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DX LISTENING DIGEST 18-50,

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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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WORLD OF RADIO 1960 contents: Australia and non, Brasil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Egypt, Eritrea non, France non, India, Ireland non/Italy non, Japan/Korea North non, Kurdistan non, Madagascar, Netherlands non, Nigeria non, Sudan, Turkey, USA and non; and the propagation outlook

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1960, December 11-17, 2018

Tue 0030	WRMI	7730 [confirmed]
Tue 0200	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Tue 2030	WRMI	7780 [confirmed]
Wed 0930	Unique	5045 NSW Australia low-power
Wed 1030	WRMI	5950 [confirmed]
Wed 2200	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v [confirmed]
Fri 0930	Unique	5045 NSW Australia low-power
Sat 0730	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 0930	Unique	5045 NSW Australia low-power [alt weeks: Dec 22]
Sat 1200	WINB	9265 via Unique Radio
Sat 1531	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1700	WRN	5950 via WRMI
Sat 2030v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 0400v	WA0RCR	1860-AM [nominal 0415]
Sun 0830	WRMI	5850 5950 7730
Sun 1130	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 2130	WRMI	7780
Mon 0230	WRMI	5950 9395
Mon 0400v	WBCQ	5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0430	WRMI	9955
Mon 0930	Unique	5045 NSW Australia low-power

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<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html> or <http://schedule.worldofradio.org> or
<http://sked.worldofradio.org>

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html>

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-world-of-radio-podcast/>

MORE PODCAST ALTERNATIVES, tnx to Keith Weston:

<https://blog.keithweston.com/2018/11/22/world-of-radio-podcast/>

feedburner:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

NEW via tunein.com: <http://bit.ly/tuneinwor>

itunes:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861>

AND via Google Play Music: <http://bit.ly/worldofradio>

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper: [suspended?]

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html> or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER`S LOG REPORTS:

Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated, inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! WOR IO GROUP: Effective Feb 4, 2018, DXLD yg archive and members have been migrated to this group:

<https://groups.io/g/WOR>

[there was already an unrelated group at io named dxld!, so new name]
From now on, the io group is primary, where all posts should go. One may apply for membership, subscribe via the above site.

DXLD yahoogroup: remains in existence, and members are free to COPY same info to it, as backup, but no posts should go to it only. They may want to change delivery settings to no e-mail, and/or no digest. The change was necessary due to increasing outages, long delays in posts appearing, and search failures at the yg.

Why wait for DXLD issues? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our io group without delay.

NEWISH! DX LISTENING DIGEST IN PDF, HTML VERSIONS

Jacques Champagne in Ville-Marie, Québec, has developed programs to convert DXLD .txt into PDF and HTML versions for his own use, and now has made them available to the rest of us. Starting with 18-24, they have been posted as attachments to the WOR iog. And now also posted on our website. INTRODUCTION to DXLD in HTML and PDF:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/DXLDformats.htm>

HTML and PDF versions converted by Jacques Champagne are now also posted shortly for open access:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1850.html>

<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1850.pdf>

Thanks also to Jacques for assisting with formatting of .txt original

COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

** **AFGHANISTAN**. Radio Afghanistan External Service on Dec. 5: from 1630 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs Arabic, good
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-radio-afghanistan-external.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWL DX Bulgaria News, Dec. 5-6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ANGOLA

**** ANGOLA.**

4949.8, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 1839-1850, 04/12. Canções, indicação das freqs. (aí se incluindo 11925!!!), noticiário das 1900; 35342, QRM adjacente e pontual, de sinal telegráfico. Good DX & 73,
(Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ANGUILLA

**** ANGUILLA.**

11775, Caribbean Beacon at 1445. Lecture by P M S and on frequent rechecks. Usual music and announcer at 1600 with contact number, then suddenly off. (I have heard them close at 1600 before).
- Very Good Dec 6

11775, Caribbean Beacon/University Network at 1930 with Pastor Melissa lecture. There was the "get on the telephone" bit, then a couple words from Pastor Melissa, before the whole thing cut off at 2000. No closing announcements, no regular schedule. I have heard them on in pre-dawn darkness here, then going off at 9:30A local time (1630 UT), but now going off at 1:00 P local. There is always something confusing at the C.B. - VG Dec 8

(Rick Barton, AZ, WOR iog via DXLD)

ARGENTINA

**** ARGENTINA [non].**

RAE Argentina in German being heard on 7780 via WRMI today (Saturday 8 Dec) at 2125 tune-in (just making it through to here with weak reception) - contrary to WRMI on-line sked for "System F" which shows RAE Monday through Friday, with "Your Weekend Show" on Saturday
(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, WOR iog via DXLD)

AUSTRALIA

** **AUSTRALIA.** Opposition Will Restore Shuttered ABC Shortwave Broadcasts --- James Careless Dec 3, 2018

Australia's Labor Party wants to turn the Australian Broadcasting Corp.'s SW transmitters back on in the country's remote Northern Territory

OTTAWA – Assuming it wins the next Australian federal election – due to be held by May 19, 2019 – the country's Labor opposition party has pledged to restore shortwave radio service to Australia's remote and sparsely-populated Northern Territory.

Ayers Rock/Uluru in the central Australian desert, Northern Territory; the rugged area that lost shortwave radio service two years ago. Credit: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) via Wiki Commons [caption]

At the time this was written, the Labor Party was leading the government's Liberal/National multi-party coalition in voter preference by a margin of 4.5 percent; according to The Australian newspaper's Nov. 25 Newspoll. . .

<https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/opposition-will-restore-shuttered-abc-shortwave-broadcasts>

(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** **AUSTRALIA.**

ABC: Tech Head – encryption, restoring shortwave radio.

Glenn, Audio link here and they discuss the international service:

Tech Head – encryption, restoring shortwave radio and Quora hacked ABC News-7 hours ago

Australia is set to pass world first laws that will allow police agencies greater access to your smartphone messages, and there's concern about what this means . . .

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/drive/tech-head-%E2%80%94-encryption,-shortwave-radio-and-quora-hacked/10586390>

(via Artie Bigley, DXLD) SW mentioned only in passing (gh) Viz.:

Listen now(Link will open in new window) Download audio
Wednesday 5 December 2018 6:52PM
(view [sic] full episode)

Image: Labor has pledged to restore shortwave radio service to remote Australia, if it wins the next election.

(ABC Rural: Daniel Fitzgerald) Link to larger image [caption]

Australia is set to pass world first laws that will allow police agencies greater access to your smartphone messages, and there's concern about what this means for privacy.

Meanwhile, Labor has announced that, if elected, it will restore funding for ABC short wave transmitters used by outback listeners.

And, the details of 100 million Quora users have been hacked, and many of those people didn't even know they had an account. Guest: Peter Marks, tech commentator; software developer; media chief, GovHack (via DXLD)

**** AUSTRALIA [and non].**

Unique Radio times on WINB Red Lion PA USA

Our 1000 Saturday UT broadcast continues on 9265 through to 1230 with:
1000 Sounds of your life - Hosted by Aussie Tim
1100 Hobart Radio International - Hosted by Bob [sic] Wise
1130 International Radio Report - Hosted by Sheldon Harvey,
David Asselin with special features from Gilles Letourneau
1200 World of Radio - Hosted by Glenn Hauser

Additional times:

Unique Radio on WINB 9265 UT Sun 0130-0200 (Sat 8:30-9 PM Eastern) will be carrying the International Radio Report with Sheldon Harvey, David Asselin, and Gilles Letourneau.

A mix of news, shortwave news about Unique Radio and some 'Sounds of your life' UT Fri 0030-0100 (Thu 7:30-8 PM Eastern).

Our domestic HF 5045 kHz (Australia) broadcast times are available at: <http://www.uniqueradio.biz>

Downloads and plays of broadcasts are available at <http://www.uniqueradio.podomatic.com>

Wishing you good listening
(Aussie Tim, Unique Radio, Gunnedah NSW, Australia, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** AUSTRALIA [and non]. Unique Radio URL to keep up to date**

Main site has been updated

<https://www.uniqueradio.biz>

Podcast:

<http://www.uniqueradio.podomatic.com>

Best regards

(Aussie Tim, Unique Radio, Gunnedah NSW, Australia, Dec 8, WOR iog via DXLD) Viz.:

Welcome to Northwest NSW Broadcaster Unique Radio 5045 kHz, 9265 via WINB Saturdays 1000 UT and coming soon 2368.5 kHz which will be our overnight frequency once activated.

NB - I'm aware of the interference problem emanating from 5040 to 5060 kHz. A very badly tuned transmitter coming either from Jeypore, India or perhaps Cuba. Lasted around 30 minutes December 8th 2018 and heard at various other times. Nothing I can do, sorry.

We are also in partnership with Hobart Radio International who provide programming and logistic site help to Unique Radio. You can find Hobart radio International at: <http://www.hriradio.org>

?We broadcast on the Australian HF domestic frequency of 5045 on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (from December 7th) at 0900 UT (20:00 EADT) and on alternate Saturdays & Sundays from 0830 UT (19:30 EADT) using around 120 Watts into our inverted 'V' antenna to serve Gunnedah and approx a 500 or 600 KM radius. Anything past this distance would be regarded as fortuitous reception.

January 1st having a break then recommencing from January 14th 2019 with a more frequent schedule.

We also broadcast on 9265 from WINB Red Lion, Pennsylvania to North America and The Pacific, Saturdays from 1000 UT (9 PM EADT in Australia).

Programming from Unique Radio and partner producers can be viewed by pressing the 'click here for podcast' button below.

?Times below may run late from time to time!

Thanks also to Sheldon Harvey, David Asselin and Gilles Letourneau for providing International Radio Report from CKUT 90.3 Montreal Canada. From 0900 UT Monday, Wednesday and Friday on 5045 Gunnedah. Alternate Saturdays from 0830 on 5045 Gunnedah, 1130 on 9265 via WINB Red lion PN USA Beamed to Australia / NZ / South Pacific area.

I'm excited to add that there will be an additional time to hear International Radio report from Saturday nights 8:30 to 9 pm EST or 0130 to 0200 UT Sunday on 9265 Unique Radio via WINB.

Thanks also to Glenn Hauser for his help with disseminating news to the shortwave community and providing 'World of Radio' each week. From 0930 UT Monday, Wednesday and Friday on 5045. Alternate Saturdays from 0930 UT via 5045 Gunnedah. Saturdays 1200 UT Unique Radio via WINB 9265, Red lion PA USA Beamed to Australia / NZ / South Pacific area.

Thanks to Bob Wise from Hobart Radio international for his help with different things at Unique Radio and providing programming each week. From 1000 UT via 5045 Gunnedah Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 1100 UT Saturday Unique Radio via WINB 9265 Red Lion beamed to Australia / NZ / South Pacific area. Alternate Saturdays from 1000 UT on 5045 kHz.

Sounds of your life with Aussie Tim on 5045 from 1030 UT Monday, Wednesday & Friday and 1000 UT Saturday for an hour on 9265 beamed to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Additionally Unique Radio will be on 9265, 730 to 8 pm EST Thursday being (0030-0100 Friday UT) with a mixed talk format and maybe a little music. Good listening, Aussie Tim
(via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. The Shortwave Scene in Canberra,
"The Kangaroo Capital in Australia"

Back last month, we presented a topic here in Wavescan that told the story of the invasion of Kangaroos into the suburban areas of Canberra, the national capital of Australia, during the current Great Australian Drought. Along with that interesting information, we also presented the story of the mediumwave stations in the national capital. Let's take a look now at Canberra on shortwave.

On the shortwave scene, there has only ever been just one major shortwave station in Canberra, and that was a navy wireless station that was on the air worldwide with communication traffic. However, available evidence would suggest that there was a small temporary naval wireless station in the area in advance of the new high powered wireless station.

The callsign for this preliminary station was apparently VHK. Perhaps this station was located at what became the first receiver station for HMAS Harman at Belconnen. This first and somewhat temporary receiver station was installed in a hut at Red Hill, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile behind what became the main transmitting station.

Construction work for the big new transmitter station at Belconnen, near Canberra, began without publicity in 1938. Known in navy parlance as HMAS Harman, the wireless station at Belconnen was planned for usage in not only naval communications worldwide, but also as a wartime backup for the Rugby wireless station in England, if needed.

As the station was nearing completion during the following year (1939), and on subsequent occasions also, rumors suggested incorrectly that this station might also be used as the transmitter base for the planned shortwave service of Australia Calling/Radio Australia. The Belconnen station was officially opened on April 22 in that critical year 1939, and the first operational transmission as a navy communication station was made six months later.

The original transmitter was a high powered longwave unit, radiating from a very tall antenna system suspended from three towers 600 feet high and a quarter mile apart. As time went by, a cluster of shortwave transmitters was also installed, and a bevy of curtain and rhombic antennas was also erected.

At the height of its operation, the transmitter station at Belconnen contained 38 shortwave transmitters ranging in power from 10 kW to 40 kW, with 50 antenna systems, though most dominant in the skyline were the three tall longwave towers. Three receiver stations associated with the transmitter station were located progressively at three different sites nearby to Canberra; Red Hill, Fyshwick & Bonshaw.

This huge communication station was progressively decommissioned, withdrawn from service, finally closed in mid 2005, and then demolished, thus making way for a new housing development in suburban Canberra. The functions of the station were progressively transferred to a new navy communication station located further inland, near Albury, on the Murray River in New South Wales.

During its more than 66 years of service as a major communication radio station, Belconnen was on the air under at least three different communication callsigns, and these were:-

VHP Navy communication

VIS Communication with commercial shipping

VIX Weather & shipping information

In addition, the Belconnen station was also noted over a period of time with time signals on three different shortwave channels with a power of either 5 kW or 10 kW under the callsign AXM. These signals were provided from Melbourne and they were needed on shortwave as a fill in basis after the Australian chronohertz station VNG at Lyndhurst was closed in 1987. Station AXM was on the air for twelve years, stretching from 1987 - 1999, and they verified with a nice oversized QSL card.

The first known usage of the Belconnen radio station for the broadcast of radio programming occurred in the year 1956, and this was on the occasion of the Olympic Games in Melbourne Victoria. All available shortwave transmitter space in Australia was pressed into service to ensure that adequate radio coverage could be provided for all foreign radio media covering the sporting events in Melbourne. It is reported that the navy communication station at Belconnen in the Australian Capital Territory was also in use for the relay of radio news and commentaries to other overseas countries during these Olympic Games.

In 1991, a small temporary studio was installed in Canberra by the navy for the production of radio programming for broadcast to Australian service personnel on duty in the Middle East, Asia, Africa and at sea. Initially, this programming was on the air as the Gulf Link Service and it was relayed by Radio Australia Darwin to the Arabian Gulf area in May 1991.

Five months later however, the Belconnen transmitters began to carry this service, and the Darwin relay was subsequently discontinued, in May 1993. The Australian Defence Forces Radio programming was on the air consecutively under three different callsigns: 2AAFR, AAFR and ADFR.

For a short period of time during the year 1999, the Belconnen station was heard on air with a relay of the ABC programming service known as 2 Triple J, that is 2JJJ from their studios in Sydney.

It should also be noted that programming from the Canberra studio was relayed by the navy transmitting station located at North West Cape in Western Australia. On some occasions, the programming was separate, and sometimes it was in parallel with the Belconnen broadcasts. The broadcast of radio programming from Belconnen ended in 1999.

The large and powerful navy communication station at Belconnen in Australia's Capital Territory made its last transmissions on May 31, 2005, and the entire facility was demolished in December 2006.

The station is now gone, and it has been replaced by suburban housing. However, many international radio monitors in many countries throughout the world hold historic memories of this station in their collection of QSL cards and letters. Cards have been issued over the years for the several callsigns in use at Belconnen, including VHP, VIX, VIS, AXM, 2JJJ and the navy broadcasting service itself (Adrian Peterson, IN, script for AWR Wavescan Nov 18, 2018 via DXLD)

BAHRAIN

** BAHRAIN.

9745, Radio Bahrain, Abu Hayan, 1540-1605, 08-12, Arabic songs and comments. 23432
(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol and Reinante, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DXLD)

BELGIUM

** BELGIUM [and non].

Mediumwave closures --- On December 31st we'll be waving goodbye to 1008 (100 kW) from Holland and RTBF International on 621 (300 kW) from Belgium
(Tony Magnier - Medium Wave Circle via Mike Terry, Dec 6, WOR iog via DXLD)

BOLIVIA

** BOLIVIA.

BOLÍVIA, 5952.5, R. Pío XII, Siglo XX, 2210-2220, 01/12.
Quíchua, canções; 25432.

6134.9, R. Santa Cruz, St.ª Cruz de la Sierra, 2208-2218, 01/12.
Castelhano; programa acerca de música; 35433. Good DX & 73,
(Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non] 6134.82, Dec 8 at 0049, no signal from R. Santa Cruz, despite Ron Howard's reminder that the last two years at least on this date, they stayed on later than 0400 past usual 0230 closing, for some mass religious festival. See: <http://lapatriaenlinea.com/?nota=91587> <http://goo.gl/P96G9j> But there is a JBA carrier on 6135.13 which would be its nemesis, R. Aparecida, BRAZIL.

At 0256 Dec 8 recheck, detect a JBA carrier circa 6134.8 even weaker than Aparecida, and vs stray Cuban pulse jamming to boot
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BRAZIL

** BRAZIL.

Jovens indígenas organizam rede de comunicadores no AM para aproximar aldeias distantes

3375, Rádio Municipal sai em notícia em rede nacional. ""Como a gente tem as ondas tropicais que atingem as comunidades, então, fica mais fácil delas ouvirem através da rádio as orientações, a data, o local e o horário da prova", afirma Claudia Ferraz, uma das coordenadoras da rede."

<https://g1.globo.com/sp/campinas-regiao/noticia/2018/12/03/jovens-indigenas-organizam-rede-de-comunicadores-no-am-para-aproximar-aldeias-distantes.ghtml>

(Daniel Wylyans, Brasil, Dec 5, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 4936, R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO, 2155-2203, 30/11. Noticiário, indicação de freqs. cantada, texto; 35332.

* Certamente um espúreo causado pelo tx, dada a distorção e o facto de não ser a freq. correcta. *

4985 idem, 2201-2215, 30/11. Texto, programa musical; 35332.

* Vide 4936 *

9818.6, R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP, 1858-1914, 29/11.

Indicação da freq., anúncios comerciais, carrilhão, missa; 35443.

9818.8, idem, 1054-1150, 30/11. Texto, música; 14431,

QRM da CHN, em 9820.

9818.8, idem, 2135-2146, 03/12. Noticiário nacional

A Voz do Brasil; 25432.

11815, R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO, 1844-1905, 29/11.

Texto, canções; 24442,, QRM adj., áudio fraco.

11855.7, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 1845-1907, 29/11.

Canções, informações várias; 34433, QRM adj. até às 1900.

11855.8, idem, 2207-..., 01/2.

Portadora vazia; // 5035, 6135, 9630 fora do ar.

Mesma situação em 02/12, 1745.

11895.1, R. Boa Vontade, Pt.º Alegre RS, 1846-1859, 29/11.

Propaganda religiosa; 25442. Good DX & 73,

(Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non].

This Dec 9 morning at 0800 UT on 6135.136 and \\

9630.505 kHz nice S=6 Signal, only heard in USB rx option, because the Chinese station from Geermu 9630 kHz QRM. QRM Cuban SCRATCHING JAMMING spurious on 6135 kHz upper flank too. Onlineradio \\

Programm Radio Aparecida Sao Paulo 25 seconds behind SW via

<https://onlineradiobox.com/br/aparecida/?cs=br.aparecida&played=1>

73 wb df5sx wwdx germany

(Wolfgang Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non].

6180, Dec 7 at 0114, no signal from RNA here (nor on 11780), so CRI English relay via CUBA is in the clear yet only poor, generally much inferior to RHC's own frequencies on 49m.

6180.09, Dec 8 at 0051, RNA is back on with Brazuguese talk, but heavy crackle on the modulation and breakup on the carrier, which is S9+25 and off-frequency+plus; unlistenable before the 0100 start of CRI/Cuba, after which the collision will be worse than ever
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, Dec 9 at 0133, RNA is off again, nor on 11780, following last night's broken signal. So CRI English via CUBA is in the clear
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **BRAZIL**. PIRATE, 9835 kHz, Radio Global Hits, Cordeirópolis SP, 08/12 1942. Romantic songs, TC ('17:42 Dezessete horas e quarenta e dois minutos'). Song 'Dancing Queen' by Abba. Jingle 'Global Hits'. 25442

(Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com> YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

BULGARIA

** **BULGARIA**.

11600, The Overcomer Ministry at 1400 with OC and into Brother Stair preaching and pontificating from 1401 – Very Good Dec 8 – I'd much rather hear the hijinks and farts of the Mighty KBC than the excrement that comes out of the mouth of "Brother Scare"!

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

CANADA

** **CANADA**.

413 kHz, Dec 8 at 0755 UT, beacon YHD, 250 watts from Dryden, Ontario; must have had a dash but didn't note it.

406, Dec 8 at 0756 UT, beacon YLJ and dash, 40 watts at Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.

401, Dec 8 at 0758 UT, beacon YP0 and dash, 500 watts from Peawanuck, Ontario. Got to be a new one: love these colourful placenames.

Wikipedia: ``Peawanuck is an isolated Cree community in the Kenora District, Ontario, Canada. It is located near the confluence of the Winisk and Shamattawa rivers, about 35 km from the Winisk River's end in Hudson Bay. Its population is 237.'' --- that does not mean it is anywhere near Kenora in the SW corner of the province!

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **CANADA**.

CBU 690: Glenn, If one pulls up the FCC's utility "AM Query" one can easily see the difference between the 50 kW 4 tower vs the 25 kW two tower patterns. The most interesting aspect is that the 2 tower patterns show the towers reduced in height and with some toploading rather than the 60 degree simple vertical elements of the 4 tower pattern. The coordinates have changed a few seconds too, but that is to be expected if they used two of the original 4 towers. The reason for the physical height reduction and toploading isn't clear, but may be for some structural reason. Here is the url:

<https://transition.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?>

<call=cbu&arn=&state=&city=&freq=530&fre2=1700&type=0&facid=&class=&list=0&ThisTab=Results+to+This+Page%2FTab&dist=&dlat2=&mlat2=&slat2=&NS=N&dlon2=&mlon2=&slon2=&EW=W&size=9> '73

(Ben Dawson, WA, Dec 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** CANADA.**

600, QC, Montreal, CFQR: Marking two full years of Test Mode with continuous music and no recent word on their launch of an English language News-Talk format. Co-owned with CFNV by TTP Media.

940, QC, Montreal, CFNV: Back on the air after lengthy outage. Still playing continuous music, despite promising an autumn 2018 launch of a French language Health and Wellness format. While there is considerable doubt about the station's future, they may well seize the opportunity for French language Sports now that CKLX-FM plans to drop the format

(Jon Pearkins, Canadian News, IRCA DX Monitor Dec 1 via DXLD)

**** CANADA.**

6070-, Dec 6 at 0635, CFRX with music, but it's only the mid-hour break in `Coast to Coast AM`, a very American overnight talkshow, as immediately found // 850 KOA Denver, and soon back to George and call-ins.

Checking now because Channel 292, Germany, was reported by Manuel Méndez, Spain, to have ``eclipsed`` CFRX when it came on 6070 at 0625 Dec 2, and I wondered if there would be QRM over here, and is that when 292 start every day? But nothing of it

(Glenn Hauser, OK, D LISTENING DIGEST)

0, Ch 292 probably off during week hiatus

**** CANADA.** STUART McLEAN interview, 12+ minutes, Dec 11, 2012:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5Hkq2z6NBI>

(via gh, DXLD)

**** CANADA.** YouTube Video of the Month

Frederick Forsyth's "The Shepherd

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2_bLEqmBi0

As the CBC has broadcast nearly every Christmas since 1979, CBC's As it Happens presents a classic reading of Frederick Forsyth's The Shepherd by the late host "Fireside" Al Maitland. The year is 1957. An RAF pilot is heading home from Germany for Christmas. Fog sets in and all radio communication is lost

(Sheldon Harvey, Dec CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

CAYMAN ISLANDS

**** CAYMAN ISLANDS.**

415 kHz, Dec 8 at 0754, beacon CBC, which is 600 watts from Cayman Brac

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHAD

**** CHAD [non].**

Radio Ndarason International via Babcock Woofferton on Dec 7:

0700-0800 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg to WeAf Kanuri, very good signal

https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-radio-ndrason_9.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWL DX Bulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHILE

** CHILE.

5825. R. TRIUNFAL EVANGELICA. Diciembre 10. 2320-2341 UT.
Predicación y luego espacio musical. SINPO: 35322 a 25322
(Claudio Galaz; Receptor: TECSUN PL 660; Antena: Hilo de 30 metros de
largo + balun 9:1; Lugar de escucha: Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, HCDX
via DXLD)

CHINA

** CHINA.

China's International Media Campaign -- Long and fascinating article
about China's soft power projection of it's image, including radio:
<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/dec/07/china-plan-for-global-media-dominance-propaganda-xi-jinping>

A must read for anyone interested in where international media is
going. Compare China's efforts to other countries
(Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, Dec 8, WOR iog via DXLD)

My knee jerk reaction to this would be to demand strict reciprocity
from the nations and nationals who would seek to use our media
resources. But the money that is and could be made by all and from it
probably makes that approach a dead letter. We're doomed if the
consumers of media insist on not getting any smarter
(John Figliozi, Halfmoon, NY, ibid.)

