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This time the Western Spotlight covers the State of Idaho. Bill Hardy sent along some very interesting comments regarding his reception of Idaho (as well as a brief history of a few of the stations), which will follow the main body of this column.

- 580 KFXD Nampa-Boise, U2 5000/5000.  
 Top 40. NSP. Fairly regular to IL before WCHS went NSP. Still probably the best bet for this state. V/l. (Kramer-IL)  
 + Heard once in a blue moon w/XEFI when KMJ off. (Mittman-CA)  
 + Top 40 format. In nightly w/strong signal, usually o/KMJ. Rare all day during winter. (Portzer)  
 + Logged at 2200 with local KIKX off. (Small-AZ)  
 + Pest in KMJ null all night; no verie. (Wien-CA)  
 + Regular at night w/rock mx. KMJ/KCMX QRM. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
 + Good, but w/KMJ all night. (Harms-UT)  
 + Usually dominant on channel nightly in Spokane, mixing w/KMJ, etc. (Harms-WA)  
 + Nightly pest. In winter, all day. (McMillan-ID)
- 590 KID Idaho Falls, U2 5000/1000, CBS.  
 Once at SR power boost briefly. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
 + Heard two or three times on Beverage, way o/KHQ. (Harms-WA)  
 + Occasionally w/KHQ at 0200 EST. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Nightly u/the mess, more common after midnight. No verie. (Wien-CA)  
 + Was AN MM's for a while. Present schedule unknown. Rare now that KHQ is NSP. (Portzer-WA)  
 + Tentative reception only w/KFXM tightly nulled. Have hrd CBS News & ments. of Idaho Falls, but just can't seem to quite get an ID out of K-ID, hi. (Mittman-CA)
- 520 KWAL Wallace, U2 1000/1000, Ai.  
 Rare evenings w/KGW nulled. (Portzer-WA)  
 + Ground wave reception; dominant till s/off. (McMillan-ID)  
 + All day long semi-local, but with QRM at night. (Harms-WA)
- 530 KIDO Boise, U4 5000/5000, Mutual.  
 Used to be regular until KSXX went fulltime. Now sometimes w/KCXX. (Harms-UT)  
 + Usually dominant on channel all night w/KHOW, CHED, et al QRM. (Harms-WA)  
 + Difficult under KHOW. (Small-AZ)  
 + Nightly with CHED and KHOW. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Nightly and AN regular with CKOV. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
 + Very rare, only on MM's w/frequency clear, and even then is still way under the mess anyway! Complete null this way. (Wien-CA)  
 + Noted one morning while KFI was OC'ing, o/u KIDD and unID (KOH?). Was carrying Larry King at the time (8/79). (Mittman-CA)  
 + Off MM's irregular. Dominant most nights o/CKOV & KOH. Has Larry King AN. (Portzer-WA)
- 670 KBOI Boise, U2 50000/25000, NBC. (Granted U2 50000/50000.)  
 AN-6, off MM's 0200-0700. Fair to poor during day, year round. Strong nights w/rare WMAQ QRM. (Portzer-WA)  
 + All day and night, but bothered by WMAQ more often than in Spokane. (Harms-UT)  
 + In all day & night, but w/WMAQ QRM at times. (Harms-WA)  
 + Strongest stn received here at night; 24 hours in winter. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Strong nighttime regular. Managed to hear once midday through KFI-640 slop during rare cx (stormy wx, etc.). V/q and stickers. (Mittman-CA)  
 + Most common, pest through light-mod. KNBR slop. V/q. (Wien-CA)  
 + A regular. (Small-AZ)  
 + Nightly & AN regular, often daily as well. Off MM's at 0200 - 0700. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- 690 KBLI Blackfoot, D1 1000, Ac.  
