

DXtra

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DXtra has a new look! Please bear with your editor while he attempts to familiarize himself with the mysterious intricacies of the Macintosh Plus and Compugraphic CG 400-PS LED-array printer.

☞ And speaking of new looks, your editor's telephone number is about to have one. *Effective July 16, my Area Code will be (508)*. The rest of the number (475-3183) stays the same.

☞ We join our fellow NASWA editors in wishing John Henault a speedy and complete recovery from his injuries. Hope to be seeing you back in the pages of FRENDEX very soon, John!

Unlike the month of June, DX reporters are not especially bustin' out all over. However, our thanks to these intrepid souls: Rowland *ARCHER*, Raleigh NC • Rich *ECKMAN*, San Jose CA • Rufus *JORDAN*, Pittsburgh PA • Chris *LOBDELL*, Wilmington MA • James *STREITMATTER*, South Bend IN

ALGERIA: RTA — The 41-meter Arabic outlet seems to have settled down on **7194**, with occasional jaunts to 7144. (BH) On 5/25, the French network heard around 2245 on **15205** (fair), **15165** (poor/fair) and **9509** (good). Given their notoriously unreliable transmitters, this may have been the first time that three RTA parallels ever functioned simultaneously. (BH) On **19018**, 2nd harmonic of 9509 around 2245 with dialog in French. (BH 5/20)

AUSTRALIA: RA — On **7175** ending Chinese at 2158 after ID, announcement and "Waltzing Matilda" in both orchestral and music-box (IS) arrangements. Fair via longpath. (BH 5/15)

BOLIVIA: R. Nueva América — On **4796** from 0932 with nice program of pops and folk; time checks by man whose bassy tones made for tough copy. At 1001 ID by woman after "Radio Nueva América" jingle, then "R-N-[-?]" (probably "A") by man. Faded after 1015. (Archer 5/22) ... **R. Santa Ana** — On **4649** from 0136 with simple guitar ballads with male or male/female vocals; at 1014 [sic] echo ID by woman over music: "... Santa Ana ... la radio, una amistad que no se olvide." Weak/fair with slow fades; some ute QRM. (Archer 5/20)

BRAZIL: Rdif. Acreana — On **4880** from 0920 with Brazilian pops, ad strings; at 0948 organ music, then taped echo ID: "10 kw potência, mil [?] kHz onda média ... 4885 [sic—BH] kHz onda tropical; difusora, radiodifusora ... tropical ..." Also UTC time checks 2 minutes fast. (Archer 5/31) ... **R. Marajoara** — On **4955** at 0902 with canned ID "ZYG361, onda [?] tropical?" ... 4955 kHz ... metros ... Belem, Pará, Brasil." (Archer 5/31)

CANADA: CBC — My unID on **6232-33v** is a spur of CBC's Northern Quebec Service on 6195. (BH)

CANARY IS.: REE Relay — On **15365** to 0156* with Spanish talks, rock-music bridges, IDs that included relay QTH. (Jordan 5/16) From 2148 with IS; at *2206 anthem, Spanish ID and into news. (Streitmatter 5/30) [And here's the bad news: Despite IDs, there's strong evidence that this transmission now actually emanates from Spain—and that SWBC from the Canaries may well be history. See LN, June FRENDEX.—BH]

CHINA: Xizang PBS — Presumed this on **4751** from 2324 with man and woman in Chinese; at 2330 brief

orchestral fanfare, but almost nil audible thereafter. Perhaps was CPBS relay at tune-in, with switch to local programming at 2330. (BH 5/26) ... **CPBS-2** — On new **9400** as early as 0920 past 1100 with typical Chinese dramas. Usually poor. Also noted on parallels 7770/11040/12200/15505. (BH 5/11+) ... **CPBS Taiwan-1** — On **unscheduled 9455** from *0955 ending anthem and going into Chinese announcements; at 1000 usual "5+1" pips and ID that sounded like "*Chungyang yin kwa bo diantai.*" Also heard on parallels 9380/11100. (BH 5/15) ... **CPBS Minority Service** — On **15670** from 1022 in seeming Korean; at 1028 five-note IS twice, man and woman in language ID that included *radiostantsiya*, three more iterations of IS, then *1030-1056* in same tongue parallel 11375/10260. Tibetan is scheduled for *1030, but what I hear is non-tonal (likely Uighur or Mongolian). CPBS seems to have made numerous schedule changes lately. (BH 5/14+)

COLOMBIA: LV del Rio Arauca — New on **SWBC** on **4895** at 0105-0152 with *ranchera*, pops, ballads, echo-enhanced station and RCN IDs every 15-17 minutes. Poor/fair. Tnx FT. (Jordan 5/21)

ECUADOR: R. Luz y Vida — On **4851** from 0359 with Ecuadorian pops to 0456*. Much better at s/off than local AMs here. (Archer 5/30) ... **R. Rio Amazonas** — On **4870** from 0249 in Spanish with romantic vocals, talk re *la vida humana*; at 0259 low-key ID, then song to abrupt 0302*. (Lobdell 5/22)

GUATEMALA: LVG — On **6180** at 0922 with marimba music, canned IDs of "*Sintoniza TGWB, La Voz de Guatemala.*" Fair atop Argentina. (Lobdell 5/20).

