

HEARING 50 STATES & 10 PROVINCES IN MANITOBA by Niel Wolfish

Here are some suggestions on hearing all 50 states and 10 provinces from Manitoba based on my three years of listening in Winnipeg, and also on the successes of IRCA members Shawn Axelrod and Wayne McRae. The list is by no means complete, and perhaps could be used by a listener in North Dakota, northern Minnesota, northwestern Ontario or southeastern Saskatchewan as well. The listening period for this article was 1985 to 1988; I would have loved to have had the opportunity to DX from Manitoba in the "good old days" (before the FCC and CRTC ruined a lot of the Clear Channels)

ALABAMA: A difficult state. The only Alabama station to grace the logbook was WJMW-770 which did so on one solitary occasion at sunset. Good conditions to the south might bring in WAAY-1550, but one would still have to contend with KQWB-1550. A "Regional" channel station, such as WMOB-1360 or WMML-1410, would take a lot of luck and a few simultaneous silent periods by closer stations.

ALASKA: Within the realm of possibility, but certainly not easy. KYAK-650 and KFQD-750 may have been possible at sunrise 10 years ago, but today a Manitoban DX'er must contend with (among others) the Saskatoon stations CKOM and CJWW on 650 and 750 respectively. In theory, KJNP-1170 might be the best bet if you can try after Tulsa (KVOO) and Davenport (KSTT) sunrise. However, you must still get by CKGY in Red Deer, Alberta!

ARIZONA: Fairly easy thanks to KTNN-660. Nonetheless, 660 is still usually a dogfight between Calgary (CFFR), New York (WNBC) and KTNN. KNIX-1580 is also possible during the morning while CBJ is silent.

ARKANSAS: Very easy courtesy KAAV-1090. KLRA-1010 will also pop in under the CFRB/CBR/WINS/XEHL mess.

CALIFORNIA: KNX-1070 should be no problem, especially if you can null WTSS-Madison. KFI-640 will be difficult because of CFOB, and the splatter from Winnipeg's CKRC-630. Other stations to look for, particularly in the early morning are 740-KCBS, 990-KKIS and 1020-KTNQ.

COLORADO: I could just say KOA-850 and KRXY-1600 (assuming that is their call this week) and there should be no problem. Colorado will dominate the higher frequencies at sunset on "auroral" days, and can also be found on the graveyards such as KATR-1450.

CONNECTICUT: WTIC-1080 can be heard under KRLD in the evening.

DELAWARE: Your guess is good as mine. WDEL-1150 has been heard in Ontario, but Manitobans must contend with CKX in Brandon! Probably the only hope is WDOV-1410.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Try WTOP-1500 if you can overcome KSTP.

FLORIDA: Somebody should ask WGTO-540 to test during CBK's silent period. Otherwise, Radio Marti-1180 seems the best bet currently.

GEORGIA: In spite of the C.R.T.C.'s best efforts to ruin things for DXers, WSB-750 can still be heard with CKGB-Timmins and CJWW-Saskatoon on the channel.

HAWAII: I bet KORL-650 used to be the best bet in the good old days before CKOM and WKKQ moved to 650. KGU-760 has been heard twice after Detroit (WJR) sunrise, but DXers must still fight XEABC.

IDAHO: Not that easy although only two states away. Try KVNI-1080 at sunset, KTFI-1270 or KRXR-1480 at sunrise. Many attempts at KBOI-670 and KGEM-1140 have failed.

ILLINOIS: WMAQ-670, WGN-720 and WBBM-780 are all quite easy. Some regionals, such as WIND-560 and WMBD-1470 can be heard as well.

INDIANA: WOWO-1190 is very easy. For variety, you can listen to WQHK-1380.

IOWA: Easy, courtesy WHO-1040, K500-1140, KRNT-1350 and KXEL-1540.

KANSAS: KGNO-1370 and KVGB-1590 are the most consistent stations. Other regionals and graveyarders are heard occasionally, particularly at sunset.

KENTUCKY: WHAS-840 is heard most evenings. WPAD-1560 may be heard if KKA is off.

LOUISIANA: WWL-870 is the best bet, but you must contend with KPRM and CKIR. You can also try KWKH-1130 at sunrise.

MAINE: Has yet to make it to Manitoba. Maybe WGAN-560 if WIND and WEBC are both on a silent period?

MARYLAND: WPGC-1580 has been heard relaying WCLY-FM in the early morning. WBAL-1090 might be possible if KAAV ran out of religious

programmes to air.

MASSACHUSETTS: WBZ-1030 should not be too difficult if you can null KTWO in Casper.

MICHIGAN: WJR-760 is the easiest to hear. Other possibilities are WKHQ-1270, WOOD-1300 and WSDS-1480, particularly at sunset. On the graveyards, WLAV-1340 has been heard a few times.

MINNESOTA: The problem is how to get rid of Minnesota stations, such as WEBC-560, WDAL-610, WCCO-830, and KSTP-1500.

MISSISSIPPI: No success in three years of trying. WOKJ-1550 might be possible after CBE signs off, but KQWB, KZQQ, and KKJO all stand in the way. Superb sunset conditions might bring in WCPC-940, but one must still do away with CJGX on the frequency.

MISSOURI: WHB-710 and KMOX-1120 are both easy. Others that won't be too difficult include KGLD-1380 and WIL-1430.

MONTANA: KATL-770 at sunset is probably the easiest to hear now.

Nonetheless, KMON-560 and KXTL-1370 should be no problem. A number of graveyards, such as 1400 KXGN and 1450-KVCK may also be heard.

