

Newfoundland DXpedition XI

Cappahayden NL, Canada - NOV 1-10, 2002

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Location: Lawlor's "No Frills DX Inn", Cappahayden NL (Avalon Peninsula)

Antennas: Brazil wire, 1 km, terminated
Euro wire, 350 meters, terminated
Africa wire, approximately 100 meters

The report that follows is incomplete in the sense that not every station that was heard is listed. After ten years of DX'ing from this location such information would prove to be repetitive and "eye-glazingly" tedious. The various DX'ers who have been participants in this effort through the years keep a master list of all receptions, which is on hand to assist in the search for stations not previously heard.

Although the focus of the effort is clearly medium wave, our intrepid team also took a close look at the long wave and short wave spectrum. These loggings are included at the end as a Bonus Section.

Special thanks to Herman Boel for producing the European MW Guide, which always proves to be immensely helpful in seeking targets, and identifying unrecognized signals. We used the June edition, which has since been replaced by a new December edition. Also special thanks to Mark Connelly who was listening during the same period of time from his New England location, and who offered several helpful corrections to the loggings shown below.

As a preacher in my "normal life" I learn that the facts only get us so far in life - it's the testimony that makes the difference - so at the end of our report be sure to read the sobering testimonies: how we braved powerful solar winds and geomagnetic forces with little more than hat and gloves, survived Spartan accommodations, underwent nefarious sleep-deprivation experiments, risked life, limb and sanity in transit, chased potentially bloodthirsty pirates, and evaded steely-eyed security personnel at every turn! [Jim Renfrew]

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

531 FAROE IS. Útvarp Føroya, Akraberg, NOV 6, 0759-0804, music "Do You Want To Dance", time pips and talk by a man by impossible to copy. More pop music at 0803. Weak with QRM from Turks. [JF]

621 BELGIUM RTBF La Première, Wavre, NOV 05 2155 - Program promos then jazz; SIO 422, made difficult as usual by Spanish interference. [JB]

675 NETHERLANDS Radio 10 FM, Lopik, NOV 4, 2316-2322, oldies music by Gladys Knight and Paul Anka, jingle ID and ads. Good. [JF]

675 LIBYA Libyan Jamahiriyah Broadcasting, NOV 6, 0020, Arabic music //972. Fair. [JF]

729 GREECE ERA, Athens, NOV 05 2225 - Greek music under Spain; SIO 422. [JB]

765 SWITZERLAND Option Musique, Sottens, NOV 5, 2241, pop music and jingle ID in Romansche service. Good. [JF]

774t EGYPT Middle East Commercial Program, Tanta, NOV 10 0042 - *Tentative*; lots of Arab music, few announcements; SIO 322 under Spain. [JB]

810t MACEDONIA Radio Macedonia, Skopje, (Tentative), NOV 4, 2157-2230, Balkan music over Scotland and Spain. Short talk in a Balkan sounding language at 2225. Fair to Good. [JF]

845.96v IRELAND R. North, NOV 03 0008 - All back-to-back pop/country music; SIO 333. [JB]
NOV 04 0114-0131 - Country music and old pops, no announcements; SIO 332. [JB] NOV 04 2143-2145 -

Finally some talking! Ads with local (Irish) addresses and phone numbers, Irish music at 2144; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 4 2142 – with pop music, local ads, and ad sale promo “*I saw it on the radio*”. [JR] NOV 4, 2142-2152, local ads, music was a mix of country and rock and roll oldies. Good [JF] (Note: frequency was varying during the week: JB reports 845.96, JR reports 845.98, and JF reports 846.)

846t IRAQ Iraqi R. General Program, Nasiriya, NOV 02 2350-0005* – *Tentatively* this with Arab music, pips and Arab talk at 2359, Koran 0002-0005 when the signal seemed to disappear; SIO 342. [JB] NOV 2, 2348-0006*, Arabic music with short announcements. Time pips at 2358:30. Lost to co-channel Radio North, Ireland. Back up with Call to Prayer at 0002 and seemingly off at 0006*. Fair [JF] NOV 4 2012 – no ID, but widely reported as such. Best on my first night. Missing when checked at other times during the week. [JR]

846 SOUTH AFRICA Umhlobo Wenene FM, Komga, NOV 09 2015-2031 – Lots of phone calls in English and local language, drumming between calls; SIO 233. [JB]

864 ARMENIA R. Free Europe / R. Liberty, NOV 04 0055 – Tape loop “*This is Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, Praha*,” SIO 343 over France and Egypt. [JB] NOV 4, 0055-0143, ID loop with “*This is Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, Praha*” which kept on going through 0143 tune-out. Was scheduled to go to Uzbek at 0100. Same ID loop was also heard on 4760 however, they stopped playing the loop at 0104 and had just dead air. Good [JF]

909 BOTSWANA VOA relay, Selebi-Phikwe, NOV 2, 1948, English interview discussing World Fish Center //4950. Poor [JF] NOV 02 1945-1955 – English interviews, // 4950; SIO 322. [JB]

909 YEMEN Yemen R., Al Hadaydah, NOV 02 1952-1955 – Arab music behind BBC R. Five-Live on the European Beverage, John Fisher found // 9779.68; SIO 222. [JB] NOV 2, 2009-2031, Arabic news //9780. ID as “*Ida’haat Yemin min al Sanaa*” at 2030 and into pgm of AR mx. Poor with Botswana QRM [JF]

918 SLOVENIA Radio Slovenia, Domzale, NOV2, 2139, nice English and German ID’s at end of German program (lasting for 5 minutes according to Boel EMWG Guide), EZL pop music until co-channel Spain QRM picked up at 2142. Fair [JF]

954t QATAR QBS, Doha (Tentative), NOV 6, 0200-0210, Koran and Arabic music. Poor [JF]

990 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Berlin, NOV 05 0135 – Show tunes // 177; SIO 222 under CBY and Spaniards. [JB]

999 MOLDOVA TWR and Voice of Russia, Maiac, NOV 05 2055-2102 – Russian religion over operatic QRM (Spain?), trumpet fanfare and Russian TWR ID just before 2100, the TWR IS was cut short as the Kremlin Bells IS began, then “*Govorit Moskva*” at 2100 and news; SIO 333 [JB]. NOV 07 1830 – TWR IS, ID and program in Russian; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 7 1830 – TWR IS noted in passing. [JR]

999t WESTERN SAHARA RTV Marocaine, Ad-Dakhla (Tentative), NOV 4, 2039, Arabic talk //1053-Tangier and 207-Azilal. Poor [JF]

1008 NETHERLANDS NOS R. 1, Flevo, NOV 02 1959 – Ads, time, ID and news at 2000; SIO 422 with Spanish QRM. [JB]

1008 CANARY IS., Onda Cero Radio, Las Palmas, NOV 2, 1959-2004, OM Spanish talk mentioning Canaries. Fair [JF]

1026 ENGLAND BBC R. Cambridgeshire, Chesterton Fen, NOV 05 2112 – Telephone caller talking about Guy Faulkes night in Cambridge; SIO 433. [JB]

1026 SPAIN R. Asturias, Oviedo, NOV 05 1842-1845 – Two Spanish signals were noted, but this (dominant) one ID’ed at 1845; SIO 333. [JB]

1035 SCOTLAND West Sound R., Ayr, NOV 04 2034-2042 – Oldies, jingle and IDs, ad string from 2038; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 8 2011 – ID heard in the mess. [JR]

1035 SCOTLAND Northsound 2, Aberdeen, NOV 9 0501 – an ID appears in the mess. [JR]

1035 PORTUGAL Radio Nacional, Lisboa, NOV 3, 0052-0105, Pop music, Jingle ID at 0057. Time pips and ID as “*Em uma hora, Radio Nacional*” at 0100 followed by jingle and more pop music. Good. [JF]

1044 SPAIN SER San Sebastian, NOV 7 1813 – local ID heard during sports segment on non-network program. [JR]

1044p GREECE ERA, Thessaloniki, NOV 10 0014 – Presumed; Greek music; SIO 422 with strong Spanish interference. [JB]

1062p ITALY RAI, Cagliari or Squinzano (Presumed), NOV 2, 2224, man with phone interview in Italian. Fair. [JF]

1080 SPAIN R. Coruña, La Coruña, NOV 05 1850-1856 – Mess of 3 or 4 Spanish signals, ads and IDs for this one at 1853 and 1855, SER network programming resumed at 1856; SIO 322. [JB]

1089 ENGLAND / SCOTLAND TalkSport, NOV 06 2254 – Different programs for England and Scotland, rejoin at 2255 with a jingle ID. [JB]

1098 SPAIN RNE R. 5, Lugo, NOV 05 1857-1900 – Two RNE stations, stronger one with regional news for Galicia (thus Lugo), network programming (echoed) at 1900; SIO 322. [JB]

1107 SCOTLAND Moray Firth R., Tarbat Ness, NOV 06 2300 – IDs as "MFR FM...97.4" just relaying FM channel at this time; SIO 433. [JB]

1116 SPAIN R. Pontevedra, Pontevedra, NOV 05 1847-1850 – Local ads, read letter about cruelty to animals, ID at 1850; SIO 444. [JB]

1116 HUNGARY Radio Budapest, Kossuth, NOV 5, 2011, Hungarian folk music and announcements //1350. Very Poor [JF]

1125 MADEIRA Centro Radio de RDP, Ponta do Pargo, NOV 4, 2207, Portuguese commentary of a live football match. Fair [JF]

1143 GERMANY AFN station(s), NOV 05 2351-0140 – Steadily gaining strength with US-accented talk, lots of music (ID'ed even as "Oldies Radio" at 0139), US news (from ABC at 0053), and ads for US forces stuff; SIO 233 at 0139. [JB]

1143 RUSSIA VO Russia, NOV 6 2059 – bells, and "Govorit Moskva". [JR]

1143 INTERNATIONAL WATERS/ISRAEL Arutz Sheva, NOV 05 2341-0101 – Tentative as I have not been able to discern an ID, but who else would be in Hebrew? Mix of music (sometimes a number of tunes back-to-back) and Hebrew talk, possible jingle at 0002; SIO 322-1 with long, deep fades, COPE station often dominant but also significant interference from AFN Germany. [JB]

1152 SPAIN RNE5 Zamora, Zamora, NOV 7 1855 – many Zamora references heard during RNE5 local segment. [JR] NOV 07 1851-1900 – "Zamora" IDs at 1851 and 1852, regional "Castilla y León" ID at 1900; SIO 222. [JB]

