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#### 2020 Convention

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WDXR DEADLINES: November 1, November 8, November 15, November 22, November 29, December 6, December 13, Dec 20. Please use Eastern Local Time.

2019 Convention Report...

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*****	San	gean DT 160
540	?CBK?	SK, Watrous tentative 2040-2028 English talk on golf and fishing, not KYAH. (GK-CA) (Date?—NJ)
580	KSAZ	AZ, Marana 10/17 2203 strong with norteña music, "Radio Casa" slogan. They are //1540 KASA. (GK-CA)
	KUBC	CO, Montrose 10/25 9433 good signal with weather for Colorado's Western Slope, callsign ID and back to Coast to Coast. (GK-CA)
600	KOGO	CA, San Diego 10/23 0035 returning to talk show "On Newsradio 6-hundred Ko-Go," on Zenith Royal R-7000. (RB-AZ)
650	KMTI	UT, Manti 10/22 0940 very local programming, birthday greetings, local community calendar and ad spots. At daybreak here, very strong, nearly
		local sounding. (RB-AZ)
610	KVNU	UT, Logan 10/23 at 0106 suddenly coming up over XEGS with ID by man "KVNU 6-10 AM and 120 point one FM" to Coast to Coast. (RB-AZ)
640	XEJUA	CHI, Cludad Juarez 10/20 banda music and "La Caliente" slogan, mostly under KFI. First time heard – maybe day power? (GK-CA)
670	KLTT	CO, Commerce City seems to be stuck on day power, heard loud and clear 10/21 2040, 10/22 0726, and 10/24 0738 announcing use of HD
		Radio. (GK-CA)
	KMZQ	NV, Las Vegas 10/21 2042 Sebastian Gorka program under KLTT. (GK-CA)
700	KALL	UT, Salt Lake City heard on 10/20 at 2100 "KALL - ESPN Seven Hundred." Strong and solid on dashboard radio (GMC Sonoma), just as the sun
		was going down behind the White Tank Mountains. (RB-AZ)
	?XENY?	
780	KKOH	NV, Reno 10/22 0001 "On 7-80 KOH" by unmistakable voice of Ross Mitchell (local Reno announcer that is also Jolly Green Giant, Tony the Tiger,
		an introduction announcer for "Red Eye Radio"). Some local spots and then station faded into the channel jumble. Mitchell may be one of the few
960	KTRB	announcers can go lower in pitch than Chicago's Orion Samuelson (WGN). (RB-AZ)
000	XEMO	CA, San Francisco 10/24 9845 with Mike Gallagher show. (GK-CA)  BCN, Tijuana 10/24 0900 callsign ID, "desde Tijuana." (GK-CA)
880	KHAC	NM, Tse Bonito 10/24 on top of KRVN in Dine Bizaad (Navajo language). (GJK-CA)
	KGME	AZ, Phoenix 1022 0757 with traffic report, "Newstalk 550 KFYI" ID. (GK-CA)
	KGMS	AZ, Tucson 10/17 2223 telephone talk show. (GK-CA)
	KVWM	
0,0	XEJ	CHI, Ciudad Juarez 10/19 2219 and 10/20 0012 Spanish music (baladas) fighting it out with other stations until clear "Radio Mexico" ID. (GK-CA)
1140	KGEM	ID, Boise 10/20 2313 talk show; a tip said they were on ND. Their web stream is running about 20 seconds behind the RF. New here. (GK-CA)
		+10/20 2348-2350 strong under and sometimes over CHRB, while checking reports of KGEM transmitter problems. Sounding like 10kw non-
		directional. 10/21 0000-0002 dead air initially then strong into syndicated religious talk show, mixing with CHRB. (JP-AB)
	CHRB	AB, High River 10/23 0820 news magazine type program, local weather. Very strong and steady. (RB-AZ)
1210	KGYN	OK, Guymon 10/19 0005-0012 football play-by-play occasionally mixing with KHKR. (JP-AB)
	KHKR	UT, Washington 10/19 2358-0012 sounding like 10kw day power with ESPN World Series playoffs play-by-play, while nulling KMIA with no sign of

1230 KINO AZ, Winslow 10/21 0724 traditional country music. (GK-CA)

normally unnullable CFYM. (JP-AB)

CA, Beverly Hills 10/22 2330 briefly topping KTRC, ID by slogan, 60s oldies tunes. (RB-AZ) 1260 KSUR

CA, San Bernardino 10/22 0030 break from talk show, string of ad spots, "Newstalk 12-90." (RB-AZ) KKDD

CA, Los Banos 10/25 mixing with KWKW 0100 with "You're listening to KLBS 1330 AM Los Banos" legal ID. New logging for me. (JCJ-AZ) 1330 KLBS

SON, San Luis Rio Colorado presumed 10/21 0559 ad for "Tax Solutions Now," many mentions of "IRS" and "taxes" (in English), then woman and 1520 ?XEEH? man chat about "la pelicula Joker." Also 10/22 0822 with ranchera music. (GK-CA)

CA, Moreno Valley 10/20 2151 English religious program, not their usual Spanish. Faked me out at first! (GK-CA) 1670 KHPY

UnID

10/18 0945 briefly dominant classic country station playing songs "Country Boy Can Survive" "On the Road" "Some Girls Do" followed by time check and Birthday Line. Followed Murphy's Law and faded down completely by top of hour. (MS-CA)



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ELAD S2, Perseus SDR, Drake R8, DKAZ (East-South), 140' x 23' high.