** CHINA [and non]. EAST JAMMERSTAN:

7520, 2037, 12/1; Pots & pans banging jammer under Chinese talk; Voice
of Free Asia via Marianas listed. (Frodge-DXP)

9445, 2000, 11/30; Pots & pans banging jammer; no other audio evident
9535, 2001, 11/30; Pots & pans banging jammer; no other audio evident
(Harold Frodge, DX-pedition somewhere in Michigan, Drake R8B + 500'
dogleg N-S/E-W unterminated bev, ----- All logged by my ears, on my
receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non].

6180, CNR 1, December 3, 2018, 1525–1530 in Chinese. SI0 343. CNR
likely covering up (jamming) Radio Taiwan International on same
frequency. YL and OM commentators, listenable, with music and
advertisements. Moderate QRN

(Vince Henley, Anacortes WA, WiNRADiO G39DDCe SDR, ICOM IC-R8600, Ten-
Tec RX-340, Drake R8B, SDRPLAY RSP Duo, TECSUN PL-880. Antennas: whip
on PL-880 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east west at 30
feet for all others, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** CHINA.

9470, CNR3 (Voice of the Music) at 2112 in Mandarin with a man with
gentle talk and male pop vocals – Fair in peaks with fading Dec 5 – A
legitimate frequency for this one whose feed the Chinese authorities
are known to hijack and use as jammer fodder
(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II
and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

Mark, what is your basis for concluding that this on 9470 is CNR3 program, Voice of the Music? Current Aoki/NDXC says it's CNR1. Maybe it is 3, but just because you may hear music does not mean it has to be 3 instead of 1, which also plays some music in a diverse `mainstream` format. To be sure, we need to know what the Chinese language ID is for CNR3, and then confirm hearing it. WRTB does not help with that. I expect the Japanese DXers Ron Howard knows could clear this up

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non].

CNR-1 vs Sound of Hope Xi Wang Zhi Sheng in 19mb

on Dec.6:

till 0900 on 15800 unknown kW / non-dir to EaAs Chinese, very good

https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/cnr-1-vs-sound-of-hope-xi-wang-zhi_6.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec. 5-6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA.

9455, Firedragon (musical jammer) at 1900. The usual Crash-bang-boom music, on channel that should have just Radio Free Asia via Biblis Germany - Good - Dec 7 Barton-AZ

(Rick Barton, AZ, WOR iog via DXLD)

** CHINA [non].

11920, Dec 8 at 1500, S8-S4 news in perfect French, RFI? but DPRK clew and stingers leading finally to 1509 ID as ``Radio Chine Internationale``. This is 150 kW, 240 degrees via ALBANIA at 14 -16 -- the only station anywhere on 11920 per HFCC, but a 5960 could harmonize here

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA.

7470, CNR3 (Voice of the Music) at 1315 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via Thailand with a woman with gentle talk and pop vocals – Poor to Fair Dec 9.

9825, CNR3 (Voice of the Music) at 1320 // 7470 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via the Philippines with a woman with gentle talk and pop vocals – Fair to Good Dec 9.

11660, CNR3 (Voice of the Music) at 1337 // 7470 and 9825 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via the Philippines with a woman with gentle talk and pop vocals – Fair to Good Dec 9

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

CUBA

** **CUBA**. Oh yeah: WHY presently does 530 kHz in Cuba have both conflicting Radio Enciclopedia AND Radio Rebelde clashing nowadays! Back in 2010 it was only R. Enciclopedia in the clear, but they now have imposed an audio-clash with Rebelde QRMing Enciclopedia's soft-music (I went out a few nights ago and made a recording of 530 for 1/2 hour on my big active-whip). AT LEAST they have a slow SAH of maybe 0.25 or 0.33 Hz. So maybe: "They just never get it all right at RadioCuba and RHC." (hi). 73 and I'll get the two DXpeds. and their logs/recording notes made over the past 2 weeks logs into the system soon. 73 -

(Steve McGreevy, <http://www.auroralchorus.com> Natural VLF Radio and Travel, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Many Cuban MW frequencies have more than one station/network on them (gh, DXLD)

** **CUBA**.

21675, RHC with what must be a spur/harmonic, but not obvious from where. Spanish talk with OM and YL and ID as RHC. Just barely there, 1450-1455 1/Dec SPR-4 +500' randomwire

(Kenneth Vito Zichi, Brighton MI DX-pedition, MARE Tipsheet Dec 7 via DXLD)

Does not work out to be a 2x or 3x harmonic; nor can I make it the A+B sum of any known RHC frequencies. Could be a mixture with a strong local signal or with a spy-numbers transmitter out of band, perhaps with open carrier. One of the mix frequencies would have to end in -5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Habana Cuba; 1347-1402+, 12/1;
M&W in Spanish commentary & RHC ID; S20 + whine & muddy audio.

+++ [same], 1745, 12/1; Muddy audio Spanish with spur/splash on; 14910, 14970, 15025, 15055, 15085, 15120, 15125, 15130, 15135, 15145, 15150, 15155, 15160, 15165, 15170, 15255, 15285, 15315, 15310
(Harold Fodge, DX-pedition somewhere in Michigan, Drake R8B + 500' dogleg N-S/E-W unterminated bev, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, Dec 4 at 0649, RHC English hour is S9+20/30 but very supported --- wiggle that patchcord! The rest of The Cuban Five on 6 MHz band are OK at various modulation levels. Something's always wrong at RHC.

5040, Dec 6 at 0637, RHC English is overmodulated, distorted and slightly wobbly; after checking the rest of The Cuban Five at 0636: 6060 strong and fully modulated: 6100 medium mod; 6165 weaker than 6000 but more modulation as 6000 is the quietest. Something's always wrong at RHC

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13563, 13633, 13767-13770, 13830, Dec 6 at 1358, approx. spans of filthy FM spurblobs out of RHC 13700-AM transmitter. They are all diffuse, and unreadable even with FM tuning. The least they could do would be to tune them up for clear FM reception. But instead by 1509 recheck they are gone, while both 13700 & 13780-AM remain on. Something's always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000, Dec 7 at 0112, RHC English again on an hour early, undermodulated, while 6165 is on but dead air.
Something's always wrong at RHC.

5040, Dec 7 at 0126, RHC is S9+20 but JBM in Kriyol.
Something's always wrong at RHC.

5040, Dec 8 at 0044, RHC is S9+30 but JBM and suptorted in presumed English; wiggle that patchcord!
Something's always wrong at RHC.

5025, Dec 7 circa 1700 UT (noon in Cuba), R. Rebelde is still poorly audible on caradio over a more than 2 megameter fulldaypath.
Now I need to start DXing midday skywave on MW.

6165, 6100, 6060, 6000, 5040, Dec 7 at 0726, all RHC frequencies are off by now; so is this wrong, or right?

15140, Dec 8 at 1511, RHC is S9+10 but suptorted; wiggle that patchcord! // 15230 sounds OK.
Something's always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Havana Cuba, December 9, 2018, 0339Z, 6000 kHz, extremely distorted signal uncopyable. S-9 + 10 dB
(Mike Newland, December 8 logs from Morgantown, KY, ICOM IC-706 and G5RV antenna at 35 feet, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am seldom monitoring in the 05-06 hour, but Dec 9 I discover even more anomalies from Radio Habana Cuba: 5040 is already in English at 0505, rather than starting at 0600. 6100 and 6060 are also already on and in English at 0507, along with 6165 and 6000. It does appear that RHC has reverted to summertime/DST scheduling. But wait, there's more:

12000, Dec 9 at 0514, RHC English on unsked frequency, fair S9, matching synchronous 6000 and undermodulation level. So is this a harmonic? Or a fundamental, like 12000 is earlier in Spanish. 12000 is *still* going in English at 0637.

11840, Dec 9 at 0516, RHC English on another unsked frequency, supposedly only in Spanish much earlier. This one is blasting in at S9+30, and accompanied by the JBA spurs on 11830 & 11850 --- the only frequency behaving like this, tho the same transmitter must be used on some other frequency at other dayparts. At 0522 over to Arnie Coro, admittedly ``on the phone'', with `Breakthrough` talk about improving safety at Cuba's 2000+ railroad crossings. Not rechecked until 0637 when it's off.

11700, Dec 9 at 0518, RHC is S9/S9+20 in Spanish during `Sonido Cubano` music show. Since 5040 and 6060 are already in English and nothing heard on 31m, this is the only RHC Spanish frequency to be heard. 11760 has a JBA carrier at 0637, surely not RHC. Something's always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, Dec 9 at 0149, RHC music has mix of RTTY? Some utesound, then clear. Not sure whether this was genuine QRM or yet more something wrong at RHC.

**5025, Dec 9 at 0504, R. Rebilde music is overmodistorted.
Something's always wrong at RadioCuba
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

11840, Dec 10 at 0546, RHC is again on this frequency late and VG S9+20 as midnite MUF is holding up --- but is in Spanish unlike English last night. // 11700 S9+20 also Spanish with music, but distorted. Third 25mb transmitter also still going, 12000 in English, relatively weak S8 so maybe really a 2 x 6000 harmonic, benefiting from above normal propagation. 0632 recheck: 11840 & 11700 off; 12000 still on.

Also still on after 0546: 9535 Spanish S8; 6060 Spanish S9+20; 6100 carrier? 6165 English with music; 5040 Spanish. At 0659, 6165 & 6100 & 6060 are all off, with 6000 remaining to restart an English hour. 24 hours ago, 6060, 6165 and 5040 were all in English before 0600 Something's always wrong at Radio Habana Cuba
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, Dec 11 at 0029, RHC is JBM with hum during music, presumably the English hour. Something's always wrong at RHC
(And no longer on 9720 during this hour)
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13635 & 13765 approx., Dec 10 at 1456, RHC 13700-AM transmitter is blooming with FM spurs including the F# tone, at S9+10, and progressively weaker ones further out at ~65 kHz multiples: 13571, 13505, 13441; 13830, 13896, 13960. You never know whether these will happen or not. A few days OK, since last batch heard Dec 6. Something's always wrong at RHC --- if not the FM spurs, another thing
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DENMARK

** DENMARK.
DINAMARCA, 5840, World Music R, Karup, 1946-2005, 01/12.
Canções do mundo; 35343. Good DX & 73,
(Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EGYPT

** EGYPT.
9570.199, Dec 7 at 1940, S8-S5 of dead air or maybe JBM ---
I bet it's Cairo. Yes! The German hour from Abis on ``9570``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

**** EQUATORIAL GUINEA.**

[5005], 1635-1652*, 02-12, Spanish, comments, greetings to listeners, advertisements, african songs, cut off transmission at 1652. Very weak. 15321.

Also 1627-1648 , 05-12, Spanish, news, mentioned "Guinea Ecuatorial", 1647: "estamos en titulares", song and close at 1648. Extremely weak, barely audible. 15311.

(Méndez)

Also 0545-0605, 06-12, Spanish, news, comments, 0554: "Consejos para la familia, un espacio cultural a través de la Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial", African songs. "Estamos en conexión con Radio Malabo". 15321

Also 1725-1801*, 06-12, Spanish, comments, songs.

Extremely weak, barely audible. 15311

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol and Reinante, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DXLD)

ERITREA

**** ERITREA [non].**

UNIDENTIFIED. 17545, Sat Dec 8 at 1546, VP carrier, the OSOB! (as 17775 KVOH is not on yet or inaudible). Aoki/NDXC shows:

17545 R [sic, only one letter in name column!] 1500-1600 12...67
Amharic 150 122 Issoudun F 4657N 00159E RMI Eritrea b18 Dec.1-

And EiBi:

17545 1500-1600 F R.V. [sic, 2 letters!]. Eritrea Tig Issoudun 167

And HFCC:

17545 1500 1600 48NW ISS 150 122 0 227 1267 011218 300319 D 17400 Mul
F RMI TDF 17058 Eritrea

So I ask Jeff White: ``Hi Jeff, Heard a signal on 17545 this morning (and nothing else on 16m then). It appears to be one of yours --- what is the real name of this station; contact info? Is the 4-day-a-week sked correct? Or 3 days as in EiBi. Tnx, Glenn``

He replies: ``Glenn: It's Saturday only. It's called Alsmood, but I don't have a website or contact info. Jeff``

So I go a-Googling, disregarding sites about ALS:

<https://www.facebook.com/alsmood.llaytam>

with more than 5 megafollowers

leading to this satellite broadcast:

<https://www.facebook.com/elradio9090/>

and also linked to this on 88.1/88.7 FM:

https://www.facebook.com/88.7fmNews/?ref=py_c

It's apparently based in Cairo, but nothing much ``about``

<https://www.facebook.com/alsmood.llaytam/about>

Nothing found about this SW broadcast, so no positive 17545 connexion with this disgraced FB info.

Regarding 17545, Sat at 15-16, I discovered Dec 9, and IDed by RMI broker as ``Alsmood``, which name I found on some disgraced FB pages, Kai Ludwig, Germany, replies to the WOR iog:

``At least at a first glance this seems to be entirely Egyptian staff. Looks like the Facebook profile of someone in Egypt, running a relief project which on its own Facebook profile <https://www.facebook.com/pg/alsmodllaytamlltnmya> does not show activities outside Egypt either, and just being a fan of these radio stations.

The reply from Jeff White raises another question: Who assumes the responsibility for the content of these broadcasts? It looks like it would indeed be his Radio Miami International. Pretty daring to put some stuff on air without even knowing what it is. Kai``

Meanwhile I forwarded the disgraced FB stuff to Jeff, and asked, ``Does this look like the same station to you, or not?``

He replied, ``Beats me. I'm not sure what Alsmood means in Tigrinya.``

Google translate does not include Tigrinya, but I try Alsmood in Amharic, and with some prodding it comes up with: Knowledge --- but pronounces the script as iwik`eti ??

(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE.

New clandestine broadcast to Eritrea via TDF Issoudun from Dec 1 1500-1600 on 17545 ISS 150 kW / 122 deg to EaAf Amharic/Tigrinya Sat R. Alsmood

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/new-clandestine-broadcast-via-tdf.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The inadequate so far identity of this must have been derived from our research, not acknowledged. Altho backdated Dec 7, this issue did not come out until Dec 9, after our ``Alsmood`` info

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non].

9720, BULGARIA, DImtse Radio Erena at 1716 in Tigrinya with a man with possible news with sombre music bridges between items then a woman with a "Radio Erena" ID at 1719 and back to the man with talk with mentions of "Erena" – Fair in peaks with fading Dec 8

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

EUROPE

** EUROPE. FRS Holiday Season broadcast

Dear FRS & Radio Friends, Sunday December 30th FRS-Holland will be on air with its annual Holiday Season broadcast. The broadcast will be on 7700//58xx between 0852-1400 UT/09:52-15:00 CET. Similar to November 18th, the full broadcast will be repeated in the afternoon. More info follows later in December.

FRS-Holland offers you the opportunity to send in your December Greetings to radio friends and relatives. Your contributions are highly appreciated and will add something special to our programmes! You can easily produce a little (written) message and send it to [frs@frsholland.nl]. It only takes a few minutes of your spare time. We raffle a radio DVD among those who participate in our December broadcast with their Seasonal greetings. We'd like to ask you to do it as soon as possible as some shows will be recorded within 10 days. Don't hesitate but just do it! If you have the opportunity to send in an audio (mp3) clip you are more than welcome! Written messages are also welcome via P0Box 2701, 6049 ZG Herten in the Netherlands.

Join us ringing out 2018. The FRS-Holland staff is looking forward to hear from you. 73s, Peter Verbruggen on behalf of the staff

Posted by: "Radio Strike"

(via Mike Terry, Dec 7, W0R iog via DXLD)

** EUROPE.

HOLANDA; 7699.9, FRS Holland, recibida e-QSL por un informe de recepción de una transmisión que tuvo lugar el día 18 de noviembre entre las 1140 y las 1215 UT, con una potencia de 350 watos. Tardaron en contestar 20 días.

Por otra parte, en un PDF adjunto, envian "FRS Newsletter", participando una transmisión especial "FRS Holland's Holiday Season" para el día 30 de diciembre:

"NEXT FRS-HOLLAND BROADCAST --- It's a long time tradition: FRS-Holland's Holiday Season broadcast. On Sunday December 30th FRS-Holland will be on air with this annual festive broadcast. Note that the this broadcast will be on 7700 and a 5.8 MHz frequency (replacing 9300). Programmes are run twice between 0852-1405 UT/09:52-15:05 CET and 1405-1915 UT/15:05-20:15 UTC [sic: means CET]. We realize that part of the 2nd run will be in the dark hours, not favourable for Europe but on the other hand better chances for North America. Our 5.8 MHz frequency (5800 or 5810 hopefully) will do better than 9300 in the later part (less risk of long skip).

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REPORTS --- Reception reports sent by mail are consequently verified with our e-QSL. For snail mail we offer a high quality printed A5 size hard QSL copy - in full colour - which has a different (much better looking) back and is of course much more desirable compared with the e-QSL. Although we realize that an e-mail report is a quick and easy way in reporting, we feel that a 'letter' report to our mailbox (POB 2702) is a more 'charming' and personal way. For only 3 euro/3 US dollars we forward that desirable QSL along with a large A5 size color sticker! If you are interested in our exciting, adventurous history, you can obtain a hard-copy of our specially produced '30 Years of FRS-Holland' booklet (24 pages, in colour!). Send 5 euro/7 US dollars to FRSH, POBox 2702, 6049 BE Herten, the Netherlands. A very interesting read is guaranteed!! All the best & 73s, Peter V. (on behalf of Jan, Paul, Dave, Roger, Bert, Bobby & Brian) 73s Peter V.

"AUTUMN 2018 BROADCAST On Sunday November 18th FRS' third 2018 broadcast took place. It was decided to put out the programme schedule twice: 09:52-14:05 CET followed by a second run 14:05-18:10 CET. The driving idea was to give listeners two chances tuning our way. In case someone would be prevented listening in the morning hours, there would be a 2nd chance in the afternoon. And of course vice versa! Additional advantage: propagation in the afternoon could be different (read: more favourable) compared with the morning hours. Frequencies were 'good old' 7700 in parallel with 9300 kHz. On Sunday Nov. 11th a few tests were successfully run on 9300. We were confident 9300 could do well.

Propagation that Sunday was fair/good and during most of the day signals on both frequencies were audible in wide areas of the European continent. 7700 was the strongest/loudest but there were areas in which 9300 was equal to 7700. FRS signals were received in at least 16 countries. Remarkably strong signals for instance in countries like Switzerland, Iceland, Italy & Norway. But also stable reception in Estonia and Kongsfjord (Arctic). Later in the evening 9300 faded out in most areas.

That also counts for 7700 but that was later and in a smaller area. All in all we at FRS were happy with the overall results. At 11:15 CET our TX engineer decided to make a move from 9300 to 9335 kHz. Reason was a very annoying Stanag/data signal causing a nasty heterodyne. Some listeners assumed the TX developed a fault; that was not the case as we moved to 9335 kHz where the 31 mb outlet successfully continued. Salient detail: not long after moving to another channel the data signal disappeared. Although we announced 9213 as a standby frequency, it was decided to continue on 9335.

Perhaps confusing for some listeners! A message was put on the website in which we informed about the 9300?9335 move. Please keep in mind: unforeseen circumstances can cause a necessary frequency change. In most cases FRS will move to an alternative nearby frequency. And: in most cases we'll put a quick message on the FRS site <http://www.frsholland.nl>

Just after 14:00 CET when the full repeat of programmes started, FRS moved back to 9300. Minutes later an Asian station signed on on 9305 and stayed for the next 50 minutes or so. That affected the 9300 signal but: we decided not to move knowing the station would likely sign off within an hour.

And that happened! FRS signed off at approx. 18:20 CET. November shows were presented by almost our complete team; only Roger Davis couldn't make it this time. For the first time since long, a 30 minute FRS Goes DX edition was part of the programme schedule. The show contained a wide variety of News from around the World and short wave news.

On Nov. 24th, 25th (twice!) and 27th the complete November broadcast was streamed on the Internet.

PRACTICAL TIP --- When receiving reports we notice again and again that there sometimes are huge differences in signal quality between listeners living not that far away from apart. No doubt SW signals can 'act' quite unpredictably but that's not always the main cause. A good aerial is of vital importance! In particular when not using an expensive top receiver. A telescopic aerial isn't as sensitive as an (outdoor) wire antenna. Even when not having enough space outside, you can try to connect a few metres of wire to your telescopic antenna inside the house; temporarily. Just try and test for the best results. Reception could certainly improve. It's worth giving it a try..."

Free Radio Service Holland is an independent, non-religious/non-political Short wave station broadcasting to Europe since 1980. Mailing address: P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten in The Netherlands. E-mail: [frs@frsholland.nl] – Website: [frsholland.nl]

**A Balance between Music & Information joined to one Format, the FRS-Holland Sound tastes Different, Just a Bit Different
(via Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, WOR iog via DXLD)**

FINLAND

**** FINLAND.**

11720, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Virrat, eQSL received in 8 days, v/s Tapani Hakkinen. Reception report send via email to: info@swradio.net

Next SWR transmission:

from February 01 2019 2200 UTC to February 02 2019 2200 UTC.

<http://www.swradio.net/index.htm>

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, WOR iog via DXLD)

FRANCE

**** FRANCE.**

DAB in France -- Re ``DAB+ continues its successful rollout across France [...] -- [...] the threshold needed to trigger a law requiring French manufacturers [...]

"Successful rollout" sounds to me like a nice little white lie. The transmitter that is supposed to cover my area is located right in the middle of the city of Strasbourg and actually only provides a decent signal within the city limits. Reaching the 20% threshold seems to be just another instance of wishful thinking.

If you add to it that most stations are already available on FM and that none of the major networks are present in the three multiplexes, except two or three that chose DAB just because no FM frequencies were available any more, you'll see easily that, far from being a "successful rollout", it is bound to be a major flop. 73,
(Rémy Friess, France, Dec 6, WOR iog via DXLD)

**** FRANCE.**

Sawtu Linjilia/Voice of Gospel via MBR Issoudun on Dec.3
1830-1900 9800 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAF Fulfulde Mon/Tue, good:
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-sawtu-linjiliavoice-of.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** FRANCE [non].**

5950, Dec 6 at 0630, RFI via WRN via WRMI, English hour is still here, mid-ID, contact addresses, press review about the yellow-vest protests. (What is that in French? I had to search it out: a bit more euphonious: «gilets jaunes»). ``Paris Live`` is anything but, recorded 16 hours earlier (and on Mondays, 64 hours old).

5950, Sunday Dec 9 at 0646, RFI English.com is S9+10 on WRN via WRMI. Mentions ``Saturday is tomorrow`` confirming that this is a playback of the Friday 14 UT broadcast, nothing more in English to be produced over the weekend. Stops at 0649 and 0650 replaced by fill music, in French? No, unseems. Probably the WRMI default. Same stale hour should get another playback at 06-07 UT Monday. So don't expect the latest yellow-vest riot reports here!

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** FRANCE [non?].**

9790, Dec 9, 1427-1430+, S9-S7 open carrier, but no programming starting; 1458 recheck, maybe JBM; 1459 French talk and music, RFI ID and into African language. This does not match any known scheduling: HFCC has Saudi Arabia in Arabic on 9790, but that is apparently wooden as not in EiBi or Aoki/NDXC. Starting at 1500 was RFA Chinese via defunct Saipan, and ChiCom jamming. 9790 is an RFI ISSoudun frequency at many other hours, not listed now
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY

**** GERMANY.**

6190-USB, Sat Dec 8 at 0730 I struggle to detect Hamburger Lokalradio when WORLD OF RADIO is scheduled, but not a trace. Would just like for once to hear me direct on this station. Deep winter should be the best chance, but too-low MUF and/or too-low power. No luck either at 1531 UT Saturdays on 9485-CUSB. But it's mainly for Europe. And sometimes off the air without notice
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GERMANY.**

Channel 292, Rohrbach, out of air this week, December 3-9.

