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# WELCOME TO IRCA'S "soft" DX MONITOR Vol 36 - No 4 October 1 1998

DXM dated October 10 1998

CPC Chairman (NRC)

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PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run a test!

Monday, October 19 1998 - WSGI-1100, Springfield, TN 1:00-6:00 am ELT. (NRC)

Monday, October 19, 1998 - KEYZ-660, Williston, ND in intervals from 1:05-6:00 am ELT. (NRC)

Monday, October 26, 1998 - KTGG-1540, Spring Arbor, MI 12:30-1:30 AM ELT (NRC). E-mail: lmunn@admin.arbor.edu

Monday, November 2, 1998 - KLER-1300, Orofino, ID 0300 - 0315 ELT. (NRC)

Monday, November 16, 1998 - WODI-1230, Brookneal, VA 2:00-???? am ELT. (NRC)

(ELT = Eastern Listening Time, i.e. the local time in the Eastern time zone). Please remember, what's listed as being on, say, Monday \*may\* be what you think of as Sunday night!

# **DETAILS:**

Monday, October 19, 1998 - WSGI-1100, Springfield, TN will conduct tests between 0100 and 0600 ELT. The test will be comprised of C&W music along with Morse Code IDs. This daytime-only station will be operating with 1000 watts non-directional. Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Bill Gray General Manager WSGI-AM P.O. Box 909 Springfield, TN 37172-0909 (Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Monday, October 19, 1998 - KEYZ-660, Williston, ND will conduct tests at various intervals from 0105 to 0130 and prior to the news at :00 from 0200 and 0600 ELT. The test will consist of 1000 Hz tones of about 30 seconds duration along with Morse Code IDs during the 0105 to 0130 period, commencing after ABC Network News and local news, and the code ID at the top of the hour preceding ABC News from 0200 to 0600 ELT. Their format is C&W music. KEYZ will be on their nighttime directional pattern sending 26,895 watts ERP toward 018 degrees True. Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Earl R. Gross, WDOAPE Chief Engineer KEYZ-AM 410 6th Street East Williston, ND 58801-5552 (Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.) KTGG-1540 will conduct a CPC test Monday, October 26, 1998 between 12:30 and 1:30 AM Eastern Time. The test will be comprised of music, in the forms of marches, classical, and Christian contemporary, plus Morse code IDs. KTGG will be using 470 watts non-directional. During the test, phone calls will be accepted at 800-750-9723 . . . BUT, QSLs will only be issued following a written report. E-Mail reports may be sent to lmunn@admin.arbor.edu.

Reception reports may be sent to:
Mr. Lewis Munn
KTGG-AM
Spring Arbor College
106 East Main
Spring Arbor, MI 49283
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Monday, November 2, 1998 - KLER-1300, Orofino, ID will conduct DX tests between 0300 and 0315 ELT. The test will be comprised of tones and Morse Code IDs. They will be using 5 kW non-directional. Reception reports (tapes preferred) may be sent to:

Mr. Jeff Jones Owner KLER-AM P.O. Box 32 Orofino, ID 83544-0032 (Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Monday, November 16, 1998 - WODI-1230, Brookneal, Virginia will test at 0200 Eastern Time for an unspecified period with 1000 Hz tones, Morse code IDs, and . . . Cajun fiddle music.

Reports may be sent to:
Mr. Dave Marthouse, President/GM
WODI
1230 Radio Road
Brookneal, VA 24528-3141
(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Also, if you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via e-mail or the the newsgroup! And, if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report...

Anyone interested in hosting the 1999 IRCA Convention, please contact IRCA President Phil Bytheway. I kinda forgot to mention this, so the deadline for bidding will be moved out to October 31 1998. I already have one bid in, so hurry!! Thanks. pb

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The F.C.C. has started putting CALL LETTER changes in their computer data base...We will include them here as time and space permits.

PREPARED ON 10/1/98

Call Signs reserved for Pending Sales Applicants \*\*

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY	FORMER CALL
WKEA	BRIDGEPORT, AL	1480	WBTS

\*\* Commission grant and consummation does not automatically grant call sign application. The new licensee must provide written notice to the call sign desk upon consummation of the transaction and await authority from the Commission to use the new call sign.

### CALL SIGN CHANGES

NEW CALL	CITY AND STATE	FREQUENCY *	FORMER CALL
WALC	SEBRING, FL	960	WJCM
(stat	ion will be moving to 105	0 so WFLA-970	Tampa, can
	increase p	ower)	
KIQN	TOOLE, UT	1010	KTUR
WKDA	LEBANON, TN	1200	WQDQ
WGMN	ROANOKE, VA	1240	WROV
KZXR	PROSSER, WA	1310	KARY
WVGM	LYNCHBURG, VA	1320	WJJS
WLTA	ALPHARETTA, GA	1400	WVNF
KOWS	TEXARKANA, TX	1400	KHSP
KTSP	ST. GEORGE, UT	1450	KSGI
KAVA	PUEBLO, CO	1480	KRRU
KLNT	LAREDO, TX	1490	KDOS
WRPN	RIPON, WI	1600	WCWC

\* The F.C.C. does NOT list the frequency in their database. I have tried to suppliment this with information from my own database,, so look it over "carefully" before you change anything in yours.

