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Happy Holidays from DX Monitor!

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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On behalf of the editors of DX Monitor, we wish you a very Happy Holiday season. Have you thought of doing something new for IRCA? If you are, let Lee Freshwater know. The list of what still needs to be filled in IRCA is listed below. Remember, YOU, the members, are the Heartbeat of IRCA.

IRCA Goodie Factory/Bookstore Closure

The IRCA Goodie Factory (ie Bookstore) is now closed until January of 2013. Phil is recovering from surgery, and will be unable to process orders for several weeks. Get well quick!

LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013 - TWIN CITIES

The **National Radio Club** and the **International Radio Club of America**, in conjunction with the **Minnesota DX Club** and the **Worldwide TV-FM DX Association**, take great pleasure in announcing their joint "DXer" convention will be held in Minneapolis, August 1st through the 4th, 2013. Your hosts: Mark Durenberger (NRC), Mike Sanburn/Phil Bytheway (IRCA).

Called **LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013**, the conference will combine formal tutorials and technical sessions, gab gatherings, a DXpedition and ideas on how to enhance radio listening. Show-and-tell, new antenna designs and DX stories will be combined with information on receiver improvements and propagation.

The highlight of the convention will be one of its venues: The Museum of Broadcasting. There we'll see first-hand more than a century's worth of communications artifacts, operate a live Spark-Gap transmitter, learn about the history behind our hobby and see how broadcasts were made from the Museum's vintage radio studio.

The combined auction is going to be a big one this year; the Museum and others will be auctioning some nice communications gear.

Optional tours during the three-day Convention include area radio stations and the Mall of America.

The hotel selected for the 2013 Convention is the Holiday Inn Bloomington South Airport Mall in Minneapolis. Reservation and Registration information will be published shortly.

SAVE THE DATE... the first weekend next August! Further information will follow. If you have questions please contact Host Mark Durenberger at www.durenberger.com.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (Lee J. Freshwater)

Please see the note at the end of the December 1 EDXR. It is time for some other members to step up.

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

AWARDS : Not much to do here except for printing out the HEALD award every year. . No one has applied for the DX awards for many years.

PUBLISHING : Get address list from Lynn. Create labels and envelopes. Send (email) PDF file from the EIC to the printers, Pick up, Staple, Fold, stuff, then mail. It takes me about an hour to do the labels and envelopes. I usually do the envelopes on Wednesday morning before leaving for work. I pick up the DXM at the Printers on Wednesday night on my way to dinner. I staple, fold and mail on SATURDAY AM. It takes about an hour to fold and staple. It helps when you have a wife that assists you. You can set your own schedule as long as the issues goes out on or before the masthead date. You will also need to send out sample issues as needed.

I will be giving up these duties at the end of VOLUME 50. If no one comes forward during VOLUME 50, these features WILL go away. I will NOT extend my club duties past VOL 50.

BROADCASTING INFORMATION

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COLUMN DEADLINES: SATURDAYS

Please send your tips to the Email address above only and no other.
Deadlines for column will be Saturdays. Thank you.

CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALL
970	WNED	Buffalo, NY	WDCZ
1040	WKTI	Powell, TN	WWAM
1230	WHTU	Clifton Forge, VA	WXCF
1310	KTWN	Glencoe, MN	KGLB

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW INFORMATION
600	KVNA	Flagstaff, AZ	was ESPN Radio now Yahoo Sports Radio
620	KHNU	Hilo, HI	now silent
690	WIST	New Orleans, LA	new slogan "Catholic Radio For Your Community"
690	WIST	New Orleans, LA	was Sports, now Religious Teaching
790	WQXI	Atlanta, GA	was Yahoo Sports Radio, now ESPN Sports
810	WSJC	Magee, MS	was silent, now Religious Teaching
890	KDPP	Olivehurst, CA	was CP, is new
910	WPFB	Middletown, OH	now silent
970	KNJU	Paradise, NV	was News/Talk, now format not available
970	WNED	Buffalo, NY	is silent
1050	WBNM	Alexander City, AL	was Cumulus True Oldies, now Salem Southern Gospel
1170	WSOS	St. Augustine, FL	was silent, now format not available
1220	KQMG	Independence, IA	was Sports, now Classic Hits "Bright 95.3/1220"
1230	WTBC	Tuscaloosa, AL	was Talk, now Dial Global AC, "The River"
1230	WTSV	Claremont, NH	was Sports, now News/Talk "Twin State Talk Network"
1260	KWNX	Elgin, TX	changes city of license from Taylor to Elgin
1260	WIYD	Palatka, FL	new slogan "WIYD 1260"
1260	WTJH	East Point, GA	is silent
1290	KUOA	Siloam Springs, AR	was Sports, now Talk "AM 1290 The Mouth"
1290	WOMP	Bellaire, OH	was ESPN, now Classic C&W "Classic Country 1290"
1300	WJZ	Baltimore, MD	new slogan "105-7 The Fan"
1340	KFMD	Bethel Heights, AR	was CP, is new
1350	KDIO	Ortonville, MN	was Cumulus Real Country, now Dial Global Classic C&W
1360	KLYR	Clarksville, AR	adds Dial Global Mainstream Country network
1400	WAVQ	Jacksonville, NC	was Sports, now format not available
1480	WTKD	Mobile, AL	now silent
1490	WTJV	Deland, FL	new slogan "The Great Voice Of Volusia County"
1490	WTJV	Deland, FL	was SS Contemp. Xtian, now Oldies
1500	WSEM	Donalsonville, GA	was Talk, now ESPN Sports
1510	KMSD	Millbank, SD	was Cumulus Oldies, now Dial Global Classic Hits/Rock
1530	WLWB	New Holstein, WI	was silent, now format not available
1580	KREL	Colorado Springs, CO	was Business News/RCN, now Talk "Real Radio 1580"

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Art Blair of Fruitland, ID sends along the following dated 12/11/12:

New slogan:. 1210 KRSV Afton, WY. "Bucking Country". I hope nobody at the station goofs when voicing this.

10 days till Christmas!!
73's. Bob Wien

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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550 KUZZ CA, Bakersfield 12/4 1920 with "Its 4:20 at KUZZ" way on top of KFYI. (BB-AZ)

560 KSFO CA, San Francisco 11/30 1900 ID and news over/under the usually dominant KPQ. Fair to poor on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)

580 WIBW KS, Topeka 12/5 0359 man with local weather report to "On 580 WIBW." Fair, mixing with Mexican station playing anthem. Not unknown here, but rare. (RB-AZ)

590 KUGN OR, Eugene 12/3 0906 "KUGN" then traffic report. (BB-AZ)
+12/10 2350-2356 Clark Howard show followed by several PSA's. At 2354 heard "...weekday mornings at 6:45 join Storm and Grant for a better life with Dr. Sanja as he reports on the biggest health issues around the world. A better life with Dr. Sanja Gupta only on KUGN Newstalk 590..." Mostly moderate QRM with unID Spanish. KSUB usually dominates this frequency absent. (GS-CA)

KSUB UT, Cedar City 12/5 0330 break from Coast to Coast program to string of spots, including auto repair shop in Saint George. Good, some co-channel QRM nulled out. (RB-AZ)

KQNT WA, Spokane 12/3 0846 with weather report and "KQNT 590" at 0847. (BB-AZ)

720 WGN IL, Chicago 12/8 2359 with "WGNRadio.com" way under KDWN. (BB-AZ)

740 KTRH TX, Houston 12/8 2101 with traffic report and at 2102 "Houston's Official Weather Station," under KCBS. (BB-AZ)

750 KHWG NV, Fallon 11/16 2337-0011, at 0000 C&W song ended and man said "You're travelling through classic country KHWG 750 Fallon and KHWG-FM 100.1 Crystal" followed by Johnny Cash tune. Moderate QRM & interference from KOAL, KAMA and unID stations. (GS-CA)

KAMA TX, El Paso 11/16 2337 to 0011 heard mix of C&W and Spanish music, with ID at 0006 in Spanish "Musica...KAMA," followed by Spanish music. Good signal at time of ID but moderate QRM and interference from KHWG, KOAL and unID stations. (GS-CA)

KOAL UT, Price 11/16 2337-0011 Sports Byline USA program followed at 2356 by a woman with PSA and ID as KOAL with phone number to call to have your event announced as 637-1177. Moderate QRM and interference from KHWG, KAMA and unID stations. (GS-CA)

880 KIXI WA, Mercer Island-Seattle 11/30 2204 with "KIXI.com" mention, KRWN QRM. (AB-ID)

910 KPOF CO, Denver 12/7 1934 with "Thanks for listening to The Point of Faith." (BB-AZ)

930 KTKN AK, Ketchikan 12/1 1630 ID into AC type music. Very weak but totally alone on R-390A with E/W wire. Unusual as can be. (GH-OR)

KSEI ID, Pocatello 12/10 1935 with "The New Rock 102" and at 1937 "AM 930 The Cruse." (BB-AZ)

KBAI WA, Bellingham 12/2 0020 man said "Progressive Talk Radio 930 KBAI." Fair with one unID far under, on TMC with E/W wire. (GH-OR)

980 KWSW CA, Eureka 12/1 1645 man said "North Coast Talk Radio 980 KWSW" into talk show. Fair signal with semi-local 970 slot, on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)

990 KATD CA, Pittsburg 12/7 1650 gent with dialog in Spanish, "KIQI San Francisco" at 1700. (AB-ID)

CBW MB, Winnipeg 12/7 2158 with weather report then at 2159 "This is CBC Radio 1 89.3 and 990 AM" then at 2200 "This is CBC News." (BB-AZ)

1010 KXXT AZ, Tolleson 11/16 2335-2338 Spanish talk then ID in English as "The Double Dime." Moderate QRM and interference from several unID's. (GS-CA)

1010 CBR AB, Calgary 12/13 1936 with "CBC Calgary traffic and weather." (BB-AZ)

1040 WHO IA, Waterloo 12/5 0122 live p-b-p Iowa college basketball, "13 minutes, 13 seconds to go." Had been mixing with unID with ballads and Christmas music, now going to S-9 and dominating. Not heard in a while here. (RB-AZ)

1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles 12/4 2314 "KNX 1070 News Radio." Very good, nearing local sunset, already showing S-9 signals here. (RB-AZ)

1080 KRLD TX, Dallas 12/4 2315 basketball live p-b-p, very good, S-9 and then some. (RB-AZ)

1140 KMZQ WY, Greybull 11/19 2230-2241 C&W music ended and at 2232 a woman talked about the last song reminded her of the TV show Nashville then said "Casey (KC) here, you're listening to Real Country where we got many more coming up after this..." followed by spot. More C&W, at 2238 man said "We play great songs from... on AM 1140 KZMQ" followed by another C&W. Signal very good at times with moderate QRM and interference from unID Spanish. I show this station is only on daytime. (GS-CA)

1170 KYET AZ, Kingman 12/4 2122-2205, ID at 2140 at end of C&W song "KYET AM 1170 Golden Valley: followed by another C&W song, second ID 2146 then C&W song. C&W music dominate at time frequently overridden by KFAQ & XEIB. Also heard KYET on 11/13. FCC shows their nighttime power on this frequency as just 1 watt and they are a bit over 180 miles away. An amazing catch if they were running only the 1 watt. (GS-CA)

KFAQ OK, Tulsa 12/4 2316 string of spots, including "TulsaHelpWanted.com." Signal wise, really ripping it up! (RB-AZ)