<http://www.channel292.de/schedule-6070-khz/>

<http://www.channel292.de/schedule-7440-khz/>

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Dec 8, WOR iog via DXLD)

So it was really on hiatus when I tried Dec 6 to hear it vs CFRX
(gh)

**** GERMANY.**

11900, Dec 8 at 1456, gospel huxter in English at S4-S6, not noticed before --- because it's a Saturday-only broadcast of Bible Voice via Nauen
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GERMANY [non]. Wandering the Caribbean with Deutsche Welle**

Over a period of two or three centuries, many different countries and lands in Europe, and elsewhere also, have demonstrated an interest in establishing colonies in the islands of the Caribbean. Among those countries and lands of Europe that have demonstrated their interest in the Caribbean have been: England, Scotland, Denmark, Norway, France, Holland, Spain, Germany. Interestingly, German interest in the Caribbean, which has been evident for several centuries, was demonstrated quite positively around the turn from the 1800s to the 1900s when they made overtures to Holland in an attempt to buy the Dutch island of Curacao.

Then too, Canada has at times indicated an interest in buying an island group in the Caribbean; and the United States has also exerted its influence in Caribbean events, on several major occasions.

As far as the international shortwave radio scene is concerned, again, several countries have been involved in the Caribbean; including England, Holland, France, Canada, United States and Germany. In addition to these several western countries, two Asian countries have in earlier times also stated their interest in establishing a shortwave relay station somewhere in the Caribbean, and these were AIR All India Radio in Delhi and NHK Tokyo in Japan.

In our topic for the day, Wandering the Caribbean with Deutsche Welle, we see their tenacious attempts to install and maintain major shortwave coverage from somewhere in the Caribbean areas; attempts that stretch for more than half a century, and covered many countries in the Caribbean as well as mainland areas on the edge of the Caribbean. Let's go back now more than half a century ago, to the middle of the 1960s.

The first tangible attempt at obtaining a suitable location for their Caribbean relay station was on the island of Bonaire. The Australian radio monthly, Radio & Hobbies, twice referred to this initial attempt by Deutsche Welle back during the early part of the year 1966.

In the January issue of this magazine, the noted Arthur Cushen in his monthly report stated that Deutsche Welle in Cologne announced that it plans to establish a shortwave station on the island of Bonaire for coverage of the Americas. The German station would be the third on Bonaire, in addition to Trans World Radio and Radio Netherlands.

Two months later, (March 1966) Arthur Cushen again stated that Deutsche Welle would soon begin construction of its new shortwave station on Bonaire. However, this station never eventuated, and we could guess that the island government and the Dutch home government in the Hague considered that three large shortwave stations on this one small island in the Caribbean was just one too many.

According to Deutsche Welle Chief Engineer Peter Senger, their second attempt for a large shortwave relay station in the region was in Guatemala in Central America. It is stated that the largest settlement of German migrants in Central America is found in Guatemala. However, this Central American venture too was unsuccessful, so they looked elsewhere, and the next attempt was in the neighboring country of El Salvador, still in Central America.

Again, we turn to Arthur Cushen in New Zealand and he tells us in the July 1967 issue of his "Listening Around the World" monthly pages in Radio and Hobbies that Deutsche Welle was planning to erect their American shortwave relay station in the small Central American country of El Salvador. This new station, Cushen stated, would contain three shortwave transmitters at 150 kW and 250 kW, and a mediumwave unit at 100 kW.

In anticipation of the installation for the station in El Salvador, Deutsche Welle went ahead and procured several major items of electronic equipment including the shortwave transmitters. However, fruition for Deutsche Welle at this location was not forthcoming either, and so the shortwave transmitters and other items of ancillary equipment were instead diverted to Portugal for their new station at Sines near the Atlantic coast. All we can say is that the government of El Salvador must have changed their mind about having the large shortwave station in their country.

So, what came next? That same Australian magazine, Radio and Hobbies, provides an answer. In their issue for September 1968, Arthur Cushen informed us that Deutsche Welle was negotiating with the government of Costa Rica for approval to install a superpower mediumwave station at 1,500 kW in that country. However, Cushen stated that the governments of both the United States and Canada would likely disapprove a superpower station in Central America that could be heard with strong signals further north.

The Christmas (1968) issue of the same magazine states that Deutsche Welle was still seeking a suitable home for its American shortwave relay station in Central America. It is understood that they gave serious consideration at this stage to the country of Belize; but that never happened either.

The next year (1969) the August issue of Radio and Hobbies again indicated that Deutsche Welle was in the process of installing a shortwave station in the Caribbean. But where?

In their next move (in 1970), they took out a relay via Radio Antilles with 200 kW on 930 kHz on the island of Montserrat. Then during the following year (1971), Deutsche Welle began a closer relationship with Radio Antilles, until ultimately they bought the station, and they then funded it and operated it.

They brought in equipment from what had been their projected station in El Salvador, and from Radio Africa in Tangier, Morocco North Africa, together with personnel from Radio Andorra. The Deutsche Welle usage of Radio Antilles was shared also with the BBC London.

However, in the meantime, Deutsche Welle was also looking for a permanent solution, and they conducted an intensive survey in the Leeward and Windward Islands on the eastern edge of the Caribbean during the year 1974, and they finally settled on the Island of Antigua. In co-operation with the BBC in London, a new station with four transmitters at 250 kW was constructed near Seaview Farm almost in the center of the island of Antigua, and this station was taken into service in 1976, some ten years after the Deutsche Welle search for a Caribbean relay location first began.

The BBC withdrew from Montserrat in 1981, and Deutsche Welle closed the Montserrat station eight years later, in 1989. After 29 years in service, the Antigua station was also closed sixteen years later, in 2005, and the station was dismantled soon afterwards. And so the saga of Deutsche Welle and its rugged tenacity for more than half a century in the Caribbean areas came to an end in 2005. But no, that was not quite the end.

This lengthy Deutsche Welle saga began with the island of Bonaire in the mid 1960s. After the Antigua station was closed in 2005, Deutsche Welle was already back on the air in Bonaire. On this occasion they were already being relayed, along with NHK Tokyo, China Radio International and Adventist World Radio, via the Radio Netherlands shortwave station. But that did come to an end also, when that station was closed in 2010.

And so, that was the story of Deutsche Welle and their 45 year saga in more than half a dozen different locations in the Caribbean and Central America stretching from 1965 to 2010

(Adrian Peterson, IN, script for AWR Wavescan Dec 2, 2018 via DXLD)

GREECE

** GREECE.

9420, Dec 9 at 0640, VOG with Sunday service Orthodox chanting, lovely music, S9+10/20. Not often is this propagating any more
 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ICELAND (Correction)

** ICELAND (Correction).

My entry last week should have read,
 "Ríkisútvarpið" - not "Rikitsuvarpid".

?Sometimes Lysdexia bets the getter of me
 (-- GREG HARDISON, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's acute on the U and crossed D at the end
 (gh)

INDIA

** INDIA. AIR Mumbai 7340 which was off air for some weeks is noted back from this afternoon. Yours sincerely,
(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India 1351 UT Dec 9, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Hi Ed, Noticed that your regional Indian logs were mostly about 1500 UT. That is a great time to listen to them! Almost all of the regional stations run their local regional programs up to 1512 UT, daily. Starting then, the regional stations start to carry the audio feed from New Delhi, consisting of 3 minutes of commercial announcements in Hindi (often starting and ending with a distinctive tone), 1515-1530 news in Hindi and 1530-1545 with news in English ("The news at 9").

After 1512, I love to scan all the regional stations to see how many I can hear in //. Most, if not all, are //.

Noted the only one you didn't report was 4970 (AIR Shillong), which is an easy one to hear, but often with weak modulation. For me, one of the best is 5040 (AIR Jeypore). For some reason they are consistently fair-good on a daily basis.

Anyway, just wanted to pass this along for your consideration. For me, it's a fun AIR time at 1512 :))
(Ron Howard, California, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INTERNATIONAL VACUUM

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Mysterious fast radio bursts from space: Five explanations for what they could be

Are aliens behind mysterious radio bursts?
Probably not, say scientists --- CBC Radio · November 30

Artist impression of a Fast Radio Burst (FRB) reaching Earth. The colours represent the burst arriving at different radio wavelengths, with long wavelengths (red) arriving several seconds after short wavelengths (blue). This delay is called dispersion and occurs when radio waves travel through cosmic plasma.
(Jingchuan Yu, Beijing Planetarium) [caption]

Listen 9:06

Scientists have long been puzzled by what appears to be a strange phenomenon from space known as fast radio bursts (FRBs). These short, bright flashes of radio light appear to be coming from almost halfway across the universe. Our observatories can spot them, but until a new generation of telescopes comes online, scientists are furiously theorizing and compiling a catalogue of potential explanations. . .
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/quirks/dec-1-2018-genetically-edited-babies-fast-radio-bursts-spinal-injury-patients-walk-again-and-more-1.4925916/mysterious-fast-radio-bursts-from-space-five-explanations-for-what-they-could-be-1.4925926>

(via Gerald T Pollard, NC, Dec 4, DXLD)

IRELAND

**** IRELAND.**

3413-USB, Dec 8 at 0040, ``Shannon VOLMET``
YL ID shortly after tune-in. Always nice to hear this
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** IRELAND [non].**

ITALY [non]. IRRS Shortwave currently being heard (7 December at 1900UT) back on its old frequency of 7290 (ex 6075kHz).
(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Alan, Good news as far as I am concerned, the signal is great on 7290 (except for the final few minutes when 7295 splatters over it), and the signal on 6075 was very poor here. Their website seems to be down for some reason though, so I wasn't able to see if there was any mention of the change on there.

I hope they stay on 7 MHz at any rate! :-)
(Alan Gale, England, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Hi Alan, I agree - 7290 kHz is better for me also. IRRS seem to have revamped their website and their frequency schedule is now at

<https://www.nexus.org/member-services/radio-and-tv/schedules/b18-schedule/>
- I just checked and it still shows 6075
(Alan Roe, ibid.)

Thanks, Alan, it's working for me again now, must have just been a temporary outage. The signal used to be a bit variable on 7290, but it's been really good for most of this year, so I think someone must have been watering the antenna system or something. I'd missed it over the past couple of weeks when it was a real struggle to hear at times.

Cheers for now,
(Alan Gale, ibid.)

ITALY

**** ITALY [non].**

7780, USA, Radio IBC (via WRMI) at 0100 with IS and a man with ID of "This is Radio IBC" and "This is IBC - Italian Broadcasting Corporation" and into "Italian Shortwave Panorama" DX program at 0101 - Fair to Good with fading Dec 4 [Tue]
(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

KOREA NORTH

** KOREA NORTH [non].

7245, JAPAN, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze at 1430. Web address given by W in Japanese. Familiar themes. I had thought they had vacated this frequency, but I'm seeing they just changed the TIME ("ex-1300-1400"). Signal is fully lighting the little green tuning eye on the SW-2000629, well over any co-channel broadcasters or jammers. NOTE: after making this report I returned to the computer room to find them gone. I will have to recheck tomorrow - off now at 1435? - Excellent, Dec 3 (Rick Barton, Arizona SW Logs, Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; HQ-180A & HQ-200; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. ~73 and Good Listening! WOR iog via DXLD)

This is not a change from 1300-1400. There has been an additional Japanese-only relay of Furusato no Kaze via Seabreeze at 1405-1435; frequency for that keeps changing like for the regular Shiokaze transmissions (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

JAPAN, Frequency changes of JSR Shiokaze Sea Breeze & Furusato no Kaze from Nov 29

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/frequency-changes-of-jsr-shiokaze-sea.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

1300-1400 NF 6085 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 7245 as follows
1300-1330 Chinese Mon; Japanese Tue/Sat; Korean Wed/Fri/Sun; English Thu

1330-1400 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/Sun; English Thu

1600-1700 NF 6095 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 6110 as follows

1600-1630 Chinese Mon; Japanese Tue/Sat; Korean Wed/Fri/Sun; English Thu

1630-1700 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/Sun; English Thu
Respectively new frequency of Furusato no Kaze via Shiokaze Sea Breeze:

1405-1435 NF 7245 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs Japanese Daily, ex 6085

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7pkAwOgJ9E&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVb4wby9eS0&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KamknGmUqgM&feature=youtu.be>

(?????????? ?? Observer ? 8:15 PM via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

7245, JAPAN, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze at 1405, opening W in Japanese, familiar piano music. As I suspected, they are now opening at five minutes past the hour and closing a little after the half. Closing announcements by M in Japanese, then gone at 1435 - Good Dec 5
(Rick Barton, AZ, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JAPAN, Furusato no Kaze via JSR Shiokaze Sea Breeze, Dec. 6

1405-1435 on 7245 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs Japanese, fair &

co-ch on same 7245 DB 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs Tajik Voice of Tajik

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-furusato-no-kaze-via-jsr.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec. 5-6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6085, Dec 6 at 1348, Sea Breeze via JSR JAPAN, usual earnest YL in English but still hard to understand; stinger and another negative news item about KN I think attributed to VOA. Latest frequency change, but already has rapid click jamming on the hi side only, one peak circa 6087.6; evitable by LSB tuning

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KOREA SOUTH

**** KOREA SOUTH [non].**

9605, Dec 8 at 0058, surprised to hear English until I realize it's just a Voice of Martyrs commercial that WHRI imposes next to its relays of secular foreign broadcasters; 0059 WHRI ID prior to the Spanish hour of KBSWR

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KURDISTAN

**** KURDISTAN [non].**

11530, OPPOSITION. Denge Welat - Kishinev (Grigoriopol), MOLDOVA [PRIDNESTROVYE], 1315, 12/3/18. Fair signal 1315 with call to prayer, muezzin chanting a cappella. 1316 into ME popular ballad music, YL singer with guitar and orchestra accompaniment, catchy tune. Fadey signal with rushing noise but okay enough. The trick, of course, is the QSL from these guys. They refuse to play ball. Signal really building now with full daylight here and full daylight path to Kishinev, Moldova transmitter. Much better by 1330
(Ralphus W Perry, IL, NASWA Flashesheet via DXLD)

11531.001, Dec 4 at 1457, Dengê Welat is 1 kHz off-frequency! Per Ivo this is the PRIDNESTROVYE site. If there were any doubt about a very smooth siteswitch at 1500, it's painfully obvious today. While music modulation continues clearly, at *1459:52 another carrier, from FRANCE cuts on 11530.00 making big het for a few seconds until the first one goes off at 1500:00*. Shortly into Kurdish talk, but no mis-timesignal. Both at S7-S5 levels

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MADAGASCAR

**** MADAGASCAR.**

5009.931, Dec 7 at 1500, JBA carrier matching precise frequencies heard circa *0200 and presumed to be R. Madagaskikara. Now, it would be via longpath.

[non] 6135.000, Dec 7 at 1504 I check the other possible Mad channel, which also has a JBA carrier but right on-frequency. Likely the 500 kW, 200 degrees from Xian CRI English at 14-16; so we may forget about any Mad LP on 49m this season even if active

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MEXICO

**** MEXICO.**

570, XEVX ?? UNID MEXICO, Nov/29/18. 0658 EST [1158 UT] FAIR, SPANISH, Mexican National Anthem with vocals from 0658 to 0701 EST. Then into the Jumble after the Anthem. Nothing heard after the anthem. UNID, but whoever it was would be a new station for me. Never heard any XE's On 570 before. Most likely suspect is XEVX Comacalco, Tabasco, MEXICO 10/2.5 kW???? Will need to monitor this for future action on the frequency. 73

(ROB VA3SW, Robert Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ODXA iog via DXLD)

?? Why do you pick XEVX way down in Tabasco as most likely? Around here, the usual Mex on 570 is XEBJB, Monterrey NL, and KAZ agrees. In fact, XEVX is not even listed in WRTH 2018 tho it was in IRCA 2015. XEVX is also among the 150+ stations confirmed to have left MW, as in DXLD 18-35 & 18-45

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- including TDT = DTV

The SPR's fourth- and fifth-wave TV transmitters might be coming soon.

In its 2019 budget request,

https://twitter.com/Com_Radio_TV/status/1070397413767241731

the agency asked for a total of 1.799 billion pesos. Nearly half of that total, 860 million pesos, would go toward constructing and equipping 14 new stations – the same number of TV stations from the fourth and fifth wave. Some other technological updates for 16 stations (presumably the first 16 built) and radio equipment (remember, the SPR also has four radio stations to build, two at existing TV sites and two at new ones) are also items in the budget proposal.

As a reminder, the SPR has unbuilt UHF stations at Acapulco, La Paz, Cancún, Chetumal, San Luis Potosí, Torreón and Tepic, and unbuilt VHF stations (all RF 13) at Culiacán, Durango, Guaymas, Matías Romero (Oax.), Pachuca, Puerto Vallarta and Tehuacán. The SPR's four unbuilt radio stations are at Coatzacoalcos, Colima, Matías Romero and Tehuacán.

Also appearing before the Radio and Television Commission of the Chamber of Deputies were representatives from the IFT. The IFT is proposing to reduce its budget to 1.780 billion pesos – 14.8 percent less than in 2018

(Raymie Humbert, Phoenix AZ, Dec 6, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

A couple of housekeeping matters...

First off, yes, this thread now has a proper name! And I'll be here on the WTFDA Forums through at least 2019. Sometime soon I will be making a new first post, a sort of mission statement for this informative endeavor and really its first proper, at-length introduction.

The other is something exciting that might be of use to the DXers here. REC Networks years ago began fccdata.org, a mirror of the FCC Query with an easier-to-use interface. REC later expanded the dataset to include searching databases of stations in Canada, Ireland, the UK, Australia and Japan.

Last month, REC began its first pass at adding Mexican information to this service. However, I would not have been comfortable recommending it as it was at the time. It was incomplete and did not take advantage of all the available resources, and I reached out to REC to guide them toward those. As of this week, however, it contains nearly full information on Mexico's AM, FM and TV stations, including:

- Concession generic information from the RPC
- Coverages and technical information from the Coverage Viewer
- Cross-referencing to the IFT multiprogramming and VC lists

(All of this is information that wasn't available just five years ago!)

At this time, <https://recnet.com/release-2018-12-05> what remains to be added are HD Radio designations, cross-references with the FCC's facility IDs, and information on nighttime AM stations (which the Coverage Viewer is weak on). It also does not reflect any Article 90 clears, as the Coverage Viewer does not have them yet, or the October 2018 Televisa concession reorganization. REC also did not include stations listed as terminated in the RPC, such as XEAD-FM.

REC's database includes entries for stations not in the Coverage Viewer, so you can search and get a very basic entry for new stations (e.g. XHXOX) that have no associated Coverage Viewer data.

If you find bugs, let me or REC know
(Raymie, Dec 7, ibid.)

The latest change in Sonoran radio involves new-to-air second-wave migrants and the unusually cozy relationship between two of the state's broadcasters.

Radiovisa has come barreling into Nogales with two stations:
<https://www.facebook.com/RadioVisaNogales/>

XHCG-FM 89.5 "La Lupita, La de Nogales"
(also now the local Carmen Aristegui affiliate)
XHHN-FM 89.9 "La Que Manda",
using the same imaging as Radiovisa's Caborca and Guaymas stations

In fact, this move alone doubles Radiovisa's commercial station count. It also leaves Nogales with just one more migrant to go, 90.3 XHXW-FM. That station will still be operated by Grupo Larsa Comunicaciones, which had operated XECG and XEHN.

Last edited by Raymie; 12-10-2018 at 05:59 PM.

[tagline:] Este programa es público, ajeno a cualquier partido político. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa
(Raymie, Dec 10, ibid.)

** **MEXICO**. Conmemoran 94 aniversario de Radio Educación
Israel Campos Mondragón | viernes, 30 nov 2018

Ciudad de México. Radio Educación, Servicio Nacional de Comunicación Cultural celebra el 30 de noviembre su aniversario 94 mediante el uso de la tecnológica en los servicios públicos de información y comunicación que se identifican con las tendencias mundiales de crecimiento y diversificación de la radio contemporánea.

En septiembre de este año se lanzó el proyecto Vox Libris, plataforma de contenidos digitales de descarga gratuita de esa radiodifusora educativa y cultural que trabajó en los últimos cinco años y se integra con 35 títulos en versión audio.

Para escuchar y descargar todos los audiolibros se necesita ingresar a la dirección electrónica: <http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/voxlibris>

"A la fecha se han registrado más de 25 mil descargas", explica para La Jornada Hilda Saray Gómez, directora de Producción y Planeación de esa institución radiofónica.

"Destaca una primera selección publicada por el Fondo de Cultura Económica (FCE) que se llamó 18 para los 18, de ella ponemos el audio de obras como Anónimo de Ignacio Solares, El sinore: un cuaderno de Salvador Elizondo, el Solitario atlántico de Jorge López Páez, entre otros", indicó Hilda Saray.

Después de cuatro décadas, la emisora tiene presencia en la Frecuencia Modulada por medio del 96.5, señal inaugurada el 11 de noviembre de este año, que se suma a la señal 1060 AM; Cultura México Señal Internacional, 6185 kilohertz de Onda Corta; a la Señal Kukulkán en el 107.9 FM.

Las próximas señales son: señal Cultura Sonora, en el 104.1 de FM, en Hermosillo y la señal Cultura Michoacán, en el 95.3 de FM, en Morelia, las cuales iniciarán a transmisión en 2019.

Cuenta con el servicio en Línea, en donde ofrece una app gratuita para descarga desde smartphones, disponible en IOS y Android; donde se encuentra la señal en vivo del 1060 AM y próximamente la del 96.5 FM, desde la Ciudad de México; además de una selección de música mexicana en la que se puede acceder tanto a cantos tradicionales y música mestiza, hasta las más recientes expresiones de rock, hip-hop y rap en lenguas indígenas.

Con la aplicación se puede acceder a la Señal Kukulkán 107.9 FM, que transmite desde la ciudad de Mérida, Yucatán; y música mexicana de concierto de la segunda mitad del siglo XX y hasta nuestros días.

En la modalidad de Radio a la Carta ofrece varios portales para la escucha y descarga gratuitas de contenidos culturales sonoros, como el Sello discográfico Nimbeë, que cuenta 9 discos originales disponibles en el enlace <https://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx/nimbee-albumes>

Innovadora en contenidos, a la vanguardia en temáticas, ejemplo para la radio nacional e internacional, Radio Educación se fortalece en sus primeros 94 años, la engrandece su historia y la reafirma su trascendencia y papel como medio de comunicación, en su ejercicio como emisora de servicio público, que crea un carácter crítico
(via Carlos J. V., radioescucha group via Juan Franco Crespo, DXLD)

MONGOLIA

** MONGOLIA. Fair to weak signal of Voice of Mongolia, Dec.5:
 0900-0930 on 12084.9 U-B 250 kW / 178 deg to SEAs English &
 0930-1000 on 12084.9 U-B 250 kW / 116 deg to EaAs Mongolian
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/fair-to-weak-signal-of-voice-of.html>
 (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Dec 4-5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NETHERLANDS

** NETHERLANDS [and non].

Mediumwave closures --- On December 31st
 we'll be waving goodbye to 1008 (100 kW) from Holland and RTBF
 International on 621 (300 kW) from Belgium
 (Tony Magnier - Medium Wave Circle via Mike Terry, Dec 6, WOR iog via
 DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non].

11600, BULGARIA, The Mighty KBC at 1333 with DJ Uncle Eric Willigen
 and his hijinks and oldies music plus singing IDs and KBC Imports ads
 to final ID at 1400 of "Broadcasting on 11600 through the facilities
 of Spaceline LTD we are the Mighty KBC" and a fart sound effect then
 OC – Very Good Dec 8 – This is a far more reliable signal than 5960
 which is beamed to North America via Nauen, East Germany from 0000 to
 0200.

5960, EAST GERMANY, The Mighty KBC (Nauen) at 0134 with oldies music
 and DJ Uncle Eric Van Willegen with the usual hijinks and KBC Imports
 ads – Fair at best with fading Dec 9 – As noted in my logging of the
 Mighty KBC via Bulgaria on 11600 on December 8th this frequency is
 nowhere near as good as that one. At one time they used to switch
 between 7375 and 9925 and both seemed to work during their respective
 international broadcasting seasons. Perhaps it is time that they
 reinvestigate that sort of an arrangement. After all, 5960 is not a
 good choice for Turkey at 2300 so what makes it a good choice for the
 Mighty KBC at solar minimum? The only frequency that never needed to
 be changed was Radio Australia's use of 9580 day in and day out and
 year in and year out

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II
 and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via WORLD OF
 RADIO 1960, DXLD)

NEW ZEALAND

** NEW ZEALAND. Bad frequency selection in 31 mb for the North
 American community of Radio New Zealand International:

NEW ZEALAND / ROMANIA, 9765.006 kHz, RNZi Rangitaiki and adjacent
 RRI Tsiganeshti Romania German service 10.2 kHz wideband coverage,
 latter in DRM digital mode block hit each other. At 0707 UT on Dec 7.
 Heard on remote SDR unit at Cape Canaveral Florida state.
 See attached screenshot.

