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EIC Notes

With this issue, I begin my second year as **DX Monitor** Editor-in-Chief... what a rush!!! How am I doing folks??

NEW IRCA TIS/HAR List!!! Mike Hardester has completed the most up to date list yet. 56 pages of top-notch information on current TIS/HAR stations in the AM Band. Get your copy now from the IRCA Bookstore for \$8.50 (IRCA members). Overseas, add \$3.00. Non-IRCA members, add \$1.00. IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334 (checks payable to **Phil Bytheway**.)

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DX Tests - Les Rayburn

Daily	0255-0305	1220	WRIB	Providence RI	(Healy)
12/11/04	0001-0130	990	WNTP	Philadelphia PA	(Tetro)
1/ 8/05	0001-0130	560	WFIL	Philadelphia PA	(Tetro)

Daily, from 2:55am-3:05am EST - WRIB-1220 - Providence, RI. Craig Healy reports that the long running DX test at WRIB 1220 in Providence, RI continues to run daily from 02:55AM EST until 03:05AM EST. WRIB automatically switches to daytime power and pattern (1KW ND) during the top of the hour.

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(Arranged by **Craig Healy**, NG1U and AM-DX.COM.)

With thanks to Rene and Paul, below are complete details including time, date, programming, and QSL info.

WNTP 990khz TEST. Date: December 11, 2004 (Late Friday night into Saturday morning). Time: 00:01 - 01:30 EST. Modes of Operation: 00:01 - 00:30 50KW Daytime Directional Pattern. 00:31 - 01:00 5KW Non-Directional. 01:00 - 01:30 Off Air to allow DXers in our region of the country to DX other stations on 990 kHz. Programming: Morse IDs, Voice IDs, Tones, Marching Band Music - Stars and Stripes Forever, Washington Post March, Liberty Bell March (the old Monty Python Theme)

WFIL 560khz TEST. Date: January 8, 2005 (Late Friday night into Saturday morning). Time: 00:01 - 01:30 EST. Modes of Operation: 00:01 - 00:30 7.1KW Daytime Directional Pattern. 00:31 - 01:00 2.5KW Non-Directional. 01:00 - 01:30 Off Air to allow DXers in our region of the country to DX other stations on 560 kHz. Programming: Morse IDs, Voice IDs, Tones, Marching Band Music - Stars and Stripes Forever, Washington Post March, Liberty Bell March (the old Monty Python Theme)

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Mr. Tetro will be sending out newly designed QSL Cards for each station with a special label/stamp on the reverse side noting the special DX Test to those who respond.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1600 KRRD UT, Centerville ex-KSGO, 11/12 2103 English ID "KRRD Centerville, Utah" than Spanish music. (BN-NM)

- 610 KFRC CA, San Francisco 10/31 0100 Rolling Stones tune and Oldies 99.7 ID barely above a dominant KONA for a moment or two. Weak. (GH-OR)
- 630 KWRO OR, Coquille 11/17 1035 good with talk. Haven't heard in a while. (DP-OR)
- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles 10/31 0355 "Coast to Coast AM" on recording ghosts (14 seconds behind KAOI & KPUA but one hour ahead of KHVH), KFI show promo, PSA, ID "Southern California's KFI with news on the hour, on the half and when it breaks" into 1am news. Fair, heavy KHNR-650 QRM. (5P-HI)
- 660 KGDP CA, Orcutt 11/13 2300 religious programming with good signal by itself. Day power??? New. (GH-OR)
- 730 KULE WA, Ephrata 10/31 0130 Fox sports talk, weather report and ID. Fair signal probably on day power of 1kw as I doubt their 29 watt night power would make it. (GH-OR)
- 800 CKOR BC, Pentiction very strong, surely still on day pattern 10/22 with local hockey vs Prince George and ads for local businesses around 2308. CHAB was underneath. (LG-MT)
- 850 CKBA AB, Athabasca 11/15 was strangely all alone (no KOA) at 0900 with call ID and "Cat Country" slogan. (LG-MT)
- 870 KJMP CO, Pierce 11/16 with KFLD (also ID'd) and KLSQ (presumed) at 0802, thanks to tip from Nancy J. A rock song ended and man ID'd as "KJMP Timnath, Ft. Collins, Boulder, Denver (not Pierce), 105.5, Jack-FM." New. (LG-MT)
- 920 KBAD NV, Las Vegas 11/10 1923 promo for UNLV football broadcasts on "ESPN Radio 920," then traffic report. (NP-AB)
- CFRY MB, Portage-la-Prairie 11/13 1954 country music, message about the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, giving addresses for CFRY. (NP-AB)
- 970 ?KGET? CA, Bakersfield 10/31 0107 poor with ad, back to "When Radio Was." (5P-HI)
- KNUU NV, Paradise 11/10 1922 promo for "Vegas Profile" program on "970 AM K-News," ad for Lexus dealer. (NP-AB)
- 980 KFVB CA, Los Angeles 11/13 0854 weather, then time check as "KFVB news time 5:55." (NP-AB)
- 990 KRKS CO, Denver 10/25 "Thanks for listening to Denver's Christian station, 990 KRKS, a service of Salem Communications." Good signal atop CBW at 1000. (LG-MT)

