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DX GET TOGETHER: There will be a DX get together on February 14 at the
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 DXers and other radio enthusiasts are welcome. Bring potluck
 refreshments, plus radios, QSLs, and other items for show and tell. The
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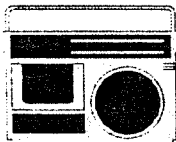
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DX TEST: Saturday January 30, 1998 - WVNS-670 Claremont VA will con-
 duct a DX test at 20,000 watts daytime power between 12:00 & 2:00 AM
 EST. The test will include tones, code and voice IDs. Reception reports
 may be sent to: Mr Pat Murphy WVNS-AM, 410 Briar Hill Road, Norfolk VA
 23502. Prepaid (not collect) phone calls (757) 461-6767. Arranged by
 Pat Murphy & Dave Schmidt. Even if you do not hear a test, be sure and
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 620 KMJC CA, Mt. Shasta 12/8 1030-1034 good with weather and snow report, the "George and Ron" show, ID as "Magic 62." Faded under CJC/KEWS, with KIGS nulled. Call change, ex-KWSD for me. (RW-CA)
 - 710 KDIS CA, Los Angeles 12/15 1002 loud in KFIA null with ID on hour "AM 710, KDIS, Los Angeles, Radio Disney." Another legal ID at 1100. Ex-KTZN. (RW-CA)
 - 850 KHLO HI, Hilo 12/7 returned to the air with their "oldies" format. Station has been off the air since February 1997 when their tower was destroyed in a windstorm. KHLO is now operating with 5kw non-directional and is sharing space with KAHU AM 1060 in Hilo according to a phone conversation today with Jeremy Storm, CE for both facilities. The KAHU tower was modified (extension) to accommodate the KHLO requirements. DX reports are welcome: KHLO, 913 Kanoehua Ave., Hilo, HI 96720-5116. (CB-HI)
- +12/6 2315 noted back on the air for the first time since their tower blew down in a windstorm back in March. Noted airing syndicated show "Saturday Night At the Oldies, later with commercial-free oldies and slogans "Your Good Time Oldies

- Station" and "Cruisin' 8-5-Oh." Not // 550 KMVI-HI which also announces "Good Time Oldies." (5P-HI)
- 1360 KZTS WA, Tacoma 12/6 1859 new calls mentioned at end of Filipino program (also on KXPA-1540). Spanish followed at 1900, not // KXPA. Thanks for the tip Larry Godwin! (PT-WA)
- 1650 ?KGXL? CA, Costa Mesa 12/18 2210 was on and testing loud & clear with march music, but promptly cut off after a song at 2215, no ID. Tried calling KGIL-1260 but no answer, left message on answering machine about 1650. I'm sure it was KGXL Costa Mesa.... (RW-CA)
- +12/18 2025 heard a rousing instrumental version of "Hello Dolly," then a little later some test tones. Back to music but now at 2040 it is gone. (CB-HI)
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- 530 CKHL AB, High Level 12/9 0108 C&W music with "YL" IDs // 610-CKYL, under/over Astoria TIS. (PM-OR)
- 550 CFJC BC, Kamloops 12/12 0546 fair under KOAC with C&W and IDs "The new JC-55" with weather and spots. Haven't heard this for a while, I normally get CKPG. I just noticed I have CFJC on the old frequency of 910 QSL'd from 1968, so I better send them a report for 550. (PM-OR)
- 570 KQNG HJ, Lihue 12/8 good on top of KVI with rock music & "KONG" IDs at 0530. (PM)
- 600 KGEZ MT, Kalispell 12/1 0106 "Classic 600 KGEZ" ID. Caught this station one hour prior to scheduled test. Must have been using 5kw day power prior to test. Normally CKBD dominant here. New. (KJP-OR)
- CKBD BC, Vancouver 12/15 1122 still in this late strong over KNRO with weather for Vancouver. Common here, but in quite late. Looking for KGEZ-MT, but no trace! (RW-CA)
- 610 CKYL AB, Peace River 12/9 0109 good on top of channel with "YL" IDs // 530. (PM)
- 640 KGWW MT, Belgrade 11/30 1845 caught announcement with ID and owner's info. They were announcing their switch to night power. New. (KJP-OR)
- +12/8 1040 strong in KFI null with religious talk show hosted by "Stephen." ID. (RW)
- 700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 11/27 0026 very weak copy. Briefly over KMJY/KFAM. Clearly heard "(garble) on WLW." Quickly lost to KMJY. New state. (KJP-OR)
- 710 KTZN CA, Los Angeles 12/8 0100 at this point has not yet changed calls to KDIS. Many Disney movie tunes including "Hushaby Mountain" (Dick Van Dyke). (MS-CA)
- + 12/8 1000 loud in KFIA null with ID "Radio Disney is AM 710, KTZN, Los Angeles" so still not KDIS yet. Checked FCC database on IRCA website, no listing for KDIS yet either.... (RW-CA)
- 720 KSAH TX, Universal City 12/15 fair under WGN with Spanish pops and ID at 0659 as "Radio Festival," at 0659:45 man announcer said "KSAH, Universal City..." Spanish programming followed. (PM-OR)
- 730 KBSU ID, Boise 11/27 1042 "Idaho's Jazz Station, KBSU" ID. (KJP-OR)
- KSVN UT, Ogden 11/26 0000 legal ID in English on hour, into Spanish news and program. Unexpected surprise. Listed as 66 watts. New. (KJP-OR)
- 740 KTWK CO, Colorado Springs atop the frequency with KCBS silent at 0755 Sunday 12/5, with oldies. Man said "The music you grew up with, the all new Memories 740." (LG-MT)
- 750 KFQD AK, Anchorage 12/9 0105 fair mixing with KXL with weather forecast (icy conditions, mostly cloudy, light snow, high of 20 degrees). (PM-OR) (Wow, that sounds like the weather today here in Billings, hi. --NJ)
- WSB GA, Atlanta 12/13 0040 end of Hawks basketball game vs the Clippers, commercial break, into post-game. (NP-AB)
- KERR MT, Polson 12/15 1035 loud, alone way over KXL/KOAL with ad for Seneca Supply & Marketing of Polson, KERR Snow Report. Uncommon here. (RW-CA)
- 760 KFMB CA, San Diego 12/12 0006 with CBS news and then local weather. KNWX slop minimized; CKQR just not there. (PT-WA)
- 800 KSOS UT, Brigham City 12/17 1815 with CKRM & CKBI blasting in, tried for CHAB but got "You're on KSOS" & Otis Redding's "Dock" instead. Poor, KHHO image. (PT)
- 810 KSWV NM, Santa Fe 12/17 0900 strong in KFI null. Man gave legal ID plus "The Voice of Friendship" in English & Spanish and also slogan "Que Suave." (LG-MT)

