

WESTERN SPOTLIGHT

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Beginning w/this column of Western Spotlight, I will be including Pre-Sunrise Service Authority (PSA) powers to provide yet further information about a given station to help the DX'er hear that station. PSA's are used by certain Class II and III stations from 6 a.m. local time until local sunrise (except that stns w/a Class I stn east of them may use the PSA at sunrise of the Class I stn), and a PSA power must be used in conjunction w/the stn's daytime antenna pattern. Usually PSA's are used by daytimers, but in some cases a fulltimer will drop its nighttime power to the PSA level in order to utilize their daytime pattern (on the supposition that it's more advantageous to cover a desired community than their nighttime pattern w/higher power would be). It should be noted that the fact a station has a PSA power (and hence has it listed in this column) doesn't necessarily mean that the station actually uses it.

- 630 KOH Reno, U2 5000/1000, CBS/Mutual.
Mixes with KIDO, KHOW, et al, under KXXX nightly. (Harms-UT)
+ Hrd fairly often u/w/IDO. Also fairly well during auroras. (Harms-WA)
+ Weak, but dominant days & nights slightly o/KIDD. (Taylor-CA)
+ Occasionally in evenings w/CKOV and KIDO. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ In KIDD null; dominant nights o/u KIDD. (Wien-CA)
+ Hrd during KFI-640 OC. (Mittman-CA)
+ Sometimes hrd w/KIDO nulled. Best on auroral cx w/KIDO/CKOV weakened. Sent a v/q. (Portzer-WA)
- 720 KDWN Las Vegas, U2 50000/50000. (Recent nighttime power increase.)
Always dominant at night with occasional WGN. (Taylor-CA)
+ Very dominant nights. MM 0400 s/off. v/q. (Wien-CA)
+ Audible 24 hours a day. Now w/extremely strong signal at night, sometimes gets caller from L.A., despite KMPC on 710! Sent rpt & follow-up, then midday rpt & follow-up; ages later received 4 QSL's (2 for each reception) and letter! (Mittman-CA)
+ Good every night w/KIRO-710 nulled. Sends a v/q. (Portzer-WA)
+ All day long and mostly every night. (Harms-UT)
+ Fairly good at night. (Harms-WA)
+ Solid, respectable signal. Best NV stn to Oakland. (Strickert-CA)
+ Nightly regular; has been hrd midday in winter. (Hall-patch-RC)
- 780 KCRI Reno, U2 50000/50000. (Applications for KFXI, KRN, & KROW.)
Fair to good signal (classical music has its drawbacks in the signal strength dept., hi). Has regular SP. (Strickert-CA)
+ Nightly regular. Occasionally days in winter. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ All day, but with WBBM QRM at night. (Harms-UT)
+ Good almost every night, but has to combat KJRB-790 slop. (Harms-WA)
+ Strong most nights w/KXA-770 slop. KCRI & KDWN are about equal in ease of reception here. Has silent periods, but I'm not sure when. (Portzer-WA) (Irreg. MM's I believe. -SMM)
+ Easily slices through the KABC-790 slop. Some QRM now from KAZM. (Mittman-CA)
+ Strong day & night w/occasional WBBM. Station is being sold, so expect call letter and possible format change. (Taylor-CA)
- 920 KORK Las Vegas, U2 5000/500, NBC.
Very rare due to NSP KITN. (Portzer-WA)
+ Nightly u/KOLO. Rare MM SP's. v/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ Very occasionally after midnight. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ Almost every night w/mucho QRM. (Harms-UT)
+ Heard frequently w/KYLY off. (Harms-WA)
+ Dominant, but has to fight QRM. MOR format. (Mittman-CA)
- 920 KOIO Reno, U2 5000/1000, NBC.
Dominant nightly. Occasional MM SP's. v/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ Mixes w/mucho QRM almost every night. (Harms-UT)
+ Occasionally w/QRM when KXLY is off. (Harms-WA)
+ Dominant nights as KNEW-910 slop permits. (Taylor-CA)
+ Tough due to NSP KITN. Not heard too often. (Portzer-WA)

