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IRCA welcomes: Richard Ferranti in San Carlos CA. Seattle deadline for our next issue (V57\_N16) is **Monday 12/16/19** 1600 PLT – pb

### 2020 Convention

The 2020 IRCA/Decalcomania Convention will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1221 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim CA 92805. (North of Disneyland) September 10-12 2020. Phone number for reservations is 714-758-0900 (mention convention). Guest room rate is \$115 per night plus tax and includes all you can eat breakfast. Parking is \$10 per day. Registration fee (not including banquet) is \$25 payable to Mike Sanburn PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256. Activities will include station visits, IRCA business meeting and auction, and nightly fireworks show. Hotel amenities include free Wifi, 24 hour business center and 24 hour pool. Local eateries within walking distance are Starbucks Coffee, Taco Bell, and Shakeys Pizza. Cutoff date for room reservations will be August 20th. More details will appear soon. For information contact [mikesanburn@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesanburn@hotmail.com). Website for Anaheim visitor's information: [www.visitanaheim.org](http://www.visitanaheim.org)

**World Radio TV Handbook 2020** (Published 5 December 2019 – Order your copy today!)

We are delighted to announce the publication of the 74th edition of WRTH. For full details of WRTH 2020 and to order a copy please visit our webstore at [www.wrth.com/shop](http://www.wrth.com/shop) where you can also order the B19 WRTH Bargraph Frequency Guide on CD and Download.

WRTH 2020 is also available for pre-order, for readers in the USA, from **Amazon.com** or Universal Radio in Ohio.

I hope you enjoy using this new edition of WRTH and the new CD.

Best regards, **Nicholas Hardyman** Publisher



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- 580 KTMT **OR**, Ashland 11/24 2000 football game, ID break. Barely on top in KIDO null, weak with fades on JRC with Kiwa loop, long time no hear. (GH-OR)
- 940 ?KOBYY? **UT**, Cedar City 11/28 0807 u/KFIG with oldie "It's Too Late to Turn Back Now," have logged in the past as KBRE. (MS-CA)
- 1130 XEHN **SON**, Nogales 11/30 0802 Mexican national anthem by choir, then Spanish ranchera and rap (!) music, mentions of Nogales and Arizona.(GK-CA)
- 1140 KSXT **NV**, N. Las Vegas 12/2 1030 countdown of most memorable sports moments of 2019. Very good, almost a local well after daybreak here. (RB-AZ)
- 1230 KXO **CA**, El Centro 11/30 0323 coming out of song "Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum, slogan "The Imperial Valley's best oldies on the radio," KYPA easily nulled. (MS-CA)
- 1200 KYAA **CA**, Soquel 12/1 0600 good signal in CJRJ null with Christian programming, "Listener supported Relevant Radio" ID heard. Call change. Previously logged as KOQL. (DS-BC)
- 1210 KRPU **CA**, Rocklin 11/29 1915 South Asian programming heard under KMIA with "Radio Punjab" ID. Call change. Previously logged as KEBR. (DS-BC)
- 1220 KDOW **CA**, Palo Alto 12/5 1020 clear signal with money talk, callsign. (GK-CA)
- 1230 KSZL **CA**, Barstow 12/5 1000 in briefly with callsign ID and into news, then fell into the cauldron of voices. (GK-CA)
- 1240 KSUE **CA**, Susanville 11/29 1900 man gave ID into news. Very weak and choppy above the pack for a moment on JRC and Kiwa loop. Seldom heard. (GH-OR)
- 1250 KNEU **UT**, Roosevelt 12/3 1842-1850 with country music and mention of 93.5 FM. Local KNWH not modulating, so this and the following made it through using ECSS. (GK-CA)
- KZER **CA**, Santa Barbara 12/3 1902-1927 banda and norteña music. (GK-CA)
- 1270 KVMJ **CA**, Tulare 11/27 0035 Christmas music atop the mix. Many "My 93.5" IDs. Fair but choppy on JRC with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)
- 1290 KGVG **MT**, Missoula 11/25 0000 ID into news, talk show of some sort. Very weak atop the pack on JRC with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)
- 1300 KCMY **NV**, Reno 12/4 0922 western music (not country) and "Cowboy Country KCMY" ID. Way over XEP. Very good signal for 120 watts. They are not supposed to be on 5kw day power until 1015 ET. Or maybe they jumped the gun? (GK-CA)
- XEP **CHI**, Ciudad Juárez 12/6 0518 S9 signal with banda and mariachi music, "Radio Mexicana" slogan. Must be 40kw. (GK-CA)
- 1330 KYOZ **WA**, Spokane 12/3 0945 good signal mixing with KKPZ. Spokane concert calendar with "OZ 95.7" ID heard. Call change. Previously logged as KMBL. (DS-BC)
- 1400 KART **ID**, Jerome 12/3 1000 on top of the mess with local Twin Falls and Burley ads. "94.7 Buck FM" jingle and KART legal ID heard into news. (DS-BC)
- KAZZ **UT**, Parowan 12/4 0611-0632 "First Light" program, ments of area code 435, Utah, "St George News Radio KZNU" callsign ID at 0631 //1450, 93.1 FM. (GK-CA)
- 1420 KMOG **AZ**, Payson 11/29 0901-0916 country music, occasional talk, weather "5 inches of snow." (GK-CA)
- 1430 KLO **UT**, Ogden 11/29 1335 "Unforgettable 14-30, KLO" by announcer to Christmas song done by The Beach Boys. Fair but steady, still hanging in there with some long deep fades at 1430 (12:30 afternoon local AZ) and ID at 1445. In the end, the station remained on here all day. Heard barefoot Panasonic RF-2200. I think this a personal record for KLO reception, but a rain system is moving through the desert which often yields enhanced tropo. (RB-AZ)
- 1440 KODL **OR**, The Dalles 11/27 1630 NOS type oldies. Man gave ID at ToH. Up strong for a few minutes on JRC with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)
- 1450 KNOT **AZ**, Prescott 11/28 0747 becoming dominant with ID/slogan "Arizona Shine," song "You Believe in Me." (MS-CA)
- KZNU **UT**, St George 12/4 9648 "First Light" program //1400, 93.1 FM. Also 12/5 0941 with Glenn Beck program. (GK-CA)
- 1490 KGBA **CA**, Heber 11/29 0000 numerous call letter IDs in Spanish, mentions of Mexicali. Logged per call change, ex-KICO Calexico. (MS-CA)

- 1500 KSTP **MN**, St Paul 11/24 1800 sports talk, football scores, highlights, etc. Up strong at times in and out of the mush on JRC with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)  
 1560 KNZR **CA**, Bakersfield 11/28 2022 special Thanksgiving night oldies program featuring songs by The Tremeloes and The New Vaudeville band. Back to usual programming after 2100. (MS-CA)  
 1600 KYBC **AZ**, Cottonwood 11/29 0840 coming out of song "Sailing," ID "Any station can call itself timeless. Living up to it is something else, 96.3 KYBC." (MS-CA)  
 1660 KBRE **CA**, Merced 11/30 0000 many "The Bear" IDs, rock type music. Fair with some scratch on JRC with Kiwa loop. (GH-OR)