- 990 KMSR TX, Farmersville 11/11 1904 ID "Texas Newstalk KMSR Farmersville-Dallas-Ft. Worth." (BN-CO)
- 1010 KSIR CO, Brush 11/17 2054 with "Right here on farm radio" and ID "KSIR" on top of KXXT. (BB-AZ)
- 1020 KINF NM, Roswell 11/12 1951 with ID "The music that rocked the nation KINF" and then into oldies. (BB-AZ)
- 1030 KEVT AZ, Cortero was very strong, even with KTWO, in Spanish at 2300 on 11/11, surely still on day power. The program "La Hora Tecate" ended, and then I heard call ID in Spanish and English, plus the new (for me) slogan "Radio Exitos." (LG-MT)
- KJDJ CA, San Luis Obispo 11/11 0941 religious program in Spanish, multi-station ID at the hour mentioning KJDJ and KDBV among others. (NP-AB)
- 1060 KDUS AZ, Tempe 11/12 1859 ID as "The sports authority, AM 1060, KDUS," then back to Sporting News Radio programming. (NP-AB)
- 1070 KATQ MI, Plentywood 11/11 s/on with unID male vocal (not SSB) at 0759, about even with KNX. (LG-MT)
- 1100 KNZZ CO, Grand Junction 11/12 1932 with many ads for Grand Junction and ID at 1935 into sports. (BB-AZ)
- 1160 KSL UT, Salt Lake City 11/8 0653 "When Radio Was," ad, ID "You're listening to Utah's news, traffic and weather station, Newsradio 1160 KSL Salt Lake City," station jingle into "Good News America" with Ken Gallagher. Usual top of hour Temple Square bells absent. Fair to poor. (5P-HI)
- 1190 KMYL AZ, Tolleson 11/10 1920 ad for Tempe Toyota, back to a golf program live from Scottsdale. (NP-AB)
- 1200 WOAI TX, San Antonio 11/7 0100 incredible signal in like a local with virtually no KEX-1190 splatter. Rare! (GH-OR)
- 1210 KRSV WY, Afton 11/13 2052 with ID "KSRV" then into C&W music. (BB-AZ)
- 1220 KHTS CA, Canyon Country 11/14 1929 with ID "KHTS." (BB-AZ)
- KNTS CA, Palo Alto 11/8 1943 traffic report, then ID as "The all new 1220, KNTS." (NP-AB)
- KLVZ CO, Denver 11/16 0458 just heard call letters and talking, should be religious, though. New. (DP-OR)
- ?KLVZ?+11/4 believed the Spanish-speaker with religious program that ended at 0859. There was no call ID, only a slogan that sounded like "Radio Invictoria." (LG-MT)
- 1230 KINO AZ, Winslow 11/10 1858 local sports report, with reference to Winslow Bulldogs and "a game can be heard here on Key-no," then lost in the jumble. (NP-AB)
- KKPC CO, Pueblo 11/11 0258 end of "Fresh Air" NPR program, then ID "KCFR is heard on KKPC Pueblo, 1230 AM." (NP-AB)
- KBOZ MI, Bozeman 11/5 gave promo for Country 99.9 with call that sounded like KBRI, so I guess this is FM affiliate. Good signal at 0800. (LG-MT)
- KZZR OR, Burns 11/16 0733 poor, country music, "...on KZZR, AM 1230." (DP-OR)
- 1240 KRDO CO, Colorado Springs 11/9 2300 a big surprise on highly auroral evening. A Sporting News Radio program ended, then clear ID. Only QRM was from semi-local KLYQ. New. (LG-MT)
- KMCL ID, Donnelly was on top at 0800 on 11/5. Man said "Now in our second decade, this is KMCL FM and AM, McCall, Cascade, New Meadows, and Donnelly." I've heard this station twice in the last two months; never before in 14 years of DX'ing from Missoula, so I surmise they changed transmitter tubes or something. (LG-MT)
- KCVL WA, Colville 11/7 0030 C&W music and several ID's, with very weak signal sputtering in the static. Not often heard. (GH-OR)
- 1250 KIKZ TX, Seminole 11/11 1759 local ads, "America's best music KIKZ" ID. (BN-NM)
- 1280 KFRN CA, Long Beach 11/8 0100 religious music and ID into talk program, way out in the static but alone with no KIT or KAQQ. New. (GH-OR)
- 1310 KMKY CA, Oakland 11/13 0150 poor to fair, Radio Disney programming // 1110, liner mentioned "AM 13-10 Radio Disney," announcements before fading. (5P-HI)
- 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup 11/9 1932 heard KGAK ID, and then back into Navajo talk. (NP-AB)
- 1340 KTMM CO, Grand Junction 11/11 0300 came out on top briefly with ID "The Team, 1340, KTMM, Grand Junction," back into Fox sports. (NP-AB)
- KVIV TX, El Paso 11/12 1800 "Escucha KVIV El Paso, KVIV 1340 AM El Paso" ID. (BN-NM)
- KTMP UT, Heber City 11/14 0405 ID by man "America's best classic country, Hometown USA, land of the free, home of the... 1340 KTMP." New for me. (NP-AB)
- KWOR WY, Worland 11/11 0500 ID on the hour "... the best of the 50's, 60's and 70's on AM 1340 KWOR Worland, then into ABC news." (NP-AB)
- 1360 KPXQ AZ, Glendale 11/10 1914 talk program "Your World" with mention of **kpxq1360.com**. Noted full ID at 0030, then SRN news. (NP-AB)
- 1400 KWUF CO, Pagosa Springs 11/11 0300 emerged from a crowd just at the right time for an ID at the hour "The Wolf, KWUF, AM 1400, Pagosa Springs," into CNN news. (NP-AB)
- KRLN CO, Canon City 11/10 2305 end of CBS news, then ID "We're back, and we're live here on 1400 KRLN..." (NP-AB)
- KODI WY, Cody 11/2 strong at 0900 with promo for Monday Night Football and legal ID that mentioned, as well, another station. (LG-MT)
- 1440 KVON CA, Napa 11/17 0906 good, "1440 AM, KVON News," also "Napa Valley News." (DP-OR)
- 1450 KDAP AZ, Douglas 11/16 2200 with ID "KDAP" in English and way under semi-local KNOT. (BB-AZ)
- KVSL AZ, Show Low 11/8 1900 over Montana's KQDI with ID as "KVSL 1450 AM, Show Low and the White Mountains," then into news. (NP-AB)
- 1460 KENO NV, Las Vegas 11/10 1903 "Sports Radio 1460" slogan ID, ad for Lexus dealer in Las Vegas. (NP-AB)
- 1490 KWAC CA, Bakersfield 11/8 0300 Mexican music, ID "KWAC 1490 AM Bakersfield" then back to music. New for me. (NP-AB)
- KYFO UT, Ogden 11/8 gave clear ID in English, in the hash, at 1000, so it hasn't changed calls yet. A religious show (likely in Spanish) ended and man said "For the best in Christian radio, stay with KYFO." (LG-MT)
- KLOG WA, Kelso 11/3 was on top with call ID at 1000. (LG-MT)
- KUGR WY, Green River 11/2 mixed with others and gave call ID at 1000. (LG-MT)
- 1510 KFNN AZ, Mesa 11/9 1934 ID as "1510, KFNN, Arizona's business news," then into local news. (NP-AB)
- +11/18 0830 CNN news, local and business news, weather, traffic, "15-10 KFNN," fair. (MF-CA)
- ?KMZT? CA, Piedmont 11/18 0858 heard "... Bay Area... Oldies 15-10" and into oldie, then gone to KFNN/KSPA. (MF-CA)
- 1550 KUAZ AZ, Tucson 11/10 1902 NPR news, then man presented "KUAT-KUAZ news" and weather, then into NPR's "All Things Considered." (NP-AB)
- KXEX CA, Fresno 11/8 1929 "Radio Canon" ID, Mexican music, spot for CA National Guard. (NP-AB)
- KKJY NM, Albuquerque 11/10 1900 "KKJY Albuquerque is Joy AM 1550, NM's home of..." heard through several others. After fading under KUAZ for several minutes, came back with oldies and ID's as "Joy AM 1550 KJY." (NP-AB)
- +11/16 2033 fair with "Joy AM 15-50 KJY" slogan, NOS, complete ID at 2100. (MF-CA)
- KKAD WA, Vancouver 11/2 0241 Maureen McGovern song, liner "You're listening to the Music of Your Life" before fading under presumed KYCY. Very poor, QRM from KREA-1540. (5P-HI)
- 1570 KPRO CA, Riverside 11/13 0927 Christian music and readings, then ID "This is KPRO, Inspirational Radio 1570 AM." (NP-AB)
- 1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 11/11 0858 "1590 KLIV" ID, 5:59 time check, then into local sports. (NP-AB)
- KTCH NE, Wayne 11/10 0755 had a fine signal on auroral AM with promo for upcoming weather for Wayne and other NE towns. ID'd as "Country Classics 1590." Seldom heard. (LG-MT)
- 1600 KYBC AZ, Cottonwood 11/11 "America's best music, news and sports, AM 1600 KYBC Cottonwood." (BN-NM)
- KUBA CA, Yuba City 11/13 1953 nostalgia music, ID as "AM 1600, KUBA." (NP-AB)
- UNID**
- 1030 UNID 11/10 0100-0130 male announcer with many "The New AM 1030" ID's but no legal ID whatsoever. AC/EZL format, with fair to poor signal. (GH-OR)
- This WDXR has a good cross section of DX, with seven states/provinces represented. Thanks to all who reported. Nancy 11/20 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

860 CBKF2 SK, Saskatoon. 11-15 all alone. 07:40 with talk and interviews with Roughriders players. 08:00 ID "ICI Radio Canada, Saskatchewan." Been trying for this one on and off for a long time, usually trampled by CJBC. New. [PAL-MN]
 1070 KFTI KS, Wichita. 11-17 poor with KNX nulled. 22:59 with country song and ID. [NJ-MT]
 1230 KSEY TX, Seymour. 11-14 poking through mess. 01:50 noted with Tejano music, numerous jingles, local spots in SS. [EB-MO]
 1240 WSBC IL, Chicago. 11-19 good to poor, mixing with WHFA and others. 17:40 noted with local spots and calls in SS. [EB-MO]
 1260 KLYC OR, McMinnville. 11-18 poor through others. 22:07 "12-60 KLYV" ID. [NJ-MT]
 1290 KRGE TX, Weslaco. 11-14 fair to poor with KKAR and WWFS. 03:22 noted with Christian talk in SS, mentions of Mexico. [EB-MO]
 1340 KSMO MO, Salem. 11-17 good to poor with KXEO and WSOY. 17:38 noted with local spot and country music. This was my closest unheard! [EB-MO]
 1510 WLRB IL, Macomb. 11-19 good to poor with WLAC, WDID. 17:35 noted with Westwood One Adult Standards format and calls. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

