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This time, IRCA welcomes: **Adam Grose** in Tucson AZ, **Albert Bowers** in Apple Valley CA and **Tim Hall** in Chula Vista CA (rejoin). **Seattle** deadline (V56_N08) **Monday 10/22/18 4 PM PLT** – pb.

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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 **now 11/15/18**.



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WDXR DEADLINES: Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 28 Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- 580 KUBC **CO**, Montrose 10/5 2230 a break to station ID and local ad spots immediately after field goal score. It's the Indians vs the Eagles. The local ads were a fooler, as a few of the towns mentioned have the same names as communities in Utah. (RB-AZ)
- KIDO **ID**, Nampa heard 10/9 at 0804 with traffic then weather. (BB-AZ)
- 720 KDWN **NV**, Las Vegas 10/7 0323-0347 faded up after what could have been multi-hop skip from KNR Greenland, reported earlier in the evening by a Midwest DXer behind WGN, which is usually all alone here, too. KDWN was weak but alone with long talk segments by female, interspersed with long local breaks. (JP-AB)
- 900 KFLP **TX**, Floydada heard 10/9 at 0835 with "All Ag, All Day KFLP." (BB-AZ)
- 910 KCJB **ND**, Minot heard 10/11 at 0832 with time and temperature and at 0834 "91 Country KCJB." (BB-AZ)
- 980 KDSJ **SD**, Deadwood heard 10/10 at 0836 with "980 KDSJ." (BB-AZ)
- KMIN **NM**, Grants head 10/11 at 2016 with weather report and at 2027 "K-Mine 104.3 Country." (BB-AZ)
- 1190 KEX **OR**, Portland heard 10/10 at 0817 with "Radio 1190 KEX," then traffic report and weather. (BB-AZ)
- 1310 KLIX **ID**, twin Falls heard 10/8 at 0900 with "1310 KLIX Twin Falls." (BB-AZ)
- KTCK **TX**, Dallas heard 10/12 at 0838 with traffic report then at 0839 "? KTCK 96.7 and 1310." (BB-AZ)
- 1330 KOVE **WY**, Lander heard 10/8 at 0857 with "KOVE" then country music. (BB-AZ)
- 1530 KQSC **CO**, Colorado Springs heard 10/9 at 0839 with "KQSC Colorado Springs" way under KFBK. (BB-AZ)
- 1630 XEUT **BCN**, Tijuana 10/6 2200 Mexican university program with program of reggae music. (RB-AZ)
- 1640 KBJA **UT**, Sandy on 10/6 at 1000 man with religious lecture. Good well after local sunrise. (RB-AZ)

Thank you to Rick, Bill and Jon for their WDXR reports this week. – Nancy 10/12 1800



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 570 WWNC **NC**, Asheville. 10/11 weak with interference. 07:12 with "News radio 570 WWNC" ID by male announcer. New. [GL-IL]
- 580 WYHM **TN**, Rockwood. 10/8 fair signal over WIBW. 0530 with local spots, USA Radio News, "Radio Five-80 WYHM" ID into Country format. [EB-MO]
- 600 WMT **IA**, Cedar Rapids. 10/10 good. 02:05 news talking about Iowa voting. [GL-IL]
- 610 KDAL **MN**, Duluth. 10/9 fair to poor signal through KCSP, WTVN. 0657 noted with "News radio KDAL, Six-Ten and 103-point-Nine" ID, local news headlines, legal ID, "KDAL" jingle at 0700 into CBS News. [EB-MO]
- 790 WNIS **VA**, Norfolk. 10/10 weak, some splatter from WBBM 780 IBOC. 02:30 with "...on AM 790 WINS" by male announcer. New. [GL-IL]
- 930 WLLL **VA**, Lynchburg. 10/7 fair signal over WBEN, WTAD. 0627 noted with local spots giving phone numbers in Area Code 434 into Urban Gospel format. [EB-MO]
- 1130 WBBR **NY**, New York. 10/8 good signal with ACI from KMOX 1120. 0540 noted with *Bloomberg Daybreak*, promo, "Bloomberg Radio 11-3-0" ID, local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1200 WSML **NC**, Graham. 10/6 fair signal in WOA1 null. 0547 noted with Winston-Salem area spots. AM #30 from the Tarheel State. [EB-MO]
- 1230 KWIX **MO**, Moberly. 10/11 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 0456 noted with C2C, local spots, legal ID mentioning KWIX-FM 92.5 into ABC News. [EB-MO]
- WCLO **WI**, Janesville. 10/7 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 0131 noted with local spots, calls into C2C. [EB-MO]

