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A pretty good turnout this month. Tnx to these reporters for their (yule) logs: Sam BARTO, Bristol CT ... Jacqueline COLE, Denver CO ... Rich D'ANGELO, Wyomissing PA ... Rich ECKMAN, San Jose CA ... Jerry ERVINE, Hidalgo TX ... Rufus JORDAN, Pittsburgh PA ... Terry KELLY, Bodega Bay CA ... Andy LESKOWITZ, Leominster MA ... Gene PEARSON, Perrysburg OH ... Chuck RIPPEL, Virginia Beach VA ... Bill SPARKS, San Francisco CA ... Also glad to hear from new subscriber John Leary, W9WHM, of Fortville IN. John, I'm also a ham (W1ARR since 1954) but haven't been very active in recent years.

AFGHANISTAN/USSR: RA -- On 4740 (via Ashkhabad) at 0227 with haunting flute mx, lang talk; some ute QRM. 4450 heard, not //. (Leskowitz) [And I'm hearing what seems a third RA pgm on 4775--not // 4740 or 4450--in Dari or Baluchi past 0300. -- BH]

ANGOLA: ER da Huila [RNA, Luanda?] -- On 4820 at 2035 in PT; light rock with M DJ. Some QRM. Other Angolans in well on 3354, 3375, 4972. (Leskowitz 11/27) [Andy, I don't think this has been Huila for quite some time. Also, are you sure the 4972 wasn't Galo Negro? -- BH]

BOLIVIA: R. San Gabriel -- On 6079.3 at 1000-1011 with ID, Bolivian mx, ancts; weak but clear. (Barto 11/27)

BOTSWANA: RB -- On 4820 from 0350 with IS of barnyard noises, talk in vernac; Honduras QRM. SIO 333. (Cole 11/14)

(T) BURKINA FASO: RB -- On 4815 at 2305-2313 with M&W in lang, tribal-type mx; SSB QRM. SIO 212. (Ervine 11/15)

BURMA -- Burmese Army Stn [or Maymyo Defense Forces BC Unit], 6570, now reasonably clear sig [presumably around 1100-1300] with nice BM vocals and instr mx. On hour, mx IS of drums and xylophone-type instr; still not sure if ID included in anct on hour. Some splatter from Pyongyang/6575. (Sparks) BBS, 7185, undoubtedly the one from *0030 with mysterious SEA instr mx; W in non-tonal lang at 0031--then audio seemed to fade out, although carrier remained OK. Weak overall. (BH 12/9)

CHINA -- Xinjiang PBS, 4800, at 1130 in CH; local ID 'Xinjiang renmin guangbo diantai'; lost in QRM By 1140. (Sparks 12/4). Heilongjiang-1 PBS, 4840, presumed the one at 1200 with W talk [in CH?], then pips and maybe ID by M. Followed with M-W dialog. Any QSL info? (Rippel 11/28) BPM, 10000, at 2359 with CW and voice (W in CH) IDs; JJY audible beneath with CW IDs--and WWV bringing up the rear! (BH 11/30)

DOMINICAN REP. -- R. Amanecer, 6025, at 0225 with choir; 0235 full ID. Nice clear sig. (Sparks 12/7) R. Clarín, 11700, at 2250 with IDs for both Clarín and CID; seemed modulation problems. (Eckman 12/05)

ECUADOR: R. Tarqui -- On 4971 at 0021-0028 in SP; several mentions of Quito. (Cole 333) [ID assumed? Isn't R. Imagen, Peru, here also? -- BH]

[EGYPT: R. Cairo] -- On 4902, unID at *0330 with IS, ID in lang; into Qur'an. Any ideas? (Leskowitz 11/10) [It's actually on 4902.5, subharmonic of 9805. -- BH]

EQUATORIAL GUINEA: RN -- On 5004 at 2036 with ID in SP and into mx. (Leskowitz 11/17) From 2101 in SP with nx by W; at 2103 mx bridge, then M with regional nx. (D'Angelo 11/29)

GABON -- ANO, 15475, at 1833-1859 with nx in FR, 'Bonanza' theme, ads for Marlboros (in FR) and Benson & Hedges (in EG); gave Libreville address. SIO 444. (Cole 11/20) R. Japan Relay, 21700, at 1516-1600* with EG cmntry, 'Let's Practice JP,' vocals. (Jordan 12/4)

GALAPAGOS IS.: LVG -- On 4810 at 0117-0200, SP talk, mx; 'HCVG8' ID 0159. (Ervin 11/15) On 4810.2 at 0158 with full ID; another ID at 0200, then s/off without NA. Over co-ch R. San Martin. (Pearson 11/30)