November 24, 1979 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Mark McMillan** of Rathdrum, ID mentioned KVNI 1240 testing on 1080 ... **Bruce Portzer** of Seattle, WA told about his internal mixing problem with his HQ-180A ... **Pat Martin** of Seaside, OR replaced a resistor in his E. H. Scott receiver ... **James E. Critchett** of Red Bluff, CA heard KORL 650 and talked about other HI station reception ... **John Zondlo** of Bethany, OK is now working at KJIL.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks this week to Eric, Paul, and Nancy for the tips. This column was typed 11-20-04. 73, John

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LOGGINGS

540 NY WLIE Islip 11/10 2025 Good w/infomercial and ID as "540 -AM WLIE. (RB-NY)
 580 WV WCHS Charleston 11/17 0200 fair with Coast to Coast. (rce-IN)
 770 AL WVNN Athens 11/15 0745 Local news, traffic and weather. Good signal.
 "Newstalk 770, Depend On It." (IEN-GA)
 FL WWCN North Fort Myers 11/15 2300 Monday Night Football on the Westwood
 One Radio Network... Dallas v. Philadelphia. Good signal "Sportsradio 77,
 WWCN North Fort Myers." (IEN-GA)
 +11/17 0230-0315 fair/good with ESPN. (rce-IN)
 NY WABC New York 11/15 1650 Tri-state traffic and then back to the Sean Hannity
 show with Colonel Oliver North. Newscast at TOH was Peter Jennings.
 Decent signal, approaching good at times. "News Talk Radio 77 WABC."
 (IEN-GA)
 790 FL WAXY South Miami 11/17 0359 strong with ID. (rce-IN)
 800 FL WPLK Palatka 11/08 1840 WPLK ID popped through the crowd they played a
 Byrds hit and the Theme to Hawaii 5-0. (wjh-MD)

800 OK KQCV Oklahoma City 11/17 0345-0353 good with Charles Stanley "In Touch
 program. (rce-IN)
 810 SC WQIZ St. George, Call assumed 11/08 1930-1940 ID as EWNT, ad for for
 Marriage Encounter and Catholic Juke Box and EWNT ID. (wjh-MD)
 820 TN WWAM Jasper 11/14 1730 Gospel music up to sign off message. Decent signal.
 "The Gospel Voice, 820 AM, WWAM". (IEN-GA)
 TX WBAP Fort Worth 11/15 0750 Local news, weather and traffic. Good signal.
 "Newstalk 820, WBAP". (IEN-GA)
 830 MO KOTC Kennett 11/14 1740 Country music. Good signal that dropped off the table
 at 1745. "Cotton Country, 830 AM". (IEN-GA)
 840 FL WPGS Mims 11/14 1714 Spot an ID between songs (soft oldies) by man as
 "Relax with easy favorites on WPGS 840 AM" Fair, but alone on the
 channel. (wjh-MD)
 850 AL WXJC Birmingham 11/17 0750 Religious programming and commentary. Good
 signal. "AM 850, The Truth". (IEN-GA)
 FL WFTL West Palm Beach 11/14 0030 CNN news and ad for an "expo," ad for
 House of Ladders, "South Florida Accu-weather forecast, and IDs. Alan
 Combs Talk Show. Fair to good signal. (wjh-MD)
 NC WRBZ Raleigh 11/15 1645 Sports news and stories. Good signal "Sportsradio
 850, The Buzz". (IEN-GA)
 860 GA WAEC Atlanta 11/14 1700 Fire and Brimstone Preachin' and CalAbsorb
 Infomercial. Weak signal with fading. "Love 86, WAEC Atlanta." (IEN-GA)
 870 LA WWL New Orleans 11/15 0755 Stock report and local news, traffic and weather.
 "The Big 870, WWL". (IEN-GA)
 910 FL WTWD Plant City 11/14 1826 (call unheard, but assumed) In between songs "Hi I
 am Charlie Martin and you are listening to Tampa's Bay's Christian Talk
 AM 5-70 and 9-10." In the mess of WSBA, et al. (wjh-MD)
 920 FL WMEL Melbourne 11/12 2015 Halftime at "Tigers" vs. unknown fb game. String
 of local ads m/with a Latin and a CW station. Good. (wjh-MD)
 940 FL WINZ Miami 11/13 1730 Gator Network, Hurricane recovery, Tailgator show.
 Also 11/14 1700 with WINZ ID and Motor Racing Network ID. "WINZ
 Miami, Radio for the rest of us, This is AM 940 South Florida's progressive
 talk radio." Monster signal. (wjh-MD)
 990 FL WDYZ Orlando 11/14 1658 Ad for health food, quick ID as "AM 990 WDYZ
 Orlando." Very good signal o/all. (wjh-MD)
 990 TN KWAM Memphis 11/17 0730 decent for one minute with ID and spot. (rce-IN)
 1000 IL WMVP Chicago 11/6 2330 P-F ESPN Radio "ESPN - AM - 1000" but no positive
 ID w/calls. Call - in's, scores etc. (RB-NY)
 1000 TN WMUF Paris 11/17 1756-0800 fair/poor w/C&W u/over WMVP. (rce-IN)
 1010 TN WHIN Gallatin 11/17 0716-0720 fair with mentions of NASCAR then C&W, wx,
 over WCSI. (rce-IN)
 1020 IL WCIL Carbondale 11/17 0712-0715 news and IDs as WJPF. Fair for a few
 minutes. (rce-IN)
 PA KDKA Pittsburgh 11/7 0006 P-F "Newstalk - 1020 - KDKA" with fading & unid
 QRM. (RB-NY)
 1030 TX KCTA Corpus Christi 11/17 0700-0830 fairly strong with various canned religious
 programs. (rce-IN)
 1040 FL WWBA Pinellas Park 11/17 0740 fair for a couple of minutes with traffic report.
 (rce-IN)
 GA WPBS Conyers 11/17 0710 good signal Urban Gospel and "Praise 1040", ID's.
 (rce-IN)
 1080 FL WVCG Coral Gables 11/13-14 2355 Oldies and Caribbean style music, annr in
 English. They have an English language program on Sat. between 2200
 and 0000. WCVG requests taken. ID in Spanish at 0000 into Spanish
 Language religion programming. Fair-good signal over several Latins.
 (wjh-MD)
 1120 MS WTWZ Clinton 11/17 1638-1645 fair to strong with Southern Gospel in KMOX
 null. (rce-IN)
 1150 KY WLOC Munfordville 11/10 2144 string of local ads, program preview, frequent
 "AM 11-50 WLOC" IDs, contest, on top channel. (wjh-MD)
 1160 IL WYLL Chicago 11/7 0025 P-F with rel. talk; "Chicago's 1160 WYLL." (RB-NY)
 1170 AL WACV Montgomery 11/19 Fair w/TOH ID. (LF-FL)
 WV WWVA Wheeling 11/19 2100 Poor w/WACV TOH ID. Better at 2359. (LF-FL)
 1180 NY WHAM Rochester 11/19 0400 Poor mixing with Cuban TOH ID. (LF-FL)
 SC WFGN Gaffney 11/11 0745 Birthday wishes for Gaffney and vicinity. Mixing with
 Cuba, etc. (wjh-MD)

1180 TN WV LZ Knoxville 11/19 0800 Fair with Cuban. TOH ID "ESPN WV LZ Knoxville."
(LF-FL)
(wjh-MD)

1190 GA WGKA Atlanta 11/15 1728 popped in with ID. "You are listening to 11-90...
WGKA" by male announcer. On top. (wjh-MD)

NC WIXE Monroe 11/15 1720 Ad for local auto repair shop and full sign off. Played
God Bless America. Mix with others on the channel. (wjh-MD)

TN WSDQ Dunlap 11/14 1710 Popped up with C&W mx , Satellite liner "WSDQ" back
into mx. Faded fast giving way to WOWO. New. (LF-FL)

1230 NC WFAY Fayetteville 11/08 1700 ID popped through at TOH. Nothing else heard.
(wjh-MD)

1240 FL WMMB Melbourne 11/12 2159 local ads, and ID as "WMMB Melbourne, WMMV
Cocoa" into Network News, virtually alone on the ch. (wjh-MD)

1250.7 AL WAPZ Wetumpka (NOTE: Frequency is not a typo) 11/14 1853-1902 Man talking
about economic problems in Montgomery County. ID at 1901 as WAPZ.
Carrier gone soon after. (wjh-MD)

