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*Happy New Year from The Editors of DX Monitor!*

**FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

This is the last DX Monitor for 2011, so on behalf of everyone at DX Monitor, have a DX-prosperous 2012. As the 2010-11 winner of the Ric Heald Award, I have been put in charge of nominations for the 2012 edition. Nick's announcement appears below. News came across over Christmas weekend of the passing of WABC 770 hostess Lynn Samuels at age 69. The New York Post obituary was posted on the IRCA Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information and DX in this DX Monitor.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE TED VASILOPOULOUS AND RIC HEALD AWARDS**

Nominations Are Open for the TVA and RHA for 2011-2012

**Ted Vasilopoulos Award (TVA)**

Ted Vasilopoulos was a charter member of IRCA who died in 1965, and was known for his high DX standards and contributions to the club. This award in his honor is presented to the IRCA member who has contributed the most to IRCA and the DX hobby during the past several years. The following persons have won the TVA in the last five years and are ineligible this year: Phil Bytheway, Bill Block, Nancy Johnson, Patrick Martin, and Nick Hall-Patch

**Ric Heald Award (RHA)**

Ric Heald was an enthusiastic IRCA volunteer and contributor. In 1995, after his passing, the RHA was created to recognize the IRCA member who most benefited the club in a particularly noteworthy way during the previous year. The following persons have won the RHA in the last three years and are ineligible this year: Eric Bueneman, the late John Bryant, and Gary DeBock.

All nominations, including a brief statement supporting the nomination, should be sent to the folks listed below:

**TVA Nominations:** Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334. E-mail: phil\_tekno@yahoo.com

**RHA Nominations:** Eric Bueneman, 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood MO 63042-1347. E-mail: NOUIHEric@aol.com

All nominations must be received by the above no later than February 1, 2012.

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\*\*\*\*\* IRCA TIS/HAR LIST (Winter 2011) \*\*\*\*\*

The **IRCA TIS/HAR LIST** lists all US TIS/HAR stations, by frequency, including call letters, state, city, county, licensee, coordinates, expiration date and dates of DXM/DXN reports. It has been updated with FCC data and DXM/DXN reports through November 15 2011.

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**WINTERFEST 2012**

Your Editor-in-Chief is inviting all IRCA members in the Midwest to Winterfest 2012, sponsored by the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club. The hamfest will take place on Saturday, January 28 at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL (you may use the IL 157 exit of I-55/70 or the Horseshoe Lake Road exit off I-255). Hamfests are generally great places to find good deals on new and used receivers, materials for an antenna project, or other radio-related needs. Information can be found at **www.slsr.org**

**BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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			CALL CHANGES	
FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW CALL	
820	WOSU	Columbus, OH	WVSG	
1200	WNBL	Huntington, WV	WEMM	
1450	KWFM	Tucson, AZ	KTZR	
1540	WADM	Decatur, IN	WJZI	
			FORMAT CHANGES	
FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
690	KEWI	Benton, AR	Oldies	News / Talk
820	WVSG	Columbus, OH	News / Talk	Relig. Teaching
1170	WCTF	Vernon, CT	Regional Mexican	Reported Silent
1230	WGUY	Veazie, ME	Silent	Format Unknown
1410	WNWZ	Grand Rapids, MI	Regional Mex.	Comedy
1440	WDOW	Dowagiac, MI	Sports	SILENT
1480	WQTM	Fair Bluff, NC	Sports	Reported Silent
			SLOGAN / IMAGE UPDATE	
1450	KWFM	Tucson, AZ	"La Preciosa"	
			F.C.C. ACTIONS	
1440	WKPR	Kalamazoo, MI	Replaced WDOW on 1440 from 1420	
			F.C.C. FINES	

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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:**

**FROM : RADIO JOURNAL No new tower for Birmingham's WAGG (610)** Back in the day, the station at 610 on the AM dial dominated the Birmingham, Alabama radio scene. WSGN was the big top-40 station that boasted voices such as Rick Dees, Scotty Brink and Roger W. Morgan, all booming out with 5,000 watts by day, 1,000 watts by night from a very widely-spaced two-tower array that straddled the Alabama state fairgrounds. But the rise of FM in the 1980s was bad news for 610, which ended up doing black gospel as WAGG, "Heaven 610." And then came the final indignity: the devastating windstorms that hit central Alabama in April took down one of the two WSGN/WAGG towers, leaving the station unable to run its full nighttime directional kilowatt. WAGG owner Cox Radio has decided not to try to rebuild the fallen tower, telling the FCC that annexations have caused the city of Birmingham to sprawl far beyond the station's signal reach at night, and that the environmental obstacles to rebuilding are substantial. WAGG's application for fulltime non-directional operation from the remaining tower calls for 5-kw days (unchanged) and 610 watts at night.

**FROM : RADIO JOURNAL New AM in Duluth.** There are several decent low-dial fulltime AM facilities already serving the "Twin Ports" of Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin, and now they're about to get some company way up at the top of the dial. Kermit Carlson has been granted a construction permit for a new signal on 1560 licensed to the Village of Superior, Wisconsin, an independent community (population 595) just south of the larger city of Superior. Carlson's CP, already granted the calls WIVS, calls for a new array of six 157-foot towers at a site a few miles south of Superior. With 5-kw days and 4-kw nights, the new WIVS, if built, will cover both Superior and Duluth with a fulltime signal.

**FROM : RADIO JOURNAL St. Gabriel Catholic radio upgrades in Columbus.** For the last few years, the St. Gabriel group has been leasing WVKO, Columbus, OH (1580) from Bernard Ohio LLC for its Catholic programming. But while that 3.2-kw day/290-watt night signal struggles to cover the central part of the state's third-largest market, St. Gabriel has now moved on to a much bigger new home: it has acquired the former WOSU(AM) from the Ohio State University. As of last week, St. Gabriel is programming 820 under new calls WVSG. By day, the 820 signal from the university golf course (a site St. Gabriel is leasing from OSU) covers most of the central part of the state with 5-kw nondirectional; at night, 820 uses 790 watts from a six-tower array southwest of Columbus. WOSU gave up its AM signal (which had been in university hands since 1922) after acquiring a second FM frequency in the Columbus market (all-classical WOSA 101.1) and moving the AM station's news-talk format to WOSU-FM (89.7).