1180 WHAM NY, Rochester 11/13 2232 I had KERN nulled and was listening to Radio Rebelde, Cuba when I heard English ID that I thought was KERN overpowering the null. I was pleasantly surprised to hear the announcer say "WHAM AM 1180 Rochester." (GS-CA)

1190 CFSL SK, Weyburn 12/13 0856 with weather for Weyburn. (BB-AZ)

1210 KGYN OK, Guymon 12/4 2320 promo for "Rusty Ryerson," "On KGYN Saturdays at 9." Very good. (RB-AZ)

KTBK WA, Auburn-Federal Way 12/6 0000 ID in Spanish but discernible. Vocal Spanish music with fair signal and alone with R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)

1220 KHTS CA, Canyon Country 12/13 0803 with "Your Home Town Station KHTS." (BB-AZ)

1230 KINO AZ, Winslow 12/6 1930 with "On KINO Radio," then lost. (BB-AZ)

KEXO CO, Grand Junction 12/7 1900 with "KEXO Grand Junction." (BB-AZ)

1240 KSUE CA, Susanville 12/4 0110 faint ID out in the mix. Very weak but only one I could pick out, on TMC with W/W wire. (GH-OR)

1250 KHIL AZ, Willcox 12/5 1933-1942, right at 1933 C&W song ended then "KHIL Country AM 1250" followed by another song. At 1942 woman said "...the most fun on the radio on KHIL Country AM 1250..." At times good with moderate QRM and interference from KNEU, KWSU and unID Spanish. (GS-CA)

KNEU UT, Roosevelt 12/5 heard weak but readable KNEU ID at 1941 and then at 1953 very clear "Real Country KNEU AM 1250" followed by a C&W song. Frequently hard to tell which C&W station playing which song. At times good with moderate QRM and interference from KHIL, KWSU and unID Spanish (GS-CA)

KWSU WA, Pullman 12/5 talk program mentioned KPR numerous times, at 1959 heard weather for Washington and the Cascades followed by a spot for pajamagram.com. At 2000 heard "It's 5 o'clock, you're listening to Northwest Public Radio, KWSU 1250 AM, home in Moscow and KRFA 91.7 HD Digital Radio..." Very good at the end with interference from KNEU, KHIL and unID Spanish. (GS-CA)

1260 KLYC OR, Mc Minnville 12/5 0000 oldies, ID, news. Very weak with fast choppy fades on TMC with E/W wire. Don't hear this one much. (GH-OR)

1270 KXQZ ID, Twin Falls 12/2 1830 new station playing comedy. DX'ing in my shop with R-388 & Beverage, fair signal with some fade. (GH-OR)

KIML WY, Gillette 12/5 2034-2050, news ended then "Newstalk 1270 AM KIML," then into the Dave Ramsey Show. At 2047 heard "...at the Holiday Inn Express in Gillette..." Signal was very good at the start, but became weak quickly. Primary interference moderate QRM and unID Spanish. (GS-CA)
+12/10 2200 with "You're listening to KIML Gillette." (BB-AZ)

1330 KGAK NM, Gallup 12/4 2240 really lighting it up here, before local sunset, with country music and male presenter. English and Navajo. (RB-AZ)

KMBI WA, Spokane 12/3 1902 religious talk with mention of Seattle events. Poor, mixing with KKPZ. (AB-ID)

1340 KIHJ OR, Hood River 12/9 1000 weak but steady with female ID and C&W music, on R-388 and Beverage. Very seldom heard. (GH-OR)

1360 KHNC CO, Johnstown 12/12 1945 with "KHNC 1360 Johnstown-Denver." (BB-AZ)

KRKK WY, Rock Springs 12/12 1947 with "The Talk of the Town KRKK." (BB-AZ)

1370 KXTL MT, Butte 11/22 0045-0049, spot for Toyota of Butte in Southwest Montana, station ID'd as Yahoo Sports Radio. (GS-CA)
+12/12 2004 with "Southwest Montana's Talk Leader, KXTL" then weather report. (BB-AZ)

1380 KLPZ AZ, Parker 11/21 2200 song "Firecracker" ended followed by "KLPZ Parker...here's the latest from ABC news." KLPZ very strong along with KAQI and was hard to tell which was which, unID Spanish also present. (GS-CA)

KTKZ CA, Sacramento 11/27 2250 ID and ad for USA.com mixing it up with unID. Fair on Hammarlund with S/W wire. (GH-OR)

KAQI TX, El Paso 11/21 2200 after Quicken Loan spot heard "Radio 1380 KAQI AM El Paso" followed by "Fox Sports News starts now..." KLPZ very strong along with KAQI and was

- hard to tell which was which. unID Spanish also present. I assume KAQI is a call change from KHEY, but nothing shows for KAQI in the FCC AM Query database. There is no question the call was given as KAQI. (GS-CA)
- 1390 KHOB NM, Hobbs 12/4 1959 with "KHOB 1390 Hobbs, New Mexico, ESPN Radio." (BB-AZ)
- 1450 KBKW WA, Aberdeen 12/11 0000 heard ID and National Anthem s/off. Weak on R-390A and E/W wire. Seldom heard, last heard 1/07. (GH-OR)
- 1550 KXEX CA, Fresno 12/4 0900 with "KXEX" in English then back to Spanish. (BB-AZ)
- KRKE NM, Albuquerque 12/4 0836 heard with "The Greatest Hits, Cool 107.5." (BB-AZ)
- 1560 KNZR CA, Bakersfield 12/5 0005 mixing with unID with Mexican ballads (the unID). Bakersfield finally started to resurface with the perpetually angry Mark Levin to regain dominance. (RB-AZ)
- 1570 KPRO CA, Riverside 12/1 1000 KPRO ID and religious programming (AB-ID)
- CKMW MB, Winkler 11/30 1725 ID into C&W (I think). Really weak, one unID Spanish out there as well, on R-390A with E/W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 12/5 1248 traffic reports, mentions of "Bay Area" locations, to local weather ("high 64"). Fair-good, hanging in after local SR. First log here. Heard on HQ-200 with Slinky. Was still about the same on recheck after 0900. (RB-AZ)
- KTIL OR, Tillamook 12/1 1916 Portland Trailblazers talk. New! (AB-ID)
- 1600 KYBC AZ, Cottonwood 12/2 clear KYBC ID 2146, a better ID at 2153 "The station with all the holiday music you love, KYBC Cottonwood" followed by Christmas music. Strong signal at the time but lot of interference from KIVA and numerous unIDs. (GS-CA)
- KIVA NM, Albuquerque 12/2 George Noory show, 2145 heard "The Rock of Talk Albuquerque, KIVA." Strong signal at the time but lots of interference from KYBC and numerous unIDs. (GS-CA)
- KOPB OR, Eugene 11/23 1800 NPR news, public radio format. Mixing over/under local KOHI, fair to poor on TMC with SW wire. New! (GH-OR)
- 1620 WTAW TX, College Station 12/2 was listening to Spanish and talk with KSMH nulled. At 2100 heard "Merry Christmas from Cat in the Hatter(?)...get a new HD radio for your car and home and hear us in crystal clarity, we're broadcasting in HD, 1620 WTAW" followed by Fox news. Interference from unID Spanish that was probably Radio Rebelde, Cuba. (GS-CA)
- 1640 KDIA CA, Vallejo 12/4 0759 with "This is KDIA Vallejo-San Francisco." (BB-AZ)
- KDZR OR, Lake Oswego 12/1 1013 "Radio Disney Top 30 Countdown" program, "AM 16-40" at 1014. (AB-ID)
- 1690 KFSG CA, Roseville 12/1 1900 woman with dialog in Spanish with mentions of Sacramento, gent with ID at 1902. (AB-ID)

HELP WITH UNIDS

1220 UNID Rick Barton, your unID station with money/business talk is KDOW in Palo Alto, CA as they have been heard here several times in the last year. (BB-AZ)

Thank you to our WDXR reporters this week! Nancy 12/14 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 590 KXSP NE, Omaha. 12-5 fair to poor in tight KFNS null. 17:12 with sports talk with a local athlete, local spots. [EB-MO]
- 610 WAGG AL, Birmingham. 12-2 good to fair over KCSP. 16:58 with local spots, "WAGG" mention in promo, legal ID into Christian teaching. [EB-MO]
- WTVN OH, Columbus. 12-2 good to fair mixing with WAGG, KCSP. 17:01 with Fox News Radio, "News radio 6-10 WTVN" ID into local news. [EB-MO]
- 670 KWXI AR, Glenwood. 12-6 fair to poor in WSCR null. 08:41 with local spots and "AM 6-70 KWXI" ID. [EB-MO]
- 680 KNBR CA, San Francisco. 12-1 good to fair in WMFS null. 02:46 with local spots, "ESPN radio on KNBR 6-80" ID into sports talk. [EB-MO]
- WPTF NC, Raleigh. 11-11 fair. 01:27 with "The Cancer Show." [POB-IN]
- 690 WIST LA, New Orleans. 12-11 good over CKGM. 02:50 with choral and instrumental music. "This is Catholic radio for the Crescent City, the North Shore and the Gulf Coast, AM 6-90 WIST New Orleans" legal ID. Format change from Fox Sports Radio. [EB-MO]

- 810 KSWV NM, Santa Fe. 12-11 with WHB nulled. 10:33 with "Radio Sauve" slogan, mostly in English with bits of Spanish mixed in. Santa Fe spots. [GH-OK]
- 820 WWBA FL, Largo. 12-3 fair over WVSG, analog ACI and digital interference from KFUE-850. 16:45 with local spots, "AM 8-20 News" slogan into local news headlines. [EB-MO]
- 880 KHAC NM, Tse Bonito. 12-12 in null of KRVN. 10:12 with English mixing in some NMavajo talk. [GH-OK]
- 890 KGDN MO, Gladstone. 11-29 poor mixing with KQLX in WLS null. 17:12 with Christian teaching program. [EB-MO]
- KQLX ND, Lisbon. 11-29 fair to poor over KGDN in WLS null. 17:18 with local spots mentioning numbers in Area Code 701, agricultural news. [EB-MO]
- 940 WIDG MI, Saint Ignace. 12-3 good in WMIX null. 16:38 with local underwriting, "Catholic radio for northern Michigan" slogan into Catholic talk program. [EB-MO]
- 950 WVTS WV, Charleston. 12-8 fair. 01:20 with talk program. [POB-IN]
- WWJ MI, Detroit. 12-4 poor. 23:22 with ID, spots, news, weather. [POB-IN]
- 990 WNNL TN, Knoxville. 12-6 good over WCAZ. 08:35 with local spots, Eastern time check into sports talk format. [EB-MO]
- 1010 KIND KS, Independence. 12-1. 09:06 surprised to hear Don Imus on a Saturday, but as per Imus' website, KIND is listed. [GH-OK]
- WINS NY, New York. 12-5 poor. 01:20 with weather, "News on the 20," spots. [POB-IN]
- WMOX MS, Meridian. 12-7 fair to poor mixing with WINS through a tightly nulled KXEN. 20:59 with local spots, "AM 10-10 WMOX Meridian" legal ID into CBS News. [EB-MO]
- 1050 CJSB MB, Winnipeg. 11-29 fair in WDZ null. 16:27 with Latin-style jazz music, talk and interview in French. [EB-MO]
- 1100 KDRY TX, Alamo Heights. 12-1. 09:37 with spots, mention of Area Code 210. [GH-OK]
- 1150 WIMA OH, Lima. 12-3 poor, fades. 04:34 with call letter ID between 60s oldies. [POB-IN]
- 1190 WIXE NC, Monroe. 12-2 poor. 04:34 with country music format. [POB-IN]
- 1290 WHKY NC, Hickory. 12-6 good to fair over WHIO, WIRL. 08:46 with "12-90 WHKY" ID, weather forecast into sports report. [EB-MO]
- 1310 KZRG MO, Joplin. 12-6 good to fair over WIBA and others. KSIV-1320 still on night power and pattern. 08:08 with "News talk KZRG" ID, mention of 102.9 FM translator, local spots and a trivia question. [EB-MO]
- 1340 WTRC IN, Elkhart. 12-1 fair to poor mixing with others. 03:05 with weather, "95-point-3 FM and AM 13-40, MNC News Radio" slogan, mention of web site. [EB-MO]
- 1420 KTOE MN, Mankato. 12-7 fair to poor over WOC, ACI from KZQZ 1430. 17:28 with local news and spots. [EB-MO]
- 1450 KYLS MO, Fredericktown. 11-30 good to fair over WFMB, ACI from KHOJ 1460. 17:31 with Classic Hits format. ID mentioning KPWB 1140 and KPWB FM 104.9. [EB-MO]
- 1460 WROY IL, Carmi. 11-29 fair to poor in tight KHOJ null. 16:53 with Oldies format, "AM 14-60" slogan, legal ID, news and local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1520 WSVX IN, Shelbyville. 11-29 good over KRHW, KOLM. 02:27 with Hot Adult Contemporary format, "WSVX-dot-com" mention. [EB-MO]
- WWKB NY, Buffalo. 11-30 fair. 01:22 with repeat airing of Leslie Marshal program. [POB-IN]
- 1530 WTTI GA, Dalton. 12-6 fair to poor in WCKY null. 09:00 with weather, "AM 15-30 WTTI" ID into Contemporary Christian music format. [EB-MO]