We have put this information in order of frequency rather than location. Send any suggestions, changes AND corrections to the above E-Mail address.

# Western DX Roundup

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WDXR Deadlines: Fridays. Please use Eastern Time.

# REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

- (GJ) Gary Jackson-7735 Center Parkway-Sacramento, CA 95823 FRG-880 & KIWA loop
- (DL) Doug Lamerson-DX'ing from Ka'a'awa, Oahu HQ-180 with 2' unamp. box loop
- (PM) Patrick Martin-PO Box 843-Seaside, OR 97138-0843 mwdxer@webtv.net Drake R8, 900' Beverage, 1500' E Beverage, terminated 200' SW wire
- (NP) Nigel Pimblett-1146 Queen Street-Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1B4 Kenwood R-5000, KIWA loop and Beverages
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118 rjw@webtv.net GE Superadio II, GE long-range portable, Select-Antenna, Hammarlund HQ-180A

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SPECIAL INTEREST

1480 KVNR CA, Santa Ana 9/21 0900 finally nabbed this call change, ex-KWIZ. Apparent s/on (?) in Vietnamese, Vietnamese talk with Vietnamese NA in background, then clear "KVNR" ID in heavy Vietnamese accent, faded rapidly under KGOE with KYOS nulled. (RW-CA)

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- 530 TIS WA, Ritzville 9/14 0823 man with tourism info, "Welcome to Ritzville...", apparently mixing with an unID station with another man giving a similar type of message. (NP)
- 590 ?KCSJ? CO, Pueblo 9/21 0810 tentative with what sounded like a "KCSJ" ID, Accu-weather forecast (high of 76), female announcer, faded rapidly under KID/KSUB, KUGN nulled. Will still keep trying for this... (RW-CA)
- 620 KTAR AZ, Phoenix 9/14 0048 promo for a seminar sponsored in part by "620 KTAR," then local ads. (NP-AB)
- 660 KZTU OR, Junction City 9/19 0838 ID for parallel operation as "Christian --- Radio," 860 KPAM. Drowned when CFFR shifted to day pattern. New one, and pleasantly surprised it got through CFFR. (NP-AB)
- 840 KMAX WA, Colfax 9/21 0800 blasting in again extremely strong, almost unnullable! Full ID in KXNT null after Art Bell.

  They are running 10kw, no doubt, but isn't this a bit early to be going to day power in September? (RW-CA)
- 1210 ?KQEQ? CA, Fowler 8/25 0530 probably the one with rap and R&B oldies. Tried for an ID, but too much KEBR & KPRZ. Very strong auroral conditions. (PM-OR)
- 1230 KKPC CO, Pueblo 9/19 0200 ID on the hour "This is AM 1230, Pueblo." (NP-AB)
- 1300 KVOR CO, Colorado Springs 9/19 0305 end of news, then ID by a woman and intro into Art Bell. A new one for me. (NP-AB)
- 1350 KBID CA, Bakersfield 9/25 0610 fair under KSRO with adult standards format, Nat King Cole's "The Very Thought of You" followed by and ID as "KBID" into "Southern Nights" by Glen Campbell. Listed as only 33 watts at night! Strong auroral conditions. (PM-OR)
- 1410 KOOQ NE, North Platte 9/24 0340 good on top with adult standards and "K-O-O-Q" jingle going into Anne Murray's "Snowbird." (PM-OR)
- 1450 KBBS WY, Buffalo 9/19 0200 virtually alone with ID "You are listening to KBBS, Buffalo, Wyoming, 1450 on your AM dial."

  Then into ABC news. (NP-AB)
- MN, Montevideo 9/21 0652-0656 fading up over GY-like mess with C&W, quick ID caught on tape as "1460, KDMA," then talk about Hubert Humphrey's wife dying Sunday in Minneapolis, faded out under KCKX, frequency was really humming. Looking for KDMI at the time (note one-letter difference). However, ID on tape is very clear to read, will send tape report to them. New, my best catch since WCRV-640 in 1996! Puts out 1kw nights, main lobe to 250 degrees (approx. my direction) to protest KDMI, KLTC & KKAQ. (RW-CA)
- 1480 KLVL TX, Pasadena 9/24 0359:45 fair on top of KMRT with ID in Spanish & English as "You're listening to Radio... K-L-V-L, 14-80 AM, Pasadena... Radio..." New (PM)
- 1590 KCNN MN, East Grand Forks 9/23 fair on top of jumble with ID at 0359:50 as "KCNN, East Grand Forks," into CNN news. (PM-
- 1610 TIS CA, Roseville 9/16 new TIS/HAR near Highway 80 & Antelope Road, near Roseville, CA heard testing. Not yet licensed, so no call letters issues, but CalTrans has applied for a license. (GJ-CA)
- 1640 TIS TX, DFW 9/24 0345 heard mixing with KDIA with airport info, flights, etc. Haven't heard this in a while. (PM-OR) 1670 ?WNML? GA, Warner Robins assumed with ESPN sports 9/21 0340. Weak but audible with prolonged fades. (DL-HI)

- TX, DFW 9/24 0348 heard fair in static crashes with airport TIS 1680 info. (PM-OR)
- CO, Pueblo fair signal all morning 9/21 with curious mix of KAYK oldies & endless Disney promotions and giveaways. (DL-HI)