 A few times all day w/XETRA, CBU, & KHEY in winter. Once SRS. (Harms-UT)  
 + Heard three or four times at SRS on Beverage. (Harms-WA)  
 + SSS & SRS, both equal with CBU. (McMillan-ID)
- + Very rare here. Only hrd on 6/7/76 when they were on after LSS due to flooding caused by the bursting of the Teton Dam. Was very poor w/CBU/XETRA; inaudible 99% of the time!!! (Portzer-WA)
- 740 KYME Boise, D1 500.  
 Heard on NRC test through KCBS carrier. (Small-AZ)  
 + To IL on DX test w/cw ID's. V/l. (Kramer-IL)  
 + Tentative on MM SRS reception. (Wien-CA)  
 + SRS. Best in summer. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Sometimes on SSS w/KCBS/CBX nulled. Good on DX tests a couple years ago. (Portzer-WA)  
 + Logged on MM DX test. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
 + Often SRS, SSS. (Harms-UT)  
 + Hrd at SSS w/flowery s/off. When hrd, weak but dominant. (Harms-WA)
- 790 KSPD Boise, D1 1000, Mutual.  
 Once on weekday s/on. (Wien-CA)  
 + Rare on SRS/SSS. (Portzer-WA)  
 + SSS after KBRV s/off & after KJRB changes pattern. Winter best. (McMillan-ID)  
 + A few times at SRS. (Harms-UT)  
 + Hrd s/off several times over KJRB on Beverage. (Harms-WA)
- 790 KBRV Soda Springs, D1 5000.  
 Often at SRS. (Harms-UT)  
 + S/off a few times over KJRB. Also a couple of times at SRS. (Harms-WA)  
 + Rare on SSS. (Portzer-WA)  
 + SRS before KJRB pattern change; SSS after pattern change. (McMillan-ID)
- 930 KSEI Pocatello, U2 5000/5000, Mutual/NBC.  
 Finally hrd last Oct. w/WKY w/"K-C" and legal ID's. KHJ off on rare SP! Had been trying for this one for a long, long time! (Mittman-CA)  
 + Nightly dominant pest. Slops on KXLY-920 15 miles from this QTH!!! (McMillan-ID) (KSEI and KXLY are over 400 miles apart! -SMM)  
 + Nights w/CJCA, KAGI, KHJ. AN as well. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
 + Logged through KHJ and KIUP at 2330. (Small-AZ)  
 + Very common nightly in KHJ null. V/q. (Wien-CA)  
 + All night w/QRM worse than Spokane, despite being closer. (Harms-UT)  
 + Channel pest, but sometimes CJCA makes it through. It's a happy day when they go off. They must pour 99% of their signal to Spokane, hi. (Harms-WA)  
 + In most nights w/CJCA/KHJ QRM. Sent a v/q. (Portzer-WA)
- 950 KBRJ Boise, D1 5000, Ae.  
 SRS and SSS with KLER. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Hrd once on SSS w/local KJR nulled. (Portzer-WA)  
 + Good at SSS a few times. XLNT on Beverage. KJR a slight problem. (Harms-WA)  
 + At one time would have made a good catch, but now actually quite common at SRS & SSS w/XEGM a "daytimer" since last Nov., as well as literally being totally off for months at a time! Hrd once on 500 watt PSA. C&W format. (Mittman-CA)  
 + Noted at SSS s/off; KJR nulled. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- 950 KLER Orofino, U2 1000/500, Ac.  
 Partially dominant at night w/KMTX & KJR audible for full day of broadcast. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Common briefly in early evening during XEGM SP. V/l. (Wien-CA)
- 960 KSRA Salmon, D1 1000, Ai.  
 Long time not hrd until last winter. Good SSS & SRS on Beverage. (A Beverage is useful for domestic DX also, hi.) (Harms-WA)  
 + Regular on SRS and very often on SSS. SSS best bet. (McMillan-ID)  
 + Heard on MM SRS in KABL null; not hrd on test. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)
- 970 KAYT Rupert, D1 1000, Mutual.  
