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IRCA welcomes: **Adam Grose** in Tucson AZ and **Albert Bowers** in Apple Valley CA. The DX Roundups are back this time!! We are weekly now, please contribute! Next **Seattle** deadline (V56_N07) **Monday 10/15/18 4 PM PLT** – pb.

NRC AM Radio Log

Orders for the 39th edition of the AM Radio Log are now being accepted at [Http://nationalradioclub.org](http://nationalradioclub.org). Postage and printing prices have remained stable and the so have this years' prices for the Log.

Wayne Heinen – Editor AM Radio Log

Full Color IRCA Letterhead

Full color 8.5 x 11 MS Word 2007 file with the current IRCA logo. Send email to phil_tekno@yahoo.com to get yours today! Great for verification requests.



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2019 Convention Bids

Bids for the IRCA 2019 convention are now being accepted. If you're interested, please contact me at the above email address for a convention bid form. Deadline for bids is 10/15/18.



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CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
1120	WKCE	Maryville, TN	WVLZ
1180	WVLZ	Knoxville, TN	WKCE
1240	WBAX	Wilkes-Barre, PA	WQFM
1510	WYEC	Macomb, IL	WCAZ
1540	WBTL	Sandston, VA	WULT
1570	WQTW	Latrobe, PA	WKHJ

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
690	KCEE	Tucson, AZ	was adult standards, now religious teaching, adds slogan: "Reach Radio"
850	WKVL	Knoxville, TN	adds SB Nation Radio as primary network provider
1080	WHOO	Winter Park, FL	changes city of license from Kissimmee to Winter Park
1150	KNMM	Albuquerque, NM	was unknown format, now Spanish, adds slogan: "K-New Mexico"
1230	WOIC	Columbia, SC	was sports, now adult alternative, adds slogan: "94.9 The Palm"
1260	WMDG	East Point, GA	changes frequencies ex-1270 kHz, changes city of license from Cartersville to East Point
1300	WQPM	Princeton, MN	was classic hits, now oldies, old slogan: "The Killer Bee", new: "The Big Q"
1340	KJMU	Sand Springs, OK	was silent, back on with new unknown format
1360	WOEN	Olean, NY	was talk, now Westwood One Hot Country, old slogan: "Talk Radio", new: "KZ 102"
1370	WIVV	Island Of Vieques, PR	changes city of license from Vieques to Island Of Vieques
1390	KLGN	Logan, UT	was soft adult contemporary, now Fox Sports Radio, old slogan: "Lite FM 103.3", new: "106.9 The Fan"
1440	WVGG	Lucedale, MS	changes secondary format from southern gospel to talk
1460	WEWQ	Laurinburg, NC	now silent
1470	WGNR	Anderson, IN	was Radio Moody Espanol Spanish religion, now Moody Broadcasting Network religious teaching, old slogan: "Radio Moody", new: "Moody Radio"
1510	WLAC	Nashville, TN	old slogan: "News Radio 1510", new: "TalkRadio 98.3"
1560	WBYM	Bayamon, PR	was Spanish contemporary Christian, now new unknown format
1570	WIGO	Morrow, GA	was silent, now urban gospel, blues, adds slogan: "WIGO AM 1570-Atlanta's Incredible Radio"
1580	KTLU	Rusk, TX	was Westwood One Classic Rock, now Westwood One Classic Hits

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA sends along the following dated 9/23/18 from the IRCA Digest (via Eric Floden of Ottawa ON):

CJEU 1670 Gatineau off. Noted through today perhaps related to recent tornado weather event. (Note: station back on the air since on 9/24/18-ye ed).

Mike Sanburn sends along the following from Dennis Gibson of Salinas CA (via the IRCA Digest) dated 9/25/18:

KMPG-1520 Hollister, CA has now been off for about a week. The website and stream no longer work. Voicemail has gone from full and can't leave a message to leave a message. It has not filed for a suspension of operations STA. There's a weak carrier that has to be KKZZ Port Hueneme (why-knee-me). I'll keep checking. It is/was(?) the only station in California with critical hours.

Mike Sanburn sends along the following re KOHI-1600 OR from Dennis Gibson of Salinas CA and Dennis Vroom of Kalama WA (via the IRCA Digest) both dated 9/26/18:

(Original post from Dennis Vroom dated 9/18/18-ye ed): KOHI 1600 has been off the air for a couple of weeks. Their Facebook page says they're moving the antenna and transmitter. Heard KOHI today from 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM PDT. Signal in our Ford Escape was much weaker than normal. They had sign off by the time I turn on the JRC 545 at home.

(Update from Dennis Gibson-ye ed): The station's website says the antenna and transmitter are moving this week. It's doing that without an FCC construction permit or application. The last activity on the application search web page is for renewal of the license in early 2014. I read the FCC Daily Digest every day. I'll be on the lookout for a construction permit application.

Somewhat short column, but thanks to Mike for the 3 contributions above. Fall has begun and DX conditions have gotten better. Went back to work Monday 10/1, so things getting back to normal for me, my back and knee are healthy again. Hope everyone has a great October, hope your DX is a treat and not a trick! 73's.
Bob Wien



CANADIAN RADIO NEWS – Dan Sys
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For September 2018, compiled October 1 2018.

CALL LETTER DATA

1350 ON Brampton CFKA-cp Will become CIRF.

BRANDINGS

910 AB Drumheller CKDQ CFCW becomes REAL COUNTRY 910.

DELETED FROM ISEDC DATABASE

600 NB McAdam CBAX 40 watt rebroadcaster of CBZF 99.5. Flip to FM.
860 NT Fort Smith CBDI 99 watt rebroadcaster of CFYK 98.9. Flip to FM.



