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From the Publisher ... I bet I have MORE points racked up in the NRC Contest than YOU have - if you haven't started DX'ing this month yet, anyway. And Wayne says he hasn't used his radio as a bookend in years, hi.

DDXD-West Editor needed ... As you read in last week's DDXD-West, Harry Helms has decided to step down because he's going to horse around ... literally. See last week's DXN for details. Okay, Harry has an AQHA registered quarter horse

which is going to take most of his free time. Sounds about right for someone who now calls Texas home. Anyway, with Harry riding into the sunset soon, I need for all those who aspire to edit a DX column in this magazine to e-mail me with their applications (see back page for address; and other stuff). Harry would like to pass duties along soon and definitely by the end of this year, so if you have a yen for editing, please contact me soon.

A plea: please send your address changes here BEFORE you send them to the USPS; it costs us 70¢ if the USPS has to forward DXN.

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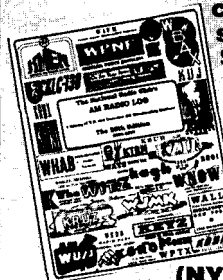
From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 9, 1954 DXN: Joe Brauner, Williamsville, NY reported that an ET from KBIG-740 Santa Catalina, on 9/23 0400-0500, had the strongest California signal that he had ever heard, even stronger than KFI-640, and completely blocking WORZ.

25 years ago ... from the October 22, 1979 DXN: Mark Connelly, Billerica, MA discussed some aspects of installing a digital readout in the Realistic TRF in a Musing.

10 years ago ... from the October 17, 1994 DXN: Elliot Straus compared the K1WA and Quantum loops, finding that for him the higher-priced K1WA loop demonstrated about a 25-33% better performance than the Quantum.

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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old Call		New Call
960	KABL CA	Oakland	KQKE [With Air America network talk as "The Quake"]
970	KIAK AK	Fairbanks	KFBX
990	KRKT OR	Albany	KTHH
1350	WWRN NC	Black Mountain	WZNN
1400	WQBH MI	Detroit	WDTK [Now a news/talk format]
1460	WBAR FL	Bartow	WRMX

CPs ON THE AIR

630	WBMQ GA	Savannah - After operating under a Special Temporary Authorization for about three years, WBMQ has found a new transmitter site, but with a power cut. They had lost their former three-tower site to zoning changes in Savannah, but now is sharing the tower of WJLG-900 and WHGM-1400 at N32-04-31 W81-04-17. They are now U1 4800/47.
1150	WGBR NC	Goldboro - Granted Program Test Authority for their change to U4 5000/800 (a reduction in night power by 200 Watts) along with a slight adjustment to their day pattern.
1260	WDKN TN	Dickson - CP to add nighttime service as U1 5000/18 is now on.
1400	KLIN NE	Lincoln - CP to boost power levels to be U1 1000/1000 is now on.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1090	WTSB NC	Selma - CP granted to increase daytime power and add critical hours operation as D1 9000/0 CH 1700 from a new 195' tower at N35-36-57 W78-24-33.
1350	WZNN NC	Black Mountain - Licensed for U1 1000/74, WZNN had a CP for U4 1000/35 from a new two-tower site. But now they've received an OK for another power change, and will be U1 10000/56 from that new site.
1540	WBTC OH	Uhrichsville - CP granted to add night service as U1 250/5.

GRANTS TO PENDING FACILITIES

1230	WWGA GA	Waycross - CP granted to build their tower at N31-12-51 W82-22-47. A fast turnaround on this amendment! Facilities are U1 1000/1000.
1450	KYLW MT	Lockwood - New station, not yet on the air, has been granted a CP to change the transmitter site to N45-48-37 W108-25-38. Facilities remain U1 1000/1000.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

800	KLDC CO	Brighton - Licensed for U5 1000/7, KLDC had a CP to move to 810 with U4 2200/227 at a new transmitter location. This amendment asks for U4 2200/500 with the day site back at the original location and the night site at a new 4-tower setup about 13 miles southwest of the current home base.
1560	KILE TX	Bellaire - Licensed for D1 800/0, KILE has had a number of applications and amendments on the books over the past 4-5 years. The latest CP is to increase their power to become D3 50000/0 from a new 6-tower site. But now they've submitted an amendment to add night service from yet, another new site, this one with nine towers. If this is granted, they will become U4 50000/25000 from two transmitter sites.

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION FOR AUCTION 84 APPLICATIONS

1120	NEW* WA	Lacey - Applied for U1 250/250.
1150	NEW* CA	Fresno - Applied for U1 250/250 CH 250.
1160	NEW* MI	Portage - Applied for U1 250/250 CH 250.
1250	NEW* CA	South Lake Tahoe - Applied for U1 250/250 CH 250.
1260	NEW VA	Manti - Applied for U1 250/250 CH 250.

1340	NEW NH	Kearsarge - Applied for U1 1000/1000.
1430	NEW MN	Hibbing - Applied for U1 250/250 CH 250.
1490	NEW* CO	Durango - Applied for U1 500/500 CH 500.

* - a common applicant is named for these stations

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

980	WPGA GA	Perry
1340	WCMI KY	Ashland
1480	WCIN OH	Cincinnati



WHAT'S UP UP NORTH

The owners of CJPR-FM Blairmore, Alberta have applied to add a transmitter at Elkford, British Columbia to broadcast the programming of CJPR-FM in order to serve the population of Elkford. The new station would be on 1340 kHz with 50 Watts unlimited time. CKSBI-860 Sainte-Rose-du-Lac, Manitoba has signed off, as the programming has moved to 92.9 on the FM band.

HEAR AND THAR

Remember an issue or two back we mentioned that the FCC has put on hold most applications for changes. Well, it's in force and the results are seen here. Not a lot to report.

But the fines are still being handed out: WROX-1450 Clarksdale, Mississippi has been fined \$12,000 for a tower fence violation and not having working Emergency Alert Service equipment. WURP-1550 Braddock, Pennsylvania is going to be \$12,000 lighter in the wallet for not having proper tower lighting. But maybe even more important, was their obligation to inform the FAA that the lights were inop. KULE-730 Ephrata, Washington was hit for a \$2,000 fine for failure to keep a copy of the station's authorization in their public inspection file. WHNC-890 Henderson, North Carolina and co-owned WCBQ-1340 Oxford, North Carolina have been fined \$18,000 for violations involving the station's failure to install and maintain Emergency Alert System equipment. WQMA-1520 Marks, Mississippi has been handed a fine of \$20,000 for violations of the FCC rules covering their "... failure to install and maintain operational Emergency Alert System equipment, failure to operate consistent with authorized power levels and discontinue operating at night, and failure to make available for inspection all of the required materials in the station's public inspection file." And finally, Alexandre Abelard is looking at a fine of \$17,000 for operating an unlicensed FM station on 103.3 MHz in Fort Myers, Florida. The transmitter was not only entertaining the FM audience, but the FCC detected a spur in the aviation band.

Reported to be silent: WBDY-1190 Bluefield, Virginia and WTKN-1560 Daleville, Alabama.

Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, and Jerry Starr for contributions.

Domestic DX Digest

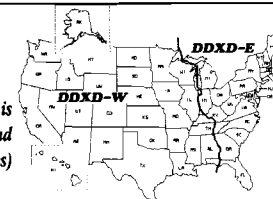
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

(Note: DDXD-West should return next week; Harry received reports from only two reporters, not enough for more than a perfunctory column -pls.)

DDXD-East

Important Note: Mike Brooker (MKB-ON) will be substituting for me as editor of DDXD-E for the next several issues (7205 - 7207). Please send loggings to him at aum108@idirect.com or 99 Wychcrest Avenue, Toronto, ON M6G 3X8. Many thanks to my buddy Mike for stepping in, I'm extremely grateful!