### UNIDS

- 9/13 0815 woman mentioned Forest Service campgrounds, restrictions 530 in the canyon, and advised motorists to turn off their air conditioners on the climb out of the canyon to avoid overheating. (NP-AB)
- 9/24 0330 Spanish with tape running slow & fast, distorted. 1440
- Unable to understand audio. From the east. (PM-OR) Carrier noted regularly here but audio only once (9/7) 1690 discrernible. Cadence suggested preaching, but couldn't be sure. (DL-HI)
- Carrier noted most of 9/21 AM but audio never penetrated the 1700 static & noise threshold. (DL)

The WDXR deadlines are each Friday. Hope that many of you are going to join in the IRCA contest this new DX season. <del>\*</del>

# Central DX Roundup

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Deadline: Fridays. Please report all times as Eastern. Keep tips to less than a month old.

# RIDING GAIN

- Louis Buehler, Winfield, Missouri [LB-MO] ICF-2010, Quantum Loop.
- [JJR-WI] John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

john jrieger@webtv.net FGR 100, IC R70, Kiwa Loop, MFJ 959B pre-amp, DSP-599ZX audio noise reduction filter.

### DOWN THE DIAL

- TX, Beaumont. 9-8 weak signal fading in and out of static. KLVI 0717 with sports, traffic, weather, ID "News, talk, KLVI." [LB-MO]
- FL, Miami. 9-25 good. 0123 with hurricane info on closings, 940 WINZ boiling water, where to sleep in Dade and Broward counties. [JJR-WI]
- TN, Newport. 9-25 in poor but clear u/WKBF. 2025 with high 1270 WLIK school sports. Local spots, "...in Newport on I-40" after listening for 26 minutes! [JJR-WI]
- MI, Grand Rapids. 9-25 in fair. 2008 with female announcer 1320 KOZY and local mentions. Live oldies. Unusual to hear. [JJR-WI] AL, Birmingham. 9-24 in poor w/KELO, no WILS. 2350 at tune
  - WAGG in with "GG, Birmingham's....information...." 111 Watts. [JJR-WI]
- IN, Gary. 9-25 in fair. 1957 with local chatter, carted ID WLTH 1370 into promos, spots. [JJR-WI]
- IN, Seymour. 9-9 fair signal on top for awhile. 0804 with spot for Hamilton Ford on Highway 50 in Browns Town. ID 1390 WZZB "Thanks for making us your first choice for area news coverage. No one else keeps you up to date like Bud Shippey here on stereo classic 13-90 WZZB. We're still the one."

NOS music format. [LB-MO]

1440 WHDM TN, McKenzie. 9-6 weak signal in pile. 0110 with country music, ID "14-40 WHDM." "Country Countdown" program. [LB-MO]

1480 WJBM IL, Jerseyville. 9-24 in good and dominating 1480. 2341 with jingle or pre-recorded chatter every two to three country songs. Rare here, 30 Watts. [JJR-WI]

songs. Rare here, 30 Watts. [JJR-WI]
1500 WGEN IL, Geneseo. 9-24 in fair with steady signal. 2303 with
"WHHK, WGEN" ID into satellite Ad/Con music. Thought this
was a daytimer? [JJR-WI]

1570 WFRL IL, Freeport. 9-4 weak signal in and out of pile. 0055 with EZ oldies music, ID "WFRL and WFPS Freeport." Back to music. [LB-MO]

1580 WKKD IL, Aurora. 9-4 fair signal fighting it out with WHLY. 0025 with news, weather, ID "This is your home for local sports coverage, news and weather. WKKD Aurora. A Saulthers Communications station." [LB-MO]

1650 ?KTTR? CA, Costa Mesa. 9-5 very weak signal fading in and out with lots of static. 0205 with traffic reports and spots. 0220 ID "AM 16-50....." [LB-MO]

1660 WBAH NJ, Elizabeth. 9-9. 0000 with EE ID "You're listening to 16-60 WBAH" back to SS "Radio Unica" program. Finally managed to get tape of new call letters. [LB-MO]

WQSN MI, Kalamazoo. 9-25 in fair. 1400 with "Sports Radio AM 16-60 WQSN Kalamazoo and AM 14-70 W ??? Kalamazoo.

(Unreadable call, but not WQSN). One On One Sports format.

NEW! Thanks to JD Stephens for the tip! [JJR-WI]

### 25 YEARS AGO

During October in 1973 IRCA's "DX Monitor" was published only twice. Join us next week when we will take a look at the October 20, 1973 issue.

### OPEN MIKE

Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans. Thanks to everyone who voted for me for the TVA this year. It is most appreciated. Being a charter member of IRCA it means a great deal to me to finally receive a TVA! 73, John.

# **DX Worldwide East**

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This column is for international DX loggings (no US/Canada station logs by US/Canada DXers) by members in the time zones from Central (winter: UTC-6) eastward to UTC+6. Others: report to Pat Martin's DX Worldwide West.

Please report in the format I've used for my DXWW-E reports. Times are UTC. Dates should use 3-letter month abbreviations (rather than all numbers).