1152 SCOTLAND Clyde 2, Glasgow, NOV 10 1027 – Scottish-accented DJ introducing U2 song; SIO 353, which is surprising at this late hour ... *daylight between Scotland and Newfoundland!* [JB] NOV 10 1027 – note the very late time we heard this, with the sun in the sky in Newfoundland, and mid-Morning in the UK! Other TA signals were still in from UK (909, 1053, 1089, 1215, 1341), France (1377), Norway (1314), Spain (1107), and Ireland (1278), but this was the one with the lowest power. [JR]

1152 SPAIN RNE5 Albacete, Albacete, NOV 07 1850-1900 – Local or regional news, "Radio Cinco Albacete" IDs at 1850 and 1854, "Radio Cinco en Castilla La Mancha" regional ID at 1900; SIO 322 in a mix of four RNE5 signals. [JB] NOV 7 1855 – "R Cinco ... Castilla" ID heard during RNE5 local segment. [JR]

1170 ENGLAND Classic Gold, Ipswich, NOV 07 0632 – Oldies, canned ID then lost to a US station; SIO 222. [JB]

1170 ENGLAND Magic 1170, Stockton, NOV 09 0000 – Three stations, this one's ID surfaced just before the news; SIO 222. [JB] NOV 09 1815 – ID, weather note, old pop song; SIO 222 with increasing QRM from the Voice of Russia in Arabic. [JB]

1170 UK Classic Gold & Magic 1170, NOV 8-9 2321-0034 – slogans from two stations heard in the mess during this time. [JR]

1170 SLOVENIA R. Slovenia International, Beli Kriz, NOV 03 0146-0201 – International pop music, fanfare and English ID at 0200; SIO 443. [JB] NOV 9 0057 – heard with ID in EE. [JR]

1170 WALES Swansea Sound, Winsh-wen, NOV 09 0601 – News, ID, then song by Blondie; SIO 222. [JB]

1188 HUNGARY Radio Free Europe, Szolnok, NOV 3, 1827-1834, end of VOA program and ID “*This is Radio Free Europe, Praha*”. RFE program in Serbo-Croat. Good [JF]

1197 GERMANY VOA Relay, Munich, NOV 07 2336 – Serbian talk; SIO 333 over Virgin R. [JB]

1197 LESOTHO Family Radio, Lancer’s Gap, NOV 4, 2114-2131, Syndicated English religious programs. “Let’s Talk...” at 2130. Poor [JF]

1197 SPAIN Euzkadi Irratia Vitoria, NOV 3, 0135-0141, special program on the music of the 70’s group “America” and talk in a language that sounded like Basque. //1161 – San Sebastian and 1071 – Bilbao. Fair [JF]

1215 ENGLAND Virgin R. synchros, NOV 10 1058 – Broad daylight and time to bring in the antennas: John Lennon's "*Imagine*" fading away slowly...*last log of the DXpedition*. [JB]

1224 BULGARIA Radio Bulgaria, Vidin, NOV 5, 1802-1812, IS and program in listed Greek language. News and pop music at 1810. Fair to Good [JF]

1233 CZECH REP. R. Prague synchros, NOV 03 1958 – English program, then Scott Joplin's "*The Entertainer*;" SIO 433. [JB] NOV 09 1939-1946 – "*Inside Central Europe*" program in English; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 3, 1945-2000, English program about a novel called “*October’s Past*”. Announcement of end of program at 1957 and theme from “*The Entertainer*”. Good [JF]

1242 ENGLAND Virgin R. synchros, NOV 02 2042 – “*Classic Rock Show*,” ID, promo for DJ; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 09 1736 – ID, chat with football player; SIO 243. [JB]

1251t LIBYA Voice of Africa, Tripoli (Tentative), NOV 5, 1756-1802, Arabic music with no breaks on the hour. Talks mentioning “*Jamahiriyah*” . Fair [JF]

1251 PORTUGAL Radio Renescença, Porto/Viseu, NOV 5, 1845, Rosary in Portuguese //891. Poor [JF]

1260 ENGLAND Classic Gold 1260, Mangotsfield, NOV 06 0157 – Bank ad, canned ID at 0200 by same woman as Classic Gold Marcher on same frequency; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 07 1907-1918 – Old pops, Classic Gold Cash-call promo, ID at 1917; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 5, 1944-1956, local concert listings, ad for a 1970’s concert. Ad for “*Classic Gold Perfect Partner*” service. Oldies music. Ad for Tom Jones Soundalike at the Marriott Hotel in Bristol. Fair with QRM de Spain [JF] NOV 5 2222 – various promos and ads, ID as “*Classic Gold 1260*”. Asian music also heard on channel, perhaps Sabras Sound? [JR]

1260p ENGLAND Sabras Sound, Freeman’s Common, NOV 02 1915 – *Presumed* with Indian music under Spain; SIO 322. [JB]

1260 WALES Classic Gold Marcher, Farndon, NOV 06, 0200 – "*Classic Gold Marcher*" canned ID before news; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 07 2100 – ID, news and weather; SIO 343. [JB]

1278 ENGLAND West Yorkshire's Classic Gold, Bradford, NOV 07 1953 – Occasionally poking through when Ireland's transmitter was off, best at 1953 when the pop song was easily paralleled with other Classic Gold stations; SIO 222-1. [JB] NOV 7 1935 – ID heard while Ireland was experiencing transmitter problems. [JR]

1278 IRELAND 2FM, Dublin and Cork, NOV 07 1919-2005 – Pops and chat about recent movies. There was a problem with one of these two transmitters. The stronger signal cut out, sometimes for stretches of 10 or more minutes, leaving only a very weak signal, and an opportunity to log stations that are normally blocked (VO Russia and UK stations); stronger transmitter: SIO 333, weaker transmitter when the former was off: SIO 222-1. [JB]

1278 UKRAINE VO Russia, Sodruzhestvo, NOV 07 1919-2000* - Russian talks, a few folk songs after 1949, IS and anthem to 2000, // 1143; SIO 222, aided by Ireland's transmitter problems. [JB] NOV 7 1942-1958 – Russian language program (including music), bells, anthem, then off, during Ireland transmitter problems, also with interference from France. EMWG lists Dubovka with 2200 sign-off, but indicates that there are also other sites with unknown schedules (all 50 kW or less in WRTH 2002). According to a VOR via UKR updated schedule report from Alexander Yegorov (UKR) in RUI NOV 20, via Steve Whitt, Sodruzhestvo is in use 1400-2000 // 972. [JR]

1287 ISRAEL R. Galei Zahal, NOV 3, 0110, oldies mx from the 60’s “*All Kinds of Everything Reminds Me of You*” //6973. Poor [JF] NOV 10 0013 – American oldies // 6973 and 1224. [JR]

1305 WALES Capital Gold 1305/1359, Christchurch, NOV 05 2246 – Queen's "*Bohemian Rhapsody*" way under Spain // other Capital Gold stations (best was 1323); SIO 222. [JB]

1314 UAE BBC Relay, Al Dhabbaya, NOV 05 1803-1811 – Afghan-type language, all news items, one report mentioned "*BBC*" at 1806; SIO 233-2 with interference from Spain and the local Loran station. [JB] NOV 5 2043 – BBC with Arabic talk and music // 9915. [JR] NOV 5, 2044-2101, Arabic programming //9915. BBC Bells and news at 2100. Fair over Norway [JF]

1332 NETHERLANDS R. 192, Lopik, NOV 06 2158-2202 – Oldies, ads, weather, sound effects and canned ID at 2201; SIO 322. [JB]

1341 NORTHERN IRELAND BBC Ulster, Lisnagarvey, NOV 5, 1748, talk by men with strong Irish accents about the lack of healthy lifestyles for farmers. Fair [JF]

1350 ARMENIA TWR, Gavar, NOV 05 2002-2031 – Hebrew religious talks, ID and IS just before 2031; SIO 332. [JB] NOV 5 2007-2030 – with program in Hebrew, "Transworld Radio" ID at 2030, interference from Hungary. [JR] NOV 5, 2005-2032, religious talk in presumed Hebrew. Music bridge at 2029, ID and music. Fair w/QRM de two Hungarian stations [JF]

1350 HUNGARY Magyar Radio/R. Pecs, Győr and Szolnok, NOV 05 2008-2030 – First noted as QRM to Armenia, then became stronger with obviously unsynchronized signals // 1116 and 1251; mainly talks; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 5 2007 – Very difficult to follow the program due to a pronounced echo. Not sure of the name of the service, although EMWG says it is "Studio Budapest". At two points, I thought I heard the announcer say "Kossuth Radio", but this may be wishful thinking by a non-Magyar! The same program was also heard on 1116 and 1251. [JR] NOV 5, 2011-2032, both stations heard here with echo. Folk music and Hungarian anmts //1116. Fair. [JF]

1359 EGYPT Cultural Program, Batra, NOV 05 2200 – *Presumed*; under Classic Gold, Arab music through the top-of-hour; SIO 222. [JB]

1359 ENGLAND Classic Gold 1359, Shilton, NOV 05 2200 – "*On T.A.B.* [which is? - JB] *Beautiful Radio, this is Classic Gold,*" news, weather for Coventry and Warwickshire; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 8 1856 – ads for Coventry. Same program as 1260, except for Bristol ad breaks. [JR]

1359 ENGLAND Classic Gold Breeze, Chelmsford, NOV 07 1833 – Classic Gold Cash-call promo, ID at 1835; SIO 333. [JB]

1368 ISLE OF MAN Manx R., Douglas, NOV 04 2009 – Asking for requests, chat about Harry Potter; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 5, 1831-1852, political meeting discussing coastal erosion with lots of questions to the Chief Minister from the member from Michael. Manx Radio ID's at 1844. Good [JF]

1377 ENGLAND Asian Sound R., Ashton Moss, NOV 05 2041 – France was off briefly and Indian film music emerged; SIO 232 with splatter from St. Pierre. [JB] NOV 05 2122 – France gone again, just Indian music...was hoping for hints of Lhasa! [JB] NOV 05 2204 – Local news (mentioning "*Manchester*") in Hindi (?), Indian music after 2207; SIO 433 at peak. [JB] NOV 5, 2040-2130, South Asian music but tough copy mixing with St.Pierre on 1375 and France on 1377 which would occasionally cut out leaving this one audible. Poor [JF] NOV 5 2305 – With France off, Asian music until top of hour, no ID, then broke into BBC news already in progress. Before returning to music, I note an almost inaudible ID on the tape "*Your information station ... Asian Sound*". Listed at 80 watts! [JR]

1377 TANZANIA R. Free Africa, Mwaza, NOV 05 2252-2305 – France was temporarily off which allowed reception of African telephone talk, sound effects of dog growling (laughter in studio), ID at 2304, but had just switched off tape! SIO 233-2. First time I've heard this since France went to 24 h operation. [JB] NOV 5 2302 – with France having problems over several days on this frequency, we got an ID from RFA during a break between what sounded like hi-life or reggae. [JR] NOV 5, 2252-2301, male announcer at sports event in an unidentified language. Weak ID at 2301. Very Poor with QRM from Asian Sound [JF]