 Weak, but there a couple of times at SRS, way u/KREM. On Beverage w/farm program. (Harms-WA)  
 + Heard once on SRS. (Portzer-WA)  
 + SRS when KREM is on low power. (McMillan-ID)
- 980 KUPI Idaho Falls, D1 1000.  
 Noted at SSS s/off; CKNW nulled. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
 + Occasionally at SRS, sometimes on top then. V/q. (Wien-CA)  
 + SSS & SRS. Dominant before s/off. (McMillan-ID)

- + Rare on SRS/SSS w/CKNW/KUPI, etc., QRM. (Portzer-WA) (KUPI QRM's themselves?! -SMM)
- + Once at SSS. (Harms-UT)
- + Dominant SSS on Beverage many times o/CKNW. (Harms-WA)
- 1060 KBGN Caldwell, D1 10000. (Ex-910 kHz.)  
Religious to IL on DX test. Cheap v/c. (Kramer-IL)
- + Hrd on DX test. Sent a v/l. Religious format. (Portzer-WA)
- + Hrd on '79 DX test. Sent v/l & rel. booklet. Ment that KNX-1070 eats them up while on 250 watt PSA, so they were applying for a 1 kw. east-west nighttime pattern. (Mittman-CA)
- + SSS and SRS. Both fight CFCN & KRSP. (McMillan-ID)
- + Occ. at SSS u/KPAY; rarer at SRS. Hrd well on two separate DX tests. V/l. (Wien-CA)
- + Often at SRS, SSS. (Harms-UT)
- + Good at SSS with QRM. (Harms-WA)
- 1080 KVNI Coeur d'Alene, (ant. patterns unk.) 10000/1000, Mutual. (Ex-1240.)  
Occasionally at s/on just (10 sec.) before KSCO s/on. (Wien-CA)
- + Very good signals to Spokane. (Harms-WA)
- + Local 10 miles away. (McMillan-ID)
- 1140 KGEM Boise-Nampa, U3 10000/10000, Ai.  
Heard through KRAK at 0630. (Small-AZ)
- + Often, but with QRM from KMJJ, et al. (Harms-UT)
- + Always in there, but with QRM. Rarely dominant. (Harms-WA)
- + Nightly regular; off MM's. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- + Rare now due to now-NSP KRAK, but was occ. SRS MM's. V/q. (Wien-CA)
- + Good nightly w/CKXL/KRAK QRM. C&W format. Sent a v/q. (Portzer-WA)
- + All day of broadcast day, especially in winter. (McMillan-ID)
- + S/on hrd a couple of times w/KMJJ off. (Mittman-CA)
- + C&W mx. Used to be hrd several times a year in WRVA SF (when they went off MM's), mostly at s/off just after KSOO went off. Haven't hrd this one in several years. Still rates as one of the best shots at Idaho. V/q. (Kramer-IL)
- 1230 KEAR Burley, U1 1000/250, Ai.  
Hrd a few times at SSS & SRS w/KPRQ QRM. (Harms-UT)
- + Hrd only once in 1970 with s/on & a farm program, before KSPO s/on. (Harms-WA)
- + Tentative in mess early one evening. (Wien-CA)
- + Occasionally at s/on with KXYZ/KRDR/CJNL QRM. (Portzer-WA)
- + Sunset skip. (McMillan-ID)
- 1230 KORT Grangeville, U1 1000/250, Ac.  
All broadcast day. Ground wave fights KSPO. (McMillan-ID)
- + Nightly at 0200 s/off u/KSPO. (Harms-WA)
- + Once at s/on. (Portzer-WA)
- 1230 KRXX Rexburg, U1 1000/250.  
Once at 0730 s/on with KXYZ nulled. (Portzer-WA)
- + Sometimes at SRS w/KPRQ. (Harms-UT)
- + Hrd once on Beverage with s/on 10 sec. before KSPO s/on wiped them out. (Harms-WA)
- + S/on only. (McMillan-ID)
- 1240 KMCL McCall, U1 500/250, Ai.  
