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DX LISTENING DIGEST 18-47, November 19, 2018

Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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WORLD OF RADIO 1957 contents: Australia, Brasil, China, Cuba, France and non, Japan/Korea North non, Nigeria and non, Saudi Arabia, Somaliland, Spain, Sudan, Tajikistan/Tibet non, USA, unidentified; contests; what is DX? and the propagation outlook

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1957, November 20-26 2018

Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 [confirmed]
 Tue 0200 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
 Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 [confirmed]
 Wed 1030 WRMI 5950 [zzz]
 Wed 2200 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
 Wed 2200 WBCQ 7490v [confirmed]
 Sat 0730 HLR 6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio {confirmed Bulgaria}
 Sat 1200 WINB 9265 via Unique Radio
 Sat 1531 HLR 9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
 Sat 1700 WRN 5950 via WRMI [unconfirmed]
 Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM
 Sun 0400v WA0RCR 1860-AM [nominal 0415][confirmed]
 Sun 0830 WRMI 5850 5950 7730 [NEW; confirmed 5850 last week]
 Sun 1130 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio [confirmed Bulgaria]
 Sun 2130 WRMI 7780 [confirmed]
 Sun 2230 WRMI 9955 [canceled!]
 Mon 0230 WRMI 5950 [confirmed] 9395 [inaudible]
 Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v-AM Area 51 [confirmed on webcast]
 Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 [confirmed on webcast]

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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:
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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-wor>

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper: <http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:
<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

NOW tnx to Keith Weston, also Podcasts via iTunes:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861>

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

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 w4uvh.net. Just change the issue number`s extension to .html or .pdf --- Merci, Jacques!

(gh)

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

COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

** AFGHANISTAN [non].

15760, THAILAND: Radio Mashaal, via Udon Thani, Pashto, 15/11 0825. Song, OM: talk. News bulletin: "Pashto, Afghanistan, Islamabad,...". Instrumental music. 35543 (RG). Transmitted with 300° Azimuth to Pakistan - Afghanistan (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com> YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [and non] /ROMANIA/CHINA, R.

Afghanistan Ext. Sce, RRI and CRI on 6100 kHz, Nov 15
1530-1730 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs
English/Urdu/Arabic/Russian, co-ch
1630-1656 on 6100 TIG 300 kW / 142 deg to N/ME
Arabic Radio Romania International
1700-1757 on 6100 BEI 500 kW / 318 deg to WeEu
English China Radio International:
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/radio-afghanistan-extsce-rri-and-cri-on.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ALASKA

** ALASKA.

1170, KJNP, North Pole AK, sched: Mon-Fri 1437-0913, Sat 1555-0913 and Sun 1655-0913. Day power 50 kW (in November 1815-0045) and nights 21 kW
(Mauno Ritola, ARC NORTH AMERICAN NEWS DESK 19/11 2018 edited by Tore Larsson, Nov mv-eko via DXLD)

ALBANIA

** ALBANIA [non].

5950 // 9395, Nov 14 at 0230, WRMI relaying R. Tirana IS, 0231 theme and usual sign-on in English claiming to be on internet only --- despite all the trouble we went to arrange this SW transmission; anyhow, it's back in whack after missing a few days. This time, 5950 is S9+10 to S9, while 9395 is only S4 and vs a high local noise level (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ARGENTINA

** ARGENTINA [non].

USA, 5010, Radio Argentina al Exterior via WRMI, Okeechobee, 2204-2212 15-11, ID "Radio Argentina al Exterior, RAE", Spanish, news, "submarino ARA San Juan, 1 año desde su desaparición" and others news. 25432

(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ASCENSION

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6005, BBC WS in English with 'NewsDay' Africa Morning Show news & features including news at BoH with mention of the fires in California, Northern Gaza fighting, etc. The features included stories about the UN abandoning immediate plans for elections in Libya, but they are still discussing things in a conference in Palermo to try to bring stability to the country; a cholera outbreak in Nigeria; peace talks in Kenya; some silly sports news & a longer item about electricity (or lack thereof) in underdeveloped countries. They ended with an obit for Stan Lee who just died at age 95. Into news at ToH. 3+4443+ with hum in the audio, sounded like it might be from overly processed audio, but unclear why it's there. Only very minor splatter from Cuba on 6000 -- their low modulation is working in the BBC's favor today, but USB sync needed to make this really useable! 0530-0605 13/Nov

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

AUSTRALIA

** AUSTRALIA. "Broadcasting to the Pacific" EXTRA - ABC RN

The Federal Government is undertaking a review of Australian broadcasting services in the Asia-Pacific region. There's a lot at stake, especially since the ABC let go of its shortwave radio service, in January last year. The Chinese are now instead providing some of that shortwave radio, and there are fears more generally about reduced access to independent information in the Pacific. Guests in this discussion include Alexander Rheeney, Papua New Guinean journalist, currently co-editor of the Samoa Observer, Jemima Garrett, former Radio Australia journalist, specialising in the Pacific, and Tess Newton Cain, Consultant on Pacific issues to business, government and NGOs and Adjunct associate professor, University of QLD. (26")

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/extra/16th-july-2018/9993932>

(via John Figliozzi, FL, Podding Along, Nov 16, WOR iog via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Australian Labor Party commits to rebuilding Radio Australia [sic] if elected

https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/nt-country-hour/labor-commits-funding-to-restore-abc-shortwave-radio-nt/10511472?fbclid=IwAR3kQ6T_rriCI0fuTfPpe0RaOb-HvqUJT_adG1YP2N-cyK_9qYtwWGNYPfc (via Tim Gaynor, Nov 19, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD) viz.:

Labor commits \$2 million to resurrect ABC shortwave radio
On NT Country Hour with Matt Brann
Download Labor to restore shortwave
(3.53 MB)

If elected next year, Federal Labor says it will provide the ABC with \$2 million in funding to help re-establish shortwave radio services across the Northern Territory.

The ABC controversially switched off its shortwave service in January 2017, and defended the decision by saying it would "only affect a very, very small amount of people" and save taxpayers up to \$1.9 million.

The decision was heavily criticised by industry groups such as the NT Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) and the NT Seafood Council.

NTCA president Chris Nott welcomed today's announcement by Labor and said the ABC's decision was short-sighted.

"What people take for granted in the cities is a luxury for those of us in the bush," Mr Nott said.

"We rely on the HF shortwave radio transmitters because we don't have mobile and data coverage for AM and FM radio stations.

"The ABC can expand its modern day platforms all it likes but the truth is we don't all have access to it and the ABC did not care at all about the impact of its decision."

Federal Member for Solomon Luke Gosling, said the axing of shortwave had angered a lot of people and community groups.

"Many thousands will benefit from this [bringing back shortwave]," he told the Country Hour.

"I was lobbied by a really large cross-section of the community that spends time in remote areas and when shortwave was cut there was a lot of angst, so it will be a good thing to bring it back to keep people on the land and waters connected."

Duration: 7min 42sec

Broadcast: Mon 19 Nov 2018, 2:00pm

Full episode 1hr

Northern Territory Country Hour

(also via Artie Bigley; Mike Terry, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

Pledge to bring shortwave back to NT | Katherine Times

<http://www.katherinetimes.com.au> > News > Local News 16 hours ago -

The ALP has pledged to re-establish shortwave radio services across the NT. [by] Chris McLennan

<https://www.katherinetimes.com.au/story/5765393/pledge-to-bring-shortwave-back-to-nt/>

Local News

The short wave radio transmitter at Katherine. [caption]

The ALP has pledged to re-establish shortwave radio services across the NT.

Labor MPs Stephen Jones, Malarndirri McCarthy and Warren Snowdon today said a Labor Government would provide the ABC with \$2 million in funding to help re-establish shortwave radio services.

Katherine's shortwave transmitter, opposite the Stuart Highway just north of the town, was switched off back in January last year.

At the time, critics slammed the move saying it would risk lives in the outback.

ABC said the decision only impacted a small number of people.

ABC management said the majority of people affected by the loss of shortwave radio, such as those living in remote Indigenous communities and on homesteads, would be able to access "the full amount of ABC services" through satellite links.

Long-haul truckers, fisherfolk, station owners and workers said they were worried and still need the shortwave services for communication, particularly at times of emergency.

Australians living in remote areas already face significant communications challenges and the loss of access to ABC services from shortwave radio cuts people off from emergency broadcasts as well as being an important connection to the rest of Australia, the federal Labor MPs said today.

They said organisations like the NT Government, NT Cattlemen's Association, Northern Territory Seafood Council representing commercial and tourist fishing businesses, Amateur Fisherman Association, Indigenous Rangers, long haul transport drivers and the Toyota Land Cruiser Club representing Grey Nomads have raised concerns about the loss of these services.

In January 2017, Opposition leader Bill Shorten wrote to then Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull asking him to work with the ABC to restore the shortwave.

Labor believes that it was premature to cut ABC shortwave radio services and that if the ABC had not been under intense budget constraints, this decision would never have been made.

Labor's funding commitment of \$2 million to restore ABC shortwave services is in addition to Labor's commitment to reverse the Government's \$83.7 million cut to the ABC
(Katherine Times via Artie Bigley, Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

**** AUSTRALIA.**

7530, RBA (Kununurra). *1501-1535* 13 Nov. Electric piano intro to IS ('now with more kookaburra!'), opening ID in English, then Korean program info (sked/QRG), inspirational chat to 1515, then segued Korean hymns/Christian pop songs, closing Korean info at 1531, then English ("..tune in tomorrow at 1502 UT, 12:02 AM Korean Time on 7530 kiloHertz in the 41-Meter band").

(Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, "Executive Satellit"/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal of Reach Beyond Australia in 25 mb, Nov 17
1115-1130 on 11865 KNX 100 kW / 335 deg to SEAs Rohingya/English:
https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/good-signal-of-reach-beyond-australia_18.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Rohingya are being genocided by the Myanmarianese for being Moslems; would they be better off as Christians?? Is that one of RBA's selling points? How many of them, refuged in Bangladesh, would be listening to such a station from Australia?

(gh, DXLD)

**** AUSTRALIA. Nine & Fairfax Media merger**

Fairfax shareholders have voted to approve the the proposed merger with Nine Entertainment, but former head of Fairfax-owned real estate site Domain Antony Catalano says he will take the matter to court.

The Fairfax board said it could not consider Mr Catalano's 11th-hour bid to prevent the merger. In a letter late on Sunday, Mr Catalano sought to have the shareholder meeting to be adjourned for a fortnight so his late proposal could be heard. . .

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/news/national/2018/11/18/fairfax-nine-merger-approval/>

(via Tim Gaynor, NSW, WOR iog via DXLD)

AUSTRIA

**** AUSTRIA.**

Very good signal of Oesterreichischer Rundfunk, Nov 12
0600-0720 on 6155 MOS 300 kW / non-dir to WeEu German Mon-Fri
0600-0710 on 6155 MOS 300 kW / non-dir to WeEu German Sat/Sun

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/very-good-signal-of-oesterreichischer.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The only Austrian program transmitted from MOS any more. It's beginning to be somewhat audible here, but not as good as it used to be, including some classical music around 0630. There was also a brief English newscast at the end, deleted

(gh, DXLD)

BHUTAN

**** BHUTAN. RECEPTION IN SÃO BERNARDO SP, BRAZIL**

November 18, 2018 (Time in UTC)

**Rx: KiwiSDR (São Bernardo) + Mini Whip Antenna
(PA0RDT Standard)**

**6035, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, Thimphu, Dzongkha, 18/11 0125.
Traditional songs in a sequence. 34543. **Tx to South Asia.**

**In March 2017 I sent a reception report to Bhutan Broadcasting Service
(listened here in São Bernardo SP, via Icom IC-R8500 + AOR LA400 Loop
Antenna) and after 12 days arrived here an eQSL + E-Letter.
Amazing!!!!**

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

BOLIVIA

**** BOLIVIA.**

**3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi [sic], 2231-2246, 15-11, Quechua,
comments. Very weak. 15311.
(Méndez)**

**5952.4, Radio Pio XII, Siglo XX, 2325-2346, 16-11, Spanish, comments.
Very weak, audible on LSB. 14311.
(Méndez)**

**6134.8, Radio Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 2220-2236, 15-11,
Spanish, comments, male and female. Very weak. No interference from
Aparecida at this time. 14311**

**(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary
Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)**

BONAIRE

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**Estimado Sr. Hauser. Le informo que el día 22 de octubre
entre las 0010 y 0220 UT capté a Radio Transmundial Bonaire [800 kHz]:
0010 UT - (programa desconocido) incluso se pudo escuchar en un radio
modular marca Benytone.**

0005 UT - "La marcha de las valquirias"

**0100 UT - Identificación de la emisora y luego el programa "Vale la
pena vivir"**

Bastante interferencia por las tormentas. Atte.:

**(Ing. Israel González Ahumada, M.I., Mérida, Yucatán, Nov 13, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)**

800, PJB, Trans World Radio, Bonaire; 0245, 11/15; Spanish religious talk; mentioned TWR. Mixing with CKLW(presumed). // web feed <https://www.twr.org/bonaire-en-vivo> which is several seconds behind (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, 5525 Whitehall St., Midland MI 48642-3156, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ---- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time ----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BRAZIL

** BRAZIL.

4774.8, Radio Congonhas, Congonhas, 2224-2239, 15-11, Portuguese, comments about Brazilian Independence commemoration, November 15, ID "Radio Congonhas". 25432.

Also 0605-0612, 16-11, Brazilian songs. 15321. (Méndez)

Also 2124-2135, 16-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 15321.
(Méndez)

4862.2, Radio Alvorada, Londrina, 2129-2136, 16-11, "A Voz do Brasil". Very weak. 15321.
(Méndez)

4875.2, Radiodifusora Roraima, Boavista, 2128-2137, 16-11, Portuguese, soccer, live matches. 15321.
(Méndez)

4885, Radio Clube do Pará, Belém, 0622-0640, 16-11, Brazilian songs, program "Clube da Madrugada". 35433.
(Méndez)

4985, Radio Brasil Central, Goiânia, 2224-2237, 15-11, Brazilian songs, comments. Interference from teletype stations. 13221. Also 2115-2120, 16-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 15321.
(Méndez)

6010, Radio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, 0729-0745, 16-11, Brazilian songs. Very weak. 15311.
(Méndez)

6180, Radio Nacional da Amazônia, Brasília, 2104-2110, 16-11, program "A Voz do Brasil". Good signal. 44444. Nothing on 11780.
(Méndez)

9564.8, Super Radio Deus é Amor, Curitiba, 2143-2155, 15-11, Portuguese, religious comments, "Igreja Pentecostal Deus é Amor". 25322.
(Méndez)

9818.5, Radio 9 de Julio, São Paulo, 2102-2110, 16-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 33433.
(Méndez)

10000, Time Signal Station Observatório Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, 0930-0945, 16-11, time signals, female voice announcements, "Observatório Nacional, 7 horas, 32 minutos, 40 segundos". 24322.
(Méndez)

11815, Radio Brasil Central, Goiânia, 2100-2107, 16-11, "A Voz do Brasil". 22322

(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** BRAZIL.**

6090, Radio Bandeirantes at 0041 in Portuguese with a man with a man and a woman with talk with mentions of "Brasil" and "Sao Paulo" – Poor Nov 17

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

Other two frequencies, 9645 and 11925 have been inactive for many months, and WRTH 2018 had all three as double-daggered. Is 6090 at least slightly off-frequency, like all ZY stations are required to be? Mark doesn't split frequencies on his receivers which ought to be capable of that. Heard no doubt in absence of Anguilla, more often than not. But beware of IRAN, which is also on 6090, 500 kW in Spanish at 0020-0320

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** BRAZIL.**

11780, Rádio Nacional da Amazônia at 0135 in Portuguese with lively Brasopops and a male DJ with talk over and apart from the music then a mix of Brasopops and Brazilian ballads with the male DJ and ID at 0200 and into "Nacional Informa" news and suddenly off at 0204 – Fair to Good Nov 14

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

6180, Rádio Nacional da Amazônia, Brasília DF, PP, OM: talk, Brazilian song, ID: "Radio Nacional da Amazonia". Program "Roda de samba". 35543. Again, the authentic signal from RNA. Recently we experimented* a QRM [spur] from Radio Marumby 6080 kHz on this frequency (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com> YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) Nov 15 but time missing

*RG's English (and I think, German) is good but this is an interesting example of a false cognate: in Portuguese, it seems there is no verb corresponding to our ``experience``, so ``experimental`` means either/both to experience, or/and to experiment, which are really quite different concepts

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Brasilia, 2104-2110, 16-11, program "A Voz do Brasil". Good signal. 44444. Nothing on 11780

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, 2125-2140 16.11, R Nacional da Amazônia, Brasilia, DF, Portuguese conversation about Brazilian issues - Reactivated! 33333. Best in LSB due to Arab QRM on 6185, Best 73, (Anker Petersen, my latest loggings from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD) CRI via ALBANIA

6180, Radio Nacional da Amazonia at 2207 in Portuguese with a male DJ with excited talk and into a mix of rancho-like male vocals, Brazilian ballads, and Brasopops – Very Good with slight fading Nov 16 – At one time this would have often been // 11780 but since its reactivation the Brazilians have settled on only use one frequency at a time

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

6180, Radio Nacional da Amazonia at 0001, Portuguese, man and woman with news headlines, 0003 into music and later DJ talking to woman on phone, between 0001 and 0009 there were a couple of transmission breaks where transmitter was off for 30 to 60 seconds. Nothing on 11780 this evening. - Excellent, Nov 17

(Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, parked on a back-country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 active whip antenna on car roof, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, 19 Nov, 1838, RNA in Portuguese. YL interviews a man. The signal is weak, but with constant audio (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12°14'S 38°58'W - Brasil, Tecsun PL-310ET, Antenna Delta Loop 8.5 meters, <https://dxlogfreitas.blogspot.com/> WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See [CUBA](#) 6180 [WORLD OF RADIO 1957]

**** BRAZIL**

9664.739, Voz Missionaria, 0653 UT.

5939.759, Voz Missionaria, poor tiny S=4-5, 0705 UT.

9564.932, SRDA Brasil relig 0643 UT.

4885.023, R Clube do Para, 0708 UT.

Nov 19 morning SHORT report, from Greece, Germany, Belgium, U.K., NJ, NY, MI states, Alberta-CAN too, 0615 to 0715 UT. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** BRAZIL.**

10240 kHz, Rádio Fronteira Cabedelo / PB (Recebida do Denis Ramos em Jacaraú / PB) 2038 UT 16 Novembro 2018 via DX Altas Ondas .

<https://youtu.be/fritbwd8Zc>

(daniel wyllyans, Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

**** BRAZIL.**

11325, Rádio GBA is ON! In night today future December 24 times day by day [hours a day?]. To long distance in Brazil is good Song. 73

(Daniel Wyllyans, Nov 18, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

PIRATE STATION: 11324.99 kHz, Radio GBA, 19/11 1942. Sequence of international oldies. 35553

(Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com>

YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

**** BRAZIL.**

11815.020, R Brasil Central, 2332 UT, S=7-8 11856.232, much ODD fq of R Aparecida, strongest Brazilian tonight, +/- 20 Hertz variable signal wandered. 2330 S=9 peak signal

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, in MI-state, Alberta Canada, Brisbane Queensland, Australia, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BULGARIA

**** BULGARIA.**

5900, Radio Dardasha (Bible Voice Broadcasting) at 0212 in Arabic with a man with ID and website and a male preacher over Middle Eastern instrumentals then 0C at 0214 then a woman with ID and Middle Eastern instrumentals at 0215 and into a male preacher – Good Nov 17 – Sked is 0200–0215 or 0230. Aside from this program the Bulgarians reserve this frequency strictly for Brother Stair and his Overcomer Ministry (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SECRETBROD, BVBroadcasting Dardasha 7 via SPL Secretbrod, Nov 15
 1745-1800 on 5995 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic, weak to fair
 1931-1946 on 5900 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic, weak to fair
 1945-2000 on 9400 SCB 050 kW / 126 deg to NoAf Arabic, weak to fair
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRmJZdvT_gM&feature=youtu.be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUmk6HeeiWM&feature=youtu.be>
 (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** BULGARIA [and non].**

Shortwave Radiogram, 16-18 November 2018

Shortwave Radiogram this weekend will include Olivia 64-2000, Olivia 32-2000, and Olivia 16-2000, as well as our usual MFSK32 and MFSK64. We will also transmit an interesting waterfall graphic. Details here:

<http://swradiogram.net/post/180168209367/shortwave-radiogram-16-18-november-2018>

See results from listeners at @SWRadiogram or <https://twitter.com/swradiogram> (Kim Elliott, Nov 16, WOR iog via DXLD) Viz.:

Shortwave Radiogram transmits digital text and images on an analog shortwave broadcast transmitter. The program is produced and presented by Dr. Kim Andrew Elliott.

Shortwave Radiogram, 16-18 November 2018: Waterfall graphics to Earth and beyond

The Mighty KBC's new frequency of 11600 kHz, Saturdays at 1300-1400 UT from Bulgaria, reached across the Atlantic last weekend. That included the minute of MFSK64 at 1330 (see below). If you are in North America, try it this weekend.

Unfortunately, the Shortwave Radiogram frequency of 9400 kHz at 1400-1430, also from Bulgaria, was less successful last weekend reaching the United States and Canada. It is, nevertheless, worth a try this weekend.

Videos of last weekend's Shortwave Radiogram (program 73) are provided by Scott in Ontario (Friday 2030-2100) and by Ralf in Germany (Saturday 1400-1430). The audio archive is maintained by Mark in the UK. Analysis is prepared by Roger in Germany.

As of this weekend, our broadcast at the inconvenient (at least for North Americans) time of 0800-0830 UT moves to Sunday, from Monday, and thus might be slightly less inconvenient. North Americans who prefer not to wake up in the middle of the night can use Audacity's timer record feature. Or just leave your radio and Fldigi on all night and look at your results in the morning. Europeans should note that winter gray-line (grey-line) propagation may allow reception of the this Sunday 0800-0830 UTC broadcast. Frequencies are 5850 and 7730 kHz from WRMI Florida [WORLD OF RADIO 1957]

Winter propagation is allowing reception of Shortwave Radiogram broadcasts in areas where they were not heard during the summer, but the signal might not be sufficient for a good decode of our usual MFSK modes. To improve the chances of a successful decode, we will transmit some of this weekend's content in the robust Olivia 64-2000, 32-2000, and 16-2000 modes.

A few notes about Olivia: 1) For best decode, turn squelch (SQL) off. 2) The RSID should direct Fldigi to the correct Olivia modes, but if manual mode selection is necessary, Olivia 32-2000 and 16-2000 will require using the custom menu under the Olivia op mode. 3) Keep in mind that the text will not begin to print until a few seconds after you hear the tones.

Another interesting feature in this weekend's unusual program is a waterfall graphic created by Merkouris, SV2HWM, in Greece. It's a replica of the message sent to outer space in 1974 by the Arecibo radio telescope. This can be seen in the Fldigi waterfall or on an SDR spectrum display (zoom in). To see as much of it as possible in Fldigi: Configure > UI > Waterfall > FFT Processing > Increase waterfall height > Save, then close and restart Fldigi.

Here is the lineup for Shortwave Radiogram, program 74, 16-18 November 2018, in modes as noted:

1:41 MFSK32: Program preview
3:07 Olivia 64-2000: Earth's dust clouds***
6:11 Olivia 32-2000: Earth's dust clouds***
8:42 Olivia 16-2000: Earth's dust clouds***
11:43 MFSK64: Image from previous story*
14:27 Arecibo radio telescope message to space**
20:31 This week's images
27:41 MFSK32: Closing announcements

* with image(s)

** with waterfall graphic and image

*** for best Olivia decode turn off squelch

(SQL)

Please send reception reports to radiogram@verizon.net

And visit <http://swradiogram.net>

Twitter: @SWRadiogram or <https://twitter.com/swradiogram>

(visit during the weekend to see listeners' results)

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/567099476753304>

(via DXLD)

CANADA

** **CANADA**. As It Happens turns 50 --- Some good listening here. I laughed at 76/12/31

<https://www.cbc.ca/radiointeractives/asithappens/50-years-of-as-it-happens>
(Eric Floden, Canada, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** **CANADA**. New weather station in Haines Pass [Yukon] starts broadcasting [to the internet]

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/new-weather-station-haines-pass-1.4900417>
(via Gerald T Pollard, NC, DXLD)

** **CANADA**.

Corus asks CRTC to shut down 44 Global TV transmitters | Fagstein

<http://blog.fagstein.com/2018/11/13/corus-asks-crtc-to-shut-down-44-global-tv-transmitters/> (via Andy Reid, Ont., Nov 14, DXLD) Re DTV

CHINA

** **CHINA**.

3990, PBS Gannan, Hezuo, Ch, 16/11 0034. OM: talk. 25552. **Received last September an eQSL from China about a listening from this station / frequency

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

** **CHINA**.

4870-CW, Nov 17 at 1357, weak CW marker ID as RIS9, rather than anything from AIR or RRI. Previously logged Oct 12 and March 8, 2018, and UDXF attributes it allegedly to the PLA in Beijing.

[and non]. 4870, Nov 19 at 1355, the RIS9 CW marker allegedly from PLA Beijing is quite stronger than last time, but a JBA weaker carrier is slightly lower, presumably AIR Nepali service from Delhi
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **CHINA**.

9455, FIREDRAKE at 2123 jamming RFA in Mandarin via Lampertheim, Germany with the usual cacaphony of string, woodwind, and percussion instrumentals – Fair to Good Nov 14.

7445, CNR1 at 2226 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via Thailand with a man and woman with excited news reporting followed by a number of promos to 1+1 time pips at 2230 and a fanfare and more news – Very Good Nov 15.

11660, CNR1 at 1319 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via the Philippines with a telephone interview between two men then a number of promos from 1327 to 1+1 time pips at 1330 and a fanfare and into a woman with excited news reporting – Fair Nov 16 – At first I thought this might be the legitimate VOA via Tinang, Philippines but the dead give-aways were the promos and the 1+1 time pips at 1330. Anything broadcasted in Mandarin to China needs more than cursory monitoring to reveal if it is the legitimate broadcaster or a CNR feed used to jam them.

9450, CNR1 at 2249 // 7445 in Mandarin jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited news coverage – Fair Nov 16

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

**** CHINA [and non].**

6120, CNR1. *1558+ 16 Nov. Jammer opening up v. RFA-Tinian (which is not on the air thanks to Typhoon Yutu).

6135, CRI (Xian). 1455+ 16 Nov. "Roundtable" in English // 5995, 15700. Weak with CCI from the NK jamming (v. KOREA SOUTH but apparently inactive?).

11765, CNR1. 1544+ 16 Nov. Jammer thumping away v. unheard SOH.

11805, CNR1. 1540+ 16 Nov. Echo jamming v. unheard RFA (Kuwait). (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, "Executive Satellit"/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** CHINA [non].**

6180, CUBA, CRI at 0227 in Mandarin with two men and a woman with talk – Fair Nov 17 – CRI is on this frequency from 0100 to 0200 in English and from 0200 to 0300 in Mandarin which certainly cuts the amount of time we can listen to Radio Nacional da Amazonia when they are here (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** CHINA [and non].**

11555, CNR3 (Voice of the Music) at 1227 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Tibetan via Biblis, Germany with a woman with talk and pop vocals – Poor Nov 17 – The Chinese authorities can use any one of the CNR channels as this shows they threw a curve ball today using music to jam RFA's Tibetan service rather than news. Mediumwave DXers have long known that it's far easier to hear a distant station underneath news and interviews rather than music or, as Mike Brooker used to say, "DX under talk but not under rock!"

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

Mark has concluded this is CNR3 instead of CNR1, but CNR1 has a variety of programming including music part of the time, not all-news. EiBi shows jamming from CNR1 or Firedrake; and all agree 12-13 is the only hour there are anythings on 11555. In Aoki/NDXC * means CNR1 or CNR2 but no mention of CNR3 as jamming. CNR2 is China Business Radio a.k.a. Voice of the Economy, per WRTH (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

**** CHINA.**

11640, CNR1 at 1234 in Mandarin jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited news reporting – Fair Nov 17

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

**** CHINA.**

9860, Firedragon station (broadcast jammer) at 1920. Probably set to jam R Free Asia at this hour, tho I can't hear them and they may not be on. Alternate site - ? Usual crash-boom-bang music without voice announcement - Good Nov 18 (Rick Barton, AZ, Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; HQ-180A & HQ-200; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires, WOR iog via DXLD)

**** CHINA.** China's Xinhua agency unveils AI news presenter; The robots are taking over!

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-46136504>

(Tom Doerr, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

COLOMBIA

**** COLOMBIA [non].**

ROMANIA, 5910, RRI at 0250 in Romanian with a male DJ and local pop vocals and ballads and off at 0257 – Good Nov 17 – This is scheduled from 0100 to 0300 and after that CRI via Cuba is scheduled from 0300 to 0400 in English and from 0400 to 0500 in Cantonese. The resulting four hour block certainly kicks the heck out of any chance for a person on a normal schedule to try to log Alcaraván Radio from Colombia.

5910, CUBA, CRI at 0258 with OC to 0305 then a man with “CRI News” joined in progress – Poor to Fair Nov 17 – Not only does this hurt any chances to hear Alcaraván Radio from Colombia (see above logging) but RHC can't even get their customer on the air at the right time. As seen from the mix up with the English program on 5040 // 9710 [sic], can RHC become any more incompetent?

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

But no sign of Colombia now for many weeks even when frequency be clear. It was about +0.3 kHz off, so if you hear a het on the 5910.0 stations, go for it

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONGO

**** CONGO.**

6115, Radio Congo, Brazzaville, 0610-0620, 16-11, French, comments, ID “Radio Congo”. 25322

(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CUBA

**** CUBA.**

11950, Nov 13 at 1340, RHC S9+20 on new morning frequency now scheduled 12-14, 100 kW, 340 degrees from Bauta. Also continues used at 00-01 for breakaway `Mesa Redonda` TV simulcast, same parameters Mon-Thu per sked, meaning UT Tue-Fri?