REPORTERS

BB-NJ	Bill Bergadano, Freehold - ICOM 718, 170' tuned "Inverted L".
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
BC-PA	Bruce Collier, on I-83 between York and Baltimore - 2004 Mitsubishi Endeavor Premium Audio System.

HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Zenith Trans Oceanic, Kiwa Pocket Loop.
 CK-OH Chuck Kaufman, Lebanon - ATS 909 barewire.
 IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE In-Dash Audio System CY310.
 IEN*GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - 1996 Isuzu Rodeo Premium Audio System 8200.
 DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu - Station News.
 JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, 1000' beverage, Quantum Phaser, Radio West Loop.
 FV-OH Fred Vobbe, driving to work near Lima - In dash radio in Buick Roadmaster Wagon (the "land yacht").
 PEW-SC Powell E. Way, West Columbia - Grundig S-350.
 GW-NJ Gary Wilt, Wood Ridge - Icom R-75; Quantum Loop.

STATION NEWS

580 CKWW ON Windsor - Per Detroit Free Press, station is dropping its weekend programs, the syndicated "Big Bands, Ballads & Blues" and the local "Broadway's Biggest Hits." Station will still carry "When Radio Was" weeknights at 2200 and will also air Detroit Symphony Orchestra broadcasts Sunday mornings. (DP-HI)
 950 WROC NY Rochester - for about a week now has been running "Air America", though it breaks for WROC-TV news at 6:00 PM, a refreshing change from what usually passes for talk in this WHAM-dominated area. (JR-NY)
 1200 WKOX MA Framingham - Per Boston Herald, station has dropped its mostly Spanish format 10/4 for liberal-leaning talk, featuring Jones Radio's Stephanie Miller and Ed Schultz plus Air America Radio. (DP-HI)
 1400 WDTK MI Detroit - Per Detroit Free Press and Business Wire, WQBH was sold to Salem Communications and its format was changed from black talk-black gospel-blues to conservative-leaning talk 9/30 and its callsign to WDTK. Station features Salem talk hosts plus Talk Radio Network's Laura Ingraham and ABC's Larry Elder. (DP-HI)
 1430 WXKS MA Medford - Per Boston Herald, station has dropped its nostalgia format 10/04 for liberal-leaning talk, featuring Jones Radio's Stephanie Miller and Ed Schultz plus Air America Radio. (DP-HI)

PRESUMED

1110 WUHNp MA Pittsfield - 10/2 1935 - Presumed. C&W mix with "The Best Country" announced a few times. Good with WBT nulled. (GW-NJ)
 1370 WPAZp PA Pottstown - 10/5 0635 - Oldies and male announcer talking about news events and mentioning what sounded like WPAZ. Could not copy more due to WSPD and another talker. (FV-OH)
 1460 WTKTp PA Harrisburg - 9/26 2014 - Presumed with Philadelphia Phillies baseball, topped frequency for a few minutes then lost in the noise. (BB-NJ)

STATION LOGGINGS

540 WDMV MD Pocomoke City - 10/5 2005 - with oldies and occasional ID announcements. Poor, with CBEF phased. Did we settle the issue of the real call letters for this, WDMV or WGOP? (JR-NY)
 WLIE NY Islip - 10/5 2045 - business talk, nice ID at commercial break. Poor, with CBEF phased. (JR-NY)
 580 WGAC SC Augusta - 10/6 0654 - "Augusta's morning news" including traffic, weather, and another ID atop frequency. (CK-OH)
 600 WSJS NC Winston-Salem - 10/2 1940 - NCAA Football Scores and News. Good signal. "Newstalk 600, WSJS". (IEN-GA)
 810 WQIZ SC Saint George - 10/4 1958 - "Catholic radio for South Carolina," then appeal for funds so more potential listeners can be reached. Weak but steady. (CK-OH)
 840 WCEO SC Columbia - 10/6 0705 - Meteorologist with forecast from the Weather Center, other references to the Carolinas during talk show and poor efforts by anchors to be funny. Choppy in WHAS null. (CK-OH)
 900 WURD PA Pittsburgh - 10/3 1900 - With a nice ID, mentioning Salem ownership, at the top of the hour, CHML phased. (JR-NY)
 910 WRNL VA Richmond - 9/28 2357 - with ID, phone calls, commercials, good strong signal! (BB-NJ)
 940 WNRG VA Grundy - 10/4 2106 - Canadian easily nulled, had a talk show on unknown

station, but this faded up many times. Clear calls out of news "on 940 AM WNRG the... music". Sounded like southern gospel with female-fronted group. Go get 'em! Supposed to be 14 watts... someone might've left the heater on! (BC-PA)
 950 WROL MA Boston - 10/4 2200 - with clear English ID following a Spanish program, a signals strong enough to completely overwhelm WROC. WWJ was in there, too. (JR-NY)
 1040 WLWJ FL Boynton Beach - 9/26 2200 - live hurricane coverage, relaying station on 850KHz, good signal. They were very excited to know they were getting heard up in the North East when I called. (BB-NJ)
 1150 WMRD CT Middletown - 9/26 0018 - local high school football game, first time heard. (BB-NJ)
 1260 WPNW MI Zeeland - 10/5 0620 - Religious music, and liner "Praise 12-60 WPNW". Have heard last three mornings with near local signal strength. New. This station suddenly has been getting out well in the early morning, and normally I hear Indianapolis. Perhaps its just propagation, or they may be on day facilities, but it might be a new catch for those of you in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. (FV-OH)
 1290 WHKY NC Hickory - 10/4 2045 - ESPN Radio followed with "News Talk 1290, WHKY". New. (GW-NJ)
 + 10/5 0700 - The only reason I can count this is I clearly heard "Hickory" at TOH. The calls sounded like WSJR - and WHKY very loosely resembles the general phonics. If I hadn't heard the city clearly, I couldn't justify it. New! (BC-PA)
 1300 WOOD MI Grand Rapids - 10/5 0630 - Popped out from under usual 1300 mix with "Grand Rapids news and information station, thirteen-hundred, WOOD". New. (FV-OH)
 1310 WDCT VA Fairfax - 10/3 1900 - English ID after Spanish music, "WDCT Fairfax VA, Washington D.C." Fair to strong signal. (HJH-PA)
 1320 WATR CT Waterbury - 9/6 0000 - Big Band music, ID. (BB-NJ)
 CKEC NS New Glasgow - 9/24 2257 - pop music, ID, news, weather, good signal, first time heard. (BB-NJ)
 1330 WYSN PA Somerset - 9/25 2002 - with gospel music, "Sunny 1330" and full call ID, good signal. Dominated 1330 all night as well as the next night. (BB-NJ)
 1430 WENE NY Endicott - 9/26 2303 - ID, promo "The Team", trophy shop commercial. Had not heard this one for at least 20 years! (BB-NJ)
 1460 WRKB NC Kannapolis - 10/2 1930 - Weather forecast, then P.O. Box of station mentioned. ID as, "WRNA AM 1140 and WRKB AM 1460." Weak signal. (HJH-PA)
 1470 WBTX VA Broadway - 9/30 1919 - fighting off WKAP with C&W-gospel songs, "Sunshine 1470 WBTX" ID. (MKB-ON)
 + 10/3 1840 - Gospel music, very strong with fades, Call ID after a selection. (HJH-PA)
 1510 WWSM PA Annville - 9/29 1903 - through nulled WLAC with local news "from the 1510 WWSM news center". (MKB-ON)
 WWZN MA Boston - 10/7 0220 - Sport radio with local mention in break of Boston. This during WLAC's off period. I often hear this in the background but this is first in the clear. (PEW-SC)
 1520 KRHW MO Sikeston - 10/6 0736 - Alone with ID, Classic Country, between C&W selections. (CK-OH)
 1560 WQEW NY New York - 10/4 2100 - Radio Disney fare. Decent signal. "This is Radio Disney, WQEW, New York City!" (IEN-GA)
 1600 WEHH NY Elmira Heights - 10/4 0814 - over WWRL/WAAM one-two punch with ID as "8:14 on Elmira's WEHH" into interview with VP & General Counsel for People for the American Way, talking about presidential election. (MKB-ON)

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International DX Digest

Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs (summer: 4).

