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- JUN UHF/VHF mobile ham antenna and scanner reception; Improving discone scanner antenna reception; Low modulation on marine channel 72; Where are all the stand-alone DRM receivers?; Will Software Defined Radios work well in an indoor electrical environment?; Can electric fences be fatal?
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- AUG Stand-off insulators for 450 ohm ladder line; SDR using Windows Vista; Using CFLs in a floor lamp; Matching a horizontal loop antenna; Auto-tuning a PAR End-Fedz antenna; Ceramic vs monolithic capacitors; Improving digital reception on a scanner.
- SEP Correction and oversight;
  Horizontal loop details; Earth SW broadcasts on ISS; Using two SW receivers on the same antenna; Grounding a wire antenna; Drugstore tube-testers; Who keeps track of space debris?
- OCT Crowded FM reception; Satellite broadband and SDR reception; 700 MHz intermittent reception; Substitute coupler for H-800 active antenna; Where did all the drive-thru chatter go? Mars rover frequencies; C-band dishes; digital TV reception.
- NOV Shortwave radios from the 30s and 40s compared to today's sets; Mystery of the salvaged tower; Random wire antennas on the ground; Why CFLs will light even when turned off; Unsubscribed cell phones still

- useful for 911; Broadcast tower voltage, RF or AC; Attic mounted antenna vs. solar panels; WiFi reception from 15 miles
- DEC Running portable radio on low voltage; Difference between zip cord and speaker wire; Elliptic high-pass filter vs nearby AM transmitter; How remote antenna preamps work; Cause of corrosion on car battery terminal; Halogen lamp RF interference; In-line preamps and receiver desensitization; Using a Uniden Home-Patrol in a car; Connecting a wire antenna to a portable radio antenna jack.

### BELOW 500 kHz (Kevin Carey)

- JAN New Year, New Horizons; Small Antenna, Big Results; Chasing Lofers, Tuning into Natural radio; Mailbag; Selected NDB Loggings.
- FEB RDF-304 Wrap-Up; Mailbag.
  MAR Bits & Pieces; A Modest LF
  Shack; Farewell to Beaconfinder
  II; basement Band Loggings;
  Mailbag; Hifer Beacons; A New
  Project; NASWA Winter SWL
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- APR Q&As abour NDBs; Mystery Signals Miskeyings; Loggings; Bendix Navigator 420.
- MAY Bendix Navigator 420: Gaining Access; 472-479 kHz Ham Band; Mailbag; E1XM Update; Loggings
- JUN Navigator 420 Wrap-Up; Loggings and Mailbag; Missed Approach; Kindling Some Interest; Web Outakes
- JUL Additions, Corrections, Comments and More; Loggings; Titanic Movie; Unidentified Beacon; Kindling Some Interest; Defining DX
- AUG Allure of Longwave
- SEP Summertime, Summertime; Summertime Mailbag; Loggings
- OCT ID, Please?: World Aero Data, AirNav; North America Radio Beacons; PilotNav; RNA Database; Going First Class; Loggings
- NOV Getting on the Band, Cheap!
  DEC Gone but Not Forgotten:
  Longwave at Sea, Longwave and
  Aviation; The "Last Radio
  Station:" Mailbag

# BOATS (Ron Walsh, PLANES (Iden Rogers), and TRAINS (Ernest Robt)

- JAN BOATS: Cold Winds, Warm
  Heart; Southern Exodus and
  Sound Bound II; Historical
  Marine Radio; Receptions and
  Targets; Amateur Radio Activity;
  Mail from Readers.
- FEB PLANES: Getting Your
  Directions Straight: True and
  Magnetic North,
  Heading/Bearing, Airport
  Distance and Direction, VOR
  Radials, Clock Position and