13780, Nov 13 at 1351, RHC new frequency is on, but off at 1510 check; sked 12-15.

13700, Nov 13 at 1351, this RHC is not on yet, but is on at 1510, along with the spur parasites I measured yesterday plus & minus 28+ kHz. This one is sked 14-16, so the two 22m channels are not wrong today except for the spurs
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[re 9720 RHC to Africa moved two hours earlier, 2100-2300] Are these changes really in effect? French heard this Tuesday on 9720 at 2300 as previously indicated (not at 2100)
(Jean-Michel Aubier, France Nov 13, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9720, Nov 13 at 2309, RHC is S9+30 but JBM suported in French; at 2357 now sounds like Kriyol, and Nov 14 at 0000 into English becoming // 5040. However by 0055, 9720 is off, while 5040 is musicking.

Arnie`s original B-18 schedule had 9720 at 23-01, in French, Portuguese, 0000 English, but amended Nov 12 to move all that two hours earlier, i.e. 21-23 with English at 22-23, and as I previously reported confirmed end of English hour at 2257 Nov 12. But for the time being, running English both at 22-23 & 00-, it seems, transitionally or confusedly. Something`s always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, tune-in at 1956:30 Nov 14, RHC VG signal in Kriyol, but modulation and/or carrier cuts off and on; 2000 into distorted English. Something`s always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, Nov 15 at 0004, this RHC is dead air; 0012 starts to fade up modulation to just barely, unsure of language. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

5025, Nov 16 at 0637, R. Rebelde music is S9+10/20 but overmodulated and distorted. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba. I check MW //s which sound OK except for QRM: 1620, and 1180 multi-site jammers to Radio Martí, also with diehard IBOC noise from far-right mouthpiece 1170 KFAQ-HD Tulsa.

6100, Nov 16 at 0630, RHC English is absent from this, but still on: 6165 poor, 6060 VG, 6000 VG but undermod. 5040 also VG at 0638 check. Something`s always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9720, RHC at 0011 with Spanish instead of expected English. Same on 5040 - Excellent, Nov 17
(Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, parked on a back-country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 active whip antenna on car roof, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, a couple of items this time. RHC-6150 is 'funny' since it's not listed in their B-18 Schedule & doesn't appear to be a "leap-frog/hop-toad" from anything -- 6150, RHC. 1319-50+ 16 Nov. Weak (// 11760) with ACI from CNR2-6155. Presumed 1400*, as unheard after that. NF? not on any RHC schedule I can find -- 11950 is listed 12-14 so perhaps this is an 'extra' frequency, just in case?

(Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, "Executive Satellit"/6m X wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lots of weird idiosyncrasies to report with RHC forgetting to plug CRI programming into their scheduled time slot and forgetting that English NOT Spanish is supposed to be aired on 5040 // 9710 [sic] from midnight to 0100.

5040, RHC at 0053 // 9710 [sic; 9720?] in Spanish with Latin American male and female ballads to IS at 0058 and a woman with "Esta es Radio Havana Cuba" ID - Fair Nov 17 - English was missing at this hour tonight. So, what else is new with RHC and its seeming incompetence?

6000, RHC at 0353 with Cuban jazz piano instrumentals and a man with talk about a lifetime achievement award won by the artists the other items dealing with the arts - Good signal low level audio Nov 17.

13780, RHC at 1259 with Latin American instrumentals and a woman with ID "Esta es Radio Havana Cuba" and a man with a slogan then another man with a slogan at 1300 and a woman with news - Fair Nov 17 -

Another unannounced frequency. RHC has a long history of this and seems to have a complete disdain for the HFCC conferences and other broadcasters

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

It's ``announced`` in Arnie's new B-18 sked which he says is sufficiently sent to ITU, never mind HFCC
(gh, DXLD)

6150, Nov 17 at 1353, RHC Spanish on new unlisted frequency, S9/S9+10. No other frequencies heard now on 49mb; during A-season they were on 6000, 6100v in mornings. The Nov 12 revised B-18 sked showed 6000 dropped, but had not added 6150. Something's always wrong at RHC. First reported yesterday by Dan Sheedy [as above]

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Always something wrong on their real schedule.

6000 kHz RHC Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet, 250 kW,
12-14 UT, nothing heard so far today Nov 17.
nor on (2nd scheduled) 9600 kHz entry muddle.

9535.004 RHC Bejucal S=8-9 in NY, Detroit MI, and Alberta CAN
at 1315 UT Nov 17.

9640.004 RHC Bejucal SP, S=8 at 1320 UT.

11760even RHC Bauta, S=9+25dB at 1325 UT in MI state.

11950even RHC Bauta in Spanish, S=9+30dB at 1328 UT.

13780.008 RHC Bejucal, S=8 at 1330 UT.

(13845 WWCN only S=6-7 at skip zone in MI state.)

15230even RHC Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet,
also strong in Belgium and Germany SDR's.
{despite scheduled on 15140 kHz ?}

13700even RHC Bauta Spanish 14-16 UT scheduled,
towards western USA, CA, WA, TX, AZ etc.
S=9+35dB in Alberta, Detroit Michigan states.

9570even CRI Beijing English sce, S=9+20dB at 1357 UT.
via Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet site 13-14 UT.

15700even CRI Beijing English sce, S=9+35dB at 1424 UT.
via Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet site 14-15 UT.

73 wb
(Wolfgang Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **CUBA**.

9720, Nov 17 at 2315, RHC English is still here at wrong hour, JBM but S9+40, while 5040 is off. Nov 18 at 0014, 5040 is still off, and 9720 is S3-S4, dead air or just barely modulated? Something`s always wrong at RHC.

6100, Nov 18 at 0647, this RHC English is off and so is 5040, leaving only 6000, 6060 and 6165 to choose from, still overkill. Something`s always wrong at RHC
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **CUBA**.

Always something wrong on their real schedule on air, also on Sunday Nov 18 around 0745 to 0805 UT slot.

6100 kHz channel was always empty / OFF air, when checked this Nov 18 morning.

Only on air 6000QUI, 6060.005BAU, 6165evenBAU, -- and 5025 kHz Radio Rebelde Bauta program at 0803 UT S=9+20dB noted in Detroit MI remote SDR unit.

Also no / nothing heard from 0801:15 UT, when usually RHC Esperanto Sunday-only 0800-0830 UT starts.

6000even RHC Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet, 250 kW, 06-08 UT, S=9+30dB till s-off about approx. 0802 UT

6060.005 RHC Bauta in English till 0801 UT, S=9 signal.

6165even RHC Bauta in English till approx. 0802 UT, when heard the RHC interval signal and followed by opening anmnt of Esperanto program at 0801:15 UT, S=9+15dB in MI state. \\ also few seconds of same Esperanto feed on 6000 kHz.

Still all 49 meterband RHC channels empty when checked at 0822 again [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]
(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** **CUBA**. Always something wrong on their real schedule.

6150even. RHC Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet, 250 kW, 12-14 UT (ex 12-15 UT B-18 requested under 6000 kHz), heard today Nov 18 on S=9+25dB level in Detroit MI-state USA. Spanish news heard by professional newsreader at 1202 UT. 10 kHz wide range signal. -- Nothing on requested (2nd schedule) 9600 kHz entry muddle.

{compared 5980even USA R Marti Greenville-B site, S=9+45dB POWERHOUSE, 1205 UT, 10 kHz wide range signal. 5970even USA EWTN Birmingham S=9+15dB, 1206 UT 10 kHz widerange, modern religious youthgroup song.}

9535.003, RHC Bejucal S=7-8 in NY, Detroit MI, at 1211 Sunday Nov 18.

{9570even, CRI Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet, in Cantonese language, S=9+35dB at 1214 UT, on Sunday Nov 18.}

9640.003, RHC Bejucal Spanish, S=7-8 at 1213 UT.

11760even, RHC Bauta Spanish, S=9+15dB at 1217 UT in MI state.

11950even, RHC Bauta in Spanish, S=9+25dB at 1218 UT.

13780.012, RHC Bejucal in Spanish, S=4 threshold backlobe signal level at 1220 UT.

15230even, RHC Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet, only S=4 threshold on local skip zone in MI-state USA, also readable S=9 or -76dBm in Belgium and Germany SDR's {despite B-18 scheduled on 15140 instead ?}

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]
(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello, I've got ANOTHER failure RHC Arnie Coro .xlsx file by e-mail of today Nov 18, see wrong French and Creole column entries. in line #2, column #248. I've tried to transform to older .xls Office 2003 format, in Excel and also in OpenOffice software. I'll stop all editing RHC schedule files now, - for a while.

Only real monitoring of RHC transmissions by Y.T. show the present operational file in their 3 transmission centres.

In 14-15 UT on Sunday Nov 18 monitored
15230even QUI S=9+25dB (not 15140 kHz)
13700even BAU S=9+25dB at 14.50 UT, {11950 kHz til 14 UT}
13780.010 Bejucal site S=9+10dB at 14.53 UT.
vy73 wolfie
(Bueschel, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA.

15140, Nov 18 at 1439, RHC missing from here, supposed to start at 1200; still on 15230, 13780, 13700, 11760, etc. during `En Contacto` with ailing Arnie about some new hamsat launch. Something`s always wrong at RHC. Recheck at 1705, now 15140 is back on
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Always something wrong on their real schedule.

2200-0500, 13740 BAU 100kW 160deg SoAM Spanish, not on air 23-24 UT Nov 18.

2200-0600, 9535 BEJ 100 230 CeAM Spanish
9535.002 RHC Bejucal in Sp at 2305 UT S=8-9 in Detroit MI state.

2200-2400, 9640 BEJ 050 110 Antill Spanish
9640.003 RHC Bejucal, S=6-7 backlobe in MI-state. 2317 UT

2300-2330 9720 BAU 100 130 SoAF French
9720.008 RHC Bauta in French language, S=9+15dB in Detroit MI-state at
2316 UT Sunday Nov 18.

2300-2400 11700 QVC 250 160 SoAM Portuguese
11700even RHC Quivican, S=9 at 2325 UT here in Germany remote SDR

2200-0300 11760 BAU 100 n-d NoCeAM Spanish
11760even RHC Bauta, non-dir fountain like antenna, speedy Cuban mx at
2319 UT, Spanish program. S=9+5dB signal.

2200-0600 11840 QVC 250 170 Chile Spanish
11840even RHC Quivican San Felipe TITAN outlet, 250 kW, S=9 in Detroit
MI state at 2320 UT.

2200-2400 15370 BAU 100 010 NY / MA / WeEUR Spanish language
15370even tentatively sidelobe of RHC Bauta at 23.25 UT S=4 very poor
threshold noisy signal [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3
Hertz]
(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** **CUBA.**

6000even, RHC Quivican, En, 0633 UT, and \ \ s
6060.005, RHC Bauta, 0640 UT.
6100even, RHC Bauta, 0645 UT,

No, RHC nothing this morning on 5040 kHz, and nor 6165 kHz channels.
5025even, R Rebelde broadband 20.6 kHz wide signal, S=9+40dB. Nov 19
morning SHORT report, from Greece, Germany, Belgium, U.K., NJ, NY, MI
states, Alberta-CAN too, 0615 to 0715 UT. [selected SDR options, span
12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]
(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 19, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** **CUBA.**

9720, Nov 18 after 2200, RHC not on the air tho supposed to be in
English this hour; at 2308 is on in French instead of 2100+, and at
2350 sounds like Kriyol, while Portuguese was supposed to be shifted
to 2130. Nov 19 at 0009, 9720 is now in English as originally
scheduled for B-18. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

5040, Nov 19 at 0649 check, no RHC English here; supposed to be on
until 0700; may well have been off earlier instead of Spanish.

6165, Nov 19 at 0653, no RHC English here either, the AWOL 49m
frequency this time, retaining 6100, 6060 and 6000 at roughly equal
modulation levels for a change. All these are supposed to last until
0800. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

15140, Nov 19 at 1511, RHC is on today and VG // 15230, which are the
two SS0B, hardly any other ones from anywhere.

9720, Nov 19 circa 2245, RHC is not on air, but at 2304 it is, S9+20 of dead air, no French, no English. At 2307 a few words of Spanish cut on --- no, that`s not right, so back to dead air. I leave a receiver running here and occasionally hear sounds of fading, but no modulation at all. Still listening after 0020 Nov 20, but the carrier has gone off somewhen. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

5040, Nov 20 at 0220, this RHC is again/still AWOL. Something`s always wrong at RHC

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non].

11860, Nov 16 at 2106, Radio Martí vs heavy wall- of-noise jamming, but no more RHC in the mix, which collided for the last few months of A-18. Neither broadcaster did anything about it, but the B-18 RHC schedule since Nov 11 has moved its 2030-2400 European service to 15370, saving face by not resolving a confrontation ASAP. But is it really a good idea, Arnie, to move two bands up into the winter night? Something`s always wrong at RHC. 15370 comes in well enough here, anyway at first over daypath altho MUF is falling

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non].

6180, Nov 17 at 0157, CRI English with disposable Chinese lesson as some transmitters are QSYing before hourtops; VP and 0200 CRI theme music opening another hour. Despite very poor signal, this is supposedly the NF for 250 kW at 10 degrees Habana relay, ex- 9580, rather than simulcast via Kashgar, East Turkistan, in English until 02 only.

I`m here because Manuel Méndez, Spain, reported RNA Brasil as rarely active on 6180 a few hours earlier, at 2104-2110 Nov 16, instead of on 11780. And Harold Sellers, BC, also had 6180 RNA at 0001-0009 Nov 17, with some carrier breaks. But it`s totally off by the time I intune, and nothing on 11780 either, despite habitual sked until 0300* (or maybe -0200* during their DST?)

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non].

9490, FRANCE, Radio República at 0133 in Spanish with a man with a long speech with mentions of "Cubano" - Fair with occasional jammer Nov 15

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

DENMARK

** DENMARK.

WMR will be off the air tomorrow Sunday November 18 from around 1300 UT for some hours due to transmitter maintenance.

Streaming on <http://www.wmr.radio> will not be affected.

927 kHz - Copenhagen (coming soon)

5840 kHz - Europe

15805 kHz - Europe (coming soon)

(via Roberto Scaglione, Sicilia, shortwave yg via DXLD)

ECUADOR

** ECUADOR.

6050, HCJB at 0317 in Spanish with male Christian vocals and a man and woman with talk from 0322 to 0324 then female Christian vocals – Fair Nov 17 – While most of their sked is in Quechua, this Spanish program from HCJB is on from 0230 to 0500 on Fridays and Saturdays (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EGYPT

** EGYPT. Reception of Radio Cairo European Service, Nov 12:

1900-2000 on 9570.0 ABS 125 kW / 325 deg to WeEu German

2000-2115 on 9899.6 ABS 125 kW / 325 deg to WeEu French, but no signal at 2100UT

2115-2245 on 9899.6 ABS 125 kW / 325 deg to WeEu English, NO SIGNAL, tx is off!!

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-radio-cairo-european.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 0612-0623, 15-11, Spanish, comments. 15321. Also 0600-0615, 16-11, Spanish, news, "La Radio Nacional de la Guinea Ecuatorial", male, female. 15321. Also 0603-0610, 16-11, Spanish comments. 15321

(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERITREA

** ERITREA.

Reception of VOBME 1 Dimtsi Hafash & VOBME 2 Dimtsi Hafash, Nov 14

from 1643 7140 ASM 100 kW / non-dir EaAf Tigrinya VOBME 1, weak/fair

from 1648 7180 ASM 100 kW / non-dir EaAf Amharic VOBME 2, fair/good

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-vobme-1-dimtsi-hafash.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7180.04, 0545-0550 17.11, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara, Arabic talk - nearly faded out, 15211. Best 73,

(Anker Petersen, my latest loggings from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

EUROPE

**** EUROPE.** FRS-Holland on air on November 18th

Following our 38th Anniversary broadcasts on August 26th & September 2nd, FRS will take to the air with a full regular broadcast on Sunday November 18th.

Programmes will commence at 0852 UT/09:52 CET and will last four hours. Close down will be at 1300 UT/14:00 CET after which the complete programmes will see a full repeat until just after 1700 UT/18:00 CET.

Attention: in the morning/ early afternoon programmes will be aired at 7700//9300 kHz. During the second run starting just after 1300 UT/14:00 CET, the 31 mb frequency could be changed into 93xx kHz (will be announced later, also listen to FRS Magazine/ FRS goes DX for updated info).

Tune in next Sunday --- the best in music, many interesting (radio) related items and DX news. It will be worth while to tune in! Reports but moreover: personal comments are more than welcome. P.O.Box 2702 in 6049 ZG Herten, the Netherlands or by e-mail: frs@frsholland.nl

<http://www.frsholland.nl/20-latest-news/122-frs-holland-on-air-on-november-18th.html>
(via Mike Terry, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HOLLAND, FRS Holland, 7679.9, 0753- pop songs, tuning music, at 0758 identification "FRS Holland", English, "It's nine o'clock, ten o'clock in Central Europe", "This is the Free Radio Service Holland". This is FRS Magazine". In parallel with 9300.7

SINPO 7679.9 25422

SINPO 9300.7 15311

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Strong signal from FRS Holland on 7700 kHz from 0920 tune-in this morning with Peter Verburggen. It's not audible here at the moment on 9300 probably due to the longer skip (but it may propagate further afield). 73s

(Dave Kenny, Nov 18, bdx-news iog via DXLD)

HOLLAND, FRS Holland now on air on 9333.7 instead of 9300 and in parallel with 7700. Pop songs and comments in English, ID "FRS Holland". Fair signal here in Lugo and with fading at this moment. 35312.

<http://www.frsholland.nl/20-latest-news/124-31-mb-frequencies.html> "Due to the fact our 9300 signal was badly influenced by DATA this morning, we decided to make a move to 9335 kHz. In the afternoon at 1305 UT/14:05 CET FRS' programmes will be repeated on 7700//9335 or 9213. So please watch our 31 mb channel as we do not know yet which one we will use this afternoon. Programmes will close down at approx. 1710 UT/18:10 CET."

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very weak signal on 7699.9 & 9333.7 at 1240 UT, Nov. 18
(Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

I had weak carriers on both here in the USA around 1220z, 9333.7 was stronger but splatter from WBCQ 9330 made it impossible to hear any audio

(Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems, Westminster, MD USA
<http://www.blackcatsystems.com> 1246 UT Nov 18, *ibid.*)

HOLLAND, Reception of Free Radio Service Holland FRSH, Nov 18
 from 1305 on 7699.9 unknown kW / unknown to Eu English, weak/fair
 from 1305 on 9213.2 unknown kW / unknown to Eu English, JBA

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-free-radio-service-holland.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just because it has Holland in its name doesn't mean a pirate really transmit from The Netherlands. Why does everyone accept this; how do they know? If so, specify its true location

(gh, DXLD)

FRANCE

**** FRANCE.**

I heard an announcement this morning on RFI saying that the live morning broadcast, 0400-0800, ends this Sunday. From Monday the 19th Paris Live will start at 1400 UT. No duration given, but currently 1400-1500 and 1600-1700. There was no mention of the morning broadcast on shortwave

(Kevin Ryan, Nov 16, bdx-c-news iog via DXLD)

During this morning's 0630 RFI English broadcast, at the end of the French press summary, the host reminded listeners that "our morning broadcasts are going to be coming to an end very shortly, this Sunday will be our last." "Apparently, we're going to become podcasters as opposed to broadcasters," replied Michael Fitzpatrick. "Tune in next week and you won't hear us, but we'll still be there."

(Mike Cooper, GA, Nov 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, WOR iog)

Except, new relay of RFI English at 00-01 via WRMI 5950. Do they even know about this at the English service?? Unknown how the WRN sked will change, from having RFI English at 06-07 which has also been via WRMI (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

I guess WRN will be repeating the remaining RFI English program at 1400 in all of its existing time slots. In the B18 schedule, WRN to North America and Africa have RFI hours at 0600, 1000 and 1600. WRN to Europe has RFI at 0700, 1200 and 2000. However, there will only be RFI English programs Monday through Friday. I wonder what WRN will do with these time slots on the weekends

(Mike Cooper, GA, Nov 14, *ibid.*)

[Glenn: Note that I just sent you page from RFI web site that discusses the changes. -mc] viz.:

<http://en.rfi.fr/culture/20181110-quiz-back>

The Sound Kitchen Podcast
 The quiz is back!

By Susan Owensby Released on 10-11-2018 Modified 10-11-2018 to 12:26

This week, Sound Kitchen producer Alain Bleu joins me in the kitchen. You'll hear the answer to the question about the Berlin marathon, hear some great music and of course, there's the new quiz question. Just click on the arrow in the photo above and enjoy!

Hello everyone! Welcome to The Sound Kitchen.

Big news for RFI English: On 18 November, RFI English morning broadcasts will come to an end.

There's an all-new Paris Live programme starting on 19 November. You can hear it on-the-air, and of course, on our website, rfienglish.com, Monday through Friday at 14h00 universal time, 3pm Paris time.

And you can always join us on rfienglish.com, where we are boosting our content to meet your demands for news, special features, analysis, interviews, podcasts and more.

What does this mean for The Sound Kitchen? The Sound Kitchen will no longer be heard on our FMs. It will be available here on our website, rfienglish.com, as it always has been, as well as on The Sound Kitchen Facebook page. It will be posted on Saturdays, as it always has been. The format will not change: you'll hear the winner's names announced and the week's quiz question, along with all the other ingredients you have grown accustomed to: your letters and essays, "On This Day", quirky facts and news, interviews and great music, so be sure and go to the RFI English website every Saturday for The Sound Kitchen.

For our DX enthusiast friends: Our shortwave frequency is 11830 kHz on the 25m band, from 06.00 to 07.00 UT every day - until 17 November.

[11830, is that correct?? Not sked for B-18 --- gh]

We've had reception reports from Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Columbia, Cuba, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, the UK and the US, and although the frequency is "aimed" (or however that works) towards the African continent, give it a try. You never know ... and be sure and send us your reception reports. Maybe we can get more time, which would be wonderful.

You can also hear our programs on WRMI and WRN. In Paris, you can hear us on World Radio Paris on DAB+. These broadcasters diffuse our programs out of the goodness of their hearts, but unless you tell us how you heard us we have no way of knowing --- so do write and tell us how you listen to us.

Did you know there is an RFI English newsletter? On the very top of our homepage, there's a little tab that says "Newsletters". Click on it and fill out the form, and every day you'll receive the latest from the RFI English website.

We want to hear from you. We have a phone number you can call to leave us a message, so we can hear your voice. Just call, give your name, your country, and a short message - something like "I love RFI", because of course you do - and we can put you on-the-air. The number to call is: + 33 1 84 22 95 82.

RFI Clubs: Be sure to always include Audrey Iattoni (audrey.iattoni@rfi.fr) from our Listener Relations department on all your RFI Club correspondence. Remember to copy me (thesoundkitchen@rfi.fr) when you write her so that I know what is going on, too. N.B. You do not need to send her your quiz answers!

We've made a Facebook page just for you, the RFI English Clubs. It is a closed group, so when you apply to join, be sure you include the name of your RFI Club and your membership number. Everyone can look at it, but only members of the group can post on it. If you haven't yet asked to join the group, go here and fill out the questionnaire !!!!! (if you do not answer the questions, I click "decline").

Are you interested in forming an official RFI Club, or transforming your existing club into an official RFI Club? Here's how:

This week's quiz: On 22 September, I asked you about the Berlin marathon, held on 16 September. You were to send in the name, nationality and the running time of the man who won, the name and the running time of the man who came in second, and the running time of the previous world record setter which was set four years ago by Dennis Kimetto.

The answers are: The winner of the Berlin marathon was Eliud Kipchoge from Kenya, and his running time was 2 hours 1 minute and 39 seconds. Amos Kipruto, also from Kenya, placed second. He was nearly five minutes behind Kipchoge - usually in these marathons we're talking a matter of seconds, maybe a minute or two --- but five minutes shows you just how fast Kipchoge is. Kipruto's time was 2 hours, 6 minutes, and 23 seconds.

What was the world record time, broken by Eliud Kipchoge? 2 hours, 2 minutes, and 57 seconds, set by Kenyan Dennis Kimetto in 2014.

The winners are: Mrs Lutfunnesha Begum, a member of the RFI International DX Radio Listeners Club in Murshidabad, India; Jobayada Aktar Jai from the Nilshagor RFI Fan Club in Nilphamari, Bangladesh; Muhammad Rashid, a member of the RFI Pak France International Listeners Club in Sahiwal, Pakistan; Mrs Permi Devi from Rajasthan, India and Mr Li Ming from Maanchan City in China.

Congratulations, winners!

Here's the music you heard on this week's program: "Jam Session", written by Norman Shrdlu; Rimsky-Korsakov: "The Flight of the Bumblebee" and "Les baricades misterieuses" by François Couperin, arranged by Thomas Ades.

Do you have a musical request? Send it to thesoundkitchen@rfi.fr

This week's question --- You'll have to listen to the show to participate. You have until 10 December to enter this week's quiz; the winners will be announced on the 15 December program. When you enter, be sure you send your postal address in with your answer, and if you have one, your RFI Listeners Club membership number.

Send your answers to:
english.service@rfi.fr

or

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France

or

By text: You can also send your quiz answers to The Sound Kitchen mobile phone. Dial your country's international access code, or " + ", then 33 6 31 12 96 82. Don't forget to include your mailing address in your text - and if you have one, your RFI Listeners Club membership number.

To find out how you can win a special Sound Kitchen prize, click here:
To find out how you can become a member of the RFI Listeners Club, or to form your own official RFI Club, click here
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

**** FRANCE [non].**

5950, Nov 15 at 0700, RFI via WRMI opening Spanish, still not `Portuguese` as on skedgrid. Is S5, but this time, 9395 is propagating much better at S9+10 with Oldies.

Will RFI still be heard in English at 06-07 next week, during WRN relay? Evidently the only English hour then produced will be M-F at 1400, and anything else will have to repeat that, per Mike Cooper. Presumably continuing at 00-01 UT on 5950, not on WRN then.

5950, Nov 16 at 0633, world news headlines with undercurrent of annoying rumblenoise, to make them sound more urgent, ID as `Paris Live` on Radio France Internationale. Via WRN via WRMI. This English service is almost done for, unless WRN keep replaying an old 1400 live broadcast

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5950, USA, Radio France International via WRMI at 0015 in English, item from India, time check and "Paris Live" ID followed by another report from India. - Fair, occasional RTTY and DRM noise bursts, Nov 17

(Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, parked on a back-country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 active whip antenna on car roof, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5950, UT Sun Nov 18 at 0559, WRMI with Zanotti ID, 0600 WRN ID and opening Radio France International in English dated November 18, headlines, so this is really a new (almost?) live show, the last one the English sexion will be allowed to produce in the morning, so what will occupy this hour from tomorrow?

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RFI: This morning was the first edition of a new "Paris Live" program on RFI English at 1400. The program has new jingles. The show included no newscast, no sports news summary and no press reviews. (Previously, the early morning broadcast had a French press review and the 1400 program included an African press review.) The bulk of the program was RFI hosts interviewing reporters. The first story was on protests in France over a gasoline price hike, the second was on a meeting involving the French president. The only sports coverage was a Q&A with another reporter about a tennis match. Content was less Afro-centric than in the past. Mention was made at the end of the program about the abolishment of the morning broadcasts and "plans to extend our digital presence." Web editor David Rogue (sp?) said RFI english was moving to provide a new digital content and presentation. He said there would be more content and new use of video technology. He said morning programs had been closed down and moved to online, though a check of the RFI English home page at this moment only finds a link to listen to portions of the 1400 broadcast. I wonder if some RFI English personnel have been laid off, but there is no easy way to tell at this moment

(Mike Cooper, Nov 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

5950, Nov 19 at 0650, what`s on instead of RFI English hour via WRN via WRMI? Kelka shows in French, presumably also RFI which also occupies the following bihour now in otherlangs. 0659.5 interrupted for WRMI Ian ID, 0700 into RFI Spanish

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also cancelled from SW Issoudun are Portuguese transmissions

1700-1730 on 15485 ISS 500 kW / 155 deg to SoAf

1900-1930 on 9775 ISS 500 kW / 155 deg to SoAf

(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, WOR iog via DXLD)

GERMANY

** **GERMANY.**

7440, Channel 292, Rohrbach, 0710-0730, 16-11, pop songs in English. Good signal. 35443 and for moments 45444. In parallel with 6070 with weak signal here

(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7440, WEST GERMANY, Channel 292 presumed the one at 2235 in French with two men with talk with mentions of "Etats Unis" and a folk song at 2241 - Poor and noisy Nov 16 - This one, whose main frequency is 6070, has been reported to be testing on this frequency from 0400 to 2400

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

**** GERMANY.**

11800, Nov 18 at 1441, special-English offering a booklet, not a Bible, from Frank & Ernest, at a PO Box in NY NY 10016, or 800 #, outro to be sure to include the call-letters of this station --- but 1444 to dead air and off 1445* with NO c/l nor any ID! Clearly a domestic show not arranged properly for ISWBC. From HFCC we know I was extremely lucky to catch a once-weekly quarter-hour eastward from Nauen. Of more interest, besides an otherwise vacant frequency, what caught my ear was a short/longpath echo. LP is almost 5 X further than SP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) F&E: See also [USA](#): WRMI PP

Was this offer courtesy of the syndicated comic strip?
<https://www.gocomics.com/frank-and-ernest/about>

About Frank and Ernest Comic Strips - GoComics

Frank and Ernest, created by Bob Thaves, chronicles the antics of two "everyman" characters who are anything but ordinary! They appear in different settings, time periods - even manifest as things and creatures other than people. The variety in the strip extends to their observations about a wide ...