I could improve the NZI signal to my ears, when switched to LSB receiving mode selection on lower flank [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]
 (Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No problem for RNZI here
 (gh, OK)

NICARAGUA

**** NICARAGUA.**

8989/USB, El Buen Pescador Pastor (presumed); 2223-2230+, 12/1; M in Spanish with many "Buenos tarde" [sic] like greeting folks into a net; mentioned "El Señor" & started singing. Fair+
 (Harold Fodge, DX-pedition somewhere in Michigan, Drake R8B + 500' dogleg N-S/E-W unterminated bcv, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NICARÁGUA, 8989bls, El Pescador Predicador, QTH? 2201..., 03/12.
 Propag. relig., desta vez, com passagens bíblicas; 25342.
 Good DX & 73,
 (Carlos Gonçalves, SW coast of Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NIGERIA

**** NIGERIA [and non].**

9690, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, Hausa, 08/12
 1927. 0M: Talk, 'Nigeria, Africa....'. African style instrumental music. 34443. QRM from two stations: REE (soccer), and World Christian Broadcasting KNLS (A known Christian song in Russian).
 (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com>
 YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)
 MWV, not KNLS. Nigeria is the one off-frequency ~9689.9 causing het
 (gh, DXLD)

**** NIGERIA [non].**

FRANCE, Additional broadcast of Radio Nigeria Kaduna
 via TDF Issoudun Dec 7
 0900-1100 on 17690 ISS 150 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa, BUT NO SIGNAL TODAY, Dec.7
 Same time on 17690 KUN 500 kW / 150 deg to AUS English China Radio International
 Good signal of Radio Nigeria Kaduna via TDF Issoudun:
 0500-0700 on 7335 ISS 150 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa
 0700-0900 on 13840 ISS 150 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/additional-broadcast-of-radio-nigeria.html>
 (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

**** NIGERIA [non].**

GERMANY, Dandal Kura Radio International via MBR
 Nauen, Dec.7
 0500-0600 on 7315 NAU 125 kW / 185 deg to CeAf Kanuri, very good &
 0600-0700 on 9620 NAU 125 kW / 185 deg to CeAf Kanuri, is inactive
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-dandal-kura-radio.html>

Dandal Kura Radio International via MBR Issoudun, Dec.7
 1800-1900 on 9770 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri, good, QRM 9765
 1900-2000 on 7455 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri, is inactive
https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-dandal-kura-radio_9.html
 (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **NIGERIA [non]**.

5960, December 10 at 0642, R. Ndarason ID in presumed Kanuri, with he usual hum via ASCENSION; 0644 playing a song in English, S9+10
 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NORTH AMERICA

** **NORTH AMERICA**.

Hi Guys: Here is this week's AM BCB DX Report. Making lots of Recordings on the SDR, but finding very little time to review them. Here's what we managed to scrape from the hard Drive so far this week. The 1710 Pirate was heard live DXing in real time.

AM BCB TOTALS are now 2,141 Stations Heard.

RECEIVER is ELAD FDM-S2 SDR

ANTENNA is WELLBROOK ALA-1530 LNP Imperium Loop

1710, Community Radio Network, PIRATE station, Dec/05/18 2125 EST [0325 UT Dec 6] poor-fair, English. Heard thanks to tip from Tim Tromp of Michigan! Best heard in USB mode but transmitting in AM Mode. Old time music selections and male DJ with talk between songs. In and out of the noise but some peaks were quite good. Played a Christmas song at 2138-2140 EST, "Lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you". Male DJ gave a live time check as "It's 9:40 - 20 minutes from 10 O'clock". More nostalgic music, in/out 2140-2200. More old time music after 2201. Strong carrier on the ELAD Waterfall, but mostly in the noise. Tim heard an ID as "Community Radio Network", but I was not able to pull that ID out. Unknown Location, NEW STN, Unknown Power. 73 (ROB VA3SW, Robert Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ODXA iog via DXLD)

** **NORTH AMERICA**. Week ending Dec 7 Free Radio logs

Yeah Man Radio. Sunday, December 2, 2018, 2024, 6920.06 am. Music by Steely Dan, "Deacon Blues." ID and call outs to listener reports at 2029. Into "Peg" by Steely Dan at 2030. Off at 0334. Fair to good signal, good AM sound, bothered by nearby utilities.
 (Will-MD)

Old time radio. Sunday, December 2, 2018, 2035, 6770 am. An old radio show with man and woman talking. 2038, sounds like an old Gunsmoke radio show starting. Fair but steady signal, s3. Occasional utility bursts and other various QRM nearby
 (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, radio@zappahead.net, Icom IC-R75, G5RV, PL-880, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **NORTH AMERICA**.

6955-USB, UT Sun Dec 9 at 0131, finally a decent pirate log, S9+10 and probably Wolverine Radio with song; brief check of other frequencies misses an ID, at 0134 SSTV; but 0136 rare live announcement from Wolverine Radio; says he fears not everyone could hear this broadcast so is going to repeat it in about 5 minutes on 3440, but then plays some more SSTV on 6955.

I hasten to notify the WOR log, and when I get back at 0141, 3440-USB is already on with music. But much inferior here, only S8 and happens to confront blob from a local device. 0143 ``Happy Days Are Here Again`` as tonight's theme is songs about ``Happy``. Many more logs:
<https://www.hunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,48787.0.html>
 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

** **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS [non]**.

GERMANY/KUWAIT/TAJIKISTAN]

RFA Ausweich-QRGs

RFA geht B18 folgende Ausweichwege

(Zeitangaben in Mitteleuropaeischer Zeit, time CET, UTC +1hr):

Sender Biblis

0130-0230 CET	9510	Burmesisch
1300-1400 CET	11555	Tibetisch
1800-2100 CET	9455	Mandarin
2200-2300 CET	9410	Mandarin
2330-0030 CET	9390	Khmer

Sender Lampertheim

0000-0100 CET	9900	Mandarin
0200-0300 CET	9310	Uigurisch
0200-0300 CET	13795	Tibetisch
0400-0800 CET	15340	Mandarin
1100-1200 CET	15665	Tibetisch
1100-1200 CET	17 MHz (siehe unten)	Tibetisch
1300-1400 CET	12055	Tibetisch
1330-1430 CET	15155	Khmer
1430-1530 CET	12130	Burmesisch
2000-2200 CET	7520	Mandarin
2200-2300 CET	9455	Mandarin

Sender Kuwait

0000-0100 CET	7540, 9535	Tibetisch
0000-0100 CET	9860, 11775	Mandarin
0100-0200 CET	9910	Laotisch
0200-0300 CET	9450, 9700, 12065	Uigurisch
0200-0400 CET	11950	Tibetisch
0300-0400 CET	9455	Tibetisch
0300-0400 CET	11895	Tibetisch
0400-0500 CET	11980	Mandarin
1200-1300 CET	11550	Tibetisch
1400-1500 CET	12050, 13650	Tibetisch
1430-1530 CET	11795	Burmesisch
1600-1700 CET	11 MHz (siehe unten)	Mandarin
1600-1700 CET	11805	Tibetisch
1700-1800 CET	7565	Uigurisch
1700-1800 CET	11 MHz (siehe unten)	Uigurisch
2000-2200 CET	5890	Mandarin
2200-2300 CET	7520	Mandarin
2300-2400 CET	7480, 9790	Tibetisch
2330-0030 CET	11850	Khmer

Sender Abu Dhabi (Al-Dhabayya site)

0000-0100 CET 5970 Tibetisch
0700-0800 CET 21680 Tibetisch
1330-1430 CET 13735 Burmesisch

Sendeanlagen in Tadschikistan Orzu site

2300-0100 CET 7470 Tibetisch
0200-0300 CET 7560 Uigurisch
0200-0300 CET 11895 Tibetisch
0200-0400 CET 9670 Tibetisch
0500-0800 CET 11980 Mandarin
0700-0800 CET 17815 Tibetisch
1200-1400 CET 9315, 15745 Tibetisch
1300-1400 CET 15375 Tibetisch
1400-1500 CET 9315, 15375, 15745 Tibetisch
1600-1700 CET 7540 Tibetisch
1700-1800 CET 7545 Uigurisch

Die fuer China bestimmten Programme von RFA sind Ziel massiver Stoersendungen. Seit einigen Jahren wird versucht, diese Stoerung zu erschweren, indem einige Ausstrahlungen an jedem Wochentag auf einer anderen Frequenz laufen.

Der Erfolg ist sehr beschraenkt: Die chinesischen Senderbetreiber folgen den taeglichen Wechseln muehelos.

Trotzdem wird diese Strategie auch jetzt noch in drei Faellen beibehalten. Die Ausstrahlung um 1100 Uhr aus Lampertheim laeuft nacheinander, von Montag bis Sonntag, auf 17830, 17790, 17815, 17820, 17840, 17795 und 17855 kHz.

In Kuwait lautet diese Abfolge der Frequenzen in den Sendestunden ab 1600 Uhr 11765, 11725, 11765, 11725, 11765, 11590, 11590 kHz sowie ab 1700 Uhr 11800, 11775, 11805, 11780, 11885, 11890, 11775 kHz.

Vorerst eingestellt ist die Kurzwellenverbreitung der RFA-Programme in Kantonesisch und Koreanisch. Im Falle der koreanischen Sendungen ueberrascht diese Priorisierung nicht: Hier sind die inzwischen laufenden Mittelwellensendungen aus Suedkorea eindeutig von groesserer Bedeutung.

Nicht mit konkreten Frequenzen untersetzt ist zunaechst eine andere sendetechnische Angabe, die der Direktor von Radio/TV Marti, Tomas Regalado, am 14. November 2018 machte:

Von diesem Tage an sei man aus Greenville auch auf einer vierten Frequenz auf Sendung.

Wie Regalado weiter sagte, wuerden die neuen Sender der Station Greenville im kommenden Februar in Betrieb gehen. Gemeint sind die umgesetzten Geraete aus einer Sendestation in Sri Lanka, die wegen unbeherrschbarer Korrosion an den Antennen 2016 aufgegeben wurde.

Auch hier hatte Radio Free Asia keine Sendelizenz erhalten
(Kai Ludwig-D, via Siegbert Gerhard-D, wwdx Nov 5, via BC-DX Dec 6 via DXLD)

OKLAHOMA

**** OKLAHOMA.**

1300 & 1480, Dec 8 at 1946 UT during bandscan on caradio for daytime skywave, JBA hets on these two, i.e. ~90 kHz from 1390 KCRC local a mile or so away. The +/- ~30 kHz KCRC spurs near 1360 & 1420 are perpetual and loud enough to listen to, while the weaker ones +/- ~60 kHz near 1330 & 1450 are also always audible; so now I conclude KCRC spurs also spew out to the third order. BTW, the KCRC engineer denies they exist! Despite my hearing the closer 4 anywhere in Enid on anyradio, and the primary ones a considerable distance on the road out of Enid

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** OKLAHOMA. FCC info: Location RF Ch Callsign Notes**

Ardmore 22 K22JQ Requests power increase to 15kw, 34-01-58/96-48-01

Ardmore 26 K19II From 19, 15kw, 34-00-18/96-48-57;

amendment from ch. 29. Will not build until KTEN [Ada] moves from ch. 26 to ch. 19 in mid-2020.

Durant 27 K27MV Moved from K46AI, 13kw.

Elk City 20 K20NJ Moved from K25LQ.

Oklahoma City 19 KAUT-TV Requests STA for 60kw/465m, 35-33-37/97-29-08; interim post-repack antenna; granted.

Oklahoma City 21 KUOT-CD From 19, 15kw; granted

Oklahoma City 25 KWTV-DT From 39, 1000kw/331m; (aux) granted; modified to 819kw/331m

Strong City 25 K25PG Moved from K26IR.

Weatherford 28 K280X Moved from K23IY.

Woodward 35 KUOK Returned to the air Nov. 28th at reduced power; (40%, 3.2kw) requests STA.

(Doug Smith, TV NEWS, Dec WTFDA VHF-UHF Digest via DXLD)

**** OKLAHOMA. FCC FM News:**

OK Ada 96.7 KADB-LP CX, no renewal filed

OK CTerville [sic] 97.3 KTNG CC for NS [call change, new station] [Connerville --- find and replace CONN with CT got out of hand!]

OK Hennessey 97.7 KHRK CC from KHEO

OK Stigler 88.5 KTKL PC>27kw

OK Stillwater 99.9 K260CV XG 36-07-22/96-58-42 CX ROA, reMEs [sic] at old site

OK Tulsa 95.9 K240ED PG>250w, 36-07-30/95-53-03 but CX ROA; reMEs [sic] 62w at old site [ME must have replaced Maine ---- gh]

OK Waukomis 106.3 KWOF CC from KWE0

(Dec VHF UHF Digest via DXLD)

97.7 KHRK is on the air, ``The Hawk'', classic rock

106.3 KWOF is on the air, ``The Wolf'', true country

These are siblings of Enid's KNID 107.1, KXLS 95.7, KCRC 1390, and probably programmed out of Enid HQ

(gh, DXLD)

**** OKLAHOMA [and non?].**

Altho temp is near freezing, some surprising enhanced local-area tropo morning of Dec 5. Bill Hepburn's map forecast a marginal level-1 blob from central OK into S central KS, right on the money. First tipoff was a solid signal from KWOU 88.1 Woodward OK at 1442 UT December 5, for `Stardate`, which is often a struggle to hear, sometimes with momentary airplane scatter Doppler bursts.

At 1530 Dec 5, I'm bandscanning UHF DTV to find at least Bad signals on these channels normally vacant: 10, 11, 19 (KAUT NF QRP?), 21, 22, 26, 28, 31, 34, 35, 36, 45. Most of these check out for OK such as Tulsa, maybe also Wichita area. The only decodees are 42 KBZC-LD OKC, confirming it still exist on the doomed band; 46 KOCM Norman not yet moved to 16; and RF 20 KQCW ``19`` Muskogee, 550 kW which BTW has applied to double power

(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PERU

** PERU. Following Ghosts in Northern Peru

Former Destinations Latin America editor Don Moore has released a book entitled, Following Ghosts in Northern Peru. It is a 564 page book that is available as either a Kindle eBook or a large soft cover book (6x9 inches/15x23 centimeters).

Following Ghosts in Northern Peru is the story of the long-forgotten Moyobamba Route, once the main connection between Peru's Pacific coast and the Amazon River. Among the adventurers who rode the old mule trails in the 19th and early 20th century were a Royal Navy lieutenant, a Swiss nobleman, a French reporter, an American professor, and a famous early British aviator. This volume weaves together stories from these and other historic travelers, characters from Peruvian history, and the author's own adventures as he journeyed in the travelers' ghostly footsteps across northern Peru in 2017. The book is available through Amazon with Kindle eBook costing \$4.99 and the softcover version costing \$17.95. Although not a DX book, it will be of interest to radio listeners that enjoyed shortwave outlets from this part of Peru

(Rich D`Angelo, Dec 5, NASWA yg via DXLD)

ROMANIA

** ROMANIA [and non].

7345, Dec 4 at 0655, collision between RRI closing English with schedule info; and BBCWS in English, at equal levels. Evidently the two are going to let this continue for the rest of B-18. HFCC shows RRI 0630-0700 at 307 degrees to W Europe; BBC 0600-0700 at 65 degrees to Africa. Very different targets, but I bet CNAm is not the only place the mixture is intolerable

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA.

11975, Dec 9 at 1505, talk at modulation spikes only, unreadable; wiggle that patchcord at RRI Galbeni, 14-16 in Romanian

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SLOVAKIA

** **SLOVAKIA [non]**.

5850, USA, Radio Slovakia International (via WRMI) at 0030 with "Slovakia Today" news to 0036 and Anca Dragu introducing feature reports - Very Good with slight fading Dec 4 – I missed Sunday's (Monday UT) "Listeners' Tribune" where they read my e-mail but I caught it on their website this morning. It's always special hearing your name on the air

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

SOMALILAND

** **SOMALILAND**.

SOMALIA, 7119.997, After repair break now much regular on air in past weeks, R Hargeysa Somaliland, S=9+5dB here in central Europe and Greece remote SDRs. Arabic program heard at 0451 UT Dec 3 (Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Dec 3, BCDX 6 Dec via DXLD)

SOUTH AFRICA

** **SOUTH AFRICA**. SABC running out of money in three months:

<http://mybroadband.evlink9.net/servlet/link/15423/468001/31153387/1136529>

<https://mybroadband.co.za/news/broadcasting/288936-the-sabc-will-run-out-of-money-in-3-months.html>

(Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA, Dec 9, WOR iog via DXLD)

SOUTH CAROLINA

** **SOUTH CAROLINA [non]**.

3215, Dec 9 at 0654 check,

WWCR-1 is off again, as on Sunday there is no
Brother Scare before 0600 to be prolonged

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also [BULGARIA](#); [USA](#): WWCR

SPAIN

**** SPAIN.**

9690, REE music and into English service at ToH, with English ID but continuing on with just instrumental music to 2302 and then into an OM talking, but by this time it was pretty muffled and not even easy to tell he was speaking English. Then into more music at 2305. This isn't the 'robust' English service I was hoping for, either in reception quality or programming. Ah well, better than nothing I suppose, but they should at least reevaluate frequency use! 34432, Weak and noisy today, they need to use 41/49 metres at this time! 2250-2315 5/Dec SDRplay +SDRUno +ANC-4 +randomwire

(Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, I logged Radio Exterior de España transmitter in Spain at 2230 GMT on 9690, good signal on Icom R75 with loop antenna. Spanish talk and music

(Mike Stone, Arlington Heights IL, Dec 7? DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SRI LANKA

**** SRI LANKA.**

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation SLBC in 25mb on Dec.7

1630-1830 on 11750.0 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to N/ME Sinhala, very good

1701-1802 on 11834.8 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to SoAs Tamil, good signal

https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-sri-lanka-broadcasting_9.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SUDAN

**** SUDAN.** Voice of Africa Sudan Radio with good modulation, Dec.3

1630-1830 on 9505 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf French/English

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/voice-of-africa-sudan-radio-with-good.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good to fair signal of Voice of Africa Sudan Radio on Dec.3:

1630-1930 on 9505 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf French/English/Hausa

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/good-to-fair-signal-of-voice-of-africa.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 4-5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Africa on air now [sic], 9505 kHz --- Reviewing today's (3 December) automated recording using the U. Twente SDR receiver, the transmitter came on shortly after 1630 UT with the first couple of minutes in Arabic. "Huna Omdurman" ID clearly heard. Signal was fair to start with but deteriorated after about an hour. French started at about 1632:40 with English following at about 1716. Hard to tell when it exactly started (or ended) as reception was getting quite noisy by then. So, today at least, while the French program was listenable, the English one really wasn't

(-- Richard Langley, 0343 [sic] UT Dec 4, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

One afternoon with good propagation to Africa. My blog:

<https://dxlogfreitas.blogspot.com/>

9505, 03 Dec, 1901, Voice of Africa in Hausa. Music and talk. The signal is weak, the modulation is low, but little fading. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12°14'S 38°58'W - Brasil, Tecsun PL-310ET, Antenna Delta Loop 8.5 meters, WOR iog via DXLD)

SUDAN, 9505, Voice of Africa, Al Atihab, 1720-1804, 04-12, English comments, "African Union", "Voice of Africa, from Sudan", "9505 kHz", East African songs, 1756: "The Voice of Africa from Radio Sudan, the forum for all Africans", 1759: "Voice of Africa in Hausa language", 1800 time signals and program in Hausa. 24322
(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, WOR iog via DXLD)

Omdurman came up on 9505.002 kHz today, as noted using the U. Twente SDR receiver, just before 1600 UT in Arabic. Signal S7-S9. Time pips about 45 seconds late. Into French sometime after 1630; audio a bit difficult to make out

-- Richard Langley, Dec 5, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

7205, Sudan Radio, Al Aitahab, 1637-1655, 02-12, Arabic comments.
24322.
(Méndez)

9505, Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio, Al Aitahab, 1750-1906, 03-12, vernacular, comments, East African songs, some comments and id. in English, "Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio", at 1901 Arabic comments.
23322.

Also 1720-1856*, 04-12, English comments, "African Union", "Voice of Africa, from Sudan", "9505 kHz", East African songs, 1756: "The Voice of Africa from Radio Sudan, the forum for all Africans", 1759: "Voice of Africa en Hausa language", 1800 time signals, program in Hausa, comments and African songs. Close at 1856. 24322.

Also 1620-1835, 05-12, Vernacular comments, at 1730 French, news about Sudan and Africa, at 1825 English, "Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio", "Welcome to our service", "Voice of Africa, broadcasting to you from Sudan Radio, please stay tuned", 24332.

Also 1650-1725 , 08-12, French, ID "La Voix de l'Afrique, Radio Sudan", comments, ID "Voice of Africa", East African songs. 25422
(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol and Reinante, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

9505 kHz, Voice of Africa, Al Aitahab, Hausa, 08/12 1850. OM: talk, African style songs. 35553 (RG). **Tx w/210° Az to Africa
(Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com>
YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non].

Radio Dabanga via Talata Volonondry and Issoudun Dec 4
1530-1600 on 15350 MEY 250 kW / 005 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic, fair/good
1530-1600 on 15550 ISS 250 kW / 134 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic, fair/good
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-radio-dabanga-via-talata.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 4-5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have to say again and again, why would this service for Darfur be in Juba dialect, which is spoken in SUDAN SOUTH? as on R. Tamazuj (gh)

SUDAN SOUTH

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. Radio Tamazuj via Meyerton & Santa Maria di Galeria, Dec 4

1500-1530 on 11705 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic, very good

1500-1530 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic, weak/fair

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-radio-tamazuj-via-meyerton.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 4-5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non].

VATICAN, Poor signal of Eye Radio via Santa Maria di Galeria on Dec 3:

1500-1600 15410 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg EaAf Juba Arabic/English* Mon-Fri

*including other languages Dinka/Nuer/Shilluk/Bari/Zande/Lutoho

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/poor-signal-of-eye-radio-via-santa.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FRANCE, Good signal of Eye Radio in Arabic via TDF Issoudun on Dec.5

1600-1800 15410 ISS 250 kW / 139 deg EaAf Juba Arabic/English* Mon-Fri

*including other languages Dinka/Nuer/Shilluk/Bari/Zande/Lutoho

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/good-signal-of-eye-radio-in-arabic-via.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec. 5-6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15410, Dec 6 at 1508, Arabic mentioning Argentina; it's Eye Radio, M-F 15-16 via VATICAN, hardly any other TA signals audible on 19m now. HFCC says it continue at 16-18 via FRANCE, both at 139 degrees! Despite the Eurosites, both are brokered by Madagascar's MGB, whence you would think these could emanate

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SWEDEN

** SWEDEN. News from the Alexander Association

Grimeton SAQ Veteran Radio Friends <http://www.alexander.n.se>

Scheduled transmission from Grimeton Radio / SAQ on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018

In the morning of Christmas Eve, December 24, we will try to start the old Alexanderson 200 kW transmitter, from 1924 and send out a Christmas message on VLF 17.2 kHz CW.

The transmitter will be tuned up from around 08:30 (0730 UT) and a message* will be transmitted at 09:00 (0800 UT).

Guests are welcome to attend the transmission at the radio station in Grimeton from 08:00 local time. The Alexander association will arrange Coffee and Christmas cookies, free of charge. No entrance fee.

For those of you who can not attend, we will broadcast the event live from Grimeton, Sweden on our YouTube Channel.

QSL-reports on the SAQ transmission are kindly received via:

- E-mail to: info@alexander.n.se
- or via: SM bureau
- or direct by mail to:

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S W E D E N

The SK6SAQ amateur radio station will be QRV on the following frequencies:

- 7035 kHz CW or
- 14035 kHz CW or
- 3755 kHz SSB

Two stations will be on the air most of the time.