GREECE: RS Makedonias -- On 9935 at 1435-1527 with pops, GK talk with mention of Thessaloniki; SIO 323. (Cole 11/20)

GUATEMALA: R. Maya de Barillas -- On 2390 at 1120 with LA vocals; ID at 1128. Weak but clear. (Sparks 11/26)

HONG KONG: BBC East Asia Relay -- On 7180 from 0858 with BBCWS; at 0945 'EG by R.' after momentary break for antenna change that improved sig. (D'Angelo 12/1) From 1150 with 'EG by R.'; ID at 1200 and into CH. SIO 333. (Cole 11/10)

INDIA -- (T) AIR, Simla, 3223, seemingly in HD at 1144-1200 with M ancr, vocals. Not the Indo, which was a few Hz lower. (T) AIR, Gauhati, 3235, at 1130-1139 with W ancts followed by S/C instrs; very clear, but weak with deep fades. (T) AIR, Kurseong, 3355.1, at 1131-1152 with S/C vocals by W, ancts possibly in HD. QRM from Noumea 100 Hz lower, but sigs separate on Racal. This stn last heard 12/22/78 and QSLd. (Barto 11/23) (T) AIR, Delhi, 3905, possibly in Tamil at 0140-0153 with Indian mx, ancts. (Barto

11/27) (T) AIR, Gauhati, 4775, in HD at 1140-1147 with M ancr, vocals; didn't seem // 3235. (Barto 11/23) AIR, Madras, 4920, at 1200 in HD with ID; nx till 1206, then S/C mx. Sig atop VLM4. (Barto 11/28) AIR, 9910, at 0050 with sitar mx. (Kelly 12/1)

INDONESIA -- RRI Manado, 3215, back again this season; heard 11/28 from 2122 with IN talk and Islands mx past 2130. Didn't seem // 4753. (BH) RRI Bukittinggi, 3231.8, in IN at 1130-1137 with ID, local mx. Gorontalo on 3264.7 with similar pgm same time period. (Barto 11/23) RRI Kupang, 3384.9, at 1450 with lagu; local ID at 1459, then SCI and Jakarta QSP. Bad ute QRM. (Sparks 11/21) RRI Serui, 4607.4, from 1152 past 1200 in IN with ID, M ancr, local instr selections. Weak but no QRM. (Barto 11/23) RRI Surakarta, 4932, at 1355 with gamelan mx, ID, local nx. Still doesn't seem to come on before 1300 or so. (Sparks 11/21)

IVORY COAST: RTI -- On 11920 from 2240 with drama; chorus at 2256, then drums, IS, ID in FR, pops to 2317 T/O. SIO 444. (Cole 11/9)

JAPAN: RJ -- On 5990 at 0740 with EG cmntry on economic development, then 'Let's Learn Japanese'; SIO 433. (Kelly)

KOREA, NORTH: RP -- On 6575 at 1138-1147 with EG talk re labor; class mx, ID. SIO 444. (Cole 11/10)

MADAGASCAR: RM -- On 4957[v] at 0230 with rock, FR DJ; heavy ute QRM. //3287 much better. (Leskowitz 11/26)

MALI -- RTM, 4782.8, with ID in FR, then into worn-sounding tape of NA till 2359*. (Rippel 11/28) R. Beijing [relay via Mali], 9770, at 0230-0255* in CH, *0300-0355* EG, 0420-0455* CH. Also 11715 at 0435 in CH with possible lang lesson, instr mx, talks; 0455* after mx signature. (Jordan 11/14)

MALTA: R. Mediterranean -- On 6610 [6110] at 2329 in EG with rock; gave address in Valletta, greetings from staff. (Ervine)

MARSHALL IS.: WSZO -- On 4940 from 0745 with variety of mx (including 'Old Man River'), talk in EG and Marshallese; off at 1000. SIO 232. (Cole 11/22)

MEXICO -- R. Huayacocotla, 2390, at 1225 with campo instr mx; ID at 1228. Weak but clear. (Sparks 11/28) R. Universidad, 6115, strong at 0420 with US rock; full SP ID at 0434 including 'XEUDS onda corta.' Light concert mx after 0500. Unusual to hear this one so late in eve. (Sparks 12/3) At 0630 with 'Música Mexicana' atop Moscow IS; clear ID as 'R. Universidad de Sonora.' (Eckman 11/23) (T) XEQQ -- On 9680 at 1308-1331 with Latin pops, long SP talk; SIO 333. (Cole 11/4)

MOROCCO: R. Médi-Un -- On 9575 from 1725 with mixture of EG- and FR-lyric vocals, ME-style selection. Marlboro ad at 1735; ID at 1800. From 1758, RFI IS overrode sig. (D'Angelo 11/22)