#### UnID

730 UnID 11/28 0725 1 kHz tone noted here through strong XE station. (MS-CA)

Thank you for the WDXR reports this week! – Nancy 12/6 1900



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#### DOWN THE DIAL

- 580 KJMJ **LA**, Alexandria. 12/3 good over WIBW, ACI from KFNS 590. 0410 with "Radio Maria" ID in promo into instrumental Christian music. [EB-MO]  
 600 KR0D **TX**, El Paso. 11/23 with fair signal on top of the jumble. 1900 with "ESPN El Paso" slogan. Relog. [JN-TX]  
 620 KTAR **AZ**, Phoenix. 11/24 fair signal in jumble of KTNO and XENK. 0800 with "...Gary Watts on Arizona sports on 98-7 FM" Faded. [JN-TX]  
 730 CKDM **MB**, Dauphin. 12/3 fair to poor signal, mixing with KKDA, XEX. 0337 with "The Parkland's best, Seven-30 CKDM" ID into local spots. [EB-MO]  
 740 CFZM **ON**, Toronto. 11/27 good signal over KTRH. 1935 with an '80s at 8 show. New one here. [GH-TX]  
 900 KHOZ **AR**, Harrison. 11/30 just audible. 1645 with Christmas music and an ID. [GH-TX]  
 950 WORD **SC**, Spartanburg. 12/3 fair signal, mixing with KKSE, KXJK, WWJ. 0247 noted with "ESPN Upstate" ID in promo, phone app promo and local spots. [EB-MO]  
 1030 KCWJ **MO**, Blue Springs. 11/28 above KTWO and KFAY at 1654. [GH-TX]  
 1060 WQMV **TN**, Waverly. 11/17 over XEG at 2026. [GH-TX]  
 1070 WDIA **TN**, Memphis. 11/30 above KNTH and KFTI at 1633. [GH-TX]  
 1100 KTEX **TX**, Alvin. 11/30 even with KFAB that normally dominates 1100. 2100 with Relevant Radio programming. This is supposed to be a daytime only station but found them on this evening. [GH-TX]  
 1290 WHIO **OH**, Akron. 11/18. 1608 with ID following news and weather. A new one here. [GH-TX]  
 WHKY **NC**, Hickory. 11/20 a surprise logging this early in the afternoon. 1603 with ID and news. A new one here and my first North Carolina station from Dallas. [GH-TX]  
 1420 KGNB **TX**, New Braunfels. 11/19 above others. 1953 with country music. [GH-TX]  
 1490 WOSH **WI**, Oshkosh. 12/1 poor signal, mixing with other stations. 0506 poked through with "14-90 WOSH" ID. [EB-MO]  
 1570 KTAT **OK**, Frederick. 12/4 fair under XERF. 0759 out of Sheena Easton song with "...15-70 AM KTAT Frederick from across the... (lost under XERF). New logging for me. [JN-TX]  
 1680 KRJO **LA**, Monroe. 12/1 briefly strong then gone. 2200 with "99.7 My FM" slogan. [GH-IL]

#### FLASHBACK

**50 Years Ago – December 13 1969** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Virginia Lyle** of Saint Petersburg FL mentioned her Hallicrafters S-107 had an automatic fade out feature at ID times ... **Jim Jankowski** of Corfu NY mentioned he was 13 and logged 100 stations in 6 months ... **Larry B Godwin** of Englewood CO was working on the new Frequency Check list. He mentioned there were a lot of changes ... **Ernest J Wesolowski** of Omaha NE told of his visits to KVOO and KOMA ... **Rick Evans** of Gary IN logged New Hampshire and Hawaii for two new states heard. // **25 Years Ago – December 10 1994** issue of "DX Monitor" ... **SD Warren** of New Albany MS logged 60 new stations last season using a Superadio II ... **Nick Hall-Patch** of Victoria BC compared DX conditions between his location and that of **Bruce Portzer**, **Guy Atkins**, and **Phil Bytheway** ... **Gary Jackson** of Sacramento CA mentioned KXBX was going to remain on 1270 and not move to 840 ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee WI was still trying to catch up on sleep after returning from his vacation to Israel.

#### OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric, Greg, Gregory, and James for reporting this week. It's not too late to join this year's DX Contest. I've already logged a few new stations just trying to relog something for the contest. Christmas is not too far away. Time to make out that want list for Santa. This column was typed 12-6-19. 73, John



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#### ACROSS THE DIAL

- 680 CJOB **MB**, Winnipeg – 12/3 2230 noted with news, ad for CAA Manitoba mentioning Area Code 204, "680 CJOB" ID, weather forecast, another "CJOB" mention after that, station promo into *The Charles Adler Show*. An occasionally fair to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CFTR. (PS-ON)  
 840 WKDI **MD**, Denton – 12/1 0046 noted on after sunset with various styles of Christian music, "Joy FM" ID at 0052 into another music set. A poor to very poor signal was noted under WHAS; confirmed via Simple Radio Web stream. First time heard in London. (PS-ON)  
 1130 WYXE **TN**, Gallatin – 12/6 2234 noted on after sunset with Christian music in Spanish, "Radio Vida" ID by a female announcer into another music set. A fair signal was noted, mostly over usual stations WBBR and WDFN; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. First time heard in London. (PS-ON)  
 1170 WCLN **NC**, Clinton – 12/3 2315 noted on after sunset with non-stop Christmas music; no ads or ID during the time I was listening until 2350. A fair signal at times, even with WWVA to poor signal under WWVA was noted; confirmed via Web stream at Oldies 1170-dot-com. (PS-ON)  
 1510 WPGR **PA**, Monroeville – 11/29 0659 noted with "I am Archbishop William Lorre, the Archbishop of Baltimore; We Are One Body, WAOB-FM 106.7 Beaver Falls, WAOB 860 AM Millvale, WPGR 1510 AM Monroeville. One Body in Christ, in Truth and in Prayer" legal ID and slogan. The signal was noted mixing with WLAC and an unidentified station playing rock and roll music. (KK-VA) (So many possibilities for your rock and roller; most likely being WRNJ Hackettstown NJ and WLGJ Logan OH – eb)  
 1520 WARR **NC**, Warrenton – 11/29 0645 noted with abrupt sign-on, "It's Your Number One AM Station; WARR 1520 AM Warrenton, North Carolina, Where the Community Comes Together" slogan by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WWKB and unidentified stations with a Talk format and what sounded like Hindu vocal music. (KK-VA) (The Hindu music sounds like WTRI Brunswick MD, which is listed with an Asian format. The talker may be WCHE West Chester PA, unless KOKC Oklahoma City OK forgot to switch to night pattern – eb)

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and Paul for their logs this week. In reference to CJOB 680, it's been a regular this season at my location. In the past, WMFS has been a regular here. I wonder if CJOB tweaked their night pattern. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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

774 **SPAIN** RNE1 synchros. DEC 7 0708 – starting TA carrier search here to find this one strong enough for some audio, RNE1 synchros. [GH-OK]