- Distance, Runway Numbering, Routes, Wind.
- MAR TRAINS: Infrastructure
  Inspection and Office Car
  Specials: track Inspection,
  Sperry Trucks, "OCS headed
  your way;" Background Sources;
  EOT and DPU Frequencies.
- APR BOATS: You Never Know About Radio . . .; Request for Information; Caribbean Marine Radio; Marine Guide; GLMMNet; Pacific Maritime Mobile Service Net; Mailbag.
- MAY PLANES: Aviation-related Frequencies: NDBs; HF Aero Frequencies; The 108-117.975 MHz Band; The 118-136.975 MHz Band; Closing Thoughts
- JUN TRAINS: DPUs Keep the Trains Moving
- JUL BOATS: New and Old and New Again; Savannah, Georgia; Alaska; New York State
- AUG PLANES: Aircraft and Altitude SEP TRAINS: Stepping Back; More on Multiple Units; Doubling and Tripling a Hill; PTC Update; Override; PTC Mapping
- OCT BOATS: Fall Listening; Unusual Radio Monitoring; HF Radio; Maritime Radio Historical Society; Local Activity
- NOV PLANES: NTSB: The Nation's Air Safety Investigators
- DEC TRAINS: Operators, Interchange and Priority Channels

### **BROADCAST BANDSCAN (Doug**

Smith) (even months)

- FEB The AM Dial Stations Coming and Going: Montreal 690/940; And Across the Pond . . . ; More New Stations; Non-Commercial Stations = No Commercials; FCC Still not Buying; Mailbag; Bandscan Station Report.
- APR We Pause for Station Identification: What, When, How, Which; FCC Changes Stance on Moving; Time Splitting, April Bandscan Station Report.
- JUN When is a Test Not A Test?; LPFM vs Translators; Tolerance; New Toronto FM.
- AUG Over-the-air TV in Canada:
  Going, going, gone?; And in the
  U.S...; A new kinda-DX
  publication: 2012 Baseball
  Listeners Guide; QSL Woes;
  Another News/Talk Station on
  FM; Get'em while they're Hot!;
  Frequency Trumps Power?;
  Band Scan Station Report
- OCT Digital Radio in Mexico; And in the U.S.; How about digital TV?; New TV Stations; 540 & 1550 kHz; English ou Francaise? Station Report
- DEC AM Salvation; Montreal 690; New AM Log

#### **COMMUNICATIONS (Ken Reitz)**

JAN Amateur Radio/Shortwave: BPL: It is Alive; ARRL: 700,000 U.S. Hams; Cost of QSLing Rises (Again)

AM/FM/TV Broadcasting: FCC Threatens TV Broadcasters Old Spy vs. New Spy: Russian Spies Used Shortwave Radio; Chinese Military Hacking U.S. Satellites

FCC Enforcement: Pirate Cat's Monkey \$10k Fine Affirmed; More Pirates Walking the FCC Plank

FEB Amateur Radio/Shortwave: 60 meters Gets a Facelift; BBC's "Arab Spring" Bump.

**AM/FM/TV Broadcasting**: Radio Seagull Test 1393 kHz; 100s of DJs Lose Jobs

Public Service: Encryption Trouble in Winnipeg; AP Report: Scanning Now All or Nothing Satellite: BBG: Stop Iran Sat-Jamming; Keychain Satellites Swarm Lower Space; Russian General: HAARP Killed Phobos! FCC Action/Inaction FCC Revolving Door Cranks Up; Broadcaster Public Files Policy to Change; Gripe, Gripe, Gripe.

MAR Amateur Radio/Shortwave:
HAM Nation Archives on iTunes;
Ham Radio: Fountain of Youth;
FCC: KJES off by 21 Hz; Radio's
Dark Side: Cartel Network.

**AM/FM/TV Broadcasting**: FCC OKs Media Ownership Changes; Prometheus "Get Radio!" Effort **Public Service**: Experts Explain P25 issues.

Satellite: AirTrans Ditches XM African Satellite Mystery; Russian Satellite Irony; LightSquared Dares FCC. FCC Enforcement: FM Pirates

and Taxi Drivers Cited; CBer Cited for CB Interference; FCC Goes Clubbing in S.F.

APR Amateur Radio/Shortwave: FCC-2, K1MAN-1 in Confused Case; BPL Withers on the Vine Public Service: DoJ Report \$350 million flop

**Satellite**: SBCA Fights Philly Dish Ban; Web hackers Want Their Own Satellite

**AM/FM/TV Broadcasting**: Survey: HD-Who?; First White-Fi Goes Live.

FCC Enforcement: Hospital Security gets it Wrong; Lounge Jamming Keyless Locks; FCC Sweeps FL Swamp.