unID

- 1070 unID Recently reported unID on 1070 by [POB-IN] with Spanish music and mention of "El Mundo" could also be WCSZ Sans Souci, SC. That station broadcasts in Spanish, relayed on a 94.9 FM translator and has had trouble with their night power/pattern in recent months. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

December 19, 1987 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Jim Hall** of Pittsburgh, PA told about his new TA Beverage and hearing Yugoslavia 1134 and Monaco 1467 ... **Doug Lamerson** of Honolulu, HI mentioned someone reported KULA 1460 testing with OC; however Doug pointed out the CP has yet to put up a tower ... **Shawn Axelrod** of Winnipeg, MB commented there was no snow yet.

OPEN MIKE

Christmas is getting closer. 2013 can't be far behind that. This column was typed 12-8 and 12-15-12. 73, John

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LOGGINGS

660 AB CFFR Calgary 12/1 0721 Poor but alone. Metro services Calgary, 660 Newstime 5:21, Traffic & weather on the 1s. Always after needed KEYZ. (JJR-MI)
690 SK CBKF1 Gravelbourg 12/1 0514 Poor -FF chatter that would fade and come in later. OMs on phone. CKGM gone-period!. (JJR-MI)
900 PA WCPA Clearfield 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with CHML, other talk and Spanish. 0730 "Clearfield's favorite.. on WCPA". 0733 "The music you grew up with. The news and information you need. AM 9 hundred WCPA." (KK-VA)
910 VA WRNL Richmond 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with oldies, other talk and Spanish. WRNL with Yahoo Sports. 0751 "... on Richmond's sports station WRNL." (KK-VA)
920 ON CKNX Wingham 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WURA, talk and other singing. 0740 "Serving mid-western Ontario since 1926. This is CKNX AM 9-20. We'll be right back." .. (KK-VA)
930 PA WHLM Bloomburg 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WFMD, WRVC and other singing. 0729 "We're the Christmas music station. News radio 9-30 WHLM" into "Snoopy's Christmas" song. (KK-VA)
WV WRVC Huntington 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WFMD, WHLM and other singing. WRVC with typical ESPN radio programming. 0730 "...weeknights at 7 on 94 point 1 FM and 9-30..." (KK-VA)
940 IL WMIX Mount Vernon 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WMAC, WKYK and religious. 0707 "... call us at 242-0780 or stop by the University of Illinois..." into PSA . 0717 "That's RAD weather from WMIX." (KK-VA)
950 MN KTNF Saint Louis Park 12/2 0806 Poor -ad:Continenal Jewelers in the Twin Cities." Not common. (JJR-MI)
AB CFAM Altona 12/2 0805 Poor -WWJ nulled. J&D Dentist, 612-332-91XX. SK temps, "This is CFAM 950, Community service radio for Christmas" then Christmas music.. (JJR-MI)
TN WKM Franklin 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WBES, other talk, other singing and R. Reloj. 0700 "... years of radio close to home. WAKM Franklin" into news.(KK-VA)
WV WBES Charleston 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WAKM, other talk, other singing and R. Reloj. 0631 "Marshall basketball on Charleston's 94 5." 0650 "When sports happens you are there. 95 'The Sports'". (KK-VA)
970 SC WJMX Florence 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WBGG, other talk, oldies and singing. WJMX with "Ground Zero" program. 0634 "WJMX" jingle, "...especially for news talk 9-70 WJMX is now live and local in the morning. From 8 til 10 with Phil Pickles and 'In The Pickle Basket'". (KK-VA)
990 MB CBW Winnipeg 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WEEB, WDCX, Yahoo sports, singing and Spanish. 0717 "If you have a favorite song you want to hear... especially... call in 204 728 3108 or emails us at weekend at cbc dot ca." 0720 (KK-VA)
NY WDCX Rochester 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WEEB, CBW, Yahoo sports, singing and Spanish. WDCX with religious talk. 0746 "WDCX Rochester." (KK-VA)
1000 NY WLNL Horseheads 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WMVP, singing and religious preaching. 0732 ET "WLNL AM 1 thousand." (KK-VA)
1040 QC CJMS Constant 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WHO, WYSL and oldies. CJMS with French talk and C&W songs. 0632 lin French "You're listening to CJMS...", CJMS jingle. (KK-VA)
NY WYSL Avon 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WHO, CJMS and oldies. 0740 Local ad 0741 "The Military Exchange' WYSL 92 point 1 FM and 10-40 AM." (KK-VA)
1090 IA KSOU Sioux Centre 12/1 0813 Poor w/:06 fade out during calls of course, and finally at :13 "KSOU-KSOU" jingle. Christmas music. (JJR-MI)
MI WCAR Livonia-Detroit 12/1 0700 Very poor LID, no KAAY, WBAL, others. Rare (JJR-MI)
1500 IN WAKE Valparaiso 12/1 0646 Poor the steady, no KSTP. "Oldies 1500 WAKE" (JJR-MI)
1510 SD KMSD Milbank 12/2 0824 Poor "on 1510 KMSD" into OLD. WLAC nulled (JJR-MI)
UN-IDEN
960 ?? ???? 12/8 0626-0805 Mixing with WELI, C&W and talk. 0649 "The best of the best good time rock n roll oldies only on KTJ?". (KK-VA)
1120 ?? ???? 12/2 0813 Very poor -weak in KMOX null. Male singer/crooner, lost after 4 seconds. So unusual to hear any sliver of anything on 1120.. (JJR-MI)
1490 ?? ???? 12/1 0725 Poor- SS chatter in/out, lost forever. (JJR-MI)

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TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

153 RUSSIA, Komosomolsk, R Rossii. 1434 12/3 fair with instrumental music. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1415-1417 12/5 weak signal with man in RR. A lot of noise, HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1402 12/6 fair w/woman in RR. Noise. Heard on second scan of LW band. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1452 12/8 fair signal with woman in RR followed by music. HPAW. (DV-WA)
189 RUSSIA, Petropavlovsk, R Rossii. 1355-1337 12/6 weak with man in RR. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1408 12/7 very weak signal with RR talk. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1455 12/8 good signal with music. R Rossii ID. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1436 12/9 weak signal on second scan of LW. Man in RR. HPAW. (DV-WA)
209 ALASKA, CYT, Yakataga. 0654 12/3 fair signal with weather forecast. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1438 12/9 weak signal with weather forecast. HPAW. (DV-WA)
279 RUSSIA, Yuzhno-Salhalinsk, R Rossii. Man in RR 1429 11/8, poor strength. Hasn't been heard that often recently. (NHP-BC)
+ 1339 12/8 good signal with music. HPAW. (DV-WA)
+ 1404 12/9 poor with RR talk. 1440 strong signal low audio with man in RR. HPAW. (DV-WA)
529 ALASKA, SQM, Level Island. 0655-0605 12/3 weak signal with weather forecast Alaska. HPAW. (DV-WA)
567 JAPAN, JOIK, Sapporo. Man talking //594, poor strength 1438 11/8. (NHP-BC)
594 JAPAN, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. 1505-1504 12/3 poor w/man in JJ briefly. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Presumed JOAK 12/6 with traces of audio – it's been weeks since I've heard any audio from this one. (NP-AB)
+ The DX gods forgot to draw the curtains on this one, as it was in at 1704 11/9 at very good strength. Two hours after Victoria sunrise! I don't believe it either. That seemed to be JOAK's last hurrah, but it was still a strong carrier at 1720; other carriers were there also, but nothing like this one. (NHP-BC)
603t REP KOREA, HLSA, Seoul, 1424-1431 12/8 assuming the station with woman talking and very weak signal. NW-ewe. (DV-WA)
639 CHINA, various, CNR1. Man talking, poor strength, 1415 11/10 //6125 (NHP-BC)
648t RUSSIA, Ussuriysk. VOR. 1505-1507 12/4 assuming VOR with very weak signal with man in KK (PALs.) W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
666 JAPAN, JOBK, Osaka. Man talking, poor strength, seemed //594, 1442 11/8. (NHP-BC)
693 JAPAN, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. 1439 12/3 poor signal with bits of audio. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1339 12/6 poor signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
702 JAPAN, JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima. Woman in JJ //774 at 1453 11/7, fair strength. Also, w/man talking, fair to good o/hum at 1430 11/10, //774 747 and 828 which all were weaker than 702 at the time! (NHP-BC)
738 TAHITI, Papeete, R Polynesie. 1448 12/3 weak signal with male announcer. 1505 fair signal briefly with man in FF. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 0635 12/3 very weak. In and out, mostly out. Heavy KCBS splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1406 12/9 very weak signal with woman in FF. Heavy splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
747 JAPAN, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. 1450-1452 12/3 very weak signal with woman in JJ and heavy KXTG. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1412 12/7 weak with woman/man in JJ. Heavy splatter from KCBS. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
774 JAPAN, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. 1350 12/3 very weak =with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Hrd at 1406 12/5 with very weak talk. (BB-AZ)
+ Presumed JOUB Japan with traces of audio at 1430 12/5. (NP-AB)
+ 1342 12/6 very weak signal with man in JJ. Weak signal at 1405. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Weak with talk by man/woman at 1422 12/6, //693 and 747 about the same strength. (NP-AB)
+ Poor-fair with talk by man and woman at 1430 12/7, //693 a bit worse, with 747 not reaching audio today. (NP-AB)
+ 1505 12/7 fair signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ JJ talk by woman at 1438 11/9, excellent, good enough that I could hear traffic noise, horn from a boat etc in the background. This has become weaker as the month wore on. (NHP-BC)
+ A few words of audio from Japan at 1453 12/9, but that was it for JJ audio today. 747 was very close at the same time. (NP-AB)
828 JAPAN, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. 1457 12/3 very weak signal with moderate splatter with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1347 12/6 weak signal with moderate splatter with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1401 12/7 very weak signal with moderate splatter with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1408 12/9 weak w/heavy splatter and woman in JJ. Fair signal at 1528. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
873 JAPAN, JOGB, Kumamoto. Woman talking then man //774, poor at 1503 11/8. (NHP-BC)
+ 1422 12/7 poor signal with bits of woman in JJ making it through. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
891t JAPAN, JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. 1514-1515 12/4 very weak signal assuming JOHK. Heavy 890 splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Man talking 1455, poor strength seemed //594; more interesting was SE Asian sounding stringed mx on channel, but no IDs. (NHP-BC)
945 CHINA, Jiaohe, CNR1. Woman speaking CC, poor but //6125 at 1349 11/7. (NHP-BC)
954 JAPAN, JOKR, Tokyo. Man in JJ 1431 11/8, fair strength w/better readability than its carrier strength would indicate. (NHP-BC)
972 REP KOREA, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Faint traces of talk by a woman at 1455 12/7, presumably from the KK. (NP-AB)