I'm all blurry-eyed after compiling and editing this one. Nice work gang!

Transatlantic DX

- 243 **DENMARK** *DR1* Kalundborg OCT 1 0345-0357 - Female presenter with weather station reports, at 0357 light rock, retune at 0406, male with news headlines. Signal poor to fair peaks, at times better than parallel broadcast on MW 1062 outlet which reached strong peaks earlier. Only recent reception of the 243 KHz signal. I discovered that superior reception was achieved on the east wire as an interfering signal appearing on the northeast wire was absent. [Stromsted-MA]
- 252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown OCT 1 0051 - Male opera critic, some opera, appeared to be Mozart, loudest TA, no Algeria under. At 0400, a man said, "Radio One broadcasting through the night on FM, satellite and long wave 252." Really big signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles OCT 1 2320 - Good; talk in Arabic parallel 891. [Conti-ME]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid SEP 28 0009 - Spanish male, news headlines; poor/fair. + SEP 30 0036 - Female vocal, dance tune-loud, in clear. [Stromsted-MA]
- 594 unID OCT 1 2315 - Fair; Middle Eastern music. [Conti-ME]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. OCT 3 2317 - Parallel 1098 with romantic Spanish vocal; good, equal strength to 620 WZON. [Connelly-MA]
- 666 **GERMANY** *SWR* Rohrdorf SEP 29 2223 - Male/female news commentary, parallel 1017, good peak signal, then faded into noise. [Stromsted-MA]
- 702 **MOROCCO** *RTM* Sebba-Aioun OCT 1 2245 - Presumed; Middle Eastern music, no parallels found for positive ID. [Conti-ME]
- 711 **WESTERN SAHARA** *RTM* Laayoune SEP 24 0024 - Religious music, Arabic male singer; in/out of jumble, hets, and WOR splatter. Parallel to LW 207 (good). [Stromsted-MA]
- 729 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros OCT 1 2215 - Poor; talk in Spanish parallel 684 and 855. [Conti-ME]
- 738 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Barcelona OCT 2213 - Fair; talk in Spanish parallel 684 and 855. [Conti-ME]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Flevoland* OCT 3 0312 - Man in Dutch; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *DeutschlandRadio*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg SEP 28 0013 - Classical piano piece; strong peak. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 2150 - Man in distinct German; good, surprisingly strong despite no other signals from Germany present at the time. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 0314 - Vocal resembling '60s-era Donovan; good, over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros OCT 1 0054 - Female teletalk; good signal. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 2147 - Good; discussion in Spanish parallel 855, over unID Middle Eastern music - Egypt or Morocco. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2323 - Parallel 1098 with man and woman in Spanish; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott OCT 1 2145 - Good; string music parallel 4845 kHz. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2324 - Parallel 4845 with reverberated Arabic talk by man; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges OCT 1 2143 - Good; discussion in French parallel 1206. [Conti-ME]
- 819 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Batra OCT 1 2140 - Fair; Middle Eastern music parallel 12050 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros SEP 30 0029 - Teletalk, female host, male caller; poor to fair peaks with WEEI splatter, then at 0339 female modern jazz singer with piano; good signal. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 2135 - Good; in studio political discussion parallel 684. [Conti-ME]
- 864 **EGYPT** *Holy Koran R.*, Santah OCT 1 0051 - Religious a cappella tenor male Arabic vocal; good signal. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 3 0025 - Koranic vocal; dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Paris SEP 27 0404 - Dance music, French male host, signal poor to fair. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 2120 - Good over presumed Egypt; studio discussion in French parallel 1206 kHz, 2123 fanfare with *France Info* network ID and news, then the 864 kHz program separated from 1206 kHz. [Conti-ME]

- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford OCT 2 2355 - '50s-type pop-folk vocal (possibly Kingston Trio), then English talk. [Connelly-MA]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Algiers OCT 2 2354 - Loud with shrill vocal. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.5* synchros OCT 2 2354 - Man in English; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 981 **ALGERIA** *RTVA Chaîne 2*, Algiers OCT 1 2117 - Presumed; extremely weak audio on a strong carrier signal. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2328 - Bits of Arabic vocal; in WCAP slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid SEP 24 0026 - Assumed; Spanish talk, male host and female caller, good signal then faded. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 2 2353 - Spanish newstalk; over possible Morocco. + OCT 3 2233 - Spanish teletalk; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1008 **CANARY ISLANDS** *Punto Radio*, Tenerife OCT 1 2158 - Good; *Punto Radio* jingle and IDs with *Radio España* mention into news. [Conti-ME]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR* Wolfsheim SEP 29 2223 - Male/female news commentary, parallel 666; signal to fair peak then faded. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1017 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros, OCT 3 2257 - Parallel 1098 with man and woman in Spanish, then flute music; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 **MOROCCO** *Sebba-Aioun* OCT 2 2351 - Arabic vocal; over Spain, about S7. + OCT 3 2234 - Man in Arabic; good. + OCT 3 2312 - Berber style chants; dominant over Spain: good S9 signal (though, at the shore, this is often S9+30 at local sunset). [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros OCT 3 2258 - Two men in Spanish; very good, now dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Tanger OCT 3 2235 - Reverberated Arabic talk by woman, then string music; over Spain and UK. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks R.*, Kalundborg OCT 1 0309 - Really cool American ballads with male lyrics, Danish female DJ hosting. This signal was louder than domestic mess on adjacent 1050, the loudest I have heard this station ever! Winter must be just around the corner. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 3 0301 - News by man in Danish; good. [Connelly-MA] OCT 3 0350-0358 - Very good with previously heard detailed weather report by woman in Danish. Solid signal for eight minutes until fade at 0358. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros OCT 2 2350 - English teletalk; fair with WBAL phased. + OCT 3 0305 - Golf report; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 1 2325 - Good; loud synchro echo. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2300 - *Radio Nacional de España* ID by a woman, then news; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 3 2301 - News parallel 1098; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros OCT 3 2302 - Talk parallel 1044; in WADN slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Hrvatski R.*, Zadar OCT 1 0017 - Female talk host and male caller; big signal! No parallel heard on 1125. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 2 2347 - Mellow Slavic vocal; good with WBBR phased. [Connelly-MA] OCT 3 0409-0414 - Very good with light-hearted banter between man and woman in presumed Croatian followed by show tune vocal; best in USB to minimize brutal WBBR splatter. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1169 **IRAN** OCT 3 0305 - Likely this with het against WWVA. Saudi Arabia loud at the time. [Connelly-MA]
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Dabiya OCT 1 2335 - Arabic news/talk well over WWVA without phasing. [Conti-ME]
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *SER* synchros OCT 3 2304 - Parallel 1044 with Spanish news by woman; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *SBC* Solvesborg OCT 1 0148-0205 - Fair pushing aside splatter from 1180 WHAM with light instrumental music, choral music and folk vocal; at 0202 apparent news by man in Swedish. Confirmed by establishing parallel with dxtuner receiver at Karlstad, Sweden. Country #91 heard. Thanks to Ben D. for posting tip on NRC forum. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux OCT 1 2125 - Good; music and *France Info* ID into talk parallel 1377, and although it was earlier - not parallel 864 at this time. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 0306 - French news by a woman; good. [Connelly-MA] OCT 3 0416-0428 - Fair with serious in-studio discussion between man and woman in French; parallel to 1377 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA] OCT 3 2305 - News; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin R.* synchros SEP 29 2312-2338 - Fair with pop tunes by Elton John, Simon & Garfunkel, Crowded House and others with brief DJ patter in between. [DeLorenzo-MA] OCT 2 2342 - Woman in English; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE* Valencia OCT 3 2238 - Interspersed music and Spanish talk by a man and woman; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 3 2238 - Fast Spanish talk; over an unID music station. [Connelly-