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WDXR DEADLINES: Oct. 12, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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DXing on car radio

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- 540 CBK **SK**, Regina briefly on top 9/30 0138 //CBX-740 but little to no sign of them otherwise. (JP-AB)
 - 650 KMTI **UT**, Manti 9/22 0020 HSFB live play-by-play, Mount Pleasant vs Summit. Good over/under some co-channel interference. (RB-AZ)
 - 840 KMAX **WA**, Colfax heard 9/2 at 2200 with "KMAX," at that time KXNT had about 2 seconds of dead air. (BB-AZ)
 - 860 KTRB **CA**, San Francisco 9/19 0022 breaking from "Best of Hugh Hewitt" to ID by slogan "8-60 The Answer." Since then, John C. Johnson, who scans the dial during daylight hours to keep up with local activity, called it to my attention that the local here remains off, opening the channel to DXers. Meanwhile, it remains to be seen what the story is with KNAI. (RB-AZ) (KNAI was back on the air by the end of the month. – NJ)
 - KKAT **UT**, Salt Lake City heard 9/21 at 2119 with "860 KKAT." (BB-AZ)
 - 880 KWIP **OR**, Dallas 9/22 no sign of usual KRVN, 0000 out of Mexican music with "KWIP 880 AM...K241CR 103.9 FM...KWIP La Campena" ID in English. New for me. Interesting note their 103.9 FM is actually K280GS, the K241CR was a previous FM translator they used. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 920 KKGX **CA**, Palm Springs heard 10/2 at 0904 with "Real Talk KGX." (BB-AZ)
 - 930 KIUP **CO**, Durango heard 10/2 at 2059 "KIUP Durango." (BB-AZ)
 - 1140 CHRB **AB**, High River heard 10/5 at 0843 with weather report and at 0849 "AM 1140," 0850 "AM 1140 Morning Show." (BB-AZ)
 - 1150 KSAL **KS**, Salina heard 10/3 at 2056 with "KSAL." (BB-AZ)
 - 1160 KSL **UT**, Salt Lake City 10/2 1015 report on "Kavanaugh," a little late in the day for this with solid semi-local sounding signal. (RB-AZ)
 - 1170 KLOK **CA**, San Jose 9/22 0100 heard under KFAQ, but audible and understandable. Bollywood music after announcements heard on the hour. (RB-AZ)
 - 1330 KGAK **NM**, Gallup 10/2 at 1020 talk by man in Navajo, good and late in the morning for this. (RB-AZ)
 - 1350 KDZA **CO**, Pueblo heard 10/3 at 22200 with "Fox Sports 1350 KDZA Pueblo." (BB-AZ)
 - KABQ **NM**, Albuquerque heard 10/4 at 2059 with "Albuquerque's Progressive Talk 1350 KABQ." (BB-AZ)
 - 1480 KQAM **KS**, Wichita heard 9/20 at 2259 with "?? 102.5 ?? KQAM." (BB-AZ)
 - 1520 KOKC **OK**, Oklahoma City 10/2 2115 Chad Benson talk show. Not usually a huge DX catch, but pre-sunset very strong and early here. Heard on GP-5/SSB. (RB-AZ)
 - 1690 KFSG **CA**, Roseville 9/23 0000 good coming out of religious program into ID and ads, mentioned Sacramento. (MS-CA)

The 2018-2019 IRCA DX contest is now underway, details and rules can be found in the August issue of SDXM. – Nancy 10/5 1900



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 570 WAAX **AL**, Gadsden. 9/28 fair to poor signal, mixing with KLIF, WNAX, WWNC. 0527 noted with local spots, "Gadsden's talk station, news, talk Five-70 Big Wax" ID. [EB-MO]
- 690 CKGM **QC**, Montreal. 10/4 fair signal through KSTL 0543 noted with "TSN Six-90" ID, local spots into talk on the NFL. [EB-MO]
- 830 WFNO **LA**, Norco. 9/26 good to fair signal through WCCO. 0535 noted with Contemporary Hit Radio format and local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]
- 920 KARN **AR**, Little Rock. 9/28 fair with interference. 02:01 with "Little Rock's Sports Animal 920" slogan. [GH-IL]
- 1050 CHUM **ON**, Toronto. 10/4 fair signal through XEG. 0527 noted with "TSN Ten-50" ID and local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1170 KBOB **IA**, Davenport. 10/2 weak in interference. 02:00 with "Real Country" slogan. [GH-IL]
- 1240 WJON **MN**, Saint Cloud. 9/30 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 0105 noted with weather forecast, "WJON" ID before fading out. [EB-MO]
- 1260 KDLF **IA**, Boone. 9/29 fair to poor signal over WSDZ. 2030 noted with Regional Mexican format, "La Reina" ID and local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]

- 1270 KRXO **OK**, Claremore. 10/3 fair signal, mixing with other stations; WKBF unusually absent. 0427 noted with NBC Sports Radio mention, local spots and Tulsa weather forecast. [EB-MO]
 WLIK **TN**, Newport. 10/1 fair signal over other stations; WKBF absent. 0504 noted with "The Smokies' Oldies, WLIK" ID in spoken and jingle form into Oldies format. [EB-MO]
 WQKR **TN**, Portland. 10/4 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations; WKBF absent. 0602 noted with promo for upcoming remote broadcast, "WQKR" ID, local spots into Classic Hits format. [EB-MO]
 1280 KNBY **AR**, Newport. 9/27 fair to poor signal over WGBF, WMCP, WNAM. 0519 noted with community calendar promo, weather forecast, "KNBY 12-80, Jackson County Proud" ID into Oldies format. [EB-MO]
 WMCP **TN**, Columbia. 9/26 fair to poor signal, mixing with WGBF, WNAM and other stations. 0553 noted with "Columbia's Country, 12-80 WMCP" ID, weather forecast and a local spot. [EB-MO]
 1350 WPDR **WI**, Portage. 9/29 fair signal over other stations. 1958 with Oldies format, "AM 13-50 WPDR Portage" legal ID at 2000 into ABC News. [EB-MO]
 1360 KSCJ **IA**, Sioux City. 10/1 fair to poor signal, mixing with WKMI, WMOB, WSAI. 0500 noted with "KSCJ Sioux City" legal ID into CBS News. [EB-MO]
 1370 WCCN **WI**, Neillsville. 9/29 fair to poor signal, mixing with KWRT, WSPD and other stations. 2227 noted with local spots, "13-70 WCCN" ID into Adult Standards format. [EB-MO]
 1390 KCLN **IA**, Clinton. 9/30 fair signal over WGRB, WLLI. 0401 noted with Oldies format, "Up to date weather forecasts are on AM 13-90 KCLN" ID. [EB-MO]
 WNIO **OH**, Youngstown. 9/21 weak. 02:00 with "Sports Animal 1390 WNIO" ID by male announcer. [GH-IL]
 WRIG **WI**, Schofield. 9/29 fair to poor signal, mixing with KCLN. 2010 noted with Ohio State vs. Penn State football PBP from Fox Sports Radio, lost to WLLI at 2015 power cut and pattern change. [EB-MO]
 1440 WHKZ **OH**, Warren. 9/27 fair with a lot of interference. 01:00 with mention of "whkw.com" web site. [GH-IL]
 1480 WJBM **IL**, Jerseyville. 9/27 fair to poor signal over KQAM, WLMV. 0256 noted with Country format, "Real Country 104-Seven and 14-80" ID, "104-point-Seven W284DN Jerseyville, 14-80 WJBM Jerseyville" legal ID into local spot. [EB-MO]
 1580 WHLY **IN**, South Bend. 9/30 fair to poor signal, mixing with KHGG, WLIJ. 0601 noted with "15-80 WHLY South Bend, Indiana" legal ID in heavily accented English into Regional Mexican format. Now back on the air. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

