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This week, IRCA welcomes: **Philip Zmenkowski** in Pittsburgh PA!! I am moving the deadline for tips to my February Verification Signers column up six days to Monday, February 19 at 1500 ELT – **Stephen S Howe** – showe@albany.edu. **Seattle** deadline for our next issue (V56_N24) is **Monday 02/11/19 4 PM PLT** – pb

Pacific Asian Log Update

I recently completed the January 2019 edition of the Pacific Asian Log. This edition has many changes and updates for stations throughout Asia and the Pacific.

The PAL has been posted on the Radioheritage website: <http://www.radioheritage.net/>. The link for the PDF version is at the top center of the site's main page.

You can also use an interactive version of the PAL by going through a couple of the site's internal links.

The next update will be published in a couple of months.

Corrections and updates from users are always welcome and can be sent to bportzer@comcast.net or portzerbt@gmail.com.

First issued in 2001, The PAL lists medium wave and domestic shortwave broadcasting stations in southern and eastern Asia and the Pacific. It includes about 5000 stations in over 50 countries, with frequencies, call signs, locations, power, networks, schedules, languages, formats, networks and other information.

Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA

Bruce Portzer's Annual GetTogether

Hello everyone:

I'll be holding my annual DX get together on Saturday February 16 at 2 pm. Consider yourself invited, and come ready to talk about AM, shortwave, or TV-FM DX with like-minded persons. Feel free to bring radio stuff for show-and-tell if you'd like.

It will be held at my house: 6546 19th Avenue NE in Seattle, 206-522-2521. Potluck snack food (liquid or solid) is welcome.

See you there! **Bruce** bportzer@comcast.net

2019 IRCA/DecalcoMania Convention

The 2019 IRCA Convention will be held on September 5, 6 and 7 at the Courtyard by Marriott Seattle Southcenter, 400 Andover Park West, Tukwila WA 98188. Registration is Free*. Banquet (TBA) will be paid for individually by attendees. Guest room rate is \$109 plus tax. Guests are encouraged to share a room and save. Phone number(s) for room reservations are 800-321-2211 or 206-575-2500. You must mention International Radio Club of America Convention to get this rate. Hotel is 2 miles east of Sea-Tac Airport. There is also an Amtrak station in Tukwila just Northeast of the hotel. Parking at hotel is free. There are many restaurants and stores nearby and inside the hotel. Other amenities include business center, pool, free Wifi, etc.... Visitor's bureau is online at visitseattle.org. Your host for this event is Mike Sanburn: mikesanburn@hotmail.com

* Non IRCA members will need to pay a convention registration fee of \$25. Folks can join IRCA for \$5 (\$0 for renewals).

Here is the reservation link your guests can use to make online reservations: https://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=International%20Radio%20Club%20of%20%20America%5Eseasc%60IRCA%60109%60USD%60false%603%609%5F19%609%8%19%608%15%19&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event. Individuals may also call toll free, 1-800-359-8233, refer to group code "IRC".

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE, HEAR OR LEARN AT THE IRCA CONVENTION?

We have a firm *schedule* for technical talks for the Seattle convention and we're now seeking input on *content*. Take a moment to tell us what you'd like us to present. And if you're willing to share your own thoughts and ideas at the convention, let us know. TNX! Mark4@durenberger.com



CANADIAN RADIO NEWS – Dan Sys

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For January 2019, February 1 2019:

940	QC	Montreal	CFNV	From extended test period to AC-Oldies (French). Simulcasts internet station CNV from Montreal.
530	ON	Brampton	CIAO	Becomes CHLO.
740	NL	Marystown	CHCM	Move to 88.3 with 59,300 watts.
1350	ON	Brampton	CIRF-cp	Relocate transmitter.

FORMAT CHANGE

CALL LETTER DATA

PROPOSED AM TO FM CONVERSION

PROPOSED TECHNICAL CHANGE



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WDXR DEADLINES: Feb. 8, Feb. 15, March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 12 and August 9.
Please use Eastern Local Time.