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On Friday night and Saturday night (25 & 26 SEP 1998), I did some listening and heard quite a bit of southerly DX. Friday night / Saturday morning from E. Harwich was "primo" to Cuba, the western Caribbean, and northwestern South America. The long-sought mystery signal in the 604 - 605 kHz region has finally been ID'ed. It's a Cuban

Rebelde outlet parallel to 600 kHz. It was noted at 0146 UTC on 26 SEP, this time on 605.6 kHz. Pre-dawn on Saturday featured some Mexicans and a really good signal from RJR Jamaica on 720. On Saturday afternoon, on my return trip from the Cape, I did a sunset DX "pit stop" at the west end of the Powder Point Bridge in Duxbury, MA. This site really "cranks in" the DX from Africa and Brazil, because of its direct salt water exposure on those bearings. Senegal-765 and Western Sahara-711.05 were just about pegging the S-meter. Some tastier treats like Brazil on 690 and 760 (both Fortaleza), Gambia on 648 and 907.8, Burkina-Faso on 747 showed up. Everything from the Canary Islands was loud (much better than the Spain stations). Many Caribbean and Venezuelan stations came in with big signals as darkness progressed westward. Seldom-logged WKVM Puerto Rico had a good signal on 810.

[Connelly\*D-MA] = Duxbury, MA (GC= 70.651 W / 42.047 N) (west end of Powder Point Bridge, at King Caesar Road)

[Connelly\*H-MA] = East Harwich, Cape Cod, MA (GC= 70.021 W / 41.713 N) (near junction of Routes 39 & 137: pitch pine forest 2 km from ocean)

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Receiver: Drake R8A

Antenna system: cardioid array with BBL-1 broadband loop & APW-1 active whip; Superphaser-1 phasing unit

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

- ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 26 0152 fast AA talk; fair to good. 549 [Connelly\*H-MA]
- SPAIN RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, SEP 26 2335 // 621 with SS talk 603 by man & woman; fair. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, SEP 26 2333 operatic 621 female SS vocal; good. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- GAMBIA R. Gambia, Bonto, SEP 26 2331 African music; poor to 648 fair during a powerful opening to West Africa (e.g. Senegal at local level).
  - + SEP 26 2343 African drums, a bit better in strength than it was 12 minutes earlier. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, SEP 27 0026 // 855 with '50s type vocal, 684 then SS talk by man; good despite some WRKO splash. [Connelly\*D-MA I
- AZORES RDP, Santa Barbara, SEP 26 0202 PP news by man; fair. 693
- [Connelly\*H-MA] + SEP 27 0022 - // 837 with "I've Got My Mind Set on You" by George Harrison; good. [Connelly\*D-MA]
  711.05 WESTERN SAHARA Laayoune, SEP 26 2325 - AA talk by woman, then
- reggae song; at light audio level on a monster carrier that was 15 dB (!) better than WOR-710.
  - + SEP 27 0021 AA vocal & strings; still bombing WOR into the background. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- BURKINA FASO Ouagadougou, SEP 26 2253 // 4815 with highlife music; light audio, fair carrier. [Connelly\*D-MA]
  CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 26 2321 SS talk by man; now 747
- 747
- dominating over Burkina Faso. [Connelly\*D-MA] SENEGAL Dakar, SEP 26 2250 kalimba instrumentation and male 765 African folk vocal; absolutely local-like, up to 20 dB stronger than adjacent WABC. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- AZORES RDP, Pico da Barossa, SEP 26 2318 PP talk by man, then segments of rock oldies including "Rock Around the Clock" and 837 "Rock 'n' Roll Music"; HUGE, way over Canary Islands and louder than the mess on 840. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 26 2248 fast SS 837 talk; to good peak, mixed with Azores. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- SPAIN RNEI, Murcia et al., SEP 27 0026 // 684 with segments of a '50s-influenced group vocal, then man in SS; fair with WEEI 855 phased. [Connelly\*D-MA]

- CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 26 2315 emotional SS vocal ballad; 882 excellent, trashing WCBS-880. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 26 2245 AA talk by man; fading up. 891 [Connelly\*D-MA]
- R. Syd, Banjul, SEP 26 2313 man with speech or sermon; 907.8 GAMBIA poor. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- CANARY ISLANDS Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, SEP 26 2312 1008 - SS news; good. SER not noted. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 26 2311 Berber type vocals; only 1044
- modulating about 10%. [Connelly\*D-MA]
  CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 26 2301 SS adverts including one about English language lessons; excellent. 1179 [Connelly\*D-MA]