50 Years Ago – October 5 1968 issue of "DX Monitor" ... Talk continued about a possible merger with the NRC ... **Jeff Kadet** of Bethesda MD said "If the NRC can't find a new publisher, let it fold ... **Mike Worst** of Seattle WA said the NRC should work out its own publishing problems without IRCA's help ... President **Larry Godwin** of Littleton CO pointed out dues would need to be increased if there were a merger resulting in a large publication. // **25 Years Ago – October 9 1993** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Mike Sanburn** of Bellflower CA told about the Anaheim TIS on 1500, WGW-901 ... **Randy Steward** of Springfield MO mentioned using an Icom IC-751 ham transmitter/receiver for DXing and not liking the results.

OPEN MIKE

The new DX season is here. Have you joined the DX Contest? Thanks to Eric and Greg we have a column this week. This column was typed 10-5-18. 73, John



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ACROSS THE DIAL

- 560 KLVI **TX**, Beaumont – 9/27 2200 noted with "News, Weather and Sports for Southeast Texas, online and on the air. News/Talk 560 KLVI Beaumont" legal ID. A fair signal was noted. (JcJ-LA)
 630 KYFI **MO**, Saint Louis – 9/27 2200 noted with "AM 630, Christian Programming for You; KYFI Saint Louis" legal ID into *Christian Classics*. Alone on channel. (JcJ-LA) (This is one of my locals; KYFI beams south at night – eb)
 810 WMGC **TN**, Murfreesboro – 10/2 2238 noted with Regional Mexican format, local spots, club promo mentioning many DJs, "El Jefe" slogan in Spanish at 2251. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mostly under WGY; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. Apparently on day power. (PS-ON)
 1020 KOKP **OK**, Perry – 9/30 2100 noted coming out of a promo with "Triple Play Sports Radio" slogan, "KOKP Perry, KOSB Perry, KOKB Blackwell/Ponca City is Triple Play Sports Radio; Your Home for Sports with Orange Flavor" legal ID into Fox Sports Radio. A good signal was noted. (JcJ-TX) (KOSB is on 105.1 MHz – eb)
 1030 KBUF **KS**, Holcomb – 9/30 2100 noted with "KBUF Holcomb, Garden City, Kansas" legal ID into ABC News. A fair signal was noted. (JcJ-TX)
 1140 KHFX **TX**, Cleburne – 9/27 noted with Christian programming in Spanish, "KHFX 1140 AM Cleburne" legal ID in English and Spanish. A good signal was noted. (JcJ-LA)
 1150 WAVO **SC**, Rock Hill – 9/23 2248 noted with Adult Standards format, "1150 WAVO" ID into another music set. A fair to poor signal was noted in CKOC null. (PS-ON)
 1200 WSML **NC**, Graham – 10/3 2300 noted with part of what sounded like a multi-station ID, including WSML, into mentions of, and promos for, Fox Sports Radio. A poor signal was noted, mixing with CFGO, WKST and WOAI. (PS-ON)
 1260 WMCH **TN**, Church Hill -9/22 0109 noted with Christian talk, "WMCH Church Hill, Tennessee" legal ID at 0111 into more Christian talk before fading out. A poor signal was noted, mixing with WPHB, WRIE, an unidentified Urban Gospel station and other stations. (PS-ON) (The unidentified Urban Gospel station may be WSDZ Belleville IL – eb)
 1330 WYPC **OH**, Wellston – 9/23 2214 noted with mention of 105.3 (W287CZ Jackson OH – eb) in the station mix; a clear "WYPC" ID by a female announcer was noted a few seconds later before fading out. A very poor signal was noted, mixing with WBGW and other stations. (PS-ON)
 1410 WRJD **NC**, Durham – 9/21 (no time) noted with talk, vocal music and mentions of Durham in Spanish. Change from Sports to Christian programming in Spanish. The signal was noted mixing with CJWI, WHLN, WPCC, WSCW and unidentified stations with Christian talk and a Talk format. (KK-VA)
 WPCC **SC**, Clinton – 9/21 0529 noted with "You're Listening to the Best of Beach, Boogie, Blues and Beyond on the... Network" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CJWI, WHLN, WRJD, WSCW and unidentified stations with Christian talk and a Talk format. (KK-VA)
 WSCW **WV**, South Charleston – 9/21 0700 noted with "AM 1410 WSCW in South Charleston" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CJWI, WHLN, WRJD and unidentified stations with Christian talk and a Talk format. (KK-VA)
 1430 WKEX **VA**, Blacksburg – 9/21 0633 noted with "The Pick, 101.3... 105.3 WKEX" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDIC, WNAV and unidentified stations with Spanish language programming, vocal music and sports talk. (KK-VA)
 1440 WJBS **SC**, Holly Hill – 9/21 0612 noted with a Southern Gospel format, mention of "PO Box 10, Hollywood, Florida 31519, Fax (803) 496-2526... in the area... studios of 1440 AM. This is 1440 AM" ID by a male announcer. Searching for (803) 496-2526 and WJBS comes up. A new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WAJR, WHIS, WHKZ, WKLV and an unidentified Talk station. (KK-VA) (The 31519 postal code comes up in the Broxton/Pridgen area in Georgia, north of Douglas. Hollywood is most likely 33159, as the postal code for WLQY 1320 is 33161 – eb)
 WHIS **WV**, Bluefield – 9/21 0659 noted with "News/Talk AM 1440 WHIS Bluefield; online at WHIS Talk Radio-dot-com. A Service of Alpha Media; Live and Local Radio" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WAJR, WHKZ, WJBS, WKLV and an unidentified Talk station. (KK-VA)