MAY

Amateur Radio/Shortwave:

New Law Seeks Amateur Radio
Study; BBG Sells Shortwave
Short (Again); Andy Sennitt
Closes Media Network Blog
AM/FM/TV Broadcasting: TV
Spectrum Auction Uncertainty
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Public Service: NYC Tries to Sell Back \$549 Million System Satellite: Solar Flare Predictor Aging; Politically-Tinged LightSquared Shambles; bChina on WX Sat Spree FCC Enforcement: The Usual

Suspects; Sloppy AM Op Fined \$25,000 JUN Shortwave/Amateur Radio:

Shortwave/Amateur Radio: Fred Maia W5YI SK; AMSAT Fox-1 Next to Fly; Blonder-Tongue Buys R.L. Drake Co. Public Service: WA Radio System under Fire (Again) Cable/Satellite-TV: Sirius/XM Savior new Stalker; FCC Report: Cable-TV Prices Up; Cable, OTA-TV Viewing Puzzle AM/FM/TV Broadcasting: FCC Set to OK LPRM Permits; TV on iPad: "Data & Money Guzzler" FCC Enforcement: Jersey Crackdown; Break 1-9 for Tacos in Texas; Tennessee FM Pirate: \$22k Fine

JUL Shortwave: BBG Reverses on China, Tibet; Edward R. Murrow Station Rededicated AM/FM/TV Broadcasting: TV Band Repacking Nightmare; Pandora: No.1 Station in L.A.?; OTR Mystery Solved Public Service: Chicago PD Gives FCC a Grilling; Santa Cruz PD Offers App Satellite: U.S. Satellites: Two

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FCC Enforcement: Ham Gripes
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Parade; New York Crackdown;
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Fine Reduced in EPIRB False Alarm; Non-Com hit with \$22,000 Fine; No Staff at Studio: \$10,000

AUG Amateur Radio/Shortwave: RCI Shambles / Vatican Radio Cuts; BBG FM Outlets Cut During Elections

> AM/FM/TV Broadcasting: New WTC Broadcast Tower Readied; AT&T Presses FCC on New Spectrum; ATSC to Offer Non-Real Time TV

**Satellite**: Spy-Sat Crumbs fall to NASA

**Technology**: Cell Tower Deaths Probed; Windular: Cell Tower Power

**FCC Enforcement**: Pirate FM: \$10k, Snubbing FCC: \$5k; AM Op Blames Computer

EP Amateur Radio/Shortwave:
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Public Service: Pasadena PD
Allow Press Scanner Access
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Nothing Comes to Mind; FCC
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Satellites: Billionaires Compete
in Launch Biz

FCC Enforcement: Major FM Pirate Hit with NOUO; Dog Shot in Pirate Raid; FM Pirate is Also a Ham; Talkative Miami Pirate Silenced

OCT Obituaries: QST's Joel Kleinman N1BKE SK Amateur Radio/Shortwave: FCC - No 2 Meter Emergency Channel

AM/FM/TV Broadcasting: Cord-Cutting Surprises Analysts Satellites: Russian Launch Woes Continue

**Public Service**: Oakland Radios Fail (Again); Allentown (PA) PD Encrypts

Technology: Police Cell Phone Spying Rises; FCC to Study RFR FCC Enforcement: Free Radio Olympia Busted

NOV Domestic BBG Ban Reconsidered; FCC Readies OTA Auction Date; West Palm Beach OpenSky® Fiasco; Good Karma; Bad Karma

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#### **COMPUTERS & RADIO (Brian Wood)**

JAN Ho Do Computer Chips Make Radios Work?

APR Computers and Transmitters -SO2R: "Single Operator, Two Radios; Transmit Signal Monitors; Two-tone test oscillators; Microphone Equalizers; CTCSSDTMF Generators.

JUL SO2R and SO2V

OCT DIT Computers: Standardization; Sources for Parts; Sound Cards; Cases; Firing it Up

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FEB Spotlight on Morocco: Moroccan Army Network; Moroccan DGSN; Moroccan Diplomatic Service; Update on Mystery PacTOR Networks.