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540 CBK **SK**, Regina 1/22 1800 news into talk show. Fair with an UnID far under on NRD with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)
 580 WIBW **KS**, Topeka heard 1/27 at 0811 with "WIBW News Time 7:11." (BB-AZ)
 590 KLBJ **TX**, Austin 1/26 fair, no sign of KSUB, KTIE. 0000 out of spot with "You're listening to news radio KLBJ AM Austin. 590 AM and K259AJ Austin 99.7 FM" legal ID into Fox News. New station for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 930 KROE **WY**, Sheridan heard 1/27 at 0828 with "KROE" then a short weather report. (BB-AZ)
 1050 KJPG **CA**, Frazier Park 1/28 1105 mentions of Relevant Radio website (with XED and KCAA). (MS-CA)
 1110 KRDC **CA**, Pasadena 1/28 1056 ID "This is Radio Disney Country KRDC FM 99.1 and AM 1110." (MS-CA)
 1210 CFYM **SK**, Kindersley 1/15 0100 classic rock format. Very weak and mixing with UnID, barely on top on NRD 545 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
 1230 KOZI **WA**, Chelan 1/6 1930 ID, news and talk show. Weak and tangled with UnIDs and static on NRD 545 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
 1250 KHIL **AZ**, Willcox 1/26 1945 long stream of western music songs (cowboy music), "Beautiful Beautiful Brown Eyes," taped ID "This is Tanya Tucker, you're listening to the station I listened to as a child, AM 12-50 KHIL," just before the hour. Heard on SW 2000629 with Terk loop. (RB-AZ)
 1260 KBXN **ID**, Weiser 1/28 mixing with KTRC, local KBSZ on with carrier only. 0800 with "KBXN Weiser, we rock your world. Idaho's newest rock station, 99.1-Rock" ID. New for me. Never did hear them as KWEI. (JCJ-AZ)
 1270 KGAY **CA**, Thousand Palms 1/28 0943 talking about television production of Rent, SAG Awards and LGBT events. Website: kgay1065.com, song "At A Moment Like This." Was once KGUY. (MS-CA)
 1290 KGVO **MT**, Missoula 1/18 1900 fair with Fox news. In a fight with KUMA but mostly atop on JRC with N-S wire. Long time, no hear. (GH-OR)
 1330 KGAK **NM**, Gallup 1/28 1100 ID by station jingle, man in Navajo with community announcements, country music, a string of local ad spots and references, then tom-toms with chanting, 11/2 hours after local daybreak. Still there at 1215 recheck. (RB-AZ)
 1340 KYSP **WA**, Wenatchee 1/1 1020 in fair with sports talk and many "The Hawk" IDs, on Sony FS220 Walkman. New for me. (GH-OR)
 1390 KENN **NM**, Farmington 1/28 0940 long string of local ad spots and references, ID and "Fox News" at the top. Near local quality signal, well after local sunrise. (RB-AZ)
 1450 KLBM **OR**, La Grande 1/20 2330 ID and weather forecast tangled up in a jumble with UnID and KONP, on NRD with E-W wire. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)
 1550 KZDG **CA**, San Francisco 1/22 1900 simulcast of 95.7 "The Game" sports talk. Weak but dominating UnID Spanish. (GH-OR)
 1590 KLIV **CA**, San Jose 1/27 0510 omnipresent with classic country tunes "Nobody Answers When I Call Your Name" by Keith Whitley and "You're Walkin' on the Fightin' Side of Me" by Merle Haggard. A day or so later they have gone dark (hopefully they will return). (MS-CA)

UnID
 1630 UnID Somebody here rebroadcasting a VHF NOAA weather station. (MS-CA)

Thank you WDXR reporters for send your logs to WDXR! – Nancy 2/1 1900



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RIDING GAIN

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DOWN THE DIAL

670 KHGZ **AR**, Glenwood. 1/27 good signal over WSCR. 0520 noted with Country format, "Caddo country 98-point-Nine FM and Caddo country Six-70 AM ID, local spot, promos for Texas Rangers baseball, local high school basketball and the station's request line. Left on overnight. [EB-MO]
 910 WGTO **MI**, Cassopolis. 1/27 fair to poor signal over KVIS. 0607 noted with Classic Hits format, "Cool FM 96-One" ID. Apparently on day power. [EB-MO]
 920 KXLY **WA**, Spokane. 1/28 poor signal, mixing with CFYR, KARN and other stations. 0503 poked through with a "Nine-20 KXLY" ID. WA#5. [EB-MO]
 940 KPSZ **IA**, Des Moines. 1/31 good signal, taking out WMIX. 0355 noted with Contemporary Christian format, "This is Iowa's Christian voice, AM Nine-40 KPSZ Des Moines, a Des Moines Radio Group station; online at Praise Nine-40-dot-com" legal ID. Apparently on day power and pattern. [EB-MO]
 1300 KGLO **IA**, Mason City. 1/29 good signal over WLXG. 0159 noted with a promo for *The Dave Ramsey Show*, "AM 13-hundred KGLO Mason City" legal ID at 0200 into CBS News. [EB-MO]
 1340 KROC **MN**, Rochester. 1/29 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations. 2149 noted with "News, talk 13-40 KROC Rochester, Minnesota" legal ID in promo into local spots. [EB-MO]
 1360 WTAQ **WI**, Green Bay. 1/29 fair signal over KSCJ, WSAI. 2158 noted with "WTAQ, news, talk and sports" slogan into local spots. [EB-MO]
 1400 WRDB **WI**, Reedsburg. 1/30 fair signal over WGIL and other stations. 2006 noted with "AM 14-hundred WRDB" ID into Oldies format. [EB-MO]
 1440 WNFL **WI**, Green Bay. 1/29 briefly strong then gone. 21:00 with "1440 and 101.9 WNFL" ID by male announcer. New. [GH-IL]
 1540 KGBC **TX**, Galveston. 1/31 fair signal, at equal strength with KEDA over KXEL. 0330 noted with Houston area spots. [EB-MO]

