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## Cover Story ..... 8 A How-To Guide to Monitoring Air Shows By Larry Van Horn N5FPW, MT Assistant Editor

In our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Air Show Special, *MT* Assistant Editor Larry Van Horn N5FPW delivers the hundreds of frequencies you'll need if you're within receiving distance of any air show in 2012.

From the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds precision flight teams to the U.S. service parachute and search and rescue demonstration teams to the many other military and civilian demo teams from the U.S. and abroad, Larry has the frequencies each use. Now you can bring the excitement you see at the show to your ears.

But wait, there's more! In this month's *Milcom* column, Larry also tells you which scanners work best at the air shows, what features you'll need and which models can cover the military as well as civilian frequencies used at all air shows.

### On Our Cover

Photo by Kevin Burke shows U.S.A.F. Thunderbird moments after refueling. Kevin was in the seat next to the boom when this shot was taken with a Cannon XTi camera using a Cannon 18-135 mm zoom lens at 1/500 sec with f-stop 10.

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And, Brian and Jo Marie show how to fashion an impromptu air-comm cart from a couple of items

you can find inexpensively at your nearby Lowes or Home Depot. They'll show you how to stop lugging your gear around and get more enjoyment out of the show.



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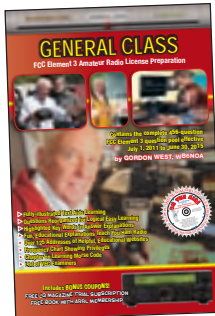
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### Ham Radio: Fountain of Youth

Age is just a matter of perspective, and an article in *The Oregonian* last December is a case in point. An 80 year-old woman had been living in California where she had been a ham for the previous 15 years. She moved to Oregon and gave up her license because she thought she was too old.

Eighteen years later she met up with a group of hams and decided to take the exam and get her ticket back. At 98 she was back on the airwaves. That was four years ago. Now at 102 she's part of the Clackamas Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Other club members at the Milwaukie View Manor where she lives include one of the club's founders who is 97 years old and youngsters in their mid-

80s. According to the article, the YL made a perfect score on her Tech exam and recently upgraded to General.

### FCC: KJES off by 21 Hz

According to FCC documents, the agency's High Frequency Direction Finding Center was monitoring religious shortwave broadcaster KJES near Vado, New Mexico and were not mesmerized by the chanting voices of the children of Our Lady's Youth Center. Instead they found the station, licensed to broadcast on 11,715 kHz with a "tolerance of .0015%," was in fact transmitting on 11,714.803 kHz, a full 21 Hz beyond its allowed frequency tolerance.

A Notice of Violation was issued, giving the reclusive station 20 days to fully explain the violation. The infraction was filed August 6 of last summer and published December 14. It must have been a very slow week for the High Frequency Direction Finding Center.

### Radio's Dark Side: Cartel Network

A widely circulated *Associated Press* report told of an extensive two-way radio network used by Mexican drug cartels that had stretched the length of Mexico and featured solar powered repeaters, antennas, transmitters and cleverly disguised towers with buried feed lines. Cartel members were said to use the system to alert various drug operators of the movements of Mexican government anti-narcotic squads. According to the article, the network was built in 2006.

The Mexican army took down the network which consisted of 155 repeaters, 167 antennas, 166 power sources, 71 pieces of computer equipment and 1,446 two-way radios. Years earlier, cartel members would break into government frequencies to threaten Mexican soldiers involved in drug interdiction, but the government has since switched to encrypted systems which, according to the article, the cartels have yet to be able to break into.

## AM/FM/TV BROADCASTING

### FCC OKs Media Ownership Changes

For years, under both Democrat and Republican chairmen, the FCC has been trying to change what it sees as archaic market rules regarding media ownership. In an end-of-year decision, the FCC voted to scrap radio/TV cross-ownership rules (which will lead to even more market consolidation) and loosen newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rules (it's hard to believe there are any rules left).

According to an article in *Broadcasting & Cable*, a previous attempt to do this was tossed out by a Federal court for lack of sufficient public notice of the plan. This time the Commission is determined not to let this opportunity slip by on a technicality; they're allowing a significant period for comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

### Prometheus "Get Radio!" Effort

The non-profit community radio organization that spearheaded the expansion of the FCC's new Low Power FM (LPFM) rules has initiated a "Get Radio!" mapping project. If you want to know how many new LPFM licenses will be available this year check out this site: <http://prometheusradio.org/content/get-radio-mapping-project>. Prometheus notes that the map shows only the top 200 markets and the possible number of new licenses that each could have. But, many more LPFM licenses may be available outside the 200 top U.S. markets.



## PUBLIC SERVICE

### Experts Explain P25 Issues

Daryl Jones' public safety technology blog has a paper issued by noted security experts titled, "Why (Secret Agent) Johnny (Still) Can't Encrypt: A Security Analysis of the APCO Project 25 Two-way Radio System" at his website: <http://blog.tcomeng.com>. The 16 page document, issued at the University of Pennsylvania during a seminar on the subject last summer, concluded that the system is "inherently vulnerable to passive traffic interception and active attack, and so it must rely entirely on cryptographic techniques for its optional security features." The entire document can be read at his web site.



## SATELLITE

### AirTrans Ditches XM

Cutting corners is the name of the game in the airline industry, and Atlanta-based





AirTran has literally shed some weight by removing the massive painting of pop music icon Elton John and the XM logo from its fuselages as well as all the XM-related receiving gear. According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the move comes as AirTran becomes part of Southwest Airlines, and it was not done without thought. The article quoted a company official who said it was an effort to make “a consistent product.” AirTran has carried XM aboard its planes since 2005.

### African Satellite Mystery

A number of media outlets leaped upon the story of a mysterious orb that apparently fell from space in mid-December, landing in Namibia. There was no mystery of course, it was simply another one of those Composite Overwrapped Pressure Vessels (COPV) used on many satellites to store gases under pressure in space.

It turned out that the return to Earth of the 15 inch “spaceship” was not an isolated occurrence; others have been found across Africa, South America and Asia over the last 20 years and there’s no telling how many are lying at the bottom of the world’s oceans. Scientists predict an increase in such events as more satellites are launched and others reach the end of their orbital lives.

### Russian Satellite Irony

As if to emphasize the point of the story above, *Agence France Presse* (AFP) reported at the end of December the crash of a Russian Meridian communications satellite, debris of which fell over a town in Siberia. One piece fell through the roof of a house that happened to be located on Cosmonaut Street.

Unfortunately, the loss of the Russian satellite was not an isolated incident either. According to the AFP report, the Soyuz -2.1B rocket that failed to launch the satellite is the same type that’s used to send multinational crews to the International Space Station.

All irony aside, the loss of the Meridian satellite joins the loss of other Russian satellites including three navigation satellites, a military satellite, a telecommunications satellite, and a probe that had been headed to Mars. One Russian official blamed the downward success spiral on migration of Russian engineering talent to more lucrative industries and countries following the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

### LightSquared Dares FCC

In what seems a provocative move, would-be 4G satellite/Internet spectrum seller LightSquared has filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling (PDR) with the FCC regarding its right to continue the build-out of its Telco-



partnered Internet service, despite claims by the GPS retail industry that the service would interfere with current GPS units. Specifically, the company is seeking a ruling that it was not obligated to pay for any fix that might be required should their service in fact interfere with existing GPS-related satellite devices.

According to the actual FCC PDR, LightSquared told the FCC that, “It recently has become apparent that the commercial GPS industry has manufactured, and sold to unsuspecting consumers, unlicensed and poorly designed GPS receivers that ‘listen’ for radio signals both in the ‘RNSS’ frequency band in which the U.S. GPS system is intended to operate, as well as across the adjacent ‘MSS’ frequency band that is not intended for GPS use, and in which LightSquared is licensed.”

LightSquared, as if to make the GPS industry understand its position, stated in their PDR that, “unlicensed commercial GPS receivers simply are not entitled to interference protection from LightSquared’s licensed operations in the MSS band. Moreover, the commercial GPS industry is mistaken that LightSquared must bear the financial burden resulting from the failure of the commercial GPS industry, for almost a decade, to account for the deployment of LightSquared’s network in the design and manufacture of commercial GPS receivers.”

You can almost hear all the lawyers girding their loins for lucrative battle.

## FCC ENFORCEMENT

### FM Pirates and Taxi Drivers Cited

The usual suspects were the target of routine FM pirate radio busts in the last thirty days. An Olympia, Washington man was issued a Notice of Unlicensed Operation (NOUO) for his pirate FM station on 98.5 MHz at 4,428 microvolts/meter at 436 meters (legal limit under Part 15 rules is 250 microvolts/meter at 3 meters). A woman from Ashland, Oregon who is part owner of the building in Olympia was also sent a NOUO, as was a man in Medford, Oregon, also apparently a part owner of the property. The FCC is going for the trifecta with this one NOUO.

The FCC also issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to the United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc. for operating their repeater atop Oak Mountain near Van Nuys, California against rules. Among the violations cited were nearly continuous yakking by various drivers (you’re supposed to un-key the mic now and then); a continuous digitally modulated signal was present on the frequency (everyone should try not to interfere with the repeater frequency); during the “extended period” of monitoring, neither the repeater nor the stations using the repeater were ever identified (such stations and repeaters should ID at least every 15 minutes, according to FCC rules governing such repeaters), and the repeater needs to be located at the assigned location on the license (this repeater was somehow nearly one and a half miles away from where it was supposed to be).

Have you checked to see where your repeater is lately?

### CBer Cited for CB Interference

FCC field agents investigated a complaint by a CB operator in Clinton, Tennessee of interference from another CB operator in located in Knoxville, Tennessee. According to FCC documents, the Knoxville CBer admitted to FCC agents in a telephone interview to intentionally causing interference to the other operator. The Commission gave the Knoxville op 20 days to explain the issue to their satisfaction. It’s always good to know that at least the CB band is interference-free in Knoxville, Tennessee.

### FCC Goes Clubbing in S.F.

Notices of Unlicensed Operation (NOUOs) were issued in early December by FCC field agents working the club scene in San Francisco in early November of last year. Clubs known as Déjà vu Centerfolds Club, The Hustler Club and The Gold Club were said to be operating radios in the 450-600 MHz range and found to be interfering with America’s Search and Rescue radio system. It’s easy to see that such interference might have caused some real confusion if SAR teams had rappelled from helicopters into the clubs.



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# A How-to Guide to Monitoring Air Shows

## The 13th Annual MT Air Show Guide

By Larry Van Horn, MT Assistant Editor



B-52 arrives at Pease Vermont Air National Guard (Photo by Kevin Burke)

If the bits of radio chatter in the adjacent box sound familiar to you, chances are you have monitored the exciting communications transmitted by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels at a military air show in the recent past. And nothing will stir up the milcom monitoring enthusiast's juices more than those two magical words – *Air Show!*

Anyone who has attended one of these events will tell you it is thrilling to watch the close quarter flying of the Blue Angels' delta formation or the hair splitting maneuvers of the Thunderbird opposing solos. But there is a way you can add to the visual experience by monitoring the performing teams' radio communications. With a radio scanner in hand, you will experience a whole new perspective of the show that few attendees will get experience – the sounds from the aircraft cockpit.

Every year, from March through November, millions of people hit the road to watch the excitement and thrills as military and civilian aero teams put their high performance aircraft through their paces to entertain the crowds and perform at air shows all over the world.

To indulge in monitoring the air show experience you need a current and well researched list of frequencies that the various performers may use during their performance. That requirement is the reason this feature is presented every year in March in the pages of *Monitoring Times*.

What started out as an answer to a question by an *MT* reader in my *Milcom* column 13 years ago has now grown into one of the most eagerly anticipated features in this magazine each year,

and with good reason. Not only will I give you the frequencies you need to monitor the air show groups, but you also get my recommended list of radio equipment needed to listen to these events (see this month's *Milcom* column).

So here we are again at the start of another air show circuit. It is time to pack up those radio wagons, charge up the scanner batteries, and get ready for a new season of thrills on your scanner. *Monitoring Times* proudly presents our 13th annual *Milcom Air Show Guide*.

*“A little more pull, a little power. Standby boards ---- boards!”*

### Where do you hear the action?

From time to time, frequencies for air show teams do change, by design or by need, so it's important to know where to search for potential new frequencies.

You should be able to locate most air show activity at the event you are attending by searching in the frequency bands below. If you have a scanner that has the Close Call® or Signal Stalker® functions, that will help speed up the process of determining the active frequencies in use during the show.

118.000-137.000	25 kHz search steps (AM)
122.700-123.575	25.0 kHz search steps (AM)
138.000-144.000	12.5 kHz search steps (AM/Narrowband FM or NBFM)
148.000-150.800	12.5 kHz search steps (AM/NBFM)
162.000-174.000	12.5 kHz search steps (NBFM)
225.000-380.000	25.0 kHz search steps (AM)
380.000-400.000	12.5 kHz search steps (NBFM and AM)
406.100-420.000	12.5 kHz search steps (NBFM)

Note: All frequencies in this article are in MHz and the mode is AM unless otherwise indicated.

### U.S. Navy Blue Angels

The premier U.S. Navy/Marine Corps military flight demonstration team on the air show circuit is the Blue Angels flying the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft.

The team is based at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. However, the squadron does spend January through March each year training pilots and new team members at the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California.

The Blue Angels are scheduled to fly approximately 69 air shows at 35 air show sites in the continental United States during this, their 66th season. This year also marks the 26th year the team has flown the F/A 18 Hornet. Since its inception in

1946, the Blue Angels have performed in front of more than 474 million fans.

During their performances the Blue Angels exhibit the skills possessed by all naval aviators. These include the graceful aerobatic maneuvers of the four plane diamond formation, in concert with the fast paced, high performance maneuvers of the two solo pilots. At the close of every show, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six jet Delta formation.

The other major piece of flying hardware in the squadron is their C-130T Hercules transport aircraft, affectionately known as “Fat Albert Airlines.” It is the only Marine Corps aircraft permanently assigned to support a Navy squadron and it is flown by an all Marine Corps crew of three pilots and five enlisted personnel. “Fat Albert Airlines” flies more than 140,000 miles during the course of a show season. It carries more than 40 maintenance and support personnel, their gear, and enough spare parts and communication equipment to complete a successful air show.

### Blue Angel Aero Frequencies

237.800 Solos when not in the show box (Solo #2) and cross country air/air [Channel 8]  
 251.600 Air/Air nationwide and at NAS Pensacola  
 255.200 Circle/arrivals discrete and cross country air/air [Channel 17]  
 265.000 Diamond formation secondary



KC-135 taking off (Photo by Kevin Burke)



- 275.350 Diamond formation when not in the show box, cross country air/air, and their Pensacola squadron common [Channel 9]
- 284.250 Show box for diamond, solos, delta and cross country air/air [Channel 16]
- 289.800 Air refueling during cross country trips
- 305.500 Fat Albert "Bert" primary, solo aircraft (West Coast), and maintenance officer [Channel 10]
- 305.900 Fat Albert "Bert" – First heard during the 2009 San Francisco Fleet Week, at the 2009 Pensacola homecoming show (no 305.500 MHz comms heard), and the solo aircraft used this frequency during their annual Naval Academy graduation flyover at Annapolis, Maryland.
- 333.300 The Diamond formation was monitored on this frequency during Fleet Week in San Francisco.
- 346.500 "Checklist Freq" – Pre-show checklist, ground start/roll out and maintenance [Channel 18]

**Blue Angel Aircraft Radio Preset Plan**

Frequency	Usage
Channels 1-7	NAS Pensacola (KNPA) frequencies
Channels 8-10	Team frequencies
Channels 11-15	Show site frequencies
Channels 16-18	Team frequencies
Channels 19-20	Unknown usage

**Blue Angel Organization**

The Blue Angels' support team is made up of the Events Coordinator, Maintenance Officer, Flight Surgeon, Administrative Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Supply Officer and approximately 110 enlisted Navy and Marine Corps volunteers. Alternating crews of about 45 team members travel to each show site.

The squadron consists of seven distinct departments that are jointly responsible for guaranteeing the team's readiness. A tribute to this dedicated team is the fact that the Blue Angels have never cancelled an air show due a maintenance problem.

**Administration** – The Administration Department is responsible for executive and official correspondence, squadron records, pay and travel orders. Administration maintains instructions and notices, handles promotions and awards, and controls legal and security concerns.

**Aviation Medicine** – The Aviation Medicine Department is responsible for the health and wellness of each team member. The medical team performs annual physical examinations and emergency medical procedures, keeps medical and dental readiness up to date, and acts as a liaison for advanced medical care.

**Events Coordinator** – The Events Coordination Department schedules preseason visits with show site sponsors and secures accommodations and ground support for each demonstration show.

**Fat Albert Airlines** – As mentioned previously, the all-Marine flight crew assigned to the squadron's Lockheed-Martin C-130 Hercules is responsible for transporting road-crew personnel, supplies and equipment to and from each show site throughout the season.

**Maintenance** – The Maintenance Department consists of the airframes, avionics, corrosion control, crew chiefs, life support, maintenance control, power plants, quality assurance and video shops. The maintenance team is responsible for all aircraft upkeep.

**Public Affairs Office** – The Public Affairs Office documents and promotes the Blue Angels. It designs, writes, photographs, edits, publishes and distributes all promotional materials. The

Public Affairs Office also coordinates coverage and interviews with local, national and international media, and manages the VIP rider program.

**Supply** – The Supply Department researches, procures, stores, and issues spare parts, tools, and uniforms. Supply also researches future squadron logistical needs and initiates contracts for services required to support daily operations.

The Blue Angel ground maintenance crews have their own set of communication frequencies in support of their mission. They carry with them a communications cart "comcart" for their ground maintenance net. The two confirmed frequencies used by this cart are:

- 139.8125 Ground maintenance crews and equipment checks [Bravo] NBFM 67.0 Hz PL tone
- 142.6125 Ground maintenance crews and equipment checks [Alpha] NBFM 67.0 Hz PL tone

In 2007, 141.5625 MHz was reported as an additional comcart frequency. In 2009, I received another report that this frequency was used at a West Coast air show. Since this frequency has been reported sporadically, I believe that it is used only at locations where one of the two regular comcart frequencies listed above are in regular use at an air show site. I am especially interested in reports on this frequency and any P25 activity noted in use.

A new development occurred in 2011 regarding the team's ground communications. It now appears they also have radios that they can use on the new DoD 380-400 MHz trunk radio systems.

At the NAS Jacksonville air show, the ground maintenance team was observed using the Navy Southeast Region 380-400 MHz trunk radio system. Talk group 29529 was being used by aircraft ground handlers and for tower to comm cart communications. Talk group 29530 was confirmed when the team conducted comm checks and used it during the start of their performance. These two talk groups fit perfectly the known talk group plan that has been observed in use here in the southeast United States.

If you attend an air show this year at a base that has one of these new DoD 380-400 MHz trunk radio systems, be sure to program systems in your scanner, and you might be treated to some interesting ground communications on talk groups 29529 and 29530.

**U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**

The U.S. Air Force has a flight demonstration team of their own known as the Thunderbirds. This year marks the 59th season that the T-Birds have performed air shows and they will conduct 60 shows in 33 locations, including two shows in Canada.

They will kick-off the 2012 season by performing a flyover for the 54th running of NASCAR's Daytona 500 on February 26.

During each show the team performs formation flying and solo routines. Like the Blue Angels, the four aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the F-16 aircraft. The Thunderbirds recently completed a swap of their older F-16 Block 32 Fighting Falcon for more advanced and powerful F-16 Block 52 aircraft.

A Thunderbirds' aerial demonstration is a mix of formation flying and solo routines. The pilots perform approximately 40 maneuvers in a demonstration. The entire show, including ground and air, runs about one hour. Like the Blue Angels, the T-Bird air show season lasts from March to November, with the winter months used to train new members at their home base at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit composed of eight pilots (including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, four civilians and approximately 110 enlisted Airmen performing in more than 29 Air Force specialties.

**U.S. Air Force Thunderbird Aero Freqs**

Frequency	Usage
139.225	Diamond formation [Victor #]
139.800	Diamond formation [Victor #]
140.700	Diamond formation [Victor #]
141.075	Diamond formation [Victor #]
235.250	Pre-engine start/solo aircraft on/off show center/linked to PA system [Uniform 1]
235.350	New frequency: Thunderbirds solo aircraft (5-6) air/air (first noted at the Cheyenne Wyoming air show)
318.850	Thunderbirds air/ground and air/air training at Nellis AFB
322.950	Engine starts/solo aircraft (5-6) air/air [Uniform 2]

**Thunderbird Maintenance/Ground Team Frequencies (Mode NBFM)**

216.725	Announce PA feed - Music and show narration [Channel 55]
216.775	Announce PA feed - Music and show narration [Channel 56]
216.975	Team air show frequency feeds/mix air/air simulcast [Channel 60]
413.275	Ground maintenance – Analog (DCS 431)/P25 NAC293
413.325	Ground maintenance – Analog (DCS 503)
413.375	Ground maintenance – Analog (monitored in Hawaii)
901.500	Comm cart headset
905.350	Comm cart headset

Previously reported frequencies used by the team are listed below. If you hear any of



*F-16 landing at Pease Vermont Air National Guard. (Photo by Kevin Burke)*



*United States Navy Legacy Flight  
(Photo by Brian Topolski)*

these frequencies in 2012, please contact us at our email address listed in the Milcom column masthead.

143.250	Pre-engine start
143.700	Heard at air show in Wyoming, same audio as 235.250 MHz
148.850	Alternate diamond [Victor 2]
150.150	Alternate diamond [Victor 2]

One question that pops up from time to time is, "Who is using the Thunderbird 14 call sign?" This is normally used by an Air Mobility Command transport aircraft carrying the team maintenance/ground crew personnel and their equipment to the various shows. Typically this is one of the huge C-17 transport aircraft operated by the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command.

## Other U.S. DoD Military Flight Demo Teams

This air show season, we will see a major curtailment of Air Force sponsored single-ship flight demonstration team activity. Shortly before we went to press with this issue, the Air Force Air Combat Command issued the following press release:

**"ACC statement about reduction of single-ship demo teams in 2012**

"We face significant fiscal constraints and are making tough decisions about the best ways to continue providing combat airpower to war-fighting commanders, which is what we do as the Air Force's primary force provider.

"One decision we've made is to sponsor one single-ship demonstration team for the 2012 air show season, scaling back from the six teams we've historically sponsored – A-10 East & West, F-16 East & West, F-15E and F-22.

"For the 2012 season, we're sponsoring our F-22 demonstration team to perform at up to 20 shows. In addition to the F-22 demonstration team, the Thunderbirds are set to complete a full season . . .

"The opportunity to showcase our aircrew at air shows around the country is important – and we're confident our Thunderbirds, F-22 demonstration team and the Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation will continue highlighting the extraordinary work of all our Airmen."

Even though we may not see many of the Air Force Flight demo teams in 2012, that policy could change at any time, or units could be added to the schedule. So I will still publish below the VHF and UHF frequencies these units have used during their performances in the past couple of years. I have also included frequencies for the other DoD service teams.

## US Military Flight Demo Teams

### Air Force ACC A-10 Thunderbolt Demonstration Teams:

#### East Coast Demo Team

23 Wing based at Moody AFB, Georgia

122.475	136.575	138.150	138.275
138.425	138.875	139.275	139.700
139.725	140.200	140.425	141.650
142.600	143.000	143.150	143.600
143.750	226.100	227.800	227.850
228.075	233.475	234.025	240.100
242.150	251.200	251.975	268.100
271.100	275.650	275.900	283.700
289.300	292.100	295.000	327.300
371.200	375.650	379.500	376.025
384.550			

#### West Coast Demo Team

355 Wing based at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona

136.575	139.2875	139.600	139.625
139.700	139.725	141.050	141.775
143.550	229.050	233.475	238.500
283.700	326.775	327.700	372.175
384.550			

### Air Force ACC F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team:

#### East Coast Demo Team

4 FW Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina  
370.025 375.925 376.025 (Demo to Safety) 376.100 377.850 384.550

### Air Force ACC F-16CJ Viper Demonstration Teams:

East Coast Demo Team – 20 FW Shaw AFB, South Carolina

123.150	136.475	136.575	136.675
138.150	138.950	139.825	139.900
140.200	140.275	140.375	141.025
141.150	141.175	141.550	141.650
141.675	141.700	141.900	141.950
142.225	142.400	149.875	252.100
273.700	311.200	376.025	384.550

#### West Coast Demo Team – 388 FW Hill AFB, Utah, Call signs: Viper 1 and Viper 2

136.475	136.575	136.675	138.150
138.4375	138.750	138.950	139.1125
140.450	141.150	141.650	141.950
142.1125	142.600	142.700	142.900

142.9625	143.250	143.625	143.700
252.100	369.000		
376.025	376.100	384.550	

### Air Force ACC F-22A Raptor Flight Demonstration Team:

#### East Coast Demo Team – 1 FW Langley AFB, Virginia

233.225	236.550	252.775	292.700
308.600	375.925	376.025	384.550

### Air Force ACC Heritage Flight

122.475	123.150	123.475	136.475
136.575	136.675	375.925	376.025
384.550			

### Air Force AFRC C-130 Dobbins ARB, Georgia

– Air Drop Demonstration  
239.975 379.525

### Air Force AMC C-17/C-47 Heritage Flight

123.150

### Air Force B-2 Bomber Flyover/Static Displays

509 BW Whiteman AFB, Missouri

233.025	257.100	260.250	265.825
267.000	320.525	354.350	375.925
376.025	388.850		

### Air Force B-52 Bomber Flyers

376.025

### Air Force Combat Search and Rescue (SAR) Demonstrations

236.000 [SAR Bravo] 251.900 [SAR Alpha] 282.800

### Army Sky Soldiers Demonstration Team (Army Aviation Heritage Foundation)

N149HF (CV-2B Caribou) N599HF (AH-1P)

N737HF (AH-1G) N992CH (OH-6A)

123.025 123.450 234.500 242.400

### Coast Guard Aircraft/SAR Demonstrations

(Air frequencies)

237.900 282.800 326.150 345.000 379.050

### Coast Guard Aircraft/SAR Demonstrations

(VHF marine frequencies, NBFM mode)

157.050 Show Control/Show Center

Boats [Channel 21]

157.075 Search and Rescue Demo/Command Post [Channel 81]

157.100 Show Warning Broadcast [Channel 22]

157.125 Unknown usage [Channel 82]

157.150 Show Control/Show Center Boats/HITRON Drug Interdiction Demonstration [Channel 23]

157.175 Boats to Show Center [Channel 83]

### Maine Corps AV-8B II Flight Demonstration Teams:

East Coast – MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina 363.300

West Coast – MCAS Yuma, Arizona

Frequency information is needed for the west coast harrier units

### Marine Corps Helicopter Demonstrations

315.375 315.400

### Navy F/A-18C Hornet and Navy F/A-18F Super Hornet Flight Demonstration Teams:

East Coast – VFA-106 NAS Oceana, Virginia

237.800 349.900

West Coast – NAS Lemoore, California

Frequency information is needed for the west coast units



## Military Parachute Demonstration Teams

One of the fan favorites on the air show circuit is the U.S. Army Golden Knights based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Look for their communications on the often reported frequencies of 122.775, 123.150, 123.400, 123.475 or 123.500 MHz. The team aircraft used during air shows is either the C-31A Friendship or UV-18A Twin Otter.

The Golden Knights aren't the only parachute team that performs around the country. The U.S. Army Special Operations Command has a parachute team known as the Black Daggers. Several frequencies have been uncovered for them during the last few seasons including 123.150, 123.450, 136.000, and 136.500 MHz.

Another performing U.S. Army parachute team is the Silver Wings based out of Fort Benning, Georgia. They were recently heard using 34.650 and 44.900 MHz (NBFM). However, both these frequencies were common landing zone frequencies in the area they were performing in. So if neither of these two frequencies above is heard at the event you are attending, I suggest you initiate a search for them in VHF-low band military frequency subbands.

In addition to the VHF low band frequencies mentioned above, ground and safety personnel associated with this team have also been heard using 467.6125 MHz (FRS Channel 10/GMRS NBFM) for communications. There was also one report that the team was even using an Intra Squad radio frequency of 397.500 MHz.

The famed 101st Airborne Division has a parachute demonstration team known as the Screaming Eagles. They are based out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky and have been reportedly using 44.200 MHz (NBFM).

The U.S. Army has several more teams, but we still do not have frequency information for them. We would appreciate your field reports on the following U.S. Army teams if you catch them performing this air show season.

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne All American Free Fall Team  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Black Knights Parachute Team  
US Military Academy, West Point, New York  
Green Beret Parachute Team  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

The U.S. Special Operations Command has a parachute demonstration team based out of MacDill AFB in Florida. They have been heard using 122.450, 123.450, and (no, this is not a misprint) 151.625 MHz (NBFM), a nationwide business itinerant frequency.

The U.S. Air Force Academy has a parachute team called the Wings of Blue and it is based at the academy in Colorado. Two frequencies that are reportedly used for air-to-ground jump coordination are 121.950 and 407.500 MHz (NBFM).

And last, but certainly not least: the colorful U.S. Navy Seal Parachute Team, known as the Leap Frogs, are frequent visitors around the country at various sporting/civic events and air shows. This team has been regularly reported on 270.000 and 407.500 MHz (NBFM 131.8-Hz PL tone) over the last several years.

This year this team will conduct several jumps in the San Diego area and monitors in that area are asked to submit any reports of frequencies used by this team to our *MT* email address.

## Foreign Military Flight Demonstration Teams

The U.S. military doesn't have an exclusive when it comes to military demonstration teams. Several countries have teams, and some of those teams have even performed here in the United States. I have included a list of the teams that we have received recent reports on below.

**Belgium:** Swallows – Belgian Air Force Display Team 130.725

**Brazil:** Esquadilha da Fumaça (The Smoke Squadron) – Brazilian Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron 127.050 130.450 130.550 130.650 132.250

**Canada:** 15 Wing, Moose Jaw, CT-156 Havard II Trainers, Call sign: Viking # 275.800

**Chile:** Escuadrilla de Alta Acrobacia Halcones (Falcons High Aerobatics Squad) – Chilean Air Force 136.175

**Finland:** Midnight Hawks – Finnish AF Academy Demo Team 140.625

**France:** Patrouille Acrobatique de France – French Air Force Military Flight Team  
121.850 123.600 138.450 141.825 (Main formation) 143.100 (Main formation)  
143.850 242.650 (Solos) 242.850 (Solos)  
243.850 (Team Transport) 263.350 266.175

**Ireland:** Silver Swallows – Irish Air Corps 130.550

**Italy:** Frece Tricolori – Italian Military Flight Team 123.475 140.600 263.250 (Displays) 307.800 362.625 387.525 (Displays) 440.450 (NBFM) (Ground Support Team/Commentator)

**Jordan:** Le Royal Jordanian Falcons – Sponsored by Royal Jordanian Airlines and Air Force 123.500 126.800 456.4625 (NBFM) Ground Crews

**Morocco:** Marche Verte [Green March] – Royal Moroccan Air Force 135.000(Ground) 135.500 (Air/Air) 135.925 (Ground) 135.975

**Netherlands:** Dutch Air Force F-16 142.475 281.800 (Air/Air)

**Netherlands:** Grasshoppers – Royal Air Force Helicopter Team 281.100

**Netherlands:** Team Apache 128.450 130.000 135.925 138.325 138.450

**Poland:** Team Iskry – Polish Air Force Team 123.600

**Poland:** Team Orlik – Polish Air Force Team Frequency reports are requested

**Portugal:** Asas de Portugal, Esquadra 103 (Wings of Portugal 103 Squadron) Flight Team (Note: This team was deactivated in 2010 before the start of the air show season. Future activity unknown.)

**Slovak Republic:** Biele Albatrosy or White Albatroses Display Team – Slovakian Air Force Aerobatic Team (Frequency reports are requested)

**Spain:** La Patrulla Aguila – Spanish Fixed Military Flight Team 130.300 130.500 241.950 (ex-252.500) 337.975

**Spain:** La Patrulla Aspa – Spanish Military Helicopter Flight Team 119.000

**Spain:** PAPEA Military Team 250.240 350.240 310.800

**Sweden:** Team 60 – Swedish Air Force Aerobatic Team (frequency reports are requested)

**Switzerland:** Patrouille de Suisse – Swiss Military Flight Team  
244.300 266.175 288.850 312.350 359.450 375.450 388.075

**Switzerland:** Swiss PC-7 Display Team – Swiss Air Force (Frequency reports are requested)

**Turkey:** Turkish Stars Display Team – Turkish Air Force

141.475 142.325 225.750 235.250 243.450 264.400 279.600

**United Kingdom:** Army Air Corps Historic Aircraft Flight (AHAF) 380.200

**United Kingdom:** Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) 120.800 122.700 380.200

**United Kingdom:** Black Cats – Royal Navy Helicopter Display Team 280.475

**United Kingdom:** Blue Eagles – Royal Army Air Corps Helicopter Flight Team, Call sign: Blue Eagles 44.650 (NBFM) 135.950 135.975 136.975 [VHF-1] 143.600 237.800 252.000 259.600 275.350 284.250 305.500 382.800 [UHF-1]

**United Kingdom:** Falcons – Royal Air Force Parachute Jump Team  
255.1000 (Drop Zone Air/Ground) 256.9000 445.3375 (NBFM) 465.1000 (NBFM)

**United Kingdom:** Red Arrows – Royal Air Force Flight Team, Call sign: Red #  
120.800 242.000 242.050 (Primary) 242.200 243.450 253.450 370.600

**United Kingdom:** Red Devils – British Army Parachute Team 462.6250 (Ground Support) 462.925 [Ch 3 Ground Support] 464.250 [Ch



*Black Diamond Jet Team  
(Photo by Brian Topolski)*

1 Drop Zone A/G] 464.550 [Ch 2 Drop Zone A/G]

**United Kingdom:** Royal Navy Historic Flight (Frequency reports are requested)

**United Kingdom:** The Great War Display Team (GWDT) (Frequency reports are requested)

## Canadian Flight and Parachute Demonstration Units

The Royal Canadian Forces flight demonstration team, the 431 Air Demonstration Squadron Snowbirds, is based with the 15 Wing at RCAF Moose Jaw and are regulars on the U.S./Canada air show circuit.

The following frequencies have been recently reported for this popular aerial demonstration team: 123.150 (Solos) 123.325 (Air-to-Air Off Show Center) 227.600 242.600 [13] 243.400 245.500 245.750 272.100 (Primary) [11] 284.900 299.500 333.300 [14] 340.100 MHz. A strange VHF frequency in the nav aids segment of the civilian aircraft band has been used by this team's solo aircraft in recent years -116.000 MHz.

Some additional Snowbird frequencies that have been reported and need further confirmation by field reports include: 227.650 236.800 239.900 240.500 245.000 245.700 266.300 316.500 321.700 378.500 MHz.

The Canadian Forces also has a CF-18 flight demonstration team. A few of years ago Brian "Check your Six" Topolski in Connecticut passed along the frequencies below for this team.

128.975 129.025 130.075 245.500 263.500 263.700 264.600 (East Ops) 274.450 285.975 312.550 (Air/Air) 316.550 323.300 333.300 335.600 340.200 (West Ops) 341.700

The Canadians also have a parachute jump team - the Skyhawks. Frequencies that have been reported for them include 123.000 and 294.700 MHz.



*Air Force One lands at Andrews Air Force Base. (Photo by Brian Topolski)*

## Civilian Air/Parachute Demonstration Teams

At most air shows, the military flight demonstration units aren't the only aerial performers. Civilian organizations, companies, and individuals sponsor a host of aerobatics teams and parachutist teams. A wide variety of civilian aeronautical frequencies are used by these organizations. Load your scanner with the following frequencies and you should be able to catch most of the communications used by the civilian aero acts.

Aircraft (air carrier and private) 122.825 122.875  
 Aircraft (air carrier and private)/Aviation support 122.775  
 123.300 123.500  
 Aircraft (air carrier and private)/Flight test  
 123.125 123.150 123.175 123.200 123.225 123.275 123.325  
 123.350 123.375 123.400 123.425 123.450 123.475  
 123.525 123.550 123.575  
 MULTICOM 122.850 122.900 122.925  
 Private aircraft helicopter 123.025  
 Private fixed wing aircraft air/air communications 122.750  
 UNICOM 122.700 122.725 122.800 122.950 122.975 123.000  
 123.050 123.075

Some specific frequencies recently reported to us for select foreign and U.S. civilian demonstration teams are listed below.

## Civilian Flight Demonstration Teams and Air Show Companies

Aeroshell Aerobatics Team (AT-6 Texans) 122.775 123.150  
 Aerostars CJ-6/YAK-52 Flight Formation Team (UK) 118.700  
 122.475 122.775 122.950 123.150 123.350 124.450  
 129.925  
 Breittling Jet Team (France) 118.325 127.350 129.050 130.200  
 Breittling Wingwalkers (ex-Team Guinot) - AeroSuperBatics Ltd  
 (UK) Call sign:  
 Wingwalk 118.000  
 Civilian Air Show Discrete Common 123.150  
 Dave Schultz Air Shows 118.700 (Ground Ops) 132.950 (Opera-  
 tions) 135.650 (Airboss) 238.150 (Airboss) 350.300  
 Falcon Flight Formation Flying Team 123.150  
 Flight for Diabetes (Michael Hunter) 123.425  
 Firecat (Rich Perkins) 123.500  
 Flying Colors Hang Glider Aerobatic (Dan Buchanan) 123.150  
 123.300 123.450  
 Geico Extra 300 (Tim Weber) 123.150  
 Geico Skytypers Team 122.750 122.775 123.425 (Formation)  
 122.775 123.150 123.425 123.450 (Solos)  
 Hamster Biplane (Ed Hamill) 123.150  
 Heavy Metal Jet Aerobatics Team 122.475  
 Herb and Ditto (T-28 Aircraft) (Herb Baker) 123.450  
 Iron Eagles Aerobatic Team 122.925 123.150 123.475  
 John Klatt Air shows 123.475  
 Julie Clark's (T-34) American Aerobatics 135.925  
 Lima Lima Flight Team 123.150 123.175 123.425 123.575  
 Manfred Radius Glider Aerobatics Team 123.1500  
 Matt Chapman/Michel Mancuso Aerobatics 136.975  
 Oreck Vacuum Cleaners Aerobatic Demo (Frank Ryder) 122.825  
 123.425 123.450  
 Otto the Helicopter 123.150 123.300  
 Patty Wagstaff Air Shows Inc 122.750 123.475  
 Red Bull Air Force 123.450  
 Red Eagles Aerobatic Team 122.125 123.150 123.425 123.475  
 Ritchie's Pyro 467.6375 (NBFM 233.6 Hz PL)  
 Robasaurus - World's First CAR-NIVOROUS Monster Spotter  
 462.7125 (NBFM DCS464)  
 SIAI Marchetti SF260 (Debbie Gary) 123.150  
 Showcopters 123.150  
 Super Decathlon (Greg Koontz) 123.150  
 Swift Magic Aerobatic Team 122.775 122.925  
 Team Oracle (Sean Tucker) 122.8750 122.950 123.150 123.450  
 123.475 133.000  
 Team Red 123.350  
 Texas T-Cart Aerobatic Aircraft (Randy Henderson) 118.400



*VAW -120 Greyhawks (Photo by Brian Topolski)*



The Blades Aerobatic Display Team (UK)	121.175	136.175
The Horseman P-51 Aerobatic Team	122.925	136.675
The Patriots (L39) Jet Team	127.300	
The Red Star Formation	127.050	
The Tumbling Bear (Rob Harrison)	134.700	
Tora Tora Tora Warbirds Team (Commemorative Air Force)		
122.850 122.875 123.150 123.425 123.450 469.500 (NBFM)		
469.550 (NBFM)		
Vintage Thunderbird (T-33) Aerobatics (Fowler Cary)	123.150	
Yakovlevs Team (UK)	124.450	130.900

This year's civilian frequency list is dedicated to an air show legend that we lost unexpectedly in 2011 – Greg Poe.

## GMRS Frequencies

Several years ago I received several reports that the Golden Knights were using GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) frequencies 462.6250, 467.5625 and 467.6125 MHz NBFM. In addition to hearing air show demo crews, monitors have found vendors, exhibitors, air show companies, and military ground units using GMRS frequencies. You should make these frequencies part of your scanner load-out prior to the air show. The frequency pair of 462.675/467.675 MHz NBFM is allocated as a national emergency frequency pair for the GMRS service.

A	B	C
462.550	467.550	462.5625
462.575	467.575	462.5875
462.600	467.600	462.6125
462.625	467.625	462.6375
462.650	467.650	462.6625
462.675	467.675	462.6875
462.700	467.700	462.7125
462.725	467.725	

Legend:

- A Base station, mobile relay, fixed station, or mobile station
- B Mobile station, control station, fixed station operating in duplex mode.
- C Interstitial frequencies, base and portable simplex

## Family Radio Service and Intra-Squad Radio Frequencies

Ground pyrotechnics personnel from the Tora Tora Tora and Warbirds flight demonstration teams have been monitored at air shows using FRS or Family Radio Service handhelds for communications during shows. In fact, quite a few people and organizations use FRS at air shows. So load up FRS frequencies below (NBFM mode) in your scanner, or better yet, carry a FRS radio to the show. If you are lucky, one of these FRS frequencies might help you make a new milcom monitoring friend or give you a chance to meet one of those high tech radio enthusiasts dragging around one of those fancy radio wagons at the show.

462.5625 [Ch 1] 462.5875 [Ch 2] 462.6125 [Ch 3] 462.6375 [Ch 4] 462.6625 [Ch 5] 462.6875 [Ch 6] 462.7125 [Ch 7] 467.5625 [Ch 8] 467.5875 [Ch 9] 467.6125 [Ch 10] 467.6375 [Ch 11] 467.6625 [Ch 12] 467.6875 [Ch 13] 467.7125 [Ch 14]



*Blue Angels in the Air Tonight*  
(Photo by Brian Topolski)

The government version of the Family Radio Service is known as the Inter-Squad Radio or ISR. There have been numerous reports over the last few years of military units, including the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), using ISR frequencies at air shows. I highly recommend programming these frequencies (NBFM mode) into your scanner and also making them a permanent part of your regular monitoring frequency load out.

In the last year I have confirmed that there are now only 12 ISR frequencies, instead of the 14 that were originally allocated by DoD several years ago. So ISR channels 13/14 (399.925/399.975 MHz) can be removed from your scanner load out.

396.875 [Ch 1] 397.125 [Ch 2] 397.175 [Ch 3] 397.375 [Ch 4] 397.425 [Ch 5] 397.475 [Ch 6] 397.550 [Ch 7] 397.950 [Ch 8] 398.050 [Ch 9] 399.425 [Ch 10] 399.475 [Ch 11] 399.725 [Ch 12]

## U.S. Civil Air Patrol Frequencies

Finally, you should also program U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol frequencies in your scanner. We have received field reports of CAP frequencies (repeater and simplex) being used for ground support at several air shows.

The Civil Air Patrol frequency plan has been in transition to their new narrowband allocations / equipment over the last year. At this time, per CAP Headquarters at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, all units should have made the transition to their new frequency assignments and equipment as listed below.

Repeater out/in	PL Tone	Usage [Channel]
141.5750 Simplex	127.3 Hz	Command control 1 [CC1]
141.0000 Simplex	131.8 Hz	Command control 2 [CC2]
149.2750 Simplex	141.3 Hz	Air/Air [Air 1]
150.5625 Simplex	151.4 Hz	Air/Air [Air 2]
150.2250 Simplex	162.2 Hz	Back up guard channel [Guard 1]
139.8750 Simplex	173.8 Hz	Tactical use [Miscellaneous use] [TAC 1]
148.1250 Simplex	100.0 Hz	Primary talk-around [PA TA]
148.1500 Simplex	100.0 Hz	Secondary talk-around [PB TA]
148.1375/143.6250	203.5 Hz	Airborne/Tactical repeater

148.1375/143.6250	192.8 Hz	Airborne/Tactical repeater
148.1375/143.6250	131.8 Hz	Airborne/Tactical repeater
148.1375/143.6250	162.2 Hz	Airborne/Tactical repeater
148.1250/143.5500	Various PLs	National repeater pair
148.1500/143.7000	Various PLs	National repeater pair

There are more frequency designators built around the nationwide repeater pairs mentioned above. That list of nationwide repeater pairs and private line (PL) tones was published in the May 2010 *Milcom* column in *Monitoring Times*.

## In Closing

It is always difficult to predict what changes a new air show season will bring, so I strongly encourage readers to watch my *Milcom* Blog, my new Twitter feed (MilcomMP) or the *Monitoring Times* Blog RSS feed on the *MT* home page for any late breaking news or frequency information during the 2012 air show season.

Before I close, I would like to publicly thank the real heroes of this annual air show guide – the hundreds of radio monitors who took the time to share with me what they have heard at the air shows. Without these caring radio hobbyists, there would be no guide. So to each of you, I want to dedicate this latest edition of *MT's Air Show Guide*.

If you have found this guide useful and you would like to help, how about taking a minute or two and pass along what you are hearing this next season? It is important that we get reports from the field since I can't make many shows. We just don't have a budget for that sort of thing.

Even if it is already on our list, pass it along anyway. It all goes in the mix and helps us to compile our next annual guide. You can reach me via my snail mail address at *MT Milcom*, 7540 Highway 64 West, Brasstown, NC 28902 or via e-mail at [larryvanhorn@monitoringtimes.com](mailto:larryvanhorn@monitoringtimes.com).

So, now it is time once again to break out your scanners, plug in your air show frequencies, crank that volume up, and get ready for the ride of a lifetime. It is an experience you will never forget when you can listen to the sounds from the cockpit at the air show!

*"Blue Angels Delta Formation – Stand by Boards – Boards!"* **MT**

# Radio and the Air Show Experience

By Brian and Jo Marie Topolski  
(Photos by the authors)

**A**ir show season will soon be upon us and what an excellent time of year! Sunshine, warm temperatures and air shows in abundance are scheduled from sea to shining sea. If you're ready for the sights, sounds and thrills of pure adrenalin in motion, come with us. Let's take a trip into the wild, blue yonder!

Jet teams, prop planes, WWI and WWII aircraft, parachute jump teams, wing walkers, helicopters, jet powered trucks and static displays – in combination, these components are all designed to thrill, enlighten and inspire. There's something for everyone to enjoy at today's modern air show. This is where we all have the opportunity to learn how the power of flight has changed the face of world history and how our armed forces provide the finest cooperative defense system in the world.

## The Black Diamond Jet Team

Who? Yes, you heard right: The Black Diamond Jet Team is the latest sensation on the air show circuit. Formed in 2011, they were

originally known as the Heavy Metal Jet Team. In 2012, they changed their name to Black Diamond because they "wanted a team name that reflected skill, challenge and expertise." Comprised of seven expert pilots, each with thousands of hours of flight experience in multiple aircraft, the Black Diamond is a seven-plane aerobatic, civilian-owned, jet demonstration team based in Lakeland, Florida.

Last year there were only six jets, but they recently added a seventh for the opposing solo position. Their planes consist of five Aero L-39 Albatross jets along with two MiG 17s, all sporting an impressive arctic camouflage paint scheme. If you love seeing extreme aerobatic and formation flying that'll keep you on the edge of your seat, check out The Black Diamond Jet Team; these guys are awesome!

I first experienced them in Atlantic City, New Jersey during the "Thunder over the Boardwalk" air show in August, 2011. This show featured the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, who are renowned for their amazing flying skills. Traditionally held on a Wednesday, sky conditions were cloudy for the Tuesday practice

show. Rain storms shadowed the area before ultimately moving in and forcing cancellation of all flying activity for the afternoon.

But, on Wednesday it was show time, a picture perfect beach day with bright sunshine and hot summer temperatures. This resulted in the largest air show attendance I had ever seen! The crowd count was estimated at 800,000 people. The performances unfolded flawlessly throughout the day, and you'd never know that practices were cut short the previous day. Admission was free, but if you weren't there early, you were stuck in traffic on the Atlantic City Expressway.

One thing missing last year was the dominating presence of the F-22 Raptor Jet Demonstration Team. With its seemingly other-worldly flying maneuverability, this aircraft is always a crowd pleaser. We did not see it because all F-22 squadrons had to be temporarily shut down pending an investigation of a problem with the oxygen supply system to the pilot. This now being fixed, we welcome them back for the 2012 season!