- 830 WGY NY, Schenectady 12/11 2305 strong in KGO null with "WGY news time." (LG-MT)
 KUYO WY, Evansville 11/27 0858 "Classic Christian Radio, KUYO" ID. New. (KJP-OR)
 CKKY AB, Wainwright 12/9 1100 good over KIRO image with "Serving Wainwright, Loydminster and Castor" and complete pre-news call letter ID. (PT-WA)
- 850 KHHO WA, Tacoma didn't go to day pattern until 1140 12/8 and was off the air for a few minutes at 1930. Seemed like low power as KOA easy. Since then, however, it has been loopably impenetrable. Has been bought by Ackerley (KJR etc) and relays Sonics games. (PT-WA)
- 860 KPAM OR, Portland 12/13 1740 woman host talking with caller, ID as "Christian Hit Radio 860, KPAM." New. (NP-AB)
 (KPAM)+Off with transmitter failure during Thanksgiving week (I wondered where they went) and on low power 12/8 1300 (when I called). They have yet to operate at night. (PT-WA)
- 870 KFLD WA, Pasco 11/25 2304 numerous KFLD IDs. (KJP-OR)
 CFBV BC, Smithers 12/9 fair above jumble with Good Times Oldies "BV-LD" ID at 0130, // 890. (PM-OR)
- 930 KRKY CO, Granby 12/14 0905 "High Country Radio Network" ID, Grant County weather forecast, then local ads. (NP-AB)
 KBFW WA, Bellingham 12/13 1730 Community Bulletin Board feature, "930 KBFW" ID, then into country music. New one for me. (NP-AB)
- 960 KOVO UT, Provo 12/11 2200 legal ID at top of hour. Still // KDYL-1280 with KDYL jingles. Heard song "Everything's Coming Up Roses" from Broadway musical Gypsy (Ray Coniff version), over/under KPXQ. (MS-CA)
- 980 CKRM SK, Regina good level and in the clear (no CKNW) with Saskatchewan Information Service news at 1905 12/17 and then into C&W music. (PT-WA)
- 1000 KTOK OK, Oklahoma City 12/14 0400 legal ID "KTOK, Oklahoma City" under KOMO & XEOY. (NP-AB)
- 1010 KTUR UT, Toole 12/5 caught ID at 0800 "The news station, KTUR Toole-Salt Lake City, AM 1010" into AP net news. Not sure the call is still correct, sounded like it but was fighting it out with CBR. Was not on my bandscan. (FA-ID)
 ?CBR? AB, Calgary 12/6 2318 probably them with CBC program "Finkelstein's 45's" counting down the hits from August 1955 and mentioning a compilation CD featuring the host. Spanish station (KIQI?) heard earlier. (5P-HI)
 CFRB ON, Toronto 12/11 0345 fair in jumble with news and CFRB IDs, lots of CBR QRM and unID sports station. Haven't heard this for a while either. (PM-OR)
- 1020 CKVH AB, High Prairie 12/1 0000 heard weather forecast then ID. Briefly over presumed KYXE, then gone. New. (KJP-OR)
 +12/9 0120 very strong & dominant on channel, C&W music // 1440. (PM-OR)
- 1050 KORE OR, Springfield 11/27 0954 weakly heard. ID into pestering for donations, and religious program. New. (KJP-OR)
- 1060 KYW PA, Philadelphia 12/11 2355 stock market report, ID as "KYW Newsradio." (NP-AB)
 + 12/13 got ID at 0400 "From Independence Hall, this is newsradio KYW 1060, Philadelphia, a CBS radio station." Came up over KKDS. 20 years ago this would have been nothing, but now days it is! (FA-ID)
- 1090 KAAAY AR, Little Rock 12/18 2300 strong with KBOZ underneath. A radio ministry out of Baltimore ended, and man said "This is AM 1090, KAAAY, Little Rock." Only second time heard. (LG-MT)
- 1150 KIMM SD, Rapid City 12/13 1805 ABC news, then local news, and ID as "Big Hit Classic Country KIMM." (NP-AB)
- 1170 KLOK CA, San Jose 11/29 1137 Spanish program with English ID. New. (KJP-OR)
- 1210 WPHT PA, Philadelphia 12/13 0015 local phone-in program, ID as "Talkradio 1210 WPHT." (NP-AB)
- 1230 KSPT ID, Sand Point on top at 1000 12/9. A One-On-One Sports talk show ended, man gave legal ID and said Paul Harvey News & Comments would follow. (LG-MT)
 KZZR OR, Burns on top at 0900 12/12. No ID, but man gave temperature in Burns before news. (LG-MT)

- 1240 KSMA CA, Santa Maria 12/8 0957 weather report mentioning rainfall. ID "KSMA First Edition time 6:58" into newstalk. Over KNRY & KJOP briefly. (MS-CA)
- 1260 KLYC OR, McMinnville 11/29 1054 ID and spot for food drive. New. (KJP-OR)
- 1270 KAJO OR, Grants Pass 12/13 "Grants Pass, 39 degrees, sunrise will take place at 7:32, thank you for tuning to KAY-JOE." Came over CHAT/KTFI at 0330. (FA-ID)
- 1290 KUMA OR, Pendleton 12/13 1905 ID as "The spirit of Umatilla County, AM 1290, KUMA." (NP-AB)
- 1320 KCTC CA, Sacramento 12/9 1845 weak with ID amid MYL; KXRO nulled. (PT-WA)
- 1330 KWLO IA, Waterloo 12/10 fair above jumble with adult standards, ID at 0306 "The Home of Music and Memories, KWLO." At 0315 weather for Waterloo, high 27, "On the 13-30 Weather Center." Haven't heard this in a while. (PM-OR)
- 1370 WCCN WI, Neillsville 12/14 0759 end of religious program, inserted "WCNN 1370 Neillsville" ID, and then into ABC news. New catch. (NP-AB)
- 1380 KUVR NE, Holdrege 12/13 1936 end of high school basketball game from Omaha, then s/off with invite to tune to FM. (NP-AB)
- 1390 KKSO IA, Des Moines 12/8 heard with ID going into net news at 0459:50 as "This is 1390, KKSO, Des Moines." Above the other mumble of stations on the channel. Unneeded, but nice to hear. (PM-OR)
- 1400 KQMS CA, Redding 12/15 1117 atop the pile with talk show and "Talkradio 1400 KQMS" ID. KVTO presumed over/under. (PT-WA)
- ?KJDY? OR, John Day believed the s/on at 0800 12/7. Man ID'd as "J-D Radio" and said has been broadcasting since 1946. (LG-MT)
- CIOR BC, Princeton 12/16 1130 popped through the mush with "CIOR news" but didn't last long. Mixing with presumed KVTO (Asian language). (PT-WA)
- 1440 KDIZ MN, Golden Valley 12/7 1650 Radio Disney programming. Legal ID at 1700 "1440 AM KDIZ, Golden Valley," then into Spice Girls song. (NP-AB)
- 1470 KKTY WY, Douglas 12/9 0410 heard with C&W music and blip ID "K-K-T-Y," back into C&W. Heard again at 0440 with promo for "Old Farmers Almanac Report" on KKTY. This time I got it on tape. Report sent. (PM-OR)
- 1510 KKHI CA, San Rafael 12/3 in with San Francisco ads, classics and an ID 1558. In most of the day in the car on 12/6. (PT-WA)
- KLLB UT, West Jordan in a lot these days between 1800-1900. Logged with their rap/Gospel mix 12/2 1851 with some KGA and KKHI. (PT-WA)
- 1550 KSFT MO, St. Joseph 12/12 0750 good on top of channel with adult standards and ID as "KSFT," back into music. (PM-OR)
- 1560 WQEW NY, New York 12/11 very good and way over KNZR with lots of IDs, "WQEW, the station with America's Adult Standards" at 0330. (PM-OR)
- 1590 WPSL FL, Port St. Lucie 11/26 0730 ID as "Join your host Stan Freeberg to The Golden Age of Radio, along with When Radio Was, weekdays at 4 on the Talk of the Town, 15-90." Fair thru the jumble. I didn't know it was station I had heard, but after checking the old time radio web site, I found WPSL listed, so I phoned the station. The station is run by a husband and wife team. The ID I heard was the husband, Greg Wyatt. Taped report sent. By the way, when I heard the station, it was broad daylight outside in Florida and the station was on 5kw non-directional. I am really pleased with this, AL and FL on 1590 all in one week! (PM-OR)
- KVGB KS, Great Bend 12/10 // B-104.3, with ID at 0255. (PM-OR)
- ?KKAY? LA, White Castle 12/8 sounded like ID call letters at 0559:50 as "15-90, KKAY White Castle..." lost under KLFE. Conditions were better earlier. (PM-OR)
- KDJS MN, Willmar 12/13 1643 PSA's, ID as "AM 1590 KDJS Willmar," into NOS style music. (NP-AB)
- WAKR OH, Akron 12/11 0559:50 fair in jumble with "WAKR Akron" into net news. (PM-OR)
- 1600 KGST CA, Fresno 12/11 1100 good level English ID by Spanish-accented lady. (PT-WA)
- KUBA CA, Yuba City 12/2 in the clear with local news and ID 1130. (PT-WA)
- KCRG IA, Cedar Rapids 12/10 0259:55 "KCRG Cedar Rapids" ID, into ABC news. (PM)
- KATZ MO, St. Louis 12/11 0130 good on top with soft Urban and a woman announcer saying "KATZ St. Louis," back into soft Urban. Haven't heard this strong in a while. (PM-OR)