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

- 540 **MÉXICO** XEWA, San Luis Potosi, SLP. DEC 5 0350 – Group of men and a woman talking and singing (sounded like they were at a concert), 0404 heard "...cuarenta" a couple of times (maybe Los Cuarenta (40) ID?), into Spanish language music. Poor to very poor, but //to [globalmedia.mx](http://globalmedia.mx) stream. [PS-ON]
- 710 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde synchros. DEC 1 0859 – noted with instrumental music, commentary with many mentions of Cuba, promo in Spanish. Fair signal over WOR. [EB-MO]
- 720 **MÉXICO** XEJCC, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. DEC 6 1351 – Spanish timecheck twice as "7-48", presumably automated; ad repeating toll-free phone number 800-110-3130 – I don't think a US number could have 1 as the fourth digit; anyhow it's an ad for something costing 629 pesos "sin gastos de envío". 1354 another timecheck, for 7:50, and temp 8 grados centígrados; then mentions "El Fonógrafo", the network 25 kW XEJCC Juárez sometimes relays (but now during talk, not music), with a couple? frequencies, one of them sounding like 650, which does not compute, must have been 690, XEN. [GH-OK]
- 730 **MÉXICO** XEHB, Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. DEC 6 1341 – Very good signal with Mexican music, much stronger than 720 or 700; 12 minutes after sunrise here as I start, none of the XEs below 700 are audible. "La Mexicana – le gana" partial slogan, plugging a program Saturday and Sunday at 22 horas; 1350 Suprema Corte PSA (can you imagine the SCOTUS doing that, or needing to?), "La Mexicana" ID again. It's XEHB, 50 kW. [GH-OK]
- 770 **MÉXICO** XEACH, Monterrey, NL. DEC 6 1355 – Gobierno de México PSA, loops SSW, so XEACH, almost a semihour after sunrise here when the other still skywaving XEs are further west; yes, 1358 Grupo Fórmula program promo; 1400 ID? mentions "canal" algo. Did not hear it a few minutes earlier and KKOBU Albuquerque should have popped on ND day pattern at 1400 (January: 1415). [GH-OK]
- 940 **MÉXICO** XEQ, México, DF. DEC 2 0936 – noted with Ranchera music, "Qué Buena" ID. Fair signal over KPSZ. [EB-MO]  
+DEC 6 0707 – Multiple ID/promos for "La Ke Buena – en cadena". Yes, that's the way they spell it, although XEQ should be the ideal station to spell it correctly with a QU. Dominant signal now, which is rarely the case any more for the major CDMX stations; 50/50 kW listed, and not noticeably off-frequency now. So slogan implies it's networked elsewhere? [GH-OK]
- 1570 **MÉXICO** XERF, Ciudad Acuña, Coah. DEC 1 0917 – noted with Norteña music, "La Poderosa" ID and local ads in Spanish. Fair to poor signal, mixing with WBGX and semi-local WBGZ. [EB-MO]
- 1620 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde synchros. DEC 1 0924 – noted with light vocal music and promos in Spanish. Fair to poor signal, mixing with WTAW. [EB-MO]

### \*\*\* TROPICAL BAND DX \*\*\*

- 2850 **DPR KOREA** KCBS, Pyongyang. DEC 6 1408 – choral music S7-9, KCBS P'yongyang the common DPRK MW station here, only occupant of the 105-meter band, better than usual well after sunrise here. [GH-OK]
- 4985 **BRAZIL** Radio Brasil Central, ZYF690 Goiânia, Goiás. NOV 30 0002 – noted with news in Portuguese. Poor signal. [EB-MO]

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## Pacific Asian Log update

The latest edition of the Pacific Asian Log is now available. It can be downloaded from the Radioheritage website: <http://www.radioheritage.net/>. The link for the PDF version is at the top center of the site's main page. You can also use an interactive version of the PAL by going through a couple of the site's internal links. Members of the IRCA mailing list in [groups.io](http://groups.io) can also download the PAL from the files page at <https://groups.io/g/IRCA/files>

This edition has a significant change in how the information is organized and presented. There are separate tables for each country and frequency, as well as more background information within the Countries section. There are also many changes and updates to the station listings. Some are from monitoring, and others are from the usual sources such as DX clubs, Email groups, and websites information.

The next update will probably be published in a couple of months.

Corrections and updates from users are always welcome and can be sent to [bportzer@comcast.net](mailto:bportzer@comcast.net) or [portzerbt@gmail.com](mailto:portzerbt@gmail.com). Comments on suggestions are also appreciated, especially if they deal with the log's content and how it is presented.

First issued in 2001, The PAL lists medium wave and domestic shortwave broadcasting stations in southern and eastern Asia and the Pacific. It includes about 5000 stations in over 50 countries, with frequencies, call signs, locations, power, networks, schedules, languages, formats, networks and other information.

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## Chatham Light House, Chatham MW DX (Ray Barstow via IRCA eGroup)

Got to the Chatham Light House early to set-up and take some pictures. It was a cloudy day but still not too cold for some DX. A man in a truck next to me wanted to talk and also 3 Coast Guard men also came out to ask what I was doing. We talked and I asked them if they transmit from this location. They do in VHF and UHF. So on with the DX?

What DX as it was below normal. Out in the North Atlantic was a long wall of storms as per the lightning map and the static made it hard for proper DXing.

12/4/19

2000 – 95°

1566 **BENIN** S 4-5 with music.

2100 – 95°

576 **SPAIN** On top.

810 **USA** WWOS, SC. On top with Christmas music.

864 **EGYPT** Mixing with Spain.

936 **MOROCCO** Talk.

1566 **BENIN** in much better with a woman in French.

1575 **ITALY** Fair with light music.

2115 – 95°

700 **USA** WDMV, MD. With Mexican music and talk and on top.

0000 – 125°

630 **PUERTO RICO** on top.

690 **CUBA** In good. //710.



Top Left – taken from the beach with the truck to the right.

Next – View of beach looking NE.

Next – Same view zoomed in.

Top Right – The light house and boat.

Bottom Left – The parking lot still with many cars in the winter. In the Summer it's a no go for DXing.

Next – My DX machine.

Bottom Right – Taken from the bed of the truck. The bottom wire stapled to the top edge of the wood.

The camera a Sony RX10IV. It can shoot 4 K and also at 960 FPS at 1080. I will try out the 960 FPS with birding, like Hummingbirds etc.

Take care, **Roy Barstow** – Falmouth MA. OLD CAPE COD

### Hawaii DXpedition Loggings and MP3's (567-630 kHz)

This is the second group of loggings and MP3 links from the November 2-8 Poipu, Hawaii DXpedition with Craig Barnes and Australian Chris Rogers. Highlights in this group included an intriguing 594 kHz UnID, six stations received on 603 kHz alone and an S9 Filipino on 630 that made me wonder if Hawaii had a new local pest.

File review from this trip is proving to be quite interesting, with 44 stations already recorded on the frequencies from 530-630 kHz alone, and almost all of the band yet to come. For those interested in the full logging list so far (along with additional trip photos and narrative), a basic DXpedition file is posted at <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/ce392abiuf312qpkuc35emhgiw4cgvdt>

