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DX TESTS

Saturday, March 22, 2014 KCKM 1330 Monahans, TX 0100-0130 ELT (Paul Walker)

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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Have you begun planning for the 2014 Golden Anniversary IRCA Convention yet? Details on the upcoming Convention, hosted by John and Nancy Johnson, appear below. Billings, MT is the host city for this milestone event. The announcement of the TVA and RHA nominations are being run again...there seems to be no nominations for the RHA, and three nominations for the TVA (I will not divulge any further information). Let's hope Old Man Winter is having his last gasp in most of the United States. IRCA is pleased to welcome James Carlson of Fairbanks, AK. Report your DX coming up...

now would be the perfect time to submit a Forum to Rick for IRCA's Golden Anniversary!

2014 IRCA 50th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION – BILLINGS, MONTANA

The 2014 IRCA 50th Anniversary Convention will be held in Billings, Montana on September 19th and 20th. John and Nancy Johnson are your convention hosts. The convention will be held at the Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage located at 3040 King Avenue West. IRCA members are eligible to receive a special room rate of \$95.00(US) per night plus 7% Lodging Tax & \$1.00(US) TBID fees. A limited block of rooms have been set aside so you will want to make your reservations early. Please mention "IRCA-International Radio Club of America" when making your reservation for the special IRCA member's rate. You may call them directly at 406-294-9090 or toll-free 1-877-488-4649. You will need to give them a credit card number and check-in and check-out dates. They do offer an airport shuttle. The parking area is quite large.

With this rate you will enjoy the following COMPLIMENTARY top quality amenities to enhance your stay

- A 100% SMOKE-FREE and PET FREE to ensure a healthy environment,
- Guest rooms featuring beautiful furniture, sitting areas, spacious bright bathrooms, pillow-top mattresses, upgraded bed and bath linens and exceptionally quiet rooms,
- New Panasonic flat-screen TVs, iHome radios
- Comfortable and well-lit workspaces with secure high-speed internet desk access,
- Voice mail and free local calls within the (406) area code,
- Free Internet – wired and wireless
- Indoor swimming pool with hot tub, changing room and outdoor patio, fitness center
- Hot continental breakfast. Some gluten-free items available for purchase.

For more information about Lexington Inn & Suites by Vantage go to LexingtonBillings.com Hungry? You'll discover Billings, Montana is filled with numerous places to eat. There is a Johnny Carino's adjacent to the convention hotel. A few blocks away there is a Pizza Ranch. We're planning on a Friday evening get-together at Pizza Ranch where you'll find pizza and broasted chicken are on the buffet. The Saturday night convention banquet will be held at the Montana Rib and Chop House. Registration for club* members is just \$35.00(US) (Does NOT include the banquet – details of the banquet will be announced later). Non-club member's registration is \$50.00(US) which includes a one year membership in the IRCA. (Hint: Save money, a one year membership in the IRCA is less than the increased registration fee for non-members. Join the IRCA now.) You may pay in advance by check or PayPal. If paying by PayPal, please add \$1.00(US) to cover the \$1.34(US) additional

charges added on by PayPal. Use this PayPal address: john@johninmontana.com and include a message that the money is for the IRCA convention registration. If paying via check, make that out to John C. Johnson and mail to 265 Waterton Way, Billings, Montana 59102-7755. *club membership in IRCA, NRC, and WTFDA qualifies for the \$35.00(US) registration fee. Non club members are encouraged to join the IRCA.

More details about the convention will be announced later. Check out the IRCA Facebook site too! If you have any questions please contact John Johnson at john@johninmontana.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT (Phil Bytheway)

We are currently looking for a volunteer for **DX TEST (CPC) Chairman**. Helps arrange DX tests from stations and communicate with the various radio clubs/eGroups. In addition, we are seeking a volunteer to compile the **IRCA Slogans List**.

Contact me if interested in either position or have concerns about IRCA. pb

DX TESTS

KCKM 1330 Monahans, TX will be conducting a DX Test on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 0100 to 0130 ELT (Midnight-0030 CLT). The test will be at full daytime power of 12,000 watts using a non-directional pattern into a five-eighths wave tower. The test will consist mainly of Morse Code, sweep tones and sound effects known to cut through the mud. There will be a few voice announcements spread out throughout the 30-minute test.

Reports sent via E-mail are preferred, but will accept reports submitted via snail mail. If you send an E-mail, please send MP3 attachments only; WAV files would be too big.

E-mail reports are to be sent to bob@kckm1330.com

Snail mail reports can be sent with a CD or cassette cued up to the best part of the reception. The mailing address is:

KCKM AM 1330
Attention: Bob Souza, Owner and General Manager
P.O. Box 990
Monahans, TX 79756

Bob has said a verification post card will be sent. A single stamp is encouraged to help defray the cost of postage. Bob didn't ask for that, but it will be a kind gesture.

