtesy of Stationintel.com, FCC database and member contributions.

CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
1270	KSGG	Sparks, NV	KZTQ
1400	WGIN	Biddeford, ME	WVAE
1490	WCEC	Haverhill, MA	WCCM
1570	WCCM	Methuen, MA	WUBG

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ CALL CITY OF LICENSE

700	WARB	Dothan, AL
750	WBMD	Baltimore, MD
770	WCGW	Nicholasville, KY
810	WKVM	San Juan, PR
860	KPAM	Troutdale, OR
870	WQBS	San Juan, PR
920	KWAD	Wadena, MN
1050	WMSG	Oakland, MD
1080	WOKT	Cannonsburg, KY
	KSLI	Price, UT
1090	WKFI	Wilmington, OH
1130	WEDI	Eaton, OH

NEW INFORMATION

now silent

was silent, now Family Radio religious teaching, adds slogan: "Family Radio" (confirmed by ye ed-ye ed)

old slogan: "770 AM Southern Gospel Radio", new: "The Eagle"

was silent, now Spanish religion, adds slogan: "Radio Paz 810 AM"

old slogan: "NewsTalk 860 K-PAM", new: "AM 860 The Answer"

now silent

was Westwood One Classic Country, now ESPN Radio Network

was silent, now Westwood One Classic Hits, adds slogan: "Classic Hits Z 95.9"

was silent, now contemporary Christian, adds slogan: "WALK FM"

old slogan: "True Country", new: "True Country 104.9 and AM 1080"

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1160	WBYN	Lehighnton, PA	now silent
	WBQN	Barceloneta-Manati, PR	was silent, now Spanish CHR
1180	WLTT	Carolina Beach, NC	old slogan: "Talk and Old School Classics", new: "Talk and Old School Classics" (??-ye ed)
1190	WNWC	Sun Prairie, WI	old slogan: "Faith 1190", new: "Faith 1190-104.7"
1230	WAYX	Waycross, GA	was classic hits, now new unknown format
	WGUY	Veazie, ME	was adult contemporary, now oldies, old slogan: "The Wave", new: "Bangor's Greatest Hits"
1240	KRDO	Colorado Springs, CO	old slogan: "News Channel FM 105-5 and AM 1240", new: "News Channel FM 105-5 and AM 1240"
1250	WHHQ	Bridgeport, MI	was religious teaching, now new unknown format
1290	KOUU	Pocatello, ID	old slogan: "Country Classics 1290/102.9", new: "Country Classics 1290-102.9"
1290	WRPA	Providence, RI	was Spanish news-talk, now news-talk, adds National Public Radio, old slogan: "Latino Public Radio 1290 AM", new: "Rhode Island Public Radio"
1320	KLWN	Lawrence, KS	old slogan: "NewsTalk 1320", new: "NewsTalk 1320AM and 101.7FM"
1340	KGKG	Salida, CO	was classic country, now classic rock, old slogan: "AM 1340 The Ranch", new: "Mountain Music 102.9 FM"
	KROS	Clinton, IA	old slogan: "KROS Radio", new: "KROS Radio 1340 and 105.9"
	WMDR	Augusta, ME	was religious teaching, now Christian CHR/Rock, old slogan: "The Light 1340", new: "The Arrow 1340"
	WBAN	Veazie, ME	was news/talk, now soft adult contemporary, old slogan: "NewsRadio 1340", new: "94.1 The Wave"
1360	KUIK	Hillsboro, OR	now silent
1400	WFLL	Fort Lauderdale, FL	was silent, now ethnic
	WCYR	Veazie, ME	old slogan: "The Country Road 1400", new: "Country Road Bangor"
	KRUN	Ballinger, TX	old slogan: "Today's Traditional Country", new: "Where Country Begins!"
1450	WCJU	Columbia, MS	old slogan: "Cool 104.9", new: "The Talk Of Columbia"
1460	WRRE	Juncos, PR	was silent, now Spanish religion
1490	WTKE	Milton, FL	was silent, now CBS Sports Radio, adds slogan: "100.3 The Ticket"
1500	WMJL	Marion, KY	was classic hits, now country, old slogan: "Magic 102.7", new: "River Country 102.7"
	WBZI	Xenia, OH	was classic country, now Real Roots Radio
1550	KKOV	Vancouver, WA	was adult standards, now ethnic
1570	WCCM	Methuen, MA	was ethnic, now Westwood One Good Time Oldies, adds slogan: "Big 105.3"
1580	WLLM	Patchogue, NY	was silent, now ethnic
1590	KLRK	Mexia, TX	was ESPN Radio Network, now Fox Sports Radio
1600	WTZQ	Hendersonville, NC	old slogan: "The Q-munity Station", new: "The Q-munity Station FM 95.3 AM 1600"

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Jon Peakins of Vancouver BC sends along the following from radioinsight.com dated 3/11/18:

Big News out of Spokane, from radioinsight.com, dated March 11:

Mapleton Communications seeks to replace the antenna system used at the towers of Classic Rock "94.1 The Bear" 790 KJRB and Sports 1510 KGA Spokane WA. KJRB would shift from directional to non-directional while dropping from 5kW day/3.8 kW night to 4.4kW day/34w night. KGA would drop from 50kW day/15kW night to 50kW day/45kW critical hours/6kW night. In the process three of the five towers currently in use by the stations would be torn down.

For those of us in the Northwest, this will eliminate two major "pests", especially here in the North half of Alberta where KJRB's current directional night pattern forced 50KW CFCW to move to 840, and still makes it virtually impossible to hear anything else on 790.

For others looking to catch KJRB, expect to hear "94.1 The Bear" imaging to highlight the FM translator; only the Top of the Hour Legal ID indicates the AM call letters and frequency.

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA sends along the following from the IRCA Digest (from **Dennis Vroom** of Kalama WA) dated 4/3/18:

KKOV 1550 is now Vietnamese programming. KUIK 1360 now off the air. KKMO Tacoma dominant, KOHU Hermiston heard with KKMO nulled. KPAM 860 is now labeled the "The Answer".

Mike Sanburn also sends along the following from the IRCA Digest (from **Dennis Vroom** of Kalama WA) dated 4/3/18:

From Portland PDX forum. KPJC (1220 AM) changed its call letters to KSLM and is now broadcasting on a translator (104.3 FM) 03/05/2018.

Jon Peakins sends this update on KFNZ-1320 Salt Lake City UT from Facebook dated 4/4/18:

KFNZ-1320 Salt Lake City, UT – New owner Vic Michael says "Temporary rock and country at the moment, but on low power at new site. Once back to 5kw and a new translator coming, will do something new."

Ref – <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10155543148033129&set=gm.432950200469447&type=3&theater>

Jon Peakins sends along the following re KVAN-1550 Vancouver WA dated 4/6/18:

I haven't verified any of this, but there is a thread dedicated to this at <https://feedback.pdxradio.com/forums/topic/sunny-1550-format-flip/>

Here are the cut and paste of the two most relevant posts that I found yesterday:

April 2 2018 at 9:57 am, #35868, Alfredo T, Participant

The adult standards programming is gone from 1550. This morning, I heard a male announcer who I assume was speaking Vietnamese.

April 4 2018 at 8:08 pm, #35968, Craig Adams, Participant, This from All Access:

TRON DINH DO's INTELLI, LLC has closed on the purchase of News-Talk KPAM-A (AM 860 THE ANSWER)/TROUTDALE-PORTLAND OR and Vietnamese KKOV-A/VANCOUVER WA-PORTLAND from PAMPLIN BROADCASTING – WASHINGTON INC. for \$1.2 million. KPAM is operated by SALEM MEDIA GROUP under an LMA.