- MA]
- 1314 **NORWAY** NRK Kvitsoy SEP 27 0358 - Classical flute concerto; in/out fades, poor to fair. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 0000-0008 - Fair with news by man in Norwegian followed by rock music and male DJ. [DeLorenzo-MA] OCT 1 0329 - Presumed; soft male vocal, S-9 at times! Now male announcer at 0330, now can hear words at 0331 with male and female announcers, but foreign language and can't make anything out - sounds like a top 40 format. No phasing needed, northeast BOG only. [Collier-PA]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** BBC R.Ulster, Lisnagarvey OCT 2 2341 - Bits of English talk; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** Lille OCT 2 2340 - French pop music. [Connelly-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** R.Sawa, Arta OCT 3 2309 - Pop Arabic music with female vocal; strong enough to get by local WXKS at times. [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules OCT 1 2105 - Good; bilingual Bible teaching, alternating between English and an unID language. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2243 - Preaching in English mentioned free will; over slop from WLAM and nulled local WAZN. [Connelly-MA]
- 1503 **IRAN** IRIB B-ushehr OCT 1 2340 - Presumed; faded up over RNE5 Spain briefly with string music, lost to Spain by the top of the hour while hoping to catch the signature Big Ben chimes, potential 1566 and SW parallels not in at the time. [Conti-ME] OCT 2 2337 - Koranic vocal; dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros OCT 1 2225 - Good; talk in Spanish, then distinctive flute music parallel 603 and 1098, over an unID Middle Eastern station likely Iran. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2310 - Parallel 1098 with Spanish talk; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba OCT 1 0325 - Wailing Arabic vocal, presumed Saudi, have often had het, first time I could ever phase WWKB (they were in a spot break, that helped) enough for audio. New! [Collier-PA] OCT 1 2050 - Fair; Middle Eastern music parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz, loud het against WIZZ. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 0308 - Man in Arabic with news, then Middle East orchestra music; loud. + OCT 3 2246 - Serious-sounding Arabic talk; good, easily over WIZZ/WWKB slop. + OCT 4 2132 - Pre-sunset fade-up. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** R.Sawa, Kabd-Kuwait City OCT 1 2115 - Fair; Middle Eastern pop music. [Conti-ME]
- 1584 **CEUTA** RadiOlé, Ceuta OCT 1 2055 - Good; woman with RadiOlé mention, romantic vocal, time pips at the top of the hour into ID lost in burst of domestic interference, then flamenco guitar. [Conti-ME] OCT 3 2247 - Tropical jazz; good, over SER and possible Arabic station. [Connelly-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** R.Visión Cristiana Int'l, S.Caicos OCT 1 2345 - Excellent; "Escribala a Radio Visión Cristiana Internacional, P.O. Box 2908, Paterson, Nueva Jersey 07509," and inspirational music. No sign of 535 Grenada. [Conti-ME]
- 550 **VENEZUELA** YVKE Mundial, Caracas OCT 2 0952 - Good; "La emisora de música en Venezuela" and salsa. [Conti-ME]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** ZIZ Basseterre OCT 1 0336 - Calypso style music with male vocal, no announcements; really loud, east wire best. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 0835 - Good; BBC World Service, no sign of 535 Grenada. [Conti-ME]
- 600 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, Urbano Noris OCT 2 1005 - Good; "Seis cinco minutos" time check, "aquí en Radio Rebelde" with news headlines, the only Cuban signal this morning as normally strong 670, 710, and 1180 R.Rebelde outlets, and 570 R.Relej were missing in action. [Conti-ME]
- 640 **GADELOUPE** R.Guadeloupe, Point-à-Pitre OCT 1 2310 - Good; many R.Guadeloupe mentions in telephone talk. [Conti-ME]
- 650 **COLOMBIA** HJKH RCN Antena Dos, Bogotá OCT 2 0200 - Jingles, advert, then male talk host and male caller; loud with WSM way under on south antenna. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 2 0959 - Fair; end of religious program, "Antena Dos Colombia" ID into Latin American pop music. [Conti-ME]
- 660 **VENEZUELA** Ondas de los Médanos, Coro OCT 1 0925 - "Escuchando Ondas de los Médanos" and salsa; fair to at times good in WFAN null. [Conti-ME]
- 690 **ANGUILLA** Caribbean Beacon, The Valley OCT 1 0303 - US accented preacher; mixed with CINF but eventually nulled so in the clear with a strong signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 710 **CUBA** R.Rebelde OCT 2 0226 - Spanish talk over nulled WOR, then fast tempo traditional Cuban music featuring flute, drum and other percussion instruments. Audio fidelity a bit hollow. On station break mentioned "emisora de la revolución" with organ music back-

- ground. Big signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas OCT 1 0227 - At station break, "RCR," then two men discussing at length Venezuelan political issues. Signal flattened WSB on south antenna only. [Stromsted-MA] OCT 1 0905 - Good; sign on with anthem, "Muy buenos días, Radio Caracas Radio" and march music theme, then "Informe RCR Titulares." [Conti-ME]
- 840 **PUERTO RICO** WXEW R.Victoria, Yabucoa OCT 1 0913 - Poor; local ads, R.Victoria ID, and romantic ballad mixing with WHAS. [Conti-ME]
- 860 **CUBA** R.Relej, Baracoa OCT 1 0239 - Male and female news presenters, with minute markers, RR code, and clock ticks, faded in over CJBC and other Latin American signal, probably Dominican Republic. Loud. [Stromsted-MA]
- 870 **PUERTO RICO** WQBS La Gran Cadena, San Juan OCT 1 0810 - Fair; "...en la gran cadena" promo with callsign ID, classic Cuban big band style salsa. [Conti-ME]
- 910 **VENEZUELA** YVRQ AM Center, Caracas OCT 1 0917 - Fair; "RQ 910 AM Center" promo, Latin American music. [Conti-ME]
- 1060 **MEXICO** XEEP R.Educación, México DF OCT 1 0037 - Presumed; Mexican traditional music; tuba, drums, trumpets, guitar, non stop music well over KYW (vertical antenna). Good signal but faded abruptly at 0044. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1620 **US VIRGIN ISLANDS** WDHP Fredriksted, St. Croix SEP 27 0353 - Country & Western music; dominant signal east wire, in jumble on northeast wire. + OCT 2 0302 - BBC news relay; signal dominant, easy copy, "...this ends this addition of the BBC news," then station returned to island music. Loud. [Stromsted-MA]

Bruce speaks: My annual October retreat to mid-coast Maine for a camping DXpedition produced mixed results. All the transatlantic action occurred before local sunset or while it was still light, after which signals settled down to domination by Spain with a lack of reception from more northern latitudes other than a weak 1314 Norway noted in scanning. (I guess I hit a lull as logs before and after October 1 indicate otherwise.) Sunrise Latin American DX was limited with even Cuba being a worthy catch, but still a couple of interesting signals received from Puerto Rico and Venezuela. 535 Grenada noted still missing probably due to hurricane damage; any chance this Caribbean split frequency station may never return? The 1170 UAE signal was huge, well over WWVA and should be a good target for on-channel inland DXers.

