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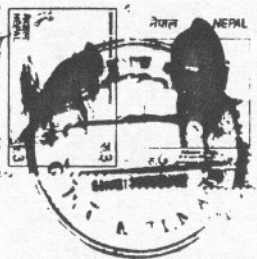
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FROM THE PUBLISHERS DESK: I THINK THERE IS ONE MORE WEEKLY ISSUE I FELT LIKE IT WOULD NEVER GET HERE AND I AM GLAD. POST OFFICE TOLD ME THAT THE MAILING WOULD MOVE FASTER IF I PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE. I WILL TRY THE ENVELOPE THIS TIME AROUND. ANNIVERSARY ISSUE WAS LATE BECAUSE COLUMNS WERE LATE, COPIER WAS LATE AND PUB WAS LATE. TRYING TO GET ALL THE STUFF READY FOR THE MOVE. NEW LOCATION IS QUIET I HAD THE PORTABLE OUT CHECKING FOR NOISE. WIFE'S MOTHER IS GOING TO HELP ME WITH THE DXM. SHE WILL DO THE FOLDING AND THAT IS OK. POSTAGE RATE INCREASE WILL NOT BOTHER US. WILL WATCH THE SIZE OF THE DXM.....

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 Frequency (KHz) 576  
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 We thank you for your report, we will be pleased to hear from you again With best wishes from Nepal.  
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 FREQUENCIES 5005.7165-3230 1143, 810, 792, 664, 648, 576 (KHz)



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# DX TEST BULLETIN

• DX TESTS ARRANGED BY IRCA AND NRC •

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1994 - WSER-1550, 192 MALONEY ROAD, ELKTON, MD 21921 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MARCH MUSIC, TEST TONES AND MORSE CODE ID'S. A PORTION OF THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE STATION'S 1.8 WATT NIGHT POWER. PHONES CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE TEST AT (410) 398-3883. NO COLLECT CALLS. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. MARK CROUCH. (ARRANGED BY DAVE SCHMIDT FOR THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1994 - KLER-1300, P.O. BOX 32, OROFINO, ID 83544-0032 WILL CONDUCT A RESCHEDULED DX TEST BETWEEN 3:01 & 3:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TV/MOVIE THEMES & MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JEFF JONES - OWNER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1994 - WTIV-1230, 150 WEST CENTRAL AVENUE, TITUSVILLE, PA 16354-1729 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:30 & 1:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ROBERT H. SAUBER - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1994 - KPSS-1260, 304 EAST RICE, FALFURRIAS, TX 78335-3624 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES AND MARCH MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. RAYMOND J. GREELY - MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1994 - KFGQ-1260, 924 WEST 2ND STREET, BOONE, IA 50036 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:30 & 3:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. DENNIS JAMES - GENERAL MANAGER. (ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1994 - WNRK-1260, BOX 8152, NEWARK, DE 19714 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 12:00 & 2:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MARCH MUSIC, TEST TONES AND MORSE CODE ID'S. A PORTION OF THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE STATION'S 1.8 WATT NIGHT POWER. PHONES CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE TEST AT (302) 737-5200. NO COLLECT CALLS. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. DAVE SCHMIDT. (ARRANGED BY DAVE SCHMIDT FOR THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB CPC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1994 - WCGC-1270, P.O. BOX 888, BELMONT, NC WILL CONDUCT A REPEAT OF THEIR DECEMBER DX TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE VOICE ID'S AND MORSE CODE ID'S. FROM 3:00 - 3:15, THE TEST WILL BE RUN ON A 5 KW DAY PATTERN, FROM 3:15 - 3:30, ON A 500 WATT NIGHT PATTERN, FROM 3:30 - 3:45, ON A 1 KW DAY PATTERN, AND FROM 3:45 - 4:00 AM, ON 5 KW DAY PATTERN. SPECIAL QSL CARDS ARE BEING PRINTED FOR THIS TEST AND THE DECEMBER TEST. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. BRUCE MUSSO - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1994 - KCVR-1570, 7808 KELLY DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA 95207 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 3:30 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES, VOICE ID'S, AND MORSE CODE ID'S RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. DAMIEN THORN - ASSISTANT ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1994 - KOAC-550, 239 COVELL HALL, CORVALLIS, OR 97331 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 3:30 & 4:00 AM EST. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES, MORSE CODE ID'S, MARCH MUSIC, & POLKA MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. ROGER DOMINGUES - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1994 - KCCR-1240, 106 W. CAPITOL, PIERRE, SD 57501 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:00 & 1:30 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE BIG BAND MUSIC AND MORSE CODE ID'S. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. DAN "D.T." MEYER - MUSIC DIRECTOR. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1994 - WWOL-780, 1263 WEST MAIN ST., FOREST CITY, NC 28043 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 3:00 & 3:30 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE ID'S & AN UNSPECIFIED SELECTION OF MUSIC. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. JULIUS BLANTON - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1994 - WQPM-1300, P.O. BOX 106, PRINCETON, MN 55371 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 1:30 & 2:00 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE MORSE CODE, TEST TONES, VOICE ID'S, AND SONGS ABOUT RADIO. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. CHRIS LONDON (WDX0FBJ). MR. LONDON WILL ALSO ACCEPT FAX RECEPTION REPORTS AT (612) 389-1359. AFTER THE MACHINE PICKS UP, DIAL \* 2 (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1994 - KVOW-1450, 603 E. PERSHING STREET, RIVERTON, WY 82501-3605 WILL CONDUCT A DX TEST BETWEEN 2:10 & 2:20 AM EDT. THE TEST WILL INCLUDE TEST TONES & MORSE CODE ID'S. THIS TEST WILL BE REPEATED ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THIS TIME. RECEPTION REPORTS MAY BE SENT TO: MR. LONNY A. FAIRFIELD (NTTSP) - CHIEF ENGINEER. (ARRANGED BY J.D. STEPHENS FOR THE IRCA CPC)