John T Arthur of Belfast NY sends along the following dated 4/6/18:

1360 – WOEN, NY, Olean... parallel FM frequency is 101.9 [NOT 100.9 as I had previously reported]. This is actually WZKZ, licensed to Alfred-Wellsville.

Last minute info from **Jon Peakins** (via email to IRCA HQ – pb):

- 610 WTVN **OH**, Columbus. Temporarily non-directional at night at lower power after Tower 1 collapsed in an April 3rd storm.
- 790 KJRB **WA**, Spokane. Applied to change from directional to non-directional, and from 5000 watts Day/3800 watts Night to 4400 watts Days/34 watts Nights. They already rely heavily on their FM Translator with all but legal IDs as 94.1 The Bear. Ironically, CFCW Camrose, AB recently moved to 840 from 790 to avoid KJRB interference at night in some of their coverage area.
- 1320 KFNZ **UT**, Salt Lake City. Back on the air with low power non-directional and temporary Rock/C&W format until FM Translator is approved, when they will power up to 5KW with a new format.
- 1480 KPHX **AZ**, Phoenix. On air 4/16 with continuous music in a mix of C&W/'80s Top 40. Have applied to share KSUN-1400's tower, running non-directional with 640 watts Day/25 watts Night. Current license is directional 5KW day and 500 watts night.
- 1510 KGA **WA**, Spokane. Applied to change from directional to non-directional Days, and from a four to two tower directional Night. Day power would remain 50KW, but would drop to 45KW non-directional Critical Hours. Night power would drop from 15KW to 6KW. (Proposed KGA night pattern follows DXM – pb)
- 1550 KKOV **WA**, Vancouver. New owners have already switched to Vietnamese language programming.

Thanks to Jon, Mike, and John for all the tips above! Well, I accepted an offer to work at Fort Meade just 10 miles from my house (I also had an offer to work in Tampa FL but I turned that down as well as interview for a Virginia job and the Logan UT job application also). I start work on Monday 4/9, working as a DISA Teleport Engineer, my job will actually be in Odenton MD. I'll let you know in the coming weeks how things are going. We could get some snow on Saturday, the cherry blossoms and all other trees are in full bloom out here, still cold here in April as well as across the US. Still decent DX conditions due to the cold weather! 73's. **Bob Wien**



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WDXR DEADLINES: 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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- 540 WKFN **TN**, Clarksville 4/3 0400 partial ID as "...ESPN Clarksville" audible during few seconds of dead air on CBK. Also heard at 0600. New catch here. (NP-AB)
 - KDFT **TX**, Ferris 4/6 0200 ID as "KDFT Ferris-Dallas-Fort Worth" perfectly slotted into 3 seconds of dead air on CBK. New one here. (NP-AB)
 - 580 CFRA **ON**, Toronto 4/5 0600 popped through a WIBW-WKTY mix with "CFRA" ID on the hour. (NP-AB)
 - 610 KCSR **NE**, Chadron 4/6 0100 came through KOJM and KDAL with ID "...24 hours a day... KCSR, Chadron." New for me. (NP-AB)
 - 620 KWAL **ID**, Wallace 4/2 0922 "AM 620 KWAL" ID noted under CKRM, then signal came up with the 2 country stations mixing. (NP-AB)
 - WTMJ **WI**, Milwaukee 4/5 0200 came through CKRM with ID at the hour as "Breaking news, weather, traffic, and the home of the Packers... we are Wisconsin's radio station, Newsradio WTMJ Milwaukee." (NP-AB)
 - 700 KALL **UT**, North Salt Lake City 3/9 2330 ESPN sports talker with a lot of splatter from KGRV, fair on JRC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
 - 780 WBBM **IL**, Chicago 3/8 2200 faint ID in KKOH null, over for a second or two but mostly far under KKOH R-390A and Kiwa loop. New! (GH-OR)
 - 800 CJAD **QC**, Montreal 5/4 0300 heard under CHAB with 514 area code phone number, then ID "You're listening to the Voice of Montreal... CJAD..." then news. (NP-AB)
 - 810 WHB **MO**, Kansas City 4/7 0157:30 ID "Sports Radio 8-10 WHB" briefly burying KGO during another fruitless search for CKJS Winnipeg before they move to FM. (JP-AB)
 - 870 WKAR **MI**, East Lansing 4/4 0700 signing on with "WKAR East Lansing now begins its broadcast day..." Your source for news and talk programming in mid-Michigan..." then into BBC program. (NP-AB)
 - CKIR **BC**, Invermere 4/4 0203 break in AC with local weather, PSA for local library and "Easy Rock" ID. CKIR is all that I can hear in null of CHQT-880 slop, but WWL is dominant nights with CHQT off the air. Hard to believe CKIR is only 250 watts at night. (JP-AB)
 - 880 WCBS **NY**, New York 4/6 0200 very tough through KRVN, but could make out "WCBS News Radio 880" and start of CBS news, before CKLQ rose back up, combining with KRVN to bury anything else. (NP-AB)
 - KWIP **OR**, Dallas heard 4/11 at 0900 with "KWIP" inn English then back into Spanish. (BB-AZ)
 - 900 KALI **CA**, West Covina 4/11 0500-0600 completely dominating the channel for most of the hour with Asian pop tunes. Thought that KBIF Fresno was off at first, the only evidence was a SAH until Spanish surfaced briefly. Very brief and faint KBIF ID in English at 0600. These two have similar power at night, but at half the distance, KBIF was only a whisper. (AWP-CA)
 - 1020 KDYK **WA**, Union Gap 3/15 0200 English ID at TOH and Spanish music fighting it out with UniD sports talker. Fair on JRC with Kiwa loop. New. (GH-OR)
 - 1030 WBZ **MA**, Boston 4/7 0229 ID "WBZ Newsradio 10-30" in KTW0 null. (JP-AB)
 - 1080 WNMI **IL**, Oak Lawn 4/1 2300 came out of a jumble at the hour "...Chicago's Super Ethnic Station AM 1080. We are AM 1080 WNWI Oak Lawn-Chicago." (NP-AB)
 - 1160 ?WYLL? **IL**, Chicago 4/7 0213-0214 almost yelling male talk typical of brokered religion in KS null during excellent SE conditions. (JP-AB)
 - 1180 WHAM **NY**, Rochester 4/3 0559 ads, then IDs "WHAM Rochester" ID and "Rochester's news... traffic station." No Cuban tonight! (NP-AB)
 - 1230 KMRS **MN**, Morris 4/9 0659 ads, "...1230 KMRS 107.7 FM," then quick weather and into news. (NP-AB)
 - 1300 KGLO **IA**, Mason City 3/31 2358 finally ID'd the Coast to Coast herd regularly with KKOL off the air, starting local break with weather then KGLO ID, pretty much alone but weak enough to use the CCRadio 2E for a bit more audio amplification than the Sangean PR-D5. (JP-AB)
 - KCMY **NV**, Carson City 3/12 0000 C&W music with ID at TOH, listened as per tip form Dennis Vroom. KKOL off! Seldom heard, on TMC with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)
 - 1320 WILS **MI**, Lansing 4/2 0700 caught partial ID at the hour "...1320 WILS, Lansing, and worldwide at 1320wils.com" then Fox news. New for me. (NP-AB)
 - ?KXRO? **WA**, Aberdeen 3/26 0057-0110 no ID thanks to music behind CHMB top of hour ID, but CBS reports in hourly news then into Coast to Coast, combined with excellent DX conditions to the SW, point to KXRO. Probably as close as I'll get to an ID before KFNFZ gets an FM translator, goes back to 5kwgain the only thing under CHMB. (JP-AB)
 - 1330 CJYM **SK**, Rosetown 3/30 mixing or over KCKM, KWKW nulled. 0029 out of Classic Rock music with "West Central Weather" with area temperatures. Later promo with westcentralonline web address and "The music of your life plays here. The greatest hits of all time 1330 CJYM" ID. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 1350 WARF **OH**, Akron 4/3 0400 came up through KRNT with ID as "...WARF Akron, your home of the Rubber Ducks, and best Cavs and Indians coverage, Fox Sports 1350." (NP-AB)
 - 1360 WKMI **MI**, Kalamazoo 4/3 0200 heard partial ID at the hour "...WKMI, Kalamazoo and wkmi.com, it's 2 o'clock." New for me. (NP-AB)
 - 1400 KLCK **WA**, Goldendale 3/28 2305 news and faint ID way out in the static, very weak on JRC with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
 - 1490 KLGR **MN**, Redwood Falls 4/2 0600 ID at the hour as "You're listening to radio you can depend on, KLGR Redwood Falls." (NP-AB)
 - 1530 ?WCKY? **OH**, Cincinnati 4/7 0211 talk in KFBK null during excellent SE conditions. Normally nothing here but KFBK on 1530. (JP-AB)
 - 1590 KLIV **CA**, San Jose 3/16 0030 "Country Gold 1590 KLIV" ID, C&W music. Fair and mixing with it up with one UniD on SP-600 and E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 - 1670 KQMS **CA**, Redding 3/16 0000 ID at TOH, Fox News, ad for child hunger. Fair to good, deep slow fades on SP-600 and N-S wire. (GH-OR)