*The world heritage site Grimeton is a living cultural heritage.
All transmissions with the long-wave transmitter SAQ are therefore preliminary and may be set at short notice
(via Mike Terry, WOR iog via DXLD)

THAILAND

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13745, Radio Thailand, December 9, 2018, 0034-0043 in English. SI0 555. ID as Radio Thailand News. Listed target is WNA. Excellent signal. OM announcer talking about an improvement in the Thai legal system with the objective of fairness and justice for all. Talk of "sustainability." Discussion of dealing with "rebels" in the south of the country. Talk of a meeting of regional foreign ministers in Singapore earlier in the year. YL reporting (Vince Henley, Anacortes WA, WiNRADiO G39DDCe SDR, ICOM IC-R8600, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R8B, SDRPLAY RSP Duo, TECSUN PL-880. Antennas: whip on PL-880 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east west at 30 feet for all others, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Excellent signal peters out to almost nothing by 0 (gh, DXLD)

TIBET

** TIBET [non].

17585, 09 Dec, 1433, GERMANY (Relay) (PRESUMED) VOA in Tibetan. OM speaks. I did not notice any Chinese jammer. The signal in SDRs from Asia all ticked equal or smaller than mine. The signal was weak, but there was a significant improvement at 1430, until 1433, when it became very weak again. The question that remains is: is the VOA really Tibetan without any Chinese jammer? I thank the opinions of my colleagues. 73

(Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia 12°14'S 38°58'W - Brasil, Tecsun PL-310ET, Antenna Delta Loop 8,5 meters-, My blog with the videos of the listening: <https://dxlogfreitas.blogspot.com/> WOR iog via DXLD)

TURKEY

** **TURKEY**.

Voice of Turkey in English on odd frequency 12035.7, Dec.5
1330-1425 on 12035.7 EMR 500 kW / 305 deg to WeEu English, fair signal
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/voice-of-turkey-in-english-on-odd.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Dec. 5-6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 12035.695, Dec 6 at 1402, VOT English talk, 1404 over to music as this Emirler is the off-kilter transmitter today. Also QRM from pulse jamming, same rate and sound as on 11980, 11875, presumably strays out of the full-bore Cuban jammers on 11930, 11860.

11815.022, Dec 6 at 1408, S9/+10 VOT Turkish almost on-frequency, but distorting music when tuned to 11815.000 USB.

11815.711, Dec 7 at 1513, TRT Turkish talk is S9+10/20 and very off-frequency today unlike 25 hours ago. When logging any VOT broadcast be sure to check frequency for extravagance
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, Voice of Turkey, 2015, 12/7/18, in English. Tuned here at 2015 and hoping for ELWA as Larry Yamron and Dave Valko had this the other day a little later, mixing with HCJB. At 2015, I've got something interesting. OM speaking in English, can only copy words and fragments so far, but a fairly decent signal and should fade in better, no QRM or het. At 2018 into music that is more Middle Eastern flavored than anything, YL singing with local stringed instruments, does not fit my expectation for a Christian broadcaster from Liberia. The good news is that HCJB isn't scheduled on the frequency until *2100 from schedules I've seen. Abrupt s/off -2025*. Fergie's list has it: VOICE OF TURKEY (for goodness' sake!)

(Ralpus W Perry, Wheaton IL, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

9700, Dec 9 at 0639, Turkish music and talk, S9+10 fading to S6, as TRT is here at 04-07, 500 kW, 310 degrees for W Europe, but also USward. MUF unusually hi tonight also propagating GREECE on 9420
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

U K

** U K. For anyone out of the influence of BBC3 TV, People Just Do Nothing is a mockumentary programme about a fictitious London pirate station and its hapless crew:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p06qxsnv/people-just-do-nothing-series-5-episode-2>

(Dec Medium Wave News via DXLD)

1940s Radio Times: See MSEA

** U K. Shed DJ who broadcast to audience of one gets BBC break after 44 years

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/11/19/dj-broadcast-audience-one-gets-bbc-break-44-years/?WT.mc_id=tmg_share_em

(via Andy Reid, Ont, Dec 9, DXLD)

** U K. BBC Rampisham Property in England for Sale

It was back in the decisive year 1939, right after the beginning of World War 2, that the BBC procured a large property of 189 acres that was located near the small village of Rampisham in the south of England. The small village of Rampisham in County Dorset, with its one hundred local citizens, is located just eight miles inland from the English Channel.

A huge new shortwave station was built up on the Rampisham property and initially it contained two transmitter halls separated by heavy blast proof walls, and a bevy of 15 towers supporting a total of 29 antenna arrays. A newly designed set of transmission lines was installed, each made up of two concentric feeders running from each transmitter out to a switching matrix.

The original shortwave transmitters at this new BBC shortwave station were 100 kW units Model SWB18 made by the Marconi company at Chelmsford. Two were installed in each of the two transmitter halls. In BBC parlance, these four transmitters were identified as Senders 31 to 34, and the station itself was identified as OSE3, Overseas Extension Service number 3. The early shortwave station at Daventry was identified as OSE1, and the new addition at Daventry was identified as OSE2.

Initially electric power for the Rampisham station was derived from two 750 bhp diesel generators that were originally designed and constructed for railway locomotives in an overseas country. However, an electrical connection with the national grid was subsequently achieved.

The new Rampisham station was built as a shadow station for Daventry, in case Daventry was damaged or disabled through an act of war. During the war, there were indeed several attempts to damage and destroy the BBC shortwave station at Rampisham by aerial bombardment, though very little damage was actually inflicted.

Rampisham OSE3 was taken into service on February 16, 1941, and propagation tests were conducted in May with the use of a receiver attached to a captive balloon.

After the war was over, the electrical generation and distribution system in England was ailing and electricity rationing was introduced on February 10, 1947. In accordance with that requirement, the four 100 kW transmitters were powered down and operated at half power each, at 50 kW. Two years later, on March 21, 1949, all four transmitters were returned to full power operation.

Beginning in May 1961, two of the original transmitters were removed and replaced with two additional units at the same power rating, 100 kW. Again, these new units were manufactured by the Marconi company, though they were now an updated design, Model BD253D.

The winter of 1963 proved to be severe with heavy snowfalls and there were occasions when BBC Rampisham was off the air during the months of January and February. Another severe winter occurred in 1979, and relief crews found it necessary to wade through heavy snow for four miles in order to reach the station.

Later in that same year 1963, a modernization project was implemented and the older transmitters were removed and replaced by four Marconi transmitters at 250 kW each, Model BD272, and two 100 kW transmitters with twin channel operation. Additionally, two SSB single sideband transmitters at 60 kW each were installed for use as feeder transmitters carrying a programming relay for BBC shortwave transmitters in overseas locations; and in particular, Ascension Island.

Then beginning in 1982, the BBC Rampisham was closed and gutted, with all electronic equipment removed and all antenna systems demolished. All four of the 250 kW Marconi transmitters were removed and reinstalled at the BBC sister station located at Skelton.

In this massive rebuilding project at Rampisham, a new transmitter hall was built up inside the shell of the existing building. Inside this massive hall covering 177 acres, a total of ten transmitters at 500 kW were installed; six Marconi Model B6127 and four AEG from Germany, Model S4005.

As time went by, the BBC privatized its shortwave stations and the Rampisham facility was sold off to Merlin Communications, which later became VT (Communications) and subsequently Babcock International. However, the end was near, and in 2011, the station was closed due mainly to budget cuts at the BBC.

The final broadcast from the BBC via Rampisham was their Arabic Service which ended on Saturday October 29 (2011) with two outlets at 2100 UTC on 5790 kHz and 11680 kHz. The very final broadcast from the Rampisham shortwave station was actually a relay from Deutsche Welle in German to Europe on Sender 48 and this transmission on 6075 kHz ended at 2159 UTC.

That was it! The huge Rampisham shortwave station was now off the air; closed, and gone forever.

Several attempts have been made to sell the station, or its property, and currently the disemboweled facility is available as a property for £ $2\frac{1}{2}$ million. There was earlier a concept to install a huge solar power plant on the property, but that project was transferred to another location nearby. Some of the ground upon the current property is protected for specific forms of vegetation.

Very few QSL cards were issued by the BBC for their broadcasts from Rampisham, and the fortunate listeners who did receive a BBC card with QSL endorsements were generally BBC monitors in different parts of the world. However, Rampisham was also in use as a relay station for other international shortwave broadcasters who did indeed issue valid QSL cards for their broadcasts.

Among these other stations for whom relay transmissions were on the air from Rampisham, were Deutsche Welle in Germany, Radio Australia in Melbourne Victoria, NHK Tokyo Japan, KBS in Seoul Korea, RAI Rome Italy, RFI in Paris France, and FEBA that previously operated their own station in the Seychelles Islands. In addition, there were occasions when various clandestine stations were on the air via Rampisham, and also RNZI in Wellington New Zealand

(Adrian Peterson, IN, script for AWR Wavescan Nov 4, 2018, via DXLD)

U S A

** U S A. Some NDB DXing before I doze, tuning down, don't even get to 400 kHz:

417, Dec 8 at 0752, IY, which is 25 watts from Charles City, Iowa

404, Dec 8 at 0757, HU, 25 watts at Hutchinson, Kansas.

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

more: CANADA; CAYMAN ISLANDS

** U S A.

7615-USB, Wed Dec 5 at 1516, Civil Air Patrol net, with numerous colorful tactical callsigns, usually followed by two numbers. Most of them emit a beep at end of transmission so no one has to say ``over''. Among those heard, either directly or referred to: triblade (which I think is the overall net call), yellowbrick, sunfish, rattlesnake, bluebird, aspengold, redfox, bluemesa, oilwell, bluemound, middleeast, landinggear. Note that every one is a two-word compound, and just hearing them, I cannot be sure whether there be a space between them. Many talkovers as stations vie to check in

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A.

VOLMET (missing) --- The Notice to Airmen that declared New York VOLMET "unserviceable" expired at 2000 on December 4. The New York VOLMET is still missing and no new NOTAM has been issued

(Mike Cooper, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non].

USA/Czech Republic: It is interesting to note that Editor-in-Chief Nenad Pejic who already served as Acting President of RFE/RL from March 2014 to June 2016, now steps back for the second time. He surely has the experience to lead the station. In 1993, he was the first director of the new RFE/RL Balkan Service; in 2013, he became Vice President and Editor-in-Chief.

(Dr Hansjoerg Biener, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RFE/RL leadership transition announced --- December 6, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- John F. Lansing, CEO of the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM), and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's (RFE/RL) Board of Directors, today announced the appointment of Daisy Sindelar as Vice President and Acting President of RFE/RL, effective December 7, 2018. Ms. Sindelar will work closely with Vice President and Editor-in-Chief Nenad Pejic and Chief of Staff Christine Fetzko to ensure consistent operations and a smooth transition.

"Daisy has the full support of RFE/RL's Board and myself. She has shown remarkable dedication and leadership, and I have every confidence that she will maintain the current momentum and continue to deliver on the network's priorities," said Lansing. "I am also grateful for Nenad, who will remain our excellent Editor-in-Chief, and Christine's outstanding leadership and commitment to RFE/RL. Their ongoing support, especially during this transition, will be invaluable."

Ms. Sindelar, who joined RFE/RL in 2001, has extensive knowledge of RFE/RL's programming and operations. She is the Director of Current Time, a 24/7 Russian-language global network led by RFE/RL in cooperation with Voice of America, and played an integral part in launching and growing this flagship project. Ms Sindelar speaks Russian and worked as a reporter and editor in Russia prior to joining RFE/RL.

"It's a privilege to assume the role of Acting RFE/RL President at a time when our journalism is more vital than ever to audiences across the former Soviet space, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan," said Sindelar. "I look forward to working with CEO Lansing and my colleagues at RFE/RL to ensure that we continue our strong tradition of delivering objective, impactful news and information to the people who need it most."

RFE/RL's Board, working closely with the USAGM CEO, continues the search for a new President of RFE/RL.

[boilerplate] The United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM) is an independent federal agency, supervising all U.S. government-supported, civilian international media, whose mission is to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. USAGM networks include the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Office of Cuba Broadcasting (Radio and TV Marti), Radio Free Asia, and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa). USAGM programming has a measured audience of 345 million in more than 100 countries and in 59 languages
(USAGM PR via Hansjoerg Biener, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

**** U S A. Politics --- Voice Of America Vows Independence, As Trump Calls For 'Worldwide Network'**

4:07 Download

December 4, 2018 5:00 AM ET

Heard on Morning Edition

Brian Naylor in 2018.

President Trump, who has frequently railed against the U.S. news media and reporters, tweeted last week there should be, as he put it, a "Worldwide Network to show the World the way we really are, GREAT!"

[interview with VOA Director Amanda Bennett, et al.:]

<https://www.npr.org/2018/12/04/673002168/voice-of-america-vows-independence-as-trump-calls-for-worldwide-network>

(via Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Dan Robinson comments on NPR report about VOA

BBG Watch --- BBGWatcher December 5, 2018 0 Comments

Featured News, Hot Tub Blog

Amanda Bennett, BBG, Dan Robinson, Donald Trump, employee morale, John F. Lansing, John Lansing, NPR, U.S. Congress, USAGM, VOA, VOA Charter

<http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/dan-robinson-comments-on-npr-report-about-voa/>

NPR conveniently makes it quite difficult to post comments on its audio pieces. In fact, you can't – you have to send a comment or email directly to the show involved.

NPR has unfortunately jumped on the same bandwagon as some other media since Trump was elected, suggesting that Trump somehow thinks he needs VOA and other USAGM outlets as his mouthpiece. That's absurd – he already has Twitter and regular non-government coverage.

VOA is not "independent". It and other broadcasters under USAGM are federal agencies. Some are designated as "grantees" but they're all taxpayer funded and subject to direction and coordination of approach and content from higher levels in the U.S. foreign policy and national security structure.

Every president has had authority to make changes in federal agencies. Reagan did so, and ended up infusing VOA with large budget increases. Post-9/11, President George W. Bush did so. President Obama pushed the agency (and VOA) to step up their role in "countering" Russian disinformation and CVE (Counter Violent Extremism).

Obama-era appointees Amanda Bennett and John Lansing now resist Trump, and during their presence VOA reporting has been shown to contain unprecedented bias

(see articles in <http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/> which is the only independent watchdog monitoring issues at the agency).

Bennett had to order reporters to take journalism training, and special training in avoiding political bias amid example after example of VOA "journalists" conducting advocacy journalism and using their social media channels to openly mock Trump.

USAGM also has a record of inflating audience claims – recently claiming to have increased 67 million from 2017 to 2018, and in 2016 by 50 million). As one former VOA reporter recently observed: "The numbers just keep on going up and up – doesn't anyone question this?"

Just-published results of the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) show USAGM still at or near the bottom of all federal agencies. The past few years have seen scandal after scandal.

Members of Congress called for an investigation into management's suspension of Chinese broadcasters (one was recently fired but is pursuing legal action) involving a program with a Chinese dissident that VOA's own managers cut short.

Another involves a program for Cuba that treated George Soros unfairly, forcing the USAGM CEO Lansing, who allegedly didn't find out about the issue until months after the fact, to issue an apology to Soros.

VOA had to dismiss Hausa-speaking staff accused of accepting bribes from a Nigerian official.

Legislation added as a rider to the defense authorization bill by Senators Menendez and Corker aims to block Trump's nominee (Pack).

Bennett and Lansing, who would love to just remain indefinitely in their jobs, and hope Trump just leaves them and the agency alone.

NPR obviously has time constraints in presenting stories, but there is much more to this story than you provided to listeners.

Daniel Robinson, Former VOA chief White House correspondent, foreign correspondent, and congressional correspondent, Potomac, MD (via Dan, DXLD)

**** U S A [and non].**

VOA is not the first international broadcaster of Lingala language --- In DXLD 1847 "VOA Begins Broadcasting in Lingala Language"; VOA will be the first international broadcaster to reach them in their own language.

Some Japanese DXers pointed out VOA is not the first.

Lingala service of Radio Moscow is first noted in WRTD1965;

2100-2130 41 31 25 19mb Tue/Fri/Sun. In WRTD1980, it is listed;
1900-1930 15520 12055 9630.

Radio Moscow terminated this Lingala broadcast on October 19, 1980. So Radio Moscow seems to have had the Lingala service in 1964-1980. (Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A.**

15580, Sat Dec 8 at 2105, VOA's only English hour via Greenville is S9+30, blasting in during VOA One rock music, but with some IADs (intermittent audio dropouts). Hardly any announcements past 2130 as I continue to wish VOA had more diverse tastes in American! music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1958 monitoring: Sunday 0830 on 5850:**

See Zichi's WRMI report below

**** U S A [and non].**

WORLD OF RADIO 1959 monitoring: zzzz, not checked Wed Dec 5 at 1030 on WRMI 5950; also missed checking Wed Dec 5 at 2200 on WBCQ 7490v & WRMI 9955: can anyone confirm hearing any of these, or not if tried to?

Next:

0729 UT Saturday	HLR	6190-CUSB Germany to WSW
1200 UT Saturday	Unique	*9265 via WINB to WSW
1531 UT Saturday	HLR	9485-CUSB Germany to WSW
1700 UT Saturday	WRN	*5950 via WRMI to WNW [unconfirmed]
2030vUT Saturday	WA0RCR	1860-AM non-directional
0400vUT Sunday	WA0RCR	1860-AM [nominal 0415], ND
0830 UT Sunday	WRMI	5850 to NW, 5950 to WNW, 7730 to WNW [NEW]
1130 UT Sunday	HLR	7265-CUSB Germany to WSW
2130 UT Sunday	WRMI	7780 to NE
0230 UT Monday	WRMI	5950 to WNW, 9395 to NNW
0400vUT Monday	WBCQ	*5130v Area 51 to WSW
0430 UT Monday	WRMI	*9955 to SSE

* also webcast

WORLD OF RADIO 1959 monitoring: tnx to Richard Lemke, Alberta for confirming an airing I missed checking:

``Date heard in UTC: December 5 UTC 2018

Program heard: World of Radio, #1959

Time in UTC: 2200 - 2229 UTC

Details: Reception report --- 9955 kHz, 2200 - 2230 UTC. Reception was fair in my area this afternoon before sunset ranging from S 7 signal, too changeable conditions, heard ID at 2214 UTC. Good listening, Richard Lemke`` Next:

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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6190, Hamburger LokalRadio, Goehren, 0730-0800, 08-12, English, Glenn Hauser's program "World of Radio". 15321
 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol and Reinante, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DXLD)

Glenn Hauser wrote: WOR: 1200 UT Saturday Unique *9265 via WINB to WSW
 === Heard very weakly using the U. Twente SDR receiver today (8 December). So weak, couldn't make out edition # nor most other information. When WINB signal checked before leaving home at about 1200 UT, nothing could be heard. Propagation not supported to NB
 (-- Richard Langley, WOR iog via DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1959 monitoring: confirmed Saturday December 8 at 1209 on Unique Radio via WINB, 9265, as I happen to awaken; VP S3-S4.

Saturday Dec 8 at 1531 on HLR 9485-CUSB: nothing audible via UTwente SDR, possibly a trace at 1558.
 (See also [GERMANY](#))

I am also wanting to confirm WOR Saturday at 1700 on WRN via WRMI 5950, but keep missing it. Did check at 1747 and could hear JBA signal in English mentioning Chinese, so that fits for Guangdong Radio at 1730 on WRN. Next:

0400vUT Sunday	WA0RCR	1860-AM [nominal 0415], ND
0830 UT Sunday	WRMI	5850 to NW, 5950 to WNW, 7730 to WNW
1130 UT Sunday	HLR	7265-CUSB Germany to WSW
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0400vUT Monday	WBCQ	*5130v Area 51 to WSW
0430 UT Monday	WRMI	*9955 to SSE

WORLD OF RADIO 1959 monitoring: Hi Glenn, Just to confirm that I heard WOR on Sat Dec 8 on 6190 kHz - weak, but I couldn't mistake your voice! Also Media Network Plus heard from 0720 tune-in
 (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, WOR iog via DXLD)

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WOR 1959 confirmed UT Sunday Dec 9 at 0425 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, M0, about 12 minutes into show, so started circa 0413, S9+20. Next:

2130 UT Sunday	WRMI	7780 to NE
0230 UT Monday	WRMI	5950 to WNW, 9395 to NNW
0400vUT Monday	WBCQ	*5130v Area 51 to WSW
0430 UT Monday	WRMI	*9955 to SSE
* also webcast		

WORLD OF RADIO 1959 monitoring: confirmed Sunday December 9 at 2130 on WRMI 7780, fair. Due to other activities, missed checking UT Monday Dec 10 at 0230 on WRMI 5950 & 9395: did anyone hear these? Confirmed UT Mon Dec 10 at 0401.5 on Area 51 webcast and at 0428 check on WBCQ 5130.43, fair-good. Also confirmed UT Mon Dec 10 at 0430 on WRMI 9955, G-VG S9+10.

WORLD OF RADIO 1960 contents: Australia and non, Brasil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Egypt, Eritrea non, France non, India, Ireland non/Italy non, Japan/Korea North non, Kurdistan non, Madagascar, Netherlands non, Nigeria non, Sudan, Turkey, USA and non; and the propagation outlook

WOR 1960 ready for first airing UT Tuesday December 11 at 0030 on WRMI 7730: confirmed, VG. Missed checking next airing UT Tue Dec 11 at 0200 on WRMI 9955: did anyone hear that? Next:

2030 UT Tuesday	WRMI	7780
0930 UT Wednesday	Unique	5045 low-power NSW Australia
1030 UT Wednesday	WRMI	5950
2200 UT Wednesday	WRMI	9955
2200 UT Wednesday	WBCQ	7490v
0930 UT Friday	Unique	5045 low-power NSW Australia
0729 UT Saturday	HLR	6190-CUSB Germany to WSW
0930 UT Saturday	Unique	5045 low-power NSW Australia [alt.; Dec 22?]
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0430 UT Monday	WRMI	*9955 to SSE
0930 UT Monday	Unique	5045 low-power NSW Australia

*** also webcast; direct linx to these and many others at:**

Complete updated WOR sked, all affiliates, satellite, webcast, AM&FM:
[\(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST\)](http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html)

Updated B18 shortwave schedule of World of Radio
[\(Ivo Ivanov, SWL DX Bulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST\)](https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/updated-winter-b-18-shortwave-schedule.html)

Accurate, except Sun 2230 on ``YFR`` 9955 - that was canceled a few weeks ago; is it back? I have not kept checking for it
(gh, DXLD)

WBCQ WBCQ WBCQ:

**** U S A.**

5130.46-AM, UT Thu Dec 6 at 0255, surprised to find this WBCQ on with a rant associating GHW Bush with the Kennedy assassination! What a tribute. It's the wacko `Hal Turner Show`, and he breaks for ToH ID at 0300 mentioning only 9455 WRMI and 7490 WBCQ. He doesn't even know he's on 5130+, which is fair; 7490+ is poor, and 9455 is a JBA carrier. This appears UT Thu only at 0200-0400. He's not on the WBCQ 5130 sked either

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9330.183 kHz, WBCQ Overcomer Ministry, 0634 UT Dec 7. Ute whistle
9328.568 kHz 73 wolfie

(Wolfgang Bueschel, Cape Canaveral FL SDR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5130.48, UT Sat Dec 8 at 0035, three rising tones and a telephone intercept message; lost a live feed? But then talking about it. 0059 more of that, WBCQ quick boing ID and 0100 start another program, *not* Allan Weiner Worldwide any more on this frequency --- bad news for John Carver and many more who can't get 7490v or 9330v well, or at all, on winter nights.

Meanwhile, Larry Will forwarded the latest 5130 schedule update, which would soon be added to the website; so Sat 00-01 UT show is now `The Analog Telephone System`, followed by `Intelligence Report`,
UT Tue-Sat 01-02. The sked in EST = UT -5 ---

> Mon 8-9
8-9 Intelligence Report

> Tues 8-10:30
8-9 Intelligence Report
9-10:30 Amateur Radio Roundtable

> Wed 8-11
8-9 Intelligence Report
9-11 Hal Turner

> Thurs 7-9
7-8 Hour of the Time
8-9 Intelligence Report

> Fri 7-10
7-8 The Analog Telephone System
8-9 Intelligence Report
9-10 Report of the Week

> Sat 7-midnite
Area 51

> Sun 7-midnite
Area 51
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490.19, UT Sat Dec 8 at 0100, after some silence, S9 but only fair vs noise WBCQ starts ``William Tell Overture`` and Allan Weiner`s first Worldwide interjexion is about an ``Inquisition``.
Also JBA on // 9330.1, but no longer 5130v
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John Carver`s report on this week`s `Allan Weiner Worldwide`, UT Sat Dec 8 at 01-02 on WBCQ, had not quite yet arrived in time for my last report, but now:

``Show started more or less on time on 7490 this evening after a bit of dead air. Allan and Angela in the studio. Allan had a small rant about special prosecutors, equating them with the Inquisition. Said it was a terrible waste of time and money, achieving nothing but the ruined lives of a few good people.

Allan stated they were also on 5130 and 9330 but there is another program on 5130 at this time. Phone caller at 0113 points out to Allan that there's another program on 5130 at that time. More talk between Allan and the caller about politics, social media, cellphones etc. Signal on 7490 starts to diminish around 0132.

Phone call at 0137 from an old listener and some talk about old shows in the archives. Some talk with Angela about "smart" speakers and how they can gather information on the owners.