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DEADLINE: MONDAYS

### PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 535 TURKS AND CAICOS, RVC-2/20 1015 Good-SS rel program (VAL-DX)  
800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Bonaire-PJB-finally hrd 2/23 pretty much  
in the clear, XELO weak-0358 program: Insight For Living-New  
country. (LG-MT) (Good going, this isn't hrd much in the West  
these days.PM)  
850 COLOMBIA, Bogota-HJKC-2/20-0132-Good w/LA mx,Commercial on Bogota  
u/o KOA (VAL-DX)  
885 UNID, het poor 0055 2/20-No audio (VAL-DX)  
1610 ANGUILLA, The Valley-Car. Beacon-2/20 0115-Good w/rel program and  
mx,fight a TIS from Chicago at times. (VAL-DX)

### TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 1008 t JAPAN, Osaka-JONR-2/20 1240 very poor man and woman in JJ, no  
ID,but who else? (VAL-DX)  
t NEW ZEALAND, Tauranga-2/20 1315-Man in accented EE,very weak(VAL)

### THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

- LG-MT LARRY GODWIN-2390 CLYDES DALE LANE-MISSOULA MT 59801  
HQ-150, Sanserino air-core loop  
VAL-DX SHAWN AXELROD-30 BECONTREE BAY-WINNIPEG MB R2N 2X9 (CANADA)  
DXing with Wayne McRae at Valhalla Beach with Beverages and  
2-ICOM R70s w/Plam Board and filter mods

# DX WORLDWIDE EAST

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The laser printer is temporarily unavailable, so we will have to endure the old recognizable IBM this week. Not much to report, although Turks & Caicos (Radio Vision Cristiana)-535 (nee 530) has pulled another fast one and has been on 533 all week, possibly permanently. A prior mention of my weekly deadline was incorrect - the old deadline was Wednesdays; the NEW deadline is no later than Tuesdays. It is apparent the earthquake in California recently slowed down the mails as well. Hope things pick up again for next week's column.


### T R A N S - A T L A N T I C D X

- 1611 VATICAN Vatican City 0335 3/4 pr-fr w/talk in unID lang. w/strong het from Anguilla-1610. Not heard in a long time. This was on the downside of the previous month's geo.-storms and cx were beginning to improve to higher-lat. routes with many other TA het's showing. (J Hall-PA)

533 \*\*\* TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS 0350 3/4 v. gd although cx to Carib. were fair at best. Mild het from Grenada-535 was not as bad as het from Ontarian on 530. First evening noted on new split, and heard regularly on 533 throughout the week. Hopefully they will stay there in order to provide many of us with a shot at Grenada. Thought it might be the "dancing potato" TICAL (Rumbos, in Cartago, Costa Rica) which is vf and occ drifted, but not heard in a year or two, and anyway the SS biblical songs and "RV Cristiana" ID's are typically the T & C stn. This should make the West Coast easily. (J Hall-PA)


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(ICOM IC-R71A w/Palomar amp'd wedge and/or attic wire)



## WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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**PRODIGY**  
FMFT21B

WDXR DEADLINES: Mon. March 28, Mon. April 11, Mon. May 2, Sat. May 28, Sat. July 2. Please use Eastern Time.

REPORTERS FOR THIS ISSUE:

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ICF-2010 and Palomar in car
- (RW) Robert Wien-1309 Dentwood Dr.-San Jose, CA 95118  
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 940 KCEE AZ, Tucson ex-KWFM in at 2300 2/25 during NOS program. Announcer said "Music you know, news you need, AM 940, KCEE, Tucson." (LG-MT)
- 1140 KHTK CA, Sacramento 2/28 0300 call change, ex-KRAK. Taped last hour or two of KRAK with old DJ's saying goodbye. First legal ID on hour as KHTK at 0300 "Nothing but net! Your new 50,000 watt home of the Sacramento Kings is Hot Talk 1140, KHTK-AM Sacramento." IRN rest of night. Noted Monday night