- + Quite good, with conversation between man and woman in KK at 1452 12/8. An anomaly, as this signal was considerably better than the past 2 days. (NP-AB)
 - + 1523-1526 12/8 weak signal at best with man in KK. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI. Woman talking, then man, poor at 1449 11/5, but //5965. (NHP-BC)
 - 1044 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CRI. Woman talking, then man, poor, //7220 1523 11/30. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1529-1531 12/8 weak signal with woman/man in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1098 **Unid**. 1533 12/8 just above threshold signal (very poor signal) with woman in Asian language? NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1116 **Unid**. 1517 12/4 very weak signal with brief Asian language and heavy domestic splatter. China? W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1206 **CHINA**, Yanji. 1537-1538 12/8 very weak signal with KK (PALs). NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1242 **JAPAN**, JOLF, Tokyo. Woman talking slowly fair strength //1332, 1443 11/8. (NHP-BC)
 - 1269 **Unid**. Seemed like 2 stations, with traces of music and talk at 1455 12/7. (NP-AB)
 - 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo, HBC. Fair audio w/pop mx, presumed this, at 0635 11/10, about 45 minutes before Sapporo sunset. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1350 12/6 fair signal with moderate splatter with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - +† Traces of audio with man talking at 1436 12/7, likely JOHR. (NP-AB)
 - + 1542 12/8 very weak signal with moderate splatter with man in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1314 **JAPAN**, JOUF. Weak audio, with music and woman speaking in JJ at 1457 12/6. (NP-AB)
 - +† Traces of audio at 1457 12/7, likely JOUF Japan. (NP-AB)
 - 1314 **Unid**. 1544 12/8 poor signal with woman in unknown language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1323 **CHINA**, Shuanghyashan, CRI. Oriental stringed mx that leads up to chimes and fanfare on the hour, poor to fair strength, 1458 11/9, but faded down for the hour. (NHP-BC)
 - + Assuming the station with weak signal and woman in ? Most CC stations on this channel have no broadcasts after 1500 12/7. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1546-1555 12/8 in and out weak signal. Could not make out language. Woman singing. NW-ewe. (DV-WA)
 - +† 1324-1328 12/9 assuming the VOR transmission with weak audio slight splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1332 **JAPAN**, JOSF, Nagoya. Instrumental mx followed by woman talking slowly (unusual on JJ commercial stations) //1242, All Night Nippon. Fair strength at 1443 11/8. (NHP-BC)
 - 1359 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. Echoey CC pips at 1500 11/30, poor strength but // to 1593 and lagging slightly, with fanfare after the hour; echoey talk also noted, so presumably receiving more than one transmitter. (NHP-BC)
 - 1386 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros, JOQC Morioka most likely? Woman talking, poor strength, at 1522 11/12, then light mx. //774 which was pretty weak also at this time. (NHP-BC)
 - +† 1535 12/7 assuming the station heard briefly with JJ and very weak signal. Furthest Northern JJ station on channel. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1413 **Unid**. Traces of audio at 1457 12/9, with talk by man, but too weak to determine language. (NP-AB)
 - 1422 **JAPAN**, JORF, Yokohama, RF R Nippon. 1521-1522 12/4 weak signal with man in JJ. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1521-1522 12/5 very weak with woman singing. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - +† Woman speaking at 1459 12/6, seemed JJ, so likely JORF. (NP-AB)
 - + 1514 12/7 weak signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1476 **CHINA**? 1536-1538 12/5 weak with music and moderate splatter. Talk at 1538. Heard in October and September. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1503 **JAPAN**, JOUK, Akita, NHK1. 1525 12/4 weak signal with woman in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1530-1531 12/5 weak signal with man in JJ. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1516-1517 12/8 poor signal with woman in JJ. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1545-1553 12/9 weak to fair signal at times with JJ talk and music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1557† **TAIWAN**, Kouhu, CBS-RTI-VoTaiwan, Family R. Likely Taiwan. Bursts of vocal pop mx fair to good strength at 1509 11/26, by 1514 it was at a lower level, with woman in CC inflected talk. This seems to be continuing after Family R stopped using the transmitter. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1526-1527 12/4 weak signal with singing and talk. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1414 12/6 with a little talk just above the noise level. (BB-AZ)
 - + Not quite as good as yesterday, but still fair by 1445 12/7, up to good by 1455, with vocals by a woman, then talk in CC by a man over music in the background. (NP-AB)
 - + Way down on the past 2 days, with just traces of audio after 1500 12/8. (NP-AB)
 - 1557 **TAIWAN/Unid**. Woman speaking in CC, mixing with a station playing a Scott Joplin piano selection at 1450 12/6. Both fair, then talk station faded while music station improved to good, as it went straight into another western style song at 1452. Went into talk at 1457, also seemed CC. Presume stronger station was Taiwan, with strongest signal on 1557 this season. (NP-AB)
 - 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Cheju, FEBC. 1444 12/3 poor with woman in CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Hrd at 1413 12/4 with talk just above the noise level for 2 minutes. (BB-AZ)
 - + 1418 12/5 weak signal with woman singing in CC. Good at 1412 with woman singing. Still around with good signal at 1558. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + At fair to good level when I tuned in at 1423 12/5, but slipped back a bit after that. (NP-AB)
 - + Hrd at 1408 12/6 very weak and just above the noise level. (BB-AZ)
 - + Fair at first check at 1425 12/6, improved to good with talk by woman at 1450. Interestingly another significant carrier noted about 40 Hz higher. (NP-AB)
 - + 1418 12/7 fair signal with woman in CC. Good signal at 1521 with CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Good level by 1430 12/7, the strongest TP of the morning. No sign of the second carrier today. (NP-AB)
 - + 1431 12/9 good signal with woman in CC. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Doing very well today, particularly for several minutes before 1500 12/9, when it was the strongest it's been all season. (NP-AB)
 - 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Phachi, VoA. This showed weak audio at 1600. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + 1554 12/9 weak signal with CC. Good signal at 1600. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + just kept on building, peaking about 1525 at very good strength; at 1530, heard a nice EE ID "welcome to the Voice of America in Burmese," followed by a woman presumably in Burmese. Also heard 1600 12/2 weakly w/VoA ID in EE. (NHP-BC)
 - + 1447 12/3 very weak woman in Asian language. Weak signal at 1515. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Rose to audio level at 1450 12/5, with fair signal for the next 15 minutes. (NP-AB)
 - + 1513 12/5 fair signal with man in Asian language. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Reached audio level at 1432 12/6, with talk by a woman, good quality by 1450. (NP-AB)
 - + No audio at all until about 1450 12/7, but quickly reached fair/good level with talk by a man. (NP-AB)
 - + 1522 12/7 good signal with man in Burmese. (PALs) W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Like 1566, no audio until late, about 1455 12/8, but reached fair level for about 10 minutes after 1500. Noted a second carrier today, about 40 Hz lower, which at times was nearly as strong as VOA, but never any detectable audio. (NP-AB)
 - + Only bits of audio until after 1500 12/9, when it was a bit better with steady audio at a fair level for several minutes. (NP-AB)
 - + 1555 12/9 good signal with man in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CNR1. Man in CC //6125 good strength at 1524 11/30. This became quite a bit more consistent, and sometimes the strongest signal on the band vying with HLAZ, towards the end of November. Sometimes that's all there was too. (NHP-BC)
 - + The strongest TP this morning, with good levels, especially around 1440-1455 12/5, when it was about as good as I've heard it all season. (NP-AB)
 - + Hrd at 1411 12/6 fair signal with talk. (BB-AZ)
 - + Mixing with Japan at 1449 12/6. Both generally fair, with the JJ up to good at times. (NP-AB)
 - + 1525 12/7 fair signal with in CC. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - + Was alone here today, with fair signal from 1440-1510 12/9, though seemed to have more splatter today for some reason. (NP-AB)
 - + 1506-1507 12/9 weak signal with man in CC. Moderate KOHI splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
 - 1593 **JAPAN**, JOTB/JOQB, Matsue/Niigata. First few bars of JJ national anthem //1602, poor strength at 1540 12/1, then both faded (catching 1593 was after the fact on the SDR recording) (NHP-BC)
 - + Just like yesterday, China's CNR1 mixing with Japan at 1447 12/7. Pretty much even, both with fair sigs. (NP-AB)
 - 1602 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros. First few bars of JJ national anthem, poor at 1540 12/1, then snippets of chimes; 774 also heard occasionally at better strength at this time. (NHP-BC)
 - + Talk, then into music at 1444. Stronger by 1453 12/6, and I could have understood the topic of discussion (if I'd known JJ.). (NP-AB)
 - + //1593, talk at 1446 12/7, with fair level. (NP-AB)
- PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP**
- 630 **MÉXICO**, XEFB, Monterrey, NL. 0602 12/6, full ID for XEFB, including "FB Romántica, 6-30 AM, 10,000 watts, 24 horas, 365 días, noche y día, centro de la ciudad de Monterrey, grupo R México" – so this is a very recent and drastic format change I was suspecting as soon as I tuned in on the SRF-59 and heard romantic music instead of talk. Current Cantú still shows the old slogan and format, "FB La Estación Que Da Las Noticias." (GH-OK)
 - 660 **Unid**. 1314 12/1, mentions "el maestro de Mazatlán" and several parroquias; based on that I would have presumed a Maz. station except there aren't any Sinaloans or even Sonorans on 660. And XETNT Los Mochis, formerly dominant around sunrise, was not to be heard on 650, just a SAH. At 1316. 660 overtaken by KSKY. (GH-OK)
 - 730 **MÉXICO**, XEHB Hidalgo del Parral, Chih 0703 12/11 noted with choral NA, "XEHB 730 AM" ID and Ranchera music in Spanish. Fair to poor over KKDA in XEX null. (EB-MO)
 - 760 **COLOMBIA** Radio Cadena Nacional HJAJ Barranquilla 0754 12/3 noted with "You're listening to RCN" ID in English, news and discussion program and "RCN" ID in Spanish. Fair to poor in XEABC null, WJR off for maintenance. (EB-MO)
 - 870 **MÉXICO**, XETAR, Guachochi, Chih, La V de la Sierra Tarahumara. 1308 12/1, talk in Indian language with SS terms including "seguro popular" several times, a PSA? Then into SS mentioning XETAR in passing, ie La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, in Chihuahua. Not much WWL but it's too early for it to have faded out completely. (GH-OK)
 - 960† **MÉXICO**, XEFAMA, Ciudad Camargo, Chih, Radio Fama/La Grandota. 11/30 from 0600 during local KGWA dead air, mostly Mexican in QRM with romantic, almost operatic music, 0604 "la estación grande." Suspect XEFAMA again. At 0605 sharp, KGWA blasts back on with commercial for Land & Lawn which starts with bangs on a countertop bell. I always have to watch the seconds tick away and get the volume turned down before this extremely jarring resumption of modulation. This ad plays frequently, but not every night at 0605. (GH-OK)
 - + 0601 12/4 atop the QRM briefly in the KGWA dead-air carrier null is a full ID mentioning Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua, again, so XEFAMA. Then a couple of minutes of big band music, maybe WABG Mississippi if not an XE; by 0604 ABC news is gaining, with closing commercial, and just before 0605 KGWA blasts back on, the ABC stations starts to say "partly cloudy skies...." (GH-OK)