1270 TN WLIK Newport 11/16 6027 fair-good with oldies. (rce-IN)
+11/10 2113 Bulletin Board (Toys for Tots), congrats for 50 years of
broadcasting with lots of IDs and a mention of Lady Vols basketball, into
song. On top. (wjh-MD)

1290 VA WDZY Colonial Heights 11/15 2000 Fair with Radio Disney ID "1290 Radio
Disney." Local WCFI STILL off the air. (LF-FL)

1320 FL WAMR Venice 11/13 2345 Sports news and scores. Good signal on top of the
slop. "Sportsradio 1320, WAMR." (IEN-GA)

1350 CT WNLK Norwalk 1110 1630 good w/political talk on the "Rusty Humphrey Show"
//WSTC-1400. (RB-NY)

FL WMMV Cocoa 11/12 2301 end of news, ID as "WMMB, WMMV" into possible talk
show. //1240 in the mix. (wjh-MD)

1360 FL WKAT North Miami 11/13 0345 decent with classical music. (rce-IN)

1370 TN WDEF Chatrtanooga 11/18 2215-2245+ strong with MD/VA Tech FB. (rce-IN)

1390 NC WADA Shelby 11/10 2102 "Bringing you the music that Cleveland County loves.
We are WADA Shelby, Classic Country 13-90." o/w/WZHF et al. into
News. (wjh-MD)

1410 AL WLTV Mobile 11/13 0300-0336 fair/poor with gospel music. (rce-IN)

AL WIQR Prattville 11/13 0103 poor under Urban Gospel. (rce-IN)

1460 FL WZNZ Jacksonville 11/13 1830 NCAA Football scores. Good signal with slight
fading. "Jacksonville's ESPN 1460". (IEN-GA)

1490 GA WMOG Brunswick Adult Standards. ID as "You are listening to 14-90 WMOG
Brunswick serving the Golden Isles since 1940." Alone. (wjh-MD)

MS WHOC Philadelphia 11/12 2359 out of the mud with ID only. (rce-IN)

1540 TX KGBC Galveston 11/12 2115-2130 fair to poor withj El Campo-Texas City high-
school football, mixing with ZNS1 (Bahamas) and uniden SS. Heard next
evening with ETWN. (rce-ID)

1550 SC WBSC Bennettsville 11/15 1831 fair to good with South Carolina Radio network
and mentions of Northeast Columbia. (rce-IN)

1560 FL WINT Melbourne 11/13 1700 "Music of your life WINT Melbourne. A ... station."
over someone in Spanish. (wjh-MD)

TN WMRO Gallatin 11/15 1739 fairly strong over Paducah with Oldies. (rce-IN)

1570 IN WLBK New Albany 11/15 1705 fairly strong with jazz/R&B. (rce-IN)

1600 FL WKWF Key West 11/12 2245-2230 fair strong w/Sporting News Net. (rce-IN)
+11/13 2300 Ad for State Farm, talk about Gator football, and legal ID at
2302. Mixing in the mess. (wjh-MD)

1620 FL WNRP Gulf Breeze 11/13 2247 ID as "Cat Country 98.7" into C&W mx. Alone on
the channel. (wjh-MD)

Nice to have a bunch of loggings from Richard this week... Thanks to all... Leave in the AM for Key West... (11/21) Hope to get "some DX time" Best to everyone !!!FRESH 11/20 0930

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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Greetings,

I am back from a two-week trip to Rancho Mirage CA and Prescott Valley AZ. 3260 miles in 13 days. A lot of driving. We have some nice loggings this time around including a Mexican GYer. So away we go.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

535 **TURKS AND CAICOS**, Radio Vision Cristiana Internacional, 0614 11/22, SS talk by man, no ID, but many mentions of Santo Domingo and Republica Dominicana. Good signal, dominant but with SAH from Port Angeles TIS and QRM from SQM-529. Both SQM and RVC are indicators of improved high latitude conditions. Best on ALA 100. (NHP-BC)

620t **MEXICO**, Tijuana, BCN XESS 10/21 0753 UTC, SS romantica accordian mx, ID at 0758 mention "Ensenada-Tijuana-San Diego". Poor o/u KPOJ/KNGS mix. (5P-CA*)

730 **MEXICO**, Mexico DF XEX 11/8. In great, high noise floor, only station on 730 this AM. (DP-OR)

900 **MEXICO**, Mexico DF, XEW 11/8 1118. Fair Extended talk by man. Some sort of radio drama later, around 1149. (DP-OR)

1000t **MEXICO**, Mexico DF, XEOY 11/8 1231 Fair, KOMO not being received. Man talking. Chimes heard, but no ID. (DP-OR)

1050 **MEXICO**, Monterrey, NL XEG 11/5 0702 Good, ID'd a couple of times in "classic Announcer Voice" "XEG 10-50" into ranchera type music (DP-OR)

1230 **MEXICO**, Culiacan, SIN XEEX 11/21 0107, hrd with ID on top of mess with ID "Radio Formula" into talk, good signal. (BB-AZ)

1470 **MEXICO**, Tijuana, BCN XERCN 11/2 0830 Fair in jumble, ID, station inormation and "Radio Hispana" also "Radio Espanol". (DP-OR)

TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

529 **ALASKA**, Level Island "SQM" 1345 11/15, Just the code, fair, best on Flag. (NHP-BC)

693 **JAPAN**, Tokyo JOAB 11/5 1318-1332, Strong surges, Boring JJ talk a first then into a long stretch of American patriotic orch. mx (Am I insane?) At 1330 man and woman with hokey background mx saying "Welcome to the program" Possibly the EE lessons. New. (DP-OR)

774 **JAPAN**, Akita JOUB 0700 11/6. Even though it was 1/2 hour before Akita SS, this was barely audible with man talking with pips on the hour. (NHP-BC)

828 **JAPAN**, Osaka JOBB 11/5 1332-1350. Excellent. At 1346 sounded like a regular program with the ancrs, with then switching between EE and JJ. Talk about food company, etc. (DP-OR)

830 **HAWAII**, Honolulu KHVH 0635 11/11. Mentions by man of "Hawaii's talk radio" fair but battling w/C&W mx. Only readable on Flag. (NHP-BC)

900 **HAWAII**, Kahului KNUI 11/8 1306 Fair faded in o/u KBIF and SS. Hrd several Hawaiian songs with ukeleles, etc. (DP-OR)

945 **CHINA** CNR1 1521 11/18. Traces of man and then woman talking, CC sounding, so check 5030, seemed // but slightly delayed. A new catch at home and only on the flag. (NHP-BC)

1062 **PHILIPPINES**, Metro Manila, DZEC, heard with man in Tagalog at 1405 11/18. (PM-OR)

VERIFICATIONS

612 **PHILIPPINES**, Cebu City, DYHP, rec. nice letter in 50df with taped report. V/S: Cynthia L. Barte-Atty and station manager. Address: 2nd Floor Gold Palace Bldg, Osmena Blvd, Cebu City, Philippines. Filipino QSL #22. (PM-OR)

1140 **ALASKA**, Soldotna, KSLD, rec. friendly letter in 12df. V/S: Mary McCubbins-sec. Address: 40960 K-Bech Road, Kenai AK 99611. (PM-OR)

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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5P-CA **DALE PARK**, Hawaii DXFool@aol.com
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NHP-BC **NICK HALL-PATCH**, 1538 Amphion Street, Victoria BC Canada V8R 4Z6
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DEADLINES: Sundays

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Christmas comes to Louisville radio - and it's still two weeks 'til Thanksgiving! The News/Talk simulcast by WCND-940 Shelbyville, KY and WFKY-1490 Frankfort, KY has been dumped by Clear Channel. They are now "Your Hometown Christmas Station" with endless Christmas music. This is supposed to last until a "new" format comes on in January. I've not heard back from the 1610 and the FM stations in Winchester. Not much mail answered these days, especially if there's a question asked. We keep WHAS-840 pm all night for C2C-AM and any emergencies that may arise. Otherwise have not had a radio on much. Am looking forward to whatever tests Les can come up with. We should help him if we can! Col. DS and Col. XYL. Wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and good DX.