**FROM : RADIO JOURNAL End of the line (for now, at least) for three Carolinas AMs.** Renewal applications were due at the end of August for stations in North Carolina and South Carolina, and three AM stations failed to file for renewal. Last week, the FCC notified Golf Capital Broadcasting's WQNX, Aberdeen, NC (1350), Spirit Broadcasting's WGTM, Wilson, NC (590) and Cornell Blakely's WKMG, Newberry, SC (1520) that their licenses had been cancelled and their call signs deleted. That's often not a permanent death sentence, and it's likely that at least some of those signals will return to licensed status eventually, albeit with some FCC fines attached.

**FROM : RADIO JOURNAL Tower down in the Florida Keys.** WKIZ, Key West, FL (1500) normally operates with 250 watts fulltime from a three-tower array built on a shallow coastal shelf off Stock Island, the next island east of Key West. But at the end of November, that shelf shifted – and the center tower in the WKIZ array came tumbling down. The station is now operating under special temporary authority with 62 watts fulltime from one of the remaining towers while it works on rebuilding the array.

**FROM: RADIO INFO DOT COM Clear Channel-San Francisco announces talk lineups at 910 and 960** Gene Burns and Len Tillem, both former KGO (810) hosts, are joining Clear Channel as part of the revamped "Bay Area's Newstalk 910." Here's that roster: At 910, Armstrong & Getty remain as the morning drive show, simulcast from Sacramento sister KSTE (650). They air 6-9am. No talent set yet for 9am to noon. Then the syndicated Tom Sullivan, noon-3pm, followed by "Radio Lawyer" Len Tillem (3-4pm) and Gene Burns (4-7pm). Burns says "while it has been fun having the holiday month off, I am very anxious to get back to discussing both the issues of the day, and the [three-hour weekend] Good Life, on 'Dining Around.'" The current lineup at 910 is Armstrong & Getty, Dave Ramsey, Glenn Beck, John Gibson, "Market Wrap" with Joe Ansari, Alan Colmes, John & Jeff and Phil Hendrie. Clear Channel is moving the "KNEW" call letters off of 910 and placing them on 960. At 960, the new KNEW, the schedule as of January 3 will be Glenn Beck, 6-9am. Dave Ramsey, 9am-noon. Randi Rhodes, noon-3pm. Norman Goldman, 3-6pm. Market Wrap, 6-7pm. Stephanie Miller, 7-10pm. And Thom Hartmann, 10pm-1am. Clear Channel Director of Operations Don Parker says "recent changes in the talk radio market gave us the opportunity to adjust our plans for 960 KNEW", meaning the realignment at Cumulus Media's KGO toward more hours of all-news. Parker says "we are excited to broaden KNEW's position to appeal to a wider variety of Bay Area listeners." 960 was previously progressive talk "Green 960" KKGK. Both stations will be available on Clear Channel's iHeartRadio.

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- 570 WNAX SD, Yankton 12/20 1900 "WNAX" ID. New. (AB-ID)
- 590 KUGN OR, Eugene 12/19 0919 with "Newstalk KUGN." (BB-AZ)  
 KQNT WA, Spokane 12/10911 with "Newstalk 590 KQNT." (BB-AZ)
- 720 WGN IL, Chicago 12/18 2200 "WGN news time it's 9 o'clock," way under KDWN. (BB-AZ)
- 960 KGKL TX, San Angelo 12/21 1930 with "Sports Radio KGKL." (BB-AZ)
- 1010 CBR AB, Calgary 12/21 1958 with traffic report and a very weak "Radio One" at 1959. (BB-AZ)
- 1020 KWIQ WA, Moses Lake North 12/22 1841 brief weather and KWIQ ID, weak but all alone. (AB-ID)
- 1050 CKSB MB, Winnipeg 12/22 1857 talk in French, "Canada" mentioned, no TOH ID heard, 1060 KBGN slop. (AB-ID)
- 1060 KRCN CO, Longmont 12/22 2207 ad block and KRCN ID, no KBGN. (AB-ID)
- 1070 CFAV BC, Victoria 12/22 1910 financial news & ID. (AB-ID)
- 1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 12/22 2214 NFL news, KHTK ID at 2216, poor well under KGEM. (AB-ID)
- 1310 KLIX ID, Twin Falls 12/19 1959 with "KLIX Twin Falls." (BB-AZ)
- KTCK TX, Dallas 12/21 1914 with traffic report and "Sports Radio 1310 The Fan" at 1917. (BB-AZ)
- 1320 KWHN AR, Fort Smith 12/23 0500 "KWHN" ID under CHMB. New. (AB-ID)
- KFNZ UT, Salt Lake City 12/19 0855 with traffic report and "K-Fan" at 0856. (BB-AZ)
- 1340 KTMM CO, Grand Junction 12/16 1958 with "Fox Sports Radio The Team" then a very weak "KTMM." (BB-AZ)
- 1350 KTDD CA, San Bernardino 12/18 2003 C&W music, 2005 "The Toad" slogan, good. (AB-ID)
- KABQ NM, Albuquerque 12/20 0900 KABQ ID & news. KTIK still on nighttime power. New. (AB-ID)  
 +1220 2100 with "This is KABQ Albuquerque's Progressive Talk." (BB-AZ)
- 1370 KSOP UT, South Salt Lake City 12/21 0901 "KSOP AM South Salt Lake." (BB-AZ)

- 1380 KHEY TX, El Paso 12/22 0847 traffic and at 0852 "El Paso Sports Radio 1380." (BB-AZ)
- 1400 KWNA NV, Winnemucca 12/23 2059 with "1400 KWNA." (BB-AZ)  
 KTNM NM, Tucumcari 12/22 1931 with "Hot Country KTNM Tucumcari." (BB-AZ)
- 1410 ?WING? OH, Dayton 12/21 0515 ESPN promo for The Herd with Colin Cowherd, then more ESPN stuff. Definite maybe. (AB-ID)
- 1440 KUHL CA, Santa Maria 12/22 0859 with "This is your information station KUHL Santa Maria and KSMa 1410" then ABC news. (BB-AZ)
- 1480 KRXR ID, Gooding 12/17 0915 with "KRXR Gooding Idaho." (BB-AZ)
- 1510 KGA WA, Spokane 12/17 0913 with "Sports Radio KGA." (BB-AZ)
- 1580 KREL CO, Colorado Springs 12/21 0905 with traffic report then business talk and "Radio Colorado Network" at 0918. (BB-AZ)