If there are any questions or any information left out, Paul will be glad to take your E-mail directly at walkerbroadcasting@gmail.com

(This DX test was arranged by Paul Walker.)

TVA/RHA NOMINATIONS

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We have a Ted Vasilopoulos Award / Ric Heald Award election coming up, the deadline for nominations has passed, and your Election Committee Chair received zero nominations for the RHA, in spite of repeated calls for same on the front page of DX Monitor. (we have three for the TVA, a good showing)

So, I'm asking for your help. As a volunteer editor for the club, and/or a Board member you have perhaps a better idea of who might be worthwhile candidates for these awards, given that you may deal with potential candidates as much as every week during the season.

Could I get any nominations from you for this award as quickly as possible, please?

Again, here is the announcement that was running on the front page of DXM for the better part of two months (so nominations for the ineligible don't arrive):

Nominations are Open for the TVA and RHA for 2013-2014

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: Lee Freshwater, Richard C. Evans, Phil Bytheway, Bill Block and Nancy Johnson.

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: Kraig Krist, Mike Sanburn and Eric Bueneman.

Best wishes,

Nick Hall-Patch

Elections Committee Chair

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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WDXR DEADLINES: Feb. 21, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25. Please use Eastern Time.

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Grundig Satellit 750, Hammarlund HQ-180A, Panasonic RF-2200, Palomar loop, outdoor Slinky

(BB) **Bill Block**-Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 billblock@cableone.net

Drake R8

(NP) **Nigel Pimblett**-331 5th St.-Dunmore, AB nige2730@telus.net

Perseus SDR and Wellbrook Phased Array
(NP-AB1) DX'ing at Lamont, AB with Perseus SDR and Beverage antennas

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- 560 WIND IL, Chicago 1/27 0200 heard partial ID at the hour with mention of "...WIND, Chicago." (NP-AB)
- KWTO MO, Springfield 1/29 0200 promo for "Wall Street Journal This Morning," on "AM 560, KWTO, Springfield." (NP-AB)
- 570 KNRS UT, Salt Lake City 2/8 2002 with traffic and "Talk 105.7 and 570 KNRS." (BB-AZ)
- 590 KQNT WA, Spokane 2/11 0900 with "KQNT Spokane" then Fox News. (BB-AZ)
- CFAR MB, Flin Flon 1/31 2300 ID as "...now Arctic Radio Network News on 102-9 CFAR," then into news from Canadian Press. (NP-AB1)
- 800 CJAD QC, Montreal 2/1 2207 Tommy Schnurmacher with talk on taxes. Faded under Penticon after a few minutes. (NP-AB1)
- 820 WBAP TX, Ft. Worth 2/11 2010 talk radio interview program, very good at local sunset. (RB-AZ)
- 850 WWJC MN, Duluth 2/2 1805 Gospel music with no breaks until an ID at 2317 "AM 850 WWJC, The Rock." (NP-AB1)
- 860 CJBC ON, Toronto 1/29 0559 French talk, mixing with more French from Saskatoon. Both gave Radio Canada Premiere IDs, but heard mention of Toronto, and they went into different programs at this time. (NP-AB)
- 900 CHML ON, Hamilton 1/29 0500 ad for eyewear dealer with 905 area code, then "AM 900 CHML" ID and into news. (NP-AB)
- 910 KBIM NM, Roswell 2/9 0900 with "KBIM 910 and 93.7" then ABC news. (BB-AZ)
- 950 KRWZ CO, Parker 2/8 0830 "KRWZ 950" into paid programming. (BB-AZ)
- 960 KGKL TX, San Angelo 2/10 0830 with "From the KGKL News Center" then weather report. (BB-AZ)
- 980 KSVC UT, Cedar City 1/12 1021 "It's morning talk on KSVC." (RB-AZ)
- CFPL ON, London 1/29 0600 ad with 519 area code, then ID "CFPL London, AM 980, a Corus Entertainment Company. Broadcasting live from the --- Centre in the heart of downtown London, and streaming live to the world at am980.ca..." New one for me. (NP-AB)
- 1010 CBR AB, Calgary 2/12 0836 with weather report and traffic. (BB-AZ)
- 1080 KSLI UT, Price 2/11 1005 1970's rock and roll tunes, Rod Stewart et al to man with ID giving FM frequency ("one-oh-five FM") and slogan "Rockin' the Kastle," up to an Allstate Insurance spot. Sounded to me "rockin' the capitol" but Google search cleared that up. Heard on random bandscan on the Hammarlund, used a loop to determine the direction. New log. (RB-AZ)