- 960 **MÉXICO** - 0600-0605 12/1, local KGWA Enid again stops modulating, and this time dominant under signal is dramatic narration about Pancho Villa, and at 0604 another(?) station weakly audible with Mexican NA. Pancho tribute probably from XEFAMA in Chihuahua. (GH-OK)
- 960 **UnID**. 0600-0605 Sunday 12/2, KGWA dead air audiblizes mostly SS music and talk, probably XEK or XEFAMA as previously IDed. (GH-OK)

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- GH-OK **GLENN HAUSER**, Enid OK
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*** TRANSATLANTIC LOGS ***

- 531 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, various 20:04 UTC Dec 10 news in Spanish, ment. Barcelona. [AW-BH]
- 576 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, Barcelona 19:36 UTC Dec 10 two men in Spanish, ID. [AW-BH]
- 630 **TUNISIA** - RTT Tunis 21:14 UTC Dec 11 Arabic talk & music. [AW-BH]
- 657 **ITALY** - RAI1 various 20:12 UTC Dec 11 man in Italian *** NEW ***. [AW-BH]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** - R. Maria, Lopik 00:25 UTC Dec 9 Dutch talk, Orchestral music. [AW-BH]
- 675 **NORWAY** - NRK 1 Rost 20:15 UTC Dec 11 man & woman in Norwegian (mixing with R. Maria). [AW-BH]
- 684 **SPAIN** - R. Nacional, Sevilla 20:08 UTC Dec 10 Spanish sports commentary // 774. [AW-BH]
- 720 **PORTUGAL** - Antena 1, various 3:00 UTC Dec 10 woman & man in Portuguese. [AW-BH]
- 756 **GERMANY** - Deutschlandfunk, various 00:24 UTC Dec 9 man in German (good). [AW-BH]
- 774 **EGYPT** - Middle East Radio, Abis 2:10 UTC Dec 11 Arabic talk, music (good). [AW-BH]
- 810 **SPAIN** - SER Madrid 23:25 UTC Dec 9 Abba song, Spanish talk. [AW-BH]
- 810 **SCOTLAND** - BBC Scotland 18:47 UTC Dec 10 Football talk, ID. [AW-BH]
- 837 **FRANCE** - France Info, Nancy - Nomeny 20:17 UTC Dec 11 French talk, ID (mixing with COPE). [AW-BH]
- 846 **RUSSIA** - Radio Radonezh, Electrostral 18:28 UTC Dec 11 Russian talk, ID. [AW-BH]
- 864 **FRANCE** - France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette 18:07 UTC Dec 10 woman w/ news in French (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 873 **RUSSIA** - Radio Rossii 1:12 UTC Dec 10 Russian talk, ID (heard again stronger at 2:10 UTC). [AW-BH]
- 882 **ENGLAND** - BBC Wales 19:34 UTC Dec 10 Year end Sports Review. [AW-BH]
- 909 **ENGLAND** - BBC 5 Live, various 18:00 UTC Dec 10 BBC News (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 918 **SLOVENIA** - R. Slovenija1, Ljubljana 20:10 UTC Dec 10 man in Slovenian talk (good). [AW-BH]
- 936 **UKRAINE** - Ukrainskie Radio, Lviv 19:37 UTC Dec 10 Ukrainian talk // 972 (Very strong). [AW-BH]
- 936 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Urumiyeh 2:24 UTC Dec 11 woman in Farsi talk, Instrumental string music. [AW-BH]
- 945 **ISRAEL** (t) - Galei Zahal, Ramlee 20:25 UTC Dec 11 sounded like readings in Hebrew. [AW-BH]
- 954 **CZECH REPUBLIC** - Cesky Rozhlas, various 19:28 UTC Dec 10 man in Czech talk (Very Strong). [AW-BH]
- 963 **FINLAND** - China Radio Relay, Pori 3:03 UTC Dec 10 news in Russian. [AW-BH]
- 972 **GERMANY** - NDR Info, Hamburg 1:13 UTC Dec 9 German talk & promos. [AW-BH]
- 972 **UKRAINE** - Ukrainskie Radio, Nikolaev 17:16 UTC Dec 11 Ukrainian talk. [AW-BH]
- 972 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Ilam 17:18 UTC Dec 11 Chants & music (mixing w/ Ukraine). [AW-BH]
- 981 **ALGERIA** - Alger Chaîne 2, Ouled Fayet 2:28 UTC Dec 10 Arabic talk (Very strong). [AW-BH]
- 990 **GERMANY** - Deutschland Radio Kultur, Berlin 17:50 UTC Dec 11 woman in German, music. [AW-BH]
- 999 **SPAIN** - COPE Madrid 18:02 UTC Dec 10 two men in Spanish talk. [AW-BH]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** - Voice of Russia Relay, Maia 18:45 UTC Dec 10 Russian talk (Strong). [AW-BH]

- 1008 **NETHERLANDS** - GrootNieuws Radio, Zeewolde 17:20 UTC Dec 11 Dutch talk & Religious music. [AW-BH]
- 1026 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Tabriz 20:07 UTC Dec 11 Farsi talk (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1035 **ESTONIA** - R. Eli, Tartu 1:09 UTC Dec 9 woman in Estonian (good). [AW-BH]
- 1035 **PORTUGAL** - Star FM, Belmonte 00:13 UTC Dec 10 Lynn Anderson & Contours oldies, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** - SER various 17:53 UTC Dec 10 Sports commentary in Spanish // 855 (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1053 **ROMANIA** - R. Iasi, Iasi 17:23 UTC Dec 11 songs in Romanian, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1062 **IRAN** - IRIB Kerman 00:21 UTC Dec 9 Farsi talk & music. [AW-BH]
- 1062 **ITALY** - RAI1 various 19:42 UTC Dec 10 man in Italian (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1071 **INDIA** - AIR India Rajkot 19:26 UTC Dec 10 Urdu talk, music. [AW-BH]
- 1080 **IRAN** - VOIRI Abadan 21:16 UTC Dec 11 Farsi talk & chants (Good). [AW-BH]
- 1089 **ENGLAND** - Talksport Radio, various 17:49 UTC Dec 10 Football talk // 1053 (good). [AW-BH]
- 1089 **RUSSIA** - Voice of Russia, Tbilisskaya 17:25 UTC Dec 11 man in Russian // 1143 (under Talksport) Also heard on Ultralight *** NEW ***. [AW-BH]
- 1116 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Bandar Lengeh 00:13 UTC Dec 9 Farsi talk, ment. Iran. [AW-BH]
- 1125 **BELGIUM** - RTBF Vivacite', Houdeng 17:30 UTC Dec 11 French talk. [AW-BH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** - Glas Hrvatske, Rasinovac 21:00 UTC Dec 10 news in Croatian (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1143 **ITALY** - RAI1 Sassari, 22:44 UTC Dec 9 man in Italian. [AW-BH]
- 1143 **KALININGRAD** - Voice of Russia Relay, Bolshakovo 17:57 UTC Dec 10 World Service news in Russian (good). [AW-BH]
- 1152 **SCOTLAND** - Clyde 2, Dechmont Hill 21:18 UTC Dec 11 Neil Diamond song, promos, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** - R. Sawa, Al-Dhabbiya 00:21 UTC Dec 9 man in Arabic (good). [AW-BH]
- 1170 **RUSSIA** - Voice of Russia, Tbilisskaya 18:23 UTC Dec 11 woman in Russian, ID // 1143 *** NEW ***. [AW-BH]
- 1179 **ROMANIA** - Romania Actualitati, various 21:00 UTC Dec 10 man in Romanian. [AW-BH]
- 1188 **IRAN** - Radio Payam, Tehran 0:32 UTC Dec 9 man in Farsi, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1215 **ENGLAND** - Absolute Radio, various 17:52 UTC Dec 10 woman w/ ID, music. [AW-BH]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** - Voice of Russia Relay, Bolshakovo 18:43 UTC Dec 10 woman in Russian (mixing with Absolute Radio). [AW-BH]
- 1269 **GERMANY** - Deutschlandfunk, Neumunster 17:52 UTC Dec 10 woman in German. [AW-BH]
- 1278 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Kermanshah 2:17 UTC Dec 11 Chants. [AW-BH]
- 1296 **ENGLAND** - Radio XL 1296 AM, Langley Mill 1:11 UTC Dec 9 Hindu lang, music. [AW-BH]
- 1332 **IRAN** - Radio Tehran, Tehran 00:34 UTC Dec 9 Chants. [AW-BH]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** - BBC R. Ulster, Lisnagarvey 17:51 UTC Dec 10 Christmas music, talk (good). [AW-BH]
- 1368 **ISLE OF MAN** - Manx Radio, Foxdale 18:04 UTC Dec 10 Race coverage. [AW-BH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** - France Info, Lille-Champhin-en-Carembault 18:04 UTC Dec 10 news in French by man. [AW-BH]
- 1377 **ARMENIA** - Trans World Radio, Gavar 19:52 UTC Dec 11 man in Persian, Int Signal & close at 20:00 UTC (at times over France Info). [AW-BH]
- 1395 **ARMENIA** (t) - Radio Kavkaz, Yerevan 17:50 UTC Dec 11 Russian talk. [AW-BH]
- 1404 **FRANCE** - France Info, various 16:15 UTC Dec 11 French talk, ID's. [AW-BH]
- 1422 **GERMANY** - Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler 18:25 UTC Dec 10 man in German (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** - R. Sawa, Arta 1:04 UTC Dec 10 Arabic talk, music, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1431 **GERMANY** - Voice of Russia, Willsdruff 18:23 UTC Dec 10 woman in Russian (Very strong). [AW-BH]
- 1449 **LIBYA** - Voice of Free Libya Meserata, Al-Assah 20:12 UTC Dec 10 Arabic talk & music (Strong). [AW-BH]
- 1458 **ENGLAND** - Gold Manchester, Ashton Moss 23:55 UTC Dec 9 "Gold... The Greatest Hits of All Time" ID, Christmas song by Andy Williams. [AW-BH]
- 1458 **ENGLAND** - Sunrise Radio, Brookmans Park 20:05 UTC Dec 11 weather, Jingle ID. [AW-BH]
- 1476 **SPAIN** - Euskadi Irratia, Biribilondo 1:07 UTC Dec 10 man in Basque talk, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1494 **RUSSIA** - Voice of Russia, St. Petersburg 18:25 UTC Dec 10 woman in Russian. [AW-BH]
- 1503 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Bushehr 20:24 UTC Dec 11 Farsi talk, music. [AW-BH]
- 1521 **SPAIN** - SER Radio Castellon 2:45 UTC Dec 11 woman in Spanish (under BSKSA Arabia). [AW-BH]
- 1530 **ROMANIA** - Romania Actualitati, various 2:00 UTC Dec 11 news by man in Romanian. [AW-BH]
- 1530 **ENGLAND** - Pulse 2 Huddersfield 2:02 UTC Dec 11 woman with news (mixing with Romania). [AW-BH]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** - R. Sawa, Kuwait City 00:17 UTC Dec 9 Arabic talk, ID. [AW-BH]
- 1548 **MOLDOVA** - Trans World Radio, Grigoriopol 18:25 UTC Dec 10 man in Bulgarian. [AW-BH]
- 1575 **ITALY** - RAI1 various 18:30 UTC Dec 10 man in Italian. [AW-BH]