Frank and Ernest by Thaves for November 18, 2018 - View the daily comic strip for Frank and Ernest by cartoonist Thaves created November 18, 2018 available on <https://www.gocomics.com/frank-and-ernest/2018/11/18>
 (Greg Hardison, CA, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If only it were. This F&E appears to be totally unrelated, by a Jehovah`s Witness breakaway sect:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_and_Ernest_\(broadcast\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_and_Ernest_(broadcast))

Much more detail at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dawn_Bible_Students_Association

(Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

**** GERMANY [non].**

15200, Nov 17 at 1828, S9 African language mentions Bonn, Nigeria several times --- two clues leading right to this hour in Hausa from DW via FRANCE

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GERMANY [and non]. NDR 24 Dec transmission**

For this year

<https://www.ndr.de/info/sendungen/Gruss-an-Bord,grussanbord306.html> gives so far no confirmation that shortwave relays have again been booked. But at least Media Broadcast already made plannings, with the frequencies to be used in the two blocks

1900-2100 and 2100-2300 being
 for Nauen 125 kW / 250° = 6080/6145 kHz,
 for Nauen 125 kW / 130° = 9740/9720 kHz,
 for Issoudun 250 kW / 148° = 9800/9830 kHz,
 for Issoudun 250 kW / 195° = 11650/9590 kHz,
 for Moosbrunn 100 kW / 115° = 9570/9650 kHz and
 for Gavar 100 kW / 305° = 6030/6155 kHz.

The frequency switch at 2100 uses the caesura by news which are followed by a religious service, probably live. The greeting parts are prepared in advance, assembled from two semi-public recording sessions (on 9 Dec at Leer, on 16 Dec at Hamburg) and further studio read-outs.

On Sun, Nov 20, *2016* at 02:43 AM, Kai Ludwig wrote:

The Christmas Eve seafarer transmission of Norddeutscher Rundfunk will this year involve a sixth transmitter at a new site, Gavar (Armenia). It will beam back to Europe itself, to replace the closed mediumwave transmitters.

Actually this is a year late, since NDR had closed down mediumwave already on 13 Jan 2015. But the start of the whole thing in 2012 was already a year late as well, with German-language radio from Deutsche Welle gone since 30 Oct 2011.

Details for this year are as follows. Transmission will run from 1900 to 2300, where two frequencies are given they are for 1900-2100 and 2100-2300, respectively.

Nauen: 6125 / 5930, 125 kW, 250°; to western Europe, northern
Atlantic and Caribbean
9740 / 9765, 125 kW, 130°; to Indian Ocean

Moosbrunn:
9790 / 9650, 100 kW, 115°; to southern/southeastern Asia and
Australia

Issoudun:
9800 / 9590, 250 kW, 156°; to eastern/southern Africa and Indian
Ocean
11650 / 9830, 250 kW, 195°; to western Africa, southern Atlantic
and South America

Gavar:
6145, 100 kW, 305°; to the whole of Europe

All transmissions through dipole walls, all powers above 100 kW are dictated by the equipment (500 kW transmitters at Nauen and Issoudun, of which the Telefunken ones at Nauen can be run at 25 percent but the Thomson-CSF ones at Issoudun not lower than at half power).

Network source should be NDR Info Spezial, if you want to refer to <http://www.ndr.de/radio/index.html>

Perhaps I now shatter a romantic illusion, but this is not live, with the exception of news at 1900 and 2100 and, maybe, the also included church service. The greetings will be recorded in the presence of an audience in two sessions on Dec 4 and 11, respectively.

By the way, anyone knowing a programme that until 1990 had been broadcast, it seems, once a month? "Seeleute-Gruß- und Wunschsendung", that was the title at least on paper. It run in the local wee hours of Monday (local time), 2305-0100 UT (during DST one UT hour earlier) on 177 and 6115 kHz, originating from Rostock and indeed done live there. I don't know if anyone abroad, even overseas, knew about these broadcasts and wrote to Rostock, which very likely would have yielded a QSL. Kai Ludwig [*2016*]
(via Kai Ludwig, Nov 17, 2018, WOR iog via DXLD)

GUAM

**** GUAM.**

15685.037, KSDA AWR Agat, Chinese sce, S=5-6 at 23.48 UT.

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, in MI-state, Alberta Canada, Brisbane Queensland, Australia, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GUAM.**

FEBC/FEBA Radio in Telugu & English via KTWR Asia, Nov.12

1315-1330 on 11580 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Telugu Mon/Tue

1315-1330 on 11580 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Malayalam

1315-1330 on 11580 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Kannada Sun

1330-1345 on 11580 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs English Mon

1330-1345 on 11580 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Tamil Tue/Wed

1330-1345 on 11580 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Kannada Thu-Sat

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/febcfeba-radio-in-telugu-english-via.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GUAM.**

Reception of KTWR Trans World Radio Asia in English, Nov.17

1230-1300 on 9910 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs English*Sat, fair

1344&1346 on 7510 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Eng/Kor Sat, good

*wrong frequency announcement: summer 12160, instead of 9910 kHz!

https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-ktwr-trans-world-radio_18.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDBulgaria News, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUANTANAMO BAY

**** GUANTANAMO BAY.**

Glenn / Terry, Sailing along the very NE coast of Cuba and less than 30 miles over land and 10 more miles out to sea from the Guantánamo Bay Naval Base:

Late night (local) 16 November, at 0430Z, there was no trace of AFRTS - 1340 at the Base, only multiple weak stations in Spanish from various directions. Not on the air at this hour ??

In the morning (local) at 1130Z, in the south end of the channel between Cuba and Haïti, they were on the air and quite strong on the exact GPS derived bearing approx. 80 miles over water from our location with a morning broadcast of NPR. Kenwood TH-F6A with onboard ferrite rod antenna

(Brian Miller, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUATEMALA

** GUATEMALA.

4055, R Verdad at 1125 with familiar male preacher in English, old-school gospel music, choir room piano. At 1130, as I was about to move on, the female program co-host begin singing in kind of screeching manner that had me laughing out loud. This was about the worst thing I've ever heard on the shortwave bands. Best description of her singing is, it sounded like a tea kettle that has reached boiling point. Never heard anything like it (the the singing of Pastor PPP and Brother Stair is pretty bad also, BUT.....) - reception Very Good Nov 13 (Rick Barton, Arizona SW Log, English used unless otherwise stated. Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; HQ-180A & HQ-200; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. Use of portables noted where relevant for perspective on signal strength comments, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INDIA

** INDIA.

4869.904, Nov 13 at 1333, JBA carrier, maybe some music, again measured exactly here today. Also woke up earlier at 1155 to find no signals at all around 4870, when RRI Wamena, Indonesia could have been heard if reactivated.

However, Australian DX News had a couple of October logs showing AIR Delhi (Kingsway) is now off-frequency to the minus side, rather than plus as it had been in 2017 when Wamena was active on the minus side.

``4869.94 R. Sedaye Kashmir, Delhi (Kingsway). Lively Kashmiri songs at 1455, fair signal, 4/10. (Wagner). Indian Clandestine broadcast to Pakistan in Dogri via AIR Delhi 1500-1530. Weak signal, 20/10 (Shepherd)``

Current sked per Aoki/NDXC has Kingsway 100 kW ND in Nepali at 1330-1430, and same for 1430-1530 Voice of Kashmir. However, I've measured my signal twice at 4869.904, not 4869.94 as they reported, so it's still possible these are two different stations.

4869.907, Nov 15 at 1253 & 1315, no signal around 4870 yet, but VP carrier on and measured here at 1324; by 1327 I can almost imagine hearing the AIR IS before the Nepali hour. Since there is no signal earlier, surely not RRI Wamena, Indonesia reactivated, even tho the off-frequency signifies where it last was in 2017.

But besides the Australian logs in Oct of AIR Delhi on ``4869.94`` for the Kashmiri service after 1430, current EiBi has Delhi considerably offset-plus, on 4870.3! for Nepali at 1330-1430, Clandestine Radio Sedaye Kashmir at 1430-1530, and also at 0230-0330, first 40 minutes in Kashmiri, spoken by 5 megaIndians and 100 kiloPakistanis. And last 20 minutes from 0310 & 1510 in D0 which means Dogri (sometimes includes Kangri dialect), spoken in N India by 4 mega and also abbr`d [doi,dgo,him], per EiBi`s readme.txt language roster (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** INDIA.** AIR details in website --- Interesting map of AIR network with many details (even live streaming info in most cases) is given in the following new link.

It can be selected by MW / FM /SW /DRM etc.

<http://prasarbharati.gov.in/stationsmap.php>

Thanks to Alokesh Gupta for the info. Yours sincerely,
(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Nov 19, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Leaving SW only checked, the map fails to display a number of cities known to host active AIR transmitters!

(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

**** INDIA.** Reception of All India Radio in 31/25/19/16mb, Nov.12
1135-1140 on 9620 ALG 250 kW / 282 deg to SoAs English, fair
1135-1140 on 11560 DEL 250 kW / 304 deg to SoAs English, poor
1145-1315 on 15030 BGL 500 kW / 060 deg to EaAs Chinese, good
1145-1315 on 17705 BGL 500 kW / 038 deg to EaAs Chinese, good
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-all-india-radio-in.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** INDIA.**

Radio Kurier / aktuelle-links-aus-heft-12-2018 / "Raagam"

<https://www.radio-kurier.de/aktuelle-links-aus-heft-12-2018/>

u.a. Indien:

DRM Digital Radio Bengaluru <http://drm.airbengaluru.com/>

".....Raagam 24x7 DTH nichts hinterlegt...."

Ja, Fehler in deren HTML.

Mit Blick in die Quelltexte & Pattern Matching kann man aber herausfinden, das Raagam auf Port :8009 spielt.

Player: ==> <http://raagam.airbengaluru.com/>

Auflistung siehe unten.

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<http://117.198.99.236:9000/>

"RFmondial DRM MultimediaPlayer Hybrid Edition v5.0.66

Der Player holt sich das Audio von hier:

ws://117.198.99.236:9000/audio-1/audiostream.mp4?preferedNumChannels=0

Störungsfreier DRM-Empfang mit Journaline.....

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Amruthavarshini FM <http://104.237.4.164:8000/autodj>

Vividh Bharati <http://104.237.4.164:8003/autodj>

Rainbow Bengaluru <http://104.237.4.164:8006/autodj>

Raagam <http://104.237.4.164:8009/autodj>

Primary <http://104.237.4.164:8012/autodj>

(via roger, WOR iog via DXLD)

## INTERNATIONAL VACUUM

### \*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non].

As I complete this report I am watching Ep 2, Season 2 of `Mars` on National Geographic cable channel. I never watched Season 1, but caught Ep 2-1 last week. It`s a strange mixture of docu and drama. Sorry, but I find the scenes on Mars completely unconvincing: space suits are obviously not pressurized as they are thin, loose and baggy; and somehow terraforming must have already boosted gravity up to 1G! I know it would be hard to simulate 0.38 G, but walking around Mars would be like the loping we saw by Moon men, but less so at 0.16 G. The docu parts do raise some important issues (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) UT Tuesdays 0200 & 0500

### \*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non].

<https://tinyurl.com/ybow5a36>

".....Forty-four years ago today, a group of scientists gathered at the Arecibo Observatory amidst the tropical forests of Puerto Rico to attempt humankind's first communication with intelligent life beyond our own planet. Their three-minute radio message – a series of exactly 1,679 binary digits (a multiple of two prime numbers) which could be arranged in a grid 73 rows by 23 columns—was aimed at a cluster of stars 25,000 light years away from earth...."

<https://www.google.com/logos/doodles/2018/44th-anniversary-of-arecibo-message-4639345804836864-2xa.gif>

(via roger, WOR iog via DXLD)

## IRAN

### \*\* IRAN [non]. Hotbird satellite: Iran specialties

Payam-e-Doost and Sedaye Mardom, no longer on shortwave, appear to be still on Hotbird. At least <https://www.lyngsat.com/Hotbird-13B.html> says that they are carried by "Site - 1" (aha) on 11.200 GHz v, as the channels with SID 4728 and 4735 which, according to: <https://de.kingofsat.net/tp.php?tp=942> are labelled "Bahai Radio" and "S. Ghaemmaghami", respectively.

Nine years ago the Usingen mux on 11.054 GHz h was amongst the targets of Iranian uplink jamming. Would anyone have imagined IRIB as customer of Media Broadcast Satellite back then? I just spotted that the unthinkable became reality earlier this year: <https://de.kingofsat.net/tp.php?tp=239>

A really clever move: Anyone considering uplink jamming against Al Alam would have to pay the political price to jam Deutsche Welle as well. Which should either make Al Alam untouchable or make things really interesting (Kai Ludwig, Nov 14, 2018, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Re this item from \*2017\*:

U.K.(non) R. Ranginkaman, Payem e-Doost & TWR via BAB Grigoriopol on May 26

Radio Ranginkaman/Radio Rainbow

1600-1630 on 7575 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Farsi + BBC English\* Mon/Fri \* including BBC English teaching program "Beta Speaking", but only on Friday

Today again no signal of Sedoye Mardo / Voice of Men via BaBcoCk Grigoriopol

1700-1730 on 7530 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Farsi Thu/Fri, cancelled and

the frequency 7530 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs was deleted in HFCC Database, Radio Payem e-Doost` `

(Observer via KL, WOR iog)

## IRELAND

\*\* **IRELAND**. Interesting Propagation --- When I left the dials last night, the radio was tuned to 5505 kHz and the antenna was directed to the northeast. I was surprised at about 1025 UT this morning to turn it on and hear Shannon VOLMET with a very good, very readable signal, about 2-1/2 hours after their local sunrise.

I've tended to ignore announcements from European pirates and special event stations about upcoming broadcasts at that hour, because I figured I'd never hear them in North America. But now I think it would be well worth checking for those stations, especially when the magnetic field is quiet and the solar wind speed is relatively low (Art Delibert, N. Bethesda, MD, Ten Tec RX-340, SAL-12 antenna, Nov 16, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

## ITALY

\*\* **ITALY [non]**.

IBC - Italian Broadcasting Corporation 7440 kHz via Rohrbach, Germany --- Good Morning, I'm looking to see how well 7440 kHz will propagate today for the English segment of IBC which includes my new segment on Jordan's Corner of Radio from 1500 to 1530 UT. Normally I would check, myself; however I've been bed bound for the last 7 days fighting an awful flu. Thank you, Best Regards, (Jordan Heyburn, Nov 17, bdx-news iog via DXLD)

## KASHMIR

\*\* **KASHMIR [non]**.

4869.92, 1510-1515 18.11, CLANDESTINE, R Sedayee Kashmir, via Kingsway, India. Dogri talk, local string music, 35233. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, my latest loggings from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

## KOREA NORTH

### \*\* KOREA NORTH [non].

JAPAN, JSR Shiokaze Sea Breeze and Radio Fana on 6110 kHz, Nov.15:

1600-1700 6110 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs English Thu, fair, co-ch

1600-1700 6110 ADD 100 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic/Oromo Radio Fana

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/jsr-shiokaze-sea-breeze-and-radio-fana.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JAPAN. 6110, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze (Yamata). \*1600+ 15 Nov. Piano into English opening ID/info & their Thursday English program of news bulletins (one from 28 October).

(Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, "Executive Satellit"/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7245-AM, Sat Nov 17 at 1355, Korean, Shiokaze ID in passing at S9/S9+10, well over any CCI except the Navy Amateur Radio Club ham net NCS on 7245-LSB, who seem determined to ignore the broadcaster. Rick Barton, AZ, reported to the WOR iog on Nov 15:

``7245, JAPAN, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze at 1300 with woman in heavily accented English talking about Japan, North Korea. Station mixing with Co-Channel CNR, DPRK Jammer, and some amateur radio traffic - Good Nov 15 Barton-AZ``

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## KOREA SOUTH

### \*\* KOREA SOUTH.

9100, Echo of Hope at 2212 in Korean with a woman with talk followed by a man with talk and back to the woman with talk at 2214 – Weak but audible Nov 15 – I stumbled across this one as I was tuning down in 1 MHz steps and found myself at 9000 and then started tuning up in 100 kHz steps. Bandscanning is often the best way to come across rare and exotic DX

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

4885, Nov 19 at 1358, Korean song at S9-S7, much better signal than usual from Echo of Hope, listed as 10 kW ND, 1400 a few words of English I think, and different music. So I check some other frequencies:

6135, Nov 19 at 1402, wall-of-noise KN jamming with a carrier amid it

5995, Nov 19 at 1403, EOH in Korean over WON jamming; 100 kW ND

5920, Nov 19 at 1404, Voice of Freedom, song with orchestra, no jamming; 10 kW from same site as the others per Aoki

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* KOREA SOUTH [and non].**

Reception of KBS World Radio via Kimjae Nov 1

2200-2300 on 11810 KIM 250 kW / 304 deg to WeEu English, good

2300-2400 on 11810 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to SoAm Korean, fair.

\* co-ch same 11810 BEI 100 kW / 015 deg to EaAs Mongolian CNR-8

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-kbs-world-radio-via-kimjae.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## KUWAIT

**\*\* KUWAIT.**

The Ministry of Information offers these live streams of its radio programmes:

87.9 MHz The Old Arabic Singing

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=oldArabicMusic>

89.5 MHz Kuwait Radio One

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=MainProgram>

92.5 MHz Easy 92.5

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=EasyFm>

93.3 MHz Multilingual Programme not part of the bouquet

93.9 MHz OFM

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=HonaKuwait>

94.9 MHz Traditional Station

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=Shaabya>

97.5 MHz Kuwait Radio Two

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=Program2>

98.9 MHz AlQuran Alkarem

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=Quran>

99.7 MHz Super Station FM

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=Superstation>

103.7 MHz Kuwait FM

<https://www.media.gov.kw/LiveRadio1.aspx?PanStation=kuwaitfm>

Unfortunately, there is not internet relay of the multilingual programme on 93.3 MHz. This channel is the source of the foreign language programmes in English, Farsi, Filipino and Urdu that are also relayed on short wave

(Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 14 November 2018, DXLD)

**\*\* KUWAIT.**

11629.756, Nov 18 at 1448, G signal S9-S6 with Qur`an but interrupted for ordinary Arabic talkbits, as R. Kuwait is still way off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## LIBERIA

### \*\* LIBERIA.

6050, (tentative): ELWA, Monrovia, English, 15/11 0715. YL: Christian program, preaching. 35543, A good signal!

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

6050, ELWA Radio, Monrovia, 0720-0733, 16-11, religious songs and comments in English. Strong interference on 6045. 32332 (Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST) KBS Woofferton

## MADAGASCAR

\*\* MADAGASCAR. KNLS, Programa a Palavra Alegre, 11965 kHz (Ondas Curtas banda de 25 Metros). Novo Progama Gospel em Português. Sinal muito bom pode ser recebido por todas cidades do Brasil. O locutor fala Português Brasileiro más também a transmissão é dirigida à África. 2147 UT 15 Novembro 2018 <https://youtu.be/JPtHN1RDTv4> RX: Yaesu FRG 8800; Antena: DS SWL DL Dipolo Assimétrica 42 Metros + Balun + 15 Metros Coaxial

(Daniel Wyllyans, Sítio Estrela do Araguaia Nova Xavantina, MT Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Is this really branded as a KNLS (ALASKA) program?? So far only Russian, Chinese and one of the English programs have been also via Madagascar. No Portuguese from KNLS direct

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11965. Nov 16, 2018. 2102-2115, WCBC-Programa "A Palavra Alegre", Mahajanga, em Português. Locutor lê versículos bíblicos sob fundo musical; 2105 Locução masculina: ID do programa, website e trecho musical; Uma canção cristã em espanhol; 2113 Locução masculina e a missão máxima da mulher, por Rômulo e tem uma conversa com a locutora do programa. Recepção excelente neste início de noite em Cabedelo, 55555 (José Ronaldo Xavier (JRX) - PR7036SWL, Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## MADEIRA

### \*\* MADEIRA.

1550 [sic], Posto Emissor do Funchal, Poiso, 0940-1007, 16-11, Portuguese songs, at 1000 time signals, "10 horas", ID "Posto Emissor do Funchal", news, advertisements, "Sapateria Porto...". 25332 (Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 517 km = 321 stmi, nice over daytime seapath ---- oops, it`s not on split frequency like RASD, but 1530 per WRTH (gh, DXLD)



## MALAYSIA

**\*\* MALAYSIA.** Applications for broadcasting licences will not take political affiliations into account --- Last update: 13/11/2018

<http://www.bernama.com/en/general/news.php?id=1664647>

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 13 (Bernama) - The government will not take into account the political affiliation of any parties when evaluating applications for TV and radio broadcasting licences in the country, "Support from any political party is not necessary and is not taken into account in evaluating an application," said the Communications and Multimedia Ministry in a written reply at the Dewan Rakyat today.

In answering a question from Wong Shu Qi (PH-Kluang) on whether the government would restrict the ownership of mainstream media channels among political parties, the ministry said the main factors considered when approving a broadcast licensing application was the sustainability of the business model.

The applicant's abilities in terms of management, finance, technical expertise as well as having content that could benefit Malaysians in general, was also taken into account.

"This means that any eligible party may apply for an individual license under the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998," he said. According to the ministry, individuals or groups not eligible to apply for individual licenses are foreign companies, an individual or a sole proprietor, a partnership and any person or class of persons determined by the Minister.

He said as of Sept 30, there were 56 Content Application Service Provider Individual Licence holders, and of the total, 35 licensees were allowed to provide television broadcasting services through various platforms such as satellite, free to air, Internet protocol (IPTV) and digital terrestrial television broadcasting (DTTB). A further 21 licensees were approved to provide terrestrial radio services. -- BERNAMA  
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

## MALI

**\*\* MALI.**

5995 and 9635, Radio Mali, Bamako, no trace of this station here in Playa Blanca, seems that Radio Mali could have left the air definitively

(Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## MEXICO

**\*\* MEXICO [and non].**

Musings of the Members --- Tim Hall – 1244

Crystal Springs Dr. – Chula Vista CA 91915-2123 – TimHall1@gmail.com

Time to check in after my annual Border Inn DXpedition  
(US 6/50 at the Nevada-Utah border).

Atmospheric conditions this year were pretty good. After two years of heavy auroras, it was nice to have good northern reception again. Unfortunately, the weather was not good this year. Thanks to remnants of tropical storm Rita, it started raining right after I put the first 5 wires up on Thursday afternoon, and continued almost nonstop until Sunday afternoon. The weather took 3 of my 4 northern wires out of commission multiple times (northern wires have to cross the highway, and the extra-strength duct tape which worked so well the past 5 years was no match for all that rain). I also wasn't able to move a wire toward central Mexico on the third night as I usually do. When I finally got one in place for the fourth night, I came back after a nap to find it had already been run over (and parked on!) by a tractor and construction trailer, water truck, and bulldozer, that had suddenly appeared on a Sunday afternoon to work on a gravel pile that had sat undisturbed for 5 years. I hastily repaired the Mexican wire (since the motor was left running on the bulldozer, this necessitated a major detour, which really hurt its directionality) and made the best of it. All in all, it was a successful outing despite the setbacks. I was able to haul in several east coast clears that are almost never heard this far west anymore (new catches included WOR, CFZM, CJAD, WGY, CHAM, KDKA, WBZ, WBBR, WHAM, WFME) and several graveyard targets in Montana and North Dakota.

TP conditions were surprisingly good (and began much earlier in the morning than usual), but the signals always faded around the top of the hour. So far, I have found 56 new catches in this year's recordings, bringing my totals to 1513 stations in only 23 nights of DXing from 2002-2018. 17 of the 56 were GY catches, bringing my Border Inn GY total to 210. I also added 2 new countries (North Korea and China, #14 and 15), a new US state (MA, #37), Mexican state (TLAX, #22 plus DF), and Canadian province (QC, #6).

High school football night was outstanding, despite most of the west Texas teams having a bye. I've already identified 127 games, including 10 games on 1400 kHz alone. Now I just need several more months to finish reviewing the recordings! I'm also getting up to speed as GYDXA editor (web site will be updated soon), and am helping finish the IRCA Mexican list. My research leads me to believe up to 60% of Mexican stations have finished moving to FM and turned off their AM. I listen to web streams all summer long for my Border Inn preparations, and check station web sites and Facebook pages to see when the AM references disappear. Almost every Mexican station is doing some kind of rebranding with the migration, so there are tons of slogan changes to process. Back to work, I guess! Wishing everyone a productive season. 73 Tim

**BORDER INN DXPEDITION By Tim Hall**

Loggings from the Beverage site at the Border Inn, US 6/50 at the Nevada/Utah border, October 4-8 2018. This preliminary report is based on a partial review of recordings in the first 30 days after returning home.

Receiver: Perseus SDR-IQ v4.1.

Antennas: Beverages on Ground, some terminated with resistors, as follows (only #1 and #5 were up all four nights):

1. NNW/SSE (~337°/157°) 715 ft unterminated.
2. NNE (~17°) 1130 ft terminated.
3. NE (~45°) 1160 ft terminated.
4. ENE (~70°) 1200 ft terminated.
5. EESE (~105°) 1260 ft terminated.
6. SESE (~125°) 1180 ft terminated.
7. ESSE (~150°) 1300 ft terminated.
8. SSSE/NNNW (~168°/348°) 980 ft unterminated

[gh excerpted here \*only\* his Mexican and unID Mexican logs, among many others, such as Cuba, Bonaire, Venezuela, Argentina]

540 MEXICO XESURF R. Zión, Tijuana, BCN OCT 6 1258 – Under XETX with Spanish contemporary Christian music, male announcer, “Estás escuchando 540 AM,” into adult choral version of Mexican anthem followed by ID. Relog.

540 MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. OCT 8 0403 – ID by man, usual “La ranchera de Paquimé” slogan, also mentioned “una estación de Grupo BM.” Relog.

540 MEXICO XEHS La Mejor FM, Los Mochis, SIN. OCT 8 1115 – Still running La Mejor grupera format/branding from MVS network (which is now also heard on a number of U.S. stations, a la 1400 KSUN). Relog.

560 MEXICO XEGIK La Acerera 88.1, Villa Frontera, Coah. OCT 8 0355 – Local ads for Monclova. Relog.

610 MEXICO XEGS La GS, Guasave, Sin. OCT 5 0500 – Faded up over KNML with ID “desde 1948, en el aire, la primera estación radiodifusora que le dió voz al corazón agrícola de México, Guasave, Sinaloa, XEGS-AM en los 610 kHz, 50 mil watts, cubriendo todo el país, Chávez Radio, G-S, la superestación.” 50 kW! No wonder they’re being heard all over the western half of the U.S. nowadays. Heard an almost every wire with lots of IDs and Grupo Chávez Radio mentions. Relog.

620 unID OCT 6 1058 – Children’s choral version of Mexican anthem under KTAR, KEXB, KIGS mix. Probably unneeded XENK, but the antenna was aimed more at XEGH  
(not 100% sure they are still active on AM).

630 MEXICO XEPBGJ R. Jalisco, Guadalajara, Jal. OCT 5 0401 – Fighting through KFXD, KPLY Fox Sports echo with familiar 6-note doorbell theme (C-E-G, G-C-E, with G being the highest note and C the lowest). Relog.

630 MEXICO XEFB La FB, Monterrey, NL (presumed) OCT 5 0501 – Instrumental version of Mexican anthem as logged last year. This (SESE) wire was aimed roughly at Monterrey. Relog.

640 MEXICO XEJUA La Caliente, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 8 0400 – End of Mexican national hour, ID “XEJUA 640 AM, la caliente, una estación de Multimedios Radio.” At one point they gave a multi-station ID which included FM 99.9 in Cuauhtémoc which also runs the “La Caliente” programming. Relog.

650 MEXICO XETNT Radio 65, Los Mochis, Sin. OCT 5 0601 – Under CKOM with “Grupo Chávez Radio” slogan followed by children’s choral version of Mexican national anthem. Relog.

690 MEXICO XEWW Rosarito, BCN OCT 6 1300 – Over CBU with male talking in Asian language, followed by children’s choral version of Mexican anthem. Relog.

690 MEXICO XEMA La Mejor 107.9, Fresnillo, Zac. OCT 7 0259 – Way under KTSM with AM/FM ID by male announcer. Relog.

700 MEXICO XEGD La Poderosa de Parral, Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. OCT 8 0229 – Full ID, mentioned 50kW. Relog.

710 MEXICO XEDP La Ranchera de Cuahatémoc, Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. OCT 5 0359 – Way under KGNC, Rebelde and Guamá, still running slightly below frequency and using slogan “La ranchera de Cuauhtémoc.” Relog.

720 MEXICO XEDE La Caliente, Saltillo, Coah. OCT 6 1058 – Faded up over KDWN with promo for the station’s social media pages, and “La caliente 105.7 FM” slogan. Adult choral version of the Mexican national anthem followed a few minutes after the top of the hour. Relog.

720 unID OCT 5 0458 – Adult choral version of Mexican national anthem way under KDWN and KFIR on SESE wire. Probably unneeded XEDE, but too weak to tell if it was the same version of the anthem I heard on XEDE.

730 MEXICO XEX, W Deportes, México, DF OCT 5 0359 – Under XESOS with Mexican government PSA, “W Deportes” slogan. Relog.

730 MEXICO XESOS La Ranchera 97.3, Agua Prieta, Son. OCT 8 0402 – “La ranchera 97.3” slogans and Mexican government PSA’s. Usually on top of channel. Relog.

740 MEXICO XEQN R.Fórmula, Torreón, Coah. OCT 5 0459 – Faded up over KCBS with children’s choral version of Mexican anthem and back to R. Fórmula programming (Estilo de Vida program with “I Dream of Jeannie” theme). Relog.