Transpacific DX

- 180 **RUSSIA** R.Rossii SEP 18 1211 - Fair with Radio Rossii ID. [Portzer-WA]
- 279 **RUSSIA** SEP 18 1124 - Woman in Russian; fair. [Portzer-WA]
- 279 **RUSSIA** R.Rossii SEP 19 1106 - Radio Rossii; fair, parallel 7320. [Portzer-WA]
- 531 **NEW ZEALAND** 1XPI Auckland SEP 19 1139 - Good; talk in an unID island language, mention of Cook Islands. [Portzer-WA]
- 558 **JAPAN** JOCR Kobe SEP 18 1127 - Probably the Japanese talk and pop music; fair. [Portzer-WA]
- 567 **NEW ZEALAND** 2YA Wellington SEP 19 1012 - Fair in 570 splatter; RNZ news and weather, also 1108 with symphonic music parallel 756 and 819. [Portzer-WA]
- 570 **CANADA** Whitehorse YT SEP 19 0443 - Dominant over KVI etc., program of 1950s music parallel 690 CBU, national news 0500, ID "CBC North Radio One, serving the Yukon and British Columbia" 0504, then local weather. Heard on several previous DXpeditions, but this was the first time I've pulled a local ID. [Portzer-WA]
- 576 **JAPAN** JOHG Kagoshima SEP 19 1423 - Poor but parallel with NHK1 man talking on 594. [Hutton-WA]
- 585 **JAPAN** JOPG et al. SEP 18 1420 - Fair; parallel 594. [Portzer-WA]
- 594 **PHILIPPINES** DYWR Tacloban City SEP 29 1418 - Assumed with disco and pop music. The other two Filipinos are religious or newstalk so this ought to be DYWR. On top (!) of NHK1 Japan briefly and that never happens. [Hutton-WA]
- 594 unID SEP 19 1426 - Easy instrumental pop music briefly over Japan. Probably one of the Filipino stations. [Portzer-WA]
- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR Brisbane SEP 18 1040 - Fair on southwest wire with pop music and sports report. [Portzer-WA]
- 639 **FIJI** Drasa SEP 19 1143 - Fijian talk and island music; fair. [Portzer-WA]
- 657 **NORTH KOREA** Pyongyang SEP 19 1329 - Good; angry man ranting in Korean parallel 3320. [Portzer-WA]
- 666 **JAPAN** JOBK Osaka SEP 18 1130 - Fair; Japanese talk parallel 594. [Portzer-WA]
- 693 **JAPAN** JOAB Tokyo SEP 19 1145 - Good; discussion parallel 774, later at 1326 loud with

- talk. [Portzer-WA]
 711 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSA Seoul SEP 19 1325 - Man and woman in Korean; good in KIRO splatter. [Portzer-WA]
 729 **JAPAN** JOCK Nagoya SEP 18 1132 - Good; talk parallel 594, same thing at 1224. [Portzer-WA]
 738 **FRENCH POLYNESIA** Papeete SEP 18 1038 - French talk; good. [Portzer-WA]
 747 **JAPAN** JOIB Sapporo SEP 19 1017 - Good; Japanese talk parallel other NHK2 stations. [Portzer-WA]
 750 **ALASKA** KFQD Anchorage SEP 19 0450 - Local ads atop KXL. Also, at 0506 starting a "Twilight Zone" episode (radio version, I guess). [Portzer-WA]
 756 **NEW ZEALAND** National Radio, Auckland SEP 19 1108 - Symphonic music parallel 567; fair. [Portzer-WA]
 774 **JAPAN** JOUB Akita SEP 18 0945 - Already loud, English lessons talking about handicapped parking places in the US. + SEP 19 1018 - Strong with discussion. [Portzer-WA] SEP 22 1230 - Occasional audio, man with Japanese talk and music bridges. Was able to parallel to 3373.5U shortwave (NHK2 Osaka). First decent JA audio in a few years. A sign of a good MW season to come, hopefully. [Wilkins-CO] Very nice!
 780 **ALASKA** KNOM Nome OCT 18 1044 - Battling KKOH with "American Top 20," legal ID 1100, network news, 1105 long weather report for western Alaska over KKOH. Only audible on northwest wire. [Portzer-WA]
 783 unID SEP 28 1405 - Mostly poor mix of two stations in unID Oriental languages. No Japan listed. Didn't seem parallel to KBS1 so not Korea either. [Hutton-WA]
 792 **JAPAN** NHK1 synchros SEP 18 1410 - NHK1 stations way under someone with pop music that was much stronger. Tough parallel with 594. [Hutton-WA]
 792 unID SEP 18 1412 - Fair with pop music, no idea who. [Hutton-WA]
 800 **ALASKA** KINY Juneau SEP 19 0415 - Over CKOK; "Hometown Radio KINY" ID, then oldies show. [Portzer-WA]
 810 **CHINA** unID SEP 18 1158 - Bits of Oriental talk under KGO on northwest wire, riffs from the Beatles' "Yesterday," electronic sounder, announcement, then Chinese time signal (four long and one long higher pitched tone), followed by woman in Chinese. Again at 1355 a woman in Chinese dominant over KGO/KYAK. Brief announcement by man 1359:45, then time signal. KGO was severely attenuated on northwest wire, but close to normal on west and southwest wires. Three local stations listed in PAL, five in WRTH, Zhejiang may be the most likely one. Recordings available for anyone who speaks Chinese. [Portzer-WA]
 830 **HAWAII** KHVH Honolulu SEP 18 0450 - Mixing with mainland stations, talk show and local ads. [Portzer-WA]
 846 **KIRIBATI** Tarawa SEP 18 0953 - Good; island vocals and woman in local language. [Portzer-WA]
 846 unID SEP 19 1225 - Religious service music and a woman talking. Kiribati should be off at 1030, so I'd guess the Philippines. [Hutton-WA]
 850 **ALASKA** KICY Nome SEP 19 0958 - Dominant on northwest wire with Russian program, possible jingle ID (in Russian?) 1000, then Russian song. No English ID at top of hour but matches their website and 780 KNOM was in at the same time. Gone by 1006. [Portzer-WA]
 864 **JAPAN** JOSM Toyohashi SEP 18 1120 - Tentative; seemingly in parallel with 1332 kHz. 1332 was clear but 864 was much weaker and mixing with others. A couple of VFO A/B switches left me feeling I had a match but I am having some trouble believing that 100 watts was this strong so it doesn't go in the log. [Hutton-WA]
 864 unID SEP 18 1121 - Trading places with JOSM with a rumbly sound so likely the repeaters of 1287 Japan which normally are on top. [Hutton-WA]
 882.43 unID SEP 19 1233 9/19 - Carrier hetting 882. [Portzer-WA]
 900 **HAWAII** KNUI Kahului SEP 18 0435 - Over/under CKMO with Hawaiian music, ID, local job line. [Portzer-WA]
 909 **JAPAN** JOCP Nagoya SEP 18 1408 - Fair signal with man talking parallel to NHK2 on 774. [Hutton-WA]
 909 unID SEP 18 1420 - Pop music and a woman DJ doing teletalk with another woman. Mixing with NHK2 as the sun rose and enhanced everything. Seemed parallel KBS1 on 891 but not sure. [Hutton-WA]
 930 **ALASKA** KTKN Ketchikan SEP 18 0428 - Dominant with ID and Rod Stewart song. [Portzer-WA]
 963 **CHINA** SEP 18 1341 - FS good with Chinese music and Russian talk. [Portzer-WA]
 972 **SOUTH KOREA** Dangiin SEP 18 1033 - Good; James Brown "I Got You" (!) then a man in