Tim Noonan, Oak Creek WI DXing2@aol.com [TN-WI] Kenwood R-1000, Radio West Loop

#### **DOWN THE DIAL**

610 KDAL MN, Duluth. 10/17 fair to poor signal, mixing with KCSP, WAGG. 0502 noted with CBS News, national spots, "This is KDAL, AM Six-Ten and 103point-Nine FM" ID into America's First News. [EB-MO]

810 WSJC MS, Magee. 10/20 fair signal. 08:00 with "You are listening to WSJC Magee, Mississippi, 810 AM" ID by male announcer over gospel singing. New

logging for me. [JN-TX]

NY, New York. 10/22 good signal over WIJR. 0516 noted with local and national news, "WCBS news radio Eight-80" ID, EDT time check at 0518 880 WCBS into traffic report and weather forecast, [EB-MO]

930 WIII VA, Lynchburg. 10/22 fair to poor signal, at times over WBEN, WRVC, WTAD. 0520 noted with Urban Gospel format and local spot. Apparently on day power. [EB-MO]

990 KWAM TN, Memphis. 10/20 nice signal. 11:58 with gospel singing and ID at 08:00. [JN-TX]

NM, Albuquerque. 10/20 readable under XEOY. 07:59 with ID and mention of Albuquerque on the hour. [JN-TX] 1000 KKIM

MO, Saint Louis. 10/23 good to fair signal over CFRB, WINS, WPCN; ACI from KDKA 1020. 0150 with Mark Davis filling in on The Larry Elder 1010 KXEN Show, national spots, USA Radio News, grossly under modulated local spots and "Freedom Ten-Ten" ID. Back to a 24-hour schedule. [EB-MO]

1070 WDIA TN, Memphis. 10/20 fair signal alone on frequency. 08:00 with mentions of Heart and Soul of Memphis. [JN-TX]

1160 WYLL IL, Chicago. 10/20 fair to good. 08:00 with mentions of "1160 Hope of Life" by female announcer. [JN-TX]

IN, Hammond. 10/23 poor signal through WFXN, WIBQ and other stations. 0358 poked through with call letters in promo. This completes Indiana 1230 WJOB on 1230 for me. [EB-MO]

1370 KTPA AR. Prescott, 10/22 fair to good, 20:00 with calls in iingle, New, [TN-WI]

MS, Meridian. 10/17 fair signal over WLLI. 0529 noted with promo for The Urban Alternative, "WMER, 13-90 AM and 93-point-One FM" ID into 1390 WMER Southern Gospel format. [EB-MO]

1410 WNGL AL, Mobile. 10/23 fair signal over WING, WIZM. 2047 noted with The Daily Mass and station promos. [EB-MO]

1460 WKAM IN, Goshen. 10/22 good to fair signal in KHOJ null. 1955 noted with Regional Mexican format, "La Raza" ID in Spanish. [EB-MO]

OK, Oklahoma City. 10/23 good to fair signal over KOLM, KRHW. 2247 noted with The Mayo Clinic Minute and local spots. [EB-MO] 1520 KOKC

1570 WBGX IL, Harvey. 10/23 fair signal through WBGZ. 0110 noted with Urban Gospel format, "WBGX, the big gospel express" ID. [EB-MO]

#### **FLASHBACK**

50 Years Ago - November 1 1969 issue of "DX Monitor" ... Mike Hardester of Modesto CA received a verie from PJB 800 ... Bruce Portzer of Seattle WA mentioned his NC-120 developed a noise problem and is now using a GE portable as his main receiver ... William V Burss of Phoenix AZ said he was 61 and told about when radio first came about and his spark gap rig causing problems in the neighborhood ... Foreign DX Records had **CM Stanbury** as number 1. // 25 Years Ago – October 29 1964 issue of "DX Monitor" ... Ernest Cooper of Provincetown MA told about his vacation to the Virgin Islands ... Eric Bueneman of Hazelwood MO logged KA2XAU 1620 Richland PA testing.

#### **OPEN MIKE**

Thanks to Eric, James, and Tim for reporting this week. This column was typed 10-25-19. 73, John



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#### **TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:**

Kraig Krist (KG4LAC), Manassas VA (KK-VA)

Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop

(RW-MD1) Robert Wien (KG6RJW/3) DXing on the way to work in Laurel MD wienbob@aol.com 2011 Ford Fusion car radio

(RW-MD2) Robert Wien (KG6RJW/3), DXing in the parking lot at an Amateur Radio club meeting in Laurel MD 2011 Ford Fusion car radio

#### **ACROSS THE DIAL**

PA, New Castle - 10/18 0625 noted with "News radio 1200 WKST" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WJXY, WOAI, 1200 WKST WRKK and an unidentified Country music station. (KK-VA)

1230 WCBT NC, Roanoke Rapids – 10/18 0558 noted with "WCBT 102.7... Roanoke Rapids" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFVA, two unidentified Christian talk stations and an unidentified Oldies station. (KK-VA) (Radio Locator has 102.7's calls as W274AZ... the AM uses the identifier "1230 the Ticket". Possibilities for your Christian talkers: WDWR Pensacola FL and WNEB Worcester MA, which have Catholic formats, and WSKY Asheville NC, which is affiliated with the Wilkins Radio Network - eb)

NC, Jacksonville - 10/18 0559 noted with "You're listening to FM 107.3 and AM 1240 WJNC Jacksonville" legal ID by a female announcer. The 1240 WJNC signal was noted mixing with a tentative WVTS, and unidentified stations with Christian talk, piano music and Oldies. (KK-VA) (WJNC's programming is simulcast on WTKF 107.1 MHz Atlantic NC... so the FM frequency is close. Your unidentified Christian talker may be WHVN Charlotte NC - eb)

1240 WVTSt WV, Dunbar – 10/18 0730 noted with end West Virginia metro news, "Good morning, this is News/Talk 1240" ID by a female announcer. This is probably WVTS; if so, this is the first time hearing it since changing calls from WBES. The signal was noted mixing with WJNC and unidentified stations with Christian talk, piano music and Oldies. (KK-VA) (This station is definitely WVTS. Dunbar is a Charleston suburb; the station uses the "News/Talk" identifier - eb)

1290 CJBK ON, London – 10/23 1902 noted with Ottawa Senators hockey play-by-play, several London spots. A good signal was noted atop WHIO; mixing with WHIO at 2132 recheck after a ham radio club meeting; a new log for me. (RW-MD2)

SC, Columbia - 10/25 0825 noted with weather forecast for Columbia, forecasting a high of 74 degrees, followed by a traffic report and South 1470 WQXL Carolina news items. The signal was noted briefly atop WBTX, which was above three other stations itself; quite a mix one hour after sunrise. (RW-MD1)

**WBTX** VA, Harrisonburg - 10/25 0823 noted with weather forecast for Harrisonburg, several local spots into a Southern Gospel format. The signal was noted atop WQXL, eventually took over the frequency by itself as WQXL faded out. The station is fairly common in Laurel. (RW-MD1)

Thanks to Kraig and Bob for their logs in this issue. The DX season is in full swing! It'll be interesting to find out what you've been hearing, either at home or on the road. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



#### DX WORLDWIDE/TROPICAL BAND DX - Brandon Jordan - PO Box 338 - Rossville TN 38066 all times UTC Email: dxww.irca@gmail.com

Deadline - Monday 1200 UTC.