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- with talk. (RW-CA)  
 +3/1 0045 good with new talk format, calls, "Hot Talk 11-40,  
 KHTK, the new home of the Sacramento Kings." Ex-KRAK. (PM)
- 1370 KKSJ CA, San Jose per call to station Friday 2/25, will come on  
 air March 15 instead of March 1. Still getting ready.  
 Format will be locally produced big band format. Phone is  
 408-370-1370. (RW-CA)
- \*\*\*\*\*
- 540 KNAK UT, Delta 2/28 0312 good in KIEZ null with ID. Not heard at  
 night before. Listed as 30 watts in M Street Guide, though  
 recent DXM lists night power as 13.3 watts. (RW-CA)
- 590 KHTX CA, San Bernadino 2/28 1006 call change, ex-KRSO very good  
 in KTHO null on day pattern, with traffic report. ID "Randy  
 Fuller with up to the minute Skyview Traffic on 97.5 K-Hits  
 Country." Called station to confirm call change. Thanks to  
 MS-CA for tip. (RW-CA)
- 690 KRCO OR, Prineville 2/23 2145 "KRCO Country" relatively stable  
 with C&W; some XETRA but no CBU. My 1st 78 watter! (PT-WAL)
- 850 KHLO HI, Hilo 2/26 0908-0930 magically alone on freq. after KOA  
 early fade-out. At 0916 ID'd as "Country music powerhouse  
 ...KHLO" and at 0923 "AM stereo only on AM 850, KHLO." I  
 phoned station; announcer said they just installed new 5kw  
 transmitter a week earlier. (LG-MT)
- 940 KFRE CA, Fresno 2/23 0951 ID'd twice as "K-Free" during talk  
 show. Local KLCY-930 off due to power outage. (LG-MT)
- KBRE UT, Cedar City 2/26 0900 weak but on top with legal ID.  
 Then 2/27 0946, stronger with ID "More gold than Fort Knox,  
 grab yours right here on pure gold 94, KBRE." (LG-MT)
- 950 KAHI CA, Auburn 2/23 2043 with local news, wiping out KJR;  
 totally gone at 2045 pattern change. (PT-WAL)
- 1030 KDUN OR, Reedsport 2/23 with local ads & hard core country  
 (fiddles, etc.). Slight drop in signal at power drop 2050.  
 (PT-WAL)
- 1060 KBGN ID, Caldwell 2/23 1900 with paid religion, "Caldwell-Boise"  
 ID and USA Radio Network news. (PT-WAL)
- CKMX AB, Calgary 2/26 2345 good as usual with many "Mix 1060"  
 IDs, ex-CFCN. (PM-OR)
- 1150 CKIQ BC, Kelowna 2/22 1930 topping KKEY/KEZX with local news.  
 (PT-WAL)
- 1170 KCBQ CA, San Diego 2/25 2010 blasting in in the car with Chubby  
 Checker near Weed, along with many So. Californians.  
 (PT-CAL)
- 1240 KEJO OR, Corvallis 2/28 1600 fair with KVAS phased, ex-KFLY.  
 Still using "K-Fly" slogans, but legal ID on the hour as  
 "KEJO Corvallis-Albany." (PM-OR)
- 1290 KHSL CA, Chico had brutal signal 2/23 2111; among the strongest  
 Californians noted at Packwood. (PT-WAL)
- KZBQ ID, Pocatello 2/23 0940 heard on car radio during local KGVO  
 power outage. After C&W song announcer said "Good morning,  
 Pocatello!" and gave call ID. (LG-MT)
- 1320 CHMB BC, Vancouver 2/27 0001 fair with Chinese programming, ID in  
 English as "This is CHMB, AM 1320 Vancouver." Ex-CHQM. (PM)
- 1340 KANR ID, Nampa-Boise 2/23 1915 with "All News Radio" ID.  
 (PT-WAL)
- 1410 KFMS NV, North Las Vegas dominated 2/24 at 1920. Gave ID for  
 "continuous country KFM-102" (referring to FM outlet on  
 101.9), followed by local traffic report. (LG-MT)
- 1440 KMED OR, Medford 2/25 0806 ID'd as "AM 1440, KMED" after CBS  
 news, then NOS music. (LG-MT)
- 1480 KRED CA, Eureka 2/23 2122 "Real Country K-Red" 90 degrees off  
 someone with local BKB. One of these is off more than a few  
 HZ, causing growl. (PT-WAL)
- 1500 KSJX CA, San Jose 3/3 strong Asian station in here. Was  
 listening to tone on frequency to see if they would ID, when  
 at 0900 heard male voice fade in weakly and ID as WGW9? and  
 faded out (Anaheim TIS?). (GJ-CA)
- 1605 TIS OR, north of Gearhart 2/24 1230 "talking house" station of  
 real estate in local area, presumed 100mw power. Heard

you can only hear one station out of the ordinary during a 3 hour Beverage DXing session!!! (LLH-VA)

- 1280 WABK ME Gardiner Th 2/10 1800 ID into nx. (MMc-MA)  
1290 WIRL IL Peoria Tu 2/8 0657 fair u/CJBK w/local wx, ID: "3 minutes before 6... all the information you need on 1290 WIRL." Into run down of delays at Lambert airport in St. Louis. (MB-MA)  
1300 WXPX PA West Hazelton Sa 2/12 2300 ID "1300 Country is WXPX Hazelton - West Hazelton. (MMc-MA)  
1390 WXTC SC Charleston Tu 2/15 2046 ID, SC basketball. State #28. (MMc-MA)  
1410 WDOV DE Dover Su 2/27 0024 CNN nx, ID. State #29, 379 stns since 9/1/93. (MMc-MA)  
1420 WHK OH Cleveland Th 2/24 2100 "AM Stereo 1420 WHK." Into G. Gordon Liddy program. (MMc-MA)  
1450 WTSA VT Brattleboro Th 2/17 1830 wx plus ID. (MMc-MA)  
1470 WXXW PA Allentown Mo 2/21 0314 quick ID into C&W. (MMc-MA)  
1550 WXVA WV Charles Town Sa 2/26 1744 "X-ceptional XVA" ID, gone suddenly. Cut to low power? (MMc-MA)

**\* DX SPECIALS \***

**HEARD:**

- 560 WHND MI Monroe Mo 2/28 0008-0033 fair o/CFOS & WVOX w/code IDs, songs by Elvis, and ID giving studio address as well as mention of studio to xmtr 11nk KRG-25. IDs as "WHND, Monroe - Detroit, all oldies all the time." (MB-MA)  
910 WNEZ CT Farmington Sa 2/26 0017-0023 poor u/pest CKLY, noted only two code IDs, the rest killed by CKLY. (MB-MA)

**NOT HEARD:**

- 950 WHVW NY Hyde Park Mo 2/7 not heard except for about 5 seconds of tone at 0021. Freq dominated by pests CKBB & WWJ. (MB-MA)  
1260 WEKZ WI Monroe Su 2/27 0100-0130 not heard. Noted WADC w/NOS, "Hot Talk 1260, WIBV" and unID w/ID sounding like "W7AQ." Did note what sounded like very weak tone at 0108 to 0108:30. (MH-NC)  
++ 0103 heard tone, which continued uninterrupted until 0115, but no code or voice IDs noted. Tone was poor in WNDR/WRDZ null. (MB-MA)

**\* WHO DAT? \***

**AMPLIFICATION:**

On the WPAD/unID stn testing a few weeks ago, Mike Hardester mentions that he believes that the unID stn had a different loop bearing than WPAD. Also, he says that the unID stn was at a fairly steady level, while WPAD w/it's beeping and sounders seemed to vary more in level. Also, that both were audible at the same time. Therefore, it appears that we have a station on 1560 Monday mornings now with People's Radio Network, Talk of The Town, and possibly w/a Dr. Seifer. Something good to try for. In the past, I can verify that WPAD was the only station here. I made it a point to try for KNZR every MM for months.

**\* HEADLINES FROM HQ \***

Thanks to Mike B., Mike H. & Mark for supporting EDXR this week.