- Korean. [Portzer-WA]
 1017 **TONGA** A3Z Nuku'alofa SEP 18 0954 - Woman in Tongan; fair. [Portzer-WA]
 1044 unIDs SEP 19 1419 - Wild jumble of stations dominated by two unIDs in Chinese. [Portzer-WA]
 1062 **JAPAN** SEP 18 1138 - Japanese talk parallel 1332; poor. [Portzer-WA]
 1062 **JAPAN** JOSF relay SEP 18 1130 - Tentative; generally poor (what else would you expect for 100 watts?) as I tried to be sure that it matched 1332 kHz. In the end, I wasn't 100% sure - they both had males with non-stop talk with about the same voice pitch but I couldn't get any further. [Hutton-WA]
 1062 **PHILIPPINES** DZEC Manila SEP 18 1100 - Often on top; no ID during a long talk in Filipino. [Hutton-WA] SEP 18 1340 - Presumed with telephone talk show in Tagalog. [Portzer-WA]
 1071 **JAPAN** JOFK Hiroshima SEP 19 1409 - Sometimes matching JOWM with an easy parallel of non-stop male talking in Japanese against NHK1. [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1410 - Instrumental music parallel 594. [Portzer-WA]
 1071 **JAPAN** JOWM Obihiro SEP 19 1408 - Truly good parallel JOWF 1440 with the old Trini Lopez version of "If I Had a Hammer." [Hutton-WA]
 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** Majuro SEP 19 1006 - Woman and island music on southwest wire; fair-good. [Portzer-WA]
 1107 unID SEP 19 1221 - American sounding light hip hop that was not parallel 1215 so not MBS South Korea. That would leave Japan and the Philippines as candidates. [Hutton-WA]
 1107 **JAPAN** JOCF Kagoshima SEP 19 1234 - ID'ed by paralleling 1062 who had the same pop song with female singer. Naturally both channels were not at fair levels at the same time, making it a bit of work to get a parallel. It's so nice that almost all of the Japanese stations are parallel one network or another. Otherwise I would be in deep DX trouble. [Hutton-WA]
 1116 **AUSTRALIA** 4BC Brisbane SEP 19 1055 - Fair with ads in 1120 KPNW splatter. [Portzer-WA]
 1134 **JAPAN** Tokyo SEP 19 1238 - Good with two men talking. [Portzer-WA]
 1143 **TAIWAN** Baisha SEP 19 1416 - Fisheries station good parallel 738, woman in Chinese reading messages. [Portzer-WA]
 1152 **JAPAN** JORB Kochi / JOCP Kushiro SEP 19 1240 - Fair-poor; man in Japanese parallel NHK2 on 774. Something way under. At 1321, NHK2 (3 stations listed), a bit of Japanese. [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1319 - Fair-poor; weather in Japanese, wasn't able to pull out local ID. [Portzer-WA]
 1152 **SOUTH KOREA** HLCW Wonju SEP 19 1320 - Poor-fair and hard to parallel against 711 due to the jumble and 710 slop. [Hutton-WA]
 1152 **CHINA** unID SEP 19 1321 - Not 100% sure, but there seemed to be Chinese in the mix. I don't trust my language skills enough to be sure. [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1335 - Chinese talk. [Portzer-WA]
 1161 **PHILIPPINES** SEP 19 1340 - Tagalog talk under unID instrumental music. [Portzer-WA]
 1161 unID SEP 19 1240-1301 - Fair-good level; some modern pop mx but much instrumental and vocal MoR type music too. Some was in English, some not. It was not parallel 594 so not NHK1. No talk between most of the selections. Music stopped mid-song at 1300 for silence then an assumed ID. Assumedly the same station Bruce had, and I did capture some talk for later analysis. [Hutton-WA]
 1170 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSR Gimje SEP 18 1334 - On top of the channel, bullying the domestics with their 500 kW. + SEP 19 1304 - On top of the channel and killing the domestics. [Hutton-WA] SEP 18 1334 - FS woman in Chinese over domestics. + SEP 19 1030 - Dominant with Japanese program. [Portzer-WA]
 1179 **JAPAN** JOOR Osaka SEP 19 1033 - On top with man and woman, ad, animated production, mixing with someone initially, then at 1304 good and loud with a man in a long talk (news?), over unIDs. [Hutton-WA]
 1188 **SOUTH KOREA** HLKX Incheon SEP 19 1309 - On top with talk and soft religious sounding music mixing with a tremendous jumble of others, the strongest of which was not parallel NHK1 so likely a Filipino. [Hutton-WA]
 1197 **JAPAN** SEP 19 1120 - Instrumental music parallel 1278. [Portzer-WA]
 1206 **CHINA** Yanbian SEP 19 1031 - Korean program good, though not as strong as usual. [Portzer-WA]
 1215 **CHINA** CNR7 Hua Xia Zhi Shen SEP 19 1300 - Nice clear ID plus "guangbo dientai" mentions in both Mandarin and Cantonese. Confirmed by Taiwanese DX'er Miller Liu who gets my big thanks, otherwise I would not have been sure which Chinese station this was. First