Fair on monthly r/c. (Portzer-WA)
- + Easy on r/c; not hrd otherwise. (Harms-WA)
- + S/on SRS. (McMillan-ID)
- + Heard on f/c. V/l. (Wien-CA)
- 1240 KFLI Mountain Home, U1 1000/250, CBS.  
Common SRS any morning, though more common MM's. Once during KFLI all-nighter special for charity. V/l. (Wien-CA)
- + S/on SRS. (McMillan-ID)
- + Heard a couple of times at s/on. (Portzer-WA)
- + Evenings a few times and at s/on. (Harms-WA)
- 1240 KWIK Pocatello, U1 1000/250, Ai.  
Once or twice on SRS. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)
- + Frequently at nights. (Harms-UT)
- + Hrd often w/"KWIK" ID's. Several times at s/on. (Harms-WA)
- + Hrd once or twice at s/on in early 1970's. (Portzer-WA)
- + Heard after KVNI s/off (when they were on this frequency). (McMillan-ID)
- 1260 KTEE Idaho Falls, D1 5000, Ac.  
Heard once at s/on. (Portzer-WA)
- + Often SSS, SRS. (Harms-UT)
- + Dominant on Beverage SRS, SSS. (Harms-WA)
- + Occ. in the 1260 mess on MM SRS in KYA null. V/ppc. (Wien)
- + Heard at s/on with KYA. (Small-AZ)
- 1260 KWEI Weiser, D1 1000, Mutual.  
Occ. MM SRS before KYA s/on or in their null. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)
- + SRS and SSS. SRS strongest. (McMillan-ID)
- + Once at SRS s/on o/KTEE, et al. (Harms-UT)
- + Once at SSS; often at SRS with s/on. Very good. (Harms-WA)
- + Noted a couple of times; SSS at s/off in winter. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- 1270 KTLC Twin Falls, U1 5000/1000, NBC. (Ex-KTPI.)  
Other than KBOI, the most common Idaho stn here (receivable after XEAZ s/off). C&W format; call stands for Tender Lovin' Country. Sent a KTFI v/q w/"KTLC" stamped in red o/the old call. (Mittman-CA)
- + Common in KCOK null nightly. V/q u/KTFI; no verie via KTLC. (Wien-CA)
- + Popped in w/ID once at SRS. V/l. (Kramer-IL)
- + All night w/QRM. (Harms-UT)
- + Dominant w/QRM at night. A couple of times all day w/CHWK on Beverage. (Harms-WA)
- + Fairly regular nights and AN in CHWK null. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- + C&W. AN-8, off MM 0200-0700. In nightly o/u CHWK. Best MM's 0700-0900 before CHWK s/on. (Portzer-WA)
- + Heard at 0700 with KFJZ nulled. (Small-AZ)
- + All night with CHWK and CHAT. (McMillan-ID)
- 1290 KISU Pocatello, D1 1000. (Ex-KSNN.)  
Daytimer hrd in mid 70's (as KSNN) at PSA s/on (500 watts. -SMM). (Hall-Patch-BC)
- + Occ. SRS before KHSL s/on. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)
- + SRS and SSS. Both good. Hrd as KSNN on SRS. (McMillan-ID)
- + SRS -- often all day. (Harms-UT)
- + A few times on Beverage at SRS with KGVO. (Harms-WA)
- 1300 KOZE Lewiston, U2 5000/1000, Ac.  
Sometimes at winter SSS before power drop. KMPS nulled. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- + Rare u/1300 mess during early evening. (Wien-CA)
- + 24 hours a day; dominant at night. (McMillan-ID)
- + Once at night with severe QRM. (Harms-UT)
- + Semi-local all day with QRM at night. (Harms-WA)
- + Was sometimes audible on car radio mixing w/local KOL (now KMPS) in late 60's/early 70's. Only time hrd recently has been w/KMPS off. Has been NSP; present sked. unknown. (Portzer-WA)
- 1310 KLIX Twin Falls, U2 5000/1000, Ai. (Granted U2 5000/2500.)  