## Getting Geared Up

Let's talk about how we listen at the air show. Something new in my air show radio arsenal is the grab-and-roll comm-cart I call "The Gator Box." I conceived and built it on the fly in Atlantic City during Thunder over the Boardwalk. I had to think of something in lieu of my main wagon rig, which is too heavy to roll smoothly through thick beach sand. The grab-and-roll is a scaled-down version of the four radio wagon setup that I usually bring with me.

In the grab-and-roll, everything is rack mounted inside a sturdy plastic Gator case, which comes with removable front and rear covers. Gator is a company name that manufactures equipment cases for the music industry. The bottom radio and speakers are bolted to a steel rack mounted shelf.

The top radio is held by heavy-duty Velcro to the lower radio. The two antenna mounts with BNC connections are securely mounted with magnets, each to a galvanized steel washer which is attached by Velcro to the case. The cart is a collapsible/foldable hand truck purchased at any Lowe's or Home Depot store. Everything is secured to the cart using bungee cords.

*Thunderbirds parked with Comm-cart*





It's like a travel suitcase, but the bottom line is that it works most everywhere, but not in sand. It needs larger tires so it can ride higher above the grainy particles that can ultimately wreak havoc on your electronics. Another great feature is the fact that this communication setup has the ability to operate continuously, even while you "walk and roll" down the tarmac. This way, you won't miss a beat if you find that you have to relocate.

When the time comes to put it away, all cables, along with the antennas, can be placed in a ballistic nylon carry pouch and securely stowed in the back of the case.

The radios you see in the Gator Box photo are temporary. On the bottom is the Uniden BCD-996T, on top is the Uniden BCT-15X. The ultimate version for 2012 will be just as you see it, but the radios are being replaced by two matching Uniden BCD-996XT's, each with digital receive capability.



The metal enclosed speakers are Texas Rangers. They project very well and are warm sounding (not tinny) and can take the power of a small amplifier should you decide to add one. Power is derived from a rechargeable 12 volt/900 peak amp battery used in jump-starting cars.

Remember to always keep your rig looking neat and professional. This helps to ease the mind of security personnel when you're going through a checkpoint. It makes it easier for them to inspect your equipment and know exactly what it is you have. As I've mentioned before, plan on being searched. It doesn't always happen, but be prepared.

Carry proper identification such as a drivers license with you at all times! Military bases are usually more intensive than civilian sponsored shows. If you're a licensed ham radio operator,

*C-5 Galaxy transport at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.*



certainly bring along a copy of your license. This credential gives you valid reason for having radios on your person.

## Photo Opportunities

For my air show photography I use the Nikon D-90 camera with two lenses. Lens number one is a Nikon 18-100 mm zoom. I use this for close-up photos, including people and aircraft on static display. Lens number two is a Sigma 70-300 mm zoom. I use this one for objects that are farther away, such as an aircraft in flight. I select the fastest shutter speed available for jets and other fast movers.

Hints: keep both eyes open while looking into the camera viewfinder. This enables you to see other aircraft coming into photographic view via your peripheral vision. This technique is especially useful when trying to capture two opposing jets in a crisscross maneuver. You don't know where the second one is, if you can't see it. For propeller driven aircraft, I use a slower shutter speed. This helps to blur the propeller and give the viewer a sense that the aircraft is actually flying.

One show definitely worth attending this year is the Boston-Portsmouth Air Show at Pease Air National Guard Base in New Hampshire. For more information go here: [www.newengland](http://www.newengland)

[airshow.com](http://airshow.com). It takes place June 30-July 1, 2012 and will feature the United States Navy Blue Angels. Oh, and did I mention the Black Diamond Jet Team will also be there? Don't miss them!

Directly from there, it's off to Boston, Massachusetts for their Independence Day celebration. This year is especially historical because it commemorates the bicentennial of the "Star Spangled Banner" composed by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812. In addition to fireworks, and an Esplanade concert by the Boston Pops Orchestra, the city of Boston, in coordination with the United States Navy and "Operation Sail" (also referred to as Op Sail), will host numerous tall ships from around the world sailing to and docking in Boston Harbor. Op Sail is a national non-profit organization dedicated to sailing ship training and promoting goodwill among nations. Included in this extravaganza will be a flyover by the Blue Angels over Boston Harbor on the 4th of July, an excellent scanning and photo opportunity! This huge undertaking takes place June 28-July 4, 2012. For information visit: [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com).

For this venue, have your scanners and this issue of *MT* ready. Among top monitoring targets are the Blue Angels, Massachusetts State Police (using a Motorola Type II Trunked Radio System), City of Boston Police/Fire and EMS (conventional radio system), City Of Cambridge (Motorola Type III Hybrid Trunked Radio System), United States Coast Guard (conventional system), Civilian Maritime (conventional system), Boston's Logan International Airport Tower (conventional system), and the Massachusetts 104 Fighter Wing F-15 Eagles (they usually do the Boston Esplanade flyover) air/air tactical used: 159.60/159.90/264.85 (all am mode). [www.radioreference.com](http://www.radioreference.com) is an excellent source of frequency information for the above named public safety agencies.

And, if you happen to see us at an air show, please come over and say hello. We're always up for a good rag chew and frequency exchange. In the meantime, "keep your head to the sky; see you on the flightline!" Check Six... Good Hunting!



*Snow Birds Ascending*

*Blue Angels' Marine C-130, also known as "Fat Albert" with crew member and flag taxiing.*



# Flying Fat Albert Airlines

By Kevin Burke  
(Photos courtesy the author)

If I told you that in 2011 I also flew in one of the United States Navy Blue Angels aircraft, you might start to think, "How does this guy pull off these awesome flights?"

Well, luck definitely plays a role in what I have been able to "pull off" in terms of photo opportunities, but I also work at keeping the ball rolling. An interesting article and photos in *Monitoring Times* lets me share the experience and also satisfies the Public Relations people. By allowing me these opportunities I help spread the word about the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels programs they are promoting.

## And now, the Rest of the Story

My favorite New England Air Show at Quonset Point Rhode Island was hosting the Blue Angels this past June for their annual air show. In my research before the show, mainly on [airshowbuzz.com](http://airshowbuzz.com), I read that there would be seats available for media on Fat Albert, the Marine C-130 transport the Blue Angels bring to every air show during its air show performance. No, this wasn't the dream ride we all wish for in a fighter aircraft, but it was still an incredible experience that I will never forget.

I had been told by other media friends that it was a ride not to pass up, so I sought out the people I needed to talk to in order to make this happen. On Friday, the practice day, it was cloudy and would probably be the best day to go on a flight rather than try to take air show pictures from the ground.

There were five other people going on this flight as passengers. We all had to fill out a medical form which it was scrutinized by the Blue Angels' Flight Surgeon and we were warned, "This will not be an easy ride." We were told there would be positive G forces, negative G forces, even zero G forces (weightlessness). I

could see the other passengers appear to disregard the severity of the warning they had just received about the flight they had just signed up for. Had I not discussed the Fat Albert rides with friends, I too probably would have thought this ride was going to be a piece of cake!

Once we got out to the aircraft we met the flight crew and they immediately brought us to the tail of the aircraft and went into their precision flight briefing. The pilot went over every single detail of this flight, including telling us everything that he would be saying over the headset to the other flight crew members. He rifled off flap settings, speeds, and altitudes with such speed that I was struggling to take in all that I was hearing. I do remember hearing him say our high speed pass will be 150 feet above the runway.

I had asked to be in the cockpit and I'm so glad I got that seat (more on that in a bit). On the takeoff roll you could really feel the G's as the pilot pulled back on the yoke during the simulated JATO, or Jet Assisted Take Off. C-130's used to be capable of attaching rocket motors to the fuselage to assist in taking off from short runways. Fat Albert used to wow the air show crowds when lighting the rockets on the take off roll. Unfortunately, these rockets are no longer manufactured, but the Blue Angels now perform a simulated JATO.

My friends had also informed me about the weightlessness on Fat Albert, so I made sure my seatbelt was tightened and then retightened. At the top of the JATO maneuver the pilot pushes

the yoke to nose over the top of the climb. It is that point that we experienced momentary weightlessness, and I saw one of the flight crew float off his feet only holding on by a handrail over the pilots head.

We performed a similar maneuver one more time and did a lot more turning than I expected, even though I have watched Fat Albert many, many times. I could feel the G's making it hard to breathe so I forced myself to breathe fast and deep during the long turns where the G's were constant. Sometimes it seemed we were turning hard from a left turn then an immediate right turn.

I was glad to be in the cockpit so I could look out the windows and see the ground to give my brain some reference as to which way was up. In the back of the C-130 there are only a couple tiny windows and they are up high when you are strapped into the seats so they don't help give your brain a reference point. The ride in back can best be described as what it must feel like to be on the inside of a clothes dryer while it is running! My friend on this flight actually got sick hours after the flight and ended up in the hospital.

I felt like this ride was actually very close to what it would feel like to be in a jet fighter during an air show demo. For as long as I can remember, the air show at Quonset Point State Airport has been my favorite New England air show and I owe the Rhode Island National Guard Public Affairs crew many thanks for the incredible experience.

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*"Fat Albert" landing at Quonset Point State Airport.*





# My Ride on a T-Bird Refueling Mission

By Kevin Burke  
(All photos courtesy the author)

In August I was lucky enough to get onboard a New Hampshire Air National Guard KC-135 Strato-tanker to photograph the United States Air Force Thunderbirds in their F-16C's while en route to the Boston Portsmouth Air Show at Pease International Trade port in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

It was a very tense couple of weeks waiting for the official word that I was actually on the list of those approved to fly on this mission. I have been able to get myself on a handful of tanker flights, but for each new 'pending' flight I am like a kid waiting for Christmas day!

## Pre-Flight Briefing

On the morning of the flight, a group of about 20 photographers met the Public Affairs people and Air Show coordinators outside the main gate of Pease Air National Guard Base at seven in the morning. After a customary search

of our bags we got an abbreviated flight briefing about the flight and an informative slide-show presentation about the duties of the New Hampshire Air National Guard (NHANG) and the North East Tanker Task Force, the vital link of aerial refueling responsibilities handled by New Hampshire and Maine Air National Guard tanker units providing aerial refueling across the Atlantic Ocean.

The commander of the 157th Air Refueling Wing, Paul "Hutch" Hutchinson talked about how busy the NHANG has been with their eight KC-135's and how they hope to get the new Air Force tanker, the KC-45A.

I really enjoy the briefings. It is an inside look at everything it takes to put a refueling mission together. Usually this is where you can see maps of refueling areas and Military Operating Areas, or MOAs, Air Refueling (AR) Tracks and radio frequencies, etc. For this abbreviated briefing, they actually had a slide listing the

AR track, altitude, and the estimated time to be at each track. We also saw a slide that showed a planned off-load of 60,000 pounds of fuel between the two tankers.

We also learned that Pease can stage up to 27 tankers and they have the only KC-135 simulator in the Northeast. They also have a jet and a crew on short notice alert 365 days a year, 24 hours a day with a four hour response time from notification to launch.

For this flight the group of photographers boarded one tanker, and a group of special guests from the Air Show such as representatives from the Boy Scouts of America boarded the other jet.

## Front Row Seat on a KC-135

Using the call signs Pack 61 and 62, we took off around nine in the morning. We were given a boxed lunch (a chicken salad sandwich,

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*Two T-Birds outside the tanker window during a refueling mission.*

cookie and small bag of chips) before we boarded and the flight crew randomly selected me to sit in the cockpit during takeoff. It was nice to be able to see the lead tanker as we headed across the country to meet the Thunderbirds at AR 406, in the area of North Kansas, Southeast Nebraska and Northern Missouri. It was expected to take us about 3 hours to get to this refueling track.

Meanwhile, the Thunderbirds were meeting a different set of refueling tankers to get their first sip of fuel since taking off from their home base, Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada before meeting us for their other two sips of fuel needed to get to New Hampshire.

As soon as it was safe to do so, we were told we could get up and walk around and check out the aircraft. People who had never been on a tanker before were able to lie down in the boom operator's pod at the rear of the jet and ask questions. Some actually moved the boom around with its control stick. I was checking out the condition of the windows on the side of the aircraft. There are only two windows on each side of the aircraft, and it takes a good amount of maneuvering to be able to steady yourself for picture taking while looking out these windows.

When we approached AR 406, Thunderbirds 1 through 4 went to the lead tanker, Pack 61 and Thunderbirds 5, 6 and 7 came to our tanker, Pack 62. I was in line to get the "ideal shot" I was looking for; a Thunderbird F-16 as it approaches from underneath. But there were a lot of us looking for that same shot and those jets sip fuel really quickly. I opted to go for the shots out the side windows because there were quite a few people ahead of me for the two best seats in the house, on either side of the boom operator.

The crew was definitely trying their best to rotate the group through the two spots at the boom. I actually didn't make it to the boom for the first refueling. It took about an hour to fly to our second track (AR 217) which was the Thunderbirds third refueling track and goes from Toledo, Ohio to Pennsylvania.

Monitoring the action in the air was difficult. While I was in the cockpit for takeoff I was given an intercom headset and could hear both tankers talking to the tower and I could hear the tankers talking to each other regarding spacing. But, once at cruising altitude, I left the cockpit and wasn't able to monitor any communications.

On the tanker flights I have been on with a group of photographers, there is just not enough time to keep swapping the headsets while at the boom operator's station.

### Riding the Boom

During this refueling track, the Thunderbirds went into a more relaxed formation which put each F-16 too far away to be able to get any pictures. The flight crew went around asking who didn't get to the boom for the first refueling so I felt like chances were good that I still might get some good shots from the boom.

When it was time, I had my plan of action ready. I was in line to get to the boom, but favoring the right side (looking to the rear). For some reason, the way the boom pod is laid out in the KC-135's there is better visibility from the spot on the right of the boom operator. I have photographed from the left of the boom operator, but viewing and photography is better from the right side.

There was already an F-16 on the boom sipping gas when I got into position. I started filming with a little Kodak video camera in my left hand while snapping still images with my digital SLR camera in my right hand. I was waiting for the F-16 to finish getting gas and back off so I could get that photo I was hoping for. I

had brought along my Cannon XT camera using a Cannon 18-135 mm zoom lens and was ready.

During refueling the fighter aircraft are just so close it is unreal. It could be me just being picky with my photos but I *really* wanted to get a shot as the jet was moving away, so I could get the whole F-16 in the photo.

As you can see I did get some good shots, but for the photo I was looking for, I only had about 3 seconds to make it happen and then I was ushered out of the boom pod so the next photographer could get in. For this shot I used a setting of 1/800 second at F10. For the other in-flight pictures I typically used 1/500 to 1/800 sec with F stops from 8 to 10.

After the last refueling the two tankers climbed higher and sped up so we could get to Pease ANG base before the Thunderbirds; otherwise we would have to be put in a holding pattern just outside of the Pease air space while the Thunderbirds did their arrival maneuvers. As it happened, we returned to Pease just before 3:00 pm and were walking down the stairs when the Thunderbirds performed their arrival maneuver, the delta solo break from behind the crowd.

F-16's are capable of carrying many combinations of up to three external fuel tanks. Usually when you see an F-16 in the sky or parked at an air show you will see these fuel tanks, one of which can be placed under the belly and two can be hung under the wings.

On this trip the Thunderbirds elected not to carry the wing tanks, possibly to eliminate the excess equipment they would need to bring with them to store and maneuver around. I have been told by a boom operator that the Thunderbirds will use the external tanks when flying overseas.

The 2012 Boston Portsmouth Air Show, which will be held on June 30 and July 1 this year, has quickly become a first rate annual air show, consistently attracting major jet teams like the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels, and also top notch civilians like Mike Goulian and Sean Tucker. Last year this show also hosted the Heavy Metal jet team, now known as the Black Diamond jet team which will be returning in 2012.

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*Kevin Burke's three second perfect shot: T-Bird backs away from the refueling boom.*



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## Scanning the Pacific Northwest

Like many decisions about technology, selecting the “best” scanner is always a subjective determination. A number of factors come into play and what’s good for one user might not be so good for another. This month we take a look at possible choices for a new user in the Pacific Northwest.

*I live in Tacoma, Washington and want to purchase a scanner. I have done some research and am still confused about the best scanner to purchase. I believe the Tacoma police use a Motorola Type II Smart Zone trunked system. Do I need to purchase a trunk-tracking scanner in order to hear the chatter? I would like to hear Seattle as well. Can you suggest the best scanner at the lowest price point that will give me both?*

*Thanks,  
Amy in Tacoma*

Tacoma is a city of about 200,000 people located about 30 miles southwest of Seattle. It is part of a larger region bordered on the west by Puget Sound and on the east by the Cascade Mountains, made up of three counties totaling 3.4 million people and 6,000 square miles. Pierce County, where Tacoma is located, covers nearly 1,800 square miles and is home to about 800,000 people. King County, with Seattle as the county seat, holds 1.9 million residents across 2,100 square miles. Snohomish County, north of Seattle, has about 700,000 people in an area of just over 2,000 square miles.



Amy’s confusion is certainly understandable, since there are currently eight primary public safety land mobile radio systems operating in the region:

- King County Emergency Radio Communication System
- Pierce County Government Radio Communications System
- Pierce County FireCom Radio System
- Pierce County Transit Radio System
- Port of Seattle Public Safety Radio System

- Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS)
- Tacoma-Puyallup Public Safety Radio System
- Washington State Patrol Radio System (WSP)

All but one of these systems operates either conventionally – meaning each radio frequency is dedicated to a specific agency and function – or uses a common Motorola trunking technology. Trunking is a method of sharing a common pool of frequencies among all the users of the radio system, and the Motorola technology in use in the Tacoma area is supported by all trunk-tracking scanners.



System	Band	Transmission Type	Sites	Units
Snohomish County	800 MHz	Motorola trunked	21	4,300
King County	800 MHz	Motorola trunked	26	16,200
Port of Seattle	800 MHz	Motorola trunked	5	2,000
Tacoma-Puyallup	800 MHz	Motorola trunked	12	3,600
Pierce County FireCom	VHF	conventional	many	
Pierce County Gov’t	VHF	conventional	11	2,200
Pierce County Transit	700 MHz	Project 25 Phase 1	6	
WSP (in the Region)	VHF	conventional	11	1,200

There are approximately 30,000 radios on these eight systems. In addition, about 10,000 commercial wireless data cards are in use providing mobile data connectivity. Some Snohomish County agencies also access a private data network that carries data at 9,600 bits per second.

For the City of Tacoma, the Tacoma-Puyallup public safety system supports most of the local agency activity. The system carries voice in both analog and encrypted digital formats with Motorola Type II control channels. This means that any scanner capable of trunk tracking Motorola analog systems will follow the action as long as the voice transmissions are analog. Digital voice transmissions appear to be limited to sensitive police operations and are reportedly encrypted, so you’re not missing anything by not having a digital-capable scanner.

The Tacoma-Puyallup system is made up of three subsystems. The primary is Tacoma, simulcasting from six repeater sites on the following frequencies: 866.7875, 866.8125, 866.8375, 866.8625, 867.1625, 867.1875, 867.2125, 867.2375, 867.2625, 867.4625, 867.9500, 867.9875, 868.2500 and 868.3250 MHz.

The Puyallup subsystem can be heard on 868.3500, 868.3750, 868.4000, 868.5000, 868.5750 and 868.6250 MHz.

The McNeil Island subsystem operates on 866.7250, 867.3750, 867.4000, 867.9250,

868.6000 and 868.6250 MHz.

The Tacoma and Puyallup subsystems both operate in *simulcast* (simultaneous broadcast) mode, meaning that the same content is transmitted from each repeater site at the same time. This enables a radio (or a scanner) to pick up system activity without regard to which specific repeater site the signal is coming from.

### Tacoma-Puyallup Talkgroups

Decimal	Hex	Description
272	011	Patch for local law enforcement
1808	071	Tacoma Fire (Operations)
1840	073	Tacoma Fire (Operations)
45808	B2F	Tacoma Police Tactical (Encrypted)
45840	B31	Tacoma Police Tactical (Encrypted)
47824	BAD	Tacoma Police Tactical (Encrypted)
52080	CB7	Tacoma Police (Events North)
52112	CB9	Tacoma Police (Events South)
52176	CBF	Tacoma Police (Dispatch North)
52208	CBF	Tacoma Police Records
52240	CC1	Tacoma Police (Tactical 1 North)
52272	CC3	Tacoma Police (Tactical 2 North)
52304	CC5	Tacoma Police (Dispatch South)
52368	CC9	Tacoma Police SWAT
52400	CCB	Tacoma Police (Tactical 1 South)
52432	CCD	Tacoma Police (Tactical 2 South)
52560	CD5	Tacoma Police Law Enforcement 1
52592	CD7	Patch to LERN
52624	CD9	Patch to LERN
53008	CF1	City Public Works
53040	CF3	City Public Works
53072	CF5	Dome Public Works
53168	CFB	Tacoma Solid Waste - Garbage Trucks
53200	CFD	Tacoma Solid Waste - Garbage Trucks
53296	D03	Tacoma Water
53360	D07	Tacoma Solid Waste - Landfill
53424	D0B	Tacoma Solid Waste - Garbage Trucks
53520	D11	Tacoma Solid Waste - Garbage Trucks
53680	D1B	Tacoma Maintenance
54096	D35	American Medical Response (AMR) Ambulance
54320	D43	Rural/Metro Ambulance (Dispatch)
54416	D49	Tacoma Fire (Training)
54512	D4F	Police and Fire Common (Simulcast on 155.370)
54544	D51	Tacoma Fire (Alternate)
54576	D53	Tacoma Fireground (Channel 5)
54608	D55	Tacoma Fireground (Channel 4)
54640	D57	Tacoma Fireground (Channel 3)
54672	D59	Tacoma Emergency Medical Services (Channel 2)
54704	D5B	Tacoma Fire (Dispatch)
54736	D5D	Tacoma Fire (Events)
55120	D75	Pierce County Fire Crosslink

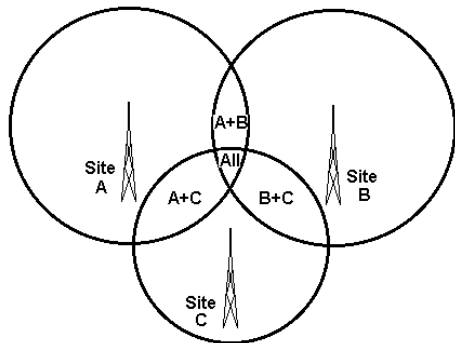
### ❖ Conventional Frequencies

In addition to trunked systems, many agencies operating in the greater Seattle/Tacoma area make use of conventional frequencies as well. The following frequencies carry analog voice traffic and can be monitored on nearly any scanner manufactured in the past thirty years.



Frequency	Description
45.20	Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEM-Net) F1
45.36	Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEM-Net) F2
45.48	Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEM-Net) F3
151.355	Pierce County Emergency Management
151.415	Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Common
153.830	Washington State fire service mutual aid (Red Net)
153.890	Pierce County Fire (Dispatch Countywide)
154.160	Pierce County Fire (Fireground Central)
154.265	Puyallup Fireground
154.295	Pierce County Fire (Dispatch Central)
154.325	Pierce County Fire (Fireground South)
154.355	Pierce County Fire (Fireground West)
154.385	Pierce County Fire (Fireground East)
154.950	Pierce County Sheriff (Dispatch East)
155.160	Search and Rescue (SAR)
155.190	King County Mutual Aid Radio System (KCMARS)
155.280	Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio (HEAR)
155.310	Pierce County Sheriff (Tactical)
155.340	Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio (HEAR)
155.370	Law Enforcement Radio Network (LERN)
155.475	National Law Enforcement Network (NLEC)
155.610	Pierce County Sheriff (Administration)
155.640	Pierce County Sheriff (Dispatch West)
156.090	Pierce County Sheriff (Records Countywide)
156.135	On-Scene Command and Coordination Radio Network (OSCCR)
156.240	Pierce County Fire (Central Response)
460.550	King County Mutual Aid Radio System (KCMARS)

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The three low-band frequencies, 45.20, 45.36 and 45.48 MHz, provide backup communications between state and local Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), as well as serving as operational frequencies for some state agencies.

On-Scene Command and Coordination Radio (OSCCR) uses 156.135 MHz as a common radio frequency for use by two or more agencies for mutual aid and for emergencies and disasters. It is managed by the state Emergency Management Division (EMD) and has also been designated as the "Primary On Scene Command Channel" for the State of Washington. EMD also manages the Search and Rescue (SAR) frequency of 155.160 MHz, although it may be difficult to monitor, since its use is limited to



mobile and portable radios which transmit using much lower power than a typical repeater site.

Two VHF frequencies, 155.370 (LERN) and 155.475 (NLEC), are common police frequencies available statewide for use during disasters, emergencies, and operations that require coordination among multiple law enforcement agencies.

The Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio (HEAR) frequencies of 155.280 and 155.340 MHz are used by hospitals to communicate with ambulances while on-scene and enroute.

### ❖ Seattle

The King County public safety system makes use of more than 140 frequency pairs spread across more than a dozen subsystems. The largest subsystem, covering Seattle proper, uses the following frequencies: 851.1875, 851.4125, 851.9875, 852.1625, 852.6875, 852.9125, 853.4375, 853.6625, 854.1125, 854.1875, 854.3625, 854.4125, 866.2875, 866.3375, 866.4375, 866.6875, 866.7125, 866.8875, 867.2875, 867.7875, 868.1750, 868.4750, 868.6750 and 868.8750 MHz.

Given the large number of frequencies, it may be easier to use a scanner that has a "control channel only" trunking option, where only the control channel frequencies need to be programmed. Such a scanner will use the information from the control channel data stream to figure out the proper voice frequencies.

Each of the Motorola trunked systems have a frequency dedicated to carrying digital instructions between radios and repeater sites. These instructions allow radios to figure out which talkgroups are active and on what frequency each talkgroup conversation is occurring. This frequency is called a *control channel*. Because the channel contains information about every active talkgroup and frequency, a scanner with a "control channel only" feature doesn't always need to have every voice channel explicitly programmed.

The control channels for the King County system are 851.0625, 851.4125, 851.8125, 854.3625, 855.9625, 857.2625, 857.4625, 858.2375, 858.4875, 860.2625, 860.7125, 860.9625, 867.8625, 867.9125, 868.1750, 868.2000, 868.2250, 868.4000, 868.4250, 868.4500, 868.6500, 868.6750, 868.7000, 868.7750, 868.9500 and 868.9750 MHz.

### King County System Talkgroups

Decimal	Hex	Description
1616	065	Seattle Fire (All Call)
1648	067	Seattle Fire (Fire Response 1)
1680	069	Seattle Fire (Fire Response 2)
1712	06B	Seattle Fire (Fire Response 3)
1744	06D	Seattle Fire (Dispatch)
1776	06F	Seattle Fire (Medical Responses 1)
1808	071	Seattle Fire (Medical Responses 2)
1840	073	Seattle Fire (Command Support)
1872	075	Seattle Fire (Command Support)
1904	077	Seattle Fire (Site Dispatch)
1936	079	Seattle Fire (Site Response)
1968	07B	Seattle Fire (Ambulance Requests)
2000	07D	Seattle Fire (Medic One)
2032	07F	Seattle Fire (Trauma Doctor)
2064	081	Seattle Fire (Command Support)
2096	083	Seattle Fire (User-to-User)
2128	085	Seattle Fire (Fireground)

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2160	087	Seattle Fire (Investigations)
2192	089	Seattle Fire (Administration)
2224	08B	Airlift Northwest (Medical)
3184	0C7	Seattle Fire Emergency Operations Center
3216	0C9	Seattle Police (All Call)
3248	0CB	Seattle Police (Dispatch West)
3280	0CD	Seattle Police (Dispatch North)
3312	0CF	Seattle Police (Dispatch South)
3344	0D1	Seattle Police (Dispatch East)
3408	0D5	Seattle Police (Records)
3440	0D7	Seattle Police (Tactical 1)
3472	0D9	Seattle Police (Tactical 2)
3504	0DB	Seattle Police (Tactical 3)
3536	0DD	Seattle Police (Tactical 4)
3568	0DF	Seattle Police Event 1
3600	0E1	Seattle Police Emergencies
3632	0E3	Seattle Police (Tactical East)
3664	0E5	Seattle Police (Tactical South)
3696	0E7	Seattle Police (Tactical North)
3728	0E9	Seattle Police (Tactical West)
3760	0EB	Seattle Police Tactical 1
3792	0ED	Seattle Police Tactical 2
3824	0EF	Seattle Police
3856	0F1	Seattle Police
3888	0F3	Seattle Police Command 1
3920	0F5	Seattle Police Command 2
3952	0F7	Seattle Police Command 3
3984	0F9	Seattle Police Command 4
4016	0FB	Seattle Police Command 5
4048	0FD	Seattle Police Harbor Patrol
4080	0FF	Seattle Police Narcotics 1
4112	101	Seattle Police Narcotics 2
4144	103	Seattle Police Narcotics 3
4176	105	Seattle Police Narcotics Task Force
4208	107	Seattle Police Vice 1
4240	109	Seattle Police Vice 2
4272	10B	Seattle Police Criminal Intelligence Service 1
4304	10D	Seattle Police Criminal Intelligence Service 2
4336	10F	Seattle Police Emergency Response Team 1
4368	111	Seattle Police Emergency Response Team 2
4464	117	Seattle Police Internal Investigations
23152	5A7	King County Sheriff North (Dispatch)
23184	5A9	King County Sheriff Tactical 2
23216	5AB	King County Sheriff Southeast (Dispatch)
23248	5AD	King County Sheriff Tactical 3
23280	5AF	King County Sheriff Southwest (Dispatch)
23312	5B1	King County Sheriff Tactical 4
23344	5B3	King County Sheriff Northwest (Dispatch)
23376	5B5	King County Sheriff Tactical 5
23408	5B7	King County Sheriff Special Operations
23440	5B9	King County Sheriff Tactical 6
23472	5BB	King County Sheriff Records
23504	5BD	King County Sheriff Tactical 1
23536	5BF	King County Sheriff Tactical 7
23568	5C1	King County Sheriff Tactical 8
23600	5C3	King County Sheriff Tactical 9
23632	5C5	King County Sheriff Tactical 12
23952	5D9	King County Metro Transit Police (Dispatch)
23984	5DB	King County Metro Transit Police (Tactical)
24016	5DD	King County Metro Transit
24048	5DF	King County Metro Transit
24976	619	King County Sheriff Tactical 14
25424	635	King County Sheriff Tactical 10
26608	67F	King County Sheriff Tactical 16
27088	69D	King County Sheriff Tactical 18
27344	6AD	King County Sheriff Tactical 30
30128	75B	King County Sheriff Tactical 20
35824	8BF	King County Sheriff (Surveillance)
38448	963	King County Fire (Dispatch)
38480	965	King County Fire 2
38512	967	Valley Comm Fire (Common 3)
38544	969	Valley Comm Fire (Common 4)
38576	96B	KV Fire Operations 1
38608	96D	KV Fire Operations 2
38640	96F	KV Fire Operations 3
38672	971	Valley Comm Fire Operations 4
38704	973	Valley Comm Fire Operations 5
38736	975	Valley Comm Fire Operations 6
39056	989	King County Fire District 17 Administration
39088	98B	King County Fire District 20 Administration
39120	98D	King County Fire District 40 Administration
39152	98F	King County Fire District 43 Administration
39184	991	King County Fire District 44 Administration
39216	993	King County Fire District 46 Administration

39248	995	King County Fire District 47 Administration
62384	F3B	King County Fire
62416	F3D	King County Fire Mutual Aid Zone 1
62448	F3F	King County Fire Mutual Aid Zone 2
62480	F41	King County Fire Mutual Aid Zone 3
62512	F43	King County Fire Mutual Aid Zone 4
62544	F45	King County Fire Mutual Aid Zone 5
62576	F47	King County Fire Mutual Aid Pool 1
62608	F49	King County Fire Mutual Aid Pool 2
62640	F4B	King County Fire Emergency Operations
62704	F4F	King County Fire Emergency Operations
62736	F51	King County Fire Emergency Operations

## ❖ Control Channel Only

The following scanners can properly support control-channel-only. Some older models may also require the programming of a "plan" to allow the scanner to compute the proper frequency.

Source	Model	Type	Introduced
GRE	PSR-300	Handheld	2007
GRE	PSR-400	Base/Mobile	2007
GRE	PSR-500	Handheld	2007
GRE	PSR-600	Base/Mobile	2007
Radio Shack	PRO-93	Handheld	2001
Radio Shack	PRO-94	Handheld	1999
Radio Shack	PRO-95	Handheld	2002
Radio Shack	PRO-96	Handheld	2003
Radio Shack	PRO-97	Handheld	2005
Radio Shack	PRO-106	Handheld	2007
Radio Shack	PRO-107	Handheld	2009
Radio Shack	PRO-160	Base/Mobile	2008
Radio Shack	PRO-162	Handheld	2008
Radio Shack	PRO-163	Base/Mobile	2008
Radio Shack	PRO-164	Handheld	2009
Radio Shack	PRO-197	Base/Mobile	2007
Radio Shack	PRO-433	Base/Mobile	2006
Radio Shack	PRO-528	Handheld	2006
Radio Shack	PRO-2051	Base/Mobile	2005
Radio Shack	PRO-2053	Base/Mobile	2001
Radio Shack	PRO-2055	Base/Mobile	2005
Radio Shack	PRO-2096	Base/Mobile	2005
Uniden	BCT8	Base/Mobile	2003
Uniden	BCT15	Base/Mobile	2006
Uniden	BCT15X	Base/Mobile	2009
Uniden	BC246T	Handheld	2004
Uniden	BC250D	Handheld	2002
Uniden	BC296D	Handheld	2003
Uniden	BR330T	Handheld	2005
Uniden	BC346XT	Handheld	2009
Uniden	BCD396T	Handheld	2005
Uniden	BCD396XT	Handheld	2009
Uniden	BC780XLT	Base/Mobile	2000
Uniden	BC785D	Base/Mobile	2002
Uniden	BC796D	Base/Mobile	2003
Uniden	BC898T	Base/Mobile	2004
Uniden	BCD996T	Base/Mobile	2006
Uniden	BCD996XT	Base/Mobile	2009

If you'd like to avoid programming altogether, you could choose one of the newest scanners that comes pre-programmed with nearly all U.S. radio systems and has a simple user interface.

Source	Model	Type	Year
GRE	PSR-800	Handheld	2011
Radio Shack	PRO-18	Handheld	2011
Uniden	HomePatrol-1	Base/Mobile	2010

## ❖ Unified Regional System

Three counties make up the core of the Seattle-Tacoma area, namely King, Pierce and Snohomish. In 2008 an organization called the Radio Executive Policy Committee (REPC) was formed to design, build and operate a

single voice and data network within this three-county area. The intent of the REPC is to migrate all of the county and local radio users from their current systems to a new network that will provide "state-of-the-art" wireless mission-critical voice and broadband data capabilities for public safety and general government use."

REPC recognizes that most of the public safety systems in the area use a Motorola technology called *SmartZone* and are concerned that over time it will become more difficult to get vendor support for critical hardware and software components. They also anticipate additional users as agencies grow to serve an increasing population.

In 2010, the City of Seattle received a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate within the newly allocated 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband (PSBB) spectrum. However, Seattle was unsuccessful in finding federal grant money to build out a broadband system and is now looking for alternatives.

Last year the City, on behalf of the REPC, issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking information about a possible partnership between the regional governments and private industry to help build, fund and operate a new network. They envision the use of an emerging commercial cellular technology called Long Term Evolution (LTE) to simultaneously support the needs of a minimum of 40,000 public safety users and thousands of commercial users. It will be interesting to see how private industry will respond.

That's all for this month. Please send your questions, comments and updates to me at [danveeneman@monitoringtimes.com](mailto:danveeneman@monitoringtimes.com). More information about scanners, trunking, and other radio-related topics can be found at [www.signalharbor.com](http://www.signalharbor.com). Until next month, happy scanning!

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**Q.** *What makes an HD-2 FM broadcast signal fluctuate in signal strength and then drop out? (Dave McDonald, K4EWC, Clearwater, FL)*

**A.** Assuming the signal fluctuation is not caused by an erratic antenna system, this is undoubtedly an atmospheric condition, probably solar or weather induced, changing the path or polarization of the received signal.

While our traditional analog signals simply struggle with background noise, letting us hear or see broadcast signals along with the noise, modern digital transmissions are all or none. When the data stream is interrupted or corrupted by low levels or interference, the entire stream drops out.

**Q.** *The push-to-talk switch on CB radio microphones disconnect the microphone element during the receive function. Why is that necessary? (J.J. Owens, NC)*

**A.** The common audio circuitry can produce acoustic feedback if the mike is left connected during receive. On a related topic, CBers who enjoy the echo sound of feedback can purchase models that leave the speaker connected for that sound effect.

**Q.** *Why is there no longer an antenna trimmer on car radios as there was years ago? (Tim Kuryla, Lexington, KY)*

**A.** I can only speculate among the following possible answers:

1. Older components were not nearly as stable over time as they are now, especially in tube-type radios, so some readjustment was appropriate.
2. Older whips were telescopic, so some adjustments would be necessary to accommodate a car owner's decision to lengthen or shorten the antenna.
3. Modern electronic tuning (varactor diode circuitry) allows one factory adjustment for the vehicle's standard antenna length, and it stays matched as the radio's frequency is changed.
4. Most modern car radios are left operating on FM, so the fixed-length whips are cut for quarter-wave resonance on the FM band for nominal 50 ohm input impedance.
5. And finally, car radios are less expensive to make if you leave mechanical parts off! (This may turn out to be the major reason!)

**Q.** *I was under the impression that all shortwave broadcasters were to evacuate the 41 meter band, leaving it for amateurs only, but I still hear a few broadcasters. Why are they still here? (Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN)*

**A.** By international agreement in 2003 at the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) in Geneva, Switzerland, all broadcasters were to evacuate 7100-7200 kHz by March 29, 2009. It would be decided later what would become of broadcasting in the remaining part of the amateur 40 meter band (7200-7300 kHz).

But rule making is one thing, and compliance is another. There are always rogue broadcasters who are more concerned with propagating their propaganda than cooperating with fellow broadcasters. Having fewer competitive stations now on that part of the spectrum is an open invitation for abuse of the ruling.

**Q.** *What are some inexpensive ways to keep a desktop scanner running in the event of a power outage? (Bill Moore, South Daytona, FL)*

**A.** Assuming that your desktop scanner is also designed for mobile applications, it should run on 12 VDC.

1. Select a model with the lowest current rating.
2. Lock out all the channels that aren't vital for reception during that period to avoid the extra current required for unnecessary audio.
3. Keep the volume only as loud as necessary.
4. Consider running a temporary DC power cord to your car battery (or cigarette lighter jack).
5. Keep a good size, 12 VDC, rechargeable battery on hand fully charged.
6. Consider an inexpensive uninterruptible power supply plugged in with the scanner plugged into it for these emergencies.
7. Consider a solar panel that can supply the needed current and voltage to run the scanner during the day as well as charge the batteries for nighttime use.

**Q.** *Why is AC more efficient in long-distance power lines than DC? (Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN)*

**A.** It isn't more efficient, it's just easier to convert (transform) to other voltages. AC can be directly transformed to any voltage by a simple turns ratio, while DC must either be dropped in voltage by resistance (very lossy as heat), or fed into a DC/AC converter to step it up (not as

efficient, and more complex and expensive than using a simple transformer).

**Q.** *What is the basis for radio rack panel height (multiples of 1.75") and width (19") standards? (Dave Williams, K7HMP/4, Stafford, VA)*

**A.** The original standard was developed around 1890 by George Westinghouse for the railroads to use as a mounting system for railroad signaling relays, thus the common name, relay rack. He later adapted it to the telephone industry to mount their array of relays. Eventually, the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) adopted the system.

**Q.** *I enjoy monitoring aircraft communications. When someone says, "flight level 380," does that mean that the aircraft is flying at 38000 feet? How high can a commercial airliner fly (safely)? (M.B., IN)*

**A.** Yes, FL380 is a flight level of 38,000 feet. It's an abbreviated response just like when they say, "Contact (airport name) 121.62" they really mean 121.625 MHz. Larger, higher-performance aircraft can cruise as high as FL51; 51,000 feet (roughly 9.6 miles).

Lower flight levels are more tightly restricted as a safety precaution because of the numbers of aircraft simultaneously on major air routes at those altitudes.

**Q.** *Won't the change in VHF/UHF land mobile band planning to narrower deviation (6.25 kHz) mean sharper filters with better shape factors for scanners? (J.J. Owens, NC)*

**A.** Sharper, yes; better shape factor, probably not. The characteristics of FM signals require a stronger interfering signal to override the desired signal ("FM capture"), even when right on frequency, and we're talking about adjacent channel interference. With AM, even a weak signal will produce interference.

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# Polytone and Espionage: Some Questions Answered

**A** recent e-mail from ENIGMA 2000's Paul Beaumont sheds considerable light on the role of the Russian "Polytone" numbers station in communicating with undercover agents in the field.

Paul is a key figure in the authoritative ENIGMA 2000 group. This organization continues the high standards of the original European Numbers Information Gathering and Monitoring Association (ENIGMA), but completely online. Summaries of ENIGMA 2000's excellent observation and analysis are in their newsletters, which are available at [www.brogers.dsl.pipex.com/enigma2000/](http://www.brogers.dsl.pipex.com/enigma2000/)

ENIGMA 2000 has classified the Polytones as XP, where the "X" is their prefix for unknown modes, and the P is the first letter of the name. There are a whole class of Polytones, all presumed to come from Russian intelligence. While the exact modes and tonal schemes have varied considerably, all use strings of brief tone pulses at different audio frequencies to pass messages. Signals are decoded by computer and converted into text usable to agents without extensive radio training.

Good examples of this audio are at a link from the home page of the site just mentioned above. Numbers hobbyists have written programs that can decode these. What you get is similar to messages sent by a Russian Morse code numbers station, and in fact plenty of evidence exists to tie both stations to the same agencies.

The particular Polytone we're interested in is called XPA, and in particular schedule "b" (lower case). This is ENIGMA 2000's designator for a Tuesday-Thursday time slot at 0440, 0500, and 0540 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

XPAb uses a sophisticated mode, which was described in the January column. There are 20 possible audio tones, though not all are used. These are sent rapidly in upper sideband (USB), and messages are quite long. Transmitter powers are high, allowing decode on simple (and unobtrusive) consumer receivers.

This is all quite spectacular, in the usual geeky sort of way, to hear for the first time. Frequencies, unfortunately, are not known as of this writing, but the stations turn up regularly in online logs.



### ❖ Spies and XPA

XPAb has become somewhat famous, or at least notorious, though not by that name. The station is very likely the one that was tuned in by "Heidrun A" when German special forces busted down her door on October 18, 2011. According to Beaumont, who should know, it was the only plausible numbers schedule that was up at the time. Furthermore, all reports of the arrest note a "musical tone" broadcast in progress.

According to affidavits, "Heidrun A" and her husband Andreas go back a long way in their chosen profession. Allegedly, their current assignment involved industrial espionage. Andreas worked in a job related to the German auto industry. However, they were indeed government agents, going back all the way to the old Soviet KGB and its more recent successor, the SVR.

Immediately after this arrest, broadcasts increased greatly in two other Russian teleprinting modes used mostly for diplomatic traffic. Given the rapidly developing international incident in progress, it's not too farfetched to suggest that these were related.

All this intrigue is of interest to Americans for another reason. Everyone remembers the US "Russian spy bust" in June of 2009. It closed down a ring of agents and launched the brief celebrity career of the red-haired, self-styled Mata Hari named Anna Chapman. Chapman tried to keep this going in Russia, with mixed results, after she and the others were swapped for Americans in custody there. Currently, it appears that she is leading business seminars.

According to interesting evidence cited by Beaumont, Anna and her people were at least loosely affiliated with Heidrun and Andreas A. It is said that Anna's bunch also used Polytone, notably an XPA schedule at 2100 UTC. This was described as a "radiotelegram" in the FBI complaint. For whatever it's worth, "radiotelegram" is the Russian name for the Polytone mode.

Beaumont also reports that this particular XPA schedule left the air fairly soon after the US bust. It will be interesting to see whether XPAb has a similar fate. Right now, it's still on the air, but everyone will be listening to see what happens.

### ❖ Digital Selective Calling

It might just be conditions, but activity on ship DSC (Digital Selective Calling) seems to have picked up in the parts of the Pacific Ocean that are most audible here. DSC became compulsory for large vessels upon adoption of

the relatively new GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) under international treaties. At first, monitoring used to be kind of a lonely affair, with a few hits now and again. Lately, however, the screen fills up with decodes when the bands are working well.

DSC uses a transmission mode that sounds similar to Simplex Telex Over Radio, Mode B (SITOR-B), but the underlying data protocol is completely different. It comes in short bursts lasting several seconds. The resulting message is rather terse, with station being called, message class, station calling, and any additional information such as position or voice channels being used. In this latter one, note that "J3E" is just the international mode designator for plain old upper sideband (USB).



Each station is identified by its 9-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI), as issued by the relevant regulatory body or its designees at the vessel's country of registry. For ships, the first three digits are the Maritime Identification Digits, a country code, which are then followed by the vessel's serial number.

Coast station MMSIs begin in 0 (individual station) or 00 (group call), followed by the MID and serial number. Ship and shore MMSIs can be looked up online at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) web site, or a number of commercial sites. It is getting remarkably easy to track ships online by a combination of DSC monitoring and World Wide Web lookup.

Primary long-distance DSC frequencies are: 2187.5, 4207.5, 6312.0, 8414.5, 12577.0, and 16804.5 kilohertz (kHz). Due to channel offsets, dial frequencies will vary. For coastal use, there's also VHF (Very High Frequency) channel 70, on 156.525 megahertz (MHz).

One popular commercial decode program is DSCDecoder. It's from COAA, a Portuguese observatory, at [www.coaa.co.uk](http://www.coaa.co.uk). It does a nice job and allows ITU lookup of the MMSI with a simple mouse click.

DSCDecoder was in daily use here until last week, when the computer was replaced. The decoder doesn't seem to like the new sound card. After this column goes off to Brasstown, troubleshooting will commence. It would be too



bad to give up such a nice piece of software.

Meanwhile, any number of multimode packages will also do DSC. Typical are SeaTTY, MultiPSK, and of course the ultra-expensive HOKA and Wavecom.

## ❖ Taiwanese Fishery

Peter Poelstra, a long-time contributor to the *Utility Logs*, was trying to identify a conversation in Chinese that he was hearing on 13173.0 kHz USB. In searching the Web, he turned up a really old frequency list for Taiwanese Fishery Radio. 13173, as it turns out, is possibly BVJ, in Donggang. The list also shows them on 8788 and 12533 kHz USB.



Unfortunately, the document is obviously decades old. Some stations are shown using an international band plan that was replaced around the turn of the century. A few that aren't include: BVK, Suao, 9222 and 17398; BVL, Taichung, 8803 and 10183,3; BVI, Kaohsiung, 12202 and 13302; BVM, Hualien, 4373; BVO, Green Island, 8809; and BVQ, Matsu, 4426 kHz.

In addition, a few use ITU international duplex channels, shore side given first: BVF Kaohsiung, channel 1203 (13083/12236), 1216 (13122/12275), 1614 (17281/16399), and 2226 (22771/22075); BVP, Hsinchu, 404 (4366/4074); and BVW, Penghu, 406 (4372/4080).

While these have undoubtedly changed somewhat over the intervening years, they might still be useful in unraveling some of the Asian-language chatter coming over the bands. Until next month, fair winds and following seas.

## ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS COLUMN

ALE.....	Automatic Link Establishment	Navtex.....	Navigational Telex
AM.....	Amplitude Modulation	RTTY.....	Radio Teletype
CAMSLANT.....	Communications Area Master Station, Atlantic	Selcal.....	Selective Calling
CAMSPAC.....	Communications Area Master Station, Pacific	SESEF.....	Shipboard Electronics Systems Evaluation Facility
CAP.....	US Civil Air Patrol	SITOR.....	Simplex Telex Over Radio, modes A & B
COTHEN.....	US Customs Over-The-Horizon Enforcement Network	Tascomm.....	UK Terrestrial Air Sea Communications
CW.....	On-off keyed "Continuous Wave" Morse telegraphy	UK.....	United Kingdom
DSC.....	Digital Selective Calling	Unid.....	Unidentified
E11.....	"Strich" family numbers, says "Oblique" for "/"	US.....	United States
FAX.....	Radiofacsimile	USAF.....	US Air Force
FEMA.....	US Federal Emergency Management Agency	USCG.....	US Coast Guard
FM.....	Frequency Modulation	USS.....	United States Ship
G11.....	German version of E11, says "Strich" for "/"	UTC.....	Coordinated Universal Time
HFDL.....	High-Frequency Data Link	VC01.....	Rapid-fire "Voice Chip" Chinese numbers
LDOC.....	Long-Distance Operational Control	Volmet.....	"Flying Weather;" airport observations & forecasts
M18.....	Russian CW "clock," sends local time of day strings	WMD-CST.....	Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team
MARS.....	US Military Auxiliary Radio System		
Meteo.....	Meteorological (weather office), also "Metro"		
NAT.....	North Atlantic air route control, families A-F		

All transmissions are USB (upper sideband) unless otherwise indicated. All frequencies are in kHz (kilohertz) and all times are UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). "Numbers" stations have their ENIGMA (European Numbers Information Gathering and Monitoring Association) designators in ( ).