#### \*\*\* TRANS-ATLANTIC DX \*\*\*

595.5 MOROCCO SNRT, Oujda. OCT 25 0608 - JBA carrier. Before a bandscan, I check for this first, as the low-power 50 kW Oujda transmitter of SNRT has been reported by Chris McWhinnie and Alan Pennington of the British DX Club, further off-frequency than usual 595 instead of 594, and there it is! Wolfgang Bueschel precisioned it at 595.896. [GH-OK]

#### \*\*\* TRANS-PACIFIC DX \*\*\*

- 567 JAPAN JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. OCT 22 0859-0900 fair 3 pips and tone 0900. //594 JOAK. [DV-WA] +OCT 22 1233 - poor //JOAK. [RA-OK]

  JAPAN JOAK, NHK1, Tokyo. OCT 22 0859 – good with woman in Japanese. [DV-WA] 594 +OCT 22 1222 - poor. [RA-OK] **JAPAN** JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. OCT 22 0905 - fair //774 JOUB. [DV-WA] JAPAN JOIB, Sapporo. NHK2. OCT 22 0855 fair with KXTG splatter, //774 JOUB. [DV-WA] +OCT 22 1052 - poor //JOUB. [RA-OK] +OCT 22 1213 - poor //JOUB. [RA-OK] 774 JAPAN JOUB, Akita, NHK2. OCT 22 0850 – excellent signal with man in Japanese. //828 JOBB. [DV-WA] +OCT 22 0846 - poor. [RA-OK] +OCT 22 1048 - fair. [RA-OK] +OCT 22 1225 - fair. [RA-OK] JAPAN JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. OCT 22 0850 - good signal, //774 JOUB. [DV-WA] REP KOREA HLCA, Dangjin. OCT 22 0909 - good with slight KUFO splatter. Woman singing. [DV-WA] +OCT 22 1045 - poor. [RA-OK] +OCT 22 1120 - poor. [RA-OK]
- +OCT 22 1241 fair gradually fading to barely audible at 1251. [RA-OK]

  1134 UNID JOQR? OCT 22 1236 poor talking at 1236; barely audible man talking at 1247. [RA-OK]

  1287 JAPAN JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. OCT 22 0924 fair with domestic splatter. Two men in Japanese. [DV-WA]
- 1287
- 1566 REP KOREA HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. OCT 22 0914 good with man singing. [DV-WA]
- +OCT 22 1231 poor at 1231 and 1248; barely audible at 1252. [RA-OK]

#### \*\*\* PAN-AMERICAN DX \*\*\*

- 540 MÉXICO XEWA, San Luis Potosi, SLP. OCT 22 0746 noted with pop music, "Los Cuarenta" jingle in Spanish. Fair signal over WAUK. [EB-MO] 770 CUBA CMBA, Radio Rebelde, Victoria de las Tunas. OCT 22 0734 - noted with commentary mentioning Cuba into vocal music in Spanish //5025 kHz. Fair
- to poor signal in WABC null. [EB-MO]

  1030 MEXICO XEPAV Tampico, Tam. OCT 23 0639 noted with light vocal music, "La Picuda" ID in Spanish. Fair to poor signal in WBZ null. [EB-MO] 1090t MÉXICO XEAU, Monterrey, NL. 1090, Oct 21 at 0559, female promo for 'Milenio Diario' newscast at L-V times, 0600 into infomercial. Still no ID, but another match for XEAU, Monterrey, since searching immediately finds: "XEAU-AM is a radio station on 1090 AM in Monterrey, Nuevo León. It is owned by Multimedios Radio and carries Milenio Radio along with sister station XHFMTU-FM 103.7 HD3. Wikipedia". Of course that does not prove that no other 1090 station airs M.D., but surely XEAU, our closest 1090 anyway is the one I have been hearing. As usual, KAAY from the east can be nulled, but not the
  - annoying 1089 het from the 700+ kW of UK synchros. +OCT 26 0605 - Spanish from south easy with KAAY from the east nulled and initially dead-air. It's an infomercial not for mattresses but now for "Vitac-30" [?], an antiseptic, referring to phone number to call "en pantalla", i.e. on the screen, another \*television\* infomercial. The number probably depends on which station is airing it in order to track response sources, but it's rather hard to "see" on the radio! Maybe they later inserted it verbally. That name is incorrect; searching, there is a Vita-C vitamin supplement. Anyhow, still presumed XEAU, Monterrey NL. [GH-ÓK]

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- GLENN HAUSER, Enid OK GH-OK
  - 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; ICR-75 E-W longwire.
- DV-OR **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA
  - JRC NRD-545, Drake R8, NW ewe 310°, Long wire 339', Random wire 380'

73 and Good DX. Brandon



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#### DXpedition #8 - Creve Coeur County Park, Maryland Heights MO Eric Bueneman (NØUIH)

For this DXpedition, I decided to make a trip to Creve Coeur County Park in Maryland Heights MO on October 25. Like with McDonnell and Sioux Passage parks, this one is operated by the Saint Louis County Parks Department. The centerpiece of the park is Creve Coeur Lake, where many people in the area engage in water sports like kayaking, canoeing and sculling, as well as a hiking and biking trail around the lake. Missouri Highway 364 (Page Avenue) runs along the southern edge of the park.

I set up near the Taco Bell shelter at the northeastern end of the lake shore (no, they didn't have a Taco Bell on the premises, hi!) Once again, I used a General Electric Superadio III for AM broadcast band DX. For shortwave DX, I decided to give my Yaesu VX-5 handheld transceiver a trý. It has capabilities for receiving AM, FM and shortwave broadcasts, but can only transmit on the 50, 144 and 440 MHz Amateur Radio bands, mating the 30-foot longwire to a dual-band (144 and 440 MHz) magnetic mount Amateur Radio antenna. Band conditions on the shortwave bands favored the Americas and Asia above the tropical bands. On the AM side, late afternoon and sunset conditions favored the Midwest. A bluff behind where I set up my listening post attenuated the upper channel AM signals, especially from Saint Louis. I started this session around 1640 ELT, and wrapped up at sunset, 1910 ELT.