MAR Bobobos, the Congo and another Mystery ALE Net: Max Planck Institute's HF Network;
Congolese National Police; The KM3 Mystery ALE Network.

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MAY Spotlight on Algeria (Part 1): Air Force; Army

JUN Spotlight on Algeria (Part 2): Navy; Railwats; DTN (Direction des Transmissions Nationales); Oil & Gas; Police (DGSN);

- Customs; State Intelligence Service (DRS)
- JUL The CCIR 493-4 Selcal (and Networks You Can Hear Using It); HFoZ; RadTel; VKS737 Network; Colombian Military Network; Unidentified Arab Network
- AUG Rivet and a New Decoder: The Rivet Decoder; Rivet and CCIR493-4; Algerian Army Update; Taiwanese Navy Update
- SEP Digital Spotlight on Brazil: Navy; High Seas Fleet; Riverine Fleet; Navigation and Weather; Air Force; Army
- OCT Fall Digital Smorgasbord: The 3 Letter; A New Pacific Network?; Lone Wolves; The x0x/x1x Network; US MARS Transitions to High Speed HF Modem Standards
- NOV Digital Decoder Updates: Hoka Decoders, Wavecom Decoders, Rivet, Multipsk; Chinese 4+4 Modem; Russian Intelligence & Diplomatic Services
- DEC Ocean Sensing Radar Update; Bonobos Back On The Air!

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- MAR Searching the Good Search; NOAA Office of Marine Fisheries; Fed Files Wonderland – DC.
- MAY Scanning Super Bowl XLVI; The End of the IWN?
- JUL The IWN in Operation; Scanning the Diplomatic Security Service
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- NOV 2012 Political Conventions; WHCA 166.5125 MHz Mysteries; Department of Education OIG; Tucson Scanning

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- MAR WINRadio G39DDCe Wide-Frequency Coverage Receiver (Bob Grove)

- APR Alinco DJ-V57 Hand-held Dual Band Transceiver (Bob Grove); The Take Charge Power Savers (Bob Grove)
- MAY GRE PSR-120 Hand-Held Scanner (Bob Grove)
- JUN The Kindle Fire Tablet (Loyd Van
- JUL Signal Hound Spectrum Analyzer / Measuring Receiver (Bob Grove); Uniden Bearcat 880 CB Radio (Larry Van Horn)
- AUG Bonito 1102S RadioJet Shortwave Receiver (Bob Grove); C. Crane Twin Coil Ferrite™ AM Antenna (Bob Grove)
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- OCT Tablerock "Shortwave Daddy"
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  Horn)
- NOV DXtreme Reception Log (Loyd Van Horn)
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- FEB More FTA Satellite and Readers'
  Questions: Murphy Lends a
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  DMX741 Performance; More
  Comment on Wi-Fi Radio;
  Chasing HD-Radio.
- MAR Free-to-Air Satellite Revisited and AM DX: Return to TVRO; Doug's AM Challenge; More AM HD DX Intrigue.
- APR A Reader's HD-Radio Experience and More; Monitoring the International Space Station; Pirate Radio Yesterday and Today.
- MAY Living the Very Limits of Your License Class: Technician Class Rigs; Technician Class Antennas; SWL to Tech Op in Weeks
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- OCT The More Things Change the Better They Get . . . Mostly: The Inescapable Digital World, New and Improved TV Sets, The Price of Progress
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### **GLOBAL NET (Loyd Van Horn)**