506.3	WE2XGR/1-Amateur Experimental Group station 1, MA, CW identifier beacon at 0355 (Mario Filippi-NJ).	4405.0	TAH, weather in a barely intelligible Turkish and English computer voice, at 1809 (PPA-Netherlands).
1704.0	OXZ-Lyngby Radio, Denmark, maritime warnings in English, parallel 2586, at 2141 (Michel Lacroix-France).	4426.0	NMN-USCG CAMSLANT, gale warnings at 0527 (PPA-Netherlands).
1721.0	4QEL-Probable fishing net beacon, CW ID at 0200 (Filippi-NJ).	4441.0	Unid-European "Oblique" station (E11), callup 412/38 and message in 38 5-figure groups, at 0900 (Ary Boender-Netherlands).
1726.0	4KHD, probable fishing net beacon, CW ID at 0203 (Filippi-NJ).	4583.0	DDK2-German Weather Service, Hamburg/Pinneberg Radio, RTTY weather at 0230 (Filippi-NJ).
1728.0	KW212, probable fishing net beacon, CW ID at 0205 (Filippi-NJ).	4712.0	Kazan Radio-Russian airport weather net, radio check with Perm Radio, at 0430 (PPA-Netherlands).
1890.0	PBK-Dutch Coast Guard, Den Helder, weather in English, at 2142 (Lacroix-France).	4765.0	6DZX-Belgian military net control, working 81PQ, JFY71, and AE76V; then traffic with HFY71 and HE76V, starting at 1055 (ALF-Germany).
2182.0	SKQJ-Swedish flag side-loading freighter Wilson Star, working Dutch Coast Guard regarding engine failure, went to 2520 ship/ 2824 shore duplex, at 2230 (Patrice Privat-France).	4836.0	Unid-Chinese air defense, cut-number CW tracking string with time stamp (UTC+8), also on 5399, at 1458 (PPA-Netherlands).
2187.5	C4HR2-Cyprus flag high-speed ferry Jonathan Swift, calling Holyhead Coast Guard, UK, DSC at 0537. 235089435-UK flag high-speed ferry Stena Superfast VII (2EZR3), at 0634 (Privat-France).	4850.0	RBI-Unknown Russian military, CW and RTTY with RJW2 and RII2, at 0500 (PPA-Netherlands).
2579.0	Unknown-Sounded like "Zulu Bravo Radio," possibly Bari Radio, IPB, Italy, robot male weather voice at 0040 (Filippi-NJ).	4951.5	Unid-Russian air defense, CW null-message strings with UTC+4 time stamps, at 1431 (MPJ-UK).
2598.0	VCM-Canadian Coast Guard, St. Anthony, NFD, maritime broadcast at 2146 (Lacroix-France).	5324.0	Unid-Possible Algerian military, net in French and Arabic with IM, LR, and other phonetic 2-letter stations, at 2005 (ALF-Germany).
2600.0	IQQ-Mazara del Vallo Radio, Italy, female machine voice with warnings in English and Italian, at 1753 (PPA-Netherlands).	5390.0	53-Algerian Railway, working Al-Djazair (control in Algiers), then 52 working 56, all in French using reset tones, at 0255 (ALF-Germany).
2663.0	IPC-Crotone Radio, Italy, computer voice with weather in English and Italian, at 0351 (PPA-Netherlands).	5405.0	Ashkhabat Center-Ashkhabat Aeradio, Turkmenistan, calling unknown station in Russian, at 0352 (ALF-Germany).
2872.0	Gander-NAT-C, Canada, selcal AG-HK to bizjet VQ-BHA, a Dassault Falcon 7X, at 0306 (PPA-Netherlands).	5520.0	New York-Caribbean air route control, higher altitude clearance for TVS 961 (probably Travel Service/Smart Wings, Czech Republic), at 2340 (Stern-FL).
3413.0	Shannon Volmet, formatted aviation weather, also on 5505 and 8957, at 0550 (Allan Stern-FL).	5550.0	New York-Caribbean air route control, selcal AB-CH and position from Air Transat 156, an A310 reg C-GTSY, sent aircraft to 8918, at 2324 (Stern-FL).
3455.0	New York-Caribbean air route control, working JetBlue 56 at 2331 (Stern-FL).	5568.0	Sphora-Rostov Airport, Russia, working Atlantida (Maikop Airport), in Russian at 0335 (PPA-Netherlands).
3485.0	Gander Volmet, aviation weather, also on 6604 and 10051, at 0554. New York Volmet, also on 6604, weather at 0648 (Stern-FL).	5670.0	Colombo-Southeast Asia air route control, Sri Lanka, selcal JM-AB for Emirates 435, a B777 reg A6-ECF, at 2017 (PPA-Netherlands).
3579.7	"Pirate Beacon"-Morse identifier of unknown dasher beacon, CW at 1710 (ALF-Germany).	5680.0	Kinloss Rescue-UK Royal Air Force Air Rescue Co-ordination Centre, Scotland, working unknown station at 0915 (Lacroix-France).
3803.1	Unid-Russian intelligence, repeated CW time strings (M18), 4 hours ahead of UTC, sent "2305" at 1905 (PPA-Netherlands). M18, CW time strings, UTC+4 but one minute fast, sent "2318" at 1919 (ALF-Germany).	5798.5	D06-Netherlands Army, working D08, ALE at 1140 (ALF-Germany).
4149.0	WPE Jacksonville-Crowley Marine, FL, position and status check with seagoing tug The Navigator, at 0602 (Stern-FL).	5881.5	MAAASF1-US National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility, working R24587, a UH-60A #87-24587, ALE at 0006. MAAASF1, ALE with UH-60A R23711, at 0007 (Bob Wilczynski-MA).
4207.5	003669991-USCG Boston, MA, answering DSC call from 316214000, Canadian flag tanker Kometik (VCRT), at 0457 (PPA-Netherlands).	6340.5	NMF-USCG Boston, MA, FAX satellite image at 0351 (PPA-Netherlands).
4209.5	TAH-Istanbul Radio, Turkey, SITOR-B Navtex messages, at 1759 (PPA-Netherlands).	6345.0	RIT-Russian Navy Northern Fleet Headquarters, Severomorsk, CW traffic to collective call sign RLO, at 0305 (ALF-Germany).
4376.5	RBC89-Russian Navy vessel, CW traffic header and message in 5-figure groups, at 1824 (PPA-Netherlands).	6393.5	UDK2-Murmansk Radio, Russia, RTTY all-ships coastal warnings, at 0404 (PPA-Netherlands).

- 6433.0 Unid-"Strich" station (G11), null-message callup V99/00, then signed "Ende," at 1328 (ALF-Germany).
- 6535.0 Dakar Radio-African air route control, Senegal, working Iberia 6825, at 0503 (Stern-FL).
- 6586.0 New York-Caribbean air route control, selcal check MP-CQ with American 1635, a B767 reg N175AN, at 2303 (Stern-FL).
- 6628.0 Santa Maria Radio-NAT-E, position from Air Transport 236 (ATI/ Air Transport International), requested new altitude at 0532 (Stern-FL).
- 6640.0 New York LDOC, Medlink patch from JetBlue 701 for on-board medical emergency, at 0359 (Stern-FL).
- 6649.0 Atlantico-South American air route control, Recife, Brazil, working airliners at 0512 (Stern-FL).
- 6661.0 Mumbai-India regional air control, selcal AJ-CP for Emirates 653, a B777 reg A6-EMS, at 1943 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 6712.0 ME0211-Middle East Airlines, HFDL position for Shannon, at 0930. CKS414-Kalitta Air freighter, HFDL position for Shannon, at 0933 (Lacroix-France).
- 6754.0 Trenton Military-Canadian Forces Volmet, aviation weather at 0538 (Stern-FL).
- 6772.0 VANDAL3GNET-Probable US Marine Corps, working 3GNET in ALE and a serial data modem, at 2222 (Jack Metcalfe-KY).
- 6804.5 239717000-Greek flag high-speed ferry Superfast VI (SYHS), DSC at 1114 (Privat-France).
- 6910.0 AEA1RD-US Army MARS, Germany, working AEM1AB and AEM1SLCD, at 1108 (ALF-Germany).
- 6911.5 BROOK-FL National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility #2, working UH-60L R26609, ALE at 0024. BROOK, ALE with UH-60L R26609, at 2053 (Wilczynski-MA).
- 6940.5 Bourbon-US military, working Shadow, who also identified as Shadow Warrior, at 1730 (Metcalfe-KY).
- 6992.5 PHAS-Unknown Sea Cadets, working MFJ04, at 1235 (ALF-Germany).
- 7416.0 LFOCBA2011-US military, calling COCBA2011 RIPTIDEBA2011, ALE and serial data, at 1704 (Metcalfe-KY).
- 7532.0 "0"-US military, ALE linking with MASSALE, then secure comm, at 2000 (Metcalfe-KY).
- 7535.0 Determined Warrior Tech Control-US Navy guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG-67), testing with Norfolk SESEF, VA, at 2042 (Metcalfe-KY).
- 7591.5 Unid-French Air Force, CW "mission de caloré" test marker, at 1104 (ALF-Germany).
- 7792.0 The Chinese Robot (VC01), fast machine-generated numbers in Chinese, at 0804 (Boender-Hong Kong remote).
- 7906.0 XVS-Ho Chi Minh Ville Radio, Viet Nam, storm warnings in English and Vietnamese, at 1706 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 8047.0 M050IN-MI Army National Guard, Lansing, ALE sounding at 1331 and 1510 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 8050.0 Pastor-Unknown, probably US government, working Pastor8, ALE at 0250. STB-Unknown US government or military, working helo 855732, ALE at 2315 (Wilczynski-MA).
- 8414.5 9HAK9-Maltese flag cargo ship André-michel 1, DSC position for Lyngby Radio, Denmark, at 1500. CNA3727-Moroccan flag container ship Kenza, DSC with Las Palmas, Canary Islands, at 1938 (Lacroix-France).
- 8439.0 PBB-Dutch Navy, Den Helder, RTTY channel availability marker with time stamp every five minutes, at 0305 (Filippi-NJ).
- 8473.0 WLO-ShipCom, AL, wrapping up SITOR-B news from Voice of America, and changing to RTTY, at 0225. WLO, VOA news and back to SITOR-B at 0240 (Filippi-NJ).
- 8834.0 "08"-Johannesburg HFDL ground station, South Africa, uplink to ZS-SXC (South African Airways A340, flight SAA287), at 1815 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 8912.0 R27106-US Army helicopter, COTHEN ALE sounding at 2023 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 8918.0 New York-Caribbean air control, selcal check with Sunwing 420 (Sunwing Airlines, Canada), at 1652. New York, position from Navy LK 01, a P-3C, later on 11330, at 1838 (Stern-FL).
- 8948.0 CO0094-Continental Airlines flight, working HFDL Shannon, Ireland grand station, at 0828 (Lacroix-France).
- 8983.0 CAMSLANT Chesapeake-USCG, VA, repeated calls to Coast Guard 2310 (HC-144A Ocean Sentry), no joy at 0158 (Stern-FL).
- 9025.0 170043-USAF C-5B #87-0043, ALE sounding at 1345 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 9031.0 Ascot 6616-UK Royal Air Force C-17A #ZZ171, selcal check JK-ES with Tascomm, at 1120 (ALF-Germany).
- 9106.0 KGD825-US Environmental Protection Agency, MA, ALE sounding at 1700 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 9129.5 PIAOPS-IL National Guard, Peoria, calling CH285 in ALE; also on 5778.5, 5833.5, 6985.0, and 7361.5; at 1953 (Metcalfe-KY).
- 9295.0 SYRNY-NY Army National Guard, Syracuse, ALE sounding at 2008. BUFNY, Buffalo, ALE sounding at 2054. TRYNY, Troy, sounding at 2057. MVLNY, Morrisonville, ALE sounding at 2119 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 10093.0 "09" HFDL ground station, Barrow, AK, uplink to VQ-BEL, an Aeroflot A330 flight SU572, at 0809 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 10108.8 DDK9-German Weather Service, RTTY identifier and synoptic broadcast for Baltic and other areas, at 0332 (Filippi-NJ). [Legal 30-meter utility; good propagation indicator. -Hugh]
- 10242.0 LNT-USCG CAMSLANT, calling N02 (HC-144A #2302) COTHEN ALE at 1850 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 10914.5 GWPWZ33-Brazilian Navy, Rio de Janeiro, calling GWPWAR, vessel Ary Rongel (H44), at 0447 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 10977.5 MEC-Probable US Marine Corps, ALE with ME1 and ME4, earlier on 7332.5, at 1652 (Metcalfe-KY).
- 11090.0 KVM70-US National Weather Service, Honolulu, HI, FAX tropical surface analysis chart at 1400 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 11232.0 CHR-Canadian Forces, Trenton, ONT, weather for Canforce 2504, at 1236 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 11279.0 Gander Radio-NAT-D, position from Lufthansa 511, at 1530 (Stern-FL).
- 11318.0 "13"-HFDL ground station, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, uplink to N948AC (Avianca A330, flight 85), at 0819 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 11330.0 New York-Caribbean air control, selcal check with Key Air 606, at 1625. New York, giving Continental 147 new primary of 6587 and secondary 8846, at 1912 (Stern-FL).
- 11342.0 New York LDOC, passing weather for Caracas, Venezuela to VEC 201 (Vensecar Internacional freighter), at 1635 (Stern-FL).
- 11345.0 Stockholm LDOC, working medical emergency with a flight 124, at 1534 (Lacroix-France).
- 11396.0 New York-Caribbean air control, position from Iberia 6463, at 1659 (Stern-FL).
- 12087.0 F040LN-FL Army National Guard, St. Augustine, calling I100DN, Boise, ID, ALE at 1513 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 12168.0 T1126-ME Army National Guard 1-126 Aviation, working helo R23571, ALE at 1834. T1126, ALE with UH-60A R23734, at 2045 (Wilczynski-MA).
- 12216.0 FR1FEM-FEMA Region 1, MA, ALE sounding at 1513 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 12222.0 N04-USCG HC-144A #2304, working LNT, USCG CAMSLANT, VA, COTHEN ALE at 1650 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 12431.0 DENARO-Italian Coast Guard Patrol Boat Denaro (P-03), working TARANTO, Italian Financial Police, at 1520 (MPJ-UK).
- 12577.0 LXMC-Luxembourg flag suction dredger Niccolo Machiavelli, DSC position for Roma, at 1320 (Lacroix-France).
- 12823.5 CTP-Portuguese Navy, Oeiras, RTTY Notice to Allied War Ships marker at 1745 (Filippi-NJ).
- 13173.0 BVJ-Probable Donggang Fishery Radio, Taiwan, patch in Chinese at 1237 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 13182.0 XSQ-Guangzhou Radio, short announcement in Chinese, at 1250 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 13191.0 XVG-Hai Phong Radio, Viet Nam, traffic in Vietnamese at 1302 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 13215.0 PLA-USAF, Lajes Field, Azores, calling 221099 (C-17 #02-1099), ALE at 1700 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 13270.0 New York Volmet, aviation weather at 0050 (Robbie Spain, WY).
- 13306.0 New York-NAT-A, flight level - 450 clearance for MT-KFR, a Gulfstream 550 bizjet owned by Tele-Fonika Kable SP, at 2118 (Stern-FL).
- 13927.0 AFA5QW-USAF MARS, morale patch from N130AR (EC-130Q #162312, purchased by National Science Foundation for atmospheric research), at 1854 (Stern-FL).
- 14104.5 Unid-Chinese 64-tone digital mode, sending encrypted messages at 0935 (Eddy Waters-Australia).
- 14285.0 STAT151-Algerian government/military "Station 151," working STAT12, at 1351 (MPJ-UK).
- 14463.0 QA19-Algerian Air Force, ALE text message exchange with CM4 (4th military headquarters), at 1338 (MPJ-UK).
- 14653.0 F040LN-FL Army National Guard, St. Augustine, calling WAC10NG, 10th WMD-CST, WA, ALE at 1852. F040LN, calling WVC35NG, 35th WMD-CST, WV, at 1945 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 15867.0 Z13-USCG Sector Key West, FL, working 503 (HC-130H #1503), COTHEN ALE at 1600 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 16804.5 241007000-Greek flag tanker Eugenie (SVAZ3), requesting DSC safety tests with Capetown, Punta Arenas, Lyngby, USCG Honolulu, Charleville/Wiluna, Callao, USCG Miami, Manaus, Comodoro Rivadavia, and USCG New Orleans, starting at 2029 (Hugh Stegman-CA).
- 17151.2 NMC-USCG CAMSPACc Pt. Reyes, CA, FAX 48-hour surface forecast, at 1317 (Filippi-NJ).
- 17967.0 "15"-HFDL ground station Al Muharraq, Bahrain, uplink to N419MC (Atlas Air B747 freighter), at 1212 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 18000.0 MAN-Possible Myanmar army, Mandalay, ALE link checks with KKT, Kikaito; parallel on 18500 and 19000, at 1130 (Waters-Australia).
- 18003.0 440189-USAF KC-10 #84-0189, ALE sounding at 1934 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 18560.0 BMF-Taippei Meteo, Taiwan, Chinese text fishery forecast in FAX, at 0924 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 20890.0 503-USCG HC-130H #1503, ALE sounding at 1423 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 21863.0 0001NHQCAP-CAP National Headquarters, AL, ALE sounding at 1810 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 24526.0 FC4FEM004 FEMA Region 4 Communications, probably GA, ALE sounding at 1359 (PPA-Netherlands).
- 24838.5 ABQSEC-COTHEN secondary remote transmitter, NM, ALE sounding at 2230 (MDMonitor-MD).
- 25910.0 Unid-Probable FM program audio of WBAP AM 820, Ft. Worth, TX, at 1740 (Filippi-NJ).
- 25940.0 KOA-Probable FM program audio of KOA AM 850, Denver, CO, at 1738 (Filippi-NJ).
- 28301.5 SP-Unknown fishing buoy locator beacon, CW tone and Morse identifier every 1.5 minutes, also heard beacons BX and LC, at 1229 (ALF-Germany).
- 29770.0 WQAP986-Bushwick Car Service, Brooklyn, NY, dispatch in English and Spanish, FM at 1321 (ALF-Germany).
- 29790.0 WQMA652-Van Pool Transportation, Fitchburg, MA, school bus drivers, FM at 1440 (ALF-Germany).
- 31080.0 WPXA428-Myrtle Avenue Car Service, Brooklyn, NY, Spanish and English dispatch, FM at 1507 (ALF-Germany).
- 31120.0 WPYJ841-Secco of Palmer Inc., MA, school bus drivers, FM at 1425 (ALF-Germany).





## Bonobos, the Congo and another Mystery ALE Net

Sometimes you find some really unusual and fascinating services using digital systems on HF. This month is no different, where we cover a network run by Germany's Max Planck Institute (one of the foremost scientific research organizations in the world), another by the Congolese National Police, and (as usual) yet another ALE network that has so far defied positive identification.

### ❖ Max Planck Institute's HF Network

In the February 2012 edition of this column, I mentioned a mystery PacTOR network on 19241.5 kHz. Having recently acquired PacTOR-III capabilities, this network was one of the first that I tuned into. What I found was a tremendous amount of email forwarding, mostly involving two stations, DRA65 in Germany and 9SD56 in the Congo. Initially, I didn't see any login information and asked the Utility DXers Forum (UDXF) members if they knew the identity of the German station. Unsurprisingly (since the U.S. is one of the few places where such information is in the public domain), there were no answers. Eventually, after a few more days of listening, I saw this:

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[SCSmail 1.2.0.10]---[9171B08B]---
Welcome DRA65-1 to SCSmail Server!
Welcome at the MPI-EVA in Leipzig/Germany.
Contact: noack@eva.mpg.de
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Now it was pretty clear that the owner of the network was the Institute's department of Evolutionary Anthropology based in Leipzig. A quick search of their website showed a number of projects studying various primates deep in the jungles of the Democratic People's Republic of Congo. After a few more weeks of listening, I also saw another Congolese callsign, 9SD42, presumably yet another field unit checking in for email.

There was one more station, DEJO02, using the network, yet much less frequently than the Congolese stations. Here's an example of an email picked up by this station:

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*** 1 new MSG for you Hallo Peter !
Hier ist DEJO02, Emil aus Kelheim / Donau
--Zeit der Eintracht ist vorbei, der Endspurt auf
die Wahlen hat begonnen. Joseph Kabila und
Etienne Tshisekedi haben am Wochenende
jeweils die Hochburgen des Gegners besucht:
Kabila war heute in Mbuji-Mayi, Hauptstadt
der Provinz Kasai-Oriental und Hochburg Tsh-
isekedis; Tshisekedi war in Kindu, Hauptstadt
der Provinz Maniema und Hochburg Kabilas.
Wst-Drcke n.nrt Fus dekl eher Mbuji-Mayi
Schauplatz von Scharmdersisckg-w
enter text for: dejo02
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In this case, it's a report from another group in the Congo reporting on the outcome of the recent elections there. UDXF listener Michael Marten, saw my logging of this station and in an informative email told me that the callsign DEJO02 is licensed to "Humanitaere Hilfe Afrika" (Humanitarian Help for Africa), an NGO from Germany, founded by Emil Ott many years ago.

He also mentioned that the network is used by many other researchers and by a number of missionaries throughout the world, though I've yet to see any traffic other than from the stations mentioned above. Apparently the network also uses 10132.5 and 15792.5 kHz, though again, I've yet to hear traffic on these channels either. Anyway, certainly a great example of how a laptop, radio, PacTOR modem and software allows colleagues from far-away and remote places to keep in touch using HF.

### ❖ Congolese National Police

Staying with the African theme, I recently bumped into some ALE on 19490 kHz USB. The 5 figure identifiers like 01003 and 11002 were certainly suggestive of a Codan-based network, so I parked the receiver there and collected a few day's worth of activity. Here are all the identifiers I heard:

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0100-3, 10
0200-2, 9
0300-2, 3, 4, 11, 16
0400-2, 4, 8, 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24
0500-5, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31
0600-2, 5, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17
0700-4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 21, 25
0800-2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18
0900-2, 3, 4, 6, 8
1001-7
1100-3, 8, 12
1201-0, 16, 19
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You can clearly see that there are twelve groups of identifiers and up to 30 or so units in each group. I was also lucky enough to be at the radio when two stations linked, but to my surprise the conversation took place on the lower sideband! Anyway, I collected about 10 minutes of audio which sounded like an African dialect mixed with French. The radios confirmed Codan manufacture by the characteristic 1200Hz PTT release tone. See the Resources section for the audio clip.

IRC user "linkz" in Lyon, France kindly transcribed the audio which certainly suggested that the origin was the Police National de Congo (PNC), the country's main police force. He was also able to find some documents on the French senate's website that showed the budgetary ap-

propriations for Codan radio equipment for the PNC.

Since the Congo has 12 administrative districts, it's quite likely that the Codan network structure reflects that organization. I have also since found that Codan 100bd/170 Hz selcals (compatible with CCIR493-3) are also used in place of the ALE, again a setup typical of Codan-based networks. In this case, those captured so far include:

1003, 3002, 4003, 14, 24, 6002, 9003, 11003

In other words, these are the same as the ALE identifiers without the leading zero if there is one. I also searched my database for other instances of these ALE identifiers and am now quite sure that there are at least three other channels in use: 5840, 13501 and 16263 kHz USB. Traffic is quite infrequent and quite weak, but quite a catch!

### ❖ The KM3 Mystery ALE Network

This network appears to have been building up activity since November 2011. The frequencies so far identified include:

4475, 5510, 5815.5, 7873, 8010, 8060, 8250, 9090, 10876, 11450, 12417, 14922kHz USB

This network looks like it is arranged to allow part NVIS (see MT January 2012 feature article) and part traditional long-haul operation. There is quite frequent operator chatter in Spanish as well as occasional MIL-STD-188-110A 2400bd high-speed modem traffic after the ALE command "FAXDATA CK" is sent. The modem traffic is encrypted and has not revealed any headers of note.

I collected a lot of chatter on the 9090 kHz channel, which my Peruvian colleague was surprised to be able to confirm as coming from either southern Peru or Northern Chile. Most of the chatter involves mentions of roads, trucking, cargo and such, making it a possibility that this is some customs or border guard operation; however, chatter is very disorganized and informal. Here are the identifiers noted so far:

111NO, 3KM, 5KM, BET, BLP, BOZAS, DPA, EIB, EPA, GPM, KM0, KM3, KM5, KN2, MPM, PFA, POD, QAQ

Any information as to the origin will be welcome. Until next time, enjoy your digital DXing.

## RESOURCES

Max Planck Institute EVA Department  
[www.eva.mpg.de/primat](http://www.eva.mpg.de/primat)  
Congolese Police  
[dl.dropbox.com/u/301213/19490LSB.wav](https://dl.dropbox.com/u/301213/19490LSB.wav)



# One Monitor to Rule Them All

**A**s I write this, the first week of the new year has already brought three unprecedented and auspicious occurrences. For years I've been hoping to see a real California Christmas here in Minnesota, complete with dingy brown landscapes, absolutely no snow and plenty of sunshine. Well, this year I got my wish! Not only did we have a California Christmas, New Years was decidedly San Diego-like, too. If there's a plus side to the specter of global climate change, this is it!

The second holiday miracle is that I didn't get fat (fatter) over the "eating season." Third, despite the lack of snow, Santa still miraculously managed to bring me a gift I'd been imagining for at least as long as the California Christmas: an enormous, billboard-size monitor for my shack PC!

Beyond the practical reality that computers are now radios and radios are now computers (detailed in previous columns), over the past 20 years or so computers have taken ham radio in new directions and to new heights. They're now completely integral to the pursuit of our hobby,

even by casual hams.

Typical shack PCs are used for logging, packet spotting, antenna modeling, circuit design, digital modes, rig control, Internet-connected functions too numerous to mention, testing, measuring, keying, modulating, demodulating, awards tracking, interfacing, translating, compressing, equalizing, recording, license renewal, etc. Heck, PCs can even work each other on the air if we let them!

### ❖ PCs Front and Center

Like most hams, for the past 30+ years a transceiver always took center stage at my operating position. Because I needed to look at the display and fiddle with the knobs, it made sense. When I added a desktop or a laptop computer for logging or digital-mode operating, it always sat off to the left. I needed my right hand for writing and keying (still can't key with my left hand), but I can type passably with my left, so it works after a fashion.

Now, though, even if my main rig weren't a FLEX-1500 SDR, the PC is moving to center stage. Everything that happens in the shack pretty much revolves around the shack computer. It's absolutely required to run the SDR, but it also handles all the other stuff, too. I can even play solitaire on it when I'm waiting for a DXpedition to take calls from my call sign district!

My latest challenge is to find a reasonable way to move the PC's display to center stage and make the PC the acknowledged Master and Commander of the shack (and not just a handy afterthought). With so much software required for everyday operation (and let's not forget contesting!), keeping track of everything was (is) a real task.

For the past several years I've used two 17-inch LCDs to display as much of the action as possible. As mentioned, they were positioned as "left," "leftier," and "leftest." During extended operating sessions I often get a sore neck from swiveling back and forth! Not cool!

Setting up multiple monitors in various flavors of Windows is pretty straightforward, but dragging program windows between screens, remembering where they are spatially, and efficiently moving the mouse between them as I move back and forth between PowerSDR (radio), DM780 (PSK and RTTY), HRD (logging), N3FJP's AC Log (more logging), Firefox (web browser), plus who knows what else, is tedious at best. In the next five to 20 years, computers will be powerful enough to manage most of these tasks on their own, without the micro-management required today. Until then, we experiment.

In my updated shack, a single, gigantic, hi-resolution monitor will be the center of attention, with the rest of my station hardware organized around it. After all, the FLEX-1500 really doesn't have any front-panel controls other than a power switch. It's a tiny black box that can park just about anywhere. I'll probably have to build a new shelf/console to support the new hardware arrangement. Once that's completed I will see once and for all whether it's better (for me, at least) to use several small monitors or one biggie. Until then, using the monitors in my experiment, let's talk about modern PC monitors with a nod to amateur radio use in the shack.

### ❖ Monitoring Times

My existing monitors are a pair of 17-inch HP LCDs that I purchased for \$50 each on craigslist. They're non-widescreen TN panels with fluorescent backlights and a 1280 x 1024 max resolution. The new monitor is a 28-inch Hanns.G (a Hannspre brand) that "Santa" bought from



*Shown here is a full screen capture of my shack software as displayed on a 28-inch Hanns.G HZ281 LCD computer monitor. On sale, it's about \$250, making it arguably the largest "full HD" monitor that can still accurately display small type. The whopper display sports a healthy 1920 x 1200 widescreen resolution (which also look great on 24-inch LCDs if you have excellent eyesight). The next step up in resolution (2560 x 1600) costs at least \$1100 – nearly a kilobuck more.*

*Shown here (clockwise from the upper left) are DM780, PowerSDR, HRD's Logbook and a web browser. My challenge is to make all of my ham radio software usable on one center-mounted PC monitor. By selecting only desired features, some PC software can be configured for tiny screen sizes, but most cannot. PowerSDR, for example, could be much more compact, and FlexRadio has been hinting that its SDR software may soon sport a "tiny mode" for use on netbooks and laptops. Until all ham software has "mini modes," I may be forced to add extra monitors or win the lottery to make the jump to 2560 x 1600! See text.*



[www.newegg.com](http://www.newegg.com) for \$239 (on sale, or so the card said). The biggie display also has a TN panel with fluorescent backlights, but it sports a healthy 1920 x 1200 widescreen resolution. As you can imagine, there are pluses and minuses for each approach.

Multiple monitor setups are more flexible, with panels that can be positioned here, there and everywhere, as needed. They're also really inexpensive. New 20-inch LCDs cost about \$100 on sale. Craigslist and swap-meet LCDs are in the \$20 to \$60 range, while older CRT monitors are free for the taking. People and businesses will simply give them to you if you'll agree to haul them away!

Multi-monitor installs also require your shack PC to have multiple video cards, dual-head video cards, or both (if you want three or four monitors). This isn't all that difficult with Windows, Linux or OSX, but the video cards have to "play nice" with each other, and newer video cards may require adapters to work with older displays, so some fiddling around may be required.

Single large monitors are one-stop shopping: one display, one video card (and, unfortunately, one point of failure). They're also huge and relatively expensive, although costs have fallen tremendously in the past three years. My first LCD was a 13-inch low-res model that retailed for \$1100 in 2001. At \$250 or so, the massive Hanns.G display costs a lot more than a pile of craigslist monitors, but in the big picture, it's a real bargain.

Being a value-conscious ham (which may be an oxymoron), I carefully chose that model based on screen size and cost. And I can still add extra monitors if necessary, although that would make my shack look like a Wall Street brokerage (PC displays totaling the size of a pool table with a transceiver the size of a house brick!) Don't laugh. It might happen!

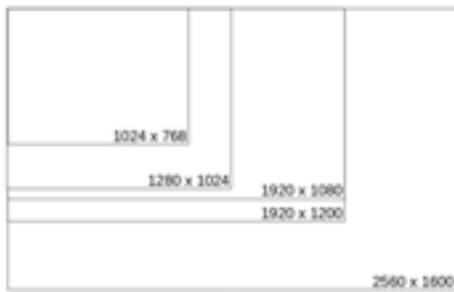
## ❖ Modern Specs

Modern monitors are mostly widescreen LCDs in sizes ranging from 17 to 24 inches. There are a few that are larger or smaller, but that's the sweet spot. Here are some other considerations:

**Aspect ratio.** CRT monitors from yesteryear (and some existing LCD models) have aspect ratios of 4:3. That is, the screen is four units wide by three units tall – a mostly-square rectangle. Most modern LCDs have aspect ratios of 16:9 or 16:10 – a pronounced rectangle. Many users prefer 4:3 monitors for word processing and productivity apps (logging?), and widescreen monitors for watching movies. Depending on the screen's resolution, aspect ratio differences can really help or hinder productivity. I will test this extensively during my monitor experiment.

**Resolution.** Aspect ratio broadly defines the shape of a monitor, while resolution roughly defines how much information it can display. My older HP LCDs have a resolution of 1280 x 1024, which means that, in 17 diagonal inches, the screen's image is 1280 pixels from left-to-right, and 1024 pixels from top-to-bottom. This resolution is shared by most 19-inch LCDs as well, so it's important to note that, in this comparison, no additional information is being displayed on the larger monitor because the number of pixels that make up the image is the same. What's changed is the size of each pixel, which can affect how "sharp" we perceive the image.

If we enlarge a 1280 x 1024 image to fit on



*A comparison of PC screen sizes (and pixel dimensions) typically used for amateur radio applications. Although most screen resolutions seem puny compared to 2560 x 1600, remember that screens of that resolution are typically 30 inches that cost more than \$1000 and are as big as a TV! As long as you can use several at once, 17-inch monitors at 1280 x 1024 are the most affordable, costing as little as \$30 each on craigslist or at hamfests.*

the screen at a drive-in movie theater, each pixel would be the size of a basketball, making the image appear quite fuzzy unless we're watching from 200 feet away. Similarly, some smart phones cram about the same number of pixels into 4-inch screens, making each pixel too small to see unless you're a 12-year-old kid with a magnifier. Apple calls these screens "retina displays," because the resolution is high enough (and the screen small enough) to produce "dot-less" images (like the retina in the human eye).

My point is that resolution without screen size is essentially meaningless! Don't be fooled. That's why large HDTVs make great gaming displays but poor text displays for PCs. They have the same number of pixels as a 20-inch display, but are two to four times the size. Big pixels = fuzzy text.

Most 4:3 monitors use 1280 x 1024 or 1600 x 1200 pixels (although older CRT types went as low as 800 x 600 or 640 x 480). Widescreen 16:9 monitors typically use 1366 x 768, 1600 x 900 or 1920 x 1080. Widescreen 16:10 monitors typically use 1440 x 900, 1680 x 1050, or 1920 x 1200 pixels.

Because flat-panel TVs use 16:9 displays, the industry has been focusing on this aspect ratio to the potential exclusion of all others. This is unfortunate, because the "extra" 120 pixels in the vertical dimension on modern jumbo screens can be very important for productivity apps, including ham radio apps. (Most large 16:9 monitors have resolutions of 1920 x 1080 pixels, while most large 16:10 models have resolutions of 1920 x 1200 pixels).

Considering resolution, size, aspect ratio, price and industry leanings, the present sweet spot in the market is a 23-24 inch LCD with a resolution of 1920 x 1080 (16:9). It's 16:9 and not 16:10, but with typical sale prices of \$135, that's a heckuva deal.

**Really big monitors.** My 28-inch monitor is absolutely the largest size panel that can still display small text at a resolution of 1920 x 1200 pixels. Most monitors in the 27-30 inch range sport crazy-high resolutions of 2560 x 1600 and require powerful dual-head video cards to drive them. I want one, of course, but I just don't want to pay for one!

Once \$3000 to \$5000, the most affordable monitor of its type is Dell's beautiful 30-incher, which costs about \$1200 on sale. Dell's 27-incher, with a slightly "diminished" resolution of 2560 x 1440, goes on sale for about \$800, but that's still

a big step above the Hanns.G's \$250 price point.

**Contrast ratios.** Most published contrast specs for modern LCDs are incorrect or outright fabrications of the marketing department! Other than backlight choices (below), you can safely ignore this when purchasing.

**LED vs fluorescent backlights.** LCDs don't "make their own light," so they require a "backlight" to produce a visible image. Fluorescent backlights got the ball rolling, but LED backlights are coming on strong. Both work well, but the scuttlebutt suggests that LEDs don't suffer the same failure rates that fluorescents do. But even if the LED backlights last forever, the screens themselves are still the same old LCDs, and they still fail at the same rate. LED backlights may tend to produce a bit more contrast and a bit less RFI, but because there is a ton of other circuitry in modern displays that can get RF-noisy, the jury's still out.

**Glossy vs. matte.** Glossy screens have a mirror-like reflective surface and are easier to clean. Matte screens are much less reflective but harder to clean. Take your pick.

**TN vs IPS vs OLED.** Inexpensive LCDs – the kind we're talking about here! – are usually "TN" panels, while expensive LCDs are usually "IPS" panels. Technical details aside, TN panels are easy and inexpensive to manufacture, while IPS panels are difficult and more expensive. IPS panels offer wider viewing angles and better color fidelity. TN panels are "close enough for government work" (and can look quite nice). Next-gen panels of the OLED variety – which make their own light – are hitting the market in higher volume, but are practical only on smart phone-size screens because of costs and manufacturing yields.

**Connectors.** Most LCDs – even the big ones – still have 15-pin VGA connectors, but the writing is on the wall and there are dark forces in play that want to eliminate them for good in favor of newer all-digital connectors such as DVI, Display Port and HDMI (which were mostly created for the HDTV market but are now common in newer PCs). Most DVI ports on PCs and video cards can also output analog VGA signals through an inexpensive adapter, but the newest DVI ports are all digital (like Display Port and HDMI). Each can offer excellent image quality, but your video sources and your monitors have to "speak" the same languages. Check it out before you buy!

**Tidbits.** Consider mounting large monitors on articulated arms to get them up off the table. This frees a lot of space underneath that can be used to store logbooks, keyboards, etc.

Some monitors have built-in speakers, but the sound quality is usually tinny, shrill and poor.

Don't touch your LCD with fingers, pens, pointers, etc. Ever! And be sure to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough (good advice even if no monitors are present!). LCDs should be cleaned only with special LCD cleaning cloths and/or solutions. Don't even think about using household cleaners, or you'll be sorry!

Most modern LCDs don't have built-in signal cables, which means you can use high-quality cables with molded-on RF chokes if necessary to knock down monitor RFI. Use snap-on ferrite chokes if necessary.

Will a PC or a PC display take center stage in your shack? I'm betting that, sooner or later, it will. Good luck to us all...



# Free-to-Air Satellite Revisited and AM DX

**T**he *Beginner's Corner* for the previous two issues dealt with a review of the new Manhattan RS1933 Free-to-Air (FTA) satellite receiver and other C and Ku-band satellite TV issues. One reader's comments required some further discussion of the subject.

### ❖ Return to TVRO

*MT* reader Mike Hoblinski N6IMF from California wrote, "I enjoyed your article on the Manhattan receiver. I was considering setting up an FTA system to experiment with and just want to get something basic setup to see what it's all about. But, I too always look for more flexibility. I ran across some satellite TV cards that come in both PCI and PVI-e versions. I am sure there are many others like them. My first goal is to get a basic system up and running. The Manhattan looks good because my monitor has extra HDMI port..."

Mike notes, "I am not completely new to satellite TV. I remember as a teenager I saved up the money for a C-band system... [and] my dad was all for putting it in. He even tore out the avocado tree to make way for the dish. He poured the concrete and dug the ditch for the cables too!" Mike noted that he started out with a heavy, multi-piece, ten foot fiberglass dish and eventually upgraded to a twelve foot Paracclipse mesh dish.



*DVB-S2 PCI3 Free-to-Air PCI-based FTA satellite TV receiver card (\$100). (Courtesy: Sadoun.com)*

PCI-based FTA satellite TV cards are intended to go in an empty card slot in a typical desk top computer. About the only reason to consider such a receiver would be cost; they tend to be a little under \$100 compared with \$150-200 for a good stand-alone FTA receiver.

The difficulty most users have with such re-

ceivers is compatibility issues between the device and their personal computer. To downlink MPEG2 – or harder yet, MPEG4 – HD video via satellite through the card for display on your monitor requires a very robust computer. According to one manufacturer a minimum PC would use Windows XP SP2 (or later) or Vista; Microsoft Direct X9.0C or later; a Pentium 2.4 GHz CPU or higher, 256 MB Ram or more; a VGA card with at least 32 MB memory and DXVA acceleration, in addition to the usual sound card and free PCI slot. Other manufacturers may state lower requirements, but there's no guarantee that it will work for you. And, you'll still need the dish, LNBF and cable to go from the dish to your computer.

Most dealers I checked with online will not offer tech support for such receivers but refer you instead to satellite-TV related forums where many questions go unanswered or are met with additional questions and referrals to other sites to download additional programs to cope with the issues. And, dealers in these receivers offer a very narrow window for returns if they offer returns at all. If you are totally computer savvy it could be a fun way to while away the days delving into the problems and trying to solve them. But, if you'd rather be watching and listening to FTA satellite, it's so much easier (and probably cheaper in the long run) to buy a complete system (most are under \$200).

Another advantage to the complete system is that you won't need to have your computer on just to listen to FTA radio, and you won't be limited to your computer's monitor to watch FTA TV. I can assure you that watching CBC-TV in HD or NASA-HD on a 42 inch Sony TV is awesome. Also, if you get bitten by the FTA bug, you'll want to install a DiSEqC (Digital Satellite Equipment Control) switch (\$8) out at your dish farm to be able to switch from dish to dish.

Mike had one further question: "Have you ever seen anybody use a 90 cm offset or 1 meter dish to receive C-band satellites?" He mentioned that shipping on such a dish seemed expensive.

The reason shipping is high for a 1 meter dish is that it has to be shipped as an oversized package and therefore the higher shipping rate despite the fact that they are actually light weight dishes. Shipping to the West Coast from Ohio will incur a hefty rate even using UPS Ground. You might try to find a supplier nearer where you live.

I have successfully received MPEG2 channels on a dish as small as 48 inches, but the dish was heavy-gauge spun aluminum with a very high degree of surface accuracy. Most Ku-band dishes are very thin steel or aluminum and can be easily bent and are subject to warping, which diminishes

reception capabilities. Others are made with a thin wire mesh embedded in plastic and tend to be more durable.

Ninety centimeters is about 35.5 inches which is quite small for C-band reception. You'll find that there are several difficulties to overcome when trying to pickup digital C-band signals with such a small dish. The first problem is that satellite transponders have varying power output depending on the age of the satellite, amount of traffic on the transponder, and the kind of traffic that's being transmitted. In general, C-band satellites transmit less power than Ku-band satellites (which in turn transmit considerably less power than the DBS satellites used by DirectTV or DISH Network), making it that much harder for C-band reception.

Furthermore, signals falls on the Earth's curved surface at different angles, depending on your location with respect to the position of the satellite in the arc and whether or not the transponder is transmitting a hemispheric (broad) beam or a spot (narrow) beam. C-band satellite frequencies fall in the same band as terrestrially-based point-to-point microwave, which is still used in many parts of the U.S. Ingress from such a source is called terrestrial interference (TI) and can disrupt a digital satellite signal to the point where it is impossible to receive. TI does not disrupt Ku-band signals.



*Channel Master 84E 40 inch offset fed Ku-band dish (\$60) (Courtesy: ImpaktProducts.com)*

Nonetheless, it may be possible to receive C-band FTA satellite signals on a dish as small as 40 inches, roughly 101.5 cm. I talked with Bill Benner at Impakt Products, a national TVRO supplier based in Ohio ([www.impactproducts.com](http://www.impactproducts.com)), about small dish C-band reception. They offer the 40 inch Channel Master 84E offset fed dish (\$60) with a special conical C-band scalar ring with offset mount (\$13) and Eagle Aspen C-band LNBF (\$25). I was told that some customers



*Conical scalar ring with offset feed mount replaces traditional scalar ring to improve reception on smaller aperture C-band dishes. (Courtesy: ImpaktProducts.com)*



have had limited C-band reception with this setup. Apparently, the special conical ring adapter, which replaces the typical scalar ring, helps direct more C-band energy directly into the throat of the feed horn.

*Eagle Aspen C-band LNBF (\$25) (Courtesy: ImpaktProducts.com)*



You could also use the C/Ku-band feed I tested in last month's issue. Unfortunately, 40 inches is just a tad over the 1 meter maximum allowed under FCC OTARD (Over the Air Reception Devices) rules to escape the wrath of HOA (Home Owners Association) cops, if they bothered to bring along a tape measure (and you just know they would).

### ❖ Doug's AM Challenge

In Doug Smith's *Broadcast Bandscan* column in February, he noted that both 690 and 940 kHz were currently "unoccupied"; that the full-power stations assigned to those frequencies were not yet on the air. He asked readers to see what kind of low power DX they could find on those frequencies until the new licensees take over. I decided to take up Doug's challenge.

Using my Kenwood TS-140s with 480 foot horizontal loop tuned to 690 kHz during the daytime, I could hear WELD Fisher, West Virginia (3 kW daytime) at a distance of about 90 miles. Just before sundown, I could hear WOKV, Jacksonville, Florida (570 miles) with a strong signal from its non-directional daytime antenna and 50 kW transmitter.

At night, once WOKV reduced power to 25 kW and went directional, sending its signal mostly out to the Atlantic, it was gone. But, switching to the Sangean HDT-1X and tunable loop, I could just hear CMEC, a 50 kW day/night station out of Santa Clara, Cuba. Other than that, 690 was dominated by IBOC hash from WLW's HD-Radio signal on 700.

How strong was WLW's signal? The dial graphic on this page, taken from my Sangean receiver (using the tunable AM loop antenna), shows WLW in full HD reception with call sign and web address showing up in the text display along with the HD logo and signal strength indicator.

I had much better luck on 940 kHz which netted WMAC, Macon, Georgia and WMIX, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Oddly, both are almost exactly the same distance (just under 500 miles) from my location. I got positive IDs on both (WMAC was airing a University of Georgia Bulldogs men's basketball game and WMIX was airing Christmas music the week before Christmas) as they ebbed and flowed nicely between them.

The interesting thing was that while WMAC has a nighttime power limit of 10 kW, their five

tower beam heads them off in nearly the opposite direction from where I am. WMIX's tower arrangement has their signal equally divided with the eastern lobe of their signal pointed directly at me, but their nighttime power output is only 1.5 kW. Pretty good AM DX!

### ❖ More AM HD DX Intrigue

In the January issue I wrote a feature about AM radio and the problems with receiving AM-HD signals both locally and as DX. While taking the Doug Smith AM challenge, as mentioned, I got a nice lock on the HD signal from both WLW and WCBS. While both lasted some few minutes, I got a much longer lock throughout the evening on Boston's WBZ-AM 1030 kHz. The photo shows the call sign, HD logo, signal strength and slogan, "WBZ News Radio 1030." I also got a partial lock on WFAN, 660 kHz New York City.

I wrote emails to the Chief Engineers of all three stations and sent each a photo of their station on the Sangean display as seen here. I asked each if they had received similar reports and if so, from what distance and using what equipment.

I received a reply from only one, Mark Manuelian, from WBZ who wrote, "This is very unusual. The selective fading that usually occurs on skywave makes HD DXing difficult. I have had only one other report that far away (December, 2009). I like the Sangean tuner, have a couple of them myself."

Mark attached the email he had received from that reception report which was from the Chief Engineer of a group of FM stations in Michigan. The report noted that the listener had used a Radioscopy HD-100 with a Terk AM-1000 tunable loop antenna and that HD reception lasted only 10 seconds. Over the next few days I continued to monitor the band for AM HD signals and consistently got a lock for several minutes on WBZ.

So, how about it *Beginner's Corner* readers: Got AM HD DX? Let me know, and send pictures!



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## Alternative Talk Radio

**W**elcome to another edition of Programming Spotlight. This month we shine the spotlight on a few alternative sources of radio programming and talk radio from around the world. We'll make a quick stop in Greece and then look at youtube as a source of radio programming. Yeah, really!

Lots to cover this month, so let's get to it.

### ❖ Alternative Programming Sources

There is no doubt that shortwave as a programming source is getting more problematic as the months and years go by. There is still lots of quality programming on shortwave, but much of it has migrated to other platforms. Programming content is what I have always been interested in; therefore, although I like the romance of listening to shortwave, if I can get a quality program via the Internet or AM radio, I am just as happy.