Happy New Year everyone! Nancy 12/23 2100

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### DOWN THE DIAL

- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles. 12-22 good to poor through WWLS, minor ACI from KJSL 630 and WSM 650. 04:05 with local spots, "6-40 KFI" ID into C2C. This is the first time I've heard KFI since 1993. [EB-MO]
- 730 CKDM MB, Dauphin. 12-22 good over XEX, KKDA. 02:53 with Christmas music, "7-30 CKDM" ID into country music. [EB-MO]
- 910 KVIS OK, Miami. 12-19 good to poor mixing with KLCN. 02:44 with Christmas music, "KVIS, the King's vision, 9-10 AM" ID. [EB-MO]
- 930 WEPG TN, South Pittsburg. 12-18 good. 01:15 with country music format. [POB-IN]
- 930 WTAD IL, Quincy. 12-17. 04:30 with talk format. [POB-IN]  
 +12/22 fair to poor mixing with WBCK, WKY. 02:31 with Glenn Beck promo, "News, talk 9-30 WTAD" ID. [EB-MO]
- 940 KPSZ IA, Des Moines. 12-19 good over WMIX. 04:02 with Contemporary Christian music, "Thanks for listening to 9-40 KPSZ" ID into Christmas music. [EB-MO]
- 950 KRWZ CO, Denver. 12-19 good over WWJ. 02:58 with oldies, "KRWZ Denver, a Lincoln Financial Group station. Now another hour of oldies on Cruisin' Oldies, 9-50 AM and 103 point one FM." ID. [EB-MO]
- 970 WFUN OH, Ashtabula. 12-13 good. 22:00 with "ESPN 9-70" and legal ID listing cities Ashtabula, Conneaut, and Paynesville. Needed for call change; first time heard in years. [TN-WI]  
 +12-15 fair. 01:29 with ESPN Sports, "WFUN your ESPN Sports Station" ID. This is a new logging for me. [POB-IN]
- 980 WRNE FL, Gulf Breeze. 12-22 fair over WYFN, KOKA, KSGM. 21:59 noted with R&B oldies format, "This is WRNE Gulf Breeze, Pensacola" legal ID at 22:01. [EB-MO]
- WYFN TN, Nashville. 12-18 good to poor mixing with KOKA. 20:03 with Christmas music, Scripture readings, promos, Christian teaching. [EB-MO]
- 990 WLDX AL, Fayette. 12-22 fair to poor in CBW null. 22:11 with country music format, weather, "WLDX" jingle. First time heard since 2003. [EB-MO]
- 1010 CFRB ON, Toronto. 12-15 fair. 01:24 with spots. [POB-IN]  
 +12-20 fair to poor through KXEN. 00:18 with stand-up comedy routines, news promo, "In depth radio, news, talk, 10-10" slogan, local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1150 KNED OK, McAlester 12-21 fair to poor over CKOC. 03:17 with "...right here on KNED" ID in promo, local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1160 WCRT TN, Donelson. 12-22 good over WYLL. 17:28 with "The Jay Sekulow Show" and a "Bott Radio Network" slogan. talk, network promos, jingle. [EB-MO]
- 1230 KFJB IA, Marshalltown. 12-22 fair to poor over others. 03:45 with local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1270 WLIK TN, Newport. 12-22 good over WKBF. 04:15 with Christmas music, University of Tennessee women's basketball promo, "WLIK" IDs. [EB-MO]

1340 KROC MN, Rochester. 12-21 good to poor mixing with others. 22:47 with local spot into a talk program. [EB-MO]  
 WLOK TN, Memphis. 12-20 good to poor over several others. 22:59 "WLOK Memphis and worldwide at wlok-dot-com" ID, promo into Urban Gospel music format. [EB-MO]  
 1390 KENN NM, Farmington. 12-21 good. 19:05 with "You're listening to Glenn Beck on 13-90 KENN Farmington. Part of the four corners..." [NJ-MT]  
 KJOX WA, Yakima. 12-22 good. 19:00 with ID, "ESPN Radio 13-90 KJOX Selah, Yakima" into ESPN programming. [NJ-MT]  
 KLGK UT, Logan. 12-23 very strong. 12:03 with ID "The Cache Valley's Christmas Station, AM 13-90 and FM 103.3, KLGK" into Christmas music. [NJ-MT]  
 1400 KART ID, Jerome. 12-21 poor with others. 18:00 with ID. [NJ-MT]  
 KRLN CO, Cañon City. 12-21. 19:00 with local spot, weather, ID. [NJ-MT]  
 KWYN AR, Wynne. 12-21 fair to poor mixing with others. 00:15 with country format, "AM 14-hundred KWYN" ID. [EB-MO]  
 1430 CHKT ON, Toronto. 12-19 fair over WXNT in KZQZ null. Noted with Adult Contemporary music in Spanish, "CHKT AM 14-30 Fairchild Radio" ID in English. [EB-MO]  
 WPLN TN, Madison. 12-22 good in KZQZ null. 20:58 with underwriting announcements, brief jazz, "This is Nashville's talk radio, AM 14-30 WPLN Madison" legal ID into news program from Public Radio International. [EB-MO]  
 1440 WZYX TN, Cowan. 12-14 good, like a local almost nightly with lower night power. 23:11 with oldies format, weather, news. [POB-IN]  
 1490 WMPX MI, Midland. 12-9 fair to good. 22:00 with dual legal ID for WMPX and WMRX 97.7 Beaverton. New logging. [TN-WI]  
 1550 WAZX GA, Smyrna. 12-18 good to poor mixing with KLFJ. 19:02 with "WAZX AM Smyrna" legal ID in English, "Que Buena" slogan in Spanish into Tejano music. [EB-MO]  
 1560 KGOW TX, Bellaire. 12-16 good, alone, slight ACI from WBGZ 1570. 17:00 with "KGOW Bellaire, Texas. 15-60 The Game, Houston's best sports talk" ID into Yahoo! Sports update. [EB-MO]  
 1580 CKDO ON, Oshawa. 12-16 good to poor mixing with WHLY. 21:15 noted with Oldies format, "Friday Night Beach Party" mention, local spots, "CKDO" ID at 22:02. [EB-MO]  
 1600 WAOS GA, Austell. 12-17 good. 00:00 with legal ID, "La Mejor" slogan. Spanish format with WXEM-1460 and WLBA-1130. New logging. [TN-WI]  
 1620 WTAW TX, College Station. 12-22 good to fair over KOZN, WDND. 02:05 with weather forecast, "News talk 16-20 WTAW" ID into C2C. [EB-MO]

**25 YEARS AGO**

January 3, 1987 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Karl V. Jeter** of Stone Mountain, GA talked about his two beverages during daytime conditions ... **Tom Laskowski**. Of West Lafayette, IN said DX had picked up even with a heavy schedule at Purdue ... **Neil J. Wolfish** of Winnipeg, MB helped **Shawn Axelrod**, also of Winnipeg, ID YVQT Radio Carupano ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA noticed a listing in the Orange County phone book for KSRT Irvine which wasn't on the air yet.