Till next time, 73/gud DX de LLH. (28)

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- 1610 2/28 strong whining noise on here, no ID morning or evening.  
Hilt, CA TIS in all night. (GJ-CA)
- 1620 2/26 2245-2310 station weak but fairly readable. Before the hour had a talk show called "The Bottom Line" with address in Palm Desert, CA. At 2300 announcer seemed to mention "testing" and possibly a call that sounded like "KGBB." I called KVGB-1590 which used to pop up here; not the one. Short musical segment (5 seconds) at 2306, then carrier. (LG-MT)

Hope everyone enjoyed the anniversary issue DXM! The weekly WDXR deadlines have ended for the year, so remember to check the beginning of the column. Because of holidays there are a couple Saturday deadlines. ABERDEEN-HOQUIAM '94!

## THE SACRED NAME BROADCAST



### RADIO LOG



These radio stations air The Sacred Name Broadcast. Check the radio time and frequency of the station in your area.

#### Atlantic

##### West Indies

**Radio Anguilla** 1530  
Sunday 5:30—6:00 p.m.

\***Radio Antilles** 930  
Sunday 12:30—12:45 p.m.

**Radio Dominica** 595  
Sunday 8:30—9:00 p.m.

**Guyana Radio Roraima** 760  
Sunday 6:00—6:15 a.m.

**Radio St. Lucia** 660  
Sunday 6:00—6:30 a.m.

**V.O.N. Radio** 895  
Sunday 9:30—10:00 p.m.

**Radio St. Vincent** 705  
Sunday 10:00—10:15 a.m.

**Radio Trinidad** 730  
Sunday 9:30—9:45 p.m.

**West Indies Broadcasting** 1020  
Sunday 8:00—8:30 p.m.

#### Eastern

##### Maryland

**WBMD** 750, Baltimore  
Sabbath 12 noon—12:15 p.m.

##### Ohio

**WMCB** 1590, Maumee/Toledo  
Wednesday 8:00—8:30 p.m.  
Monday 9:00—9:30 p.m.

##### Virginia

\***WRVA** 1140, Richmond  
Saturday 11:00—11:30 p.m.

#### Central

##### Arkansas

\***KAAY** 1090, Little Rock  
Saturday 12 midnight—12:15 a.m.  
Sunday 4:30—5:00 a.m.

##### Iowa

\***KXEL** 1540, Waterloo  
Sunday 11:00—11:30 p.m.

##### Louisiana

\***WWL** 870, New Orleans  
Saturday 9:30—10:00 p.m.

#### Missouri

**KTTR** 1490, Rolla  
Sunday 7:30—7:45 a.m.

##### Wisconsin

**WMIR** 1550, Lake Geneva  
Sunday 9:30—10:00 a.m.

**WIBU** 1240, Poynette  
Sunday 8:15—8:45 a.m.

#### Philippines

**DZWN** 1170, Dugupan City  
Sunday 6:45—7:00 a.m.

**DWNW** 756, Bicol Region  
Sunday 6:00—6:15 a.m.

**DXCC** 828, Cagayan de Oro City  
Sunday 6:30—6:45

**DXWG** 855, Iligan City  
Sunday 6:00—6:15 p.m.

\*Indicates powerful station  
heard over wide areas



# Central DX Roundup

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## FOR THE RECORD

REPORT ALL TIMES AS EASTERN. DEADLINES: 3/26, 4/9, 4/30, 5/28, 7/2, 7/30, 8/18, 9/3.

### RIDING GAIN

- [SA-MB] **Shawn Axelrod**, 30 Becontree Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 2X9  
Icom IC-R70 with PLAM board and 4kHz filter, 4-foot box loop, 100' wire.
- [VAL-DX] **DXpedition** at Valhalla Beach, MB 2/19-20  
2 Icom IC-R70's with PLAM board and 4kHz filter, beverages.  
Attending: Shawn Axelrod and Wayne McRae of Winnipeg, MB
- [EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, NOUIH, 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347  
Realistic DX-200, Realistic TM-152 with Worcester Space Magnet-2.
- [TN-WI] **Tim Noonan**, 4609 Crescent Road, Apt. 5, Madison, WI 53711-4672  
Drake SW-4A, "Radio West" loop.
- [TJR-IL] **Thomas J. Reiser**, 9506 South Winchester, Apt. 205, Chicago, IL 60643-1109  
Sony ICF-2003 with built-in antenna.
- [RS-MO] **Randy Stewart**, 4225 West La Casa, Springfield, Missouri 65802-5615  
Yaesu FRG-100 modified by EEB with 6-kc Collins filter, 4-kc filter, and preamp  
enabled on BCB, 4' spiral loop, Sanserino amplified 15" box loop..

### SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1210 **WGSF** **TN**, Bartlett. Per verie WGSF is temporarily operating U1 2500/62 while new towers and xmtr for U2 10000/250 are being installed. City of license change is also confirmed. Ex-Arlington, TN. [EB-MO]
- 1330 (WPPI) **GA**, Carrollton. Per NRCer Bill Alisaukas WPPI is silent due to their owners owing over 100K in back taxes dating back to '84. Studios and xmtr are sealed off by order of the IRS. [EB-MO]

### DOWN THE DIAL

- 530 **WNWM-881** **ND**, West Fargo. 2/19 fair to poor. 1617 TIS with local events and things to do. [VAL-DX]
- 540 **WSTH** **GA**, Columbus. 2/19 fair with XEWA nulled. 2230 ads for Morningstar Records gospel releases, gospel music. ID "AM 5-40 Solid Gospel WSTH Columbus, a Solar (?) Broadcasting station celebrating 50 years of service to the south." New for me. [RS-MO]
- 680 **KKYX** **TX**, San Antonio. 3/1 fair to poor w/o/KFEQ, WJCE, WOGO. Splash from WMAQ-670. 1915 with C&W music. "KKYX" ID and mention of the "KKYX Lone Star Hour, Country Music with a Texas Accent." #4 from the Alamo City. [EB-MO]
- 770 **WVNN** **AL**, Athens. 2/22 poor. 2305 with promo for Ruch Limbaugh Show "...only on AM 7-70 WVNN." Usually only heard at sunset on day pattern. [RS-MO]
- 830 **KFLT** **AZ**, Tucson. 2/17 fair with slop from WBAP-820 and WHAS-840. WCCO nulled. 1955 with USA Network news into local news at 1957. Bible quote and "Good news on family life radio." 2000 ID "KFLT Tucson, a Christ centered, listener supported ministry of the Family Life Radio Network." New for me. [RS-MO]
- 890 **WQIS** **MS**, Laurel. 2/22 fair. 1844 with full ID during "For The People" program. "You're listening to Talk Radio at 8-90 on your AM dial, WQIS Laurel, Hattiesburg." Signal disappeared at 1845. Not sure if this was a pattern change or a sign off. Believe they are daytime only. [RS-MO]

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CDXR continues....