Not so long ago, one could sit on a BBC frequency like 5975 or 6175 kHz for most of the evening, hearing a wide variety of quality programming from London. Today many National Public Radio stations across the United States carry BBC programming for many hours each day. For instance, my local NPR station, WNEB 970 in Buffalo, NY carries the BBC World Service from 10pm-5am EST daily. WXXI 1370 in Rochester, NY carries the BBC from midnight to 5am ET every day.



Many NPR stations across the country seem to do this, so check your local listings, if you are looking for an overnight BBC fix. Some stations also carry BBC, CBC and other international programming at other times. While I am no longer the night crawler I once was, when I have to be up late at night, the BBC is a really good companion!

And, while we are on the topic of PBS, I get KCTS as part of my cable package of time shifting stations. Weekdays at 8:30 am Eastern, they carry a 30 minute newscast from NHK in Tokyo.; most interesting, especially after the earthquake/tsunami and subsequent nuclear disaster.

Recently, I rediscovered the World Radio Network online. This is a great source of radio programming from around the world. I first heard it when I attended an ODXA Radio Fest in 1995 or 96, held at the CBC building in Toronto. It was being piped into one of the rooms and I was captivated. That was the early days of the Inter-

net and the idea that one would have access to streaming audio on demand was still a fantasy. I got my WRN fix via the CBC Overnight program for the next few years. When I finally joined the 21<sup>st</sup> Century here at home and got hooked up to the Internet, I fell in love with the WRN website and the programming on offer. For no apparent reason, I have neglected this resource for the past couple of years. But I have recently been giving them a listen on a regular basis.



Spending an afternoon with WRN takes one around the world more than a few times. I like to leave the North American stream on, while I do other things. In the course of the afternoon, I travel to diverse places like Prague, Sweden, New Zealand, Poland, Korea, Israel, Romania and Australia. Three or four hours spent listening can give one a really good overview of what is going on in the world. The variety and scope of the programming is wonderful.

Other times, it's fun to listen to one of the language feeds, such as Russian or French. I find that it is good practice to listen to these and try to follow along.

Every once in a while you stumble onto a really good program this way, and discover something new. Today, as I write this, I heard a fascinating history program from Prague. The program discussed Gustav Husak, the late Czechoslovak president. It seems his legacy is being re-examined. Shortwave listeners from the era will remember Husak as the party boss, who helped re-establish the control of the Communist Party after the abortive Prague Spring and subsequent Soviet invasion. It was under Husak that dissidents like Vaclav Havel were imprisoned.

He is seen now as almost a tragic figure. He was a reformist who was forced by circumstance to quell the reformist tendencies in his country. He figured that if he did Moscow's bidding, they would give him a free hand to run the country. Ultimately he was wrong. His rule began and ended with reform preceded by Dubcek and succeeded by Havel. This program put the broadcasting output of Radio Prague and much of the history of the Czechoslovakia of the 1970s and 1980s in perspective.

The World Radio Network presents programming like this every day. It is well worth investigating. Listen online at [www.wrn.org](http://www.wrn.org) or one can try listening to WRMI on 9955 kHz. WRMI rebroadcasts the World Radio Net-

work from 0500-0630 UTC, Tuesday - Saturday; from 0700-0900, 1100-1200, and 1700-2300 UTC Monday - Friday. Between the limitations of my listening location, and the poor signal of WRMI, I have found it a real challenge to try to listen this way. Nevertheless, sometimes it should be doable.

Whether you listen to WRMI on your radio or online at [www.wrmi.net](http://www.wrmi.net), WRMI has an interesting lineup of programs as well. For several hours each day, it relays the World Radio Network. At other times, it carries programming from stations that have otherwise left shortwave, such as Radio Sweden, Radio Slovakia International, Radio Prague; and others like Vatican Radio and many popular DX programs. Listen to these on 9955 kHz at the following times: Radio Sweden at 0230 UTC Tuesday - Thursday; Radio Slovakia International at 0130 UTC Monday - Friday; Radio Prague at 0700 UTC Saturday and Sunday, 1000 UTC Monday- Saturday, and Daily at 1500 UTC. These programs will also pop up in the WRN programming blocks.

### ❖ Talk is Cheap

Sometimes it is also very interesting, often controversial and occasionally funny. One can find all kinds of talk radio all over the world. It's sometimes interesting to hear talk radio – or talk-back, as it's often known abroad – from distant parts of the globe.

Call-in shows on shortwave were a novelty in the 1980s, a function of the high cost of long-distance telephone calls at the time. Apartheid era Radio RSA used to have an annual call-in show on New Year's Eve which was something of a tradition at the time. HCJB used to have the odd call-in show too. And I recall participating in a one-off call-in show on WRNO in the mid 1980s.

In the late 1980s, Rush Limbaugh revolutionized talk radio for better or worse (one's view dependent on where one sits on the political spectrum). Like him or not, he became a radio phenomenon, spawning dozens of Rush wannabes all across the dial, in much the same way that Art Bell inspired a series of copycats, too.

While Talk Radio is often political, and often biased to the right or to the left, there are other types of talk radio, too.

The aforementioned Art Bell and his successor George Noory have ruled the night time airwaves for many years, discussing the spooky, the scientific, the strange and the weird. Whether they are discussing serious NASA science, or wacky pseudo-scientific subjects, it is often interesting and always entertaining. I find any program



featuring frequent guest Dr Michio Kaku to be fascinating. Any time you are feeling sleepless, you can always find a station somewhere carrying this program overnight. [www.coasttocoastam.com/](http://www.coasttocoastam.com/)

NPR in the U.S. is home to Talk of the Nation, one of the more cerebral call-in shows on the airwaves. Heard weekdays usually between 2 and 4 pm it is always interesting often looking at subjects not often covered. Recent programs have looked at such topics as John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame, the Arab Spring and its reverberations, political fact checking under fire and Sri Lankan cooking! Check it out on your local NPR radio station. There is a handy station finder at the Talk of the Nation website at [www.npr.org/programs/talk-of-the-nation/](http://www.npr.org/programs/talk-of-the-nation/) And, if you can't listen live, many past programs are archived online.

Canada's long-running national talk show is heard on Sunday afternoons. Heard across the nation on CBC Radio One, Cross Canada Checkup is hosted by the one and only Rex Murphy.

"On occasions in the past, the program has gone to air as Cross-Continent Checkup by involving a radio network in at least one other foreign country, such as National Public Radio in the United States or the CBC's own Radio Canada International, and taking calls from English-speaking callers in all involved countries. In each case, callers generally call a toll-free number in their own country. Checkup, nevertheless, often receives calls from callers outside Canada." (Wikipedia)

As a personal opinion, I have always believed that to be a truly nationwide program in Canada, it should also be heard on Radio-Canada (the French CBC) with simultaneous translation. Would that be too cumbersome? I don't know. But lots of programs on both television and radio in Canada use simultaneous translation from English to French and vice versa.

While the program has been on the air since 1965 (!), Rex Murphy has been the best host by far. A Rhodes Scholar, he is witty, charming, and a master of the English language. His political commentaries on Canadian television are legendary. Check up on Cross Canada Checkup at 4 pm Eastern across the country, 2100 UTC on 9625 kHz, and the CBC Radio One network, online at [www.cbc.ca/radio](http://www.cbc.ca/radio).

Australia has some interesting talkback programming. Over the years I have listened to private broadcasters like 3AW in Melbourne and 6PR in Perth, online. Talk radio is a rough and tumble experience there, but it is also very entertaining. Oddly enough, many of the topics discussed on Australian talkback programs sound like they would be right at home on any station here in Canada or the United States. Either many of the issues that concern North Americans are also of concern to Australians, or the stations employ the same radio consultants.

One thing I found particularly interesting was how regularly Australian politicians will guest on these shows and take calls from citizens. Even the Prime Minister has taken a turn on these shows at times. Aside from election campaigns, it seems to me that Canadian politicians tend to avoid such a program like the plague. However, in Australia it seems to be the norm and is expected

of the leaders. They often get blasted by callers over one decision or another, but it's all part of the game there. You can hear 3AW at [www.3aw.com.au](http://www.3aw.com.au) and 6PR at [www.6pr.com.au](http://www.6pr.com.au)

## ❖ It's All Greek to Me

Greece is a country that has been in the news a lot in recent months, due to the deep financial crisis that nation finds itself in. A nation rich in history and culture, it has long been an easy catch with a shortwave radio. Most evenings, broadcasts boom in on 9420 kHz, featuring a wide, eclectic mix of music.

There is a haunting quality to the Greek music heard here.

One can enjoy this frequency for hours, and I often use it as quiet background music when I am working or reading. One might hear traditional Greek music, or smooth jazz or any number



of styles and types of music. It's always a treat, assuming the signal is good on a given night.

Just shy of 11 million people live in Greece, with 99% speaking the Greek language. Several million speak it outside of Greece as a first or second language. Greek words have been widely adopted into other languages, including English, such as mathematics, physics, astronomy, democracy, philosophy and athletics. And, of course, Greece gave us the Olympics. Greek is one of the oldest written languages in the world going back some 34 centuries!

Give the Voice of Greece a listen some evening, it's a treat!

## ❖ Youtube

Youtube, the ubiquitous video website, is more than just music videos, cute animals and funny clips. There are new videos being added all the time with a direct connection to radio. For instance, there are videos showing radio



programs and personalities of the past (and the sometimes rather primitive equipment with which they performed their vocal magic). There are clips of famous and not so famous radio broadcasts of the past and present.

One can spend hours looking through these clips (I have!). Just recently I came across clips of Joe Adamov and Boris Belitsky from Radio Moscow. People often share videos featuring their DX catches, or their shacks. These are always interesting. Talks from the annual Winter SWL Fest find their way here as well.

There are items of historical interest, such as the Hindenburg Disaster in 1937 with Herbert Morrison's legendary radio commentary. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiAT9xvTVKI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiAT9xvTVKI)

Then there is the chilling video recreation of the last Morse code broadcast from Corregidor in the Philippines before they surrendered to the Japanese in 1942. [www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/)

[watch?v=viCAX8WupTY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viCAX8WupTY)

As noted by Mike Terry on Facebook and elsewhere, someone has posted a fascinating record album from 1961 about Radio Moscow and its broadcasts in English. Entitled Radio Moscow and the Western Hemisphere, it is an interesting flashback to the Cold War era. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODH1yjmDon8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODH1yjmDon8)

Still another "video" contained Radio Moscow's coverage of protests on the last anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in the USSR, November 7, 1991. This includes the one and only Vasily Strelnikov doing a David Letterman style Top Ten list, about the top ten dreams/nightmares of the Soviet leadership, which is hilarious. You can hear it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eSjnILFYwE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eSjnILFYwE)

Ever wonder what a radio studio looks like? Q, the CBC Radio arts program hosted by Jian Ghomeshi each weekday, has its own YouTube channel, on which you will find dozens if not hundreds of videos of interviews and musical performances that have taken place on the show. It's actually pretty cool to see a radio show in progress, and to see the inner workings of the studio. One can peek behind the curtain, so to speak, and see the wizard at work. As a lifelong fan of radio it's fun to watch these.

How about a blast from the past? Here is a video of DJ Don Shuster at radio station WWWW on Dec 26 1970. It is a glimpse of how radio was made 40 years ago. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=biG8jY3CDMg&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biG8jY3CDMg&feature=youtu.be)

Poke around YouTube sometime, you never quite know what you might turn up!

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## ODXA Announces New QSL Manager

Ontario DX Association has been appointed QSL Manager for radio stations CKMX Classic Country AM 1060 kHz and CFVP Shortwave on 6030 kHz. Serving as the QSL Manager is Harold Sellers. QSL reports for either station will be verified for accurate program details. Send E-reports to: [QSLCalgary@gmail.com](mailto:QSLCalgary@gmail.com). or to: Harold Sellers, 3211 Centennial Drive, Apt. 23, Vernon, British Columbia V1T 2T8, Canada. In the near future ODXA will permit report submissions at [www.odxa.on.ca](http://www.odxa.on.ca).

DX Window has announced two new Peruvian stations that hobbyists have been monitoring. **Aroma Café Radio** located in Pichanaki, has been heard on 6059 kHz signing on at 1105 UTC with the Peruvian national anthem and it has been audible to 1230 UTC.

The station has also been heard at 1515, 1850, 2100, 2130-2200 sign-off. Postal address: Av. Marginal, salida a Satipo, Centro Médico Virgen de Guadalupe, Miguel Grau 120 Pichanaki, Chanchamayo, Junín, Peru.

**Radio Universal**, a new station from Cusco, has been identifying as "Por Radio Universal" monitored on 6088 kHz from 0940-1130 and

2330-0015 UTC. Radio Universal broadcast as OCZ-7C FM 103.3 MHz, OCX-7Q 1150 kHz, and OAZ-7C 6090 kHz. A prepared QSL card and mint stamps could garner a verification sent to: José Santo Chocano G-11 Urb. Santa Mónica, distrito de Wanchaq, Cusco, Peru. Streaming audio at: <http://radiouniversal-cusco.com.pe/>

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### AMATEUR RADIO

République de Guinée, 3XY1D, 24.9 MHz. Full data color photo QSL card of DXpedition participants at the Hotel Mariador Palace, Guinea. Received in 32 days for \$2.00US and nested Euro envelope from Bill Plum's DX Stamp Service. QSL Manager address: DL7UFR Frank Rutter, Box 700242, 10322 Berlin, Germany (Larry Van Horn, NC).

United States, The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum B-17: City of Savannah, WW2COS, 7.268 MHz. Full data color photo QSL card of B-17 City of Savannah planes and crew. Museum includes the stories of courage, character and patriotism by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present. Received in two weeks for a SASE to: Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum Radio Club, 7611 Central Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406-6423 USA (Van Horn).

### AUSTRALIA

Radio Australia, 6140 kHz via Singapore. Full data Radio Australia in Touch With the World card, signed by Roger Broadbent. Received in seven months for E-report to: broadbent.roger@abc.net.au (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada).

### CANADA

CHU Ottawa/Time & Frequency Station 7850 kHz. Classic CHU card unsigned. Received in 36 days for an E-report to: [radio.chu@nrc.ca](mailto:radio.chu@nrc.ca) Station address: Institute for National Measurement Standards, National Research Council of Canada (NRC-INMS), 1200 Montreal Road, Bldg M-36, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0R6, Canada (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, Brazil).

### GERMANY

HCJB via Weenermoor, Germany 3995 kHz. Full data E-QSL/PDF from Horst Rosiak. Received in two days for report to [deutsche@andestimme.org](mailto:deutsche@andestimme.org) (N. Marabello, Italy/playdx).

Ecuador postal address: Radio HCJB, Die Stimme der Anden, Postfach 17-17-691, Quito, Ecuador. Website: [www.radiohcbj.org](http://www.radiohcbj.org)

### MADAGASCAR

Deutsche Welle relay via Talata-Volondry, 17800 kHz. Full data Twenty Years of Unity QSL card, with site notation, unsigned. Received in 22 days. Station address: D-53110 Bonn, Germany (Kusalik). Streaming audio [www.dw-world.de](http://www.dw-world.de)

### MEDIUM WAVE

KCJB, 910 kHz AM. 91 Country. Full data verification letter, signed by Dave Lehner-"Old Geezer." Received in 87 days for a CD report. Station address: 1000 20th Avenue SW, Minot, ND 58701 USA (Patrick Martin, Seaside, OR). Streaming audio link via iHeart Radio <http://www.iheart.com/#/live/5076/?autoplay=true>

KXEL, 1540 kHz AM. Newstalk 1540. Full data verification letter, signed by Mark Shumacher-Chief Engineer, plus station info and coverage map. Received in 14 days for an AM report and a SASE. Station address: 514 Jefferson Street, Waterloo, IA 50701 USA (Frank Halaburak, Montreal, Canada). Website: [www.kxel.com/](http://www.kxel.com/)

WWVA, 1170 kHz AM. The Big One. Full data QSL map/logo card, signed by Jack Rees-Chief Engineer. Received in four months from follow-up report. Station address: 1015 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 USA (Halaburak). Website: [www.wwva.com](http://www.wwva.com).

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Radio Fly, 3915, 5960 kHz. Full data (except for incorrect year) Ok Tedi Mining logo card. Accompanying form letter signed by James Kaltobie. Received in 14 days after follow-up email to Mr. Kaltobie. QSL address: Ok Tedi Mining Ltd., P.O. Box 1, Tabubil, Western Province, Papua New Guinea (John Wilkins,

Wheat Ridge, CO). You Tube audio/video link [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNP-thazil](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNP-thazil) E-QSL via Francis Tekei [francis.tekei@oktedi.com](mailto:francis.tekei@oktedi.com) (Kusalik).

### SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, 11905 kHz via Trincomalee. Full data QSL card, unsigned. Received in 42 days for an English report and \$2.00US. Station address: P.O. Box 574, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka (Frank Hillton, Charleston, SC). Streaming audio [www.slbk.lk/](http://www.slbk.lk/)

### UTILITY

France, IS-NDB Ajaccio/Campo del Oro, 341 kHz. Full data prepared QSL verified with signature and stamp. Received in 28 days for a utility report and a prepared card. QSL address: Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports et du Tourisme, Direction Generale de l'Aviation Civile, Direction de l'Aviation Civile Sud Est, Maintenance Régionale Ajaccio, Col d'Aspretto, 20090 Ajaccio, France (Patrick Robic, Austria/UDXF).

Iceland, Iceland Radio, 8891 kHz. Full data prepared QSL card. Received in nine days for a utility report and a prepared QSL card. QSL address: Isavia ohf., Flugturninum Reykjavíkurflugvelli, Reykjavík, Iceland (Robic).

### USA

Radio Martí via Greenville, NC 6030 kHz. Full data Greenville antenna scene card, with no mention of Radio Martí. Signed by Chief Engineer. Received in one week. QSL address: Voice of America Transmitting Station, 3913 VOA Site "B" Road, Grimesland, NC 27837-8977 USA (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, KS).

WTWW, 5755 kHz. E-QSL in one day for E-report to George McClinton, President/Manager at [George@wtww.us](mailto:George@wtww.us). Station address: 1784 West Northfield Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129 USA (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy/playdx).



## HOW TO USE THE SHORTWAVE GUIDE

0000-0100 twhfa USA, Voice of America 5995am 6130ca 7405am 9455af  
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### CONVERT YOUR TIME TO UTC

Broadcast time on ① and time off ② are expressed in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) – the time at the 0 meridian near Greenwich, England. To translate your local time into UTC, first convert your local time to 24-hour format, then add (during Standard Time) 5, 6, 7 or 8 hours for Eastern, Central, Mountain or Pacific Times, respectively. Eastern, Central, and Pacific Times are already converted to UTC for you at the top of each hour.

Note that all dates, as well as times, are in UTC; for example, a show which might air at 0030 UTC *Sunday* will be heard on *Saturday* evening in America (in other words, 7:30 pm Eastern, 6:30 pm Central, etc.).

### FIND THE STATION YOU WANT TO HEAR

Look at the page which corresponds to the time you will be listening. English broadcasts are listed by UTC time on ①, then alphabetically by country ③, followed by the station name ④. (If the station name is the same as the country, we don't repeat it, e.g., "Vanuatu, Radio" [Vanuatu].)

If a broadcast is not daily, the days of broadcast ⑤ will appear in the column following the time of broadcast, using the following codes:

<u>Codes</u>	
s/Sun	Sunday
m/Mon	Monday
t	Tuesday
w	Wednesday
h	Thursday
f	Friday
a/Sat	Saturday
occ:	occasional
DRM:	Digital Radio Mondiale
irreg	Irregular broadcasts
vl	Various languages
USB:	Upper Sideband

### CHOOSE PROMISING FREQUENCIES

**Choose the most promising frequencies for the time, location and conditions.**

The frequencies ⑥ follow to the right of the station listing; all frequencies are listed in kilohertz (kHz). Not all listed stations will be heard from your location and virtually none of them will be heard all the time on all frequencies.

Shortwave broadcast stations change some of their frequencies at least twice a year, in April and October, to adapt to seasonal conditions. But they can also change in response to short-term conditions, interference, equipment problems, etc. Our frequency manager coordinates published station schedules with confirmations and reports from her monitoring team and MT readers to make the Shortwave Guide up-to-date as of one week before

print deadline.

To help you find the most promising signal for your location, immediately following each frequency we've included information on the target area ⑦ of the broadcast. Signals beamed toward your area will generally be easier to hear than those beamed elsewhere, even though the latter will often still be audible.

#### Target Areas

- af: Africa
- al: alternate frequency (occasional use only)
- am: The Americas
- as: Asia
- ca: Central America
- do: domestic broadcast
- eu: Europe
- me: Middle East
- na: North America
- pa: Pacific
- sa: South America
- va: various

**Mode used by all stations in this guide is AM unless otherwise indicated.**

### SHORTWAVE BROADCAST BANDS

kHz	Meters
2300-2495	120 meters (Note 1)
3200-3400	90 meters (Note 1)
3900-3950	75 meters (Regional band, used for broadcasting in Asia only)
3950-4000	75 meters (Regional band, used for broadcasting in Asia and Europe)
4750-4995	60 meters (Note 1)
5005-5060	60 meters (Note 1)
5730-5900	49 meter NIB (Note 2)
5900-5950	49 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
5950-6200	49 meters
6200-6295	49 meter NIB (Note 2)
6890-6990	41 meter NIB (Note 2)
7100-7300	41 meters (Regional band, not allocated for broadcasting in the western hemisphere) (Note 4)
7300-7350	41 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
7350-7600	41 meter NIB (Note 2)
9250-9400	31 meter NIB (Note 2)
9400-9500	31 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
9500-9900	31 meters
11500-11600	25 meter NIB (Note 2)
11600-11650	25 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
11650-12050	25 meters
12050-12100	25 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
12100-12600	25 meter NIB (Note 2)
13570-13600	22 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
13600-13800	22 meters
13800-13870	22 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
15030-15100	19 meter NIB (Note 2)
15100-15600	19 meters
15600-15800	19 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
17480-17550	17 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
17550-17900	17 meters
18900-19020	15 meter WARC-92 band (Note 3)
21450-21850	13 meters
25670-26100	11 meters

#### Notes

- Note 1 Tropical bands, 120/90/60 meters are for broadcast use only in designated tropical areas of the world.
- Note 2 Broadcasters can use this frequency range on a (NIB) non-interference basis only.
- Note 3 WARC-92 bands are allocated officially for use by HF broadcasting stations in 2007
- Note 4 WRC-03 update. After March 29, 2009, the spectrum from 7100-7200 kHz will no longer be available for broadcast purposes and will be turned over to amateur radio operations worldwide

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**0000 UTC - 7PM EST / 6PM CST / 4PM PST**

0000	0030	Egypt, R Cairo	6270na	
0000	0030	USA, BBG/Voice of America	7560as	
0000	0045	India, All India R/External Svc	6055as	7305as
		11645as	13605as	
0000	0045	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		11720ca
0000	0057	China, China R International	6005as	6020na
		6180as	7350eu	7425as
		9570as	11650as	11790as
0000	0059	Canada, R Canada International		9880as
0000	0100	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		6090na
0000	0100	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		4835do
0000	0100	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do	
0000	0100	Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		4910do
0000	0100	Australia, R Australia	9660pa	12080pa
		13690va	15240va	17715va
		17795va		
0000	0100	Bahrain, R Bahrain		6010me
0000	0100	Canada, CFRX Toronto ON		6070na
0000	0100	Canada, CFVP Calgary AB		6030na
0000	0100	Canada, CKZN St Johns NF		6160na
0000	0100	Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na
0000	0100	Cuba, R Havana Cuba	5040ca	
0000	0100	Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do
0000	0100	Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755 as
0000	0100	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa
0000	0100	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa
0000	0100	Russia, Voice of Russia	7250va	
0000	0100	Spain, R Exterior de Espana	6055na	
0000	0100	Thailand, R Thailand World Svc		13745na
0000	0100	UK, BBC World Service	6195as	9410as
		9740as	12095as	13725as
0000	0100	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS		4319usb
		5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
		12759usb	13362usb	
0000	0100	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irontdale AL		11520me
0000	0100	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na
0000	0100	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	5110am	
0000	0100	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME		9330am
0000	0100	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME		7490am
0000	0100	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		7385ca
0000	0100	USA, WINB Red Lion PA	9265ca	
0000	0100	USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am
		12105na		
0000	0100	USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3195eu	5070af
		9980af	13845eu	
0000	0100	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	3215na
		5050va	5745va	
0000	0100	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		6115va
		6155ca	7360sa	7395sa
0000	0100	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice		4965af
0030	0100	Australia, R Australia	15415va	
0030	0100	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting		7395as
0030	0100	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	15700as	
0030	0100	UK, BBC World Service	9510as	
0030	0100	USA, BBG/Voice of America	6170va	9325va
		9490va	9715va	11695va
		15185va	15205va	15290va
0030	0100	USA, BBG/Voice of America/Special English		
		6170va	9325va	9490va
		11695va	11730va	12005va
		15205va	15290va	
0035	0045	India, All India R/Aizawl		5050do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Chennai		4920do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Guwahati		4940do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Hyderabad		4800do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Imphal		4775do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Port Blair		4760do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Shillong		4970do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Shimla		4965do
0035	0045	India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram		5010do

**0100 UTC - 8PM EST / 7PM CST / 5PM PST**

0100	0115	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	7395as
0100	0130		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	6175na
0100	0156		Romania, R Romania Intl	6145na
				7355na
0100	0157		China, China R International	6005na
			6075as	6175as
			9420as	9570na
			9580na	11650as
			11885as	

0100	0200		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network	
			6090na	
0100	0200		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	4835do
0100	0200		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do
0100	0200		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	4910do
0100	0200		Australia, R Australia	9660pa
			13690va	15240va
			17750va	17795va
0100	0200		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me
0100	0200		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na
0100	0200		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na
0100	0200		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na
0100	0200		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na
0100	0200		Cuba, R Havana Cuba	6000na
0100	0200		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do
0100	0200		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755 as
0100	0200		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa
0100	0200	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	17675pa
0100	0200		North Korea, Voice of Korea	4405as
			9345as	9730as
			11735as	13760as
			15180as	
0100	0200		Russia, Voice of Russia	7250va
0100	0200		Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl	11875as
0100	0200		UK, BBC World Service	5940as
			9740as	11750as
			12095as	15310as
			15335as	15755as
			17685as	
0100	0200		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb
			7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb
0100	0200		USA, BBG/Voice of America	9435as
0100	0200		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irontdale AL	11520me
0100	0200		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na
0100	0200	mtwhfa	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am
0100	0200		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am
0100	0200	twhfa	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	5920na
0100	0200		USA, WINB Red Lion PA	9265ca
0100	0200		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5080am
			12105na	
0100	0200		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3195eu
			5935af	9980af
0100	0200		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va
			5050va	5745va
0100	0200		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	6115va
0100	0200		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	4965af
0120	0200	mtwhfa	Sri Lanka, SLBC	6005as
0130	0200		Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	7230eu
0130	0200	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	15700as
0130	0200	twhfa	Serbia, International R Serbia	6190va
0130	0200	twhfa	USA, BBG/Voice of America/Special English	5960va
			7465va	
0130	0200	twhfa	USA, WRMI/R Slovakia Intl relay	9955am

**0200 UTC - 9PM EST / 8PM CST / 6PM PST**

0200	0227		Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	7230eu
0200	0230		Thailand, R Thailand World Svc	15275na
0200	0257		China, China R International	11785as
0200	0300		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network	
			6090na	
0200	0300	twhfa	Argentina, RAE	11710am
0200	0300		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	4835do
0200	0300		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do
0200	0300		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	4910do
0200	0300		Australia, R Australia	9660pa
			13690va	15240va
			17750va	17795va
0200	0300		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me
0200	0300		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na
0200	0300		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na
0200	0300		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na
0200	0300		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na
0200	0300		Cuba, R Havana Cuba	6000na
0200	0300		Egypt, R Cairo	9315na
0200	0300		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do
0200	0300		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755 as
0200	0300		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa
0200	0300	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	17675pa
0200	0300		North Korea, Voice of Korea	3560as
			15100as	
0200	0300	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	17800as
0200	0300		Philippines, R Pilipinas Overseas	11880me
			15285me	17700me
0200	0300		Russia, Voice of Russia	7250sa
0200	0300		South Korea, KBS World R	9580sa



0200	0300	mtwhfa	Sri Lanka, SLBC	6005as	9770as	15745as
0200	0300		Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl		5950na	9680na
0200	0300		UK, BBC World Service		5875me	5940as
			7385af	12095as	15310as	
0200	0300		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS			4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb		
0200	0300		USA, EWTVN/WEWV Irondale AL			11520me
0200	0300		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC			9370na
0200	0300	mtwhfa	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME		7490am	
0200	0300		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME		9330am	
0200	0300	twhfa	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC			5920na
			7385na			
0200	0300		USA, WINB Red Lion PA		9265ca	
0200	0300		USA, WRNO New Orleans LA			7505am
0200	0300		USA, WTTW Lebanon TN		5080am	5755am
			12105na			
0200	0300		USA, WWCN Nashville TN		3215eu	4840na
			5890af	5935af		
0200	0300		USA, WWRB Manchester TN		3185va	5050va
			5745va			
0200	0300		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide			5985ca
			6115ca	7360ca		
0200	0300		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice			4965af
0215	0300		Nepal, R Nepal		5005as	
0230	0257		China, China R International			15435as
0230	0300	twhfaf	Albania, R Tirana		7420na	
0230	0300		Myanmar, Myanma R/Natl Svc			5915do
			5920al			
0230	0300		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc			6175na
0245	0300		Australia, HCJB Global Australia			15400as
0245	0300		India, All India R/Bhopal		7430do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Delhi		4860do	6030do
			7235do	11830do	15135do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Gorakhpur		3945do	6030do
			7235do	11830do	15135do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Guwahati		4940do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Hyderabad		7420do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Imphal		7335do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Itanagar		4990do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Jaipur		4910do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Kolkata		7210do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Kurseong		4895do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Lucknow		4880do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/R Kashmir		4760do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Shillong		4970do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Shimla		6020do	
0245	0300		India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram			7290do
0250	0300		Vatican City State, Vatican R		6040am	7305am
0300	0315		Croatia, Voice of Croatia		3985am	7375am

**0300 UTC - 10PM EST / 9PM CST / 7PM PST**

0300	0315		India, All India R/Imphal		7335do	
0300	0315		India, All India R/Itanagar		4990do	
0300	0315		India, All India R/Shillong		4970do	
0300	0330		Egypt, R Cairo		9315na	
0300	0330		Myanmar, Myanma R/Natl Svc			9731do
0300	0330		Philippines, R Pilipinas Overseas			11880me
			15285me	17700me		
0300	0330		Vatican City State, Vatican R		9660af	11625af
0300	0355		South Africa, Channel Africa		6155af	
0300	0357		China, China R International		6190na	9460as
			9690na	9790na	13620as	15120as
0300	0359		South Africa, Channel Africa		3345af	
0300	0400		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network			6090na
0300	0400		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs			4835do
0300	0400		Australia, ABC NT Katherine		5025do	
0300	0400		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek			4910do
0300	0400		Australia, R Australia		9660pa	12080va
			13690va	15240va	15415va	15515pa
			17750va	21725as		
0300	0400		Bahrain, R Bahrain			6010me
0300	0400	twhfaf	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc			9625na
0300	0400		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON		6070na	
0300	0400		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB		6030na	
0300	0400		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF		6160na	
0300	0400		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC			6160na
0300	0400		Cuba, R Havana Cuba		6000na	6050na
0300	0400		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM			7295do
0300	0400		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei			4755 as
0300	0400		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl			15720pa
0300	0400	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl			17675pa

0300	0400		North Korea, Voice of Korea		4405as	7220as
			9345as	9730as		
0300	0400		Oman, R Sultanate of Oman			15355af
0300	0400	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI			17800as
0300	0400	mtwhf	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI			17800as
0300	0400		Russia, Voice of Russia			7250sa
0300	0400	Sat	Sri Lanka, SLBC		6005as	9770as
0300	0400		Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl			6875na
0300	0400		UK, BBC World Service			3255af
			6140af	6190af	7255af	9410as
			9460af	11860af	12095as	15310as
			17790as			
0300	0400		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS			4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb		
0300	0400		USA, BBG/Voice of America		4930af	6080af
			9885af	15580af		
0300	0400		USA, EWTVN/WEWV Irondale AL			11520me
0300	0400		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC			9370na
0300	0400	mtwhfa	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME		7490am	
0300	0400		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME		9330am	
0300	0400	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC			7520va
0300	0400		USA, WINB Red Lion PA			9265ca
0300	0400		USA, WRNO New Orleans LA			7505am
0300	0400		USA, WTTW Lebanon TN		5080am	5755am
			12105na			
0300	0400		USA, WWCN Nashville TN		3215eu	4840na
			5890af	5935af		
0300	0400		USA, WWRB Manchester TN		3185va	5050va
			5745va			
0300	0400		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide			6115va
			9930ca	11740ca		
0300	0400		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice			4965af
0330	0400		Iran, IRIB/VOIRI		7200eu	7365eu
0330	0400		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc			6175na
0335	0345		India, All India R/Aizawl			5050do
0335	0345		India, All India R/Delhi			7235do
			15135do			11830do
0335	0345		India, All India R/Kolkata			7210do

**0400 UTC - 11PM EST / 10PM CST / 8PM PST**

0400	0427		Iran, IRIB/VOIRI		7200eu	7365eu
0400	0430		USA, BBG/Voice of America		4930af	4960af
			6080af	9885af	15580af	
0400	0456		Romania, R Romania Intl		6130na	7305na
			11895as	15220as		
0400	0457		China, China R International		6190na	9460as
			13620as	15120as	17725as	17855as
0400	0457		Germany, Deutsche Welle		6180af	7350af
			9855af			
0400	0458		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl			15720pa
0400	0458	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl			17675pa
0400	0500		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network			6090na
0400	0500		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs			4835do
0400	0500		Australia, ABC NT Katherine		5025do	
0400	0500		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek			4910do
0400	0500		Australia, R Australia		9660pa	12080va
			13690va	15240va	15515pa	17750va
			21725as			
0400	0500		Bahrain, R Bahrain			6010me
0400	0500	twhfaf	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc			9625na
0400	0500		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON		6070na	
0400	0500		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF		6160na	
0400	0500		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC			6160na
0400	0500	mtwhf	Cuba, R Havana Cuba		6000na	6050na
			France, R France International			9805af
			11995af			
0400	0500		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM			7295do
0400	0500		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei			4755 as
0400	0500		Russia, Voice of Russia			12040as
0400	0500		South Africa, Channel Africa			7230af
0400	0500	Sat	Sri Lanka, SLBC		6005as	9770as
0400	0500		Turkey, Voice of Turkey			7240as
0400	0500		UK, BBC World Service			3255af
			6190af	7255af	9410me	11860af
			12035af	12095af	15310as	15360as
			17790as			
0400	0500		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS			4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb		
0400	0500		USA, EWTVN/WEWV Irondale AL			11520me
0400	0500		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC			9370na

0400	0500	mtwhfa	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am	
0400	0500		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
0400	0500	m	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	5110am	
0400	0500	hf	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	7385na	
0400	0500	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	7465eu	
0400	0500	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9640me	
0400	0500		USA, WRNO New Orleans LA	7505am	
0400	0500		USA, WTTW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am
			12105na		
0400	0500		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3215eu	4840na
			5890af	5935af	
0400	0500		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	5050va
			5745va		
0400	0500		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	4965af	
0430	0500		Australia, R Australia	15415va	
0430	0500	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	17800as	
0430	0500		USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af	4960af
			9885af	15580af	
0435	0445		India, All India R/Delhi	4860do	
0459	0500		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	
0459	0500	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	13730pa	

**0500 UTC - 12AM EST / 11PM CST / 9PM PST**

0500	0507	twhf	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na	
0500	0530		Germany, Deutsche Welle	6155af	9800af
			12045af		
0500	0530		Japan, R Japan NHK World	5975va	6110na
			9770va		
0500	0557		China, China R International	5960na	6190na
			7220af	7295af	9440af
			15350as	17505va	17540as
			17855as		17725as
0500	0600		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
			6090na		
0500	0600		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	4835do	
0500	0600		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do	
0500	0600		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	4910do	
0500	0600		Australia, R Australia	9660pa	12080va
			13630va	13690va	15160va
			17750va	21725va	15240va
0500	0600		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
0500	0600		Bhutan, Bhutan Broadcasting Svc	6035do	
0500	0600		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
0500	0600		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
0500	0600		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
0500	0600		Cuba, R Havana Cuba	6010na	6050na
			6060ca	6125ca	
0500	0600	Sat/Sun	Eq Guinea, R East Africa	15190af	
0500	0600	mtwhf	Eq Guinea, R Africa 2	15190af	
0500	0600	mtwhf	France, R France International	13740af	
			17850af		
0500	0600		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
0500	0600		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755 as	
0500	0600		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	
0500	0600	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	13730pa	
0500	0600		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	15120af	
0500	0600		South Africa, Channel Africa	7230af	
0500	0600		Swaziland, TWR Africa	6120af	
0500	0600		Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl	6875na	
0500	0600	DRM	UK, BBC World Service	3955eu	
0500	0600		UK, BBC World Service	3255af	3955eu
			6005af	6190af	7255af
			12095af	15310as	15360as
			15420af	17640af	17790as
0500	0600	Sat/Sun	UK, BBC World Service	15420af	
0500	0600		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
			12759usb	13362usb	12133usb
0500	0600		USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af	6080af
			9885af	15580af	
0500	0600		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	11520me	
0500	0600		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
0500	0600		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
0500	0600	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	11565pa	
0500	0600		USA, WTTW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am
			12105na		
0500	0600		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3215eu	4840na
			5890af	5935af	
0500	0600		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	5050va
			5745va		

0500	0600		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
0530	0600		Australia, R Australia	15415va	
0530	0600	Sat/Sun	Clandestine, SRS/Sudan R Service	13720af	
0530	0600	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	17800as	
0530	0600		Thailand, R Thailand World Svc	12015eu	

**0600 UTC - 1AM EST / 12AM CST / 10PM PST**

0600	0630		Australia, R Australia	15290as	
0600	0630		Germany, Deutsche Welle	12045af	15440af
			17800af		
0600	0630		Vatican City State, Vatican R	3975eu	6075eu
			7250eu		
0600	0650	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	13730pa	
0600	0655		South Africa, Channel Africa	15255af	
0600	0657		China, China R International	6115na	11750af
			11770as	11880as	13645as
			15350as	15465as	17505va
			17710as		17540as
0600	0659		South Africa, Channel Africa	7230af	
0600	0700		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
			6090na		
0600	0700		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	4835do	
0600	0700		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do	
0600	0700		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	4910do	
0600	0700		Australia, R Australia	9660pa	12080va
			13630va	13690va	15160va
			15415va	17750va	21725va
0600	0700		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
0600	0700		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
0600	0700		Canada, CFPV Calgary AB	6030na	
0600	0700		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
0600	0700		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
0600	0700		Cuba, R Havana Cuba	6010na	6050na
			6060ca	6125ca	
0600	0700	Sat/Sun	Eq Guinea, R East Africa	15190af	
0600	0700	mtwhf	Eq Guinea, R Africa 2	15190af	
0600	0700	mtwhf	France, R France International	11615af	
0600	0700		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
0600	0700		Malaysia, RTM/Voice of Malaysia	6175as	
			9750as	15295as	
0600	0700		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755 as	
0600	0700		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	
0600	0700		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	15120af	
0600	0700	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	17800as	
0600	0700		Papua New Guinea, R Fly	5960do	
0600	0700		Russia, Voice of Russia	17805pa	21805pa
0600	0700	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	11635eu	
0600	0700		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af	
0600	0700		Swaziland, TWR Africa	6120af	
0600	0700		UK, BBC World Service	3955eu	6005af
			6190af	9410af	11760me
			12095af	15310as	15400af
			17640af	17790as	15420af
0600	0700	DRM	UK, BBC World Service	3955eu	
0600	0700		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
			12759usb	13362usb	12133usb
0600	0700		USA, BBG/Voice of America	6080af	9885af
			15580af		
0600	0700		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	11520af	
0600	0700		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
0600	0700		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
0600	0700	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9615me	
0600	0700		USA, WTTW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am
			12105na		
0600	0700		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3215eu	4840na
			5890af	5935af	
0600	0700		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	5050va
			5745va		
0600	0700		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
			17695af		
0630	0645		India, All India R/Guwahati	7280do	
0630	0645		India, All India R/Hyderabad	7420do	
0630	0645		India, All India R/Kurseong	7230do	
0630	0645		India, All India R/Mumbai	7240do	
0630	0645		India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram	7290do	
0630	0656	DRM	Romania, R Romania Intl	9600eu	
0630	0656		Romania, R Romania Intl	7310eu	17780eu
			21600eu		
0630	0700		Vatican City State, Vatican R	7360af	9660af
			11625af		
0651	0700	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	13730pa	



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0700 0757		China, China R International	11785eu	11880as	
		13645as	15125va	15350as	15465as
		17540as	17490eu	17710as	
0700 0758		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		11725pa	
0700 0758	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		13730pa	
0700 0800		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		6090na	
0700 0800		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		4835do	
0700 0800		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do		
0700 0800		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		4910do	
0700 0800		Australia, R Australia	9475as	9660pa	
		9710as	11945as	12080va	13630va
		15160va	15240va	21725va	
0700 0800		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me		
0700 0800	m/DRM	Belgium, TDP Radio	6015eu		
0700 0800		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na		
0700 0800		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na		
0700 0800		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na		
0700 0800		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na	
0700 0800	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R East Africa	15190af		
0700 0800	mtwhf	Eqt Guinea, R Africa 2	15190af		
0700 0800	mtwhf	France, R France International		15615af	
0700 0800		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do	
0700 0800		Malaysia, RTM/Voice of Malaysia		6175as	
		9750as	15295as		
0700 0800		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755 as	
0700 0800		Papua New Guinea, R Fly	5960do		
0700 0800		Russia, Voice of Russia	17805va	21805va	
0700 0800	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	11635eu		
0700 0800		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af		
0700 0800		Swaziland, TWR Africa	6120af		
0700 0800		UK, BBC World Service	3955eu	5875eu	
		6190af	11760me	11770af	12095af
		13820af	15310as	15400af	15575me
		17640af	17790as	17830af	
0700 0800	DRM	UK, BBC World Service		5875eu	
0700 0800		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS		4319usb	
		5446usb	5765usb	7812usb	12133usb
		12759usb	13362usb		
0700 0800		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		11520af	
0700 0800		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na	
0700 0800		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am		
0700 0800	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		11565pa	
0700 0800		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am	
		12105na			
0700 0800		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3215eu	4840na	
		5890af	5935af		
0700 0800		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va		
0700 0800		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice		6065af	
		17695af			
0730 0745		India, All India R/Aizawl	5050do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Delhi	6190do	11710do	
		15185do	15260do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Guwahati	7280do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Imphal	7335do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Jaipur	7325do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Kolkata	7210do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Kurseong	7230do		
0730 0745		India, All India R/Shimla	6020do		
0730 0800		Australia, HCJB Global Australia		11750pa	
0730 0800		India, All India R/Chennai	4920do		
0759 0800		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		9765pa	
0759 0800	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		9870pa	

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0800 0830		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		4835do	
0800 0830		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do		
0800 0830		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		4910do	
0800 0830	Sun	Australia, HCJB Global Australia		11750pa	
0800 0845	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting		7250eu	
0800 0845		Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting		7220eu	
0800 0850		Austria, TWR Europe	7310eu		
0800 0850		Germany, TWR Europe	6105eu		
0800 0857		China, China R International	9415as	11785eu	
		11880eu	13350as	15465as	15625va
		17490eu	17540as		
0800 0900		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		6090na	
0800 0900		Australia, R Australia	5995va	9475as	
		9580pa	9590pa	9710as	11945as
		12080va	13630va		

0800 0900		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me		
0800 0900	t/DRM	Belgium, TDP Radio	6015eu		
0800 0900		Bhutan, Bhutan Broadcasting Svc		6035do	
0800 0900		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na		
0800 0900		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na		
0800 0900		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na		
0800 0900		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na	
0800 0900	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R East Africa	15190af		
0800 0900	mtwhf	Eqt Guinea, R Africa 2	15190af		
0800 0900		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do	
0800 0900		Malaysia, RTM/Voice of Malaysia		6175as	
		9750as	15295as		
0800 0900		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755 as	
0800 0900		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		9765pa	
0800 0900	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		9870pa	
0800 0900	mtwhf	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as		
0800 0900	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as		
0800 0900		Papua New Guinea, R Fly	5960do		
0800 0900		Russia, Voice of Russia	17805va	21805va	
0800 0900	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	7325eu	11635eu	
0800 0900		South Africa, Channel Africa	9625af		
0800 0900		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af		
0800 0900	Sun	South Africa, South African R League		7205af	
		17760af			
0800 0900		South Korea, KBS World R	9570as		
0800 0900		UK, BBC World Service	5760eu	5875eu	
		6190af	11760me	12095af	15310as
		15400af	15575me	17640af	17790as
		17830af	21470af		
0800 0900	DRM	UK, BBC World Service	5790eu	5875eu	
0800 0900		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS		4319usb	
		5446usb	5765usb	7812usb	12133usb
		12759usb	13362usb		
0800 0900		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		11520af	
0800 0900		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na	
0800 0900		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am		
0800 0900	smtwhf	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		11565pa	
0800 0900		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am	
		12105na			
0800 0900		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	3215eu	4840na	
		5890af	5935af		
0800 0900		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va		
0800 0900		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice		6065af	
		17695af			
0815 0900		Nepal, R Nepal	5005as		
0820 0900	smtwhf	Guam, TWR Asia/KTWR		15170as	
0830 0845		India, All India R/Aizawl	5050do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Chennai	4920do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Delhi	6190do	11710do	
		15185do	15260do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Hyderabad	7420do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Imphal	7335do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Itanagar	4990do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Kolkata	7210do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Shillong	7315do		
0830 0845		India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram		7290do	
0830 0900		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do	
0830 0900		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do		
0830 0900		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		2325do	
0830 0900	mtwhfa	Guam, TWR Asia/KTWR		11840pa	

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0900 0910	mtwhfa	Guam, TWR Asia/KTWR	11840as		
0900 0930	mtwhf	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as		
0900 0930	Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as		
0900 0957		China, China R International	9415as	15210pa	
		15270eu	15350as	17490eu	17570eu
		17690pa	17750as		
0900 1000		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		6090na	
0900 1000		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do	
0900 1000		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do		
0900 1000		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		2325do	
0900 1000		Australia, R Australia	9475as	9580pa	
		9590pa	11945as	12080va	
0900 1000		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me		
0900 1000	w/DRM	Belgium, TDP Radio	6015eu		
0900 1000		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na		
0900 1000		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na		
0900 1000		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na		
0900 1000		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na	
0900 1000	3rd Sun	Germany, XVRB Radio		6045va	
0900 1000	Sat	Italy, IRRS-Shortwave		9510va	

0900	1000	Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
0900	1000	Malaysia, RTM/Voice of Malaysia 9750as 15295as	6175as	
0900	1000	Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755 as	
0900	1000	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9870pa	
0900	1000	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9765pa	
0900	1000	Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	9690af	
0900	1000	Sat Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	15700as
0900	1000	Papua New Guinea, R Fly	5960do	
0900	1000	Russia, Voice of Russia	7205as	17805va
		21805va		
0900	1000	DRM Russia, Voice of Russia	7325eu	11635eu
0900	1000	South Africa, Channel Africa	9625af	
0900	1000	South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af	
0900	1000	UK, BBC World Service	6190af	6195as
		9740as 11760me 11895as 12095af		
		15285as 15310as 15400af 15575me		
		17760as 17790as 17830af 21470af		
0900	1000	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
		5446usb 5765usb 7812usb 12133usb		
		12759usb 13362usb		
0900	1000	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	9390as	
0900	1000	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
0900	1000	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
0900	1000	Sun USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	11565pa	
0900	1000	USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am
		12105na		
0900	1000	USA, WWCN Nashville TN	3215eu	4890na
		5890af 5935af		
0900	1000	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	
0900	1000	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	9465as	
0900	1000	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
		17695af		
0905	0910	Pakistan, PBC/R Pakistan	15725eu	17700eu
0915	0930	mtwhf Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
0930	1000	w Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
0945	1000	m Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
0945	1000	hf Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
0945	1000	mtwhf Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	15700as	

