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IRCA welcomes: **Kevin Culbertson** in Kennewick WA. DX and report often! Seattle deadline for our next issue (V57_N28) is **Monday 03/30/20** 1600 PLT (two weeks) – pb

2020 Convention

The 2020 **IRCA/DecalcoMania** Convention will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1221 S Harbor Blvd. Anaheim CA 92805. (North of Disneyland) September 10-12 2020. Phone number for reservations is 714-758-0900 (mention convention). Guest room rate is \$115 per night plus tax and includes all you can eat breakfast. Parking is \$10 per day. Registration fee (not including banquet) is \$25 payable to Mike Sanburn PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256. Activities will include station visits, IRCA business meeting and auction, and nightly fireworks show. Hotel amenities include free Wifi, 24 hour business center and 24 hour pool. Local eateries within walking distance are Starbucks Coffee, Taco Bell, and Shakeys Pizza. Cutoff date for room reservations will be August 20th. More details will appear soon. For information contact mikesanburn@hotmail.com. Website for Anaheim visitor's information: www.visitanaheim.org. Here is the link for making reservation at Four Points <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1576099122178&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Folks can send their registration fee via PayPal at mikesanburn@hotmail.com (please include name, contact info and note that it is for convention registration).



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DATE OF COLUMN: March 07 Column data span: February 22-March 07 2020, Data courtesy of Stationintel.com, FCC database and member contributions.

CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALLS
910	WBZU	Scranton, PA	WAAF
1050	WRWM	Conway, SC	WAYS
1170	KOWZ	Waseca, MN	KFOW

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
560	WEBC	Duluth, MN	was classic rock, now Fan Radio Network sports, old slogan: "Sasquatch 106.5", new: "The Fan"
740	WMBG	Williamsburg, VA	was Westwood One adult standards, now Skyview classic hits, old slogan: "Williamsburg's Radio Station", new: "93.5 The Burg and AM 740"
790	WLBE	Leesburg-Eustis, FL	was unknown format, now adult standards
970	WBGW	Pittsburgh, PA	old slogan: "970 ESPN", new: "ESPN Pittsburgh Sports Hub 970 106.3 104.7 HD2"
1190	KJJI	White Hall, AR	add slogan: "Arkansas Rocks"
	WPSP	Royal Palm Beach, FL	was Spanish hits, now Spanish talk
1210	KQEQ	Fowler, CA	old slogan: "Spice Radio", new: "Radio Punjab"
1280	KXEG	Phoenix, AZ	was silent, back on with new unknown format
1290	WRPA	Providence, RI	now silent
1300	WOSW	Fulton, NY	was silent, now Fox Sports Radio, adds slogan: "Fox Sports Radio 1490 92.5"
	KHTW	Lumberton, TX	was silent, back on with new unknown format
1320	WISW	Columbia, SC	was Westwood One NBC Sports Network, now ESPN Radio Network sports, old slogan: "1320 The Fan", new: "ESPN 1320 AM"
1340	WCSR	Hillsdale, MI	was adult contemporary, now country, old slogan: "Radio Hillsdale", new: "The Dale"
	WVNR	Poultney, VT	now silent
1360	KELE	Mountain Grove, MO	was silent, now religious teaching, adds slogan: "Joy Christian Radio"
1370	WSPD	Toledo, OH	old slogan: "NewsRadio 1370", new: "News Radio 1370/92.9 WSPD"
1420	WRSA	St. Albans, VT	now silent
1490	WOLF	Syracuse, NY	old slogan: "Fox Sports 1490", new: "Fox Sports 1490 92.5"
1320	WISW	Columbia, SC	was Westwood One NBC Sports Network, now ESPN Radio Network sports

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA sends along the following license cancellations from **Dennis Gibson** of Salinas CA via the IRCA IO Groups list dated 2/29/20:

Licenses cancelled – 2/27/20: WRWM-1500 Macon, Georgia, 2/27/20: KLSZ-1550 Canyon, Texas

Mike Sanburn sends along the following from **Paul Walker Jr** of Laramie, WY re KOHI-1600 St Helens OR broadcasting on 1610, via the IRCA IO Groups list dated 3/3/20:

From **Allaccess.com**. Two licensees applied for STAs, THE MOUNTAIN BROADCASTING LLC for KOHI-A/ST HELENS OR (emergency operation at 50 watts days, 5 watts night after landowner required licensee to dismantle tower). The other station was someone in Tennessee.

Still, no application for permission to test or move to 1610! On Wednesday, February 12 2020 at 9:22 PM Mike VE7SKA cn88/BC ve7ska@gmail.com wrote: "That's what I thought too – The FCC only seems to license TIS stations on 1610 and has avoided giving the frequency to broadcasters. I haven't seen any indication either that their STA is no longer in effect, nor any pending applications for a frequency change although engineering people I know in the Portland area have told me they were close to returning to air. Tune in the Streema webstream and you can hear the announcements yourself."

Mike Sanburn sends along the following from **Dave Faulkner** via the IRCA IO Groups list dated 3/6/20:

Note regarding WYPC 1330 Wellston OH via David Faulkner: Subject: [irc] WYPC 1330. Hi All: 1330, WYPC, OH, Wellston noted back on full power yesterday.

Thanks, Mike for all 3 contributions above. Wow, it's already March, we just switched back to DST this weekend, so local sunrise DX is now prime again, with afternoon DX an hour later now. Weather is starting to turn warmer here in Albuquerque, 60s days/30s and 40s nights, did get a little rain over the weekend but mainly virga coming from the clouds. Enjoying the green Hatch chiles and all the great Mexican food this area has to offer. Reported a huge set of DX tips to CDXR, going to keep John Johnson busy, heh. Hope everyone does the same. I am currently planning on giving an AM DXing presentation to my ham club here in town on 3/21/20 and a 2nd offering of the same presentation on evening of 3/25/20 at a local restaurant close to my work called the Copper Canyon Café for ADXA (Albuquerque DX Association), my current ham club is HDARC (High Desert ARC). Currently registering to get my ham calls on my NM plates that will still take several weeks. AM DX is keeping me busy! 73's. **Bob Wien**



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WDXR DEADLINES: Thursday March 26, April 9, April 23, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 9 and August 6. Please use Eastern Local Time. For reporters in AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA and WY, the Canadian provinces of MB, SK and the Northwest Territories.