- 1070 KFDI KS, Wichita. 3/4 fair to poor with intermittent stereo mixing w/CHOK. 1928 with C&W, "Radio Ranch KFDI" slogan. 1930 lost at power cut or pattern change. #300 logging from this location. [EB-MO]
- 1140 KSOO SD, Sioux Falls. 3/1 good to fair in WRVA null. 1929 with "News-talk AM 11-40 KSOO" IDs, local and state news. Mention of the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the Continental Basketball Association. Weather forecast into Talknet. Gone at 1933 pattern change, power cut. [EB-MO]
- 1190 KBCO CO, Boulder. 3/1 fair to poor in WOWO null. 1935 with AOR, "Ninety Seven Three KBCO" ID (referring to KBCO-FM 97.3). [EB-MO]
- 1240 CJAR MB, The Pas. 2/19 good. 1919 with "CJAR 12-40 5-90" ID. Lite rock music. Note, couldn't hear the 590 signal here. [VAL-DX]
- WOMT** WI, Manitowoc. 2/20 fair, fades, w/WIBU and others. 0800 with "WOMT Manitowoc" ID. [VAL-DX]
- 1290 WIRL IL, Peoria. 2/20 fair o/u/CIFX. 0038 with "WIRL" ID into lite rock. [VAL-DX]
- 1440 KMAJ KS, Topeka. 2/28 good. 1842 with Talknet, sports, ID. [TN-WI]
- WNFL** WI, Green Bay. 2/28 fair. 1953 with ID and talk program promo. [TN-WI]
- 1500 CKAY BC, Duncan. 2/20 good. 0835 briefly up in the clear with lite rock & "CKAY" ID. [VAL-DX]
- 1550 KAPE MO, Cape Girardeau. 2/28 good. 0200 with G. Gordon Liddy promo. "Kape radio" and "Newstalk 15-50" slogans. Legal ID into Mutual News. [TN-WI]
- 1590 KYDE AR, Pine Bluff. 2/15 fair, actually logged thru strong, distorted spurs on 1577.8, 1602.2, and 1614.5. Main signal on 1590 fair in jumble. Thought Caribbean Beacon was putting out spurs at first, but KYDE is what IDed. 2200 with black gospel preaching. New for me. [RS-MO]
- 1600 KOGT TX, Orange. 2/21 fair. 2043 with spot for a "tradio"-type program "...right here on your hometown radio station, KOGT." Rare here. [RS-MO]
- 1610 KNIG-42 IL, Chicago. 2/19 fair to good. 1914 with IL Dept. of Highways TIS. Mentions of Hillside and Eisenhower Expressway. Also computerized time checks. Signal in most of the night. [VAL-DX]
- 1620 WNW-29 IL, Bentonville. 2/19 at 1948 and again 2/20 at 0035 with poor signal. Man giving out phone numbers for various town services. Most numbers had prefix 250. This sounds like a numbers station because of at least 6 phone numbers in a short time space. [VAL-DX]
- WNYT-218 (?)** IL, Glenelg. 2/20 very poor u/WNW-29. 0440 with hard to copy info on IL read by a male. [VAL-DX]

## DX TESTS

- 550(KARI) WA, Blaine. 2/20 DX Test not heard. KFYZ and WSAV only. [VAL-DX]
- 560(WHND) MI, Monore. 2/28 DX Test tried for, but not heard through WIND. [TN-WI]  
+2/28 DX Test not heard. WIND blocking things. [TJR-IL]
- 910 WNEZ CT, New Britain. 2/26 DX Test very poor. Tentative TT or code at 0010 and 0019.  
Too much KCJB and WSUI. [SA-MB]  
+2/27 DX Test not heard here. [TJR-IL]
- 960 KOVO UT, Provo. 2/28 DX Test good copy with CFAC. Code IDs at 0205, 0209, and 0215.  
BBD music 0207 and 0214. New for me. [SA-MB]  
+2/28 DX Test tried for, but not heard. [TN-WI]  
+2/28 DX test not heard here. [TJR-IL]
- 1260 WEKZ WI, Monore. 2/27 DX Test good (a semi-local.) 0110 with long code IDs. [TN-WI]  
+2/27 DX Test poor mixing with WND and KTTS. Code IDs at 0104, 0113, 0116.  
TT at 0110 and 0112. New for me, WI#95. [SA-MB]
- WMUU** SC, Greenville. 2/28 DX Test poor to fair. 0130 with voice and code IDs. [TN-WI]  
+2/28 DX Test u/WNOE and unID with oldies. Code IDs at 0132 and 0136. New for me. SC#4. [SA-MB]  
+2/28 DX Test fair. 0130 heard code IDs only. [TJR-IL]

CDXR Continued...