**OPEN MIKE**

Nancy and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that 2012 that is filled with lots of DX. Happy New Year. As we start 2012 a reminder that tips to CDXR should include actual DX and not regularly heard stations unless there has been a format or call change. Try not to report the same stations over and over, especially clear channel stations. Any material that could be used to fake a report is not included (example: exact time and name of client in spots.) Use the format as seen above. Deadlines are Thursday. This column was typed 12-24-11. 73, John

**EASTERN DX ROUNDUP**

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Deadlines: Saturdays 8 AM!!

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

(KK-VA) Kraig Krist Manassas, VA.  
 Winradio G33DDC SDR rx with homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.  
 (JTA-NY) John T. Arthur PO Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711  
 R75 and 150-foot wire  
 (WM-MD) William McGuire Cheverly, MD  
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**LOGGINGS**

620 VT WVMT Burlington, (no date) 1800 ,on top for ID "WVMT, Burlington-Plattsburg" and into

news. (JTA-NY)  
 640 OH WHLO Akron 12/8 1655 Rush Promo; ID (WM-MD)  
 960 VA WFIR Roanoke 12/10 1805 ID heard in mess (WM-MD)  
 1060 GA WKNG Tallapoosa 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WILB, KYW, music and Spanish. WKNG with c&w songs. 1726 "You're tuned to country classics... we are... legendary country... WKNG..." (KK-VA)  
 1070 AL WAPI Birmingham 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WNCT, CHOK, WFNI, WNVY, WFLI and Hindu type singing. 1728 "Start your morning with Matt Murphy weekdays at 6 on 100 WAPI and 100 WAPI dot com". 1730 ET news, weather and the "WAPI Community Calendar". (KK-VA)  
 FL WNVY Cantonment 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WNCT, CHOK, WFNI, WAPI, WFLI and Hindu type singing. WNVY with religious talk. 1830 "You're listening to WNVY Cantonment Pensacola". (KK-VA)  
 TN WFLI Lookout Mountain 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WNCT, CHOK, WFNI, WAPI, WNVY and Hindu type singing. WFLI with religious talk. 1700 "You are tuned to WFLI 10-70 Lookout Mountain Tennessee" into preaching. (KK-VA)  
 1110 VA WYRM Norfolk 12/25 1700 After music, ID; In WBT null (WM-MD)  
 1150 CT WMRD Middleton 12/10 Break in HS BB game, mention of 860 area code (WM-MD)  
 1160 IL WYLL Chicago "Chicago's Christian Talk"; ID (WM-MD)  
 NJ WOBN Lakewood 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WYLL, WCRT and Spanish. 1858 "... good time oldies... New Jersey's WOBN AM 11-60 and 15-10". (KK-VA)  
 TN WCRT Donelson 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WYLL, WOBN and Spanish. 1659 "... 11-60 AM WCRT Donelson Nashville". (KK-VA)  
 1170 SC WDEK Lexington 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WWVA. 1625 "WDEK 11-70 is now streaming live all day and all night around the world on WDEK 1170 AM dot com". (KK-VA)  
 1180 NC WSFM Carolina Beach 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WHAM and R. Rebelde. WSFM with classical music. 1629 "11-80 AM and 95 point 9 FM Bach radio. Wilmington's classic radio". PSA for Carolina National Guard. (KK-VA)  
 1190 NC WIXE Monroe 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WCRW, WLIB and Spanish. 1704 "... is proud to support the WIXE community bulletin board... The mighty 11-90 WIXE (said as the word "wixy")..." into song. (KK-VA)  
 1200 NC WXIT Blowing Rock 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WMIR, WOAI, CFGO and WAMB. 1657 "Sean Hannity Show". 1759 "Stay tuned as we've got more Sean Hannity coming right up after the news. Right here on news talk 1200 WXIT" (KK-VA)  
 SC WMIR Atlantic Beach 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WXIT, WOAI, CFGO and WAMB. WMIR with religious singing. 1626 "Spread some Christmas cheer around the neighborhood" into song. 1631 "Rejoice 12 hundred". 1635 "You're listening to the best in song and Gospel. Rejoice 12 hundred. Keep it right here." (KK-VA)  
 TN WAMB Nashville 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WMIR, WOAI, CFGO and WXIT. WAMB with blues songs. 1730 "WAMB wall street business report". (KK-VA)  
 1210 AL WTXK Pike Road 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WANB, WPHT, other talk, WTXK with Yahoo! Sports radio. 1728 Local ads. (KK-VA)  
 PA WANB Waynesburg 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WTXK, WPHT, other talk, Fox Sports and R. Rebelde. WANB with c&w songs. 1631 "Happy holidays to you from WANB". 1634 "Country WANB". 1657 "...with annual holiday open house in Waynesburg this Saturday night...". (KK-VA)  
 1240 NC WDXY Sumter 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with singing and ESPN. Local ad. "Sean Hannity Show". 1731 "I'm Michael Brown South Carolina's radio network". (KK-VA)  
 1250 NJ WMTR Morristown 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WKDL, WTMA, CJYE. WMTR with oldies and Christmas songs. 1855 "News, sports, oldies. WMTR". (KK-VA)  
 SC WTMA Charleston 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WKDL, WMTR, CJYE. Sean Hannity show. 1656 "Weeknights at 6 on 12-50 WTMA 'The Big Talker'". (KK-VA)  
 1260 FL WIYD Palatka 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WUFE, WWRC, WNDE, other talk, R. Disney and religious singing. WIYD with c&w songs. 1759 "Hi. This is... Chamber of Commerce and you're listening to your classic country station 12-60 WIYD Palatka" into AP news. (KK-VA)  
 GA WUFE Baxley 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WIYD, WWRC, WNDE, other talk, R. Disney and religious singing. WUFE with oldies. 1702 "The new, the new (yes repeated), wolf howling 'The Big Wolf' WUFE Baxley. 96 point 7 FM and 12-60 AM". 1705 "96 point 7 FM and AM 12-60 the new 'Big Wolf'". (KK-VA)  
 1270 GA WJJC Commerce 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WMKT, c&w, oldies, Spanish and religious singing. 1828 "... each and everyday... WJJC... WJJC dot net... on WJJC...". (KK-VA)