- 1140 KXST NV, Las Vegas 2/9 1030 local talk show on issues affecting Las Vegas, not usual format of sports talk. Steady for about 10 minutes, then suddenly covered by KNWQ. Very good well after local sunrise. (RB-AZ)
- 1190 KFXR TX, Dallas 2/10 0840 with traffic and at 0841 "KFXR Traffic Center." (BB-AZ)
- 1160 KSL UT, Salt Lake City 2/9 1900 woman with talk program before the hour, to ID and network news, well before local sunset. (RB-AZ)
- 1210 KEVT AZ, Sahaurita 2/11 0850 "Hey Jealousy" by The Gin Blossoms followed by male: "You're listening to Power Talk Radio," ID by male at 0906 "You're listening to KEVT Sahaurita-Tucson" followed by string of non-stop alt-rock tunes. Sounds like a format change from the Spanish religious broadcasts. (RB-AZ)
- 1230 KYSM MN, Mankato 1/29 0300 "Mankato's sports leader, AM 1230 KYSM, The Fan," then into Fox Sports programming. (NP-AB)
- 1260 KTRC NM, Santa Fe 2/8 0414 interview segment with Thom Hartmann. Very good, suddenly rose up out of the mess and dominated the channel. I haven't heard this station in a number of months here. (RB-AZ)
- 1270 WWWI MN, Baxter 1/29 0500 "Newstalk Radio for your brain, this is WWWI..." (NP-AB)
- WTSN NH, Dover 1/31 2300 ID by a woman "WTSN, AM 1270, Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester...online at wtsnam1270.com." (NP-AB1)
- 1290 KCUB AZ, Tucson 2/10 0903 with "All Sports The Source" then Arizona sports. (BB-AZ)
- 1300 KCMY NV, Carson City 2/9 0140 "Cowboy Country, KCMY, 13-hundred AM, 102.5 FM," good. (RB-AZ)
- 1330 KGAK NM, Gallup (and unID) 2/9 1940 "Domino Dancing" and other dance tunes, very good near sunset, suddenly off with a transmitter change at local sunset somewhere, in the middle of a Santana song, leaving country song playing underneath to 1958 jingle "Gallup - KGAK" and man in Navajo. (RB-AZ)
- 1380 KHEY TX, El Paso 2/12 0248 "Sports radio 13-80...We've got the big game." (RB-AZ)
- 1390 KENN NM, Farmington 2/13 0839 with "KENN 1390 AM." (BB-AZ)
- 1410 KERI CA, Bakersfield 2/12 0859 with "KERI Your Christian Station." (BB-AZ)
- 1440 KUHL CA, Santa Maria 2/14 0907 with "KUHL" then weather report. (BB-AZ)
- 1510 KCKK CA, Littleton 2/12 0500 local spots to ID by male "KCKK AM 1510 and FM 93.7, good in null of local KFNN." (RB-AZ)
- 1600 KIVA NM, Albuquerque 2/9 0157 spot for Japanese restaurant "in Albuquerque," very good and well after local sunrise. (RB-AZ)
- 1620 KSMH CA, Sacramento 2/9 1115 talk show on religious issues, references "EWTN." Fair and steady well after local sunrise, but at bottom of the hour faded down into the static. Was very good at first tune-in on indoor Panasonic RF-2200 using rotating loop. (RB-AZ)
- 1680 KGED CA, Fresno 2/9 1100 well after local sunrise, man with discussion re: Billy Graham before ID at the ToH. Fair and steady, at 1115 still audible, at threshold level with music. (RB-AZ)
- 1690 KDDZ CO, Arvada 2/10 1040 rose up suddenly covering KFSG that I had been monitoring, with kiddie pop tunes. (RB-AZ)

Next Friday will be the last of the weekly WDXR deadlines. The DX season is beginning to wind down already! Nancy 2/14 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1350 KRNT IA, Des Moines. 2/8 fair to poor signal, mixing with WTDR. 19:33 noted with Adult Standards format, local spots. [EB-MO]
- 1450 WROX MS, Clarksdale. 2/8 fair to poor signal, mixing with others. 20:55 noted with mention of 105.7 FM, Blues music format, legal ID at 21:00. [EB-MO]
- 1550 WPFC LA, Baton Rouge. 2/7 fair to poor signal, mixing with KYAL, WDLR. 02:12 noted with Urban Gospel format, local spots. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

February 18, 1989 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **John Clemmer** of East Moline, IL told about the new movie 'Talk Radio' loosely based on KOA's Alan Berg ... **Robert Wien** discussed the KFAC / KWKW swap and noted KWKW seemed much stronger on 1330 ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA

drove by the KBET 1220 transmitter site and continued towards Palmdale where he noticed an FM off the air and called the station. This led to a discussion of area radio stations.