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- 780 WBBM **IL**, Chicago 2/16 0005 heard over/under KKOH DX test with news and ID. Traffic report with Mike Allison and 0110 ad for Manny's Deli. Fair signal with slow fades on JRC with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 - 810 KSWV **NM**, Santa Fe 2/29 0920 PSA about saving water, confirmed by web stream; mostly clobbered by KGO. (GK-CA)
 - 920 KVEC **CA**, San Luis Obispo 3/10 0938 traffic report for Atascadero, in KKGX null using Terk loop. (GK-CA)
 - 1040 WHO **IA**, Des Moines 3/11 2110 dominating channel, inane talk show, breaking to local weather, 3 IDs for "Newstalk 10-40, WHO" at 2127. (RB-AZ)
 - 1120 KANN **UT**, Roy 3/10 2000 ID, man with religious lecture, well after local sunrise, sounding almost local with rain system going through here (Tropo?). (RB-AZ)
 - 1150 KEIB **CA**, Los Angeles 3/11 at 1000 going to talk show on CoronaVirus. Fair reception with loop oriented to partially null KCKY. (RB-AZ)
 - KAGO **OR**, Klamath Falls 2/29 0100 ID and news. Fair to poor and choppy, one unID in there as well, on HQ-180 and E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 - 1200 KYAA **CA**, Soquel 3/4 1000 ID "Catholic Radio KYAA Soquel-Monterey." Relevant Radio News. (MS-CA)
 - 1210 KHKR **UT**, Washington 3/11 0855 ID actually before the hour, with local traffic and weather, promo for Utah Jazz hoop coverage. On HQ-180A, loop, after local sunrise. (RB-AZ)
 - 1230 KLAJ **NV**, Las Vegas 3/7 0730 fading up in KYPA null with Spanish language. (MS-CA)
 - 1240 KJOP **CA**, Lemoore 3/6 0949 good with Relevant Radio programming. (MS-CA)
 - KRJW **OR**, Altamont 2/23 0800 fair with at least one unID in there as well, on JRC with east-west wire. CBS sports radio format. (GH-OR)
 - 1270 KTFI **ID**, Twin Falls 2/26 0610 atop frequency talking about Easter sacraments. (MS-CA)
 - 1290 KCUB **AZ**, Tucson 2/26 0630 noted underneath San Bernardino station with ads and sports talk. (MS-CA)
 - 1310 KLIX **ID**, Twin Falls 2/26 0030 news into Coast to Coast with George Noory. Fair before fading into the yonder on HQ-180 with E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 - +3/7 0850 huge with Glen Beck show and promos, ID "Newsradio 1310 KLIX." (MS-CA)
 - 1340 KCBL **CA**, Fresno 3/7 0915 ID "Fox Sports 1340" followed by local weather. (MS-CA)
 - 1350 KSRO **CA**, Santa Rosa 2/26 0005 ID & talk format, ad warning of postal scam, ad for Lifelock. Faded into the jumble on HQ-180 with N-S wire. (GH-OR)
 - 1400 ?KART? **ID**, Jerome 2/29 0446 intermittent signal seemed to come from north, playing classic country tunes. Have logged KART here in the past. (MS-CA)
 - 1490 KOSJ **CA**, Santa Barbara 3/7 1054 playing "Respect" by Aretha Franklin. (MS-CA)
 - 1540 KXEL **IA**, Waterloo 2/29 0200 ID and news. Barely able to pick it out of a noisy jumble, mixed up with KXPA (I think) on HQ-190 and E-W wire. (GH-OR)
 - 1550 KUAZ **AZ**, Tucson 3/7 1000 ID mentioning 98.1 FM and 1550 AM. (MS-CA)
 - 1660 KBRE **CA**, Merced 3/11 1017 with local ad spots "in downtown Merced," ID by slogan, fair to good reception on ATS-505 and Terk loop. (RB-AZ)
 - 1690 KDMT **CO**, Arvada 3/11 at 1022 with talk show, with very emotional man on phone, ID by slogan, break towards the bottom of the hour. Good and steady and well after local sunrise on Sangean ATS-505 and Terk loop. (RB-AZ)
 - 1700 KBGG **IA**, Des Moines 3/3 0725 heard "17-hundred, The Champ." (GK-CA)
 - KVNS **TX**, Brownsville 3/3 0659 with "Fox Sports Radio" slogan; confirmed by web stream. No sign of XEDM; in and out with KBGG. (GK-CA)

Thank you for the WDXR reports! Please note that the WDXR-land reporting area will now be listed at the beginning of the column. – Nancy 3/13 1700



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 550 WGR **NY**, Buffalo. 3/11 fair signal, mixing with KTSA in KTRS null. 0515 noted with ESPN promos, "Sports radio Five-50" ID into *ESPN Sports Center All Night*. Must have been on day pattern. [EB-MO]
- 560 KWTO **MO**, Springfield. 3/4 fair signal over WHBQ. 0230 noted with call letters, local news, weather forecast, local spots and "KWTO Five-60 AM and 93-point-Three FM" ID between spots. [EB-MO]
- 580 KUBC **CO**, Montrose. 2/29 good in WIBW null and over others. 07:04 with oldies music. [RW-NM]
- 590 KCSJ **CO**, Pueblo. 2/29 good. 07:00 with "From the Buffalo Wild Wings studio, we are ESPN 590 Omaha" slogan. [RW-NM]
- 600 KSJB **ND**, Jamestown. 2/29 good on top of KROD, KIIX and others. 06:50 with North Dakota farm report and several mentions of Jamestown. [RW-NM]
- WREC **TN**, Memphis. 2/29 good signal over WSJS. 0430 noted with national spots, iHeart Radio app promo, C2C podcast promo, C2C, "Six hundred WREC and 92-point-One FM" ID. [EB-MO]
- 650 CKOM **SK**, Saskatoon. 2/29 good on top, over unID Mexican station. 07:10 with talk of effects of the Corona Virus on Saskatchewan residents. [RW-NM]
- 680 KKYX **TX**, San Antonio. 2/29 good, well above KNBR. 08:46 with spot for a San Antonio business. [RW-NM]
- 690 WJOX **AL**, Birmingham. 3/10 good signal over KSTL. 0445 noted with promo mentioning WJOX-FM 94.5 MHz, local spots, "Jocks 94-point-Five" mention in another promo. Must have been on day power. [EB-MO]
- WQNO **LA**, New Orleans. 2/29 fair signal in KSTL null. 0236 noted with *Mother Angelica's Catholic Classics*. [EB-MO]
- 700 KHSE **TX**, Wylie. 2/29 strong over KALL. 07:12 with Indian-Asian music and ID. Slight het on frequency. [RW-NM]
- 830 KDRI **AZ**, Tucson. 3/1 strong, alone. 08:34 with oldies music, ID. [RW-NM]
- 900 CHML **ON**, Hamilton. 3/12 fair signal, mixing with other stations. 0522 noted with stories on the COVID-19 virus and Ontario Premier Doug Ford, "Global news radio nine hundred CHML" ID, local spots into sports update at 0525. [EB-MO]
- 910 KBIM **NM**, Roswell. 3/1 good through splash from local 920. 08:20 with "910 AM and 93.7 FM, The Light" slogan. [RW-NM]
- WSRP **NC**, Jacksonville. 2/29 fair to poor signal in KVIS null. 0340 noted with Regional Mexican format, "La Grande" ID in Spanish. Last heard in 1996 as WLAS. [EB-MO]
- 920 CKNX **ON**, Wingham. 3/12 fair signal over KARN, KDHL. 0605 noted with sports update, local spot, "CKNX" ID into weather forecast. [EB-MO]
- 940 KTFX **TX**, Texarkana. 2/29 fair to poor in KPSZ null. 0351 with "Your gospel station, 105-point-Nine KTOY" ID into Southern Gospel format. [EB-MO]
- 980 KSGM **IL**, Chester. 3/4 fair signal over KMBZ, WYFN. 0421 noted with local spots, "KSGM" ID between spots into Country format. [EB-MO]