- 567 **JAPAN** JOIK, Sapporo, 100 kW. Splatter-challenged reception //729 only 3 kHz away from Kauai local on 570 at 1545 on 11/5  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/5a0ngpxqp9tuotjpbx8bdqyh5lker2u0>
- 585p **AUSTRALIA** 2WEB, Bourke, 10 kW. Presumed the one with the usual late night music format not //792 at 1536 on 11/7; some 590 Honolulu splatter  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/dggp27pj8k9hyxw53hdhe3eof7er87vz>
- AUSTRALIA** 7RN, Hobart, 10 kW. Good level female conversation //792 through 590 Honolulu splatter at 1513 on 11/6  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/0q9o6xeuvdt95gt2h8fe694i23nh0mmm>
- JAPAN** JOPG, Kushiro, 10 kW. Splatter-challenged reception //594 at 1548 on 11/5; modest signal, and unable to null 590-Honolulu  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/jaqd8uzolxg1a8q0x6t0dhnkvnrmrreo>
- 594 **AUSTRALIA** 3WV, Horsham, 50 kW. Male-female conversation //702 through 590 splatter at 1540 on 11/7; UnID female speaker underneath in mystery language  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/erswva5bnqn60ffw0mrriq0ktx7haj1i>
- JAPAN** JOAK, Tokyo, 300 kW. Getting through 590 splatter fairly well with music and speech //585 at 1555 on 11/5  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/epvmwv8h5c04f8hcoan29qsvs6yulnyg>
- UnID-Asian** Female speech under 3WV at 1540 on 11/7; doesn't sound like Japanese – more like an unusual Asian language  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/erswva5bnqn60ffw0mrriq0ktx7haj1i>
- 603 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Nowra, 10 kW. Female speech //792 under 4CH male speech at 1546 on 11/7; only heard once during the trip  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/9w6lbb5wt6yr7iry5cgzy0x4c4f0z5n>
- AUSTRALIA** 4CH, Charleville, 10 kW. Male conversation //612 at good level over Radio Waatea at 1547 on 11/7  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/jin6omczdvtegmuiiojvw2etogbjcr>
- CHINA** CRI, Dongfang, 300 kW. Vietnamese service signing on with ToH chimes at 1600 on 11/4, temporarily wiping out HLSA  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/e1lfk4d7192ekg2wf6biget5f3oituj1>
- \* **REP KOREA** HLSA, Namyang, 500 kW. Strong Korean female and male speech during ToH routine at 1558 on 11/5  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/l8r47bvlrum24g8m256g0hhrkmfw1j3j>. The K-Pop song on HLSA during the recording is "Summer Love" by Ulala Session (thanks to Chris Kadlec) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzbqvzJ4BGY>
- NEW ZEALAND** Radio Waatea, Auckland, 5 kW. The usual male Maori announcer playing Maori music at 1545 on 11/7, until losing the battle with 4CH  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/kjsouauij131kw9f1rlhtxouaax22yxy>
- UnID-China** Chinese-inflected female speech mixing with rock music from HLSA at 1543 on 11/4 – maybe Hulun Buir? Doesn't sound like CRI  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/tkep0hot110vi426cwr4k114ko5o1gr>
- 612\* **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Brisbane, 50 kW. Call-in quiz at overwhelming strength at 1548 on 11/7; this station and 630-4QN were at S9 strength every morning  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/g4hsaogp8no36i0e582otbdepbpt86p5>
- JAPAN** JOLK, Fukuoka, 100 kW. Good-strength Japanese stock report //729 at 1610 on 11/5  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/ppvmrja5clw1odjdiww4fh9lu3p5ldt>
- UnID-DU** Instrumental music nulling southwest under 4QR during DU-slanted conditions at 1619 on 11/2; Star synchros?  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/ep6rnycy5sp41bq8romy68rbz15dh55n>
- 621 **AUSTRALIA** 3RN, Melbourne, 50 kW. Male conversation about western civilization //792 on a noisy frequency at 1558 on 11/7  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/l7tur9fv88rbno2o3462bga8w73ekvll>
- \* **DKR KOREA** Pyongyang BS, Chongjin, 500 kW. Typical female vocal music and Korean speech at good level at 1521 on 11/2 (with somewhat degraded audio due to an off-frequency transmitter, a long term issue) <https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/g2nfia19yxvxhgrkicwifjghituf71vd>
- \* **TUVALU** Radio Tuvalu, Funafuti, 5 kW. Typical island choral music at a typically strong level at 0828 on 11/2  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/cl2ho45963me9x4a9xf4hcavurstp8af>. Male speech in the island language at 0821 on 11/2  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/lyre51bbpticqj15e3c0y9aryks5wt22>
- 630\* **AUSTRALIA** 4QR, Townsville, 50 kW. ABC fanfare at typically overwhelming strength at 1600 on 11/7; an UnID station with 5 + 1 pips is underneath  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/c1yskeq6k6prsdck43f4dt6ch7eln2f0>. Australian weather report and ABC promo at an S9 level at 1603 on 11/7  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/8g7vxlxa2ifzbmzg3xgu4adv9334mh86>
- \* **PHILIPPINES** DZMM, Quezon City, 50 kW. S9 strength all alone with female ID at 53 seconds ("DZMM, 55 years in the service of the Filipino") at 1623 on 11/2  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/pytyd1r42mbi6tynnhqnrum1d90cb9p4>
- TAIWAN** BCC (News), Ilan, 10 kW. BCC chimes at the ToH, with both Chinese and "News Radio" English ID's (at 53 seconds) at 1500 on 11/4  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/7j4x3c3vhvzp5ismeg4uzqjjcqs9pg>
- UnID-DU** 5 + 1 Time pips under 4QR's ABC fanfare at 1600 on 11/7; probably RNZ in Hawkes Bay  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/c1yskeq6k6prsdck43f4dt6ch7eln2f0>
- UnID-TP** Female Chinese-inflected speech under BCC's male Chinese speech around 3:45 in the recording at 1500 on 11/4; CNR2?  
<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/7j4x3c3vhvzp5ismeg4uzqjjcqs9pg>



Deadlines: 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 01/4/20, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8 and 2/15

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First of all, I wish everyone a happy and pleasant holiday season. 2019 was my 55th year with the IRCA and nearly my 60th year DXing. I recall a letter I received from a now deceased IRCA member, Don Erickson, inviting me to join this club after my DX report to KOMA 1520 kcs in Oklahoma City. He said I had the opportunity to be a charter member but I let the deadline pass. It is amazing how the AM Band has changed. I recall the nightly band full of hets caused by many distant stations from the Caribbean, Central, and South America. Those days are long gone. Now, for me, the band is full of digital noise coming not from far away but from my neighborhood. Now the only way I can get any good DX is to pack up my RSA and antennas and drive 20 miles to the west out in farm country. I have attended a few IRCA gatherings. The first was Milwaukee in 1966, and there I met Don Erickson in person along with many others. Tomorrow (December 4 2019) I am scheduled for back surgery and will be laid up for a few weeks recovering. So, much of the best part of this # season I will lose out on. 73's and good DX to all.

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Greetings. All times and dates strictly UT. Receiver: mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside random wire N-S; Nissan stock caradio as specified; or IC-R75 with E-W longwire.

CANADA. 223 kHz, December 6 at 0728, dash and YYW, 1000 watt ND beacon from Armstrong, Ontario. First one readable as I tune upward.

CANADA. 300 kHz, December 8 at 0727, dash and YIV, 500 watt ND beacon from Island Lake, Manitoba; logged once before on September 16, when I described its location.

340 kHz, December 8 at 0729, dash and YY, 500 watt ND beacon from Mont Joli, Quebec. I was tuned to 341 where it mixed with local EI, and first thought it could be an attempt by YYU Kapuskasing to come back from the dead. Mont-Joli is on the Gaspé coast, just NE of Rimouski, 2761 km from here = 1715 stmi.

352 kHz, December 8 at 0732, dash and YKQ, 500 watt NDB from Fort Rupert-Waskaganish, Quebec. It's a remote Cree community on James Bay, but only 2250 km from here = 1403 stmi, atcf.

OKLAHOMA. 341 kHz, December 6 at 0732, JBA ID with long pauses from my local NDB, EI, at Woodring Airport. I often check for this day and night and hear nothing at all, so appears to be sporadic and/or very reduced power below nominal 25 watts. DXinfocentre.com lists 24 other 341s in the N American region, including the now decommissioned YYU in Kapuskasing; and the only other one I have heard, OIN in Oberlin KS.

OKLAHOMA. 341 kHz, December 8 at 0729, Enid ND beacon EI is on again in the nightmiddle, vs 340 YY in Quebec, see CANADA.

USA. 560, December 6 at 1334, news about Beaumont, "KLVI News time 7:34", weather next, local ads. Can anyone think of another MW station with a call of frequency in Roman numerals? (56 = myriaHz). Not often heard here; night pattern is tight almost due west; hmmm, across Houston, but non-directional daytime after 1300 in December (1315 in January).

ALGERIA. 576, November 28 at 0052, JBA carrier among many in TA search, but this is of special interest. 1 kHz tone test has been widely reported last few nights in eastern half of North America as very strong UniD. Now I also detect a "carrier" on 575, i.e. the lower half of a 1 kHz tone, but too much slop from WIBW on 577. My previous comments about this: Maybe Bechar, Algeria, 400/200 kW. Although listed in WRTH, it hasn't been reported much (any?) despite the common 531 and 549 Algies, so maybe this one is just being reactivated? Bechar is also where they are supposedly building a new SW site. mwlist says: "576 ALG Chaîne 1 24h Kenadsa (Béchar) \* 400 reported irregularly active in March 2016 //153 198 891 909 1071" Europeans, if not North Americans, could easily get a DF bearing on this, even triangulate it by simply using handheld portables – too easy?