- 1450 WHKP **NC**, Hendersonville – 9/29 0705 noted with Country format, “WHKP AM 1450” ID by a male announcer into another Country selection; a new station in the logbook. The signal was noted mixing with WWHK and unidentified stations with ESPN Radio, vocal music, Oldies and Talk formats. (KK-VA) (The calls stand for “Where the Heavens Kiss the Peaks” – eb)
- WWHK **SC**, Myrtle Beach – 9/29 0626 noted with mentions of “Country” and “105.5 Hank FM” by a male announcer. This is the first time I’ve heard this one since changing from WRNN. The signal was noted mixing with WHKP and unidentified stations with ESPN Radio, vocal music, Oldies and Talk formats. (KK-VA)
- 1470 WMMW **CT**, Meriden – 9/29 1618 noted with mention of “WDRG, PO Box 151, Hartford...” mention by a male announcer into “WDRG” jingle. The signal was noted mixing with WBTX, WJDY and unidentified stations with unknown music, Oldies and Spanish programming. (KK-VA) (WDRG 1360 is the flagship station of The Talk of Connecticut network. Your unidentified Spanish may be WSAN Allentown PA – eb)
- 1490 WCVA **VA**, Culpeper – 9/29 0735 noted with “Classic Hits 105.5 and 105.3 Sam FM” ID by a male announcer. Is this station Country or Oldies? I’m hearing both; an online search shows both formats for WCVA. The signal was noted mixing with WNTJ, WSGB and an unidentified Talk station. (KK-VA)
- WSGB **WV**, Sutton – 9/29 0653 noted with “The Hits are spinning here; West Virginia’s Classic Hits Radio, WSGB and WVAR” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WCVA, WNTJ and an unidentified Talk station. (KK-VA)
- 1570 WECU **NC**, Winterville – 9/29 2331 noted with several ESPN mentions and promos, *ESPN College Game Day*, local spots including one for a station damaged by Hurricane Florence, a nice, clear “All Sports, All the Time; You Are Listening to WECU 1570” ID before returning to *ESPN College Game Day*. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with WBGX, WLRS and an unidentified Oldies station. (PS-ON)

EDITOR’S NOTES

Thanks to John, Kraig and Paul for their logs this week. A big EDXR welcome to CDXR editor **John C Johnson**, reporting his DX from Shreveport and The Big D. As much as I contribute to his column, he’s returning the favor. I’ve heard every station at my shack he logged on his trip, with the sole exception of KBUF 1030. We’re back in the weeklies now; deadlines are every Friday at 2359 ELT. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 774t **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. OCT 7 0403 – poor, with brief talk from a man and woman, RNE seems best guess at this time. [NHP-BC]
- 855t **SPAIN** RNE1, Murcia et al. OCT 7 0406 – poor, with a man in possible Spanish at 0406, also briefly... of course 774 was long gone by then. [NHP-BC]
- 864 **SPAIN** RNE Radio Nacional Cast. La Mancha, Socuéllamos. AUG 24 0100 – RNE news intro; dominant. [MC*Y-MA]
- 882t **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC Radio Wales synchros. OCT 7 0325 – fair, with woman in definite English. Best signal of the opening. [NHP-BC]
- 1215t **UNITED KINGDOM** Absolute Radop synchros. OCT 7 0302 – with usual rock and sounding like an Absolute Radio ID at by woman; undermodulated? as carrier was very good. [NHP-BC]
- 1386t **LITHUANIA** Radio Baltic Waves/Radio Liberty, Viesintos. OCT 7 0227 – man in what sounded like Russian, but soon gone. [NHP-BC]