- 1020 KJJJ **MN**, Fergus Falls. 3/4 fair signal in KDKA null. 0237 noted with "Channel 97-Seven" ID into Contemporary Hit Radio format. [EB-MO]
 1070 KNX **CA**, Los Angeles. 3/11 fair to poor signal, mixing with CHOK. 0254 noted with local spots, "KNX Ten-70 news radio" ID into traffic report. [EB-MO]
 KFTI **KS**, Wichita. 2/29 good in KNX null. 09:15 with "We've got the country you're looking for, Classic Country 1070 KFTI" ID. [RW-NM]
 1080 KGVV **AZ**, Green Valley. 3/1 good for a few minutes in KRLD null. 08:23 with spot for Tucson business then weather for Green Valley, jingle ID. This was a most wanted for me in California, but never heard. [RW-NM]
 1130 WBBR **NY**, New York. 2/29 fair to poor signal with ACI from KMOX 1120. 0400 noted with legal ID into Bloomberg news headlines. [EB-MO]
 KTMR **TX**, San Antonio. 2/29 good. 09:04 with several local spots for San Antonio. There was a Fox Sports station under, assume KWKH, but WDFM is also listed with that format. [RW-NM]
 1140 KNAB **CO**, Burlington. 3/1 good in XEMR null. 08:10 with music, ID. [RW-NM]
 1210 KUBR **TX**, San Juan. 3/12 fair signal over WPHT. 0541 noted with Mexican-style Christian music, "La Cadena Cristiana" ID in Spanish. [EB-MO]
 1230 KFPW **AR**, Fort Smith. 3/7, 19:47 with "AM 1230 and FM 102.3, The Marshal" slogan. [WE-TX]
 WBBZ **OK**, Ponca City. 3/10, 07:25 with "Ponca City's WBBZ" ID. [WE-TX]
 KWTX **TX**, Waco. 3/10, 9:06 with "KWTX news talk radio, the voice of Waco" ID. [WE-TX]
 1320 KWHN **AR**, Fort Smith. 2/29 good. 07:34 with "Coast to Coast AM here on KWHN" ID and a KWHN weather report. Also noticed recently at sunset. This station really gets out. Heard once in San Jose, CA. [RW-NM]
 1370 KJCE **TX**, Austin. 3/1 good over others. 08:00 with nice ID. [RW-NM]
 1410 KGSO **KS**, Wichita. 2/29 good on top 1410. 07:58 with a long string of Wichita businesses serving the area. [RW-NM]
 1430 WBEV **WI**, Beaver Dam. 3/10 fair to poor signal, mixing with WXNT and other stations; local KZQZ off. 0406 noted with weather forecast, "Your hometown station, 14-30 WBEV" ID. [EB-MO]
 1440 KTUV **AR**, Little Rock. 3/9 fair to poor, mixing with WROK. 0232 noted with Regional Mexican format, legal ID in heavily accented English mentioning a relay on 97.7 MHz in Sherwood, "La Raza" ID in Spanish. [EB-MO]
 KPUR **TX**, Amarillo 2/29 good. 09:07 with "We're Amarillo's Relevant Radio, AM 1440" slogan. [RW-NM]
 1490 KFFN **AZ**, Tucson. 2/29 dominating 1490. 08:22 with spot for an Arizona winery, "...our wine is better in Tucson." [RW-NM]
 KCFC **CO**, Boulder. 2/29 good on top of mess. 08:03 with Colorado Public Radio News – CPR. [RW-NM]
 1530 KQSC **CO**, Colorado Springs. 2/29 good. 08:53 with local spot, mention of 107.3, religious country music. IRCA members that attended the 2011 Colorado Springs convention will remember the tour of the station when they were KCMN. [RW-NM]
 1550 WDLR **OH**, Delaware. 3/4 fair signal over WPFC. 0345 noted with weather forecast, "The new 92-point-Nine FM, Ohio's greatest classic hits" mention, "WDLR" jingle into Classic Hits format. [EB-MO]
 1580 KFCS **CO**, Colorado Springs. 2/29 good. 08:09 with spot for an event at the World Arena, "La Favorita, Que Buena" slogan. [RW-NM]
 1600 KIVA **NM**, Albuquerque. 2/29 found local station on with just an open carrier at 07:36. [RW-NM]
 1700 KBGG **IA**, Des Moines. 3/12 good to fair signal over KKLF. 0533 noted with *After Hours with Amy Lawrence*, featuring a discussion on how the COVID-19 virus is affecting sporting events, into a *CBS Sports Radio Sports Flash*, leading off with the suspension of the NBA season after a Utah Jazz player tested positive for COVID-19. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

50 Years Ago – March 21 1970 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Bill Nittler** of Englewood CO logged WRAN 1510 his 5th New Jersey logging ... **Ronald F Schatz** aboard the USS Hoel (DGG-13) reported from Guam. He mentioned his locals were KUAM 610 and AFN 1300 ... **Robert Friedrich** of Whitestone NY mentioned he was 16 and had logged 36 states since 1968. // **25 Years Ago – March 18 1995** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Tony Fitzherbert** of Fairfield CT called WCOK Sparta NC and they were surprised he heard them ... **RC Watts** of Louisville KY commented on SPEEDX ending. // this week's **Flashback DXer** is... **Gene Martin**...



OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric, Robert, and Ward for reporting this week. IRCA members in AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MN, MS, MO, NE, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, WI, MB, SK, and NWT report to CDXR. All times are Eastern, loggings over one month are tossed, Mexican stations are to be reported to DXWW. This column was typed 3-13-20. 73, John



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ACROSS THE DIAL

- 640 WGST **GA**, Atlanta – 3/3 2135 noted with Super Tuesday primary election coverage, "Fox News Radio" mention at 2158, missed legal ID at 2200, Fox News Radio, weather forecast at 2205, "Atlanta's Home for Fox News" mention before returning to Super Tuesday primary election coverage. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CMBC (Radio Progreso) and WCRV; no sign of usual CFMJ, which is unusual. (PS-ON) (This is an ex-local for me; they've been on 640 since 1989 – eb)
 950 WXGI **VA**, Richmond – 3/6 1742 noted with "...5 and 102.7 ESPN" ID by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CMBD (Radio Reloj), WBES, WCTN, WKDN and WORD. (KK-VA) (102.7 refers to W274BX Petersburg VA; the station with the frequency ending in 5 is W258DC 99.5 Richmond, VA – eb)
 960 WELI **CT**, New Haven – 3/6 1757 noted with "High School Hockey on News Radio 960 and 96.9 FM WELI" mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFIR, WRNS and an unidentified vocal music station. (KK-VA) (96.9 refers to W245DK New Haven CT – eb)
 980 WULR **SC**, York – 3/6 1928 noted with "Radio Nueva Vida" ID by a female announcer in Spanish. "WULR... Cadena Vida" mention by a male announcer in Spanglish at 2000. The signal was noted mixing with WAAV, WTEM and an unidentified Spanish language station, a new station in the logbook. (KK-VA) (I've logged this as WULR and WBZK – eb)