OPEN MIKE

Thanks go out to Eric and Greg for reporting this week. This column was typed 2-1-19. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

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 Sony XDR-S3HD Hybrid Digital table radio, 10'x25' Flag antenna
 (RW-MD) **Robert Wien** (KG6RJW/3), on the way from Laurel to Odenton MD wienbob@aol.com
 2011 Ford Fusion car radio

ACROSS THE DIAL

1350 WARF **OH**, Akron – 1/25 1850 tentatively on top of the frequency with "This is Fox Sports 1350 AM" ID, just above a pile of several other stations before fading out into the mess. WARF is listed as carrying this slogan and format, but no definitive ID heard. Bill Harms mentions that he hears this station often in the Laurel/Elkridge area. Any other possibilities? (RW-MD) (WARF is listed as using the "Fox Sports 1350" slogan; there are three other Fox Sports Radio affiliates listed in the 39th NRC AM Log on 1350: the only other one in the East is WCBA Corning NY. The other two are out West: KPWK San Bernardino CA and KDZA Pueblo CO – eb)
 1470 WSAN **PA**, Allentown – 1/28 0755 noted with ID, Lehigh Valley weather forecast and several mentions of Allentown in English. This station is listed as ESPN Deportes; it didn't seem to have that format. The signal was noted briefly over unidentified stations with Country and Talk formats before fading out; completely faded to WTTR by 0805. (RW-MD) (Some stations have breaks in English during Spanish programming, and vice versa; WBIG 1280 Aurora IL sometimes carries PSAs in Spanish. A check of the Web site shows that it still runs ESPN Deportes – eb)
 1700 KBGG **IA**, Des Moines – 1/27 2030 noted with frequent mentions of CBS Sports Radio, ad for a Des Moines car dealer, PSA for Crime Stoppers Central Iowa appealing for crime tips, into *The Shawn Pendergas Show* (with Chris Moore substituting), mention of the Chiefs Radio Network. The signal was still listenable after 30 minutes with calls from a female listener in Virginia, followed by John in South Bend, IN talking about some details of sports teams. Listed as 1,000 watts at night; 1,096 miles from my shack. (RH-CT)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Bob for his logs this week; EDXR welcomes **Richard Hayden** of Union CT; his first report is noted here. Union is just off Interstate 84 in northeast Connecticut, near Nipmuck State Forest. 73 and good DX from N0UIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



Deadline – Monday 1200 UTC.

***** PAN-AMERICAN DX *****

- 570 **MÉXICO** XEJB, Monterrey, NL. JAN 29 1153 – Norteña music, "BJB" ID in Spanish. Fair to poor signal, mixing with WNAX, WWNC. [EB-MO]
 990 **MÉXICO** XET, Monterrey, NL. JAN 28 1017 – light vocal music, "La T Grande" ID in Spanish. Fair to poor signal through CBW. [EB-MO]
 1140 **MÉXICO** XEMR, Monterrey, NL. JAN 28 1040 – noted with Norteña music, "Radio Esperanza" ID in Spanish. Fair signal over KHFX through WRVA. [EB-MO]

***** TROPICAL BAND DX *****

- 4765 **CUBA** Radio Progreso, Bejucal, Ciudad de la Habana. JAN 30 0245 – noted with Cuban vocal music and announcements in Spanish. Good to fair signal. [EB-MO]
 4930 **BOTSWANA** VOA relay, Mopeng Hill. JAN 27 0315 – noted with news analysis in English. Fair to poor signal. [EB-MO]

CONTRIBUTOR

EB-MO **ERIC BUENEMAN**, NØUIH, Hazelwood MO
 General Electric Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Apex 303WA-2 vertical antenna
 Thanks Eric! 73 and Good DX, Brandon

DXWW Extra

I found this post online tonight. It appears to be a very recent affiliate list for Televisa's Ke Buena grupera format, identifying both the current affiliates, and those which have dropped the format, stating what format they use now. The poster also seems to be identifying a few more stations that have recently moved to FM. I need to cross-check this against the IRCA Mexican Log, then check the web streams of these stations as time allows. Tim Hall – timhall1@gmail.com

Actualización de la cobertura de las plazas de Ke Buena de Televisa Radio para Enero 30 2019