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- MAR Cutting the Cable Streaming Video: How has the Streams? Netflix, Hulu, One, Other Services, Devices to consider, Mobile Devices.
- APR Remote Roundup!; Spring Cleaning in the Mailbag; A Google Streaming Device.
- MAY New Ways to Talk Amateur Radio; WWW Dot Breaker 1-9; Royalty Debate Rages On; GlobalNet Mailbag.
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- AUG It's Convention Time!; Amazon Comes to Xbox 360; Verizon FIOS ups the ante on internet speeds; Everybody's a Streaming Expert; Jango?
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- MAR Can't Get Enough Oldies; AM Radio Companion; Whats That Station?; Who is Killing AM Radio?; Baby Boomer Radio; Air Show Addenda.
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- MAR Monitoring the Air Show Experience Equipment and Tips; Air Show Resource Guide.
- APR Changes in the Weather; USAF Red Flag Frequencies; The Last Deployment Workup – USS Enterprise COMPUTEX/JTFEX; ARTCC Update: Memphis and Houston ARTCC.
- MAY New Data on DoD Trunk
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- AFB Profile; 8-9 MHz OR Aeronautical Sub-Band Scan, ARTCC Update: Indianapolis ARTCC
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- APR The Stealthy World of Indoor SWL Antennas. (David Payne)
- MAY Three Generations Tackle a Smoked Heathkit (HW-100) (David Payne)
- JUN Rechargeable Battery Pack on a Shoestring Budget (Mario Filippi)
- JUL A Camping DXpedition Part 1 (David Payne Sr.)
- AUG A Camping DXpedition Part 2 (David Payne Sr.)
- SEP Setting Up a Ku-Band FTA Radio System (Mario Filippi)
- OCT Newstar DR111 Digital Shortwave Receiver

# ON THE HAM BANDS (Kirk A. Kleinschmidt)

- JAN Of Mics and Men: Transmit Audio, Part 1: Microphones 101: Reader Comments about Open-Wire Feed Line.
- FEB The Great Paper Chase: Old Timers Call It Wallpaper, A Variety of Sponsors, Where to Begin.
- MAR One Monitor to Rule Then All: 28-inch Hanns.GHZ281 LCD computer monitor.
- APR Amateur Radio Podcasting Broadcasting Come Full Circle
- MAY 60-Meter Madness!
- JUN Special-Event Certificates: More Wallpaper for your Shack
- JUL Ham Radio: Killer Fun for Everyone
- AUG Of Mics and Men: Transmit Audio, Part 2 (Part 1 in Jan 2012)
- SEP Antenna Secrets I Wish I'd Known
- OCT Linear Amplifiers: Myth vs. Reality
- NOV Kit Building: Bigger (and Smaller) than Ever: The Golden Age of Kit Building, Present Day Kit Building, New Tool of the Trade: a Microscope?
- DEC Solar Cycle Defiance: Meteor Scatter!

## PROGRAMMING SPOTLIGHT (Fred Waterer

JAN Deutsche Welle – Back to the Future, The Sceptred Isle, Dad's Army; Polish External Service; So you want to be a Foreign Correspondent . . .; Back to Russia . . .

- FEB Cruising around the Dials: Africa, Ireland, The Navy Lark; Recommended Listening; The Immortality of Broadcasting.
- MAR Alternative Talk Radio:
  Alternative Programming
  Sources; Talk is Cheap; It's All
  Greek to Me: YouTube.
- APR Quick Trip around Eastern
  Europe: Albania, Bulgaria,
  Czechoslovakia; Hungary,
  Poland, Romania; Whats New;
  Whats Not So New;
  Programming Spotlight Time
  Machine; A Titanic Event.
- MAY May Flowers and Music:
  Eurovision Song Contest;
  Summer Programming; Music to
  My Ears; Radio Romania
  International; Radio Japan;
  WYFR; Voice of Russia; Back to
  the Archives . . .
- JUN Radio Canada International's Last Hurrah? PCJ Media; Speaking of History . . .; WEWN Marks 20 years of broadcasting
- JUL Spotlight on Asia; Switzerland in Sound; Canada Day; Yugoslavia; European Monetary Crisis
- AUG Summertime and the Livin' is Easy: Diamond Jubilee; Radio Tirana Today; RCI Requiem; RFI=Radio France Internet?; Germany to Africa; Rest in Peace, Mr. Trololo
- SEP Revisiting the Former Yugoslavia; Radio New Zealand; Alternative Sources of Programming
- OCT Weekend Shortwave Radio: Sunday Listening Highlights; Weekend Listening Highlights; Recommended Listening
- NOV Spanish, a Language without Bounds; China Radio International; Presidential Election; Folk Box from VoR
- DEC Seasonal Favorites from Around the World