There are some excellent catches in WDXR this week. 14 of the 33 tips have "W" call letters, that is close to half the column! – Nancy 4/13 1800



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 540 WKFN **TN**, Clarksville. 4/9 fair to poor signal, mixing with WASG, WAUK; ACI from KTRS 550. 0430 noted with "Your station for sports, 104-point-One FM, AM Five-40, ESPN Clarksville" ID, *ESPN Sports Center*, promos into *First and Last*. [EB-MO]
- 580 KWTO **MO**, Springfield. 4/4 fair signal, mixing with WHBQ, WIND. 0430 noted with "The talk of the Ozarks" slogan into local news. [EB-MO]

- 980 WITY **IL**, Danville. 4-6 WCUB absent. 23:55 with oldies, call letter ID. [SP-WI]
 WONE **OH**, Dayton. 4-6 WCUB absent. 23:55 with Fox Sports. [SP-WI]
 1180 WGAB **IN**, Newburgh. 4/11 fair signal over other stations. 2022 with promo, "Faith Music Radio" ID, local spot into light vocal Christian music. [EB-MO]
 1200 WRTO **IL**, Chicago. 4/11 fair to poor signal, alone on 1200. 2003 noted with Chicago Bulls pre-game show and local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]
 1270 WXGO **IN**, Madison. 4/11 fair to poor signal over WKBF. 2020 noted with Cincinnati Reds baseball PBP and local spots. [EB-MO]
 1450 WLAF **TN**, LaFollette. 4/11 fair to poor signal, mixing with KMRY and other stations. 0250 noted with "WLAF radio" ID in passing. [EB-MO]
 1560 KKAA **SD**, Aberdeen. 4/11 fair signal over KGOW, WMBH; no sign of WFME. 2031 noted with "Family Radio" ID into *Family Radio Bible Reading Fellowship*. [EB-MO]
 1660 KRZI **TX**, Waco. 4/4 fair to poor signal, mixing with WQLR. 0458 noted with local spots, legal ID into *ESPN Sports Center*. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

50 Years Ago – April 5 1968 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Father John Pejza** of Ojai CA mentioned his best verie was from KWIL 790 Albany OR ... **Paul S Lotsof** of Kenmore NY vacationed in California and toured 18 stations ... **Lynn D Brooks** of Ponca City OK got a chance to look over reception reports sent to KOMA 1520. Most were post card reports with excessive lack of details. // **25 Years Ago – April 10 1993** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Mike Sanburn** of Bellflower CA was very happy about logging the KKAR DX Test ... **Tom Bryant** of Nashville TN told about his experience with a GE Superadio ... **Tony Fitzherbert** of Fairfield CT said he had a good winter DX season with WADN 1120 and WKPE 1170 being his best catches.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric and Sharyl we have a column this week. This column was typed 4-13-18. 73, John



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ACROSS THE DIAL

- 1370 WXXI **NY**, Rochester – 3/30 0500 noted with legal ID into NPR News. The signal was noted in the mud, mixing with several other stations; first time heard in Laurel. (RW-MD)
 WTAB **NC**, Tabor City – 3/30 0505 noted with promo for *The Swap Shop*, mentioning "which can be heard on WTAB", several good IDs mentioning the call letters and Tabor City, a few local spots into the song "Coat of Many Colors", as performed by Dolly Parton. A good signal was noted atop the frequency; first time heard in Laurel. (RW-MD)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Bob for his logs. These arrived after the deadline for 55-28, so these are included here. Are you thinking about attending this year's IRCA Convention? It will be held the weekend after Labor Day in Saint Charles MO; across the river from my shack. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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 all times UTC

Deadline – Sunday Midnight Central Time.

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 550 **MÉXICO** XEPL, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chih. APR 11 1151 – "Amanecer Ranchero de la Super-Estación." [GH-OK]
 570 **MÉXICO** XEBJB, Monterrey, NL. APR 11 1126 – "BJB, música regional mexicana", repeated. [GH-OK]
 610 **MÉXICO** XEGS, Guasave, Sin. APR 11 1149 – different music than 650, but at 1200, XEGS Guasave, Sinaloa, joins 650 for 'Noticiero Altavoz', and the pair are synchronized. 650 always with a bigger signal. [GH-OK]
 650 **MÉXICO** XETNT, Los Mochis, Sin. APR 11 1149 – neat singing ID as "Somos Grupo Chávez", "y Noticiero Altavoz", UT-6 TC, but not yet, more music. News starts at 1200, from XETNT, Los Mochis, Sinaloa when sibling station XEGS 610 joins in. [GH-OK]
 790p **MÉXICO** XENT, La Paz, BCS. APR 11 1129 – Radio Fórmula ID in passing, makes rumbling het vs lots of CCI, primarily 790.0 KURM Rogers, Arkansas. From SW, presumed XENT. John Wilkins CO, reported to NRC IDXD, "Tough copy and no ID but XENT has been on this off-frequency for years", 789.96, which was his measurement, not mine, but I do not dispute it. [GH-OK]
 800 **MÉXICO** XEROK, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. APR 11 1130 – ad for Laboratorios Camacho en Fresno, California, 800#, presumably a medicine mill; full ID as "800 AM... internacional, Radio Cañón, (street address), Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México, Grupo Siete!" More plugs for Labs, 29:6 TC by auto woman, music. Nice to hear XEROK as often inaudible at night; near-local KQCV OKC nulled as much as possible, with which it makes a SAH of 104/minute on the low side = 1.73 Hz. Not long before KQCV takes over. [GH-OK]
 830 **MÉXICO** XELN, Linares, NL. APR 11 1133 – Spanish dominating from SSW, while WCCO is JBA to zero in auroral conditions (670 WSCR Chicago is also JBA to zero); 1134 mis-time-check thrice as 6:32 (UT-5 CDT zone), and 1135 as 6:33; 1137 WCCO gaining a little; 1143 I make sure the Spanish is NOT from SSE which would be Louisiana. At 1146 it's alone with ID in passing as "La Caliente" which is XELN, Linares NL. That town is closer to due South from here than SSW; SE of Monterrey on the railroad to Ciudad Victoria, intersecting Rio Conchos, near the Tamaulipas state line. [GH-OK]
 1300 **MÉXICO** XEP, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. MAR 22 0227 – dominant with Nortena music, call ID and other announcements 0231, soon faded under a US station 0232. [BP-WA]

