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This month's heroes are Dave CLARK, Newmarket, Ont. . . . Dale PARK, Honolulu, HI . . . and Bill SPARKS, San Francisco, CA. Notice to all subscribers: It is not required that you have the letters "ark" somewhere in your last name in order to report to DXtra. (This statement may contain a hidden message.)

ANGOLA: RNA now apparently settled on old 3375 (actually 3375.5) channel after being reported on 3415v in April. In vernac with nx to 0412; long guitar piece and more talk at 0419; ID at 0435 after vocal number. Strong if only 10 kw. // 7245 F with no jammer for once; 4952.4 not on. (Clark 5/24)

ANGOLA: ER de Benguela, 6153.5, at 0512 in PT; Af vocal at 0517; pgm ancts 0535. F/clear at T/I but severe adjacent QRM after 0530. ER do Lobito running // on 7172; F around 0530. Good opening to southern Af this eve. (Clark 5/24)

AUSTRALIA: BBCWS via RA on 15395 at 2330 with "Multitrack II - BBC Top 20" count-down // Singapore/15435; P with usual VOA CH over/under. This on 5/27; normal RA pgmng returned in June. Site cfmd by "Media Network" 5/28. (Park) ABC Perth, 15425, at 0505 with EG talk about farming in Australia; F over Moscow for once. At same time, ABC Lyndhurst/15230 F-G with orch mx. (Clark 5/17)

BHUTAN: According to Sudipto Ghose, India, Bhutan BC Svc is planning to use 9615 instead of 6035. (SCDXB 5/26) [For what it's worth ... -- BH.]

CHAD: R. Moundou up to 5290.7 from usual 5288v; 3-note IS at 0500, then opening ID in FR at 0503. G on 5/24. (Clark)

CHINA: Jiangxi PBS, 2445, noted 1st time 5/23 at 1150 equal in strength to // 5020 but not hrd since then. Listed on 2445 in WRTH [and RDI] but not 1986 TBS. Qinghai PBS, 3950, at 1212 with CH vocals and orch mx; ID at 1230 and one time tone. Clear in absence of usual ham QRM on 5/31. (Sparks)

(T) GHANA: GBC-1 on 4915 in vernac/EG with church mx; talking drums at 0559, pips a la NHK, W anct: "The time is 6 o'clock. This is the Domestic Service ... Here is the news read by ..." Then nx with sev mtns of Ghana; government lottery #s at 0614 and drums again. VP with another stn co-ch airing local and Eire mx. (Park)

GUAM: KSDA on 11980 at 1220-1235 in vernac (likely Indian dialect), then S/C mx; possibly ID in lang at 1255, choral singing to 1258, then EG ID/freq ancts and invitation to stay tuned for Tamil BC at 1300. Weak/fair with QSB. (Clark 5/22)

INDONESIA: RRI Bogor, 3953, finally logged 5/31 at 1245; M&W in IN. Local ID at 1259, SCI, very short Jakarta nx QSP at 1300 flwd by Nusantara pgm from Jakarta. Vy weak but peaked at my local SR; quiet condx and no ham QRM. (T) RRI Bengkulu, 3264.6, at 1225 on 5/22 in clear with AR-style mx. Next day RRI Gorontalo, which had been off for sev days, returned to 3266.3 and covered Bengkulu. RRI Ambon, 4835, doesn't QSP Jakarta nx at 1200; instead has own mx pgm. RRI Wamena, 4871, also omits Jakarta QSP at 1200; carries mx until 1207v* with Love Ambon. RRI Manado, 3215, s/off shortly after completion of 1200 QSP anytime between 1220 and 1230. Final ID, then electronic organ tune rather than Love Ambon. (Sparks)

JAPAN: NHK Sapporo, 3970, at 1102 with baseball // Tokyo/3607.5 (USB) and Kumamoto on 6130, but Osaka/3377.5 had diff pgm. No sign of WRTH-listed Matsuyama on 3970 before 1100 or after Sapporo 1200*. (Sparks 5/30)

MOZAMBIQUE: RM on 7242.7 still holding up well at 0506 with instr mx on native strings; G with het; P on // 4866 on 5/24. The 31M channel now on 9619.8, edging closer to nominal 9620 after being on 9618 for ages. Noted from 0455 with Af mx; usual 4-note chimes at 0500, then W in seeming nx in PT. P-F on 5/31, needing USB to avoid severe splash from 9615. (Clark)

NEW CALEDONIA: RFO, 3355.1, F/I to F level by 0615 with pops and FR chatter; // 7170 F xing VOA. 90M F/I time coincides closely with their SS time. (Clark 5/24)

PAKISTAN: RP on 9785 at 1620 with W reading EG dictation-speed nx, first at normal speed, then at slow speed, saying "paragraph" before each graf, "item" before each story and "stop" for each period. P with USSR in CH under. (Park 5/14) Presumed RP on 11995 at 0205 with W in listed Bengali, but vy weak with severe QRM; only carrier on likely // 9459. Gone when R/C just after listed 0245*. (Clark 5/23) On 15606 from 1110 T/I with slow-speed EG nx by W till 1117; off at 1120 rather than sked 1115. // 17660 had weak carrier but no audio; went off simultaneously with 15606. (Clark 5/17)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: R. New Ireland, 3905, at 1104 in Pid; male DJ with variety of mx -- Huey Lewis & The News, local acts, C&W, even "Silent Night" a-cappella in Pid! P with QRM from FEN/3910. (Park 5/31)

PHILIPPINES: VOA, 17865, at 0945-1000* in RS -- and unjammed, too, tnx to Gorbachev ordering a cessation for the time being. Feature on Prince, then Billy Joel mx and s/off // 17740. Before jamming ended, the BC to Eastern Siberia had been tolerable only on 19/16/13M plus SSB feeders. (Park 5/27)

SEYCHELLES: FEBA, 11895, at 1327 with sitar, drums ending Hindi BC; EG anct said would return at "7 o'clock tomorrow morning" but stay tuned for Kannada pgm. ID "FEBA bannah rindi," then pgm "Swertes Swarah" from the Christian Media Center hosted by fast-talking M. P; local QRM/QRN. (Park 5/8)

SOCIETY IS.: RFO, Tahiti, on 6135.3 with FR at 0610; F and relatively clear. G on // 11825.7. (Clark 5/24)

SRI LANKA: VOA somewhat off channel on 15250.3 at 0200 with UTC T/C, ID, EG nx. F anc clear then but virtually out by 0250 R/C. (Clark 5/23)

SWAZILAND: Swazi Commercial R., 4980, with carrier on about 0450; IS of usual instrumental rendition commencing 0454. At 0500, brief good-morning greeting and EG ID flwd by orch. G with their local SR now at 0440. (Clark 5/24)

(T) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: UAERT, Dubai, on 9595 at 1852 in AR with AR pop-rock; covered at 1855 by unID (R. Freedom via VORE?). No ID hrd, but was // 9695. I heard somewhere that UAE was on 9695 but not 9595, though. No sign of NSB as usual between 1800-2100 or so. (Park 5/30)

VANUATU: RV back on 3945 again. F from 0633 with Islands mx, talk in presumed Bislama; EG nx 0800 (not 0900 as WRTH says); 1120*. (Clark 5/24, Sparks 5/21)

ZAIRE: R. CANDIP on 3390.2 with zanzi IS at 0353, FR at 0355*; F here and strong on // 5066.3. 90M channel reactivated after absence since last year. (Clark)

ZAMBIA: RZ (presumed) on 7234.9 at 0510 with vernac (not EG nx as previously); F on 5/24. (Clark)

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