- KEED OR, Eugene 12/7 caught ID "QILL790/K-Happy" and "KEED" at 1300, good daytime signal. QILL is KWIL and K-Happy is their FM, KHPE. (FA-ID)
- KCPX UT, Centerville 11/30 0201 Spanish program with legal ID in English at top of hour. Ex-silent (1996). New. (KJP-OR)
- 1610 TIS CA, Garden Grove 11/30 1940 new low power station in Orange county with sign in lights along the 22 Freeway. ID "You're listening to Toyota of Garden Grove Micro-Radio 1610 AM." Toyota ads set to Twilight Zone theme and Rod Serling imitator, Joke of The Day. Signal seems to get out about a mile. (MS-CA)
- *HAR* CA, Los Angeles County 12/6 0900 same station still conducting tests with explosion sound – effects & robotic-style tones. Test annc. Strong. (MS-CA)
- KOP798 UT, Bryce Canyon National Park 12/5 2130 poor, but on top of jumble with mentions of "Highway 12" and "Bryce Canyon National Park." Loop tape of man. Started with "Welcome to Bryce Canyon Country, the home of Bryce Canyon National Park." New. (CK-CO)
- 1630 KCJK IA, Iowa City according to a letter from Tom Suter, Sales Manager at KCJJ-1560, KCJK-1630 should be up & running by late summer 1998. (MS-CA)
- IL, Deerfield? 12/9 0510 apparently a MetraLink station in the Rock Island area, with info on train arrivals and parking at the stations. According to phone call at Metra, this is what I have been receiving. Fair briefly, then very poor for the rest of the time I listened. There are 7 transmitters in the area. They serve IL, IN, and WI. All transmitters are 10 watts. Taped report sent. (PM-OR)
- 1640 KXBT CA, Vallejo 12/5 2146 very good with soul music and "16-40 KXBT" IDs, slight WQO767 QRM. (CK-CO)
- WQO767 TX, DFW Airport 12/14 0330 surprised to hear this coming through KXBT with American Airlines flight departure info by woman. (NP-AB)
- 1650 ?KGXL? CA, 12/6 0930 open carrier still solid here. According to FCC, their daytime tower site is indeed that of KLTX-1390 Long Beach. (MS-CA)
- 1660 WJDM NJ, Elizabeth 12/5 2149 poor-fair with "Radio Aahs" programming // local 1340-KKYD. (CK-CO)
- +12/11 best ever 30DB S9, fantastic signals all night, with kids programming. Noted many times from 0000-0600. (PM-OR)
- ?WJDM?+12/4 presumed with undiscernable weak audio around 0430. (PT-WA)
- 1680 WQO767 TX, Dallas-Ft. Worth Int'l Airport 12/5 2159 good with American Airlines arrivals by woman, ID. QRM from a wierd spur of KKOBB-770 caused by local 910-KPOF (ie: 1680 - 770 and 910 = 455x20! (CK-CO)
- 1700 WCMQ FL, Miami Springs 11/30 0400+ noted again on car radio with many C-M-Q slogans, etc. Somewhat fadey tonight, amazing signal none-the-less. (MS-CA)
- +12/4 presumed with all Spanish news in and out with deep fades 0430-0505. I haven't culled the 0455-0503 tape for an ID yet. Tried to get it during morning power increase (0700-0720 12/5) but nothing was there. (PT-WA)
- +12/11 0335 very good with Spanish programming, "CMQ" IDs. (PM-OR)

DX TESTS

- 600 KGEZ MT, Kalispell 12/1 0200-0300 near continuous reception. Presumed day power with strong "This is KGEZ Kalispell" at 0201. No Morse code noted during entire hour. Only a 20-second test tone at 0230 noted. Not sure if station ran test as 50's & 60's oldies played entire hour. At 0300 station disappeared abruptly, presumed switch to night power at end of scheduled test period. New. (KJP-OR)
- +12/1 0200-0300 coming in poor with Morse code IDs. New. (CM-CA)
- 1270 KTFI ID, Twin Falls 12/13 ran great test from 0200-0300. Ran voice IDs & code IDs. DJ talked to CE about AM DXing and IRCA being a SW/Ham club. Mentioned call from Mike Sanburn. Had IDs from some locals who are originally from Europe in their foreign tongue. Ran oldies, rock and Christmas music. Wish more stations would run tests like this. (FA-ID)
- +12/13 0200-0300 in good at times over KPLY with oldies music & code IDs on DX test. SRS and nighttime pest here, unneeded. (RW-CA)
- +12/13 readable 70% of the time from 0204+ over/thru KPLY (1 On 1 Sports) and someone with Top 30 countdown (CHWK?). Good music variety, fun chatter, and lots of time checks and QRM-piercing code IDs. Great test! (PT-WA)

LOCAL NEWS

- 1310 KDIA CA, 12/16 0300 now Disney Radio format, had been R&B/Soul icon in the Bay Area since the 1950's as I can remember (with a brief exception as KFYT business radio in mid 1080's). Was KWBR way back when, then KDIA (as a sister station to WDIA-1070 in Memphis, TN) and most recently owned by KOFY AM/TV which has just sold off their interests. According to local TV newscast, they will be changing their call letters in the near future. (BP-CA)
+12/16 0300 made switch from soul/R&B to Radio Disney at midnight, brief open carrier, then ID "KDIA, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Radio Disney." (RW)
- 1480 (KNTB) WA, Lakewood-Tacoma has been off since Nov. 1st or so. KBRO-1490, which it relayed, is still on. All I get days is a KNWX/KIRO mix; it wasn't a factor at night anyway. (PT-WA)

UNIDS

- 860 11/27 0200 Radio Disney ID and kids programming. Very weak under KTRB. Not heard before. Looped E-SE. (KJP-OR)
- 1020 12/6 2320 someone talking in English underneath KTNQ. Is this KCKN? (5P-HI)
- 1070 12/14 0414 in for a few minutes with all news format and generic ID as "The News Station" (apparently a satellite feed) over KNX & WTSO. (NP-AB)
- 1230 12/13 call sounded like KRDO (which is on 1240) at 1000. (LG-MT)
- 1610 12/2 0657 unID TIS/HAR mentioning large amount of concrete used to carry water from Lake (sounded like Utah Lake?), mention of Tetons, over mountains to south to farmers. Mention of large amount of water underground pipes carry water to south??? (GJ-CA)
- 1620 12/5 2152 poor with bits & pieces of NWS weather. Didn't get location. Possibly WPAM217 in Galveston, TX. (CK-CO)
- 1620 12/11 0540 several stations mixing in the jumble, one barely peaked mentioned I-95, but nothing else heard. (PM-OR)
- 1620 12/14 unID TIS 12/14 0540 heard man mention "southern hospitality" and "Shenandoah Valley." Very weak, and mixing with another TIS with a woman mentioning the Mississippi River. (NP-AB)
- 1630 12/9 0520 another TIS mixing with above, mentioning "Highway Advisory Radio." Call letters like WTK????41. The gal sounded like she said "Ft. Worth." Anyone else hearing this? Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport? (PM-OR)
- 1630 IL, ??? 12/7 0008 tape loop starting "Welcome to Metra..." also mention of train times. (NP-AB) (See Pat Martin's tip above.-- NJ)
- 1650 12/5 0010 CA? poor, but caught bits & pieces. Mentioned call letters as W__848 or similar, gave several phone numbers beginning with area code 310 ie: (310)353-6020 and (310) 353-5914. Also mentioned web site "www.qi__ (?) __.net," mentioned "emergency information." Can someone in Southern California help on this one? (CK-CO)
- 1660 12/9 0600 station it appears on 1660 with music & Morse code (unless code is on same frequency). Unable to ID as yet. (GJ-CA)
- 1690 Weak undecipherable audio 12/4 0430ish. Have heard signal here several times but it's never readable. (PT-WA)
- 1690 Weak station aired heavy instrumental jazz from 2250-2300 12/9 then left the air. In again with big band music 2249-2257 12/11, then left the air with no announcement. Is this a new station testing, or a pirate? (LG-MT)
- 1700 While looking for WCMQ 12/4 0405 noted what seemed to be a pirate. It was carrying a party record (obscenities). Deep fades, just like WCMQ 25 minutes later. Creative Fidel jammer, Spokane ex-1620 or what? (PT-WA)

HELP WITH UNIDS

- 1400 Kirk Poole's unID on 11/2 was most likely KART in Jerome, ID. They began running a NOS format shortly after I first logged them here in October. (MS-CA)

Quite a long WDXR this week, because of the skip week. Looks like DX conditions are quite good. Happy New Year, everyone!