- 990 WTLN **FL**, Orlando – 3/6 1927 noted with “every day at The Word Orlando” mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WEEB, WNML, WNTI, WREJ and an unidentified Country station; first time heard since the call change from WDYZ. (KK-VA) (This was part of a three-way switch; the WDYZ calls are now on 660 in nearby Altamonte Springs with a Talk format, according to Radio Locator, while WORL moved their Conservative Talk format to 950 – eb)
- WREJ **VA**, Richmond – 3/6 1647 noted with “Listen to Rejoice 101.3” mention by a male announcer; “The Rejoicing continues this afternoon at three with Brother Ray on Rejoice 101.3” mention by a male announcer at 1728. The signal was noted mixing with WEEB, WNML, WNTI, WTLN and an unidentified Country station. (KK-VA) (101.3 refers to W267CB Richmond VA – eb)
- 1040 WPBS **GA**, Conyers – 2/20 2356 noted on after sunset with music in Vietnamese, talk by a female announcer, promos and ads, “WPBS 1040 Conyers” legal ID under program at 2400 into another music set. A good signal was noted over WSGH. (PS-ON)
- 1230 WCBT **NC**, Roanoke Rapids – 2/28 2007 noted with “Today’s best...Gospel and today’s best Southern Soul; WCBT AM 1230” mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with numerous GY stations. (KK-VA)
- WPCO **SC**, Columbia – 2/28 2029 noted with a promo for the University of South Carolina, ads mentioning “three showrooms in Columbia” and Founders Federal Credit Union by male announcers. The signal was noted mixing with numerous GY stations; first time heard since the call change from WOIC. (KK-VA)
- 1240 WWWC **NC**, Wilkesboro – 2/28 2131 noted with “Life Changing Local Radio, The Way It Should Be; Hometown Christian Radio Three-W-C” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with numerous GY stations. (KK-VA) (This is the only NC GY I’ve logged at my present location – eb)
- 1260 WQOF **DC**, Washington – 3/1 2129 noted with Relevant Radio Catholic programming, “WQOF Washington, Relevant Radio 1260 AM” legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with other unidentified talk stations. (KK-VA) (This isn’t the only Relevant Radio outlet on 1260; my local WSDZ Belleville, IL is also Relevant Radio, but has an FM relay at 95.1, K236CS Saint Louis MO – eb)
- 1280 WGBF **IN**, Evansville – 3/5 0003 noted with Fox News Radio, various ads, “WGBF” ID at 0006 into *Coast-to-Coast AM with George Noory*. An occasionally fair to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CFMB. (PS-ON) (This is a nighttime regular at my location, most often mixing with WBIG – eb)
- 1360 WTOC **NJ**, Newton – 3/5 2235 noted with Christian teaching program in Spanish from the Radio Vision Cristiana network; unable to get an ID but was confirmed by a Simple Radio Web stream. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with WSAI and other stations. (PS-ON)

EDITOR’S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and Paul for their logs this week. I think we’ll see plenty of DX logged during the emergency with the COVID-19 virus. To put it in the words of Michael Conrad (1925-1984) as Sgt Phil Esterhaus: “Let’s be careful out there!” 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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Deadline – Monday 0000 UTC.

*** TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ***

- 774 **SPAIN** RNE 1 synchros. MAR 9 0456 – of all the TA carriers, this one manages some audio, Castilian talk from RNE synchros, 0500, six-pip timesignal, talk and music. Still very heavy splash from 780 WBBM. [GH-OK]
- 891 **ALGERIA** Chaîne 1, Oulet Falet. MAR 11 0507 – music barely separable from 890 WLS, i.e. Alger network 1. From a few minutes earlier there were JBA carriers on almost all the available lower 9-kHz channels. [GH-OK]

*** TRANS-PACIFIC DX ***

- 774 **JAPAN** JOUB, Akita. MAR 13 1157 – I’m awake so hasten to check out some TP carriers – NHK has some audio here, heralded by the ToH TS chime prolonged at 1200. [GH-OK]

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 650 **MÉXICO** XETNT Los Mochis, Sin. MAR 13 1229 – some Mexican music mostly atop WSM, 1230 into choral NA, 1232 Radio 65 jingle and opening ‘Buenos Dias, Yarderos’, signature wake-up show. Not a bigsig, but glad still to hear XETNT, which really gets out; no other XEs heard now in the 540-730 range. LSR here: 1244. [GH-OK]

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 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.

73 and Good DX, Brandon



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3/2. From Mark Connelly

Lower band report from Brazil. Not terribly different from a Newfie DXpedition running a Brazil Beverage.

<https://playdxblog.blogspot.com/2020/03/medium-wave-in-amazon-rainforest-log.html>

- 3/5. Date: 6/03/2020, Time: 7:45, Radio: DIGITECH AR-1733, Aerial: 3" BABY FSL, Location: Preservation Bay, Penguin Tasmania
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| 531 AUSTRALIA 3GG – VIC (Commercial 5k). Excellent, great signal | 927 AUSTRALIA 3UZ – VIC (Commercial 5k). Weak, racing results |
| 594 AUSTRALIA 3WV – VIC (National 50k). Excellent, weather report | 1026 AUSTRALIA 3PB – VIC (National 10k). Excellent, weather warning |
| 621 AUSTRALIA 3RN – VIC (National 50k). Excellent. | 1341 AUSTRALIA HPON – VIC (HPON 5k). Excellent. |
| 693 AUSTRALIA 3AW – VIC (Commercial 5k). Good, Ad for car yard | 1377 AUSTRALIA 3MP – VIC (Commercial 5k). Excellent. |
| 774 AUSTRALIA 3LO – VIC (National 50k). Excellent. | 1422 AUSTRALIA HPON – VIC (HPON 5k). Excellent. |
| 828 AUSTRALIA 3GI – VIC (National 10k). Excellent. | 1503 AUSTRALIA 3KND – VIC (Community 5k). Good, some mixing with 2BS. |
| 855 AUSTRALIA 3CR – VIC (Community 3500k). Good. | |



Paul – Moderator – UltralightDX

October DX in March

3/15. I was using the Kiwi SDR Bjargtangar in Iceland at pre sunset at its location. This Kiwi SDR the best one out of Iceland and was picking up lots of low powered stations from the UK. This gives me a 2 hour lead time before sunset at a beach on Cape Cod. So I opted to go to the North facing beach at Sandy Neck to DX from. I was not disappointed. Before setting up the loop I picked up some coins a man places on top of the posts of the observing deck. Then after the loop was up and everything working I took a walk. This I also do after the first couple of captures before it gets dark. My normal MO. would be to point the loop around 90 Deg. as The Mideast comes in good from this site but this time I wanted to check more to the North first.