ALGERIA. 576, November 29 at 0445, JBA carrier with 1 kHz tone, also detected as separate carriers on 575 and 577, presumed Béchar testing. Have any Europeans triangulated this yet to be sure? Not specifically, but just posted to bdx-news ioGroup at 1750 November 29: "New Algerian MW Station on 576 – Hi, The tone tester heard these latest days on 576 has become a new broadcasting service from RTA (Algeria). Broadcasting started today 29th in the afternoon from Kenadsa (Béchar) according to MW List details. The power listed is 400 kW. They were airing Radio Bechar program (not /with Chaîne 1), but probably they will connect to RTA-Ch1, as other stations do with Radio Coran, Radio Culture and so on. According to some listeners in Murcia (Spanish southeastern coast), is causing interferences to RNE-R5 Murcia on 567, from this evening. Perhaps it will affect this station during the night and maybe also 576 RNE-R5 Canaries (CNR). The station reaches now, here in Northern Spain a 54444/5 SINPO. 73! – Jorge Garzón. EB7EFA – EA-0080URE SWL QTH 43°15' N 03°56' W/IN83ag Cantabria (España – Spain)"

SPAIN. 684, November 29 at 0447, among all the JBA 9-kHz TA carriers, some Castilian-sounding audio here from RNE Sevilla; and at 0448 also on weaker 774 RNE synchros music, then talk.

USA. 830, December 6 at 1343, Spanish religion seems to peak WSW/ENE, maybe a Mexican; but 1347 several AC 901 phone numbers and Memphis mentioned, so it's from the east, 3 kW daytimer, WJMY Memphis TN, 1348 also slogan "Buenas Nuevas" (never 'Noticias' in the Christian sense, nor vice versa). WCCO still in but nullable. Not to be confused with the other mid-American Mississippi Valley USSS on 830, KGLA in Norco LA.

USA. 1060, December 6 at 1402, ID including "Éxtasis – El Paso", 7:02 TC, i.e. KXPL, 10 kW ND daytimer. No sign of KIJN Farwell TX, about halfway between us.

UniD. 1520+, November 27 at 2226, I'm straining to hear a tell-tale het from 1521 upon 1520 KOKC, since Duba, Sa'udi Arabia 2000 kW is about to sign off at 2231\* as noted by Bruce Conti, NH. It used to be obvious when it ran all-night. I do detect a JBA carrier, but sounds less than 1 kHz, so maybe KRHW Sikeston MO which has varied before; and still there at 2233.

SAUDI ARABIA. 1521, November 29 at 2210, already hearing a +1 kHz het upon 1520 KOKC; in fact two hets of different pitches, the other one perhaps KRHW in MO as previously discussed. From 2229 I am listening intently, isolating the 1521.0 carrier by tuning to 1520.8-USB. It goes off sometime between 2231 and 2232, but can't tell exactly when as KOKC is splashing some music that minute; must be an ad during talk format. Bruce Conti, NH, in NRC IDXD had timed the cutoff exactly twice, which is what I am trying to match: "1521 SAUDI ARABIA SBC Radio Riyadh, Duba OCT 12 2215 – Good; talk and music parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz. 1521 off at 2231:40C after solemn talk with soft orchestra music. OCT 19 2230 – Good; off at 2231:40. [Conti-NH]".

UniD. 1521, November 30 circa 1840 = local mean noon, ~1 kHz het upon 1520 KOKC, on caradio, but it's fleeting. IIRC last winter there were signs of this in broad daylight, and it seemed not inconceivable that with low winter suns, the two megawatts from Sa'udi Arabia could be skywaving such a trace this far, this early. But then there's that other off-frequency American, much closer.

UniD. Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search December 1 at 0648-0656: 621, 684, 693, 711, 747(2), 774(2), 837(2), 846 [probably TP Kiritimati], 936(2), 999, 1044, 1053, 1089, 1215, 1413, 1539. Some of these were picked up on a second scan, not the first one as of course fading and QRM are always variable. (2) means at least two carriers beating.

UniD. Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, December 3 at 0602-0608: 531, 549, 612, 684, 693, 747, 774(2), 846(TP), 855(2), 882, 909, 936, 1053, 1089, 1107(2), 1134(2), 1215, 1296 kHz.

UniD. Trans-Atlantic JBA LW carrier search, December 4 at 0735: 189 and 198 kHz, i.e. Iceland and UK.

UniD. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, first on the R75 with E-W longwire, December 6 at 1324-1328: 747, 774 both much stronger than 828; 972, 1143. Today's sunrise 1329, still latening by a minute every other day to attain 1344 by Epiphany; OTOH our earliest sunset is just about now at 2316. Then at 1328-1333 on the DX-398 hand held, all of them DFing NW from E Asia, not Au/NZ: 693, 737, 774, 828, 873, 972, 1323, 1422, 1566.

UniD. Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, December 8 from 0709, after hearing audio from 774 Spain synchros: 531, 549, 558, 567(2), 576, 585, 612, 621, 684, 693, 747, 765, 774(2), 837, 846(TP), 882, 909, 936, 999, 1089, 1107(2), 1116, 1125(2), 1134, 1152, 1179, 1215, 1413.

UniD. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search, December 8 at 1330-1339 just at sunrise here, on the R75 with E-W LW, so no DFing but probably E Asian more than DU: 558, 594, 612, 621, 657, 693, 702, 738, 747, 756, 774, 828, 873, 972, 1017, 1035, 1044, 1053, 1098, 1206, 1566, 1575.

USA [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 2011 monitoring: confirmed Sunday December 8 starting at 0423 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, MO, VG but with some CW QRM from hams too close during huge 160m contest up to 1887 kHz.

UnID. 2484.13, December 6 at 1409, weak steady carrier, probably a local artifact, but I'm checking for VANUATU which is supposed to revive SW before yearend including new 2485 registered by Adrian Sainsbury, NZ as 10 kW, 1000-1900.

DPR KOREA. 2850, December 6 at 1408, choral music S7-9, KCBS P'yongyang the common DPRK MW station here, only occupant of the 105-meter band, better than usual well after sunrise here.

USA. 3185, Sun December 8 at 0410, gospel huxtress S9 but undermodulated; not //TOMBS frequencies. So WWRB now using 3185 instead of 3195 when on after 0200, Sun and maybe Mon.

DPR KOREA. 3320, December 6 at 1413, Hamhung relay of KCBS P'yongyang also registers S7-9, but just barely modulated. Still outshines 3325 Indonesia JBA carrier.

GUATEMALA. 4055, December 6 at 0722, TGAV once again on air way past usual 0610v\*, but no modulation. Sometimes there may be, for the holidays?

CUBA. 4765, December 6 at 0201, Radio Progreso music is supported, S9+20 with CODAR QRM too.

U S A. 4840, December 4 at 0723, S9+30 of dead air from WWCR instead of TOMBS, which continues modulating with squeal on 3215, S9+10/20. Meanwhile, the only other WWCR, 5935 with music during TUN/DGS/PMS, hits S9+50 on my generous meter after double-preamps.