All times in this report are ELT.

#### **DOMESTIC DX (US)**

- 910 WSUI IA, lowa City – 10/25 1815 noted with discussion on politics, "lowa Public Radio" ID, news headlines and underwriting announcements. A fair signal was noted over KVIS.
- 930 WTAD , Quincy – 10/25 1805 noted with local ad, "WTAD" ID into *The Mark Levin Show*. A fair signal was noted over KWOC.
- 960 KZIM MO, Capé Girardeau - 10/25 1819 noted with local ad, promo for America's First News, "KZIM, KSIM" ID into The Lars Larson Show. A good signal was noted over KMA.
- 980 KSGM IL, Chester – 10/25 1705 noted with local news, including a story from Sainte Genevieve. A fair signal was noted, alone on the channel.

- IL, Oak Lawn 10/25 1825 noted with local ads in Polish. A fair to poor signal was noted over KRLD in a WRYT null. IL, Streator 10/25 1835 noted with Adult Standards format, "98.5 WSPL" ID. A fair signal was noted over KYYS. 1080 WNWI 1250 WSPL KFLC TX, Benbrook – 10/25 1851 noted with local ads in Spanish. A fair to poor signal was noted, mixing with WMKT and other stations 1270 MO, Troy – 10/25 1708 noted with Classic Hits format, "FM 105.3, AM 1280 KYRO" ID. 105.3 refers to K287CM Wentzville MO. A fair signal was noted over WBIG and WGBF. Change from News/Talk. **KYRO** 1280 1290 WIRL IL, Peoria - 10/25 1725 noted with Odies format, "Stand by for more of the biggest hits of all time, Super Hits WIRL" ID into local ads. A fair signal was noted over WHIO. 1380 WBEL IL, South Beloit – 10/25 1740 noted with Classic Hits format, "The Beat" jingle. A fair to poor signal was noted in a KXFN null. IL, Galesburg – 10/25 1718 noted with local ads and "WGIL" ID. A fair to poor signal was noted, mixing with KFRU and KJFF. 1400 WGIL 1410 WIZM WI, La Crosse - 10/25 1856 noted with local ads, local talk show, "WIZM" ID. A fair to poor signal was noted, mixing with other stations. MO, Rolla - 10/25 1755 noted with "The New Hot 104.9" ID into Contemporary Hit Radio format. A fair to poor signal over KFTK and other 1490 KTTR stations. Change from Contemporary Christian. 1510 WCAZ IL, Macomb - 10/25 1900 noted with "Real Country 93.1 FM and AM 1510, WCAZ Macomb/Carthage, W226CH Macomb/Carthage" legal ID into Fox News Radio. A fair signal was noted over WLAC MN, Rochester - 10/25 1902 noted with end of CBS Sports Radio Sports Flash, "CBS Sports Radio" mention. A fair to poor signal was noted, 1520 KOLM mixing with KOKC and KRHW. 1530 WLIQ IL, Quincy - 10/25 1641 noted with local ad, "Your home for Classic Country, Kick AM 1530" ID into Classic Country format. A fair signal was noted over WCKY. MO, Macon – 10/25 1905 noted with Country format, "KLTI, Today's True Country" ID. A fair signal was noted over KGOW and KTUI. IL, Freeport – 10/25 1643 noted with Classic Country format, "AM 1570 the Giant" ID. A fair signal was noted through WBGZ. KS, Great Bend – 10/25 1656 noted with *The Dave Ramsey Show*, "KVGB" ID into local ads. A fair to poor signal was noted over KMOZ. 1560 WFRL 1570 **KVGB** 1590 1600 KGYM IA, Cedar Rapids – 10/25 1659 noted with local ads, "KGYM Cedar Rapids" ID in multi-station legal ID into EŠPN sports update. A fair to poor signal was noted through KATZ.
- **NOTES**

1640 WSJP

Ten of the 21 AM stations logged on this DXpedition came from the Land of Lincoln. So far, I have identified six areas in Saint Louis and Saint Charles counties that are good DXpedition spots. The Saint Louis County parks tend to be excellent daytime and sunset DXpedition sites, since they close 30 minutes after sunset. I've yet to try one for a sunrise DXpedition. State parks and conservation areas have also proven to be excellent DXpedition sites. Only one place I've been on a DXpedition to, Babler State Park in Wildwood, has camping facilities for overnight DXpeditions. I'm planning to go over to Illinois for the next DXpedition... stay tuned! 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.

#### QH14 - Lubec, Main DXpedition - October 18-21 (Bill Whitacre via IRCA eGroup)

10/25. I snuck in a short visit to Quoddy House in Lubec, Maine for some DX October 18-21.

Still going through wav files but what I have so far is here: http://realmonitor.com/qh14/ Maybe this will be of some use to upcoming DXpeditions to PEI, LBI and Newfoundland.

WI, Sussex – 10/25 1909 noted with talk on forgiveness. A good signal was noted over WTNI.

Highlights of QH14 so far were; several TPs and a couple of DUs, TWR Sri Lanka on 882, Radio Tsentr from Latvia on 1602.15, Ethiopia on 1359 and Slovenia on 648.

Good DX to all!, Bill Whitacre, Alexandria VA

#### Border Inn status (Tim Hall via ABDX eGroup)

10.25. First night recap: I put up 5 wires yesterday afternoon: 715 foot NNW (SSE) unterminated - the same wire I used last year for all the TP catches (can't go any longer in this direction due to barbed-wire fence at Nevada state line), 1260 foot NE terminated, 1100 foot ENE terminated, 1280 foot E terminated, 840 foot ESE (WNW) unterminated - hoping for sunset skip and High School football from Oregon off the back end, and maybe a few TPs

Conditions were generally lousy (Solar Flux 65, A index 18-22, K index 3-6) but there were some good catches to be had. Quite a few east coast clears were in. Got a few nice IDs from WABC. TP conditions were almost zilch. Just a bit of audio from the most obvious Japanese blasters.

The NE wire broke at around 150 foot overnight (looks like a critter or a drunk chewed it) and a few of the others were slightly jostled. This explains why sunrise recordings on NE wire were not up to par.

I haven't listened to too many of last night's recordings yet but I have found a half a dozen new catches including 2 GY stations from my target list (KBRO-1490 and KTRP-1450).