2300 – 60°

- 630 **PORTUGAL** under WPRO w/pips and talk.
720 **GREENLAND** music and after a pause Greenlandic language from a man with presumed news. This heard some years ago. When I try for 570 and 650 NF gets in the way. CKGA 650 strong most often so I have tried 570. I aim the loop at 570 WMCA NY and null it the best I can and then put the loop at 30 to 50 degrees but still only NY and NF. It may be doable but it's about being at the right place at the right time and the CX Gods have to be looking down at me with compassion.
990 **SPAIN** with pips in the mix.
1179 **ROMANIA** and **SPAIN** mixing.
1458 **UNITED KINGDOM** Lyca Radio. Some news and back to music.

2305 LW – 60°

- 153 **ROMANIA** weak with a woman singing.
171 **MOROCCO** fair, music.
189 **ICELAND** fair w/talk.
198 **UNITED KINGDOM** good with talk.
216 **FRANCE** good.
225 **POLAND** fair.
234 **LUXEMBOURG** fair.
252 **IRELAND** and **ALGERIA** mixing.

2315 – 100°

- 531 **ALGERIA** Jill FM with talk and another station with a woman singing. Not // to Spain. Maybe Romania or Israel.
549 **ALGERIA** Jill FM also with a woman singing a Ballard under Jill FM. My guess Ireland.
558 **UnID** could be a British with a music program or Romania as not very clear.
567 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBA. Quran under Spain //576.
576 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBA. Quran also with Spain. Saudi Arabia # 25.
612 **SPAIN** on top with short musical selections. //621.
702 **ALGERIA** Fair w/Quran.
837 **IRAN** on top w/music.
864 **SPAIN** Nacional on top w/music //855.
1062 **IRAN** fair with stringed instrument music.
1071 **UnID** English heard, not // to Talk Sport. Sounds like a British talking to a woman.
1197 **IRAN** 2 men talking in Farsi. To fair peak.
1314 **IRAN** also men in Farsi talk along with Spain.
1323 **UNITED KINGDOM** Smooth Radio. Low dull instrumental music. //1557.
1332 **UNITED KINGDOM** Gold. Music //1548 along w/talk from Romania.
1377 **UnID** talk but weak. Suspect Iran.
1422 **ALGERIA** Quran on top.
1431 **DJIBUTI** some Mideast music at the time.
1458 **UNITED KINGDOM** Lyca and 1 more unknown.
1485 **SPAIN** in fair with another station weak under them. Maybe Iran.
1503 **EGYPT** with Koran and some Spain.
1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** Quran and could have been something under them but some noise and slop.
1521 **SPAIN** a game or a re-cap of the game. //1539.
1539 **UNITED ARAB EMIRITS** with Asian music mixing with Spain. //1521.
1548 **KUWAIT** with talk and mixing w/UK. Gold.
1557 **UNITED KINGDOM** Smooth Radio. W/that dull music. //1323.
1575 **ITALY** believe them with a strong carrier.
1584 **SPAIN** on top of mix.
1593 **UnIDs** just a mix of stations.
1602 **SPAIN** believe them but much hash.
1602.176 **UnID** strong carrier.

2330 – 120°

- 765 **SAUDI ARABIA** Quran, weak.
819 **EGYPT** 5 pips with last pip higher pitch then talk.
945 **UnIDs** mix of weak stations.
1062 **IRAN** and 1071 **IRAN** both running similar programs much like the Quran.
1332 **ROMANIA** ID after a song. At S 6.

0000 – 70°

- 756t **IRAN** Mideast music. No // found. Last Winter Romania held this channel down but this Winter not so strong.
1188 **IRAN** audio much better than previous files. Music into the 3 ascending bells into news.
1215 **SPAIN** under strong **UNITED KINGDOM**.

0030 – 120°

- 549t **IRELAND** English talk. Sent out a clip to Spirit Radio but no answer yet.
846 **UnID** too weak to understand what language the man was using.
1071 **IRAN** and maybe **SYRIA**.
1098 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBA Radio. Music under Spain. //1116.
1107 **SPAIN** and maybe Italy has it sounded Italian under Spain.
1116 **SAUDI ARABIA** SBA Radio. Music //1098 also under Spain.

Twas a good night. Now will check for below the Equator DX from Menauhant Beach. This DX on 3/8-9/20 using the 10 foot x 16 foot loop with the G-33 SDR. No amps were used. OLD ROY FROM OLD CAPE COD.



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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.

Best wishes to all IRCAn who may be affected by Corona Virus, especially our leadership in Washington State! Stay safe. This report covers March 2-15:

CANADA. 218 kHz, March 4 at 0725, ND beacon dash and RL, which is 975 watts from Red Lake, Ontario. Strangely enough I was tuned to 219-USB. Amid storm noise crashes.

CANADA. 258-MCW kHz, March 15 at 0552, dash and ZSJ, which is a 1000-watt ND Beacon from Sandy Lake, Ontario, the only one on 258 per **dxinfocentre.com** – first time heard since December 28.

340-MCW kHz, March 15 at 0558, dash and YY, 500-watt NDB at Mont-Joli, QC. See also UnID 278.

USA. 263 kHz, March 11 at 0552, ND beacon CVM, which is 25 watts from CiVic Memorial, Alton, Illinois.

UnID. 278-MCW kHz, March 15 at 0554, beacon ND with long dash, implying Canadian; no such listing at **dxinfocentre.com** and **classaxe.com** – miskeyed? Difficult copy amid lightning crashes from NE Texas.

CANADA. 284-MCW kHz, March 9 at 0626, dash and ND beacon Ya-S, i.e. dit-dah-dit-dah, dit-dit-dit. As discussed in detail with my last November 15 log this is really QD in The Pas, Manitoba, miskeying the Q which should be dah-dah-dit-dah. Despite storm crashes from southern Nebraska and local line noise level, I proceed:

326-MCW kHz, March 9 at 0628, dash and NDB VV, which is 133 watts from Wiarnton, Ontario (once a channel 2 TV DX city), per **dxinfocentre.com** "To be decommissioned 2020-03-26" but William Hepburn also says, "Beacons are being decommissioned at such a rapid rate that many listed here may already be off the air. By 2026, most of these beacons will be gone with only a few left, ___mainly in remote areas. Also, it has been noticed recently that many decommissioned beacons have been unexpectedly returning to the air (I call them "zombie beacons")." I, gh, was tuned to 325-USB.

340-MCW kHz, March 9 at 0630, dash and YY, 500 watt NDB at Mont Joli, Québec. I was tuned to 339-USB; yet QRM from local 341, El Enid.
351-MCW kHz, March 9 at 0631, dash and YKQ, 500-watt NDB at Fort Rupert-Waskaganish, Québec. I was tuned to 350-USB, yet no sign of RG at Will Rogers World Airport, OKC; off?

355-MCW kHz, March 9 at 0634, dash and YWP, 200-watt NDB at Webeque, Ontario. I was tuned to 354-USB.

CANADA. 399 kHz, March 6 at 0650, NDB dash and ZHD, which is 25 watts from Dryden-Barclay, Ontario.