UnID. 5010-, December 7 at 2316, WRMI in Spanish vs a LAH = low audible heterodyne from the minus side. Brings to mind Madagascar offset, but not supposed to be on between 1500 and 0200 as per Aoki/NDXC. Don't you believe! that Honduras or Dominican Republic exist on 5010 as shown there; they've been gone for years. OTOH, India is NOT listed, but has been reported sometimes; not aware of it being frequency-low. VU2JOS shows latest AIR info: "5010 50 Thiruvananthapuram Kerala Malayalam S=zone 0020-0205 1130-1745 (Irregular)" and 2316 should also be too early for it; unless something special is going on there or in Madagascar. The two Bauta, Cuba transmitters on 5040 and 5025 could also leapfrog to 5010, but at least one of them would have to be off-frequency slightly, which does not seem to be the case now.

CUBA. 5040, December 5 at 0707, this Radio Havana Cuba is still on in English, very good S9+20/30, //only 6145.

CHINA. 5050, December 7 at 2314, Chinese talk, very poor vs splash from 5040 Radio Havana Cuba - Commies! Aoki/NDXC shows: "5050 2300-0102 CHN Voice of Beibu Bay Radio Chi Nanning 954 1-7" Their only morning broadcast; have several others in Thai, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin. HFCC shows 100 kW at 232 degrees. WWRB is OFF 5050 for the B-season.

USA. 5085, Saturday December 7 at 2313, WTWW-2 already on with ham talk about 160m; S9+40 but overmodulated/distorted as it would be for hours! By 0106 Sunday December 8 I notice that 'Theater Organ in the Ozarks' is underway as sometimes happens around this time, Christmas music awful with the distortion; also emitting intermittent huge noise bursts ranging 5050-5110. At first I suspected some new Christmas lights in the neighborhood, until found this confined to the 5085 area! 0402 recheck, still distorted with rock music. Doesn't Ted know nor any of his listeners tell him about this?

NORTH AMERICA. 5126-USB, December 5 at 0014, pirate with rock classics, 0020 "Tutti Frutti"; 0027 "Are You Lonesome Tonight" by Elvis; 0027 quick female ID as Mix Radio International. Still on at 0113 recheck, fair and steady signal. Thanks to tip from Robert Butterfield, Maryland, to the WOR ioGroup, who was hearing it as early as 2205 December 4. Many more logs here as early as 1931: <https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,60902.0.html>

Until the next, Best of DX and 73 de Glenn!



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Welcome to another edition of SportChannels! Hockey season is under way, and we're now taking a look at NHL network lists. In this edition, we'll be featuring network lists are from the Pacific Division of the Western Conference. The new Seattle team will be joining this division in 2021; the Arizona Coyotes will be moving to the Central Division. More information can be found at [nhl.com/seattle/](http://nhl.com/seattle/). Flagship stations are in **boldface** type, Spanish language flagships are in **boldface italics**.

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<b>AM</b>	980 KNTR Lake Havasu City, AZ	<b>FM</b>	100.5 K263BM Riviera, AZ
600 KVNA Flagstaff, AZ	1230 KATO Safford, AZ	94.3 K232EI Lake Havasu City, AZ	104.7 K284BO Flagstaff, AZ (2)
780 KAZM Sedona, AZ	1340 KIKO Apache Junction, AZ	(1)	
<b>910 KGME Phoenix, AZ</b>	1450 KTZR Tucson, AZ	94.3 KDDL Chino Valley, AZ	

Relays: 1) KNTR 980, 2) KVNA 600

**CALGARY FLAMES** No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: [nhl.com/flames/](http://nhl.com/flames/)

**960 CFAC** Calgary, AB only

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<b>AM</b>	93.3 CFXG Grande Cache, AB	95.5 CFXP Jasper, AB	97.9 CKYX Fort McMurray, AB
<b>630 CHED Edmonton, AB</b>	93.5 CKVH High Prairie, AB	96.7 CFXW Whitecourt, AB	100.1 CJCD Yellowknife, NWT
890 CJDC Dawson Creek, BC	94.1 CKBA Athabasca, AB	97.5 CFXH Hinton, AB	101.9 CKKY Wainwright, AB
<b>FM</b>	94.3 CFXE Edson, AB	97.7 CHSP Saint Paul, AB*	104.7 CFRI Grande Prairie, AB
92.7 CHSL Slave Lake, AB	95.3 CJXK Cold Lake, AB	97.9 CKWB Westlock, AB**	

Notes: \* denotes Oilers' network list has old call CHLW, \*\* denotes Oilers' network list has old call CFOK

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<b>AM</b>	1270 KXBX Lakeport, CA	<b>FM</b>	101.1 K266BD Carmel Valley, CA (4)
790 KFPT Clovis, CA	1290 KPAY Chico, CA	92.7 K224ER Eureka, CA (1)	104.5 K283CM Auburn, CA (5)
940 KFIG Fresno, CA	1340 KATA Eureka, CA	96.1 KKXS Shingletown, CA	104.9 K285FW King City, CA (6)
950 KAHI Auburn, CA	1400 KUKI Ukiah, CA	96.3 K242AD Ukiah, CA (2)	105.1 KOCN-HD2 Pacific Grove, CA
970 KESP Modesto, CA	1460 KION Salinas, CA	96.5 K243BT Clearlake, CA (3)	(4)
1140 KHTK Sacramento, CA	1490 KRKC King City, CA	<b>98.5 KUFX-FM/HD1 San José, CA</b>	

Relays: 1) KATA 1340, 2) KUKI 1400, 3) KXBX 1270, 4) KION 1460, 5) KAHI 950, 6) KRKC 1490

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<b>AM</b>	1400 KNNR Sparks, NV	96.9 KHDR Lenwood, CA	101.1 KPCK Amargosa Valley, NV
1210 KHKR Washington, UT	<b>1460 KENO Las Vegas, NV</b>	97.7 K249EQ Saint George, UT (1)	102.5 KNVR Fallon, NV
1230 KELY Ely, NV	<b>FM</b>	98.5 KNNT Battle Mountain, NV	104.7 KEAU Elko, NV
1340 KTOX Needles, CA	94.9 KHRQ Baker, CA	98.7 KAVB Hawthorne, NV	
<b>1340 KRLV Las Vegas, NV</b>		<b>98.9 K255CT Henderson, NV (2)</b>	

Relays: 1) KHKK 1210, 2) KRLV 1340

The radio play-by-play broadcasts of the **LOS ANGELES KINGS** are unavailable on broadcast radio; these games are only on the Web. In the next edition of SportChannels, the radio listings for the Metropolitan Division of the Eastern Conference will be presented.  
73 and play hard from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.

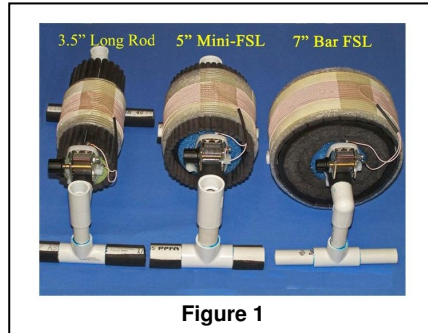


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(Editor's note: the Ferrite Sleeve Loop (FSL) was introduced to the MW DXing world nearly a decade ago now by the late Graham Maynard, and documented in DX Monitor of 12 March 2011. Since that time, Gary DeBock has done a huge amount of work developing the FSL, and documenting his findings. See "DX Monitor" of 27 August 2011, 18 November 2011, 14 April 2012, 16 February 2013 and 24 August 2013, as well as many sources on the internet. Here's Guy Atkins to describe an updated construction method for the FSL)

**A New Approach to FSL Antenna Construction**  
by Guy Atkins

**Introduction:** I'm very fortunate to live across town from my good radio hobby pal **Gary DeBock**. He has been responsible for the rapid growth in Ultralight radio DXing and the construction of Ferrite Sleeve Loop (FSL) antennas. Living near each other as we do, I've benefited a lot from his expertise and creativity in the hobby. We've enjoyed visiting about Ultralight radios and antennas many times over a leisurely lunch. If you're unfamiliar with Gary's efforts, just do a YouTube search on his name and see just a few of the many FSL antenna variations he's built! (**Figure 1**)



**Figure 1**

Gary uses PVC tubing, "Fun Noodle" foam cylinders, ([https://www.amazon.com/Aqua-World-223-Fun-Noodle/dp/B0017QABEQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1485757938&sr=8-1&keywords=fun+noodle](https://www.amazon.com/Aqua-World-223-Fun-Noodle/dp/B0017QABEQ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1485757938&sr=8-1&keywords=fun+noodle)) sections of curved foam, and rubber plumbing adapters almost exclusively as the core supporting structures for his FSLs, from small 3-inch models to 17-inch monsters. Gary certainly has perfected his own techniques with these raw materials; he's an expert in combining them. He even makes PVC table structures to support his FSLs during Oregon coastal DXpeditions, as seen in some of his YouTube videos.