Central DX Roundup



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III, 2 "Radio West" Loops.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1600 **KMJM MO**, St. Louis. **EX-KATZ**. 12-8. 1900 now using new call only on top of hour ID's.
Uses slogan "Gospel 1600" between each music selection. [LB-MO]

DOWN THE DIAL

- 530 **CIAO ON**, Brampton. 12-13 good o/local TIS. 2220-2330 with SS program. Had promo for
Radio Canada International at 2250. Also several spots for local establishments.
This one in during good conditions to the NE tonight. Am still trying for a verie from
this one, have enough info for another report. [TMJ-IL]
- **IL**, Chicago area. 12-13 strong signal. 0800 new TIS for Chicago Expressways. IL
DOT with traffic info for the Chicago area. Mentioned phone number 312-DOT-
INFO. Strong signal at 40 plus miles knocking out several of the local I&M Canal
TIS stations in and around Joliet. I hope this one is short lived! [TMJ-IL]
- 540 **KWMT IA**, Fort Dodge. 12-13 with very weak signal with slop from local KTRS-550. 0909
with "5-40 KWMT" then jingle. Country format. New here. [LB-MO]
- 580 **KMJ CA**, Fresno. 12-18 good in KFXD null. 0908 with "News 58" and "KMJ News"
slogans. [JcJ-MT]
- 600 **KIIX CO**, Fort Collins. 12-18 good with KGEZ nulled. 0915 with "60 kix" slogan and spot
cluster. [JcJ-MT]
- WREC TN**, Memphis. 12-1 very good at times, mixing w/WMT while trying for KGEZ test.
0200 with "Good morning, you're listening to WREC Memphis." Into news. [RCP-IN]
- 620 **KEWS OR**, Portland. 12-19 weak in CKCK null w/KWAL. 0910 with "6-20 K-news" slogan,
traffic report, spot cluster. [JcJ-MT]
- 630 **CHED AB**, Alberta. 12-19 good w/KIDO nulled. 0859 with spot cluster and ID. [JcJ-MT]
- KIDO ID**, Boise. 12-19 weak w/CHED nulled. 0904 out of ABC News with spot, "News
radio 630 KIDO" ID. [JcJ-MT]

- 680 **KNBR** CA, San Francisco. 12-7 very good, atop 680 in KFEQ null, slop from WMAQ-670. 2205 with "You're listening to Golden State Warriors basketball on the flagship station of the Warriors, KNBR 68 San Francisco, The sports leader." [RS-MO]
- 700 **WGZS** AL, Dothan. 12-7 excellent in WLW null. {NO TIME} Still on post-sunset with Contemporary Christian music and ID's "FM 94.3, the Rock." [RS-MO]
- 710 **WAQI** FL, Miami. 12-2 very good signal. 1812 with SS format, spot in SS for AT&T followed by a spot for a jewelry store in Hialeah. Several references to Miami, but no ID heard. [RCP-IN]
- 760 **KMTL** AR, Sherwood. 12-14 good signal on top of pole for awhile then gone. 0816 with sign on with full info then "KMTL Gospel Giant of Arkansas." New here. [LB-MO]
- 780 **WABS** VA, Arlington. 11-30 very poor w/WBBM. 1700 heard at sign off. Station ID as "WABS Arlington, VA." No SSB. [RCP-IN]
- 920 **WBBB** NC, Burlington. 12-1 great signal, no fades. 1750 with "This is news talk 9-20 Burlington, Graham" back into Ken Hamblin show. [RCP-IN]
- 970 **WERH** AL, Hamilton. 12-15 on top. 1725 until 1742 sign off. Gospel music and then sign off announcement. Mentioned to tune to 92.1 FM until 11PM. KJLT was next in line for sunset DX! [TMJ-IL]
- 1050 **WAPI** AL, Birmingham. 11-27 very good signal in local WIBC null. 1744 with promo for a Phoenix City Red Devils vs. ?? Rebels ball game. Several "10-70 WAPI" ID's heard. This is my 6th station on 1070 logged from central IN. [RCP-IN]
- 1090 **WKTE** NC, King. 11-29 fair to good signal o/KAAY w/WBAL not heard. 0330 with country music boxcared. Only one ID at TOH. "AM stereo 10-90 WKTE Greenwood, High Point, Winston-Salem, Greensboro. Your hometown station." 18th log shows religious talk format. I called the station, they said they play country on weekends. I wonder if this is JD's mystery station? [RCP-IN]
- 1200 **KYOO** MO, Bolivar. 12-3 very poor w/WBCE with much noise. WOAI not heard. {NO TIME} "Good evening everybody, it's five-o-six at KYOO." into country song. [RCP-IN]
- WBCE** KY, Wickliff. 12-3 good signal during fade ups, eventually lost. 1702 with "You're listening to WBCE, Wickliff, Kentucky" into country Gospel music. New. [RCP-IN]
- 1250 **WTAE** PA, Pittsburgh. 12-5 popped up out of mush, briefly heard. 1730 with traffic report with ID. [RCP-IN]
- 1270 **WQKR** TN, Portland. 12-13 caught while listening for KTFI test w/WKBF. 0300 with "News talk 1270 WQKR Portland" ID. New here. [LB-MO]
- 1320 **KCTC** CA, Sacramento. 12-15 loud and clear. 1042 with traffic report sponsored by Albertsons. Spots and PSA. [NJ-MT]
- 1340 **KCAP** MT, Helena. 12-11 surfaced briefly in mess. 0900 with "KCAP Helena" ID. [JcJ-MT]
- WMTE** MI, Manistee. 12-7 fair to poor. 2300 with legal ID into ABC News. [TN-WI]
- 1360 **KGME** AZ, Glendale. 12-15 in good. 1047 with ID "Sports radio 13-60 KGME" into PSA for Christmas toys for kids. [NJ-MT]
- 1370 **CFOK** AB, Westlock. 12-15 in strong. 1034 with sports. 1035 with weather forecast then station promos and spots. [NJ-MT]
- 1390 **KENN** NM, Farmington. 12-11 dominating 1390. 0906 with long spot cluster followed by "KENN news time...." TC. [JcJ-MT]
- 1400 **KART** ID, Jerome. 1004 with ID after a spot. [NJ-MT]
- KSRR** UT, Provo. 12-15. 1001 with ID through mess. [NJ-MT]
- WATW** WI, Ashland. 12-7 poor to fair. 1800 with legal ID mentioning the Northland and "WATW Ashland, AM 1400" into ABC News. [TN-WI]
- 1450 **KVSI** ID, Montpelier. 12-15. 0952 with weather, ID, music then gone. [NJ-MT]
- +12-16 on top mess. 0905 out of ABC News with ID and spots. [JcJ-MT]
- 1470 **KBSN** WA, Moses Lake. 12-15. 1028 with call ID, spots. [NJ-MT]
- KQPT** CA, Sacramento. 12-15. 0902 with ID "Cruisin 14-70 is KQPT AM Sacramento's oldies station" into an Elvis song. [NJ-MT]
- +12-16 weak in KKTY null. 0856 with ID. [JcJ-MT]
- 1480 **KYOS** CA, Merced. 12-15 good. 1059 with ID. [NJ-MT]
- 1490 **KRIB** IA, Mason City. 12-13 fair. 2300 with legal ID "KRIB Mason City, Clear Lake. Your home for the Clear Lake Lions." #10 on 1490 from Madison. Heard again on 12-14 at the same time! [TN-WI]