Allan starts reading some old emails at 0148. Mr. Transistor Norm calls at 0151 and touches base with Allan as it's been awhile since they've talked. Back to the old emails at 0154. Prayer at 0158. Show was off the air at 0200 as was 7490. John, Mid-North Indiana``
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRMI WRMI WRMI:

**** U S A.**

15770, WRMI, FL, 1723 Dec 1 445 AM [??] English YL/OM discussing the environment, "Remarkable news for a remarkable world". "Supreme Master Television" list of cable channels / cities TV service available. I checked the website, <http://suprememastertv.com/en1/> displays live YouTube channel. To find a listing of TV channels, you need to go to Legacy site. An extensive list of satellites around the world, including Galaxy 19 @ 97°W, plus extensive list of CATV channels. Naturally, no radio frequencies listed.

These people seem to be heavy into the Vegan life style, eating animals should be against the law.

WHO IS PAYING FOR ALL OF THIS?

[I bet it is NOT the National Beef Council! --kvz]

1755 to unknown language, WRMI ID at 1800, carrier off

(Jack Amelar, DXing in Brighton MI, Kenwood R-1000 +Long wire, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Jack adds that their website lists that they are on Galaxy 19 transponder 20 on 12.060 GHz Horizontal polarization, Symbol Rate of 22000 Msps. I'm gonna have to check that one out!
(--kvz, ed., ibid.)

5850, WRMI didn't sign on at expected time, on suddenly at *0755 with what I presume was Broad Spectrum radio with only one rather fuzzy photo in MFSK32 making it: [illustrations]

At 0800 they went into SW Radiogram #76 from Kim Elliot.
Topics today were about forecast for winter this year;

Projected temperatures for Canada artist's rendition plans for a sail powered vehicle carrier; the plans for reactivating domestic SW in Australia; and misc. images.:

Nigel Holmes retired R Australia transmission manager Kennedy Center in Washington DC w/lights for the holidays

Then into World of Radio #1958 at the BoH but it cut out less than a minute into the broadcast, and was gone from 0831 to 0838, at which time, the carrier popped back and we rejoined it in progress. Hard to follow the program with the first 8 minutes missing (Glenn packs a LOT of info in after all!) but there were stories about RFI cut-backs with RFI repeating the oft claimed and never actually proven trope that listeners are just not there and they would be shifting to web articles and the like rather than 'breaking news'.

I repeat, that yes, if they don't broadcast, we won't listen, but that is not a justification to my mind that cutting broadcasts is a good idea! Mention of DW back on SW but only because of WRMI, and mention of my reporting an earlier edition of this show.

To answer that question from Glenn who assumed I taped this, yes, I do NOT stay up this late on a regular basis, but let the radio go, and I record it using either Audacity or "Audio In" two digital recording programs that allow for 'timed' recording, ala the old VCR set-up but for audio only.

In well, when it was in! 4+554+4+ with near perfect photo decodes as shown, *0755-0900* 2/Dec with break as noted above. SDRplay +SDRUno +ANC-4 +FLDigi for digi-bits +randomwire
(Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Reception of Supreme Master TV via WRMI-09 on Dec.5
1455-1500 15770 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to NCAF Interval Signal of WRMI
1500-1505 15770 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to NCAF open carrier/dead air
1505-1800 15770 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to NCAF English, fair signal
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/reception-of-supreme-master-tv-via-wrmi.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWL DX Bulgaria News, Dec. 5-6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It seems RMI will never shake its ex-YFR identity?
(gh, DXLD)

9955, Thu Dec 6 at 1417, WRMI, DX news in Spanish with quite a Brazilian accent, mentions DX Clube sem Fronteiras. It's a segment on 'Frecuencia al Día', as Dino Bloise then continues with a tribute to Carlos Arturo del Castillo, on the Nov 27 anniversary of his death, with clips as announcer at R. Austria; and IIRC this name was a pseudonym

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** USA.** ".....Shortwave Radiogram, 7-9 December 2018:
Digital modes that turn algae into science news

This weekend, the final four minutes of Shortwave Radiogram will be devoted to an advertising campaign by Tecsun Radios Australia. Revenue from the advertising goes to WRMI to defray the considerable expense of transmitting, and helps keep shortwave alive....." ==>
<http://swradiogram.net/post/180892322252/shortwave-radiogram-7-9-december-2018-digital>

<https://www.tecsunradios.com.au/store/about/>
(via roger, WOR iog via DXLD)

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/SW_Radiogram_2018-12-08.htm#voice
[HTML5-audio] autorun
(roger, germany, ibid.) Radiogram: see also [BULGARIA](#) [and non]

9955, Dec 8 at 1453, this WRMI is off; on Saturdays is supposed to stay on even past 1500; 9395 in well enough
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15770, Supreme Master TV (via WRMI) at 1738 with a possible radio drama with a girl and man talking with a woman who they call "Master" and "Supreme Master" - Very Good Dec 8 – This program promotes greener and healthier living. It must be the audio feed for a TV program. It is apparently the creation of Ching Hai who is a Vietnamese author, entrepreneur, and teacher of the Quan Yin Method of meditation
(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

21525, Dec 8 at 1905, Radio Africa via WRMI with good signal, S9+10 even audiblizing some humbuzz like video mix, gospel huxter in English. Normally it's a JBA carrier at best, as obviously getting a temporary winter sporadic E boost. [WORLD OF RADIO 1960]

21610 has VP signal from WHRI, now HFCC registered at 14-19, but Aoki/NDXC says 16-19 on weekdays, 14-19 on weekends.

Tnx to Es, I also explore the higher non-BC bands: a couple hams on ``15`` meters, 21335-USB and 21300-USB. I cannot copy their co-channel contacts, and despite some exchanges, no IDs uttered, geez. No activity on 12 or 10m. On 11m CB, only a hetty pileup on 27025, or rather dominated by someone on 27024-AM.

18157.5-USB, Dec 8 at 1914, bears a ham in NC contacting someone in HI, weaker but also audible. Quick ID from NC sounds like ``W1CP, QRT``. That fits the ARRL lookup, not in New England at all:
PORTOUKALIAN, GEORGE, W1CP, FRANKLIN, NC 28734
(Glenn Hauser. OK. DX ITSTENTNG DTGFEST)

** U S A.

13685-13690, Dec 4 at 1507, WINB-DRM sounds different today. The upper half 13690-13695 is always ordinary DRM noise, but the lower half had been much ``rougher`` noise. Now the lower half has a bunch of carriers beating against each other.

WINB has been suspected of experimenting with data via DRM, such as ``high-frequency`` stock trading info. It would be nice if Hans Johnson would explain exactly what is going on beside yesterday's programming on the upper half

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTNB: See also AUSTRALIA [non]: WORLD OF RADIO

** U S A.

**15555/USB, WJHR Milton FL; 1535-1545+, 12/1; Apparently a 2006 program
rehashing 9/11 & ragging on people not being rescued from the WTC
tower roofs. See it all happened because of Muslim hate of Israel.
SI0=2+53+**

(Harold Fodge, DX-pedition somewhere in Michigan, Drake R8B + 500' dogleg N-S/E-W unterminated bev, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15555/USB, WJHR Milton FL talk re how many times 'Tithing' appears in the Bible with the implication that must be important, so give me your money', but a BIT more circumspect than the 'prosperity gospel' scammers. Interesting bit of tid: the 'average' Christian gives 2.5% of income, but 50% give nothing at all, and 20% give 80% of all donations. He did not explain where these numbers come from or how 'Christian' is defined however, so take with the appropriate grain of salt. Also talk about Elvis impersonators. This was one WIDE RANGING sermon! ID at 1805 including call and email address, and mentioning they were 'near Pensacola FL'. They don't often ID so this was notable! 3+54+4+4 1801-1811 1/Dec SDRplay +SDRUno +500' randomwire (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Brighton MI DX-pedition, MARE Tipsheet Dec 7 via DXLD)

[and non]. **15550-USB**, Dec 5 at 2029, gospel huxter as WJHR is here instead of 15555-USB! IIRC, 15550 was its original frequency, later shifted. Most of the time this 1 kW PEP station is inaudible on either frequency, often passed by in daytime bandscans. And maybe on air only sporadically; after all, deceased John Hill has nothing new to say.

Latest HFCC Dec 6 still has it on 15555 only: 14-22 UT, imaginary 50 kW at 5 degrees and in imaginary AM, while it has always been in USB.

Our FCC has not got around to posting any B18 sked, since A18!

<https://www.fcc.gov/general/high-frequency-stations-seasonal-operating-frequency-schedules>

HFCC has WJHR as the only station in the world on 15555, but on 15550 it will have some competition during its 8-hour span: notably FPU via VATICAN, FRANCE at 1500-1600. Fortunately the other listees, DHA UAE ADM are likely only imaginary woodens at 13-15, 1630-1820, 1920-2300.

So I'm rechecking Dec 6 at 1504: nothing on 15555, but 15550-AM indeed occupied by language talk with echo, still at 1532, which Aoki/NDXC identifies as R. Tamazuj for Sudan South, with the site switch at 1530. It remains to be heard whether WJHR have permanently moved back to 15550 or was it a test or a mistake?

15550-USB, Dec 7 at 1950, trace of talk from WJHR, again ex-15555
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of WJHR Radio in USB mode, Dec.7

1400-2200 NF 15550 JHR 050 kW / 005 deg to WNAm English, ex 15555

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/frequency-change-of-wjhr-radio-in-usb.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15550-USB, Dec 8 at 1916, WJHR heard for third time here, ex-15555, now S9 tnx to sporadic E; 15610 WEWN & 15825 WWCR are also boosted. 15555 was exclusive, but 15550 must avoid 15-16 UT, Tamazuj.

I hasten out to the field and caradio to check for DX reaching FM, but none heard, so I mainly bandscan on MW which is possibly also affected by Es, but lowsun now also means non-sporadic night-like E-propagation is possible

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A.**

3215, Thu Dec 6 at 0646, WWCR is still running TOMBS with his perpetual promotion of how to call and talk into his answering machine. WWCR has finally updated its program sked to dated Dec 1, but still shows WWCR-1 off after 0600, with Brother Scare only at 0400-0600 UT Tue-Sat

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A.**

5085even fq, ONLY CARRIER on air, not program audio modulated, WTW Lebanon TN US state unit still on air at 0510 UT Dec 3, S=9+35dB powerful signal string visible, in SDR remote NJ state US unit. Instead still on air on 5829.986 WTW Lebanon TN US state unit, S=9+35dB in NJ US state at 0512 UT on Dec 3, English sermon program heard

(Wolfgang Bueschel, BC-DX 6 Dec via DXLD)

5085, Dec 6 at 1354, WTWB-2 is (still?) on with Xmasmx, interrupted by hard-sell ham radio ads, S9+30 along with weak parasite spur carriers 5072.1, 5097.9. All still going and still S9+30 at 1530 check,

5830, Dec 9 at 0645, WTBW-1 is AWOL, while neighbor 5935 WWCR is VG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A.**

3215, UT Sun Dec 9 at 0150, lo-fi with clix, hum, etc. two guys commenting about fake news; one says he was on C2CAM last night (caller or guest?), S9+20 from the last remaining WWRB transmission after Dave has destroyed most of his antennas and transmitters. Live announcement from him at 0159 interrupts the talk show without any outro or even name, repeatedly urging us to retune to 3185, and off before WWCR comes up on 3215, by 0201 with Martha Garvin singing.

3185, Dec 9 from *0159:53, WWRB cuts on here (rather than 3195), clearly a different program than before the break, mentions `Message of the Cross` but unsure if that be the title, with Bob Martin.

Not checked further here, but Mike Newland in Morgantown KY on the WOR iog was still hearing it much later:
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWRB Morrison TN --- December 9, 2018, 0328Z, 3185 kHz, Strong signal S-9 + 30 dB. Religious commentary by male announcer. SINPO 55555
(Mike Newland, December 8 logs from Morgantown, KY, ICOM IC-706 and G5RV antenna at 35 feet, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

--- an example of how good the 90m band is for close-in coverage: only 193 km = 120 miles apart (but 259/161 if driving via I-24 thru Nashville, and I-65). Is WWRB still active UT Mon and even UT Tue?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWRB Morrison, TN 3185 kHz, 0225Z 12/10/2018 [UT Mon] --- Again very good signal tonight here in south central KY. S-9 plus 30 dB. Female with sermon quoting Hebrews chapter 12. Noted Glenn's comments earlier regarding the frequency move to 3185 kHz. Online resource <http://short-wave.info> shows the WWRB frequency at 3185 kHz. I wonder if this was updated recently? I do not recall if this resource previously had shown the 3195 kHz frequency

(Mike Newland, KY, ICOM IC 706 & G5RV antenna at 35 feet, WOR iog via DXLD)

**** U S A.**

7505.008, WRNO New Orleans CA totally DISTORTED and overmodulated S=9+40dB at 0649 UT Dec 7. 73 wolfie
(Wolfgang Bueschel, Cape Canaveral FL SDR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505, Dec 9 at 0643, WRNO S9+30 in Chinese and splattering plus/minus 12 kHz
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A [and non].**

Updated winter B-18 schedule of AWR's "Wavescan"
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/12/updated-winter-b-18-schedule-of-awrs.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Viz.:

0030-0100	on	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to WNAm	English	Sat
1200-1230	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Sat
1630-1700	on	17775	VOH	100	kW	/	100	deg	to CeAm	English	Sat
2130-2200	on	7780	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	to WeEu	English	Sat
2330-2400	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Sat
0000-0030	on	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to WNAm	English	Sun
0430-0500	on	4840	WCR	100	kW	/	040	deg	to ENAm	English	Sun
0930-1000	on	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to MEXI	English	Sun
1030-1100	on	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to MEXI	English	Sun
1200-1230	on	9680	LUV	100	kW	/	000	deg	to SoAf	English	Sun
1200-1230	on	13680	LUV	100	kW	/	315	deg	to WeAf	English	Sun
1400-1430	on	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to MEXI	English	Sun
1430-1500	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Sun
1530-1600	on	11985	TRM	125	kW	/	015	deg	to SoAs	English	Sun
1600-1630	on	9770	SCB	050	kW	/	090	deg	to SoAs	English	Sun
1600-1630	on	17730	MDC	250	kW	/	035	deg	to SoAs	English	Sun
2100-2130	on	7780	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	to WeEu	English	Sun
2300-2330	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Sun
0100-0130	on	7780	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	to WeEu	English	Mon
0230-0300	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Mon
1415-1445	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Mon
2300-2330	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Mon
0000-0030	on	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to WNAm	English	Tue
0130-0200	on	7780	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	to WeEu	English	Tue
0330-0400	on	5985	YFR	100	kW	/	222	deg	to CeAm	English	Tue
0430-0500	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Tue
0200-0230	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Wed
1000-1030	on	5950	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to MEXI	English	Wed
0030-0100	on	7730	YFR	100	kW	/	285	deg	to WNAm	English	Thu
0100-0130	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Thu
0130-0200	on	7780	YFR	100	kW	/	044	deg	to WeEu	English	Thu
2230-2300	on	9955	YFR	100	kW	/	160	deg	to LaAm	English	Fri [NOT -gh]

?????????? ?? Observer ? 11:47 AM
 (via DXLD)

** U S A.

On Shortwave from the Middle of the Continental United States

Back in the early 1920s, Westinghouse in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania established a temporary relay station in Cleveland Ohio with a program feed from KDKA via their shortwave station 8XS. The Cleveland station KDPM was installed in the second floor wooden attic of one of their foundry buildings at 1200 West 58th Street.

Radio station KDPM in Cleveland received the KDKA-8XS programming on a single wire square loop with a specially made shortwave receiver, the output of which was fed directly into the KDPM transmitter with its 250 watts on 1000 kHz. The first test broadcasts from station KDPM began in May 1921; and the first test broadcasts with a shortwave relay from Pittsburgh via KDKA-8XS began in September of the following year (1922).

Available evidence would suggest that two additional small stations in Cleveland, Westinghouse 8XO and Willard battery 8XG, also carried an experimental relay of the KDPM programming, on shortwave. The entire series of shortwave test broadcasts, Pittsburgh to Cleveland via KDKA-8XS to KDPM ended in January of the next year again, 1923.

The KDPM experiment with its program feed on shortwave took place over a period of some five months running from September 1922 into January 1923. This entire unique project was considered to be quite successful, despite the vagaries of shortwave reception and the associated problem of atmospheric noise QRN.

Thus the Cleveland project set the stage for a more ambitious project that began in mid 1923, the installation of a new shortwave relay station somewhere in the center of the continental United States. An intensive investigation for a suitable location, anywhere between St Louis in Missouri and Denver in Colorado, was based upon their observation of shortwave reception conditions at various potential locations. Ultimately Hastings in Nebraska was chosen, a location just 35 miles from the geographic center of the continental United States. In September 1923, a new Westinghouse mediumwave station in Hastings Nebraska was granted a license with 500 watts on 1050 kHz with the callsign KFKX. A shortwave counterpart was licensed at the beginning of the next month, on October 1 (1923) as 9XW with what was in those days a quite high power level of 10 kW.

The transmitters for the new KFKX-9XW were installed in a new wooden building in the northeast corner of City Park in Hastings. The receiver station was located a couple of miles north of the transmitter building with its associated antenna system.

The original antenna system for mediumwave transmission was supported on two wooden poles 100 feet apart, 75 feet tall, with cross arms ten feet across. Two wire cages with eight wires in each were suspended between the two cross arms, with a 1½ inch copper tube as the uplead to the twin wire cages.

In addition, there was a double counterpoise made up of two wire cages similar to the antenna system that were suspended above ground level underneath the aerial itself. At a lower level again, there was a fan shaped counterpoise one hundred feet long and one hundred feet wide. Over a period of time, local on air studios for KFKX were installed at four different locations in Hastings:-

- * Hotel Clarke, six storey building, 233 North Hastings Avenue, visited by both Presidents William H. Taft and John F. Kennedy.
- * Stitt Building, Corner St. Joseph Avenue and Third Street, with Chamber of Commerce and KFKX studio on the second floor.
- * Gaston Building, St Joseph Avenue and Second Street, three storey building, KFKX studio on top floor, building demolished in 1998, now parking lot.
- * Euston Building 600 West Second Street, later known as the Gray Building, now a modern shoe shop.

The first test broadcasts from mediumwave KFKX with 1 kW on 1050 kHz and from shortwave 9XW with 10 kW on 2885 kHz were made on Thursday November 15, 1923. The shortwave relay was received by mediumwave station KGO in San Diego California for local rebroadcast on the government mandated standard channel 360 m (833 kHz).

The inaugural opening program for the new KFKX-9XW in Hastings was a double integrated program, partly on relay from KDKA-8XS in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and partly as a local production in the studios in the Hotel Clarke in Hastings Nebraska. This inaugural event took place on Thursday November 22, 1923 and it was heard well at a distance in such places as New York City, Washington DC, and Salt Lake City Utah.

Early next year, on January 17, 1924, the twin mediumwave and shortwave stations in Hastings Nebraska, KFKX-9XW, relayed the now famous program from KDKA-8XS that contained a special message for James Watt in winter-covered Northern Canada. It became necessary for Maud Watt to travel from Fort Mackenzie in the north to a public hospital in North Bay Ontario, some 900 miles to the south in order to undergo an important operation.

At the conclusion of the successful operation, Maud Watt had some friends make contact with radio station KDKA, another 400 miles further to the south. They asked the radio station to broadcast a special message to her husband James Watt, an official with the Hudson Bay Company way up in the cold north at Fort McKenzie in Province Quebec, indicating that all was well.

During his evening Farm Service Broadcast, announcer Frank Mullen at KDKA in Pittsburgh kindly obliged with this special request and he included the good will message in his evening program. This program from Pittsburgh was also relayed by the mediumwave shortwave combination in Hastings Nebraska, and in those days, a 10 kW shortwave transmitter was considered high power. That radio event was the very earliest beginning of the Far Northern Service, first from KDKA, and then subsequently from the CBC in Canada.

As time went by during the mid 1920s, the Westinghouse radio stations in Hastings Nebraska continued to produce their own on air programming, as well as rebroadcasting regular and special relays on shortwave from the parent station KDKA in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

Then on December 1, 1926, the Hastings stations were taken over by the NBC Network, and early in the New Year (1927), the shortwave relay service from KDKA was discontinued.

In June of that same year (1927), the government licensing agency FRC required station KFKX to move to 570 kHz. This was the same mediumwave channel that was occupied by KYW in Chicago (as it was at the time), and both stations, KFKX and KYW, carried the same programming.

Then in the Fall of that same year (1927), the FRC asked the Hastings station to close. The Hastings transmitter was then re-installed on the top of the Congress Hotel at the corner of Michigan and Congress Avenues in Chicago, and soon afterwards the now historic KFKX in Hastings Nebraska was absorbed into KYW in Chicago Illinois.

QSL Booklet from KFKX Hastings Nebraska

During its short lifespan of less than four years, the mediumwave / shortwave combination KFKX/9XW in Hastings Nebraska issued a small twelve page booklet as their QSL response to listener reception reports. The total area of all of the pages in this QSL booklet was 63 square inches, by far not the largest QSL ever, but certainly an important historical item of early radio interest.

Included in the QSL booklet is a message from the station management together with lots of interesting facts about the Westinghouse stations KFKX/9XW, and also about their city of residence Hastings in Nebraska. Photos show the station and its personnel, as well as important buildings and people within the community
 (Adrian Peterson, IN, script for AWR Wavescan Nov 11, 2018 via DXLD)

**** U S A.**

810, Dec 6 at 1329 UT, vocal Xmasmx in English, Silver Bells to 0CAYF, from E/W, soon QRMed by cut-on of WHB Kansas City with sportstalk, making fast SAH of approx. 10 Hz. This must be the same unID station which had Xmasmx mixing with my Mexican log a few mornings ago. 1333 brief announcement about homemade chile, and 1337 another break about a broadcast of the Santa Fe City Council. So it's KSWV, with a new format, temporarily? Or as transition? No longer 'Que Suave', semi-Spanish. Is 5000/10 watts U1, with 7.5 watt PSRA, but this is obviously on day power before local sunrise which in Dec is officially 1400 UT (January: 1415). Here's website now, except for ``Suave'', all-English as Classic Hits: <http://www.santafetoday.com/kswv/>

BTW, WHB is correct in switching to 50 kW ND day pattern at 1330 UT in Dec and Jan

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A.** WHVW 950 Hyde Park NY off the air ---

I sent this to Allan yesterday and you may find it of interest..
 Have yet to hear from Allan.

Allan, I saw this on the radioinsight forum list and recognized it as Pirate Joe's station. What's up with this?

<https://radioinsight.com/community/topic/whvw-hyde-park-is-off-the-air/>

(Artie Bigley, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A.**

Altho local mean noon is always 1832 UT, I don't get around to bandscanning for winter daytime skywave on MW until 1945 UT on Saturday December 8. I'm on the caradio at the kitefield north side of Enid away from power lines (but still lite buzz at highband). Nothing much on lowband, not even WGN-720, but 1090 has something besides KEXS KS/MO.

1480, Dec 8 at 1947, Spanish music from KBXD Dallas mixing/atop KQAM Wichita. 1480 also suffers from KCRC-1390 +90 kHz spur; see [OKLAHOMA](#)

1510, Dec 8 at 1948, quit-smoking PSA in strong, then fadeout. Got to be skywave, but what; 1958 Nabisco ad is atop the jumble. PSA for USNA.edu, pause 10 seconds for ID: ``ESPN Kansas City, KCTE Independence`` MO plus some FM translators, and back to an Army-Navy SBG. Also an intriguing LAH (low audible heterodyne) from algo (KCTE itself off-frequency? I think it used to be).

1560, Dec 8 at 1950 UT, Vietnamese atop CCI in English, i.e. KGOW Bellaire/Houston already skywaving almost 500 miles.

1600, Dec 8 at 1951 UT, more Vietnamese about equal level to semi-local KUSH Cushing OK, i.e. KRVA from The Metroplex TX. This language tends to stand out on the MW dial!

1700, Dec 8 at 1952 UT, TexMexmx, i.e. KKLF Richardson TX inbooming.