These materials work well, but over time even FSLs as small as 7 to 8 inches in diameter begin to sag and lose their perfectly circular shape. This seems to be caused by the shifting of individual segments of foam which are wrapped around a "Fun Noodle" core and center PVC tubing.

What possibilities are there for other materials in FSL antenna construction? It would be a fun challenge to build a small to medium sized FSL antenna that would have these qualities:

- Maintain a circular cross-section without sagging
- An appearance less like a threatening explosive and more like a commercial product
- Use alternate construction methods for those not skilled with cutting and gluing PVC tubing

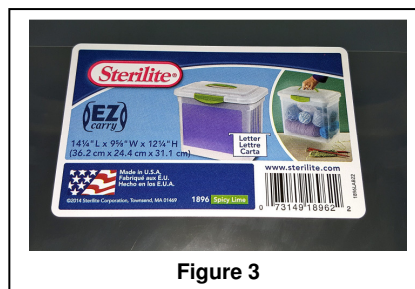
I began to keep my eyes open for likely candidates as I visited hardware stores, department stores, and office supply outlets. Eventually some ideas began to gel.

**Raw Materials:** Here is a visual and descriptive list of what I used in this alternate design of Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna. I won't go into great detail about dimensions, quantities, and measurements, as other DIYers should be able to easily follow the general idea presented here. This article is mainly to get you thinking about other ways to construct a ferrite sleeve loop antenna.



**Figure 2**

**The Core of the Matter:** This 18-inch long, semi-rigid foam roller is six inches in diameter. It's a workout and exercise aid which I found in the sports department of my local Walmart store (**Figure 2**). The cost was approximately \$13. This one-piece foam is a perfect foundation for holding and protecting the fragile ferrite rods and keeping them in a circular arrangement; since the roller is in one piece there is nothing to shift around, or sag. When placed on this core, the final diameter of the FSL antenna is approximately seven inches.



**Figure 3**

So, what to put the antenna in? Something needs to suspend and protect the antenna as a substitute for the PVC frame previously used. This **Sterilite tote box** is the perfect size to hold the antenna. As shown in **Figure 3**, the dimensions are approximately 14-1/4" X 9-5/8" X 12-1/4"; the model number is 1896.

Early on, I decided that the flimsy "locking tabs" on the cover would not suffice for holding the relatively heavy antenna when carrying the tote by the handle. I drilled holes and attached a dozen small Nylon nuts and bolts to secure the cover. (Nylon avoids distorting the medium wave reception pattern of signals, as metal hardware could.)

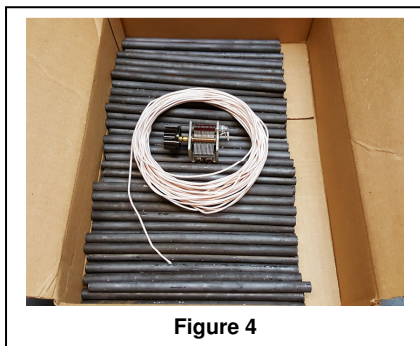


Figure 4

An ample quantity of 200mm ferrite rods are needed, plus an air variable capacitor (preferably with a 8:1 reduction drive shaft), and Litz wire (Figure 4). 1162 strands/46 gauge Litz provides the most sensitivity but the coil will cover a greater width on the rods.

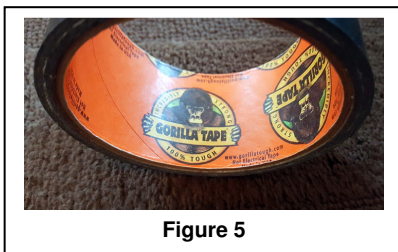


Figure 5

Gary likes to use waterproof medical tape, sticky side out, to hold the rods in place, but I like to use Gorilla brand tape (Figure 5), as it is extremely sticky and holds the rods better (Figure 6). My choice for the rod-to-coil spacing material is two turns of 1/8" thick bubble wrap (seen at the center of Figure 7).

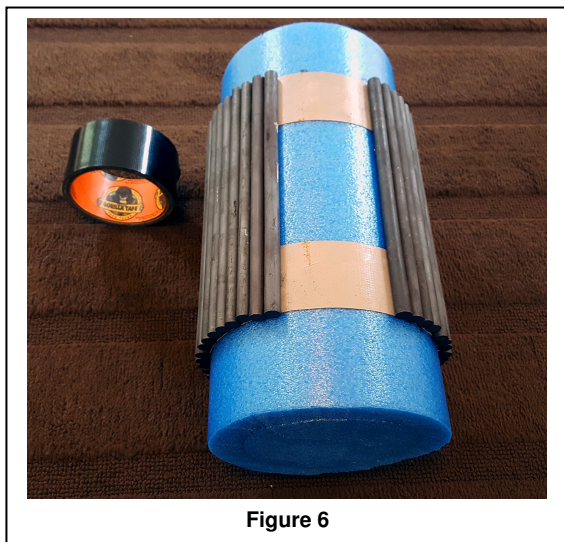


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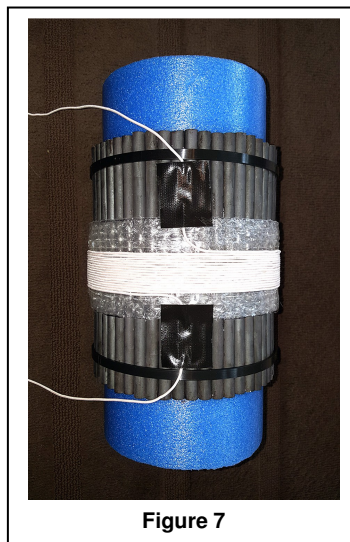


Figure 7

Figure 7 is the foam core, ferrite rods, bubble spacer, and coil assembly prior to fitting in the Sterilite tote container. Before assembly to this point you'll need to cut the foam roller to length using a serrated knife or electric carving knife. Two sturdy cable ties help hold all of the rods in place. A better alternative might be strips of 1/2" wide Velcro straps purchased from a fabric shop or home improvement store.

Another key item to this construction method is the use of plastic drywall anchor screws (Figure 8). These are meant to be pushed and screwed into gypsum wallboard for sturdy attachment of bolts or picture hangers on walls. When screwed through drilled holes in the side of the Sterilite tote, they secure and suspend the foam roller/ferrite sleeve loop assembly. The density of the foam roller is sufficient to give a good grip to the drywall anchors. Eight to ten anchors per side are enough to hold the assembly in place. See Figure 9.