HONDURAS: LV de Mosquitia — On **4910** from 0050 with vocals in possibly local Indian dialect, also IDs and frequency info in Spanish. Continued with mix of pops, *ranchera*, religion to 0302*. (Jordan 6/2)

INDIA: AIR — On **9550** at 2140 with subcontinental vocal parallel 7412 (fair) / 9910 (very low audio) / 11620 (strong with co-channel ute); 9550 best. (BH 5/24) On **15175** ending Indonesian at 0945 after giving POB 500 address as per *WRTH*. (BH 5/11) General Overseas Service on exotic **17387** at 1042 with sitar music. Poor/fair this channel but great on dual 15335. (BH 5/11) On **17785** around 0420 with woman in Farsi; Middle Eastern vocals. Fair/good; dual 15360 weaker, splattered. (BH 5/24) On **17805** at 0408 with woman in Hindi, subcontinental vocals. At 0415 man in presumed Gujerati as per sked. Weak/fady here and dual 15165. (BH 5/24)

INDONESIA: RRI Padang — Presumed this on **4002.8** from 1034 with choral singing, several mentions of Padang by woman. At 1042 bassy male voice, then carrier till 1048, when returned with electronic EZL music; no "SCI" heard at 1100. Nice late-season visit! (Archer 5/30) ... **RRI Jakarta** — *Programa Nasional* on **4775** from 2319 with slow anthem that ends Jakarta studio programs; Indonesian announcement by woman, then into *lagu2*. At tune-in, fair with choppy QSB; almost out by 2335. (BH 5/12)

IRAQ: RB — On **11895/11775/9530** (all new) around 2130 to 2215* in Arabic. (BH 5/19) On **12025** from *0301 in Arabic with presumed news; Arabic instrumentals and vocals. Fair/good. (Jordan 5/15) On **15230** from *2000 with English news of Gulf, other Middle East items. (Jordan 5/15)

KOREA, NORTH: RP — On new **7580** from 0945 with Oriental vocals and Japanese talk; powerful but almost completely covered by RTTY. Much weaker on dual 6540. (BH 5/14)

LIBYA: LAJBC — Probably this one with domestic service on **6185** at 2253* after Qur'an and anthem. Fair strength but very low audio. Since then (5/18), channel has been covered by Vatican. (BH)

MALAYSIA: VOM — On **15295** from 0948 in Malay political or economic commentary with references to Vietnam, India, Japan; at 1000 announcement and into *lagu2* segued till 1025*. Followed with IS (as per *WRTH*) till *1030 in Chinese. Nice signal from an outlet rarely heard here. (BH 5/11)

NICARAGUA: (T) R. Ziñica — Seems like the one on **6120.5** from 1103 with RTTY sounds between news items; at 1108 fanfares, "... *Nicaragua ... informativo ...*" and "*Radio ... Liberación.*" Heard to 1132 with

UTC-6 time checks and many references to Nicaragua. Bad QRM from R. Japan via Canada on 6120. (*Archer 5/21*)

OMAN: RO — On 17770 from 0155 with tedious polka-like Middle Eastern melody; at 0158 anthem by band and amateur chorus, then *0159 with ID "*Idha'at il-'umaniyya min Masqat.*" Often heard past 0400 with fair strength but low speech audio. (*BH 5/19+*)

PAKISTAN: RP — On 15565 (apparently replacing 15580) at 1010 with tone, then IS till *1015 with Indonesian announcements, Qur'an. Poor this channel; only a carrier on 17660 and nil on 18050. (*BH 5/11*) On 17725 at 0410 with ID in presumed Gujerati during world news. Good (super conditions tonight). (*BH 6/4*)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: R. New Ireland — Presumed this on 3905 from 1027 with man in Pidgin, local instruments to 1040 tune-out. Surprisingly strong late-season item; 3385 also in. (*Archer 6/5*)

PERU: R. Altura — (T) On 3340 from 0351 with *música folklórica* and *huaynos*. At 0358 partial ID obscured by QRN; at 0412 ad for *Farmacia Tolica*. Still going at 0515. (*Lobdell 5/12*). On 3340v (± 1 kHz) at 0310-0350 with mix of Andean vocals and other pops; IDs. (*Jordan 6/2*) ... **R. Norperuana** — On 9655 at 1152 under Thailand. Paged someone, IDed twice and faded away at 1154—a two-minute opening! (*Eckman 5/28*)

PHILIPPINES: FEBC — On new 9495 at 0959 with many iterations of IS plus several IDs in English and Chinese; at *1000 into what seems Amoy as per schedule. Usually poor. (*BH 5/14+*)