*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

- 531 **JAPAN** JOQG, Morioka, NHK1. OCT 4 1332 – good w/man in Japanese //666. [NHP-BC]
- 540 **JAPAN** NHK1 synchros. OCT 3 1402 – poor w/woman talking //594. [NHP-BC]
- 549 **AUSTRALIA** 2CR, Orange. OCT 6 1400 – poor w/ABC fanfare. [NHP-BC]
- JAPAN** JOAP, Naha, NHK1. OCT 3 1402 – poor w/woman talking //594; first reception at home. [NHP-BC]
- 558 **JAPAN** JOCR, Kobe. OCT 4 1349 – fair w/man in Japanese. [NHP-BC]
- REP KOREA** HLQH, Yeong-il, KBS2. OCT 6 1403 – excellent w/ballad //603. [NHP-BC]
- 585 **JAPAN** JOPG, Kushiro, NHK1. OCT 3 1358 – fair w/man talking //594. [NHP-BC]
- 603 **CHINA** Dongfang, CRI. OCT 6 1402 – fair w/man in Chinese, dominating faded down HLSA; CRI chimes and fanfare had been heard on the hour, but don’t know if this was the same. [NHP-BC]
- REP KOREA** HLSA, Seoul, KBS2. OCT 6 1407 – good w/ballad //558 1407. [NHP-BC]
- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Brisbane. OCT 5 1411 – excellent w/woman to man on phone DU English, bit of an outlier this morning. [NHP-BC]
- JAPAN** JOLK, Fukuoka, NHK1. OCT 4 1404 – fair w/woman talking //594. [NHP-BC]
- 621 **CHINA** Heilongjiang RGD Xinwen Guangbo. OCT 6 1347 – immense with male vocal ballad, listenable in LSB with a het from 620. Had faded up quickly at 1342, and was strongest 1345-49. Two sets of Chinese pips on hour, and a Chinese speaking man after the hour, but the clincher, thanks to Chuck Hutton for the tip, was a parallel on 900 kHz, both before and after 1400, with the time pips lining up exactly. [NHP-BC]
- 630 **AUSTRALIA** 4QN, Townsville. OCT 6 1400 – poor w/ABC fanfare under KCIS. [NHP-BC]
- CHINA** CNR2 synchros. OCT 6 1400 – poor w/Chinese pips under KCIS. [NHP-BC]
- 639 **CHINA** CNR1. OCT 6 1348 – good w/man in Chinese 1348 //945 and 981 at various times. [NHP-BC]
- 648 **JAPAN** JOIG, Toyama, NHK1. OCT 4 1338 – poor w/man talking //594; a new logging at home. [NHP-BC]
- 657 **DPR KOREA** Pyongyang, Pyongyang BS. OCT 6 1347 – fair w/marching music; IDed //855 a few minutes later. [NHP-BC]
- 666 **JAPAN** JOBK, Osaka, NHK1. OCT 4 1352 – excellent w/man in Japanese. [NHP-BC]
- 675 **JAPAN** JOVK/JOUG, Hakodate/Yamaguchi, NHK1. OCT 4 1347 – por w/man talking //594. [NHP-BC]
- VIETNAM** My Van, Voice of Vietnam 1. OCT 6 1359 – Although NHK1 generally dominated the channel, at this time, distinctive Vietnamese chimes were heard poorly; thanks to Bruce Portzer for the tip. [NHP-BC]
- 738 **REP KOREA** HLLG, Gyeongsan. OCT 6 1351 – poor w/man talking //711; new at home. [NHP-BC]
- TAIWAN** Baisha, BEL2. OCT 5 1400 – good w/jazz trumpet, woman in Chinese, //1143; 3 and 1 pips lower pitched and longer than NHKs. [NHP-BC]
- 756 **CHINA** CNR1. OCT 6 1348 – fair w/echoey music //639. [NHP-BC]
- 819 **DPR KOREA** Pyongyang, KCBS. OCT 6 1400 – good w/woman in Korean quite distorted, then stringed music. [NHP-BC]
- 828 **JAPAN** JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. OCT 4 1353 – JOQK fair w/woman in Japanese //594. [NHP-BC]
- 837 **JAPAN** JOQK, Niigata, NHK1. OCT 4 1353 – JOQK fair w/woman in Japanese //594. [NHP-BC]
- 855 **DPR KOREA** Sangwon, Pyongyang Bangsong. OCT 6 1350 – poor w/orchestral music //657, huge carrier. [NHP-BC]
- 864 **REP KOREA** HLLR, Gangneung, KBS1. OCT 5 1352 – fair w/woman in Korean, mixing with woman in Japanese, IDed at 1413 when weaker, //711. [NHP-BC]
- 900 **CHINA** Heilongjiang RGD Xinwen Guangbo. OCT 6 1400 – poor but a definite parallel with 621 from 1358 to 1404, with music and talk, and the pips lining up nicely on the hour. Actual ID, perhaps not so easy. [NHP-BC]
- 918 **JAPAN** JOEF, Yamagata. OCT 3 1407 – poor w/pop music //1332. [NHP-BC]
- 945 **JAPAN** NHK1 synchros. OCT 4 1328 – poor w/man talking //594 mixing with China? [NHP-BC]
- 963 **CHINA** Huaduan, CRI. OCT 6 1358 – excellent w/lead in music CRI chimes and fanfare. [NHP-BC]
- 1017 **CHINA** Changchun, CRI. OCT 5 1400 – poor w/CRI distinction chimes. [NHP-BC]
- 1053 **JAPAN** JOAR, Nagoya, CBC. OCT 6 1349 – likely good w/male Japanese pop vocal; someone else there too. [NHP-BC]
- 1089 **JAPAN** JOHB, Sendai, NHK2. OCT 3 1344 – poor w/woman and man talking //774. [NHP-BC]
- 1143 **TAIWAN** Baisha, BEL3. OCT 6 1403 – good w/woman Chinese //738. [NHP-BC]
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. OCT 4 1355 – excellent w/man in Japanese, also OCT 5 1409 and OCT 6 1347. [NHP-BC]
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF, Nagoya. OCT 3 1405-08 – poor w/woman talking Japanese intonation then pop music //1242 and others. [NHP-BC]
- 1440 **JAPAN** JOWF, Sapporo. OCT 3 1406 – poor w/pop music //1332 trading places with domestics. [NHP-BC]
- 1503 **JAPAN** JOUK, Akita, NHK1. OCT 3 1327 – good w/woman in Japanese //594. [NHP-BC]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 540 **MÉXICO** XEWA, San Luis Potosi, SLP. SEP 30 0517 – Mexican Top 40 all alone with only RFI in null, but light Ranchera heard at 0535. CBK apparently on the air as heard at 0538, weak but briefly dominant in XEWA null. [JP-AB]
1050 **MÉXICO** XEG, Monterrey, NL. SEP 30 0524 – dominant with male Spanish speaker; in best null of XEG, CJNB was no better than equal in strength. [JP-AB]

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Thanks for the logs from the Canadians! 73 and Good DX – Brandon



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"Rockworks" is the name for the Oregon cliffs near Manzanita. It's the site of many DXpeditions.

ROCKWORKS 2015

Chuck Hutton

At long last, here is a write-up of the Rockworks 2015 highlights. Receiver: Perseus. Antenna: 18 x 18 corner fed loop.
I spent a bit of time listening to the channels that end on 0 such as 630, 720 and 1260 and found a few new ones. Other bright spots were 999 Access Manawa and 1503 Kool N Deadly.

The 2014 Rockworks total for New Zealand was re-analyzed and inched up to 90 stations. Fifteen more were heard in 2015, so 105 is the running total. The new catches are indicated by an **.