OPEN MIKE

Looks like **Eric Bueneman** has picked up more points for this year's IRCA DX Contest. Have you entered yet? It's not too late to join the fun. We about 7 months away from this year's IRCA 50th Anniversary Convention. Details can be found in this issue of "DX Monitor." This column was typed 2-15-14. 73, John

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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DEADLINES: Thursday 2000 ELT

TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

(KK-VA) Kraig Krist (KG4LAC), Manassas, VA
Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop

(JJR-MI) John J. Rieger, L'Anse, MI
Grundig Satellit 750, Terk AM-1000 Loop

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 560 KMON MT Great Falls – 2/7 0805 noted with ABC News, "6:05 at KMON, Montana in the Morning" mention into weather forecast from meteorologist John Daly. A fair signal was noted; this station has been heard before, but never this well! (JJR-MI) (Back in Radio's Golden Age, one of CBS' top journalists was also named John Daly.-eb)
- 660 WAMO PA Wilkesburg – 2/9 1922 noted with R&B/Hip-Hop/Rap music format. Mention of "Rick Smiley in the Morning, six to eleven on Wham-O 100" at 1936. A fair signal was noted, wiping out anything on the frequency! This was noted on late. This is the 11th station noted on 660; the 58th station noted from Pennsylvania. (JJR-MI)
- 720 WHYF PA Shiremanstown – 2/9 1659 noted with EWTN Catholic programming, "Sharing our faith, AM 720 WHYF Shiremanstown/Harrisburg" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WGN, and unidentified stations carrying talk in English and vocal music in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 730 WZGV NC Cramerton (tentative) – 2/9 (no time noted) noted with men's basketball game between the Clemson Tigers and the Syracuse Orange. The signal was noted mixing with WTNT and unidentified stations with vocal music in English and French language programming (CKAC Montreal, QC-eb). (KK-VA)
- 740 WNOP KY Newport – 2/9 1759 noted with Catholic vocal music, "This is Sacred Heart Radio, 740 WNOP Newport...online and mobile streaming at Sacred Heart Radio-dot-com" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CFZM, WRNR and an unidentified Oldies station (probably WMBG). (KK-VA)
- 740 WRNR WV Martinsburg – 2/9 1629 noted with "Doing What Works" talk show, "Talk Radio WRNR Martinsburg, FM 106.5, AM 740, Comcast cable channel 10 and Talk Radio WRNR-dot-com" legal ID into report from the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. The signal was noted mixing with CFZM, WNOP and an unidentified Oldies station (probably WMBG). (KK-VA)
- 790 KGHL MT Billings – 2/7 0754 noted with "Classic Country 790 KGHL" ID between songs. A poor signal was noted, with nice fades. (JJR-MI)
- 800 WKZI IL Casey – 2/9 1900 noted with legal ID for several stations into Christian teaching program. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 800 KXIC IA Iowa City – 2/9 1900 noted with legal ID during Fox Sports Radio content. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 860 KONO TX San Antonio – 2/9 2043 noted with CBS Sports Radio, local and national ads, including one for Becker Animal Hospital giving a location on Interstate 10 and a phone number of 732-51xx and for Texas Lottery multiple scratch-off tickets. No calls were heard. A poor signal was noted; this station is rarely noted in L'Anse! (JJR-MI)
- 940 WKGM VA Smithfield – 2/9 1845 noted with end of Christian teaching program, with a mention to contact a church in Smithfield. A local phone number was given