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 1215t **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radio synchros. APR 6 0315, 0352-4, and several other moments – Presumed Absolute Radio was delivering some audio, their usual rock music, but never, in spite of good strength carriers, at particularly good level. Peaks were pretty brief. Quite a lot of other carriers, some familiar, 855, 882, 909, 1053, 1089, 1485, some not so familiar, 1251 1314 1368 1422 1458 1575 1584 1593. [NHP-BC]

*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

- 531 **JAPAN** JOQG, Morioka, NHK1. MAR 24 1340 – Fair with man in Japanese //594. [NHP-BC]
 567 **JAPAN** JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. MAR 30 1300 – fair-good w/Japanese talk and 3+1 pips (BP-WA)
 +MAR 30 1309 talk //594 poor. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1324 – Japanese discussion fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1252 – lively discussion //594, fair in KVI splat. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1254 – group discussion w/laughter, then serious-sounding male, good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1300 – time pips and male talk fair-good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1313 – Japanese man //594 poor in KVI splash. [BP-WA]
 576 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Sydney. APR 14 1256 – Excellent, with man and woman in DU English //846. Spring must be here with a DU at this strength. [NHP-BC]
 594 **JAPAN** JOAK, NHK1, Tokyo. APR 4 1236 – weak, with talk by a man in Japanese. [NP-AB]
 603 **UnID** MAR 31 1320 – bits of music weak, probably S Korea. [BP-WA]
 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Brisbane. APR 4 1244 – Faint traces of talk. [NP-AB]
 639 **JAPAN** JOIP, Oita, NHK1. MAR 26 1353 – Poor with woman in Japanese //594. [NHP-BC]
 657 **DPR KOREA** Pyongyang, Pyongyang BS. MAR 30 1238 – emphatic talk poor in domestic splat. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1319 – woman w/emphatic talk fair-poor in splatter.
 +MAR 31 1330 – 3+1 pips, then forceful talk, good signal but severe splatter. [BP-WA]

- 666 **JAPAN** JOBK, Osaka, NHK1. MAR 30 1322 – Japanese male //594 fair-poor w/much splash. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1307 – Japanese man //594 weak-fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1303 – man in Japanese //594 poor. [BP-WA]
- 675 **JAPAN** NHK1. MAR 30 1300 – end of one English lesson, 3+1 pips, then start of another good. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1259 – music, then time pips good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1300 – time pips and start of English lesson fair-good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1320 – faint talk sounded //594. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1333 – Chinese lesson fair-poor. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1304 – Chinese lesson good, an apparent schedule change (had been English at this time). [BP-WA]
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. APR 4 1233 – The best of the Japanese this morning, with man in English during language lesson. [NP-AB]
- 702 **AUSTRALIA** 2BL, Sydney. APR 4 1239 – Traces of talk. Presumably 2BL, but today who knows. [NP-AB]
 +APR 14 1252 – Excellent with woman mentioning ABC radio and emergency broadcasting, after two men in DU English. [NHP-BC]
- JAPAN** JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima, NHK2. MAR 30 1329 – bits of music //693 in heavy KIRO splat. [BP-WA]
- 729 **AUSTRALIA** 5RN, Adelaide. APR 4 1245 – Talk by two men. [NP-AB]
- 738 **UnID** APR 4 1238 – Very faint audio traces. 2NR? [NP-AB]
- TAIWAN** Baisha, BEL2. APR 3 1319 – woman in Chinese poor w/much splatter. [BP-WA]
- 747 **JAPAN** JOIB, Sapporo. NHK2. MAR 30 1333 – Chinese lesson fair-good w/750 splash, mostly weaker than normal today for some reason. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1254 – English lesson good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1310 – English lesson //693 fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1313 – woman talking //774, barely audible. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1311 – Chinese lesson good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1222 – Woman in Japanese during language lesson. [NP-AB]
- 756 **CHINA** CNR1. MAR 30 1300:30 – theme music for ID weak //981. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1321 – woman in Chinese fair-poor //981. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1255 – Chinese folk music weak //981. [BP-WA]
 +APR 9 1312 – Good with man in rapid Chinese //981. [NHP-BC]
- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB, Akita, NHK2. MAR 30 1257 – English lesson w/bits of 1930s jazz music good. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1257 – female pop song good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1325 – strong w/English lesson about the oldest trace of life on earth (discovered in NE Canada by Japanese researchers). [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1313 – fair woman in Japanese, apparently part of the usual English lesson. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1310 – Chinese lesson strong //693 et al. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1233 – Man and woman conversing during language lesson. [NP-AB]
- 783 **UnID** MAR 31 1320 – Chinese woman weak. [BP-WA]
- 792 **AUSTRALIA** 4RN, Brisbane, ABC National. APR 4 1252 – Faint traces of talk. [NP-AB]
- 819 **DPR KOREA** Pyongyang, KCBS. MAR 30 1233 – emphatic woman talking fair-poor in KGNW splat. 1330 woman w/possible ID, then 3+1 pips emphatic man fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1253 – chorus singing, woman talking, then more music fair-poor in KGNW splat, 1311 good w/woman singing. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1312 – woman singing, good signal but severe KGNW splash. [BP-WA]
- 828 **JAPAN** JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. MAR 30 1235 – English lesson fair, MAR 30 1302 English lesson good. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1320 – woman and flute music //774 fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1320 – English lesson //774 fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1302 – Chinese lesson fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1232 – Weak, with man speaking during language lesson. [NP-AB]
- 837 **UnID** MAR 30 1306 – easy listening music fair-poor, not //594 so probably Korea. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 30 1338 – female talk poor, sounded Chinese. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1324 – Chinese talk fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1309 – man and woman in Chinese fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1314 – weak. [BP-WA]
- 846 **JAPAN** JOXR, Naha. MAR 18 1400 – Although at poor strength, woman was reading slow call letters, sounding like JOHE, before 2 and 1 pips. JOHE however is part of the HBC group and I don't think I've heard HBC stations using call letters, plus it's only 3 kW from an interior town on Hokkaido. However, Hiroo Nakagawa in Japan set me straight: "it is no doubt JOXR Radio Okinawa. I've ever listened JOXR some times and the voice of female announcer is the same", and he recognized the call letters. New here, with thanks to Hiroo-san. [NHP-BC]
- 864 **JAPAN** HBC synchros. APR 3 1326 – woman in Japanese poor. [BP-WA]
- 873 **JAPAN** JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. MAR 31 1324 – English lesson poor //774. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1300 – time pips and English lesson poor in KIXI-880 splash. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1300 – time pips, 1301 poor talk //774 w/heavy KIXI-880 splash. [BP-WA]
- 891 **AUSTRALIA** 5AN, Adelaide. APR 4 1239 – Weak, but remarkably little splatter with man talking. [NP-AB]
- JAPAN** JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. MAR 31 1326 – Japanese discussion poor //594. [BP-WA]
- 909 **NEW ZEALAND** Napier, 'Star'. MAR 26 1341 – Fair with ballad //Star webstream. Another odd one this morning, as it was the only DU audio, and not many carriers. [NHP-BC]
- 918 **CHINA** MAR 31 1310 – Chinese talk weak. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1300 – orchestral fanfare weak, then faded up slightly w/man in Chinese, possibly an ID but too weak to decipher. Better 1305 w/Chinese woman, probably Shandong. [BP-WA]
- 945 **CHINA** Jiaohe, CNR1. MAR 30 1255 – Chinese talk fair //981. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 30 1327 – man and woman in Russian //1323 poor, 1328 male vocal music fair. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1300 – partial time pips poor, 1301 woman //981 weak, 1311 good man in Chinese. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1314 – woman in Russian fair. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1348 – Fair to good, woman in Chinese; although this was paralleled with other MW CNR1, and to the CNR1 webstream, the normal shortwave parallels 6030 6125 7305 and 7365 seemed to carrying a different program. [NHP-BC]
 +APR 1 1305 – music //981, poor in KJR splash. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1324 – weak talk w/Russian-like inflections. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1312 – Russian talk fair in 960 splash. [BP-WA]
- 954 **JAPAN** JOKR, Tokyo, TBS. APR 11 1312 – Fair with woman in Japanese //1242. [NHP-BC]
- 972 **REP KOREA** HLCA, Dangjin. MAR 30 1300 – 3+1 pips, theme music then Korean man and woman good. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1301 – good woman in Korean, then music. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1307 – group discussion, Korean pop songs fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1333 – fair w/pop song and Korean discussion. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1313 – Korean woman good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1236 – Traces of woman in Korean. [NP-AB]
- 981 **CHINA** CNR1 synchros. MAR 30 1300:30 – good w/"Zhongyang Renmin Guangbo Dientai" ID. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1301 – good woman w/rapid talk in Chinese (BP-WA)
 +APR 1 1357 – huge signal but much splash, Chinese ads or other announcements. Strong female opera singer 1311. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1322 – Chinese talk poor. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1314 – Chinese talk fair-poor. [BP-WA]
- 1017 **UnID** APR 3 1315 – weak female talk, probably CRI. [BP-WA]
- 1035 **CHINA** CNR1. APR 1 1320 – very faint talk //981. [BP-WA]
- 1098 **UnID** APR 3 1325 – bits of talk in 1090 splatter. [BP-WA]