1385.93GUINEA R. Rurale, Labé, NOV 4, 1946, West African music and French announcements. Poor to Fair on the African antenna [JF] NOV 03 2108 – News in African-accented French; SIO 232 with splatter from Russia on 1386. [JB]

1386 KENYA KBC, Maralal, NOV 05 0216-0226 – Pops, English announcer ID'ed twice and gave KBC Web address, reggae at 0226; SIO 242. [JB] NOV 5 0230 – local time check of 5:30, and ID “*You are listening to KBC Nairobi*”. All alone on channel. Heard other nights, too. [JR] NOV 5, 0214-0233, Music by Crowded House, time check as “18 past 5”, web site given as www.kbc.com and news about Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire, more music as signal improved to good quality. ID at 0230 “*You are listening to KBC Nairobi*”. Best that I have ever heard this station. Poor to Good [JF]

1386 UNID NOV 9 1858 – An unidentified Interval Signal was heard underneath Russia. It sounded familiar, so probably an Eastern European international broadcaster, or a religious broadcaster. However, I have been searching through archived Interval Signals on the web without success. [JR]

1395 NETHERLANDS Business R., Lopik, NOV 07 0729 – ID and traffic report; SIO 332. [JB]

1395 UNID NOV 9 1918 – eastern European talk (I think), initially thought this one was Tirana, but then Tirana came on like a sledgehammer at 1930 on 1394.80. No chance to check this the following night, as the DX'pedition was over. I wish I'd taped it, but I thought initially it was Tirana. Perhaps VOA from Armenia? [JR]

1395 ARMENIA R. 2, Yerevan, NOV 9 0158 – On a completely empty channel, this one signed on with a choral anthem, then a woman talking. Weak, and suffered from heavy splatter. The next night it was even weaker, with spurious SW signals on the channel to contend with. Spectrum analysis, according to Steve Whitt, shows a station coming on at this time. And some weeks later Jean's match with the anthem on Dave Kernick's Interval Signals Archive web page is confirmed, as I hear the same anthem on my tape. [JR] NOV 10 0157 - Interval signal, very weak nevertheless unequivocally matched with one on Dave Kernick's web-site; programming after 0200 was essentially unusable; SIO 141. [JB]

1404 UNID Jammer, NOV 5 1915 – Strong bubble jammer heard all week, perhaps Iraq jamming Iran? Signal could be defeated by shifting to LSB. [JR]

1413 ENGLAND BBC R. Gloucestershire, Berkley Heath and Bourton-on-the-Water, NOV 05 1926-1939 – Pop tunes, but mainly call-in programming, weather for Gloucestershire and Wiltshire at 1931; SIO 332. [JB] NOV 07 0628 – Telephone number for the "birthday file," ID and traffic report; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 09 1846 – Program of 50's music produced by "BBC Local Radio, Plymouth;" SIO 444 at peak. [JB]

1413 ENGLAND Premier R., Dartford and Heathrow, NOV 05 1937 – *Presumed*; American syndicated religion coming through BBC; SIO 222. [JB]

1413 OMAN BBC Relay, Zakaki, NOV 05 1930 – Weak pips and BBC ID behind Gloucestershire; SIO 222-1. [JB] NOV 5, 2309-2331, “*The World Today*” //7105, 5975. Poor to Good with fading [JF]

1422 ALGERIA RDA R. Culture, Alger, NOV 03 1825-1835 – Arab music, ID in Arabic then more music; SIO 444. [JB] NOV 3, 2058-2105, French pop music, time pips and check as “*22 heures*”. ID as “*L'Information Culture*”. News. Fair with QRM de Germany [JF]

1431 ENGLAND Classic Gold 1431, Reading, NOV 09 1823-1835 – Old pops, Classic Gold Cash Call contest, weather for Thames Valley at 1834; SIO 232. [JB]

1431 GERMANY Mega R., Wilsduff, NOV 04 0111 – Hiphop and rap music // 1575; SIO 333. [JB]

1431.03IRAN IRIB, Esfahan, NOV 06 0111 – Koran // 1503; SIO 332. [JB]

1440 LUXEMBOURG China Radio International relay, Marnach, NOV 2, 1931-1943, French program with Chinese language lesson. Into new program of music from different regions of China at 1938. Co-channel Saudi station faded up at 1937. Good [JF]

1449 ITALY RAI R. 2 synchros, NOV 03 1845 – Short news reports, echo from poor synchronization; SIO 243. [JB]

1449 UNID Jammer, NOV 8 1907. [JR]

1458 ENGLAND Capital Gold, Manchester, NOV 09 2002 – News ends, promo and many canned IDs; SIO 333. [JB]

1467 PRIDNESTROVYE R. Mayak, Grigoriopol, NOV 05 0323-0330 – Mellow pops, possibly ads from 0328, IS, ID and international news; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 5 0327 – ID heard, previously logged as VO

Russia. [JR] NOV 5, 0517-0530*, local ads in presumed Moldovan, ID and news report. Another ad at 0528, talk and then off. Good. [JF]

1467 FRANCE Vatican Radio, Roumoules, NOV 3, 1922-1940, German program //4005. Good [JF] NOV 5 1809 – usual programming, via Monte Carlo transmitter in France. [JR]

1476 EGYPT Holy Koran Service, El Minya, NOV 04 0057 – ID, the Koran // 864; SIO 333. Site is according to WRTH. [JB] NOV 4, 0058, Koranic recitations //864. Poor [JF] NOV 5 0329 – Koranic reading, // 1593. [JR]

1476 UAE-DUBAI UAE Radio, NOV 3, 0218-0232, IS on stringed instrument, brief Arabic announcement by man at 0226 followed by anthem. Sign-on announcement at 0227. Call To Prayer 0229. Poor to Good [JF]

1485 SPAIN R. Zamora, Zamora, NOV 07 1808 – Local ID, very weak but it was broad daylight; SIO 132, but it was not the strongest Spanish signal on the frequency. [JB]

1494 GREECE ERA2, Rodos, NOV 6, 0041-0100, Greek music and announcements. ID at 0100. Good [JF] NOV 10 0018 – Presumed; Greek music; SIO 433. [JB]

1494 UNIDS NOV 6 2154 – three stations on channel, one signs off with “*Chariots of Fire*” theme music, the other concludes with bells and choral anthem, the third is France. [JR]

1502 ANGOLA EP do Benguela, Benguela, NOV 03 1915 – Portuguese news with reports from Angolan R. Nacional; SIO 343-2. [JB]

1503 AZORES AFN, Lajes, NOV 3, 1836, PSA on how to tune to AFN, Buffalo vs New England football. Poor to Fair [JF]

1503 SPAIN RNE-5, synchros, NOV 2, 2110, Rock music, ID as “*Educacion en Radio Cinco*”, Good [JF]

1512 BELGIUM R. Vlaanderen International, Wolvertem, NOV 07 1800 – “*RVF*” ID then French news; SIO 243. [JB]

1530 ICELAND AFN, Keflavik, NOV 6, 0648-0704, AFN ID and features about constellations, biological agents, Stock Market report from Japan and Hong Kong. AP Network news at 0700. Local news Radio Newslines Keflavik at 0702, weather forecast. First time that I have heard this station after numerous tries. Poor [JF]

1548 MOLDOVA TWR, Grigoriopol, NOV 8 1757 – TWR interval signal. [JR]

1548 KUWAIT R. Sawa, Kabt, NOV 10 0029 – Breathy “*Sawa*” slogan the music; SIO 433. [JB] NOV 10 0045 – with a punchy ID during Middle Eastern pop music. Interference from one of the two “*Magic*” stations in Britain. [JR]

1566 ENGLAND BBC Somerset Sound, Taunton, NOV 02 2319 – Big band music // BBC R. Bristol on 1548; SIO 232. [JB] NOV 5 2002 – the dominant station on 1566 all week, having recently switched to this channel, which unfortunately blocks India. [JR]

1575 CLANDESTINE (KUWAIT) Al Mustaqbal (Presumed), NOV 5, 2204, Arabic music. Poor [JF]

1584 SCOTLAND R. Tay, Perth, NOV 09 1743 – Weather, Scottish music program; SIO 354. [JB]

1584 SPAIN SER R. Gandia, Gandia, NOV 05 1825-1838 – Over and under RadiOlé's flamenco music, local ads, news, and local announcements, a clear ID came through at 1828; SIO 332 at best. [JB]

1593 IRELAND R. Caroline, Cork, NOV 05 1900-1913 – This 200-watt TA was fighting for the frequency with the VOA, IDs at 1900 and 1912, pop music, car rental ad at 1911; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 5 1910 – pop music, ID's, although reported as on the high side, this was mostly dead-on the frequency during the week. Not bad with 200 watts. [JR] NOV 5, 1901-1916, ID and then orchestral music. Pop music such as “*Layla*” and ID's. This one is a pirate reportedly relaying Radio Caroline off satellite with 200 watts from Cork County, Ireland. Poor [JF]

1593 KUWAIT VOA Relay, NOV 05 1904-1920 – Farsi talk about Iraq, SW // 9680 is 1 to 1.5 seconds behind the MW signal; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 5 1918 – Farsi program, nearly two seconds ahead of same program on 9680. At 2000, heard “*Injo Washington*” ID. NOV 6 2030 – heard “*This is the Voice of America*” ID. [JR] “*This program came to you from VOA, Washington. Welcome to the Voice of America in Farsi*” //9680 with a two second delay. Very poor. [JF]

1593 ROMANIA R. Romania Cultura, Ion Korvian, NOV 03 1959 – Mixing with other Romanian(s) and an Arab, ID came through just before the top-of-hour; SIO 222. [JB] NOV 05 1957 – ID and Romanian anthem; SIO 332. [JB] NOV 5 1956 – Romanian anthem (as identified by Jean), heard under VOA. [JR]

1593 ROMANIA R. Târgu Mures, Miercurea Ciuc, NOV 09 1806 – Two stations here, IDs; SIO 243. [JB] NOV 09 1859 – IS and ID in German "Neumarktner Rundfunk;" SIO 222. [JB]

1593 MOLDOVA / ROMANIA NOV 5, 1851-1906, Hard to tell who this was in the mess of QRM here. Klezmer music with announcements in an unidentified language. Possible ID at 1900 and news in Romanian or Moldovan. Fair mixing with BVOA and Radio Caroline – a real mess on this frequency. [JF]

1602 SPAIN R. Segovia, NOV 8 1854 – ID noted during break time for local programs. [JR]

1611 VATICAN, Radio Vaticana, Vatican City, NOV 3, 1920-1947, brief IS, s/on announcement and program in Bulgarian //6185. IS and program in Romanian at 1940. Fair [JF]