Plazas Actuales

- XHEVZ 93.9 – Acayucan, Veracruz+
 XHEMG 94.3 – Arriaga, Chiapas+
 XHAC 102.7 – Campeche, Campeche+
 XHESE 96.7 – Champotón, Campeche+
 XHDCH 95.3 – Ciudad Delicias, Chihuahua+
 XEQ 92.9 – Ciudad de México (Estación Con Música Grupera)*
 XEQ 940 – Ciudad de México (Estación Con Música Tropical)*
 XHLU 93.5 – Ciudad Serdán, Puebla+
 XHTAM 96.1/XETAM 640 – Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas+
 XHBL 91.9 – Culiacán, Sinaloa+
 XHESC 103.9 – Escárcega, Campeche+
 XEBA 97.1 – Guadalajara, Jalisco*
 XHGML 92.1 – Guamúchil, Sinaloa+
 XHPGVS 88.9 – Guasave, Sinaloa+
 XHKN 95.5 – Huetamo, Michoacán+
 XHQH 106.7 – Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo+
 XHLJ 105.7 – Lagos de Moreno, Jalisco (Para León, Guanajuato)+
 XHMAX 102.5 – Los Mochis, Sinaloa+

- XHGQ 92.5 – Los Reyes de Salgado, Michoacán+
 XHST 94.7 – Mazatlán, Sinaloa+
 XHMTQM 90.9 – Mérida, Yucatán+
 XHEPT 99.1 – Miantla, Veracruz+
 XHTH 105.7 – Palizada, Campeche+
 XHEPA 89.7/XEPA 1010 – Puebla, Puebla+
 XHCJU 95.9/XECJU 590 – Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco+
 XHPQGA 88.9 – Quiroga, Michoacán+
 XERT 1170 – Reynosa, Tamaulipas+
 XHSK 106.7 – Ruiz, Nayarit (Próximamente en el 100.7 FM)+
 XHBM 105.7/XEBM 820 – San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí+
 XHHF 96.9 – Tampico, Tamaulipas+
 XHPTAC 94.5 – Tacámbaro, Michoacán+
 XHETS 94.7 – Tapachula, Chiapas+
 XHUD 100.1 – Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas+
 XHQQQ 89.3 – Villahermosa, Tabasco+
 XHUQ 101.9 – Zihuatanejo, Guerrero+
 KBNA 97.5 – El Paso, Texas (Pertenece a Grupo Radio Centro)

Plazas Desaparecidas

- XHPO 103.9 – Acapulco, Guerrero (Ahorá Buenísima)
 XHAC 106.9 – Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes (Ahorá Azul 106.9)
 XHHE 105.5 – Atotonilco el Alto, Jalisco (Ahorá La Z)
 XHQAA 99.3 – Chetumal, Quintana Roo (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XHEPI 99.7 – Chilpancingo, Guerrero (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XHCHG 107.1/XECHG 680 – Chilpancingo, Guerrero (Ahorá Súper)
 XHMAB 101.3 – Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche (Cambio a La Poderosa, Ahorá Retro FM)
 XECO 1380 – Ciudad de México (Ahorá Romántica. Un tiempo transmitió en modo combo con la Ke Buena 92.9 FM de la Ciudad de México; más adelante cambió a Romántica)
 XHAG 102.1 – Córdoba, Veracruz (Ahorá Stereo Joya)
 XHAF 99.3 – Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XHCMR 105.3 – Cuautla, Morelos (Ahorá Capital FM)
 XHCM 88.5 – Cuernavaca, Morelos (Ahorá Buenísima)
 XHWX 98.1 – Durango, Durango (Ahorá La Poderosa)
 XHEBC 97.9 – Ensenada, Baja California (Ahorá Fiesta Mexicana)
 XHJQA 107.1 – Jalpan de Serra, Querétaro (Ahorá La Nueva)
 XHTEKA 91.7 – Juchitán de Zaragoza, Oaxaca (Ahorá Radio Teka)
 XHLCM 95.7 – Lázaro Cárdenas, Michoacán (Ahorá La Poderosa)
 XHEOJ 98.7 – Lázaro Cardenas, Michoacán (Ahorá Radio Centro)
 XHCORO 98.7 – Loma Bonita, Oaxaca (Cambio a Encuentro, Ahorá Radio Horizonte)
 XHYG 90.5 – Matías Romero, Oaxaca (Ahorá Encuentro)
 XHMMS 97.9 – Mazatlán, Sinaloa (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XHMRI 93.7 – Mérida, Yucatán (Ahorá La Reverenda)
 XHSOL 89.9 – Mexicali, Baja California (Ahorá Súper)
 XEZF 850 – Mexicali, Baja California (Ahorá Buenísima)
 XHMSN 100.1 – Montemorelos, Nuevo León (Ahorá Dominio Radio tras el cambio de la frecuencia al 96.5 FM)
 XEHN 1130 – Nogales, Sonora (Cambio a Futura, Despues a Toño, Ahorá La Que Manda en el 89.9 FM)
 XECG 1240 – Nogales, Sonora (Cambio a @FM, Ahorá Lupita La De Nogales en el 89.5 FM)
 XEXW 1300 – Nogales, Sonora (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XHAS 101.5/XEAS 1410 – Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas (Ahorá Fiesta Mexicana)