- 1116 **AUSTRALIA** 4BC, Brisbane. APR 4 1236 – Regular talk show host speaking. [NP-AB]
CHINA UnID. MAR 31 1305 – man and woman in Chinese fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1318 – Chinese talk weak. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1322 – woman in Chinese briefly audible fair-poor. [BP-WA]
- 1134 **JAPAN** JOQR, Tokyo, NCB. APR 1 1315 – weak woman in Japanese. [BP-WA]
UnID APR 3 1322 – woman talking, not sure if Japanese or Korean, fair strength w/much domestic splatter. [BP-WA]
- 1143 **TAIWAN** Baisha, BEL3. MAR 18 1322 – Fair with woman talking to man on phone, sounding vaguely Tagalog. I suspected this was Taiwan Fisheries, as I heard this type of language a few days ago, and it matched the Fisheries webstream at the time. Unfortunately, the Fisheries web audio archive has some certificate problem, and neither my browser nor anti-virus were very happy about that, so I left it be. Others found this link that seems to verify the use of Tagalog on this station: <http://www.atimes.com/article/radio-program-for-migrant-fishermen-airs-on-sundays/>. [NHP-BC]
- 1152 **AUSTRALIA** 6PNN, Busselton, ABC NewsRadio. APR 4 1236 – Man speaking. Better at 1248, with a piece about the Commonwealth games, which I was able to // with the ABC News webstream. As far as I can see the only possibility is 6PNN. [NP-AB]
JAPAN JOPC, Kushiro, NHK2. MAR 29 1344 – Poor with woman talking, //828, then slow violin music theme for the Chinese lessons, likely JOPC Kushiro. [NHP-BC]
- 1206 **CHINA** Yanbian, PBS. MAR 30 1335 – briefly good w/male Korean talk on 1205.96 kHz. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1301 – man in presumed Korean, 2 carriers visible, dominant one on APR 1 1205.96 and weaker one on APR 1 1206.00. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1302 – Korean talk fair-good, slightly off frequency with distorted audio. [BP-WA]
- 1215 **CHINA** Zhujiang, Zhongguo Huaxia zhi Sheng, CNR7. APR 7 1256 – Poor with man talking, Chinese intonation; Chinese pips at 1300, cadence of Beijing time check by woman, and a bit of slow anthemic sort of music, which was not //945. Seems to have been CNR7 per the webstream recommended by Chris Kadlec awhile back. The same slow music is heard after the Beijing time check on the CNR7 stream, and that leads into further ID details, but not on my rough recording. [NHP-BC]
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF, Tokyo. APR 3 1504 – Fair with man in Japanese, very late, over an hour after my local sunrise, but also its strongest signal today. [NHP-BC]
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. MAR 29 1455 – Fair to good with woman in Japanese after commercials and HBC Radio (not radio) mentions; its best signal of the morning, an hour after local sunrise. Reprise at 1513 was at pretty fair level also. [NHP-BC]
 +APR 1 1326 – weak talk. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1316 – weak talk. [BP-WA]
- 1296 **UnID** APR 4 1256 – Traces of man talking, but unfortunately faded prior to 1300. Did hear 6RN earlier this season, so given conditions that's a possibility. Also another carrier about 20 Hz high. [NP-AB]
- 1314 **UnID** APR 4 1236 – Traces of woman talking. [NP-AB]
- 1323 **CHINA** Shuangyashan, CRI. MAR 30 1326 – man in Russian fair //963. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1300 – usual ToH music and fanfare weak, 1309 Russian talk fair. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1324 – weak talk. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1310 – bits of talk, Russian-like inflections. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1330 – weak woman talking, language sounded like Russian. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1310 – man in presumed Russian weak //963 [BP-WA]
 +APR 6 1321 – Good with woman in Russian, musical interlude, and more talk //963 (which was weak) a moment later. [NHP-BC]
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF, Nagoya. APR 4 1337 – woman in Japanese, sometimes guitar in background, fair on peaks. [BP-WA]
 +APR 11 1300 – Fair with man in Japanese, two and one pips, followed by music //1242. [NHP-BC]
- 1377 **INDONESIA** Toli Toli, RRI. MAR 23 1354 – Poor with slow female choral music over a brisk bass line for about a minute, same as on Streema link: http://streema.com/radios/RRI_Pro1_Toli_Toli. Nice to hear this one again, the only Indonesian ever heard at home. [NHP-BC]
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK2 synchros. APR 4 1332 – Chinese lesson poor //774. [BP-WA]
UnID APR 4 1240 – Traces of man talking. [NP-AB]
- 1404 **JAPAN** APR 4 1332 – Chinese lesson poor //774. [BP-WA]
- 1422 **JAPAN** JORF, Yokohama. MAR 30 1337 – Japanese talk, sounded like ads. Much 1420 splash. Still had audio (woman talking) 1401. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1403 – Japanese woman fair-poor. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1320 – weak talk. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1338 – fair-poor easy listening songs and woman in Japanese. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1315 – woman in Japanese poor. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1335 – man and woman in Japanese, fair on peaks w/much 1420 splash. [BP-WA]
- 1494 **UnID** APR 4 1338 – female talk fair strength but much 1490 splash. Unable to ID language. Possibly two stations mixing. [BP-WA]
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK, Akita, NHK1. MAR 30 1335 – Japanese talk poor //594. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1322 – weak w/song //equally weak 594. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1327 – weak talk //594, better 1332 w/woman in Japanese. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1329-1338 – presumed with weak talk. [BP-WA]
- 1557p **TAIWAN** Kouhu, 1557 Music Interactive Network. APR 2 1337-1341 – woman in Chinese peaking late. I didn't have a carrier here until 1330, by 1337 it was as strong as 1566, by 1342 it was gone. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1336 – Chinese talk fair-poor. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1327-1340 – bits of audio poking through the splatter at times. Not as good as other recent days. [BP-WA]
- 1566 **REP KOREA** HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. MAR 30 1250 – Japanese preacher good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1333 – man in Japanese, acapella singing in background, then piano in background good. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1240 – best signal of the morning, woman good in Japanese, otherwise fair-poor today. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1318 – organ and choir good, possibly part of church service. [BP-WA]
 +APR 4 1245 – Woman speaking in Japanese. [NP-AB]
 +APR 4 1338 – man in Japanese, 1343 woman with the usual closing announcement, good [BP-WA]
- 1575 **THAILAND** Ban Phachi, VOA. MAR 30 1333 – fair-good on peaks, talk in UnID language, very erratic signal. [BP-WA]
 +MAR 31 1259 – partial English ID weak, carrier abruptly dropped out.
 +MAR 31 1335 1300:05 – apparently went off or changed pattern, popped back up 1325 with weak carrier, man in UnID language. [BP-WA]
 +APR 2 1300 – English signoff like the one I heard yesterday, except today the signal was faint. [BP-WA]
 +APR 1 1256 – good w/man in SE Asian language, 1359:30 "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC, signing off", then Yankee Doodle, carrier cut 1300:05. [BP-WA]
 +APR 3 1330 – weak "this is the Voice of America.", then woman in UnID language. [BP-WA]
- 1611 **AUSTRALIA** UnID. APR 4 1242 – Traces of talk by woman. Likely Vision. [NP-AB]