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Mikesanburn@hotmail.com Hello again, the most recent verification received here was a nice letter from cool Oldies 1450 KWFN Tucson, AZ. It also contained a bumper sticker and business card since I do collect those. I'm sure Phil B. hears that station well while he's on assignment in Tucson, hi. Nighttime here, they trade dominance with Mexican powerhouse XECU. I still haven't gotten around to developing my photos from this years NRC convention in western New York. Will do that soon. I'm sure there are a couple that will be worthy of 8x10 status. Bob Wien took several digital photos that I believe he will be putting on a Yahoo site since there were problems with e-Frames. Listening to the fourth game of World Series on KSPN-710 now. Might have to write to WEEI for some Red Sox memorabilia. Interesting to see another classic 3-letter call sign relegated to a graveyard frequency in the form of KFH-1240 Wichita. When they were on 1330 they had been known to be logged here on the West Coast. I still have some KFH tuned-young jingles from P.A.M.S. in my collection (circa 1968). The ARRL Southwest Convention will be held in Riverside, CA on Sept. 9-11, 2005. Go to www.arrlswdconv.org. I've already registered. Sad to see the BPL thing pass despite all our best efforts to fight it. Kudos to Ray Bauernhuber for taking over the Grapevine column and to Les Rayburn for taking over the CPC duties. Give them your support! I didn't get to try for the WRCG DX-test which I regret. I managed to make a small report of KJOP-1240 which I'll mail off. If I get a verie back from them, I'll put it in my "Graveyards A to Z" book (KAAA-1230 to KZZZ-1490 appropriately). Raining like heck here. Better than last year at this time when SoCalif. was on fire. Does make lots of QRN...Pat Martin, Bob Wien and I had a nice GTG in the Palm Springs area. Visited the picturesque studios of KWCY-1340. Good DX to all. (Mike, I don't know when you mailed this, but I got it on 11/20-rce)

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I picked off state 31 here Saturday when I logged WNJC-1360 NJ near Vineland, NJ. Perhaps a month ago, I was saying that I thought I could hear number 400 before the end of December. That mark came on 11/17 with WHVO-1480. As I type this on 11/21, I just had KRMS-1150 MO over WIMA-1150 OH for number 408. I will go out on a limb now and speculate on 500 before the end of the year. 63 new ones so far in November. What helped was the Northern Lights display a couple of weeks ago which set up the big southern opening for almost a week. I was thinking the other night that this year seems to me to be almost as good a period for DXing (at least, for me) as the fall of 1969 was. I am taking into effect the vast differences in the hobby which have occurred since then. Back then, probably half the stations in the country signed off at sunset, we had all the frequency checks and proof of performance tests, plus the DX Tests which were arranged. While I heard a lot more stations during that three month period back then, many of them were not during their regular schedules as all of my stuff has been this year. It might be a case of trying to compare apples and automobiles when talking about these past few years to the conditions which were around back in the 1950s and 60s. I hope all have a good Thanksgiving this year and a better December. 73.

HEARING IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

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Hi Everyone:

It's time for another 'Grapevine' report. This one features **1340 kHz** and the State of **Nevada**. Here's what was reported:

Doug Pifer- Albany, OR, Drake R8B, Kiwa Loop

Featured frequency **1340 kHz**:

KLOO OR Corvallis News radio. My 1340 local.
KTMM CO Grand Junction "The Team" Sports. Heard once last year.
KPRK MT Livingston Classic Oldies. Hard catch. Heard ID only last year.
KWWX WA Wenatachee "La Super Z". Why "Z?" Heard last in 2002.
KBBR OR North Bend "News Center 1340". Heard twice.
KATA CA Arcata "Sports Radio". Most common catch under KLOO.
KLKI WA Anacortes Talk; Heard last with MOYL.

Featured State **Nevada**:

720 KDWN Las Vegas "Talk of the West". Variety, talk, sports. Dominant.
780 KKOH Reno "NewsTalk 780 KOH". Only catch on 780 because of local 790.
840 KXNT N. Las Vegas "The Talk Station". Heard regularly.
870 KLSQ Whitney (E. Las Vegas) "Recuerdo 870". Spanish. Heard regularly.
970 KNUU Paradise "K-News" Heard regularly.
980 KVLV Fallon "Hottest hits, all time favorites". Only caught once as CW music.
1060 KKVV Las Vegas "Christian Talk for Las Vegas". Heard once in 2003.
1230 KPLY Reno "K-Play Sports Radio". Heard once in 2002.
1270 KBZZ Sparks "The Buzz". Also heard "All Comedy Radio". Semi-regular.
1400 KSHP N. Las Vegas "K-Shop", "Retail Radio". Also Fox Sports. Heard in '02.
1450 KHIT Reno Nostalgia "Classic Hit Country". Heard once in 2002 as NOS.

Dennis Vroom- Vancouver, WA, HQ 180 5' loop, CC Radio Trek 100 Loop

Featured frequency **1340 kHz**:

KATA CA Arcata ESPN radio dominates the frequency. 4 stations in CA, OR, WA on 1340 kHz are ESPN stations. Local KATA ID heard.
KBBR OR North Bend sometimes in with 'Coast to Coast', ID once.
KTSN NV Elko Weak with ID then back in the mix.

Featured State **Nevada**:

720 KDWN Las Vegas Strong signal with the famous "Stardust Line" on weekend nights.
780 KKOH Reno One of the strongest out of state stations. 'Coast to Coast' mornings. Morning show with Ross Mitchell who does the CTC introductions.
840 KXNT North Las Vegas with good signal evenings.
1340 KTSN Elko heard once weak w/ID.

Thanks go to **Doug** and **Dennis** for their reports this time around.

For the next 'Grapevine' the targets are: **1070 kHz** and the State of **Indiana**, the 'Hoosier' State, settled in 1730 and admitted to the Union on Dec. 11, 1816. It's State flower is the Peony and it's bird is the Cardinal.

Deadline: December 11, 2004 @1500 EST.

73 de DX de NY Ray

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All times unless noted otherwise

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

BARBADOS: The Voice of Barbados on 92.9 airs via <http://stream.caribsurf.com/star1> in a WMP player, and BBS, Barbados Broadcasting System on 90.7 via <http://barbadosadvocate.com/bbs.ram> does not have a web page that I can find. BBS is only mentioned on the site's home page. The Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation is home to 3 stations; only Radio 900 AM is on the web at <http://www.live365.com/play/307076>. (Tom Sundstrom, October NASWA Journal via DXLD)

CUBA: Just came back from the start-up of the new 10 kW output Radio Progreso relay at the Isle of Youth, south of Cuba. The frequency is 730 kHz, and the transmitter is rather close to the Caribbean sea, so the 100 meter high TUNIPOLE antenna with 120 radials should be well heard via sky wave during the evenings. The transmitter is pulse width modulated technology and capable of 125 percent positive peak modulation. Send your QSL requests if you are able to pick up the new Radio Progreso relay to: arnie@rhc.cu. I will relay them to Progreso's deputy chief engineer, as we both work in the same building.

Other Radio Progreso's relays are 900 kHz now in San German with 25 kW PWM transmitter 660 kHz in Santa Clara with 10 kW PWM transmitter and 690 Jovellanos with 12.5 kW PWM also. (Arnie Coro, Radio Havana Cuba, via Mike Terry HCDX, 14 Nov)

CURAÇAO: DX-pedition to Curaçao --- Again this October, like last year, I paid a visit to Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles. I was able to use a 20 meters wire antenna connected to my SONY ICF7600GR receiver. Conditions were similar to last year October. However, I could hear several new stations while other stations had disappeared.

On Curaçao Radio Hoyer 1 and Radio Hoyer 2 were using medium wave on 1010 and 1500 respectively. However because of theft of the air-conditioning of the transmitters they decided to refrain from medium wave and to continue only on FM. Radio Caribe 1100 kHz medium wave also left medium wave. The only station left on medium wave is PJZ86 860 kHz Radio Curom.

Listening to the FM band was completely different from last year. A year ago I heard about 3 stations from Venezuela; this year I could easily identify 15 stations, mostly from Punto Fijo and Coro. Also the local FM was busier than last year because of some new stations.