C&W format. In many nights w/KMPS-13-- slop nulled & KDIA/KEIN QRM. Sent a v/l, surveys, pen, etc. (Portzer-WA)
- + Common in KDIA null nightly w/mess. (Wien-CA)
- + Heard at 0200 with KDIA. (Small-AZ)
- + Dominant nightly with KEEN. (McMillan-ID) (KEEN is on 1370! Do you mean KEIN? -SMM)
- + All night, usually with some QRM. (Harms-UT)
- + Dominant at night; a pest. All day long on Beverage. (Harms-WA)
- + Nightly regular with KDIA, KEIN, KNPT. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- + Hrd once with XEC, KZZP, KDIA, and KEIN all off. (Mittman-CA)
- 1340 KSKI Hailey, U1 1000/250, Ai. (Requests 1330 kHz. U2 5000/1000.)  
Once on DX test in 1969. (Portzer-WA)
- + A few times in the evenings and at s/on, but not hrd since 1972. (Harms-WA)
- + S/ons, though SSS best. (McMillan-ID)
- 1340 KAIN Nampa, U1 1000/250, CBS.  
Used to be occ., now very rare most anytime! Seems most common at Saturday nights or Sunday mornings. V/l. (Wien-CA)
- + SRS and SSS often. (McMillan-ID)
- + Occasionally through nighttime mess. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- + A few times late evenings and s/off. (Harms-WA)
- + Hrd many evenings & nights o/u the jumble. Has been hrd on many MM's, so possibly NSP. EZ-listening mx format. (Portzer-WA)
- 1340 KACH Preston, SH1 1000/250, NBC.  
Dominant at SSS many times. (McMillan-ID)
- + Once at s/on. (Wien-CA)
- + A couple of times at SSS. (Harms-UT)
- + Once w/high school football game. Tip from McMillan. (Harms-WA)

- 1350 KRLC Lewiston (ID) - Clarkston (WA), U2 5000/1000.  
A real pest here. Nightly w/KSRO QRM. Ruins the frequency  
MM's. RR mx. NSP. (Portzer-WA)  
+ Common nightly under KIDN after KSRO s/off. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)  
+ Dominant 24 hours. (McMillan-ID)  
+ Nightly regular w/rock. MM pest. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
+ All day, with QRM at night. (Harms-WA)
- 1400 KART Jerome, SH1 1000/250.  
Occasional early evenings and SRS w/KRE nulled. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)  
+ Heard a few times at s/on. (Portzer-WA)  
+ Once in the evening in 1970. Not heard since. (Harms-WA)  
+ SRS and SSS; SSS dominant most nights. (McMillan-ID)
- 1400 KPRL Moscow, U1 1000/250, Ae.  
Daytime ground wave fights w/KSPT. Sometimes at night w/KJJR.  
(McMillan-ID)  
+ Dominant on channel at night; day w/KSPT. (Harms-WA)  
+ Hrd evenings o/u KJJR w/KTNT nulled. Rock format. (Portzer-WA)  
(In other words, does KTNT bomb in over Moscow? -SMM)  
+ Sometimes noted around mid. PLT with CINL nulled. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- 1400 KIGO Saint Anthony, U1 1000/250, Mutual.  
Heard once or twice on ET's. (Portzer-WA)  
+ Once in 1970; not since. (Harms-WA)
- 1400 KSPT Sandpoint, U1 1000/250, Mutual.  
"The Voice of the Ponderay." All day w/KPRL. (Harms-WA)  
+ Heard only once; during eclipse of the sun. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
+ S/on to s/off. (McMillan-ID)
- 1450 KBFI Bonniers Ferry, U1 1000/250.  