- 1240 KBIZ **IA**, Ottumwa. 10/9 fair to poor signal, mixing with WENK, WTAX and other stations. 2026 noted with high school football promo, calls and local spots. [EB-MO]
 WHFA **WI**, Poynette. 10/10 fair to poor signal, mixing with KBIZ, WENK, WTAX and other stations. 0132 noted with promos and "Relevant Radio" mentions. [EB-MO]
- 1270 WWWI **MN**, Baxter. 10/8 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 0351 noted with local spots, "Three-W-I" ID, NBC Sports Radio mentions, sports talk, "WWWI AM 12-70 Baxter" legal ID into NBC Sports Radio update. [EB-MO]
- 1290 KOIL **NE**, Omaha. 10/11 fair signal over WHIO, WIRL. 2231 noted with "News, talk 12-90" ID in promo into local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1340 WLOK **TN**, Memphis. 10/11 fair to poor signal, mixing with KICK, KXEO, WSOY and other stations. 0545 noted with Urban Gospel format and local promo. [EB-MO]
- 1410 WNGL **AL**, Mobile. 10/7 fair signal over WHLN, WING. 0040 noted with *EWTN Live, The Beatitudes with Father Bjorn*, EWTN promos and local underwriting. [EB-MO]
- 1530 KGBT **TX**, Harlingen. 10/7 fair to poor signal, taking out WCKY. 0018 noted with sports talk and local spots in Spanish. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

50 Years Ago – October 19 1968 issue of "DX Monitor" ... Discussion continued on the proposed NRC/IRCA merger ... **Ed Krejny** of Middleburg Heights OH mentioned efforts that made IRCA a success would continue ... **Bill Nittler** of Englewood CO pointed out that neither club would fold if the merger didn't happen ... **Jack Keene** of Houston TX was against the merger because the IRCA would lose too much in the whole deal. // **25 Years Ago – October 16 1993** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Randy Lott** of Plano TX mentioned he was new to broadcast band DX and had a few questions ... **Reid Wheeler** of Olympia WA commented the Radio Shack catalog was no longer free and the 1994 catalog would cost \$2.95 ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee WI stayed up late on Monday Morning 10/4 to listen to tests and was surprised by the results.

OPEN MIKE

The new DX season is underway. Be sure to join this year's DX Contest. This column was typed 10-12-18. 73, John



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ACROSS THE DIAL

- 580 WTAG **MA**, Worcester – 10/10 2140 noted with ads for a gun reseller and a dental practice mentioning Area Code 508, talk about various United States news items, only caught "WTAG" in legal ID at 2200, Fox News Radio, promos for Fox shows, "on 580, 94.9 WTAG" ID at 2206, weather forecast with lots of WTAG mentions. A good signal was noted at first, fading to a poor to very poor signal. (PS-ON)
- 1130 WHHW **SC**, Hilton Head Island – 10/10 2329 noted with Oldies format, "Songs that... 96.1 the Island" ID between selections by The Tokens and The Everly Brothers. A poor to very poor signal was noted under WBBR; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)
- 1150 WLOC **KY**, Munfordville – 10/11 2205 noted with Country format featuring selections from Lee Bice and Sammy Kershaw, "Studio 101 WLOC" ID at 2212. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CKOC, WAVO and other stations. (PS-ON)
- 1210 KUBR **TX**, San Juan – 10/12 2210 noted with Mexican-style Christian music and slower Christian hymns in Spanish, "La Radio Cristiana Network" ID at 2233, into brief talk by a male announcer in Spanish into another music set. A fair at times to very poor signal, almost over WPHT; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)
- 1280 WUZZ **PA**, New Castle – **Ex-WJST**. 10/8 2211 noted with sports talk, ESPN mention, local spots, promo for station contests listed on Forever Northwest PA-dot-com, "ESPN 1280 WUZZ" ID at 2216 into a quick weather forecast. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with other stations. (PS-ON)
- WMCP **TN**, Columbia – 10/12 2320 noted with Country format, "Thanks for being part of 1280 WMCP" ID by a female announcer at 2322. A fair signal was noted for a few minutes, fading to very poor by 2327; mixing with an unidentified Spanish language station and other stations. (PS-ON) (Your Spanish may be WADO New York NY – eb)
- 1470 KMNQ **MN**, Brooklyn Park – 10/9 2154 noted with Regional Mexican format, "La Raza" ID at 2255, caught some of their legal ID at 2201 in English and Spanish; "1470 KMNQ" mention, slowly spoken, multiple "La Raza" mentions before another music set. A fair to very poor signal was noted, mixing with other stations; mostly faded out by 2205. Confirmed via Tune-In Web stream, but 30 seconds behind the over-the-air signal. (PS-ON)
- 1620 KOZN **NE**, Bellevue – 10/10 0015 noted with plenty of Fox Sports Radio promos, national and local spots, sports talk. Unable to catch the legal ID at 0100. An occasionally fair to very poor signal, mixing with TIS station WQCT657 Amherst, NY and Radio Rebelde from Cuba. (PS-ON)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Paul for his logs this week. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister



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*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