During my stay I paid a visit to Radio Korsou FM where I met again the director Mr. Oosterhof (Suhandi) who is a famous radioman in The Netherlands. He informed me about his radio career and also a lot about radio history (Max Van Arnhem, DSWCI DX Window Nov 3 via DXLD)

GRENADE: 535 Grenada Broadcasting Network reported back on the air from the beginning of November. (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, FL via Arctic)

MEXICO: Get ready to catch Mexican medium wave stations, and download a couple of excellent station lists. John Callarman has compiled a list of Mexican AM stations by frequency <http://www.dxing.info/lists/mexico.doc> (MS Word file) and Phil Bytheway has collected loggings of Mexican AM stations http://www.dxing.info/logs/Mexico_Corazon_2002.doc (MS Word) made in 2002 by Corazon DX members. Check out also Mexican station identifications http://www.dxing.info/audio/index_mexico.dx. (dxing.info Oct 18, 2004)

PERÚ: 1141 Chami Radio new station e-mail: transmision@chamiradio.com.pe 1367 R. Santa Mónica - from 1370 (Hector Alvaro Gutierrez and Alfreda Cañote in ConDig via Arctic)

VENEZUELA: 1300 YVKH Tu AM Center "Tu Romántica AM" ex Radio 1300. The station belongs to "FM Center Group" (José M. Valdes via Arctic)

1390 YVZB R. Fé y Alegría. Calle 3B, Edif. C2-07, Piso 2, La Urbina (a una cuadra de Funda Ayacucho), Caracas 1073. E-mail: radiofyanacional@cantv.net and radiofya@telcel.net.ve. Web: www.feyalegria.org. Click on "Instituto Radiofónico" (Catholic Radio Update via Arctic)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

CHINA: Radio 774, the first provincial-level foreign-language radio station in China, has been launched in Beijing. The station broadcasts 2200-1600 UTC on 774 kHz, as well as on 97.8 and 99.4 FM with different program feeds. Programming on 774 kHz contains 90 minutes of Chinese daily, but most of the programs are in English (dxing.info) Web page is www.774am.com.cn. (Portzer)

RFI via Dongfang and Kunming: 684 1300-1400 French, 1296 1500-1600 Vietnamese 1296 1600-1700 French (via Jean-Michel Aubier, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INDIA: Broadcasts to Pakistan in Baluchi, Sindhi & Urdu on 1071 kHz via Rajkot 1000 kw are suspended lately due to installation of new 1000 kW transmitter. (Jose Jacob, DXLD)

INDONESIA: I have been hearing RRI on 810 since 5/11/04. On the EWE, signal strength is strong enough to dominate the frequency over 2BA. Merauke is listed here with 7.5 kW and I am hearing this as early as 0900, which is about sunset at Merauke. It is not // to 3905, the listed SW frequency. Maybe there has been an increase in power? It is quite well heard around 1100 or 1200 UT which was when I first noted it.

Also, this evening I have logged another RRI on 783 despite nothing being listed in the WRTH. This faded up at around 1211 for about 20 minutes. At first thought this was a Filipino but the ID was for RRI. (John Schache, Australia, Nov 11, ARDXC via DXLD) Auroral condx

John, I did get onto 810 earlier in the week, thanks to your tip-off. Bega is normally strong here, but this certainly gets up over it from time to time, even on the loop. The one on 783 is likely RRI Ende, which as you say, is not listed in the WRTH or Bruce Portzer's excellent guide - but it does appear on the kangGuru English website <http://www.kangguru.org/englishradio.htm#sched2> and geographically would fit (Flores, which is just a hop, step and jump from Timor). 783 is a frequency that has promised results for some time, but a good catch nonetheless! (Craig Seager, ibid.)

KOREA (NORTH): Pyongyang was noted on 799.4 drifting from 801 kHz. Not strong and was in // with 6398 at 1743. Regards, (John Schache, Australia, Nov 11, ARDXC via DXLD)

TAIWAN: RFI via Taiwan: 747 2200-2300 Mandarin, 1098 2200-2300 Mandarin (via Jean-Michel Aubier, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Taiwan's BCC license renewed - but conditions attached. A commission of Taiwan's Government Information Office (GIO) decided yesterday to extend the operating license of the opposition-owned Broadcasting Corporation of China (BCC), but on condition that the BCC return 14 of its 69 frequency channels to the government by year-end, and prepare to relinquish 17 other frequencies once used for broadcasts to the People's Republic of China within the coming two years.

The commission had recommended that the GIO issue two-year licenses to BCC's popular music, news, rural and Hakka-language networks and extend operating licenses to December 31, 2004 for 14 frequencies that the BCC had promised to return to the government in 1992. The commission also recommended the extension for two years "in principle" of licenses for 17 other channels that were formerly allocated for blocking transmissions from the Chinese mainland pending reallocation to other radio broadcasters by the GIO. The GIO has officially ended a 55-year-old policy that allocated high-powered transmitters to stations such as the BCC and the Taipei Broadcasting System to prevent broadcasts from the People's Republic of China from being heard by Taiwan listeners.

GIO Director-General Lin Chia-lung stated that besides fulfilling the 1992 commitment to return the use of 14 frequencies, the BCC will have to comply with the government's three-stage broadcasting reorganization plan by relinquishing the frequencies previously allocated for blocking Chinese broadcasts when necessary. Lin said the process of recovering government frequencies, restructuring public-owned radio networks and reorganizing the distribution of frequencies should be completed by end-2005.

After the process, Lin said, the BCC will hold 38 frequencies compared to 69 at present, including 27 AM channels (or 17.4 percent of Taiwan's total) and 11 FM channels (or 5.1 percent), compared to 25 percent of AM and 14 percent of FM stations at present. <http://medianetwork.blogspot.com> (9 September 2004) (via Bernd Trutenau, MWDX 9.9.2004)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

ALBANIA: CRI-China Radio International B04 Schedule via the Filaka MW radio station:

English Europe 0700-0900 UTC 1215 kHz Tx.1 500kW ND
Albanian Albania 1600-1700 UTC 1215 kHz Tx.1 500kW ND
Esperanto Europe 1700-1800 UTC 1215 kHz Tx.1 500kW ND
Bulgarian Europe 1700-1800 UTC 1458 kHz Tx.2 500kW ND
Romanian Europe 1800-1900 UTC 1215 kHz Tx.1 500kW ND
Italian Europe 1800-1900 UTC 1458 kHz Tx.2 500kW ND
Hungarian Europe 2001-2059 UTC 1458 kHz Tx.2 500kW ND
Polish Europe 2130-2230 UTC 1458 kHz Tx.2 500kW 004 deg
Serbian Europe 2201-2300 UTC 1215 kHz Tx.1 500kW ND
Czech Europe 2230-2330 UTC 1458 kHz Tx.2 500kW 338 deg

Drita Cico, ARTV-Albanian Radiotelevision, R. Tirana Oct 28 via BC-DX via DXLD)

FINLAND: Radio operator Mike Spenser on Pirate Radio 603AM is giving up. Temporarily, at least. Spenser is closing his transmissions on medium wave 603 kHz, transmissions said to be illegal by license owner Roy Sandgren.