- + Occasionally in evening w/KGAL & KXLI. After midnight also. (Hall-Patch-BC)
- 970 KNUU Las Vegas, D1 5000 (PSA 299), Ai/CBS/Mutual.
Heard once at s/off on 2200' NW/SE Beverage. Otherwise, impossible due to KYTE/KREM/KOOK. (Portzer-WA)
+ Heard once at s/off. v/l. (Wien-CA)
- 980 KTVV Fallon, D1 5000 (PSA 500).
Once in CMTW null on winter SSS. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ Heard quite well on SRS several years ago over FFWB/CKWX. (Taylor-CA)
+ Sometimes hrd on SRS/SSS w/CKNW et al QRM. (Portzer-WA)
+ Common SRS/SSS. C&W format. v/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ A regular at SSS, usually dominant. (Harms-UT)
+ Heard once at SSS with QRM. (Harms-WA)
- 1140 KMJJ North Las Vegas, U2 10000/2500 (PSA 500), Ae. (EX-YIUC.)
Only Nevada station I've ever heard. Hrd a number of times when WRVA off on SM. Hrd once on top of WRVA. Received v/l. (JaFreniere-MM)
+ Heard at surprisingly good level as old YIUC on DX test a couple of seasons ago. (Thomas-FL)
+ Heard once on SSS (day pattern) on 2200' NW/SE Beverage. Was also hrd well on f/c's & DX tests when they were a daytimer. Have never heard them on night pattern here, but they are very strong nights in northern Utah. (And Southern California, hi! -SMM) Interesting ID at the top of the hour as, "K-M-J-J-North. Las Vegas." (Portzer-WA)
+ Additionally, immediately preceding the legal ID as ment above by Bruce, there is an SID as, "Magic 11 alive! -- KMJJ," which interestingly is the same exact jingle previously used by FACYP-Port Hueneme, "Casey 1-52 -- the music people." YMJJ puts out a very strong signal here. Has rock format. (Mittman-CA)
+ The easiest NV stn here. Channel dominant every night. Might be a best bet for Nevada back east. (Harms-UT)
+ Heard with KGEM, KRAK, et al, occasionally. (Harms-WA)
+ Heard as daytimer YIUC on SRS. Also on DX test. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ The faintest murmur way u/KRAK in what should be KRAK's null, if that were possible. (Strickert-CA)
+ Occasionally in KRAK null. More common on MM SRS. v/c, v/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ Usually audible when KRAY quiets down, as opposed to KGEM. Noted quite strong in Santa Barbara two years ago. (Taylor-CA)
- 1230 KELY Ely, SH1 1000/250. (Silent Sundays.)
Several times during evenings with KPRQ and others. Sometimes fairly strong. (Harms-UT)
+ Once to Spokane during an aurora, way under KSPO. (Harms-WA)
- 1230 KLAJ Las Vegas, U1 1000/250, Mutual.
Reg. through KGFJ w/pop mx. Uses "LAV 123" slogan. (Mittman-CA)
+ Hrd once every 3 - 4 years. Tough due to KWYZ et al. (Portzer-WA)
+ Common in 1230 mess nightly, especially after midnight. v/l. (Wien-CA)
+ Many times, but w/a lot of QRM, especially from KPRQ. (Harms-UT)
- 1230 KCRN Reno, U1 1000/250.
Only once on SRS with QRM. (Harms-UT)
+ Hrd occ. after midnight. Tough due to NSP local KWYZ on same frequency. (Portzer-WA)
+ Common nights in 1230 mess. Also, especially after midnight. (Wien-CA)
+ Heard now and then through local KGFJ. (Mittman-CA)
- 1240 KELV Elko, U1 1000/250, Ai.
Hrd strongly through VSON 12/14/78, apparently still on day pwr. (though it was an hour after their local sunset). (Mittman-CA)
+ Several times during the evenings. Sounds like a real small town station. (Harms-UT)
+ Rare at s/off; occasionally SRS. v/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ Hrd once several years ago during brief period of 24-hour operation. (Portzer-WA)
- 1270 KROI Sparks-Reno, U? 1000/??? (nondirectional day; night power and pattern unknown) (PSA 287), Ac. (EX-KWRL.)
Heard a few times on SSS under old calls (KBUB/KWRL). Not hrd recently. (Portzer-WA)

Used to be common SRS/SSS Heard once as KROI. V/ppc as KWRL/KROI. (KWRL verie...(illegible)...by CE!). (Wien-CA)

1280 KVOV Henderson-Las Vegas, D1 5000.
Occasionally SSS with KWMS. (Harms-UT)
+ Once during an aurora when KIT was knocked down. (Harms-WA)
+ Rare at SRS. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ Heard rarely on SSS with assorted QRM. (Portzer-WA)
+ Once in winter on SSS at s/off. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ Hrd a few times at SSS w/KFRN nulled. Has soul mx format. (Mittman-CA)

1300 KPFL Carson City, U2 5000/500.
Common nights, sometimes dominant. Apparently AN; simulcasts with KKBC-97.3 after midnight. (Wien-CA)
+ Dominant nights over erratic KMPS and through KDIA-1310 slop. (Taylor-CA)
+ Occasionally channel dominant, with various QRM. (Harms-UT)
+ Several times w/severe auroras which knocked out KOZE. Otherwise, a few times mixing w/KOZE. Heard slogan as "Capital Radio." (Harms-WA)
+ Hrd once at midnight s/off during rare KMPS SP. (Portzer-WA)
+ Hrd 12/19/79 in WKKW null w/"This is KPFL, Carson City; KPFL-1300, Carson City, Nevada." Nothing else heard, and never again heard! (Mittman-CA)

1340 KRAM Las Vegas, U1 1000/250.
Occasionally in evening after FAGT s/off, and after midnight. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ Sometimes hrd after midnight w/assorted QRM. (Portzer-WA)
+ Usually hrd through KSON & XEAA with C&W mx. (Mittman-CA)
+ Almost nightly w/the usual GY gunk. (Harms-UT)
+ A few times w/C&W mx & "K-Ram" slogans. (Personally, I'd prefer "Kram" slogans, hi. -SMM) Especially during auroras. (Harms-WA)
+ Usually the dominant stn on frequency; it eats XEAA. Very common nightly. V/ppc. (Wien-CA)