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1000	1030	Japan, R Japan NHK World	9605as	9625pa
		9840pa		
1000	1030	Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	9840as	
		12020as		
1000	1057	China, China R International	5955as	7215as
		11640as 13590as 13720as 15190as		
		15210pa 15350as 17490eu 17690as		
1000	1057	Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	12065as	
1000	1058	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9765pa	
1000	1100	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
		11775na		
1000	1100	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	2310do	
1000	1100	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1000	1100	Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	2325do	
1000	1100	Australia, R Australia	9580pa	9590pa
		11945as 12080va		
1000	1100	Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1000	1100	h/DRM Belgium, TDP Radio	6015eu	
1000	1100	Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1000	1100	Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na	
1000	1100	Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1000	1100	Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
1000	1100	India, All India R/External Svc	7270as	13710va
		15020as 15235as 17510pa 17800as		
		17895pa		
1000	1100	Indonesia, Voice of Indonesia	9525va	
1000	1100	Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
1000	1100	Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755as	
1000	1100	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9870pa	
1000	1100	Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	9690af	
1000	1100	North Korea, Voice of Korea	6185as	6285sa
		9335sa 9850as		
1000	1100	fa Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
1000	1100	Russia, Voice of Russia	7205as	
1000	1100	South Africa, Channel Africa	9625af	
1000	1100	South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af	
1000	1100	UK, BBC World Service	6190af	6195as
		9740as 11760me 11895as 12095af		
		15285as 15310as 15575me 17640af		
		17760as 17790as 21470af		
1000	1100	Sat/Sun UK, BBC World Service	15400af	17830af

1000	1100	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
		5446usb 5765usb 7812usb 12133usb		
		12759usb 13362usb		
1000	1100	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	9390as	
1000	1100	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
1000	1100	USA, KNLS Anchor Point AK	9615as	
1000	1100	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
1000	1100	Sun USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	11565pa	
1000	1100	USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5080am	5755am
		12105na		
1000	1100	USA, WWCN Nashville TN	4840na	5890af
		5935af 7465eu		
1000	1100	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	
1000	1100	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	9465as	
1000	1100	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
		17695af		
1015	1100	Sun Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
1030	1030	mtwhf USA, WRMI/R Prague relay	9955am	
1030	1100	Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	21575va	21695va
1030	1100	Sun Italy, IRRS-Shortwave	9510va	
1030	1100	Sun Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Euro Gospel R	9510eu	
1030	1100	Mongolia, Voice of Mongolia	12085as	
1030	1100	mtwhf Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
1059	1100	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa	

**1100 UTC - 6AM EST / 5AM CST / 3AM PST**

1100	1105	Pakistan, PBC/R Pakistan	15725eu	17700eu
1100	1127	Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	21575va	21695va
1100	1130	f/ DRM Japan, R Japan NHK World	9760eu	
1100	1130	Sat/DRM South Korea, KBS World R	9760eu	
1100	1130	UK, BBC World Service	15400af	
1100	1130	Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	7285as	
1100	1157	China, China R International	5955as	5960na
		9570as 11650as 11795as 13665as		13645as
		13665eu 13590as 13720as 17490eu		15110as
1100	1158	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9870pa	
1100	1200	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
		11775na		
1100	1200	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	2310do	
1100	1200	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1100	1200	Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	2325do	
1100	1200	Australia, R Australia	5995va	6020va
		6140as 9475as 9560as 9580pa		
		9590pa 11945as		
1100	1200	DRM Australia, R Australia	12080pa	
1100	1200	Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1100	1200	f/DRM Belgium, TDP Radio	6015eu	
1100	1200	Sat/Sun Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na	
1100	1200	Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1100	1200	Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na	
1100	1200	Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1100	1200	Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
1100	1200	Sun Italy, IRRS-Shortwave	9510va	
1100	1200	Sun Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Euro Gospel R	9510eu	
1100	1200	Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
1100	1200	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa	
1100	1200	Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	9690af	
1100	1200	DRM Russia, Voice of Russia	12000as	
1100	1200	Russia, Voice of Russia	7205as	7260as
		7350as 9560as 9670as		
1100	1200	Saudi Arabia, BSKSA/External Svc	15250af	
1100	1200	South Africa, Channel Africa	9625af	
1100	1200	South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af	
1100	1200	Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl	7445as	11715as
1100	1200	UK, BBC World Service	6190af	6195as
		9740as 11760me 11895as 12095af		
		15285as 15575me 17640af 17790as		
		17830as 21470af		
1100	1200	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
		5446usb 5765usb 7812usb 12133usb		
		12759usb 13362usb		
1100	1200	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	9390as	
1100	1200	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
1100	1200	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
1100	1200	Sat/Sun USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	7315ca	
1100	1200	USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5755am	9990am
		12105na		
1100	1200	USA, WWCN Nashville TN	4840na	5890af
		5935af 7465eu		
1100	1200	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3185va	
1100	1200	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	9310as	
		13795as		



1100	1200	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
		17695af		
1130	1200 f	Vatican City State, Vatican R	15595as	17590as
1130	1200	Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	9840as	
		12020as		
1135	1145	India, All India R/Aizawl	5050do	
1135	1145	India, All India R/Delhi	9595do	11710do
		15185do		
1135	1145	India, All India R/Shillong	4970do	

### 1200 UTC - 7AM EST / 6AM CST / 4AM PST

1200	1230	Germany, AWR Europe	17510as	
1200	1230	Japan, R Japan NHK World	6120na	9695as
1200	1230	Saudi Arabia, BSKSA/External Svc	15250af	
1200	1256	Romania, R Romania Intl	15430eu	15460eu
		17530af	17765af	
1200	1257	China, China R International	5955as	7250as
		9460as	9660as	9645as
		9760 oa	11650as	11690as
		12015as	13665eu	13790eu
		17490eu		13980as
1200	1258	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa	
1200	1300	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
		11775na		
1200	1300	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do
1200	1300	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1200	1300	Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek	2325do	
1200	1300	Australia, R Australia	6020va	6140as
		9475as	9560as	9580pa
				9590pa
1200	1300	DRM	Australia, R Australia	5995va
1200	1300		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me
1200	1300	Sat/ DRM	Belgium, TDP Radio	6015eu
1200	1300	Sat/Sun	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na
1200	1300		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na
1200	1300		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na
1200	1300		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na
1200	1300		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na
1200	1300		Ethiopia, R Ethiopia/Natl Pgm	9705do
1200	1300	Sun	Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Euro Gospel R	9510eu
1200	1300		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do
1200	1300		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	9690af
1200	1300	Sat/Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as
1200	1300	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	7325eu
			12000as	7340as
1200	1300		Russia, Voice of Russia	7350as
			11660as	9560as
1200	1300		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af
1200	1300		South Korea, KBS World R	9650na
1200	1300		UK, BBC World Service	5875as
			6195as	9740as
			15310as	11760me
			21470af	11895as
				17830as
1200	1300		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb
			12759usb	7812usb
				12133usb
1200	1300		USA, BBG/Voice of America	7575as
			11700pa	11750pa
				12150va
1200	1300		USA, EWTVN/WEWN Irondale AL	14610eu
1200	1300		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na
1200	1300		USA, KNLS Anchor Point AK	9615as
1200	1300		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am
1200	1300	smtwhf	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	7385na
1200	1300		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	5755am
			12105na	9990am
1200	1300		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	4890na
			9980af	5935af
				15825eu
1200	1300		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na
1200	1300		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	9310as
			17520as	17880as
1200	1300		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af
			17695af	
1215	1300		Egypt, R Cairo	17870as
1230	1245		India, All India R/Aizawl	5050do
1230	1245		India, All India R/Chennai	4920do
1230	1245		India, All India R/Delhi	4860do
1230	1245		India, All India R/Hyderabad	4800do
1230	1245		India, All India R/Jeyapore	5040do
1230	1245		India, All India R/Kurseong	4895do
1230	1245		India, All India R/Port Blair	4760do
1230	1245		India, All India R/R Kashmir	4950do

1230	1245	India, All India R/Shillong	4970do	
1230	1245	India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram	5010do	
1230	1300	Thailand, R Thailand World Svc	9720va	
1230	1300	Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	9840as	
		12020as		

### 1300 UTC - 8AM EST / 7AM CST / 5AM PST

1300	1330		Egypt, R Cairo	17870as	
1300	1330		Japan, R Japan NHK World	11730as	
1300	1357		China, China R International	5995as	7300as
			9570na	9655as	9730as
			9870as	11760pa	11885na
			11980as	13670eu	13790eu
					15230na
1300	1400		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
			11775na		
1300	1400		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do
1300	1400		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1300	1400	DRM	Australia, R Australia	5995va	
1300	1400		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1300	1400	Sun/DRM	Belgium, TDP Radio	6015na	
1300	1400	Sat/Sun	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na	
1300	1400		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1300	1400		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na	
1300	1400		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1300	1400		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
1300	1400		Indonesia, Voice of Indonesia	9525va	
1300	1400		Italy, IRRS-Shortwave	15190va	
1300	1400		Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Overcomer Ministry	15190pa	
1300	1400		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
1300	1400		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	5950pa	
1300	1400		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	9690af	
1300	1400		North Korea, Voice of Korea	3560as	7570eu
			9335na	11710na	12015eu
1300	1400	Sat/Sun	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as	
1300	1400	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	7325eu	7340as
			9675eu		
1300	1400		Russia, Voice of Russia	7205as	7260as
			9560as		
1300	1400		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af	
1300	1400		South Korea, KBS World R	9570do	
1300	1400		Tajikistan, Voice of Tajik	7245va	
1300	1400		UK, BBC World Service	5875as	6190af
			6195as	9410as	9740as
			11890as	12095af	15310as
			15575me	17640af	17830as
					21470af
1300	1400		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
			12759usb	13362usb	12133usb
1300	1400	Sat/Sun	USA, BBG/Voice of America	7575as	9640as
			11700va	12150va	
1300	1400		USA, EWTVN/WEWN Irondale AL	15610eu	
1300	1400		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
1300	1400		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
1300	1400	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9840na	
1300	1400		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am
			12105na		
1300	1400		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	7490af	9980af
			13845eu	15825eu	
1300	1400		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na	
1300	1400		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	5835as	
			9310as	9390as	11520as
					11540as
1300	1400		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
			17695af		
1330	1345		India, All India R/Delhi	6085do	
1330	1400		India, All India R/External Svc	9690as	11620as
			13710as		
1330	1400		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	12035va	
1330	1400		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	9840as	
			12020as		

### 1400 UTC - 9AM EST / 8AM CST / 6AM PST

1400	1415	Sun	Germany, Pan American Broadcasting	15205as	
1400	1430		Japan, R Japan NHK World	5955as	11695as
			21560af		
1400	1430		Serbia, International R Serbia	9635eu	
1400	1430		Thailand, R Thailand World Svc	9725va	
1400	1430		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	12035va	

1400	1457	China, China R International	5955as	7300as
		9460as	9700eu	9765eu
		11665as	13675na	13740na
		17630af		
1400	1457	Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	12080as	
1400	1500	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
		11775na		
1400	1500	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do
1400	1500	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1400	1500	Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		2325do
1400	1500	Australia, R Australia	5995va	6080as
		7240pa	9590pa	11660as
1400	1500	Bahrain, R Bahrain		6010me
1400	1500	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	15470as
1400	1500	Sat/Sun	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na
1400	1500		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na
1400	1500		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na
1400	1500		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na
1400	1500		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na
1400	1500	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R East Africa/Malabo	15190af
1400	1500		India, All India R/External Svc	9690as
			13710as	11620as
1400	1500		Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Overcomer Ministry	
			15190va	
1400	1500		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do
1400	1500		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	5950pa
1400	1500		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	9690af
1400	1500		Oman, R Sultanate of Oman	15140va
1400	1500	Sat	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI	9930as
1400	1500	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	7340as
1400	1500		Russia, Voice of Russia	4975va
			7310as	11660as
1400	1500		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af
1400	1500		UK, BBC World Service	5845as
			5975as	6190af
			6195as	9410as
			9740as	11760me
			11890as	12095af
			15420af	17640af
			17830as	
1400	1500		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb
			7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb
1400	1500		USA, BBG/Voice of America	6080af
			17650af	17715af
1400	1500	mtwhf	USA, BBG/Voice of America	7575as
			12150va	9760as
1400	1500		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	15610eu
1400	1500		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na
1400	1500		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am
1400	1500	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	21600af
1400	1500	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9680na
1400	1500		USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na
1400	1500		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	9480na
			12105na	9990am
1400	1500		USA, WWCN Nashville TN	7490af
			13845eu	15825eu
1400	1500		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na
1400	1500		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	5835as
			9365as	11540as
			11560as	
1400	1500		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af
			17695af	
1405	1435	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9390as
1415	1430	mtwhfa	Germany, Pan American Broadcasting	15205as
1415	1500		Nepal, R Nepal	5005as
1420	1440		India, All India R/Itanagar	4990do
1430	1445	Sun	Germany, Pan American Broadcasting	15205as
1430	1445		India, All India R/Aizawl	5050do
1430	1445		India, All India R/Delhi	6085do
			9835do	9575do
1430	1445		India, All India R/Jeyapore	5040do
1430	1445		India, All India R/Mumbai	4840do
1430	1500		Australia, R Australia	9475as
1430	1500	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	15470af
1430	1500	Sat	India, All India R/Gangtok	4835do
1445	1500		Australia, HCJB Global Australia	15340as
1450	1500		India, All India R/Itanagar	4990do
1450	1500		India, All India R/Kurseong	4895do

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1500	1515	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	13740as
1500	1525	Sun	China, Haixa zhi Sheng/VO Strait	4940do
			9505do	
1500	1525	mh	Guam, TWR Asia/KTWR	15200as
1500	1530		Australia, HCJB Global Australia	15340as
1500	1530		Clandestine, SRS/Sudan R Service	17745af

1500	1530		India, All India R/Jeyapore	5040do
1500	1530		USA, WRMI/R Prague relay	9955am
1500	1530		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	7285as
			9840as	12020as
1500	1535	twas	Guam, TWR Asia/KTWR	15200as
1500	1550		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	5950pa
1500	1557		China, China R International	5955as
			7325as	7405as
			9435eu	9525eu
			9720va	9785as
			9870as	13740na
			17630af	
1500	1559		Canada, R Canada International	9635as
			11975as	
1500	1559		South Africa, Channel Africa	9625af
1500	1600		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network	
			11775na	
1500	1600		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	2310do
1500	1600		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do
1500	1600		Australia, R Australia	5995va
			7240pa	9475as
			9590pa	11660as
1500	1600		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me
1500	1600		Bhutan, Bhutan Broadcasting Svc	6035do
1500	1600	Sat/Sun	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na
1500	1600		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na
1500	1600		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na
1500	1600		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na
1500	1600		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na
1500	1600	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R East Africa/Malabo	15190af
1500	1600		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do
1500	1600		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	15120af
1500	1600		North Korea, Voice of Korea	3560as
			9335na	11710na
			12015eu	
1500	1600	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	7340as
1500	1600		Russia, Voice of Russia	4975va
			9660as	9880as
1500	1600		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af
1500	1600		Uganda, Dunamis Shortwave	4750do
1500	1600		UK, BBC World Service	5875as
			6195as	9410as
			9490af	9505as
			11830me	12095af
			15400af	15420af
			17640af	17830as
1500	1600	DRM	UK, BBC World Service	5845as
1500	1600		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb
			5446usb	5765usb
			7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb
1500	1600		USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af
			7575as	9930pa
			11840va	12150va
			13570va	15580af
			17715af	17895af
1500	1600		USA, BBG/Voice of America/Special English	
			6140va	7465va
			7520va	9760va
			9945va	
1500	1600		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	15610eu
1500	1600		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na
1500	1600		USA, KNLS Anchor Point AK	9655as
1500	1600		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am
1500	1600	Sat	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	15420am
1500	1600	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	17570va
1500	1600	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	21630af
1500	1600		USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca
1500	1600		USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na
1500	1600		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	9480na
			12105na	9990am
1500	1600		USA, WWCN Nashville TN	7490af
			13845eu	15825eu
1500	1600		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na
1500	1600		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	6280as
			11610as	11995as
			21840af	
1500	1600		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af
			17695af	
1515	1530	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	13670as
1530	1545		India, All India R/Aizawl	5050do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Bengaluru	9425do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Bhopal	4810do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Chennai	4920do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Delhi	5015do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Guwahati	4940do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Hyderabad	4800do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Itanagar	4990do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Jaipur	4910do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Kolkata	4820do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Kurseong	4895do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Lucknow	4880do
1530	1545		India, All India R/Panaji (Goa)	9820do



1530	1545	India, All India R/Port Blair	4760do	
1530	1545	India, All India R/R Kashmir	4950do	
1530	1545	India, All India R/Shillong	4970do	
1530	1545	India, All India R/Shimla	4965do	
1530	1545	India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram	5010do	
1530	1550	DRM Vatican City State, Vatican R	15180as	
1530	1550	Sat/DRM Vatican City State, Vatican R	15190as	
1530	1600	Afghanistan, R Afghanistan	7200as	
1530	1600	DRM Belgium, TDP Radio/Disco Palace	12115as	
1530	1600	h Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	13670as	
1530	1600	smtwa Germany, AWR Europe	15255as	
1530	1600	Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	13785as 15525as	
1530	1600	Mongolia, Voice of Mongolia	12085as	
1530	1600	Myanmar, Myanma R/Natl Svc	5985do	
1530	1600	Sat Vatican City State, Vatican R	7585as 11850as	
1551	1600	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	7440pa	
1551	1600	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	5950pa	

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1600	1627	Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	13785as 15525as	
1600	1630	Australia, R Australia	9580as	
1600	1630	DRM Belgium, TDP Radio/Disco Palace	12115as	
1600	1630	Guam, AWR/KSDA	11690as 11935as	
			15215as	
1600	1630	Myanmar, Myanma R/Natl Svc	5985do	
1600	1630	Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	7220me 7280eu 9550me 9730eu	
1600	1650	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	5950pa	
1600	1650	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	7440pa	
1600	1657	China, China R International	6060as 7235as	
			7255eu 7420af 7435af 9435eu	
			9570af 9875eu	
1600	1700	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network	11775na	
1600	1700	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	2310do	
1600	1700	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1600	1700	Australia, R Australia	5995va 6080as	
			7240pa 9475as 9710as 11660as	
1600	1700	Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1600	1700	Sat Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na	
1600	1700	Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1600	1700	Canada, CFPV Calgary AB	6030na	
1600	1700	Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1600	1700	Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
1600	1700	Egypt, R Cairo	15345af	
1600	1700	Sat/Sun Eqt Guinea, R East Africa/Malabo	15190af	
1600	1700	Ethiopia, R Ethiopia	7235va 9560va	
1600	1700	Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
1600	1700	North Korea, Voice of Korea	9990me 11545af	
1600	1700	DRM Russia, Voice of Russia	6180as	
1600	1700	Russia, Voice of Russia	4975va 7270me	
			9470me	
1600	1700	South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	13590af	
1600	1700	South Korea, KBS World R	9515eu 9640as	
1600	1700	Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl	9440as 12055as	
1600	1700	Uganda, Dunamis Shortwave	4750do	
1600	1700	UK, BBC World Service	3255af 5875as	
			5975as 6190af 9410as 9505as	
			11830me 12095af 13790af 15400af	
			15420af 17640af 17830as	
1600	1700	DRM UK, BBC World Service	5845as	
1600	1700	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb 5765usb 7812usb 12133usb	
			12759usb 13362usb	
1600	1700	USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af 6080af	
			15580af 17895af	
1600	1700	USA, BBG/Voice of America/Special English		
			13600va 15470va	
1600	1700	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	15610eu	
1600	1700	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
1600	1700	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
1600	1700	Sat USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	15420am	
1600	1700	Sun USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9840na	
1600	1700	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	11630af	
1600	1700	USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca	
1600	1700	USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na	
1600	1700	USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	9480na 9990am	
			12105na	
1600	1700	USA, WWCN Nashville TN	9980af 12160af	

			13845eu 15825eu	
1600	1700	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na	
1600	1700	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	11740as	
			17545af	
1600	1700	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	6065af	
			17695af	
1630	1700	Sun Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1630	1700	mtwhf USA, BBG/Voice of America	9790af 13635af	
1645	1700	mtwhfa Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1651	1700	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9890pa	
1651	1700	smtwhf New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9765pa	
1658	1700	Sat New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9765pa	

### 1700 UTC - 12PM EST / 11AM CST / 9AM PST

1700	1710	Pakistan, PBC/R Pakistan	7530eu 9470eu	
1700	1715	f Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1700	1720	th Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1700	1750	DRM New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9890pa	
1700	1750	smtwhf New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	9765pa	
1700	1755	South Africa, Channel Africa	15235af	
1700	1757	China, China R International	6090as 6100eu	
			6140as 7205eu 7255eu 7410as	
			7420as 7425as 9570af 9600as	
			13685af	
1700	1800	Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network	11775na	
1700	1800	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs	2310do	
1700	1800	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1700	1800	Australia, R Australia	5995va 6080as	
			9475as 9580pa 9710as 11880pa	
1700	1800	Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1700	1800	Sat/Sun Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1700	1800	Sat Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc	9625na	
1700	1800	Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1700	1800	Canada, CFPV Calgary AB	6030na	
1700	1800	Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1700	1800	Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC	6160na	
1700	1800	Egypt, R Cairo	15345af	
1700	1800	Sat/Sun Eqt Guinea, R Africa	7190af	
1700	1800	Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM	7295do	
1700	1800	DRM Russia, Voice of Russia	7300eu	
1700	1800	Russia, Voice of Russia	4975va 7240as	
			7270va 7330eu 9880as	
1700	1800	South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	4965af 13590af	
1700	1800	Swaziland, TWR Africa	3200af	
1700	1800	Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl	15690af	
1700	1800	UK, BBC World Service	5875as 5975as	
			6190af 7600as 9505as 12095af	
			13790af 15400af 15420af 17640af	
			17830af	
1700	1800	DRM UK, BBC World Service	5845as	
1700	1800	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb 5765usb 7812usb 12133usb	
			12759usb 13362usb	
1700	1800	USA, BBG/Voice of America	15580af 17895af	
1700	1800	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	15610eu	
1700	1800	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
1700	1800	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
1700	1800	Sat USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	15420am	
1700	1800	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	21630af	
1700	1800	Sun USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9840na	
1700	1800	USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca	
1700	1800	USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na	
1700	1800	USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	9480na 9990am	
			12105na	
1700	1800	USA, WWCN Nashville TN	9980af 12160af	
			13845eu 15825eu	
1700	1800	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na	
1700	1800	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	7385af	
			7395af 17540af 17545af	
1700	1800	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	4965af	
1730	1745	h Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Bhopal	4810do	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Delhi	5015do 7370do	
			9575do 9835do	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Guwahati	4940do	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Hyderabad	4800do	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Jaipur	4910do	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Kolkata	4820do	
1730	1745	India, All India R/Kurseong	4895do	

1730	1745		India, All India R/Lucknow	4880do	
1730	1745		India, All India R/R Kashmir	4950do	
1730	1745		India, All India R/Shimla	4965do	
1730	1745		India, All India R/Thiruvananthapuram	5010do	
1730	1800	mtwhf	Clandestine, SRS/Sudan R Service	9840af	
1730	1800	m	South Africa, South African R League	4895af	
1730	1800		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	11735as	
1730	1800		Vatican City State, Vatican R	9755af	11625af
			13765af		
1740	1745		India, All India R/Chennai	4920do	
1745	1800	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	13810af	
1745	1800	DRM	India, All India R/External Svc	9950eu	
1745	1800		India, All India R/External Svc	7400af	7410af
			7550eu	9415af	9445af
			11935af		11670eu
1751	1800	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11675pa	
1751	1800		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	
1758	1800	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11675pa	
1758	1800	Sat	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	

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1800	1815	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	7365as	
1800	1830	w	Austria, AWR Europe	11690af	
1800	1830	t	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1800	1830	DRM	Romania, R Romania Intl	5875eu	
1800	1830		South Africa, AWR Africa	3215af	3345af
1800	1830	m	South Africa, South African R League	3230af	
1800	1830		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	11735as	
1800	1830		UK, BBC World Service	5975as	7600as
			9505as		
1800	1830		USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af	6080af
			13635af	15580af	
1800	1830		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	5955eu	
1800	1850	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11675pa	
1800	1856	DRM	Romania, R Romania Intl	9745eu	
1800	1856		Romania, R Romania Intl	11955eu	
1800	1857		China, China R International	6100eu	6165as
			7405eu	13685af	
1800	1859		Canada, R Canada International	9740va	
			9770af	11845af	15365af
			17790af		
1800	1900		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
			11775na		
1800	1900	mtwhf	Argentina, RAE	15345eu	
1800	1900		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do
1800	1900		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1800	1900		Australia, R Australia	6080as	7240pa
			9475as	9580pa	9710as
					11880pa
1800	1900		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1800	1900	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	6110me	
			9460me		
1800	1900	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	6110me	
1800	1900		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1800	1900		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na	
1800	1900		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1800	1900		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na
1800	1900	Sat/Sun	Eq Guinea, R Africa	7190af	
1800	1900	DRM	India, All India R/External Svc	9950eu	
1800	1900		India, All India R/External Svc	7400af	7410af
			7550eu	9415af	9445af
			11935af		11670eu
1800	1900		Kuwait, R Kuwait	15540eu	
1800	1900		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do
1800	1900		Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	11655af	
1800	1900		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	
1800	1900		Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria	15120af	
1800	1900		North Korea, Voice of Korea	3560as	7570eu
			12015eu		
1800	1900		Poland, Polskie R Warsaw	3955eu	
1800	1900	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	6145eu	7300eu
1800	1900		Russia, Voice of Russia	7270va	7330eu
			11985va	12060eu	
1800	1900		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	4965af	13590af
1800	1900		South Korea, KBS World R	7275eu	
1800	1900		Taiwan, R Taiwan Intl	3965eu	
1800	1900		UK, BBC World Service	3255af	5945as
			6190af	9430af	11810af
					15400af
1800	1900		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
			12759usb	13362usb	12133usb

1800	1900		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL	15610af	
1800	1900		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC	9370na	
1800	1900		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
1800	1900	fas	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	21630af	
1800	1900	Sat/Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC	9840na	
1800	1900		USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca	
1800	1900		USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na	
1800	1900		USA, WTWW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am
			12105na		
1800	1900		USA, WWCN Nashville TN	9980af	12160af
			13845eu	15825eu	
1800	1900		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na	
1800	1900		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide	5890af	
			7385af	7395af	9895af
			12140af	13750af	11665af
1800	1900		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice	4965af	
			17695af		
1830	1845		India, All India R/Delhi	5015do	
1830	1900	Sun	Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Euro Gospel R	7290eu	
1830	1900		South Africa, AWR Africa	11830af	
1830	1900		UK, BBC World Service	9410af	
1830	1900		USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af	6080af
			13635af	15580af	
1851	1900	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa	
1858	1900	Sat/DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa	

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1900	1915	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9460me	
1900	1928		Germany, Deutsche Welle	12045af	
1900	1930		Germany, Deutsche Welle	9735af	12070af
1900	1930		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	7280eu	
			9730eu		
1900	1945	DRM	India, All India R/External Svc	9950eu	
1900	1945		India, All India R/External Svc	7400af	7410af
			7550eu	9415af	9445af
			11935af		11670eu
1900	1950	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	15720pa	
1900	1957		China, China R International	7295as	7435 `af
			9440as		
1900	1957		Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	11655af	
1900	1959		Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	11615af	
1900	2000		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
			11775na		
1900	2000		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do
1900	2000		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do	
1900	2000		Australia, R Australia	6080as	7240pa
			9500as	9580pa	9710as
					11880pa
1900	2000		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
1900	2000	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9470me	
1900	2000	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	6030eu	
1900	2000		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
1900	2000		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na	
1900	2000		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
1900	2000		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na
1900	2000	Sat/Sun	Eq Guinea, R Africa	7190af	
1900	2000		Indonesia, Voice of Indonesia	9525va	
1900	2000		Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Overcomer Ministry	7290va	
1900	2000	fas	Italy, IRRS-Shortwave/Overcomer Ministry	7290eu	
1900	2000		Kuwait, R Kuwait	15540eu	
1900	2000		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do
1900	2000		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei	4755as	
1900	2000		Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	7425af	
1900	2000		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl	11725pa	
1900	2000		North Korea, Voice of Korea	7210af	9975me
			11535af	11910af	
1900	2000	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia	6040eu	
1900	2000		Russia, Voice of Russia	7330eu	
1900	2000		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	4965af	13590af
1900	2000	mtwhf	Spain, R Exterior de Espana	9605af	9665eu
1900	2000		Swaziland, TWR Africa	3200af	
1900	2000		Thailand, R Thailand World Svc		9680eu
1900	2000		UK, BBC World Service	3255af	5945as
			6005af	9410af	9430af
			15400af		11810af
1900	2000		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
					12133usb



		12759usb	13362usb		
1900	2000	USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af	4940af	
		6080af	7480va	9590va	15580af
1900	2000	USA, BBG/Voice of America/Special English			
		7480va	9590va		
1900	2000	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		15610af	
1900	2000	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na	
1900	2000	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am		
1900	2000	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		9840na	
1900	2000	USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca		
1900	2000	USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na		
1900	2000	USA, WTTW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am	
		12105na			
1900	2000	USA, WWCR Nashville TN	9980af	12160af	
		13845eu	15825eu		
1900	2000	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na		
1900	2000	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		3230af	
		5850af	6020af	7395af	9610af
		9705af	9885af	9925af	
		18980eu			
1900	2000	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice		4965af	
		13590af			
1905	1920	Sat	Mali, ORTM/R Mali	9635do	
1915	1945	Sat	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	6030eu	
1915	1945	Sun	Canada, Bible Voice Broadcasting	9470me	
1930	2000	Sat/Sun	Germany, Pan American Broadcasting	6040af	
1930	2000		Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	6010eu	6115eu
			13670af	15450af	
1930	2000		Serbia, International R Serbia	6100eu	
1930	2000		South Africa, RTE R Worldwide		5820af
1930	2000		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	6050va	
1951	2000	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa
1958	2000	Sat/DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa

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2000	2027		Iran, IRIB/VOIRI	6010eu	6115eu	7320eu
			13670af	15450af		
2000	2030	Sat	Germany, Pan American Broadcasting		6040af	
2000	2030		South Africa, RTE R Worldwide		5840af	
2000	2030		Swaziland, TWR Africa	3200af		
2000	2030		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	6050va		
2000	2030		Vatican City State, Vatican R	7365af	9755af	
			11625af			
2000	2050	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa	
2000	2057		China, China R International	5960eu	5985af	
			7285eu	7295as	7415eu	9440as
			9600eu	11640af	13630af	
2000	2057		Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide		7425af	
			11615af			
2000	2100		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network			
			11775na			
2000	2100		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do	
2000	2100		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do		
2000	2100		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		2325do	
2000	2100		Australia, R Australia	9500as	11650as	
			11660pa	11880pa		
2000	2100	mtwhf	Australia, R Australia		7240pa	
2000	2100	Sat/Sun	Australia, R Australia	6080as	7240pa	
			12080va			
2000	2100		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me		
2000	2100		Belarus, R Station Belarus	6155eu	7360eu	
			7390eu			
2000	2100	DRM	Belgium, TDP Radio/Disco Palace		17755na	
2000	2100		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na		
2000	2100		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na		
2000	2100		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na		
2000	2100		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na	
2000	2100	f	Clandestine, JSR/Shiokaze/Sea Breeze	5965as		
			5910al	6110al		
2000	2100		Cuba, R Havana Cuba	11760ca		
2000	2100	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R Africa	7190af		
2000	2100		Germany, Deutsche Welle	9655af	9735af	
			12070af			
2000	2100		Kuwait, R Kuwait	15540eu		
2000	2100		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do	
2000	2100		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755as	
2000	2100		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		11725pa	

2000	2100	DRM	Russia, Voice of Russia		6040eu	
2000	2100		Russia, Voice of Russia		7330eu	
2000	2100		South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	4965af	9505af	
2000	2100		UK, BBC World Service	3255af	6005af	
			6190af	9410af	9430af	11810af
			15400af			
2000	2100		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS		4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb	12133usb
			12759usb	13362usb		
2000	2100	mtwhf	USA, BBG/Voice of America	7470va	9480va	
			9490va			
2000	2100		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		15610af	
2000	2100		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na	
2000	2100		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	15420am	
2000	2100	smtwhf	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am		
2000	2100	Sun	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		9895va	
2000	2100	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		17520af	
2000	2100		USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca		
2000	2100		USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na		
2000	2100		USA, WTTW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am	
			12105na			
2000	2100		USA, WWCR Nashville TN	9980af	12160af	
			13845eu	15825eu		
2000	2100		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	9395na		
2000	2100		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		6020af	
			9925af	15195af	15520af	
2000	2100		Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice		4965af	
			13590af			
2030	2045		Thailand, R Thailand World Svc		9535eu	
2030	2100		USA, BBG/Voice of America	4930af	6080af	
			7560as	15580af		
2030	2100	Sat/Sun	USA, BBG/Voice of America	4940af		
2030	2100		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	7270me	7280eu	9550me
			9730eu			
2045	2100		India, All India R/External Svc	7550eu	9445eu	
			11670eu	11715pa		
2045	2100	DRM	India, All India R/External Svc	9950eu		
2045	2100	DRM	Vatican City State, Vatican R		9800am	
2050	2100		Vatican City State, Vatican R	3975eu	6075eu	
			7250eu			
2051	2100	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa	

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2100	2127		China, China R International	11640af	13630af	
2100	2130	mtwhfa	Albania, R Tirana	7530na		
2100	2130		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		2310do	
2100	2130		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	2485do		
2100	2130		Australia, ABC NT Tennant Creek		2325do	
2100	2130		Austria, AWR Europe	9830af		
2100	2130	Sat	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc		9625na	
2100	2150		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		11725pa	
2100	2150	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa	
2100	2157		China, China R International	5960eu	5690eu	
			7205af	7285eu	7405af	7415eu
			9600eu			
2100	2200		Angola, Angolan National R		7217af	
2100	2200		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network			
			11775na			
2100	2200		Australia, R Australia	9500as	9660pa	
			11650as	11660pa	11695va	12080va
			13630va	15515va		
2100	2200		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me		
2100	2200		Belarus, R Station Belarus	6155eu	7360eu	
			7390eu			
2100	2200		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na		
2100	2200		Canada, CFVP Calgary AB	6030na		
2100	2200		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na		
2100	2200		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na	
2100	2200	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R Africa	7190af		
2100	2200		Germany, Deutsche Welle	12070af		
2100	2200		India, All India R/External Svc	7550eu	9445eu	
			11670pa	11715pa		
2100	2200	DRM	India, All India R/External Svc	9950eu		
2100	2200		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do	
2100	2200		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755 as	
2100	2200		North Korea, Voice of Korea	3560as	7570eu	
			12015eu			

2100	2200	Russia, Voice of Russia	7300eu	
2100	2200	South Africa, CVC 1 Africa R	4965af	9505af
2100	2200	Syria, R Damascus	9330va	
2100	2200	UK, BBC World Service	3255af	3915as
		5875as	5905af	5955af
		6190af	6195as	9410af
		12095af	9915af	
2100	2200	USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
		5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
		12759usb	13362usb	12133usb
2100	2200	USA, BBG/Voice of America	6080af	15580af
2100	2200	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		15610af
2100	2200	USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na
2100	2200	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	15420am
2100	2200	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am	
2100	2200	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		9490va
2100	2200	USA, WINB Red Lion PA	13570ca	
2100	2200	USA, WJHR Intl Milton FL	15550na	
2100	2200	USA, WTVW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am
		12105na		
2100	2200	USA, WWCN Nashville TN	7465eu	9350af
		9980af	13845eu	
2100	2200	USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3215na	9395na
2100	2200	USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		7425af
		9925af	15195af	
2100	2200	Zambia, CVC R Christian Voice		4965af
		13590af		
2115	2200	Egypt, R Cairo	6270eu	
2130	2156	Romania, R Romania Intl	6030na	7310na
		7380na	9435na	
2130	2200	Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		4835do
2130	2200	Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do	
2130	2200	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc		9625na
2130	2200	Turkey, Voice of Turkey	9610va	
2151	2200	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa
2151	2200	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa
2158	2200	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa
2158	2200	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa

**2200 UTC - 5PM EST / 4PM CST / 2PM PST**

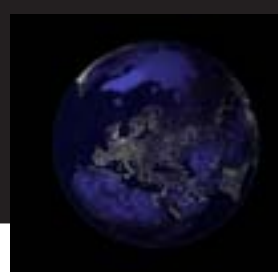
2200	2215	†	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am	
2200	2230		India, All India R/External Svc	7550eu	9445eu
			11670pa	11715pa	
2200	2230		Serbia, International R Serbia	6100eu	
2200	2230		South Korea, KBS World R	3955eu	
2200	2230		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	9610va	
2200	2245		Egypt, R Cairo	6270eu	
2200	2257		China, China R International	5915as	
2200	2300		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		6090na
2200	2300		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		4835do
2200	2300		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do	
2200	2300		Australia, R Australia	9855as	11550as
			12080va	13630va	15230va
			15515va	15240va	
2200	2300	fa	Australia, R Australia	9660pa	
2200	2300		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
2200	2300	smtwhf	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc		9625na
2200	2300		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
2200	2300		Canada, CFPV Calgary AB	6030na	
2200	2300		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
2200	2300		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na
2200	2300	Sat/Sun	Eqt Guinea, R Africa	7190af	
2200	2300	DRM	India, All India R/External Svc	11645as	
2200	2300		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do
2200	2300		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755 as
2200	2300		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa
2200	2300	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa
2200	2300		Russia, Voice of Russia	7250va	11830na
2200	2300	Sat/Sun	Spain, R Exterior de Espana	6125eu	
2200	2300		UK, BBC World Service	3915as	5875as
			5890as	5965as	6190af
			7490as	9915af	12095af
2200	2300		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
			12759usb	13362usb	12133usb
2200	2300	smtwh	USA, BBG/Voice of America	5840as	7365as
			7425pa	7570va	11860va

2200	2300		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		15610af
2200	2300		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na
2200	2300	smwhf	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am	
2200	2300		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
2200	2300	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		9490va
2200	2300	f	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		15180na
2200	2300	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		9505va
2200	2300		USA, WINB Red Lion PA	9265ca	
2200	2300		USA, WTVW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am
			12105na		
2200	2300		USA, WWCN Nashville TN	7465eu	9350af
			9980af	13845eu	
2200	2300		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3215na	5050va
			5745va	9395na	
2230	2300		Guam, AWR/KSDA		15320as
2230	2300	fa	Palau, T8WH/ WHRI		9930as
2230	2300		USA, BBG/Voice of America	7545as	9570pa
2230	2300		USA, BBG/Voice of America/Special English		
			5810va	7545va	9570va
2245	2300		India, All India R/External Svc	6055as	7305as
			13605as		

**2300 UTC - 6PM EST / 5PM CST / 3PM PST**

2300	0000		Anguilla/Caribbean Beacon/Univ Network		
			6090na		
2300	0000		Australia, ABC NT Alice Springs		4835do
2300	0000		Australia, ABC NT Katherine	5025do	
2300	0000		Australia, R Australia	9855as	9660pa
			12080va	13690va	15230va
			17795pa		15515pa
2300	0000		Bahrain, R Bahrain	6010me	
2300	0000	smtwhf	Canada, CBC Northern Quebec Svc		9625na
2300	0000		Canada, CFRX Toronto ON	6070na	
2300	0000		Canada, CFPV Calgary AB	6030na	
2300	0000		Canada, CKZN St Johns NF	6160na	
2300	0000		Canada, CKZU Vancouver BC		6160na
2300	0000		Egypt, R Cairo	6270na	
2300	0000		India, All India R/External Svc	6055as	7305as
			13605as		
2300	0000		Malaysia, RTM Kajang/Traxx FM		7295do
2300	0000		Micronesia, V6MP/Cross R/Pohnpei		4755 as
2300	0000		New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		15720pa
2300	0000	DRM	New Zealand, R New Zealand Intl		17675pa
2300	0000		Russia, Voice of Russia	7250va	7290va
2300	0000		Turkey, Voice of Turkey	5960va	
2300	0000		UK, BBC World Service	3915as	5875as
			5980as	6195as	7490as
			11955as		
2300	0000		USA, Amer Forces Network/AFRTS	4319usb	
			5446usb	5765usb	7812usb
			12759usb	13362usb	12133usb
2300	0000		USA, BBG/Voice of America	5840as	5895as
			7365as	7460as	7480pa
			9490va	11840va	11860va
2300	0000		USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale AL		15610af
2300	0000		USA, FBN/WTJC Newport NC		9370na
2300	0000	smtwhf	USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	7490am	
2300	0000		USA, WBCQ Monticello ME	9330am	
2300	0000	Sat	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		9505va
2300	0000	smtwhf	USA, WHRI Cypress Creek SC		7385ca
2300	0000		USA, WINB Red Lion PA	9265ca	
2300	0000		USA, WTVW Lebanon TN	9480na	9990am
			12105na		
2300	0000		USA, WWCN Nashville TN	3195eu	5070af
			9980af	13845eu	
2300	0000		USA, WWRB Manchester TN	3215na	5050va
			5745va	9395na	
2300	0000		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		9430af
			15400af		
2300	2330		Australia, R Australia		15240as
2300	2330	DRM	Vatican City State, Vatican R		7370am
2300	2356		Romania, R Romania Intl	6015eu	7220eu
			7300eu	9530eu	
2300	2357		China, China R International	5915as	5990me
			6040na	6145as	7350eu
			9535as	11790as	11970va
2315	0000		USA, WYFR/Family R Worldwide		6115va
2315	2330		Croatia, Voice of Croatia	3985ca	7375eu
2330	0000		Australia, R Australia		15415va
2330	0000		Vietnam, Voice of Vietnam/Overseas Svc	9840as	
			12020as		
2330	2345		India, All India R/Aligarh		9470do





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## Shortwave Broadcast Guide

### SPANISH

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#### 0600 UTC - 1AM EST / 12AM CST / 10PM PST

0600 0627	Iran, IRIB/ VOIRI	13710eu	15330sa
0600 0657	China, China Radio International		15135eu
0600 0700	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia		6010do
0600 0700	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare		6035do
0600 0700	Colombia, Marfil Estereo		5910do
0600 0700	Cuba, Radio Rebelde		5025na
0600 0700	Ecuador, Radio Quito		4919do
0600 0700	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata		5005do
0600 0700	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo		6250do
0600 0700	Mexico, Radio Educacion		6185do
0600 0700	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta		6010do
0600 0700	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America		4800do
0600 0700	Peru, Radio Victoria		6019do 9720do
0600 0700	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
0600 0700	South Korea, KBS World Radio		6045eu
0600 0700 DRM	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9780eu
0600 0700	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		5965sa
0600 0700			12035eu
0600 0700 twhf	USA, BBG/Radio Marti		6030ca 7405ca
0600 0700	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL		7555ca
0600 0700			11870sa
0600 0700	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		5985na
0600 0700			9505ca 9715na
0630 0700	USA, WRMI/Radio Prague relay		9955am

#### 0700 UTC - 2AM EST / 1AM CST / 11PM PST

0700 0730	Bulgaria, Radio Bulgaria		7300eu 9800eu
0700 0745	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		9355eu
0700 0757	China, China Radio International		15135eu
0700 0800	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia		6010do
0700 0800	Colombia, Marfil Estereo		5910do
0700 0800	Cuba, Radio Rebelde		5025na
0700 0800	Ecuador, Radio Quito		4919do
0700 0800	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata		5005do
0700 0800	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo		6250do
0700 0800	Mexico, Radio Educacion		6185do
0700 0800	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta		6010do
0700 0800	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America		4800do
0700 0800	Peru, Radio Victoria		6019do 9720do
0700 0800	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
0700 0800 DRM	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9780eu
0700 0800	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		5965sa
0700 0800			12035eu
0700 0800 twhf	USA, BBG/Radio Marti		5980ca 6030ca
0700 0800	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL		7555ca
0700 0800			11870sa
0700 0800	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		5850ca
0700 0800			9715na

#### 0800 UTC - 3AM EST / 2AM CST / 12AM PST

0800 0900 fa	Bolivia, Radio Fides		6155do 9625do
0800 0900	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia		6010do
0800 0900	Colombia, Marfil Estereo		5910do
0800 0900	Cuba, Radio Rebelde		5025na
0800 0900	Ecuador, Radio Quito		4919do

0800 0900	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata		5005do
0800 0900	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo		6250do
0800 0900	Mexico, Radio Educacion		6185do
0800 0900	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta		6010do
0800 0900	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America		4800do
0800 0900	Peru, Radio JPI del Peru		3360do
0800 0900	Peru, Radio Victoria		6019do 9720do
0800 0900	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
0800 0900 DRM	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9780eu
0800 0900	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		12035eu
0800 0900	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		13720eu
0800 0900 twhf	USA, BBG/Radio Marti		5980ca 6030ca
0800 0900	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL		7555ca
0800 0900			11870sa
0800 0900	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		5850ca
0800 0900			9505ca 9715na 11855ca
0830 0900	Bolivia, Radio Casachun Coca		6075do

#### 0900 UTC - 4AM EST / 3AM CST / 1AM PST

0900 0945	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		5850ca
0900 0945			9505ca
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio Casachun Coca		6075do
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio Fides		6155do 9625do
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio Logos		4865do
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio Loyola		5996do
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio Mosoj Chaski		3310do
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel		6080do
0900 1000	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana		4451do
0900 1000	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia		6010do
0900 1000	Colombia, Marfil Estereo		5910do
0900 1000	Cuba, Radio Rebelde		5025na
0900 1000	Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl		6025do
0900 1000	Dominican Republic, Radio Cristal Intl		5009do
0900 1000	Ecuador, La Voz del Napo		3280do
0900 1000	Ecuador, Radio Quito		4919do
0900 1000	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata		5005do
0900 1000	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo		6250do
0900 1000	Mexico, Radio Educacion		6185do
0900 1000	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta		6010do
0900 1000	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America		4800do
0900 1000	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga		3329do
0900 1000	Peru, Radio JPI del Peru		3360do
0900 1000	Peru, Radio Victoria		6019do 9720do
0900 1000	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
0900 1000	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		13720eu
0900 1000			15585eu 21610eu
0900 1000	USA, BBG/Radio Marti		5980ca 6030ca
0900 1000			9805ca
0900 1000	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL		7555ca
0900 1000			11870sa
0900 1000	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		5950na
0900 1000			9715na 9550sa 11855sa 11970sa
0900 1000	Venezuela, Radio Nacional de Venezuela		6180am
0930 1000	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva		6025do
0930 1000	Bolivia, Yatun Ayllu Yura/Radio Yura		4717do
0930 1000	Peru, Radio Cusco6195do		
0930 1000	USA, WRMI/Radio Prague relay		9955am
0945 1000	Bolivia, Radio Pio XII		5952do
0950 1000	Peru, Radio Manantial		4986do

**1000 UTC - 5AM EST / 4AM CST / 2AM PST**

1000	1030	France, Radio France Internationale	7375ca	
		9825ca		
1000	1030	Japan, Radio Japan NHK World	6120ca	
		6195sa		
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Casachun Coca	6075do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva	6025do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Mosoj Chaski	3310do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Pio XII	5952do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel	6080do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Radio Virgen de Remedios	4835do	
1000	1100	Bolivia, Yatun Ayllu Yura/Radio Yura	4717do	
1000	1100	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia	6010do	
1000	1100	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare	6035do	
1000	1100	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	
1000	1100	Cuba, Radio Rebelde	5025na	
1000	1100	Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl	6025do	
1000	1100	Dominican Republic, Radio Cristal Intl	5009do	
1000	1100	Ecuador, La Voz del Napo	3280do	
1000	1100	Ecuador, Radio Quito	4919do	
1000	1100	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata	5005do	
1000	1100	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo	6250do	
1000	1100	Mexico, Radio Educacion	6185do	
1000	1100	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta	6010do	
1000	1100	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America	4800do	
1000	1100	Peru, La Voz de la Selva	4824do	
1000	1100	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga	3329do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Altura 5014do		
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do		
1000	1100	Peru, Radio JPI del Peru	3360do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Libertad	5039do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Manantial	4986do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Maranon	4835do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Ondas del Suroiente	5120do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Santa Rosa	6047do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Tawantinsuyo	6174do	
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Victoria	6019do	9720do
1000	1100	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
1000	1100	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	13720eu	
		15585eu	21610eu	
1000	1100	USA, BBG/Radio Marti	5980ca	6030ca
		9805ca		
1000	1100	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL	7555ca	
		12050sa		
1000	1100	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide	6085ca	
		9550sa	9715ca	
1000	1100	Venezuela, Radio Amazonas	4940do	
1000	1100	Venezuela, Radio Nacional de Venezuela	6180am	
1015	1100	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1030	1000	USA, WRMI/Radio Slovakia Intl relay	9955ca	
1030	1100	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII	6055do	
1030	1100	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1030	1100	Peru, Radio Quillabamba	5025do	
1030	1100	Peru, Radio Sicuani	4826do	
1045	1100	Peru, La Voz de las Huarinjas	5059do	
1045	1100	Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do		
1050	1100	Peru, Radio Genesis	4850do	