- 1540 **KPAD** TX, Fort Worth. 12-4 good o/KXEL. 2100 noted with all SS programming. Mexican pop music and slogan "La Seta" or "La Zeta", legal ID in EE and SS at 2200. Log lists this as "inspirational" format, but at least in the evenings it's running Mexican-style programming. Needed for call change, last logged as KTNO. [RS-MO]
- 1550 **WAZX** GA, Smyrna. 12-3 good signal, briefly in. 1722 with SS format, SS music, traffic report in SS for the Atlanta area. Heard ID in EE at 1730 "You're listening to 15-50 WAZX Smyrna, Atlanta." [RCP-IN]
- 1560 **KKAA** SD, Aberdeen. 12-7 briefly fair in WPAD null. 2238 with country music, canned ID mentioning "Real Country, 15-60 K-K-double-A." [RS-MO]
- 1580 **KFDF** AR, Van Buren. 12-9 poor with lots of interference. 0114 with spot for an embroidery and specialty store in Van Buren. "This is the only radio station in America that you are listening to right now, KFDF." Jingle ID, sports scores. New here. [LB-MO]
- KOKB** OK, Blackwell. 12-7 fair to good. 1851 with legal ID "News talk for Oklahoma, this is KOKB Blackwell, Ponca City. [TN-WI]
- KTGR** MO, Columbia. 12-7 fair. 1745 with satellite standards with ID "Memories 15-80, KTGR." [TN-WI]
- WPGC** MD, Morningside. 12-17 in good. 0719 with Shadow Traffic and six full minutes of spots! "Heaven 15-80" slogan used. [JJR-WI]
{Wow! 6 minutes of spots! All stations should be required to air long strings of spots instead of long strings of music or talk shows! John}
- 1620 Niagara Falls area. 12-14 long deep fades. When strong I would catch a phrase or two. 0400 TIS for Niagara Falls area. Mentioned "The best sport fishing on Lake Ontario" and "Shop 'till you drop at the largest shopping mall in the northeast. Also local sites and towns near the falls. Plus mentioned another station on 1200? First time heard. Had good conditions to ON and PQ tonight. [TMJ-IL]
- 1670 12-14 noted strong spur from WMAQ-670 plus WMVP-1000 on exactly 1670 (1000 +670) Never heard this before at home. Clearly audible signals from both stations at the same time. If you drive near the transmitter sites on the west side of Chicago the band is full of this kind of stuff (including from WSL, WBBM, etc.) Terrible place to live and DX! Hope this gets corrected soon. [TMJ-IL]

DX TESTS

- 600 (KGEZ) MT, Kalispell. 12-1 DX Test not heard. 0200-0300. I tried for test, but not heard, just WREC and WMT. Much needed state. [RCP-IN]
{Robert, Nancy and I tried for this test here and we couldn't hear it at all. No music, no code, no KGEZ. We can hear KGEZ on RS. If others on the west coast hadn't heard this we would have thought they hadn't been on with the test! John.}
- 1270(KTFI) ID, Twin Falls. 12-13 DX Test. 0140-0315 nothing heard that sounded like a test. Mostly WKBF with Christmas music and an unID with talk. Later WQKR. [LB-MO]

UnIDS

- 1530 unID 12-7 unID fair to good in WSAI null, KGBT heard also with SS. 2115 with SS programming. Not sure if this is US or foreign. KXTD has SS, but is listed as daytimer. I've been hearing this almost every night with the slogan "La Poderosa." Any ideas? [RS-MO]
- 1590 unID 12-9 unID with fair signal, some fades. 0010 with music that sounded mid-eastern and unknown language, maybe Turkish. 0035 female announcer with what sounded like she was selling something. Only two words in EE, "European Collection" repeated several times. 0058 man talking in unknown language. Signal gone suddenly with WAKR on top for awhile, then WVNA. [LB-MO]
- 1620 unID 12-14 unID station with a weak signal just above the mess. In and out for an hour. 0330 with what sounded like Gospel music and a Gospel-style male preacher. Looping SE/NW. [TMJ-IL]
- 1650 unID 11-21 unID station. 1910-1947 sign off. Heard OC, on-off every few minutes. Then at 1942 a jazz music selection played. Loop bearing appeared to be more NS than EW. Called JD Stephens, he missed hearing the music, but had the OC for a few minutes before it ended. Did not hear anything more from this one since. Unfortunately have been at work late for the last few weeks and have been unable to closely check 1650 for any more activity. [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

December 30, 1972 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" - Karl Forth of Villa Park, IL told about his new (used) HQ-160 that he purchased for \$150 from WAIT's chief engineer - Rich Eddie of St. Louis, MO logged ZDK-1100 St. John's Antigua for country #19 - Jerry Peek of Los Alamos, NM logged CBW Winnipeg, his first Canadian logging - Keith Mehl of Des Moines, IA logged KGHL-790 Montana for state #31 - Charles R. Smith of Saskatoon, SK logged his first Mexican, XEG.

OPEN MIKE

The new year brings questions. Perhaps weekly. ☺ Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food? A big CDXR welcome to Louis Buehler who has rejoined after 17 years out of the hobby. Nice report, Louis! Nancy and I wish all of you a very Happy New Year! We hope 1998 will be a great year for all of you. Thanks to everyone who sent cards and letters over the Christmas season, we just can't reply to all of them. This column was typed on December 20th. '73, John.

1997-98 IRCA DX CONTEST STANDINGS

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Deadline for entering ended
December 31, 1997.

GEO INDICES

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Tabulated from WWV at -0518 GMT nightly

Geomagnetic Summary December 12 1997 through December 22 1997

GEO - Geomagnetic activity	pca - polar cap absorption
maf - major flare	SA - Solar Activity
mas - major storm	spe - satellite proton event
mis - minor storm	ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
12/12	93	1	0	low	quiet	swa
13	89	0	0	very low	quiet	-
14	90	0	0	low	quiet	-
15	89	2	0	low	quiet	-
16	85	2	0	very low	quiet	-
17	86	2	4	very low	quiet-active	-
18	z	z	z	z	z	-
19	z	z	z	z	z	-
20	90	1	0	low	quiet	-
21	92	1	0	low	quiet	-
12/22	97	0	1	low	quiet	swa



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- 981 Weak het on high side of CKNW 0533 12/28 (bp)
- 1062 Weak carrier/het 0429 12/28. Denmark? (bp)
- 1161 Weak het on KSL 0455 12/27 (bp)
- 1179 Het here 0529 12/27. Sweden? (bp)
- 1215 UNID, rock mx fair 0510 12/28, mostly just a carrier after that through local KBSG-1210 buckshot. Probably Virgin Radio. (bp)
- 1314 NORWAY, Kvitsoy, weak carrier 2328 12/26, gone by 2332, much better 0438 12/27 w/"The Lion Sleeps Tonight" & other pop mx, man in presumed Norwegian after 0448, peaked 0502 w/what I assume was nx. Similar thing the next night w/very weak BFO carrier 2320 12/27 then gone, but back at 0443 recheck w/EZL mx & woman ancr fair-nil in domestic splatter, nx by man 0500, back to mx 0503, still there 0540 recheck. Best reception of this one since 1986 (bp)

Hello everyone. Really an excellent week for TA DX! One of the best we have had for close to 20 years here on the West Coast. Apparently the guys on the East Coast are really pulling them in. We have reports this time around from Shawn Axelrod-MB, Nigel Pimbett-AB, and Larry Godwin-MT. So away we go.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