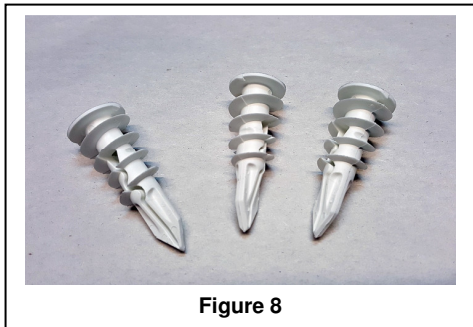


Figure 8



Figure 9

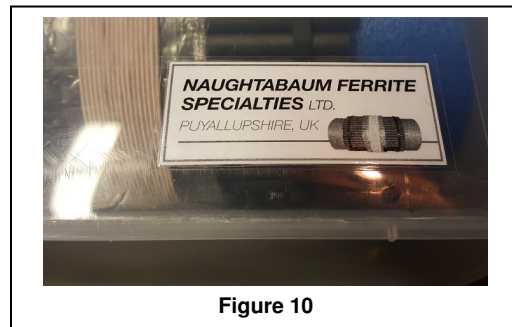
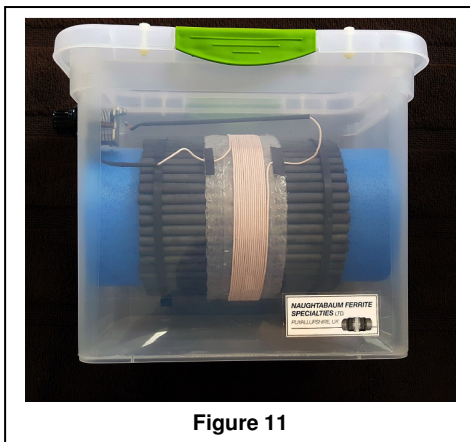


Figure 10

Every good FSL antenna design needs an official sounding manufacturer! With tongue firmly in cheek I've appropriated the name shown on the self-produced label in Figure 10. Clearly, a Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna from Naughtabaum Ferrite Specialties Ltd. stands a better chance than most of passing through TSA checkpoints, right?



I hope this article has given you some new ideas for FSL antenna designs. There's certainly room for improvement, including making the antenna's ferrite rods look less intimidating... less like a bundle of dynamite! Perhaps the entire assembly can be wrapped with something that shields the rods from view, or you could use an opaque tote container rather than a clear model. The completed FSL is shown in **Figure 11**.



**Figure 11**

Be on the lookout for useful materials to repurpose. Trips to your local home improvement stores, office supply, and other outlets will give you further ideas on how to design your own Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna.

(ed: there is also a video of an FSL constructed in this fashion being compared with a PK loop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7y2a4gWoGM>)

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Date	Bowl	Where	EST Time (TV)	Matchup
12/20/19	First Responder	Dallas TX	12:30 pm (ESPN)	W Michigan (7-5) vs W Kentucky (8-4)
12/20/19	Bahamas	Nassau, Bahamas	2 pm (ESPN)	Charlotte (7-5) vs Buffalo (7-5)
12/20/19	Music City	Nashville TN	4 pm (ESPN)	Louisville (7-5) vs Mississippi State (6-6)
12/20/19	Frisco	Frisco TX	7:30 pm (ESPN2)	Utah State (7-5) vs Kent State (6-6)
12/21/19	New Mexico	Albuquerque NM	2 pm (ESPN)	C Michigan (8-5) vs San Diego State (9-3)
12/21/19	Sun	El Paso TX	2 pm (CBS)	Arizona State (7-5) vs Florida State (6-6)
12/21/19	Cure	Orlando FL	2:30 pm (CBSSN)	Georgia Southern (7-5) vs Liberty (7-5)
12/21/19	Boca Raton	Boca Raton FL	3:30 pm (ABC)	FAU (10-3) vs SMU (10-2)
12/21/19	Camellia	Montgomery AL	5:30 pm (ESPN)	FIU (6-6) vs Arkansas State (7-5)
12/21/19	Las Vegas	Las Vegas NV	7:30 pm (ABC)	Boise State (12-1) vs Washington (7-5)
12/21/19	New Orleans	New Orleans LA	9 pm (ESPN)	UAB (9-4) vs Appalachian State (12-1)
12/23/19	Gasparilla	Tampa FL	2:30 pm (ESPN)	Marshall (8-4) vs UCF (9-3)
12/24/19	Hawaii	Honolulu HI	8 pm (ESPN)	BYU (7-5) vs Hawaii (9-5)
12/26/19	Independence	Shreveport LA	4 pm (ESPN)	LA Tech (9-3) vs Miami (FL) (6-6)
12/26/19	Quick Lane	Detroit MI	8 pm (ESPN)	Pittsburgh (7-5) vs E Michigan (6-6)
12/27/19	Military	Annapolis MD	Noon (ESPN)	N Carolina (6-6) vs Temple (8-4)
12/27/19	Pinstripe	Bronx NY	3:20 pm (ESPN)	Michigan State (6-6) vs Wake Forest (8-4)
12/27/19	Texas	Houston TX	6:45 pm (ESPN)	Texas A&M (7-5) vs Oklahoma State (8-4)
12/27/19	Holiday	San Diego CA	8 pm (FS1)	Iowa (9-3) vs USC (8-4)
12/27/19	Cheez-It	Phoenix AZ	10:15 pm (ESPN)	WA State (6-6) vs Air Force (10-2)
12/28/19	Camping World	Orlando FL	Noon (ABC)	Iowa State (7-5) vs Notre Dame (10-2)
12/28/19	Cotton	Arlington TX	Noon (ESPN)	Penn State (10-2) vs Memphis (12-1)
12/28/19	Fiesta (semi-final)	Glendale AZ	8 pm (ESPN)	(2) Ohio State (13-0) vs (3) Clemson (13-0)
12/28/19	Peach (semi-final)	Atlanta GA	4 pm (ESPN)	(1) LSU (13-0) vs (4) Oklahoma (12-1)
12/30/19	Redbox	Santa Clara CA	4 pm (FOX)	Illinois (6-6) vs California (7-5)
12/30/19	Orange	Miami Gardens FL	8 pm (ESPN)	Virginia (9-4) vs Florida (10-2)
12/31/19	Belk	Charlotte NC	Noon (ESPN)	Kentucky (7-5) vs Virginia Tech (8-4)
12/31/19	Liberty	Memphis TN	3:45 pm (ESPN)	Kansas State (8-4) vs Navy (9-2)
12/31/19	Arizona	Tucson AZ	4:30 pm (CBSSN)	Wyoming (7-5) vs Georgia State (7-5)
12/31/19	Alamo	San Antonio TX	7:30 pm (ESPN)	Texas (7-5) vs Utah (11-2)
1/1/20	Citrus	Orlando FL	1 pm (ABC)	Michigan (9-3) vs Alabama (10-2)
1/1/20	Outback	Tampa FL	1 pm (ESPN)	Minnesota (10-2) vs Auburn (9-3)
1/1/20	Rose	Pasadena CA	5 pm (ESPN)	Wisconsin (10-3) vs Oregon (11-2)
1/2/20	Gator	Jacksonville FL	7 pm (ESPN)	Tennessee (7-5) vs Indiana (8-4)
1/1/20	Sugar	New Orleans LA	8:45 pm (ESPN)	Baylor (11-2) vs Georgia (11-2)
1/2/20	Birmingham	Birmingham AL	3 pm (ESPN)	Boston College (6-6) vs Cincinnati (10-3)
1/3/20	Idaho Potato	Boise ID	3:30 pm (ESPN)	Nevada (7-5) vs Ohio (6-6)
1/4/20	Armed Forces	Fort Worth TX	11:30 am (ESPN)	Tulane (6-6) vs Southern Miss (7-5)
1/6/20	LendingTree	Mobile AL	7:30 pm (ESPN)	Louisiana (10-3) vs Miami (Ohio) (8-5)
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