"I'm going to England for ten days to negotiate a great contract," Spenser says to the local newspaper Ålandstidningen. If Spenser can resume his transmissions later on is doubtful. The local government on the Finnish island of Åland has ruled that Mr. Sandgren's license is suspended for the next six months. That is not deterring Mike Spenser. "I have the right to lodge a protest." Local administrator Veronica Johansson sighs. "If they would just calm down a little," she says to Ålandstidningen (hcdx, 3 Nov)

FRANCE: Radio Livres Télérama, or Télérama for short, has begun test broadcasts on 1062 kHz. The station is transmitting from Meudon near Paris, France, with 2 kW of power. Télérama was first reported heard by Thierry Vignaud on fr.rec.radio newsgroup on October 29. Currently programming consists of a test loop, but in the future the station will air music as well as cultural talk programming. (DXing.info, 12 Nov)

GERMANY: Since Saturday, 0400 AFN Europe broadcasts no longer from Frankfurt but from new headquarters at Mannheim instead. 6.5 million Euro were spent to rebuild a former canteen building of the Coleman Barracks in Mannheim to house AFN Europe. Enclosed a report by the Mannheimer Morgen newspaper. AFN left the old headquarters at Frankfurt, next to the Hessischer Rundfunk grounds, because no US military is stationed there anymore. For regional coverage AFN Hessen broadcasts from new studios at Wiesbaden already since May. see <http://www.afneurope.net/Hessen/PhotoWall.asp?id=8306>. For pictures of the old AFN building at Frankfurt see http://rmrc.de/gallery/view_album.php?set_albumName=album15 starting with the Z-98 live studio as last row on page 3 (the previous pictures show Hessischer Rundfunk facilities instead). (Kai Ludwig, DXLD 30.10.2004)

IRAN: 702 External services heard on this frequency as follows: 1430-1700 Azeri, 1700-1800 Georgian, 1800-1830 Swahili, 1830-1930 Turkish, 1930-2030 Russian. (Mauno Ritola)

ISLE OF MAN (UK): I have been checking on the status of Musicmann / Radiomann 279. As you may recall this project for a commercial broadcast station located just off the Isle of Man was delayed by various legal challenges that were eventually overcome. The latest position is that construction work will shortly commence on both the shore based studios located at Ramsey and the transmission platform. They hope to have the station ready by early in the new year and will then begin test transmissions before going live by next summer. (R. A. Connolly "Ndblist@beaconworld.org.uk" via BN)

ITALY (SICILY): Following the re-organization of their MW outlets last May, RAI officially decided to close down the Caltanissetta 189 kHz LW transmitter. The frequency was and still is cancelled by the official list of RAI transmitters according to the site <http://www.raiway.it>. Paolo Morandotti and I listened to the frequency very well last June in Fiesole (a few kilometers north of Florence) but later it was impossible to get the signal again. Correspondents to Itlradio <http://www.itlradio.org> reported the station still active in September 2004 from Rome and mid-October from Naples. As far as we know the station is operating at reduced power but no official information is until now available about the future of the only Italian LW station. Photos of the Caltanissetta transmitting site are on: http://www.mediasuk.org/archive/cal_tx.html. (Luigi Cobisi, Oct 26, DSWCI DX Window Nov 3 via DXLD)

NETHERLANDS: A new station from the Netherlands, still without an official name, has reportedly tested its transmitter for the first time on October 28. According to a posting in the discussion forum of the Anorak Nation website, tests were conducted from Utrecht on 1584 kHz at a power of 1.5 kW. 1584 has been vacant since Laser Hot Hits briefly began operating in late 2002 (DXing.info, Nov 1)

REUNION: Both frequencies 666 and 729 kHz are now in operation. (Bengt Ericson)

ROMANIA: 756 Lugoj-Boldur is back with a 400 kW signal from a new Harris transmitter since Friday Oct 8th night. (Wolfgang Bueschel) Had been off since Sep 10th, 2004(BCDX-683)

1179 The Galbeni transmitter has increased its modulation level and as a result Radio Sweden has been receiving numerous reports of strong interference for some time now, especially from Eastern Europe. The 200 kW transmitter was built in 1979 and listening reveals that it has been modernized with audio processing and dynamic carrier control. (ARC)

1404 Radio Sighet noted 3 November with local program until 0600, when the station switched to Hungarian from Radio Cluj. At 0558 a local jingle. (Bengt Ericson) According to Erich Bergmann in BCDX, Radio Sighet would be using two hours of the time assigned to Radio Cluj beginning 1 November. Heard 9.11 opening at 0400 with Radio Cluj in Romanian and then with Radio Sighet from 0500, opening with a repeated identification jingle. (Olle Alm, ARC)

1593 On this frequency there are 3 different programs broadcast.
1/ Radio Cluj from Oradea and Sibiu with transmitter power of 20 kW.
2/ Radio Targu Mures from Miercurea Ciuc. 14 kW
3/ Radio Romania Actualitati from Ion Corvin with 14 kW. (Bernd Trutenau via Bengt Ericson)

SOUTH AFRICA: 729 Veritas Radio was denied a broadcasting license for this frequency. They are still trying for a license to broadcast on 729. In the meantime it remains off the air. The transmitter on 729 kHz that Radio Veritas wants to use is located at Klipheuwel and has 25 kW power. (John Plimmer, RSA via Bengt Ericson)

SPAIN: Rock and Gol is a new Spanish network combining sports news and rock music. Rock and Gol, which is owned by COPE, is being broadcast over 14 FM stations and - as Mauricio Molano reports on mwdx - only one AM station, Radio Miramar in Barcelona on 783 kHz. News about the new program feed was announced in September and programming began in October. Rock and Gol can be contacted by email see <http://www.chamiradio.org/escribenos.php>.

Meanwhile, Punto Radio, another newcomer on the Spanish dial, can be heard on FM in about two dozen locations around Spain, as well as over one AM transmitter, broadcasting from Las Palmas in the Canary Islands on 1008 kHz. Ignacio Sotomayor has reported hearing Punto Radio also on 1485 kHz, transmitting from Vilanova. Punto Radio officially began broadcasting in Spanish in September, and added a Catalan language feed called Onda Rambla on October 19. Punto Radio broadcasts around the clock and Onda Rambla eight hours a day. Punto Radio has breaks for local programming at 1100-1300, 1330-1500, 1800-1900 and 1915-2000 UTC in winter, and an hour earlier during daylight savings time. Punto Radio can be reached by email asociadas@puntoradio.com. (DXing.info, October 19, 2004 via Mike Terry, MWDX 24.10.2004)

Another station to add to the network Punto Radio; Vilanova y la Geltrú, on 1485. I could listen with ID on the hour. Seeking info on their web page www.puntoradio.com. (Ignacio Sotomayor via MWDX 19.10.2004)

SWEDEN: 1179 Teracom in cooperation with Radio Sweden has rearranged the schedule for B04. The home service is relayed weekdays as follows: P1 0455-0700, Saturdays P4 0455-1000 (request program) and Sundays P1 0455-1000. Foreign Service in German and English on Sundays at 0700-0800. The normal mixture of P1, P4 and Foreign Service is daily 1545-2330. The power will be 600 kW at all times in an attempt to improve reception despite Romanian interference. (Anders Bäcklin, SR via Bengt Ericsson, Arctic)

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The Radio Your Way

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The Radio Your Way (RYW) is an AM/FM radio that includes a solid-state audio recorder. Its intended purpose is to record primarily talk radio type programs on a scheduled basis. However, through an external audio input, it can also be used as a recorder for DX heard on another radio.

The RYW comes with either 32MB or 128MB of internal flash RAM - not a mechanical drive. There are two recording modes - ADPCM 32Kbps and 16Kbps - which provides 135/270 minutes of recording time on the 32MB model or 480/960 minutes on the 128MB model. The RYW also allows up to 256MB on an external MMC/SD style flash memory card, which would add another 960/1920 minutes per card. The unit operates from either 2-AAA batteries or external power adapter (sold separately).

Recording, whether from an external source or the internal FM stereo radio, is only in mono, hence my comment about recording primarily for talk radio. There is a built-in microphone for voice recording and a mike-in jack that operates at line-in levels (a pre-amplified microphone is required for the external connection). This serves well for recording - in mono - from various audio devices with line-out connections, such as other radios. I have used it, for example, to record from XM Satellite Radio as well as my NRD-535D. A recording from the 535 was transferred to my PC, digitally cleaned up and slowed down, which let me recognize a difficult station ID.

During playback on the RYW, there is available 10 times fast forward and reverse with sound - choppy snippets not speeded up full audio - and 100 times fast forward and reverse without sound in stopped mode.

Earphone output is available during playback, as well as while recording from any source, but for general purpose listening and quick checks, there is an internal mono speaker. Speaker output is available during playback or when recording from the internal AM/FM radio, but not when recording from the internal mike or from the line-in connection, or any time the earphones are plugged in. Because of the speaker's small size, and its location on the underside of the unit, earphones may be more practical for listening to difficult audio recordings, or it might be advisable to feed the phone audio-out to a more robust self powered speaker.