- 1340 **KVBR** MN, Brainerd. 2/20 DX Test good. TT 0100, 0104. Code ID 0101 with KVBR repeated many times until 0103. Voice ID at 0103. [VAL-DX]  
1460 **WIXN** IL, Dixon. 2/28 DX Test poor. 0145 with code IDs. [TN-WI]  
+2/28 DX Test good. Code IDs 0131, 0134, 0140. TT at 0132, 0139, and 0143.  
Also heard voice ID at 0140. [SA-MB]  
+2/28 DX Test poor. 0145 with code IDs. Voice IDs at top of hour. [TJR-IL]

### LOCAL CHANGES

- 550 **KSD** MO, St. Louis. 2/28 changed format during 1000-1500 (EST) portion from classic rock to CNN Headline News. [EB-MO]

### 25 YEARS AGO

March 22, 1969 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor"...Ernest J. Wesolowski of Omaha, NE told about a fire on 2/23 that destroyed KVSH-940's studios...Larry Godwin of Englewood, CO reminded everyone it was a club policy that return postage be included with reports...Bill Nittler of Englewood, CO wondered why the members that yelled the loudest about censorship never contribute DX tips...John C. Johnson of Sheridan, WY noticed lots of new stations on the dial after returning home from the US Navy...Pat Martin of Seaside, OR wondered what would happen if publisher Don Erickson would ever quit.

### OPEN MIKE

The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory. Shawn mentioned a major northern lights display over the days 2/20-25 caused poor listening conditions. 73, John-John.



## Eastern DX Roundup

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**DEADLINES:** March 28, April 11, May 2, May 30, July 5, August 1.

#### \* CHECKING IN THIS WEEK \*

- (MB) Mike Brooker-99 Wychrest Ave-Toronto M6G 3X8 ON: Panasonic RF-2200, RFB-45  
(MH) Mike Hardester-3118 Gaitway Ct-Jacksonville NC 28546: ICOM R-70, Radio West loop  
(MMc) Mark McMillan-151 Sumner #2-Stoughton MA 02072: Kenwood TS440S, 160m dipole, 650' 1w  
(LLH) the editor in Jefferson Nat'l Forest w/DX-440, 1725' wire NE

#### \* AROUND THE DIAL \*

- 560 **WVOC** SC Columbia Mo 2/28 0007 fair w/local wx, ID as "News-Talk 56 WVOC." Into Talknet. Noted while going for WHND test. Noted heard in a while: QSLed as WIS in 1976. (MB-MA)  
670 **WIEZ** PA Lewiston Tu 2/1 1633 atop w/ID "Oldies 670 WIEZ." (MMc-MA)  
910 **CKLY** ON Lindsay Sa 2/26 2233 Skidoo ad, "CKLY brings the Maple Leafs to Central Ontario. (MMc-MA)  
960 **WFIR** VA Roanoke Tu 2/1 1705 ID atop WELI & WEAV. (MMc-MA)  
1200 **CFGO** ON Ottawa Sa 2/26 2308 rock and roll u/WKOX w/ID. (MMc-MA)  
WBZY PA New Castle Su 3/6 1825 x1nt w/rock oldies, spots for "Tri-County" businesses, "WBZY" ID. Abruptly gone at 1830. You KNOW cx are poor when

- there is also one near 1610 kHz in Astoria. This one is just north of Gearhart, 5 miles south of my house. Weak but readable with repeated ad for house. (PM-OR)
- 1610 TIS CA, (near CA/OR border, I-5, Hilt?) was unmodulated when we drove by the State Food & Agriculture station 2/19 1200 but was OK on the way home 2/25 1910. (PT-CAL)
- TIS CA, Tejon Pass 3/3 0800 Cal Trans strong giving wind conditions. (GJ-CA)
- WNFP221 OR, (OR Dept. of Transportation) on I-5 4 miles north of Drain, with brief post-storm careful driving warning. Very short-lived. (PT-OR)
- 1620 TIS CA, Pebble Beach 3/3 0815 in strong. (GJ-CA)

#### DX TESTS

- 540 (WGTO) FL, Pine Hills per station, my logging during their 2/14 test with oldies/NOS but no IDs was not them. Monitored channel again 2/28 0200-0230 but no sign of anything other than usual XEWA & CBK. Any ideas? (HLH-CA)
- 560 (WHND) MI, Monroe 2/28 0025-0030 test tried, not heard in KSFO null. (RW-CA)
- 590 (KGLE) MT, Glendive 2/21 test not heard 0347-0400, only mix of unID Christian music and KCSJ with taped Rush Limbaugh. (HLH-CA)
- 960 KOVO UT, Provo 2/28 I'm happy to report that I picked up the KOVO test. Tuned in at 0200 with only KABL/CFAC mess, but distinct, although weak Morse code K-O-V-O heard for 30 seconds at 0224. Back to KABL/CFAC until 0224 until 0237 when K-O-V-O code ID copied again for 30 seconds. Back to CFAC/KABL battle. Even had KLAD "Young Country" pop up at 0238. (RJO-AK)
- +2/28 0237-0249 blasting in on DX test over KABL most of time till switch to night pattern at 0249. Glenn Miller music, code ID at 0240, great old jingle "The place to go on your radio, KOVO in Provo, Radio 9-6-Oh." Excellent DX test, unneeded though. Still audible though weak at 0249 power switch. Blasts in here at SRS usually, anyway. (RW-CA)
- +2/28 got home to catch last 15 minutes of test. 0248 code ID, then "A place to go on your radio, KOVO Provo." Strong at this time, but interference from a Canadian and another I couldn't ID. (GJ-CA)
- 1130 KBMR ND, Bismarck 3/7 0102 both voice and code ID's in strong. So strong, in fact, that while in another part of the house I could clearly hear the code ID's. Unneeded, as I've heard them many times at SSS during winter months. (NH-WA)
- +3/7 0102 much wanted station heard with code and voice ID's thru potent CKWX. Although Nancy has heard this many times, a firm ID has always eluded me. Many thanks, J.D.!! (BH-WA)
- 1460 (WIXN) IL, Dixon 2/28 0130-0200 tried, not heard, only strong KCKX and KTYM/KEYC in its null. (RW-CA)