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Gary DeBock at Cook Islands (via IRCA eGroup)

From April 8-14 I had the awesome opportunity to chase long-range transoceanic DX on an ocean beach in Aitutaki, one of the Cook Island group in central Polynesia (about 2000 miles south of Hawaii, in the Southern Hemisphere). The island is famous for a gorgeous snorkeling lagoon featuring a dazzling variety of tropical fish, but for me the dazzling feature was no MW transmitters within 150 miles. The Cook Islands are administered by New Zealand in a "free association" arrangement, and as such the Maori-speaking islanders are very friendly, and security is good.

For this trip I decided to bring along a modified (7.5 inch loopstick) C Crane Skywave SSB Ultralight model and a 5 inch (127mm) "Frequent Flyer" FSL antenna – a compact, TSA-friendly model that provides inductively coupled DXing gain roughly equivalent to that of a 4 foot (1.3m) air core box loop. As usual, all of this gear easily breezed through TSA screening throughout the entire trip.

My Tamanu Beach Resort motel was located right on the lagoon on the northwest side of the island, and as such there was an unobstructed path to Asia, the DU islands and North America. A 150m high hill was in between my location and the South American direction, though, and this may have been partially responsible for the lack of signals from that area. As usual there were some RFI issues inside our motel room, necessitating a short walk to the lagoon beach to set up my Ultralight gear. A photo of the 7.5 inch loopstick CC Skywave SSB model, the 5 inch Frequent Flyer FSL and a new 40 inch (1.1m) PVC base on the Aitutaki beach is posted at <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/1s2u2ymggo16siwcuelucph0bd226ira>

It was certainly a crash course to adjust to freakishly strong transoceanic propagation on this DU island. Concepts of chasing weak signals went out the window immediately as the main challenge became using the loopstick nulls to separate S9 signals during sunset skip to New Zealand and eastern Australia. 1 kW Kiwi stations were routinely maxing out the Ultralight's bar graph signal strength display. During sunrise sessions the 7.5" loopstick CC Skywave alone could typically track down even exotic Asian DX (Bangladesh, Mongolia, Cambodia) at S7 levels, while the 5" FSL simply boosted them up to S9 levels. A skillful TP-DXer knowledgeable in Asian languages and exotic station frequencies could have had equivalent results with only the hand-held (modified) Ultralight alone. The best DX received during the trip were three East Asian stations that have a reputation for being very tough catches on the North American west coast. The distance from Aitutaki to two of them (Bangladesh and Mongolia) is greater than that from Grayland, Washington, but because of the ocean-boosted propagation and favorable gray line patterns the Ultralight gear had all three of them pounding in around 1700 UTC:

- 693 **BANGLADESH.** 1652 UTC April 10 (mention of Bangladesh at 8 second point; thanks to Chuck Hutton for listening)
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/94j756mjptm1fuaij381dw2wbsqkr> and <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/94j756mjptm1fuaij381dw2wbsqkre91>
- 918 **CAMBODIA.** 1659 UTC April 12 (Khmer female speech, National Anthem with "Cuckoo Clock" time pips at 1:41; thanks to Hiroyuki Okamura for listening)
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/14kwjqoxuvur64g1ghq9h2kbwe90y> and <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/14kwjqoxuvur64g1ghq9h2kbwe90ygg0>
- 1431 **MONGOLIA.** 1631 UTC April 11 (BBC Korean service interval signal at 46 seconds; thanks to Hiroyuki Okamura for listening)
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/fwim89p1b3owm6tqluz3045aya1t2> and <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/fwim89p1b3owm6tqluz3045aya1t249f>



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Welcome to another edition of SportChannels! Baseball season is under way, and we're now taking a look at the Major League Baseball network lists. The first division we'll be featuring network lists are from the Western Division of the American and National Leagues. The American League West features the defending World Champion Houston Astros, and the National League West features the defending National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers. Flagship stations are in boldface type.

AMERICAN LEAGUE – WESTERN DIVISION

HOUSTON ASTROS (English) Robert Ford, Steve Sparks, **Web:** astros.com

AM	1280 KWHI Brenham, TX	1510 KBED Nederland, TX	98.3 KULM Columbus, TX
710 KURV Edinburg, TX	1290 KIVY Crockett, TX	1590 KGAS Carthage, TX	98.9 K255AR Madisonville, TX (1)
760 KTKR San Antonio, TX	1300 KSYB Shreveport, LA	1590 KLRK Mexia, TX	100.7 KASE Austin, TX*
790 KBME Houston, TX	1310 KEZM Sulphur, LA	1600 KOGT Orange, TX	101.7 KAYD Silsbee, TX
910 WUBR Baton Rouge, LA	1340 KKAM Lubbock, TX	FM	103.7 KLWB Carencro, LA
910 KNAF Fredericksburg, TX	1340 KVNN Victoria, TX	92.7 KASR Villonia, AR	103.9 KMHT-FM Marshall, TX
1220 KMVL Madisonville, TX	1400 KBYG Big Spring, TX	92.7 KIVY-FM Crockett, TX	104.1 KLCJ Oak Grove, LA
1220 KM2XVL Huntsville, TX (1)	1410 KDBS Alexandria, LA	94.1 KTRG Hooks, TX	106.3 K292FE Big Spring, TX (3)
1230 WBZT West Palm Beach, FL	1450 KMHT Marshall, TX	94.7 K234CY Alexandria, LA (2)	
1230 KSIX Corpus Christi, TX	1460 KTKC Springhill, LA	98.1 KTLT Anson, TX	
1260 KSML Diboll, TX	1470 KWRD Henderson, TX		

Relays: 1) KMVL 1220, 2) KDBS 1410, 3) KBYG 1400, * denotes Astros' list has frequency as 97.5 MHz

LOS ASTROS DE HOUSTON (Spanish) Francisco Romero, Alex Treviño, **Web:** astrosdehouston.com

850 KEYH Houston, TX **101.7 KNTE Bay City, TX (simulcast)**

LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM (English) Terry Smith, Mark Langston, **Web:** angels.com

710 KSPN Los Angeles, CA	910 KRAK Hesperia, CA	1240 KLOA Ridgecrest, CA
830 KLAA Orange, CA	1010 KXPS Thousand Palms, CA	1490 KMET Banning, CA

LOS ANGELS DE LOS ANGELES Y ANAHEIM (Spanish) José Mota, Amaury Pi-González, José Tolentino, **Web:** angelsbeisbol.com

1330 KWKW Los Angeles, CA only

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (English) Ken Korach, Vince Cotroneo, Ray Fosse, **Web:** athletics.com

AM	1140 KHTK Sacramento, CA	1440 KVON Napa, CA	FM
760 KGU Honolulu, Oahu, HI	1240 KPOD Crescent City, CA	1490 KBLF Red Bluff, CA	92.7 K224ER Eureka, CA (1)
790 KEJY Eureka, CA*	1270 KXBX Lakeport, CA	1490 KRKC King City, CA	95.7 KGMZ San Francisco, CA
790 KFPT Clovis, CA	1340 KATA Eureka, CA		103.9 K280GP Bridgeport, CA (2)
950 KAH1 Auburn, CA	1400 KNRO Redding, CA		104.9 K285FW King City, CA (3)
970 KESP Modesto, CA	1410 KMYC Marysville, CA**		

Relays: 1) KATA 1340, 2) KNRO 1400, 3) KRKC 1490, * denotes station airs night and weekend games only, ** denotes weekend games only

LOS ATLETICOS DE OAKLAND (Spanish) Amaury Pi-González, Manolo Hernández-Douen, **Web:** losatleticos.com

990 KATD Pittsburg, CA (simulcast) **1010 KIQI San Francisco, CA**

Note: Only night and weekend home games are aired.