- 558 **AUSTRALIA** 6WA, Wagin, West Australia. 1325 8/7. Music //612, 774 and 855. Poor.
567 **AUSTRALIA** 4JK, Julia Creek. 1300 8/7. Poor+. Mixing with NZ.
576 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Hamilton. 1330 8/7. Poor //909, no sign of ABC.
585 **AUSTRALIA** 7RN, National Radio, Hobart. 1320 8/7. //792.
603 **AUSTRALIA** 4CH, Charleville. 1314 8/7. Poor with music //585 and 792.
630** **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Napier-Hastings. 1300 8/6. On top of the channel with ID, no sign of the usual Australian.
639 **AUSTRALIA** 2HC, Coffs Harbor. 1130 8/7. Poor with ID mentioning FM 103.5.
AUSTRALIA 4MS/5CK, Mossman/Port Pirie. 1250 8/7. Fair with man //891.
NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand National, Alexandria. 1312 8/7. Poor+ music //675.
648 **AUSTRALIA** 2NU, Tamworth. 1313 8/7. //855.
675 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Christchurch. 1316 8/7. At almost good level.
684 **AUSTRALIA** 2KP, Kempsey. 1314 8/7. Poor but //801 and 855.
NEW ZEALAND Radio Rhema, Gisborne. 1250 8/7. Better than fair.
693** **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, Dunedin. 1251 8/7. Man //792.
711** **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside Radio, Wellington. 1312 8/7. Poor with horse race talk.
720 **AUSTRALIA** 4AT/2ML, Atherton/Murwillumbah. 1251 8/7. Poor with woman singing //630. Yes, 630 was the best ABC for a //.
****NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Invercargill. 1313 8/7. Poor with song by woman, //675.
729** **NEW ZEALAND** Burn 729, Ranfurly. 1315 8/7. Poor-fair with pop music, not //Sport or Radio New Zealand or ABC.
NEW ZEALAND Radio New Zealand National, Tokoroa. 1258 8/7. Poor music //675.
747 **AUSTRALIA** 4QS, Toowoomba. 1307 8/7. Poor with man talking //774.
756 **UniD** maybe Puketapu Radio, NZ.: 1238 8/7. Poor music under Radio New Zealand. Wasn't //ABC so ought to be Puketapu.
774 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, New Plymouth. 1305 8/7. Fair with American accented sports talk (Fox).
783 **NEW ZEALAND** Access Radio, Wellington. 1317 8/7. Better than fair.
792 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, Hamilton. 1242 8/7. Usually better than ABC and almost fair with American accented talk.
801 **AUSTRALIA** 4QY, Cairns. 1314 8/7. Poor ABC //855 and 684.
NEW ZEALAND Rhema, Nelson. 1306 8/7. Poor music //584.
810 **AUSTRALIA** 2BA, Bega. 1251 8/7. Poor singing //630.
****NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Dunedin. 1315 8/7. Poor u/KGO //819.
828 **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside Radio, Palmerston North. 1313-1314 8/7. Better than fair with horse race talk.
837 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Kaitaia/Whangarei. 1318 8/7. Poor talk //675.
846 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Canberra, ABC National. 1311 8/7. Poor with woman singing //576 and 621.
855 **NEW ZEALAND** Rhema, Hamilton. 1250 8/7. Poor music //684.
864 **AUSTRALIA** 4GR, Toowoomba. 1321 8/7. Possible Van Morrison and 1324 poor 4GR ID.
NEW ZEALAND Newstalk ZB, Invercargill. 1254 8/7. Poor //1044.
873** **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Ashburton. 1310 8/7. Poor //ZB net.
882 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Auckland. 1320 8/7. Almost fair with music //909.
900 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Dunedin. 1253 8/7. Almost even with Maui (the dominant). 1257 on top owning the channel from 7000 miles away!
918 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, New Plymouth/Timaru. 1240 8/7. Poor //675.
927 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Palmerston North. 1250 8/7. Poor, //ZB net.
936 **AUSTRALIA** 4PB, Brisbane. Assumed the one with poor+ mention of Fox News Washington correspondent.
NEW ZEALAND Chinese Voice, Auckland. 1321 8/7. Poor semi-disco music then Mandarin.
954 **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside, Hamilton. 1310 8/7. Poor, man //828.
963 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Christchurch. 1313 8/7. Fair with Star News ID and even better at 1320 with music.
981 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Timaru. 1257 8/7. Fair, //909.
999** **NEW ZEALAND** Access Manawa, Palmerston North. 1304 8/7. poor with news by man, //1575. That means this is BBC WS.
1008 **AUSTRALIA** 4TAB, Brisbane. 1249 8/7. Fair with horse talk.
NEW ZEALAND Newstalk ZB, Tauranga. 1306 8/7. Better than fair //ZB net, a surprise as it normally is not as strong as 1035, 1044 etc.
1017 **AUSTRALIA** 2KY, Racing Radio, Sydney. 1239 8/7. Not quite fair with horse race.
NEW ZEALAND Newstalk ZB, Christchurch 1307 8/7. 2015 better than fair //ZB net.
1026 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Kaitaia/Whangarei. 1304 8/7. Not quite fair with echoed program //1035.
1044 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Dunedin. 1244 8/8. Almost fair.
1053 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, New Plymouth. 1304 8/7. Fair, //ZB net.
1062 **AUSTRALIA** 5MV, Renmark. 1243 8/7. Assumed the one with ABC audio //891 with the half hour offset.
NEW ZEALAND Radio Sport, Wanganui. 1248 8/7. Poor with man //792 and 1125.
1071 **NEW ZEALAND** Tab Trackside, Ashburton. 1248 8/7. Poor with man talking //828. 1312 fair with bit of horse race.
1080 **AUSTRALIA** Radio TAB, Hobart. 1311 8/7. Poor with man //TAB 1008 and 1017.
****NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Auckland. 1311 8/7. Poor under Portland.
1089 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, Palmerston North. 1311 8/7. Almost fair with American accented man //792.
1098 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Christchurch. 1245 8/7. Fair.