- XEWL 1090 – Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas (Cambio a La Romántica, Ahorá Xtrema en el 103.7 FM)
 XHEHB 107.1/XEHB 730 – Parral, Chihuahua (Cambio a Estéreo Fiesta, Ahorá La Mexicana)
 XHPNX 98.1 – Pinotepa Nacional, Oaxaca (Ahorá Encuentro)
 XHPVJ 94.3/XEPVJ 1110 – Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco (Cambio a Fiesta Mexicana, Ahorá La Poderosa)
 XHCE 95.7 – Oaxaca, Oaxaca (Ahorá Encuentro)
 XHMQ 98.7 – Querétaro, Querétaro (Ahorá La Jefa)
 XESAG 1040 – Salamanca, Guanajuato (Ahorá Radio Lobo)
 XEMAS 1560 – Salamanca, Guanajuato (Ahorá WE! 1560)
 XEGX 800 – San Luis De La Paz, Guanajuato (Ahorá La Mejor FM en el 92.5 FM)
 XEWA 540 – San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí (Cambio a W Radio, Luego a Los 40 Principales, Ahorá Los 40 en el 103.9 FM)
 XEEI 1070 – San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí (Cambio a La Poderosa, Luego a Antena Radio, Ahorá Romántica en el 93.1 FM)
 XHESL 102.1 – San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí (Cambio a La Z, Ahorá Exa FM)
 XHECO 90.5 – Tecmán, Colima (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XHNF 97.7 – Tepic, Nayarit (Cambio a Ráfaga, Ahorá La Nayarita)
 XHTBV 100.9 – Tierra Blanca, Veracruz (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera)
 XEWF 540 – Tlalmanalco, México (Ahorá La Bestia Grupera. Un tiempo transmitió en modo combo con La Ke Buena 92.9 FM de la Ciudad de México; más adelante cambió de programación, ahorá como La Poderosa del Oriente; actualmente es La Bestia Grupera)
 XHDN 101.1 – Torreón, Coahuila (Ahorá La Dinámica)
 XHFJ 95.1 – Teziutlán, Puebla (Ahorá Radio Teziutlán)
 XHRN 96.5 – Veracruz, Veracruz (Ahorá Mas Latina)
 XHPR 101.7 – Veracruz, Veracruz (Ahorá Pop FM)
 XHJA 102.5 – Xalapa, Veracruz (Ahorá La Neta)
 XEXZ 560 – Zacatecas, Zacatecas (Ahorá Lupe en el 93.3 FM)
 XHZHO 98.5 – Zihuatanejo, Guerrero (Ahorá La Nueva)
 XHUQ 101.9 – Zihuatanejo, Guerrero (Ahorá Radio Variedades)
 XHLX 95.7 – Zitácuaro, Michoacán (Ahorá La Grande De Michoacán)

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+Estación Afiliada



Deadlines: 2/11, 2/18, 3/4—Anniversary, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/15 and 8/12

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It's that time of the year again. The deadline for the Anniversary Issue is only four weeks away as I type this. Please submit your Forums early – just label them as such – so I can work on it ahead of time. If you want to use your report from last year, just let me know as I can go back and pull it forward very easily. If it's minor changes or updates, that can be done early as well. It's hard to believe it's been 55 years for this club – It seems like it was just a few years ago that I sent in the money to join, but it was back in 1965. I know the next 55 years will go by even faster, hi. Two more weekly issues, then it's time for the skipped weeks again. 73.

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Greetings. The DX season has brought me a few new loggings including KHAT 1210 in Laramie WY. Sort of a reverse Murphy as they faded up nicely right on top of the hour. Other surprises such as KLO 1430 in Ogden, Utah now playing standards and, of course, old line station KLIV 1590 in San Jose CA going dark.... As you have probably read by now, the 2019 IRCA Convention will be held in Seattle/Tukwila WA. Our club president, Bruce Portzer, has graciously agreed to receive auction donations that are sent by mail at his address: 6546 19th Avenue NE, Seattle WA 98115. We can use any kind of radios, accessories, books, station coffee mugs, shirts, hats, promotional items, bumper stickers, etc.... It is certainly for a good cause. If you are planning on attending, definitely, tentatively or otherwise, please let me know with an Email. It is still half a year away but time has a way of sneaking up on you. I have a few registered so far including a couple gentlemen from Japan. We are getting very close to the club's 55th anniversary issue in March. Salute! Here's hoping everybody has some stellar DX for the rest of the winter and spring. 73 Mike KG6LJU.

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Greetings. All times and dates strictly UT. Receiver: mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside random wire N-S; Nissan stock caradio as specified; or IC-R75 with E-W longwire.