1616.7 UNID PIRATE NOV 4 2220 – man speaking, Greek music and vocals. [JR]

1636.05NETHERLANDS/PIRATE Graaf van Luxembourg, NOV 02 2243-2249, 2306-2309* - Polkas, Dutch talk, IDs and cell-phone number, off at 2309, but perhaps came back briefly at 2326; SIO 253. Thanks to Julius Hermans in the Netherlands for pointing out the ID (via RealDX). [JB]

1645 NETHERLANDS/PIRATE R. Barones, NOV 03 2055 – Dutch songs, ID; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 09 2248 – Dutch talk, telephone number, "*This is Radio Barones*" at 2253; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 3, 2043-2056, eclectic mix of rock music, modern pop music by Paul Simon and Schlager "folk" music. ID's. Good [JF]

1650 FRANCE Cross-sur-Seine?, NOV 3, 2020, French weather broadcast for French cities. Good [JF]

1673.3 EUROPIRATE UNID, NOV 3, 2039-2056*, music and talks in an unidentified Eastern European language. Possibly from a location in the Balkans. Fair with deep fades [JF]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

530 TURKS AND CAICOS IS Radio Vision Cristiana, NOV 6, 0705, Spanish ID and address. Good with het from Faroe Islands. [JF]

555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ Radio, Basseterre, NOV 09 0423-0430 – DJ wanted to know the greatest song of all time. Of course, all telephoned suggestions were recorded since 2000! Some music, ID and ZIZ promo at 0428; SIO 322 with massive slop. [JB]

610 BRAZIL R. Itatiaia (ZYL268), Belo Horizonte MG, NOV 08 0308 – ID with call, promo, ads; SIO 443. [JB]

610 TRINIDAD NBS Radio, Port of Spain, NOV 6, 0847-0851, steel band music. Sign-on anmt in English with frequencies. Religious message at 0850. Fair. [JF]

630 PUERTO RICO NotiUno (WUNO), San Juan, NOV 08 0328 – Announcements, ID; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 08 0403 – ID, long jingle; SIO 333. [JB]

630 VENEZUELA R. Nacional (YVKA), Caracas, NOV 09 0531 – Talk on why Guyana belongs to Venezuela; SIO 333. [JB]

640 GUADELOUPE NOV 3, 0755-0810 – presumed, with French talk under CBC St. John's but not //1375 St. Pierre. Timecheck at 0800 as "*neuf heures*" and into news. Sports with soccer news at 0805 and newsmagazine show at 0808. Poor [JF] RFO R. Guadeloupe, Pointe-à-Pitre, NOV 07 2216 – Guadeloupe news; SIO 422 way over CBN. [JB]

640 VENEZUELA Unión R. (YVQO), Puerto La Cruz, NOV 08 0336 – Station list, promo for BBC news on Unión R; SIO 433, creaming CBN again! [JB]

660t MEXICO UNID, NOV 10 1015 – weak accordion music, possibly Mexico, with a steady signal from XERF-1570 noted during this time. [JR]

670 BRAZIL R. Cultura de Sergipe (ZYJ921), Aracaju SE, NOV 09 2047-2102 – Sounds like religious programming, parish news and music, ID with call and location at 2100; dominating frequency SIO 343. [JB]

670 BRAZIL R. Cultura Jaguarão (ZYK296), Santa Vitória do Palmar RS, NOV 09 2054 – Weak station beneath R. Cultura de Sergipe; it was confusing hearing two "*Rádio Cultura*" stations at the same time. This one IDed at 2054 and 2058, and the second ID included the location; SIO 222-1. [JB]

680 BRAZIL Grande Rio AM (ZYY793), Petrolina PE, NOV 07 2114-2154 – Music station initially under Brazilian religious broadcaster, IDs at 2115, 2125, 2147 and clearest at 2151; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 8 2103 – ID heard after “Ave Maria” segment (same program on 1460 at the time). Others ID’ed this earlier, but I finally heard it myself at this time. [JR]

680 PUERTO RICO R. Guapa (WAPA), San Juan, NOV 06 0849 – Local notices, cock crows, ID; SIO 432. [JB]

680 VENEZUELA R. Continente (YVQR), Cumaná, NOV 6, 0936-0942, lively LA music, full ID at 0939, ads and anmts of a request line. Good. [JF] NOV 10 0846-0902 – Ridiculously romantic talk and music, program was called “El Paraíso del Amor,” ID at 0902; SIO 454. [JB]

699.64 VENEZUELA R. Sur (YVPQ), Puerto Ordaz, NOV 06 0852 – Still off-frequency, Venezuelan harp music, three IDs in 5 minutes; SIO 343. [JB]

700 ARGENTINA Cadena Tres (LV3), Córdoba, NOV 06 0851-0900 – News “Radio Informa Tres;” SIO 332 getting clobbered by noise. [JB]

700 BRAZIL R. Eldorado AM (ZYK686), São Paulo SP, NOV 10 0808 – No doubt about the identity of this one: a succession of IDs for two minutes; SIO 433. [JB]

710 VENEZUELA R. Capital (YVKY), Caracas, NOV 02, 2341-0002 – Horseracing commentaries and results, ads and IDs, news from 0000; SIO 322 under CKVO. [JB]

720 GREENLAND Kalallit Nunaata R, Simiutaq, NOV 2, 0812, YL talk in Greenlandic, Good. [JF]

730 PARAGUAY Cardinal AM (ZP7), Asunción, NOV 3, 0148-0208, LA guitar music and other EZL music. No break on the hour. Sports ad at 0205 and ID as “Cardinal AM 7-30”. Poor-Fair. [JF] NOV 03 0201-0207 – Talks, “Cardinal AM 7-30” ID at 0205, “Cardinal Deportiva” promo; SIO 443. [JB]

730 COLOMBIA Melodía, Bogotá, NOV 10 0917 – ID during music break as “Estaciones Melodias”. [JR]

760 BRAZIL R. Uirapuru AM (ZYH588), Fortaleza CE, NOV 07 2316 – Religious programming, ID; SIO 433, but losing fast to Spanish QRM. [JB] NOV 3, 0812, ad for Agua and businesses in Fortaleza. Good. [JF]

770 VENEZUELA R. Nacional (YVKK), Valencia, NOV 07 2225 – Government reports/news, commentary about the seriousness of falsifying signatures; SIO 443. [JB]

780 BRITISH VIRGIN IS. ZBVI, Roadtown, NOV 07 2320-2324 – Ad for body-building competition, restaurant ads, ZBVI promo, music from 2324; SIO 352. [JB]

789.95 BARBADOS Voice of Barbados, Bridgetown, NOV 07 2305 – BBC news, jingle, ID before church music; SIO 353. [JB]

840 BRAZIL R. Excelsior da Bahia (ZYH447), Salvador BA, NOV 02, 2156-2203 – Mainly ads, sung ID including call just before 2200 then more ads; over R. Bandeirantes, SIO 333. [JB]

840 HAÏTI R. 4VEH (4VEF), Cap-Haïtien, NOV 03 *0959 – Sign on with chimes, anthem and complete ID; SIO 332. [JB] NOV 3, 1000-1005, anthem, s/on anmt in French w/ID “La Voix Evangelique..” and address. Quickly dropped below co-channel Cuba. Good. [JF]

840 ARGENTINA Radio Salta, Salta, NOV 6, 0841, Spanish ID. Fair [JF]

850 VENEZUELA R. Fé y Alegría (YVZC), Maracaibo, NOV 02, 2316-2329 – Educational talks, ended program at 2328 with “Fé y Alegría presento...;” SIO 343. [JB]

860 BRAZIL Cidade AM, Maracanaú CE, NOV 7 2032-2102 – ad for “Auto Mall” in Fortaleza, ID at 2102. [JR]

860 URUGUAY Radio Carve, Montevideo, NOV 5, 0346, ID as “Transmitiendo CX16, Radio Carve, Montevideo, Uruguay”. Fair. [JF]

870 PUERTO RICO R. Voz (WQBS), San Juan, NOV 09 2208 – Long ad string, something was available “en Bayamón,” harp music at 2211; SIO 443. [JB]

890 BRAZIL R. Planalto (ZYH706), Brasília DF, NOV 04 2234-2236 – Ads, promo for football coverage, ID; SIO 433. [JB]

900 MEXICO XEW, Mexico City, NOV 6, 0852, ID as “W Radio” and LA music. Fair. [JF]

910 VENEZUELA RQ-910 (YVRQ), Caracas, NOV 2, 0818-0828, LA mx and ads, TC for UTC-4, ID's as "RQ" (Ere-Coo), Good [JF] NOV 02, 2212 – Horseracing results; SIO 333. [JB]

930 URUGUAY R. Monte Carlo, Montevideo, NOV 7 0031 – with CJYQ slightly weakened by phasing, a "*Monte Carlo ... Uruguay*" ID was weakly heard. [JR]

940 PUERTO RICO WIPR, San Juan, NOV 07 2154-2204 – Credits for the program that was ending, drums at 2155 but faded out until 2202 when there was an interview with a Puerto Rican professor who had published a paper in *Nature*; SIO 332. [JB]

950 ARGENTINA R. Belgrano (LR3), Buenos Aires, NOV 08 0210, 0235 – Fade up over Brazilian with program from the "*Centro Cultural del Tango*," nicely timed promo and ID at recheck at 0235; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 8 0225 – heard with this slogan for the first time, previously R. Libertad. [JR]

950 CUBA R. Reloj, NOV 6 0336 – easily heard through the hash with code Ids. [JR]

950 VENEZUELA AM Popular, Caracas, NOV 9 0939 – one of many Venezuelan stations rising up in the morning as Brazil and Argentina fade out. Heard with a "*Radio Popular*" ID, phone numbers, and a sung ID ending with "... *Popular*". [JR]

970 VENEZUELA Mundial, Barcelona, NOV 02, 2225-2227 – IDs and promo for baseball coverage; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 06 0948 – IDs and promos; SIO 444. [JB] NOV 7 0355 – noted with sign-off announcement and anthem. WRTH lists this as 24 hours. [JR]

1000 BRAZIL R. Record (ZKY522), São Paulo SP, NOV 02, 2230-2249 – Brazilian ballads, ID mentioning SW broadcasts as well, religious program; SIO 443. [JB]

1000 VENEZUELA Mil AM / La Caribeña (YVNM), Morón, NOV 03, 0145 – Ad for a doctor in Morón; briefly dominating over R. Record, SIO 333. [JB] NOV 6, 0947, LA music and ID. Good. [JF]