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

- BAHAMAS ZLS, Stella Maris, SEP 26 0158 "ZLS" code beacon; fair to good through R.V.C. splash. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- TURKS & CAICOS R. Vision Cristiana, SEP 26 0157 local- like 530
- with SS talk, R. Vision Cristiana ID. [Connelly\*H-MA] GRENADA GBC, St. George's, SEP 26 0155 "Stranger on the Shore" by Mr. Acker Bilk (big instrumental hit from 1962). To good peak 535 with R.V.C. nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA] + SEP 27 0035 -Caribbean EE DJ, soca music; very good. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- MEXICO XEWA, San Luis Potosi Monterrey, SEP 26 1005 "W de 540
- Mexico" slogan, then mellow SS ballad; good. [Connelly\*H-MA] ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, Basseterre, SEP 26 0150 Caribbean EE 555
- sports scores; good. [Connelly\*H-MA] CUBA R. Reloj, SEP 26 0150 - man and woman with SS news, clock ticks, and on-the-minute beeps; local-like. [Connelly\*H-MA] 570
- CUBA R. Rebelde, Mantua / Baracoa, SEP 26 0148 SS talk // 590, 600 et al.; under unID SS music station. [Connelly\*H-MA] 580
- PUERTO RICO WKAQ, San Juan, SEP 27 0034 SS talk "primera en 580
- Puerto Rico"; over WTAG/CJFX. [Connelly\*D-MA] CUBA R. Rebelde, CMHI, Santa Clara, SEP 26 0147 - SS speech // 600 et al.; through WEZE. [Connelly\*H-MA] 590
- CUBA R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, SEP 26 0147 SS speech // 600 many other channels; huge. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- CUBA R. Rebelde outlet, unknown city, SEP 26 0146 a Rebelde 605.6 outlet with SS talk // 600, 620, 710, et al. was noted here with a fair to good signal, but the audio was poor, with a lot of hum. This had been noted back in May on 604.5 kHz (not identified at that time). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- CUBA R. Rebelde, Colon / Moa, SEP 26 0144 // 710 with SS talk, hum on carrier; strong / dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA] 620
- PUERTO RICO WSKN, San Juan, SEP 26 0144 Puerto Rico SS news items; over WPRO and others. An hour earlier, on the car radio, this station had WPRO and CFCY consistently beaten along the stretch of Route 6 from the Sagamore Bridge to Harwich.
  - Conditions this evening were quite auroral. + SEP 26 0930 "Cadena" jingle, fast SS newstalk; atop WPRO. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- CUBA R. Progreso, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, SEP 26 0416 // 640 Progreso-660 with SS female vocal; dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogota, SEP 26 0143 SS mentions of a business with branches in Manizales and Bogota; loud. 650 [Connelly\*H-MA]
- CUBA R. Progreso, CMHG, Santa Clara, SEP 26 0416 // 640 with 660 female SS vocal; over/under WFAN. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- CUBA R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, SEP 26 0416 // 600 with SS talk; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- VENEZUELA R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, SEP 27 0030 booming ID "R. 670 Rumbos, la emisora de Venezuela", then into sports program. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- CUBA R. Rebelde, SEP 26 0920 // 600 with SS telephone interview; under WRKO. A second SS station, probably WAPA, appeared occasionally. [Connelly\*H-MA] 680
- BRAZIL R. Dragao do Mar, ZYH587, Fortaleza, SEP 27 0025 PP 690

- teletalk, reverberated announcements mentioning Fortaleza and "igreja" (church); atop Florida domestic, no trace of CBF thanks to the aurora. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- COLOMBIA R. Net, HJCX, Cali, SEP 26 0910 R. Net ID, Colombia mentions; slightly over second Latin American & WLW. [Connelly\*H-MÁ]
- ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES Kingstown, SEP 26 0141 soul female vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 720
- VOCALI POOT TO TAIL [COMMENTY HINT]

  + SEP 26 2327 fair with mellow pop / soul vocal. [Connelly\*D-MA]

  JAMAICA RJR, Kingston, SEP 26 0959 religious music, then clear

  "Radio RJR" jingle; good with CHTN nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA]

  VENEZUELA R. Oriente, YVQE, Porlamar, SEP 26 2323 Isla

  Margarita mentions; under CHTN groundwave. [Connelly\*D-MA] 720
- MEXICO XEX, Mexico City, SEP 26 1001 "La Equis de Mexico" ID; 730
- to good peak with CKAC nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA]
  VENEZUELA YVKS, Caracas, SEP 26 0350 presumed this with SS news from the worldwide media including "R. Francia Internacional". 750 [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 760 BRAZIL R. Record, ZYH888, Fortaleza, SEP 26 2251 - man in PP with religious-oriented talk and local mentions; dominant. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, Barranquilla, SEP 26 0138 SS talk with 760 apparent advertisements for a Colombian automobile parts and repair company; excellent. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- COLOMBIA RCN, HJJX, Bogota, SEP 26 0138 // 760 with SS talk mentioning car parts; good, dominating over WABC. [Connelly\*H-770 MA 1
- BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, SEP 26 2348 local Caribbean EE phone-in talkshow with mentions of lawyers, 780 court proceedings; good, over SS Latin Americans & CFDR. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA Ecos del Torbes, YVOD, San Cristobal, SEP 26 0900 -Venezuelan anthem at sign-on, then booming ID "Transmite Ecos del Torbes en San Cristobal !"; LOUD. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- VENEZUELA R. Coro, YVMN, Coro, SEP 26 0902 R. Coro ID; mixing 780
- with Ecos del Torbes. [Connelly\*H-MA]
  NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, SEP 27 0015
   Afro-Caribbean flute jazz, then man in SS "de antilles holandesas, transmite Radio Transmundial"; monster signal, alone 800
- on channel. [Connelly\*D-MA]
  PUERTO RICO WKVM, San Juan, SEP 27 0040 romantic song in SS 810 done by Nat King Cole, SS DJ mentioned that it was the "enamoradas" show, then WKVM ID and a dedication to someone in Caguas; good signal, well over HJCY/WGY/CJVA. [Connelly\*D-MA] 830 CUBA R. Reloj, SEP 26 0859 - Reloj news and time show; under [Connelly\*H-MA] WCRN.
- CUBA CMHW, Santa Clara, SEP 26 0858 SS talk with Cuba, Santa Clara, and Habana mentions; over WHAS. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- ST. KITTS & NEVIS VON, Bath Village, SEP 26 2314 soca, 895
- Caribbean dance music; to fair peak. [Connelly\*D-MA] MEXICO XEW, Mexico City, SEP 26 1006 // XEWA-540 with SS 900
- ballad; good, over Cuba and others. [Connelly\*H-MA] MEXICO XEQ, Mexico City, SEP 26 1008 festive SS vocal music, 940 automated "Q" (coo) slogan inserted between songs; good with the loop pointed southwest (peak Mexico, null Canada). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- COLOMBIA RCN, HJAQ, Cartagena, SEP 26 0820 // 760 with political SS talk; dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA] 1000
- COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJAT, Barranquilla, SEP 27 0002 SS Colombian news // 1170; excellent / dominant. [Connelly\*D-MA]
  BERMUDA VSB3, Hamilton, SEP 26 2303 // 5975 with BBC radio 1100
- 1160 drama; excellent, alone on channel. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1170 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJNW, Cartagena, SEP 27 0002 - // 1100 with SS news of Colombia; good, over others. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- CUBA R. Rebelde, SEP 26 0825 // 600 with uptempo SS vocal and 1180 big-band jazz accompaniment; very good. [Connelly\*H-MA]