- 1116 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Nelson. 1243 and 1258 8/7. Poor //675.
 1125 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, Napier-Hastings .1305 8/7. Almost fair with American accented sports talk.
 1134** **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Queenstown. 1308 8/7. Woman //Radio New Zealand net.
 1152 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Timaru. 1256 8/7. Poor man talking //ZB net.
 1161 **AUSTRALIA** Radio TAB, Maryborough. 1239 8/6. Poor talk about horse races.
 1179 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Ake, Auckland. 1305 8/7. Almost fair with R&B.
 1206 **AUSTRALIA UnID** 1313:30 8/7. Poor+ music and 3AUD ID, who?
NEW ZEALAND TAB Trackside, Dunedin. 1300 8/7. Not quite fair with man //828.
 1215 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Kaikohe. 1243 8/7. Poor, //ZB net.
 1224 **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside, Invercargill. 1239-1240 8/7. Poor with horse talk.
 1242 **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside, Timaru. 1247 8/7. Very poor, //1206 and 1224.
 1251 **NEW ZEALAND** Rhema, Auckland. 1300 8/7. Fair with song //684.
 1260** **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside, Christchurch. 1307 8/7. Poor with man talking //828.
 1278 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Napier-Hastings. 1245 8/7. Poor, mixing with UnIDs pop music.
 1287 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Greymouth. 1243 8/7. Poor, man talking //ZB net.
 1296 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Hamilton. 1243 8/7. Poor //ZB net.
 1305 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Dunedin, Dunedin. 1248 8/7. Must be the one with poor pop music. No other DU has a music format.
 1314 **AUSTRALIA** Racing Radio, Newcastle. 1233 -1235 8/7. Poor horse program.
NEW ZEALAND Star, Invercargill. 1244 8/7. Poor with woman //909.
 1332 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, Auckland. 1305 8/7. Poor with American accented talk about the NFL.
 1359 **NEW ZEALAND** Coast, New Plymouth. 1315 8/7. Poor+ smooth music in Coast's style.
 1377 **AUSTRALIA** 3MP, Melbourne. 1248 8/7. Poor Simon and Garfunkel song. Only Aussie listed and cannot be Sport or Star from New Zealand.
 1386 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Tarana, Auckland. 1240 8/7. Fair with lively Indian music.
 1395** **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Oamaru. 1246 8/7. Fair with man talking //ZB net.
 1404 **NEW ZEALAND** Rhema, Invercargill .1243 8/7. Poor with woman //1251.
 1413** **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Tokoroa. 1243 8/7. Poor, //ZB net.
 1422 **AUSTRALIA** 3KY, Radio. Hellas, Melbourne. 1248 8/7. Almost fair with men talking in what must be Greek.
 1431 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Radio National. Wollongong. 1247 8/7. Poor with deep voiced man //RN 792.
NEW ZEALAND Radio Kidnappers, Hastings-Napier. 1311-1318 8/7. Instrumental music not //ABC nor Vision on 1611 so Kidnappers is the only choice left.
 1449 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Palmerston North. 1245 8/7. Poor, //819.
 1458 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Westport. 1245 8/7. Poor with man //1449.
 1467 **AUSTRALIA** 3ML, Mildura. 1246 8/7. Poor man in English can only be 3ML – It's the only DU on the channel.
 1476 **AUSTRALIA** 5MG, ABC Southeast, Mt Gambier. 1247 8/7. Poor with man talking. Same man as on 774 but not the same point in the conversation.
NEW ZEALAND TAB Trackside, Auckland. 1248 8/7. Poor with horse talk.
 1485 **NEW ZEALAND** TAB Trackside, Gisborne. 1248 8/7. Only a few poor words but seems //828.
 1494 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Hamilton. 1247 8/7. Poor song //909.
NEW ZEALAND Radio Sport, Timaru. 1248 8/7. Poor with man talking //1503.
 1503 **AUSTRALIA** 3KND, Kool N Deadly Radio, Melbourne. 1252 8/7. Stevie Wonder song followed by poor+ but clear ID.
 1512 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Radio National, Newcastle. 1247 8/7. Poor, //792.
 1521 **AUSTRALIA** 2QN, Deniliquin. 1246 8/7. Poor man and woman talking, ad with phone #, not //Sport to 2WN is the only possibility.
 1539 **AUSTRALIA** Radio TAB, Adelaide. 1247 8/7. Fair with horse results.
 1557 **AUSTRALIA** 2RE, Taree. 1251 8/7. Poor+ with Dancing In The Moonlight.
 1566 **AUSTRALIA** 3NE, Wangaratta. 1250 8/7. Fair with string of local ads.
 1575 **NEW ZEALAND** Otago Access Radio, Dunedin. 1242-1246 8/7. With British accented English so must be OAR.
 1584 **NEW ZEALAND** Coast, Napier-Hastings. 1241 8/7. The likely source of very poor pop music. The Australian stations are 200 Watts or less.
 1593 **NEW ZEALAND** Coast, Christchurch. 1252 8/7. Poor with pop music. Coast is the only possibility.
 1602 **AUSTRALIA** 2CP, Cooma or 3WL, Warrnambool (100 and 250 Watts respectively) 1250 and 1251 8/7. Poor man //ABC 774.
 1611 **AUSTRALIA** Radio Vision, many locations. 1248 8/7. Fair with sermon.
 1629 **AUSTRALIA** Radio Vision, Bathurst/Dubbo. Poor sermon //1611.
 1638 **AUSTRALIA** Radio Lebanon, Melbourne/Sydney. 1248 8/7. Better than fair with Mideast music.
 1665 **AUSTRALIA** Radio Vision, Melbourne. 1246 8/7. Not quite fair with sermon //1611.
 1674 **AUSTRALIA** Radio Haanji, Melbourne. 1247 8/7. Fair electronic dance music.
 1683 **AUSTRALIA** Radio Club, Melbourne/Sydney. 1250 8/7. Fair with Greek music and 240 Hz het.
 1701 **AUSTRALIA** 1252 8/7. Poor+ usual mix of the 3 stations: Brisvani, Arabic and Voice of Charity.

Finland DXpedition

10/2. One again I have spent an intensive week of AM DXing in Aihkiniemi in northern Finland. I got some nice new catches especially from Australia, Japan and the Philippines. Here's my report of what was heard up in Lapland, and what else I did over there – mostly fixing antennas and shooting the landscape in fall colors: <http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/aih85rep.htm>

If you'd like to experience all this by yourself, you're most welcome. All of our 13 Beverage antennas, each 1 km/3,000 ft long, are working well. We still have a few weeks of vacancy during the winter season. For details, here's more info: http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/aihkiniemi_dx_cabin_for_rent.dx
 73 **Mika Makelainen** – www.DXing.info

Border Inn 2018 – Tim Hall

11/4. Pretty good so far. I've got 5 wires up tonight: NNW/SSE, NE, EESE, SESE and SSSE/NNNW.

Caught daytimer XEWL-1090's sign-off and CFZM-740 for my first two new catches. No aurora tonight! NE wire is pulling in North Dakota and Manitoba nicely. EESE has caught some Cuban relogs and a nice strong Venezuelan anthem from YVRQ-910. Caracol-810 is in too.

Northern wires getting sporadic noise from power station across the highway (as happened in 2016), but not too bad (so far!).

11/5. I've got a handful of new catches including a few Cubans, a Colombian (Radio Santa Fe 1070), and the off-frequency TIS on 1610.3 at Hualapai Mountain Park near Kingman AZ.

YVRQ-910 was back with another anthem at 1000 UT. No other YVs noted yet.

73 **Tim Hall** (for daily updates check the **ABDX** E-group)

SOME THOUGHTS – Gary DeBock

If you are looking for some new DXing excitement this season, why not try out one of the DIY antenna projects described in the links below? A great variety of projects are listed, all of which have proven to be popular and effective in the Ultralight Radio DXing community over the past ten years (with the exception of the new XHDATA D-808 "Supercharging" article, which was just written). Whether you would like to "homebrew" a low cost PVC air core loop, transform a modest portable into a dream travel DXing radio or become a "Frequent Flyer" DXer with a miniature FSL antenna that performs like gangbusters on exotic ocean beaches, an exciting DXing future is yours when you accept the challenge. So go ahead and take the plunge!