- 567 UNID, weak audio here and a fairly strong het at 0545 12/23. (PM-OR)
- 693 AZORES, RDP Terceira 12/28 0257 poor signals in slop[but could get some PP talk and bits on mx. New station and country (SA-MB)
- 738 SPAIN, Barcelona RNE-1 12/28 0156 poor signal but // 855 New. (SA-MB)
- 756 UNID, weak audio w/ mostly het at 0550 on 12/23 (PM-OR)
- 774 SPAIN, Var. sites RNE-1 12/28 0223 poor signals w/SS mx //855. New (SA-MB)
- 819 UNID, het here w/no audio listened off and on 12/23 0445-0700. (PM-OR)
- 855 SPAIN, Murcia RNE-1 12/28 0018 Good signals w/monster het almost as strong as Norway-1314. Hrd woman in SS lots of mx. Good signals hrd recheck 0210, it was still weak at 0630! (SA-MB)
- 963 FINLAND, Poro poss. the station here in GG (?) at 0639 12/23, with White Christmas in GG (?) man ancr briefly. WRTH lists them in GG at this time, very poor at best, but a very strong het noted 12/24, 12/27, 12/28. (PM-OR)
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS, Radio Los Palmas 12/28 0216 poor w/SS mx New. (SA-MB)
- 1035 UNID, fair carrier 12/23 and 12/24 at 0550 no audio hrd (PM-OR)
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebbaa-Aioun RMI 12/27 2348 fair lots of AA mx New. (SA-MB)
- 1053 UNID, strong het here at 0610 12/23. No audio (PM-OR)
- 1062 UNID (DENMARK??) 0409 12/21 tune=A0by Celine Dion talk by DJ unk lang. Also noted "Jingle Bell Rock" later on (NP-AB*)

1062 UNID, fair het here 12/23 0557, but no audio. (PM-OR)
1089 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Radio 0436 12/21 EE talk (phone-in) pgm
noted call from Gary in Liverpool, ID as "Talk Radio" at 0500
(NP-AB*)
1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra 0353 12/21 Presumed the one w/EZL mx (NP-AB*)
1125 CROATIA, HRT Deanovac 12/27 2329 poor but clearly //1134. New
(SA-MB)
1134 CROATIA, HRT Zadar 12/27 2222 Poor but copiable signals w/man
and woman talking in Slavic Lang. New Station and New Country.
(SA-MB)
1179 tSWEDEN, prob. the one with the repeated IS at 0535 12/24. Fairly
good at times. Tent. taped report sent! Next to Norway, this
was the strongest TA hrd. (PM-OR)
1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin Radio sites 12/27 2302 poor to fair on
peaks w/EE rock mx. New station. (SA-MB)
1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin Radio 0326 12/21 In and out w/bits of EE
Rock mx. Luckily it was up near the hr, with DJ offering a
listener a CD prize, then into "Virgin News" by a woman
(NP-AB*)
1314 NORWAY, NRK Kvitsoy 12/27 2200 in before LSS w/Monster signal.
Never this strong before. Lots of NN talk. Also 12/28 0208
still in with good signals. Never had one last this long in all
my years of DXing. (SA-MB)
1314 NORWAY, NRK Kvitsoy at 0348 12/21. Vocal by woman. Snatches of
audio over the next couple of hours. (NP-AB*)
1314 NORWAY, NRK Kvitsoy, very good at time with man w/NN talk and
soft EZL Christmas mx, noted from before LSS around 0000 to
weak audio mostly carrier after 0830 UTC!!! Unbelievable. Also
I have never hrd a TA last so long. Noted the best 12/23, but
have hrd many nights from 12/20 to 12/29. Unneeded, but great
to hear so well. (PM-OR)
1467 FRANCE, TRW Romoules 12/27 2309 Fair signals peaking w/good
Choraol mx and rel mx. Het on this one was huge! New station
and new Country on MW. (SA-MB)
1512 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA Jeddah 12/27 2248 poor signals w/AA mx and
talk New station (SA-MB)
1544 ALGERIA, Tindouf (Clandestine) 12/27 2323 poor signals, asume
it was them w/AA talk & mx. New (SA-MB)
1619 THE NETHERLANDS, Scheveningen PCH 12/27 2236 poor w/Morse Code
IDs (SA-MB)
1619 Weak atop freq w/Morse Code ids 0400 12/27 and 0352 12/28. This
beacon is a good barometer of TA CX. I usually hear it once a
year. (LG-MT)

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

595 tDOMINICA 0215 12/20 fairly strong carrier, but no audio, also
noted on 21st, not nearly as strong (NP-AB*)
810 MEXICO, Tampico "XEFW" Radio Estrella gave call and slogan IDs
1259 12/14 in KGO null. Ment 50KW. Only second time hrd.
(LG-MT)
1620 ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires had solid signal 12/14 0408 w/man said
in an excited voice "Atencion Argentina" There was an ID at
0404 but I missed it. (LG-MT)
1620 ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires Radio Esmerald 0200 12/23, in w/poor
signal SS and mx New (SA-MB)
1620 ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires Radio Esmeralda 0252 12/20 Christmas mx
inc some Handel, phone-in pgm, rel talks. Listened to off and
on to past 0656 when an "AM 1620 Esmeralda" ID was finally hrd.
(NP-AB*)
1620 ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires Radio Esmeralda fair w/SS talk and Rel.
mx and "Esmeralda" ID at 0500 12/22. Best hrd so far, lots of
fading. Reported and I hope to get a QSL. (PM-OR)

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It's been a wild roller-coaster ride this week, with TAs all over the dial UT Dec.29, but aurora-like last night (UT Wed.12/31). The TA night was very good, though not spectacular (signals were relatively weak, and conditions seemed to deteriorate after 0330). As for last night, the auroral conditions were mostly observed below 900 kHz, and seemed to deteriorate around 0400.

TRANS-ATLANTIC

- 855 SPAIN RNE 0307 12/29 //585 with jazz vocal by woman fighting bad domestic slop (684 was in a deep fade at this time; it had been in pretty well earlier with Spanish talk). Despite the high power, modulation always seems a bit low on these RNE stations, at least this far inland. [Stewart-MO]
- 1134 unID 0234 12/29, pop music (sounded like American R & B in English), quite good briefly around 0254, but only announcement noted, at 0302, was too weak to ID language. [Stewart-MO]
- 1215 unID 0246 12/29--there seemed to be TWO hets or carriers here, one of which was producing some sort of pop music BARELY making it thru the domestic slop. [Stewart-MO]
- 1314 NORWAY (presumed), NRK 0244 12/29 country music occasionally coming thru clearly in domestic slop (I've logged & QSLed this one with this early Mon.morning country-music show before). First time I've had audio from this one all season. [Stewart-MO]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA 12/29 seemed to sign on right at 0300 with no announcements, int.signal, anthem, or anything, just Koranic chanting. Weak but clearly audible in KOMA-1520 slop by using USB. [Stewart-MO]
- 1619.5 NETHERLANDS, PCH Scheveningen Radio still operating as of 12/29 (I've read that it was going off the air soon); noted around 0330 with CW IDs and data bursts repeated over & over & over....Report sent. [Stewart-MO]

LATIN-AMERICAN LOGS

- 590 CUBA, Santa Clara (?), CMBF R.Musical Nacional 0220 12/31 with Saint-Saens 2nd Piano Concerto during classical music pgm called "Festival CMBF"; ID at 0228 "CMBF, R.Musical Nacional." I've heard classical music here before looping southeast but couldn't ID it 'til now. They seem to run this network on this freq. occasionally instead of listed Rebalde--a tremendous improvement as far as I'm concerned, hi! [Stewart-MO]
- 600 unID Mexican noted with typical bouncy Nortena accordin--accompanied music looping southwest--surfaced briefly in domestic mess around 0136 on 12/31, but never got an ID on it. [Stewart-MO]
- 620.57 unID Mexican still putting a het on 620, and still eluding positive ID; modulation seems to be fairly low. Checked it several times evening of 12/31 but came up empty as far as ID. [Stewart-MO]
- 750 VENEZUELA (TENTATIVE), YVKS Radio Caracas Radio/RCR 0253 12/31 fair at times mixing with WSB with Spanish talk and what sounded like an "R-C-R" (ehray-say-ehray) mention. Heard a program from Radio Exterior de Espana here around 0340. If YVKS, 1st time heard here. [Stewart-MO]

780 **VENEZUELA**, San Cristobal, YVOD Ecos del Torbes, fair to weak in a mix of signals 0306-0355 with Spanish talk and tropical music //4980 SW (noting parallel was only way I could positively ID this, it was often very weak). New log--this has been very elusive. [Stewart-MO]

Indeed, Venezuelans are quite rare here... I wonder if there's some kind of horizon-blockage effect going on. Colombians are FAR easier to log here (and the RCN stations on 760 & 770 were loud & dominant much of the evening). Well, that's enough for one week, don't you think? 73.