#### **QSL REPORT (Gayle Van Horn**

- JAN Bringing Blue to the World
- FEB Rhein Main and Special Event QSLing
- MAR ODXA Announces New QSL
  Manager; New Peruvian Stations:
  Aroma Café Radio and Radio
  Universal; Bill Plum's DX Stamp
  Service.
- APR Staying up to date a major key to QSLing.
- MAY ARRL and CQ Sign Awards Agreement.
- JUN Anniversary and Field Day QSLing
- JUL Firecracker Special 2012
- AUG RFA Offers the Olympic Panda
- SEP QSLing from the Most Wanted List
- OCT QSL Contact Updates
- NOV QSL Bytes
- DEC Countdown of the Season

- JAN Military Telephone Instruments: Headsets, Microphones, Sound Powered Phones, Loudspeakers; From the Readers.
- FEB Aligning the Meissner "Broadcast 7"; From the Readers.
- MAR Buttoning up the Meissner "Utility" Broadcast Set.
- APR Starting Up a Vintage Radio MAY Signal Tracing and Signal Injection
- JUN Troubleshooting Continued: Voltage Checks
- JUL We Find an Arvin "Metal Midget"
  AUG More on the Midget Arvin and
  Sets You Don't Want to Plugin!
- SEP Finishing up the Arvin Project

  The Howard 430 A Brand New Project: Howard History and Products; About the Howard 430; Getting Inside the 430;
- Testing; From the Readers

  NOV Getting to the Howard's Dial

  System; From the Mailbag; A.C.
  D.C.s for Farm and City

Preliminary Inspection and

DEC How Many Volts to Light a
Tube?: Storage Battery Tubes,
Dry Cell Tubes, The First AC
Tubes; Development of the
Cathode

#### **SCANNING REPORT (Dan Veeneman)**

- JAN Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA)
- FEB The Benefits of Sharing: DuPage County, Illinois; Los Angeles, California; Meriden, Connecticut.
- MAR Scanning the Pacific Northwest: Tacoma-Puyallup, Seattle; Control Channel Only; Unified Regional System.
- APR Sun Setting on EDACS:
  Montgomery, Alabama. EDACS
  End of Life; Project 25; New
  Montgomery System;
  Montgomery EDACS; Iowa;
  Florida SLERS; Walton County,
  Florida.
- MAY Not All Change is Bad: Frederick, Maryland; Baltimore County, Maryland; State of Maryland; Dayton Hamvention
- JUN Responding to Reader Request: Bayville, New Jersey; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Eastern Alabama.
- JUL Responding to Reader Request: Harbor Springs, Michigan; Wisconsin (Monitoring WISCOM); Rock County, Wisconsin; Leon County, Florida
- AUG Decoding Digital Data; Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; Encryption Weakness
- SEP Adapting an AOR8000 to Change; Central Virginia; Lawrence County, Indiana; Allen County, Indiana
- OCT Coping with Old and New Systems Where You Live: Pennsylvania; Choosing a Scanner; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; T-Band

- NOV The Encryption of Lehigh County:
  Allentown Pennsylvania; EDACS
  Digital Voice; ProVoice
  Encryption; Framing; Technical
  Weakness; Outsourcing;
  Cracking; Allentown EDACS:
  Agency-Fleet-Subfleet; Allentown
  Police
- DEC Scanner Terminology:
  Narrowbanding, Frequency
  Synthesis, Microprocessors,
  Trunking, Digital Voice, Error
  Correction, Logic Channel
  Numbers; Johnson County,
  Texas

# SHORTWAVE GUIDE (Gayle Van Horn)

- JAN English (24 hours); Chinese 0000-1400 UTC
- FEB English (24 hours); Chinese 1400-2300 UTC; Spanish 0000-0600 UTC
- MAR English (24 hours); Spanish 0600-1600 UTC
- APR English (24 hours); Spanish 1600-2300 UTC
- MAY English (24 hours); Portuguese 0000-1200 UTC
- JUN English (24 hours); Portuguese 1200-2300 UTC
- JUL English (24 hours); Arabic 0000-1800 UTC
- AUG English (24 hours); Arabic 1800-2300; Chinese 0000-1100 UTC
- SEP English (24 hours); Chinese 1200-2300 UTC; Spanish 0000-0300 (Partial)
- OCT English (24 hours); Spanish 0400-1600 (Partial)
- NOV English (24 hours)
- DEC English (24 hours)