USA. 400 kHz, March 6 at 0649, ND beacon AHW vs storm crashes, of which there are none closer per Blitzortung than off the coast of FL north of Bahamas. AHW is 25 watts from Wahoo, Nebraska.

USA. 420 kHz, March 8 at 0645, ND beacon PK, Olathe KS, difficult to separate from another one IDing at same pitch, same time, presumably the usual FQ, Fairmont MN, both 25 watts.

UnID. Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search March 9 at 0448: 531, 549, 558, 567, 585(2), 603, 612, 621, 639, 666(2), 693*, 711, 774*(2), 783, 801, 837, 846 (TP Kiritimati?), 855, 882, 891, 909, 936(2), 999, 1026, 1044, 1053*, 1089, 1125(2), 1134(2), 1152, 1215, 1314, 1341, 1575. There could be more above 1200 but the splash/QRM levels are worse there. (2) = at least two carriers beating; * = strongest; see also SPAIN 774. At 0652 QRT a quick incomplete rescan finds 576, 639, 693, 711, 774 at least.

UnID. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, March 13 from 1200 after hearing the NHK chime timesignal at 1200 on 774; on the DX-398 with DF where obvious: 702, 693-NW, 666, 594-NW, 567 kHz. 702, at 1209 a slow SAH, one from WSW; also until 1215: 747-NW, 792, 828, 882-WSW, 972, 1035, 1125-WSW, 1297(2), 1512 kHz. Then I switch to the R75 with E-W longwire, so no DFing, 1219-1229: 657(2), 828, 1035, 1242, 1422, 1521; 558, 567, 594, 693, 729, 747(2), 711. Enid LSR: 1244.

USA. 990, Sunday March 8 at 0106, plug for bass event in Birmingham, but no station there, then listing of fishing/hunting events in FL, MO, WY so a network program, also plugging NRA. This page <https://kwamthevoice.com/page-schedule> presents a "weekly schedule" without specifying *which* days! Apparently means Monday-Friday only ignoring very different lineup on weekends. Fortunately the host mentions his own website, bbkoradio.com which converts to: <https://bigbillykinderoutdoors.com/> including KWAM-AM Saturdays 6-8 pm CT, from a well-designed affiliate map at <https://bigbillykinderoutdoors.com/The-Show/Radio-Stations>. 0115 ID "KWAM, The Voice, now on 107.9 and AM 990" and kwamtheoice.com – evidently the slogan is now just "The Voice" rather than "Voice of Memphis". This is dominant on my E-W longwire, no CBW, which I do hear on the DX-398 aimed N/S; and on it E/W there is also Spanish CCI. 107.9 is – you guessed it – a paltry 250-watt translator, W300DE. Speaking of powers, when I heard 990 it was surely on 10 kW day power, not 450 watt night power, which is supposed to start in March at 0000! Day pattern is tight east-west, night also tight slightly clockwise, both favoring us.

USA. 1460, March 3 at 1410, female anchor with world news in AmerEnglish – more than some network news-on-the-hour, and no commercials, dominant at first. Like public radio, but certainly not NPR Morning Edition. The only fit around here is KHOJ, St Charles MO, which is Catholic, and there was one item about the Pope testing negative for CoronaVirus but cancelling his public events, and at 1417 mention website mycatholic-something.com Finally got KHOJ program schedule to load https://ourcatholicradio.org/sites/default/files/station-schedules/WRYT-KHOJ%28Group-1-WEB%29_38.pdf which shows Tuesdays at 8-9 am CT, 'Catholic Connection' (Live), which seems like a call-in rather than a newscast.

1460, March 3 at 1415, overcoming KHOJ briefly, "Welcome to the Voice of America, in Vietnamese!" And VoA jingle. The Vietnamese station around here is KCLE Burleson TX, address in Cleburne (The Metroplex), now on 11 kW day power. At first I thought it said Japanese, surely not, and Vietnamese talk soon followed.

OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1520, March 2 at 0259, bit of music from KOKC and a minute of dead air – just what we need to check for sporadic daytime KYND Cypress TX, which Paul Walker reported on air last night with business barker loop it used to run a lot last year – but no sign of it now, just weak CCI from who knows what until KOKC resume at 0300.

OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1520, March 4 at 0341, KOKC is off, tnx to tip from Paul Walker; thought this might clear for longtime cheater KOLM in MN, but no sign of it now, rather a heavy jumble of much weaker signals. Paul said it would be only briefly for some tower maintenance. By 0343 I am hearing a weak talkshow with female host, roughly NW/SE and gradually fading in stronger. This is apparently KOKC on again already, in 'The Dana Show' as scheduled. Maybe they were actually turning the power level up. Paul also said it came back but went off again, after I quit.

UnID. 1520, March 6 at 0110, some musical station with songs considerably QRming talker KOKC OKC, making 72/minute SAH = 1.2 Hz. Best heard with KOKC nulled as much as possible, but cannot get a positive fix on it. What is KYND TX doing now? It's almost the same bearing from here as KOKC.

USA. 1539.96 approximately, March 6 at 0707, tell-tale het against 1540 KXEL et al., prime suspect being KGBC Galveston TX, which sometimes but not always, is askew. Careful LSB tuning manages to pull it apart as signal increases, after 0714 music, "Ain't That a Shame", 0715 full ID for KGBC also FM 101.7, 'Baytown, Houston, we've got you covered' – also Enid. As of last August, in NRC AM Log, KGBC format was Tejano – not anymore; U4 2500/250 watts, address in Houston, and 101.7 is K269GS, no mention of off-frequenciness from 1540.00. WTFDA DB shows 101.7 in Houston proper, still Spanish/Tejano. [RadioLocator.com](http://radioLocator.com) also still claims KGBC is "Tejano". Ain't that a shame?

USA [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 2024 monitoring: confirmed Sunday March 8 at 0413 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, MO, about 11 minutes in so started early around 0402, VG S9+30 – this rivals another St Louis station with much more power, KMOX 1120! Note: from next week due to DST, nominal start will be 0315. Full schedule including AM, FM, webcasts, satellite, podcasts: <http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 2025 monitoring: Also confirmed Sunday March 15 starting at 0330 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, Wentzville MO, sufficient at Peoria IL KiwiSDR, VG direct to here S9+20/30 but with storm crashes from NE Texas.

CANADA. 2749-USB, March 6 at 0727, TWO CCG stations with marine weather in French QRming each other at about equal levels, same roboyl voice, but apparently different content, not merely offset echoing. As I have noted a number of times before, none scheduled before 0737 or 0740; per <http://dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm> the possible bilingual stations on 2749 are: VCO Sydney NS at 0740; VCN Escoumins, Québec from 0847; and VAR-9 Yarmouth (Halifax) NS from 1040; and no languages specified from VCS-21 Halifax at 0810. Canadian CG needs to get its acts together, or rather separated.

CANADA. 2598-USB, March 12 at 0616, woman in French marine weather, poor, at a time when nothing is supposed to be active among the NL stations.