- 1) Supercharging the Sony ICF-2010 (May 2008). Using the loopstick transplant principles developed through extensive Ultralight radio experimentation, this article details how to replace the ICF-2010's stock 6.5" loopstick with a 19.5" composite transplant, thereby dramatically boosting MW band sensitivity (while providing a significant boost to Longwave reception as well).
<http://www.mediafire.com/file/3msq1yx6hn7tm5g/SuperchargingtheICF2010LargeComplete.pdf>
- 2) E100 Slider Loopstick (September 2008). Co-authored with John Bryant, this article explains how to replace the E100 stock loopstick with a far more effective 7.5" Slider loopstick. Many of these highly sensitive models are still in DXing service today
http://www.mediafire.com/view/nqggfm2jymc/YOU_CAN_DO_THIS_Building_the_Slider_E100.pdf

- 3) PVC Loops – The Low Cost Ticket to High DX Gain (August 2009). Tired of expensive commercial antennas or pricey ferrite sleeve loops? This article will teach you how to build a dirt-cheap PVC air core loop with side sizes from 18 inches up to 9 feet... all of them (MW models) costing well under \$100. The 9' monster size loop was used here to receive 7 Medium Wave TA's in 2009-2010. <http://www.mediafire.com/file/0bpbmda7inhdy6p/PVCLoop-LCTtoHDXG-Article.doc/file>
- 4) PL-360 Plug-in 7.5" Loopsticks (June 2010). Do you have a PL-360 model (with its plug-in antenna jack for AM and LW loopsticks)? This article will teach you how to replace the dead midget loopstick with extremely effective 7.5" Medium Wave and Longwave plug-in replacements – with no modification required to the radio at all. 25 of the MW and 5 of the LW plug-in loopsticks were made here and sent out to PL-360 owners – many of which are still in use. <http://www.mediafire.com/view/2cqwsgj0bvaf6k/7.5%20inch-LS.doc>
- 5) 7.5" Longwave Loopsticks (June 2011). Detailed technical article describing the challenge and success in developing 7.5" Longwave-optimized loopsticks for the Tecsun DSP Ultralights. Includes basic instructions for building your own 7.5" Longwave loopstick PL-380 model <http://www.mediafire.com/view/845snah2h4ek9z9/7.5inLWLS.doc>
- 6) 7" FSL Antenna – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (October 2011). Build your own 7" Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna at a cost of under \$200. This detailed article has multiple Photoshop-enhanced instructional photos to guide you in creating a highly effective 7" FSL antenna <http://www.mediafire.com/view/dshnqlbydf6qu25/7%20Inch%20Diameter.doc>
- 7) 5" FSL Antenna – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (March 2012). Build your own 5" Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna at a cost of under \$150. This detailed article has multiple Photoshop-enhanced instructional photos to guide you in creating a highly effective 5" FSL antenna <http://www.mediafire.com/view/9ze98h293s85p86/5%20inch%20FSL.doc>
- 8) Supercharging the PL-380 – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (October 2013). Replace the midget stock loopstick in your Tecsun PL-380 with a far more effective 7.5" Medium Wave or Longwave loopstick transplant – and enjoy a new level of DXing success. Multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos to guide you in the process of creating your own highly sensitive DXing portable – for under \$100 in assembly parts. <http://www.mediafire.com/view/du3sr5cd9thqvau/7.5inch-LS-PL380.doc>
- 9) 3 inch FSL Tecsun PL-380 – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction article (January 2016). Replace the midget stock loopstick in your Tecsun PL-380 with a compact, lightweight 3" FSL antenna – externally mounted and optimized for high-level Medium Wave DXing excitement. Multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos guide you in the assembly process. http://www.mediafire.com/file/w0gcek56f6aq7kr/3_Inch_FSL_Tecsun_PL.doc
- 10) 3.5 inch (89mm) "Frequent Flyer" FSL Antenna – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction article (July 2017). Specifically designed to routinely pass through airport security checkpoints and provide high-gain inductive coupling boosts for MW-DXing portables, the "Frequent Flyer" FSL's have already been used in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and Hawaii for some exceptional DXing fun. During a recent visit to the Cook Islands one of these models tracked down 657-AIR (India), 693-Bangladesh, 918-Cambodia, 1431-Mongolia and 1000-Radio Record (Brazil). The detailed article uses multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos to guide you in the construction process – all for about \$150 in commonly available parts. <http://www.mediafire.com/file/pnfm8909c77zjoy/3.5inch-FF-FSL.doc>
- 11) Supercharging the XHDATA D-808 AM-LW-FM-SW-AIR SSB Portable (September 2018). Although the XHDATA D-808 is not an Ultralight Radio, it is a very sensitive AM-DXing portable that can be transformed into a dream AM or Longwave DX-chasing travel radio. It can also be used as an SSB "spotting receiver" on ocean beaches, to track the carrier strength of exotic DX stations for Ultralight Radio reception. "Supercharge" your D-808 with this detailed, illustrated article – containing 20 pages of clear instructions to guide you in the process! http://www.mediafire.com/file/t2989hg61vbkb5h/Supercharging_the_XHDATA_D_-808-FinalMWLW.doc/file

***** IRCA TIS/HAR LIST (Summer 2018) *****

The **IRCA TIS/HAR LIST** lists all US and Canadian TIS/HAR stations, by frequency, including call letters, state (province), city, county, licensee, address, coordinates, expiration date and dates of DXM/DXN reports/sources. It has been updated with FCC data, DXM, DXN and DXer reports, and on-line listings through June 6 2018.

The 2018 IRCA TIS/HAR LIST is posted on the IRCA website for all to download. The link is: http://www.ircaonline.org/editor_upload/File/TIS_2018.pdf
For those preferring a hard copy, one can be ordered from the IRCA.

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A DXers Technical Guide, 4th Edition (Spring 2004)

In its nearly 200 pages you will learn about the principles underlying the design of successful receivers, antennas and receiving accessories, find reviews of the best commercially available DXing equipment in different price ranges, as well as detailed instructions for building one's own antennas and other DXing aids. Although it focuses on the technical backdrop to medium wave DXing, it will also be of interest to serious shortwave listeners and low band radio amateurs.

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The **IRCA** is a non-profit organization devoted to the hobby of hearing distant stations on the Broadcast Band (510-1720 kHz). **DX Monitor**, the official publication of the IRCA, is published in "soft" form 35 times a year (weekly from November through March, twice monthly from April to November.) **DX Monitor** contains members' loggings, articles on radio stations, receiver reviews, technical articles, DX tips, and other material of interest to Broadcast Band DX hobbyists.



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