CANADA. 284, January 29 at 0728, ND beacon dash and QD, which is 500 watts from The Pas, Manitoba; I was tuned to 285-LSB?

223, January 29 at 0729, ND beacon dash and YYW, which is 1000 watts from Armstrong, Ontario. Audible when tuned to 225 and 224. See also USA.

USA. Another bedtime NDB session:

421, January 29 at 0717, ND beacon VLY, which is 25 watts from Dallas-Melisa TX – at last, something from the south, but what is Melisa? Well, there is a doctor MD and a beauty shop by that spelling. I am tuned to 420-USB.

293, January 29 at 0727, ND beacon FBY which is 25 watts from Fairbury, Nebraska. I was tuned to 295. Fairbury is in the SE, 10 miles north of Kansas between Beatrice and Hebron.

USA [and non]. MW Bandscan on caradio from somewhat quiet parking lot in western Enid, January 30 from 2015:

670, WSCR in well already with sports talk atop KLTT Denver groundwave.

Other low-end channels with mostly JBA under-stations, presumed.

660, Metroplex over Omaha,

620, Metroplex over Sioux City; or Jackson MS?

590, Omaha over Austin

580, Topeka over Lubbock

570, Metroplex over Yankton (as always)

560, two very weak: Springfield and Denver?

550, Salina over Midland

540, Metroplex over Fort Dodge (as always)

710, Amarillo and Kansas City (as always), also het! Chihuahua? 720, WGN also in sports talk, skywave already 840, fast SAH, West Point and Louisville?

860, at 2017, KKOW Pittsburg KS is off! Recheck 2039 back on with "860 AM KKOW" ID twice.

1050, at 2018, "All New Heart and Soul, ##.1 and 1050", which makes it KGTO Tulsa with 99.1 translator K256CR, while the "other" OK on 1050 is also "Heart and Soul", but its FM is 93.7 K239DG, ie KXCA Lawton, which barely makes a SAH on the ND caradio antenna. KXCA is 250 watts directional away from Tulsa, while KGTO is 1 kW ND, and about 20 miles closer. Despite identical slogans, NRC AM Log shows different formats: KGTO UC:AC/OLD, and KXCA merely UC:AC.

1130, at 2019, NO signal from unreliable KLEY Wellington KS, unlike neighbors in OK on 1120, 1140, KS on 1150. However, local noise peak around here [KLEY not heard following few days].

1210, at 2041, KGYN Guymon OK, JBA talk, much weaker on groundwave than normal, so maybe on night pattern directional west, just like sometimes at night obviously on ND day pattern.

1520, at 2022, KOKC has constant JBA ~1 kHz het, from 1521? Saudi? Hard to believe as previously discussed, but 2 megawatts! At home on R75 by 2225, unheard. Supposedly closes circa 2230. Or some domestic consistently off-frequency? Or a local-area spur like 1640 around 595?

1540, at 2025, English talkshow echoing from two different stations: KXEL IA has Dave Ramsey, and so does the nearest, KNGL McPherson KS. No Spanish ESPND yet from KZMP Metroplex as expected; after a break, echoing resumes at 2035.

1650, circa 2030, cannot detect KFSW Sallisaw OK, despite further X-banders audible now, 1660 KWOD KC and 1700 KKLF Metroplex. All supposed to be 10 kW ND – except KKLF is really only 5 kW even with better signal. 1650 does have splash from local KZLS, but even at home on R75 with USB tuning I do not hear KFSW, day; or night when KZLS ACI is not a problem. Why must OK's only X-band stations be on adjacent frequencies? (Some DXers like to believe 1650 is in Arkansas, Fort Smith.) Iowa's wound up 20 kHz apart.

Sometime I did hear a bit of praise music on 1650, which could be KFSW in REL:CHR format (unless it was Denver in Spanish), but I cannot believe KFSW is anywhere near nominal 10/1 kW U1 as licensed. You may recall that in its previous incarnation KWHN/KYHN, it was hard not to get here at night, suspected 10 kW then. More about KFSW below.

770, January 29 from 1414, weak signal in English, as I am standing by for KKOBU Albuquerque NM to pop onto 50 kW ND day pattern – which it does at 1415.5, mid-word discussion about recycling plastic bags – not a word of greeting to all their new listeners to the east now getting an initially Very good signal. In February its daytime span will be 1400-0045.

880-USB + carrier, February 1 at 0333, I am trying to hear KHAC Tse Bonito NM; having realized I have not been running across it lately as it was easy during a long span of 10 kW ND day power at night rather than 430 watts ND.

On the R75 with E-W longwire, 880 is still dominated by DSB KRVN from the north, although it has an ad mentioning MST – but about a third of Nebraska is on MST, one boundary on I-80 being about halfway between North Platte and Ogallala, certainly in KRVN's coverage area from Lexington further east.