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The sixth Newfoundland DXpedition took place from November 24-29 at Cappahayden, Newfoundland, Canada. This time only two DXers took part, Neil Kazaross of Barrington IL (OAR 7030) and Jean Burnell of St. John's NF (Drake R8A and Icom R71A). Antennas consisted of Beverages 600-1000 m in length. Conditions were generally not good toward Europe or Asia, so essentially all the DX effort went into DX from South America, particularly Brazil. The following are the logs in abbreviated form. Full details will appear soon in the National Radio Club's "DX News" and on the Web at <http://home.inforamp.net/~funk>.

Dates and times are UTC, * = sign-off, (p) = presumed, (t) = tentative

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648 **BOTSWANA** R. Botswana, Orapa, 24 Nov, 2116
756 **NIGERIA** Borno R. Corp., Damagun, 24 Nov, 2043-2100*
1026 **NIGERIA** Jigawa Broadcasting Corp., Dutse, 28 Nov, 2015-2100
1502 **ANGOLA** Em. Prov. do Benguela, Benguela, 28 Nov, 2040 - (p)

ASIA

1314 **UAE** R. of the UAE, Dabiya, 24 Nov, 2124
1449 **IRAN** IRIB, Bandar-e-Torkman, 24 Nov, 2138-2142

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535 **GRENADA** GBC, St. George's, 24 Nov, 2230-2237
600 **CUBA** R. Rebelde CMKV, Urbano Norris, 29 Nov, 1028
610 **TRINIDAD** National BS, Port of Spain, 28 Nov, 0114
620 **ANTIGUA** Antigua & Barbuda BS, St. John's, 25 Nov, 2257
630 **PUERTO RICO** Szper Cadena WSKN, San Juan, 26 Nov, 0254
730 **DOMINICAN REP.** R.HIZ, Sto Domingo, 25 Nov, 0324-0400
730 **TRINIDAD** R. Trinidad, Port of Spain, 25 Nov, 0400 - (p)
789.80 **BARBADOS** VO Barbados, Bridgetown, 26 Nov, 0229
850 **PUERTO RICO** Szper 85 WABA, Aguadilla, 25 Nov, 0950
900 **BARBADOS** CBC, Bridgetown, 26 Nov, 0155

910 PUERTO RICO Szper Cadena Noticiosa WPRP, Ponce, 29 Nov, 2301
 1040 DOMINICAN REP R. Cadena de Noticias HION, Sto. Domingo, 29 Nov,
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 1310 MARTINIQUE RFO, Fort de France, 24 Nov, 2203
 1340 BERMUDA ZBM-2, Hamilton, 29 Nov, 2040
 1350 PUERTO RICO WEGA, Vega Baja, 26 Nov, 1013
 1420 USA WDBF, Delray Beach FL, 29 Nov, 2231
 1550 USA WNTN, Newton MA, 29 Nov, 2043
 1600 PUERTO RICO R. Luz WLUZ, Santurce, 29 Nov, 2159

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590 ARGENTINA R. Continental LS4, 28 Nov, 0410-0520
 590 VENEZUELA R. Continente YVKL, Caracas, 28 Nov, 0406
 600 BRAZIL R. Gazcha ZYK278, Porto Alegre, 26 Nov, 0302
 600 SURINAME R. Paramaribo, Paramaribo, 26 Nov, 0258 - (p)
 600 VENEZUELA Mundial Sucre YVQB, Cumana, 26 Nov, 0312-0355*
 610 BRAZIL R. Piratininga ZYK589, Guaratingueta, 28 Nov, 0115
 610 COLOMBIA Rdif. Nac. de Colombia, unknown location, 28 Nov, 0111
 610 VENEZUELA R. Centro 610 YVXY, Cantaura, 28 Nov, 0059
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 680 VENEZUELA R. Continente YVQR, Cumana, 25 Nov, 0031-0039
 700 COLOMBIA Caracol Occidente HJCX, Calm, 27 Nov, 0253
 700 VENEZUELA R. Sur YVPQ, Puerto Ordaz, 27 Nov, 0351
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 760 COLOMBIA RCN HJAJ, Barranquilla, 25 Nov, 0132
 790 ARGENTINA R. Mitre LR6, Buenos Aires, 26 Nov, 0216-0247
 850 VENEZUELA R. Fi y Alegria YVZC, Maracaibo, 25 Nov, 0947-1018
 850.02 URUGUAY R. Carve CX16, Montevideo, 27 Nov, 0147-0150
 860 BRAZIL R. CBN ZYJ549, Rio de Janeiro, 25 Nov, 2153-2203
 860 BRAZIL R. Cidade ZYH592, Maracanaz, 25 Nov, 2153-2203
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 900 VENEZUELA R. Mara Ritmo 900 YVMD, Maracaibo, 25 Nov, 0232
 910 VENEZUELA RQ-910 YVRQ, Caracas, 29 Nov, 2301 - (p)
 970 BRAZIL R. Sociedade ZYH451, Feira de Santana, 27 Nov, 0101-0107
 970 BRAZIL unID, 26 Nov, 2208-0004 - "Radio Copiadais" or "Gazeta AM"??
 1020 BRAZIL R. Difusora ZYI205, Colatina, 28 Nov, 2151
 1020 VENEZUELA R. Margarita YVRS, La Asuncion, 26 Nov, 0419
 1050 BRAZIL R. Primeria Capital ZYH647, Aquiraz, 25 Nov, 2042-2059
 1060 BRAZIL R. Tapuyo ZYJ597, Mossors, 27 Nov, 0257-0300
 1080 BRAZIL R. Cultura ZYH670, Quixada, 25 Nov, 2055-2101
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 1090 BRAZIL R. Metropolitana ZYJ468, Rio de Janeiro, 26 Nov, 2202-2205
 1190 ARGENTINA R. Amrica LR9, Buenos Aires, 26 Nov, 2357-0003
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 1210 VENEZUELA R. Anzoategui YVZT, Barcelona, 29 Nov, 2149-2200
 1230 BRAZIL R. Guararema ZYJ816, Sco Josi, 27 Nov, 0018-0031
 1240 BRAZIL "R. Macaraibo" ??(unlisted) station, 25 Nov, 2125
 1240 VENEZUELA R. Nacional YVNV, Punta Tumatey, 29 Nov, 2141 - (p)
 1250.03 BRAZIL R. CBN, unknown location, 26 Nov, 0041-0103
 1270 BRAZIL R. Cidade ZYI270, Sumi, 27 Nov, 2311-0001
 1290 BRAZIL R. Timbira do Maranhco ZYH888, Sco Lums, 25 Nov, 2126-2136
 1300 BRAZIL unknown station name ZYH586, Fortaleza, 26 Nov, 2157-2201
 1306.32 ARGENTINA R. Nacional LRA42, Gualaguaychu, 27 Nov, 0317 - (p)
 1340 COLOMBIA RCN, unknown which station, 27 Nov, 0358
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 1410 BRAZIL R. Amrica ZYK691, Sco Paulo, 27 Nov, 2226 - (t)
 1410 BRAZIL R. Garibaldi ZYK246, Garibaldi, 25 Nov, 0002
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1470 VENEZUELA R. Latina YVJW, Valencia, 26 Nov, 0359-0403
1470.04 VENEZUELA R. Vibracisn YVSY, Carzpano, 27 Nov, 0355
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1540 BRAZIL R. Santa Maria ZYI694, Monteiro, 25 Nov, 2359
1580 VENEZUELA R. Manzanares YVTK, Cumana, 26 Nov, 0116-0121
1620 ARGENTINA R. Esmeraldas, Buenos Aires, 24 Nov, 2310-2347

From Mark Connelly (WALIION) Billerica, MA, USA - 21 DEC 1997

Greetings to all. First I must offer congratulatory words to Jean Burnell and Neil Kazaross for the excellent Newfoundland DXpedition #6 log report they've just released. Opting for quality over quantity, they have crafted a fine DX document and have shown that, even during marginal conditions, great DX will result when you combine two of the hobby's most talented practitioners, top-notch equipment, Beverage antennas, and an outstanding seaside location.