760 MEXICO XEABC, ABC Radio 760, San Sebastian Chimalpa, Mex. OCT 6 1100 – Quick “ABC Radio 760” slogan by female announcer, into children’s choral version of Mexican anthem. Relog.

760 MEXICO XENY R.Geny, Nogales, Son. OCT 6 1057 – Wide variety of U.S. and Mexican music, finally gave a nice full ID at 1103. Still “Radio Geny.” On top of channel on SESE wire. Relog.

790 MEXICO XESU La Dinámica 105.9, Mexicali ,BCN OCT 6 1300 – Way under KBET and KFPT with high (children’s?) choral version of Mexican anthem. Relog.

790 MEXICO XENT R.Fórmula La Paz, La Paz, BCS OCT 6 1059 – Children’s choral version of Mexican national anthem (from network feed), and usual Radio Fórmula programming (“Estilo de Vida” program with usual “I Dream of Jeannie” theme). Slogan is still “Grupo Fórmula La Paz 790 AM, abriendo la conversación.” Relog.

800 MEXICO XESPN Cadena 800 AM, Tijuana, BCN OCT 6 1258 – Mexican government PSA's, ID for 1500 XEDF, promos for many R.Fórmula programs including a sports program called "ESPN Radio Fórmula" which airs at 3 p.m. Central time 7 days a week. This station belongs to other networks besides R.Fórmula. Relog.

800 MEXICO XEROK R.Cañon, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 5 0358 – Spanish religious programming with local El Paso phone numbers and ID. Still uses "Radio Cañon" slogan. Relog.

820 MEXICO XEABCA Canal 820 AM, Mexicali, BCN OCT 6 0502 – "Canal 820 AM, ABC Radio." Relog.

820 MEXICO XEBM Ke Buena 105.7 FM y 820 AM, San Luis Potosí, SLP (presumed) OCT 5 0504 – Long children's choral version of Mexican anthem faded up (in progress) under WBAP, on SESE wire which was aimed directly at SLP. I've monitored the web streams of all the surviving stations on 820, and this is the only one that plays this version of the anthem. New, SLP #2.

830 unID OCT 5 0501 – Slightly uptempo adult choral version of Mexican anthem faded up over KFLT. This doesn't match the version I heard on XEITE (slow choral) or XELN (children's choral) last year.

860 MEXICO XEMO La Poderosa, Tijuana, BCN OCT 8 0359 – Mexican anthem (from Mexican national hour), ID by female announcer, "XEMO, la poderosa 860, música de recuerdo." Relog.

860 MEXICO XEZOL Radio Noticias 860, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 7 0259 – Call letter ID by male announcer, mentioned Grupo Mega Radio. Relog.

900 MEXICO XEW, W Radio, México, DF OCT 7 0300 – "La voz de la América Latina, W Radio." Relog.

900 MEXICO XEOK R. Disney, Monterrey, NL OCT 6 1102 – Tentative with Mexican anthem way under XEW, which had run its anthem a few minutes earlier. I believe (but am still trying to prove) that XEW and XEOK are the only two Mexican stations left on 900 AM. XEOK is believed to have changed format to R. Disney along with 90.9 FM XHOK (which flipped to Disney on July 8th, 2018), and indeed my SESE wire (aimed at Monterrey) was picking up the vacuous kiddie pop music typically heard on R. Disney under XEW.

(In Mexico, the Disney format is very similar to the old U.S. format, but with songs in English and Spanish.)

940 MEXICO XEMMM 940 Oldies, Mexicali, BCN OCT 5 0558 – "940 oldies" slogan by male announcer. Relog.

940 MEXICO XERLA R. Surcalifornia, Santa Rosalia, BCS OCT 5 0459 – Faded up over XEQ and KIXZ with usual automated ID's: "Radio Surcalifornia, la mejor música para tus oídos." Relog.

940 MEXICO XEQ La Ke Buena 940 AM, México, DF OCT 5 0458 – Suprema Corte program, "La ke buena 940 AM" slogan and jingles, adult choral version of Mexican anthem, and ID and mention of 50 kW. Relog.

950 MEXICO XEKAM R.Fórmula, Tijuana, BCN OCT 6 0157 – Under KCAP off back end of NE wire with "Fórmula Financiera" program from R.Fórmula. Relog.

960 unID OCT 5 0502 – On SESE (Eastern Mexico) wire I had about 15 seconds worth of the Mexican anthem, a high (children's?) choral version, barely audible under KGKL and KKNT. Probably unneeded XEK.

970 MEXICO XEJ R.México Noticias, Cd. Juárez ,Chih. OCT 5 0459 – “Radio México Noticias 970.” Still airs quite a bit of music despite the slogan. Power is still 1 kW. Relog.

970 MEXICO XERFR R.Fórmula, México, DF OCT 5 0459 – Under XEJ with children's choral version of Mexican anthem into R.Fórmula program “Estilo de Vida” with usual “I Dream of Jeannie” theme, all parallel 1370 XEMON. New, DF #22, Mexico #192.

980 MEXICO XEFQ Cananea, Son. OCT 6 1158 – Anthem, full ID and usual “La FQ” slogans. Note this station runs its morning anthem at 5 a.m. local time, not 6 a.m. Relog.

990 MEXICO XECL Rocola 990, Mexicali, BCN OCT 5 0215 – Usual “Rocola 990” slogan. OCT 6 0211 – High school football (in English) Imperial Tigers @Calexico Bulldogs. Relog.

1000 MEXICO XEFV La Rancherita, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 5 0402 – “La rancherita, recorder es vivir.” Relog.

1000 MEXICO XEOY Mil AM, México, DF OCT 5 0500 – Tentative with uptempo adult choral version of the Mexican anthem that I have heard XEOY run in the morning. Relog.

1000 MEXICO XENLT R.Fórmula, Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. OCT 5 0500 – Briefly barely audible under XEFV, XEOY and KOMO with Radio Fórmula Estilo de Vida program (“I Dream of Jeannie” theme, etc.). Relog.

1030 MEXICO XESDD La Tremenda, Puerto Nuevo, BCN OCT 5 0458 – Under KTW0 with ad for Lorca Restorante Español in Tijuana. Relog.

1040 MEXICO XESAG R.Lobo Bajio, Salamanca, Gto. OCT 6 0500 – “Radio Lobo Bajio” slogan, children's choral version of Mexican anthem. Relog.

1040 MEXICO XEBBB Esne Radio, Zapopan, Jal. (tentative) OCT 5 0456 – Male announcer with Esne Radio Spanish Catholic programming parallel 1670 KHPY. This gets tricky, because Martin Foltz recently showed me that the Esne Radio web site now shows that the Guadalajara affiliate has changed from 880 XEAAA to 1040 XEBBB. This would mean that XEBBB would be parallel 1040 KURS around the clock, except for Sunday nights when XEBBB would presumably break away for the Mexican national hour (as XEAAA did) instead of running the few hours of English programming that the other Esne Radio outlets air on Sunday nights. As this reception came from the SESE (Central/Northern Mexico) wire (which was also bringing in 1070 XESP), I would tend to think I had XEBBB instead of tiny KURS (which has been heard here before on wires aimed closer to San Diego). Either way, it's a relog.

1050 MEXICO XED La Gran D, Mexicali, BCN OCT 6 0156 – Regional Mexican music under CJNB. Full ID by male announcer mentioned 10 kW. Relog.

1050 MEXICO XEG La Ranchera de Monterrey, Monterrey, NL OCT 5 0400 – Full ID and “La ranchera de Monterrey” slogan, then back to music. Relog.

1060 unID OCT 6 1100 – Very weak signal with children's choral version of Mexican anthem. Probably unneeded XEEP, but the antenna was aimed more at needed XERD0.

1070 MEXICO XESP Rock and Soul 91.9, Guadalajara, Jal. OCT 5 0458 – Children's choral version of national anthem (full version ~4:40) followed by full FM/AM ID including studio address. Relog.

1080 MEXICO XETUL R.Mexiquense, Tultitlan, Mex. OCT 6 1104 – Way under KRLD with Himno Estatal del Estado de México. Relog.

1090 MEXICO XEWL Romántica 1090, Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. OCT 5 0059 – Daytimer signing off with high choral version of national anthem. New, Tamps #7, Mexico #187.

1100 MEXICO XETGO R. Cañon, Tlatenango, Zac. OCT 6 1102 – Faded up under KWWN and KFNX with children's choral version of Mexican anthem, and very clear "Radio Cañon" slogan by male announcer. Relog.

1110 MEXICO XEWR Cristo Rey Radio, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 5 0400 – Slow adult choral version of Mexican anthem followed by male announcer thanking listeners for their support of Cristo Rey Radio. They have been running the anthem at this unusual time for years. Relog.

1110 unID OCT 8 1100 – Children's choral version of the Mexican anthem way under KFAB and KBND. Garbled ID at 1101:30 sounded a bit like XERED but the anthem doesn't seem to match the anthem I have heard from XERED in the past.

1120 MEXICO XEPOP R. Fórmula, Puebla, Pue. OCT 5 0500 – Faded up nicely, level with KPNW, for R. Fórmula program "Estilo de Vida" program with "I Dream of Jeannie" theme. OCT 6 1059 – Children's version of Mexican national anthem, in sync with R.Fórmula outlets 740 XEQN, 790 XENT and 1460 XEYC. New, Pue #6.

1130 MEXICO XEHN Toño, Nogales, Son. OCT 6 1100 – Faded up over CKWX and KSDO with usual slogan "Toño, nunca sabes lo que va a poner." Relog.

1140 MEXICO XEMR R.Esperanza 1140 AM, Monterrey, NL OCT 5 0359 – Female announcer describing a local church, slogan "Esperanza Monterrey." Relog.

1150 unID OCT 5 0602 – Classical music on SSSE wire. Surely XEUAS overnight classical music program, but they rarely ID overnight.

1160 MEXICO XEQIN La Voz del Valle, San Quintin, BCN OCT 6 1306 – Fading up under KSL with long children's choral version of Mexican anthem. Relog.

1220 MEXICO XEB La B Grande, México, DF OCT 6 0131 – "Mexico de Hoy" program, chimes, ID. Relog.

1240 MEXICO XEWG Bengala, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 5 0500 – Nice ID including call letters, Grupo Siete Comunicaciones, and Bengala 1240 slogan. This station is very good about ID'ing. About 665 miles. Relog.

1260 unID OCT 5 0502 – Children's choral version of Mexican anthem.

1270 MEXICO XEGL La Verdad Radio, Navojoa, Son. OCT 6 0205 – Under KTFI and KVGH with ad including Mexican web site address, slogan “GL, La Verdad radio.” Station was bought by the La Verdad newspaper a few years back, and is operated as an extension of the newspaper. Relog.

1280 unID OCT 5 0500 – Two stations with Mexican national anthems. One had an adult choral version, then another had a children’s choral version a minute or two later.

1300 MEXICO XEP Fiesta Mexicana, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 5 0116 – Older Mexican music, slogan (and jingles) have changed from “La Mexicana” to “Fiesta Mexicana.” Relog.

1300 MEXICO XEXW La Bestia Grupera, Nogales, Son. OCT 5 0119 – Faded up over XEP with Larsa Noticias newscast, slogan “la bestia grupera, dejando huella.” New, Son #24, Mexico #191.

1310 MEXICO XEHIT La 1310 AM, San Andres Cholula, Pue. OCT 5 0459 – Mixing with KNPT and KFKA. Older Mexican tunes, children’s choral version of Mexican national anthem, ID by female announcer “La 1310 AM, los mejores momentos, XEHIT, 5 mil wats de potencia,” followed by studio address and another “1310 AM, los mejores momentos.” New, Pue #5, Mexico #188.

1350 unID OCT 6 1103 – Very weak under KABQ and KDZA on SESE wire with high choral version of Mexican anthem.

1370 MEXICO XEMON R. Fórmula, Monterrey, NL (presumed) OCT 5 0458 – Children’s choral version of Mexican anthem and into R. Fórmula program “Estilo de Vida” with usual “I Dream of Jeannie” theme, all parallel 970 XERFR. Failed to insert an ID before or after the anthem. This could also be Nogales, but the antenna in question was aimed at Monterrey. Relog.

1410 MEXICO XEBS Bandolera 1410, México, DF OCT 5 0505 – Usual “Bandolera 1410” slogan. Relog.

1420 MEXICO XEF Activa 1420, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 8 1244 – “XEF, Activa 1420, en comunicación mas (impacto?).” Relog.

1430 MEXICO XETT R. Tlaxcala, Tlaxcala, Tlax. OCT 5 0457 – Poor-fair under KYKN with Himno Estatal de Tlaxcala, followed by Mexican national anthem. New, Tlaxcala #1, Mexico #190.

(Note: This is the only AM station left in Tlaxcala state, now that 810 XEHT has finished migrating to FM. With 1430 XEOX having recently finished their move to FM, XETT is suddenly a realistic target for DX’ers in western states).

1440 MEXICO XEABCJ, ABC Radio 1440, Tonalá, Jal. OCT 5 0503 – Faded up with high choral version of Mexican national anthem as logged last year. Relog.

1460 MEXICO XEYC R.Fórmula, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 5 1000 – R.Fórmula programming, into Estilo de Vida program with “I Dream of Jeannie” theme. This station was originally on 1460, but moved to 1030 many years ago, then moved back to 1460 earlier this year. New, Chih #30, Mexico #189.



1460 unID OCT 6 0101 – Male choral version of Mexican anthem on NE wire. Sounded very similar to the one used by 1350 XELBL, like a bunch of guys sitting in a bar singing out loud. I'd have to guess this was XECB off the back end of the wire, but I don't know why they would be running an anthem at this hour.

1470 MEXICO XERCN, RCN 1470, Tijuana, BCN OCT 6 0157 – Mexican government PSA's and "RCN 1470" slogan. Releg.

1470 MEXICO XEAI R.Fórmula, México, DF OCT 5 0459 – R.Fórmula sounder and children's choral version of Mexican anthem as typically used by R.Fórmula stations. Releg.

1480 MEXICO XETKR, TKR 1480, Monterrey, NL OCT 5 0500 – "TKR 1480 la más fuerte" followed by children's choral version of Mexican anthem. Releg.

1500 MEXICO XEDF R. Fórmula, México, DF OCT 5 0457 – Over KSTP and KSJX with R. Fórmula promos, ID, "XEDF, cincuenta mil wats, Avenida Universidad 1273, Colonia Del Valles, Ciudad de México... Grupo Fórmula, abriendo la conversación." A few more announcements, then the children's choral version of the Mexican anthem typically used by R.Fórmula stations, ending at midnight CDT. Releg.

1510 MEXICO XEQI Opus 1510 AM, Escobedo, NL OCT 5 0500 – Fighting through KGA and KOAZ with classical music followed by slightly uptempo instrumental version of the Mexican anthem as logged last year. Releg.

1530 MEXICO XEUR Éxtasis Digital, México, DF OCT 8 1058 – Mixing with KFBK. Children's choral version of Mexican anthem already in progress. Soon lost to KFBK and KGBT. Releg.

1560 MEXICO XEJPV R. Deportiva 1560 AM/Romance 99.3, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 8 1058 – Single-verse children's choral version of the Mexican national anthem (as opposed to XECHZ which generally runs the full 4:40 version). They appear to still be running romantic music overnight instead of sports. (Last year they were relaying an FM station in Guadalajara overnight). Releg.

1590 MEXICO XEVOZ Arroba FM, México, DF OCT 8 1058 – Children's choral version of Mexican anthem way under KVGB, KDAV and KLIV. XEVOZ is the only Mexican station left on 1590. Releg.

1610 MEXICO XEUACH R. Chapingo, Texcoco, Mex. OCT 8 1057 – Faded up nicely with announcements by male and female announcers, interspersed with a variety of music from tropical to ranchera. Short bit of silly music just before 1101, followed by a 5-note keyboard theme. Female announcer gave a call letter ID at 1101:18. This station is slated to move to 1130 as XECHAP, and Wikipedia claims that they took the 1610 silent in September 2018 to prepare for the move to 1130, but this is not the case. Releg

(via NRC IDXD, NRC DX News Nov 26, published Nov 18, via DXLD)

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First on the Mexico Beat: All 32 Public Radio and TV Applications in the PABF Era

There are 32 pending applications for radio and TV stations filed from the last three PABFs, according to a document obtained in a transparency request from the IFT.

### Permit Discontinuities Ahoy

That number is kind of higher than it really should be. A number of these scream "we lost our permit and we want it back".

These applications include the following:

- Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México - Toluca FM
- Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua - Chihuahua FM
- Sistema de Radio y Televisión Mexiquense - Toluca FM, Atlacomulco FM, Tultitlán AM
- Universidad Autónoma Agraria Antonio Narro - Saltillo AM
- Gobierno de Querétaro - Jalpan de Serra AM
- Universidad Veracruzana - Xalapa AM
- Gobierno de Nuevo León - FMs at Monterrey, Linares, and Doctor Arroyo
- Instituto Campechano - San Francisco de Campeche FM
- Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas - Tampico FM

13 of the 32 applications would not produce, in the common sense, new radio stations.

### The Tepic MX Group

Of the 19 applications that remain, a tangly MX group appears in Tepic, Nayarit. There are three applications for one FM frequency, filed by (in order) the SPR, the municipality, and the state government. They are the last unadjudicated applications from the 2016 PABF.

The SPR should win this application – the only pending application filed by the SPR! As a federal agency, it can preempt other applicants. You might recall the case in Saltillo where the Coahuila state government's TV station bid only went through because the SPR pulled out, or the university station in Sinaloa where the IFT commissioners told them to reapply.

### Once, Once

Another five applications correspond to new digital television stations by the Instituto Politécnico Nacional, at Acapulco, Tehuacán, Guamúchil/Guasave, Orizaba/Córdoba, and Puebla. It's worth noting that of the five stations, only one city has an operating SPR transmitter and two more have unbuilt concessions for the same.

### State Network Dreams

That leaves us with eleven applications to dissect. Five correspond to a radio network for the state of Chihuahua, which would have partial coverage with transmitters at Lerdo, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Creel, Guachochi, and Manuel Ojinaga. Another is for the single-concession state network that has been discussed several times already this year.

Another two, though, correspond to a state network plan that has not yet been reported. Durango's state government has filed for stations in Durango and Santiago Papasquiaro. While Durango already has one public radio station in XHHD, a radio station in Papasquiaro would be just the second station in the entire region (XHSRD-FM is the other). Durango is one of just a handful of states without its own state broadcast outlet. In fact, Baja California would be the last state without a state-owned media system if both Durango and Chihuahua's plans go through.

## The Rest

That leaves a handful of applications that don't fall into any of these categories. They are:

Universidad Juárez del Estado de Durango, TDT, Gómez Palacio –\*UJED would become the second university to own and operate more than one TV concession. Additionally, this would be the first Durango-centric TV station to operate in the Comarca Lagunera. Just one other station even has its stick in Gómez Palacio – the Canal Once repeater.

Universidad Pedagógica del Estado de Sinaloa, FM, Culiacán

Universidad (Autónoma) de Occidente, TDT, Culiacán – The UAdeO famously filed for a TV station in the 2016 PABF and lost to the SPR on preemption grounds. While the application lists Universidad de Occidente, it predates the university receiving autonomy this year.

This list is dated October 31. If a public concession was awarded on October 22, it won't be seen here

(Raymie Humbert, Phoenix AZ, Nov 13, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

There's a new callsign in town. It's XHIMA-FM 100.5, the social station to be owned by Fundación Educacional de Medios in Colima. And guess who signed for the concession... José Antonio Aguilar Arellano!

[http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/97639\\_181113103802\\_137.pdf](http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/97639_181113103802_137.pdf)

(Raymie, Nov 13, *ibid.*)

First on the Mexico Beat: Sifting Through 505 Social Applications in the 2018 PABF

Don't say radio's dead. The IFT received a whopping 505 applications for social radio stations in the two filing windows of the 2018 PABF. Thanks to a transparency request, we now know that number and information about the applicants, the states, and the services they seek to offer. It's kind of dizzying.

## By the Numbers

Those 505 applications break down into two filing windows. In the first filing window of the year, the IFT took applications for 89 AM, 69 FM and 7 TDT stations, as well as one unspecified service, for a total of 166. The second window included 137 AM, 180 FM, 12 TDT and 10 unspecified applications for a total of 339.

Of the 505, 52 were for community radio stations. Notably, not a single one was for an indigenous radio station. By chance, El Heraldo de México put out an article today noting these stations aren't being helped by the poor adherence to the 1% rule by which federal agencies must give Article 90 reserved stations (community and indigenous) one percent of their annual advertising budget – just 33 of the government's 299 agencies met the requirement last year.

Some features stand out here, notably the surprise early window where AM stations outnumbered FM. There's a reason.

### Serial Filers

That's because there were some extremely interested parties. The top nine applicants, with at least 10 applications to their name apiece, accounted for 225 filings, nearly half of the untyped social total. Seven of them put in applications for 15 or more stations.

The leaders are all unfamiliar names. Radio Rural Mexicana had 49. Comunicación Agrícola 35. Incluye Radio put up 29. Tied at 28 were Radio Desarrollo Rural and Red Radio Agrícola. Ventana Radiofónica made 19 applications, while Todos Radio had 17. Michoacán Te Escucha had 12 (even more counting the obviously related "Guanajuato Te Escucha"'s 9), and Frecuencias Sociales (the only existing concessionaire in this list) had another 10.

Radio Rural Mexicana filed for 31 AM and 18 FM stations in 22 states. Comunicación Agrícola put in applications for 20 AM and 15 FM outlets in 23 states.

### Big MX Groups

Some application areas attracted five or more bidders:

- AM at Aguascalientes (five applicants, all of them in the top nine)
- FM at Campeche (six applicants, including two in the top nine and two known wolves)
- FM at Manzanillo (five applicants, including two of the top nine and a known wolf)
- AM at Monterrey (eight applicants, including three of the top nine, one known wolf, and Radio María)
- AM at Querétaro (six applicants, including four of the top nine)
- AM at Cozumel (five applicants, including three of the top nine and La Verdad Radio y TV, which has been hunting Quintana Roo stations for years)
- FM at San Luis Potosí (12 total applicants!)
- FM at Culiacán (seven total applicants)
- FM at Mazatlán (10 total applicants)
- FM at Ciudad Obregón (seven total applicants)
- FM at Hermosillo (12 total applicants)
- FM at Villahermosa (10 total applicants)
- FM at Coatzacoalcos (10 total applicants)
- FM at Mérida (11 total applicants)
- FM at Valladolid, Yuc. (6 total applicants)
- FM at Fresnillo, Zac.

(6 total applicants)

### Some Familiar Names

A few notable applicants appear outside of the top list. Here they are:

-Fundación Educacional de Medios –\*With nine stations, this second arm of the Arellano-Wertz-Bush network in Mexico adds to the Frecuencias Sociales total.

-Lilia Guadalupe Martínez González – Listed as the 25% owner of Grupo M Radio (Organización Radiofónica del Norte), her applications for FMs in Monclova and Torreón are classic wolf material.

-Enlace Social Akumal – Four more stations in Quintana Roo, and this time not in Akumal. Acustik? Again?

-Javier Alexander González Slim – Speaking of Acustik, this guy's eight applications sure are curious. A bid backed by his Yantra Informativo Fusión, A.C., for the social FM in Playa del Carmen got denied earlier this year. His Grupo Informativo Fusión Peninsular also applied for a station – yes, an S.A. de C.V. filing for a social station.

-Fundación Radiodifusoras Capital Jalisco – Five more applications from Capital Media's social wolf department.

-Enrique Rodolfo Gutiérrez Hernández – We just talked about the pirate 103.9 in Paraíso, Tabasco. Here's the social application to make it legal.

-Centro Universitario Didaskalos, A.C. –\*This Toluca-based private school filed for TDTs in Toluca and Cancún (Benito Juárez) and an AM in Morelia.

-Medios de Comunicación por la Verdad, A.C. –\*They want to serve the whole state with an FM in Mérida, two AM frequencies in Progreso and in Valladolid, and a TDT in Mérida.

-Martha Morales Reséndiz - The owner of religious wolf XHMRT-FM Tampico continues in the Huasteca, filing for an FM at Ciudad Valles.

-Raúl Alfredo Pinzón Galván - Jalpan de Serra, Qro. I'm officially one degree of Facebook group separation from a 2018 PABF filer.

-Michoacán Te Escucha, A.C. - Filing for three TDTs at Mérida, Playa del Carmen and Chetumal – wait, that's not Michoacán. They did file for five radio stations in that state, but last I checked, Villagrán, Guanajuato, and San Luis Potosí were not there, either.

### Noteworthy Community Filings

These are filings whose applicants' names I've seen before or are otherwise big:

-Radio Voz La Voz del Valle de Oaxaca - San Jacinto Amilpas, Oax. An operating pirate in the RRCI network. RRCI has a high proportion of pirates and only earlier this year did two of its member stations get cleared for concessions.

-Asociación Cívica, Cultural y de Relaciones Humanas, A.C. - Tlapa de Comonfort, Gro. This applicant had once aspired to be on FM in Chilpancingo.

-Comunicación y Cultura del Occidente de México, A.C. - Guadalajara. No reserved band frequencies are open in GDL, and 102.3 and 103.9 appear to be reciprocity reserved.

-Radio Cultural de Villa del Carbón, A.C. - Zacapu, Mich. (AM). Their name is taken from a town in the State of Mexico and their only station greenlit is in Querétaro. Now they want into another state, and on AM.

-La Jacalera, A.C. - La Huerta, Jal. (AM). Member of the ORC.

-Radio Coral, A.C. - Petatlán, Gro. Another ORC member.

-Echais 88, A.C. - La Piedad, Mich. The owner of XHECH-FM in Purépero sets its sights on expansion (Raymie, Nov 15, *ibid.*)

A year ago this week, I was the first to point out that XEZT and XEEG had failed to pay up for their second-wave migration frequencies.

Today, 95.5 finds life again as Grupo ACIR's XEHIT 1310 begins testing on the frequency. The callsign is a new duplication: XHHIT-FM/Pue (Raymie, Nov 15, *ibid.*)

A proposed reform to the organic law of the federal public administration is starting to raise alarm bells over the future of Mexico's public broadcasting services.

Already passed by the Chamber of Deputies, the change of note in the Ley Orgánica de la Administración Pública Federal would give the Secretariat of Government (SEGOB) the competency of "providing the digital public broadcasting service nationwide".

<https://www.eluniversal.com.mx/columna/irene-levy/cartera/diputados-dan-golpe-de-estado-la-radiodifusion-publica-de-mexico>

The concern is that SEGOB is political in nature and public broadcasting would be subject to increased political pressure.

Currently, federal public broadcasting in Mexico is scattered. There are two autonomous or semi-autonomous organizations, the SPR and IMER. Canal 22 and Radio Educación belong to the Secretariat of Culture. Canal Once belongs to the Instituto Politécnico Nacional, part of the Secretaría de Educación Pública (Raymie, Nov 16, *ibid.*)

Another IFT-4 station is off to the races as XHPAMM-FM 91.3 Amatepec, State of Mexico, brings that state its only new commercial radio station from the auction. It's "La Inigualable", <https://www.facebook.com/Lainigualable91.3/> the first legal radio service in the town, owned by former federal deputy Guillermina Casique Vences. Operation seems to have begun on or around October 3.

Also on the air as of November 12 XHEDI-FM 106.1 "Estéreo Uno" in Oaxaca.

<http://www.bbmnoticias.com/index.php/local/item/3321-arranca-nueva-estacion-de-radio-estereo-uno-106-1-fm-transmisiones-en-oaxaca> Notably, its relation with the FM Radios group includes programs that will originate at Estéreo Uno and go out over the other stations in the state (such as XHEJU, XHDCA, XHVMT, etc.)

Other news comes from the world of commercial radio. After launching a month ago tomorrow, the Aristegui Noticias on Grupo Radio Centro project is expanding finally outside of the three major cities. GRC stations in (at least) Cancún (XHCCQ) [https://twitter.com/radio\\_malpica/status/1063142147019456512](https://twitter.com/radio_malpica/status/1063142147019456512) and Torreón (XHETOR), <https://twitter.com/JuanJoseRojas/status/1061987429253402624> as well as MG Radio's XHOB in San Luis Potosí, <https://twitter.com/radiofmslp/status/1063632051184689152> have been announced to carry the program (Raymie, Nov 17, *ibid.*)

## Radio Boomtowns: Los Cabos

I wanted to start a little series on places with four or more new stations awarded in the last two to three years. Unfortunately, nobody responded to the interviews I sent new station owners.

30 years ago today, Guillermo Salas Peyró, who had helped to open some of the first hotels in southern Baja California Sur and also knew a thing or two about radio, gave one more gift to Los Cabos.

Los Cabos had been rapidly developing. The National Tourism Fund had begun orchestrating the development of the region, and with the 1984 opening of an airport in the area, the need for a robust communications system was becoming apparent fast. Salas Peyró, luckily, had been legendary in the radio business. Decades earlier, he had founded Núcleo Radio Mil, one of the country's leading broadcasters. It was that experience he'd draw on when he built and signed on XHSJS-FM 96.3 "Cabo Mil" on November 18, 1988.

Cabo Mil would be alone in Los Cabos through about 1995, and it would be the region's lone FM station for 23 years. Competition finally came from the dominant radio broadcaster in the state, Promomedios California, when XESJC-AM 660 "Radio Los Cabos" came on the air in the mid-90s.

(Ironically, Aero California, the airline co-owned with Promomedios by Raul Aréchiga Espinoza, never served Los Cabos.)

After years of little change, Los Cabos radio suddenly had an eventful 2011. On February 23, the Federal Telecommunications Commission approved XESJC's migration to FM as XHESJC-FM 93.1 On September 12, Cofetel then approved an application filed in 2008 by the Baja California Sur state government for a chain of radio stations on 99.1 MHz throughout the state.