- 990 KRMO MO ending in 1716. A down-tempo announcer noted with weather forecast. A poor signal was noted, although alone on the frequency. (JJR-MI)
- Cassville – 2/9 0812 noted with three songs while waiting for a quick call letter ID into a Country format. A poor signal was noted with CBW tightly nulled. (JJR-MI)
- 1050 CJNB SK North Battleford – 2/6 0800 noted with legal ID for AM and CJNS 102.3 Meadow Lake into news. Poor signal noted, but on top of the frequency. (JJR-MI) (John, I noted the FM signal at Hazelwood in July 2006-eb)
- 1050 KMTA MT Miles City – 2/6 0925 noted with Redbone's "Come and Get Your Love", followed by talk and possible ads. Call letters noted into Freda Payne's "Band of Gold" before a newscast at 0932; Montana News Network or similar. Only the second time heard in L'Anse. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WTKA or KLOH. (JJR-MI)
- (John, both of these songs have been covered: "Come and Get Your Love" by Real McCoy in 1997, and "Band of Gold" by Belinda Carlisle, former lead singer of the '80s band The Go-Go's, in 1987-eb)
- 1060 CKMX AB Calgary – 2/7 0718 noted with "Calgary's second favourite radio station, Funny 1060 AM" ID. A fair signal was noted, pinning the meter! (JJR-MI) (The Canadians spell "favorite" in the Queen's English-eb)
- 1140 WVLE IL Pekin – 2/9 1819 noted with mention of "4701 North Prospect in Peoria...in your Peoria Public Schools." A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 1210 CFYM SK Kindersley – 2/9 0758 noted with "We are Classic Hits 1210 CFYM" ID. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WPHT and other stations. (JJR-MI)
- 1340 KDTD KS Kansas City – 2/9 0950 noted with "La Grande" ID in an echo style, local ads to 0953. This was logged years ago as KCKN and KFKF, and was quite common in the 1980s. No calls were heard, only "La Grande" station on 1340. A poor signal was noted, but the only station noted on frequency! (JJR-MI)
- (John, I remember having this one as KNHN on New Year's Day 1994, in and out with the Pittsburg signal, then KPHN, and the synchro in Amoret, MOI-eb)
- 1460 WHIC NY Rochester – 2/9 1830 noted with EWTN Catholic programming, "Crossing the Goal" mention; only EWTN affiliate noted on the frequency. A poor signal was noted, but alone on the frequency. (JJR-MI)
- (WHIC is NOT the only EWTN affiliate on 1460; another one you may have heard is KHOJ St. Charles, MO, which is the co-flagship of Covenant Network with WRYT 1080 Edwardsville, IL and WOLG 95.9 Carlinville, IL-eb)
- 1560 WBYS IL Canton – 2/9 2002 noted with legal ID for AM and FM translator, "Fulton County" mention in legal ID. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- 1560 KLTI MO Macon – 2/9 1957 noted with "True Country" slogan; "KLTI" ID noted at 2006, into a Country format. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)

EDITOR'S NOTES

John's logs brought back a lot of memories of my earlier days DXing from the QTH in the masthead. This note came from John's report: "A index of 12, K of 2/3 helped quite a bit with a few of these!"

Trivia time: EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network, was originally established as a Catholic cable and satellite television network in 1981 by Mother Angelica. The network, based in Irontdale, AL (a suburb of Birmingham), added radio to the mix in the early 1990s with the construction of WEWN, a shortwave radio station licensed to Birmingham. A number of local AM and FM stations joined the EWTN Global Catholic Radio network during the latter part of the 1990s into the early part of the 21st Century. In addition to Covenant Network, based in St. Louis, MO and serving parts of the Midwest and Mid-South, EWTN programming is carried by Immaculate Heart Radio in various markets in the West, and Relevant Radio stations in parts of the Midwest.

73 and good DX from NØUIH

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Deadlines Monday noon PLT.

TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 558 **REP KOREA**, HLQH, Yeong-il, HLQH. 1503 2/12 weak signal with talk followed by music. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 567 **JAPAN**, JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. 1506 2/12 very weak with woman in Japanese. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1445 2/13 very weak with man in Japanese. Moderate splatter. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)