For High School football tonight (except in some states where the season is already over) I've got the first 5 wires up, plus 3 more: 950 foot N terminated (trying for some Montana stations I still need), 950 foot ENNE terminated (just so I can have something in almost every direction; don't need to much in this direction), 830 foot SE (NW) unterminated (for High School football and sunrise/sunset catches from OR off the back end, and maybe TPs)

My coax lead is having some problems with intermittent connections. I've re-spliced the end several times, so the problem must be further inside. This caused me to miss making a 0500 UT recording last night, and could be a major nuisance if it happens a lot during my rapid antenna switches for HS FB. I have a spare coax lead but it is much shorter and would be much more awkward to use.

73 **Tim** 

PS: KRCN-1060 appears to be cheating again. Maybe some others too (I need to listen to more of my recordings....)

#### Sandy Neck Beach DX (Roy Barstow via IRCA eGroup)

10/27. This was on 10-19-20-2019

2222 - 90 degrees

675 **SAUDI ARABIA** Sba Radio Riyadh - Soft music then a man talking. //1521

702 ALGERIA Talk – Fair.

2230 - 50 degrees

774 EGYPT mixing with SPAIN and both w/talk.

846 UnID with weak music.

1026 SPAIN and IRAN mixing

Not much on this file looking for Iceland but after checking out Bill W. report from Maine with his much better antenna than my 6 foot x 12 foot loop I found a signal a little past 1602. It was on around 1602.160 with weak talk. Check out the screenshot.

2300 - 90 degrees

603 ROMANIA and SPAIN with pips mixing. 612 MOROCCO Music and talk at a fair level. 630 UnID Mideast music mixing with WPRO. 720

SPAIN and maybe Romania w/mixed pips. 828 UnID Two stations, 1 with music the other w/talk. In weak.

837 SPAIN Either the pips not at the same time or another station.

**SPAIN** w/pips mixing with **EGYPT**. 864

SPAIN w/pips mixing with UNITED KINGDOM. 882

900 SPAIN With pips mixing with others.

981 ALGERIA Fair w/talk.

2330 - 90 degrees

531 ISRAEL KL Reshet Moreshet, Yavne. Woman singing in unknown language turned out to be the above. Thanks to Mauno Ritola and Graham Bell of RealDx. Israel # 5.

585 IRAN With stringed instrument music. Mixing w/Spain.

765 SAUDI ARABIA SBA Quran. Fair at end of file.

1134 SPAIN COPE. Poor sync on pips as they sound double.

1296 SPAIN COPE. //1134 with talk and UNITED KINGDOM Radio XL with music

1422 ALGERIA Pips into maybe National Anthem as marching music.

1431 **DJIBOUTI** Talk.

1510 USA WRRD WI. On top ID. into news.

1530 **ROMANIA** With pips in the mix.

1636 UnID Talk but weak.
1730 UNID PIRATE with music. S 4 peak.

792 SAUDI ARABIA With Quran under Spain. //765.

837 IRAN Music over Spain.

1062 IRAN With Mideast music under an OC.

1071t EGYPT With Koran type program.

1548 **KUWAIT** Huge signal with talk.

0000 - 90 degrees

- 540 UnID Sounded like WMGF or WMGM Mt George. Under CBC.
- 693 SPAIN under UNITED KINGDOM w/pips.
- 711 MOROCCO Talk w/slop. //612.
- 776 **ROMANIA** Pips into news along with unknown station under them.
- 909t ROMANIA Pips under UNITED KINGDOM.

1125 **SPAIN** Talk at S 7-8.

1368 UnIDs 2 here. On top a British and unknown under with music. Maybe IRAN

1476.020 EGYPT ERTU. With Koran program. # 16 from Egypt.

1521 SPAIN Pips weak w/talk.

#### 0030 - 90 degrees

765 2 stations. IRANt - On top w/talk and maybe SAUDI ARABIA under them.

- 936 3 stations. MOROCCO w/Talk //612. SPÁIN w/talk //747 and a station with music not //to Syria 783 which holds down that frequency. So think IRAN.
- 1098 SPAIN and unknown with Mideast music.
- UnID Weak. Maybe 2 stations, 1 with music and 1 with talk. Or talk with the music.

0100 - 90 degrees

702 ALGERIA Quran.

- 1071t INDIA Rajkot. A woman singing with a high pitched voice along with Tabla drums. Also her high pitched voice on 846 in spots. 846 in Ahmedabad, India about 120 miles from Rajkot.
- 1332 IRAN Fair with music program.
- 1512 SAUDI ARABIA With Quran Good.

0130 - 90 degrees

- 558 IRAN w/Quran at S 6-8.
- 612 IRAN also w/Quran mixing w/Morocco.
- 918 SPAIN Talk A nice signal at S 7-8.

1035 UnID Carrier but not ready to hatch yet.

1215 UNITED KINGDOM in passing with a peak of S 9+10.

Screenshot of presumed LATVIA on 1602.160. The other screenshot shows, 1467 SAUDI ARABIA and IRAN. On 1476 EGYPT and IRAN.







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Greetings. All times and dates strictly UT. Rx: 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.

OKLAHOMA. 341 kHz, EI, Enid's only NDB, 25 watts at Woodring Airport, has not been heard since September 7 when it was audible along with YYU in Kapuskasing, the latter scheduled for decommissioning October 10. That leaves on 341 OIN, Oberlin KS and many others listed. It appears EI has also been. I finally visited Woodring afternoon of October 21 and asked their new director, Deirdre Gurry, about it: https://www.enidnews.com/news/local\_news/new-airport-director-introduced-at-woodring/article\_7b3a48aa-1630-51ce-b23b-

1cf313604d26.html. It's the FAA's responsibility and I should seek out a NOTAM notice about it, but she thinks it used to be on the south side of the runway, and that such LW beacons are being phased out as who needs them with GPS? Maybe it failed naturally and will not be fixed. Here it is, as if still extant, but as of 12 September 2019: http://www.airnav.com/cgi-bin/navaid-info?type=NDB&id=El&name=GARFY which was linked from everything else you need to know about KWDG: http://www.airnav.com/airport/KWDG.

OKLAHOMA. 341 kHz, October 22 at 2153, El is back! Enid's 25-wait MCW ND beacon at Woodring airport. The manager and others I visited yesterday had no direct knowledge of it or its status, referring me to FAA; but maybe my inquiry led her to look into turning it back on?