2749-USB, March 12 at 0616, another collision between Canadian coast guard stations, and again at a time unscheduled for any of them in the Nova Scotia-Quebec area. Better signals than 2598. Same Robo-woman voice, at first one in English, the other in French, 0619 both in French. Almost every sentence ends before a pause with 'vendredi soir' = Friday evening. Isn't anyone paying attention at CCG? Are no mariners complaining to them about this? By 0621, just one is on, and at 0627 in English.

GUATEMALA. 4055, March 12 at 0604, Radio Truth signing off in English requesting reports to PO Box 5, Chiquimula, address! Then same in German. Yet Dr Madrid has said over and over that there is no postal service in Guatemala, Email only, certainly for outgoing eQSLs. Is there postal or isn't there? There were several replies to this on the WOR iog; part of the final one, from Chuck Gessner, W3ON: "Hi All, I sent an Email to Dr Madrid, the General Manager and Director of Radio Verdad Guatemala yesterday, regarding postal mail to and from Guatemala. His comments were very interesting. Here is some of what he wrote. 'Here's how Postal Mail is in Guatemala: Private mail ceased permanently, as they never got an agreement with the government. The government is now operating to some extent the old official Post Offices. The problem is that it is not operating fully. They are operating on a partial way. We are not allowed to send any mail out, but we may receive mail from other countries (very scarcely). I have received several mail from the US and from Mexico, but not many. Mail from other countries take much time to arrive, although they may eventually get to us. I have been checking for your registered mail you sent in January, but it has not arrived yet. I was informed that we may send postal mail within Guatemala already, but not to other countries. They have announced several times that postal mail will start functioning normally, but it hasn't happened yet. Dr Edgar Amílcar Madrid, General Manager and Director, Radio Truth, Chiquimula, Guatemala, CA'

USA. 4102+CW, March 4 at 0716, "W" windy beacon JBA, first time in a long time after frequent checks at night. Also some dits and other letters/numbers, something to do with battery power or other characteristics of the installation. Definitely on plus side though too weak to measure accurately, although there was recently a report of it on the minus side of 4102. Somewhere in the USA SW desert. Steve McGreevy located and photographed this 19 years ago and says the FCC tolerates it, yet the precise location is not being revealed: http://www.auroralchorus.com/4095-5-kHz_DF_and_visit_to_the_WIND-BEACON_Spring-2001-SPMandEDH.jpg. Enlarge them and see an itty bitty anemometer atop a rock outcrop, a small solar panel, and a dipole antenna. There is a huge amount of other great info on his website.

2097.3-CW, Mar 4 at 0720, no signal from "A" single-letter beacon while "W" etc is audible.

USA [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 2024 monitoring: Also confirmed Saturday March 7 at 0130 on WRMI: 5010 fair with trace of LAH, Madagascar or India? As usual, Spanish Bibling is chopped off at 0129:30 for ID.

USA. 5010, Sunday March 8 at 0059, Rudy Espinal, Dominican Republic, WRMI Spanish ID, while 5850 runs a Bob Biermann English ID. At 0100 they join when 'Encore' classical music is supposed to play but instead Bob introduces music, not Oldies, rather tunes from the very familiar World Music reel, the first song sounding like gibberish but maybe a real language, which? Still no Encore at 0112, 0132 checks. Such a default is what happens when there is something wrong with the proper scheduled file. I notified Brice Avery about this and he says the problem should be fixed for the next airing, Monday March 9 at 0300 on 9455 (except it had shifted to 0200).

USA [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 2025 monitoring: confirmed 0130 Saturday March 14 on WRMI: 5010 fair as I am listening to Bogotá remote; 7780 sufficiently fair via wente SDR; Direct: 5850 VG S9+20, 7780 JBA, 5010 VP S9 in noise.

SCOTLAND [non]. 5850 //5010, Sunday March 15 at 0100, 'Encore' classical music from Radio Tumbriil via WRMI succeeds this week, not only on publicized 5850 but also on companion 5010; thisaway 5010 is much weaker; at Bogotá KiwiSDR, 5010 is better but not very strong. Next airing is to be the final one on WBCQ, Mon Mar 16 at 0000 on 7490.2v; and then at 0200 on WRMI 9455. Unfortunately this week's playlist is not up yet, rather last week's for 07/3, at: <https://www.tumbriil.co.uk/playlists>

CUBA. 5040, March 2 at 0702, Radio Havana Cuba in Spanish with this-day-in-history, still on at an hour there is supposed to be no Spanish. Was it in English during the previous hour? Some 6 MHzs are still on in English.

CUBA. 5040, March 4 at 0536, Radio Havana Cuba is off already rather than running until 07 or sometimes even later; but 5025 Rebelde is on. Others: 6060 now in Spanish instead of English; 6145, 6100 and 6000 in English for now.

[the following headed by higher frequency also mention 5040] CUBA. 6060, March 5 at 0718, RHC is S9+20 but JBM in English; 6145 is S9+10 undermodulated but sufficient. Of the remaining Cuban Five, 5040 and 6000 are off; 6100 a JBA carrier likely something else: perhaps KCBS P'yongyang although a bit early for it, sunset not until 0934.

CUBA. 5040, March 6 at 0720, Radio Havana Cuba is still on with dead air except for hum-squeal. 6060 is DA at S9+10; 6145 and 6100 are modulating English; 6000 is off. Something's always wrong at RHC. Once hit by DST, I hope not to be awake and monitoring after 0630.

CUBA. Further checks of Radio Havana Cuba now that DST is in effect: Monday March 9 at 0036, 6000 is in Spanish, 6145 not on; 5040 is squealing and in Kriyol. At 0038, 11850 in Spanish and suptorted, 11760 OK, 11700 Spanish, 11670 distorted; 9640 and 9535 weaker all with discussion of beisbol.

CUBA. 6060, March 9 at 0610, checking all the Radio Havana Cuba English frequencies, this one is S9+20 of dead air; 5040, 6000, 6100 are OFF; 6145 is the only one still on, S9 but undermodulated.

CUBA. 6060, March 11 at 0542, this is the best of The Cuban Five, all of which are still on in English (but 6060 sometimes Spanish), S9+20/30 and fine modulation. 6100 is S9+30, less modulation but sufficient; much louder than 6145 yet reading S9+10/20; and 5040 is S9+20/30 loud enough, but always with that annoying squeal.

CUBA. 6000, March 15 at 0543, Radio Havana Cuba English JBM with crackle; 6060 VG S9+10/20; 6100 S9+10 undermodulated; 6145 VP S7-S9; 5040 S9+10/20 and distorted.

UNID. 5050, March 3 at 0729, no mystery open carrier now, which had been running the past several nights with no clues but lots of guesses.

NORTH AMERICA. 5080-USB, March 7 at 0118, soul, jazz music, no announcements, stops at 0137 though I tuned away a bit at 0128 to check WOR frequencies. Fair with bubbling probably from local device. In the absence of WTWW 5085! Mix Radio International per lots of reports here, as early as 2136 March 6: <https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,63822.0.html>. Could have stayed on later as no-show from WTWW by 0300.