Recordings can be scheduled from designated AM and FM stations, or from external mic/line-in on a specific day of the week, five days a week, every day of the week basis, at prescribed start and stop times to either the internal or external flash memory. There are 10 of these "reserved recordings" schedules that can be defined. However, you can also manually start, pause, restart, and stop the recording process, while DXing, for example. After each stop, the next start will create a new file. Hundreds of such files can be created on both internal and external memory, space permitting.

As you listen to a given station, you can record and pause, then just before you tune to another station, you stop the first recording, and start a new one. You end up with a series of files, each representing a specific segment of your listening session.

When a recording is stopped, it can be immediately played back. There is no "append" function, so once stopped, any additional recording will create a new audio file. But going back and forth amongst files is a straightforward, sequential process of clicking on the skip-to-beginning and skip-to-end buttons when playback is stopped.

The RYW files are identified by sequence number and recorded duration on the RYW display as well as an indication (I or E) of whether the file is in internal or external memory (e.g. E002_1732 for the second recording to external memory that began at 1732 hours). The sequence numbers are independent, internal from external, and do not reset on a given day even if all earlier files have already been erased when a new one is recorded. On a new day, if there are no existing files in the given memory, the sequence will begin again at 001. As the filenames are predetermined by the RYW, it might be necessary to keep some notes of what was recorded where.

A USB cable is included with the RYW, along with a CD containing the RYW-Explorer program, allowing the user to access the files created and stored on the RYW using a PC and its USB 1.1 port. The file names can be changed to something more descriptive once they are transferred to the PC but cannot be changed directly on the RYW. The original RYW file name is important as it contains the time-stamp, so, when renaming on the PC, you might want to make sure that information is preserved. When the files are transferred from the RYW to the PC, the PC file time-stamp will reflect the time the file was transferred, not the time the original recording was made. This use of a specific PC application for transferring files from the RYW is not optimal, but has not proven to be a problem for me.

The renamed files could be reloaded on the RYW, but since the file name is not shown on the display - only a sequence number of when the recording was made relative to other recordings -

this procedure would only be of use when the player is next accessed through the USB port by the PC software.

The recording format (RVF) is proprietary, so using the created recording files anywhere other than on the RYW and its included PC software requires conversion. RYW-Explorer plays the RVF files on the PC and includes a "convert to WAV" function. There is also a free utility to convert the RVF files to MP3 available from an independent source. These two formats are apparently quite similar since the conversion is almost instantaneous - suggesting only header information is modified in the conversion process. Since RVF files are mono and MP3 files are stereo, this need for conversion makes sense. There are no audio editing functions on the RYW or in the RYW-Explorer PC software. That requires a separate piece of software such as the popular, and free, Audacity audio editing program.

The RYW can be loaded with MP3 audio from the PC; these files will play in stereo (as does the built-in FM radio) if you use stereo headphones. Non-audio data can also be stored on the internal and external flash memory via the USB connection, for transfer or back-up purposes.

Extraneous files on the RYW can be easily erased by clicking the erase button once, which starts the file playing so you can confirm the erasure, then clicking that button a second time, erasing the file and freeing the memory space. RYW resident files can also be erased via the USB connection from the PC.

The recorded audio is well optimized, conserving memory space but retaining a high degree of intelligibility. The file size is much smaller than an uncompressed WAV file would be, but the captured content is quite adequate such that it can be manipulated with audio tools to remove noise, apply filtering and other processing techniques. Since the audio is mono and the frequency response narrower, the recorded quality is not comparable to MP3. The RYW specified frequency response for recording/playback is 400Hz-3.2kHz(-6db), while MP3 playback is quoted as 20Hz-20kHz as one might expect for music.

Although the RYW is also an AM-FM radio, I would say the signal reception is somewhat poorer than most others and assume this is the result of a smaller ferrite rod antenna. Since one of my objectives with the RYW was to record a rather weak, though local, station, I used an active external antenna and inductive coupling to boost the signal strength. That brought the audio up out of the noise and gave a good signal for recording. I use the RYW this way each day. The only problem with this arrangement is that the substantial signal boost provided by the external antenna can overload the RYW front-end if the two are too tightly coupled. This is easily avoided by just moving the RYW and coupler an inch or so apart.

I have not used the FM radio or made any comparisons, but find no pocket portable FM radio all that great due to antenna issues. There is an interesting attachment provided with the RYW in this regard. As is common, the RYW uses the earphone cord as the FM antenna, but since it has a built in speaker, a length of wire with special earphone plug is provided for use as an antenna when listening through the speaker. The plug is a snub version of the usual 3.5mm plug, so that it connects to provide an antenna but does not insert far enough to disable the speaker. A thoughtful addition.

Overall however, for anything but casual listening (or with antenna assisted reception), the RYW is more adept as a recorder.

The Pogo Products web site: http://www.pogoproducts.com/radio_yourway.html includes the product description; by clicking on the "Support" tab, one can access the FAQ and download product documentation in PDF format. Note that the latest catalog from C. Crane has the RYW on sale.

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620 WVMT Burlington, VT
 640 WNNZ Westfield, MA
 910 WABI Bangor, ME
 1160 WSKW Skowhegan, ME
 1250 WKBR Manchester, NH
 1270 WTSN Dover, NH
 1280 WEIM Fitchburg, MA
 1280 WFAU Gardiner, ME
 1310 WORC Worcester, MA
 1340 WBRK Pittsfield, MA
 1420 WBSM New Bedford, MA
 1440 WJAE Westbrook, ME

1450 WKXL Concord, NH
 1450 WRKD Rockland, ME
 1450 WTSB Brattleboro, VT
 1480 WSAR Fall River, MA
 1490 WCCM Haverhill, MA
 1510 WWSN Boston, MA (Flagship)
 1590 WSMN Nashua, NH
 97.5 WIGY Madison, ME
 97.7 WNSX Winter Harbor, ME
 97.7 WSKO Wakefield-Peacedale, RI

PENN STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

560 WFIL Philadelphia, PA
 670 WIEZ Lewistown, PA
 680 WISR Butler, PA
 790 WAEB Allentown, PA
 800 WCHA Chambersburg, PA
 900 WCPA Clearfield, PA
 910 WGBI Scranton, PA
 910 WSBA York, PA
 970 WBLF Bellefonte, PA
 980 WILK Wilkes-Barre, PA
 990 WNTD Philadelphia, PA
 1070 WKOK Sunbury, PA
 1130 WASP Brownsville, PA
 1160 WVNJ Oakland, NJ
 1200 WRKK Hughesville, PA
 1230 WBPZ Lock Haven, PA
 1240 WYGL Selinsgrove, PA
 1250 WEAE Pittsburgh, PA
 1270 WLBK Lebanon, PA
 1280 WHVR Hanover, PA
 1290 WWTX Wilmington, DE
 1300 WOGY West Hazleton, PA
 1310 Wbfd Bedford, PA
 1310 WNAE Warren, PA
 1320 WGET Gettysburg, PA
 1340 WPNT Connellsburg, PA
 1340 WRAW Reading, PA

1340 WTRN Tyrone, PA
 1360 WPPA Pottsville, PA
 1390 WLAN Lancaster, PA
 1400 WKBI St. Mary's, PA
 1400 WRAK Williamsport, PA
 1430 WVAM Altoona, PA
 1440 WNPV Lansdale, PA
 1450 WMAJ State College, PA
 1450 WPSE Erie, PA
 1460 WTKT Harrisburg, PA
 1480 WCNS Latrobe, PA
 1490 WSPQ Johnstown, PA
 1590 WPSN Honesdale, PA
 92.1 WKPL Ellwood City, PA
 92.1 WSNU Lock Haven, PA
 92.3 WNBQ Mansfield, PA
 93.9 WKBI St. Mary's, PA
 95.7 WMRF Lewistown, PA
 96.7 WFRM Coudersport, PA
 99.3 WPKL Uniontown, PA
 100.3 WHGL Canton, PA
 102.1 WQWQ Du Bois, PA
 103.5 WLAK Huntingdon, PA
 103.7 WFSJ Indiana, PA
 104.5 WNET Wellsboro, PA
 106.3 WQRM Smethport, PA

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