OKLAHOMA. 341 kHz, October 23 at 0611. Enid Woodring Airport beacon Él continues to be heard, day or night: also at 1445 when I note a period of 8 seconds, which means quite a pause between each pair of dits. Also October 24 at 1355 check. At night there is no longer co-channel from dash and YYU, Kapuskasing, Ontario, which http://dxinfocentre.com/ndb.htm confirms has been Decommissioned. Rick Barton AZ, replies about this on the ABDX eGroup: "The beacon El at Enid would have been a Location Outer Marker for (and south of) Woodring apt. Has it been destroyed yet? I show its location here: 36.2750331, 97.7907633 re: the comment about GPS: It is ironic that little puddle jumpers in the wilds of Alaska use hi-tech GPS, but large commercial aircraft still rely much on older technologies. I see that both Vance and Woodring still have the VHF band omni range navigation beacons at the field. Woodring has a VOR-DME on 109.0 MHz with the ID ODG, and the VORTAC at Vance AFB is END on 115.4 MHz. The reference name for the Enid NDB "EI" was "GARFY" NDB. It is no longer depicted on aviation charts. 73 from the desert southwest - rb"

CANADA. 346 kHz, October 23 at 0612, dash and YXL, 500 watts from Sioux Lookout, Ontario. This NDB is not destined for decommissioning, unlike 341, YYU, Kapuskasing, no longer mixing with local NDB EI; http://dxinfocentre.com/ndb.htm now shows a bunch of other Canadians to be decommissioned as of March 26, 2020.

USA. 353 kHz, October 23 at 0614, confusing NDB MCW ID changes from one time to the next: INLN, four letters? NO, it's two different beacons mixing at slightly different periods. They are exactly the same pitch and same frequency. I ran into this before, these: 353 IN USA MN International Falls - Ray 100 48 28 53 -93 16 41 353 LI USA AR LITTLE ROCK 400 34 40 8 -92 18 20 per dxinfocentre.com.

UnID. Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, October 20 at 0034-0044: 531, 549, 558(2), 612, 621, 738, 774(2), 828, 846, 855, 882, 891, 909, 936(2), 945, 1008, 1017, 1026, 1044(2), 1053, 1098, 1107(2), 1125(2), 1134(2), 1152, 1179, 1206, 1215(2), 1305(2), 1341, 1413, 1458(2), 1575.

UnID. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, pre-sunrise 1244 October 21 at 1230-1237; on the R75 with E-W longwire this time, so no DFing to separate the NW from the WSW: 567, 594, 693, 702, 729, 747, 756, 774, 828, 837, 873, 882, 891, 918, 972, 1008, 1017, 1035, 1053, 1107, 1512, 1548.

UnID. Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, October 25 at 0609-0618: this time on the R-75 I am tuning LSB, 1 kHz above 9 kHz channels, instead of the usual USB 1 kHz below; this could turn up some different ones with different 10-kHz channel QRM/splash situations: 531, 585, 603, 612, 621, 666(2), 684, 693, 711, 729(2), 747\*, 774(2), 792, 801, 837, 846, 855(2), 882, 936, 999, 1017, 1098, 1107, 1125(2), 1179(2) but none higher. means stronger than the others; (2) means at least two carriers beating.

USA. 660, October 27 at 1319, Navajo talk, 1320 hymn in English, 1324 "reflections for the 30th Sunday of ordinary time" and fade. I guess that's Catholic calculation from Easter. KTNN Window Rock AZ, I had not heard in some time, so seems to be adhering to night directionality west; October SR/SS times are 1315/0045 (November: 1345/0015). Checked here after KKOB 770 was in. KTNN reception improved by USB tuning since WSCR 670 Chicago IBOC noise is still a problem peaking low-side 657.

USA. 750, October 25 at 1207, ad string in Ukrainian looping NE/SW, one for auto parts, ID mentioning Ukrainian Radio, 1211 song. We know this is WNDZ, Portage IN, Ethnic/brokered for the Chicago market. No problem yet from KMMJ and this is actually better than WBBM which has to contend with KSPI. WNDZ is 15 kW directional daytimer, from 1200 in October, 1230 in November. Pattern centered on NW, but broad with considerable to the SW. notch SE toward Atlanta.

UnID. 810, October 20 at 0050, I am hearing rapid SBG coverage in Spanish, employing pelotas, mentions Atlanta. Are The Braves playing right now, and where would they be broadcast in Spanish? The only Mexican in the NW is XERSV, Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, 5 kW daytimer (until 0200?) with news format. KSWV Santa Fe? It's not Spanish any more, or even Spanglish with CLR FM 99.9 simulcast and more westerly than my DF of WSW/ENE. By language, proximity, direction and legal night operation, the best US fit is KXOI Crane (Odessa market) TX, U4 1000/500 – except it's Spanish religion. Other Spanish of some sort are in FL, IN, MI, TN, mostly daytimers or negligible night power and none with sports format, though SBGs

often preëmpt a station's nominal prime format. By 0055 losing out to WHB, KC MO.

USA. 900, October 25 at 1214, nulling KSGL Wichita, I have something else roughly E/W with ID mentioning 900 and 94.9 – so most likely KHOZ, Harrison AR, U1 1000/62/64 "Bootz 94.9" where the FM is a mere translator; per NRC AM Log, though there's one other 94.9 combo, WATV in AL.

USA. 910, October 21 at 1243, Iowa Public Radio is seeking a professional engineer, i.e. WSUI Iowa City, onetime WORLD OF RADIO affiliate; soon losing out to an iHeart station.

UnID. 1059.95 approximately, October 21 at 1248, something in Spanish making a LAH against 1060 stations; suspect KIJN Farwell TX.

UnID. 1120, Sunday October 20 at 0605, during "Duffy's Tavern" on 'When Radio Was' from KMOX, heavy fast SAH from talk in English with KMOX nulled, i.e. NW/SE, not noticed earlier. The CCI soon fades. Suspect KCRN 50 kW daytimer Limon, Colorado again on air at night; if not, maybe KANN Roy Utah 10/1.1 kW; or KTXW Manor TX 5.6/0.155 kW.