# DX Worldwide West

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For some reason, there seems to be a pipeline into those Marine Lighthouse stations. This morning at 1348 UTC (9/26), there was a string of them until the top of the hour, one after another. These things really get out for only 50 watts!

1670.5-MARINE STATION- JAPAN, Awashima, fair at 1348 UTC 9/26 with female announcer "Kakukyoku.....kochiraha Awashima..." (PM-OR)

1670.5-MARINE STATION-JAPAN, Nyudosaki??? weak station at 1350 UTC 9/26, after Awashima signed off. (PM-OR)

1670.5-MARINE STATION, JAPAN, Tappi weak signal at 1351 UTC 9/26, female ancr with "Kakukaku.....Tappi....." (PM-OR)
1670.5-MARINE STATION, JAPAN, Shakotann???? at 1356 w/YL ancr weak 9/26.

(PM-OR)

1670.5 KHZ-MARINE STATION- SHAKOTANN, HOKKAIDO, rec. w/female saying the usual "Kakukyoku, kakukyoku, kochiraha Shakotann,....." This was at 1355.40 UTC. Went off by 1357:30 UTC, OC until 1357:50, then Female ancr very weak. Presumed from Yagishiri. That was extremely weak (unable to ID), utill about 1400 UTC, faded out....1400:30, heard weak female ancr in noise. Presume Miyakojima, but again unable to ID...After that there were others, but always in the mud. (PM-OR)

1670.5-MARINE STATION, JAPAN, Yagishiri??? 1358 UTC 9/26. Female

announcer very weak. (PM-OR)

1670.5 Khz- Marine Station- JAPAN, Hegura- weakly with female announcer giving wxcast at 1347 UTC 9/26, heard "Kakukyoku.....

Hegura......". New and reported. (PM-OR)
1503-D???-PHILIPPINES, at 1410 UTC 9/28, Sports match of some kind, no
ID. Anyone have a Filipino listed on 1503 khz?

Bruce Portzer / Chuck Hutton - DX'ing from Grayland Beach, WA - 1000' unterminated Beverage - R8A / R71A

What a night. Sure we can hear Hawaii every time we set up a Beverage at the coast. I think I had logged only 830 and 850 before -the former never too strong and the latter often good. This time was different. When you've not heard 550 with maybe 8 Dxpeditions worth of trying, and all of a sudden on peaks it's the only thing you can hear on 550.... You get the idea you might want to try a few other Hawaiian channels. What's that? Hawaii on top of 570 too? And also 620?? Oh my.... They're everywhere!

And everywhere (almost) they were. I count 29 Hawaiian stations on the air. In one night of DXing, I made good tapes with ID's of 19. Most were on top of their channel, at least at ID time. Some were entertainment quality. A few more were in but not confirmed - 690 and 1270 for

example.

We'll get the others next time. Our thanks to the mighty aurora of Thursday night which left a giant shield over many of those interference generating Canadians and Japanese stations. All we had to worry about was a few domestics and a handful of nasty hets from Australia / New Zealand.

Logged are from Saturday night 9/26 and Sunday morning 9/27. All times are PDT which hopefully is what you like.

KMVI Maui , very good most of the night, usually dominant, good ID at 10:09 PST as "Cruisin' 55, KMVI". Good, reggae at 10:22 PM.

KONG Kauai 10:22 PM Hawaii's KONG- FM 93.5 and AM570, good on top 570 with dance beat then light reggae.

- KSSK Honolulu pop mx, car ad for Silverados, Elton John then good 590 ID 10:49 PM.
- KIPA Kona 10:52 PM way on top, rock solid, not a fade with Armed Forces and recycling promos, Lone Ranger show.