- + 1454 2/15 fair signal with man in Japanese. Over unknown station. Moderate splatter. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- + 1306 2/17 weak signal with woman in Japanese. //594.Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK1. Talk 1516 2/10. (bp-WA)
- + Weak talk 1430 2/12, 3+1 pips and faint talk 1500. (bp-WA)
- + 1459 2/12 fair signal with woman in Japanese. NW bog. (DV-WA)
- + 1329 2/13 fair signal with woman in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Good signals during Japanese weather report at 1501 2/14 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/9lm0u7eq178jet9/594-JOAK-1501z021414SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- + 1450 2/15 man talking to woman or child, otherwise poor-nil today. (bp-WA)
- + 1457 2/15 good signal with man in Japanese. Over unknown station. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- + 1407 2/16 very weak signal with man in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1305 2/17 good signal with man in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 603 **REP KOREA**, HLSA, Namyang. +**CHINA**, Hulun Buir? Very good mix at 1448 2/12, reaching excellent levels during peaks <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/6vw816kqw2hze86/603-China-HLSA-mix-1449z021214SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- + 1458 2/15 fair signal with music. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- + Deep-voiced Korean male at good level over weak Chinese female co-channel at 1505 2/15 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/sz58s22mtd35apn/603-HLSA-China-mix-1504z021514SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 639 **CHINA**, CNR1 synchros. Fair Chinese male speech at 1457 2/12 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/cekuwvqjr8fgxf/639-CNR1-1457z021214SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- + Fair Chinese female speech mixing with TP co-channel (Japanese?) at 1453 2/15 <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/6nlyjpbleqlgri7/639-CNR1-mix-1453z021514SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 640 **ALASKA**, KYUK. Weak ID, then NPR news 1500 2/12. (bp-WA)
- 648 **RUSSIA**. 1500 2/15 weak to fair signal with music followed by man in Asian language. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- 657 **DPK KOREA**, Pyongyang. Good level orchestral music at 1458 2/12 with Chinese co-channel (Henan?) audible during peaks <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/qztssghqu7coae3/657-Pyongyang-China-mix-1458z021214SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- + 1503 2/15 very weak signal with man in Korean. //3250. Sky wire loop. (DV-WA)
- 666 **JAPAN**, J???, Osaka, NHK1. 1508 2/12 very weak signal woman in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 670 **ALASKA**, KDLG. BBC program to 1459 2/12, local ad, mumbled ID, then NPR news 1500 o/KBOI. (bp-WA)
- 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Man in Japanese 1508 2/12 amid much CBU splatter. (bp-WA)
- + 1441 2/13 fair signal with man in Japanese. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + Partial time pips in CBU splatter 1500 2/13, weak talk 1507. (bp-WA)
- + Tail end of weather report, then local ID by woman 1320 2/14. Then English lesson by enthusiastic man and woman. (bp-WA)
- + Language lesson 1448 2/15. (bp-WA)
- + 1504 2/15 fair signal with man in Japanese. Moderate splatter. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- + Faint bits of talk in the CBU splatter, or maybe my imagination at work 2/16. (bp-WA)
- + 1440 2/17 very weak signal with man in Japanese. Moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 738 **CHINA**? Mystery Chinese female speech at fair level around 1455; BEL-2 // on 1143 inaudible at the time <http://www.mediafire.com/listen/aaqadk6k5cgysue4/738-UnID-Chinese-1455z021414SWP.MP3>. (GDB-WA)
- 738 **TAHITI**, Papeete, Radio Polynesie. 1427 2/13 very weak signal with woman in French. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 738 **UnID**. Weak talk 1442 2/12. (bp-WA)
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB. Woman talking 1232 2/10. (bp-WA)
- + 1435 2/11 woman //774. (bp-WA)
- + English lesson 1433 2/12. (bp-WA)
- + Weather report 1308 2/14. (bp-WA)
- + Weather //774 1509 2/15. (bp-WA)
- 750 **ALASKA**, KFQD, Anchorage. Good mixing with KERR and KTXJ, local ads 1459 2/12, jingle ID and CBS news 1500. (bp-WA)
- 774 **JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. Japanese talk in 770 splatter 1327 2/10. (bp-WA)
- + Weather report 1307 2/11. (bp-WA)
- + Quite good wrapping up the day's Chinese lesson 1359 2/12, 3+1 pips 1400, then Korean lesson. (bp-WA)
- + 1510 2/12 excellent signal with man in Japanese. No splatter. NW bog. (DV-WA)
- + Very faint talk and pips 1500 2/13, slightly stronger by 1508 but not by much. (bp-WA)
- + 1320 2/13 very weak signal with English lessons. NW ewe. Good at 1449. NW bog. (DV-WA)
- + Man and woman with English lesson 1239 2/14. (bp-WA)
- + Time pips and weather 1300 2/15, otherwise mostly fair-nil today. (bp-WA)
- + 1412 2/16 fair signal with man in Japanese. W-SW ewe. Moderate splatter. (DV-WA)
- + Man in Japanese 1623 2/16. (bp-WA)
- + 1304 2/17 fair signal with man in Japanese. NW ewe. Moderate splatter. (DV-WA)
- 780 **ALASKA**, KNOM, Nome. "KNOM in Nome, It's 6 o'clock" o/KKOH 1500 2/12, then ABC news with slight echo (KNOM & KKO are both ABC.) (bp-WA)
- 790 **ALASKA**, KCAM, Glenallen. "This is the voice of the Copper River Valley, KCAM Glenallen" 1458 2/12, then National Anthem u/KGML. (bp-WA)
- 819 **DPK KOREA**. 1243 2/14 female singer cutting through 820 splatter. (bp-WA)
- 828 **JAPAN**, JOBB, Osaka, NHK2. 1513 2/12 weak with man in Japanese. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- + 1346 2/13 fair signal with woman in Japanese. W-SW ewe. (DV-WA)
- + 1242 2/14 English lesson //774. (bp-WA)
- + 1308 2/17 poor audio with man in Japanese. Very weak 1434. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 850 **ALASKA**, KICY. Countryish song 1502 2/14, then detailed "sign on" announcement by station manager followed by news. (bp-WA)
- 864 **UnID**. 3+1 pips weak 1300 2/14. (bp-WA)
- 873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. 1414 2/16 very weak signal with man in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 890 **ALASKA**, KBBI. Quite loud with Democracy Now program, then jazz fill 1459 2/12. Legal ID for KBBI & FM in Kenai then marine weather by woman, way atop CJDC. (bp-WA)
- + Marine weather by woman 1502 2/14, mixing with CJDC. (bp-WA)
- 936 **CHINA**. Chinese announcement 1240 2/14. I think I heard "Anhui" mentioned a couple of times, but not 100% sure. (bp-WA)
- 945 **CHINA**. Chinese talk, presumably CNR1 1238 2/14 in KJR splat. (bp-WA)
- 963 **UnID**. Talk 1338 2/14 getting beaten up quite badly by 960 splatter. (bp-WA)
- 972 **REP KOREA**, HLCA, Dangjin, KBS. Man in Korean 1250 2/10, pop song 1527. (bp-WA)
- + Woman in Korean 1424 2/11. (bp-WA)
- + Man in Korean 1505 2/12, sounded like news program. (bp-WA)
- + 1517 2/12 weak with woman/man in Korean. Heavy domestic splatter. Sky wire. (DV-WA)
- + 1300 2/14 3+1 pips, fanfare, happy man & woman talking, quite good at other times but best 1255-1324. (bp-WA)
- + Good 1240-1320 2/15 at times with Korean conversations and music. Virtually inaudible after about 1335. (bp-WA)
- + Man in Korean 1320 2/16. (bp-WA)
- 981 **CHINA**, CNR1. Man in Chinese 1527 2/14, otherwise poor-nil in CKNW splatter. (bp-WA)
- 981 **UnID**. Talk poor in 980 splat 1218 2/15. (bp-WA)
- 1053 **REP KOREA**, jammer. 1325 2/13 jammer with weak signal and moderate splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
- 1116 **UnID**. Very weak chimes(?) and traces of talk 1449 2/12. (bp-WA)
- 1134 **REP KOREA**, KBS time pips 1500 2/14, then male talk. (bp-WA)
- 1134 **UnID**. Asian woman in 1130 splatter 1445 2/12. (bp-WA)
- 1170 **REP KOREA**, KBS. Weak time pips 1200 1300 1400 1500 2/14 during ToH pause in KPUG audio. The pips at 1300 were mixed with a second set, probably CNR. (bp-WA)
- 1179 **JAPAN**, JOOR. 1459 2/14 Japanese woman in 1180 splatter. (bp-WA)
- 1242 **JAPAN**, JOLF. Weak Japanese talk 1501 2/10. (bp-WA)
- 1242 **UnID**. Faint talk 1504 2/11. (bp-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN**, JOHR. Weak Japanese talk 1507 2/10. (bp-WA)
- + 1500 2/12 single tone at ToH, woman talking. (bp-WA)
- + Japanese discussion 1518 2/14. (bp-WA)
- 1314 **JAPAN**, JOUF. Cheerful Japanese woman and sedate man 1522 2/14. (bp-WA)
- 1314 **UnID**. Weak audio 1505-08 2/10, sometimes sounded like singing, sometimes like talking. Probably JOUF or DWXI or both. (bp-WA)
- + Excited talk 1503 2/11 too weak to tell if Japanese or Tagalog. (bp-WA)
- 1323 **CHINA**, CRI. Very weak talk 1509 2/10, too weak to ID language but probably CRI. (bp-WA)
- + Usual trumpet fanfare 1500 2/11, ID in Chinese by woman, presumably one in Russian as well but signal took a dive. In & out with weak bits of Russian talk after that. (bp-WA)
- + 1500 2/12 the usual chimes and trumpet fanfare, then ID in Chinese & weak talk in presumed Russian. (bp-WA)
- + Woman talking 1520 2/14, inflections consistent with Russian so presumably CRI. (bp-WA)
- 1332p **JAPAN**, JOSF. Weak Japanese-like talk 1506 2/10. (bp-WA)
- 1377 **UnID**. Very faint talk 1446 2/15. (bp-WA)
- 1413 **UnID**. Bits of talk in heavy domestic splatter 1503 2/11. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **JAPAN**, JORF. Cheerfully excited woman 1506 2/11. (bp-WA)
- + 1500 2/12 sounded like they marked ToH with 2 pips then electronic notes or chimes, weak at the time. Better 1503 with Japanese conversation. (bp-WA)
- 1422 **UnID**. Weak talk in 1420 splatter 1304 2/10, sounded Japanese. (bp-WA)
- + Traces of talk faded up for about a minute 1220 2/14, otherwise nothing. (bp-WA)
- + Male talk 1431 2/15. (bp-WA)