- time from Grayland! [Hutton-WA]
- 1215 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAJ Jinju SEP 18 1152 - Vocal music and Korean talk; fair-good, not sure if parallel 837. Also good at several rechecks. [Portzer-WA] SEP 18 1157 - Very good - what a surprise as it's only 10 kW! - with modern US pop music way over a jumble, including an unID with disco-ish pop music. Took a bit of a dive on the hour, but still fair with an ID that sounds like "MBC" to me. No pips. Talk followed with English words spelled out like "port." Dunno what that was. + SEP 19 1214 - Good signal; with man and woman in Korean. Better signal than I expected for 10 kW, unID music under. [Hutton-WA]
- 1224 **JAPAN** JOJK Kanizawa SEP 19 1159 - Fair and easily paralleled against NHK1 594 which stays assigned to a memory for easy paralleling against a lot of channels! [Hutton-WA]
- 1224 unID SEP 19 1159 - Mixing with JOJK with music of the 40's and 50's - crooners, MoR ballads and other standards. On top of Japan at times, and second fiddle other times. I'd guess KBS3 Korea but I could catch no ID and there's no way to parallel this to be sure. [Hutton-WA]
- 1242 **JAPAN** JOLF Tokyo SEP 19 1219 - Great signal which isn't unusual but I enjoy opening up the bandwidth to 4 or 6 kHz and listening to full fidelity on the *All Night Nippon* program, again at 1336 nice and strong as usual with *All Night Nippon*, over an unID Oriental station. [Hutton-WA]
- 1260 **JAPAN** JONR Sendai SEP 19 1120 - Phone talk over domestics. [Portzer-WA]
- 1269 **JAPAN** JOHW Obihiro / JOFM Esashi SEP 18 1228 - Pop music parallel 1287, mixing with another station. [Portzer-WA] SEP 18 1232 - Easily parallel to 1287 but swapping places with someone all the time. [Hutton-WA]
- 1269 **SOUTH KOREA** KBS1 Yangju SEP 19 1331 - I worked hard to see if one of the 1269 stations was parallel 711 KBS and finally became 99% sure. Fair at peaks and tough to parallel given a bit of slop on 711 from semi-local KIRO. [Hutton-WA]
- 1278 **JAPAN** JOFR Fukuoka SEP 19 1345 - *All Night Nippon* program; good, parallel 1242 and 1287. [Portzer-WA]
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR Sapporo SEP 18 1233 - Excellent; pop music and man/woman announcer pair, an easy reference point for checking parallel 1269. + SEP 19 1220 - Very good; big fanfare music, "...presents" in English, then a high powered announcer. Then at 1334 so good I had to stop and just admire the signal in 6 kHz bandwidth. No problem from domestics. As classical music was being played (*All Night Nippon* program), there were quiet periods when I could just barely hear something way under. [Hutton-WA]
- 1296 **JAPAN** JOTK Matsue SEP 18 1250 - Poor-fair; comedy parallel 594. [Portzer-WA] SEP 19 1338 - In a big mix with what sounded like Chinese and an unID mixing in. [Hutton-WA]
- 1296 unIDs SEP 19 1411 - Two stations mixing with NHK, one with a woman in Tagalog, the other with a woman in Chinese. [Portzer-WA]
- 1305 **SOUTH KOREA** HLSV Ulsin SEP 17 1021 - Korean talk; fair-good. [Portzer-WA] SEP 19 1340 - Very, very good and sounding like a superpowered outlet in 4 kHz bandwidth, but they are only 10 kW. Someone way under and hopeless. [Hutton-WA]
- 1314 **SOUTH KOREA** HLCM CBS Jeonju SEP 19 1343 - Presumed the source of religious music to fair peaks. "CBS" = Christian Broadcasting System. A little bit of Japan underneath, but these guys were on top. [Hutton-WA]
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF Nagoya SEP 18 1120 - Good and clear; a reference point as I searched for its 100 watt relays on 1062, 864 and (unsuccessfully) on 801, 1458, 1485 and 1557. [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1100 - Good with several ads and time tone. Tokai mention 1123, male DJ with several mentions of "hamburger", then amusing Japanese song about hamburgers. [Portzer-WA]
- 1341 **CHINA** unID SEP 19 1346 - A nice mix of stations including a Chinese, a Korean parallel to 711 and two Japanese stations. China rose nicely on top with Chinese opera about 1349. No talk, and there are a handful of outlets listed so no way to know what this was. Beginning to sound like the graveyard jumble on 1340. At 1355 poor level Chinese talk but I have no idea who this is. The 300 kW Guangzhou outlet is supposed to be in English leaving no likely suspects. [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1349 - Chinese opera mixing with other stations in jumble. [Portzer-WA]
- 1341 **JAPAN** NHK1 SEP 18 1414 - NHK1 program parallel 594 in jumble of weak signals. [Portzer-WA]
- 1341 **SOUTH KOREA** KBS1 Kimpo KBS1 SEP 19 1436 - Surprisingly here and parallel 711. Only 10 kW, and not a trace of them before so it was a nice surprising new log. [Hutton-WA]
- 1350 **JAPAN** JOER Hiroshima SEP 18 1412 - Very good and way on top of the domestics with an ad, man in Japanese. Not unusual here so I marched on. [Hutton-WA] SEP 18 1412 - Strong over domestics with several ads, man and woman announcers. [Portzer-WA]
- 1367 **CHINA** Guangshui SEP 18 1250 - Mixing with the two Japanese stations and sometimes on

- top. We've never had a Chinese station on 1367 before in Grayland. As there are only a western China station and also the Guangshui Renmin Guangbo Dientai, this must be Guangshui. Assumed to be the source of two short and one long pips at 1300. [Hutton-WA]
- 1367 **JAPAN** NHK1 stations SEP 18 1250 - Trading places with JOTS and parallel 594 which is my NHK1 reference point. [Hutton-WA]
- 1367 **JAPAN** JOTS Wakkanai SEP 18 1251 - Parallel with 1287, but none too easily. The clinching parallel was rewarding - this is only 1 kW. [Hutton-WA]
- 1368 **JAPAN** SEP 18 1255 - Rock music parallel 1287; fair. Later at 1312, talk parallel 594, mixing with others. + SEP 19 1034 - Pop music, woman DJ, ads, parallel 1287. [Portzer-WA]
- 1377 **JAPAN** SEP 18 1327 - Fair; music from Fantasia parallel 774. [Portzer-WA]
- 1377 **RUSSIA** SEP 19 1036 - Russian woman in briefly. [Portzer-WA]
- 1386 **JAPAN** NHK2 stations SEP 19 1221 - Fair; a man talking plus a slight echo sound that would likely come from the four different 10 kW stations. [Hutton-WA]
- 1395 unID SEP 19 1314 - Fair-poor; pop music, woman DJ but couldn't decide if Japanese or Chinese (maybe two stations?), potential ID 1316 with mention of "Dientai." More pop music and talking 1324, sounded Japanese but not sure. [Portzer-WA]
- 1404 **JAPAN** JOQL Kushiro SEP 18 1237 - I went looking for parallels of 1287 JOHR and found JOQL in poorly on 1404 but that's all I needed. 1404 is a channel without a strong signal so I was happy to pull this in. [Hutton-WA]
- 1440 **JAPAN** JOWF Sapporo SEP 18 1324 - Japanese talk atop channel. + SEP 19 1206 - Monster signal over domestics. [Portzer-WA] SEP 19 1408 - Noted way on top of 1440 while checking for a parallel on 1071. This is often way on top of the domestics in Grayland. [Hutton-WA]
- 1458 **PHILIPPINES** unID SEP 18 1427 - Phone talk in Tagalog, soon faded. [Portzer-WA] SEP 19 1122 - Fair-poor level; man talking in Tagalog. Not sure which of the three Filipinos this might be. DWRF Iba assumed with a man in a talk and teletalk program that sounded religious but no way to be sure. A few snippets are good enough for a Tagalog speaker to catch the theme, so I will force innocent Filipino co-workers to suffer through several minutes worth. My attention was drawn to this by Bruce Portzer. A very tough channel from Grayland - in my master log of our DXpeditions, there's absolutely nothing on 1458! [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1130 - Phone talk in Tagalog; fair. Ads and/or news in Tagalog 1156, but faded at top of hour. 1254-1302 fair-poor; easy listening music. [Portzer-WA]
- 1467 **JAPAN** NHK2 synthros SEP 18 1328 - Fair; music from Fantasia parallel 774. [Portzer-WA] SEP 19 1108 - I did a quick check against 774 and got what (after several listens) made me 99% sure I had a parallel with a woman talking in Japanese. [Hutton-WA]
- 1467 unID SEP 19 1108 - Mixing with Japan and making a parallel difficult. Likely Korea, but I don't think there's enough on tape to confirm it. [Hutton-WA]
- 1475 **MALAYSIA** Sabah SEP 18 1233 - Fair; woman talking, het on high side. + SEP 19 1244 - Good; woman in Tagalog with some English words. [Portzer-WA]
- 1494 unID SEP 18 1353 - American pop music at fair level, something said by announcer at 1353 that sounded like DJOW, female announcer blurted something, more pop music, no pips over the hour but a male came on briefly and then back to pop music. A mystery. I'd expect pips and news from Japan. Maybe Philippines? One of the toughest channels for TP audio, with no known logs from Grayland and only the weakest of carriers on good nights. [Hutton-WA]
- 1503 **MICRONESIA** *Voice of Kosrae* SEP 18 1031 - Probably the one with pop music on southwest wire, Japan dominant on northwest wire. [Portzer-WA] SEP 19 1050 - Fair-poor level; man talking with some English words, musical interlude, the signal declined a fair bit and when back up at 1056 they seemed to have ended their broadcast day. [Hutton-WA]
- 1512 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN Newcastle SEP 18 1403 - Aussie news on southwest wire; fair-poor. [Portzer-WA]
- 1512 **JAPAN** SEP 18 1404 - English news parallel 774; fair-weak. [Portzer-WA]
- 1530 **PHILIPPINES** DZME Manila SEP 19 1350-1405 - Assumed the Filipino on top of KFBK at times, most of the time occupied by a very fast talking woman in what seemed to be a religious program. Three strange pips (440 Hertz, each about 400 ms) at 1400 that could have come from anyone but the Filipino was atop. I can't find any report of religious programs on DZME which makes me a little unsure, but DZME is the only Filipino reported at all on 1530. Other Oriental stations under it! KFBK is usually a tower of power here. [Hutton-WA]
- 1539 **JAPAN** NHK2 stations SEP 18 1342 - An easy parallel to 1593. [Hutton-WA]
- 1539 unID SEP 18 1338 - American English talking about barbeque and jazz. There's very little listed and NHK2 has English lessons at this time, but this doesn't sound like a language lesson. [Hutton-WA]