**1100 UTC - 6AM EST / 5AM CST / 3AM PST**

1100	1127	Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	6165am	
1100	1130	Ecuador, HCJB Global Voice/Quito	6050sa	
1100	1130	Ecuador, La Voz del Napo	3280do	
1100	1130	Peru, Radio Genesis	4850do	
1100	1145	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide	5985na	
		9355sa	9715na	11855sa
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Casachun Coca	6075do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII	6055do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		

1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva	6025do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Lipez	4796do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Mosoj Chaski	3310do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Pio XII	5952do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel	6080do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	5580do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Santa Cruz	6135do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Radio Virgen de Remedios	4835do	
1100	1200	Bolivia, Yatun Ayllu Yura/Radio Yura	4717do	
1100	1200	Chile, CVC Voz Crista	9635sa	17680sa
1100	1200	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia	6010do	
1100	1200	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare	6035do	
1100	1200	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	
1100	1200	Cuba, Radio Rebelde	5025na	
1100	1200	Dominican Republic, Radio Cristal Intl	5009do	
1100	1200	Ecuador, HCJB Global Voice/Quito	6050ca	
1100	1200	Ecuador, Radio El Buen Pastor	4815do	
1100	1200	Ecuador, Radio Quito	4919do	
1100	1200	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata	5005do	
1100	1200	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo	6250do	
1100	1200	Honduras, HRMI/ Radio Misiones Intl	3340do	
1100	1200	Honduras, Radio Luz y Vida	3250do	
1100	1200	Mexico, Radio Educacion	6185do	
1100	1200	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta	6010do	
1100	1200	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America	4800do	
1100	1200	Peru, La Voz de la Selva	4824do	
1100	1200	Peru, La Voz de las Huarinjas	5059do	
1100	1200	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga	3329do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Altura 5014do		
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do		
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do		
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Huanta 2000	4747do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio JPI del Peru	3360do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Libertad	5039do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Madre de Dios	4950do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Manantial	4986do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Ondas del Suroiente	5120do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Quillabamba	5025do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Santa Rosa	6047do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Sicuani	4826do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Tarma 4775do		
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Tawantinsuyo	6174do	
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Victoria	6019do	9720do
1100	1200	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
1100	1200	South Korea, KBS World Radio	11795sa	
1100	1200	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	13720eu	
		15585eu	21610eu	
1100	1200	USA, BBG/Radio Marti	5980ca	6030ca
		9805ca		
1100	1200	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL	7555ca	
		12050sa		
1100	1200	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide	6085ca	
		9605sa	11970sa	
1100	1200	Venezuela, Radio Amazonas	4940do	
1100	1200	Venezuela, Radio Nacional de Venezuela	6180am	
1120	1200	Peru, Radio La Hora	4857do	
1130	1157	Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	6165sa	
1130	1200	Vatican City State, Vatican Radio	21680am	

**1200 UTC - 7AM EST / 6AM CST / 4AM PST**

1200	1227	Netherlands, R Netherlands Worldwide	6165sa	
		9810ca		
1200	1230	France, Radio France Internationale	15515ca	
1200	1258	Clandestine, Voice of Resistance	6070sa	
1200	1300	Argentina, RAE	11710am	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII	6055do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva	6025do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Lipez	4796do	



1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Mosoj Chaski	3310do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Pio XII	5952do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel	6080do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	5580do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Santa Cruz	6135do	
1200	1300	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1200	1300	Chile, CVC Voz Crista	9635sa	17680sa
1200	1300	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia		6010do
1200	1300	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare		6035do
1200	1300	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	
1200	1300	Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba	6010na	6140na
1200	1300		6150va	9540ca
			11690ca	11760va
			11840na	15230sa
			15380sa	15670sa
1200	1300	Cuba, Radio Rebelde	5025na	
1200	1300	Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl		6025do
1200	1300	Ecuador, HCJB Global Voice/Quito		6050sa
1200	1300	Ecuador, Radio El Buen Pastor	4815do	
1200	1300	Ecuador, Radio Quito	4919do	
1200	1300	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata		5005do
1200	1300	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo		6250do
1200	1300	Honduras, HRMI/ Radio Misiones Intl	3340do	
1200	1300	Honduras, Radio Luz y Vida	3250do	
1200	1300	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta		6010do
1200	1300	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America		4800do
1200	1300	Peru, La Voz de la Selva	4824do	
1200	1300	Peru, La Voz de las Huarinjas	5059do	
1200	1300	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga	3329do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Altura 5014do		
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do		
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do		
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Huanta 2000	4747do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio JPI del Peru	3360do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio La Hora	4857do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Libertad	5039do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Madre de Dios	4950do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Manantial	4986do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Maranon	4835do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Ondas del Suroiente		5120do
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Quillabamba	5025do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Santa Rosa	6047do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Sicuani	4826do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Tarma 4775do		
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Tawantinsuyo	6174do	
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Victoria	6019do	9720do
1200	1300	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
1200	1300	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9765ca
			11815sa	15170na
1200	1300	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		15125sa
1200	1300	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9765ca
			15170na	
1200	1300	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		11910as
			13720eu	15585eu
			21610eu	
1200	1300	USA, BBG/Radio Marti	6030ca	7405ca
			9805ca	
1200	1300	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL		7555ca
			12050sa	
1200	1300	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		6085ca
			7730sa	9605sa
			11970sa	13800sa
			15130na	15770sa
1200	1300	Venezuela, Radio Amazonas	4940do	
1200	1300	Venezuela, Radio Nacional de Venezuela		11705am
1230	1300	Antarctica, Radio Nacional LRA36		15476va

**1300 UTC - 8AM EST / 7AM CST / 5AM PST**

1300	1325	Peru, Radio Huanta 2000	4747do	
1300	1345	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		7730sa
			9605sa	
1300	1400	Antarctica, Radio Nacional LRA36		15476va
1300	1400	Argentina, RAE	11710am	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII		6055do
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do

1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva		6025do
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Lipez	4796do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Pio XII	5952do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Pio XII	5952do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel	6080do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	5580do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Santa Cruz	6135do	
1300	1400	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1300	1400	Chile, CVC Voz Crista	9635sa	17680sa
1300	1400	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia		6010do
1300	1400	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare		6035do
1300	1400	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	
1300	1400	Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba	9540ca	9850na
1300	1400		11690ca	11750ca
			11760va	11840na
			13750sa	15230sa
			15380sa	15670sa
1300	1400	Cuba, Radio Rebelde	5025na	
1300	1400	Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl		6025do
1300	1400	Ecuador, HCJB Global Voice/Quito		6050sa
1300	1400	Ecuador, La Voz del Napo	3280do	
1300	1400	Ecuador, Radio El Buen Pastor	4815do	
1300	1400	Ecuador, Radio Quito	4919do	
1300	1400	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata		5005do
1300	1400	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo		6250do
1300	1400	Honduras, HRMI/ Radio Misiones Intl	3340do	
1300	1400	Honduras, Radio Luz y Vida	3250do	
1300	1400	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta		6010do
1300	1400	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America		4800do
1300	1400	Mexico, Radio Universidad	6045do	
1300	1400	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga	3329do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Altura 5014do		
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do		
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do		
1300	1400	Peru, Radio La Hora	4857do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Libertad	5039do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Madre de Dios	4950do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Manantial	4986do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Ondas del Suroiente		5120do
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Quillabamba	5025do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Santa Rosa	6047do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Sicuani	4826do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Tarma 4775do		
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Tawantinsuyo	6174do	
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Victoria	6019do	9720do
1300	1400	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
1300	1400	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9765ca
			11815sa	15170na
			17595na	
1300	1400	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		15125sa
1300	1400	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		13720eu
			17595sa	
1300	1400	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		9765ca
			15170na	
1300	1400	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana		11910as
			15585eu	21610eu
1300	1400	USA, BBG/Radio Marti	7405ca	11845ca
			13820ca	
1300	1400	USA, BBG/Voice of America	9885ca	13750sa
			15590sa	
1300	1400	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL		11550ca
			12050sa	
1300	1400	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide		6085ca
			13800sa	15130na
			15770sa	
1300	1400	Venezuela, Radio Amazonas	4940do	

**1400 UTC - 9AM EST / 8AM CST / 6AM PST**

1400	1430	France, Radio France Internationale		17690ca
1400	1500	Antarctica, Radio Nacional LRA36		15476va
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII		6055do
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva		6025do
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Lipez	4796do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do

1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel	6080do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	5580do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Santa Cruz	6135do	
1400	1500	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1400	1500	Chile, CVC Voz Crista	9635sa	17680sa
1400	1500	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia	6010do	
1400	1500	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare	6035do	
1400	1500	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	
1400	1500	Sun Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba	11690ca	13680ca
			13750sa	15370sa
			17750sa	
1400	1500	Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba	9540ca	9850na
			11690ca	11750ca
			11760va	11840na
			13780na	15230sa
			15380sa	15670sa
1400	1500	Cuba, Radio Rebelde	5025na	
1400	1500	Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl	6025do	
1400	1500	Ecuador, HCJB Global Voice/Quito	6050sa	
1400	1500	Ecuador, Radio El Buen Pastor	4815do	
1400	1500	Ecuador, Radio Quito	4919do	
1400	1500	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata	5005do	
1400	1500	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo	6250do	
1400	1500	Honduras, HRMI/ Radio Misiones Intl	3340do	
1400	1500	Honduras, Radio Luz y Vida	3250do	
1400	1500	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta	6010do	
1400	1500	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America	4800do	
1400	1500	Mexico, Radio Universidad	6045do	
1400	1500	Peru, La Voz de las Huarinjas	5059do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Altura 5014do		
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do		
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do		
1400	1500	Peru, Radio del Pacifico	9675do	4974al
1400	1500	Peru, Radio La Hora	4857do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Manantial	4986do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Maranon	4835do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Ondas del Suroiente	5120do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Quillabamba	5025do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Santa Rosa	6047do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Sicuani	4826do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Tawantinsuyo	6174do	
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Victoria	6019do	9720do
1400	1500	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
1400	1500	mtwhf Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	9765ca	
			11815sa	15170na
			17595na	
1400	1500	Sat Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	15125sa	
1400	1500	Sat/Sun Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	17595sa	
1400	1500	Sun Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	9765ca	
			15170na	
1400	1500	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	15585eu	
			21610eu	
1400	1500	USA, BBG/Radio Marti	11845ca	11930ca
			13820ca	
1400	1500	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL	11550ca	
			12050sa	
1400	1500	USA, KJES Vado NM	11715na	
1400	1500	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide	6085ca	
			11670ca	11865na
			11970sa	13800sa
			15130na	
1400	1500	Vatican City State, Vatican Radio	7250eu	
			9645eu	11740eu
1400	1500	Venezuela, Radio Amazonas	4940do	

**1500 UTC - 10AM EST / 9AM CST / 7AM PST**

1500	1530	Serbia, International Radio Serbia	9635eu	
1500	1545	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide	11670ca	
			11970sa	13800sa
			17555sa	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII	6055do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva	6025do	
			6025do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Lipetz	4796do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	6080do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio San Gabriel	6080do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	5580do	

1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Santa Cruz	6135do	
1500	1600	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1500	1600	Chile, CVC Voz Crista	9635sa	17680sa
1500	1600	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia	6010do	
1500	1600	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare	6035do	
1500	1600	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	
1500	1600	Sun Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba	11690ca	13680ca
			13750sa	15370sa
			17750sa	
1500	1600	Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba	9540ca	9850na
			11690ca	11750ca
			11760va	11840na
			13780na	15230sa
			15380sa	15670sa
1500	1600	Cuba, Radio Rebelde	5025na	
1500	1600	Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl	6025do	
1500	1600	Ecuador, Radio El Buen Pastor	4815do	
1500	1600	Ecuador, Radio Quito	4919do	
1500	1600	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata	5005do	
1500	1600	Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo	6250do	
1500	1600	Honduras, HRMI/ Radio Misiones Intl	3340do	
1500	1600	Honduras, Radio Luz y Vida	3250do	
1500	1600	Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta	6010do	
1500	1600	Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America	4800do	
1500	1600	Mexico, Radio Universidad	6045do	
1500	1600	Peru, La Voz de las Huarinjas	5059do	
1500	1600	Peru, Ondas del Huallaga	3329do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Altura 5014do		
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do		
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do		
1500	1600	Peru, Radio del Pacifico	9675do	4974al
1500	1600	Peru, Radio La Hora	4857do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Manantial	4986do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Maranon	4835do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Ondas del Suroiente	5120do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Quillabamba	5025do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Santa Rosa	6047do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Sicuani	4826do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Tawantinsuyo	6174do	
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Victoria	6019do	9720do
1500	1600	Peru, Radio Vision 4790do		
1500	1600	ma Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	15385af	
1500	1600	mtwhf Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	17595sa	
1500	1600	Sat Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	15125sa	
1500	1600	Sat/Sun Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	17595sa	
1500	1600	Sun Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	9765ca	
			17755af	17850na
1500	1600	Spain, Radio Exterior de Espana	15585eu	
			21610eu	
1500	1600	USA, BBG/Radio Marti	11845ca	11930ca
			13820ca	
1500	1600	USA, EWTN/WEWN Irondale, AL	11550ca	
			12050sa	
1500	1600	USA, KJES Vado NM	11715na	
1500	1600	USA, WYFR/Family Radio Worldwide	6085ca	
			13695na	15130na
1500	1600	Venezuela, Radio Amazonas	4940do	
1500	1600	Venezuela, Radio Nacional de Venezuela	11680am	

**1600 UTC - 11AM EST / 10AM CST / 8AM PST**

1600	1630	France, Radio France Internationale	17690as	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Cultural Juan XXIII	6055do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Eco 4409do		
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Fides	6155do	9625do
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Illimani/Radio Patria Nueva	6025do	
			6025do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Lipetz	4796do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Logos	4865do	6165do
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Loyola	5996do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Nacional	5965do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio San Jose	5580do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio San Miguel	4700do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Santa Ana	4451do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Santa Cruz	6135do	
1600	1700	Bolivia, Radio Tacana	4782do	
1600	1700	Chile, CVC Voz Crista	9635sa	17680sa
1600	1700	Colombia, La Voz de tu Conciencia	6010do	
1600	1700	Colombia, La Voz del Guaviare	6035do	
1600	1700	Colombia, Marfil Estereo	5910do	



1600 1700 Sun Cuba, Radio Havana Cuba 11690ca 13680ca  
 13750sas 15370sa 17750sa  
 1600 1700 Cuba, Radio Rebelde 5025na  
 1600 1700 Dominican Republic, Radio Amanecer Intl  
 6025do  
 1600 1700 Ecuador, Radio Quito 4919do  
 1600 1700 Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Bata  
 5005do  
 1600 1700 Equatorial Guinea, Radio Nacional/Malabo  
 6250do  
 1600 1700 Honduras, HRMI/ Radio Misiones Intl 3340do  
 1600 1700 Mexico, Radio Mil Onda Corta 6010do  
 1600 1700 Mexico, Radio Transcontinental de America  
 4800do

1600 1700 Mexico, Radio Universidad 6045do  
 1600 1700 Peru, La Voz de las Huarinjas 5059do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Ondas del Huallaga 3329do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Altura 5014do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Bethel 5921do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Cusco 6195do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio del Pacifico 9675do 4974a1  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio La Hora 4857do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Manantial 4986do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Maranon 4835do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Ondas del Suriente 5120do  
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 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Santa Rosa 6047do  
 1600 1700 Peru, Radio Sicuani 4826do

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# Monitoring the Air Show Experience

## Equipment and Tips

**N**ow that you've read this month's cover story and you know who are the crack military flight demonstration teams and where to find the frequencies they use for air-ground coordination and other communications (all found in that article), let's turn to another important consideration for successful monitoring: the equipment required to monitor air show communications.

I am frequently asked which scanner I recommend for air show monitoring. While I don't have a favorite, I have prepared the list of receivers and scanners that meet all the requirements as outlined below.

Most of the scanners sold in the marketplace today are suited for air show monitoring. On the other hand, most of the older scanners on the used market are not suitable for air show monitoring. There are certain requirements your air show radio has to meet in order to successfully monitor the two major military aerial demonstration teams – the Blues and T-Birds.

If you are going to a Thunderbird team event, then you will need a scanner that can monitor the 138-150 MHz military land mobile band in the "AM mode." Most of the older



Uniden scanners cannot be used for air show monitoring due to their lack of independent transmission mode selection.

In addition to the civilian aircraft band (118-137 MHz), you will also need a scanner that has the 225-400 MHz military aeronautical band in it. Most of the action (especially the Blues) will be heard in this military UHF portion of the spectrum.

Adding these two criteria to the mix, the list of possible radios again narrows down our choice for air show scanners even further. Table one is our list of scanners that meet all of the criteria for monitoring all the military flight demonstration teams at air shows worldwide.

Another area of air show monitoring that has become increasingly popular the last couple years is tuning in to the land mobile radio systems at the military bases that sponsor these shows and open houses. Most of the smaller bases, including National Guard bases, still use either simplex or repeater systems for their internal communications. In most cases these are analog narrowband FM mode communications. Some bases have moved over to the APCO P25 digital mode, so if you want to monitor them, you will have to have a scanner capable of decoding the APCO P25 digital stream.

Many of the major military bases have moved most, if not all, of their land mobile communications to trunk radio systems. The major bands for these trunk radio systems are 138-150.8 MHz (excluding the two meter ham band), 406-420 MHz and the new DoD 380-400 MHz LMR subband.

While some of the legacy trunk systems still use analog communications and the 406-420 MHz band, these are rapidly disappearing and being replaced by digital trunked systems in the 138-150.8 and 380-400 MHz bands.

So, in order to monitor these trunk radio systems, our list below gets a bit thinner. Scanners suitable for this task have been marked with an asterisk.

### ❖ Tips for enjoying a great day at the air show

If you want to have a great time at the air show, you should plan ahead and get some stuff together to take to the event. Here are some suggestions from my personal list from which I gather things to take with me to the air show.

### TABLE ONE: MILITARY AIR SHOW CAPABLE RECEIVERS

Digital trunk radio system capable scanners are marked with an asterisk.

#### Handhelds

Alinco	DJ-X3, DJ-X7T, DJ-X11T, DJ-X30, DJ-X2000T
AOR	AR-8200 MK III, AR-Mini U
GRE	PSR-310, PSR-500*, PSR-700, PSR-800*
Icom	IC R-5 Sport, IC R-6, IC R-20, IC-RX7
MFJ	MFJ-8322
Radio Shack	Pro-106*, Pro-107, Pro-164
Uniden	BC-246T, BC-346XT, BCD-396XT*, HomePatrol-1*
Yaesu	VR-500

#### Base/Mobile Units

AOR	AR-8600 Mk IIB
GRE	PSR-410, PSR-600*
Radio Shack	Pro-163, Pro-197*
Uniden	BCT-15X, BCD996XT*
Yaesu	VR-5000

#### Computer Receivers

Icom	PCR-1500, IC-R1500, PCR-2500, IC-R2500, R-9500
WinRadio	WR-G305e, WR-G305i, WR-G305e/PD, WR-G305i/PD, WR-G315e, WR-G315i, WR-3150e, WR-3150i-DSP, WR-3500e, WR-3500i-DSP, WR-3700e, WR-3700i-DSP

#### Discontinued radios/scanners that are capable of air show monitoring (per requirements listed above)

Alinco	DJ-X2T, DJ-X10T
AOR	AR-16B, AR-1000, AR-1500, AR-2515, AR-2700, AR-3000AB, AR-5000+3B, AR-7000B, AR-8000, AR-8200B, AR-8600B
Icom	IC-R1, IC-R2, IC-R3, R10, R100, R7000, R7100, PCR-100, PCR-1000, PCR-1500
Kenwood	RZ-1
Radio Shack	Pro-2004, Pro-2005, Pro-2006, Pro-43
Uniden	BCT-15, BC-296, BR-330T, BC-796, BCD-396T*, BCD996T*
WinRadio	WR-1000i/e, WR-1500i/e, WR-3000i-DSP, WR-3100i-DSP
Yaesu	VR-120, VR-120D



**Hats** - Wearing a hat can make a lot of difference to your comfort level while at the show. Ball caps are okay, but you will have to watch out for sunburn on your lower face and neck if you wear one. Many people prefer to wear hats with wide brims for better protection.

**Sunglasses** - Polarized lenses are especially good for shows that take place near the water, since they reduce glare.

**Sun Screen** - Speaking of the sun, you obviously want to attend an event with good weather (clear skies and no clouds). This means you'll probably be in the sun a lot. Even if it is on a cloudy or hazy day, beware. You may get more sun than you think. The higher the sun screen SPF the better, and be sure to also take lip balm.

**Something to sit on** - Take something to use as a drop sheet if you are going to be on the ground. You can lean on your backpack for some support. If allowed, you may consider carrying a lawn or camping chair. Keep in mind that you'll be looking up at an angle for most of the show, so a chair that is somewhat reclined may be more comfortable.

**Water** - You will probably be at the show for several hours and you really don't want to get dehydrated. Refreshments are normally available at these shows, but your own supply of water may come in handy. Alcohol may make your dehydration worse, so if you do visit the "beer tent" then drink in moderation. Don't rely on soda pop to prevent dehydration.

**Snacks** - Most air shows have food concessions (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.), but you might want bring along some lighter snacks in case you need a quick fix and don't want to stand in a long line.

**Moist towelettes/wet wipes** - Air shows normally have outdoor bathroom facilities and having a way to freshen up afterwards is a good idea.

**Notebook and pen** - If you are a collector of aircraft serial numbers, radio frequencies, etc. then a notebook and pen are a must. You may also see something you want to make a note about, like website addresses at displays or radio frequencies that you discover.

**Binoculars** - Low and medium power binoculars tend to work well for checking out distant details. I won't carry higher power binoculars as they are very difficult to use for aircraft in flight.

**Camera** - Air shows by their nature are very colorful and photogenic events. Many air shows have disposable cameras and film for sale, but you'll probably be happier if you bring along your own. I highly recommend a digital camera, an extra set of batteries, and a couple of extra memory cards since you will probably shoot a lot of pictures. If you bring a video camera, be sure to pack an extra tape or memory card and batteries.

**Earplugs** - Jets make a lot of noise and/or you may find yourself next to an overly loud speaker system used by the air show announcer.

**Scanner** - I know it is silly to remind you of this, but be sure to bring along the scanner and our air show guide and extra batteries. You might actually enjoy listening to the air show pilots and demonstration teams.

**Small backpack** - Yes, security will want to check your backpack before allowing you in to the show, but it is really handy to have some storage space to carry around all the stuff I have mentioned above around the show.

## ❖ Do's and Don'ts

I have attended a lot of air shows over the years and have developed a list of do's and don'ts you should consider when planning to attend these events.

**Do come early and leave late.** If you do, you will avoid most of the pedestrian and vehicle traffic headaches. Most air shows have static displays of aircraft and other displays, so before and after the show will afford you some time to look around.

**Do find out where you can get medical aid** or seek assistance if you need it. If you are in a group and you get separated, where will you meet? If you have children with you, make sure they know how to get help if they get lost.

**Do consider where you are going to sit.** Most people insist on getting as close to "front and center" as they can. While this is fine, you might be just as happy sitting farther back or at the end of the viewing area where it may be less crowded.

**Do stay aware of your surroundings.** There are often vehicles or machinery moving around in the public areas such as around the static displays.

**Do ask questions.** Often there are aircraft owners or representatives at the static displays. Most people are very proud of their airplanes and they'll be happy to answer your questions.

**Do appreciate all the aircraft,** not just the fastest and the loudest.

**Do wear comfortable shoes.** You may cover several miles before the day is done

**Don't touch the aircraft.** Many aircraft in static displays have bits and pieces that can be damaged, broken, or bent. You could get hurt if you don't know what you're doing. Never touch an aircraft unless someone in authority invites you to do so. Never move a propeller, and keep clear of "props" at all times.

**Don't smoke around the aircraft.** Planes in a static display sometimes vent fuel as the plane heats up in the sun. Some fabric-covered aircraft have coatings that are highly flammable.

**Don't litter,** as your trash could become a physical hazard to the aircraft (FOD, foreign object damage). Clean up your viewing area once you are done.

Finally, check out the air show website prior to the event to learn about the show hours for the public, any security restrictions (no scanners, backpacks, or coolers, etc), directions in and out of the show, schedules and much more.

On my *Milcom* blog (address in the resource guide), I have posted current schedules for all the major teams and any known websites associated with the air show events they are performing at.

Until next time, 73 and good hunting.

## AIR SHOW RESOURCE GUIDE

*Milcom* Blog <http://mt-milcom.blogspot.com>

*Milcom* Twitter Feed [MilcomMP](#)

Monitoring Times 2011 Air Show Guide

<http://tinyurl.com/86vjytq>

Canadian Forces Snowbirds 2012-2013 Schedule

<http://tinyurl.com/89kk3k8>

US Air Force Thunderbirds 2012 Schedule

<http://tinyurl.com/84rtev7>

US Army Golden Knights 2012 Schedule

<http://tinyurl.com/8829sgh>

US Navy Blue Angels 2012-2013 Schedule

<http://tinyurl.com/7evlo7g>

US Navy Blue Angels Practice Schedule Schedule

<http://tinyurl.com/7pfqqsp>

### Official Websites:

Air Combat Command Aerial Events

[www.acc.af.mil/aerialevents/](http://www.acc.af.mil/aerialevents/)

Blue Angels [www.blueangels.navy.mil/index.htm](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/index.htm)

Golden Knights [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/goldenknights/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/goldenknights/)

Leap Frogs [www.leapfrogs.navy.mil/](http://www.leapfrogs.navy.mil/)

Navy Office of Community Outreach [www.navy.mil/navco/](http://www.navy.mil/navco/)

Snowbirds [www.snowbirds.dnd.ca/v2/index-eng.asp](http://www.snowbirds.dnd.ca/v2/index-eng.asp)

Thunderbirds [www.airforce.com/thunderbirds](http://www.airforce.com/thunderbirds)

### Twitter Feeds:

Air Combat Command Aerial Events

<http://twitter.com/#!/aerialevents>

Blue Angels <http://twitter.com/#!/BlueAngels>

Golden Knights <http://twitter.com/#!/ArmyGK>

Thunderbirds <http://twitter.com/#!/USAFThunderbird>

### Facebook Pages:

Air Combat Command Aerial Events

[www.facebook.com/aerialevents](http://www.facebook.com/aerialevents)

Blue Angels [www.facebook.com/pages/Blue-Angels/34985920343](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Blue-Angels/34985920343)

Golden Knights [www.facebook.com/usarmygoldenknights](http://www.facebook.com/usarmygoldenknights)

Leap Frogs [www.facebook.com/leapfrogs](http://www.facebook.com/leapfrogs)

Skyhawks [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=112105354592](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=112105354592)

Snowbirds [www.facebook.com/pages/The-Canadian-Forces-Snowbirds/23613917381](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Canadian-Forces-Snowbirds/23613917381)

Thunderbirds [www.facebook.com/pages/US-Air-Force-Thunderbirds/267550469245](http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Air-Force-Thunderbirds/267550469245)



# Searching the Good Search

In the January *Fed Files* column, I shared some of my scanning experiences on the road when I travel for work. I'm pretty well infected with the radio bug, so having at least one scanner with me all the time is standard operating procedure. But besides *scanning* known frequencies, I also find it rewarding to *search* for new, active frequencies as well.

Some folks posting in scanning forums or chat rooms often ask for lists of active federal frequencies in their area. Often they add the comment that they only want "confirmed" or "known, good, active" federal channels. The problem is that even with scanning a list of known federal channels in our area, how do you know you're not missing something new?

Since most of the interesting federal agencies operate nationwide, there's no telling when some task force or special operations division might set up camp in your listening area. Also, things are always changing in the radio spectrum. Besides the move to digital, the re-channeling of both the VHF and UHF federal land-mobile bands are requiring some agencies to change frequencies. You may have been listening to federal agency XYZ on their frequency for years, but one day they may not be there any more. Where do you look?

It pays to do a search of the bands when you can. I understand that some listeners are not fortunate enough to have a whole raft of computer controlled scanners logging everything in the airwaves, but once in a while, dedicate a few hours just to search through a segment of the federal radio spectrum and see what's there. You may be surprised to come across something you have not heard before.

For some examples of things found while searching, I can offer you additional personal testimony in this month's column.

## ❖ NOAA Office of Marine Fisheries

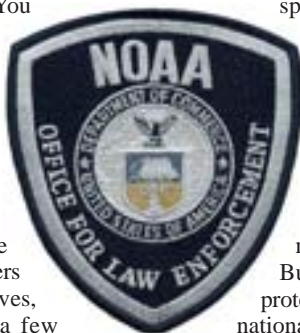
While many scanner enthusiasts associate the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with the weather broadcasts we find in the federal frequency bands, did you know they have a law enforcement branch?

On a recent trip to the Atlantic City, NJ area, I was not only searching the federal land-mobile bands, but I had my near-field signal-capturing

feature turned on. Uniden calls theirs "Close Call," while the GRE/Radio Shack call theirs "Signal Stalker" or "Spectrum Sweeper."

These features give the listener the ability to quickly sample the radio spectrum for strong radio signals that may be coming from nearby. This feature has been one of the most productive tools for searching out previously unknown channels that I have ever had access to. I use it almost any time I am out and about with a handheld radio, and even while situated at my hotel room "command post."

While traveling around the Atlantic City area, I came across some activities related to federal enforcement of fishing and the commercial sales of fish. It appeared to be some simplex surveillance activity on 163.2250 MHz, 100.0 pl. I knew that the National Marine Fisheries Service had authority over this activity, but I had not heard communications regarding this type of enforcement before, and after catching this traffic, I decided to explore their activities more deeply.



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA OLE) is the federal law enforcement division of the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. NOAA OLE was established in 1930 as the "Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish Commission and Bureau." It is responsible for the protection and conservation of most of national marine life. Additional detailed information about the OLE can be found here: [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/ole\\_about.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/ole_about.html)

Here are frequencies assigned for use by the NOAA OLE:

162.0500, 162.1000, 163.0750, 163.2250, 164.0250, 164.0750, 165.2375 (CBP NET 1), 165.4375, 165.4625, 165.4875, 165.5125, 165.5375, 165.5625, 165.5875, 165.6125, 165.6375, 165.6625, 165.7000, 166.0250, 166.0500, 166.1250, 166.1500, 166.4375 (Input to 165.2375 MHz), 169.0750, 172.0500, 172.1000,

Something to note in the above list of NOAA channels: You will see frequencies in the list that are some of the same frequencies used by Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The NOAA OLE is a subscriber agency to the Customs and Border Protection nationwide VHF radio system, dispatched out of the CBP National Law Enforcement Communications Center (NLECC) in Orlando, FL.

## ❖ Fed Files Wonderland – DC

In the January *Fed Files* column, I talked about one of my most recent trips to New York City and the wealth of federal radio traffic in the area. This month we will take a look at Washington, D.C., the scanner wonderland of federal monitoring.

When it comes to monitoring federal radio traffic, Washington, D.C. is *the* place to be. Almost every agency in the federal government has some sort of radio communications channels allocated to their use. Nearly every available frequency in the federal NTIA and IRAC assignments has some sort of activity on them in this region. No doubt almost all of the federal radio spectrum is allocated and utilized in some way in the District of Columbia and the surrounding areas.

Not only are the federal VHF and UHF land-mobile bands jumping with activity, but the military land-mobile and VHF/UHF aircraft bands are busy as well. It pays to have multiple scanners with you when in the Washington area!

On my most recent trip to D.C., I was able to monitor some activity while I was at work with my handheld radios, as well as having a radio search and log activity from my hotel room. I was on a lower floor of the hotel, so I wasn't able to catch any long-distant traffic, but there was still plenty to be heard.

One interesting tip: if you can, it pays to get up and listen early in the morning. As the government offices open each day, the morning shift will often do radio checks and sometimes actually identify what agency, building or office they are after finishing their roll calls.

Here is what I was able to log during my three days in D.C. These logs represent searching over only a few days in the Washington D.C. area. Obviously, searching over many days or weeks would reveal many more active federal channels. I was able to identify some frequencies by prior logs, some by listening, and some are still unknown but definitely in use:

- 162.0500, N201
- 162.0500, N00F
- 162.0625, N201
- 162.0625, N00F
- 162.0750, N201 – US Secret Service Uniformed Division, F1
- 162.2125, D023
- 162.2500, 173.8 – US Capitol Police F4
- 162.3125, N211
- 162.6000, N012
- 162.6125, 127.3 – US Capitol Police F5
- 162.8250, N076
- 162.9500, N095
- 162.9875, N010 – Possible IWN NCR input
- 163.0000, N010 – Possible IWN NCR input



163.0000, N013  
 163.3125, N202  
 163.3500, 146.2 – Department of the Treasury  
 163.7250, N073 – DHS ICE  
 163.9000, N010 – Possible IWN NCR input  
 164.1750, N011  
 164.4000, N001 – USSS PAPA  
 164.4375, N212  
 164.6250, 173.8 – US Capitol Police (?)  
 164.6500, N001 – USSS TANGO  
 164.8875, N001 – USSS OSCAR  
 164.9375, 203.5  
 165.1875, 156.7  
 165.2125, N001 – USSS MIKE  
 165.2375, N100 – CBP NET 1  
 165.2875, N650 – BATFE NET 1  
 165.3750, N001 – USSS CHARLIE  
 165.4125, 210.7  
 165.5375, 146.2 – US Capitol Police F2  
 165.6000, N010 – Possible IWN NCR input  
 165.6875, N001 – USSS WDC Field Office  
 165.7875, N001 – USSS BAKER  
 165.9250, 127.3  
 166.2000, N212  
 166.3250, N518  
 166.3250, N546 – Department of the Interior  
 166.4500, 167.9  
 166.4625, N001 – DHS Common  
 166.5125, N001 – WHCA ALPHA  
 166.7000, N001 – WHCA  
 166.7250, 127.3 – Park Police F1  
 166.8500, 127.3 – Park Police F4  
 166.9250, 127.3 – Park Police F2  
 167.0125, N001 – USSS Executive Protection  
 167.0375, N001 – USSS Executive Protection  
 167.0750, 127.3 – Park Police F3  
 167.2125, N167 – FBI  
 167.4125, N167 – FBI  
 168.4875, 167.9  
 167.5125, N167 – FBI  
 167.5500, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System  
 167.9500, 167.9 – FBI  
 168.1250, N167 – FBI  
 168.1750, N293  
 168.2250, 151.4  
 168.2625, N71F – IWN (System 715) Trunked System, Site 160  
 168.2875, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 801  
 168.4250, N293 – National Parks Service, National Capitol Parks East  
 168.4250, 162.2  
 168.4875, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 801  
 168.5875, N100  
 168.6875, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 801  
 168.8500, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 801  
 168.8875, N293  
 168.9250, N167 – FBI  
 168.9375, N078  
 168.9750, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 1001  
 169.1875, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 401  
 169.2250, 110.9 – US Capitol Police F1  
 169.7750, N4C5 – National Parks Service, George Washington Parkway

169.9375, N201  
 170.0000, N001  
 170.0000, N003  
 170.0000, N004  
 170.1000, 103.5  
 170.1750, 156.7 – US Capitol Police F3  
 170.4375, N202  
 170.7500, N293  
 171.2375, 254.1  
 171.3625, N293 – Department of Transportation  
 171.4000, N012  
 171.4375, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 1001  
 171.7625, N211  
 171.7750, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 401  
 171.9875, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 1101  
 172.0250, 165.5  
 172.1125, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System  
 172.2625, N069  
 172.4125, N001  
 172.4375, N4C5 – National Parks Service  
 172.4750, N4C5 – National Parks Service, National Mall and Memorial Parks  
 172.5875, N077 – Unknown agency  
 172.6125, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System, Site 1101  
 172.6375, N010 – IWN NCR Trunked System  
 172.9000, N001 – TSA @ Reagan National Airport  
 172.9000, N013 – TSA @ Reagan National Airport  
 173.0000, N293 – Unknown agency  
 173.5250, 167.9 – US Capitol Police  
 173.5500, N71F – IWN Trunked System, Site 160  
 173.6375, N293 – US Supreme Court  
 173.6500, N293  
 173.7375, N293  
 173.7375, N864  
 173.8750, 94.8 pl – US Capitol Police  
 173.9000, N011  
 406.3875, D723 – US Capitol, public tours  
 406.4250, N12C – US Department of Agriculture, Headquarters Security  
 407.1375, N482  
 407.4625, N421  
 407.6000, N0F0 – US State Department, Bureau of Diplomatic Security  
 407.6000, NC0C  
 407.6625, N421  
 407.7750, N482 – US Postal Inspection Service  
 407.8250, N1F2  
 407.8625, N0F0 – US State Department, Bureau of Diplomatic Security  
 407.8625, NC0C -  
 408.2000, N201 – Federal Protective Service  
 408.2750, N167  
 408.3500, N167  
 408.6000, N0F0 – US State Department, Bureau of Diplomatic Security

409.0375, N0F0 – US State Department, Bureau of Diplomatic Security  
 409.0625, N421  
 409.5125, D073 – Government Printing Office  
 409.7125, N0F0 – US State Department, Bureau of Diplomatic Security  
 409.8500, D226  
 410.8250, D631  
 413.7125, N167 – FBI Uniformed Security  
 415.9000, 123.0  
 417.2000, N201 – Federal Protective Service  
 417.8875, N295 – US Mint Police  
 418.6750, N156 – DEA F4  
 418.7500, N156 – DEA F3  
 419.1500, 167.9 – US Information Agency  
 419.4875, D624

As with my logs from my New York City trips, I will post these frequencies on the *Fed Files* blog page and solicit updates to folks who monitor these things regularly and who might be able to identify some of these federal users.

The channels labeled as “IWN” are part of the federal Integrated Wireless Network (IWN) trunked radio system, which we took a closer look at in the October 2011 *Fed Files* column. At that time I lamented that I was hardly hearing any traffic nor was I seeing any radios affiliated to the trunked sites I was monitoring from the north side of the D.C. area near Bethesda. However, this trip was more productive, and I actually heard some users on the IWN system.

I was able to log many transmissions on talk group 13030, which according to some listeners is the security patrol for the BATFE Headquarters in Washington. The traffic I heard was definitely characteristic of outside security operations. Also interesting was that I could hear this same talk group active on both the “new” IWN NCR (National Capitol Region) sites as well as the “old” IWN site in Washington. I also heard some clear radio traffic on talk group 21099, with many radio tests and reception reports being passed along.

I will be utilizing some of the techniques and tools for searching out federal activity in the next few weeks as I head to Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis. A full report of what was found there will be featured in the next *Fed Files*.

And, the political campaign season is cranking up quickly, so we will also review what to watch and listen for on the road to the political conventions in the late summer and the election in the fall. See you in May!







## Infrastructure Inspection and Office Car Specials

**R**ailroads live and die by their infrastructure. In North America, they have to build and maintain that infrastructure themselves. Major flaws in that infrastructure can lead to expensive and potentially deadly problems.

And, unlike road carriers, which have many options of rerouting their freight around problematic sections of highways, railroads have very few options. Detours can be long and circuitous because railroads have a limited number of routes. Some detours may be over a competitor's tracks, for which that competitor needs to be compensated.

Little wonder then, that next to messages relating to basic operations, much of what you will hear on your scanner relates to track inspection and maintenance. At the same time, railroads are often quite anxious to show off their well-maintained infrastructure to current and potential customers.

In this issue, we'll look at several aspects of this focus on infrastructure.

### ❖ Track Inspection

In a previous column focusing on hi-rail vehicles – highway trucks or SUVs that have retractable flanged wheels that also allow them to run on track – we've seen that among the many uses of these vehicles is track inspection.

So, on a daily basis (seven days a week) on busier lines, you'll hear track employees calling dispatchers to request "track and time." Depending on the railroad and the reporting relationships, these employees may be called roadmasters, track supervisors, or simply track inspectors.

In most cases, dispatchers will grant "work between" authority, allowing the track inspectors to go back and forth within their limits as needed.

Track inspection takes place in all kinds of weather. In fact, the worse the weather, the more likely track inspectors are to be out in full force. In the latter case, they are looking for washed out ballast, water over the tracks due to flash flooding, debris (such as downed trees) obstructing the tracks, and a range of other problems.

But, visual inspection of track can only go so far. Track takes a tremendous pounding from trains weighing many hundreds of tons. Over time, that not only leads to external wear of track, but also to possible internal fractures.

In a recent conversation, a railroad

official pointed out to me that mainline railroad track is among the most expensive and most critical (in terms of adherence to precise specifications for its contents) of all steel produced. This official even lamented the fact that very few American steel mills were willing to produce rail to meet the tight specifications his railroad set.

Rails on busy mainlines are typically changed out somewhere between five and ten years, while on lesser-used lines with light traffic, rails can last much, much longer. Rails usually have their production date molded into them, and on lightly used spur tracks you may even spot rails that are close to a century old.

But, these are averages. Any piece of rail can fail much sooner than that. And, if that happens on a welded section of mainline track, the flaw is cut out with carbide saws and a new section of rail, perhaps 10-12 feet in length is welded in its place.

The problem, of course, is finding these flaws before they become serious enough to lead to a rail break and a derailment.

### ❖ Sperry Trucks

For this, railroads use a variety of high-tech measuring equipment. For basic track measurements, such as ensuring correct track gauge and proper elevation of the outer rail in curves, railroads typically have their own measuring equipment, often housed in a fully-instrumented passenger car that is pulled by a regular diesel or electric locomotive. (On the scanner, you may hear references to the operation of a "track geometry train.")

Detection of internal rail flaws, however, is work that is handled with very specialized equipment. While a few large railroads, such as Union Pacific, have their own self-propelled detector cars that use ultrasound or magnetic sensors to

test rails, most other railroads, including some of the largest in North America, contract this out to a company called Sperry Rail Services (SRS).

For much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Sperry used rebuilt self-propelled diesel rail cars that had once carried passengers and freight on branch lines. These cars not only carried the appropriate instrumentation, but also had a living space for the crew, which slept and ate on them between detection runs.

Today, Sperry primarily uses specially configured hi-rail trucks. This offers a number of advantages. When the trucks are not actually scanning rails for possible flaws, the crews simply retract the flanged guide wheels and the scanning gear, which also rides on small flanged wheels, and the truck can leave the rails at any grade crossing. The company no longer has to worry about provisioning the crew and maintaining sleeping quarters.

The trucks use standard diesel engines that can be serviced by truck dealers anywhere in the country. (The engines on the self-propelled diesel rail cars ultimately reached the point where they were difficult to maintain, and replacement parts were all but impossible to find.)

At the end of the day of work, the Sperry crew, even if far from its home base, simply dives the truck to a motel for an overnight lay-over.

So, on most major lines, you will hear on your scanner references to a "Sperry truck" or "Sperry movement" perhaps once or twice a year.

The crew of the Sperry truck doesn't actually get authority to occupy and run on the host railroad's tracks. Rather, the authority is given to the roadmaster or track supervisor, who rides with the Sperry crew.

When scanning, the truck not only records



*Front and rear views of Sperry Rail Services truck 983 at Huddleston, Va. The scanning equipment for detecting rail flaws is between the two highway tires. These trucks are set up so that they can operate in reverse while on the rails.*



*A minimal office car special, consisting of a Norfolk Southern engine and NS car 32, "Research." NS train 995-17 was en route from Roanoke, Va., to Raleigh, N.C., where, after a layover, the research car was added to an Operation Lifesaver special train. The old passenger car carries a variety of instrumentation for recording the performance of a variety of rolling stock.*

the track conditions electronically, it also marks the locations of rail flaws with spray paint. Depending on how critical the flaws are, they may either be fixed immediately or within a few days.

A couple of years ago, I was checking out a Norfolk Southern (NS) line in central Virginia, when a radio transmission alerted me to a Sperry truck out on the line. That truck was actually accompanied by a fleet of six NS hi-rail trucks capable of making immediate repairs. One of the larger trucks had a small crane and carried replacement rail sections. Another carried welding gear for welding these sections into place.

When the fleet of trucks went into a siding for a lunch break and to let freight traffic go by, the NS crew was quite friendly and willing to talk about what they were doing.

### ❖ "OCS headed your way"

Major freight railroads and even some smaller lines, all of whom haven't been in the passenger rail business for decades – other than hosting Amtrak trains – nevertheless own and operate some passenger cars.

As already noted, some of these cars have been equipped with instrumentation and are used for recording everything from locomotive performance to track geometry. But the other passenger cars can cover a wide range of configurations from fairly plain coaches to well-appointed cars used by railroad executives as both their home and office while touring the railroad.

An important role of these passenger car fleets is showing off the railroad to non-railroaders, ranging from potential freight customers to state and local officials and even law enforcement officers. In past columns, I've mentioned Operation Lifesaver trains, dedicated to promoting grade crossing safety and preventing trespassing on railroad rights of way. Many major railroads operate such trains on various parts of their systems once or twice a year.

But it's usually the inspection trips by top railroad executives that get the most attention, particularly from front-line railroaders. On these trips, often timed to follow major track or other improvements on a particular route, officials from the home office are accompanied by local railroad managers who are expected to answer questions about operations in their area.

On freight railroads, the small passenger car fleets are usually referred to collectively as "office cars" to distinguish them from passenger cars used in revenue service. And trains handling

these cars are designated as "office car specials" or just OCS. So you may hear the dispatcher telling a freight crew that, "You've got an OCS headed your way," warning to the crew to look extra sharp and make sure they are complying with all work rules.

### ❖ Background Sources

In a previous column, I promised to mention sources that I use to keep up to date on railroad developments. Two of these are the *Destination Freedom* newsletter, published by the National Corridors Initiative, Inc., (NCII) a passenger rail advocacy group, and the *Transportation Nation* Web site. *Transportation Nation* (TN) is published by a consortium of public radio stations, and though it covers much more than rail, a substantial portion of the content relates to passenger rail.

As with all news sources, it's important to keep in mind the point of view of their publishers and producers. Both of these sources have a strong pro passenger rail and transit stance – but in both cases the content is professionally prepared and edited. Though both sometimes include news related to freight railroads, the items are typically provided because they have some relationship to passenger transportation.

*Destination Freedom* is published weekly, with breaks for major holidays. New issue are posted to the NCII Web site late Sunday night (Eastern Time). To access the newsletter, go the NCII home page at [www.nationalcorridors.org](http://www.nationalcorridors.org) and (depending on screen and browser size) scroll down slightly. The links to the most recent newsletters are on the left-hand side. Though the site contains lots of useful information and commentary, I usually find it a bit wordy. So, I don't always read every article all the way through, though I do tend to look at all the articles.

*Transportation Nation* is at <http://transportationnation.org>. It's updated on an ongoing basis. Rather than checking this site regularly, I go to it when I hear a brief item about breaking transportation news – for which I'm not likely to find information elsewhere. *TN* frequently has details and/or a link to a site with even more information.

### ❖ EOT and DPU Frequencies

In an on-line discussion, California railfan David Ferreira recently provided pointers as to how he gets advance warnings of trains

in areas where there isn't a lot of voice radio traffic. He kindly gave me permission to quote him here:

"Since I am on UP [Union Pacific] Rosville sub Donner [Pass], and they have little ATCS, here are some suggestions that work for me. I have an older 200 channel scanner, the first 5 groups of 20 have all the AAR channels plus EOT and DPU frequencies, good when I travel far away and am unsure of what's used in an area.

"The Last bank of 20 has local frequencies, plus EOT and DPU. Since UP crews are not always talking on the radio, and every train has EOT or DPU I get a 5-10 min. warning something is coming. I highly recommend adding the following – EOT [frequencies] 452.9375, 457.9375, DPU 452.925, 452.950, 457.925, 457.950."

EOT stands for the "end of train" telemetry devices that report brake line pressure and other data to the head locomotive. DPU stands for "distributed power unit" – remote controlled locomotives in the back of the train that are operated by the crew in front. All long distance trains will have either an EOT or DPU on the rear. Having a DPU engine on the rear deletes the need for an EOT, as the remote locomotive also transmits data back to the front.