  KHNR Honolulu 10:28 PM ID as "News On Hawaii, Maui and the big 620
- 650 island, this is ?? news station, AM-650 KHNR".
- 670 KPUA Hilo 11:04 PM poor under Boise as they paused for 10 seconds for ID's from local stations on the Rainbow Sports Radio Network.
- KUAI Kauai 10:40 PM with auto parts and car ads, U of Hawaii Rainbows football game, over / under Las Vegas. KGU Honolulu 10:37 PM absolutely smashing, AM-760 KGU The Ball ID, 720
- 760 ESPN Sports Net, other sports promos.
- KAIM Honolulu 11:30 PM KAIM ID, way way way on top, Christian mx, "Hawaii's Inspiration station". 870
- 900 KNUI Maui 11:25 PM light rock mx and KNUI ID, on top and good.
- KJPN Honolulu 11:35 PM Japanese pop mx mixing with KFRE Fresno, 940 occasionally on top.
- 990 KIKI Honolulu 12:27 AM "Proud To Be Country, Hawaii's Country, 990 AM", clear but mixing with a Mexican.
- KLHT Honolulu 7:00 AM "This is KLHT Honolulu" on what sounded like 1040 a clear channel from a state away, then church mx.
- KAOI Maui 11:15 PM owned the channel with Hawaiin football game 1110 (Bears vs. ??) but not the U of H Rainbow game as was on other stations.
- KCCN Honolulu 11:51 AM easy, on top (!) but not strong and in a 1420 bobbling mess with KCCN ID.
- KUMU Honolulu 7:21 AM not strong but sometimes on top of a weak channel, ad mentioning \$5000 contribution to charity from a department store.
- 1540 KISA Honolulu 7:08 AM ad for an attorney, mention of church broadcast, on top.

# LIST OF MARINE WEATHER INFORMATION STATIONS IN JAPAN

Following is a list of the 28 stations operating in Japan. All operate every hour for 1-21/2 minutes giving weather and ID info. All operate on 1670.5 khz in the H3E mode. After the station location, the time the station is on follows. Note: Many of these locations are not listed on a map as they are "Lighthouse locations" and not a town.

57:50-00:00

1)	Miyakojima	00:00-02:20
2)		06:30-08:30
3)	Ashizuri	10:40-12:10
4)	Muroto	12:10-13:40
5)	Osaka Habour Rader	13:40-15:10
6)	Shionomisaki	15:10-16:50
7)	Daio	16:50-18:30
8)	Iro	18:30-19:50
9)	Hachijojima	19:50-21:30
10)	Nojima	21:30-23:10
11)	Inubo	23:10-24:50
12)	Kinnka	26:30-28:10
13)	Todogasaki	28:10-29:30
14)	Shiriya	29:30-33:30
	Erimo	33:00-34:40
16)	Kushiro Harbor Radar	34:40-36:20
17)	Meshima	36:20-38:00
	Wakamiya	38:00-39:40
19)	Kamitsushima	39:40-41:20
20)	Hagimishima	41:20-43:00
	Takohana	40:00-44:30
22)	Echizenmisaki	44:30-46:00
23)		46:00-47:40
	Awashima	47:40-49:20
	Nyudosaki	49:20-50:50
	Tappi	50:50-54:20
27)	Shakotann	55:40-57:50

28) Yagishiri

All stations ID in a pattern like this:

"Kakukyoku, kakukyoku, kakukyoku, (station name), (station name), (station name), .......(weather information), owari." "Kochiraha (station name) kurikaeshimasu.....(weather information).....owari." Kochiraha (station name), kurikaeshimasu,.....(weather information)....owari. Kochiraha (station name). Sayonara."

All stations operate with 50 watts. If anyone hear one, you can contact me for a QSL address. All stations are 24 hours. This information comes from Osamu Aikawa of Japan. Stations don't use call signs, just their location.

# Western DX Forum

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Notice to WDXF contributors: I have set a new cutoff time for all WDXF submittals to the Thursday 9 days before the publication date rather than the 2 weeks I have been using [there will be a few exceptions as I do have occasional Thursdays when I am out of town - bear with me]. This will allow you a little more time to get me your contributions and they will be a little more time-worthy. This can be done because of the Soft DXM. I set up the WDXF and sent it directly to Phil for the SDXM. Ralph, in turn, picks up the SDXM and uses it straight away to put together the paper DXM. No extra work for me or for him. A good DX season to you all. 73, Reid

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Greetings. Got my verie letter for last season's KTFI test from Idaho.

I've just returned from this year's NRC convention in San Antonio a spectacular event. Never underestimate Texas. I showed my slide show
on Friday night and by Saturday was out and around photographing everything in town. We had a very extensive tour of KTSA-550/KTFM 102.7.
Four huge almost in-line towers were right on the same property. Also
photographed the dual towers of KONO-860 and KLUP-930. Got the studios
of KLUP and WOAI-1200, KTKR-760, as well as several television stations
downtown.

Visited the Alamo and did the dining thing. Did some bandscanning from the room. Got an impromptu tour of black gospel station KCHL-1480. We were told that 7 years ago when the station was urban R&B, the call letters stood for "The Chill". Another station in town with similar calls, KCHG-810 is using the slogan-ID: KSJL [those calls formerly on 760 AM].