1010 BRAZIL R. AM de Povo (ZYH625), Fortaleza CE, NOV 08 0300 – Many IDs, lottery numbers (?); SIO 342. [JB]

1020.10PARAGUAY R. Ñanduti (ZP14), Asunción, NOV 08 0302 – News read by man and woman, ID at 0303; SIO 343. [JB]

1029.90HAÏTI R. Guinen, Port-au-Prince, NOV 10 0911-0945, 1015 – Religious songs back to back (sounded always to be the same group), at 0943 church bells than a man in accent IDed as "*Radio Guinen, 92.9 FM et 1050 AM*," and he said the R. Guinen broadcast the Mass every day at this time, then a man sang in Creole "*Vous caputez la Radio a la Cayo...*" The Mass followed. The signal was still apparent with music at 1015; SIO 233 at peak. [JB] NOV 10 0912-1014 – While checking out the pseudo-Chilean on 1030, we spotted a strong signal on the low side, which upon Jean's tape review proved to be this station (not even close to the 1050 channel listed in the 2002 WRTH!). My tape shows the same stuff, but I doubt I could have dredged up its meaning as well as Jean! [JR]

1030 ARGENTINA? R. Del Plata, Buenos Aires, NOV 10 0911 – Probably this one with the tantalizing words "*Chilena*" and "*desde Santiago*", perhaps a news report from there. [JR]

1030 BRAZIL Radio Olinda, Olinda, NOV 2, 2158-2207, pop music with no breaks on the top of the hour. Jingle and full ID at 2206. Fair. [JF]

1060 MEXICO Radio Educación, Mexico City, NOV 6, 0832, Latin ballads //6185. Fair [JF] NOV 6 0947 – noted // 6185 with flute music. [JR]

1110 ARGENTINA La Once Diez, Buenos Aires, NOV 9 0805 – mention of Buenos Aires, temperatures, "*La 11-10, en la ciudad, y con la gente*". [JR]

1120 BRAZIL R. Rural (ZKY274), Porto Alegre RS, NOV 04 0151 – "*Abrazo a todo o Red Rural*," accordion music; SIO 333. [JB]

1130 VENEZUELA R. Ideal (YVRL), Maiquetía, NOV 03 0936 – Faded up in time for clear ID; SIO 333. [JB]

1150 ARGENTINA R. Brigadier López (LT9), Santa Fé, NOV 07 0219-0233 – Telephone chat, "*LT9*" slogan at 0231, temperatures in Santa Fé, news; SIO peaks at 444. [JB]

1160 ANTIGUA Caribbean R. Lighthouse, St. John's, NOV 04 2359-0001 – Spanish religious program ending, ID in English at 0000, relay of BBC news; SIO 333. [JB]

1170 ARGENTINA R. América (LR9), Buenos Aires, NOV 03, 0003 – Fading up quickly with ID, and news; SIO 433. [JB]

1170.03BRAZIL R. Difusora (ZYZ598), Mossoró RN, NOV 03, 0154-0200 – Brazilian pops in program "Discoteca da Noite," ad string for stores in Mossoró from 0157, long sung ID at 0200; SIO 443. [JB]

1189.97BRAZIL R. Juazeiro (ZYH459), Juazeiro BA, NOV 02 2053-2110; 2139-2210* - Messy reception due to a number of signals from Brazil on slightly different frequencies: mainly telephone talk initially, may have become religious later – was definitely so by 2142 – decent IDs were caught at 2054, 2142 and 2210, when the station seemed to sign off; peaked at SIO 333. [JB]

1190 ARGENTINA R. América (LR9), Buenos Aires, NOV 5, 0202, ID as "Radio America Informacion", news program with man and woman alternating items. Good. [JF] NOV 10 0145 – Erudite discussion of Argentinean affairs; SIO 333. [JB]

1230 BRAZIL R. Atual AM (ZYK766), São Paulo SP, NOV 03 2150 – Phone reports, jingle ID; SIO 443. [JB] NOV 09 0504 – Many IDs, accordion music; SIO 333. [JB]

1230 PUERTO RICO R. Unica (WNIK), Arecibo, NOV 08 0003 – News, ID; SIO 332 with Brazilian interference. [JB]

1250 BRAZIL R. Liberdade, Itarema CE, NOV 04 2150-2154 – Music and ID over "A Voz do Brasil" program; SIO 332. [JB]

1250 BRAZIL R. Metropolitana (ZYL367), Vespasiano MG, NOV 05 0308 – Faded above Spanish stations with ID; SIO 333. [JB]

1269.94ARGENTINA R. Provincia de Buenos Aires (LS11), La Plata, NOV 07 0235 – Tangos, ID; SIO 333. [JB] NOV 7 0302 – nice ID heard at this time following an anthem, during a program of tangos. [JR]

1280 PUERTO RICO WCMN Arecibo, NOV 9 1000 – Heard several times during the week as "NotiUno", but here was a call letters ID. [JR]

1280 BERMUDA VSB, NOV 9 1000 - Bible Broadcasting Network program; not listed on any list of BBN's US affiliates, but their website say they are on in Bermuda, and in response to an e-mail query they say it's them there. [JR]

1280 BRAZIL Super Radio Tupi, NOV 4, 0220-0256, Brazilian pop music, DJ with phone calls. Jingle ID at 0255. Good. [JF]

1290 US VIRGIN IS. WWRA, Frederiksted, NOV 08 2250 – Talk // 1620; SIO 242-1, impossible to ID without the parallel. [JB] NOV 8 2251 – Neil found this with the same program as WDHP 1620, Dr. Dave call-in program. [JR]

1290 VENEZUELA R. Puerto Cabello (YVLF), Puerto Cabello, NOV 10 0933 – Caught ID in passing; SIO 343. [JB]

1290 BRAZIL R. Timbira do Maranhão, Sao Luiz MA, NOV 7 2302 – A nice ID heard in the pile-up on this frequency, along with a severe het. [JR]

1290.37BRAZIL R. Metrópole AM (ZYH450), Salvador BA, NOV 03 2210-2300 – Relay of an FM station, "ZYC 286 (or 886), 101.3 Metrópole FM, a radio da cidade" is the ID; SIO 443. Thanks to Rocco Cotroneo in Brazil for elucidating the ID (via RealDX). [JB]

1300 VENEZUELA R. 1300, NOV 9 0943 – another quick log, with ID, as I was flushing out morning Venezuelans: "Descubre una nueva forma de sensación, escuchan mil tres cientos ...". [JR]

1310 BRAZIL R. Mazagão Beija, Mazagão AP, NOV 08 0409-0431 – Brazilian pops, many time checks, simple canned IDs at 0414 and 0430 as "Rádio Mazagão Beija," which is somewhat at variance with WRTH; SIO 352-1 with reception marred by brutal noise. [JB] NOV 8 0440 – program of light music, alternating frequent frequent ID's between a man and a woman "en Mazagão, Beija Flora Radifusão ... con mil wats de potencia", initially ID'ed by Neil, listed as a CP in the 2002 WRTH. [JR]

1320 BRAZIL R. Milênio (ZYH243), Maceió AL, NOV 04 2046-2052 – Ads mentioned Maceió, Catholic religious talk, IDs at 2050; SIO 343. [JB]

1320 PUERTO RICO Super Kadena, San Juan, NOV 8 2305 – network slogan in passing. [JR]

1340 BRAZIL R. São Luiz, São Luiz MA, NOV 6 0810 – noted with time check and mention of Sao Luiz. [JR]

1350 PUERTO RICO NOV 7 0148 – baseball play-by-play, mentions of Mayaguez and Caguas. Stong interference from R. Buenos Aires, which was heard ID'ing at 0259. [JR]

1370 BRAZIL R. Boa Vontade (ZYK766), São Paulo SP, NOV 04 0252-0307 – Woman with religious talk, "Boa Vontade" ID and "LBV" mentioned at 0300; SIO 322. [JB]

1370 BRAZIL R. Independência (ZYJ267), Curitiba PR, NOV 03 0755 – ID emerged over other Brazilians; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 04 0236-0306* – Lots of talk, IDs and jingles; signed off at 0306; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 8 0520 – a full spoken ID, followed by a sung ID emerged, after replaying the tape several times. [JR] NOV 4, 0258, polka style music and ID. Fair. [JF]

1380 BRAZIL "R. Globo", Recife RN, NOV 4 2059 – "R Globo segunda edição" promos, wolf whistle, but also what appears to be a partial ID at the top of the hour "...773", which matches Recife's call letters. NOV 8 0632 – operating parallel to R. Globo 1220, but some local break-outs noted during this time. [JR]

1390 VENEZUELA R. Fé y Alérgia (YVZA), Caracas, NOV 10 0938 – Long ID; SIO 433. [JB]

1390 VENEZUELA R. Lumen, Maracaibo, NOV 9 0948 – it's not very often that I've heard something that Jean hasn't, but this is one of those rare occasions. An ID heard, along with a mention of Catholic programming: "El autoridad de la confesión venezolano de la estación catolica ... el lumen ..." (woman) and "la estación venezolano ... catolica ..." (man). [JR]

1410 BRAZIL R. Santa Cruz AM, Santa Cruz RN, NOV 3, 2242-2245, ad for a concert and full ID but then quickly dropped below co-channel Radio Sao Gonzalo. Fair [JF] NOV 4 2058 – a positive omen that the first Brazilian I tune into gives a complete ID. Most of the others seem to take hours to get a useful ID! [JR]

1410 BRAZIL R. São Gonçalo (ZYH467), São Gonçalo dos Campos BA, NOV 03 2245 – ID and promised news upcoming; SIO 333. [JB]

1430 BRAZIL R. Clube Paranaense (ZYJ200), Curitiba PR, NOV 05 0035-0040 – "Clube Juvenil" program, juvenile talk and Brazilian pops, ID at 0039; SIO 343. [JB]

1440.08BRAZIL Super 1440 (ZYJ469), Rio de Janeiro RJ, NOV 07 0705-0714 – Relay of Jovem Pan program with news and telephone reports, "Rádio Jovem Pan" slogans; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 08 0048 – Hyper ads, "Super 14-40" IDs; SIO 443. [JB] NOV 8 0033 – mentions "Parana" constantly – a soccer team? – but finally an ID at 0050 "Super 1440 ... sua nova companhia". [JR]

1450 BRAZIL R. Hulha Negra (ZYJ822), Criciúma SC, NOV 03 0103 – In a mix of weak Brazilians, an ID and jingle popped up for this one; SIO 232-1. [JB] NOV 07 0412-0524 – Mixing with many other Brazilians, "Rádio Hulha Negra" jingle ID at 0444 and decent ID at 0513 before ad string; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 09 0057-0204 – During this time I'm certain that 3 or 4 Brazilian audios passed some time on top, yet the only one IDed was, once again, Hulha Negra. Thanks to Rocco Cotroneo for figuring out one ID; Pennti Lintujarvi (on RealDX) pointed out that this station has recently upped power to 10 kW. [JB]