1584 **IRAN** - IRIB1 Urumiyeh 21:10 UTC Dec 11 Farsi talk by man // 1503. [AW-BH]

*** PAN-AMERICAN LOGS ***

670 **CUBA** - Radio Rebelde 1:07 UTC Dec 9 Latin music, Spanish talk , ID. [AW-BH]
940 **PUERTO RICO** - WIPR San Juan Dec 10 Latin vocals, Maxima ID. [AW-BH]
1290 **VENEZUELA** - YVLF Puerto Cabello 10:10 UTC Dec 11 Latin vocals, Spanish talk. [AW-BH]

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ASIA AND PACIFIC

INDIA: The following changes in news timings of AIR Home Service are noted from 12 Nov. English 0830-0845 (2.00 to 2.15 pm): ex 0830-0900 UTC. Hindi 0845-0900 (2.15 to 2.30 pm): ex 0900-0930 UTC. The full list of AIR Home Service News from Delhi is given in the following link: <http://newsonair.com/News-Schedule.pdf> (Jose Jacob, dx_india)

The B-12 schedules of All India Radio is now available in the following official website: <http://allindiaradio.gov.in/Profile/Radio%20Network> (Jose Jacob, dx_india)

KOREA (NORTH): North Korea launches radio program targeted at South Korea. The frequencies are shortwave 3,970 kHz and 6,250 kHz, medium wave 684 kHz and 1,080 kHz and FM 97.8 MHz That's an interesting selection, because it spans three North Korean radio networks. Programming is to start Saturday 1 Dec

3,970 kHz (Wonsan) Korean Central Broadcasting Station
6,250 kHz (Pyongyang) Pyongyang Broadcasting Station
684 kHz (Samgo) Pyongyang Broadcasting Station
1,080 kHz (Haeju) Korean Central Broadcasting Station
97.8MHz (Haeju) Pyongyang FM Broadcasting
(North Korea tech website <http://www.northkoreatech.org/2012/12/01/north-korea-launches-radio-program-targeted-at-south/> via Dennis Vroom)

Acc. to Jajuminbo net. web (Korean) http://www.jajuminbo.net/sub_read.html?uid=11246 "Echo of Unification" from Dec.1, 2200-2400UT 648, 1080, 3970, 6250kHz and 97.8MHz FM, 0400-0600, 1200-1400. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUUsZlscjil> de Hiroshi Receive on 6250,1080 and 684kHz, but cannot confirm 3970kHz on Nov.30 (Sei-ichi Hasegawa, dxld 30 Nov)

KOREA (non): VOA Korean broadcasting daily Korean peninsula visually AM 4:00 to 6:00, from 9:00 pm until midnight 5 hours to shortwave and medium wave will be sent. If you connect to the www.voakorea.com Also, you can listen to the live broadcast, as well as a 24-time at any time you wish. Morning broadcast: 4AM - 6AM (1900-2100 UTC), Shortwave 5835, 6060, 7460 kHz, Medium wave 648 kHz. Evening broadcast: 9PM - 12AM (1200-1500 UTC) Shortwave 5890, 7235, 9800 kHz Medium wave 1188 kHz (VOA Korean Service website (translated) via Bruce Portzer)

MARSHALL ISLANDS: Rarely-reported Radio Marshalls (V7AB) broadcasts on 1098 kHz mediumwave and FM, and can now also be heard live on the web. The stream can be accessed via the rimajol.com site, by selecting 'Radio V7AB' from the navigation menu on the left.

Broadcasting hours are nominally 1800-1130 UT (on 7 Dec observed signing-on at 1824 UT) - no interval signal, just straight into the national anthem then an announcement in Marshallese. There are 5-minute news bulletins from Radio Australia at the top of most hours, but apart from that very little English program content other than the odd phrase, such as the current Phrase of the Day "Merry Christmas". Another recurring motif, as they bask in their 30° C heat, is a Caribbean steel band version of "Winter Wonderland"!

A canned announcement in English confirmed the 1098 kHz mediumwave frequency, but cited the FM frequency 89.9 MHz (rather than 97.9 as in latest WRTH).

The nearest I could find to an official web presence for the broadcaster is a page on the Ministry of Internal Affairs website: <http://rmimoia.org/V7AB.html>. However, the cited webstream URL doesn't work and the program schedule is difficult to decipher due to being presented in the incorrect pdf orientation - and it doesn't seem to bear much resemblance to reality anyway. A new 4-minute audio clip of Radio Marshalls ("Radio Majhel", in the vernacular) can be heard on Interval Signals Online - intervalsignals.net (David Kernick dxld 8 Dec)

SRI LANKA: Trincomalee is carrying Overcomer Ministry Brother Stair from 1530-1730 on MW 1548 on a test basis on weekends. Saturday s.off at 1730 abruptly. (Victor Goonetilleke, dxld 18 Nov)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

ARGENTINA: 550 AM 550 La Primera – new station. Address: Carlos H. Rodriguez 364 10° piso, (Q83000HJH) Neuquén. Web: www.am550laprimera.com (Marcelo A. Cornachioni). According to Mauricio Molano two stations are logged on the main frequency of 1630: 1629.822 – R América, San José with sports live (//Melody 105.3) 1629.997 – La Plata station back again with non-stop music and no name IDs as "Transmite emisora De categoria cuarta...". No "Diagonal" IDs. //web stream of <http://www.diagonal1630.com.ar/> (via mwcircle)

ST. KITTS: Per information today from ZIZ - I can confirm that ZIZ St. Kitts is back on 555 kHz after having been off the air on this frequency for several months. Power is 5 kW and the transmitter is on the air 0600-2400LT which is the same as 1000-0400UTC. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, mwcircle yg 29 Nov)

TURKS & CAICOS: 530 R Visión Cristiana – Nothing moving in the T & C. I'm told RVC, 530 kHz has a 100 kW transmitter on South Caicos but no new tower site yet. They are still running the low long wire (toaster element). (Jerry Kiefer 21 Oct via DXLD)

VENEZUELA: Missing mail from Venezuela? Here is why. IPOSTEL suspended outgoing postal services for most countries in the western hemisphere (except Cuba) for 90 days, starting Sept. 25 <http://www.eluniversal.com/economia/120929/ipostel-anulo-envios-a-paises-de-america-durante-90-dias> (Henrik Klemetz, DXLD 12 Nov)

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST

BELARUS: 279 Sasnovy is back to 24h operation. (Olle Alm, ARC)

HUNGARY: At 22th December MR6 Régió Rádió will be closed down due financial reasons. Hungarian Radio made an announcement today: A new station "Radio Danko" will start on MR6's former frequencies (1116, 1251, 1350 KHz), and as I heard they want to start additional transmitters to cover the whole nation. Maybe 1341 and 810 kHz will be reactivated, I hope. Radio Danko will carry Hungarian and gipsy folk songs and news from the countryside (like Antena Satelor in Romania). The station named after Pista (Steve) Dankó http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pista_Dankó But these info's about the frequencies are not 100% yet. (Laszlo Tringer, mediumwave.info 4 Dec)

ITALY: 1035 RAI Pescara, San Silvestro closed. Transmitter place has been declared not safe for people living at 300 meters from the hill. (Studio-DX via Play-DX via Christer Brunström, ARC)

RUSSIA: VGTRK terminated the transmission contracts for all LW/MW transmitters still carrying Radio Mayak, effective Jan 1. The terrestrial service of Radio Mayak will be limited to FM in larger towns, VGTRK considers it as economically not viable to still do more.

Voice of Russia for its part notified the transmitter operator RTRS on Nov 8 of its intention to cut the use of RTRS shortwave transmitters by half and to spend in 2013 not more than 220 million rubles (as opposed to 550 million in 2012) for RTRS services. The use of transmitters abroad is even supposed to be cut by three quarters. This may result in the closure of Voice of Russia transmissions to the former Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Iran, Afghanistan as well as the Ukraine and Moldova.

All this results in an uncertain future for the AM transmitter network of RTRS after a program, worth 13.7 billion rubles, to replace the old equipment has already been terminated. Some observers think that the situation could result in the closure of facilities in the regions of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Krasnodar, Khabarovsk and Kamchatka. <http://izvestia.ru/news/539341> On a related note: Any actual observations concerning 1044 from Kurkino, which was supposed to be turned off on Nov 10? And what about co-located 738 and 810 which carry/carried WRN and VOA, respectively, both in theory now outlawed as well for more than 48 percent of the shares of these broadcasters being in foreign possession? (Kai Ludwig, dxld yg 16 Nov)

St. Petersburg local stations:

828 0100-0500 R Gazeta Slovo (in Russian); 0500-0900 R Pravoslavnoye (in Russian); 1700.0100 RGazeta Slovo (in Russian).

1053 : 0400-2000 R Maria Russia (in Russian)

1089 0300-1900 R Teos (in Russian)

1440 0300-2100 R Zvezda (in Russian)

Address: Pto SPBRC Technical Department, St Petersburg Regional Center, Akademika Pavlova St, St Petersburg. V/s: DX-er Mikhail Timofeyev. (Rus-DX via Play-DX via Christer Brunström, ARC)

Long-time shortwave listeners may remember Radio Mayak shortwave broadcasts, which at one time, were hard to avoid on the bands, as it was broadcasted on a lot of frequencies. Shortwave broadcasts of Radio Mayak are long gone and now the station decided to leave all together its longwave and medium wave transmissions. A farewell to Radio Mayak: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlzbswEp6uk> (swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com via HCDX 19 Nov)

Complying with new legislation in Russia, Radio Liberty will stop broadcasting in the country after nearly 60 years. As of November 10, licenses held by companies who are at least 48 percent foreign-owned is forbidden. Liberty, known locally as Radio Svoboda, receives funding from US Congress and was set up to cater for countries where there are restrictions on information.

The station was founded during the Cold War. "There are a lot of people who feel a sense of nostalgia. Among them are Radio Liberty listeners. There are people who were used to all sorts of disruptions, like the jamming of the radio or difficulties with the medium wave. They are used to listening to Radio Liberty," said former Radio Liberty chairman Savik Shuster. "The aim is to inform people, because there's no free access to information, there's no freedom of speech. Everything is controlled by the Kremlin. Therefore people need a different source of information. That is the role and purpose of the station – freedom," he added.

