



Helping Hand

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Helping Hand is a column that focuses upon questions, advice, assistance and other items of discussion that our readership requires from time to time. This 'post-it' column will allow hobbyists to inquire about various aspects of radio listening and receive answers from the readership either directly or through this column.

Helping Hand Column - January 2012

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first Helping Hand Column of 2012. This month we have a response to a question and a few new queries to put forth to our readership. Please remember -- if you have a question, comment, answer or piece of advice you would like to place in this column, feel free to do so!

Our first question this month comes from Bob Foster, who asks about the format of the **World English Survey** in *Listening In*. He writes, "I was curious about the above chart (WES); can you let me know why some of the frequency times are shown as a segmented line instead of a solid one. I find the chart a great help in identifying frequencies." Bob goes on to mention he uses a number of Sony shortwave receivers, and Sony AN1 and ANLP2 active antennas in his listening endeavours.

I responded to Bob mentioning that the segmented lines in the Survey refer to those transmissions not operating every day of the week. For example, Channel Africa's broadcasts from South Africa are only from Monday-Friday. The slanted line sometimes seen on solid lines in the WES refer to those times when the broadcaster changes its frequencies, as listed below the solid lines. I hope this helps others who may have had the same question concerning the WES.

Our next question is posed by Antonio who asks, "Hi friends of ODXA: I need your help. I need an email address of CKZN and

CKZU. I listen to 6130 KHz to CKZU / CKZN but never heard their identification. I want to send a reception report, the idea is to send it to the two stations. Thanks."

In my response to Antonio, I had given him a snail-mail and e-mail address for the audience response to the CBC, but I could find no evidence of particular e-mail addresses for the stations in question. Does anyone know of a specific place one can send reports to CKZU/CKZN?

Eric Savio had sent in a question last time concerning a shortwave radio station and/or antenna that was located between Glenora and Kingston here in Ontario. Mark Coady sends us this response: "Joe, on HWY 33 just as you cross the Trent Canal south of Trenton and are approaching Carrying Place in Prince Edward County you will see an antenna farm that belongs to the Department of National Defense. These are the HF antennas for CFB Trenton.

"Your reader mentioned between Glenora (the east end of Prince Edward County) and Kingston. There are no HF facilities along this particular stretch. If your reader saw something here he might have seen the towers for one of Kingston's mediumwave stations." Thanks, Mark! I hope this helps Eric and anyone else who has been looking at these structures and wondering what they are or to whom they belong.

Enjoy January as best as possible! Ski, skate, snowshoe... even listen to the radio!