- MI WMKT Charlevoix 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WJJC, c&w, oldies, Spanish and religious singing. 1629 "Where northern Michigan comes to talk. 12-70 AM 92 1 FM WMKT. The talk station" into fox news. (KK-VA)
- 1280 MA WPKZ Fitchburg 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WJAY, c&w, talk, and Spanish. 1800 "The call is WPKZ Fitchburg... and 1 oh 5 point 3 FM". "Loose Cannons" sports show. (KK-VA)
- SC WJAY Mullins 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WPKZ, c&w, talk, and Spanish. WJAY with religious singing. 1659 "... Mullins South Carolina... broadcasting company...". (KK-VA)
- 1290 GA WTKS Savannah 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WJCV, WHKY, WDWZ, WFBG and c&w. 1702 "Now local traffic first on news radio 12-90 WTKS". (KK-VA)
- NC WJCV Jacksonville 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WTKS, WHKY, WDWZ, WFBG and c&w. Religious singing. 1627 "Your southern Gospel WJCV". (KK-VA)
- 1300 GA WMTM Moultrie 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WXRL, WJZ, talk, other talk and oldies. WMTM with Gospel singing. 1733 "... located at historic Moultrie on the square..." plus other ads mentioning Moultrie. (KK-VA)
- NY WXRL Lancaster 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WMTM, WJZ, talk, other talk and oldies. 1625 "We continue our celebration of an old fashioned country Christmas on WXRL" into c&w song. (KK-VA)
- 1310 FL WYND DeLand 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WIBA, WDCT, oldies, Gospel singing and Spanish. 1703 religious preaching. 1756 "Thank you for listening to our broadcast today from the... Liberty Baptist Church... 1365 Plymouth Avenue DeLand Florida... call us at...". (KK-VA)
- 1310 WI WIBA Madison 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WYND, WDCT, oldies, Gospel singing and Spanish. 1859 "Hear it here. News talk 13-10 WIBA... WIBA dot com." (KK-VA)
- 1320 FL WJNJ Jacksonville 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WDDV, WJAS, WAGY, talk and Spanish singing. 1728 Ad for church in Jacksonville. "Christian Fellowship Broadcast... 904-645-0181...519 Normandy Blvd, Jacksonville...". "Let me hear your Christmas noise". (KK-VA)
- FL WDDV Venice 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WAGY, WJAS, WJNJ, talk and Spanish singing. 1829 "Route 66. The road to good music. You never know who you might pass. Here comes Frank Sinatra. Your home for the songs you know and love. AM 14-50 13-20 "The Dove". (KK-VA)
- NC WAGY Forest City 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WDDV, WJAS, WJNJ, talk and Spanish singing. 1759 "You hear today's stars and legends when you tune your radio AM dial to 13-20 WAGY Forest City. Your country 13-20" (KK-VA)
- 1330 FL WEBY Milton 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WHVI, KWLO, sports talk, Gospel singing, c&w and piano music. Religious talk. 1805 "13-30 WEBY northwest Florida's talk radio" into call-in program "Your Turn". (KK-VA)
- IN WVHI Evansville 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WEBY, KWLO, sports talk, Gospel singing, c&w and piano music. Religious talk. 1803 "13-30 and. WVHI". (KK-VA)
- IN WVHI Evansville 12/13 2058 Station promo ; "Talk Radio 1360"; ID (WM-MD)
- IA KWLO Waterloo 12/2 1625-1905 Mixing with WHVI, KWLO, sports talk, Gospel singing, c&w and piano music. Religious talk. 1859 "Rock n roll's greatest hits... played here 24 7... oldies 13-30 KWLO Waterloo Cedar Falls" into news. (KK-VA)
- 1690 ON CHTO Toronto 12/2 2019 Fair w/"CHTO, AM 1690" WVON way down. Rarely in this well. (JTA-NY)

**UN-IDEN**

960-Is there another "The Zone" on 960 other than KOVO? I got a very clear ID as The Zone a while back, but have trouble believing that I heard Utah near local sunset with all the other stations on 960. (JTA-NY)

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 Thanks to all this week. fresh 12/24 0945



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**TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP**

- 153 **RUSSIA**, R Rossii. 1445 12/19. Weak signal with below program. (DV-WA)
- 189 **RUSSIA**, R Rossii. 1440-1443 12/19. Good signal with woman singing. (DV-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, NHK1. 1534 12/18. Very weak signal with man in JJ. (DV-WA)  
 + 1458 12/19. Good signal with splatter from KUGN, woman talking accompanied by music in back ground. (DV-WA)
- 603 **REP KOREA**, HLSA. 1536 12/18. Weak signal with music. (DV-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB NHK2. 1532 12/18. Weak signal with woman in JJ. (DV-WA)  
 + 1447 12/19. Weak signal with woman/man in JJ. (DV-WA)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, NHK2. 1527 12/19. Weak signal with woman in JJ. (DV-WA)
- 1044 **CHINA**, CRI. 1529 12/18. Weak to fair signal at times. JJ but heavy domestic splatter made reception difficult. (DV-WA)
- 1098 **UnID**. 1526 12/18. Asian station with poor signal. (DV-WA)
- 1116 **CHINA**, 1522 12/18. Believed to be the station with weak signal and talk. (DV-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR. 1553 12/19. Weak signal with man in JJ. (DV-WA)
- 1503 **JAPAN**, JOUK, NHK1. 1540-1541 12/18. Weak signal with JJ talk. (DV-WA)  
 + 1540-1545 12/19. Weak to fair signal at times. JJ talk and singing. Much better signal than JOAK // 594. Fair signal at 1551 with woman in JJ. (DV-WA)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ. 1512 12/18. Good signal with man in Chinese. Still good at 1538. (DV-WA)  
 + 1450 12/19. Weak signal with man/woman in CC. Good signal at 1529 with singing. (DV-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND**, VOA. 1513 12/18. Fair signal with man in Asian language. Excellent signal at 1537. (DV-WA)  
 + 1530 12/19. Very weak signal with woman in Asian language. (DV-WA)  
**UnID**. Station underneath VOA at 1514 with weak signal and music. (DV-WA)
- 1593 **CHINA**, CRN1. 1515 12/18. Fair signal at times with man in CC. Moderate KOHI splatter. (DV-WA)
- 1602 **JAPAN**. 1548 12/19. Probably the station with level 3 carrier, would be hard to hear this station with KOHI S-9+55 db signal on 1600 kHz. (DV-WA)