Radio Liberty will now concentrate on digital platforms, causing job losses for more than 40 people and, according to some, muffling criticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin. <http://www.euronews.com/2012/11/10/radio-liberty-ends-russia-broadcasts/> Radio Liberty was originally called Radio Liberation when formed by American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia (Amcomlib) in 1951. Amcomlib was a CIA funded organization that was similar to the NCFE but dealt with exiles from the Soviet Union. Radio Liberty began broadcasting from Lampertheim on March 1, 1953, gaining a substantial audience when it covered the death of Joseph Stalin four days later. By March 1954 Radio Liberty was broadcasting six to seven hours daily in eleven languages. (more at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_Free_Europe/Radio_Liberty) (Euronews, 10 Nov via Mike Terry DXLD)

UNITED KINGDOM: Ofcom has varied the Wireless Telegraphy Act issued to Babcock Communications Ltd, which covers a number of different analogue radio frequencies, to remove Babcock's authorization to use the 648 kHz frequency previously used to broadcast the BBC World Service. The license was varied by Ofcom because the authority conferred by the license to use the 648 kHz frequency was for certain purposes only, which have now fallen away. Subject to international co-ordination, this frequency will now be available for use by community radio licensing in various parts of the UK, in addition to FM and other AM frequencies that are already potentially available for this purpose. However, we note that the characteristics of 648 kHz, being at the lower end of the AM band and therefore requiring relatively large masts and transmitter sites, may make it less suitable for community radio than other AM frequencies. <http://licensing.ofcom.org.uk/radio-broadcast-licensing/monthlyupdates/update1012> (Medium Wave News, Dec 2012)

BBC Radio Merseyside's shut-down of its 1485 kHz medium-wave radio service led to hundreds of complaints from listeners. The BBC's hopes of saving money by switching off local radio broadcasts on AM came unstuck in Liverpool when 600 listeners complained about the loss of their mediumwave service.

BBC Radio Merseyside was one of four local stations in England that shut down their AM service to test the response from the listening public. The AM service was replaced for five weeks with a pre-recorded message telling listeners to retune to FM, digital audio broadcasting (DAB) radio or online. Hundreds of outraged listeners contacted the Liverpool-based station to complain. The closedown in the three other areas – Nottingham, Kent and Hereford & Worcester, was said to be less problematic, however. Such was the scale of the response on Merseyside that some BBC insiders suggested the practicality of a wide-ranging switch-off of local radio on AM was now being rethought. The BBC wants to end nearly all local radio broadcasts on AM as part of the cost-saving measures outlined in Delivering Quality First. This pilot scheme was intended to assess the impact of a switch-off of the mediumwave signal, and how many listeners would be unable – or unwilling – to listen to the stations via other means.

The adverse listener response in Liverpool also highlights the scale of the challenge posed by digital radio switchover, which would see all BBC national and large regional stations go digital-only. Of the BBC's 39 local radio stations in England, 14 are not currently available on DAB radio. A BBC spokeswoman said: "As part of its final conclusions on Delivering Quality First, the BBC Trust agreed in principle that MW would be switched off across the BBC Radio network, including local radio but excluding Radio 5 Live and the Asian Network, except where listeners depend upon it as an alternative to FM. "Before any decisions are taken, we want to understand what the impact on listeners might be in different areas of England, and are conducting some trials to establish that."

The BBC is already implementing extensive budget cuts across its local radio stations in England as part of DQF, including a country-wide evening show which will be syndicated across all 39 stations. But wider-ranging cuts were rebuffed by the BBC Trust after protests from listeners and MPs. The BBC local stations' combined average weekly audience in the third quarter of this year, the latest for which figures are available, was 6.7 million, down from 6.8 million in the previous quarter and 7.2 million in the same period last year. (www.guardian.co.uk via Medium Wave News Dec 2012)



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November 2012 Oregon Cliff Ultralight DXpedition
Mildly exciting propagation – widely exciting weather
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DX Loggings: The following loggings were made on the "Rockwork 4" ocean side cliff south of Cannon Beach, Oregon from November 10-12, 2012 using a 7.5" Longwave loopstick Tecsun PL-380 and 8" Longwave FSL (all Longwave loggings) and a 7.5" Medium Wave loopstick Tecsun PL-380 and 8" Medium Wave FSL (all Medium Wave loggings, except for those noted made with the C Crane SWP 7.5" Slider loopstick backup radio in heavy rain on November 12). MP3 recording links for various loggings follow, and the those recordings which pegged the PL-380's S/N display at the 25 maximum are identified with a double asterisk (**). Sincere appreciation is given to fellow TP-DXers Nick Hall-Patch, Walt Salmani, Colin Newell, Nigel Pimblett, Bruce Portzer, Dennis Vroom, Richard Allen, Steve Ratzlaff and Bill Block for their very useful TP-DXing reports during this DXpedition, and to Chuck Hutton and Guy Atkins for their work in developing the Broadband FSL antenna. Thanks also to Patrick Martin for his local weather advice and information during this DXing trip, as well as for sharing his DXing expertise during my previous Oregon coast vacations.

- 153 **RUSSIA**, Komsomolsk, R Rossii, 1200 kW. Vibrant signal during most mornings, and usually the second strongest Rossii signal after 189 <http://www.mediafire.com/?oxvmu8684svs78w>.
- 180 **RUSSIA**, Yelizovo, R Rossii, 150 kW. The weakest of the five Rossii signals, and missing during several checks in the early morning <http://www.mediafire.com/?2affh36ners26o3>.
- 189 **RUSSIA**, Konstantinogradovka, R Rossii, 1200 kW. The strongest of the Rossii stations during this trip, unlike all the summer DXpeditions when 279 kHz was strongest. Despite its strength, it never reached the awesome levels of 279 kHz in the summer <http://www.mediafire.com/?bznm5b0l45joms>.
- 234 **RUSSIA**, Arman, R Rossii, 500 kW. Not especially strong during this trip, and always troubled by splatter from the Alaskan super beacon 233-ALJ <http://www.mediafire.com/?zy7662gs91k62iw>.
- 279 **RUSSIA**, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, R Rossii, 500 kW. Somewhat of an underperformer on this trip, with signals significantly down from summer levels <http://www.mediafire.com/?p16gvp18h9vbwg>.
- 385 **ALASKA**, OCC, Yakutat, 1 kW. Alaskan NDB weather station with booming signal and frigid weather reports at 1258 on 11/10; its local-like signal and freezing weather report fit right in on the subfreezing Cliff during the all-night session <http://www.mediafire.com/?qg6ftjvmbpp1tf2>.
- 531 **JAPAN**, JOQG, Morioka, 10 kW. One of the big surprises on the Cliff, with vibrant NHK1 signals overpowering weak domestic 530-TIS traces (and leaving no heterodyne behind). This typical recording was made at 1447 on 11/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/?pec2vcx9cnioad3>.
- 540 **Unid-CC**. Weak CC-inflected speech under the SS-language pest on the frequency at 1344 on 11/11 – possibly CNR1? <http://www.mediafire.com/?kua7j9fm6jaincc>.
- 558 **JAPAN**, JOCR, Kobe, 20 kW. Commercial station (CRK) usually audible under HLQH during this trip, and believed to be the signal with fast-talking conversation mixing with the male speech from HLQH during this recording at 1426 on 11/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/?73gy8a458ejb1bx>.
- 558 **REP KOREA**, HLQH, Daegu, 250 kW. Good signal (//603) with American pop music at 1350 on 11/11. Usually dominated over a weaker JOCR (and domestic splatter) during the entire trip <http://www.mediafire.com/?94h07zru5ew542u>.
- 567 **JAPAN**, JOIK, Sapporo, 100 kW. Another very strong NHK1 station each morning on the Cliff, although not usually one of the better performers at west coast DXer home locations <http://www.mediafire.com/?t79mke8ggc5w0xu>.
- 567 **Unid**. Weak female vocal music under JOIK in this recording at 1448 on 11/10; possibly the KBS station HLKF? <http://www.mediafire.com/?8qbuuzd92px0mqe>.
- 585 **JAPAN**, JOJG, Kushi, 10 kW. Fair signal with NHK1 conversational program at 1451 on 11/10. This was not one of the stronger NHK1 signals, but pretty regular considering the power level <http://www.mediafire.com/?e3bq181tqrxejij>.
- 594** **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, 300 kW. Vibrant JJ NHK1 big gun was especially strong on the Cliff because of its relatively clear frequency-- unlike the other JJ big guns next to Oregon and California pest stations <http://www.mediafire.com/?sz7nnezz2knf39r>.
- 603 **CHINA**, Hulun Buir, 50 kW. Assumed the CC station dominating the frequency at times, after an ID was recorded by Nick in September. It typically was on top of 603 about half the time on the Cliff <http://www.mediafire.com/?34yq734v4odcfi3>. Strong mix of 603-China and the NHK1 Synchros at 1500 on 11/10 – CC YL talking through NHK1's 3 +1 pips <http://www.mediafire.com/?gtaztic1xy3ld4l>.
- 603 **JAPAN**, JOOG/JOJK, NHK1 synchros, 5 kW. These low-powered stations had unusual strength during this trip, with propagation occasionally allowing them to dominate the crowded frequency (as in this fair recording at 1316 on 11/11) <http://www.mediafire.com/?98iyx26lmicno1u>.