RWANDA: RRR — Presumed this on 3330 from 0259 in French with man and woman alternating, then African pops (guitar, some synthesizer stuff). Faded by 0332. (*Archer 5/30*)

SAUDI ARABIA: BSKSA — Somali retimed to *0400-0500* (formerly *1700-1800*) on new 17840. At 0357 IS of melody on oud, then *0400 with Somali announcements and Qur'an; rechecked just before 0454*. Low speech audio seems due to distant miking rather than transmitter flaw. (*BH 5/17*)

SEYCHELLES: FEBA — On new 15305 ending Arabic at 0429, then IS and carrier. Fair. (*Jordan 5/28*)

SINGAPORE: SBC R. 1 — Presumed this on 5010 from 2302 (after co-channel Cameroon s/off) in English, likely news. At 2312 seemed ad or promo, then man and woman in perhaps newsmagazine till 2320 tune-out. Signal peaked around 2310, consistent with sunrise there—just plain too weak to get program details. (*BH 5/26*)

SOUTH AFRICA (Transkei): Capital R. — On 7149 from 0521 with traffic reports preceded by a few bars of Beatles' "Why Don't We Do It in the Road"! Also pops, time checks, *krugerrand* prices. (*Eckman 5/26*)

SRI LANKA: SLBC — On reactivated 15425 from 0147 with AWR religious program in heavily Caribbean-accented English by man; at 0200 ID for SLBC by woman with strong subcontinental accent. Continued with news of area (references to Colombo, Jaffna, Kandy); at 0204 another ID. Murderous QRM from splatter and co-channel USSR English to WCNA. (*BH 5/23*)

TAIWAN: VOFC — On 7285 from 0940 with Chinese talk and vocals. Rather poor but improving rapidly; somewhat better on dual 7130. (*BH 5/14*)

THAILAND: RT — On 9655 from 1135 with Asian music, female with news items, ad for Thai food festival; ID "This is HSK9, the External Service of Radio Thailand." At 1205 lost under open carrier. (*Eckman 5/28*)

TUNISIA: RTT — For transmission that ends at 2230, has dropped 7475 and 7310 in favor of **unlisted 9675** parallel 11550 / 12005. Careful: Spain is also on 9675 in Arabic around 2200. (*BH 5/19+*)

TURKEY: VOT — On bizarre 14880 from *0352 (also 0500, 1120+, 1220+) in Turkish, parallel 12035 and

maybe 15120. Fair/good. (Jordan 5/22) [Confirmed by BBCMS; see LN, June FRENEX.—BH]

USSR: Tashkent — On **5925** at *2300 with Moscow IS, Russian announcements, Kremlin bells, chimes for 3 o'clock, then *RS Rodina*. At 2330 local pgming of exotic Central Asian music past 2400. Very poor. (BH 5/12+) ... **Alma Ata** — On **5960** at 2303 ending choral USSR anthem and into that of Kazakhstan; at 2307 brief announcement in presumed Kazakh by woman, repeated by man, then unfamiliar IS thrice. Local program till 2315, when joined Moscow home service. Poor/fair; very poor on dual 5260. (BH 5/18)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: VO UAE (Abu Dhabi) — On **7280** (x-7300) at 2241 with ID in Arabic. Strong. (BH 5/13+) ... **UAER (Dubai)** — On **21700** from 0500 with six pips (last one long), announcement in Arabic by woman, *Caucasian Sketches* news theme and—sure enough—into news. Fair. (BH 5/17)

VENEZUELA: R. Maturín — On **5040** from 0336 with doorbells between presumed news items. At 0354 s/off announcement and nice clear ID; choral anthem to 0359*. Fast-talking *Upiano* DJ dominates frequency but *Maturín* announcer fades up periodically. (Archer 5/22)

CLANDESTINE: R. 15 de Setiembre — On **6214** from 0026 with presumed news and other talks in Spanish; gone or lost by 0140. (Jordan 5/13) ... (T) **AV da Resistência do Gêlo Negro** — Cf. my item in May *DXtra*. Still heard on **7145** daily to s/off (any time between 2113 and 2301, but usually around 2200). Has political tirades in vernacular (with at least two men and one woman announcer) and highlife music segued for long stretches. Canned Portuguese announcement before s/off ("*Estimados ouvintes, um [5-6 words] em pûnto final. Você está conosco nas horas e frequências da anunciadas. [Boa noite?]*") doesn't seem to include any ID. (BH)...**VO Democratic Kampuchea** — On **17680** from 0403 with woman in Khmer (which sounds like tape of English being played backwards): at 0404 brief Southeast Asian instrumental, then woman again. At 0405 man took over. Many references to Kampuchea. (BH 6/4)

PIRATE (INTERNATIONAL WATERS): R. Caroline — On **6215** at 0450 with World Mission R. program of light pop and gospel tunes; multilingual IDs every 10 minutes or so. Address given as Box 3416, Corona CA 91719. (Lobdell 5/21)

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