But that 2011 pales in comparison to the last two years of activity in southern Baja California Sur radio. In the IFT-4 radio station auction, only one of two stations was awarded. Compañía Periodística Sudcaliforniana earned XHPSJC-FM 89.1 at a cost of 28 million pesos. It signed on September 3, 2018, marking the first new commercial radio operator in the market in 23 years.

Then 2018 came along, and it was a busy 2018 for Los Cabos radio. It started on February 14, 2018, when Luis Roberto Márquez Pizano, the "El Boy" of Radioactivo and Pirata FM days past, won a social station, XHMPJ-FM 91.5, out of two applications from the 2015 PABF. (This blog was in the unusual situation of being the first to report the news, even to Márquez Pizano himself.) On April 11, XHSCAN-FM 107.9, owned by Corazón de las Californias, A.C., was given the green light to build the second community station in the state. A social wolf completed, for now, the activity, when Radio Agricultores del Valle de Sinaloa (Promomedios Sinaloa) was approved for XHAB0-FM 101.5 in June (Raymie, Nov 18, *ibid.*)

## Analyzing the Distribution of TV Stations by Channel

Late last week, the IFT put out expanded versions of the TV concession renewals. They're boring, huge files that include by-locality breakdowns of the concession fee. But they included one thing not previously available: post-repack allotments for the remaining TV stations in Mexico.

We can now analyze the distribution of stations per channel in the post-repack environment.

### VHF

23 TV stations have been authorized in high-VHF. (The total transmitting is just seven thanks to unbuilt SPR and other stations, including a number of awards this year.) Notably, assignments have been hard to come by on the even-numbered channels. XHMTA/12, XHUS/8, and XHROSL/10 are the only three to date. (Including the Valanci social TDT for Tuxtla Gutiérrez, which lacks a known callsign, and XHAM0 which is to move to 30, there are three 7s, two 9s, eight 11s and seven 13s.) Worth noting only four of these are commercial stations.

### UHF

Channels 14-20 were so heavily used by land mobile in Mexico (until recent moves to clear those services to allow for more intensive broadcasting use of the 470-512 MHz sub-band) that they didn't see much use in analog or digital. In fact, channels 16 and 18 never saw analog use by a main station, and XHTC/16 was famously changed to 28 before signing on. UHF channels 21 through 36 have an average of 38 stations per channel; excluding the 25 Telemex stations juicing the total on 14, the average is 17.5 between 470 and 512 MHz, brought up a bit by the 24 stations on channel 20.

The relative disuse of these channels meant that 14-20 were common destinations for displaced television stations. For instance, 11 of the 17 stations on channel 19 were repacked there, with a twelfth having been planned to avoid repacking, two from IFT-6, and three other stations rounding out the total.

The most-used channel is 27, with 52 stations, thanks to a series of Canal 28 Nuevo León repeaters. Official totals should change considerably when the state network's common concession conversion is completed, as that will remove 14 from the total. Channel 22 is also crowded, with 50 authorized stations. The least-used channel between 21 and 36 is 28, with just 30 authorized stations.



Este programa es público, ajeno a cualquier partido político. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa [tagline]

(Raymie, Nov 19, ibid.)

**\*\* MEXICO.**

6185, presumed Radio Educacion at 0103, Spanish, man and woman with announcements, then two women in a discussion, listened to about 0125 but never caught an ID and band beginning to deteriorate. - Poor, splatter from Brazil 6180, Nov 17

(Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, parked on a back-country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 active whip antenna on car roof, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## MONGOLIA

**\*\* MONGOLIA.** Fair signal of Mongolian Radio 2, Nov 14

1445&1455 on 7260 U-B 050 kW / non-dir to EaAs Mongolian

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/fair-signal-of-mongolian-radio-2-nov14.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## MYANMAR

**\*\* MYANMAR.**

5915, 1450-1455 18.11, MMR, Myanma R, Naypyidaw. Vernacular language lessons (in Bamar ?) by man and woman, 35333.

5985, 1445-1450 18.11, Myanma R,, Yegu, Bamar conversation, local musical interlude, 35333, Best 73,

(Anker Petersen, my latest loggings from Skovlunde, Denmark, heard on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

## NETHERLANDS

**\*\* NETHERLANDS [non].** Keith Perron writes on WRTH Facebook:

13 November 2018

This Sunday marks the 90th Anniversary of The Happy Station Show.

For the 90th Anniversary we won't just be revisiting old programs, but we will also be listening to some of the major events that have taken place since the program began with Eddie Startz on November 18th 1928.

Per Wiki:

The Happy Station Show is the world's oldest international radio programme still being broadcast, having originated in 1928 on shortwave radio, and the second oldest radio show still on the air behind only the Grand Ole Opry which began three years earlier. Happy Station's run has been interrupted twice - from 1940 until 1946 due to World War II and again from 1995 when it was cancelled until its revival in 2009 (on PCJ Radio International).

(via Mike Terry, WOR iog via DXLD)

# NIGERIA

## \*\* NIGERIA [and non].

9690 kHz, VoN Abuja very strong and virtually obliterating REE Spain in English at 1900 UT w/discussion about African elections. SINPO 44444

(John Figliozzi, Sarasota FL, Sony ICF-2010, 45' longwire Nov 17, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Spain came on around 1856 with the OC. VON was pretty good starting around 1815 today!

(Chris Lobdell, MA, Nov 17, NASWA yg via DXLD)

9689.909, Nov 17 at 2004 talk in the clear from VON Hausa, no sign of REE Spain 9690.00 to het it, presumed AWOL again today. However, an hour earlier, John Figliozzi informed the WOR iog [as above]:

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## \*\* NIGERIA [non].

FRANCE, Radio Nigeria Kaduna via TDF Issoudun Nov 12

0700-0900 on 13840 ISS 150 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa, good

1100-1500 on 17690 ISS 150 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa, good

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-radio-nigeria-kaduna-via.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7254.939, V of Nigeria Abuja, Hausa 0615 UT, English at 0734 UT.

7335even, FRANCE, R Nigeria Kaduna, TDF ISS relay Hausa 0618 UT. Nov 19 morning SHORT report, from Greece, Germany, Belgium, U.K., NJ, NY, MI states, Alberta-CAN too, 0615 to 0715 UT. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## \*\* NIGERIA [and non]. Radio Nigeria now using Radio Biafra frequencies, per report

This article from Nigerian newspaper The Sun reports that shortwave frequencies of Radio Biafra, closed in 2015, have been taken over by FRCN Radio Nigeria Hausa broadcasts. Unclear if these shortwave transmissions are from Nigerian sites or leased relays abroad. Frequencies mentioned are 7235, 7315, 13840 and 17525. <http://sunnewsonline.com/frcn-takes-over-radio-biafra/> (Kim Elliott, KD9XB/3, Nov 14, WOR iog via DXLD) Viz.:

### FRCN takes over Radio Biafra

| As FG allocates IPOB broadcast frequencies to Radio Nigeria stations in Kaduna, Bayelsa, Enugu, Ibadan

| You can't stop our broadcast – IPOB 10th November 2018

A highly placed source told Saturday Sun that other broadcast frequencies seized from Radio Biafra will be allocated for the use of Radio Nigeria stations in Bayelsa, Enugu, and Ibadan.

Ade Alade, Abuja and Vincent Kalu [caption]

Three years after the Nigerian security apparatus coordinated by the office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) Gen. Babagana Monguno successfully shut down all the broadcast frequencies of Radio Biafra operated by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) the federal government has deployed four of the shortwave bands for the use of Radio Nigeria, Hausa service, Kaduna, which went off air over 30 years ago.

The radio station returned to the airwave two weeks ago after the NSA office released four broadcast frequencies harvested from IPOB" for the use of the federal government owned radio station, which now broadcasts in Hausa language 12 hours daily. The four shortwave bands include 7315khz on 41 meter band, 13840khz on 22 meter band, 17525khz on 16 meter band and 7235khz on 41 meter band.

**READ ALSO: Kanu accuses South East govts, Ohanaeze of stopping FG, IPOB parley**

A highly placed source in the nation's security circle told Saturday Sun that other broadcast frequencies seized from Radio Biafra will soon be allocated for the use of Radio Nigeria stations in Bayelsa, Enugu, and Ibadan. "The harvesting and shutting down of Radio Biafra broadcast bands were made possible after our security system penetrated IPOB foreign partners and network in October 2015 following credible intelligence on the modus operandi of operators of Radio Biafra. Having achieved that feat, the government feels the same technical backbone can be deployed for the use of a national goal. This explains why IPOB leader, Nnamdi Kanu can only address his people now through Facebook," the source added.

A top official in the Federal Ministry of Information and another at the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) headquarters in Abuja who confirmed the development yesterday however said they only knew that the broadcast bands were released for the use of Radio Nigeria by the NSA's office but could not say whether they were seized from IPOB.

In a reaction to the development, IPOB detailed how the federal government made frantic efforts to frustrate its broadcast stations. "It is on record that Nigerian government and her agency Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation tried all they could to stop Radio Biafra from broadcasting from London but failed. They went as far as putting pressure on the British government to close out studios in London, that too failed. They purchased Satlink an Israeli company that provided us satellite services. They did this through a company in the United States. As soon as the company assumed control of Satlink, they terminated our contract. We moved to another supplier and have been with this supplier for five years now. One important thing to understand is this, the federal government of Nigeria never successfully shut down any Radio Biafra frequency since inception.

"That is a fact. They repeatedly tried and repeatedly failed because Almighty Elohim Chukwu Okike Abiama is in control of IPOB and its activities. "Our contract expired with our service providers and we stopped the service hence any changes in frequency. We are not aware that Nigerian government moved their beloved Hausa Service to the frequency once occupied by Radio Biafra. Hausa Fulani radio service is meant for Hausa Fulani not Biafra.

**"We have our own Radio Nigeria Hausa Service run by Radio Biafra. Biafra radio and television services have come to stay which this Nigerian Government headed by the Fulani caliphate cabal cannot stop. Anybody thinking of stopping Radio Biafra and Biafra Television is hallucinating. Our media platforms must continue to disseminate undiluted and accurate information to the people of Biafra and Nigeria until the end of time. Biafra freedom is important and sacrosanct to the people of Biafra especially IPOB members worldwide, therefore we are fully determined to fund the running of Radio Biafra and Biafra television till Biafra sovereignty is restored,"** the response signed by IPOB spokesman, Emma Powerful stated  
(via DXLD)

Now, here is something interesting -- unclear from this whether we can expect use of SW from other cities in Nigeria...."A highly placed source in the nation's security circle told Saturday Sun that other broadcast frequencies seized from Radio Biafra will soon be allocated for the use of Radio Nigeria stations in Bayelsa, Enugu, and Ibadan."

<http://sunnewsonline.com/frcn-takes-over-radio-biafra/>

(Dan Robinson, Nov 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

7235 and 13840 are R Nigeria Kaduna relays via France. 7315 is R. Dandal Kura. These have nothing to do with R. Biafra! 17525 unknown.

(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"...the federal government has deployed four of the shortwave bands for the use of Radio Nigeria, Hausa service, Kaduna, which went off air over 30 years ago."

- Highly concentrated bullshit as we are used to from Nigerian media regarding radio issues in their own country (even on VON itself). 73 (thorsten hallmann, germany, WORiog via DXLD)

Apparently "7315" is 7335 and "17525" is 17690.

At a glance not a single one of the frequencies used for Radio Nigeria Kaduna now have been used for the Radio Biafra transmissions via Issoudun, arranged by the same broker [RMI], in 2015. But that's no problem: The quoted officials have no knowledge of such technical details, so they could be told this fairytale to make them pay for the airtime.

Is it a clever approach to make the relay possible while FRCN Kaduna is cash-starved? Or is it a cynical game with Africans, a practice of cultural imperialism? I'm undecided

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

# NORTH AMERICA

## \*\* NORTH AMERICA.

Amphetamine Radio. Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2051, 6925 am. Music, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" by Gordon Lightfoot. SSTV at 2156. The song repeated again at 2158, followed by Led Zeppelin "When the Levee Breaks." ID at 2116. ID and Judas Priest "Breakin' the Law" at 2123. Off at 2144. Fair to good signal, s7. [At first I assumed that this was Edmund Fitzgerald Radio, which has broadcast this song several years on the anniversary of the Edmund Fitzgerald's sinking on November 10, 1975.]

(Will-MD)

The Electric Circus. Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2144, 6955 usb. Marching band music, ID, "Welcome to the Electric Circus" at 2246. Computer IDs, "the electric circus shortwave at gmail dot com" and a welcome by "Captain Spaulding." Lots of heavy metal hair band music, such as Twisted Sister and W.A.SP. Killer signal s9/s15

(Will-MD)

Man Cave Radio. Monday, November 12, 2018, 0047, 6935.2 am. Music, "Beer Drinkers and Hell raisers" by ZZ Top. Beer commercial at 0050, and into music by AC/DC. Fair to good, s5/s7

(Will-MD)

Old time radio. Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2021 UTC, 6770 am. A classic radio show occasionally creeping out from the noise floor. Fair signal at best

(Will-MD)

Pirate Radio Boo. Sunday, November 11, 2018, 0000, 6925 usb. Song with rude lyrics to the tune of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" with female vocals. Into more traditional music. SSTV at 0020 "This is Pirate Radio Boo" and into heavy metal music. Another SSTV at 0028. s9.

(Will-MD)

Unid. Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2011, 6925 usb. Appears to be a World War II documentary. Off with music at 2013. s7/s9 and steady, good, bothered by a het from Yeti Radio on 6927

(Will-MD)

Unid. Sunday, November 11, 2018, 2032, 6927 am. Smooth jazz music, highly variable signal from the noise floor to s5. Rock music at 2034. Possibly Yeti Radio based on recent logs and their signal and sound footprint

(Will-MD)

Unid. Sunday, November 11, 2018, 2152, 6935 usb. Very old 78 RPM music, military/marching/patriotic theme. Very good signal, s15/s20. Still going at 2227, but the signal is slowly weakening, now is s5

(Will-MD)

Yeti Radio. Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2017, 6927 AM. Heavy metal music by Judas Priest with a fair signal, s5. ID per HFU logs

(Will-MD)

**Yeti Radio. Friday, November 16, 2018, 2114, 6927 am. Yeti Radio on with an SSTV transmission. Variable signal with substantial fading, up to about an s5**

**(Will-MD)**

**Zodiac Radio. Sunday, November 11, 2018, 2148 UTC, 6925.3 am. On with Zodiac Radio ID and into music. s7/s9, very good, low-fi audio**

**(Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, radio@zappahead.net Icom IC-R75, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

## **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**\*\* NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

**Report on lack of news coverage re:**

**Mariana Islands**

**The Media Barely Covered One of the Worst Storms to Hit U.S. Soil**

**Weeks ago, Super Typhoon Yutu devastated the Northern Mariana Islands, which are home to tens of thousands of Americans. Mainland outlets paid little attention. . . .**

**<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/11/super-typhoon-yutu-mainstream-media-missed-northern-mariana-islands/575692/>**

**Sadly, there was probably more coverage about Yutu in DXLD than in the US news media**

**(Rick Barton, AZ, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

## **OKLAHOMA**

**\*\* OKLAHOMA.**

**It seems I am not the only connexion between Encompass and Enid --- Encompass bought Babcock which bought WRN - World Radio Network, which has satcast World of Radio for many years. In downtown Enid I was surprised to see ENCOMPASS now labeling a building, i.e. Encompass Financial Services at 130 W Randolph. They also have something to do with real estate and home health, all of which seem rather far removed from international broadcasting**

**(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

**Encompass Financial Services, with web presence at <http://www.encompassfinancialservices.net/> is a Tennessee-based company that has nothing to with Encompass (without addition), cf. <https://www.encompass.tv/company/>**

**Such things exist even within one and the same business. In Germany two supermarket chains operate as Netto, now even in overlapping areas since one of them has swallowed a competitor. They see no problem in this situation because one chain has a small "Markendiscount" in its logo and the other one a dog. Some industry observer ridicules them by referring in his blog always to "Netto (ohne Hund)" and "Netto (mit Hund)", respectively**

**(Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

**\*\* OKLAHOMA.**

WKY and football --- I can't help but wonder if WKY's owner Cumulus is getting like Tyler [major OKC cluster] in that they are advertising their stations en masse? I know Tyler is now claiming advertisers can now reach "over a million Oklahomans every week!" which I'm sure is true if you aggregate all their channels (AM, FM, HD, translators ...). They, too, will happily interrupt whatever is on 107.7 HD2 / 104.5 K283BW (they only ever promote the latter) for UCO football. I guess radio will just get weirder and weirder

(Peter Laws | N5UWY | plaws plaws net | Travel by Train!, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* OKLAHOMA.**

RF 39, Nov 19 at 1820 UT, I notice that old DTV channel of KWTW is still on but now PSIP labeled 9-3 & 9-4. But the repack channel RF 25, which has been testing for weeks either with TP or // programming, is still significantly weaker, a BAD signal or on the verge breaking in and up. Recheck around 0430 UT Nov 20, it is indeed in // programming and labeled 9-1 & 9-2, but still insufficient on my antenna. So 25 is all set to become the primary/only channel. If this is the best they can do, we shall miss having decent reception from our CBS affiliate! Occasional rescanklahoma promos are still appearing

(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* OKLAHOMA.**

104.1 WBFM, Nov 16 at 2028 UT on caradio, KMGL OKC is already playing Xmas music, the tune with sleighbells and ending with a horseneigh; DJ indeed revels in all-Xmas tempformat of Magic 104.1. I suppose this started NLT Hallowe`en?

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## OMAN

**\*\* OMAN.**

702-BBC (Oman) Received in Hawaii --- During the recent Poipu, Hawaii Ultralight DXpedition, a weak, strange station was showing up on 702 kHz under North Korea's ancient music (and throbbing, off-frequency hum) every morning from 1530 to 1630 UT, with a foreign language that was a total mystery to me. Whenever I tried a recording, the buzzing hum from North Korea would go on the warpath and derail the effort, and because of the station's marginal signal and NK's obnoxious transmitter, it seemed like the 702 UnID would remain a mystery for the duration.

Finally at 1604 UT on November 6th the 702 mystery station built up its strength enough to push KCBS and its hum down into the noise, and I was able to get a good recording of a totally unfamiliar language

<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/3y5qkg7yu8o49lc4ab520bfiw006kqrg>

Fortunately a couple of awesome Finnish DXers (Mauno and Mika) on Real DX identified the language as Arabic, coming from the BBC Arabic Service transmitter in A'Seela, Oman (at 8,425 miles, or 13,559 km). Even considering the 800 kW transmitter, this was pretty stunning DX for a 5 inch FSL antenna set up near the beach in Poipu, Hawaii.

Checking John Bryant's records from his 2007 Easter Island DXpedition, I see that John received the 750 kW station 1413-BBC from A'Seela, Oman during his trip, but not this station. Considering the strength and reliability of 702-BBC into Hawaii, my guess is that it could put somewhat of a signal into the west coast in deep winter, especially on the ocean coast when propagation is still in play around 1600 UT. At least one DXer that I know will be looking for it :-)

<https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/l61xhqoq9ki7b6ki9bz41yunangvr6ap> (Gary DeBock (DXing at Poipu, Hawaii from November 3-8), 13 Nov, IRCA at HCDX via DXLD) See also DX-PEDITIONS

## PALAU

\*\* **PALAU**.

9965, Nov 14 at 1545, S9+10 to S7 is the SS0B from Asia/Pacific, i.e. 1530-1600 Nippon no Kaze in Korean via T8WH, a standout signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## PERU

\*\* **PERU**.

6173.94, (tentative.): Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cuzco, Spanish, 15/11 2115. Instrumental music (flutes). OM: talk. 15431 (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com> YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

It`s the signature off-frequency of this station (gh, DXLD)

## PHILIPPINES

\*\* **PHILIPPINES**.

15639.972 much odd fq, FEBC Bocaue, in Burmese language, S=7-8 signal, 23.46 UT on Sunday Nov 18 [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, in MI-state, Alberta Canada, Brisbane Queensland, Australia, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* **PHILIPPINES**. Reception of FEBC Radio/Radio Teos in Russian/Ukrainian, Nov.18

1500-1600 9920 BOC 100 kW / 323 deg CeAs Russian & Ukrainian Sun, good Wrong time & frequency: 1900MSK on 11650 kHz, instead of 1800MSK on 9920 kHz!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94YRroE3LMc&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)



## ROMANIA

### \*\* ROMANIA.

11825, RRI at 1234 (// 15460 Fair) with a woman hosting a program of lively Romanian folk vocals then ID and a man with "DX Mailbag" at 1240 – Very Good with only a slight hint of fading Nov 17 – I rarely rate a signal as "Excellent". This one was as close to "Excellent" as possible

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

## RUSSIA

### \*\* RUSSIA. RADIO GAZETA Issue # 1 November 13, 2014

Editor: Igor Kolke, Moscow, Russia via Rus-DX

Shortwave Archive: 1979 Radio Moscow Mailbag Studio Recordings.

If you've been a shortwave radio listener since the Cold War, you no doubt remember Radio Moscow's Mailbag program with Joe Adamov.

Tom Gavaras, a new contributor at the Shortwave Radio Audio Archive, recently shared a series of seven Radio Moscow studio recordings and noted:

These recordings were originally provided to me on reel-to-reel tape directly from Radio Moscow (which I dubbed to a cassette). At that time, I was program director at St. Cloud State University's radio station KVSC-FM (St. Cloud, MN) and aired Moscow Mailbag once a week during the afternoon news block programming. Transcription shows from other shortwave stations were played on other weekday slots at the same time.

Here's the first studio recording:

[https://ia801503.us.archive.org/6/items/RadioMoscowMoscowMailbag19791/RadioMoscowMoscowMailbag1979\\_1.mp3](https://ia801503.us.archive.org/6/items/RadioMoscowMoscowMailbag19791/RadioMoscowMoscowMailbag1979_1.mp3)

<https://swling.com/blog/2018/11/shortwave-archive-1979-radio-moscow-mailbag-studio-recordings/>

(via RusDX Nov 18 via DXLD)

### \*\* RUSSIA.

2001 ----- HOW LENINGRAD REGION TO NORTH AMERICA BROUGHT

In July 2001, representatives of the relevant committee of the Government of the Leningrad Region addressed us with a regular request. In this case, the request was somewhat unusual - about the possibility of organizing one-time broadcasts in the range of short waves to the countries of North America during the upcoming visit of the delegation of representatives of the authorities of our region.

On the organizational side, there were no special obstacles to the preparation of such a broadcast, since for several years short radio broadcasting from Radio Gardarika, supervised by the Government of the Leningrad Region, was carried out from St. Petersburg, however, it was conducted mainly in the countries of central and western Europe.

Of course, due to the long-range propagation of the HF signal in the ranges of 41 or 49 meters, it was sometimes taken even in Japan or New Zealand, but there was practically no experience in the direction of the North American continent.

Due to the geographical location of the powerful broadcasting facility in the village of Krasny Bor, Tosnensky District ("Radio Center No. 11"), the HF-band technical equipment was initially designed to provide broadcasting to Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the USSR, as well as, partly Latin American countries (since the azimuth of the "???" [SGD] antennas for the countries of northwestern Europe "coincided" with the direction to South America).

For the same "geographical" reason, broadcasting from Red Bor to North America was almost never carried out, since the track in this case passes far beyond the Arctic Circle with frequent violations of the passage of radio waves.

Therefore, before the start of one-time broadcasting sessions, it was decided to conduct several tests in order to select the optimal frequencies and check the quality of transmission.

In this, we were assisted by our volunteer radio amateurs from the United States and Canada (given, among other things, advice on the selection of meso-protected frequencies on the east coast), the RMS remote monitoring service employees (who put the "Radio Studio - Nevskaya Volna" test frequencies on automatic radio monitoring in Washington, Dallas, Ottawa and even in New Delhi - for a change), the radio-frequency department specialists in Moscow, who at the time were preparing seasonal schedules for Russian broadcasting, and whom we, in turn, helped more than once with adjustment of the frequency schedules of the radio station "Voice of Russia".

Our final test schedule was as follows:

July 30, 1400-1500 UT 15605 kHz

July 31, 0200-0300 UT 7400 kHz, 1400-1500 17690 kHz

August 1, 0200-0300 UT 9940 kHz, 1400-1500 17690 kHz

August 2 and 3, 0200-0300 UT 9940 kHz

The broadcast used 200 kW transmitters "Sneg-MU" and "Middle Eastern" antennas "???" 4/4 "???" [RAD] and "???" 4/2 "???" with a reverse of 327 degrees and an additional rotation of the radiation pattern in the horizontal plane minus 15 degrees [slew].

The reports on the admission of test broadcasts were confirmed by QSL cards, and this experiment was remembered by the international cooperation of people who are not indifferent to shortwave broadcasting.

The application contains several recorded short sound files of the RMS system about the reception of Radio Studio - Neva Wave in Canada, the USA and India. [https://vk.com/spbctv?w=wall-171176221\\_1162](https://vk.com/spbctv?w=wall-171176221_1162)  
(via Rus-DX Nov 18 via DXLD)

## RWANDA

### \*\* RWANDA [non].

15420, Sat Nov 17 at 1826, African language S9+10. It`s amid the weekly hour of Radio Itahuka, 250 kW, 320 degrees also USward from Talata, MADAGASCAR. Even WRTH 2018, page 517 claims the language is Kirundi, as do online listings even tho it should be fairly obvious that the no doubt related but distinct Kirundi pertains to neighboring Burundi; rather than Kinyarwanda in --- Rwanda! BTW, it`s based in Washington DC. Except for 15140 Cuba, this and 15200 DW France are the SSOB

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## SAO TOME

### \*\* SAO TOME.

11900, VOA at 1959 // 12075 (via Botswana) in French with a woman with a "VOA Afrique" ID and several promos then a mention in English at 2000 "It's our show. Let's go!" then a man with talk with mentions of "Voa Afrique" over Afropop instrumentals and into Afropop vocals at 2003 – Good Nov 16 – How come VOA in English via Sao Tome never sounds as strong as this one?

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

## SAUDI ARABIA

### \*\* SAUDI ARABIA.

17705, SBC at 1355 in Arabic with light Middle Eastern instrumentals and telephone interview between two men with mentions of "Iran" and "Iraq" from 1356 to 1359 and apparent promos and a woman with apparent news headlines at 1400 then the woman and a man with talk at 1401 – Weak but audible with fading Nov 16 – Only signal on the band at this time.

17660, SBC at 1420 in French with a woman with talk – Poor with deep fading Nov 17 – I guess if it weren't for the Saudis this band would be abandoned like 11 and 13 meters.

17895, SBA at 1309 in Arabic with a man with talk then Middle Eastern vocals at 1311 – Barely audible to Poor with deep fades Nov 17 –

This and 17705 (also Saudi) were it for this band this morning and both had signals that barely rose above the noise floor. And there was zilch on 13 meters (21450 to 21850). And the 11 meter band (25600 to 26100) hasn't been used for daylight propagation on a widespread basis for decades which is too bad because it allows for low power transmitters to get through with little or no interference. During solar maximum it can outperform a lot of other bands. I remember listening to HCJB, back in the 80s, when they used a 100 watt transmitter into a cubical quad beam – an antenna design loved by amateur radio operators and first designed and built by HCJB engineers (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9555, Nov 17 at 1840, ME song poor S4-S5, 1842 announcement. Presumed SBC as longly scheduled for program 1 at 1755-2300, 500 kW, 295 degrees from Riyadh (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNID 11820

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

\*\* SOLOMON ISLANDS.

5020, SIBC, Honiara, 0701-0725, 13-11, English comments and songs. Very weak. Good propagation conditions today and excellent night path via Pacific, America and Atlantic, reaching Canary Islands at dawn. 15321. Other days here in Playa Blanca only carrier detected (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Long path. In the UT +11 zone, sunset is approximately 07 (gh, DXLD)

5020, (tentative): Solomon Islands BC, Honiara, English, 15/11 0705. 0M: Talk. 15421 (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com> YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5020, SIBC, Honiara, 0658-0725, 16-11, English, songs, comments. Fair carrier, very weak audio. 15321 (Manuel Mendez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 5 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST) LP

## SOMALILAND

\*\* SOMALILAND. SOMALIA, Good signal of Radio Hargeysa on Nov 14 from 1638 on 7120 HAR 100 kW / non-dir to EaAf Somali <https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/good-signal-of-radio-hargeysa-on-nov14.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

After several months without heard it, now on air: 7120, Radio Hargeisa, Hargeisa, 1815-1825, 16-11, East African songs, vernacular comments. 24322

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes. Hearing it too. 44444. Thanks,  
(Ed Sylvester, Saudi Arabia? 1901 UT Nov 16, ibid.)

7120, SOMALIA, Radio Hargeisa at 0330 in listed Somali with marching band anthem and Islamic Call to Prayer noted at 0333 – Barely audible Nov 17

(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 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120, Radio Hargeisa, Hargeisa, 1645-1655, 18-11, vernacular comments. Ham interference. 22332

(Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## SOUTH CAROLINA

\*\* SOUTH CAROLINA [non].

11600, BULGARIA, The Overcomer Ministry at 1449 with Brother Stair preaching and pontificating (more like defecating on true Christians) – Very Good Nov 16

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

## SPAIN

\*\* SPAIN.