For EOT and DPU transmissions, all you will hear on your scanners are brief chirps of data. But these should let you know that a train is approaching.



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## Cutting the Cable – Streaming Video

I talk a lot in this column about streaming Internet radio and the technology and devices that are bringing it to the forefront of the daily lives of people. But, one topic I haven't spent a great deal of time on yet is streaming video.

I must admit, this was due partly to ignorance. I simply was not as educated in this realm as I was with streaming radio and audio content. I have devoted, though, a considerable amount of time in recent months to "catching up" in this area, so expect to see more space devoted to streaming video in coming columns.

I thought that a great way to get us started in this area of streaming content was with a brief primer on who the big players are in the streaming video world, what the technology is that's bringing it to the forefront, and some of the key considerations for future development.

One of the more attractive elements of streaming video is that with the right selection, one could theoretically reduce or even eliminate the need for a monthly cable television bill. That is the goal I set out when doing my research – to drop my cable bill down to the most basic monthly package available and supplement it with streaming video.

Currently, I have been paying \$100 per month just for my cable package with Uverse, which includes all premium movie channels and a ton of HD. My hope is that I will be able to drop to a lower package, add in streaming services, and save some money, without losing too much in content.

The two main things you should be considering when looking to adopt streaming services is which ones have the content you want in combination with a device that uses that service in a way that is helpful to you.

### ❖ Who has the Streams?

There are a number of different sources for streaming video out there, but who has what you are looking for? To be totally sure, you will have to engage in quite a bit of trial and error to find the source(s) that work best for you.

As an analogy, I had a friend who had to try every new snack food as soon as it was released. Whether it was a new type of cracker, cookie or chips, he had to give it a shot. His reasoning was, "you never know when you are going to find your new favorite."

I have been approaching streaming services in much the same way. I haven't been afraid to try new services, as even those that require a

paid subscription usually offer a free-trial period. With treasure hunting mindset in place, I made my way into the great video beyond.

### ❖ Netflix

I started with the big gun, Netflix. Usually, the first or biggest in an industry is going to be the best. They have the most resources to figure out the best methods for an interface, offer the widest selection of material and have the most reliable product among their competitors. For the most part, I have found Netflix to follow this model.

Netflix offers a 30-day free trial to their streaming service, which is among the longest I have found of the streaming providers that require a paid subscription. Once the trial period is complete, you can anticipate \$7.99 per month for unlimited, commercial-free streaming.

The selection is pretty good, actually. If you are a fan of '80s sitcoms such as *Cheers*, *Cosby Show* and even '90s shows like *Frasier* and *Roseanne*, you will love reminiscing while watching these episodes on Netflix. As far as movies go, don't expect to see something that was recently in theaters, but older movies are in abundance. This depends on the contracts Netflix has with different studios. (Their contract with Starz just ended last month, stripping all 'Starz' movies from their streaming titles.)

Netflix just recently added the Jeff Bridges movie *True Grit* to their streaming titles, as an example. The rest of their titles are rounded out by obscure b-movies and lesser known releases.

All-in-all, I am a big fan of Netflix. I will dive into the technology for accessing streaming video later, but as a sneak peek, I am able to stream my Netflix account through Apple TV, my

Roku device, iPhone, Xbox, Kindle Fire or my laptop. With all of these options, Netflix was an easy decision for me to add as a video content provider.

As I expand my technology, Netflix makes an easy adopter for most new devices. Smart TVs, app-enabled Blu-Ray players and most smartphones and tablets all will implement Netflix. It really is probably the easiest and most effective way to get into streaming video.

### ❖ Hulu

I didn't want to stop there, though, and continued my search for streaming content. After seeing mostly older television programs on Netflix, I decided to try Hulu Plus, which offered more recent broadcasts of most of the shows I like to watch, in addition to much of the older stuff like Netflix offers.

Hulu Plus offers a 1-week free trial to test out their service, after which it is \$7.99 per month. One drawback I noticed immediately is that Hulu Plus inserts advertising into their content. They say this is in an effort to keep subscription prices low to offset the high licensing costs of current-season TV episodes. After using it for the full week, I noticed something else.



Since keeping a basic cable package to be able to watch local news, sports and channels like Discovery and Science is a necessity, and since I have a DVR to record new episodes, I don't really have much of a use for Hulu Plus. With my DVR, I can fast-forward through commercials, which I cannot on Hulu Plus, and I can set up my DVR to record the new episodes and watch them at my convenience.

Others who don't have a cable subscription of any kind will likely find Hulu Plus to be a fantastic and necessary streaming service, but people like me who will be keeping basic cable and a DVR, likely won't see much benefit in adding this \$8 fee each month.

### ❖ One

I am just starting to get my feet wet with One service (thanks to the addition of a Kindle Fire after the holidays) is Amazon Prime. Their





instant video service comes with an Amazon Prime membership, which runs \$79 a year (roughly \$6.58 a month). There are a growing number of movies and television shows available through Amazon Prime. Currently, the only places I can watch this content is either through my Roku device (plugged in to the TV in the bedroom) or on my Kindle Fire. There isn't native support for Amazon Instant Video on my iOS devices.

So far, though, I have been impressed with Amazon Prime as a video source. Adding in other functionality for my Kindle Fire, such as book borrowing, free 2-day shipping on Amazon orders makes it an even more attractive option. The only thing missing would be some sort of streaming music service, similar to a Pandora or Spotify. If I hear rumors that something like this is in the works for Amazon Prime, I will of course provide updates when available.

### ❖ Other services

There are additional streaming services available or coming online in coming months. One currently available that I frequently use is Crackle. I am able to stream Crackle through Roku or my iPhone, and while it doesn't have the number of shows or movies that a Netflix or Hulu Plus might have, it does have a good niche, with shows distributed by Sony. You won't find all of the episodes for a series here, but there are a handful from various seasons available. The movie selection is limited, but growing. Like with Hulu Plus, there is a brief commercial that comes in every 15-30minutes or so, but it isn't as distracting or as long as those on Hulu Plus.



Some other options to consider are some of the cable provider specific services such as Comcast's Xfinity On-Demand, Verizon FiOS (in addition, Verizon will be launching a Netflix-styled streaming video source this year that will be available in areas not serviced by FiOS currently), Uverse's streaming video through an iPhone app, and more.

I personally envision myself downgrading my cable package and adding a combination of Amazon Prime and Netflix. Combined with my ability to rent new releases through my Uverse subscription or through iTunes on AppleTV, this should give me adequate access to all of the programming I should ever want.

### ❖ Devices to consider

This really depends on what you want to watch and where you want to watch it. Do you

want something that will give you content at home? Do you want HD? Do you want to be on the go?

For home entertainment systems, you have several options. Probably the easiest would be to purchase a **SmartTV or app-enabled Blu-Ray player**, to give you access to Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon Prime, etc. These devices connect to your home WiFi network and use apps to provide you the streaming content.

If you don't have a new TV purchase in your budget, you can opt for the next best thing, a set-top-box such as **AppleTV or Roku**.



Each has their merits and limitations, but both are powerful options for accessing your streaming video. If you just want a basic streaming device that gives you access to the most content and apps, Roku is a great choice. I picked up the Roku LT for my bedroom where I am not running an HDTV and it only set me back around \$55. It works great to give me basic Netflix or Amazon Prime access. For those that are HD-minded, Roku does offer devices that stream in up to 1080p for about \$100.

For roughly the same price as the high-end Roku, you can also opt for AppleTV. While it doesn't have all of the apps that a Roku device will (it does have Netflix, YouTube and a few others), it does offer AirPlay. With this, I can stream my music or video from my laptop, iMac or any iOS device. This makes it a perfect complement to my main home theater system in my living room. For those looking at high-end HD, keep in mind the AppleTV maxes out at 720p.

### ❖ Mobile Devices

If you are thinking about taking your video on the go, you have a ton of choices.

First, you can go the smartphone route. With this, you can access your streaming video anywhere you can get a cell phone signal. Make sure you have a hearty data plan (I recommend unlimited or the highest you can afford) because streaming video does eat up the gigabytes. If you have access at work or at home to a WiFi network, that should help ease the burden on your cell's data plan.

You can also look at a tablet. There are some that are WiFi-only, like the Kindle Fire I recently acquired. You can also look at tablets that access cellular networks, but remember those will incur additional data plan fees.

If you would rather go the personal WiFi-hotspot route, you can look at a MiFi device. These are basically portable and personal WiFi routers that convert a cell phone 3G signal into a



WiFi signal. From this, you can provide a WiFi Internet connection to several devices (usually up to five at once). Check with your cell provider to see what they offer and how much their plans run. They typically run about what an unlimited data plan will run, but don't always incur a specific contract period (one year, two year, etc..).

Personally, I love my Kindle Fire and iPhone combination. With this, I can use my Kindle Fire when at home or at work and on a WiFi network to stream music, videos, etc. Then, with my iPhone, I can access the same content when I don't have a WiFi connection.

It really all will depend on what features you hold to be most important. Hopefully, though, this column will give you a starting point to begin your research.

### GLOBALNET LINKS

Verizon Launching Streaming Service - [www.tomsguide.com/us/Verizon-Netflix-HBO-Starz-Video-Streaming,news-13419.html](http://www.tomsguide.com/us/Verizon-Netflix-HBO-Starz-Video-Streaming,news-13419.html)

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### ❖ A Modest LF Shack

Readers sometimes ask what I use for DXing the longwave band. It may be surprising to some just how basic my setup is, but here is a quick rundown for those who may be curious! Since antennas are by far the most important tool for listening, I'll describe them first.

I use three types of antennas at my western NY location as follows: 1) An L-400B Active Antenna by LF Engineering Co. ([www.lfengineering.com](http://www.lfengineering.com)), 2) a homebrew broadband shielded loop described at <http://members.shaw.ca/ve7sl/burhans.html>, and 3) a wire antenna about 150-feet long and 30 feet above ground. This last antenna is my "general purpose" receiving wire, which I use across the VLF/LF/MF/HF spectrum. In addition, I sometimes use a Q-Stick Plus+ ferrite bar antenna positioned atop my Sony 2010 portable receiver for traveling or for temporary set-ups. More information on the Q-Stick is available online at <http://dxtools.com/QStick.htm>.

For my main receiver, I use a Drake R8 (non-A version), which my wife gave me as a present in the summer of 1992. It's one of the few brand new radios I have ever owned, and I still love it. This set covers down to 100 kHz, and if I need to go lower, I use an LF Engineering L-101 converter ahead of it, which takes me down to 5 kHz. (For anything below that I break out a homebrew "BBB-4" natural radio receiver, but that's a topic for another column.)

Also for LF work, I have a vintage National RBL-5 regenerative receiver that I use from time to time. This 1943 Navy set is fun to operate and covers 15 to 600 kHz. Using it takes some getting used to, as it does not have all of the niceties of a modern set, such as a noise blanker, notch filter, or even an S-meter. However, the "fun factor" is what keeps me coming back to this set time and again.

Another rig I use occasionally for LF is a Collins R-390 (non-A version) with the above-mentioned LF converter placed ahead of it, as the R-390 only goes down to 500 kHz on its own. It is a very nice set from the mid-1950s, and it still holds its own against most of today's radios. It has mechanical digital tuning accurate to 200 Hz when properly calibrated with the built-in crystal oscillator. It is also my main receiver for ham communication when using AM or CW with separate transmitters on the bench.

### ❖ Farewell to BeaconFinder II

Since 1998, I have published the *BeaconFinder* directory of longwave stations, with an emphasis on non-directional beacons (NDBs). Recently, I have decided to discontinue this publication, as much of the information is now available online from various sources, many of which we've covered here in the column. Keeping the guide up to date has also become a challenge from the standpoint of time and access to a once-readily available FAA database. Moreover, the number of active longwave beacons has fallen, and this trend is likely to continue.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who ordered the *BeaconFinder* over the years. It was a bigger success than I ever imagined, and you made that possible. Remaining copies will be available while they last, but after that the book will be history. I still think there is a place for a printed guide, as it offers a place to make notes and doesn't require having a PC running to use. However, the times are changing, and online resources are now the preferred way that most people get frequency and location data for longwave beacons. Why fight the trend?

Thanks again for a great run, and my CD recording, *VLF RADIO!* will continue to be available as described on page 76. It offers an audio tour of what you can hear from 0 to 535 kHz, including some "extinct" stations like GWEN and OMEGA.

### ❖ Basement Band Loggings

Rowland Hamly sent the logs below from his International Falls, MN location. He used a JRC NRD-545 and Icom R-75 receiver for these intercepts. His antenna is an L-400B active antenna by LF Engineering Co.

#### Selected NDB Logs from MN

kHz	ID	Location
218	RL	Red Lake, ON
223	YYW	Armstrong, ON
230	ZUC	Ignace, ON
233	CQM	Cook, MN
248	KZ	Buttonville, ON
251	BR	Brainerd, MN
272	GP	Grand Rapids, MN
276	YEL	Elliot Lake, ON
326	YQK	Kenora, ON
328	YTL	Big Trout Lake, ON
330	PWC	Pine River, MN
334	YER	Fort Severn, ON
335	YLD	Chapleau, ON

345	FOZ	Big Fork, MN
346	YXL	Sioux Lookout, ON
353	IN	Intl Falls, MN
360	SW	Warroad, MN
376	YAG	Fort Frances, ON
382	YPL	Pickle Lake, ON
385	SCG	Crane Lake, MN
393	XVG	Longville, ON
413	YHD	Dryden, ON
417	IY	Charles City, IA
429	POH	Pocahontas, IA

We also have a list of loggings from Mario Filippi, N2HUN (NJ) made during December. In addition to the logs shown in the list, he also reported hearing a 2-way contact between WE2XGR/6 and WB2XSH/6 at 500 kHz, and hearing Arabic music – weakly – at 170 kHz.

Mario points out that Iowa is the farthest location he has received stateside. All loggings were made on a Yaesu FRG-7 receiver with a Palomar VLF converter. His antenna is a 43-foot vertical from S9 Antennas with 53 ground radials.

#### Selected NDB Logs from NJ

kHz	ID	Location
198	DIW	Dixon, NC
212	SJ	Saint John, NB
224	MO	Moosonee, ON
233	QN	Nakina, ON
236	OW	Ottawa, ON
243	YVB	Bonaventure, QC
244	DG	Chute des Passes, QC
248	FRT	Spartanburg-Fairmont, SC
248	UL	Montreal, QC
257	YXR	Earlton, ON
260	UFX	Lourdes-de-Joliette, QC
273	ZV	Sept-Iles, QC
284	RQY	Randolph City, WV
289	YLQ	La Tuque, QC
407	IL	Wilmington, OH
407	ZHU	St. Hubert, QC
408	SN	St. Catharines, ON
409	YTA	Petawawa, ON
414	3U	Gatineau, ON
417	HHG	Huntington, IN
419	RYS	Grosse Ile, MI
423	PCW	Port Clinton, OH
423	SIF	Reidsville, NC
432	IZN	Lincolnton, NC
434	SLB	Storm Lake, IA
526	ZLS	Stella Maris, Bahamas

### ❖ Mailbag

Besides sending loggings, Mario Filippi, N2HUN (NJ), also sent an interesting letter describing his restoration of a Coastal Navigator RDF unit. What he found inside the set is an interesting story in its own right. The radio seemed to be in good shape cosmetically from



the outside, but the Marine Band was dead, so he opened the case to investigate. Inside, he found a large wasp nest made of clay. He says it took a small hammer, screwdriver, and needle-nose pliers to break up the nest, and luckily no wasps were still alive!

Here are pictures of the chassis when the set was first opened, showing the massive nest, and then another shot taken after he cleaned things up, with the set ready for rewiring and troubleshooting.



*Mario Filippi's Coastal Navigator chassis, with wasp nest still in place!*



*Coastal Navigator chassis cleaned and ready for checkout.*

## ❖ Hifer Beacons

When we discuss beacons in this column, it generally pertains to non-directional navigation beacons operating in the 190-535 kHz range. We also touch on some experimental beacons within this range, Lowfer and otherwise. Far lesser known are the other places in the radio spectrum where license-free beacons are allowed to operate. For example, there are operations at the low and high ends of the AM broadcast band by "Medfers," and there are "Hifer" transmissions occurring between about 13.553 and 13.567 MHz. This is just below the 20 meter ham band.

The Hifer band can yield some very interesting results due to skip conditions. On a mid-January morning at about 10 a.m. local time, I was able to hear beacons GNK (Madison, WI) and SZX (Macomb, IL) at weak, but readable levels here in NY.

Hifers typically use less than 5 milliwatts of power into a simple antenna and they are often heard at surprising distances. A list of active stations for this, and other "alternative" experimental beacons, can be found at the site maintained by John H. Davis at [www.lwca.org/sitepage/part15/index.htm](http://www.lwca.org/sitepage/part15/index.htm). Good luck, and if you hear any of these micro-power beacons, be sure to let the operator know!

In addition to Hifers, you may want to check the 10 meter amateur band for beacon activity, especially now that the band is open most days with the increase in sunspot activity. The frequencies between 28.1 and 28.3 MHz are especially fertile ground for beacons, and one resource for identifying them can be found at [www.qsl.net/wj50/bcn.htm](http://www.qsl.net/wj50/bcn.htm). If things are really hopping, be sure to check out the 6 meter (50 MHz) band as well. A website for 6-meter beacons can be found at [www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/50.htm](http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/por/50.htm).

## ❖ A New Project

We recently wrapped up the restoration of an AquaGuide RDF-304 receiver in this column. I've since connected an AC adapter to power it, rather than having to use the internal batteries, while retaining the ability to use batteries for portable work. This was a fun set to restore, and even more fun to use, but I've been looking for something new to work on. I think I have found the perfect candidate: A Bendix Navigator 420 direction finding receiver.

The Bendix is a compact solid state portable receiver covering the LF, AM Broadcast, and Marine Bands. It includes a rotatable ferrite antenna on top, an S-meter, and a sensitivity control. It even has a BFO for Consolan reception, a specialized type of navigation aid. I was fortunate to find this set at the 2010 Antique Wireless Association Convention in Rochester, NY last August for \$10, and it included an original manual, which is a rare find in itself. I've seen sets similar to these carrying the name "Nova" on the front and I suspect these were all made by the same manufacturer and then private labeled by a number of companies.

Some of the sets in this family have additional bands, such

as VHF, Aviation, and even CB, but they all retain the same basic appearance. This is the first one I have seen with the Bendix name on it, however. Looking closer at the rear panel, the name Nova does appear in small print, so this would seem to confirm that they all share the same lineage.

Next time we'll open it up and do an assessment on what is needed to put this radio back in top condition.

At first glance, it does not appear to have any physical damage, although there is a white "cocoon" behind the dial scale at the lower right side. Hopefully this, and any remnants from it, can be removed from behind the dial. Having the manual should be a real plus if repairs are required, as it contains a schematic diagram, albeit a small one. The manual also explains all of the features and intended uses for the set.



*Our next LF restoration project: a Bendix Navigator 420 RDF receiver*

## ❖ NASWA Winter SWL Fest

I hope to see many at you at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter SWL Fest at Plymouth Meeting, PA (near Philadelphia) on March 1-3. This annual gathering of radio enthusiasts has something for all corners of the hobby from DC to daylight. It is also a great time to reunite with friends from the radio hobby and make new ones. For complete information on this event, visit the event's website at [www.swlfest.com/](http://www.swlfest.com/).

That's it for this month. 73, and best LW DX!

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## Buttoning up the Meissner “Utility” Broadcast Set

Last month, having finished the recapping of our Meissner receiver, I was finally able to fire it up and verify that it was indeed receiving signals throughout the broadcast band. I wanted to be sure of that before attempting an alignment, because the set has some features that make it look like a factory prototype, possibly for a special frequency range. Among these are that it is equipped with Meissner adjustable oscillator and r.f. coils – normally only used for matching unobtainable replacement parts – instead of the fixed coils ordinarily used in this receiver.

Now that I knew I was still dealing with a broadcast band receiver, I felt free to proceed with the alignment, which went smoothly. By the end of the session, I felt that I was satisfied with the results of the restoration except for one issue: a sticking dial drive that was resisting all attempts to free it up.

### ❖ A Lucky Dial Drive Fix

This month’s session began with an attack on the tuning dial problem. Once that was solved, and the tuning eye reconnected, the Meissner could be reinstalled in its cabinet. I had tried to deal with the dial, which would always have to be “helped” over a certain spot during tuning, with WD-40 lubricant carefully sprayed on the tuning capacitor bearings and on the bearings of a couple of the pulleys. But nothing seemed to work.

Not being sure where in the drive system binding was occurring, it looked like I would have no choice but to disassemble the system to try to isolate the problem. That would re-

quire removing the front panel and, of course, unstringing the drive. Since my Meissner manual for the set doesn’t have a dial stringing diagram, I would have to make my own before disassembly. That’s where I got lucky.

The wraps of dial cord around the main drive pulley were so close together that I couldn’t be sure of how many there were and which ones passed through the hole in the pulley to connect with the tensioning spring. To help me work all this out, I resorted to using a fine jeweler’s screwdriver to wedge the wraps apart so I could distinguish between them. Once I finished my diagram, I decided to operate the dial drive one last time before disassembling it. And I’m glad I did because, to my surprise, it now operated smoothly throughout its entire range! Apparently the binding had been happening someplace where the cord passed over the pulley.

### ❖ Re-Invigorating the Tuning Eye

The tuning eye had been disconnected throughout all of the testing and realignment procedures because it couldn’t be mounted on its bracket with the set out of the cabinet. It wasn’t necessary for the operation of the radio, so I had kept it unplugged to protect it from damage as I moved the chassis around. Now I reconnected it to check its operation, and I was a little disappointed.

The eye was responding all right, but the closings were only partial, even with very strong signals. There were two possible causes. The most obvious was that a type 6E5 had

been substituted for the 6G5 called for in the documentation. The other was the 1-megohm resistor that is commonly part of the tuning eye circuit and hidden within the tube socket. The latter is known to substantially increase in value over time and reduce the sensitivity of the indication.

I checked the resistor first and it was spot on. There was no problem there, so I looked through my supply of indicator tubes and found one marked “6G5/6H5.” That one was much livelier in its response and was nice and bright besides. A winner!

With the last problem solved, I could now return the set to its cabinet and button it up. I’ve never been able understand why there had to be so many subtly different varieties of tuning eye.

### ❖ Output Transformer Specs

As those who have been following this restoration know, our radio does not have a built-in speaker or an output transformer. The speaker is an accessory, and is specified as a dynamic type having a 1500-2000 ohm field and an output transformer to match a single 6V6 in class A. The day has long passed when one could purchase a dynamic speaker off the shelf and, as has been previously discussed, we used the recommended series-connected choke and resistor to substitute for the field coil, which left us free to use a common PM speaker instead of the dynamic one.

Up to this point, just for testing, we’ve been using an output transformer of unknown specs. Luckily it has worked well enough, but the sound does have a bit of an edge that makes me wonder just how close of a match we might have. The Meissner documentation says we need a transformer, rated at least 5 watts, to match the impedance of a 6V6 tube in class A. What impedance is that? We need to refer to a tube manual to find out, and the spec we want to look at is the load resistance (NOT the plate resistance).

My RCA manual gives the load resistance of a 6V6 in class A at three different voltages: 180, 250 and 315. According to the schematic, the plate voltage on our 6V6 is 250, which corresponds to a load resistance of 5,000 ohms. So what we want is a transformer that will match the typical impedance (3.2 ohms) of the small PM speaker to the 6V6’s 5,000 ohms.

Like dynamic speakers, specific imped-



The Meissner’s sticking dial drive resisted all correction attempts, then got fixed by luck (see text).





*The “wall wart” handy dandy transformer tester. It’s definitely not pretty, but it does the job!*

ance output transformers are rare to find new. Generally one must resort to a “universal” transformer that can be set up for various impedance combinations. One well-known supplier of parts for vintage radios lists a 5-watt universal transformer that can be set up for the impedance combination we want at over \$33.00.

Like many of us, I have a junk box that contains several unmarked output transformers, and while some are the small size used in a.c.-d.c. sets, a few look big enough to handle 5 watts. The question is, how can I tell if the transformer I am using, or any of these alternatives, is the right size?

## ❖ Finding the Required Turns Ratio

It’s important to keep in mind that an output transformer does not have an inherent load. It is strictly a device to couple the output tube and the speaker voice coil. Without a speaker connected to its secondary, it will not present a load to the output tube connected to its primary. And the size of the load, or impedance, presented at the primary depends on two things: the impedance of the voice coil connected to the secondary and the *turns ratio* of the primary and secondary windings.

As the term implies, the turns ratio of a transformer is the ratio between its primary and secondary turns. For example, if the primary has 50 times as many turns as the secondary, then the turns ratio is 50 to 1. Now the impedance of a speaker voice coil connected to the secondary of a transformer is reflected back to the primary of the transformer as the square of the turns ratio.

$$Z_{\text{tube}} = Z_{\text{v.c.}} \times (\text{TR})^2$$

The required turns ratio is the first thing we need to know in evaluating an unmarked output transformer. And since we know the impedance of the voice coil (3.2 ohms for most small speakers) and the desired impedance to be reflected to the primary (5000 ohms), we can calculate the turns ratio with a simple rearrangement of the above formula:

$$\text{TR} = (Z_{\text{tube}}/Z_{\text{v.c.}})^{1/2}$$

So the turns ratio we need is the square root of [5000/3.2=1563] or between 39 and 40 (my calculator doesn’t do square roots, but that’s close enough for our purposes).

## ❖ Identifying an Unmarked Transformer

It’s very easy to find the turns ratio of the primary and secondary of a transformer experimentally because the turns ratio is the same as the ratio of the voltages in the primary and secondary. So determining the turns ratio is as simple as applying a voltage to one of these windings and measuring the resulting voltage in the other.

In a newsletter article authored by Tony Jacobi some years ago, he suggested using a 12-volt transformer as a voltage source and applying the voltage to the primary winding. A 1k resistor is inserted in series with the voltage source and the winding. The purpose of the resistor is to limit current flow in case the unknown winding being energized is shorted or has an unexpectedly low number of turns.

Once the primary is energized, the voltage at the secondary can be measured and the ratio of primary to secondary voltages, which is the same as the turns ratio, can be calculated. Tony recommended that a VTVM or DVM be used to do the measuring because these instruments can indicate the small voltages more accurately.

Like most of us who dabble in radio and electronics, I have a growing collection of “wall warts” salvaged from defunct or obsolete electronic gear. And I really didn’t have to search too long to find one with a nominal 12 v.a.c. output. It delivered 14 volts no load and was rated at a little over 800 mA, which I thought would be more than adequate for the purpose. So that unit became the basis for a little transformer tester.

I used a glob of adhesive to mount a 1k resistor to the side of the wall transformer and routed the output cord past it with more adhesive. Since it was zip cord, I could easily cut one of the leads, then strip the free ends and solder them to the leads of the resistor. This effectively put the resistor in series with the output cord. Cutting off the barrel plug from the end of the cord and substituting a pair of small alligator clips completed my little tester. These would be clipped to the primary leads of the unknown transformer.

Disconnecting the output transformer I had been using with the Meissner from both the radio and the voice coil, I fired up my handy dandy transformer tester and attached its clip leads to the primary. Using a DVM, I measured exactly 12 volts across the primary and 0.5 volts across the secondary. Dividing the primary voltage by the secondary voltage gave me a turns ratio of 24. Assuming a speaker impedance of 3.2 ohms to be connected across the secondary, the load impedance reflected back to the primary would be 3.2 X (24)<sup>2</sup>, or 3.2 X 576, or 1843.

This isn’t even half of the 5000-ohm load impedance we really need for the Meissner’s 6V6 output tube, and could certainly account for the slight edge noticeable in the radio’s audio quality. It could also account for the fact that the set’s tone control seems to have only a limited effect.

Checking my tube manual, I found that the load impedance required for a type 50L6, the typical audio output tube in an “All American

Five” a.c.-d.c. receiver, is 2,000 at the 110 plate volts usual in such sets. Thus it’s a good guess that the transformer I’ve been using in the Meissner was salvaged from such a radio. None of the other salvaged transformers in my collection are even that close.

Just to verify my methods, I ran a test on the only marked output transformer I seem to have in the junk box. It’s a small military unit intended to match a 600-ohm receiver output to an 8-ohm speaker. According to my voltage measurements and calculations, an 8-ohm speaker would reflect a load impedance back to the receiver of about 750 ohms. Close enough, considering the possible inaccuracies in the inexpensive little DVM I’ve been using as a temporary replacement for my defective original.

Now that I’ve tried out Tony’s method, I would say that a DVM is a must for measuring the small voltages and fractions of voltages that one encounters at the secondaries of the transformers. But I find that the tests are very quick to do, as are the simple calculations required. It is certainly a very useful technique.


As it happens I have no transformer in my collection that even comes close to the 5,000 ohm-to-3.2 ohm unit needed for the Meissner. So I will have to look elsewhere. New transformers are expensive but, as Tony points out, transformers marked for one purpose can be used for others, provided that the primary to secondary impedance ratios are identical. For example, a transformer intended to match a 50L6 (2,000 ohms nominal plate load) to a 3.2-ohm speaker will also match a 6V6 (5,000 ohms nominal plate load) to an 8-ohm speaker because their impedance ratios, and therefore their turns ratios, are equal.

As I browse through surplus catalogues for a transformer, I can take advantage of this knowledge to give myself a wider choice of possibilities. I could also take advantage of a good buy in an 8-ohm speaker and use the transformer I already have!

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# What's My Line? Understanding Transmission Lines

I've often harped on the idea that a good antenna is crucial to the successful operation of one's station. An effective antenna can make an inexpensive radio into a winning performer; a top-of-the-line radio is useless with a poor antenna. Yet there's an even more important and basic link in this equation – the transmission line that connects that comfy indoor station to our (hopefully) effective antenna.

We spend a lot of thought, and money, on getting good radios and putting up good antennas, perhaps without understanding transmission lines as well as we should. This month, let's attempt to look a little more closely at this all-important link in the radio chain.

### ❖ Balanced vs Unbalanced Feeds

All transmission lines fall into one of two general categories, which we call *unbalanced* and *balanced*. If we ignore for the moment special cases like a single wire feeding a longwire or other random antenna, then what we really mean by *unbalanced* is coaxial cable. *Balanced* refers to ladder line, TwinLead, window line, zip cord – which are not shielded like coax is and which have two obviously equal conductors separated by more or less distance and by more or less insulating material, which we call *dielectric*. These factors of spacing and dielectric are also crucial aspects of the functioning of coaxial cable.

The biggest and most obvious difference between these two configurations is the one that divides them into unbalanced and balanced – coaxial cable has an insulated inner conductor surrounded by a *shield* of woven wire. This outer, shield conductor is always connected solidly to ground at the radio end of the run. Conversely, balanced line has two identical conductors that are not shielded, and neither of which is connected to ground at the radio end. What are the relative advantages and disadvantages of each?

### ❖ The Miracle of Coax

Coaxial cable's greatest edge, probably, is that it can be run almost *anywhere*. Since it is a shielded cable, it can be run right along metal structures such as towers and metal buildings, taped to other coax cables in groups with no interference between them, even run underground under the right conditions. These features were a tremendous boon to amateurs

in the immediate aftermath of World War II, when huge amounts of military surplus coax came on the market.

Up until then, operators had generally used single-wire or homemade ladder-line feeders, with all the attendant liabilities: the shock hazard from exposed conductors, the unintended radiation from these unshielded feedlines when imbalances in antennas were encountered, the tendency of ladder line to twist in the wind and short out, the need to carefully space or stand-off these feeders from any and all metal surfaces.

Coaxial cable was a godsend of convenience and neat appearance – provided you were feeding a *resonant* antenna with it. Its shielded nature was a huge plus when television first arrived in American homes and TVI (television interference) became a big issue.

Another major part of coax's legacy is that antenna inputs on radios steadily became standardized as 50 ohm unbalanced – a perfect match to the vast majority of coax cables on the market. Nowadays, of course, this is all but universal on receivers, transceivers, tuners, and all other modern radio equipment.

Of course, there is an inevitable downside to all of this. Coaxial cable's big Achilles heel is that it must operate in an *impedance matched* environment. With the center conduc-

tor encased in a substantial plastic jacket and completely surrounded by the outer shield, which is also encased in a jacket, a length of coax is actually a quite efficient capacitor. As long as the antenna load, the coax itself, and the radio's antenna connection are all substantially the same impedance, or nearly so, there is an efficient and unimpeded flow of power.

Introduce much mismatch, though, and the resulting SWR begins to generate power loss in the cable. As little as 2 to 1 SWR, and certainly 3 to 1 or more, results in unacceptable power loss in the cable – indeed, at high enough power levels and bad enough mismatch, the resulting voltage peaks can punch holes right through the coax jacket. This is why, once coax became so prevalent in the post-World War Two era, hams became *very* attentive to the concept of making a coax-fed antenna resonant – that is to say, making dipoles *exactly* a half-wave long at the desired frequency, and making verticals *exactly* a quarter-wave long.

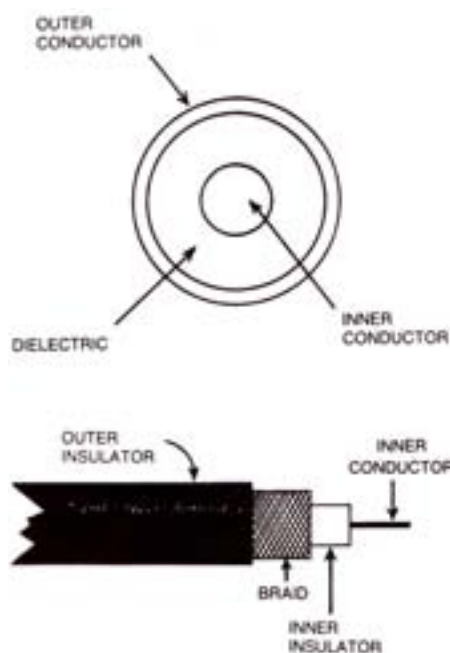
Generally this resulted in antenna feed-point impedances ranging roughly from 30 to 70 ohms – an acceptable match to nominally 50 ohm coaxial cable. Ingenious matching networks at the antenna were developed to bring Yagis, quads, and other antennas into line with this desired impedance range.

Incidentally, this concept of keeping the match between cable and antenna carefully controlled also resulted in the development of SWR bridges and forward and reflected reading wattmeters to allow operators to keep an eye on this whole process – tools which remain indispensable to us to this day. By the way, forward and reflected power measurement refers to the direction of power flow in the coaxial cable – *forward* being from the rig to the antenna, and *reflected* being the power “bounced back” down the line by mismatch and resulting higher SWR.

Ideally, we would like to see an SWR of 1 to 1, which theoretically means maximum forward and zero reflected power. When all-solid-state rigs were developed and perfected, they were provided with “fold-back” circuitry, which automatically restricts the power output when higher than 1 to 1 SWR levels are sensed. This prevents the embarrassing spectacle of blowing up the rig's output transistors!

### ❖ Achieving Balance

Balanced line is a completely different animal. Care must be exercised in the routing and supporting of a balanced line. Even if it is an insulated line, like TwinLead or window line,



End-on and lateral schematic drawings of coaxial cable construction.





A typical example of manufactured "window line."

it must be spaced away from metal surfaces like window frames, roof flashing, and the like, since it is not shielded, and these conductive surfaces would present grave issues of interaction with the fields surrounding the balanced line. True ladder line, which is bare conductors with wood or plastic spacers, needs even more care, since the line can twist in the wind and short to itself. Also, since the impedance of the line and arrangement of the conductors differs so much from the coax-oriented systems that all our equipment has, it is necessary to "adapt" the balanced line, usually with some sort of *balun* arrangement, which is often an integral aspect of an antenna tuner.

As you might have guessed, though, there's a huge upside to balanced line. The two conductors are well separated, compared to coax, and one is not surrounded by the other. Also, there is far less dielectric between the two, so a much smaller capacitor is formed, and a considerably higher characteristic impedance results. (There are limits to this, of course: TwinLead, for example, has the conductors comparatively close together, and an essentially solid dielectric between the two, making TwinLead less efficient than ladder or window lines.)

What this means in operational terms is

that *antenna resonance and SWR issues become largely meaningless*. This is because the balanced line is essentially lossless due to its tiny capacitance and minimal interaction between conductors, especially compared to coaxial cable. And a moment's thought will show that, if the line is essentially lossless, then SWR on the line really doesn't matter, as long as we insert a tuner or other matching arrangement between the line and the rig's 50 ohm output.

Adjusting the tuner for lowest SWR in this scenario is really just adjusting the rig side of the circuit to 50 ohms – it doesn't much matter what the SWR is on the balanced line, or for that matter at the antenna. The rig sees 50 ohms, and it's happy. The balanced line doesn't care what it sees, and transfers power efficiently over a wide range of conditions. Thus the whole issue of making an antenna a carefully "resonant" length becomes unimportant.

This is a great boon to stealth operators and people with limited real estate, who need only put up the longest and highest dipole, loop, longwire or other arrangement they can manage, and the ladder line and tuner will get them on multiple bands with a single antenna. A good rule of thumb for dipoles operated this way is that, if the dipole is at least a quarter-wavelength long at the lowest desired frequency, balanced line and a tuner will get the operator on every HF band above that frequency. In other words,



One version of TwinLead, a smaller balanced line of about 300 ohms impedance.

if all you can manage is a 35 foot long dipole, you're still able to operate 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters. (The right tuner will permit 6 meter operation as well.) Just try *that* with a single, trapless dipole fed with coax!

I hope that this brief overview gives you some sense of the difference between these two transmission line concepts. If I had the math skills, I would produce for you a reasoned and scholarly explanation of these concepts; nevertheless, forty-odd years of operating experience has shown me that they are indeed valid notions. If you want to learn more about the technical aspects of this subject, I encourage you to study one of the fine texts covering this topic, such as Joseph J. Carr's *Practical Antenna Handbook*, or the Transmission Lines chapter of ARRL's *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*.

That's all for this month, my friends. Join me here in the May issue, and we'll explore further the world of antennas. Until then, happy operating!

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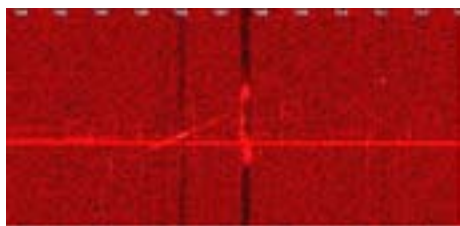
## ❖ Meteor Shower/Solar apps for iPhone/Android

I read an article in the Science section in a recent *New York Times* and noted a reference to a *Meteor Shower Guide* for \$0.99 from iTunes. This app has the year's meteor showers listed, and what's great is that it converts the peak times to your time zone and shows the current Moon's phase.

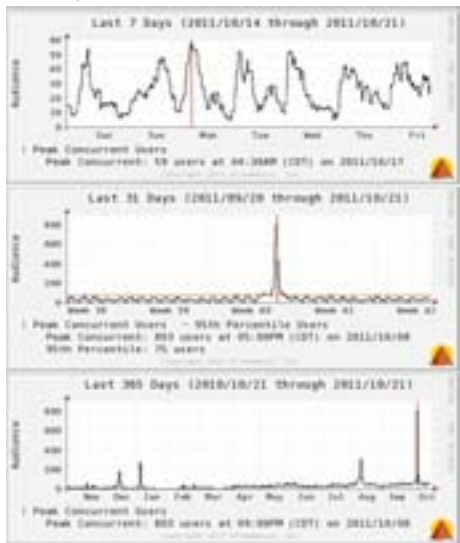
If you're into radio detection of meteors, this simplifies knowing when the shower is expected to peak. I used it for the October 8, 2011 Draconids shower. I have continuously monitored the NAVSPASUR radar system for years. During the Draconids, I found the activity peaked about the same time as the Guide. The meteor guide automatically updates with the next year's shower list.

As a reminder, the 217 MHz radar echoes are broadcast 24/7 and can be heard by checking in at [www.SpaceWeatherRadio.com](http://www.SpaceWeatherRadio.com). It's free unless you're on a monitored data plan. I send the broadcast out to SpaceWeatherRadio as a 15 kb/s digital audio stream.

Here's a significant 'ping' or echo that occurred during the peak of the Draconid meteor shower on October 8, 2011, shortly after 3:07 p.m. MDT. The Doppler shift for most meteors is the sharp vertical traces. It was probably a 'messy' echo(s). I suspect it was a breakup of a bigger one.



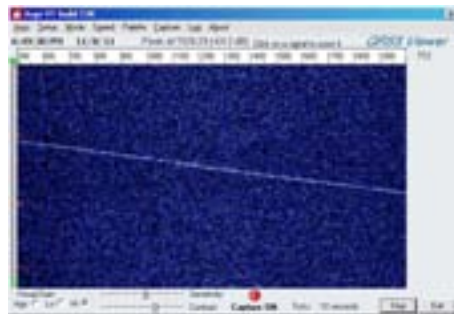
Here's a chart of the listener numbers for various periods of times. The Draconids occurred during the daytime this year in North America. The peak listeners were greater than other meteor showers over the last year which was due to fact they were day-time. We're also seeing a higher base-line of listener counts with peaks in the mornings since March.



I noted a big spike in listeners when the recent asteroid 2005 YU55 passed by Earth at 6:28

p.m. E.T., November 8, 2011-I read a newspaper article that noted astronomers were hoping to radar map the 1300 foot object. I doubt it passed over West Texas to be in position for NAVSPASUR radar detection on my receiver. I saw no traces on my R\_Meteor logs at the advertised time.

However, Carl Lyster, RAS's Design Engineer, was able to bag asteroid YU55 using NAVSPASUR. His receiver was tuned to 216.989 MHz. He is located in Knoxville, TN. He used Argo V1 software, see below, which is free. It was developed for Low Frequency work. What's neat about this software is its ability to save the screen to JPEGs in 60 second intervals. I now use it to monitor the audio on 216.989.



*Trace of echo from 2005 YU55 Asteroid: by Carl Lyster*

One way you can log the 'pings' or the echo's Doppler shift on your PC is to hook up an audio cable from your earphone jack over to the microphone jack. A small audio/microphone isolation transformer would be best. Go to <http://spaceweatherradio.com> and start the monitor. With an audio spectrum program running, like Argo V1, you can easily display the audio feed's spectrum.

I found a free *Meteor Shower Counter* app on iTunes, written by Dr. Tony Philips. Used to log visual meteors, you can share the counts with organizations that track them, such as IMO (International Meteor Organization) and the AMS (American Meteor Society).

Dr. Philips also offers a free *3D Sun* app which keeps you up-to-date on current space weather conditions on your iPhone/iPad. The app displays the current Sun's image with sunspots, if any. Below the image you'll find the current the Sunspot Number, Solar Wind Speed, X-ray Solar Flares, and Planetary K Index.

The numbers are worth checking out since they represent the Sun's activity. Radio transmission, satellites, power grids, etc. are often affected when the numbers get high. There's a great 3D rotating image of the Sun at selectable wavelengths in angstroms (A) which is equal to 1/100,000,000 of a centimeter. Check the app out and be the first to know when to duck inside and ground the antennas when the next big blast of solar activity drifts by our little planet.

## ❖ Name That Array

In my most recent column, I wrapped up my visit to the VLA (Very Large Array) near Socorro, New Mexico. Shortly after that, I happened across an article on my iPad's BBC News app. It mentioned there's a contest to rename the VLA system to something more encompassing. The article was by Jason Palmer. He noted the link to offer your

choice of names at: [www.namethearray.org](http://www.namethearray.org). I picked "Radio Universe VLA." Oh, well. The contest is probably over by the time this hits the stands. I'll keep you posted on the winner(s).

## ❖ Some Radio Astronomy Reading

If you're wondering what radio astronomy is all about and looking for a good introduction, check out [www.nrao.edu/index.php/learn/radioastronomy](http://www.nrao.edu/index.php/learn/radioastronomy).

Also, you might want to check out the book, *'The Invisible Universe: The Story of Radio Astronomy,'* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., by Gerrit L. Verschuur. I found it to be an excellent overview of the field of radio astronomy, in mostly layman's terms. Get mine through Amazon.com. SARA also does book reviews on various radio astronomy books.

## ❖ GPS Service Degradation on demand

Occasionally I get an FAA flight advisory via e-mail that indicates there will be GPS 'Testing' in the Alamogordo, NM area. Pilots are expected to be aware of possible 'unreliable or unavailability' of GPS signals during the testing times. The area affecting reception can be out to 300 NM (Nautical Miles) at Flight Level 250 (25,000 feet) and out to 173 NM at 50 feet above the ground. The tests apparently last a few days.

What's been intriguing is why they clobber the GPS signals and call it testing. I have suspected it's a form of counter measures to test the ability to mess up the GPS accuracy in a given area for tactical reasons. None of the pilots I know were aware of the 'real' reason, other than that it has affected their GPSs in the past.

A quick search of the somewhat trusty Web brings up a link that discusses what's going on. It's has been called a JAMFEST. Yes, they are testing *jamming techniques* and training personnel on how to deal with the resulting GPS degradation. Here's a link to one the earlier exercises that discusses the operation at White Sands: [www.insidegnss.com/node/714](http://www.insidegnss.com/node/714).

## ❖ Radio Jove Update

There is a group of dedicated Jupiter (RADIO JOVE) listeners who have been actively reporting their Jupiter recordings using the Radio Jove receiver. You can join the mail list and get all of the details at: <http://radiojove.gsfc.nasa.gov/>. They just released their bi-annual newsletter on the web. You can find it at: <http://radiojove.gsfc.nasa.gov/library/newsletters/2011Nov/>

## ❖ Radio Astronomy at the Movies

I ran across an interesting web article by Eric Schulman, National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Charlottesville, Virginia, who details the fact that movies that feature an astronomer are successful as opposed those that don't. He has graphs to "prove" it. Apparently the article was published in *Annals of Improbable Research*, Vol. 5, No. 3, pg. 10. Here's the link: <http://mysite.verizon.net/~vze3fs8i/air/airmov.html>

Keep Listening up!

## The Tinkerer's Best Friend The Portable Power Station

By Mario Filippi

### ❖ A Little Background

A few years ago I embarked on a new facet of the monitoring hobby: Ku band Free To Air (FTA) satellite reception. Anyone with modest means can set up one of these systems and travel the world from the couch or easy chair. Basically this requires a dish, LNB, FTA receiver, RG/6 coax, and some electronic elbow grease. Harnessing an FTA satellite (or "bird" as we FTA hobbyists refer to it) initially requires a certain amount of time and effort adjusting certain parameters such as dish angle (elevation), azimuth, and skew.

Most satellite systems require a good southern exposure with unobstructed views so that the dish (much like a rifle sight) can be pointed at the satellite's beam. There's the rub, as most folks like trees, shrubs, sheds, etc., on their property, all which can interfere with reception. Even a neighbor's house or landscaping can be an impediment to your reception of great birds such as Galaxy 19 that provide dozens of TV and radio stations from across the globe.

So, one must experiment with different locations at a site to find that "sweet spot" in which satisfactory reception of desired satellites can be had. Prior to finding the sweet spot in my backyard at least a dozen different locations were tried, all with different results. For example, to receive Hispasat (30°W), just moving the dish about five feet to the west made the difference between a staring blank screen and being able to enjoy Cubavision programs.

Now to the purpose of this article: a good source of AC power is needed to set up and adjust a satellite system. AC power is required to power the LNB and FTA receiver. If you are setting up a motorized system, then the H-H motor needs "juice" in addition. Granted, most homes have an outside AC receptacle, which is convenient, but if the dish is being set up far from the source, then running an extension cord is necessary. In my armamentarium I have a 90 foot extension cord which can always be counted on to morph into a hopelessly tangled mess every time it's unraveled. It's a nightmare to use.

### ❖ Power Station to the Rescue

Enter the portable power station, which rescues us electronics tinkerers who need power for random projects around the home and in the field. A portable power station can be of enormous help when performing routine electronic procedures at remote locations. So, a few years

ago I purchased a 400 watt power station that was the answer to dilemma faced every time I lugged the satellite dish and assorted components to a new site on the property.

Initially my search was for a no-frills rechargeable power supply with a minimum of two AC outlets to power components needed for routine setup and fine tuning of satellite systems. After initially purchasing one from an Internet industrial supply house, this one arrived with many more bells and whistles imaginable, all which have exceeded my expectations and needs.