1450t URUGUAY R. America, Montevideo, NOV 7 0517 – likely the Montevideo station with "Atención Montevideo; atención Uruguay" phrase in medical ad heard twice), but there is a second Uruguay station listed on channel. Interference from an UNID Brazilian station with soccer play-by-play between Sao Paulo and Vasco da Gama. Later on the tape there is a tantalizing mention of "America", but this may not have been an ID. [JR]

1460 BRAZIL R. Agreste (ZYJ615), Santo Antônio RN, NOV 09 2110-2202 – Brazilian pops, some sports talk, faded during every ID until 2201; SIO 443. [JB] NOV 4 2130 – ID heard during series of ads. [JR]

1460 COLOMBIA Nuevo Continente, Bogotá, NOV 9 0402 – surprised during a tape replay to hear "desde Santa Fé de Bogotá ... todavía ... 1460 kilohertz ... Nuevo Continente ...". [JR]

1460.02BRAZIL R. Amazonas (ZYH300), Parintins AM, NOV 08 0157-0203 – Telephone talk, laughter, slogans and Ids, ads at 0200 but faded out soon after; SIO 342. [JB]

1460.06BRAZIL R. Uirapuru (ZYH616), Morada Nova CE, NOV 10 0750 – Sound effects, canned ID repeated a few times (maybe a sign on), Brazilian pop tune at 0752; SIO 343. [JB]

1470 BRAZIL R. AM de Parelhas (ZYJ616), Parelhas RN, NOV 05 0339 – ID as part of an ad for advertising on the station; SIO 353. [JB]

1470 URUGUAY R. Cristal del Uruguay (CX147), Las Piedras, NOV 09 0056 – ID and into ads; SIO 333. [JB]

1480 BRAZIL R. Canção Nova (ZYI825), Gravatá PE, NOV 02, 2251-2305 – Through WMDD with music, ads just after 2300, clear ID finally at 2303 before additional interference from WSAR appeared; peaked at SIO 332. [JB]

1520 BRAZIL R. Bela Vista (ZYH530), Poções BA, NOV 7 0612 – ID noted during a “*bom dia, bom dia*” wake up segment. [JR] NOV 07 0653-0659 – Ads, ID, station address (as in WRTH), hearty “*Bom Dia*” many times; SIO 333. [JB]

1520 COLOMBIA Ecos del Palmar (HJLI), SF de Bogotá, NOV 6 0257 – heard with slogan, quite strong. [JR] NOV 07 0238-0306 – Accordion music, lost for a while in a blob of Latin signals, ID emerged at 0305; SIO 242. [JB]

1530 BRAZIL R. Cabo Frio (ZYJ482), Cabo Frio RJ, NOV 07 0659 – Jingles and hype, ID and news at 0700; SIO 333, but faded to nothing within a few minutes. [JB]

1530 BRAZIL UNID, NOV 8 0700 – a lively morning program with trumpets, sirens and other sound effects. Pips noted at 0700, 0715 and 0730. [JR]

1530 BRAZIL UNIDs, NOV 10 0803 – two stations ID’ing as “*Radio Cultura*” and “*Radio Difusora*”, the Brazilian radio equivalent of “Smith” and “Jones”. [JR]

1570 BRAZIL R. ABC (ZYK651), Santo André SP, NOV 7 0355 – a highly promotional ID announcement was heard at this time, touting news and opinion. [JR] NOV 07 0405 – Car ad, ID; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 08 2312 – News or announcement, quick “ABC” ID; SIO 242. [JB]

1570 BRAZIL R. Cultura (ZYJ493), Valença SP, NOV 07 0406 – Fighting with R. ABC, “*Cultura 15-70*” ID; SIO 322. [JB]

1570 DOMINICAN REP. R. Amanecer Internacional (HIAJ), Santo Domingo, NOV 6, *0902-0932, Anthem, but quickly dropped into the QRN. Spanish relig pgm //6025. Poor. [JF] NOV 7 0354 – tentatively heard 24 hours before, complete sign-off announcement heard before 0354 sign-off, concluding with an anthem. [JR] NOV 07 0328-0358* - Religious songs and talk, sign-off announcements from 0355, anthem to 0358; SIO 233. [JB]

1570 GUATEMALA R. VEA (TGVE), Guatemala, NOV 6 0419 - R. Amanecer sign off at 0357 left a call-in program, with a single “*R. Vea*” ID at 0419. We continued listening for a more certain ID, which we got at 0600 sign-off, including slogan, “*En Contacto*” program name, “*diez mil watts de potencia*”, closing with a Gospel tune. The same announcements heard the following morning at this same time. [JR] NOV 07 0534-0559 – Preaching, “*En Contacto*” program ended around 0550, ID (“*Radio Vea*”) at 0555, lost to domestic interference; SIO 343 at peak. [JB]

1570 MEXICO La Poderosa (XERF), Ciudad Acuña, NOV 6 0531 – “*XERF La Poderosa*” ID at 0531, Mexican anthem at 0600, slogan again at 0938. On the last morning of DX’ing, NOV 10, Jean and I heard this one as late as 1033. [JR] NOV 6, 0732, jingle then Spanish ID and ranchera music. Fair. [JF] NOV 10 1005-1014 – Fast accordion tunes, two IDs; SIO 232. [JB]

1580 VENEZUELA AM Center, Caracas, NOV 6 0842 – music and ID // 910 YVRQ. [JR]

1590 BRAZIL R. Guaicuí (ZYL369), Várzea da Palma MG, NOV 06 2348-2352 – Lots of ads, “AM Guaicuí” ID at 2350, faded out quickly; SIO 322. [JB] NOV 07 0604 – Rustic accordion music, many IDs; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 7 0612 – a very strong signal with several ID slogans heard at this time. [JR]

1590 URUGUAY R. Real (CX159), Colonia, NOV 07 0050 – Ads, ID and mentioned “*Independencia de Colonia*,” SIO 332. [JB]

1620 US VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP, Fredriksted, No 3, 0305-0324, tuned in at end of news (sounded like BBC). Full ID saying that WRRR 1290 was simulcasting with WDHP, 1620 and WAXJ, 103.5. ID as “*The Reef*”. Caribbean island music. Good [JF] NOV 5 0100 – Full ID mentions WRRR 1290, WDHP 1620 and FM. [JR]

1630 ARGENTINA 1630 AM Buen Ayre, La Plata, NOV 5, 0448-0515, music of the 70's and 80's such as "Jive Talkin", "Didn't We Almost Have It All". Fanfare and news headlines in Spanish at 0500 mentioning La Plata and Argentina. Poor. [JF]

1689.98 ARGENTINA Apocalipsis II, Buenos Aires, NOV 05 0350-0438 - Religious songs and preaching, IDs at 0352 and 0427, announcement with frequencies (including 90.7 FM) at 0415; SIO 342 with tremendous static noise. [JB] NOV 5, 0351-0446, Spanish religious programs, man shouting Hallelujahs at 0400. Full ID at 0446. Poor. [JF]

DOMESTIC DX

1180 USA UNID, NOV 10 0920 - promo for ESPN's Tony Kornheiser Show. ESPN's webs site shows no affiliates on 1180. I suspect that it is WHAM playing a promo from its other station WHTK 1280, which does not have this show, but which sometimes lets promos for it slip in during program breaks. [JR]

1520 KOMA, Oklahoma City OK, NOV 10 0948-0954, 1000 - "Oklahoma's Oldies Station, KOMA" ID, oldies music, ads at 0953, promo for Cowboys football, legal ID and news at 1000; SIO 242 initially, but rapidly building interference from R. Disney. [JB] NOV 10 0955 - noted with oldies, such as "What a Wonderful World". [JR]

1520p KDYS, Lafayette LA, NOV 10 0958 - *Presumed*; Radio Disney hype, contest promos, more and more hype and finally music at 1002; SIO 222. [JB] NOV 10 1002 - Disney program so strong along with KOMA that I wondered if WWKB had gone to kids programs. A look at the Radio Disney affiliate shows this as the only one on 1520. [JR]

1570 WOKC, Okeechobee FL, NOV 07 0559 - ID: "The new AM 15-70 WOKC Okeechobee, Classic Country around the lake with five decades of hits;" SIO 333. [JB] NOV 7 0600 - ID heard by Jean, then AP news. Heard the next morning with Country & Western music and an announcement about "weekday mornings on Okeechobee Crossings" at the same time following AP news. [JR]

1630 KNAX, Ft. Worth/Dallas TX, NOV 04 0329 - ID, intro to program "Palabras de Vida;" SIO 353. [JB]

LONGWAVE BEACONS

(all logged by Jim Renfrew)

- 270 AZORES FLO, Flores, NOV 4 2320.
- 289 UNID MY, NOV 7 0320 - 3 slow ID's, then long DAID.
- 292 UNID BA, NOV 4 2339 - 2 slow BA idents, then long DAID.
- 298 GREENLAND KU, NOV 9 2050.
- 316 BRAZIL BL, Salinopolis, NOV 7 0253.
- 324 PORTUGAL POR, Porto, NOV 6 0245.
- 326 UNID FXY, NOV 8 0248.
- 329 UNID FOF, NOV 8 0248 (I'm guessing Martinique).
- 329 AZORES SC, NOV 9 2040.
- 332 PORTUGAL FAR, Faro, NOV 5 0009.
- 335 MADEIRA PST, Porto Santo, NOV 5 0015.
- 341 AZORES GP, Lajes, NOV 6 0240.
- 345 BARBADOS BGI, Adams, NOV 6 0743.
- 353 VENEZUELA HOT, NOV 7 0742.
- 359 GREENLAND NA, Nassarssauq, NOV 6 0232.
- 360 BRAZIL JAC, Jacareacanga, NOV 7 0739.
- 361 ASCENSION ASN, NOV 8 0150.
- 361 AZORES HT, NOV 9 2026.
- 362 GRENADA GND, Pt. Salines, NOV 8 0148.
- 364 ICELAND OK, Keflavik, NOV 9 2020.
- 368.5 LUXEMBOURG ELU, Luxembourg-Berg, NOV 5 0039.