9690, REE English programme about a Jazz artist, with lots of music. Not bad stuff & reception tonight was really good. Into French at BoH & STILL in well. Nice wideband signal, sounded great when opened up to 11 kHz bandwidth. 4+554+4+, 2300-2335 9/Nov

9690, REE, EE service, News including discussion of fighting in Gaza complete with audio clips of bombs falling & lots of talk re Hamas & Israel's response. News also re the fires in California, then a jazz music show with an artist born in Detroit & raised in PA who is popular in Spain, whose name I missed as the 'phone rang. (Dang work is getting in the way of my fun time ;) ) Pretty good 'smooth' jazz! Time pips, into French at BoH. Starting to fade by 2335. 44+444, 2305-2335 14/Nov with a Radio Shack travel portable & whip antenna in my RF noisy office, so this will take a rusty razor blade & pencil lead to receive. ;)

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

9690, Wed Nov 14 at 2300, REE timesignal and Spanish ID, opening English service with news, then about a jazz festival. By 2330 jazz faded out for BoH TS, and opening French. English is M/W/F only, while French is M-F. Good signal here, not on 11940

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9690, REE at 2300 with time pips and a man with a "Radio Exterior de España" ID and Alison Hughes adding "English Language Service" and Alison Hughes with a report on the Brexit negotiations with the EU in Brussels – Poor to Fair Nov 14 [Wed]  
(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

Again, a nice signal last night (14-15 November, UTC) on 9690 kHz here in NB. Being a Wednesday evening in NA (14 November), the language line-up (in UT) was:

pre 2300 - Spanish

2300 - English

2330 - French

0000 - Portuguese

post 0030 - Spanish

That's the M,W,F evening foreign language sked. No English on T,Th but French and Portuguese at these times are aired M-F. Do we know the confirmed schedule yet for the other foreign languages?

There was a nice jazz program in the English segment following the news last night. If not already there, REE should be added to Alan Roe's Music on Shortwave guide

(-- Richard Langley, WOR iog via DXLD)

9690, Nov 16 at 2103, no signal from REE North American service (nor NIGERIA which may have just closed); yet REE is audible on the other three: 12030 poor, 11940 fair, 11685 JBA carrier. Up to their old trix, vanishing from one or two frequencies; when 9690 would have been here best by far

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Spain came on around 1856 with the OC. VON was pretty good starting around 1815 today!

(Chris Lobdell, MA, Nov 17, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* **SPAIN [non]**.

Extra edition newsletter: Hans Hogendoorn and Bob Le-Roi to join Mi Amigo this weekend!

Dear Radio Mi Amigo International friend, It is with great pleasure that we announce that 2 well-known, former offshore radio DJs, will be joining Radio Mi Amigo International this weekend!

As a newsletter subscriber you'll get all the news first! Read all about it in these 2 extra edition Radio Mi Amigo Newsletters (English and Dutch, November, 15 2018 - Attached: 2 Pdf's)

Thank you for your interest in our station, we love to have you with us, see our website: <http://www.radiomiamigo.international> for our new program schedule. Best regards, Your Radio Mi Amigo International crew (RMAI Newsletter via Manuel Mendez, Nov 15, WOR iog via DXLD) Viz.:

It is with pride and great pleasure that we can now confirm that former RNI -onboard- Dutch DJ/Newsreader 'Hans ten Hooge' (real name: Hans Hogendoorn) will join Radio Mi Amigo International's crew.

Hans is a fantastic addition to our team of former offshore radio presenters, and not just for his great work on the MEB0 II. For many years he was also a very well-known shortwave presenter for 'Radio Netherlands World Service', for which he also created all imaging.

Hans\_HogendoornFurthermore, Hans' unique and very recognizable voice is still widely known in the Netherlands, as for some 20+ years he was the station voice for NOS radio, the Dutch national public broadcasting organization ('the Dutch BBC'), where he can still be heard in imaging and promos.

Apart from being a great broadcaster, Hans also is one of the nicest guys in the business, who loves radio and has fond memories of the offshore radio days, same as we all do here, at 'Europe's Best Oldies Station'.

We expect his first shows to start in mid November, at which time we'll publish a special edition of our Newsletter with more information and details about Hans Hogendoorn joining Radio Mi Amigo International. Stay Tuned! (via DXLD) WTFK?!

## SUDAN

\*\* SUDAN [and non].

Re: [WOR] Voice of Africa, Sudan, Reactivated

No signal noted this afternoon (13 November) just before 1800 UT using the U. Twente SDR receiver. But TWR, still announcing as coming from Swaziland, came up on the neighbouring frequency of 9500 kHz in English just after 1800 with a good signal  
(-- Richard Langley, NB, WOR iog via DXLD)

Today nothing from Voice of of Africa 1600-1900 on 9505, but at same time Radio Omdurman is with good signal on 7205 in Arabic  
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, 1812 UT, *ibid.*)

Yes, looks like they are on 7205 kHz with Arabic home service  
(Mauno Ritola, Finland, 1813 UT, *ibid.*)

Yes, it sounds like them audible here in NW England on 7205 at 1825. The signal is fair strength but not good enough to overcome the local noise. I could hear a female voice chanting or singing until 1830, and now a male voice followed by a female voice and music - but the language I cannot identify with certainty but I think I hear some Arabic words. Thanks to Richard and Mauno  
(Noel R. Green, 1839 UT, *ibid.*)

Noted using the U. Twente SDR receiver today (14 November), that Voice of Africa came up spot on 9505 kHz shortly after 1600 with an S9 signal. African language, perhaps Swahili, with clear "Voice of Africa" English ID  
(-- Richard Langley, *ibid.*)

Reception of Voice of Africa Sudan Radio on Nov 15:  
from 1700 on 9505 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Swahili, fair  
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-voice-of-africa-sudan.html>  
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9505, Voice of Africa, Al Aitahab, 1635-1720, 18-11, East African songs, vernacular comments. at 1700 English, "African now", "The African continent", "You are listening to the Voice of Africa, from Sudan", "The Voice of Africa". "Drop us a line, PO Box 572, Omdurmán, Sudan." Voice of Africa comes to you from Sudan Radio". "Hello listeners of Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio". 25433.

Also on air Sudan Radio, 7205, 1646-1659, 18-11 with Arabic comments, but at 1659 eclipsed by China Radio on the same frequency. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Africa Sudan Radio in English Nov 18 1723&1759 on 9505 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf English, good to fair [https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-voice-of-africa-sudan\\_18.html](https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-voice-of-africa-sudan_18.html) (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* SUDAN [non].**

Reception of FPU Radio Tamazuj and R Dabanga on Nov.12

Radio Tamazuj

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, very good

Radio Dabanga

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, very good

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-fpu-radio-tamazuj-and.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## SUDAN SOUTH

**\*\* SUDAN SOUTH [non].**

VATICAN [and non]. Good to poor signal of Eye

Radio via SM di Galeria on Nov.14:

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

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/2018/11/good-to-poor-signal-of-eye-radio-via-sm.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## SWAZILAND

**\*\* SWAZILAND.**

ESWATINI, Reception of Trans World Radio Africa in 31mb, Nov 7

1745-1815 on 9475 MAN 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf Swahili

1802-1832 on 9500 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf English

1832-1847 on 9500 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf Arabic

1905-1935 on 9940 MAN 100 kW / 343 deg to CeAf Lingala

1935-1950 on 9940 MAN 100 kW / 343 deg to CeAf French

[https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-trans-world-radio-africa\\_8.html](https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-trans-world-radio-africa_8.html)

(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, WOR iog via DLD)



Strange, as TWR French is no longer aired on weekdays since the beginning of the B18 season (only on Saturday and Sunday 1935-1950 on 9940)

(Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Nov 15, *ibid.*)

ESWATINI, Reception of Trans World Radio Africa, Nov.16  
1905-1935 on 9940 MAN 100 kW / 343 deg to CeAf Lingala  
1935-1950 on 9940 MAN 100 kW / 343 deg to CeAf French

[https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-trans-world-radio-africa\\_17.html](https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-trans-world-radio-africa_17.html)

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Really? As I wrote earlier, French is no longer on weekdays, only Saturdays and Sundays

(Jean-Michel Aubier, France, WOR iog via DXLD)

## SWEDEN

\*\* **SWEDEN**. eQSL letter received: 6035 kHz, Radio Nord Revival, received eQSL letter for a special transmission October 26 with a power of 500 watts. They reply in 20 days and with the letter attached four nice pictures of the short wave and FM transmitters and transmitter site.

"Radio Nord Revival QSL --- Dear Manuel Méndez, Many thanks for your reception report. We are happy to confirm that you heard our special event broadcast on October 26, 2018 at 1657 - 1755 SNT.

You heard our SW transmitter operating on 6035 kHz in the 49 metre band with a power of 500 watts. Great to be able to hear us in Spain, nice catch! All the best from the staff of Radio Nord Revival. We hope to be back again soon. QSL manager"

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

## TAIWAN

\*\* **TAIWAN**. Suab Xaa Moo Zoo Voice of Hope via Tamshui on Nov.12  
2230-2300 on 7530 TSH 100 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Hmong, good signal  
1130-1200 on 7530 TSH 100 kW / 250 deg to SEAs is deleted in B-18

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-suab-xaa-moo-zoo-voice-of.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## THAILAND

\*\* **THAILAND**.

13745, Radio Thailand at 0012 in English, ID, attributing news as "from the Public Relations Department", sponsor ad and into news. - Poor, Nov 17

(Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, parked on a back-country road. CommRadio CR-1a and Sony AN-1 active whip antenna on car roof, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9940, Nov 18 at 1414, R. Thailand in English, S4-S6 poor with flutter and really unreadable despite no QRM.

9940, Nov 18 at 1431 now some otherlang, which per HFCC is FEBC in Uighur, 100 kW, 323 degrees from Bocaue, PHILIPPINES at 1430-1500.

Q: will Christian Uighurs be less persecuted and brainwashed by the ChiCom than Moslem Uighurs in East Turkistan?  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## TIBET

\*\* TIBET [non].

TAJIKISTAN, Good signal of Voice of Tibet, Nov.13

1200-1230 on 11674 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese

1230-1235 on 11601 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan

1235-1300 on 11606 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan

1300-1305 on 11651 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese

1305-1330 on 11656 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/good-signal-of-voice-of-tibet-in-25mb.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TAJIKISTAN, Fair signal of Voice of Tibet 41mb Nov 16

2300-2330 on 7496 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan

2330-2400 on 7484 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/fair-signal-of-voice-of-tibet-in-41mb.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 16, *ibid.*)

## TURKEY

\*\* TURKEY.

Voice of Turkey on odd frequencies 11925.7/11955.7/7245.7

on Nov 12, EMR:

0700-0955 11925.7 500 kW / 105 deg WeAs Turkish, instead of 11915.0

1000-1055 11955.7 500 kW / 180 deg NEAf Arabic, instead of 11955.0

1200-1225 7245.7 250 kW / 300 deg SEEu Bulgarian, instead of 7245:

[https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/voice-of-turkey-on-odd-frequencies\\_13.html](https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/voice-of-turkey-on-odd-frequencies_13.html)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sr68iJCgBI&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12035.022, Nov 13 at 1330, VOT English VP but almost on-frequency today rather than 700 Hz above. Also close-in are 15350 Turkish before 1400 and 11815 after 1400

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6125, Voice of Turkey at 0359 with IS to time pips at 0400 and a man with ID, sked, web platforms, and contact info then another man with program highlights and into news at 0402 – Fair Nov 17 – Listed // 7240 was not heard

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

This one like most TRT frequencies sometimes jumps way off to 6125.7 or so, sometimes not  
(gh, DXLD)

15350, Voice of Turkey at 1318 in Turkish with folk and pop vocals – Very Good Nov 17 – While their other language services play some folk and pop vocals it is the Turkish service where you get to hear a far wide variety of their music and it's really good music!  
(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, but they also have some lengthy talkshows  
(gh, DXLD)

Voice of Turkey on odd EMR freqs

11795.7/13565.7/7245.7/12035.7 kHz on Nov 18 instead of -- Nov 17:  
0930-1055 11795.7 500 kW / 105 deg WeAs Farsi, instead of 11795.0  
1100-1125 13655.7 500 kW / 062 deg CeAs Uzbek, instead of 13655.0  
1200-1225 7245.7 250 kW / 300 deg SEEu Bulgarian, instead of 7245  
1330-1425 12035.7 500 kW / 305 deg WeEu English, instead of 12035

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/voice-of-turkey-on-odd.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9700.022, TRT Emirler, Turk, talk on Pres Trump USA, S=9+35dB. Nov 19 morning SHORT report, from Greece, Germany, Belgium, U.K., NJ, NY, MI states, Alberta-CAN too, 0615 to 0715 UT. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## UKRAINE

\*\* UKRAINE.

In Ukraine, wired radio is gradually becoming silent. In September of this year, Ukrtelecom, managing the wire broadcasting network in the country, decided to disconnect Odessa from the system. The reason for this was the mass refusal of the service. The next "candidates for departure" are called Nikolaev and Lugansk regions, where the number of users of wired radio is critically reduced, reports the Delo.UA publication.

Not the last role in the refusal of listeners from wire broadcasting is obviously played by the cost of the service. So, according to the publication, if in the fall of 2011 the monthly fee was just over 7 hryvnia per month, then from May 1 of this year it increased to 26 hryvnia per month.

In 2012, the number of radio points throughout Ukraine reached 2 million, now the wired radio subscribers are just over 500 thousand, and the number of settlements covered by the network is 5 thousand. About 100 thousand users refuse the service annually. Aware of the rate of refusal of citizens from radio outlets, the National Broadcasting Council decides to replace the wired broadcasting technology with low-power FM broadcasting to provide them with small settlements in the country  
(via Rus-DX Nov 18 via DXLD)

## U K

**\*\* U K.** Former BBC newsreader Richard Baker dies aged 93

<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-46246049>

“introduced the first BBC TV news bulletin broadcast in July 1954”

also:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/register/richard-baker-obituary-68wxngp0h> (via Gerald T Pollard, NC, Nov 17, DXLD) obit

## UKOGBANI

**\*\* UKOGBANI.** BBC new radio app

From this week's issue of Britain's Radio Times:

DOCTOR DIGITAL -- The new sound of the BBC

Doctor Digital has never understood the draw of podcasts. As far as he's concerned, the main benefit of headphones is blocking out people talking on his commute.

But the BBC certainly thinks podcasts are the future. It noted that only three per cent of under-35s used the BBC iPlayer Radio app, and so has dumped it for BBC Sounds <http://bbc.co.uk/sounds> which combines live radio and catch-up programming with podcasts and featured tracks.

Programmes can be downloaded for listening offline, and it retains the iPlayer Radio app's pleasing interface, based around a big rotating dial. Yet like most post-Netflix apps, it's focused less on the radio schedule than personalised recommendations based on algorithms and curated playlists. It's certainly a streamlined way of listening to the BBC's ever-expanding output. However, some may find this limiting.

Apple remains the name to beat, with a vast collection that includes the BBC among many other creators, although the iPhone app, Podcasts, feels increasingly out of date. It's under pressure from Spotify, which has started featuring podcasts alongside music, while Overcast allows you to speed up whatever podcasted conversation you're listening to without distorting the audio. JONATHAN HOLMES  
(via Mike Cooper, GA, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* UKOGBANI.**

BBC Radio 4's "Feedback" program over the weekend discussed the new BBC Radio app called "Sounds." According to the discussion in the program, Sounds is currently only available in the U.K., but will be expanded worldwide, replacing the existing iPlayer Radio app during the first half of 2019. The listen-again feature on the BBC's web site has already begun using the Sounds moniker. There were complaints from listeners about Sounds. One person said he could not easily find crime dramas, though it was claimed these were as easy to find as ever. There was also discussion of how, when you've finished listening to the program you have requested, the Sounds player automatically starts playing another program it thinks you would like to hear.

(I had this happen the other day after I listened to an episode of "Top Of The Pops." The web site then began playing Radio 1's Friday Morning program.)

We were told that the auto-play is automatically turned on, but can be turned off by the user. (I find all this very annoying. No algorithm is going to correctly guess what I'd like to hear and I shouldn't have to turn off a feature I don't want every time I listen to a program on demand.) Supposedly, improvements are to be made to Sounds, but the emphasis on "tailoring" programs to the listener and the de-emphasis on live radio programming suggests these improvements will continue to be negatives, in my opinion.

(Mike Cooper, Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## U K

\*\* U K [non]. Winter B-18 frequency changes of BBC

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/winter-b-18-frequency-changes-of-bbc.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## U S A

\*\* U S A.

13565, Nov 13 at 1512, K6FRC beacon is JBA vs CODAR. In Patterson CA, not burnt up. Patterson is between Modesto and San José near I-5. Doing better than 17775 KVOH which is a JBA carrier

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A.

And still there on WWV (and presumably WWVH) on 16 November at 0308 UT on 10 MHz. So I guess this conclusively means that the proposal to cancel the [marine weather] broadcasts has been rescinded at least for the time being

(-- Richard Langley, NB, WOR iog via DXLD)

Some of the federal government in the USA is operating under a "Continuing Resolution" for budget purposes until at least December 7th. Since Congress didn't get the budget for FY2019 for departments other than Defense, Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education as well as the related agencies in those bills, the rest of the government is under a continuation of last year's budget. It means we have to stick to last year's funding as well as last year's operating program. That's why the proposal to shut down the WWV/WWVH/WWVB group hasn't gone anywhere because the budget bill containing it is stuck in limbo until further notice.

This also means that if anything breaks at the three stations they've got to get permission in an appropriations bill from Congress to fix it, if costs more than what was available under last year's budget.

Discontinuing the weather broadcasts also needs to await a new budget as the stopgap funding measure doesn't let old programs get terminated. These stopgap funding measures routinely trip up the DoD by forcing it to spend money on things that should've gone away but for the lack of a new budget's new spending authorities. That's possibly the case here too

(Stephen Kellat, alpaca herder, WOR iog via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. ----- VOA new logo.

<https://www.facebook.com/voiceofamerica/photos/a.432567013073/10156225117713074/?type=3&theater>

(Sanjay Sutradhar, India / <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wrthgroup/> via Rus-DX Nov 18 via DXLD) It is now V0 Lambda - L meaning what? (gh)

\*\* U S A [non]. Reception of VOA Learning English via Udorn Thani/Tinang, Nov 12

1130-1200 on 12125 UDO 250 kW / 304 deg to SEAs, fair/good

1130-1200 on 15715 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg to SEAs, very good

1130-1200 on 17790 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg to SEAs, weak/fair

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-voa-learning-english-via.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A.

15580, November 16 at 2125, I remember to tune in `Music Time in Africa`, Friday-only program during the only VOA Greenville hour on this frequency, inbooming S9+30 off the back; hyper Heather Maxwell mixes older tunes from the 70s with current Afropop, and too many interruptions for interviews with artists such as Abu Sadiq (sp?) from Ghana; at least the music keeps playing under the talk --- a practice I denounce as disrespectful to any music (ditto applause/cheering before it finishes)! (Except for established program themesongs) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. VOA Begins Broadcasting in Lingala Language

Voice of America's Africa division launched newscasts in Lingala on November 12, 2018, bringing to 46 the total number of languages in which the agency broadcasts around the world. Lingala is spoken in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as parts of Central Africa Republic and Angola.

For 64 million people who speak Lingala, VOA will be the first international broadcaster to reach them in their own language. Lingala is understood by 80 percent of the DRC population, twice the number of people who understand French.

The new broadcasts will be added to the French to Africa language service offerings and will include 15 minutes of radio content (Monday through Friday) focusing on news from Africa division reporting and from Lingala reporters on the ground, as well as on public health-related issues like Ebola and HIV/AIDS.

The launch of the Lingala broadcasts is designed to boost efforts to promote democracy, transparency, and the rule of law ahead of December presidential elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

About Voice of America [boilerplate]

VOA reaches a weekly global audience of 237 million people in more than 40 languages in nearly 100 countries. VOA programs are delivered on multiple platforms, including radio, television, web and mobile via a network of more than 2,200 media outlets worldwide. VOA's seasoned journalists are experts on topics trending in the United States and around the world. The Voice of America is funded by the U.S. Congress through the U.S. Agency for Global Media, an independent federal agency

(VOA PR via Hansjoerg Biener, Nov 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

WTFK, and time(s)?? Not exactly. Searching EiBi schedules finds \*one\* LINGala broadcast already.

9940                    1905-1935                    SWZ Trans World Radio                    LIN COD  
In its heyday, didn't R. Moscow have Lingala? And how about Belgium?  
Why not CRI today?  
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I haven't found an entry of Lingala in Radio Moscow's external services schedules back till WRTH 1988. The older versions of WRTH are still in my California residence so I can't check them from Germany. But Radio Moscow used to broadcast in other exotic African languages like Bambara, Fulani and Zulu (and Afrikaans). Sounds you not often heard or hear on shortwave.

Why does CRI not have a Lingala broadcast? A good question. Especially because that country is increasing its influence on that continent.

I found two entries of stations broadcasting in Lingala in the WRTH 1988: Radio Cairo at 1830-1915 GMT (now UT) on 15255 kHz listed operating with "100/250" kW - no specific site listed. At that time Radio Cairo was audible with a good sound quality, nowadays SW usage is just a waste of energy.

Trans World Radio Swaziland daily from 1945-2015 on 9550 kHz till 5 March 1988 and on 7200 kHz from 6 March 1988.

In the still actual WRTH 2018: Radio Cairo doesn't broadcast anymore in the Lingala language. Trans World Radio still broadcasts in Lingala from Swaziland/Eswatini as it is called now: 1905-1935 daily on 9940 kHz.

I found no other regular broadcaster (excluding clandestines) that has a Lingala service. Although there are numerous religious stations (or branches of religious organizations) that broadcast in the most exotic languages and dialects we often haven't heard of, only TWR Africa broadcasts in Lingala. 73, Manfred Reiff, Germany, Nov 15, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Manfred, I'm not sure about a Lingala b'acast but AWR in some other neat African languages. I also remember R Moscow having a Marathi b'cast to India in the 80s. 73/Liz  
(Cameron, MI, ibid.)

Hi Liz, you are right! AWR, TWR, IBRA Radio and other religious stations (or organizations) used and use dozens and dozens of exotic languages spoken in Africa and Asia as you can read in the WRTH sections. I can remember that some of them also broadcasted in regional languages spoken on the Pacific islands. May be this information is wrong - it's decades ago...

During the 1980s Radio Moscow broadcasted in more than 60 languages including Afrikaans, Bambara, Zulu, Malagasy, Ndebele, Shona and Fulani for Africa and Assamese, Gujurati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi (as you said) Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sinhala, Tamil and Telugu for Asia.

According to estimations the former USSR used more than 100 SW transmitters throughout the entire country plus facilities of so-called "republican stations". Here in Central Europe we could listen even to broadcasts targeted to other parts of the world.

Most international broadcasters never used these languages. I don't know if there are studies available about "How many listeners listened to these language services?". But during the Cold War it wasn't "suitable" to ask such a question. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, *ibid.*)

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

6080, SAO TOME, VOA at 0335 with "Press Conference USA" with Carol Castiel interviewing narrative theologian and author Woody Carter about his novel "Narada's Children: A Visionary Tale of Two Cities" that brings together mystical elements from different religious traditions to connect far-flung communities with a common African heritage - Fair Nov 17

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

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

15730, BOTSWANA, VOA at 1926 in French with two women with talk about the Congress to OC at 1928 and off finally at 1932 – Good in peaks with deep fading Nov 17 – Even the VOA can screw up as French at 1930 is via Greenville, NC which was hampered by the OC from Botswana that was late leaving the air.

15730, USA, VOA at 1930 in French with a woman with ID and opening announcements and off at 1932 only to suddenly on come again at 1934 with a woman interviewing a man in studio – Poor at first under VOA Botswana OC but rising to Good at 1934 Nov 17

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

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

WORLD OF RADIO 1956 monitoring: confirmed Tuesday November 13 at 2030 on WRMI 7780, fair. Not checked Wed 1030 on 5950. Also confirmed Wednesday November 14 at 2220, the 2200 on WRMI 9955, and two seconds later on WBCQ 7490+, poor. Next, not until:

|                  |        |                              |
|------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 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         |
| 2030vUT Saturday | WA0RCR | 1860-AM non-direxional       |
| 0400vUT Sunday   | WA0RCR | 1860-AM [nominal 0415], ND   |
| 1130 UT Sunday   | HLR    | 7265-CUSB Germany to WSW     |
| 2130 UT Sunday   | WRMI   | 7780 to NE                   |
| 2230 UT Sunday   | WRMI   | 9955 to SSE                  |
| 0230 UT Monday   | WRMI   | 5950 to WNW, NEW 9395 to NNW |
| 0400vUT Monday   | WBCQ   | 5130v Area 51 to WSW         |
| 0430 UT Monday   | WRMI   | 9955 to SSE, NEW 5010 to SSE |

WORLD OF RADIO 1956 monitoring: confirmed Saturday November 17 at 1226 check the 1200 on Unique Radio via WINB 9265V, fair, just as I am talking about WINB DRM on 7325, 13690. Barely confirmed Sat Nov 17 at 1531 when I can detect the WOR theme on Hamburger Lokalradio, 9485-CUSB via UTwente SDR, amid splash from 9490 CRI East Turkistan. HLR signal is no better toward 1556, but less ACI.



**Next:**

1700 UT Saturday WRN 5950 via WRMI to WNW [still unconfirmed]  
 2030vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM non-direxional  
 0400vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM [nominal 0415], ND  
 1130 UT Sunday HLR 7265-CUSB Germany to WSW  
 2130 UT Sunday WRMI 7780 to NE  
 2230 UT Sunday WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 0230 UT Monday WRMI 5950 to WNW, NEW 9395 to NNW  
 0400vUT Monday WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW  
 0430 UT Monday WRMI 9955 to SSE, NEW 5010 to SSE  
 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, World of Radio via HLR on 6190 kHz CUSB, Nov.17  
 0731-0800 on 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat, fair  
 Wrong frequency announcement:...HLR on 7265, instead of 6190 kHz!  
[https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on\\_18.html](https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_18.html)

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Confirmed here UT Sunday November 18 at 0428 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, about 5 minutes in, so started circa 0423; good S9+20. Next:

2130 UT Sunday WRMI 7780 to NE  
 2230 UT Sunday WRMI 9955 to SSE  
 0230 UT Monday WRMI 5950 to WNW, NEW 9395 to NNW  
 0400vUT Monday WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW  
 0430 UT Monday WRMI 9955 to SSE, NEW 5010 to SSE\*

\*For a brief while, WRMI skedgrid showed 5010, 160 degrees at 0100-0500 duplicating System C on 9955, which would have affected WOR at 0430 UT Monday and 0200 UT Tuesday --- but as of 1643 UT Nov 18, neither XMTR 3 nor 14 is shown on 5010 during those hours, no hours at all on #3. At this time Jeff is logged in with his portrait, accompanied by Anonymous: Iguana, Alligator, Blobfish [not Blowfish], Grizzly, Wolverine

(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1956 monitoring: Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, reports:  
 ``GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 7265CUSB, Nov.18  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOR3wu2UdBI&feature=youtu.be> 1131-1200 7265  
 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sun, fair/good``

Also confirmed here Sunday November 18 at 2130 on WRMI, 7780, fair.  
 Also confirmed UT Monday November 19 at 0230 on 5950 very poor, and 9395, JBA; always preceded at 0229 by long outdated `Sunpower Radio` ID claiming to be on 5850, 7455 and 9395!

WOR 1956 also confirmed UT Mon Nov 19 starting at 0401:40 on Area 51 webcast but WBCQ 5130v inaudible. Also confirmed after 0430 UT Mon Nov 19 on WRMI webcast; and 9955 was poorly audible around 0415.

WORLD OF RADIO 1957 contents: Australia, Brasil, China, Cuba, France and non, Japan/Korea North non, Nigeria and non, Saudi Arabia, Somaliland, Spain, Sudan, Tajikistan/Tibet non, USA, unidentified; contests; what is DX? and the propagation outlook

WOR 1957 ready for first airings UT Tuesday November 20: confirmed at 0030 on WRMI 7730, fair-good; and 0200 on WRMI 9955 JBA, confirmed on webcast. Next:

2030 UT Tuesday WRMI 7780 to NE  
1030 UT Wednesday WRMI 5950 to WNW  
2200 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955 to SSE  
2200 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v to WSW  
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-direxional  
0400vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM [nominal 0415], ND  
1130 UT Sunday HLR 7265-CUSB Germany to WSW  
2130 UT Sunday WRMI 7780 to NE  
2230 UT Sunday WRMI 9955 to SSE [Nov 25: canceled]  
0230 UT Monday WRMI 5950 to WNW, NEW 9395 to NNW  
0400vUT Monday WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW  
0430 UT Monday WRMI 9955 to SSE

Complete updated WOR sked, all affiliates, satellite, webcast, AM&FM:

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

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI:****\*\* U S A.**

7780, WRMI, Oldies including "Time in a Bottle (Jim Croce) & I'll be There" (Jackson Five). Abruptly into the screaming Cajun preacher(!) now apparently on WRMI. I went away to eat, but set a tape to start at BoH for Radiogram, which was SORT OF in, several photos didn't decode because of noise at the header & much scrambled text-- maybe 45-50% decoding properly.

The story that did mostly decode was about Berlin's Teufelsberg 'listening station' set up by the US to eavesdrop & disrupt Soviet communications during the cold war. The photos that did come in included "A woman walks past an art installation of 3200 giant poppy flowers made of artificial silk to commemorate the end of WWI on Koenigsplatz Square in Munich & art from WWI soldier & art student Otto Schubert: 7780.jpg ^from 2330 ^from 0800^Painting from 2330

33+3+43 2250-2302 & again from 2330-2400. There was a pretty significant fade from 2340-2350 but it recovered a bit toward the end (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet Nov 16 via DXLD) Date missing but probably Sunday Nov 11 (gh)

**\*\* U S A.**

5850, WRMI, s/on with IS & IDs, into English, BSR Radiogram repeat of the 'all photos' segment aired last week. Reception was a bit better so the 'smearing' of text was not so dramatic.