USA. This follows up my log on KQQZ 1190 of The Grim Reaper, where I wondered what had happened about that since June: Eric Bueneman of Hazelwood MO had a long report about this in DXM of October 12, qv And/or this press report: Editorial: BANKRUPTCY FILING SUGGESTS PROGRAMMING COULD SOON BE HISTORY. By the Editorial Board September https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-bankruptcy-filing-suggests-romanik-s-racist-programming-could-soon/article\_d0c82433-5d89-5b78-ad1e-c17c4cd335e1.html.

USA. 1440, October 21 at 1239, KEXB Dallas is still running the Spanish/English loop about KTNO moved to 620; now with growing CCI probably Topeka. More on this filed above under 620.

USA. 1440, October 25 at 1226, RCC discussion in English, as KEXB, University Park TX, has stopped stunting referring to KTNO move to 620; Paul Walker says it's Relevant Radio. Can a call change be far behind, since KEXB signified the kaput format, Excellence in Business? Soon overtaken by Topeka, KMAJ.

UnID. 1490, October 21 at 1308, "APR Network News" plug, perhaps outro of 'cast, loops E-W, briefly atop jungle. Figure it must something from Arkansas, of which there are 3, but no connection to any such network in the NRC AM Log or by searching; closest is KWXT Dardanelle; more easterly but further, KDRS Paragould; and more to the SE, KXAR Hope. Alabama Public Radio calls itself APR, but all on FM.

OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1580, October 21 at 1304, KOKB Blackwell is still AWOL after sunrise, leaving us to hear mariachi borracha music from the NW = KFCS Colorado Springs, which is not supposed to go from 140 watts night to 10000 day until 1315 in October (1345: November), but soon fading while KHGG AR talk ascends. By 1900 check, however, KOKB is back on alone.

OKLAHOMA. 1580, October 22 at 1930, KOKB Blackwell is cutting off and on the air, and when on is weaker than normal, compared to other stations and the noise level.

OKLAHOMA. 1580, October 26 at 1752, KOKB Blackwell is completely OFF again, yet again.

OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1580, October 23 at 1502, a SAH denoting more than one station, but one of them per ID at 1503 is KOKB Blackwell, still underpowered; and audio cuts out irregularly, unlike //1020 KOKP Perry, where the audio is a few seconds ahead. The other 1580 likely our second closest, KHGG Van Buren AR, normally totally blocked daytime by KOKB.

CANADA. 1610, October 27 at 1255, talk in English; after sunrise here and way after in Toronto, so could it be something else? No, pronounces about "aboot" twice, and 1258 ID "CHHA 1610 AM". So Voces Latinas also employs a minority language. TopEnd this time of year can keep skywaving quite a while, but fading out by 1310. Stale 2015/2016 program grid at http://chha1610am.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/PostCard-CHHA-1610AM-2016.jpg does show "English music" Saturday and Sunday until 9 am ET. But this was all-talk.

ÜnID. 1690, October 22 at 2156, heavy SAH of about 2.5 Hz, between WVON Chicago – and?? Retén lo que Tienes, Bâton Rouge pirate? There is certainly a second station to cause the SAH. This long before sunset, possibly KDMT Arvada CO is already propagating here at the Top End; WMLB further east could be if it's no longer silent in GA, but seldom/never heard here. I compare this SAH to another one later at 0038 October 23 which is more like 2.8 Hz and definitely between KDMT and WVON. MWOffsets had those 3.9 Hz apart so it's all inconclusive.

USA. 1700, October 21 at 1302, open carrier/dead air from KKLF Richardson TX, as confirmed by DF; KBGG Des Moines modulation also audible by rotation of the DX-398.

CANADA. 2749-USB, October 22 at 0623, Female weather in English, gale warning mentioned repeatedly; 0625 "This is Halifax Coast Guard Radio; out" but immediately resumes briefly in French, back to English. S6 vs an S5 noise level. Winterish conditions are looking up. Maybe special broadcast as it's 3:25 am in Nova Scotia. 2598-USB also with a weaker female voice at 0627, too weak. This frequency covers NL and vicinity. There are a few other 2 MHz channels listed further north and west which I have never managed to hear, if they still exist.

USA. 3215, Sunday October 27 at 0014, awful audio of gospel huxter conversation, presumably WWRB which has swiftly made a B-19 shift from 5050 where nothing is now. HFCC shows the usual time-share arrangement with WWCR: during the Week of Confusion while DST remains regnant, WWRB turnover to WWCR at 0100; then from November 4, 0200. But WWRB will presumably remain active only on weekends. WWRB may continue after leaving 3215, on 3195 which is also registered 100 kW non-directional at 0100-0400 only, while 3185 is also registered available 24 hours, but at 45 degrees.

REP KOREA. 3480, 3910, 3985, 4450, 4880, 5995, 6515, 6600, 9095, October 21 at 1256, quick survey of EOH/VOH/VOP clandestine frequencies find some have shifted a further 5 kHz than before, some back on originals; also Japan 3925 seems to have CCI SAH and nothing on 3930! Can't tell if on 6250 due to uteblob. Some also have jamming noise, some not, or JBA carriers, but presumed since nothing 5 kHz away where previously landed.

USA. 4840, October 24 at 0620, WWCR S9+20 of dead air; tsk2, guess TOMBS feed failed.

CUBA. 5040+, October 20 at 0020, another night this Radio Havana Cuba is useless, just barely modulated and off-frequency+plus. Until the next, Best of DX and 73 de Glenn!



# 2019 IRCA CONVENTION REPORT – Bruce Portzer – 6546 19th Ave NE – Seattle WA 98117

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### **2019 CONVENTION REPORT Bruce Portzer**

The 2019 IRCA Convention took place September 6 and 7 at the Marriott Courtyard in Tukwila WA, a Seattle suburb not far from Sea-Tac airport. A total of 27 people attended from as far west as Japan and as far east as Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Florida.

The convention unofficially began on Thursday afternoon, September 5, with the arrival of the first few out-of-towners. Before long, there were several IRCA members hanging around the hotel. A few visited the nearby Museum of Flight, taking advantage of free admission that evening. Others headed for dinner or spent the evening talking DX in the lobby. By late evening, about 15 attendees were already on hand, talking about AM DX and other subjects.

The convention officially began Friday morning with a steady stream of arrivals in the meeting room. Soon, several carloads headed to Bonneville Broadcasting for a tour of KIRO-AM/FM and KTTH-AM. Jason Antebi, KTTH Program Director, guided us through the three station's suite of studios and offices.