SEATTLE MARINERS Rick Rizzs, Dave Sims, **Web:** mariners.com

AM
 550 KTZN Anchorage, AK
710 KIRO Seattle, WA
 750 KXTG Portland, OR
 800 KINY Juneau, AK
 840 KMAX Colfax, WA
 900 KKRT Wenatchee, WA
 920 KXLY Spokane, WA
 930 KTKN Ketchikan, AK

1020 KWIQ Moses Lake North, WA
 1030 KMAS Shelton, WA
 1040 CKST Vancouver, BC
 1170 KPUG Bellingham, WA
 1230 KIFW Sitka, AK
 1240 KSAM Whitefish, MT
 1240 KEJO Corvallis, OR
 1240 KTIX Pendleton, OR
 1240 KXLE Ellensburg, WA

1300 KLER Orofino, ID
 1320 KGDC Walla Walla, WA
 1340 KJOX Kennewick, WA
 1350 KRCL Lewiston, ID
 1390 KBBO Yakima, WA
 1430 KBRC Mount Vernon, WA
 1450 KONP Port Angeles, WA
 1470 KELA Centralia, WA
 1490 KFKB Forks, WA

FM
 92.1 KCRK Colville, WA
 102.7 K274CY Whitefish, MT (1)
 102.9 K275CH Gresham, OR (2)
 104.5 K283BX Wapato, WA (3)

Relays: 1) KSAM 1240, 2) KXTG 750, 3) KBBO 1390

TEXAS RANGERS (English) Eric Nadel, Matt Hicks, Jared Sandler, **Web:** texasrangers.com

AM
 670 KHGZ Glenwood, AR
 690 KPET Lamesa, TX
 710 KGNC Amarillo, TX
 900 KPYN Atlanta, TX
 950 KJTV Lubbock, TX
 960 KGKL San Angelo, TX
1080 KRLD Dallas, TX*
 1150 KZNE College Station, TX
 1230 KSEY Seymour, TX
 1240 KVLF Alpine, TX**
 1250 KZDC San Antonio, TX
 1260 KTAE Elgin, TX
 1270 KRXO Claremore, OK
 1290 KUOA Siloam Springs, AR
 1300 KSYB Shreveport, LA
 1320 KNCB Vivian, LA
 1330 KTON Cameron, TX

1380 KBWD Brownwood, TX
 1380 KHEY El Paso, TX
 1400 KKTK Texarkana, TX
 1410 KNTX Bowie, TX
 1440 KEYS Corpus Christi, TX
 1450 KSNY Snyder, TX
 1470 KDHN Dimmitt, TX
 1470 KWRD Henderson, TX
 1490 KRUI Ruidoso, NM
 1490 KKBI Broken Bow, OK
 1490 KBST Big Spring, TX
 1490 KNEL Brady, TX
 1490 KPLT Paris, TX
 1500 KJIM Sherman, TX
 1510 KSTV Stephenville, TX
 1560 KEBC Del City, OK
 1560 KZQQ Abilene, TX
 1590 KLRK Mexia, TX

1660 KRZI Waco, TX
FM
 92.1 KRWR Tyler, TX
 92.3 KNNU Antlers, OK
 92.7 KASR Villonia, AR
 92.7 KBEU Bearden, AR
 92.7 KJVC Mansfield, LA
 92.7 KALP Alpine, TX***
 93.9 K230BS Stephenville, TX (1)
 94.3 KSEY-FM Seymour, TX
 94.5 K233DB San Antonio, TX (2)
 95.3 K237GR Johnson, AR (3)
 95.5 K238BF Atlanta, TX (4)
 95.5 KXPN Scotland, TX
 96.3 K242BC Paris, TX (5)
 97.3 KTTU New Deal, TX
 98.9 K255BH Glenwood, AR (6)
 99.1 K256BW Waco, TX (7)

99.5 KAKS Goshen, AR
 100.5 KBLY Newcastle, TX
 100.7 KPXI Overton, TX
 100.9 K265DV Temple, TX (8)
 101.3 K267CA Temple, TX (9)
 101.3 K267CB Sherman, TX (10)
 101.9 K270CO Round Rock, TX (11)
 102.7 K274CM College Station, TX (12)
 103.9 KMHT-FM Marshall, TX
 103.9 KRIA Plainview, TX
 104.1 KCKB Moran, TX
 104.3 KGAS-FM Carthage, TX
 104.5 KBEF Minden, LA
105.3 KRLD-FM Dallas, TX
 105.5 KNAS-FM Nashville, AR
 105.9 KQIK Haileyville, OK
 107.7 KRXO-FM Oklahoma City, OK

Relays: 1) KSTV 1510, 2) KZDC 1250, 3) KUOA 1290, 4) KPYN 900, 5) KPLT 1490, 6) KHGZ 670, 7) KRZI 1660, 8) KTON 1330, 9) KLRK 1590, 10) KJIM 1500, 11) KTAE 1260, 12) KZNE 1150, * denotes games aired on KRLD (AM) in case of a conflict with another event on KRLD-FM, ** denotes that the station carries weekend games only, *** denotes that the station carries weekday games only.

LOS RANGERS DE TEXAS (Spanish) Enele Ornelas, José Guzman, **Web:** mlb.com/es/rangers/

AM
 930 WKY Oklahoma City, OK
1270 KFLC Benbrook, TX

FM
99.1 KFZO Denton, TX*
 103.1 KHHL Karnes City, TX

Note: * denotes station carries games in case of a conflict with other events aired on KFLC 1270

NATIONAL LEAGUE – WESTERN DIVISION**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** (English) Greg Schulte, Tom Candiotti, Mike Ferrin, **Web:** dbacks.com

AM
 600 KVNA Flagstaff, AZ
620 KTAR Phoenix, AZ
 780 KAZM Sedona, AZ
 980 KNTR Lake Havasu City, AZ
 1130 KQNA Prescott Valley, AZ
 1230 KATO Safford, AZ

FM
 92.1 KZUA Holbrook, AZ
 94.3 KDDL Chino Valley, AZ
 94.3 K232EI Lake Havasu City, AZ (1)
 95.1 K236BH Kingman, AZ (2)
98.7 KMVP Phoenix, AZ
 99.9 K260BL Prescott, AZ (3)

100.5 K263BM Riviera, AZ (1)
 103.3 KZKE Seligman, AZ
 103.7 KNMZ Alamogordo, NM
 104.9 K285DL Tucson, AZ (4)
 106.7 KNKI Pinetop, AZ

Relays: 1) KNTR 980, 2) KZKE 103.3, 3) KQNA 1130, 4) KFFN 1490

LOS DIAMONDBACKS DE ARIZONA (Spanish) Oscar Soria, Arturo Ochoa, Rodrigo Lopez, Richard Saenz, **Web:** losdbacks.com