Heard on f/c. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)  
+ Sometimes noted during first MM f/c. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
+ Heard every month blasting in on f/c w/code ID's. Never heard  
on RS. (Portzer-WA)  
+ All day with KCLX; sometimes evenings. (Harms-WA)  
+ S/on to s/off. Ground wave fights with KCLX ground wave.  
(McMillan-ID)
- 1450 KVSI Montpelier, SH1 1000/250, Ai.  
S/on to SSS. (McMillan-ID)  
+ Twice with local sports on Beverage. (Harms-WA)
- 1450 KYET Payette, U1 250/250, Ae.  
A few times in 1970, but only once (1977) since. (Harms-WA)  
+ Hrd often at night w/KBPS and KEED nulled. (Portzer-WA)  
+ SSS best. (McMillan-ID)
- 1450 KEEP Twin Falls, U1 1000/250, Ac.  
Late night to s/off. Not often. (McMillan-ID)  
+ Rare. Best at s/on. (Portzer-WA)  
+ Often evenings. (Harms-WA)
- 1490 KCID Caldwell, U1 1000/250.  
Hrd most mornings around 0700-0900 period. Best before local  
KBRO s/on. (Portzer-WA)  
+ Occasionally at night through GY crud. (Hall-Patch-BC)  
+ S/on to SSS. (McMillan-ID)  
+ One evening in fall of 1974 with KBKR. (Harms-UT) (Bill, you  
had this listed as "Nampa"! -SMM)  
+ Evenings, sometimes dominant. (Harms-WA)
- 1490 KOFE Saint Maries, U1 1000/250.  
All day with KNCW and KTEL. Sometimes nights. Semi-local.  
(Harms-WA)  
+ S/on to s/off. (McMillan-ID)

"In all I have 29 Idaho loggings (counting two extinct calls and KBOI-950). Fulltimer KBOI-950 actually got a CP to move to 670, and did so in 1968. After 950 opened up, daytimer KATN-1010 (K-Ten, get it?) got a CP to move to 950 (higher power, and PSA (500 watts. -SMM) permitted on 950; no PSA on 1010), then did so. So technically it's a different station from the old KEOI facility. KATN later changed calls to KBRJ. Another beneficiary of 950 opening up in Idaho was a few hundred miles north of Boise, where KLER got to go fulltime with a night DA. KLER is still much wanted here!" (Bill any idea why no new station has ever applied for the old 1010 frequency? -SMM)

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Thanks to everyone who contributed! A couple of DX'ers suggested that I include the DX'ers QTH in the tip, and with Bill Harms DX'ing from two locations, I was almost forced to, hi! Robert Wien has requested Nevada for the next Spotlight, which sounds like a good "bet" to me (puns always intended, hi), so that shall be our next column. After that, we'll do our first Canadian province--Saskatchewan. I intend to type up both columns during the summer (as I have more time now), to be printed in DXM during the fall as space permits, so please try to send in your tips A.S.A.P. -SMM

And now some comments from Bill Hardy-WA:

"Idaho was state #4 for me back in 1961, right after Wash./Calif./Oregon. KGEM-1140 (Idaho is the GEM state. -SMM) was the first logging, with KIDO-630 also heard that first year. (KBOI-670 didn't exist until 1968; it was still on 950 kHz. back then.)

"Today, if I need Idaho for a contest, I tune to the stations on 580 (KFPXD)/630 (KIDO)/670 (KBOI), and whichever ID's first is the one I use; they're all nighttime regulars. Ditto KGEM-1140, which is loud along w/KRAK here.

"In addition, the following Idaho outlets are fairly regular here: KSEI-930, KTLK-1270, KLIX-1310, and KRLC-1350 (note dual city of license -- Lewiston-Clarkston). (Yes; perhaps someday a couple of explorers will be