USA. WTWW still not on at 0205 Wednesday March 4, when the ham show would normally be on 5085 (and still off at 0317). (The competing ham show on WBCQ 5130 is running.) Power outage and/or tornado damage? Anyone know or can inquire? Wikipedia reports: "In Lebanon, many homes and businesses suffered considerable damage, including Walmart and Lowe's. The Wilson County Fairgrounds was impacted as the tornado moved east out of town and continued along the interstate to Smith County, producing EF1-type damage in the Tuckers Crossroads, Grant, and New Middleton communities." Then I write to Doug Smith of **W9WI.com**: "Hi Doug, Sure hope you and yours are OK! And eventually you can fill us in on the impact to broadcast stations? (SW: WTWW Lebanon has not been heard. It should be on 5085 at least, tonight). 73, Glenn" Doug replies: "Thanks! - Yep, I'm fine, except for sleep deprivation :) I'm located in the western part of the city - the tornado formed roughly eight miles to the northeast. It ripped up an airport about two miles north of my workplace - but didn't even break sticks off the trees at work. I believe WHTN TV 39 is off but best I can tell everything else is on. It did come awfully close to the AM 900/1490 tower in Lebanon but I'm told the stations are still on. Haven't had an opportunity to scan myself. I suspect there are still massive power outages in Lebanon/Wilson County. The folks behind WTWW are pretty active on social media - and conspicuously absent today. I suspect it's just a lack of power" Further checks of WTWW frequencies find no signals: 0514, 1904 March 4.

USA. 5085 and 5830, March 6 at 0335, both WTWWs are off, although 24+ hours earlier, 5830 had resumed. Maybe power at Lebanon TN is still sporadic after tornados.

USA. 5085, March 6 at 0531, WTWW-2 is now on with rock music, plus and minus the very weak parasitic spurs on 5072.1 and 5097.9; this had been off at earlier check 0335. Lebanon electrical fluid may still be sporadic post-tornado. At 0722 I check again, when 5085 is still very good, and 5830 is JBA, presumably WTWW-1 as neighbor 5935 WWCRCR is also JBA. The MUF must be sharp between 5 and 6 MHz. Usually it's above 6 MHz allowing both to inboom when on.

USA. 5085, March 7 at 2209, WTWW-2 is already on at S9+40 with music this Saturday, unlike yesterday - early Sat when it was not on at all. But no 5830 WTWW-1. 5085, Sunday March 8 at 0113 and 0134, still rock, no sign of nameless theatre organ show nor ham news.

USA. 5085, March 15 at 0546 tune-in, just in time to hear some dead air and turn off the air. WTWW-2 closings are extremely variable. Earlier I found 5830 WTWW-1 on air weakly but it too off now. WORLD OF RADIO 2024 monitoring: Confirmed Monday March 9 at 0300 (ex-0400) on Area 51 webcast; 5130 WBCQ poor-fair on SDR in Virginia but not ones closer to Maine; at 0327 here, fair S9/+10.

Until the next, Best of DX and 73 de Glenn!



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March 15 2020 – Contest Update

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If you would like to enter the contest rules can be found in the August 17 2019 SDXM (Vol 57 #1). The contest will end 2359 on May 31 2020 so there is still time to enter. New catches are guaranteed! – Nancy

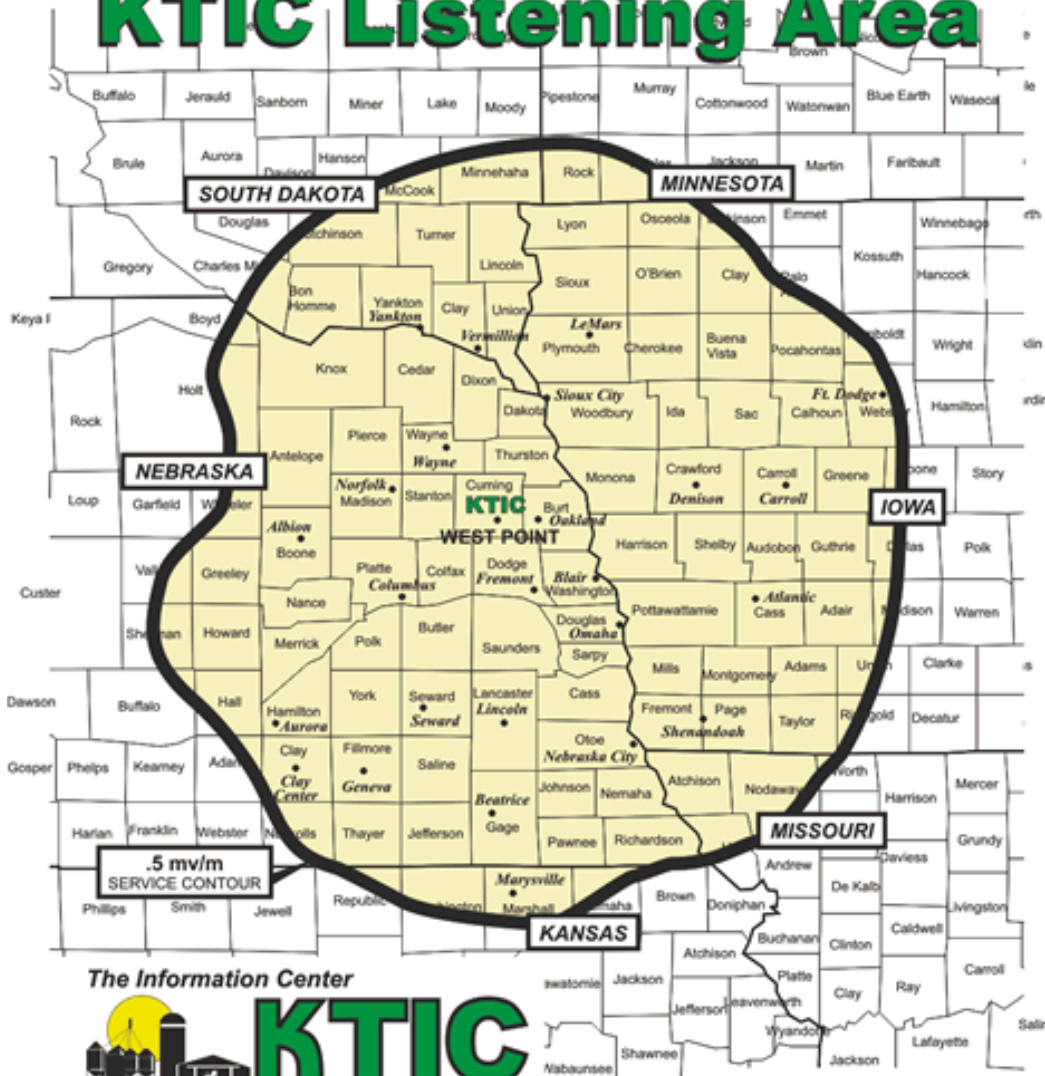
IRCA Slogans List (September 2019)

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