369 ANTIGUA, NOV 6 0728.
 371 AZORES MGL, San Miguel, NOV 5 0044.
 371 GREENLAND OZN, NOV 5, 0045.
 373 UNID CVB, NOV 7 0732.
 375 BRAZIL BRR, Barreiras, NOV 7 0728.
 380 AZORES FIL, NOV 5 0049.
 380 PORTUGAL LAR, Lajes, NOV 5 0049.
 378 GREENLAND CP, Constable Point, NOV 5 0053.
 383 ALGERIA TIO, Timimoun, NOV 6 0107.
 392 ICELAND KF, Keflavik, NOV 9 2012.
 396 PORTUGAL AI, Aveiro, NOV 6 0040.
 399 SPAIN MTN, Salamanca, NOV 6 0041.
 400 BRAZIL CAX, Rio de Janeiro, NOV 7 0218.
 400 MOROCCO AML, Agadir, NOV 7 2345.
 402 FRANCE MQ, Miquelon, NOV 5 2312.
 404 UNID QSL, NOV 5 2312.
 409 BRAZIL PEL, Manaus, NOV 6 0727.
 415 ST. LUCIA SLU, Castries, NOV 7 0240.
 416 SPAIN BLN, Bailen, NOV 5 2326.
 420 AZORES PI, Pico, NOV 5 2326.
 421 UNID OE, NOV 5 2331.
 426 FRANCE RY, Royan, NOV 5 2338.
 426 AZORES GC, Graciosa, NOV 5 2338.
 428 SPAIN MNF, Morón de la Frontera, NOV 5 2339.
 430 FRANCE SN, St. Yan, NOV 6 0005.
 433 SPAIN JRZ, Jerez, NOV 6 0034.
 433 UNID GHT, NOV 6 0039.
 518 BRAZIL BHZ, Belo Horizonte, NOV 7 0243.
 1620 BRAZIL ZZ, Petrobras XIV Platform, NOV 5 0100.
 1650 UNID SS53. NOV 4 2212.
 1650 UNID DOL, NOV 4 2212.
 1672 UNID BCP. NOV 7 2320.
 1730 UNID FRA, NOV 7 2322.

SHORTWAVE LOGGINGS

4005 VATICAN Radio Vaticana, Vatican City, NOV 3, 1922-1959, speech from the Pope. IS and into Rosary service at 1940 //1467 – France relay. Fair. [JF]

4010 KYRGYZSTAN Kyrgyz Radio, Bishkek, NOV 4, 2356-0036, run up tones, IS at 0000 and anthem by a chorus. Sign-on announcement with clear ID at 0003. Local music bridge then news in Kyrgyz. Music bridge at 0013 then news in Russian. Another music bridge at 0023 then into English news. Music at 0030. Good //4795. [JF] NOV 05 0001-0029 – Anthem, ID and Russian news, weather at 0023, news and weather in English from 0024, big band music at 0029; SIO 353. [JB] (Jean reports 4010.05)

4760 ANDAMAN IS. AIR, Port Blair, NOV 3, 2327-2343, subcontinental music, ID at 2329:40, time pips and Hindi news at 2330. Clear ID and English news at 2335. After the news there was a short talk by a man that almost sounded like a devotional – I have not heard this on AIR before. Good. [JF] NOV 03 2328-2342 - Local music, ID before pips at 2330, then news in Hindi (?), English from 2335 and a local language at 2340; music from 2341; SIO 353. [JB]

4790 PAKISTAN Azad Kashmir Radio, Rawalpindi, NOV 4, 0154-0203, music and talks. Pakistan's distinctive theme music "Typewriter Song" at 0159, time pips and news. Fair with hum. [JF]

4800 P. R. of CHINA CPBS, Geermu (site listed in Passport), NOV 02 2005 – Chinese talks, // 5880 and 7130; SIO 343. [JB]

4820 TIBET Xizang PBS, Lhasa, NOV 3, 2347-2356, Chinese service with talks. Long string of ads at 2350 some of which mentioned Lhasa. Good //5935 which was poor. [JF].. not surprisingly with its location, this one fades up around the same time as AIR stations and later than Eastern Chinese stations. NOV 03 2344-0004 – Chinese talks, mentioning "Xizang" often, local music then goat bleating, flute and child's voice, lots of talk about "Lhasa", pips and gorgeous ID at 0000, // 5935; SIO 444. [JB] NOV 4, *2238-2303, Chinese instrumental music, dead air from 2240 to 2250. Nice sign-on announcement and anthem at 2250. Another sign-on announcement by woman in presumed Tibetan giving frequencies. Instrumental music until 2300. Another ID and anthem at 2300 and into news read by a man and woman. Good. [JF]

4845 GUATEMALA R. K'ekchi (TGVC), Fray Bartolomé de las Casas, NOV 06 1011 - ID, program beginning, program promos; SIO 333. [JB]

4950 INDIA AIR, Srinigar, NOV 4, 0110-0140, carrier on, IS at 0119, Vande Mataram, s/on announcement at 0122 then music. ID at 0125 and into local news. Delhi news relay at 0130 //4860. Local music at 0135. Good. [JF]

4965 ZAMBIA Christian Voice, Lusaka, NOV 5, 2002, English news. Fair. [JF]

4980 TIBET / P. R. of CHINA Xinjiang PBS, Urumchi, NOV 04 0027 – Talks in minority language; SIO 353. [JB]

5025 UZBEKISTAN Radio Tashkent, NOV 5, 2054, local music and English ID. Fair. [JF]

5027.25PAKISTAN PBS Quetta, NOV 5, 0047-0101, Call to Prayer, Radio Pakistan ID at 0056. Anthem at 0058. "Typewriter" theme music before time pips and ID at 0100. News at 0100 in presumed Urdu. Good. [JF] NOV 05 0049-0103 – Koran, religious talk (Urdu?), the famous typewriter tune just before 0100, ID (mentioned "Quetta") and pips, then news headlines; SIO 242. [JB]

5040.06ECUADOR La Voz del Upano (HCVB7), Macas, 1009-1012 – Anthem, sign-on announcement, Bach flute piece; SIO 253. [JB]

5240 TIBET Xizang PBS, Lhasa, NOV 3, 2355-0021, Tibetan service (not //4820), local music sounding different than music usually heard on CPBS stations. Tibetan ads at 2359 including one that seemed to be for a supermarket. News at 0000 and more ads from 0005 to 0011 when they went into a program of instrumental music. Good //4920 which was good until AIR sign-on at 0000. [JF]

6011.06COLOMBIA La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras, NOV 02 0020-0030 – Religious talk; SIO 333 until someone began on 6015 at 0027. [JB] NOV 02 0202 – Religious talk alone and strong; SIO 443. [JB]

6020 AUSTRALIA R. Australia, Shepparton, NOV 05 1202 - Casual listening: Aussie news and sports; SIO 353. [JB]

6070 CANADA CFRX, Toronto, NOV 05 1158 - Only Canadian low-power audible other than semi-local CKZN; ads, traffic and weather for Toronto, "Newstalk 10-10" slogan at 1200; SIO 252. [JB]

6210 EUROPIRATE (Netherlands) Hip Hop Arie, NOV 3, 0818-0841, electronic dance music. ID's mentioning that they were on the east side of the Netherlands. Request line phone number given and said that they were using the www.alfalima.net web site. Very Good. [JF] Hiphop Arie, NOV 03 0820-0838 – Modern pops and hip-hop, ID at 0834; operator thought the signal might not be going beyond the end of his street. Was he ever wrong! SIO 344. [JB] (Jean reports 6209.97)

6210.22ENGLAND / PIRATE R. Nova International, NOV 09 2312- 2324 – Promo for Hollies special, ID with phoney French accent, sung ID, music by Roxy Music; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 10 0817 – British accented presenter gave phone number, ID and mailing address; SIO 252. [JB]

6218.97IRELAND / PIRATE Laser Hot Hits, NOV 03 0910 – Weird rap music, ID and maildrop address in Merlin ON; SIO 343. [JB]

6235.33NETHERLANDS / PIRATE Black Arrow, NOV 03 0732 – Modern dance music, IDs; SIO 343. Frequency slowly drifting up, 6235.41 at 0824. [JB] NOV 3, 0730-0741, ID "You are tuned to Black Arrow pirate radio station". Dance music. Fair. [JF]

6245.53IRELAND / PIRATE Laser Hot Hits (likely via Jolly Roger R.), NOV 03 0907 – Music, canned ID, T-shirt offer, not // 6218.97; SIO 343. [JB] NOV 3, 0906, rock music and ID with Merlin, Ontario and UK maildrops, but not // 6218.8 or 9385. Good. [JF]

6244.44NETHERLANDS / PIRATE Casanova R., NOV 03 *0726 – Moved here from 6274.44, ID, talked about R. Dr. Tim; SIO 433 with utility interference. [JB] NOV 3, *0716-0721*, suddenly came on with the song “Locomotion”. Announcer would frequently talk over the music, giving ID’s as “Casanova International”, greetings to listeners including Dave Hodgson and Dave Valko in the USA. Phone numbers given. Mentioned that he was trying to contact other pirate amateurs and that he was closing down. Very Good. Came back on 6244.4 at 0728 with similar talking over music. [JF]

6274.44NETHERLANDS / PIRATE Casanova R., NOV 03 *0717-0722* – Short broadcast began with "Locomotion" and acknowledged some well-known US pirate DXers, off when he realized the proximity of the Swinging R. England broadcast; SIO 444. [JB]

6275.73NETHERLANDS / PIRATE R. Caroline, NOV 09 2311-2318* – Phone number in accented English, IDspop music, off just after 2318; SIO 343. [JB]

6275.77NETHERLANDS / PIRATE R. Scotland International, NOV 10 0818-0827* - Dutch talk, ID and address in English, heavy music, 0822 ID in French, telephone numbers, off at 0827; SIO 333. [JB]

6277.09ENGLAND / PIRATE Swinging R. England, NOV 03 0709-0716, 0729-0740 – '60's tunes, long monologues about what he thinks of various other pirates. Jim says that there are eight words that are forbidden on US radio. I am sure all eight were used frequently! SIO 333. [JB] NOV 3, 0656-0741, Oldies music from the 60's (Dancing In The Street, It Hurts To Be in Love, Leader of the Pack etc.). Gave phone number (but I was only able to copy a part of it). ID's and Jingles. Lost to Radio Casanova between 0716-0721. Poor. [JF]

6277.87NETHERLANDS / PIRATE R. Mazda, NOV 02 2312 – Many IDs, E-mail to radiomazda@hotmail.com, rock music; SIO 353. Frequency slowly drifting up. [JB]

6281.81NETHERLANDS / PIRATE The Markies, NOV 03 2200 - Dutch song, bit of Dutch talk, ID and request for reception reports; SIO 232-1. [JB]

6300.14NETHERLANDS / PIRATE Alfa Lima International, NOV 03 0831 - Talk in English, telephone number and Hoogeveen address for reports; SIO 242. [JB]