- 720 **ALASKA** KOTZ, Kotzebue. OCT 12 0435-0440 – weak but alone, matching special programming scheduled as per their Facebook page: NPR-style female host interviewing male speaker on religious topics. First Alaskan on first DX through North basement window; South window was just RFI on 720. [JP-AB]
- 850 **ALASKA** KICY, Nome. OCT 6 1305-1400 – clear religious sermon in English to BOH, then "Music in the Night" program to TOH. Solid signal at times, alternating with Spanish from assumed Chihuahua. Amazingly free of expected QRM from KOA. Missed ID at 1300 and too weak by 1400 for ID, but who else could it be? Sent e-mail report to generalmanager@kicy.org gleaned from website. Listened again on OCT 8 around 1300 hoping for ID, but KOA dominating. Was KOA off on the 6th? First MW Alaskan for me in years; I'll take it! [AP-CA]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 650 **MÉXICO** XETNT, Los Mochis, Sin. OCT 12 1200 – opening 'Noticiero Altavoz' (loudspeaker newscast) with 6 am timecheck, dominant signal here, and also audible // amid QRM on 610, XEGS Guasave, both still on AM though Radio 65's FM has moved to 100.5, ex-106.5, top of band being cleared for community/non-commercial use. [GH-OK]
- 800 **MÉXICO** XEROK, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. OCT 12 1207 – XEROK doing well, must be running more power than usual, vs easily nulled KQCV OKC. Adstrng including help-wanted for some engineer familiar with AM radio (for XEROK itself? apply at a street address on Insurgentes, which chex for XEROK). "800, bajo el cielo de Ciudad Juárez"; local news headlines, on 'Calibre 800' (short for canal libre = clear channel) which seems to be the newscast name, on "Radio Cañón". 1210 finally starts the news with 6:09 TC; 1211 mix a bit of English, "Good morning, El Paso"; and "si, hay clases, no hay día festivo", no holiday for students even though this is the Day of the Race. At this time you would not know the main format has converted to religion. [GH-OK]
- 870 **MÉXICO** XETAR, Guachochi, Chih. OCT 12 1215 – La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara going from Spanish to native language, leisurely opening announcements including phone numbers for CDI and other government agencies, mixed with bits of rustic music. Good dominant signal from Guachochi, Chihuahua, hardly any WWL to be heard even if nulled. [GH-OK]

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Bruce Portzer at Grayland WA

10/13. I'm at Grayland this weekend with Chuck and Tom. As is usually the case, it was a much different story out here. There were lots of TPs to be heard, with carriers on nearly all of the 9 kHz channels. About 80-90% of the stations were from Japan including many of the low powered NHK outlets. For example, at 1400 963 was a mix of weak NHK1 pips and news plus a little bit of CRI. Other NHK frequencies I've found so far include 648, 990, 999, 1035, 1071, 1089, 1125, 1152, 1296, 1386, 1512 and 1602, in addition to the usual suspects. Some of the Japanese commercial stations did well at times, too, with 1179 being an especially notable example.

Chinese and Koreans were inaudible or barely there most of the time, with 1566 being a major exception. VOA-1575 was also good around sunrise with something in the background (probably an FEN outlet).

There were also a few of the more common DUs, such as 702 891 1017 and 1503, but they were generally weaker than normal. I also had something on 1611 with contemporary-sounding music, including a Christmas song, possibly one of the Vision network outlets.

10.14. Day two at Grayland. Conditions were much better today. At first it looked like a DU morning, with many Aussies at about 1100-1200. Then the Asians suddenly faded up, with a nice mix of Chinese, Japanese and Korean signals.

The 711 KBS station was often stronger than KIRO, and parallel to 864 981 1062 and probably some others.

There were Chinese stations on interesting frequencies: 972 (sometimes overriding KBS), 1053, 1062, 1089, 1107, 1251, 1305, 1368, 1566 (behind HLAZ), and others that escape my memory at the moment. Plus some of the more common Chinese like 918, 936, 945, 963, 981, 1008, 1017, 1035, 1044, 1098, 1206, 1242, 1287, 1332, 1323, 1377, 1422, 1593, etc.

We also had the usual assortment of Japanese stations. Unlike yesterday, the weak low-powered ones on 963 etc were buried under stations from elsewhere. Also Taiwan on 738/1143.

There were TPs on several domestic channels 630(Australia and China), 990(UniD), 1170(Korea) and 1260/1350/1440(all Japan). Maybe a couple of others.

I'll have more to report after going through hours of files.

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Greetings. I would like to report about things I have heard. All times and dates strictly UT.

RX: mostly DX-398 with internal antennas only or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside random wire N-S; Nissan caradio as specified; or IC-R75 longwire.

All my MW DX reports starting August, 2011 in this forum with open access: <http://forums.wtfd.org/showthread.php?6543-MW-DX-from-Enid-OK-by-Glenn-Hauser/page71>. Also included here: <https://www.mail-archive.com/irca@hard-core.dx.com/>.

890 October 3 at 1821, KTLR OKC is the first station I hear running the much-publicized nationwide EAS test (eclipsed by text version 2 minutes earlier I am not equipped to receive). It's an impossible task to evaluate the 1-minute EAS without the entire local AM and/or FM bands for later study as if they were DX – did anybody so this?