MOZAMBIQUE: RM -- On 3338 at 0252 with IS, *0255 NA, 0257 talk in FR [PT?] with ID, freqs; QRM. (Leskowicz 11/26)

NEW CALEDONIA: RFO -- On 7170 at 0644 with FR DJ, American pops; S6-8. (Kelly)

NICARAGUA: LV de N. -- On 6100 at 0300 with EG pgm on land ownership, then Madonna's 'Who's That Girl.' Heavy DW QRM but worth digging through. (Eckman 12/5)

NIGERIA: RN -- On 3326 at 0440 with 'This is R. Nigeria' ID by W, then choral mx. (Leskowicz 11/26)

NORWAY: RN -- On 27530 [25730] at 1300-1345+ in NW with church bells, choral hymns, relig talks; ID, anthem. (Jordan 11/29)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA -- R. Southern Highlands, 3275, at 1200 with M talks [in PD?], then local mx. Real good PNG morn (11/19) but still no R. Enga yet. (Rippel) R. Central, 3290, from 1230 with exotic Islands mx--much like Af highlife--and PD talk. (Rippel 11/19)

PARAGUAY: RN -- On 9735 at 0135 with SP ID, mx, occasional comments by DJ; G. (Eckman 12/6)

PERU -- R. Marginal, 4039, at 0325 in SP with LA pops; fairly heavy QRM. Great Peru opening with Altura, Norandina, Tropical, Ancash, Andina in too. (Leskowicz 11/24) LV de la Selva, 4825, at 0030 with ID 'LV de la Selva; LV de la Vida' and freq anct. W talk with flute bridges to 0104* after ID, ancts, NA. (D'Angelo 11/21) R. Huancavelica, 4885, from 0240; variety of pgms with many spot IDs to 0359*. (Jordan 12/3) R. Madre de Dios, 4950, at *1027 with instr NA, then few bars of Tchaikovsky piano concerto; at 1030 full ID with freqs. P. (Pearson 11/28) R. del Pacífico, 4975, at 0315 in SP with LA pops, huaynos. (Leskowicz 11/24)

SOUTH AFRICA -- UnID [R. Oranje] on 3215 at 0300-0330 in possible DT [AK] with talks, mx; ads mentioned Curacao. (Ervine 11/15) R. Suid Afrika, 3955, at 0302-0334 with mixed bag of accordion mx; ID in EG. SIO 323. (Cole 11/22)

SRI LANKA: SLBC -- Surely this on 4902 from 2357 with deep-voiced M in S/C lang; lots of S/C mx with sitars, tampuras, etc. (probably film mx). Sig peaked around 0108 (corresponding to SR in Sri Lanka), began to weaken and was out by 0130. NOT the Cairo subharmonic! (BH 12/7)

UGANDA: RU -- On 4976 from 2040 in EG with soft EZL and vocals; at 2056 W with prayer. At 2057, M with closing ancts, including freq. SIO 352 with deep fades. (D'Angelo 11/29)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: UAE R., Dubai -- On 21605 from 1330 going into EG with nx, ID; followed with anti-Israel diatribe. Off at 1400. (Rippel)

ZAMBIA: RZ -- On 9581 at 0720 with EG nx, comment; SIO 221.
(Kelly 11/30) [Not likely Zambia at such a late hour--unless 0720
is PST vice UTC. -- BH]

CLANDESTINE: A Voz da Verdade -- On 4950 at 0326 with 9-note IS,
rooster call; *0328 full ID in PT, then martial mx by very
amateurish band. (Leskowitz 11/29) A Voz da Resistência do Galo
Negro [sic] at *0327 with IS, ID [sic] in PT, anthem, nx; nice
sig. (Barto 11/27)

CLANDESTINE: R. Iran -- On 9400 from 1835 with anti-Khomeini
talks in Farsi by M&W, occasional local vocals/instrs; frequent
IDs as 'Radyo Irona.' At 1921, s/off anct, ID, group vocal
(anthem?) to 1924*. (D'Angelo 11/21) [I'm quite sure that what we
tend to hear as 'Irana' or 'Irona' is actually 'Iran ast.' -- BH]

UNIDENTIFIED -- On 4910.3, a Latin before 0230 with SP ancts,
then continuous mx to 0300*. Suspect LV de la Mosquitia. (Sparks)
On 5040 at 2048 with pops, W in lang; very weak in heavy QRN.
Many Waf stns in well. Does Benguela, Angola, go this low?
(Leskowitz 11/17) [More likely Tbilisi. -- BH] On 6600 at 0256
with Creedence Clearwater Revival tune; at 0259 started another
CCR song but suddenly pulled plug. NA pirate? (D'Angelo 11/18)

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73/DX/Happy holidays,