#### HELP WITH UNIDS

- 1610 WJH's unID in 1/12/94 WDXR was most likely the TIS located at Albany, OR, which is brought you by the friendly folks at the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce (who want to be sure you are aware of all the places you can spend money in their fair town). Crude DF'ing while in the area Feb. 24 & 27 suggests that the transmitter may be located at the Albany airport, which fronts I-5 and is approx. 1/2 mile north of the I-5/Hwy. 20 (Santiam Hwy.) interchange. This station is audible at my location 24 hours a day on all antennas, except for occasional early evenings when Chief Joseph Dam station worms its way in underneath. (GK-OR)
- 1610 the unID station I reported with a man talking about plumbing has been ID'd by me, after several phone calls as San Leandro, CA. Talked to head man and he said it is their station! (GJ-CA)

#### UNID

- 1010 CBK? Potent carrier noted over KIQI 2/23 2048. Gone at 2055, but back again 2106. (PT-WAL)
- 1500 2/28 0305 strong tone most of morning, but no ID. (GJ-CA)



# Western DX Forum ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Reid Wheeler 5910 Boulevard Loop SE Olympia, WA 98501

Deadline: Saturday 2 weeks before publication

Gary Jackson, 7735 Center Parkway, Sacramento CA 95823

[2/19] Hil Finally verified my spotted owl TIS on 1610 KHz. Supposed to get only 2.5 miles from McKenzie Bridge, OR. Located Hoodoo Butte in Santieam Pass, OR. Probably my best TIS catch ever on 1610 KHz. Just received QSL Caribbean Christian Radio 1020 KHz. 1020 Khz on car radio for only a few minutes, then faded...never heard at home - country #46. Help - heard TIS station this am, male announcer came in saying "inclement weather your not (faded) shut off main valve and call a plumber", then faded - 1610 Khz. Gilroy was also in so it may be in same area. Hollister, San Ramon along coast area of Calif. May be same as my Tahoe Park unid 1610 KHz. Any Dx'ers in area, help! CalTrans is supposed to put 12 more TIS stations in LA area soom for travel info in earthquake area. 73's

Gary Larson, 2806 Lincoln, Burbank CA 91504

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[2/24] Was listening to 720 KDWN and Art Bell last week and he spoke of the program being done from his home instead of KDWN. I like to listen at night when I can - many interesting callers. The new call in number is 800-618-8255. I was in Riverside CA on Feb 19 to run in a 5K staged at Arlington HS. Thought of Ralph but not enough time or where he's actually at to say hi. Did see 1370 towers at end of Radio Rd, Corona next to 91 Fwy. Also saw from a distance, Box Spring Mtns where many FM towers could be seen. 73

Jon Ellis, 221 W Eagle Lake Dr, Maple Grove MN 55369-6149

Hil I joined the IRCA about the first of January. I'm a junior at Osseo Senior High in Osseo, MN. I've been DX'ing for a few years now. I first discovered the hobby about four years ago when I was tuning around and heard WBBM-780. I didn't know that anything like that happened on AM, so I was very excited. Now I know that WBBM is probably some of the easiest DX heard here, so it was an appropriate station to begin with. I also DX on FM and TV, but not as often because DX isn't as good there! During the summer, I take many camping trips (pop up trailer) in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. I tape record extensively and write everything down. All of this information goes into computer files by state, which I update as new information comes in. I also joined the Minnesota DX Club (MDXC) and NRC recently. The past two or three weeks have been pretty bad for DX. However, I did send reports to KGYN-1210 and WBAP-820. I just started sending reports recently. My first was to WWWW-1130. I try to be up for those DX tests (since I don't have equipment to set up), but the past few ones I must have gotten up in my sleep and shut the alarm off, because I missed them. I was up for WFRB-560, which I heard CID's for my first Maryland. I also tried for WGTO-540, but that was not heard. I want to get Florida! I still think WGTO will be FL #1. That's it for now! [Welcome to IRCA and the WDXF, Jon. My first DX experience was WWL back in the late 50's .. everybody starts somewhere. You will never regret keeping a DX log and notes - keep it up! And one last bit of advice... please double space your reports to WDXF - single spacing don't work with my bifocals, hil - rcw]

Pete Grenier, 3190 Elaine Way, Sparks NV 89431

I am a new member to IRCA and I have some news regarding Reno local AM radio. Basically, next month KOH 630 moves to 780 replacing KROW and a new Christian station KRCV will replace KOH on 630. Next time I will write in again soon with a brief intro of myself. Best of DX to all. [Welcome to IRCA and the WDXF, Pete. Due to copyright laws, etc. we can't run the interesting article you sent, but I'll add some additional data from it here: Olympic Broadcasters (Sacramento) has sold both the programming and KOH call sign to Citadel Communications, Inc. (Salt Lake City); the effective date will be between March 1 and March 15. KROW-680 will be

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*'purged' of its C&W programming but will retain sports programming and be melded into the present KOH format. We'll be looking for your intro piece soon - rcw/*

#### BELETED ANNIVERSARY STUFF


##### Your WDXF Editor

Much thanks for the excellent on-time turnout for the Anniversary Issue. Three full pages!! I was too busy to do my own, so, .. I'm 51, married with only one kid still at home and have 27 years in for the State as a civil engineer (no outdoor stuff, just paperwork, hi). I belonged to IRCA for a few years in the late '60s and rejoined about 1989. Besides family stuff (and the periodic trips to the poker tables of Reno), I've become quite involved as the current editor of the Hollow State Newsletter ("radios that glow in the dark") - some of you are subscribers. Thank goodness it's only published three times a year! Current DX equipment includes 2-R390A's, ICOM R-70, plus the usual accessory equipment (tape recorders, KIWA loop antenna, etc.). I love to attend local and regional hamfairs as I am a real techno-junkie for oldie-moldy gear.