1340 KBET Reno, U1 1000/250, Ai.
Occasionally w/some QRM. "K-Bet" slogans. (Harms-UT)
+ Once to Spokane during an aurora. (Harms-WA)
+ Sometimes heard after midnight. (Portzer-WA)
+ "K-Bet" slogans hrd now & then through KIST. (Mittman-CA)
+ Dominant with XEAA nulled out nightly. V/l. (Wien-CA)

1400 KVEO Henderson, U1 1000/250. (Ex-KBTI.)
Hrd quite often; good signal considering the distance. Has been known to dominant 1400 at times!! (Portzer) (Bruce, note City of License. -SMM)
+ Quite dominant on frequency, despite stations which are closer! Has C&W format. (Mittman-CA)
+ Quite frequent nights in CINL null. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ My biggest NV GY pest. Really gets out well throughout the western U.S. In KRE null every night! V/ppc. (Wien-CA)
+ The channel pest after KFTN s/off MM's. (Harms-UT)
+ Once w/KPRL QRM one evening in 1971; not since. (Harms-WA) (Bill, note City of License. -SMM)

1400 KWNA Winnemucca, U1 1000/250, Ai.
Hrd once or twice at SSS about a year or two ago. Not hrd since. V/l. (Wien-CA)
+ A few times during auroral conditions, but with KRPL QRM. (Harms-WA)

1450 KONE Reno, U1 1000/250, Ae.
Once on a Beverage antenna over KEYY. "K-One" slogan. (Harms-UT)
+ A few times during auroras to Spokane. (Harms-WA)
+ Very common in KEST null every night. The dominant stn on freq. Last stn to fade out at SRS; even stays after CA GY'ers on other frequencies have faded out. V/l. (Wien-CA)
+ Occasionally after midnight. (Hall-Patch-BC)
+ Sometimes heard after midnight. (Portzer-WA)
+ Occasionally pushes through the 1450 mess w/"K-1" slogans. (Mittman-CA)

1460 KENO Las Vegas, U2 5000/1000, Ac.
Heard once or twice on SSS last season. Otherwise tough due to KMWX. If KMWX is off, it would probably make it in w/KDON QRM. (Portzer-WA)

+ Common nights in KDON null through mess of KTYM/XEYC/KMWX et al. Verie on back of a bumper sticker! (How cheap can you get?!) (Cheaper than that! They never even so much as replied to my renort, hi! -SMM) (Wien-CA)
+ Used to be very strong and fought it out equally w/KDON before KTYM went fulltime. However, can still very easily be heard u/ KTYM now, even though I am in KTYM's primary coverage area! Has rock format. (Mittman-CA)
+ Fights with KYSN to be the channel dominant. "Key-no" slogan; rr music. (Harms-UT)
+ Occasionally the channel dominant with KMWX. (Harms-WA)

1550 (KOBY) Reno, D3 10000.
THIS station remains in the Broadcasting yearbook, but I have never heard a whimper out of it when going up for skiing at Lake Tahoe the last three years. (Nor did I when I went skiing at Mammoth last year. -SMM) I know it is directional, and probably protects KKHI, but not that directional!! A friend of mine who works for Nevada Telco (Telephone company, I assume? -SMM) says it has been dark for several years, but they keep the phone number. I have called the phone number many times, and have never had an answer. Perhaps a Nevada member can enlighten us. (Taylor-CA) (Call to Reno Directory Assistance yielded no such call letters as "KOBY." She even checked "New Listings" for me, hi! -SMM)

Last Minute Change:
780 KCRJ Reno - station has changed calls and is now KROW. Format has also changed and is now light rock.

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It's been a couple of years since I gave the guidelines for reporting to Western Spotlight, so here they are again for our new reporters and as a refresher for our oldtimers. Western Spotlight is designed to help DX'ers log as many stations as possible from a western state or province. Feel free to contribute to this column no matter where in the United States, Canada, or anywhere else in the world you may live. When reporting your catches, try to include such information as where/when heard, whether logged during SRS, SSS, a regular, rare, testing, any locals off or nulled, stations QRM'ing, verified?, formats, slogans, networks, hours of operation, known silent periods, and/or any other relevant information. Remember, all times should be in EDT. Also, every editor has his/her idiosyncrasies, so here are mine: 1) please write very legibly (typed reports are preferred); 2) I use the "check off" method when typing up the column, so if you accidentally have a tin that is out of order, please make some sort of mark where it should go (an asterisk, arrow, note, etc.) to bring it to my attention. (On more than one occasion I've had to retype an entire page or two because I suddenly came across someone's tip which was out of order!)

Our next column will feature our first Canadian province, Saskatchewan. If you haven't yet sent in your tips, the deadline for reporting is three weeks after this column appears. The last week of January I'm going skiing up near Calgary, Alberta (which is by far the furthest north I've ever been!), so guess what province will be featured after Saskatchewan, hi! -SMM