We were then handed off to Paul Carvalho, the chief engineer, for an interesting technical discussion and a thorough look at the racks of equipment in the back room. Our tour guides were both very knowledgeable and engaging, so to no surprise and the visit lasted longer than expected.

After a brief lunch stop at a local Wendy's, we headed to KNHC-FM, located at Nathan Hale High School and operated by the Seattle School District. The station is a not only a classroom and learning lab, but a popular station with a large audience in the community. June Fox, the station's manager, gave us a thorough tour of the well-equipped studios. She spoke at length about KNHC's mission, operations, impact, and more, leading to some long and stimulating

Later, back at the hotel, we were treated to our first round of technical talks. They began with a presentation by our guest speaker, Ben Dawson, a consulting engineer well known in broadcast industry. He talked about some of the antenna systems he's worked on in some rather exotic places - Thailand (VOA-1575), Afghanistan, Armenia, and Cyprus, complete with photographs of some unusual antennas.

He was followed by a round of talks by club members: "Over the Pole DXing, What a Difference a Year Makes" by Nick Hall-Patch, "DXing in Japan" by Satoshi Miyauchi and Hiroo Nakagawa, and "Rockworks' Greatest hits" - by Tom Rothlisberger. Mark Durenberger is putting together a website with the audio and slides for each of these presentations. Stay tuned.

Saturday morning brought us round two of the technical talks. Gary DeBock showed us some of his famous ferrite loops in a talk called "Innovative Ferrite Antennas" where he shared his latest ideas and practices. He was followed by a series of presentations on antenna phasing, beginning with a joint Introduction by Bill Whitacre, and Nick Hall-Patch. It led directly into talks on Fixed Phasers for Pairs of Antennas via remote hookup with Dave Aichelman, and Phasing Backyard Antennas by Nick Hall-Patch.

After lunch, the group reconvened in the hotel parking lot for "hands-on" demonstrations of ferrite loops and other antennas, as well as antenna phasing by Nick Hall-Patch, Guy Atkins, and Gary DeBock. The business meeting followed and was conducted by yours truly.

The club banquet was held Saturday evening at the nearby Claim Jumper restaurant. After that, we reconvened at the hotel just as an unusually strong thunderstorm commenced. Strong by Seattle standards, that is (the "in town" Husky game was put on hold until the storm passed - pb). In the Midwest, it would have been just another storm. We then wrapped up the festivities with the annual auction, where plenty of radios, books, test equipment, coffee cups, and other items changed hands.

Sunday saw most people heading for home, but several headed for Grayland WA for three days of actual DXing. We heard plenty of stations from Asia and down under, the results of which will soon appear in a very large report.

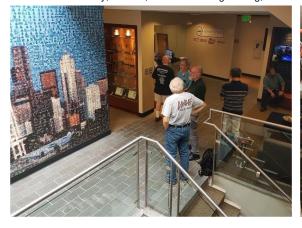
I want to personally thank everyone who helped make the convention a success. They include Mike Sanburn, who did most of the planning work with the hotel; Mark Durenberger, who organized the technical talks; Phil Bytheway, who did all sorts of stuff like buying snacks and printing the convention booklets; Kenneth Hawkins, our auctioneer; Marin Brusteun of Bonneville Broadcasting, who set up the KIRO/KTTH tour; the station tour guides and convention speakers already mentioned; and anyone else that I might have overlooked.

Group Photo (thanks to Ruth DeBock):

Front Row L-R: Gary DeBock, Phil Bytheway, Nick Hall-Patch, Mike Lantz, Ken Hawkins, Bruce Portzer, Mark West, Craig Barnes, Bob Rodriguez Rear L-R: Tom Rothlisberger, Nigel Pimblet, Patrick Martin (front), Curtis McMenamin (back), Jerry Espada, Art Peterson, Hiroo Nakagawa, Satoshi Miyauchi



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TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

(right) **Gary DeBock** shows off some of his ferrite loop antennas (middle) **Ben Dawson**, Guest Speaker, talks about some interesting transmitter sites (left) **Nick Hall-Patch** demonstrates the fine art of antenna phasing







Here is the complete list of those attending this year's convention: Dave Aichelman (remote), Guy Atkins WA, Craig Barnes CO, Phil Bytheway WA, Ben Dawson WA, Gary DeBock WA, Ruth DeBock WA, Jason Espada WA, Jerry Espada WA, Nick Hall-Patch BC, Ken Hawkins MO, Mike Lantz FL, Gus Laurel MD, Pat Martin OR, Curtis McMenamin CA, Satoshi Miyauchi Japan, Hiroo Nakagawa Japan, Art Peterson CA, Nigel Pimblet AB, Bruce Portzer WA, Bob Rodriguez PA, Tom Rothlisberger, Brett Saylor PA, Dave Schlicher, Stan Weisbeck WA, Mark West OR and Bill Whitacre MD.

Those folks that send convention pictures are: **Donald Barnes**, **Gary DeBock**, **Nigel Pimblet**, **Brett Saylor** and **Mark West** (if I forgot someone – sorry – pb)



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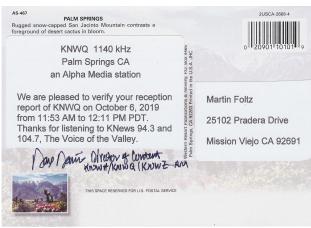
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WHAT was received: L = Letter with personalized statement; F = Form letter; Q = QSL card, commercially printed; C = Postcard or similar card supplied by station; P = Prepared card or form supplied by DXer; R = DXer's report returned with statement; cf = Certificate; E = Verification by Email; fx = Verification by FAX; M = Coverage map; B = Bumper or other sticker; bc = Business card; + = Extra goodies

**WHEN** the reply came: Number of days elapsed; f = Follow-up, by mail, FAX, Email, or visit; n = Return postage not used; r = Return postage returned **NOTES**: \* [For this column] = See comment below

Thanks to Martin we have a column this month. Martin's KFFN verie was for an email report; the signer's email address is **Imac@azlotus.com**. This column was prepared on 10/28/19. 73, SSH.





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https://www.ircaonline.org/editor\_upload/File/2019%20Mexican%20Log.pdf

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