NEBRASKA: KFAB-1110 is very easy. KRVN-880 may still be heard fighting it out with CKLQ. Regionals WOW-590 and KLMS-1480 are also regularly heard.

NEVADA: KDWN-720 and KROW-780 are both possible, but not that easy, in the nulls of WGN and WBBM respectively. KROL-870 has been heard in the early morning hours. KENO-1460 might make it to Manitoba if a few closer stations were to cooperate by taking a silent period...

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Perhaps WHEB-750 at sunset in the winter? This would be much more likely if CJWW and CKGB had not moved to 750 recently.

NEW JERSEY: Excluding transmitter sites for New York stations, New Jersey is nearly impossible. Maybe WPAT-930 or WWDJ-970 if a few key stations take an irregular silent period.

NEW MEXICO: KOB-770 is the best bet, but suffers from CHQR/WABC/HJKH interference. Similarly, KCKN-1020 suffers from KDKA QRM. KZSS-610 is also heard quite often.

NEW YORK: From Manitoba, WHAM-1180 is the best all round signal. WNBC-660 is the easiest New York City station. WGR-550 and WBEN-930 have been heard at sunset if you want to hear Buffalo.

NORTH CAROLINA: In theory, WBT-1110 should be no problem if KFAB were off the air. Attempts to null KFAB have resulted in WJML at sunset and Latin American stations during the evening. The search continues.

NORTH DAKOTA: KFYZ-550, KSJB-600 and KFGO-790 rank as the worst of all the pests from this state.

OHIO: WLW-700 and WWWE-1100 make it to Manitoba most evenings. When conditions are right several Cleveland/Akron area regionals, such as WHK-1420 and WAKR-1590, will make an appearance.

OKLAHOMA: KVOO-1170 and KOMA-1520 are heard nightly.

OREGON: Not very easy. KWJJ-1080 has been heard at sunset, and KBND-1110 has been heard at sunrise. KXL-750 and KEX-1190 can't seem to penetrate the co-channel interference.

PENNSYLVANIA: KDKA-1020 is heard most evenings fighting it out with CCKN. WCAU-1210 is also not too difficult, but the frequency is much more cluttered. WTAE-1250 was heard once under WEMP during a CHSM silent period.

RHODE ISLAND: Next!

SOUTH CAROLINA: WBR-910 was heard a couple of years ago by another DXer in Manitoba. Aside from that the prospects look bleak.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Unless you live close to CKY-580, WNAX-570 should be no problem. For variety, you can listen to KSOO-1140, KELO-1320 or KKA-1560.

TENNESSEE: WSM-650 can still be heard in spite of CKOM and WKKQ. At sunset, WLAC-1510 is regularly heard. Try WGSF-1210 at sunset.

TEXAS: Easy courtesy KRLD-1080 and WOAI-1200. "Auroral" conditions might bring in others such as KWAS-1360, KVOP-1400 and KEND-1590.

UTAH: KSL-1160 is very easy. KLO-1430 and KMTI-1590 are good bets at sunset or sunrise.

VERMONT: Attempts at WYKR-1100 at sunset have failed so far.

VIRGINIA: WRVA-1140 can often be heard fighting it out with K500/CISS.

WASHINGTON: Early morning and sunrise seems to be the best time to hear KIRO-710, KXLY-920, KOMO-1000, KGA-1510 and KJET-1590.

WEST VIRGINIA: WWVA-1170 seems to be the only possibility, making a rare appearance at sunset, before KVOO gets too strong.

WISCONSIN: Take your pick WTMJ-620, WTSO-1070, WIBA-1310, WTDY-1480 and so on...

WYOMING: KTWO-1030 is easily heard. KIML-1270 is less common. Look for KMMZ-1140 and KLDI-1210 at sunset.

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ALBERTA: CBX-740 and CBR-1010 are both easy to hear, but suffer from co-channel interference. CJCA-930, CFAC-960, CJOC-1220, and CJCY-1390 also will pose no problems.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: CKWX-1130 and CFUN-1410 are commonly heard stations. CKLG-730, CKQR-760, CKIR-870, CHQM-1320 and CJVB-1470 make appearances in the early morning hours.

MANITOBA: CKY-580 and CBW-990 can be heard everywhere.

NEW BRUNSWICK: Best bet would seem to be CBA-1070 at sunset.

NEWFOUNDLAND: CBY-990 was heard and verified at sign-on (during CBW silent period), but the frequency is usually occupied by XET or KGTM. CBT-540 might also be possible during CBK's silent period.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES: Maybe a good beverage could snag CJCD-1240?

NOVA SCOTIA: CBH-860 might be possible if CJBC/CBKF2 ever went silent. Another possibility would be CJCH-920 on Sunday morning when CFRY has a silent period.

ONTARIO: Lots of possibilities, especially from Southern Ontario, including CBL-740 CFRB-1010, CFGO-1200, CKSL-1410 and CJCL-1430.

P.E.I.: CHTN has not been heard on their new 720 frequency, but chances are probably better than when they were on 1190.

QUEBEC: CBJ-1580 is consistently heard. CKAC-730 and CBM-940 are less common. CFLS-920 has been heard during the CFRY Sunday silent period.

SASKATCHEWAN: The only question is which station from Saskatchewan can't be heard! CBK-540 is audible days and nights.

YUKON: Perhaps CFWH-570 on a directional beverage at sunrise at the same time as you hear all those Alaskans, hi.

Good luck! I hope this will be of some use to somebody.