**PAN AMERICANC DX ROUNDUP**

- 560 **MÉXICO**, XEGIK, Monclova, Coahuila. 12/23 0655. Noted with pop music, "XEGIK" ID in SS. Good to fair signal over WHBQ, KWTO. (EB-MO)
- 620 **MÉXICO**, XEBU, Chihuahua, Chihuahua. 12/23 0700. Noted with "XEBU" and "La Norteña" IDs in SS, into Norteña music. Good to fair over Cuba, WRJZ. (EB-MO)
- 660 **MÉXICO**, XEEY, Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes. 12/23 0737. Noted with "La Consentida" ID and pop music in SS. Good over WFAN, KSKY, XEAR. (EB-MO)
- 770 **MÉXICO**, XEACH, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. 12/20 0858. Noted with local ads, "Grupo Formula" and "XERFR" IDs. Relaying XERFR 970 Mexico, DF. Good signal over WABC. (EB-MO)
- 1070 **MÉXICO**, XEEI, San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi. 12/20 0535. Noted with pop music, "Que Buena" ID and local ads in SS. Fair to poor through WDIA, KNX, several others. (EB-MO)

**THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS**

- EB-MO **ERIC BUENEMAN**, Hazelwood MO  
 Equipment: General Electric Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Space Magnet II
- DV-WA **DENNIS VROOM**, Kalama WA  
 DXing with JRC NRD 545, Sky wire loop 753', Long-wire 225'

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**ASIA AND PACIFIC**

**BRUNEI:** According to a recent QSL, "the frequency of 594 KHz is no longer available. However, you can still tune in to our netradio at [www.rtb.gov.bn](http://www.rtb.gov.bn) and click on any of the 5 radio networks i.e. Nasional FM, Pilihan FM, Pelangi FM, Harmoni FM & Nur Islam. "(Albert Muick, DXLD 26 Nov)

**INDIA:** 594 kHz Mogra (near Kolkata) HPT 1000 kW MW will return by February 2012 as up-gradation is going on now. (Partha Sarathi Goswami, dxginginfo, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

All India Radio Nagpur is regularly heard on 1566 kHz here in Western-Europe. The 1000 kW transmitter is located in Butibori. Programs are scheduled from 1320-0040 UTC. The contact address is: National Channel Super Power Transmitter, Near TV Tower, Seminary Hills, NAGPUR 440006, Maharashtra Station can also be reached by email: ncairngp\_ngp@sancharnet.in. (MWC)

**MALAYSIA (SABAH):** Regarding Voice of Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu. Checking now at 1315, 1475 kHz is empty. This would cover also their old schedule time: 1300-1530. VOM is also off of SW. (Mauno Ritola)

**PAKISTAN:** Japan will help Radio Pakistan to rehabilitate its medium wave transmitting network and studio facilities across the country. This was stated by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Director Yasumichi Araki while speaking with Director General PBC Murtaza Solangi at National Broadcasting House here on Thursday, said a press release. (The Business Recorder, Pakistan 13.10.2011 via Steve Whitt, mwcircle 13.10.2011)

**SRI LANKA:** 1125 SLBC Puttalam will from tomorrow run FEBA South Indian languages 1330-1430 on 1125 kHz at increased 35 kW power. SLBC Tamil will continue on 1125 kHz at 1430-1550. Good chance for European DXers and Australians as well! Your reports welcome (Victor Goonetilleke Oct 29, DXLD)

#### WESTERN HEMISPHERE

**COLOMBIA:** Photo tour of radio stations in Bogotá and Barranquilla. Here's a link to our photographic travel diary, which I thought you might find interesting: [http://www.dxing.info/articles/colombian\\_radio\\_photo\\_tour.dx](http://www.dxing.info/articles/colombian_radio_photo_tour.dx) - I finalized it this morning and published on DXing.info. Colombia is indeed a magnificent country, and the radio scene there is very interesting for us DXers! (Mika Mäkeläinen, DXing.info via Henrik Klemetz, Arctic)

1550 HJZI G 12 Radio/Bogotá Gospel, Bogotá, ex MCI Radio (Rafael Rodríguez via Christer Brunström, WRTH, via Arctic)

**ECUADOR:** 1510 R Naval, ex R INOCAR, Guayaquil switched to "normal" programming in 2006, i.e. no more time pips. Has now been heard with clear ID for "1510 AM, Radio Naval" on a clip sent in to me by Torolf Johnsson. Probably this is the unid "Continente"/"Cristal" station logged by Gert Nilsson early September. (Henrik Klemetz, Arctic)

**PERU:** 570 Antena Nueve, Cajamarca (Dario Monferini, visiting Peru 5-18 August 2011)  
800 OBX6A R Porten (AQ07) is closed (Dario Monferini)  
830 OCX2Y R Amor, Trujillo (LL13) – ex. CPN (Dario Monferini)  
980 OBU4H R Primavera, Huancayo (JU10) – ex. R OBU4H. (Pedro F. Arrunátegui)  
1000 R Mil "La Católica", Arequipa (Dario Monferini)  
1120 OAU2P R Bambamarca (CJ41) – ex. 1530. <http://es-es.facebook.com/pages/RADIOBAMBAMARCA-FRECUENCIA-LIDER/104819472935469> (Pedro F. Arrunátegui) Reported on 1021v by Dario Monferini visiting Peru  
1130 OCX6L Cadena Santa Mónica, Arequipa (AQ16) – ex. R Cumbia (Dario Monferini)  
1150 OAX6L R Amor (AQ21) – ex. R Concordia (CPN) (Dario Monferini)  
1160 OAU3G R Pregonero Cristiano, Chimbote (AN11) – ex. R Periódico (Pedro F. Arrunátegui)  
1210 R Bethel observed in the Huánuco area (Dario Monferini)  
1400 OAX6J R Landa, Arequipa is closed (Dario Monferini) (Via Medium Wave Circle)

#### EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

**ALGERIA:** Yes, R. Algerienne is, unfortunately, active again on 891. The original power was very high; perhaps not so now, which I doubt, but I'm receiving R. Sim, Vilamoura 891 right now here on the SW coast, and the Algerian signal is strangely very weak. Until they halted broadcasting on 891, Ouled Fayet used to cover the Portuguese transmitter located not far from my current location. (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 23 Sept, via WoR 1584, DXLD)

**AZORES** 828 Antena 1 Açores, Monte das Cruzes, Flores island, reactivated (after an antenna breakdown back in June last), 2236-...., 07/10, relaying Antena 1 Lisboa, comments on the football match POR vs. ISL; 44433, QRM de E. I had recently reported on its reactivation scheduled for Thursday, 06/10, and it seems things did run well for the RTP. This small 1 kW transmitter served by a folded monopole with the VHF-FM antennae on top is back and with regular, strong signals. 73. (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DXLD)