Then SW Radiogram #73 in much better than 2330, with 100% copy of the text at both MFSK 32 & MFSK 64. Stories today were about Listening station near Berlin to become a museum; New Caledonia votes to stay with France; 5850A.jpg [visible in the WOR iog] ^listening station ^Orange areas voted yes to New Caledonian independence, 46% of voters

Am I perverted because the 'listening station' looks a bit lewd to me? I mean, really. Korean officer purged for listening to RFA & some very NICE quality photos that all decoded properly: 5850B.jpg ^Zoo Miami's new baby ^Painting from WWI soldier & hippopotamus art student Otto Schubert

Then AWR Wavescan (Yea! Far more 'useful & interesting' than the business growth radio which SHOULD have been far more useful & interesting than it actually was!) with edition NWS #507 including a neat item about KDKA's Cleveland relay & use of SW during the 1920s. Also on the programme were DX reports from Japan & the Philippines & mention that REE is back in English & other foreign languages on SW as of B-18. Then fill music to round out the half hour until ToH ID by Ian McFarland & carrier off in the middle of that! 4+554+4+ pretty much throughout -- great reception tonight! \*0655-0900\* 12/Nov (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

9395, Sat Nov 17 at 2304, `Voice of the Report of the Week` is on this WRMI, John musing how he is having to reduce SW broadcasts in December due to lack of sufficient funding, but how he will always promote the SW medium. Major cut will be broadcasts on 4840, which he says served N American listeners better than any, but apparently too expensive. He never mentions which \*stations\* go with which frequencies, but we know of course 4840 is WWCR --- and I was unaware he was even on there, not for very long? Says VORW will continue on 5850, 5950, 7730, 7780, 9395, 9955, all WRMIs, which ought to suffice. 4840 is on the Nov WWCR sked with VORW Sat at 7-8 pm CST = UT Sun 00-01, for one more week. Only from ``John`` as usual suppressing his surname, which I suppose he would not want me to mention.

9955, Sat Nov 17 at 2316, surprised to hear WRMI in Luso Portuguese -- it's Frank & Ernest as now scheduled for a quarter-hour. More F&E: see [GERMANY](#) 11800.

5950, UT Sun Nov 18 at 0229, WRMI again fires the off-the-wall ``Sonpower Radio`` canned ID just before R. Tirana relay; strange (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7730 & 5850, UT Monday Nov 19 at 0700 and still 0721 no signals from WRMI. Kim Elliott of `SW Radiogram` had said his show was moved from Mondays at 0800 to UT Sundays, 24 hours earlier and less inconvenient? in North America. This presumably also applies to `Broad Spectrum Radio`, beepery from OK in the hour preceding it from 0700. And the WRMI skedgrid now specifies Sundays-only for these at 0700-0900 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5950, Nov 18 at 1408, WRMI is VP in `Wavescan`, so now confirmed for 1400 Sundays, and also on the System G sked carved out of mostly-Oldies elsewhen; meanwhile 9395 is BSing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**WRMI VORW WBCQ WRMI VORW WBCQ WRMI VORW WBCQ WRMI VORW WBCQ VORW WRMI:****\*\* U S A. The State Of This Radio Show - VORW Radio International - Newsletter 12**

Dear VORW Radio Listeners, It has been some time since the last newsletter has been sent out, this newsletter outlines schedule changes!

If you haven't listened to the radio show recently I welcome you back! Tune in to hear a mixture of thoughtful commentary and discussion on current events, philosophical issues, motivational subjects or random topics entirely! Broadcasts also feature listener-requested music of all genres and information about the songs.

Changing listening habits have led to a full revision of how this show is broadcast, declining shortwave listenership and fewer listener donations have led to several cutbacks and discontinuations. Digital content on SoundCloud has expanded. Nonetheless, a full shortwave service to North and South America will continue indefinitely.

**Thursday:**

5 AM Eastern - 1000 UTC - 5950 kHz to Western North America  
 4 PM Eastern - 2100 UTC - 7780 kHz to Europe & North America  
 6 PM Eastern - 2300 UTC - 9955 kHz to South America  
 7 PM Eastern - 0000 UTC - 7730 kHz to Western North America  
 8 PM Eastern - 0100 UTC - 5850, 7780, 9395 to N America & Europe

**Friday:**

5 PM Eastern - 2200 UTC - 9955 kHz to South America  
 9 PM Eastern - 0200 UTC - 5130 kHz to North America

**Saturday:**

6 PM Eastern - 2300 UTC - 9395 kHz to North America  
 8 PM Eastern - 0100 UTC - 4840 kHz to North America  
 (Likely to Discontinue Dec. 01)

**Sunday:**

5 PM Eastern - 2200 UTC - 7570 kHz to North America

Please send correspondence and QSL Reports to - [vorwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:vorwinfo@gmail.com) You can hear VORW Radio International on Tunein at the following time: 6 PM Eastern every Thursday: <https://tunein.com/radio/WRMI-9955-s50329/>

Latest programs may be heard on-demand via SoundCloud here: [https://soundcloud.com/vorw\\_radio\\_int](https://soundcloud.com/vorw_radio_int)

This show is on the air exclusively by your support, if you enjoy what you hear please consider a donation via PayPal to: [vorwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:vorwinfo@gmail.com) Respectfully, John (VORW Radio International)  
 (via Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Nov 16, WOR iog via DXLD)

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\*\* U S A. WBCQ 'The movie' --- Hi Allan, My TV reportage about WBCQ was on Dutch TV and now it's available on YouTube. This is the link: <https://youtu.be/xpm0QIS0MZM> [18:30, in Dutch] Thanks again for your time and hospitality. You're one of my radio heroes and I wish you all the best with WBCQ

(Peter Kroon, Nov 13, via Allan Weiner, DXLD)

7490+, Nov 13 at 2030, fair WBCQ is on with ancient recordings, like 'Marion's Attic' or 'Behaviour Night'. But this must be 'Pirate Joe Extravaganzo', since Tuesday is the only weekday 7490 is on from \*2000 instead of \*2100; generally unpropagable in warmer months this far into the sunshine. J. P. Ferraro's other show does better, 'Shortwave Saturday Night' now rescheduled to 0200-0500 UT Sunday.

9330.232, Nov 14 at 1542, this WBCQ, all-BS-all-the-time (besides the AWW hour), and it seems whenever I tune across him, he's instructing people how to phone TOM answering machine. This once I pause long enough to measure how far up WBCQ has drifted

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5129.362, Nov 17 at 0202, WBCQ JBA carrier is way lower than usual 5129.83v (or sometimes above 5130), still on air after 7490+ has closed following AWW trimulcast; 9330.1v also still on with JBA carrier. Nothing sked on 5130 UT Sat except 01-02 AWW; maybe a special booking or just not quite turned off yet

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WBCQ [7490?], 'Allan Weiner Worldwide' UT Sat Nov 17 at 01-02 as monitored by John H Carver, Jr, Indiana:

``Tonight's show started about a minute late as the previous show ran over. Allan and Angela in the studio in FLA. Comment from Allan that it was 46 in FLA. Opening comments skirt political things but mostly about young people in general and the young man that interviewed them last week for the BBC about the superstation and pirate radio. Also talk about film making when Allan was a child using an eight mm camera compared to what young people can do today with cellphones. Then on to social media. Angela insists that all the young people using social media are incapable of being social without a cellphone. Touches on several things including anti war, congress, how both sides need to get along and work together.

Announces that the Falling Star Radio Network will rise again. Will hopefully counteract all the right wing ultra conservative radio stations. Will be run by Allan and Pirate Joe and broadcast on 3265. Will try for a 24/7 schedule. Special rates for broadcasters similar to the pirate rates on 5130. Hoping to start broadcasting after the first of the year but says that he and TimTron have to give the transmitter a going-over to make sure it can handle 24 hours a day. Asking for suggestions from listeners. Will not be streamed. Will be radio only.

No phone calls or emails this evening, just the closing prayer at the end. Show was off the air at 0200 and 7490 was off the air right after that. John Mid-North Indiana``

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7490+, Nov 17 at 2311, WBCQ off-frequency-plus with VP signal now has a het from somestation really on 7490.0 --- nothing scheduled now, but in previous seasons, BBC has been here from an Asian site. Otherwise WBCQ lux out with no CCI despite being off-frequency, which if fixed would at least avoid hets. At 0015 Nov 18, WBCQ in clear again as I measure it on 7490.165V --- the exact frequency wavers very slightly.

WOCR timeshares 7490 in mornings, but I see WHRI is also registered 47 degrees at 0430-0600, never heard so far, but watch out during that sesquihour from assuming algo be WBCQ  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5129.356V, Nov 18 at 0019, WBCQ poor with music, and still on the much lower off-frequency than before. 22 hours earlier I had measured it on .362. We have recently heard it on three distinct spots around 5130v, so are these three transmitters, or one which keeps being readjusted?  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB WINB:**

**\*\* U S A.**

9265, WINB (Red Lion, PA) at 2217 with a southern-accented female preacher over soft piano instrumentals talking about God's love for us – Very Good Nov 15 – The oldest private shortwave broadcaster in the U.S. which celebrated 56 years on the air in October

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

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**\*\* U S A.**

5085, WTWW, oldies with Graham Hudson spinning the proverbial hot stacks of wax, including the classic "Baby Elephant Walk" (Lawrence Welk!) & Double Shot (Of My Baby's Love) by the one-hit wonder Swingin' Medallions. Full ID at BoH, then Clap For the Wolfman by the Guess Who for the requisite dose of Can-Con to make one pine for the days of CKLW! :) Mostly stuff from the 50s & early 60s though. 4+554+4+. They've obviously been working on the transmitter because they were putting out a nice full 12 kHz wide signal that sounded pretty good! 0515-0545 10/Nov

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

5085, Nov 15 at 1254, WTWW-2 with classic rock music, S9+30 past sunrise, after all-night? Plus and minus usual spur carriers 5072.1 & 5097.9

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Test transmission of WTWW-3 We Transmit World Wide on Nov.15 from 1200 on 15810 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to ENAm English, fair/good

<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/test-transmission-of-wtww-3-we-transmit.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We had not heard 15810 anywhen for many weeks, nor this time; how long was it on and with what programming?

5085, Nov 17 at 1400, WTWW-2 with song, still on air, after all-nighter since circa \*0200?

9475-, Sat Nov 17 at 2002, WTWW-1 in dead air, finally 2005:46 mod cuts on amid ham net relay via QSO show deviating from SFAW. Altho 2-way contacts are heard, no sign of SW reception, so either from VHF or webfeed.

5085, UT Sun Nov 18 at 0643, WTWW-2 is off and still off after 1400, unlike last night when it was on late, very late with rock music; very flexible

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* U S A.**

5970, Nov 16 at 0632, WEWN Spanish is S9+10 of dead air, and still so several minutes later

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)



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

Re my attempt to confirm new time of AWR Wavescan on 17775, KVOH, Ray Robinson replied Nov 11 to the WOR iog:

``Hi, Glenn and all. There was a power outage at the KVOH transmitter site on Saturday [Nov 10], related to the nearby SoCal fires. English on Saturdays is now scheduled 1600-2000, with Wavescan 1600-1630. I've just returned from Israel and am fighting off a bout of flu. The website schedules for both KVOH and the Voice of Hope - Middle East will be updated soon.

[http://www.voiceofhope.com/schedule/kvoh\\_program\\_grid.pdf](http://www.voiceofhope.com/schedule/kvoh_program_grid.pdf) English on that station is now 2000-2200 UT on Fridays (1287 kHz). Voice of Hope - Africa remains unchanged - no seasonal adjustments. Ray Robinson, Voice of Hope World Radio Network, Americas/Africa/Middle East``  
(Glenn Hauser, Nov 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A.

15555, WJHR (Milton, FL) in USB at 1424 with an American preacher - Poor to Fair at best with deep fading Nov 17 -

I wonder just how many of their customers realize they have been hoodwinked and sold a useless bill of goods when you consider how much of their audience have cheap receivers that don't decode SSB. Then again, maybe they're just interested in the tax deduction generated by business expenses. Another interesting tidbit is that I can't find any information on them on the net. There's no website but plenty of loggings and recordings by DXers and SWLs. Maybe they are just happy hoodwinking who they have already and don't actively seek broadcasting partners? It must be nice to have a business that is thriving so well that no advertising is required or wanted

(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 1957, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It would pay to read every line of a WRTH. The 2018 does show a website for WJHR, or some related station: <http://calvaryscall.org/whbr-radio> but that goes nowhere, nor searching anything about Calvary Baptist Church in Milton FL.

WRTH also asserts that instead of licensed 50 kW, that's just a future-plan, really only 250 watts run at 1 kW PEP! That I could believe.

As for lack of advertising, a ``business`` ``hoodwinking customers``, that is all n/a since it exists only as a post-mortem tribute to dead gospel huxter John Hill, and allegedly plays no other preacher, only stuff from his tape library  
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. RECEPTION IN SÃO BERNARDO SP, BRAZIL  
November 18, 2018 (Time in UTC)  
Rx: KiwiSDR (São Bernardo) + Mini Whip Antenna  
(PAØRDT Standard)

3215 kHz, WWCN, Nashville TN, English, 18/11 0113. OM: preaching. Christian program. 25442 (RG). Tx w/46° Az to USA and Canada.  
(Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, BRAZIL, <http://dxways-br.blogspot.com>  
YouTube Channel: GrimmSBC, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

**N0, 3215 before 0200 UT is WWRB, after 0200 WPCR -- as registered starting Nov 5 with our timeshift. WWRB back on 90m, ex-60m (gh)**

**3215, WPCR, at 0545, with man, woman, and religious lecture about Yahweh (not pronounced the same way as by YHWH's guy, BTW). Religious monologue over top of "brother stair", who could be heard underneath, as though he were sermonizing in the next room. Mixing product? Closed without warning a little after 0600 - VG. Nov 13 (Rick Barton, Arizona SW Log, English used unless otherwise stated. Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; HQ-180A & HQ-200; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. Use of portables noted where relevant for perspective on signal strength comments, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

**\*\* U S A.**

**7504.993, WRNO, English, 0628 UT, Chinese from 0700 UT. Nov 19 morning SHORT report, from Greece, Germany, Belgium, U.K., NJ, NY, MI states, Alberta-CAN too, 0615 to 0715 UT. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]  
(Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

**\*\* U S A.**

**ESTADOS UNIDOS --- La locutora zuliana, Linda Parra, obtuvo el permiso para instalar una antena y transmisores, e inaugurar una emisora de corte latino, con la que esperaba apoyar a la comunidad hispana de Toledo, Ohio, donde está radicada desde 2000.**

**La emisora funciona en el 96.5 MHz de la FM, transmite las 24 horas y se llama Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Radio FM, contó la zuliana a la prensa local. Asimismo, agregó que se escucha en Toledo, Oregon y Rossford.**

**Parra es fundadora de Nuestra Gente Community Projects, una organización que tramitó el permiso desde abril de 2013 ante la Federal Communications Commission, que le dio el ansiado documento el pasado 31 de diciembre.**

**"Para nosotros es un honor, porque esto (la emisora) es para el servicio de nuestra comunidad latina en Toledo", manifestó Parra a La Prensa, periódico hispano de Ohio, al que indicó que aún falta reunir el dinero para la compra de los equipos. En total se requieren \$30,000 para cubrir los costos de lo necesario para arrancar la transmisión [sic].**

**El siguiente paso de Parra es encontrar el lugar para colocar la antena, y piensa que pueda ser en sur de Toledo; para ello buscará financiamiento de fundaciones, cuyo apoyo hizo posible obtener el permiso, además de conciertos de músicos cristianos que aportaron su grano de arena, contó Parra.**

**"La esperanza es que la comunidad latina valore este esfuerzo y se involucre", comentó la locutora, quien asegura que como comunidad deben tener su voz propia por medio de una estación de radio, televisión y un periódico.**

**Parra comenzó su carrera en medios del estado Zulia. Tuvo la oportunidad de trabajar para Radio Reloj, Popular, Metrópolis. En la televisión tuvo un programa en el Canal, entre otros.**

Luego de radicarse en Estados Unidos, Parra se ha involucrado en el servicio de la comunidad latina, a la que ha ayudado con jornadas de salud de despistaje de SIDA, diabetes, cáncer, con el apoyo de clínicas patrocinantes de su programa radial (tomada de Noticia al Día)

(via Conexion Digital Nov 18 via DXLD)

So \*what station is it??\* WTFDA FMDB shows 96.5 in Toledo is WVZC-LP, 100 watts, 26m HAAT, Spanish variety format, so on the air already? Apparently, but evidently most carrying R Guadalupe network (gh, DXLD)

## VATICAN

\*\* **VATICAN**. Unscheduled transmission of Vatican Radio on Nov.18 0830-1030 on 15595 SMG 100 kW / 107 deg to EaAf English, fair <https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/unscheduled-transmission-of-vatican.html> (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## VIETNAM

\*\* **VIETNAM**. Very good signal of Voice of Vietnam, Nov.15: 2130-2158 on 7280 SON 100 kW / 320 deg to WeEu English  
2130-2158 on 9730 SON 100 kW / 320 deg to WeEu English  
<https://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/11/very-good-signal-of-voice-of-vietnam-in.html>  
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Nov 14-15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## UNIDENTIFIED

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Trans-Atlantic JBA MW carrier search, Nov 15 at 0220- UT: 531, 549, 576, 585, 621, 638, 684\* vs WSCR IBOC, 738, 774(2), 837, 855(2), 864, 882, 936, 1044, 1053, 1089, 1098(2), 1107, 1125, 1206(2), 1413.  
\*stronger; (2)=at least two carriers beating.

TA JBA MW carrier search, Nov 15 at 0642- UT: 585, 612, 621, 693(2), 711, 729, 774(2), 837, 846, 855, 882, 909, 936, 999, 1026, 1098, 1125, 1179, 1215, 1314  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

### UNIDENTIFIED.

9560, Nov 16 at 2101, fair signal of dead air, off at 2102\*. HFCC has nothing scheduled just before 2100. Guess it could be Talata at local midnight setting up for next broadcast at \*0315 of NHK Swahili always well heard here; or more imminently but less likely, NHK direct prior to \*2200 Korean  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

### UNIDENTIFIED.

9800, at 2017 in English and Mandarin with an American male preacher making a point followed by a woman preaching or explaining the point in Mandarin then a fanfare at 2020 and a woman with talk then a man with talk and back to the format of an American male preacher followed by a man in Mandarin with talk to 2038 tune-out – Fair Nov 16 – Dan Ferguson's SW Skeds suggest that this is being broadcast by Media Broadcast via Issoudun, France and is listed as being in a variety of languages from 1900 to 2100  
(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

### UNIDENTIFIED.

9992.3-USB, Nov 19 at 1415, weak 2-way probably Spanish, just below another one on 9995  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

### UNIDENTIFIED.

9995-USB, Nov 19 at 1415, 2-way in Asian? language, suffering from some tix de WWV; as they are intruding into the SFTS band. Two reasons they should have used LSB  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

### UNIDENTIFIED [and non].

11820, at 1832, someone testing with a loop of light Europop and light jazz instrumentals with occasional brief breaks in transmission where a man tried to speak in Arabic, then more music and an OC at 1835 and a man with brief talk in Arabic and back to the music to 1842 and another bit of OC with a woman trying to talk in Arabic then back to the music to 1859 and off – Very Good Nov 17

At first I thought that the music was filler while the Saudis tried to fix a break in their normal program feed. But the Saudis were there all along and it was them during the transmission breaks and brief bits of open carrier and they had the Islamic Call to Prayer in progress with a poor signal when the carrier was finally cut at 1859. There were no announcements during the test so it will be interesting to see if anyone owns up to it

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

#### UNIDENTIFIED.

11820.00, Nov 17 at 1834, upbeat music at S9+10, rather repetitive, in a loop? 1835 fade down and then another more jazzy instrumental. Retune at 1858 just in time to hear more music and off at 1859\* without announcement. Not the kind of testing Babcock/Encompass/Woofferton does. I know it's not Saudi Arabia since that one is always significantly off-frequency+plus above 11820, altho nothing heard from it before or after 1859. Coincidental simulmonitoring by Mark Coady, Ontario DXA [as above].

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1857 DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### UNIDENTIFIED.

15039.10-USB, Nov 13 at 1345-1349+, 2-way in colloquial Spanish --- this is no plane pilot; at least I hope not. Axually it's a 1-way monolog, sounds borracho, mentions vino, pesca, 50 kilos, and puta several times as an interjexion, even puta-madre. INTRUDER into the off-route aero band

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### UNIDENTIFIED.

18 November since 1505 UT tune-in on 15515 kHz. I'm hearing a station that was playing Christian music and now a feature about Abortion and from pro-life viewpoint. Programme ID as from "WNYC New York". Very strong signal here in Teddington UK. Any ideas as to who this is? Transmitter abruptly off at 1525 UT with no further ID.

(Alan Roe, NASWA yg via DXLD)

IRRS Milano probably via SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod Bulgaria relay site? R. Warra Wangeelaa on Saturdays in Oromo language, 1500-1530 UT too. 73 wb

(Wolfgang Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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# UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

Congrats, PDF is good for whats app.

Estamos colocando esses [DXLD] PDFs no nosso grupo. Alguém aqui quiser entrar no nosso grupo whats app entra aqui:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/5AIDbXzqfJT9YmXrsrfY2V>

Parabéns para o DX Listening Digest o MAIS COMPLETO DE ESCUTAS DA SEMANA. MUITO COMPLETO CONGRATS FOR SITE COMPLET INFORMATIONS DX.

Quando o Glenn morrer vai morrer parte do DEXISMO. Pois não temos outro site com a informação completa. ENTÃO EU VOU DEIXAR OS MEUS PARABÉNS ENQUANTO ELE AINDA VIVE. ok Obrigado para seu trabalho. DW

[translation by - gh:] When Glenn dies, part of DXing will die. Because we have no other site with such complete information. So I am going to make my congratulations while he is still alive. OK, thanks for your/his work (Daniel Wyllyans, Nov 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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## B18 SCHEDULES FROM MANY SOURCES linked on the WOR homepage:

<http://www.worldofradio.com>

**DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS updated:**

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

**ALAN ROE`S HITLIST UPDATED Nov 17:**

<http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm>

## RMRC QSL CALENDAR 2019

Hello Jeff, hello broadcaster, hello radio friends, Now you can order the new QSL-Calendar 2019. Since more than ten years publish M. Schmitz (ADDX) and H. Gabler (RMRC) the famous QSL-Calendar with rare and decorative qsl-cards from radio stations all over of the world If you want to get this fine art calendar until New Years Eve, order now. ;- ) (Harald Gabler, RMRC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No contact info other than the e-mail address from which this was sent, so I refer you to:

<https://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-service/qsl-kalender>

Price is 15 Euro for non-members.

RMRC also continues to provide WOR by podcast:

<https://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor>

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## DX DVDS FOR SALE FROM ITALY

Dear Mr. Glenn Hauser, I am an old listener of broadcasting stations since 1972. Recently I have prepared two DVD discs with some memories that can be useful for radio listeners.

I send you by the attached PDF format a press release to be distributed in the your DX program, for those wishing to receive these two discs DVD with interesting topics such as Radio Notizie Collection, a magazine for fans from 1981 to today; QSL cards Collection from 1972; Visit to Radio Stations, for a total of 5.89 GB of disk space.

For details and requests write to:

Giovanni Sergi, Via Sibari 34,  
98149 Messina Italy;

email: [gsergi5050@hotmail.com](mailto:gsergi5050@hotmail.com)

- Thanks for your cooperation and support.

73's by (Giovanni Sergi, DXLD)

**Viz., standard disclaimer:**

Two DVD discs for those who love beautiful and educational things  
\* RADIO NOTIZIE COLLECTION  
\* QSL CARD COLLECTION  
\* VISIT TO RADIO STATIONS

Finally available the expected "QSL Collezione", an initiative of the GARS that aims to fill a gap in radio enthusiasts who are active from 70. This collection is the result of professional work, full of patience, which it has been used a team consisting of: Making a desktop computer applications like Adobe Page Maker 7.0, Adobe Acrobat Pro, Fast Stone Image Viewer, Mustek Scan Express A3 scanner USB) and Sony Bloggie HD camera. Using an A3 scanner, rather than the usual A4, .jpeg yielded files (video files with the ability to convert PDF), book covers and banners large format (including posters) with better quality and it's all like the original, like new, with bright, clear and true colours ... a feast for the eyes.

This collection included QSL confirmation letters from 1972 to the present, reflecting our fun time and evasion [divertment]. A QSL, a pennant or a sticker are linked to specific radio stations have built the history of broadcasting. This initiative includes many stations, some already disappeared, others moved to MW or the Internet.

Furthermore, the same technique has been applied to the bulletin RadioNotizie; so that they have converted to PDF all the numbers since January 1981, page to page. So it has been created and made available one, always alive and present cultural source, which has in detail the activity of many collaborators listening to friends that justify the "extended day" given in "RadioNotizie Collezione" name.

The Initiative also included visits to radio stations, and be treated visits in cattle [? sic] in contests or trips made during tourist trips or cruises. In the texts and images emphasis on people who were at the microphones, announcing events, characters, situations, feelings, visions, environments and plenty of pleasant memories.

RadioNotizie Collezione, QSL Collezione and visits to radio stations occupy a total of 5.89 GB, with lots of data, pictures and movies. This content has been divided into two DVD:

- 1) RadioNotizie Collezione + QSL collection (3.81 GB);
- 2) Visit to radio stations (2.08 GB).

These two discs, with their plastic, are sent upon request and payment of 20 euros, shipping included. They can also be ordered individually: 15 € for RadioNotizie Collezione + QSL Collection, 10 € for visits to radio stations.



**Applications can be made in two ways:**

- **Mail: gsergi5050@hotmail.com**
  - **Address: Giovanni Sergi; Via Sibari 34; 98149 Messina; Italy, always including the proof of payment can be done by:**
1. **money order sent to the address:  
Giovanni Sergi; Via Sibari 34; 98149 Messina; Italy.**
  2. **bank transfer to the account:  
IBAN IT 07 S 05036 16500 CC0651321605**
  3. **PayPal to the following address:  
dario\_gabrielli64@outlook.com adding 2 Euro for PayPal fee.**

In the first two cases, the beneficiary is Giovanni Sergi; while in the case of the third, it is Dario Gabrielli. Later, they hope to offer the contents of the disks in USB memories. Giovanni Sergi (in Radio Listening since 1972)(via DXLD)

**"Grand Tour Across All Continents" DX contest**

The Czechoslovak DX Club's "Grand Tour Across All Continents" dx contest is to be held from Friday, 30 November 2018, 0000 UTC, to Sunday, 9 December 2018, 2400 UTC. It is open to all shortwave listeners regardless to their membership in any DX club.

Full details here:

<https://www.dx.cz/index.php?&rubrika=7&id=393>

(via Mike Terry, Nov 13, WOR iog via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

# MUSEA

## THE LAST DXERS CALLING FROM RADIO AUSTRALIA

During the summer months I was at my residence in California to clear out cupboards in several rooms. I found a lot of audio cassettes with interesting ID signals, programme cuts, etc from the 1970s till 1990s.

Do you remember this DX programme?

This is the beginning of a 12 minute long cut of the final edition of "DXers Calling" over Radio Australia on Sunday, 30 October 1977, heard on 21570 kHz. The cut wasn't edited to improve signal quality (eliminating noise, etc). I just converted this shortened version from .wav to .mp3. [attached to the WOR iog]

I've just started to digitize these audio cassettes but I already found some interesting sounds of stations that are vintage now, like Radio Nederland Wereldomroep, Radio Bagdad International/Voice of the Masses and "Mother of all battles" Radio via occupied Kuwaiti transmitters or "The Voice of Chile", Radio Magallanes a special Spanish language section of Radio Moscow broadcast to Chile under Pinochet. 73, (Manfred Reiff, Germany, Nov 15, WOR iog via DXLD)

LANGUAGE LESSONS Experimented:

see [BRAZIL](#)

## THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE --- BIRD SONG HERO

You all know of my interest in birds and birdwatching. Here is a fun and challenging game for you to try. It's a challenge to multiple human senses; sound, sight, etc. Match the bird, with the song and the spectrogram. At they say "Train your brain to visually identify bird songs". Let me know how you do. Perk up your radio DXing ears. They will help you with this challenge!

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/features/bird-song-hero/bird-song-hero-challenge>

(via Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec, Radio HF Internet Newsletter, Nov, via DXLD)

Do you speak Telugu? Welcome to America By Reality Check Team and Telugu BBC News 21.10.2018 via Bo Nensén

Claim: Telugu is the fastest growing language in the US.

Verdict: Yes, it is, according to a study by an American think tank. The number of speakers of Telugu, a south Indian language, has grown by 86% in the last seven years. However, it is still outside the top 20 of the most widely-spoken languages other than English.

Think of the most commonly-spoken languages other than English in the United States and this one from southern India may not spring to mind. The number of US residents speaking Telugu rose by 86% between 2010 and 2017, according to an online video by the World Economic Forum. The video referred to a study by the US-based Centre for Immigration Studies, which analysed census data to look at the pace at which languages are being spoken in America.

## So what's behind the rise of Telugu?

Telugu is mainly spoken in the south Indian states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. They have a combined population of 84 million people. It's the fourth most spoken language in India, according to the 2011 census.

The study on languages spoken in the US used data from the American Community Survey and compared the number of people who said they spoke a language other than English at home in 2010 and 2017.

Last year there were more than 400,000 Telugu speakers in the US - nearly double the number in 2010. Out of the top 10 fastest-growing languages in America, seven are from South Asia. So why Telugu?

A lot of this can be attributed to the links forged between the city of Hyderabad and the US engineering and technology industries, says Prasad Kunisetty, founder of the Telugu People Foundation, a non-profit organisation in the US. Mr Kunisetty moved to the US in 2001 seeking a career in the IT sector.