**Larry Godwin, 2390 Clydes Dale Ln, Missoula MT 59801  
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[3/1] Greetings! I missed the Anniversary Issue so will introduce myself now. I'm 51, this year ending my career teaching accounting at the University of Montana. I'm not sure what my next line of work will be, but we plan to stay in Missoula. I'm married to Cathy, and our daughter Jenny will be two on 3/24. I started DXing around 1956 from Amarillo, Texas, and later listened from Denver/Boulder and from Berkeley. I was lucky to be a co-founder of the IRCA, and am very happy to serve currently on the club's Board of Directors. DX has been good during February; last week I heard two stations I've been trying to log for about six months: PJB-800 and KHLO-850 (see DXWW and DXR). Although on different days, both receptions occurred under remarkable conditions when, respectively, XELO and KOA were extremely weak. It goes to show that on any given night .... On 2/23 there was a city-wide power outage around 0745 MST and I was able to log several rare stations on the car radio on frequencies normally inhabited by locals. In Robert Wein's fine column I noted WTMJ-620 was granted a power increase to 50,000/10,000 and don't understand how the FCC could approve such a request on a regional frequency. I've been using the phone liberally to call stations I hear and it hasn't been that expensive. My call to KCBF in Fairbanks (2 minutes) cost only \$0.28. Congrats to J.D. for hearing KBLG-910! Outstanding. Last week the temperatures dropped below zero, freezing some of the incoming signals. I look forward to spring when they thaw and I'll know what was coming in, hi. It's Aberdeen in '94! '73 and good DX.

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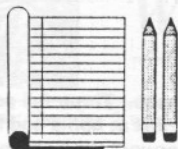
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# Eastern DX Forum

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DEADLINES: 3/12 3/26 4/8 ...

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DX tests are the easiest way to log a new station, but for the test producers, they are the product of a lot of work! J.D. Stephens wrote a letter to my friend and station operator, Al Wiener. Al agreed to perform a test over his station: WHVW, 950 kHz, in Hyde Park, New York. In turn, Al gave me the task of putting together a half hour tape that would delight the ears of diehard DXers nationwide. Fortunately, I had heard a recent DX test presented by WJIB in Cambridge, Mass., just a week before. Step one was to prepare a tape cartridge featuring "WHVW" in Morse code. Modern consoles no longer have the style of switches employed by Gates and RCA audio boards of days gone by. Today, audio consoles use locking switches, or potentially noisy multilayer ones, like the infamous Schadow switch. I'm sure this wasn't a production consideration for the manufacturers, but these new switch designs don't lend themselves to the sending of Morse code! After several practice runs, I managed to get the four call letters down on tape. I selected some country style music, similar to their format, along with a couple of really oddball cuts unusual enough to make a positive ID when receiving QSL cards in the weeks to come. A nice crisp old Electro-Voice microphone provided hopefully highly intelligible announcements from yours truly. The delivery needs to be slow and deliberate. I set two simple DBX 160 limiters on maximum compression to send every ounce of audio to 100 percent modulation and rolled tape on the a two-track Ampex 440C. Mix into your brew some very long test tones and lots of Morse IDs for the deep fringe areas, and 30 minutes later your tape is ready (providing you don't make a mistake!). I also had to plan into the program an obvious place to drop the power to night authorization, for about ten minutes, to increase the DX challenge. The results were incredibly interesting. Broadcast over a 500 watt transmitter using a single stick, reports came in from all over the East Coast. Our most distant reach was a lone DXer in Missouri! No one had any luck receiving the 57 watt night power section. I live just at the edge of WHVW's ground wave reach (about 40 miles away) and I just barely pulled them through the skywave mess on full power. It was, the electrical equivalent of sending a message in a bottle, although many people can receive what you throw out to the sea of radio ether! A good time was had by all, especially the people who managed to pull in our bleating IDs. A word of advice to all: the most piercing form of Morse ID can be had by recording telephone "Touch-Tones". These DTMF signals resemble square-waves and can really pierce through a multi-station pileup. Support J.D. and his impressive work by sending him stamps, envelopes, or providing contacts for further tests. Logging new stations can be easy, but it's up to you!

Rick Evans, 4841 South 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221-2937

I was down in Rochelle, Illinois over the weekend, and had a brief chance to listen to WRHL-1060 on Sunday morning. They were running gospel music about 0830 EST, but I was told later they do not run full-time religious as I thought they might be. They had USA News on the half-hour (the same as a religious station here in the Milwaukee area). It looks as though they have three sticks, almost in a straight E/W line, but more like 80/190 degree line, just east of downtown. I picked up

Sunday's Rockford newspaper and it had a format listing for the area AM and FM stations: WNTA-1150 News/talk, WCLO-1230 Adult Contemp./news, WRRR-1330 East Listening, WBEL-1380 Adult Contemp., WROK-1440 Talk/News, and WLUV-1520 Country. It also listed 12 FM stations. I noticed the AMs were Rockford and north to Janesville, Wisc. Back in 1973 or 1974, I helped John Zondlo and one or two others put together a half-hour DX test which was aired over the 1580 station in St. Johns, Michigan. I enjoyed doing it although John was the one doing the technical work on it. I remember we had to go back and re-do a few seconds of it because I started to laugh and we decided later it wasn't appropriate. Gotta run. Next week is the last of the weeklies. 73...(later)...While I was out, I was stopped at a traffic light about a half mile from the house. Semi-local WKSH-1370 was on the radio, but being overridden by a rock station as is usual at that intersection. On a hunch, I hit the button for WEMP-1250 and...same song. So, I may have found out who the station is that cuts in on WKSH at a few spots around my house but not at my house. WKSH is about 16 miles from here while WEMP is 7 miles. 73 again.

February 17, 1994

Mike Sanburn  
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Dear Mr. Sanburn:

50,000 WATTS

This is to verify your reported reception of test transmissions from CKX-AM, 1150 kHz, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada between 0300 and 0330 (EST) Monday, December 6, 1993.

The information you supplied concurs with our log of test transmission content.


You might be interested to know that contrary to published information, CKX was not omni-directional during the test period. We were operating with our day pattern (an elongated oval with primary lobes to the East and West). Power was 50,000 watts.

It was our pleasure to conduct this test for the International Radio Club of America. Hopefully this will set a trend for greater Canadian participation in your CPC test program.

Thanks for your participation, and we appreciated getting your reception report.

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