6304.58NETHERLANDS / PIRATE West Coast R., NOV 03 0702-0708 – Sea gull sounds, rock music, ID at 0707; SIO 454. [JB] NOV 3, 0657-0727, electronic dance music. ID's “You are tuned to Westcoast Radio from the Netherlands” and “Westcoast Radio, you are tuned to Rock and Rollers on shortwave”. Very Good. [JF]

6715 CANARY IS. Yoido Full Gospel Church, Las Palmas, NOV 3, 1850-2004*, contemporary gospel music with no announcements prior to broadcast. Brief announcement by man in Korean then into a church service with Korean sermons and singing. Off at 2104. Fair at first building to Good. USB. [JF] NOV 03 1851-1910, 2004* - Religious songs and Korean preaching, initially weak but gaining strength; SIO 242-3 in first ten minutes. 100 watts [JB]

6940 ETHIOPIA Radio Fana, NOV 5, *0327-0342, IS, ID by YL at 0329 in Amharic. News and local music at 0333. Fair. [JF]

7210 BELARUS Belarus Radio, NOV 5, 2032-2044, English news with many items about Belarus and the Russian Federation. Folk music and ID. Fair. [JF]

7501.1 EUROPIRATE (Ireland) Ozone International, NOV 3, 0844-0911, man with telephone interview discussing community radio in Ireland. Some music after 0900 and mini feature “Strange Media” at 0904. Gave a hotmail.com e-mail address. Fair but improving to Good by 0900. [JF] NOV 03 0846-0903 – Longs talks about radio news, IDs at 0900 and 0902, E-mail ozone@hotmail.com; SIO 333. [JB]

9385 EUROPIRATE Laser Hot Hits, NOV 3, 0911, rock music //6218.8. Good [JF]

9505 CLANDESTINE Voice of Palestine, NOV 4, 0330-0335, chimes, s/on announcements at 0330. Martial music and news items with music bridge in between each item. Good. [JF]

9525 POLAND Radio Polonia, NOV 5, 1323, English talk about a Polish priest and ID. Fair. [JF]

12508.5UKRAINE Radio Megapolis, NOV 3, 0921-0936, in the clear with pop music and RR or Ukrainian announcements. Gone at 0940 re-check. Fair-Good. USB. [JF]

13820.22 UNIDENTIFIED NOV 05, 1225-1300 - Seemed to be Arabic, talks, singing, at 1230 news about Israel and Iraq , strident all-male chorus; wrecked by sign-on of R. Martí at 1300; SIO 353. [JB]

15310 THAILAND BBC relay, NOV 5, 1347, English newsmagazine, sports news and BBC ID. Fair. [JF]

15310 OMAN BBC relay (listed site), NOV 5, 1359, seemed to be a slight break in the transmission as transmitter was switched into English news. Fair. [JF]

15365 ROMANIA Radio Romania Int'l, NOV 5, 1437-1445, English with story about a man listening to fiddlers in the mountains. ID, "*Romanian Hits*" with pop music from Romania. Good //17790. [JF]

15475.5ANTARCTICA LRA36 Radio Nacional Arcangel, NOV 4, 2054-2127*, LA ballads with no break on the hour. Talk which sounded like a newscast at 2110. Music at 2120. Full ID's at 2125 and 2127 then off. Good. [JF] NOV 04 2125-2128* - Woman with announcements over Santana tune, ID and off at 2128; SIO 354. [JB]

18940 NORWAY R. Afghanistan, Kvitsøy, NOV 03 1428-1432 - Afghan talks and music, grand fanfare before ID at 1431; SIO 454. [JB]

TESTIMONY

Jean Burnell speaks:

"This was the first Newfoundland DXpedition at which there was no local participant. I had taken a new position in Halifax during the summer of 2001, so instead of just driving my car to the DX site, I was flying to Newfoundland like every other participant. This led to a new logistical consideration. Weight. I was the guy bringing all the wire, the long coax lead-ins, the splitters, and the pre-amps, and so it was with some trepidation that I checked in at Halifax airport.

"*How many bags to check in?*" the tiny CanJet agent asked. I indicated two, my suitcase and a very large box. I did not volunteer that together they likely weighed more than she did. Then, ticket in hand, I scurried towards the departure area before I was asked to explain almost 100 lb of luggage. Nevertheless, everything arrived in St. John's without a hitch. Unlike in previous years, I had to use valuable time to pick up a rental car, ground rods at a hardware store, drinking water and some food. Finally, on arrival in Cappahayden I had little daylight left for erecting an antenna, but I managed to deploy 600 m of the "Brazilian" Beverage. DX that evening was plagued by atmospheric noise, a problem that continued throughout the DXpedition. Thunderstorm crashes were so strong and frequent that some parts of the MW band, like the X-band, were often unusable. John Fisher arrived in the middle of the night. He can confirm that the accommodations at the house in Cappahayden had deteriorated considerably over the previous year. There were only two beds and in one bedroom there was no heat. John and Jim ended up sleeping in sleeping bags on the floor.

John and I completed the antenna work in the morning. This time we used only two Beverages, one towards South America and one towards Europe. The European antenna was fortuitously also aimed "off the back" towards the southwest, which led to some unexpected catches. Foremost amongst these was Radio VEA from Guatemala on 1570 kHz. Central Americans are difficult catches from Newfoundland, and this is only the second Guatemalan ever heard from Newfoundland. My own passion for the Brazilians was rewarded with reception of six or seven "new" ones, but reception of southern South America was particularly poor this time. Radio Guinen from Haïti made a surprising appearance on 1029.90 kHz, far from its nominal 1050 kHz, on the last morning. This many have been the only "new" Caribbean station. Conditions to Europe have not been optimal for some years. Nevertheless, we did land some Russians, and I finally got some satisfaction untangling the Romanians on 1593 kHz. Eastern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern reception was definitely poorer than it had been just a few years ago. Previously dominant signals from Greece, Turkey and Syria arrived feeble and interference-ridden. Nevertheless, it is likely that Hebrew programming heard on 1143 kHz was Arutz Sheva, which would represent a new log from Newfoundland.

Once again, the weather ranged from fair to terrible during the week. The European Beverage was damaged by wind and surf action twice. I thought we were very lucky that the weather was reasonably good on the last day. Winding in the wires and packing up was easy this time. Once again, the airline had no objection to my ridiculous luggage. This capped off another enjoyable, but possibly last, Newfoundland

DXpedition. I can only hope that the parlous condition of our accommodations in Cappahayden does not mean the end of these DXpeditions. I regret to say that I am not optimistic.”

John Fisher speaks:

“Although this was my fifth Newfoundland DX’pedition, they continue to remain the highlight of my often sporadic DX season. I have come to view these events much like some folks view their annual trips to a hunting camp - a chance to get together with friends once a year to do something that we often have little time to do through out the rest of the year, swap stories and generally enjoy each others company. And oh yes, the Spartan accommodation conditions that we have are increasingly becoming more like those of a hunting camp.

Having been to Newfoundland for several of these adventures means that it is becoming an increasing challenge to hear new stations (a rather pleasant challenge I must say), but there is always something new to try for depending upon where signals are propagating from. During the first couple of times that I was here, it was like being a kid in the candy store; there were just so many new things to hear. Now we find that we tend to pass by the “easy stations” (only from Newfoundland would I say that these are easy!) such as Belgium, Azores, Italy and focus on fewer but harder targets. The logs reflect this focus, I think.

On the whole we found medium wave reception probably a little poorer than normal. For the first few days, the usual reception of low powered British regional stations was almost non-existent, however, not much else was popping up on their normal channels either to take their place. But by Nov 5 they were starting to make their appearance with loggings of the 200 watt Irish relay of Radio Caroline on 1593 and the 80 watt Asian Sound Radio on 1377 thanks to France having transmitter problems. Other highlights for me were finally getting a solid clear log of Kenya on 1386 and hearing the AFN station in Keflavik, Iceland on 1530.

As I was there over a Sunday morning UTC, I made it a point to try for some European pirates in the 48 meter shortwave band and boy were they audible! I heard many new stations and had several other unidentified stations that I am still trying to ID from the tapes.

Unfortunately I had to leave one day earlier than originally planned due to an upcoming business trip and that was an adventure of its own. I had to layover for the night in Halifax and managed to have this coincide with Halifax’s first snowstorm of the season. I am not sure which was the best part - packing my clothes at 4 am in darkness since half the city had been hit with a power failure, walking down 15 flights of stairs with all my radio luggage because the elevators weren’t working, the 2.5 hour bus ride to the airport, having the bus go off the icy road into the ditch or finally reaching the airport and finding out that all flights had been cancelled anyways! Fortunately I did get home - only several hours delayed.

This year our host Jean Burnell deserves an especially big thank you. Organizing a trip like this from Halifax and not being able to drive down ahead of time with all of our gear made it a logistical challenge, but we did manage to get all of our radio equipment, food and bedding to Cappahayden with only minimal difficulty thanks in large part to Jean’s organization.”

Jim Renfrew speaks:

“My airline did not go bankrupt the day before my journey began (as it did last year!), so from the start this was a much better experience. Who could have imagined that I would be in Newfoundland DX’ing in my fifth year since 1995? However my status as a Newfoundland veteran appear to have weathered my youthful features, as the cashier at Zeller’s asked to see my “senior” card for a discount! I’m only 48, so let’s not rush things, please. Other than the lack of bed to sleep in, the rest of the week followed the usual Cappahayden routine: up all night, sleep at dawn, go out for lunch, and then back to the dials as the first TA signals begin to roll in around 2:30 PM with the sun still high in the sky.

Crossing the border back into the US at Lewiston NY resulted in a trunk search (my first), and a brief conversation about radio equipment. I probably told the border agents more than they wanted to hear about my reasons for visiting Canada. Then they asked me why I hadn’t registered the equipment with US Customs before crossing over to Canada. I explained that I had never heard of such a thing, and that seemed to satisfy them. So it looks like that’s what I’ll do next time. But after thinking about it, I wonder if they mistakenly concluded that I was an amateur operator.

As far as DX'ing, it's not as easy to find new ones, now that we have picked off all the easy targets through the years. So as is the case at home, DX'ing takes a lot of digging (looking for that weakest of the three programs on a channel), patience (hoping for the fade-in to occur at the top of the hour), and luck (such as French and Irish stations going off the air with transmitter problems). Enhancing our chances, of course, is the teamwork that gets multiple ears working on an elusive signal, along with the rich repository of DX knowledge in the room.

During quiet moments, I did some longwave beacon DX'ing, and the TA, Caribbean and South American stations heard were very encouraging. The highlight was ASN from Ascension Island, also heard by the group in Miscou NB in September.

Many thanks to Jean for setting this up. Accommodations were not as accommodating as previous years, and it's hard to trouble-shoot such things from a distance. But even under more difficult conditions, it's a fantastic experience, well worth the time and money.

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