1200, Dec 8 at 2004 UT, breaking news from WOAI.com, San Antonio already propagating, but was not a few minutes earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** USA.**

Another catch has been heard widely on 1510 kHz. KCKK from Colorado has been beating co-channel signals closer to Europe and it has even been reported on a car radio by Ray Bokor in Middlesbrough
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fB77Ow4jGs>

(Dec Medium Wave News via DXLD)

**** USA.** All times/dates GMT, Clearwater, FL, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop:

1330, FLORIDA, WJNX, Fort Pierce. 0850 December 4, 2018. Spanish sports talk, bad automated timing with canned male "This is WJNX, Fort Pierce" at 0901 and dumped into CBS [English] News in progress. Said canned ID at pointless 0917 atop talk and commercials in this half-hour. Odd that they continue to pick up CBS English news in an otherwise Spanish format

(Terry L Krueger, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** USA.** KCKM 1330 Monahans, TX --- I've heard them up here in Laramie, WY at some level, sometimes very good several times in the last week. If you need them, go get them. I have it on some reliable authority they are operating at less than full power by day and higher than licensed power at night and not going directional at night

(Paul Walker, Dec 4, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Nominally 12/1 kW U2; night pattern major lobe to SW; minor lobes to NNW, S

(gh, DXLD)

**** USA.** NEW TIS Log --- Heard on an Eton E1-XM and 366 foot wire: 1610, WQKW429, Aberdeen, MS, 12/6 1340 with TIS / HAR extolling how businesses want to locate in Aberdeen. NEW #835! 98 miles

(Kevin Redding, Crump TN, 2005 UT, ABDX yg via DXLD)

So log probably in CST = UT -6

(gh)

**** USA.** Morning Edition

NPR CEO Jarl Mohn To Step Down After 5-Year Term Ends In June
[see original for embedded linx:]

<http://www.kgou.org/post/npr-ceo-jarl-mohn-step-down-after-5-year-term-ends-june>

NPR CEO Jarl Mohn announced he will step aside next year to focus on a newly created position to lead NPR's fundraising drive.
Stephen Voss / NPR [caption]

Listen [3:50 --- summary: not the same as the full text below]

https://ondemand.npr.org/npr-mp4/npr/me/2018/12/20181204_me_npr_chief_to_step_down.mp4?orgId=1&topicId=1020&d=229&p=3&story=673217532&ft=nprml&f=1001

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NPR's chief executive, Jarl Mohn, announced Tuesday that he would step aside next June at the end of his five-year term to focus on a newly created position to lead the public radio network's fundraising drive ahead of its 50th anniversary in 2020.

Mohn announced that he and his wife, Pamela, would also contribute \$10 million toward the effort.

"I've had a chance to work at some great companies. But this has been the most important and rewarding thing I've done in my career," Mohn said in a telephone interview. "It really has been remarkable."

In taking the CEO job, Mohn arrived with decades of experience as a broadcast executive and digital media investor, with stints at MTV, VH1, E! and Liberty Media before becoming a private investor. He has been a relentless cheerleader of the durability of terrestrial broadcasting as a platform for public radio, and his tenure has been marked by significant growth in NPR's radio and digital audiences, though it has softened of late. That growth has been accompanied by notable financial gains.

The Mohn years at NPR have also been marred by a crisis sparked by sexual harassment allegations against NPR's former top news editor, Michael Oreskes. Some staffers said Mohn and his management team failed to register warning signs with sufficient speed in ways that allowed a toxic work environment to fester under Oreskes, whom Mohn hired in the spring 2015 and ousted in November 2017. NPR has subsequently put in place a series of far-reaching reforms to address workplace concerns.

"I've done a lot of soul-searching because of what happened," Mohn said Monday in the interview. "My last big screw-up of a hire was 31 years before that. The organization is the better for it now. We've learned from it. But I wish it had never happened."

The workplace changes have been led by NPR's then chief operating officer, Loren Mayor, who has since promoted to be president of operations. She is seen by many managers and executives inside NPR as a strong potential internal candidate to replace Mohn.

The decision by Mohn, who turns 67 later this month, cuts short speculation about his future and sets in motion a search for a fresh leader. Mohn said NPR's board of directors had offered him a second term, a characterization supported in interviews with two members of the board. "It was a very tough decision, because I am conflicted," Mohn said in the interview.

Mohn said that he had been commuting from Los Angeles, where he and his wife live, and that it has been taking its toll. The Mohns are active art patrons and collectors there as well as supporters of KPCC, a major NPR member station based in Pasadena. In addition, though he did not cite concerns about his health, Mohn suffered a near-fatal aorta rupture in March 2017 and had to take medical leave late last year to address high blood pressure even as the fallout of the sexual harassment scandal divided the newsroom.

Mohn arrived at the network in the summer of 2014 bursting with energy. He ousted NPR's chief content officer, Kinsey Wilson, a few months later, as part of a larger turnover in the network's top executive ranks. The two leaders clashed over whether to pursue growth in NPR's radio audiences. Wilson favored a more aggressive single-minded focus on digital for NPR, arguing that radio audiences had at best plateaued, and were most likely to fall.

"I don't believe flat is the new up," Mohn told staffers that fall. "Some people do."

Mohn stressed the primacy of news to what NPR offers and sought to give the network the resources it needed to cover an ever-expanding range of topics. He also put the network on sound financial footing for the first time in years: It had been in the red for five of the six preceding years. NPR has boasted surpluses every year since, with revenues from corporate sponsorship more than doubling in that time.

"His five years is up and we're thrilled that he's going to be able to continue, although not in the same CEO capacity," Paul Haaga, chairman of NPR's board of directors, said in an interview. "He's leaving us in fabulous shape, financially and newswise."

Haaga said the board had sought to persuade Mohn to continue. "Nothing lasts forever," Haaga said.

Audiences for NPR's newsmagazines are up more than 20 percent for listeners over the age of 12 from spring 2014, the last period before Mohn's appointment took effect, to this past spring, the most recent comparable stretch. And NPR is the nation's leading podcast publisher, with 18.9 million distinct users streaming and downloading 165 million episodes each month, the network said, citing figures from Podtrac, an industry monitoring service.

Mohn placed great emphasis on collaborative initiatives with member stations, for which station managers in interviews have expressed appreciation. One of his signature ventures involved to seeking to generate more awareness for the public radio system's programs, especially its mainstays, Morning Edition and All Things Considered.

Yet it is hard to disentangle that progress from its coinciding with the ascent of candidate and President Trump, which has caused a spike in interest for many major national news outlets, including The New York Times, The Washington Post and cable news channels. That has softened for many such news organizations including NPR, a phenomenon associated with so-called "news fatigue."

NPR has opened new bureaus and added reporters to cover Washington politics in the Trump era. Even so, Mohn and his executive teams have encouraged experimentation in platforms, formats and content. The network now streams shows on smartphones and smart speakers. It has minted new hits such as the podcasts Hidden Brain, which explores the unconscious choices that drive human behavior, and How I Built This, which dissects entrepreneurial innovation.

Several podcasts have been backwards-engineered into becoming shows for conventional radio stations – a reversal of the typical path. There are many new players in the podcast industry, however, including startups and major media players such as CNN, The New Yorker and, notably, The New York Times, whose news podcast The Daily, a sensation produced by former NPR and public radio staffers, jolted NPR executives about the briskness of digital competition.

The scandal involving Oreskes inflicted perhaps the most grievous wound. Oreskes was hired in spring 2015 to lead NPR's newsroom after a long career in print journalism, with senior news jobs at The New York Times and The Associated Press. The year he arrived, NPR formally rebuked Oreskes after two female NPR journalists filed complaints against him. But that only became public in October 2017. The Washington Post reported that two women accused Oreskes of forcibly kissing them in separate incidents two decades earlier, while he was the Washington bureau chief of The New York Times and when they were considering whether to pursue jobs there.

Subsequently, multiple female journalists at NPR said Oreskes had left them deeply uncomfortable by embarking on intimate conversations over extended dinners or by engaging them repeatedly in exchanges via unsolicited private message. And four editors went to senior managers with concerns of a toxic work environment, even as they did not know of specifics.

Mohn later said that because NPR's corporate leadership had no knowledge of incidents of misconduct by Oreskes after he was formally rebuked in fall 2015, executives mistakenly believed they did not have cause to act. A review by an outside law firm issued in February 2018 found deep mistrust of management. "We can learn from it, and we will," Mohn said then. "While we cannot change the past, we can commit to not repeating it."

Women at the network expressed deep anger at the time, saying NPR's actions belie the legacy of female journalists there. The allegations were nowhere near as severe as those facing other prominent figures whose careers collapsed under the weight of accusations of more vile sexual harassment, including, in some cases, coercion or assault. Among the prominent journalists who were forced out are Fox News' Roger Ailes and Bill O'Reilly, NBC's Matt Lauer and CBS' Les Moonves and Charlie Rose.

Yet the Oreskes allegations, and the fact he was allowed to continue for another two years after complaints were first lodged, created a toxic climate, some female NPR journalists say. A senior news editor and a reporter also left NPR amid similar claims of inappropriate behavior. There were also complaints against an NPR board chairman. He abruptly announced he would not seek another term as chairman in November 2017 but served on the board for another year. He said it was his decision not to continue and said it was not based on any complaints. He also denied any misconduct.

"This cuts deeper," NPR Morning Edition host Rachel Martin said at the time, in an interview. "We have thought of ourselves – perhaps naively – as exempt from something like this."

The network has worked to address concerns beyond the strict confines of harassment issues. Major steps taken by the network include a survey of the workplace climate and a pay equity audit, a clearer process for reporting complaints, stronger anti-harassment training, a morals clause in all contracts and the conversion of many temporary positions to permanent ones. The temporary employee corps made up a surprisingly large proportion of the newsroom workforce and is disproportionately female.

Relying on Mayor's leadership, and his own contrition, however, Mohn has weathered the storm. He says he is proud of the management team he has put together at NPR, including Mayor, whom he elevated from the network's chief strategist to be chief operating officer within a few months of his start.

Mohn's team also now includes a newly appointed chief of news, who started last week: Nancy Barnes, formerly the top news executive of the Houston Chronicle.

Mohn said Monday that the success his team has achieved left him confident he was making the right choice. And he said he would set his ambitions high: he wants to raise more than the roughly \$225 million bequeathed to NPR by Joan Kroc – the largest gift in the network's history

(via KGOU eNewsletter via DXLD)

VATICAN

**** VATICAN.**

7235, Vatican Radio at 1943 in Latin with the Rosary being led by a man and the responses by a group of women – Fair with slight fading Dec 9 – Although this Catholic has sung Schubert's beautiful “Ave Maria” at Catholic funerals in Peterborough, Ontario, I have only prayed the Rosary in English as the regular use of Latin disappeared from the Church in Canada with the adoption of Vatican II well before I had reached my teens. The Rosary does have a nice flow to it when prayed in the original Latin

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, 0DXA iog via DXLD)

WALES

**** WALES.** How Radio Wales Was Born --- Hear the programme online:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00014ty>

However, not everyone thinks Radio Wales is a success; for an alternative view take a peek here

<http://www.welshnot.com/radio-wales-horror>

(Dec Medium Wave News via DXLD)

ZAMBIA

**** ZAMBIA.**

13680, The Voice of Hope Africa at 1724 with female pop Christian vocals followed by male pop Christian vocals at 1728, then a brief carrier tone at 1733 and off – Good with fading Dec 8 – This is a sister station to both KV0H – The Voice of Hope (Rancho Simi, CA) and The Voice of Hope – Middle East which is on mediumwave from Israel. All three use the same address: 543 Country Club Drive, Simi Valley, CA 93605

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, 0DXA iog via DXLD)

IIRC, VOH set up a control room at KV0H to remotely run Zambia, right, Ray?

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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1566, Dec 6 at 1344-1346, JBA carrier, presumably HLAZ Jeju, Korea South, 250 kW FEBC. I'm trying to catch the signal drop at 1345 as they switch from Japanese to Chinese, but no change here; maybe I just missed it a minute earlier. Earlier TP carrier check pre -sunrise around 1320 found JJBBA carriers on 774, 747
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED.

5011.7-USB, Dec 6 at 1357, weak 2-way in colloquial Spanish discussing putas
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED.

6934.8-AM, Dec 8 at 0103, JBA carrier, my first pirate in a sesquimonth? But no logs of it on HF Underground tonight, just unID USBs on 6925, 6950, 6955
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chris Smolinski, of HF Underground replies: ``Hi Glenn, This is the UNID pirate from South America. Some suspect it is from Argentina, but no one knows for sure. There are logs of it on the HF Underground on the Latin American Pirate board:
<https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php?board=39.0> It doesn't get logged every time it is on as it is often heard on the east coast. Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems, Westminster, MD USA,
<http://www.blackcatsystems.com>``

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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9288.55-LSB, approx., Dec 7 at 1542, 2-way in Spanish
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED.

9500, Dec 4 at 0700, chirps, carrier cutting on and off at rate of 128/minute, same as just heard on 5010
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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11730.010, Dec 6 at 1412, poor signal sounds like Thai. But listed is AWR in Mandarin via Nauen, Germany. Some other site? AWR also uses off-frequency Sri Lanka
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED.

15359.50-USB, Dec 8 at 1513, 2-way in colloquial Spanish INTRUDERS, just finishing as nothing further heard in next dekaminute
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1960:

Happiest holidays Bill to you and all. And thank you for another great year of radio! 73 fer nw. Bob, Hazlet, NJ
(Robert Zerilli, with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

One may also contribute via money order or check in US funds on a US bank to:

Glenn Hauser,
P O Box 1684,
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(Nicholas Hardyman, Publisher, Dec 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AFRICAN & CENTRAL AMERICAN CLANDESTINE DX AUDIO ARCHIVE

Hi Glenn, How are you? This is Vito Echevarría in New York, a former contributor to your publications "Review of International Broadcasting" and "DX Listeners Digest". I am reaching out to you because, after all these years, I finally got around to going through my archives of clandestine radio stations that I monitored during the early 1980s -- transferring them from cassette tapes into MP3 format (and posting them on YouTube afterwards). I also have some tapes of southern African clandestine tapes that were sent to me by South Africa-based DXers like Tim Hendel (ranging from "Radio Freedom" and "Voice of Namibia" to the anti-Zimbabwean station "Radio Truth", "A Voz da RENAMO" -- the station of Mozambique's RENAMO rebels, and other materials). Since this was materials from the 1980s, such recordings are historical at this point, so they can be appreciated at that level.

Perhaps you can help with this query:

another DXer (Harald Kuhl of Germany) sent me a recording of a mysterious radio station that broadcast a radio program with the words "Paz e Progresso -- Angola para os Angolanos" (Peace & Progress -- Angola for Angolans) along with xylophone music in the background. I was hoping you would have some idea as to who would make such a broadcast (presumably during the 1980s or early 1990s).

Also, I wanted to know if you know of any DXers who had been following international clandestine radio stations over the years. Whatever you can do would be greatly appreciated. Below the closing of this email are links to some of the postings I have done on YouTube so far. Looking forward to hearing from you! Regards, Vito Echevarria, New York, NY [viz.:]

YouTube postings of African & Central American
clandestine radio stations:

Radio Truth (Zimbabwe clandestine):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGpWz1gEELk&t=364s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ea8XuA8zqiA&t=94s>

Radio Freedom (South Africa/ANC):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoztmnS3TD8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzE2xFGzcDg&t=740s>

Voice of Namibia (SWAPO):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYfc_W7m2Tg

"OTH Africa" Clandestine Radio report (for Southern Africa) (1980s):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C4zIODcNnc&t=753s>

VORGAN (Voz da Resistência do Galo Negro/UNITA radio station) (Angola) (1984 & 1994):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDiajOoVED0>

Rádio Nacional de Angola ("Angola Combatente" program) (1984):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTnHwp1KamQ&t=1154s>

"Cubanos de Africa" shortwave radio program (for Cuban troops stationed in Angola during 1980s) (1984):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8GZJdAzjWI&t=1133s>

Radio 15 de Septiembre (contra radio station based in Honduras) (8/12/1984):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFq7YgzsjsQ&t=317s>

Radio 15 de Septiembre (contra radio station based in Honduras) (11/7/1984):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLRgt-kZCzs&t=380s>

Voz de Sandino (radio station of "ARDE" contras based in Costa Rica) (Nov. 1983):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJFBcAZZIPI&t=765s>

Voz de Sandino (radio station of "ARDE" contras based in Costa Rica) (Aug.-Nov. 1983):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbVCnLvADqk&t=941s>

Radio Impacto (Costa Rica) (pro-contra commercial radio station):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6TYPh3beTM&t=1236s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VYKUzNm9mc&t=296s>

(Vito Echevarría, NY, Dec 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BDXC Audio Circle - December 2018 Christmas Edition

Hello everyone, It is with great pleasure that I can announce that we have another BDXC Audio Circle for you to listen to. It's probably the longest programme that we have ever done and for your convenience it is split into three MP3 files. If you are listening with one of the MP3 player programmes like iTunes they should all import and play as one continuous programme of around 2½ hours. Please click on the links below to download them:

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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/eIxbejhsc03bt48/201812AC%20AFT%20b.mp3?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/fqwlxe5n5irx7kb/201812AC%20AFT%20c.mp3?dl=0>

We hope that you enjoy the show, and the AC Team would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

(Andrew Tett, Dec 5, bdxo-news iog via DXLD)

Music on Shortwave B-18 v1.0.pdf

Uploaded By: Alan Roe

Description:

I have uploaded my "Music Programmes on Shortwave" for the new B-18 broadcast season to the files section of this mail group. I hope that you find it of interest. As always, I appreciate any updates or corrections. Alan

You can access this file at the URL:

<https://groups.io/g/WOR/files/Music%20on%20Shortwave%20B-18%20v1.0.pdf>

Cheers, (The Groups.io Team, Dec 8, WOR iog via DXLD)

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LA RADIO EN LA LITERATURA:**IMAGENS DO RÁDIO**

[review by Juan Franco Crespo, of a Brazilian book featuring QSLs]

"Sólo lo que atesoras en tu mente es lo que nadie te puede quitar"
[Theodor W. Hänsch]

Autor Antonio Argolo Silva Neto, UEFS Editora,
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<http://www.radiografiadx.blogspot.com.br> –
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Un nuevo ejemplar de temática radial ha llegado a mis retinas, en esta ocasión gracias al amigo brasileño Cassiano Alves Macedo y con el que tuve el placer de encontrarme a primeros de año en la Ciudad Condal en su recorrido europeo.

Cassiano lleva varias décadas al frente del programa DX de Radio Aparecida, así que no era una persona desconocida para mí y, por algún lugar de casa, debe estar la correspondencia de alguna escucha de la emisora brasileña.

En uno de sus correos me informaba de la salida de este libro realizado por el profesor Argolo, le manifesté mi interés y pocas semanas después lo tenía en casa: Miles de gracias por este valioso aporte que acabo de leer.

Digamos, de entrada, que se trata de todo un profesional de la especialidad, que Argolo domina, perfectamente, el lenguaje e incluso tiene una habilidad especial para ver más allá de donde otros apenas vislumbramos una tarjeta con su imagen, sus datos y su belleza – no todas las QSL son bonitas en el término de la palabra-imagen, pero hay muchas que son extraordinarias a pesar de ser un simple trozo de papel: por su exotismo o su extraordinaria dificultad en obtener el ansiado acuse de recibo-.

Todavía recuerdo las alegrías que me llevaba cuando llegaba a casa el correo de Radio Japón, para mí, y en aquellos momentos, las QSL más hermosas: ¡Qué fotografías, qué puesta en escena! Años después, las técnicas de impresión avanzarían una barbaridad y hoy hay tarjetas de endiablada atracción para el oyente.

Las imágenes de la radio nos acercan a un mundo que, por primera vez, tengo conocimiento se haya hecho algo: la imprescindible puesta en escena y el contraste de las tarjetas QSL dentro de un contexto histórico concreto (Guerra Fría) y unos años (70/80 del siglo XX). Así que, posiblemente, al ser el primer material de estas características que cae en mis manos tiene, como todas las cosas primigenias, un alto puntaje. Porque Argolo no sólo nos devuelve a lo mejor de nuestros años de radioescucha, sino a una época histórica que, a pesar de las dificultades, resultaba realmente emocionante si comparamos con lo que nos cayó en el XXI y su globalización desbocada en donde lo único que no deja de crecer es la desazón y el pesimismo. Sólo faltaban los crecimientos de los fenómenos ismos (populismo, nacionalismo, comunismo, etc.) para llevarnos hacia un panorama que no se presenta nada halagüeño, pero volvamos al libro.

Argolo se centra en el mundo de las verificaciones, sí es cierto que de manera limitada, ya que no es posible tener todos los materiales que en aquellos años dorados realizaron las emisoras internacionales. Por ejemplo, le faltan las que se hacían expresamente para los monitores que diferían de las QSL habituales, aunque no fuera el caso de todas las emisoras.

También, es verdad, se concentra en dos áreas lingüísticas la española y la portuguesa y una audiencia/destino específica: Brasil. Concentrado entonces en las emisoras que utilizaban ese par de lenguas ibéricas, especialmente en las que tenían programación para la audiencia brasileña, hace que acote el terreno y se ponga, en cierta medida, un punto fijo para la investigación.

Sí que es verdad que no encontré nada alusivo a la radio clandestina, no muy beligerante en portugués, pero sí lo suficientemente en español. Sin duda esas tarjetas habrían hecho las delicias de los aficionados. Los que deseen admirarlas hoy, con la red, es relativamente fácil con sólo un clic y basta indagar por las Radios Clandestinas que tiene páginas realmente maravillosas y que no todas las emisoras de prestigio llegaron a llenar entonces.

Nos deleita con su manera de llegar a la radio que nos relata en la pequeña descripción de la contraportada de su obra, veamos: "En el centro de la sala, tapado con una toalla, un receptor de radio Nordson destacaba en el ambiente familiar. Contagiado por sus canciones, me interesé por él en mi infancia. Como residía lejos de la ciudad, su importancia vino a prender en la necesidad de ampliar el acervo cultural o dejar el aislamiento. La radio era el cartero que traía mensajes, el reloj que daba la hora, el tocadiscos que hacía sonar mi música preferida o simplemente el placer de escuchar el diario hablado. Aunque constreñido en un espacio rural, era posible estar en sintonía con varios centros urbanos. Por eso, entre noticias y entretenimiento, una cosa siempre me encantaba de la radio: su posibilidad de conducirme a lugares y sensaciones nunca antes imaginados".

¿Quién no queda atrapado en esa descripción que, a fin de cuentas, es la de muchos de los que hemos disfrutado de esta sana, educativa y, sin duda alguna, maravillosa parcela de la técnica que nos abrió el mundo cuando éramos críos? ¿Cuántas veces he relatado mi manera de llegar a la radio gracias al regazo de mi padre que me acogía con ese amor que los padres suelen dar a sus hijos en esos años maravillosos de la infancia? Esos años que no deberían de haberse acabado nunca, porque son los años que verdaderamente uno, a pesar de todo, es realmente libre y tiene pocos compromisos salvo los juegos y los amigos: acabados estos entrabas en otro mundo, que era el familiar y que quedaba acotado, sobre todo en las tardes-noches de invierno, cuando cada mochuelo se iba a su agujero; o como diría TIN [Takayuki Inoue Nazaki] era la hora de los locos lechuceros que tanto dio con RADIO NUEVO MUNDO y que, las nuevas tecnologías y la FM – sin duda intereses que nada tienen que ver con la radio - acabaron cercenando aquella libertad de ponernos a buscar cuando llegaba la noche (podría ser otra parcela que Argolo no trata, aunque realmente esa ya no es radiodifusión internacional, aunque a veces, llegaba con más claridad a nuestros receptores gracias a la magia de la propagación y la noche: las emisoras tropicales eran una de esas fiestas que, llegado el momento, te permitía saber más de Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Perú, Honduras... ¡Por poner los países que llegaban con más regularidad!

Nos adentra en el mundo teórico gracias a McLuhan – el mismo que yo tuve que estudiar en mis primeros años de Universidad a finales de los setenta, todavía me pregunto cómo era posible estar seis horas en la Escuela de Magisterio y después 7 más en el trabajo y, encima, conseguir una puntuación rozando el máximo, pues con una media de 15 asignaturas/año, realmente siempre hay materia en la que uno acaba bajando la media y, dibujo, por ejemplo, era una de esas "piezas" que me amargaban el curso - y trata el lenguaje desde una perspectiva que sólo el especialista es capaz de desmenuzar.

Por lo demás, ese repaso a la radio en aquella época es toda una gozada para el que la vivió, porque sin proponérselo, en mi caso, me ha hecho vivir cantidad de sensaciones que creía perdidas; pero basta que alguien hurgue para que esa sensibilidad vuelva a brotar. Ver algunas tarjetas que yo mismo tengo, es otra de esas agradables sensaciones de no "estar solo" pues, salvo los más directos, cuando dices que te gusta la radioescucha, te miran como si fueras un marciano.

Aquellas escapadas/acampadas DX con los colegas de la ADXB-Barcelona, en cierta medida, están también en ese mundo imaginario que nos analiza y desmenuza, con maestría, el profesor Argolo.

Otro tramo que también analiza es el fabuloso mundo del sello en el ejemplo del programa de RADIO HABANA CUBA "EL MUNDO DE LA FILATELIA" y que, tras contestar la pregunta, la emisora te enviaba los bellos sobres de primer día desde la Perla de las Antillas; por cierto había varios emisoras más con ese tipo de atenciones, aunque personalmente destacaría Radio Praga y la inolvidable Brita Brand de Radio Suecia con la que varias veces me encontré en la vida real. Recuerdo que entonces tenía un listado de una decena de emisoras y a las que semana tras semana me dirigía para tratar de hacerme con aquellas bellas estampillas, exóticas, pulcramente mataselladas y, sobre todo, gracias a la radio.