The rapid growth of information technology in the mid-1990s led to a huge demand for software engineers, he said. Many were recruited from Hyderabad, the biggest Telugu-speaking city. Both Telugu-speaking states together now have more than 800 engineering colleges.

The city has become a major hub for the technology and engineering industry in India and has been sending students to the US in droves.

Can English remain the 'world's favourite' language? How many words do you need to speak a language? [sidebar link?]

Down the years Telugu-speaking Americans have continued to hire software engineers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Many Indians benefit from the H-1B visa scheme, which provides work visas to thousands of foreigners each year often in the technology sector. An estimated 70% go to Indian workers. It allows recipients of the visas to apply for permanent residency status.

Notable US-based Telugu speakers include the first Indian-American Miss America Nina Davuluri and the current Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella.

Why a new US visa bill is causing panic in India [sidebar link]

The rise of Telugu is significant as a percentage increase but it started from a low base compared to other languages.

There were more new speakers of Spanish (up to four million more), Chinese, Arabic and Hindi between 2010 and 2017, according to the Centre for Immigration Studies.

Of the more than 60 million people that speak a language other than English out of the total population of about 320 million, the vast majority speak Spanish.

Out of the most commonly spoken South Asian languages, Hindi is first, followed by Urdu, Gujarati and then Telugu.

The number of people who speak French and German at home has declined. The number of Italian speakers has decreased by more than 200,000 in the last decade.

About 80% of the Telugu-speakers surveyed said they speak English very well. However, one shortcoming of the census data is that the respondents are asked how well they speak English and not about proficiency in other languages, says Jennifer Leeman, a professor of linguistics at George Mason University.

"It's hard to know the non-English proficiency of those people who speak English well, especially if they were born in the US or immigrated as children."

[accompanied by histograms which gh describes]:

Megapeople, USA who speak a language at home: Spanish ~42 million, the rest less than 4mega each: Chinese [sic], Tagalog, Vietnamese, Arabic, French, Korean, Russian, German, Haitian

Fastest-growing languages in US by percentage change 2010 to 2017: Telugu, Bengali, Tamil, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Chinese [sic], Gujarati, Haitian (ARC mv-eko 19 Nov via DXLD)

### WHAT IS DX??

#### Hello:

Living in Chicago suburb, our house is awash with noise from all the usual suspects. I got into ultralight DX when we are camping but that is in the summer with less than ideal conditions.

Lately I have been using KIWI Software Defined Radios. Anyway, a basic question, what is considered DX? Is it distance, outside antenna pattern, or something else for reporting purposes? Thanks, (John, ABDX yg via DXLD)

DX is whatever you say it is. If it's hard for you to hear, it's DX.

If you are using a xtal set, DX it is different than a Drake R8B or Sony 2010. It is subjective and dependent on situation. It also depends on the band. Shortwave DX is different than MW or FM DX. TV DX is mostly within 300 miles these days.

It depends and DX is what you believe is DX because 50 miles on a xtal set IS DX. 10000 miles for shortwave might not be DX because it's very easy to hear or the 50 kW HF station in Indiana [sic] could definitely be DX for you because the signal could bounce right over your head and be harder than hell 3x over to get. DX is whatever you report as DX. I don't even mind local logs because there is information there someone else could use. We will even take reports from a station over the internet that you think is cool.

So the answer is DX is whatever you think it is. This is a hobby and it's to have fun. There's no set answer.

#### DX is

(Kevin Redding, Crump, ABDX yg owner, via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD)

I will add my two cents worth. There are really two types of DX'ers -  
(1) the hobbyist who wants log stations like a collector.  
(2) The person who DX's for program content not available locally, which is where I fit in.

Redneck Midland' s top-40 station was owned by racists that wouldn't play black artists, so it was KOMA at night for most kids - which was hardly DX considering how strong it was. But it was KLIF during the day, because KSEL was almost as racist. And KLBK was a graveyarder that did surprisingly well 115 miles away, but mixed with stations from San Angelo and Abilene. Definitely GYDX.

Nighttime was XEROK, WLS, and other top-40's in range. WABC was a tough catch because of monster signal on KOB that had to be nulled. I enjoyed trips to Houston where I could get a clear shot at WABC at night along with a small, but devoted Houston audience.

Fast forward to my discovery that 300 mile FM DX was not only possible, but dependable. Album rock from Dallas was fast supplanting top-40 AM in my mind. Listening parties started up, other people started putting up antennas and buying good tuners. Even adults interested in classical WRR. The demand got so great that the cable company started carrying Dallas FM, but an annoying buzz in their audio kept most of us on the antenna and not cable.

I would loosely say that DX is the art of listening to stations outside of the service area, stations that are not audible on normal equipment (R. Bruce Carter, TX, *ibid.*)

Very interesting! Thank you for sharing that. I visited Tyler, TX with a friend in the early 70s. People there had tall masts to hear Dallas stations, too. I was impressed (SuperCFL, Sent by Mailwise - Your emails, with style. :) *ibid.*)

Thanks for replies. At this point think my definition will be a station heard outside its signal area.  
(\*John Mosman\*, \*We are already one.\*, *ibid.*)

Are you the same Bruce Carter who has had a web page about AM DXing mentioning the Bogen Tube AM only tuner? Just curious. I managed to win one on Ebay which is awaiting its turn to be sent in for an electrical restoration. I DX and keep a log, but my main goal is to hear broadcasts for distant stations. I use different types of radios, portables new and old, modern communications receivers. boat anchors, table AM/SW radios from the 1960's and my favorite, early Hi Fi AM only tuners for the fine audio they can produce. Many of those have two selectivity settings for narrow and wide. My Fisher AM80 has three - (FARMERIK, *ibid.*)

# CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

## **Casting Call for the 2019 Winter SWL Fest (First Notice!)**

Every year I put this out and think I'm actually getting a jump on the previous year. And every year, it turns out that first notice gets published right around the same time – mid November. This year in the northeast U.S., it appears that winter has already arrived. Half a foot of new snow in Saratoga County New York says so. So, let's get right to it!

Anyway, once again, we invite one and all to be a part of the Winter SWL Fest! Edition 2019 will take place on February 28 - March 2 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in fashionable Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

This will be the 32nd such annual gathering and due to popular demand we have kept the extra half day, opening the event on Thursday afternoon and continuing through all of Friday and Saturday. Details and background info, as well as regular updates, are at <http://www.swlfest.com>..

One of the centerpieces of the Fest weekend is our line-up of informative and entertaining forums. How do we get them? These excellent sessions are put together and presented by you and people just like you – people with a deep and abiding interest in radio and a willingness to share their experiences, knowledge and know-how.

So, how about it? Have you a topic that you think Fest participants will find interesting and would be willing to present? Tell us about it. If you've already contacted us, chances are we have your e-mail on file. However, chances are also that we don't. (I turned 65 this year, so don't you dare trust my memory!) Even if you have runs something by us in the year since Fest 3, please re-contact and remind us at this time just to make sure.

As usual, your role will be to lead a one hour session forum. That means preparing about a half-hour presentation that leaves plenty of time for audience questions and interaction. It can be anything from a serious (or comic) lecture (or both) to a multimedia extravaganza. Your choice!

And as a gesture of appreciation (and perhaps some measure of small compensation for your efforts), the Fest will comp your registration fee if your proposal is accepted by the Organizing Committee (which consists of Rich Cuff, yours truly and that Magic 8 Ball we found in Rich's attic when looking for old Fest printed programs and giveaways. Hey... it worked last year!)

We are seeking your help in fashioning a balanced and diverse line-up of topics and speakers.

Make your suggestion/proposal to John Figliozi at [jfiglio1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jfiglio1@nycap.rr.com)

**If you have any questions, we'll be happy to discuss them with you. And even if you've never led a forum before, don't hesitate. We've learned that people tend to unfairly and inaccurately minimize their own abilities. We know you'll be great --- but you have to let us in on what you're thinking! We promise a quick turnaround on your proposal once we are able to survey the field.**

**Be a part of the 2019 Winter SWL Fest program! 73 and 88 to the Ladies (with due apologies to Ian McFarland) John Figliozi & Richard Cuff  
2019 Winter SWL Fest (and apparently for life) Co-Chairs  
(John Figliozi, FL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

# DX-PEDITIONS

## **Subject:**

[CapeDX] Last night for the twin Lubec, Maine KiwiSDR

Tonight is the final night of my DXpedition to Lubec, Maine. The Lubec Bay Cottage KiwiSDR will go down after 6am tomorrow AM:  
<http://lbc.proxy.kiwisdr.com:8073/>

and the Quoddy House KiwiSDR will change antenna to a ~1000ft. BOG in a yet-to-be-determined direction: <http://qhkiwisdr.proxy.kiwisdr.com:8073/>

It will remain up, with some luck, until mid-May, 2019 when the rental season begins again. Enjoy 'em while they last!

Oh, the Lubec Bay Cottage Kiwi is on a 160' DKAZ at ~ 80 deg. and the one at Quoddy House is on a 160' DKAZ at 35 deg.

The one at Quoddy House is a bit of a TP catcher. Here is an email I sent this morning to the IRCA list:

Quoddy House, Lubec, Maine - November 16, 2018

Korea on 972 was again the most steady of the TPs heard after 0900utc here in a snowy Lubec, Maine this morning. Star of the morning though was 1089-China doing very well against WBAL on 1090.

Signals seemed best from straight over the pole to China and Korea rather than Japan. Here, in no particular order are some sound samples:

Japan on 1287 @ 0931utc

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/1287-0931-Nov16.wav>

Japan on 774 @ 1018utc

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/774-1018-Nov16.wav>

Korea on 1566 @ 1018utc

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/1566-1018-Nov16.wav>

Korea on 972 @ 1020 and 1021utc

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/972-1020-Nov16.wav>

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/972-1021-Nov16.wav>

China on 1089 @ 0954 and 1015utc

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/1089-0954-Nov16.wav>

<http://realmonitor.com/QH12/181116/1089-1015-Nov16.wav>

I wrote down several other frequencies with possible audio during a 1030utc scan - 963, 1017, 1098, 1188 and 1215. TP DXers will recognize those as either China or Korea frequencies. We'll see what further listening will provide.

For reference, the previous 10 days of geomag indices can be viewed on a running graph I keep: [http://tivodxer.com/jpgraph\\_example3b\\_multi\\_y\\_axis.php](http://tivodxer.com/jpgraph_example3b_multi_y_axis.php)



Note A and K indices have fallen way down and Dst has gone up above zero. All are 'good things' to trans polar DXers (Bill Whitacre, getting ready to dig out some snow (via Connelly, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

'Mark Connelly' via NRC-AM <nrc-am@googlegroups.com> wrote:  
> Bill, is there a website of your latest DXpedition logs?

There always is, Mark. This latest Quoddy House DXp will be at:  
[http://realmonitor.com/am\\_logs\\_qh12.php](http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_qh12.php)

Just a skeleton there now but I'll be adding things over the next couple of weeks. First to show up will be some TPs!

You can 'still be DXing' from QH by listening to the KiwiSDR I left behind: <http://qhkiwisdr.proxy.kiwisdr.com:8073/>

Before you say anything, there's a telephone pole and transformer a couple of hundred behind it and I think that's where the noises come from (Bill Whitacre, at the Lucerne Inn awaiting flight home tomorrow - no longer DXing but wishing he was, *ibid.*)

Thanks for leaving it behind, Bill. TA's (mostly Spain) in as early as 1935 UTC (2:35 PM EST) Saturday Nov 17 (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA, *ibid.*)

Kauai Island AM-DXing --- Know Before You Go

Earlier this month my wife and I stumbled across an outstanding 6-day Costco Travel package to the Aston at Poipu Kai on Hawaii's Kauai island, the westernmost of the main Hawaiian islands (and closest to Asia). Included in the \$2.3K cost was roundtrip airfare for two on Alaska Air (nonstop from Seattle both ways, with no "red-eye" flights), 5 nights at a gorgeous, beachside 2-BR condo with a patio area ideal for TP-DXing (and within easy walking distance to the island's best snorkeling beach), a full sized new rental car and a \$50 Costco cash card to use for a little spending \$\$\$. This was far and away the best travel bargain we have ever had to the Hawaiian Islands - and right in the middle of the DX season!

The location at Poipu Kai is at the extreme southeastern tip of Kauai Island, which offers a clear, unobstructed salt water path to Asia, ANZ, the Pacific islands and both North and South America. Unfortunately, it also offers a clear salt water path to the RF Zoo of Honolulu (more about that later).

Of course, before you can chase DX in Hawaii you will need to bring along some kind of radio and antenna -- whether it is a hot-performing portable, an SDR along with a small broadband antenna or an Ultralight with a "Frequent Flyer" miniature FSL. Whatever you bring will need to go through TSA inspections both ways -- so try not to get too complicated or extravagant.

Fragile items can be taken in hand-carry luggage, so use this for radios, FSL antennas, digital recorders and anything else that could be smashed. Also keep in mind that many large motels and condos do not allow external antennas to be set up on their property -- and most of them generate enough indoor RFI to make DXing indoors a lost cause. Before leaving for the Islands, be ready with a DXing plan that you know will work!

For me, TP-DXing with a modified CC Skywave SSB portable and TSA-friendly FSL antenna in the large open patio area right outside our condo meant chasing enhanced DX right in the middle of a gorgeous beach side garden --- video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CbS3zUD6hI&t=29s>

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These 2-BR condo complexes were overbuilt somewhat, and the mainland owners of these condos badly need the tourist rental income to pay their mortgages. The competition for this rental income is high. As such, the cost per night for a stay at one of these newer 2-BR condos on Kauai is about the same as for a well-worn 1-BR motel room in Kona (on the Big Island).

So, what can a TP-DXer expect from the transoceanic propagation at Poipu Kai? First of all, there is so much enhanced DX coming from so many different areas of the world that you will need to carefully choose your priorities. What is your main DXing thrill? For me, it was chasing exotic Asian DX that was unlikely or unavailable at home in the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, when I tried to do this during the evening hours on Kauai (0700-1000 UT) there was so much enhanced transoceanic DX coming from North and South America that the frequencies became a snarling maze of languages and heterodynes.

During a check of 801 for kHz Pyongyang BS at 0922 UT, the frequency was completely hijacked by 800-Radio Transmundial in the Caribbean (near South America). The same thing was going on all over the band, with North And South American stations on the 10 kHz band plan fighting it out with Asians and Pacific Islanders using the 9 kHz frequency system. Honolulu QRM added its own distinctive touch to this jumbled fiasco, and eventually I was forced to concentrate on sunrise DXing sessions in order to track down any really exotic Asian DX. The bands were so much quieter during the sunrise sessions starting around 1500 UT.

Of course, if a DXer was mainly interested in North or South American DX in Kauai he could have made out like a bandit around local sunset, when the Asian and Pacific Island stations would not yet have faded in.

The Asian propagation to Kauai Island during the sunrise sessions was like having constant exposure to the best possible TP-DXing signals that ever show up on west coast ocean beaches -- except that far more of Asia is in play. Big gun Middle East stations like 702-BBC (in Oman [q.v.]) can show up at decent strength, and not too many TP-DXers have familiarity with Arabic\*.

Stations like 918-Cambodia which are rare DX on the west coast often thunder in at S9, and by necessity a DXer quickly learns the Vietnam parallel frequencies for its various networks. The Chinese propaganda blasters on 666, 783 and 909 pound in like locals, and a DXer needs to wait out their sign off times in order to receive anything exotic on their frequencies. The entire situation is a crash course in surviving and thriving in the middle of nonstop exceptional propagation, which can easily overload your abilities to sort out languages, stations and programming. Depending on your TP-DXing experience, you will either find this situation thrilling or bewildering.

If you have extensive TP-DXing experience on west coast ocean beaches you will probably feel like you are on Cloud Nine, but without this experience you will probably wonder where to start. The usual Asian big guns on 594, 747, 774 and 972 are either buried in Honolulu splatter or have trouble holding down their frequencies. Language recognition of Chinese, Korean and Japanese becomes crucial in sorting out unfamiliar stations, and at least basic recognition of Vietnamese, Thai and Taiwanese is helpful. In addition, knowledge of exotic station frequencies is essential before a DXer can hope to track these exotic stations down. Many exotic station frequencies (like 576, 594, 657, 693 and others) are jumbled with Honolulu splatter, and you need to know which ones are not (702, 729, 918 etc.). The amount of TP-DXing experience that you can bring to the island is directly related to the results that you can expect from DXing on the island. Fortunately, because of two previous Hawaii trips and an April visit to the Cook Islands, I was able to track down some thrilling TP-DX on Kauai -- 693-Bangladesh, 702-BBC (Oman), 729-Myanmar, 918-Cambodia, plus Vietnam stations on 675, 702, 711 and 729. An S9-level 800-Radio Transmundial [Bonaire] jumped over to 801 during an evening session without any effort on my part. File review is continuing, though, and more exotic Asian stations may still show up.

Hawaiian station splatter is a major issue in Kauai, but depending upon the location of these pests, their signals may taper off just before TP propagation collapses (around 1705 in November). On my last session I was able to finally track down the 1000 kW Asian big gun 693-Bangladesh through wicked 690-KHNR (Honolulu) spatter, probably because the pest was farther into daylight than my more westerly Kauai location. The Hawaii pests on Maui and the Big Island also display the same behavior.

Propagation slowdowns on the west coast seem to be fairly irrelevant in Hawaii, with the only difference being S9 Australian and NZ signals showing up in the null of the S9 Asians. During regular sessions the big gun ANZ stations are usually around at S5 levels in the null of the Asians, but I didn't really go after the DU's during the Kauai trip. The Pacific island exotic stations on 540, 621, 846, 1017, 1098 and 1440 were all at S9 levels about 2 hours after local sunset, but once again the North and South American transoceanic DX stations were turning their frequencies into a pretty wild fiasco. Originally it seemed like a great idea to have a straight salt water shot to all these areas, but be careful what you wish for -- you just might get it :-)

Finally, In consideration of the exceptional value of the Costco travel package and the superb transoceanic DX propagation prevalent on the Kauai beach, this 6 day Hawaii vacation proved to be as much of a lifetime hobby thrill as visiting the exotic Cook islands in April -- at less than half the cost. My strong advice to anyone who is feeling bored with his AM-DXing hobby is to step out of your comfort zone, and try something really new. You can certainly chase DX at home (or at the same flat ocean beach) for decades, but you are unlikely to experience anything radically different from what you have already experienced. Breakthrough results require breakthrough innovation, exploration and experimentation, and the commitment to overcome all challenges until you get the results you desire.

**DXing on Kauai Island makes it easy for you. All the comforts of home are within a 20-minute drive. A Walmart, Safeway, Costco and Home Depot are all in the local area, close to your gorgeous 2-BR beach side condo. You don't even need to change currency or bring a passport (well, at least if you live south of the border). An outstanding snorkeling beach is a 5 minute walk away, and the "Garden Island" is one of the most beautiful in the entire Hawaiian chain, waiting for you to explore it in your new, full-sized rental car. What more could you ask for? So go ahead and take the plunge --- and discover the exceptional thrill of forward Pacific TP-DXing! (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), Nov 20, IRCA via DXLD)**

**\*The least bit of Shortwave Listening or DXing would familiarize one with the sound of Arabic (gh, DXLD)**

# DIGITAL BROADCASTING

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See FRANCE as QRM; INDIA

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See CANADA; MEXICO; OKLAHOMA

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See UNIDENTIFIED TA:  
WSCR QRM

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB

EU Parliament backs digital radio in cars  
WorldDAB November 14, 2018

Today, the European Parliament in its Plenary session voted to adopt the new European Electronic Communications Code. This Directive will require all new car radios in the EU to be capable of receiving digital terrestrial radio. This requirement is in addition to any FM or AM functionality which manufacturers may wish to include.

The Code also gives Member States the freedom to introduce measures requiring consumer radios to be able to receive digital transmissions.

Having been approved by the Parliament, the next steps for the Directive are: first, formal approval by the Council and, second, publication in the Official Journal of the European Union – at which point the Directive enters into force. These steps are expected to be completed in early 2019, after which, these rules will need to be transposed within two years into national legislation and all new car radios for sale or rent within the EU will need to comply with the Directive.

The Code will ensure that car drivers have access to the benefits of digital terrestrial radio (e.g. DAB / DAB+) wherever in the EU they have bought their new car. Increased choice, more consistent audio quality and enhanced data services will be delivered to millions of drivers across the European Union.

The first countries in Europe are switching off FM (Norway in 2017, Switzerland between 2020 and 2024) and a number of EU Member States are considering similar plans. As a result of this Directive, motorists driving through countries without FM will be able to rely on digital terrestrial radio to receive free-to-air traffic information services. A significant, additional benefit is that DAB+ is reliable in times of emergencies – regardless of how many users are trying to receive information via their radio.

The Directive also formalises EU consent for Member States introducing rules which require consumer receivers to be able to receive digital transmissions. This is consistent with a law already introduced in Italy requiring all new radios to have digital capability from 1 January 2020. France is expected to trigger a similar law once DAB+ coverage exceeds 20% of the population – likely to be by the end of this year. Several other EU markets are currently considering similar initiatives, which would help accelerate the uptake of digital radio and, through economies of scale, are likely to lead to lower prices for entry level DAB digital radios.

**Patrick Hannon, President, WorldDAB, said:**

“The inclusion of digital terrestrial radio in the European Electronic Communications Code is a critical milestone for digital radio in Europe. It is clear evidence that DAB+ is seen, at a pan-European level, as the core future platform for radio. The Code will provide a strong impulse to the adoption of DAB+ in cars across the EU – and will apply equally to Member States with established DAB markets and those in the earlier stages of development. For consumer devices, this Directive provides a green light to any Member State considering requiring receivers to have digital capability.”

**Editors Notes**

The full text of the European Electronic Communications Code can be found here.

**The relevant sections of the Code are:**

**Article 113, Annex XI:**

Any car radio receiver integrated in a new vehicle of category M which is made available on the market for sale or rent in the Union from ... [two years after the date of entry into force of this Directive] shall comprise a receiver capable of receiving and reproducing at least radio services provided via digital terrestrial radio broadcasting. Receivers which are in accordance with harmonised standards the references of which have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union or with parts thereof shall be considered to comply with that requirement covered by those standards or parts thereof.

**Article 113**

Member States may adopt measures to ensure the interoperability of other consumer radio receivers, while limiting the impact on the market for low-value radio broadcast receivers and ensuring that such measures are not applied to products where a radio receiver is purely ancillary, such as smartphones, and to equipment used by radio amateurs.

**-ENDS-**

**<https://www.worlddab.org/news/10496/eu-parliament-backs-digital-radio-in-cars>**

**About WorldDAB**

**WorldDAB is the global industry association responsible for defining and promoting DAB digital radio. By bringing together radio industry professionals, WorldDAB provides knowledge and expertise that helps countries successfully adopt and implement broadcast digital radio.**

**Our 1250+ experts from 100+ member organisations cover 30 countries across the globe and include public and commercial broadcasters, regulators, network providers and manufacturers of receivers, chips, professional equipment and automobiles.**

**Together, we are shaping the future of radio, delivering advice and tailored solutions on all aspects of the switch from analogue to digital.**

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# RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

## **RIG REFERENCE**

<https://rigreference.com/home>

RigReference.com started in 2008 and is designed for and by Amateur Radio enthusiasts (hams). RigReference.com provides information about amateur radio equipment (rigs) and allows and encourages members to share their opinions about these rigs (via Brian Penney, Brewster, Massachusetts, Nov Radio HF Internet Newsletter via DXLD)

Cassette decks from Crosley take aim at tape-hoarding nostalgia-seekers ---- Devin Coldewey @techcrunch / 2 days

<https://techcrunch.com/2018/11/15/cassette-decks-from-crosley-take-aim-at-tape-hoarding-nostalgia-seekers/?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000616>

Crosley, makers of the "good enough" record players you see in Urban Outfitters and Target, have turned their retro novelty eye on the next obvious format: cassettes. These two new decks from the company have all the latest features from 1985, but also a handful of modern conveniences.

### **Let's get one thing clear at the outset:**

these are certainly ridiculous. And yes, you can buy a boom box with a cassette deck right now, new, for \$30 or so. But having browsed the stock I can tell you that most of them are pretty ugly. There are vintage ones too, but not all have aged well and may have unfixable issues like corrosion or motor problems.

And believe it or not, tapes are still around. People are manufacturing and recording on them because they're fun and retro and analog. I've bought a few myself at shows in the last year. So there is actually a market for a new, decent-looking, portable cassette player and radio.

The Crosley devices are pretty straightforward. There are two models; each has a big mono speaker, a single-direction deck (meaning you'll have to flip the tape), an AM/FM radio and a built-in mic. The \$60 CT100 model (top) has shortwave radio bands as well, and the capability to play music from an SD card or USB drive, while the \$70 CT200 has treble and bass dials and a VU meter for easier recording of cassette-based podcasts. Both have handles.

Of the two I'd definitely go with the CT100, since presumably you can use the SD/USB player to record mixtapes of stuff you've downloaded. Record a little intro with the mic or pretend you're the DJ between songs, and boom, it's like you're me in 1994. Plus you never know when shortwave will come in handy.

It's silly, but it's a silly world we live in. Silly and horrible. Maybe bringing back cassettes will help. Keep an eye out for these players wherever fake Ray-Bans plaid scarves are sold (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)



# PROPAGATION

## A sunspot from the next solar cycle

Over the weekend, a small sunspot materialized in the sun's northern hemisphere, then, hours later, vanished again. Such an occurrence is hardly unusual during solar minimum when sunspots are naturally small and short-lived. However, this ephemeral spot was noteworthy because its magnetic field was reversed--marking it as a member of the next solar cycle.

What does this mean? First, it suggests that the solar cycle is still operative. This contradicts widespread internet buzz that a Grand Minimum is in the offing, with no new sunspots expected for decades as the solar cycle grinds to a halt. Second, if patterns of previous solar cycles hold, Solar Minimum is not finished. It will probably continue to deepen in the year or so ahead even as new Solar Cycle 25 sunspots occasionally pop up, promising an ultimate end to the lassitude (Spaceweather.com via Mike Terry, Nov 19, WOR iog via DXLD)

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# <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/subscription-services>

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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 12 - 18 November 2018

Solar activity was at very low levels. Region 2726 (N05, L=137, class/area Axx/010 on 13 Nov) was inactive and decayed to plage 15 Nov. Region 2727 (N01, L=112, class/area Cao/060 on 18 Nov) showed slight growth, but remained inactive. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached high levels on 12-16 Nov and moderate levels on 17-18 Nov.

Geomagnetic field activity was at predominately quiet levels, with a isolated periods of unsettled conditions observed early on 12 Nov. Solar wind speeds were elevated 12-13 Nov due to a negative polarity CH HSS. Peak speeds of 638 km/s occurred on 12 Nov at approximately 1936 UTC, and decreased over the course of the week, reaching a minimum of 298 km/s by 17/2326 UTC. 14-17 Nov were unremarkable under a nominal solar wind regime. The solar wind environment underwent a slight enhancement on 18 Nov due to CIR arrival ahead of a negative polarity CH. Total field became enhanced to 8 nT and the Bz component saw a maximum southward deflection of -8 nT by the end of the day. Wind speeds increased to around 330 km/s and density increased to a peak of 20 particles per cubic cm.

Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 19 November-15 December

**2018**

**Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels throughout the forecast period (19 Nov-15 Dec). Region 2727 (N05, L=137) will exit the solar disk on 21 Nov, and pending decay, is due to return on 04 Dec.**

**No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.**

**The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to remain at moderate levels 19 Nov-1 Dec. Predominately high levels are likely 2 Dec-13 Dec due to a pair of recurrent CH HSSs. Moderate levels are likely 14-15 Dec as CH HSS influence wanes.**

**Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at mostly unsettled levels 19-22 Nov due to a pair of negative polarity CH HSSs. Predominately quiet levels are expected 23-30 Nov under nominal solar wind conditions. Active conditions are expected on 01 Dec due to a SSBC ahead of a recurrent positive polarity CH. G1 (Minor) storming is likely 02 Dec due to the CIR in advance of the HSS of the aforementioned positive polarity CH. Unsettled conditions are expected 03-06 Dec as CH HSS influence wanes. Active conditons are likely 07-08 Dec due to HSS influence from a recurrent, negative polarity CH. Mostly unsettled conditions, with a chance of active intervals, is expected 09 Dec as the negative polarity CH HSS influence wanes. Quiet conditions are expected for the remainder of the period.**

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**# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table****# Issued 2018-11-19**

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| #    | UTC    | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|
| #    | Date   | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2018 | Nov 19 | 72         | 8         | 3        |
| 2018 | Nov 20 | 72         | 8         | 3        |
| 2018 | Nov 21 | 71         | 10        | 3        |
| 2018 | Nov 22 | 68         | 8         | 3        |
| 2018 | Nov 23 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 24 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 25 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 26 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 27 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 28 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 29 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Nov 30 | 68         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Dec 01 | 68         | 15        | 4        |
| 2018 | Dec 02 | 68         | 30        | 5        |
| 2018 | Dec 03 | 69         | 10        | 3        |
| 2018 | Dec 04 | 70         | 10        | 3        |
| 2018 | Dec 05 | 71         | 8         | 3        |
| 2018 | Dec 06 | 71         | 8         | 3        |
| 2018 | Dec 07 | 71         | 12        | 4        |
| 2018 | Dec 08 | 71         | 12        | 4        |
| 2018 | Dec 09 | 71         | 8         | 3        |
| 2018 | Dec 10 | 71         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Dec 11 | 71         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Dec 12 | 71         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Dec 13 | 71         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Dec 14 | 71         | 5         | 2        |
| 2018 | Dec 15 | 71         | 5         | 2        |

**(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1957, DXLD) ###**