**BELGIUM:** Radio Vlaanderen Internationaal (RVi) will cease to exist after 31 December 2011. That also means also that the Wolvertem transmitter (near Brussels) operating on 927 kHz will be switched off on 31 December at 23:59:59 hours local time. Norkring is the owner of the transmitter. It is unclear if they will put airtime on the market for rent. Mails to them are left unanswered. But I think the transmitter is in bad shape. It is left on the air at night with unmodulated carrier since several weeks ago. We have seen this too during extremely cold periods in recent winters. So I think there are no plans to use the site for other purposes. (Guido Schotmans via Media Network weblog 30 Nov)

**CANARY ISLANDS:** Active Medium Wave Stations in Canary Islands, listened in Puerto del

Carmen, Lanzarote, between 13 and 19 December 2011. Sony ICF SW 7600 G  
1269, Radio Ecca, Las Palmas. Educative Station. SINPO 45444  
1179, Radio Club de Tenerife, Cadena SER network. SINPO 45444  
1008, ABC Punto Radio, Las Palmas, ABC Punto Radio network. SINPO 45444  
882, COPE Tenerife, Cadena COPE network. SINPO 45444  
837, COPE Las Palmas, Cadena COPE network. SINPO 55555  
747, Radio 5 Las Palmas, Radio Nacional de España network. SINPO 45444  
720, Radio 5 Tenerife, Radio Nacional de España network. SINPO 45444  
621, Radio 1 Tenerife, Radio Nacional de España network. SINPO 55555  
576, Radio 1 Las Palmas, Radio Nacional de España network. SINPO 55555  
(Manuel Méndez, DXLD yg 20 Dec)

**DENMARK:** As of November 1st 2011 DR (Danmarks Radio) has been authorized by the Danish Ministry of Business and Growth to use Kalundborg 243 kHz and 1062 kHz for transmission of nationwide radio. Conditions for use: 243 kHz may be used with either analogue AM (max 300 kW) or DRM (max 60 kW). 1062 kHz may be used with either analogue AM (max 250 kW) or DRM (max 50 kW) More - in Danish. Please note, that DR only has got the authorization for using the frequencies; if DR will use it is another story. Now, only 243 kHz is used a couple of hours a day for service messages on AM. By the way, a couple of weeks ago I tried to listen in on 243 kHz from Portugal - but nothing heard! (Ydun Ritz, mediumwave.info 6 Nov)

**FRANCE:** A new AM station has been testing in France in early November on 1593 kHz. Radio Bretagne 5, from Saint-Gouéno in Brittany. Transmitter power is 10 kW daytime and 5 kW nighttime. You can contact the station by writing to Radio Bretagne 5, La Chaumière, F-22120 Pommeret, France, or by email. The station is even planning to print QSL cards. Information about the station has been published by DXers Artur Fernández Llorella and David Duckworth. (DXing.info 26 Nov)

819 Sud Radio - According to a message carried on the French mailing-list OLOM, Sud Radio have shut down their mediumwave outlet at Gauré (Toulouse region) and will from now on be an FM-only station. (Alain Korvallo, Paris via mwcircle 28.10.2011)

**GERMANY:** 576 SWR2 Mittelwellensender Mühlacker to be closed for ever on Dec 31, 2011 81 Jahre bedeutende Rundfunkgeschichte" (81 years MW station Mühlacker, 1930 – 2011) feature on SWR2 Stuttgart program, 12 Dec 2011, 07.30-07.58 UT. (Wolfgang Bueschel, MWDX 12.11.2011)

**ITALY:** as far I know Radio Challenger (1368 bp) as well as Radio Medjugorje Italia (1476 bp) (they share the antenna must) are off the air due a controversial with the Telecommunications Authority for the frequencies registration. (Alessandro Groppazzi, realdx 11 Dec)

**LITHUANIA:** Only two stations are active now: 612 Vilnius (100 kW) 0500-0700 Baltijos Bangu Radijas;1400-2300 Radio Svaboda, Golos Rossii. 1386 Sitkūnai (500 kW) 0530-0630 Baltijos Bangu Radijas, 2100-2200 NHK, Radio Svaboda, Polskie Radio (<http://www.zilionis.lt/rtv/radio-am.php?e> via mwc )

**LUXEMBOURG:** RTL 1440 definitely is on air during the daytime now, with usual English pop oldies songs and German announcers. (Steve Whitt, mwcircle yg 14 Dec)

**UNITED KINGDOM:** The new 2012 (23rd) edition of Radio Stations in the UK is now available from the British DX Club. Radio Stations in the UK is a comprehensive 76-page guide to BBC, commercial, community and low power AM/FM services on MW and FM, with lists in frequency order and by station name. It includes transmitter power and site details, plus contact information and a new digital radio section. Frequencies are cross-referenced to help you find parallels. It comes with a separate guide covering Radio Stations in the Republic of Ireland. Radio Stations in the UK is a must for anyone interested in UK domestic radio. This edition will bring you right up to date with all the changes since the last edition published almost two years ago, including many station mergers and new community radio services. Despite the extra pages and higher postage rates, we have held all prices this year, including the special offer for two copies. PRICE per copy (includes postage): to UK addresses - 4.00 pounds. to Europe - 5 GBP, 7 Euros\* or 8 IRCs to Rest of World - 6 GBP, 10 US dollars\* or 9 IRCs \*\*SPECIAL PRICE for 2 copies: UK: 7 pounds / Europe: 10 Euros\* Please send orders to: British DX Club 10 Hemdean Hill Caversham Reading RG4 7SB UK UK Cheques/POs payable to British DX Club. \*Dollar/Euro payments by Paypal or cash only\* Paypal payments or email enquiries to [bdxc\[at\]bdxc.org.uk](mailto:bdxc[at]bdxc.org.uk) Full details also on the BDXC-UK web site - [www.bdxc.org.uk](http://www.bdxc.org.uk) (DXLD)

The BBC is to scale back its proposed cuts to local radio stations across England, which have a combined weekly audience of more than 7 million listeners, after a storm of protest from listeners and MPs. The plans, which would shrink the budget for the BBC's 40 local stations in England by £15m with the loss of 280 jobs, has generated more complaints than any other aspect of the corporation's Delivering Quality First initiative, designed to save £700m a year. Such is the strength of feeling among MPs, more than 50 of whom attended a private members' debate about the cuts at Westminster Hall last month, that the issue will be debated in the main chamber of the House of Commons next week. It is understood that the BBC Trust has received "thousands" of responses

about the proposed cuts. The trust, which is running dual public consultations about local radio and the broader cuts initiative, declined to comment. (BBC news via Steve Whitt 26 November, 2011)