As zero-minute approached, I was set to scan up MW ASAP starting at 550. After KTLR, many others were heard but nothing seemed to be synchronized. One station still playing music while others EASed was 1130 KLEY Wellington KS but moving on, I don't know whether they did run it earlier, later or never. At least, they long ago solved the transmission break-up/noise pulsing which plagued KLEY most of the first half of this year.

Notably, 930 WKY OKC ran a Spanish version of the EAS announcement circa 1822. At least, I did not hear a horrible echoes of distortions as has happened previously, due to too-lengthy chains!

WJAG is surprisingly seldom heard here at 629 km=391 statute miles; 1 kW ND daytimer with 500 watt PSRA but no PSSA, says NRC AM Log. If not for KSPI, it might be JBA in daytime like 840 KTIC, but that's 5 kW. Official FCC sunrise for WJAG full power is 1245 in October, 1315 in November. In fact, I find only one previous report of it, almost exactly three years ago, so this must be the season for it.

"780, Oct 8 [2015!] at 1210, promo for Norfolk Community Theatre, local news from WJAG, ie Norfolk NE, 1 kW ND daytimer, but before 1245 in Oct, must be only on 500 W PSRA; yes, one of those few legacy W-calls west of the Miss. Nearby KSPI OK is nulled, and at this time no WBBM, after actual Chicago sunrise today at 1155." WJAG dates back to 1922, but no explanation of the call letters: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WJAG>. Own website seems to lack any history: <http://norfolkdailynews.com/wjag/>.

UniD. 771, Oct 9 at 1322, carrier here hetting another one on 770. Strange, not noted before, not a TP frequency, and too late for that anyway. Possibly local device, but seems sport on 771.00; could a US station be 1 kHz off, vs KKOB, KKOB or KKAM?

UniD. 1710, Oct 7 at 0604, JBA talk vs noise level and CCI, TIS? I include this frequency in MW bandscans, and often there is a JBA carrier, but had not heard Radio Retén lo que Tienes, gospel huxter pirate in Baton Rouge LA, for months after alleged FCC bust at least of its publicized FM side. Checking since Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, just reported this as audible again.

Here in deep North America, not much chance for me to pull any audio from TAs or TPs, but I spend a few minutes now and then cataloguing all the 9-kHz carriers I can detect:

780, Oct 12 at 1204, nulling KSPI Stillwater, I expect still to hear WBBM making fast SAH with off-frequency KSPI, but instead it's Newstalk 780, WJAG, Norfolk NE, with morning news, ad for Battle Creek Mutual Insurance – that could be confusing – and 1205, Skywatch weather including records and forecast.

UniD. Trans-Atlantic just-barely-audible MW carrier search, Oct 2 at 0133-0138: 531, 549, 585, 621, 774(2), 837, 882, 909, 936, 954, 999, 1017, 1044, 1089, 1098, 1107, 1125(2, one of them minus, Belgium?), 1134(2), 1215.

Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, Oct 2 at 1158-1202: 1098, 837(2), 774, 1035, 1548. Again at 1204-1209: 1017, 882(2), 828, 747, 702, 612, 594(2). Also something on about 1367.904 which I suspect is from a local device.

Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, October 5 at 1221-1240: on the DX-398, the lower ones are definitely NW, like Japan, but above 900 they are generally difficult to get a DF null, as if they are coming both from FE and DU: 594, 666, 747, 774, 828, 837, 873, 882(2), 891, 936, 972, 1026, 1035, 1044, 1053(2), 1098-W, 1116 (2), 1134, 1143, 1197, 1206, 1224, 1242, 1287, 1296+, 1314, 1323, 1332, 1404, 1476, 1494, 1503, 1512, 1521, 1548-WSW, 1566, 1593, 1611-WSW. 747 and 774 were strongest at outset; and when finishing at 1240 I recheck 774 and find it still audible, but much weakened. LSR: 1230.

Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, despite storm noise from KS and TX, October 6 from 0500: 558, 585(2), 621, 639(2), 693, 729, 774, 837, 855(2), 882, 909, 936, 999, 1017, 1044, 1053, 1089, 1125, 1215, 1314, 1413, 1458.

Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, Oct 9 at 0117-0124: 531, 549, 585, 612, *621, 693, 711, 738, 747, 774(2), 837(2), 846, *855, 882, 936, 999, 1026, 1044(2), 1098, 1107, 1125, 1179(2), 1206, 1215 – and nothing further to top of band. *stronger ones; (2) at least two carriers beating.

Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, October 10 from 1224 (just before LSR of 1234): 774-NW, 864-WSW, 594-NW, 612-WSW, 657-WSW, 675-WSW, 693-NW, 702-WSW, 738-WSW, 765-WSW, 828-WSW(2), 837 -, [now it's 1230:] 882-WSW, 1008-WSW(2), 1017-WSW, 1035-WSW, 1098-W, 1296-WSW, 1314-WSW, 1494-WSW, 1503-WSW, 1512-WSW, 1548-WSW, 1566-? – so it's almost all from Down Under except the Japanese biguns.

Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, Oct 12 at 1222: 657-WSW, 702-NW, 747-NW, 774-NW, 882-WSW, 1017-WSW; unchecked further up but not much expected. At 1228 recheck, still in are Japan 747, 774 and 828 from NW.

Best of DX and 73 de **Glenn**

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A couple of changes have been made on the local AM dial. WJBM 1480 Jerseyville IL has flipped from a News/Talk format to Country, adding translator W284DN on 104.7 MHz. The farm programs remain on the station; the station's slogan is now "Real Country 104.7 and 21480". WQQW 1510 Highland IL has ditched its Classic Hits format for News/Talk, calling itself "Southwest Illinois' News Radio 1510. The ag programs remain on the air at WQQW. The biggest surprise I've noted in recent weeks is the silence of WKBF 1270 Rock Island IL. According to other DXers, the Regional Mexican-formatted station lost the lease to their transmitter site. In WKBF's absence, KRXO, WLIK, WQKR, WWWW and WXGO have been noted at this location. WKBF was dominant on 1270, going back to when it was WHBF. I had the pleasure to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends at the IRCA Convention in St Charles MO the weekend after Labor Day. The technical talks by Mark Durenberger and Nick Hall-Patch were very interesting, especially the one on the Beverage antenna setup in Utah. It will be interesting to try that kind of antenna in an area of good to excellent ground conductivity, like the Midwest. It also got me thinking about doing a DXpedition at some point. I had a great time and a good chuckle with my presentation on DX handles. I demonstrated my CountyComm GP-5/SSB Gen 3 Ultralight receiver and Grundig AN-200 tunable loop at the convention. I was surprised that I could clearly separate the mix on 1450, led by KMRY from local KHOJ 1460 at night. I even won a few items in the Auction, most notably a book on communications receivers and a CCrane CC-Pocket AM/FM/NOAA weather Radio Ultralight receiver. Ken Hawkins hosted an excellent convention. One new station has been noted in the new season that has just started: WSML, 1200, Graham NC was noted with Winston-Salem ads at 0547 ELT on October 8 with WOAI nulled. It is my 30th AM station from North Carolina. As of October 10 2018, my total stands at 1,745. 73 and good DX from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.

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I wish I could have been at the convention but the doctor said it wasn't a good idea. Probably smart because I had to have my heart shocked back into rhythm the end of September. I wound up missing five weeks of work but got back to a reduced schedule this past week and I am feeling good. In September, I had no energy and didn't move around much. Didn't even feel like listening to the radio. I just checked it now – too much static to enjoy. I'll have to try the radio in the front bedroom to see how it does in there. With the wife no longer using it, I can do whatever I want there. I cancelled the cable TV back in August so I've been listening to the Colts football games on WFNI-1070. (They aren't doing any better this year.) It's interesting to listen to their IDs on the hour with four or five different sets of call letters for AM, FM and the different translators. That's it for this week.



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Welcome to another edition of SportChannels! Hockey season is under way, and we're now taking a look at NHL network lists. The first division we'll be featuring network lists are from the Pacific Division of the Western Conference. This is the division that the defending Western Conference champion Vegas Golden Knights play in. Flagship stations are in **boldface** type, Spanish language flagship stations in **boldface italics**.

ANAHEIM DUCKS Steve Carroll, Dan Wood, Josh Brewster, Web: nhl.com/ducks/

1090 XEPRS Rosarito, BCN only

ARIZONA COYOTES Bob Heethuis, Luke Lapinski, Web: nhl.com/coyotes/

AM 980 KNTR Lake Havasu City, AZ
600 KVNA Flagstaff, AZ 1130 KQNA Prescott Valley, AZ
620 KTAR Phoenix, AZ 1230 KATO Safford, AZ
780 KAZM Sedona, AZ 1340 KIKO Miami, AZ

FM **98.7 KMVP Phoenix, AZ**
92.3 KTAR-FM Glendale, AZ
94.3 KDDL Chino Valley, AZ

CALGARY FLAMES No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: nhl.com/flames/

960 CFAC Calgary, AB only

EDMONTON OILERS Jack Michaels, Bob Stauffer, Web: nhl.com/oilers/

AM 93.5 CKVH High Prairie, AB
630 CHED Edmonton, AB 94.1 CKBA Athabasca, AB
890 CJDC Dawson Creek, BC 94.3 CFXE Edson, AB
FM 95.3 CJKX Cold Lake, AB
93.3 CFXG Grande Cache, AB 95.5 CFXP Jasper, AB

96.7 CFXW Whitecourt, AB 100.1 CJCD Yellowknife, NWT
97.5 CFXH Hinton, AB 101.9 CKKY Wainwright, AB
97.7 CHSP Saint Paul, AB* 104.7 CFRI Grande Prairie, AB
97.9 CKYX Fort McMurray, AB
97.9 CKWB Westlock, AB**