- 1449 **UnID**. Single long tone at ToH 1500 2/15, possibly HBC relay. 1287 was covered by noise so couldn't check for //. (bp-WA)
JAPAN, JOUK. Man in Japanese 1455 2/15, time pips 1500. (bp-WA)
1503 **UnID**. Very faint pips 1500 2/11. (bp-WA)
1557 **TAIWAN**. Pips 1500 2/11, then weak talk, probably Taiwan. (bp-WA)
+ Pop song 1458 2/12, 3+1 pips and Chinese announcement 1500. (bp-WA)
1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Cheju, FEBC. Woman in Japanese 1304 2/10, man in Chinese 1507. (bp-WA)
+ Man and woman in Chinese 1501 2/11. Had been poor-nil until just before 1500, then signal got a huge boost. (bp-WA)
+ Woman in Chinese, signal a bit subdued today 1441 2/12. (bp-WA)
+ 1520 2/12 very weak signal with woman in Chinese. W-SW ewe. Weak at 1525 NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1327 2/13 very weak signal with woman in Japanese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Woman with closing announcement for Japanese service 1344 2/13. (bp-WA)
+ 1208-1345 2/14 Japanese program sometimes quite listenable, other times fair-nil. (bp-WA)
+ Weaker than normal today, Chinese announcements 1459 2/15. (bp-WA)
+ 1506 2/15 weak signal with man in Chinese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ 1423 2/16 very weak signal with man in Chinese. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
+ Chinese talk 1504 2/16. (bp-WA)
+ 1311 2/17 very weak signal with music. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
1575 **THAILAND**, Ransom, VOA. Faint talk 1505 2/11. (bp-WA)
+ Talk in SE Asian language 1458 2/12. (bp-WA)
+ Asian talk 1424 2/14. (bp-WA)
+ Asian talk 1502 2/15 briefly fair, otherwise poor-nil. (bp-WA)
+ 1507 2/15 very weak signal woman in Asian language. W-NW bog. (DV-WA)
+ 1435 2/17 weak signal with woman in Asian language. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CNR1. 1510 2/10 Chinese talk, a few syllables at a time, during pauses in the KLFE splatter. (bp-WA)
+ 1443 2/12 occasional syllables of talk poking through the KLFE splatter. (bp-WA)
+ 1408 2/15 occasional syllables making it through the 1590 splatter. (bp-WA)
+ 1510 2/15 fair with woman in Chinese. Some Moderate KOHI splatter. NW ewe. (DV-WA)
1602 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros. Weak pips 1500 2/11, then Japanese talk gradually improving, occasionally at fair level 1505-08. (bp-WA)
+ Very faint talk 1452 2/12, partial time pips 1500. (bp-WA)
+ Talk, recognizably Japanese 1447 2/15, 3+1 pips 1500. (bp-WA)

PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 1140 **MÉXICO**. 1350 2/10, I am trying again to hear any Spanish from Kansas City. There is dominant Spanish here but considerable QRM, which could be from KC, but more likely from opposite XEMR, Monterrey NL, which is holding up later than usual today. It's a monolog sermon about fe, which keeps running past 1400 until 1404 quick conclusion with jingle 'Vida Santa' as name of program, or was it 'Vida Sana'? Possibly a real ID followed at 1406, but fading into the jumble. (GH-OK)
1620 **CUBA**. 0134 2/9, Spanish with Waco/Omaha nulled, soon partial ID as "punto 7, sensacional," and music. Expected R Rebelde, but *not* //5025, which is in a slow-paced ballgame with crowd noise, presumed base, since keywords such as "faul," "bola," "aut," "bateador," which does match the Rebelde pileup on 1180. (And R Martí 6030 is not in a game this Saturday night.) Therefore I conclude that this 1620 is instead relaying the FM side of Rebelde on 96.7 from Habana, probably the 5 kW Guanabacoa, CH outlet. Cuba only ventured into the X-band originally to block WDHP Virgin Islands relaying Martí at limited times; does it still? (GH-OK)

TROPICAL BAND DX ROUNDUP

- 4560 **REP KOREA**. Voice of the People. 1230 2/11. Man in Korean. Good over jammer. (RB-AZ)
3320 **DPR KOREA**. Pyongyang. 1415 2/12. Man in Korea to soprano vocalist, patriotic music. Good for a time. (RB-AZ)
2950 **DPR KOREA**. Pyongyang Broadcast Service. 1415 2/14. Music barely heard over loud jammer. Is south jamming North, or is North jamming their own transmitter for propaganda purposes? (RB-AZ)
4835 **AUSTRALIA**, ABC NT (VL8A). 1435 2/14. On random tune, noticed them at low signal level here, alone on the band. Male voice, not able to pull out content. Could only detect a carrier from 2485 (via Katherine.). (RB-AZ)

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