AM
 1130 XEHN Nogales, SO

102.5 XHIQ Ciudad Obregón, SO
 104.7 XHCNE Cananea, SO

105.1 KHVO Wickenburg, AZ

COLORADO ROCKIES (English) Jack Corrigan, Jerry Schemmel, **Web:** rockies.com

850 KOA Denver, CO 94.1 K231AA Boulder, CO (northern relay) 94.1 K231BQ Golden, CO (southern relay)

Network information not available

LOS ROCKIES DE COLORADO (Spanish) Javier Olivás, Salvador Hernandez, Carlos Valdez, **Web:** mlb.com/es/rockies/

1150 KNRV Englewood, CO only

LOS ANGELES DODGERS (English) Charley Steiner, Kevin Kennedy, **Web:** dodgers.com

AM
570 KLAC Los Angeles, CA
 610 KAVL Lancaster, CA
 970 KHTY Bakersfield, CA
 990 KIKI Honolulu, Oahu, HI

1000 KTOK Oklahoma City, OK
 1220 KHTS Canyon Country, CA
 1230 KBOV Bishop, CA
 1280 KXTK Arroyo Grande, CA
 1300 KRXP Brawley, CA

1340 KCBL Fresno, CA
 1340 WSTA Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas, USVI
 1400 KSHP North Las Vegas, NV
 1440 KFNRY Riverside, CA
 1450 KVEN Ventura, CA
FM
 101.7 KQTM Rio Rancho, NM
 103.9 KHTI-HD2 Lake Arrowhead, CA

LOS ANGELES DODGERS (Korean) No play-by-play personnel information available

1540 KMPC Los Angeles, CA only

LOS DODGERS DE LOS ANGELES (Spanish) Jaime Jarrín, Jorge Jarrín, **Web:** losdodgers.com

AM
 910 KOXR Oxnard, CA
1020 KTNQ Los Angeles, CA
 1250 KZER Santa Barbara, CA

1410 KCAL Redlands, CA
 1450 KRZY Albuquerque, NM
 1470 KUTY Palmdale, CA
 1480 KSBQ Santa Maria, CA
FM
 92.5 KMZR Atwater, CA*
 94.3 KGRB Jackson, CA

94.9 KXTT Maricopa, CA
 96.3 KSSB Calipatria, CA
 104.5 KBTW Lenwood, CA

Note: * denotes the Dodgers' Spanish network lists the call as KBRE.

SAN DIEGO PADRES (English) Ted Leitner, Jesse Agler, **Web:** padres.com

97.3 KEGY San Diego, CA only

LOS PADRES DE SAN DIEGO (Spanish) Eduardo Ortega, **Web:** padresbeisbol.com

860 XEMO Tijuana, BCN only

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (English) Jon Miller, Duane Kuiper, Dave Flemming, **Web:** sfgiants.com

680 KNBR San Francisco, CA only

LOS GIGANTES DE SAN FRANCISCO (Spanish) Edwin Higueros, Tito Fuentes, Marvin Benard, **Web:** sfgigantes.com

93.7 KXZM Felton, CA only

That will wrap up another edition of SportChannel's. Note that I've separated the English and non-English affiliate lists. In the next edition, the American League East and National League East will be featured. 73 and play hard from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



2017-2018 IRCA DX CONTEST – Manager: Nancy Johnson – 2922 S Olivewood – Mesa AZ 85212-2923
E-mail: NancyJohnson@prodigy.net

April 15 2018 – Contest Standings

1. John C Johnson	286	3. Dennis Vroom	193	5. Nancy Johnson	101	7. Phil Bytheway	15
2. Tim Noonan	238	4. Greg Hall	171	6. Nigel Pimblett	43	8. Mike Sanburn	1

Contest rules can be found in the August 19 2017 SDXM (Vol. 55 #1) but the contest will end 2359 on May 31 2018 so there is very little time left to enter. New catches are guaranteed! – Nancy

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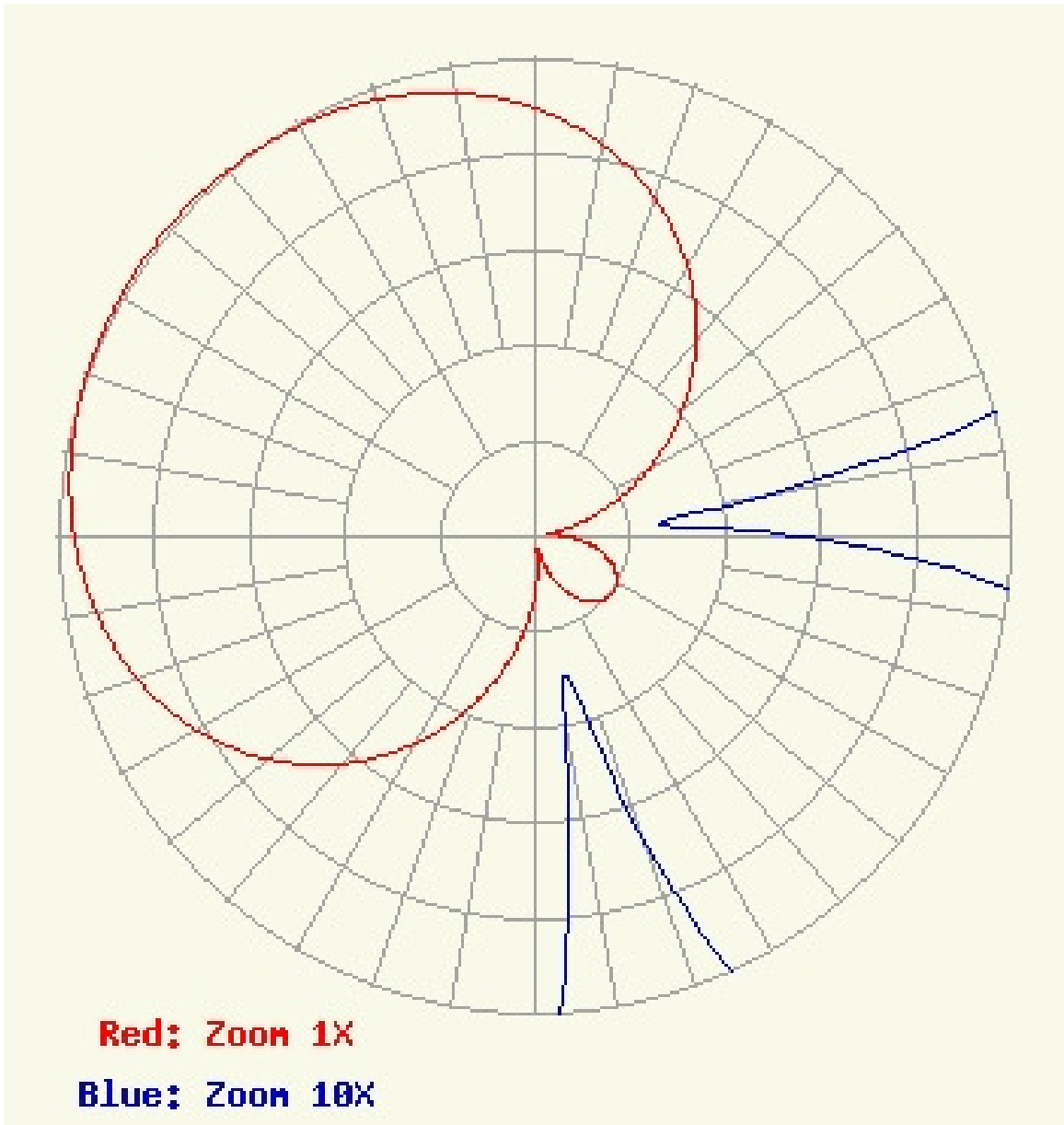
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