

Aihkiniemi AIH 164 3-10 December 2022

This was my second visit in 2022 following one with Martti Karimies in January. This time I was with Pentti Stenman. I've not had much time to go through my recordings yet but have attached a list of lower-powered logs from North America collected so far. Conditions were volatile and at times poor. It was interesting seeing comments in Medium Wave Circle early in the week about how poor TA conditions were. Nevertheless, I did manage to hear quite a few new ones (for me). Bear in mind that Aihki is much closer to NA than I was used to, DXing in Cape Town, where the distance to Florida is 7000 and to US West Coast, 10000 miles. Using 400m BoGs we hardly ever reached the Prairies, central or Western Canada or the US West Coast. Of course, the length and directionality of the Ainki antennae also significantly enhance the DX potential.

Volatile conditions can still throw up interesting catches, even if only for a few seconds. Often this requires a bit of detective work e.g. tracking down local ads, area codes, weather reports and simultaneous FM frequencies announced in the IDs. So far, I've focused mainly on the graveyard channels but in due course will do wider sweeps because other interesting catches are always popping up all over the band.

I've barely listened to my Asian recordings but know there was very little from Australia or the Pacific. Even the Philippines seemed quiet although I did log at least one new one listening 'live' – DXKS Radio Ronda 1080. This time I was concentrating on Thailand, a country seldom heard in Cape Town so was unfamiliar with the language. But there were plenty of Thai stations coming in around close-down so I have quite a good list, but have still to go through them.

I feel more of an 'old hand' after my second Aihki trip. Although I had a bout of Covid while there (fortunately only mild symptoms lasting 3 days – although I tested +ve for 11 days) I went out on both sides of the road to check the antennae, nervously crossing the frozen lake even though Mika told me not to worry! Fortunately, the snow-fall had been light so the cables were virtually ice-free. I used my cycling Strava app to track where I was and could see how easy it might be to get lost there.

Below is a list of NA stations with rated power of 10 kW or below. The exception is KCKN 1020 from NM which is a very unusual state for me from past experience. These are all new for me i.e. in addition to the 200+ stations I logged from my January trip. I've also put in WPOP 1410 because I QSLd it from Cape Town it in 1968!

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<u>kHz</u>	<u>UTC</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Location</u>
550	0759	KTZN	Anchorage AK
550	0905	KTRS	St Louis MO
580	0900	CFRA	Ottawa ON
590	0759	KHAR	Anchorage AK
600	0858	WMT	Cedar Rapids IA
610	0800	CHTM	Thompson MB
620	0600	WTMJ	Milwaukee WI
620	0838	WSNR	Jersey City NJ
620	0849	CKRM	Regina SK
660	0759	KEYZ	Williston ND
660	0806	KFAR	Fairbanks AK
670	0900	WSCR	Chicago IL
690	0759	CBKF	Gravelbourg SK
710	0805	KNUS	Denver CO
750	0800	CKJH	Melfort SK
910	0758	KCJB	Minot ND
940	0800	CJGX	Yorkton SK
960	0800	KMA	Shenandoah IA
970	0800	KFBX	Fairbanks AK
980	0757	KKMS	Richfield MN
1020	0800	KCKN	Roswell NM
1070	0800	KSKK	Verndale MN
1140	0609	KXRB	Sioux Falls SD
1150	0809	CJSL	Estevan SK
1190	0800	CFSL	Weyburn SK
1210	0602	CFYM	Kindersley SK
1210	0800	KGYN	Guymon OK
1220	0757	CJRB	Boissevain MB
1230	0859	CHFC?	Churchill MB
1240	0858	KJCR	Billings MT
1240	0600	KICD	Spencer IA
1250	0600	WSSP	Milwaukee WI
1260	0700	WBIX	Boston MA
1260	0859	WCCR	Cleveland OH
1270	0759	KNWC	Sioux Falls SD
1290	0800	WIRL	Peoria IL
1290	0803	KOIL	Omaha NE
1290	0600	KGVO	Missoula MT
1290	0758	CFRW	Winnipeg MB
1300	0800	KGLO	Mason City IA
1310	0600	KZXR	Prosser WA

1310	0800	KNOX	Grand Forks ND
1310	0759	WICH	Norwich CT
1310	0753	WDTW	Dearborn MI
1320	0801	KOZY	Grand Rapids MN
1320	0844	CJMR	Oakville ON
1330	0857	KWKW	Los Angeles CA
1330	0901	KPTY	Waterloo IA
1330	0533	CJYM	Rosetown SK
1340	0759	KXPO	Grafton ND
1350	0856	CKAD	Middleton NS
1350	0600	KRNT	Des Moines IA
1360	0805	KRKK	Rock Springs WY
1360	0804	KKBJ	Bemidji MN
1360	0759	WTAQ	Green Bay WI
1370	0800	KWTL	Grand Forks ND
1370	0900	WDEA	Ellsworth ME
1380	0759	KLIZ	Brainerd MN
1380	0520	WBEL	Benoit IL
1390	0858	KRRZ	Minot ND
1390	0726	WLCM	Charlotte MI
1410	0803	KRWB	Roseau MN
1410	0900	WPOP	Hartford CT
1420	0800	WOC	Davenport IA
1420	0659	WHK	Cleveland OH
1430	0500	KNSP	Staples MN
1430	0559	KMES	Ogden UT
1430	0859	KAMP	Aurora
1450	0800	KZZJ	Rugby ND
1460	0755	KLTC	Dickinson ND
1550	0800	KRPI	Ferndale WA
1580	0800	KFCS	Colorado Springs CO
1600	0800	KEPN	Lakewood CO
1630	0800	KFBU	Cheyenne WY
1690	0800	KDMT	Arvada CO