#### SKY SURFING (Amateur Satellites -Keith Baker / Radio Astronomy - Stan Nelson)

- FEB HAMSATS: Spotlight on VUSAT OSCAR 52 (VO-52); ARISSAT-1 Update; AMSAT's Next project; Fox Details; Looking Ahead.
- MAR RADIO ASTRONOMY:
  Adventures in Amateur
  Detection: Are There Pulsars in
  Your Future; Cosmic Ray
  Telescopes; Meteor Shower /
  Solar apps for the iPhone /
  Android; Name That Array; Some
  Radio Astronomy Reading; GPS
  Service Degradation on demand;
  Radio Jove Update; Radio
  Astronomy in the Movies.
- MAY HAMSATS: Spotlight on UoSAT-2 (UO-11); AO-51 Goes Silent; The Demise of ARISSat-1; AMSAT's Next Project: FOX
- JUN RADIO ASTRONOMY: Radio
  Telescope Concepts: The
  RFSpace SDR-IQ DSP Receiver;
  ARGO Weak Signal Software;
  Denver Radio Astronomy Site;
  Radio Astronomy in the Movies
- AUG HAMSATS: A Flock of Other Amateur Radio Satellites Part 1: An Aging Fleet; The Cubesats;

- PW-SAT; DO-64 (Delfi-C3); FO-69 and FO-70 (Fastrac 1 and 2); AO-70 (AubleSat-1); Project FOX Update; Looking Ahead
- SEP RADIO ASTRONOMY: Spying on Exoplanets; GNU Radio for Radio Astronomy; Solar Monitoring in Alaska; Radio Astronomy Workshop; Radio Astronomy in the Movies
- OCT HAMSATS: A Flock of Other Amateur Radio Satellites – Part II: RAX-2, SwissCube; PRISM; Project FOX Update; Looking Ahead; Of Cubesats and Peapods
- DEC RADIO ASTRONOMY: Radio Noise from Hale-Bopp Comet?; The Cassiopeia A Radio Source; What to Do with a Surplus Dish; Video of the VLA Using Time Lapse; More Cheap Astronomy Books; NRAO VLA Sky Survey; Radio Astronomy in the Movies; Links Used in Column; Meteor Burst with Argo; FUN Cube Dongle SDR Radio

#### **UTILITY WORLD (Hugh Stegman)**

- JAN Russia Spy Caught Decoding Numbers; The Last Frontier: VHF Lo.
- FEB The Beginners Guide to Funny Noises: Codar, Chirpsounders, Over-the-Horizon Radar, Equipment Malfunctions; The HFGCS Phaser; Eight Niner Eight Niner.
- MAR Polytone and Espionage Some Questions Answered: Spies and XPA; Digital Selective Calling; Taiwanese Fishery.
- APR CFH Weather Broadcasts Return
   For Now: Canadian Maritime
  Publications; Changes at 4XZ;
  WRC-12 in Progress; Sea
  Surface Radar; 600-Meter
  Amateur.
- MAY WRC-12: New Amateur Band and More; More DSC; Number Tidbits
- JUN Numbers: The Strangeness Continues: EV01; The Big Buzz
- JUL WRC-12 Defers "Leap Second" Decision
- AUG Beating the Short Wave Summer Time Blues: Grey Line Propagation; Hurricane / Tornado Season, New Orleans FAX Change; Boston Ice Chart Change
- SEP Dutch Spy Bust Fuels New "Numbers" Intrigue; USCG Discontinues Telex; CODAR Chaos May Diminish
- OCT SDRs: Opening a Larger Window
   SDR Types, Wide-Spectrum
  Display, Recording, Digital
  Modes, Conclusion; More Funny
  Noises
- NOV FANS-1/A: Will the Future Doom HF Aero Mobile?; Another UVB-76 Surprise; Utility Hardware

DEC Is Shortwave Dead?: Peeling the Onion; What is Happening on MARS?; Budget Cuts Silence AFN; UVB-76 Resumes Low Buzz