En fin un libro que merece la pena conocer, es evidente que para los españoles supone un pequeño esfuerzo su lectura, pero no es difícil realizarla si además eres radioescucha o diexista, algo consustancial a las lenguas, muchas veces extrañas y que te exprimes para realizar los informes de escucha, sobre todo en estos momentos históricos en que las lenguas ibéricas prácticamente están en un retroceso bestial en cuanto a la época analizada donde, salvo Oceanía, todos los continentes hablaban al mundo en las lenguas de Cervantes o Camões.

Ya saben, toda una inversión rentable (de tiempo), que un jubilado - siempre - se puede permitir y, además, disfrutar con la lectura de un tema que está, intrínsecamente, unido a tu propia vida. Recuerden, - también - que la lectura combate la estolidez que nos inunda en este territorio convertido en un sinvivir por obra y gracia del supremacismo excluyente y el populismo idiotizante. Total, únicamente, para cambiar la silla o como tan magistralmente sentenciaba mi padre: En este mundo la única verdad es que todo es mentira. O "esto es el partido zambomba: quítate tú pa que yo me ponga!"

¡Que lo disfruten y gracias amigos brasileños por esta semana de placentero gozo sin límites! ¡Cuánta diferencia respecto a sesudas obras de "teóricas doctoras" analizadas en anteriores entregas en este mismo rincón! Aportes como el del colega de afición y profesión, Antonio Argolo, hacen que uno crea que es posible la redención, que es posible la honestidad, que es posible hacer cosas bien hechas, con cara y ojos y no meros panfletos pagados con el dinero de todos y que demuestran la incompetencia en los estudios en este momento de la historia de España.

Argolo tenía clara la idea y llevó adelante una nueva entrega de literatura radial, con clase, con conocimiento de causa y sin arriesgar innecesariamente, sino tratando de dar contenido a un momento de la historia de la radio. Y, créanme, lo consigue de sobras. Eché de menos un índice onomástico/toponímico que, con seguridad, facilitaría las cosas a futuros estudiosos. No están todas las QSL de aquellos años, pero sí aquellas que en concreto facilitaban su trabajo. Impresionante que esos maravillosos documentos hayan dado para más de 300 páginas. ¡Felicidades, Saudade amigos brasileños!

(JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, Spain, lacandon999@yahoo.es DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MUSEA

The 1940s issues of the BBC Radio Times magazine have been made available online for the first time.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/in-pictures-46465871>

(Gerald T Pollard, NC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1940s issues of the Radio Times

The Beeb has today (December 8th) made [available] the 1940s issues of the Radio Times - a pivotal decade in the nation's history.

<http://www.atvtoday.co.uk/122208-radiotimes/>

(via Mike Terry, WOR iog via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

2019 IRCA/DecalcoMania Convention

The 2019 IRCA Convention will be held on September 5, 6 and 7 at the Courtyard by Marriott Seattle Southcenter, 400 Andover Park West, Tukwila WA 98188.

Registration is Free. Banquet (TBA) will be paid for individually by attendees. Guest room rate is \$109 plus tax. Guests are encouraged to share a room and save. Phone number(s) for room reservations are 800-321-2211 or 206-575-2500. You must mention International Radio Club of America Convention to get this rate. Hotel is 2 miles east of Sea-Tac Airport. There is also an Amtrak station in Tukwila just Northeast of the hotel. Parking at hotel is free. There are many restaurants and stores nearby and inside the hotel. Other amenities include business center, pool, free Wifi, etc.... Visitor's bureau is online at <http://visitseattle.org>

Your host for this event is Mike Sanburn:

mikesanburn@hotmail.com

Here is the reservation link your guests can use to make online reservations:

https://www.marriott.com/meetingevent-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=International%20Radio%20Club%20of%20America%5Eseasc%60IRCIRCA%60109%60USD%60false%603%609/5/19%609/8/19%608/15/19&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event. Individuals may also call toll free, 1-800-359-8233, refer to group code "IRC" (IRCA DX Monitor Dec 8 via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS

EASTERN HOKKAIDO MW DXPEDITION 2018

For most of Japanese MW DXers, the reception of MW stations around U.S. east coast is a dream because of its rareness of reception. The propagation paths have to go through north pole area, and aurora absorption (Polar Cap Absorption) makes the altitude of ionosphere where MW signals reflect more lower than normal altitudes dramatically changing their propagation paths. This phenomenon is considered to make MW propagation from the U.S east coast area so rare.

We (nickname, Siesta -san, Shinzo-san, Futo-san and I) conducted an eastern Hokkaido DXpedition from Nov.23 to Nov.26, and we achieved in receiving U.S. east-coast MW stations(WBZ-1030kHz, Boston, MA and WPTX-1690kHz, Lexington Park, MD). We expect that the reception of WPTX-1690kHz might be the first-ever record in Japan. We haven't found any other record of the reception in Japan in past years. We could contact a program director of WPTX, and she has kindly confirmed our reception by an audio clip that we sent to her.

See the official blog from the DX-pedition for more interesting news (in English and Japanese)

<https://eureka-fumi.blogspot.com/2018/12/we-caught-useast-coast-mw-stations-at.html>
(Dec Medium Wave News via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See NEW ZEALAND / ROMANIA ; USA :
WINB

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See FRANCE

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO ; OKLAHOMA ; RADIO EQUIPMENT

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM in passing

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

Thread:

Mandela Effect: UHF TV Band History Has Changed For Me

So I was recently looking at a couple articles on the digital transition back from 2009 to see how it relates to the current repack going on and I read that the UHF band used to be channels 14 to 83 at maximum and this is not what I remember at all. I am not disputing the UHF band then became 14 to 69 and then 14 to 51 and soon will be 14 to 36, I am disputing the original length of it.

I remember even I was younger I was really interested in TV Antennas, like I am now. I remember my family had a retro TV with a VHF circle and a few UHF circles, I remember watching this TV and going through all the channels several times, and I am 100% sure the top UHF channel on the TV was 88 not 83, 100% sure of it. Now I find out in this reality it was never that way. I am 100% certain my family's TV had a VHF Band of 2 to 13 and a UHF band of 14 to 88, 100% sure of it. I remember it was 88 because I thought it was cool how the top channel was 2 of the same number.

Here is the TV history in the reality I came from but am no longer in.

VHF 2-13, UHF 14-88

FCC Shrinks UHF Band to 14-69,
FCC Shrinks UHF Band to 14-51,
FCC in the process of shrinking UHF to 14-36.

I am 100% sure of all these things. I could list off all the channels I remember picking up I do believe if you wanted me to, just like I am so sure of them I am 100% sure the original top UHF channel was 88.

Last edited by Rrrrzzzz419; 12-01-2018 at 05:45 AM.

(Rrrrzzzz419, Currently DXing In Colbert And Lauderdale Counties In AL, And Alcorn And Tishomingo Counties In MS, Nov 29, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

The highest channel was 83, not 88. I remember an episode of King of the Hill, a cartoon show from the '90's, where the local news channel was 84... obviously used because there was never anything above channel 83 (Crazy Monkey, Akron OH, ibid.)

Could it be that the TV in question was manufactured when the highest UHF channel hadn't been finalized yet so they added extra channels to their receiver which didn't end up making it into the final UHF channel plan (spunker88, Northern KY, Nov 29, ibid.)

Give it another 10-20 years, and either UHF might be whittled down to top of Ch 20 or so, OR, OTA will be history altogether. Switzerland will do away with all OTA TV shortly. Credit, or blame, cellphones. All bittersweet for John Q. DXer. cd
(Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, ibid.)

I suppose that is possible but I really doubt it. Was the rush for making UHF TVs so fast this could have happened? I don't know if anyone else here believes in the Mandela Effect like I do but I believe there is a different reality where there are a lot of small differences (that i used to be in), This reality would have had the Shazam genie movie, JCPenny (which in this reality is JCPenney, I remember going to JCPenny several years ago), and Chik-Fil-A (which I remember this as the spelling in 2011, now it is Chick-Fil-A) just to name a few.

And no, I am not crazy. I believe there are at least 2 realities and at some point things switched between them. This other reality likely had the top UHF channel as 88. Now if I dug up that TV (I believe we still have it in storage) I believe the top channel would now be 83, because when the Mandela Effect changes something it makes it so the history changes that goes along with it.

And regarding the King Of The Hill episode I do not watch that show but if I had to guess I can safely say neither reality had a channel 89 over the air, so in the other reality that might have been the channel name.

I remember even when I was really young I noticed how cell phone towers would have a white light on top in the daytime and a red light on top at night whereas my family members hadn't. I am just 100% sure the reality I used to live in had 88 as the top UHF channel as weird as it may sound to everyone else here. Now if the UHF TV rush was so quick I suppose that could be correct that they didn't know the top channel at the time but why would they have chosen 88 even in the event that was the case? (rz419 etc., ibid.)

Here is a quick history lesson, Rrrrzzzz419. The original UHF TV band was implemented in 1953 with channels 14-83. Very few TV sets had UHF tuning until 1964 when the FCC forced TV makers to include it. Channels 70-83 were lopped off in 1983. Channels 52-69 followed in 2009. Your old TV might have been a foreign made set, a cheaply made set, or maybe your memory is playing tricks on you (W1BSM, Fairfield CT, ibid.)

And most of that history I am not doubting. The only thing I am doubting is what this current reality says happened in 1953 and 1983. And no at least of most of these things (I am confident enough to say 70% of them) I am sure my memory is not tricking me. I have had a good long term memory my entire life. I remember things from when I was 3 years old, and I am confident this is not a memory issue. Like I said if you asked me to I could list every channel I ever picked up on this TV set and just like I could list them, I am confident the highest UHF channel was 88.

I also have 2 portable TV's that are analog only and I am also confident the last time I used them which was probably 4 or 5 months ago, that 88 was the highest channel on them too (at least my oldest one) not 83. I believe the Mandela Effect is not a memory issue but a time issue where in the reality I was in earlier this year the highest original UHF channel was 88, and then I moved to this reality where the highest original UHF channel was 83. I remember when I tuned all the way up to 88 I got white and black bars on the screen because in the highest analog channels other signals besides TV were using those frequencies.

And this was not a cheaply made TV set, it was set in wood and it along with the antenna we had picked up a few distant channels, so it was a decent setup. Yes my old reality says channels 70 to 88 got lopped off, followed by 52 to 69, and soon will be followed by 38 to 51. And 1 more thing, in this reality 83 is the highest UHF channel there ever was, if we still have that TV in storage I am confident 83 would be the highest channel on it because it would be the same TV but it would have been made in this reality where UHF channels 84 to 88 never existed. Weird I know (rz etc., ibid.)

Your own personal Mandela Effect. I can relate to that. In college I once had a final exam jump from Wednesday to Monday, with all my printed schedules saying the now-passed day. I'm sure somewhere in the multiverse I aced that test.

It's always been 70-83 to me.

(Some of the numbers were pretty skinny on those UHF knobs, maybe the "3" looked like a second "8" the first time you saw it?) In spite of my efforts in the early 2000s I never managed to see one on the air, so that "translator band" has always had a mythical quality to me.

:: (Ryan Grabow
:: egrabow.com/dx
:: youtube.com/user/egrabow440

[Info on AM/FM tuners in my Audio/Video Component Archive](#)

[View My Logbook](#)

[101 Digital TV ::](#)

[455 FM Stations ::](#)

Ft Myers FL, Nov 30, ibid.)

FWIW I remember an old local TV ad, and this was around 1968, on the former WAJA-TV 23 (now WLTV), and I remember it was Bill Wyler who did the ad. Not sure what place he was promoting, but he was advertising a new TV (not sure if color or not), and he assured good reception on "all 82 channels."

It confused me a bit at first, but of course Channel 1 left us in 1947-ish, leaving us 2 thru 83---82 channels. Sure, he shoulda said 81, due to channel 37 not being used, but so as not to confuse the public any more than it was....well.... cd
(Chris Dunne, FL, ibid.)

Hi Ryan. I guess you were trying to sniff out the few grandfathered translators above channel 69 (in rural areas) still operating at that time. Too bad you couldn't find any on the air. If I recall correctly, the last translator in that part of the band was in Minnesota, and went off the air in 2009 (W1BSM, ibid.)

I don't know of any way to know for absolute certain what the last translator was above channel 69, but I think your Minnesota comment is likely to be accurate.

At the time of the DTV transition, the engineers at KTTC in Rochester maintained a blog. After switching off KTTC's analog transmitter, an engineer commented that he was headed to -- I want to say it was Black Earth -- "to switch the input to channel 70 to digital". (and there *was* a channel 70 translator authorized there at the time) Just to be clear, he meant to switch to a digital *receiver* at the translator site -- the translator never *transmitted* a digital signal on channel 70.

The translator later received a permit to move to a lower channel. However, it was apparently never built as the license was since canceled

(Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> ibid.)

FWIW... I checked the old logbook and found K74CZ Winona, MN (761 watts) logged January 16, 1995. My notes indicate it was a KTTC translator. 73,

(Ed NN2E Owner / Operator - Murphy's Law Test Site & Thunderstorm Proving Grounds, KY, ibid.)

There weren't many left on the Eastern Seaboard by then, and none within range of Long Island. During a road trip in August 2001 I detoured through Chase City and South Boston, VA. My pocket TV only went up to ch 69, but my Icom R-2 could tune carriers of higher channels, so I hoped to hear the audio at least. Neither of the licensed translators were still on the air (Ryan Grabow, ibid.)

Wow, a lot of people have participated in this thread. Thank you other WTFDA members! It is nice to see an active discussion so quickly. That said, I wanted to follow up my original post with this video I made for my Twitch channel: <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/343578770> you could say this is all coincidences but with over 250 Mandela Effects how many coincidences is it before it is not likely coincidences. In this video I share evidence supporting my memory of the UHF TV Band originally being Channel 14 to Channel 88 as opposed to Channel 14 to Channel 83 (rz etc. Dec 2, ibid.)

Dear Mr. Rrrzzz419:

Let's start with a few concepts to this discussion and begin with what frequencies the UHF TV band covers.

Channel 14 (Lower edge) 470 MHz ----- Channel 83 (Upper edge) 890 MHz

Thus the band in question covers from 470 up to 890 MHz. Channel 83 was allocated 6 MHz of bandwidth from 884 to 890 MHz. To include Channels 84 to 88 would mean the addition of 30 more MHz to the allocation (6M Hz x 5 channels) rising the upper edge of the band to 920 MHz. Now let's look at allocations:

The color chart Supplement to the September 1953 of Technician Magazine[*] "for the convenience of Service Technicians is marked in RED all channels carrying AM, FM, TV most concerned with."

UHF Television runs from 470 (ch 14) to 890 (ch 83)
Fixed service 890 to 940 with ISM at 915
Studio Transmitter Link – FM at 940 to 952

[*]Sorry, americanradiohistory.com you're missing that issue!

From FCC Rules and Regulations Volume II September 1972; page 44

Table of Frequency Allocations Region 2:**470-890 Broadcasting****890-942 Fixed, Radiolocation, with footnotes on secondary use and must accept harmful interference.****942-960 Fixed****United States:****470-902 NG (broadcasters to stay out of 608-614 MHz (ch 37))****902-928 G (must accept any harmful and not cause harmful interference)****928-960 NG(must accept any harmful and not cause harmful interference)**

And of course the UHF band has been reduced since 1972 as noted by others above. Broadcasters are bandwidth hogs (ergo IBOC) and would never accept any secondary usage to any frequency allocation, it all comes down to "Used or Lose it" and since allocations change rapidly, consumer manufacturers will hope the right decisions were made for the production line.

Addenda:**Mallory 88 UHF converter & model 188****"Range extends from 470 to 890 mc." Allied Radio Catalog No 140, 1955; p. 203 list \$29.95 net \$22.46****Last edited by fm_dxer; 12-05-2018 at 12:43 PM. (Dec 4, ibid.)**

How ready is your station for a disaster? It's not "if," but "when"...
By Scott Fybush Last updated Dec 7, 2018

Panama City Tower Hurricane Michael Charlie Wooten
Photo courtesy of Charlie Wooten

Wildfires in California. Hurricanes in Florida. Earthquakes in Alaska. If it seems like the parade of natural disasters isn't stopping lately, you're not wrong.

Appearing on the "Top of the Tower Podcast" this week, Charlie Wooten, chief engineer of iHeart Media's Panama City, Florida cluster, shared his experiences riding out Hurricane Michael in late October. The storm took down the STL tower at the cluster's studios and wiped out the three-tower array of its AM station, 590 WDIZ. , ,

<https://radioinsight.com/tech/172609/are-you-prepared-for-a-disaster/>

(via Indiana Radio Watch via John Carver, DXLD)

Listening To FM Broadcast During A Flight

My Samsung Galaxy S9 has an FM tuner built into it. I don't think I have ever tried listening during a flight before. Is it likely that I will be able to received FM broadcast during a flight? I assume that when we are traveling at 550 miles per hour it will be challenging to listen to a particular station for very long. I have a flight planned in a few weeks and I might give it a try
(jim1348, Dec 3, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

First things first - Go with Delta Airlines if you want to listen to AM/FM radio in-flight. None of the others let you get away with it because of I.F. radiation issues with the ATC and aircraft channels above 108 MHz. But Delta has changed the rules, now allowing AM/FM radios.

Yes, you will get FM at 35,000 feet. Depending on where you're flying over, maybe 2 stations swapping on a channel, maybe half a dozen stations in and out. The horizon at 35K feet goes out over 225 miles, and you'll likely get FM stations out to 350-400 miles, especially if it's over the intermountain West or something like that. Hopefully whenever I have \$\$\$ to waste, and a reason to travel to another state on a Delta flight, I'll try it out for myself and make logs. I know Es openings can also be worked on flights, but only when there's obvious strong 6m activity that leads to an FM MUF. I have a friend near Phoenix who went on a flight back in June, and was logging 108 MUF Es over NM, west TX, etc.

(crainbebo, FM/AM/SW DXer of Yakima, WA!

God Bless America! Dec 10, ibid.)

PROPAGATION

SHORT SKIP / SPORADIC E

Glenn - Though it's not exactly DX, there've been interesting conditions, at least here in Austin, for the last two evenings (perhaps earlier) where all 6 frequencies of WWV have been audible. 2500 kHz is just barely detectable, however 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 MHz have been amazingly strong and clear within zenith of their respective fades. I'd never even logged 25 MHz before.

I just put up a new antenna which is working pretty well I suppose, but often everything above 15 MHz is virtually absent this time of year, solar cycle. Isn't this untypical for this time of year and solar cycle? Curious, if you care to speculate, what conditions might be in play to allow it. Best -

(Robert McEntee, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Robert, It's the relatively minor winter peak of sporadic E. I have also been getting strong signals from WWCR on 13845, 15825 which are hardly audible without it. Es favors shorter paths than 'normal' F-layer propagation. This opens up the higher SW bands and can even extend into VHF thru the FM band

(Glenn to Robert, via DXLD)

Glenn - Thank you for the explanation. I didn't realize the effect might be as pronounced as it's been for 'shorter path' signals. Now as I read up on it, it's actually more typically skipping signals 500-1500 miles.

Last question for now; Does 'Polar-E' allow larger numbers of (for example) Far and Middle eastern signals to make it through during our N.Am winter months? Or, is it's effect restricted to locations more immediate to the polar regions? tnx (rm, ibid.)

Robert, I'm not really familiar with polar E. Of course, it would depend on what frequency bands we are talking about. Where were you reading about that? (Glenn, ibid.)

Glenn - The most recent info I've read about polar E is off of Wikipedia, which gave rise to the question about proximity to polar regions.

"Unlike equatorial or mid-latitude Es, sporadic E propagation over polar paths is rare and gives unexpected contacts between locations surrounding the Arctic, even during periods of low solar activity"

And also I ask because recently here I've been able to hear AIR (for instance) on some frequencies (11560, 9865 around 1400+ UT) which I've just never noticed, though they're not exactly low power DX. The new antenna is probably varying my 'typical' haul too. Thanks for your time, (rm, ibid.)

SWPC News for all users

Beginning December 3, 2018, SWPC will be adding a variety of space weather data in the JSON format via our data service. Much of this data is currently available either on our website or FTP site. No existing data or formats are being discontinued. The root directory for the new JSON format data can be found here:

<https://services.swpc.noaa.gov/json>

(SWPC Dec 3 via DXLD)

Re:

[WOR] CME impact possible today

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:52 PM

When these occur they also tend to enhance skip conditions on HF and down into LF that favor regions equator-ward. Often called "auroral conditions," MW DXers, say, in the Northern Hemisphere will find enhanced conditions toward the south-east through the southwest.

Thus, DXers in Canada or the USA will experience enhanced Mexican and Latin American reception; UK and European MW DXers will have better African and Middle-eastern reception, especially as the K-index rapidly rises and before D-layer absorption ensues during these fast solar-wind periods (i.e. "storm-onset" conditions). The next day or so will see this occur (if this prediction is accurate).

I recall back in January 1983 during an intended Asian TP DXpedition I went on to Point Reyes, California, that reception of Japan on 774 the strong J0UB Akita NHK-2 station was entirely wiped-out in-favor of 774 3L0 VIC, Australia, etc. (I had to re-orient the Beverage antenna upon noting this back then!) The DU reception that night was more like late-Spring and mid-Summer in coastal California but lacked QRN from t-storms so common in late spring and summer.

Experienced long-haul MW DXers know this, but perhaps many don't as well, hence this posting and a heads-up.

These are also good periods for listening to ELF-VLF audio-band "natural radio."

I'm gearing-up for rolling out a Mexican Bev. antenna soon (this evening maybe?) in-hopes of recording 1220 XEB, 730 XEX and other Cd. de México stations not heard in a long time or usually buried under closer QRM. 73,

(Steve McGreevy - N6NKS - <http://www.auroralchorus.com> -- all of my DXing is done real-time with traditional (non-SDR) receivers --, Dec 5, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

APRS Maps Site Working Again

It appears that the APRS Propagation Mapping site is working again! <http://aprs.mennolink.org>

This is great news for anyone interested in [tropo] VHF propagation. 73, (Les Rayburn, N1LF, 121 Mayfair Park, Maylene, AL 35114, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

I see a European map, no way to get to NA (gh)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts**:Issued: 2018 Dec 10 0222 UTC****# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center****# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web****# <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/subscription-services>****#****Weekly Highlights and Forecasts****#****Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 03 - 09 December 2018**

Solar activity was very low throughout the period. Region 2729 (S05, L=229, class/area=Cro/50 on 06 Dec) was the only region with sunspots and produced multiple low-level B-class flare late in the period. A CME associated with a filament eruption on 30 Nov was predicted to hit Earth on 05 Dec, but this event did not materialize.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached moderate levels on 06, and 08-09 Dec and normal levels were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity reached active levels late on 09 Dec in response to coronal hole/high speed stream effects. Quiet and quiet to unsettled conditions were observed throughout the remainder of the period.

Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 10 December - 05 January

Solar activity is expected to be very low throughout the outlook period. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach moderate levels on 10-16 Dec and 03-05 Jan with normal flux levels expected for the remainder of the outlook period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach active levels on 10 Dec and 29 Dec due to coronal hole/high speed stream effects. Quiet or quiet to unsettled conditions are expected throughout the remainder of the outlook period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt**:Issued: 2018 Dec 10 0222 UTC****# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center****# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web****# <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/subscription-services>****#****# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table****# Issued 2018-12-10**

# Date	UTC	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2018 Dec 10		68	12	4
2018 Dec 11		68	5	2
2018 Dec 12		68	8	3
2018 Dec 13		68	8	3
2018 Dec 14		68	5	2
2018 Dec 15		68	5	2
2018 Dec 16		68	5	2
2018 Dec 17		68	8	3
2018 Dec 18		68	8	3
2018 Dec 19		68	5	2
2018 Dec 20		68	5	2
2018 Dec 21		68	5	2
2018 Dec 22		68	5	2
2018 Dec 23		70	5	2
2018 Dec 24		70	5	2
2018 Dec 25		70	5	2
2018 Dec 26		70	5	2
2018 Dec 27		70	5	2
2018 Dec 28		70	8	3
2018 Dec 29		70	12	4
2018 Dec 30		70	10	3
2018 Dec 31		70	8	3
2019 Jan 01		70	5	2
2019 Jan 02		70	5	2
2019 Jan 03		70	10	3
2019 Jan 04		70	10	3
2019 Jan 05		68	8	3

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1960, DXLD)

BOREALIS OF GREENHOUSE GLOWS**It's not the northern lights – it's a borealis of greenhouse glows****<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/not-northern-lights-greenhouse-glows-1.4924468>**

(via Gerald T Pollard, NC, Nov 30, DXLD)

Headline should say AURORA rather than Borealis, the latter merely meaning of the north (gh, DXLD) ###