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1557 **TAIWAN** WYFR SEP 18 1236 - Presumed with religious program; good. [Portzer-WA]
1566 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAZ Cheju SEP 18 1246 - It's usual loud self with Japanese religious program. [Portzer-WA] SEP 18 1337 - Perfect in 4 kHz bandwidth with not any sloop or fading. Fun to listen to how perfect the signal is. [Hutton-WA] SEP 19 1444 - Still there with Japanese talk. [Portzer-WA]
1575 **JAPAN** AFN SEP 18 1152 - Presumed as the American pop music and English announcer under VOA Thailand, but no ID. [Hutton-WA] SEP 18 1321 - Probably an AFN station with Al Green song, man in American English, then faded under presumed VOA Thailand (woman in Asian language). [Portzer-WA]
1575 **THAILAND** VOA SEP 19 1215 - "News Now" in English; good. [Portzer-WA]
1584 **JAPAN** NHK1 SEP 18 1423 - Fair; NHK1 parallel 594. [Portzer-WA]
1593 **CHINA** unID SEP 19 1216 - Chinese talk over the NHK stations. [Portzer-WA]
1593 **JAPAN** JOTB / JOQB NHK2 SEP 18 1331 - Parallel with 1602, at fair level but usually clobbered by China. At 1336 NHK2 English lessons; good level. [Hutton-WA] SEP 18 1435 - Still there with talk parallel 774. [Portzer-WA]
1602 **JAPAN** NHK2 stations SEP 18 1332 - Fair; bunch of baby NHK2 stations parallel to 1593 for an easy confirmation. + SEP 19 1057 - One of my clearest receptions of the low powered NHK2 repeaters; fair signal on peaks. [Hutton-WA]

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Musings

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Here is the NRC column which matches the excitement of the election for dog catcher! When sending your items in, please keep them radio and DX'ing related, things that would be of interest to the membership, how you've started in DX'ing and what keeps you in the hobby in this year! Here we go:

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Now that NRC is weekly, I have a Musings deadline to miss everyweek instead of every so often, hi. For those who may not know, I have been in the NRC since 1957. I am no longer actively seeking out a lot of new distant DX, as I can't do a lot with outside antennas in this townhome, where the noise level is high. I've been active on the NRC on-line listserv, but not in print here, so those of you who are not on-line probably have assumed I disappeared. T'aint so. I almost made the Batavia convention. Ron Gitschier, who lives in Flagler county, FL, north of Daytona, and I set out by car to make the Batavia convention, but the hurricane bearing down on us, set to hit NE FL Saturday, became a real worry for both of us, as I had left my truck parked in his yard, at what then seemed to be Ground Zero. We got as far as Charlotte NC on Tuesday night before deciding to head back home. I had to bring back about 15 pounds of things for the Auction. We did meet Powell Way in Columbia SC and had a nice visit, and Ron and I did a lot of listening to aircheck CDs and looking at old mementos, so we did have a mini-convention I'd like to see the Convention move off of Labor Day, and if there were a serious bid from,

say, Sun City FL, (hint?) I am sure there would be a place for helpers to contribute. If it is the Northeast again, I am not sure what I could do for attending, as the ride-sharing we tried this year made the difference for me in attending. Hope this will be a good season for many. I am getting hints of TA activity on portables here. 73 Bob k2euh

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Thought I'd better muse before the big contest begins at midnight tonight. After that, I'll be at the dials 24 hours a day until next June! Ken, you might as well sell your radios because I spent all last week polishing the wires on my beverages and stocking up on fuses for the R8A. Also, don't discount the fact I recently "Aced" the Intermediate Spanish course at Cleveland Community College. This should help with the Mexicans and Cubans - not just those in NC! Hilda, my instructor from Argentina, spoke Spanish with a German accent - hmmm? (I've heard Chileans speak Spanish with a Polish accent. Also odd -pls.) As a re-intro I am a 65-year-old (retired since 1996) chemical engineer. Been a ham since 1963 and an NRC member since 1992. Single, living on 23 acres in NC since 1978. Have seven 550 ft-long beverages, a NE sloper, and a DL-2 phasing unit. Sorry I missed Batavia but that's the same weekend as the Shelby Hamfest which draws ~8,000 people including Dick Truax who volunteers by giving amateur exams on Saturday then apparently splits for home on Sunday so our paths rarely cross. One of my locals 1390-WADA is running on reduced power and U1 (not U2) at night due to some relay problems with their 4-tower array until their CE gets back in town. The engineer is currently trying to work out the pattern on the multi-tower array of the 950 in Moncks Corner, SC. I believe they are still silent. Hard to tell because 5000-watt WORD in Spartanburg, SC is 10 dB over S9 here most of the time. Incidentally, if you are having problems getting QSLs from the following stations, I may be able to help: WADA-1390, WOHS-730, WCSL-1590, WLON-1050, WGNC-1450, or WKMT-1220. Good luck keeping water out of your coax & very 73.

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It was nice to meet old familiar faces and some new ones at the Batavia Convention, and of course see you, Dave. My HQ-180 "threw a seven", in other words died again, for about the twenty-seventh time, last night, 10/2, so now I'm back to using my old Zenith Trans-Oceanic. This radio doesn't seem to be quite as sensitive as my Superadio II but the Kiwa loop works well on this and also WYCK-1340 Plains doesn't show up all over the dial. I have a Superadio III, but believe I got one of the duds as the tuning drifts on the high end of the dial and has poor image rejection. This season is starting out well with some nice TA conditions at the beginning of the month and now the southerners are coming in nicely on the upper regional channels. In terms of a reintroduction, I am 51 years old and have been in the NRC for 34 years. That long! I have DXed from this location and also in the Pocono mountains all that time. Also in the early 70's I DXed from Baltimore where the LA's came in very well. Wilkes-Barre City has had an "emergency station" on 1620 for about a year and a half during the old mayoral administration with the calls WPUU352. This broadcast weather from the NWS with ID announcements every 2 minutes. A new cost-cutting mayor came in this year and this ended up as one of the cuts, which makes me happy. Unfortunately cost cutting also means that you have pot holes in the summertime, but I guess you can't have everything! We still have a station on 1610 which has weather and is on the weak side here. I assume this is on I-81 somewhere. Also Turnpike info is audible on 1640 but is not a problem for DX. That's all for this time. (Good to see you at the convention Harry-DWS)

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One of the major radio chains made an announcement recently that all of the radio stations in their 'chain' (ie: AM's) are going to be limiting their bandwidth to 5 khz on talk and 6 khz on music. What does this mean to us? Less sideband 'splash', so getting next to one of your locals (if this was done) should be a little bit easier. Locally, reports on WCDL-1440 now have it returning late October/early November with their studios going in the City Hall office in Carbondale. It's owned by the same people who operate WNAK 730/94.3 and WAZL-1490. One thing I really missed with all of the recent bad weather that hit the south was the stations that would stay on day power with storm coverage. This was something to look forward to in the '60's and '70's. Who remembers the days of WLNG-1600 when they would stay on and take phone calls from people all night long finding out what they were doing and plus supply information from local emergency people. And when WAPE-690 would be a local at night when they were using their day power/pattern to broadcast information? Who have you heard under similar situations? Let us know! Thanks to all who support Musings and we look forward to hearing from YOU! 73

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