- 603** **REP KOREA**, HLSA, Namyang, 500 kW. Amazing signal with American pop music at 1340 UTC on 11/11. This station was one of three TP's which took turns dominating the 603 frequency – the other two being China and the 5 kW NHK1 synchro stations (JOOG/JOKK) <http://www.mediafire.com/?iqd7dsotvfk0fsu>.
- 603 **UnID**. This weak signal came from the DU direction during the single South Pacific opening at 1406 on 11/12. The language and announcer's voice sound similar to that of Maori-language Radio Waatea in NZ, but unfortunately no parallels could be checked during the rain-drenched session (recorded on the backup C Crane SWP Slider Ultralight radio) <http://www.mediafire.com/?wcvbk7sqeeo5k5w>.
- 612 **UnID**. Occasional fair signal on this frequency sounded JJ and was probably the NHK1 station JOLK, but domestic splatter made it impossible to confirm the 594 //.
- 639 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. The best CC signal on the Cliff, although troubled by KFI splatter at times. This strong MP3 was recorded on the backup C Crane SWP Slider after thunderous rain took out the PL-380 at 1507 on 11/12 <http://www.mediafire.com/?iotp9x4j5npg3jt>.
- 648 **RUSSIA**, Razdolnoye, VoR, 1000 kW. VOR KK service at a strong level at 1529 UTC on 11/12, recorded on the backup C Crane SWP in heavy rain. This was the only RR MW signal to show up on the Cliff, though 5 RR Longwave TP's were heard <http://www.mediafire.com/?9n9vj9bl02abhnl>.
- 657** **DPR KOREA**, Pyongyang, 1500 kW. The enhanced Cliff-side signal made Pyongyang's typically bad programming seem a little more obnoxious than usual. This ancient music pegged the PL-380's S/N readout temporarily at 1509 on 11/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/?ka3am8poo2earax>.
- 666 **JAPAN**, JOBK, Osaka, 100 kW. Not one of the stronger NHK1 signals on the Cliff, but able to hold down the frequency every morning. This good signal was recorded at 1518 on 11/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/?w0olv5vwwjak36nw>.
- 675 **JAPAN**, JOVK/JOUG, NHK1 synchros, 5 kW. These low-powered JJ stations owned the frequency throughout the trip, except for brief competition from a presumed VOV during the rain-soaked 2011-12 session. This fair signal was recorded at 1457 on 11/11 <http://www.mediafire.com/?kosuub9v1e0fbuq>.
- 675 **VIETNAM**, My Hao, VOV, 500 kW. Presumed to be the fair-level female-voiced signal mixing with the NHK1 synchros at 1451 during the rain-soaked 11/12 session. This was a regular TP catch at DXers' home locations about three years ago, but has suffered from the recent solar activity. Recorded on the backup C Crane SWP Slider Ultralight <http://www.mediafire.com/?3l3fnygy1haeyi4>.
- 684 **UnID**. Moderately strong carrier with occasional CC-sounding audio struggled in thunderous KNBR splatter on most mornings (the SF pest is a seasonal daytime on the Cliff)
- 693** **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, 500 kW. NHK2 big gun had awesome signals on the Cliff – and was the strongest TP overall during the entire DXpedition. This huge signal pegged the PL-380's S/N readout at 1523 on 11/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/?o1r6j7h51576kuz>.
- 702 **DPR KOREA**, Chongjin, KCBS, 50 kW. Infamous raspy carrier and occasional weak audio showed up during most sessions, but domestic splatter usually covered it up.
- 729 **JAPAN**, JOCK, Nagoya, 50 kW. Anemic NHK1 signal struggled to get through domestic splatter during good JJ propagation on 11/10, and was missing in action thereafter.
- 738 **TAHITI**, Mahina, R Polynesie, 20 kW. FF YL and OM speech and music during the rain-drenched 11/12 session almost reached summertime strength (over some KCBS hash) around 1343 <http://www.mediafire.com/?wlp88k84ufs8wcf>. This was the only DU signal to show up at the Cliff with any real strength during the entire DXpedition, and almost pegged the PL-380's S/N display. Another vibrant recording was made on the same soggy morning <http://www.mediafire.com/?dji9sz3ewl792wr>.
- 738 **TAIWAN**, Penghu, BEL2, 100 kW. Presumed to be the CC female-voiced signal received at 1440 on 11/10 at a fair level through KCBS splatter, but the 1143 kHz parallel wasn't available to confirm identity <http://www.mediafire.com/?m0wdy55tn7flo9s>.
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo, 500 kW. NHK2 big gun came through with powerful signals every morning, but occasionally suffered from proximity to 750-Portland. This signal at 1308 on 11/11 was at typical strength during the morning enhancement periods <http://www.mediafire.com/?mfxcvx2am7chi2z>.
- 756 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. Presumed to be the weak CC YL speech at 1442 on 11/10 <http://www.mediafire.com/?g7lvqm9bd2vannz>. Shared the frequency with a presumed KBS.
- 756 **REP KOREA**, Yeosu, KBS, 100 kW. Presumed to be the KK-sounding YL voice at fair level at 1421 on 11/11. Heard mixing with a presumed CNR1 at times, but neither station was particularly strong <http://www.mediafire.com/?v9c6kadh522p69x>.
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, 500 kW. NHK2 big gun booming in with JJ weather report at 1306 on 11/11. This would have been the best overall signal except for minor 770-Seattle splatter <http://www.mediafire.com/?mpbvi9u6vobgrvu>. For those who have wondered what the NHK2 music box sign-off chimes sound like on the ocean coast, this recording is from 1545 UTC on 11/10 (the last MP3 recorded in the 6 hour, subfreezing session) <http://www.mediafire.com/?v397wzzpf3zq718>.
- 792 **UnID**. The only station showing up on this frequency had KK-sounding speech around 1450 on 11/11, and was believed to be HLSQ. No sign of the usual CC stations.
- 819 **DPR KOREA**, Pyongyang, KCBS, 500 kW. Loud 1 kHz heterodyne every morning occasionally produced some weak audio in heavy domestic splatter (typically, some boring instrumental music.)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, 300 kW. This NHK2 big gun never really performed up to its power level, although it held down the frequency well every morning. A typical signal was this JJ weather report at 1307 on 11/11 <http://www.mediafire.com/?a9t4df4pbd44hbi>.
- 846 **UnID**. Recorded at 1330 on 11/11, this weak station sounds JJ to me, and may be one of the low-powered NHK1 synchro stations like JOMC. Language clues weren't audible during the howling windstorm, though, so the 594 // was never checked <http://www.mediafire.com/?b536he9hyht1bo2>.
- 864 **REP KOREA**, HJKR, Gangneung, 100 kW. Presumed to be the fair-level KK-sounding YL speech recorded during the 11/11 windstorm at 1327 <http://www.mediafire.com/?cn1r43i270ungml>.
- 873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, Kumamoto, 500 kW. Underperforming NHK2 big gun held down its frequency, but wasn't very vibrant during any session <http://www.mediafire.com/?245ogqb995omb0k>.
- 918 **UnID**. Weak CC was heard through heavy domestic splatter on 11/11, but no identity clues.
- 927 **UnID**. JJ-sounding speech in domestic splatter on 11/11 was probably the low-powered NHK1 synchros, but the frequency (and windstorm audio) was too wild to run a parallel check.
- 936 **CHINA**, Anhui, 200 kW. Presumed to be the weak CC station rising above the noise briefly on all three days. Its signals were a disappointment, in comparison to other CC big gun stations.
- 945 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. Poor-level CC speech audible at times during peak sunrise enhancement, but not one of the stronger CC frequencies.
- 954 **JAPAN**, JOKR, Tokyo, 100 kW. JJ commercial station fighting a tough battle with 960 domestic splatter at 1440 on 11/11 <http://www.mediafire.com/?g7xtf6cyri3ran1>.
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, 1500 kW. KK big gun had excellent signals, but never pegged the PL-380's S/N (as it does occasionally at home). This strong KK music recording was made at 1318 on 11/11 <http://www.mediafire.com/?9j0wfwqvdmbzbpk>.
- 1017 **CHINA**, Changchun, CRI, 200 kW. CRI KK service fairly strong at 1354 on 11/11 with apparent CC lessons for the KK listeners <http://www.mediafire.com/?faccuzc55bqzfp2>.
- 1035 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. Occasional poor-level CC speech on this frequency several times during the trip, but never up to decent strength.
- 1044 **CHINA**, Jiangsu, CRI, 600 kW. CRI JJ service at a good level at 1359 on 11/11. The male announcer is giving the station's mailing address in JJ <http://www.mediafire.com/?ddl4cm7b3m75yts>.
- 1053 **REP KOREA**, jammer. Fairly strong throughout the DXpedition, although not overpowering (as it occasionally is at home) at 1357 on 11/11 <http://www.mediafire.com/?wbbkkaofj05bkba>.
- 1134 **REP KOREA**, Hwaseong, KBS, 500 kW. KK big gun was dominant over an anemic JOQR during the few times I checked the frequency, but neither station was particularly vibrant.
- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR, Sapporo, HBC, 50 kW. Very strong signals every morning, and the only JJ commercial station to have such regularity. This recording was at 1542 on 11/10, during a very long sunrise enhancement boost <http://www.mediafire.com/?2r6m9gp8naxv4mn>.
- 1503 **JAPAN**, JOUK, Akita, 10 kW. Strong NHK1 signals from this high band regular during each morning enhancement session.
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC, 250 kW. Occasionally strong with its Christian programs, but generally at a modest level throughout the trip. This recording was at 1333 during the rain-soaked 11/12 session <http://www.mediafire.com/?za2yxpof50sdoio>.
- 1575 **THAILAND**, Ban Rassom, VOA, 1000 kW. Occasional good signals during morning enhancement from this high-band big gun, with its typical Asiatic language programs. Not checked frequently, but signals were highly variable, as at home.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Rockwork Cliff August 2012 DXpedition Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=filugExDz7E>
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This DX season, so far, has been a good one. With putting together DX Monitor and getting geared up for updating the New Member Packet, I still manage to find time to DX. One of the biggest surprises was heard on December 3, when I pulled in HJAJ 760 Barranquilla, Colombia with interviews and news in Spanish, as well as IDs in English and Spanish at 0254 ELT. WJR had a rare silent period, allowing me to hear the station. The signal wasn't strong enough to allow me to get a report, however. I've been able to reach several milestones so far this season. I've hit the 50-station plateau from Kentucky and Wisconsin, as well as the 90-station mark from Tennessee and Texas, and 110 stations from Illinois, my fifth AM from the Mexican state of Chihuahua, and completing my graveyard logbook from Missouri. The 50th Kentuckian was logged on November 26, when WBFC 1470 Stanton, KY (in the eastern part of the Bluegrass State) came through with Southern Gospel music and ID at 0439 ELT, with WMBD (just 140 miles from my shack) nulled. #50 from Wisconsin was logged on November 17, when WFAW 940 Fort Atkinson (southeast of Madison) was noted

at 1655 ELT with a University of Wisconsin football game and legal ID. The 90th Tennessee AM was noted early in the season, when I logged WYXE 1130 Gallatin (a Nashville suburb) noted on September 28 at 1931 ELT with Contemporary Christian music in Spanish; simulcast partner WSBI 1210 was also in with a good signal. This was made possible because KMOX 1120 was running a Cardinals game, which requires the station to turn off its digital signal. The 90th Texan was noted on October 13 when KTXZ 1560 West Lake Hills (an Austin suburb) was noted at 0450 ELT with Tejano music, "La Caliente" slogan in Spanish and "KTXZ" ID in heavily accented English. The 110th AM from the Land of Lincoln was noted on November 28 at 1658 ELT, when WCKG 1530 Elmhurst (we all know this is a Chicago suburb) came through with sports talk, local spots and legal ID. On December 11 at 0203 ELT, I logged my fifth AM from Chihuahua when I pulled in XEHB 730 Hidalgo del Parral with a choral version of the Mexican national anthem, ID and Ranchera music in Spanish; a good signal was noted over KKDA with XEX nulled. I haven't yet hit the 100-station plateau from Missouri (I still have five stations to go), but I completed the graveyard logbook for the Show-Me State on November 26 at 0335 ELT when I noted KDRO 1490 Sedalia with a Country format and ID. I now have all 22 graveyarders logged from my home state. I have yet to complete the GY logbook from Illinois; all of the unheard GYs from the Land of Lincoln, save for WJPF 1340, are from the Chicago area. DXing the graveyard channels (1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450 and 1490) is more challenging than other channels, and requires a lot more patience than the other channels. Try parking on one of these frequencies for an hour or two at the time, and see which stations poke through. I've found a few regulars poking through on these channels at night, such as WLOK and WSOY on 1340, WGIL on 1400, WFMB and WGNs on 1450, and KDMO on 1490. During the daytime, 1230 is dominated by WHCO Sparta, IL (55 miles away), with WJBC Bloomington, IL (135 miles) heard with the former nulled. On 1240, WTAX Springfield, IL (80 miles) is the most frequently heard station, even with digital interference from WSDZ 1260. The digital QRM from 1260 makes KFMO Park Hills, MO (65 miles) more difficult to hear now than it was just 10 years ago. On 1340, WSOY Decatur, IL (110 miles) is also heard during the day, but is dominated by KXEO Mexico, MO (95 miles). On 1400, KJFF Festus, MO (35 miles) is dominant, although I sometimes get KFRR Columbia, MO (105 miles). Even with a local on 1460, WFMB Springfield, IL (80 miles) is dominant on 1450, with KYLS Fredericktown, MO (85 miles) heard in the hours before sunset. I have a semi-local on 1490, WQQX East St. Louis, IL (17 miles), although KTTR Rolla, MO (95 miles) is heard in WQQX's null during the day. WQQX is in and out with KDMO at night. I've logged 103 graveyarders out of the 1,382 AM stations I logged as of December 12, 2012. 73.

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