This power station, manufactured by Vector Products, Inc.; weighs in at 25 pounds; is 21 inches long by 15 inches high and 12 inches deep, and comes in an eye-catching sport yellow plastic case. The unit is surrounded by hefty tubular armor, allowing it to fend off any roughhousing associated with outdoor projects. There are two protective clear plastic panels that protect the front controls from the elements and unfriendly objects.

In addition to providing AC power, the unit has a 12 volt/5A DC cigarette-lighter-style outlet and a USB port providing 5 volts DC @ 500mA. When the unit runs out of sufficient power, a green LED will begin to blink, indicating a recharge is in order.

For my purposes an overnight charge in a wall outlet is sufficient. The unit can be also recharged by plugging the supplied charging cord into your car's 12 volt outlet. A handy battery level status LED array is provided to check when full charge is attained.

This particular model provides more than enough power to run an LNB, FTA receiver, portable TV, and H-H motor several hours. It will run out of juice a lot later than me, as several hours in the great outdoors adjusting a dish is fun, but I'd rather be inside watching from the comforts of the couch. It can also be used to power tools such as drills, saws, pumps, even a low wattage soldering iron, but these will drain the unit faster.

Now for the other niceties provided by this unit. It has an AM /FM radio which functions adequately and provides entertainment when taking a breather from outdoor radio chores. Headphones can be plugged into the handy jack. If Mother Nature threatens to dampen your FTA



frolics, then tune into the weather as all 7 NOAA channels are included, along with an alert feature for severe weather.

Oh, and in case you nap a little too long in between jobs, it has a built in clock with an alarm! Lastly, if your pursuit of that elusive "bird" takes you beyond the hours of dusk then a built-in LED area light will assist you in finding your way back to the shack.

Below is a typical use of the power station when tweaking a motorized Ku-band FTA system. This is one of my 36 inch Fortec Star dishes, used to receive Telstar (15°W) and Hispasat (30°W). The receiver is a Fortec Star Dynamic, H-H motor is a Sadoun Powertech DG-280, the LNB is a Chaparral universal, and a Radio Shack satellite meter. The small flat screen is an Accurian, plugged into the power station's DC outlet. Recent high winds had caused a shift in the dish's position so I had to do some adjustments.

In conclusion, my portable power station has been a constant companion and valued time-saver while performing all sorts of jobs requiring electrical power. They come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and features and some are even carried by big box stores, so shop around and try one out. As a ham, OTA, scanner and FTA enthusiast, this piece of equipment unquestionably occupies a high position on the totem pole of importance for me.





## WiNRADiO G39DDCe Wide-Frequency-Coverage Receiver

By Bob Grove, W8JHD

**W**ith the global success of its predecessor, the G31DDCe 9 kHz-50 MHz receiver (*MT First Look Review* November 2010), this newly-released, 9 kHz-3500 MHz, double-receiver descendant was inevitable. Using the new WiNRADiO G39DDC software defined receiver (SDR), you can monitor two different stations within the same 16 MHz span of spectrum, independently or mixed, or listen to one while recording the other.

Still packaged in a compact brick size like its predecessor, but now with heat fins to dissipate the power required for signal processing, the new G39DDCe “*Excelsior*” is a remarkable receiving laboratory.

The G39 is also available as an internal PCI express plug-in card, the G39DDCi. The only difference between the two models is that the 2 MHz span of the secondary spectrum display of the external model, limited by the USB interface, is a wider 4 MHz on the card.

Computer requirements to host the operation of the G39 are a Windows XP, Vista, or 7 OS with 2 GB of RAM and a 2 GHz computer processing unit (CPU). Slower CPU speeds affect selectivity and bandwidth. The display is configured for standard SVGA, and 20 MB of hard-drive free space is required.

### ❖ Receiver Overview

The G39 is a marriage of a multimode receiver and a spectrum analyzer. As a receiver it is capable of demodulating AM, AMS, CW, LSB, USB, ISB, DSB, FMN, FMW (stereo), FSK, and DRM (with an optional software license purchase).

Tuning and slewing speeds can be adjusted to select 1, 10, 100 Hz, 1, 3.125, 5, 6.25, 10, 12.5, 25, 50, or 100 kHz steps. You can even jump rapidly in 10 MHz increments by using the arrow keys on the spectrum display.

The signal strength meter may be selected to show S units, microvolts (uV), or dBm.

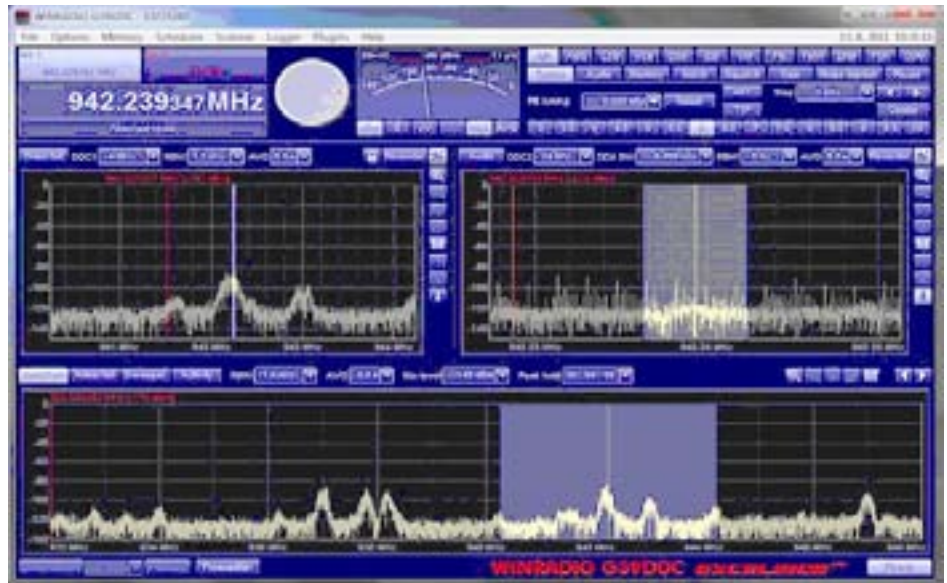


Figure 2 - Screen Shot 1

As you can see from the accompanying illustration (Figure 2), the receiver’s virtual control panel is a busy place! Daunting at first, it gradually makes sense and, after a while, actually become intuitive. A full operating manual disc is included. Read it!

Handily, the entire display may be custom-sized vertically or horizontally to fit the requirements of the computer screen. The three spectrum displays are interlinked. The main display at the bottom is always a span of 16 MHz, chosen anywhere in the receivable spectrum, and it’s in real time.

You say you’d like to see the entire receivable spectrum at once? Choose the sweeper mode and select the number of 16 MHz swaths you’d like stitched together, up to the full 3500 MHz, all on screen in one continuous, rapidly swept swath of 1 GHz per second!

The upper two, smaller displays are finely-tunable span segments of the main display. My preference is to set the left-hand segment digital downconverter (DDC1) to display a 1 or 2 MHz span, and the right-hand segment (DDC2) to about 20 kHz (it can be as wide as 320 kHz).

That arrangement allows me to click my cursor on a signal spike on the main display, quickly sharpen it with a click on the DDC1, then examine the modulation envelope of the carrier in detail on the right-hand display. The shaded area surrounding the cursor on the

main display in Figure 2 is the span chosen for DDC1.

An audio button over DDC2 switches that display to a real-time audio spectrum analyzer. Spectrum markers may be placed on the display to indicate frequencies of interest, set reference points, and calculate differential frequencies.

Even better, the displays can be shown as a waterfall spectrum as shown in Figure 3.

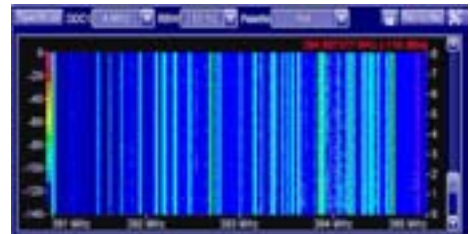


Figure 3 - Screen Shot 2

The waterfall display is speed-adjustable as it scrolls upward from the bottom, revealing signal presence on the spectrum over time. This allows the user to refer back to any active frequency, even after the signal is absent, in order to mark it for later reference or determine its frequency.

The spectrum display may be recorded at any time as a BMP image file for archival retrieval. A variety of colors for the display may be selected from a palette to suit the user’s preference. On a personal note, I found that watching the soothing scroll of colors can be

## G39DDCE SPECIFICATIONS

### Receiver type

Dual DDC software-defined receiver with up-converter superheterodyne front end

### Frequency range

9 kHz to 3500 MHz

### Tuning resolution

1 Hz

### Mode

AM, AMS, CW, LSB, USB, ISB, DSB, FMN, FMW (stereo), FSK, UDM (user-definable mode), DRM (optional, license fee required)

### Image Rejection

85 dB (< 50 MHz)  
65 dB (50 - 500 MHz)  
85 dB (> 500 MHz)

### IP3 (Third order intermodulation)

+6 dBm typ. (< 50 MHz) @ 5 kHz spacing  
+2 dBm typ. (> 50 MHz) @ 10 kHz spacing (preamp off)

### SFDR (Dynamic Range)

91 dB typ. (< 50 MHz)  
88 dB typ. (> 50 MHz) (preamp off)  
87 dB typ. (> 50 MHz) (preamp on)

### Noise figure

14 dB typ. (< 50 MHz)  
14 dB typ. (> 50 MHz) preamp off  
5 dB typ. (> 50 MHz) preamp on

### MDS

-130 dBm / 500 Hz typ. (< 50 MHz)  
-130 dBm / 500 Hz typ. (> 50 MHz) preamp off  
-139 dBm / 500 Hz typ. (> 50 MHz) preamp on

### Internal spur reduction

Below -95 dBm, typ. less than -115 dBm of equiv. antenna input

### RSSI accuracy (S meter)

2 dB

### RSSI sensitivity

-140 dBm

### Processing and recording bandwidth

20 kHz - 4 MHz (selectable in 24 steps)

### Demodulator processing bandwidth

20 kHz - 320 kHz (selectable in 13 steps)

### Demodulation bandwidth (selectivity)

1 Hz - 320 kHz (continuously variable in 1 Hz steps within current demodulator processing bandwidth)

### Spectrum analyzer

16 MHz wide real-time spectrum, 1.5 kHz resolution bandwidth (RBW)

### ADC

16 bit, 100 MSPS

### Search speed

Up to 1 GHz/s

### Scanning speed

Up to 80,000 ch/s (12.5 kHz channel separation)

### Sensitivity

AM: 30% mod., 10 dB S+N/N  
SSB, CW: 10 dB S+N/N  
FM: 3 kHz dev., 12 dB SINAD  
FMW: 50 kHz dev., 12 dB SINAD (Signal to noise and distortion)

### Mode

< 50 MHz  
> 50 MHz (preamp off)  
> 50 MHz (preamp on)

### AM

-105 dBm, (1.3  $\mu$ V)  
-105 dBm, (1.3  $\mu$ V)  
-113 dBm, (0.5  $\mu$ V)

### SSB

-118 dBm, (0.3  $\mu$ V)  
-118 dBm, (0.3  $\mu$ V)  
-125 dBm, (0.13  $\mu$ V)

### CW

-125 dBm, (0.13  $\mu$ V)  
-125 dBm, (0.13  $\mu$ V)  
-132 dBm, (0.06  $\mu$ V)

### FM

-114 dBm, (0.45  $\mu$ V)  
-115 dBm, (0.4  $\mu$ V)  
-122 dBm, (0.2  $\mu$ V)

### FMW

not specified  
-108 dBm, (0.9  $\mu$ V)  
-115 dBm, (0.4  $\mu$ V)

### Intermediate frequencies

IF1: 3910 MHz (BW=30 MHz)  
IF2: 70 MHz (BW=16 MHz)

### Tuning accuracy

0.5 ppm @ 25 °C

### Tuning stability vs. temperature

0.5 ppm (0 to 50° C)

### Antenna input

50 ohm (SMA connector)

### Output

Digitized IF signal over USB interface

### Interface

USB 2.0 High speed

### Power supply

12 V DC @ 1.5 A max.

### Operating temperature

0°C to 50°C

### Dimensions

Length: 166 mm (6.5")  
Width: 97 mm (3.8")  
Height: 59 mm (2.3")

### Weight

805 g (28.4 oz)

Specifications are subject to change without notice due to continuous product development and improvement.

addictive!

As shown in Figure 4 (next column), the RF signals are initially preselected in bands, then up-converted by approximately 4 GHz or higher, then down-converted again for processing. Note that there are actually two receivers and a spectrum analyzer in the architecture. The final 70 MHz down conversion allows the signals to be processed digitally.

## ❖ Let's Listen

The starting frequency is typed on the computer's keyboard, followed by a k, m, or g

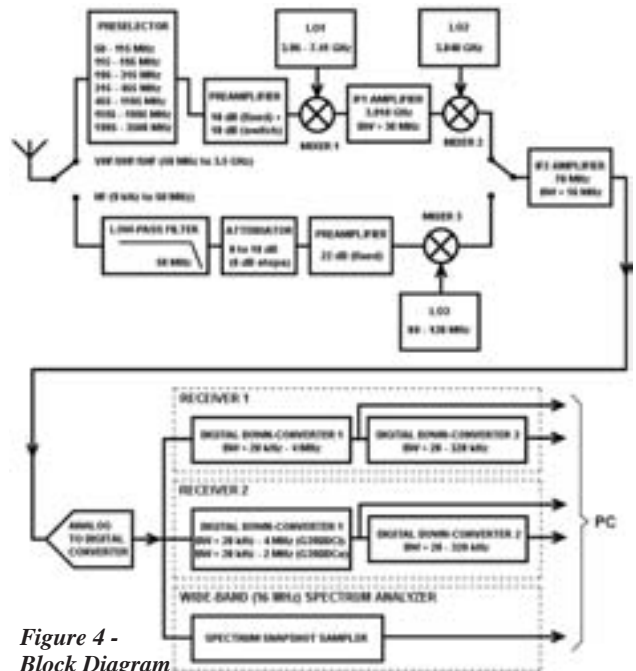


Figure 4 - Block Diagram

to indicate kilohertz, megahertz, or gigahertz. The virtual tuning knob can tune across the spectrum in 1, 10, 100, or 1000 Hz steps, as can the computer keyboard arrows, by pressing the Shift, Alt, and Ctrl computer keyboard keys. The modulation mode is cursor-selected from the modulation mode toolbar (Figure 5).

Figure 5 - Modulation Bar

DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale), a digital mode occasionally used by some shortwave broadcasters, is a licensed internal application that requires the additional purchase of a software key to open it. UDM is a user defined mode which may be configured independently along with other custom characteristics.

Although the bandwidth may be adjusted continuously, it is often more convenient merely to pushbutton-select a common selectivity as allowed by another bar. Additional audio bandwidth tapering is accomplished by an audio bandpass filter, allowing upper and lower roll-off skirts to be selected (Figure 6).

Figure 6 - Audio Filter Bar

Much of the receiver's computer power goes into selectivity/bandwidth filtering. With older, less powerful computers, the response time may slow down or even freeze. An analytical box (Figure 7, next page) is provided to assist the user in choosing the most practical settings for his computer.

Even a software defined receiver (SDR) like the G39 can suffer the indignities of strong signal overload. This is especially likely when using long shortwave antennas which have large capture areas to maximize signal strengths.

If overload occurs, the S meter will display "ADC CLP" (analog-to-digital converter clipping). In such a circumstance, the user



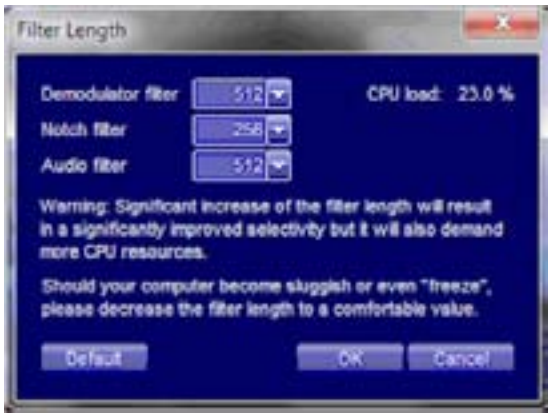


Figure 7 - Filter Length

may select either the attenuator button, or the Auto button which automatically chooses the optimum level. This feature is for under-50 MHz reception where such overload is most likely to occur.

An RF notch filter can be invoked to remove strong-signal interference; it not only removes the center frequencies, but its width is adjustable to remove the sidebands as needed.

A selectable preamplifier may be enabled for VHF and above, providing an additional 10 dB of gain. I found this to be especially useful on weak signal reception, both for raising the audible content of the modulation above the noise floor as well as for increasing the spectrum display spikes.

## ❖ Digital Selectivity

Digitization of the signal allows considerable flexibility in reception. Referring once again to the spectrum display on the virtual panel (Figure 8, below), you will note a grey area encompassing the signal spike envelope. That's its adjustable bandwidth.

Simply dragging the cursor across the area allows customization of the detection window, narrowing it or moving its center (as in IF shift) to suppress adjacent channel interference. Of course you can also change the bandwidth by selecting from a large drop-down list.

Want to stay right on center frequency? The G39 has spectrum centering, AFC (automatic frequency control), and tune-to-peak control, all of which sharply define the signal's center. Automatic gain control (AGC) is present in six

speeds and continuously-adjustable attack and decay times.

The effective noise blanker allows two different approaches, short-time DDC averaging and ADC input threshold, allowing the presence of random spikes in the digital stream to be replaced with zeroes.

## ❖ Five Different Squelch Choices

A level squelch permits the user to choose at which point above the background noise a signal can be heard.

Noise squelch provides a custom point at which noise in the signal mutes the audio, particularly useful in weak FM. Voice squelch detects the presence of voice-frequencies to open the audio.

CTCSS is the familiar tone squelch used by traditional public safety agencies.

DCS is the newer digital squelch system.

## ❖ Memory

Memory channels can be scanned, selectively skipped (locked out), or manually stepped through. The memory mode is highly flexible, allowing most any storage and access capability one could want.

An infinite (limited by your computer's hard drive) number of frequencies can be stored for later recall, along with mode, call sign, description, bandwidth, squelch settings, audio filter choices, and a hotkey. The memory function is under the Store frequency pop-up and its template for filling in the information. The channels can be scanned in a conventional manner, pausing or stopping on a busy channel, then resuming when the signal disappears, or after a delay.

Many other memory functions are offered as well.

## ❖ The Antenna Dilemma

The presence of only one antenna connection (an SMA in this case) would seem to pose a problem on an extremely-wide-frequency-coverage receiver. I know of no 9 kHz-3500 MHz antenna available, and antenna switches and RF combiners (multicouplers) that operate

from "DC to daylight" are difficult to find. Even WiNRADiO has no antennas for that wide of frequency coverage.

On the other hand, suppose WiNRADiO had supplied more antenna connectors for different frequency ranges. What would those ranges be? I'd have a hard time deciding whether a cutoff for shortwave should include 30-50 MHz as many receivers now have. And what about all those VHF/UHF bands? Perhaps it was a good idea to allow the end user to decide how to feed signals to this receiver based upon his needs.

## ❖ Mobile Operation

With the small size of the G39 and the ready availability of lightweight portable computers, the temptation to "go mobile" with the system is persuasive. But the mandate to operate the receiver from 12 VDC within one volt must be observed to avoid damaging the circuitry.

The cigarette lighter jack may be used for 12 volt power *only if the engine is not running*, but if it is, then regulation is necessary to avoid damage from those 16-volt surges from the alternator.

I would recommend using an inexpensive 12VDC/120VAC inverter plugged into the cigarette lighter jack, and the supplied WiNRADiO AC power supply plugged into that.

With the small package of electronics on my front seat and a mag-mount whip on the roof of my car, I decided to see if I could hear the 1 milliwatt VHF telemetry tracking transmitters on the legs of a pair of whooping cranes than had nested nearby.

I was able to get to within about 500 feet or so and, sure enough, the G39's spectrum display came alive with the pulse emissions, and the familiar "chirp chirp" was heard from the speaker!

## ❖ The Bottom Line

This is the most amazing receiver I've ever encountered. It employs the latest proven SDR architecture, operates well beyond the spectral range that most of us would ever think of trying to hear, and demodulates all conventional modes.

Its three integral spectrum displays are extraordinarily useful, allowing spectral chunks from a few kilohertz up to 3.5 gigahertz to be examined in detail simultaneously.

Competitive receivers and spectrum analyzers with similar features sell typically in the ten thousand dollar range and more. The G39DDCe is available for under five thousand dollars.

This is a receiver we expect to see adopted eagerly by government, military, and professional users for SIGINT, signals surveillance, laboratory R&D, test bench applications, and other analytical applications.

I ordinarily find something to complain about in my reviews, but trying to find something I don't like about the G39DDCe has left me at a loss, and that's a gain for this winner.

The WiNRADiO G39DDCe is available to US and Canadian clients from Grove Enterprises. (See ad in this issue for contact details.)



Figure 8 - Screen Shot 3

# What's NEW

Tell them you saw it in *Monitoring Times*

Larry Van Horn, New Products Editor

## Nifty New Scanner Mini-Manuals

For over ten years now, Bernard Lafreniere, N6FN, has been developing and producing the Nifty series of ham radio guides and books. He has produced guides for over 100 different transceivers and other products, as well as a number of other amateur radio guides and books of a more general nature. They have even authored three books in their Nifty E-Z Guide series – one each for EchoLink, D-STAR and PSK operation.

Now for the first time Bernard has released two new mini-manuals for the Uniden 396XT/996XT digital trunk trackers. Most owners of these two fine radios will tell you that understanding and operating these complex scanners can be a challenge. If you are looking for some short, clear and concise programming and operating instructions for these two radios, look no further than the N6FN *Nifty! Ham Accessories*.

Their two new mini-manuals for the Uniden 396XT/996XT scanners are indexed and organized for quick access to whatever you need to do. Measuring 4.5 x 8 inch, these spiral bound manuals are fully laminated for durability.

Uniden scanners have a lot of capability, and these guides cover all of it. They include information for programming systems and for operating all controls and set-up menus. They are indexed for quick access to areas of interest and provide step-by-step instructions, augmented with hints and explanations. The Nifty guides are understandable, fast and easy to use, and compact, small and rugged enough to be kept with the scanner – so it's always there when you need it. I found these guides much easier to use than on-line manuals from Uniden.

The Uniden BCD396XT combo guide sells for \$25.95 each. The combo includes a full-featured 24-page spiral-bound instructional mini-manual, plus a tri-fold quick reference card for your wallet. The 3-page foldout pocket guide is the size of a credit card and contains short-form instructions for operating the scanner.

If you own a Uniden BCD996XT, the Nifty mini-manual for this unit sells also for

\$25.95. This guide is a full featured, 26 page spiral-bound instructional manual, covering all aspects of this very capable scanner.

These new mini-manuals are an invaluable aid for understanding and operating these complex scanners! If you own a Nifty mini-manual you will never again be without a ready reference when operating your scanner.

To learn more about these two great products and the complete line of *Nifty! Ham Accessories*, point your browser to the N6FN Nifty Accessories website at [www.niftyaccessories.com/](http://www.niftyaccessories.com/).

## Epic Emergency AM/FM Wx Radio

The Epic Center in Eugene, Oregon has a nifty little item for the camper, hiker or backbacker: a solar and hand-crank powered AM/FM Weatherband Radio.

This small radio uses two self-contained power sources, a hand-crank generator and solar panels to power the unit. One minute of hand cranking powers the radio for over 20 minutes of use, and a fully charged radio will run for over seven hours. When you use the sun to power the radio, five hours of sunlight powers the radio for over 30 minutes. The radio is powered by a 300 Mah/2.4V Ni-Mh rechargeable battery that is included.

The Epic AM/FM Weatherband radio includes an extendable antenna for better reception, an adjustable volume dial, and a built-in speaker/ear phone jack for audio output.

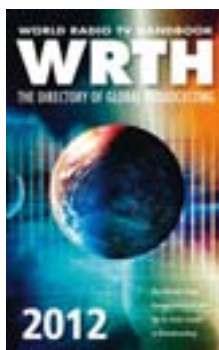
The Epic Center (384 Wallis #2, Eugene, OR 97402) solar and hand crank powered AM/FM Weatherband radio sells for \$19.95. You can more information online at <http://TheEpiccenter.com>, via email at [bjnelson@theepiccenter.com](mailto:bjnelson@theepiccenter.com) or via telephone (541) 684-0717 Voice or (541) 338-9050 Fax.



## 2012 World Radio TV Handbook

The *2012 World Radio TV Handbook*, the ultimate and most comprehensive reference book for broadcast radio hobbyists, is now available from Grove Enterprises and other *Monitoring Times* advertisers.

This year's 66th edition begins with receiver reviews for the



Alinco DX-R8E, Pappradio (a software-defined radio), Reuter Elektronik RDR54C, WinRadio Excalibur Pro, and two portable receivers, Sangean ATS-909X and the Tecsun PL-660. There is also a one-page guide to HF radios currently available in the marketplace that gives an objective comparison for each receiver, based on size, selectivity, dynamic range and overall value. *WRTH* also includes a *Receiver Testing* feature that explains the technical terms used in their equipment reviews, and how they apply when testing receivers.

*Radio & the Arab Spring* by Chris Greenway explains how radio played only a limited role in last year's uprising, and the preferred source of information may surprise you.

Tristan da Cunha, one of the remotest inhabited places on earth, was at one time the most sought-after station on shortwave radio. Very few DXers own the elusive verification from now silent Tristan Radio. Manfred Rip-pich takes readers on a fascinating journey of the island's history, the role of radio and what the settlement's future may hold.

Freelance writer Hans Johnson returns to *Radio Bulgaria* with a behind-the-scenes look at the people who produce the English language service of Radio Bulgaria.

As in past editions of the *WRTH*, George Jacobs reprises his annual expertise, this year featuring *HF Broadcasting Over 50 Years* and *2012 Reception Characteristics*, followed by an analysis of *Most Suitable Frequencies for 2012*.

The national radio section of the *WRTH* covers domestic radio services which are broadcast to a national listening audience on medium wave, shortwave, and FM. Listings in this section are arranged by country and include contact information and a website for each station on the Internet.

The international radio section contains listings of stations broadcasting to an international audience in the shortwave and medium wave bands. Information on each station includes station name, contact information, broadcast schedules, email and websites. This year, *WRTH* has included (where possible) languages available only via webcast.

The clandestine and other target broadcast section includes stations broadcasting politically motivated programming or those targeted at zones of regional or local conflict, followed by a one-page listing of *Religious Broadcasters Cross Reference Table*.

The by-frequency section of the *WRTH* covers medium wave and shortwave frequencies in this year's list, plus by-hour listings for transmissions in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish.

For the Digital Radio Mondiale monitoring enthusiasts, the DRM International Broadcast section provides by-hour schedules of stations broadcasting in this digital broadcast mode.

The by-country terrestrial television sec-



tion brings readers up to date on terrestrial TV stations and accompanying radio programs also broadcast on those systems.

Finally, there is an extensive reference section that includes global transmitting sites, radio clubs, standard time and frequency transmission schedules, and selected Internet Resources.

The *World Radio TV Handbook* continues to set the gold standard in broadcast reference information. It remains the very best, most authoritative, and comprehensive reference book in the broadcast world. Quite simply, there is no rival. It is an exceptional annual guide that should be in every radio hobbyist's listening post.

The *2012 World Radio and TV Handbook* (BOK03-12) is available from Grove Enterprises [www.grove-ent.com](http://www.grove-ent.com) for \$29.95 plus S/H. To place an order, call 1-800-438-8155, email [order@grove-ent.com](mailto:order@grove-ent.com), or mail Grove Enterprises, 7540 Highway 64 West, Brasstown, NC 28902 USA. – *Gayle Van Horn, W4GVH*

## Klingenfuss 2012 Shortwave Frequency Guide

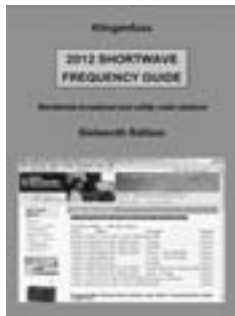
The 16th Edition of the *2012 Shortwave Frequency Guide* – one of several annual radio reference books and CDs available from Klingenfuss Publications – has recently been released.

This year's 408-page book starts out with a general overview of radio observations by Joerg Klingenfuss (author/publisher), followed by a section devoted to monitoring utility stations. This chapter will be of special interest to utility listeners and includes a basic explanation of the various aspects of utility monitoring and a by-frequency listing of stations with call signs, station name, mode and details.

The heart of this book and its primary focus is on shortwave broadcast stations, frequencies, and schedules. The *2012 Shortwave Frequency Guide* covers the latest 2012 schedules for all clandestine, domestic, and international broadcast stations worldwide, which is derived from the *Klingenfuss 2012 Super Frequency List on CD*.

In the broadcast by frequency section there is some introductory material and a segment devoted to Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) that includes a comprehensive list of DRM schedules. It also includes a brief look to the future of shortwave and the continuing debate over its decline. The by-frequency list starts at 2310 kHz and goes to 26060 kHz. Each frequency listing includes the station name, location, start and end times of each broadcast, language, target area, and selected remarks.

If focusing on a particular country of interest is useful to you, then the by-country section of the book, labeled the "Alphabetical List of Broadcast Radio Stations" in the Table of Contents, will be of particular interest.



Frequency information for international broadcast stations, clandestine, and domestic stations are accurate at time of publication and does include seasonal frequency adjustments. Klingenfuss uses a volunteer staff of radio listeners and broadcasters worldwide who contribute information to this publication and keep it information accurate and up-to-date.

The easy-to read book is a real asset in the radio shack, regardless of whether you monitor the utility bands or enjoy transmissions from shortwave broadcast stations. The *2012 Shortwave Frequency Guide* is an excellent annual publication for the beginner or experienced radio hobbyist who wants a complete HF spectrum reference book (utility plus broadcast station listings). This is a basic no-frills radio reference guide and it will definitely complement your monitoring time at the dials.

To order the *2012 Klingenfuss Shortwave Frequency Guide* book, go to the Klingenfuss website at [www.klingenfuss.org](http://www.klingenfuss.org) or order from U.S. source Universal Radio at [www.universal-radio.com](http://www.universal-radio.com). From Universal, it is book number # 5799 selling for \$49.95 plus shipping and handling. You can also order from Universal via phone 1-800-431-3939 or Fax at 1-614-866-2339 (Universal Radio, Inc., 6830 Americana Parkway, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-4113 USA). – *Gayle Van Horn, W4GVH*

## Upgrades for Legendary AR8200D

Security professionals, government agencies and monitoring enthusiasts will welcome the new digital upgrade to AOR's legendary AR8200D handheld receiver. In addition to its many standard operating modes, this new version includes APCO 25, USB connectors and a micro SD memory chip for audio recording. The 8200D offers frequency coverage from 500 kHz to 3 GHz\*, 1,000 alphanumeric memory channels, two VFOs, 40 search banks and all mode reception. No optional CTCSS slot card is required. The special government version, AR8200D, also includes voice inversion capabilities and continuous unblocked frequency coverage.

Existing owners of US versions of the AR8200 MkIII can purchase upgrade service for their units directly from AOR USA, Inc. The upgrade fee for an existing AR8200 MkIII unit includes adding the capabilities of the new D model, and the receiver will be thoroughly tested and certified to its new specs before being returned. The upgrade fee includes parts, labor and return shipping via UPS ground for continental US addresses only.

You can get more information on this and all of the other fine AOR products from their website at [www.aorusa.com](http://www.aorusa.com).

\* Cellular blocked for US consumer version.



## Comtek W2FMI Series Baluns

DX Engineering has announced the release of the Comtek W2FMI Series baluns that are engineered to provide an efficient match between unbalanced coax and balanced antennas. They're inspired by designs from antenna expert Jerry Sevick W2MFI, with modern improvements by DX Engineering's balun R&D department.



Comtek current baluns force equal current to flow through your antenna and prevent high values of common mode feedline current – eliminating pattern distortion, unpredictable performance, RFI, and noise pickup from nearby sources like TV sets and computers.

Typical insertion loss is less than 0.2 dB, with power handling ranging from 3 kW continuous to 5 kW+ intermittent from 1.8 to 54 MHz, with reduced power ratings at 54 MHz.

Comtek Baluns are sealed in a weatherproof 4 x 4 x 2 inch NEMA box. They're constructed with durable stainless steel hardware, including 1/4 inch studs, star washers for lasting electrical connections, and large fender washers which distribute fastener loading to preserve case integrity. SO-239 connectors are silver plated, with Teflon® insulation.

The baluns are available in 1:1 and 4:1 versions, with several different configurations: side studs, top studs, side eyebolts, plus side and top eyebolts. An optional DXE-BMB-4P bracket lets you mount the balun on a boom or pipe.

Priced from \$49.95 to \$69.95, you can get more information or order one by visiting [www.dxengineering.com](http://www.dxengineering.com) calling 800-777-0703 or writing DX Engineering at PO Box 1491, Akron, OH 44309-1491.



Books and equipment for announcement or review should be sent to What's New, c/o Monitoring Times, 7540 Highway 64 West, Brasstown, NC 28902. Press releases may be faxed to 828-837-2216 or emailed to [Larryvanhorn@monitoringtimes.com](mailto:Larryvanhorn@monitoringtimes.com).

When ordering or inquiring about the products mentioned in this column, be sure to tell them that you saw it in the pages of *Monitoring Times* magazine.



### Can't Get Enough Oldies?

Retired broadcaster, Gerald Gaule has re-launched a 24/7 Old Time Radio/Nostalgic service that is heard on the web and locally in the Albany, Oregon area, on AM 1700. SRN/Syncopated Radio Network plays a wide variety of music from 1898-1950 (jazz, ragtime, popular, standards and more), plus Old Time Radio Broadcasts from 1929-62, *The CBS Radio Mystery Theatre* from 1974-82. The station is available through AM 1700, Destiny Media and webcast over Live365.com.

AM 1700 is an FCC Approved Part-15 Microbroadcaster that operates with less than one-tenth of a watt and serves a portion of SW Albany and follows strict FCC Rules and Regulations, and was built with former broadcasting engineers and friends after several months of research.

SRN has over 14,000 songs and over 12,000 OTR archives and is non-commercial and has no sports or news, just music and Old Time Music and Nostalgia and is self-supported. All music royalties and such is paid though by registering my part-15 station to BMI, and most recordings are public domain.

According to Gerald, "I am not here to compete with any local station, I just wanted to be a programming alternative and be a good broadcast provider, plus I wanted to share my passion and collection that goes back to 1898 to 1950."

"I would like to help anyone build a micro-broadcaster and if they choose re-broadcast SRN Radio at no cost."

To tune in go to: AM 1700 locally in Albany (Limited Range) due to FCC Rules or listen at [www.live365.com/stations/kivcradio](http://www.live365.com/stations/kivcradio) For more station information please visit [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) and type in Gerald's callsign KE7GGV.

### AM Radio Companion

"In 1962 my neighbor friend Harry Perry sold me a Motorola portable AM radio he had received as a performance bonus gift as Parts Manager for a Chicago Oldsmobile dealer. He had no use for it, so I paid an asked token \$10 for it. I was in the last year of Grad School at the time at Northwestern University living in Evanston, IL.

"That little, but deluxe, radio has been a faithful companion for the news every morning during my shave and shower for the last 50 years without ever any breakdown. It takes four C cells which I replace once a year on my birthday. It has lived with me in Illinois, Minnesota and in California homes, as well as been taken on some of my travels. The little radio with leather handle is very heavy for its size, and built like the proverbial 'tank.'

"In an attractive gray genuine top grain cowhide case with reversible padded snap cover, this small transistor radio uses an early exclusive printed circuit design that Motorola of Chicago called a 'PLAcir' plated circuit chassis. The radio's model number is X31A-1, serial No. 76120. It utilizes a five inch ferrite rod antenna with 1 and 1/4 inch litz wire winding and an external screw



capacitive-coupled CD antenna connector for the Civil Defense emergency frequency, which also is marked on the slide rule vertical tuning dial.

"There is a three-gang air variable tuning capacitor. The PLAcir chassis is 2 inch by 3 and 1/4 inch, taking up less than half the case's interior. Number of transistors is unknown, as some little cans might be capacitors, and the chassis board is deeply embedded in the case. The three inch speaker is labeled Motorola Golden Voice. There is an earphone connector on the left side of the case. A novel feature is the spring-loaded push to test knob on the upper left front that is the battery tester. Providing an added load, if the speaker volume drops when depressed, it is time to change the batteries.

"Motorola Inc. was then located at 9401 W. Grand Ave. in Franklin Park, IL, a suburb of Chicago. They were noted for some of the first automobile radio design installations, if not the first, leading to their name. Nineteen U.S. patent numbers are cited on the radio's interior label. Now, Motorola has moved on, splitting into two different companies making different electronic products.

"I now listen to KNX, a 50,000 watt Los Angeles all-news station at 1070 kHz with this radio. I have to wonder how many 50 year old radios are in

daily use? My old Motorola has been a real winner!

"Thank you for a wonderful publication and a Happy New Year to all at *Monitoring Times*."

Doug Robertson

### What's That Station?

"Sirs, I have experienced over the past 30 years – as an AM DXer in Missouri and here in Washington, DC – a Spanish language news program (?) on several frequencies at the same time with a time signal beep at the top of every minute and then a complicated computer-like beep blitz of maybe one half second afterward. This usually occurs behind American AM broadcast stations at night which may be on reduced power, such as 570kc here in Washington, DC.

"I am a broadcast engineer at the Voice Of America.

"I have never been able to find out what I am hearing. Could you PLEASE tell me?

David Magness P.

"This is probably one of the most common AM broadcast questions we get and over the years it has been addressed several times in the pages of *MT*. You are hearing a Cuban domestic AM broadcast station from their all news network known as Radio Reloj (Radio Time). This network is the eldest non-stop information channel in the world. These stations transmit news, time pips in the background, and a Morse code ID (RR)/voice ID each minute. There are several of these stations scattered throughout the AM broadcast spectrum.

"You can learn more at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio\\_Reloj](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_Reloj)

Larry Van Horn N5FPW, *MT* Technical Editor

"I got a kick out of hearing this on *FM* via sporadic-E a couple of years ago!

"Radio Reloj owns a national network with 22 transmitters in medium wave and others in FM with 16 frequencies. The 570 station is from Villa Clara (30 kW). Here is Radio Reloj's broadcasting network in AM:

Location	Frequency(kHz)	Power (kW)
Pinar del Rio	790	30
Ciudad de La Habana	950	10
Ciudad de La Habana (Emergente)	760	1
Isla de la Juventud	850	1
Bolondrón, Matanzas	910	5
Central España, Matanzas	940	10
La Jaiba, Matanzas	930	1
Villa Clara	570	30
Cienfuegos	960	1
Sancti Spiritus	870	1
Trinidad	610	1
Ciego de Ávila	930	10
Camagüey	1270	10
Las Tunas	1010	5
Holguín	940	10
Moa, Holguín	920	1
Bayamo, Granma	980	1
Caney de las Mercedes, Granma	760	10
Mayarí Arriba, Santiago de Cuba	950	1



Santiago de Cuba	930	1
Baracoa, Guantánamo	860	1
Guantánamo	960	10

“Here’s a version of Radio Reloj history from their web site:

On July the 1st 1947, at 6:00 am, from a room located in the roof of the old CMQ building, on the corner of Monte and Prado St., in Havana, Radio Reloj broadcasting station began to go on the air. In that small and inadequate building, become a studio, there were a table, a microphone, metronome and two chairs.

How broadcasts are done today:

The human voice, live, is present during the Radio Reloj’s 24 hours broadcast. The speaker of this plant has a 4 hours stay in the broadcasting station; three of them before the microphone, in that time he reads more than 15 thousand words.

After one hour of reading the news, the speaker rests for half an hour; next he/she returns to the cabin for another hour and rests for 30 minutes again. After this, he/she completes his/her last hour before the microphone.

Speakers in Radio Reloj work in pairs, so they assume two positions: Speaker 1 and Speaker 2. In a sheet for two speakers, Speaker 1 reads first and third paragraphs, while Speaker 2 reads the second one and the fourth one, and has the responsibility to say what time it is.

In order to be able to rest half an hour, a third Speaker replaces the speaker who’s resting temporarily. That is a rotating system per hours; that is to say, in one hour a speaker occupies position 1 and the next one he/she changes for position 2.

When the news, commentaries or interviews are written in a sheet for one speaker, the minute is read by only one speaker completely.

“Everything you need to know about Radio Reloj is here (they also have an ‘English’ translation site: [www.radioreloj.cu/](http://www.radioreloj.cu/))

*Doug Smith W9WI, BC Bandscan Editor*

## Who is Killing AM Radio?

In the latest MT issue, Ken Reitz (KS4ZR) wrote a story entitled “Who is Killing AM Radio.

In his story, I was very surprised to see that he failed to even mention two Giant AMers doing extremely well in the USA. Those stations are the 50 thousand Watt Aircastle known as WSM AM 650 Nashville TN as well as AM-740 Zoomer Radio from Toronto Canada, which gets into 30+ states and also is a music AM station. 50kW

Obviously, Ken isn’t as fluent on AM stations as we think.. Have him do his homework first.

*Steve W4ARZ*

Don’t sell me short, Steve. As an avid AM band DXer for over 40 years I still spend a lot of time listening to AM. As for WSM, I still have their QSL card from 1966. While a country music DJ for a small AM station in south Georgia in 1969-70, my role model was the legendary WSM announcer Ralph Emery. And, I too enjoy the old time radio and music of yesteryear on CFZN.

But, you’ve inadvertently made my point: There are AM success stories in every market and you name two of the few big market AM stations still playing mostly music. I’m very

happy they’re there: they break the dreary monotony of having to listen to the same syndicated chat shows that dominate the band.

One case in point is WLAC-AM (I have their QSL from 1965) which was also another big signal out of Nashville that in the 1960s played the best Rhythm and Blues on the band, but is now just another talker. Another case is WWVA, Wheeling, West Virginia, another big signal that early on rivaled WSM for country music supremacy on the band, but, like WLAC and hundreds, if not thousands, more like it, is now just another talker.

The facts still speak for themselves: many of the 4,700 plus AM radio stations in the U.S. are not doing as well as either WSM and CFZN. They are struggling for all the reasons mentioned in the article.

While the economy continues to lag, those AM stations that have sister FM and TV co-ownership will do better. Those stations that can piggyback their AM signal on an FM HD signal will do better. Those that are part of a winner-take-all market monopoly thanks to media market consolidation will do better, as losses are shouldered by the stronger stations in the market. Those that can wrangle an FM translator will also do better.

But, there’s no hiding from the fact that AM broadcasting gimmicks such as AM stereo and AM HD are not helping, nor is our increasingly noisy environment or ever-growing competition for our ears that leaves AM with an ever-decreasing audience.

*Ken Reitz, KS4ZR, MT Features Editor*

## Baby Boomer Radio

In reference to A Baby Boomer’s Radio Reflections by Eric Beheim: “Eric, I enjoyed your article in the December 2011 issue of MT, and it prompted me to research your King Kong RCA cathedral radio. It is actually a model # R-8, an 8 tube set, AC only, AM only. The schematic is on pages 2-13 through 2-15 in Riders volume #2, under RCA. It was born in 1931 into 1932. It should be a real great playing set judging by its schematic. Just thought I’d drop a line with the info in case you were interested.”

*Irv Sanders K3IUY*

Irv, thank you for writing and for taking the time to look up the model number of my grandparents’ RCA radio. The fact that it was AM only probably explains why they bought the PHILCO console model in 1940: my grandfather wanted to follow the war news from Europe via shortwave.

Thanks again, and I’m glad you enjoyed the article.

*Eric Beheim*

## Air Show Addenda

The hardest frequencies to find or get are the frequencies for the USMC Helicopter demo which they do every year in Eisenhower Park.

Would be great if in next March issue you list the info for that as well

*Steve Takacs*

Thanks for your email on the MT Airshow Guide. As I have written numerous times in the guide, I will only list proven comms or freqs that have been confirmed and monitored by our MT readers at airshows. The USMC demo freqs that

I had in previous editions (see below) have either changed (the assignments have and are in a state of flux these days in the 225-400 MHz band) or could not be confirmed at other venues. Consequently, they were taken out.

What makes the MT Airshow Guide the best info available is that I will not keep any freqs that do not show up in other areas of the country or whose assignment cannot be verified in my sources. ... We want you to hear something when you get to the show, not just scan a list of all the frequencies that have been used in the last 30 years. You can get those sort of lists at many places on the internet, but not in the pages of MT.

When you wrote us in 2009 you observed, “I only heard the Marines on 237.400 this year.” This frequency is a US Army only nationwide frequency. Marines are no longer authorized to use it.

You added, “I heard them two years ago on 315.400 MHz and/or 315.375 MHz in AM mode.” 315.400 could be still be in use (assigned to the 2 MAW Wing Common Tactical and Training Operations at MCAS New River), but I have had no recent reports on it, and by the rules that I have set up for the guide, it has to be removed due to inactivity.

Both 315.375 and 315.400 are now part of an apparent new wideband subband, and all of the regular voice activity on these freqs is being flushed out and moved to other segments of the 225-380 MHz band.

As I said to you then, “the freq they (USMC demo) use will probably depend on the group doing the demo and what freqs they are authorized. Without knowing the group doing the demo, it would be impossible to speculate on the freqs that may be in use at a given airshow. Your best bet until I can get something solid is to put the scanner in search or use close call. Search ranges can be found in my yearly airshow guide.

I wish I could be of more help, but these smaller military demo teams can be a nightmare to document and follow. Most readers aren’t interested in them, so the flow of reports we receive are not as great as the ones we receive on the major airshow groups. If I get something solid, I promise that it will list be listed in the guide.

Thanks for your email and good hunting,  
*Larry Van Horn, N5FPW*

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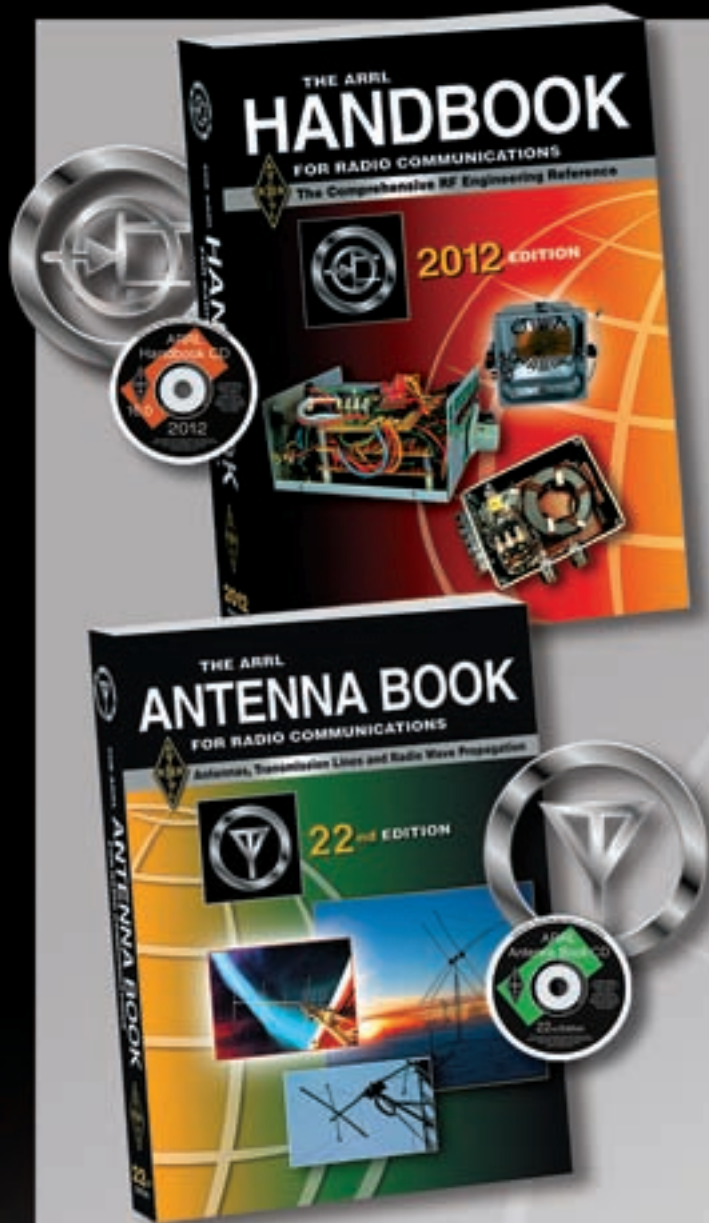
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