I try again at 0635 February 1, this time on the DX-398 which is what it takes to null KRVN as much possible and hear another station on USB but no LSB, which must be KHAC, praise music in English, not Navajo. It's VP with a 7 Hz SAH. KLRG AR I think has been reactivated and could also be in mix with religion, but it's DSB.

At 0650 amid praise music, ID sounds like "right here on KJCC and KWIN 104.9". But I know they must really be saying KHAC and KWIM! Because there is a KWIM 104.9 in adjacent Window Rock AZ – not KWIN, but meaning Western Indian Ministries, ie attempting to deprive Dineh of original religion and turn them into Protestants, a kind of cultural genocide; as per WTFDA FM Database:

KWIM 104.9 WINDOW ROCK AZ USA 30.0 kW ERP H&V, 91.0 m HAAT H&V, at 35 -39-19 N, 109-01-59 W, CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN, MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE.

But the DB makes no connection with KHAC 880, despite a blank field for // source of programming! Likewise, the NRC AM Log entry for 880 KHAC makes no mention of any FM (nor the very significant fact that 880 suppresses LSB).

Is the FM really in AZ or NM? Strange as it may seem, the AZ/NM straight N-S borderline is not exactly at the 109-00-00 W meridian, but a mile or two west of there per Rand McNally atlas. Was this the result of a surveying error back in the day when the territory was being divided in twain? Likewise Utah/Colorado above the Four Corners.

To hear KHAC while legally on 10 kW ND day-power, note that February official SR/SS times are 1400/0100; best chances for getting out just after 1400 or before 0100.

660 KTTN, 50 kW secular Navajo station is in a similar situation, not heard lately, best when not protecting NYC.

1140, re my report about KCXL, Liberty MO, Raymie Humbert AZ, replies January 27 on the WTFDA Forum: "Worth noting that IHR and Relevant Radio merged in 2017 to create a much larger Relevant Radio, though Immaculate Heart survived as the licensee".

1170, January 31 at 2010 on caradio, KFAQ Tulsa IBOC noise seems off; can't hear any on 1160 or 1180, but nothing else to be heard either. At night it really messes up KSL (which I suppose is also still IBOC too, serving them right). Certainly no conclusions yet about KFAQ IBOC.

1157 and 1183 peaks, February 1 at 0347, IBOC noise from 1170 KFAQ Tulsa is certainly on now, though not heard earlier in the daytime. Forget about clear hearing KSL 1160 unless USB-tuned and KFAQ be nulled as much as possible.

I seldom listen deliberately to KFAQ but per NRC AM Log it has no FM! How can a mere 50/50 kW MW station get by without at least a 250-watt translator now? like rival talker KRMG is now a bigger FM station with an AM 740 legacy appendage.

1450, January 31 at 1959 on caradio, one station in daytime CCI also vs spur het from 1390 KCRC, partial ID as 100.9 FM, into network news. NRC AM Log shows of the three Okies on 1450, the one with 100.9, K265FE, is KGFF Shawnee.

1470, January 29 around 1400, a bit of Spanish in the mix vs TX and KS stations. Still trying to get a definite ID for "La Nueva 1470" from KWSL Sioux City IA, 2.3 kW ND.

1470, January 31 at 1359, Spanish fades in slightly above the CCI, can't catch ID if any, but female DJ is giving 800 number(s); 1402 song "El Día del Marmota", which means groundhog as well as marmot although my Langenscheidt dictionary does not know that; getting a jump on him. Dictionary also says the word is feminine, but what about male marmots? I think the song sang del rather than de la. Again presumed KWSL Sioux City IA, for which NNE DF fits, and there are no SS Texans in the opposite SSW direction. BTW, when I was monitoring the webstream the other day, the legal IDer pronounced KWSL in English, then attempted to pronounce the X in Sioux not realizing that it is plenty silent. Must not be a local.

1470, re my report about KWSL, Sioux City IA, Raymie Humbert, AZ, replies January 27 on the WTFDA Forum: "Alex "El Genio" Lucas is a national syndicated show".

UnID. 1520, January 31 at 2012 again I have that JBA ~1 kHz het vs KOKC on caradio in western Enid; 1521 Saudi or something. Much closer in-end skywave certainly in play.

1550, February 3 at 1458, "Cape Radio 100.3" with event calendar info about somethings in Cottonwood, Cape Girardeau. 1459 UT ToH legal ID goes "Cape Radio 100.3 and 1550 KAPE, Cape Girardeau", Missouri. Guess what, top-billed 100.3 has its own callsign, K262AX, but announcing that would give away that it's but a puny translator. 1550 a dominant signal still a sesquihour after sunrise here. Is on 5 kW day-power, directional, circle pattern tangent westward. Has no problem overcoming 1550 KRZD Springfield MO, 5 kW ND, more than halfway between us, if it's really on the air.