Top of the hour legal ID as of Labor Day was still KCHG however. A nighttime X-bandscan revealed WPHG-1620, KDIA-1640, KKTR-1650, KXOL-1660, KAYK-1690 and a tentative Georgia on 1670. Tentative WCMQ-1700 also. One interesting daytime reception was XEMU-580 in Piedras Negras, Mexico. They ID in Spanish and English. Their slogan is: The Country Girl of the Air. Address given was P.O.Box 196, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852. Looks like Texas is on my "must do again" list (Montana, too, hi). I can tell that this will be a busy season for me. Good DX to everyone. 73

# HEARING IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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Welcome to another edition of "Hearing It Through The Grapevine". In this editon, we will feature another good frequency, and my home state. Without further ado, here we go!

FEATURED FREQUENCY 610 kHz

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA

KFRC San Francisco, CA-regular nights KAVL Lancaster, CA-regular days KVNU Logan, UT-often at night KONA Pasco, WA-DX test in 1992

Eric Bueneman (NOUIH), Hazelwood, MO

WDAF Kansas City, MO-regular day and night
WZZK/WEZN Birmingham, AL-regular at night with WDAF nulled
KDAL Duluth, MN-DX Test on November 15, 1993
KARV Russellville, AR-occasional at night
NBS Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago-April 25, 1994 after local sunset
HRLP Tegucigalpa, Honduras-April 25, 1994 after local sunset
WPLO Grayson, GA-November 3, 1996 at one hour before local sunrise
WRFX Charlotte, NC-November 3, 1996 at one hour before local sunrise

FEATURED STATE: Missouri

Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA

KSD-550 St. Louis-DX Test on December 5, 1993 KMOX-1120 St. Louis-often during the 1970s

Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood, MO

WNLD711-530 St. Louis-regular days, destroyed by Radio Vision Cristiana at night

KTRS-550 St. Louis-Local station, nullable at night

KWTO-560 Springfield-often at sunset

WDAF-610 Kansas City-regular days, nullable at night

KJSL-630 St. Louis-Local station, nullable at night

KFEQ-680 St. Joseph-often at sunset, occasionally at night

KCMO-710 Kansas City-regular days

KWRE-730 Warrenton-semi-local station, nullable at night

KBNN-750 Lebanon-regular days

WEW-770 St. Louis-regular days

KREI-800 Farmington-regular days

WHB-810 Kansas City-regular days

KOTC-830 Kennett-regular days

KFUO-850 Clayton-Local station, nullable before sign-off

KFAL-900 Fulton-regular days, inaudible at night

KLIK-950 Jefferson City-regular days, inaudible at night

KZIM-960 Cape Girardeau-regular days, nullable at night

KMBZ-980 Kansas City-often at sunset

KXEN-1010 Festus/St. Louis-Local station, nullable before sign-off KHMO-

1070 Hannibal-regular days, mixing with others at night

KMOX-1120 St. Louis-Local station, virtually unnullable

KHAD-1190 De Soto-regular days

KYOO-1200 Bolivar-frequency check on October 26, 1992

KLPW-1220 Union-regular days, inaudible at night

KWIX-1230 Moberly-regular days in WHCO null

KFMO-1240 Park Hills-regular days in WTAX null

KBTC-1250 Houston-semi-regular days with WIZZ

KTTS-1260 Springfield-often at night in WIBV null KYRO-1280 Potosi-regular days KALM-1290 Thayer-DX Test on November 18, 1996 KOCR-1310 Joplin-often at sunset KSIV-1320 Clayton-Local station, nullable at night KXEO-1340 Mexico-regular days KNHN/KPHN synchro-1340 Amoret-heard January 1, 1994 KSLQ-1350 Washington-regular days in WJBD null KZJZ-1380 St. Louis-Local station, nullable at night KJPW-1390 Waynesville-occasionally day and night KJFF-1400 Festus/Crystal City-regular days, inaudible at night KFRU-1400 Columbia-occasionally at night WRTH-1430 St. Louis-Local station, nullable at night KIRL-1460 St. Charles-Local station, barely nullable at night KTTR-1490 Rolla-regular days in WESL null KRHW-1520 Sikeston-regular days, nullable at night KPCR-1530 Bowling Green-regular days KAPE-1550 Cape Girardeau-regular days, mixing with KSFT at night KSFT-1550 St. Joseph-regular at night KTUI-1560 Sullivan-regular days KMOZ-1590 Rolla-heard December 14, 1996 KATZ-1600 St. Louis-Local station, nullable at night. BANDSCAN Mike Sanburn, at the IRCA Convention in Missoula, MT 521 INE (Medfer) Missoula, MT 550 KBOW Butte, MT 600 KGEZ Kalispell, MT 750 KERR Polson, MT 880 KJJR Whitefish, MT 930 KLCY East Missoula, MT 1080 KVNI Coeur d'Alene, ID 1180 KOFI Kalispell, MT 1240 KLYQ Hamilton, MT 1290 KGVO Missoula, MT 1400 KDRG Deer Lodge, MT 1450 KGRZ Missoula, MT 1490 KDBM Dillon, MT 1510 KGA Spokane, WA That's going to do it for another edition....next time, our Featured Frequency will be much more challenging....1550 kHz. Our featured state is not from anywhere in the Midwest...in fact, it will be the Golden State of California.....73, Eric \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* If you note any AM changes (call, format, slogan, etc), please send them to the NRC Log coordinator (Wayne Heinen) @ nrclog@aol.com

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