East Lancashire AM station Asian Sound has requested a Format change to allow the creation of an extra radio station on one of its two frequencies. It aims to continue a full service on 963 kHz whilst targeting the Asian Arabic Muslim community on its 1377 kHz frequency. It aims to continue a full service on 963 kHz whilst targeting the Asian Arabic Muslim community on its 1377 kHz frequency 963 kHz officially covers Preston, Blackburn, Burnley, Rochdale and Bolton whilst 1377 kHz covers the Manchester, Oldham and Stockport areas. The station said: "We believe that the broadcast of the Muslim Lifestyle service will increase the diversity and choice of relevant services available to listeners to analogue radio in the service area of our 1377 kHz transmitter." The changes would substantially alter the character of service so Ofcom has opened a consultation with a closing date of December 22nd. Asian Sound won the license out of four applications in 1995 (three Asian formats and an English service backed by Marcher Sound Group) and is based in Manchester. (www.radiotoday.co.uk via Medium Wave Circle)

## DX FORUM

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I began radio listening in 1957 near Endicott, NY, and have continued to DX from several locations in Northern California, the Big Island of Hawaii, and now Belfast, in Western NY. In addition to MWDX, I do some SWBC DXing and absolutely love to chase the pirates! I'm also a licensed ham but don't get on much. I've used many different radios over the years (but never had a HQ180, darn it); I'm currently using a slightly modified Icom R75 with a choice of wire antennas. Just picked up another part roll of wire and want to try an "on the ground" antenna. Most recent catches were WVMT - 620 and ZIZ - 555 (one day I'll get enough to send a report). In 2010 I sent two reports (WELD and WDER) and was amazed to get 100% response; I thought most stations (especially small ones) wouldn't know what a verification was any more. To augment my listening I got the latest NRC Log and Antenna Books and would like to update a couple slogans and point out a few errors. First, the Log: On 940, WKGM (Smithfield, VA) uses "YOUR Ministry Station" (not THE). On 960, WATS (Sayre, PA) sometimes says "The Voice of the Valley, Choice 102". On 850, KFUE is listed as D1 but shows 5000 watts day and night. Now the Antenna Book: The 610 thru 640 maps have the day and night pattern lines reversed (day lines for night patterns and vice versa) which could be confusing. On 980 stations #49 and #51 have TWO night patterns (!). On 1190, there are TWO #11s (Annapolis should be #15). And finally, on 1420 the #26 is orphaned without an arrow to point at the actual station location. Hope this helps someone; I've been an editor and am not just being picky. Good DX to all.

**Gary Siegel, 2955 - 115th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611-2839**

I found the recent article in Lee Freshwater's column in IRCA that discussed issues involving AM radio having problems attracting listeners and/or keeping them intriguing. Blaming poor reception on a variety of electronics is almost laughable. It's true that nearby electronics and building interiors in work environments can certainly hinder reception by causing noise and QRM. Some frequencies are more vulnerable than others, but this is only part of the problem. One of my more remarkable catches was hearing Noblesville, IN on 1110 at work, the only time I've ever heard them, suggests even in an electronic setting catches can still be heard. I also recall hearing Cedar Rapids on 1450 in the basement of the old WMHE 92.5 on a Hallicrafter receiver they had there, with plenty of electronics around. Poor Edison transmission lines also contribute to the problem, but I would suggest that the radio broadcasters should look no further than themselves for blame, too. Let's look at the facts. Today's transistorized portable radios are better sets than those I started DXing and listening to 45 years ago. I have boom boxes whose radio and cassette recorders are of high quality, often better for taping AM than FM, belying claims to the contrary. Same goes for car radios. True, some car sets in the 70s and 80s were not so good, but in recent years car radios have vastly improved. My Buick had AM Stereo, my Buick Century an excellent AM/FM radio, both of top quality. AM stations sound quality were on par to FMs. Often I hear as good DX on the car radio as I do on my primary home portables. So what then is the issue with the AM spectrum? One problem that occurred was when the Daytime Broadcasters Association along with the NAB lobbied the FCC to allow most daytimers to broadcast at night, often with micro powers. While this allowed these stations an ability to keep listeners over a broadcast day, their on air presence caused nighttime reception to be degraded. This coupled with more stations getting licensed on the clear and regional channels also further downgraded nighttime reception. The clears are now just glorified regionals, and regionals now are no better than higher power graveyard sounding frequencies and, well, the local channels are still a cluttered mess, perhaps even worse than decades ago. Now toss in the advent of HD Digital IBOC, depending on a station, they send adjacent channel QRM either tens or hundreds of miles out from their transmitters effectively jamming adjacent stations thereby destroying sky wave reception. Its effects are insidious. Even if one nulls the offending IBOC station, it can still attack the adjacent channels. Citing WWJ-950 Detroit, their nighttime signal in Toledo is not very good. I often hear the Cuban ticker and CFAM Altona, MB on 950; also one evening

WBES Charleston, WV and WYWY Barbourville, KY totally covered WWJ and yet their IBOC still destroyed 940 and 960 for me. This failed technology ruins reception across the dial (or perhaps that is the radio owners) filling the AM band with white noise. How can this be a good thing? As one scans across the band, it makes for an unpleasant deal, and for sure the average potential listener hears it too. Besides, are digital radios even being bought? The broadcasters long ago planted the idea that music sounds better on FM than AM, a myth that has created generations of listeners to choose FM over AM. The broadcasters have further alienated loyal older audiences by pulling good music formats off AM, or off the radio entirely. Furthermore AM stations have lost coverage by failing to maintain grounding radials. Sound quality has often been compromised by not having good signal processors either. Radio owners don't even bother to promote AM stations anymore. Little wonder then that listeners have left AM in droves; it's mysterious that the broadcasters want to study this for solutions. As the old saying goes, "we've seen the enemy and it lies here. Hope your Christmas was superb and your New Year even better. 73s.

## IRCA Facebook Page

The IRCA's Facebook page is now online! This is a new feature of IRCA, featuring photos of transmitter sites (many of which provided by our Chairman, John C. Johnson), members' shacks (your Editor-in-Chief included) and plenty of information. If you have a Facebook page, enter "International Radio Club of America" into your Facebook search engine, then click the "Like" icon. Many thanks to Mike Sanburn (KG6LJU) and John C. Johnson for setting this page up.

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