Notes: * denotes Oilers' list has old call CHLW, ** denotes Oilers' list has old call CFOK

SAN JOSE SHARKS Dan Rusanowsky, Jamie Baker, Bret Hedican, Web: nhl.com/sharks/

AM 1140 KHTK Sacramento, CA
790 KFPT Clovis, CA 1270 KXBX Lakeport, CA
940 KFIG Fresno, CA 1340 KATA Eureka, CA
950 KAHJ Auburn, CA 1440 KVON Napa, CA
970 KESP Modesto, CA 1460 KION Salinas, CA

1490 KRKC King City, CA
FM 92.7 K224ER Eureka, CA (1)
96.5 K243BT Clearlake, CA (2)

98.5 KUFJ San Jose, CA
101.1 K266BD Carmel Valley, CA (3)
104.9 K285FW King City, CA (4)

Relays: 1) KATA 1340, 2) KXBX 1270, 3) KION 1460, 4) KRKC 1490

VANCOUVER CANUCKS No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: nhl.com/canucks/

650 CISL Richmond, BC only

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS English: Dan D'Uva, Spanish: Jesus Lopez, Alvaro Puentes, Web: nhl.com/goldenknights/

AM 1400 KNNR Sparks, NV
1210 KHRK Washington, UT **1460 KENO Las Vegas, NV**
1230 KELY Ely, NV
1340 KTOX Needles, CA
1340 KRLV Las Vegas, NV

FM 97.7 K249EQ Saint George, UT (1) 101.1 KPCK Amargosa Valley, NV
98.1 KTOX-FM Wofford Heights, CA 104.1 K281CR Needles, CA (3)
98.5 KNNT Battle Mountain, NV 104.7 KEAU Elko, NV
98.7 KAVB Hawthorne, NV
98.9 K255CT Henderson, NV (2)
94.9 KHRQ Baker, CA
96.9 KHDR Lenwood, CA

Relays: 1) KHRK 1210, 2) KRLV 1340, 3) KTOX 1340

This year, the games of the **Los Angeles Kings** will NOT be available on terrestrial radio. The games, announced by Nick Nickson and Daryl Evans, will only be available online through iHeart Radio's Web site. In the next edition of SportChannels, the station lists from the Central Division of the Western Conference will be presented. 73 and play hard from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.

IRCA Convention Report – Ken Hawkins

It gives me great pleasure to say that even though we had a small turnout for the event, the 2018 IRCA convention at the Best Western Charles Inn in St Charles MO was a complete success! We all did our usual activities for the event and it was all fun! The attendees for the event was the host **Kenneth Hawkins**, **Nigel Pimblett**, **Todd Skaine**, **Frank Merrill**, **Ernest Wesolowski**, **Gus Mancuso**, **Nick Hall-Patch**, **Eric Bueneman**, **Bruce Portzer**, **Stan Weisbeck**, **Mike Lantz**, **David Gordon**, and **John Tudenham**, as well as others.

The first night on Thursday 9/6 was the registration day at the hotel and a few people showed up, then there were more the next day. We did our usual radio schuff that evening, including setting up the free radio swag like stickers and pens in the meeting room, and it was pretty much an easy night.

The next day on Friday 9/7, we had our free breakfast at the hotel to start the day off. Then the whole convention officially began later that morning with everybody showing up by the afternoon. That morning, some of us went to take a tour of the KLJY Joy FM studios in Des Peres MO and our guide there was **Mike Thomas**. He showed us around the station's studio and explained what they do at their station, ie, how they manage their songs that are played on their computer via automation, how they do the traffic reports, and showed us their auditorium where small concerts are played. After lunch, then it was on to the KWRE/KFAV studios about 30 miles away from the hotel in Warrenton MO. Our host there was **Steve Rotz** (KAØKAZ) who is also a ham operator. He showed us the DJ studios, business office, sports department, and transmitter there which was onsite there at the station. Then we went back to the hotel for technical talks before the big pizza party there courtesy of Imo's Pizza, THE SQUARE BEYOND COMPARE. After the pizza, we had more technical talks of DXing and other things courtesy of **Mark Durenberger**. Then after that, we just all hung out in the meeting room at the hotel and chatted, then it was off to bed.