#### WHAT'S NEW (Larry Van Horn)

### Books, CDs and eBooks

JAN The ARRL Antenna Book (Print Book); The ARRL Handbook 2012 (Print Book)

FEB How to Listen to the World by Ken Reitz (Kindle eBook)

MAR Mifty New Scanner Mini-Manuals: Uniden BC-396XT/996XT (Print Books); 2012 World Radio TV Handbook (Print Book); Klingenfuss 2012 Shortwave Frequency Guide (Print Book)

APR Using Your Meter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Print Book)

MAY Modern Communications
Receiver Design and
Technology; Emergency Power
for Radio Communications (Print
Book); Getting on the Air with HF
Digital (Print Book)

JUN Profiles in Amateur Radio (Kindle eBook); Air Show Issue in Kindle Format (Kindle eBook); Images of America-Bay Area Radio (Print Book); Utility DXing – A Primer (Print Book)

JUL Teak Publishing Releases Kindle Book: QSLing the World (Kindle eBook); 2012 Baseball Listener's Guide (Kindle eBook); Police Radar Operator Error (Print / Kindle eBook); Just the Fax! (Print Book); ARRL Digital QST Now Available; The ARRL Film Collection (DvD)

AUG Introduction to Amateur Radio
Astronomy (Print Book); The
ARRL Repeater Directory® 2012/2013 Edition (Print/CD
Books); The ABCs of Software
Defined Radio (Print Book); Hints
and Kinks for the Radio Amateur
(Print Book); Pacific Radio
Listener Guides (PDF books)

SEP ARRL's Low Power Communications; Short Antennas for 160 Meter Radio; ARRL Extra Class License Manual; ARRL's Extra Q&A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

OCT Domestic Broadcast Survey 2012; Utility DXer's QSL Address Handbook

NOV New NRC AM Radio Log Released

#### Equipment

JAN Grundig S-4500LX Field Radio FEB AOR ARL2300 Ethernet Controller; Uniden BC125AT Hand-Held Scanner

MAR Epic Emergency AM/FM
Weather Radio; Upgrades for
Legendary AR8200D; Comtek
W2FMI Series Balum.

APR Alinco DJ-G29T Hand-held; Stealth Antenna System (DX Engineering)

MAY InnovAntennas Appoints First American Dealer; DXE-UT-KIT2-D (Coax Prep Kit); DX Engineering Aluminum Tubing

JUN DX Engineering Clamps
JUL Icom America Hamvention
Exhibits: ID-31A; IC-2300H, RS-

AUG New Kit and Book Released by the Xtal Set Society; DX

BA1

Engineering Tilt Base
SEP DX Engineering DXE-UT-KITDBR Deburring Kit; DX
Engineering 160 Meter Vertical
Antenna; New Features for the

Delorme inReach Communicator
OCT Icom Loan Program with Boy
Scouts; DX Engineering New
Coax; MFJ Intellituners
Released; RigExpert AA-1000;
70 cm ATV Transmitter from

KH6HTV Video; New Array Solutions Coax Surge Arrestor NOV Icom Showcases Two New

Radios at the Tokyo Ham Fair (ID-51A and IC-7100); DX Engineering's New Telescoping Fiberglass Tubing Kit; New Sangean Radios Released: Sangean WR-12, Sangean PR-D14, Sangean RCR-9, Sangean TB-100 Toughbox, WFR-28 Wi-Fi Internet/Portable Radio; GRE PRS-900 Release?

DEC New MFJ Off-Center FED HF
Wireless Antennas; MFJ-9211
QRP Balum; 70 cm ATV
Transmitter from PC Electronics;
Inflatable Antenna Tower from
LTA; DX Engineering MaxiCore® High-Power Multi-Band
UNUN; bhi, Ltd. Mini Switch for
GAP DSP Speaker; The NOAXS
PicoKeyer-Plus Kit

#### Software

JAN Streaming App for the iPod / iPhone

FEB DXE QSL Scanning Kit (DX Engineering)

APR DXtreme StationLlog – Multimedia

AUG The ARRL Software Library for Hams

SEP Wavecom Releases New Updates

DEC HamCall Announces HamCall on DVD, HamCall Archives; P25 Phase II TDMA Decoding Available?