1650, February 1 at 0311, making a concerted effort to hear KFSW Sallisaw: now there is some gospel music and ID mentioning "98-7", which fits for "Life 98.7", K254AM, which I suspect is really across the frontier in Fort Smith AR. 1650 sig is poor, not comparable to other X-banders, and heavy SAH of 152/minute = 2.53 Hz, probably with KCNZ IA, but plenty of CCI also from CO and TX. This is on the E-W longwire which favors KFSW and no problem at night from local adjacent 1640. Since I don't hear KFSW at all in daytime or twilight, strongly suspect they are running only 1 kW day and night rather than 10 kW day – and this AM station still exists only to feed the much more important mere FM translator in the city of license.

1860-AM, World of Radio 1967 confirmed Sunday February 3 at 0430 on WA0RCR, Wentzville MO, S9+20. 9 minutes into, so started circa 0421.

GUATEMALA. 4055, February 3 at 0655, S9+10 of JBM music. I have been presuming anything on 4055 would be TGAV, even if it's on an hour later than usual – but pirates are increasingly active on the 4 MHz band and one of them could come on 4055 after Radio Truth is finished. In general, TGAV signal earlier in evening has been weaker than usual, so QRP?

HAWAII [and non]. 5000, February 1 at 0703, WWVH poorly audible under WWV with hear-us-by-telephone announcement; at 0704 WWV runs its 1-kHz tone. Not heard by me, but WOR log contributors report:

"As monitored here in NB on 15 MHz today (31 January), WWV ended the National Weather Service Atlantic and Pacific marine high-seas and storm warnings after 1900 UTC. Before that time, announcements about the ending of the warnings were transmitted during minutes 4 and 7 after the hour with the Atlantic information in minutes 8 and 9 and the Pacific information in minute 10. So, the last storm warnings were during the 1800 UTC hour. After 1900, the announcements in minutes 4 and 7 were discontinued and the storm warnings in minutes 8, 9, and 10 were replaced with an announcement about the ending of the warnings. Presumably, there was a similar transition on WWVH – Richard Langley.

And from Bob Biermann of Your Weekend Show: "Like it or not, as time moves forward, (Western) government agencies will pull further away from any type of HF communications service, with the exception of HF for military backup. Personally, in the grand scheme of things, it may prove to be a bit short sighted. I understand the benefits of today's IP and satellite based systems, but I also see the robustness of an HF backup."

Until the next, best of DX and 73 de Glenn



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Welcome to another edition of SportChannels! Basketball season is under way; in this issue, we'll be featuring network lists from the Atlantic Division of the NBA's Eastern Conference. Flagship stations are in **boldface** type.

BOSTON CELTICS Sean Grande, Cedric Maxwell, Web: nba.com/celtics/

98.5 WBZ-FM Boston, MA only

BROOKLYN NETS No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: nba.com/nets/

660 WFAN New York, NY (primary)
880 WCBS New York, NY (secondary)

101.9 WFAN-FM New York, NY (primary – simulcast)

PHILADELPHIA SEVENTY-SIXERS No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: nba.com/sixers/

97.5 WPEN Burlington, NJ only

TORONTO RAPTORS No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: nba.com/raptors/

590 CJCL Toronto, ON (alternating)

1050 CHUM Toronto, ON (alternating)

Coverage of the games of the **New York Knicks** is not available by broadcast radio this season; it is on cable TV only in the New York area. In the next edition, the lists from the Central Division of the NBA's Eastern Conference will be featured. 73 and play hard from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.





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Geomagnetic Summary January 1 2019 through January 31 2019

Tabulated from WWV on-line status daily (K @ 0000 UTC).

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx										
1/ 1	72	6	1	no storms	1/12	70	3	1	no storms	1/23	72	13	4	no storms
2	75	2	1	no storms	13	69	3	1	no storms	24	72	19	5	minor, G1
3	73	2	1	no storms	14	70	6	2	no storms	25	75	13	2	no storms
4	72	9	3	no storms	15	70	5	1	no storms	26	77	7	0	no storms
5	71	15	3	minor, G1	16	70	6	3	no storms	27	74	5	1	no storms
6	72	9	2	no storms	17	69	7	2	no storms	28	76	1	0	no storms
7	72	7	2	no storms	18	69	6	1	no storms	29	73	2	0	no storms
8	71	6	1	no storms	19	70	4	3	no storms	30	74	2	1	no storms
9	72	4	1	no storms	20	69	4	1	no storms	1/31	72	14	5	no storms
10	70	4	1	no storms	21	70	4	2	no storms					
1/11	68	6	1	no storms	1/22	71	3	2	no storms					

Gx – Geomagnetic Storm Level

Rx – Radio Blackouts Level

Sx – Solar Radiation Storm Level

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