The next day on Saturday 9/8, we started off with breakfast in the morning and then some more tech talks with Mark as he explained how certain radio antennas worked and how they can be used at certain places, ie, near the beach on the Northwest US coast and what far-away stations can be picked up as well as picking up far-away signals from one point of the world to the other. Later on that afternoon, some of us rode in my SUV to the KHOJ studios in St Charles to briefly see and take pictures of their transmitters there before we got "prosecuted". Then it was on to a brief drive-by through Old Town St Charles to see the sights there while driving slowly on a brick street. Afterwards, we went back to the hotel for the annual IRCA business meeting with **Bruce Portzer** from Seattle WA, which went well. After that, we had our group photo in the lobby of the hotel. Then it was on to the gathering banquet at Culpeppers that evening. **Mike Lantz** from Miami FL was the motivational speaker there and he talked about how he was into radio and what got him to that interest. Then it was back to the hotel for the auction in the meeting room. Some of the auction items were hard to sell but I was able to convince some people into buying them. Some of the auction items included radios, radio books, QSL card photo books, antennas, radio shirts and stickers, etc. Then after that, we all stuck around to play around with our radios and chat, then it was a night.

The next and final day of the convention, Sunday 9/9, started with breakfast. Then it was the gathering quiz made by **Eric Bueneman** of Hazelwood MO, where the questions were about Midwest radio. We only had a few who took the quiz and even though it was real hard, we still made something out of it. Then we stayed a little longer to chat and all of that after the quiz, then the convention was over and we all went our separate ways. All in all, it was a real fun and awesome time! I was real glad to be the host of the event and if given the opportunity, I would do it again! My wife Penny got to help out to and we both got thanks from everybody there who was at the convention.

Overall, I give the convention a good solid 10! It could not have gotten any better. Now let's all sit back and relax and wait to see what's in store for the next convention as it all has yet TBD. So to all of you people in the IRCA, I would highly suggest that you make plans for the next IRCA convention in 2019. Just like this one in 2018, it will be all worthwhile. You will not ask for anything better! See ya all next year and 73s!

IRCA Business Meeting Reports

Secretary/Treasurer (Lynn Hollerman)

As of 8/14/18, we have 185 members (7 are members due to bulletin exchange). Membership has steadily increased since proposal 28.1.24 (in Volume 55, No 33 of the DX Monitor), which made renewal membership free and new membership \$5. However, several members have said they've gotten out of the radio hobby. It appears to me from the volume of payments that more and more members are using PayPal; it's far more common in recent years that I go to the PO and find no mail in our box. PayPal has again made several alterations to their site, most of which made it easier for users.

As of 8/14/18, our treasury balance is \$12,955.47; all bills are paid for the year. This year, the PO Box was \$82, up from \$76 last year and \$70 the year before. Not much is received there any more other than junk mail, bank statements, and the occasional membership dues. I suppose IRCA *should* maintain a presence with a mailing address, but the majority of our transactions are thru electronic means.

Our yearly expenses amount to:

Webhosting/email/membership software/domain name – \$570 (paid to 6/21/2019)

PO Box – \$82

TVA expenses – \$40 (estimate from last year)

Misc (checks, checkbooks, bank fees, etc.) – \$30 (estimate)

(Reminder – a large part of our balance is due to money left over from when we were publishing a hardcopy version of the DXM – I was asked at that time to keep in reserve the amount equivalent to all of our members needing to be repaid their dues, should that be requested if we were unable to find a publisher for the hardcopy version. Most of those that were hardcopy-only did not resubscribe and did not request a refund of any unused dues or did not cash the checks sent to them for this purpose.)

Internet/IRCA Website (Lynn Hollerman)

Our website is thru MyNetWire, LLC, at <http://www.ircaonline.org>; we are paid thru 6/21 of next year for webhosting, use of the domain name, email, and membership management. If you have any suggestions for it, please let me know at ircamember@ircaonline.org – there is a place on the website for contacting this address as well.

Bookstore Report (Phil Bytheway)

Starting balance: \$2877.83

Ending balance: \$2586.60

Includes Inside Radio fee (\$120), WRTH ad (\$500)

Sales have been very slow.

Technical Guide: 25 (includes 20 to Universal Radio)

Mexican Log: 2

TIS/HAR list: 0 (free download from web site)

Slogans list: 0 (free download from web site)

DXM DVD: 2

Reprint CD: 3

SR/SS maps: 2

After a 3 year absence, the Mexican Log is being updated. Many stations have moved to FM, and there are a lot of other changes. Tim Hall has been working on this and Neil is inputting the updates. Not sure when we will be done, since there are so many updates. Watch DXM for an announcement.

Election Committee (Nick Hall-Patch)

"This was an "off-year" when there was no election for the Board or for the club executive. However, in September of 2017 the recently elected Board started their term, so a Board election was conducted for Chairman of the Board. Mike Sanburn is Chairman of the IRCA Board for 2017-19.

The other vote was for Ted Vasilopoulos Award and for the Rick Heald award. Balloting ended 15 May 2018.

The TVA went to **Phil Bytheway**, for his ongoing and extensive support of IRCA. He has been publisher and editor of DX Monitor, President of the club, edited the Geomagnetic Indices, DXpeditions, and Ultralight columns in DX Monitor, and been temporary editor of other columns as required, as well as managing the IRCA Bookstore. This award includes a plaque and for the first time this year, a \$50 gift card from Amazon.

The RHA has gone to **Brandon Jordan**. Brandon combined the East and West DX Worldwide columns in DX Monitor, allowing him to become the Editor of new column without doubling the workload of his previous job editing the East column, and has since run the combined column very successfully. He has also encouraged members to submit logging directly to him, rather than going through the IRCA's message list. This award includes a certificate as well as a \$50 gift card from Amazon, also for the first time this year.

22 people voted in the election, down from the 27 who voted in the 2016 TVA/RHA election. It continues to be difficult to kindle interest in voting despite e-mailed reminders to each member in addition to the usual announcements in DX Monitor. Any suggestions for a more vigorous turnout will be gratefully received."

Publicity Committee (Mike Sanburn)

Greetings to everybody in attendance at the 2018 IRCA convention. I regret not able to attend this year but hope to be back to hosting again soon. Admittedly there has been little new activity on the clubs publicity scene.

We will hopefully be continuing with our printed color ad in the World Radio and Television Handbook. (yes – pb)

The IRCA Facebook page which we launched during the 2011 convention in Colorado Springs is at nearly 700 followers.

The new dues structure (\$5 for new members, free thereafter) which was recently approved by the Board of Directors will undoubtedly have a positive effect on our club membership!

As always, if anybody has information regarding a good low or no cost place that IRCA might advertise to gain some new members, please contact me by email at mikesanburn@hotmail.com or by US Postal service at PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256.

Countries List Committee (Bruce Portzer)

An updated list will be published before the end of the year. Changes will be minimal. A small number of countries have become inactive on medium wave in the past year or will become so in the near future. One new country has become active on MW – Eastern Kiribati, thanks to the new station on 846.

"Frequent Flyer" FSL Antennas Take Off – Gary DeBock (via eGroup)

The mission of the compact, TSA-friendly "Frequent Flyer" FSL antennas is (to paraphrase Captain Kirk) to "seek out exotic new DX, and new propagation... to boldly go where no gain antenna has gone before." With this compact antenna's ability to go practically anywhere and provide serious inductive coupling gain for portable radios, isolated ocean beaches worldwide have suddenly come into play for serious long range DXing.

Just like Captain Kirk and his crew put their skills to the test in strange new worlds, a "Frequent Flyer" DXer puts his skills to the test on strange ocean beaches, and isolated tropical islands. Weather can be extreme, and the DXer needs to be ready to face the challenge head on. Instead of Klingons there are RFI issues to work around, and in instead of Romulans there are prohibitions on external antennas. Internet access costs can easily exceed the yearly budget of a Star Trek captain. A strong sense of creativity and adaptability is a must, as well as a determination to carry out the mission regardless of any obstacles. But the rewards are as great as the challenges.

Most DXers are aware that a salt water beach can enhance transoceanic propagation, but few DXers have had the chance to chase transoceanic DX on an isolated tropical island, surrounded by salt water on all four sides. John Bryant had the chance to do so at Easter Island in 2007, and I had the unforgettable experience of doing so on Aitutaki Island (in the Cook group) in April. Ocean-enhanced propagation at such sites seems to be in a higher league than what we enjoy here on North American beaches. John Bryant remarked (in his unforgettable way) that DXing on Easter Island was "the most fun that I've ever had with my clothes on." DXing on Aitutaki Island was certainly in the same league, although I wouldn't want to attempt any description similar to John's. After receiving long range AM-DX from India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mongolia and Brazil with a compact FSL antenna, though, I can definitely say that it was the most fun that I've ever had in the radio hobby!

If you plan a long range vacation (or many) and think that you are up to the challenge of "Frequent Flyer" DXing on exotic ocean beaches, the Federation would like to talk with you. New ferrite bar and ferrite rod FSL models are available for donation to those who are willing to put their DXing skills (and innovation) to the ultimate test. So consider following in the footsteps of Captain Kirk, and take this opportunity to put your hobby excitement into warp drive.

Gary DeBock (in Puyallup WA, USA)

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.

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.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$9.50 (US), \$11.00 (Canada) \$12.50 (México), \$14.00 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

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.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$15.00 (US), \$16.50 (Canada) \$18.00 (México), \$20.00 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA/NRC members** – add \$2.00.

Sunrise/Sunset Maps

12 maps showing 15 minute sunset and sunrise times for the US and 12 maps showing hourly sunset and sunrise times for the World. Explanation includes use of the maps and examples of DX made possible by knowledge of SR/SS times.

Prices: **IRCA/NRC members** – \$2.25 (US), \$3.00 (Canada) \$3.50 (México), \$4.50 (rest of the world). **Non-IRCA members** – add \$1.00.

"DX Monitor" on DVD

IRCA's regular bulletin "DX Monitor" Volumes 1 through 53 in .pdf format on 2 DVDs. Re-live the days gone by and re-introduce yourself to the former members who helped make the IRCA great!! NOTE: You will NEED a DVD reader to open the .pdf files. These files were TOO LARGE to use regular CD's.

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Worldwide \$0 (subsequent years – ie renewal)

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