Another reason I'm sending this is to wish all a joyful Christmas and New Year's holiday season. (And of course, much DX in 1998.)

I'm including a concise preview of some of my weekend DX. Full reports will be issued later: additional listening over the next week will be added at that time.

Argentina - 1620 was the prime target and it was found without a great deal of difficulty. Luckily, much stronger PCH Netherlands (at about S9+20) could be loop-nulled to reveal the S6 to S7 Argentinean. My new job in North Andover, MA is only about a half-hour's drive down Route 133 from the great expanse of coastal salt-marshes in Rowley. So on Friday (19 DEC), a milder-than-usual evening for this time of year, I decided to do a bit of after-work DXing before heading to the BADX meeting (and after that to Cape Cod). The session in Rowley netted the following:

(19 DEC: 2333-2359 UTC): Algeria-981, Portugal o/ likely Tunisia-963, Argentina-1620: SS religious folk-style vocal w/ Afro-pop influences fair in PCH null, Morocco-1044, Spain-1044, SER Spain-1602, Ceuta / SER Spain-1584 even mix, SER Spain-1575, Iran-1566 o/ possible India & others, WRHC-FL-1560 through nulled WQEW, VOA Kuwait-1548 loud w/ US talk & Christmas songs, unID open carrier + rock music on 1557.

(20 DEC: 0000-0059 UTC): Vatican-1530, Kaliningrad (British EE religion) o/ Greece-1386, Mauritania-1349, BBC N. Ireland-1341, Norway-1314 local-like !, Spain o/ poss. Poland-1305, Spain o/ jumble-1296, Spain-1287, Cameroon-1286 het only, France (t)-1278 seemed // to heavily-slopped 1242, Libya o/ unID-1251, UK-1215 loud, Spain-Canaries-1179, Spain-1071, Spain-1197 mix w/ possible Virgin R. UK, Spain-1080 right through WTIC w/ no phasing needed !, Spain/UK-1053 even mix, UK-1089, Slovakia/Spain-1098 equal, unID-1035, Spain-1026, Spain-954, UK-909, Algeria-890.95 and something on exactly 891 causing a growl, UK-882, Spain-873.

(20 DEC: 0100-0111 UTC): Spain-855, Egypt-864, Italy-846, Morocco-612 local-like and // 819 good, Spain/Syria-783 mix, Spain-774, Germany-756 and 1422 // w/ Elvis song (both loud), Spain-756 (u/ Germany), CKXG-NF-680 (C&W) in cardioid null of local WRKO, Spain-684 slightly o/ Serbia, Spain-585, Ireland-567.

Then after a quick stop at the BADX meeting in Lexington, MA, it was off to Harwich, MA on Cape Cod. A sweep of the dial from 0455-0616 UTC (20 DEC) revealed that the low-band Europeans were still booming in and that Latin American and Caribbean DX reception continued to be poor (these stations were generally crushed by strong US & Canadian stations). The Harwich session: Spain-531, Spain-603, Spain-684, Algeria-549, Spain-558, Ireland-567, Spain-576, Spain-585, Cuba-590, Ireland-612, Spain-639, Spain-657, Netherlands-675, UK-693, Spain-729, Spain-738, Netherlands-747, Spain-855, Algeria-981, Denmark-1062, Spain-1107, Spain-1116, France-1377, Spain-1485, France-945, France-1206.

Between some shopping errands on Saturday, I squeezed in some quick DX sessions at Windmill Beach in South Yarmouth, MA. The first of these was a 2-hour-before-sunset scan for early-arrival TA's. From 1915 to 1928 UTC (2.15 to 2.28 p.m. local) on 20 DEC the following were noted: Saudi Arabia-1521 (strong!), UK-1089, Algeria-891a, Kuwait-1548, Germany-1539, France-1377 & St. Pierre-1375, UK-1215, Denmark-1062, and Algeria-981.

Around 2015 UTC, just before dinnertime, I took another drive near the beach and noted all of the early signals noted above plus N. Ireland - 1341, an unID approx. 2 kHz het on 1530 (Middle East ?), Mauritania - 1349, Spain-1359, Spain-Canaries-1179, Croatia/Spain-1134, Slovakia /Spain-1098, Spain-1107, UK/Spain/ Morocco (presumed)-1053 in WEVD splash, Morocco-1044, Spain-999, unID-819 (Morocco and/or Egypt), Spain -774, Spain-639, Canaries-621, Morocco-612, and Algeria-549: all of these with the sun still shining brightly.

The final Windmill Beach (S. Yarmouth, MA) DX session was just after dinner. I used the Drake R8A with the usual car roof-top set-up of a broadband active whip phased against a remotely-tuned ferrite loop (to produce rotatable cardioid single-null antenna patterns). Logs are as follow:

(20 DEC: 2141-2149 UTC): Algeria-1544, Germany(t)-1539, Saudi Arabia-1521, Belgium-1512 at first ... then Saudi took over, France-1467: AA preaching .. LOUD !, Mauritania-1349 huge

(20 DEC: 2200-2251 UTC): Italy-1332 "RAI .. Buona Sera" and into news - excellent !, Norway-1314, Spain o/ unID-1296, Slovakia(?)/Spain-1287 mix, unID AA music-1216.1 - this thing noted recently by Merriman is for real. It was bugging up Virgin-1215 something fierce. Denmark-1062 just a very strong open carrier at the time w/ other stuff under. Spain-Canaries-837 local-like w/ Azores under, Spain-792, Senegal o/ Switzerland-765, Venezuela-750 w/ CKGB/CBGY, Burkina Faso-747 (// 4815), Western Sahara-711, Morocco-612 big, Morocco-594 (// 612) o/ Portugal, Tunisia-585.06 het only, Netherlands-1395.0 good (no sign of the variant-frequency Albanian), Kaliningrad-1386 EE program INCREDIBLY LOUD

(20 DEC: 2333-2352 UTC): I ran a wire to the south to extract some Pan-Americans from the heavy domestic QRM. Noted Argentina-1620 w/ SS evangelical programming, teletalk, and Argentina mentions. The south wire helped to fend off the strong PCH interference. Other Pan-Am's included probable Dominican Republic-1570 (SS preaching), Anguilla-1505 (this one isn't even reported that often by DXpedition teams), Cuba-1060, St. Kitts-895, St. Kitts-555. One of the intriguing aspects of the south wire was the number of "off-channel" carriers noted. These included 1353.05, 1321, 1129.6, 1060.3, 1039.6, 859.8, 860.3, and 820.2. I think that 860.3 is Colombia (as bits of typical accordion music surfaced there from time to time). Also, from previous reports, the 1129.6 and 1039.6 things are probably from Barranquilla. With all the high-quality DXing going on lately, and the widespread dissemination of DX tips via the Internet, it shouldn't take too long to solve some of these mysteries. The South Florida DXers might be able to get a handle on some of these.

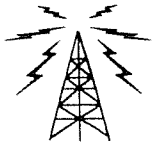
That's it for now ... Once again 73, good DX, and all the best wishes for the holiday season ... Mark, WALLON

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[12/5] Hope you all have great holidays and are healthy with shelter and food. May you get great dx catches this coming year. Can't verify 1650 here in LA area - no receiver goes that high that I have. Thanks to all for making IRCA a great club. 73

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[12/10] I've just returned from working several weeks at sea, about 100 km off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Although it was an oceanographic research trip, I was able to bring along the homebrew radio, and hook it up to an 8-meter high vertical at the top of the ship, as I've done on some past trips. Research work rarely allows much DXing time (either one is fixing equipment or making it do something for which it wasn't designed), but I was able to check signals at sunrise on a number of mornings. Results were generally disappointing, as Asiatic signals were not much stronger than when heard at home, and down under / Pacific Islands were pretty rare. The salt-water ground plane really keeps domestic signals strong, so there was lots of sideband splatter from 10 kHz channels to make reception difficult. We weren't really far enough out to benefit from daytime attenuation of domestics, and, in addition, I found that many domestics remained strong throughout the day. Therefore, the most interesting loggings occurred at midday, even if they weren't really exotic. The strength of coastal signals from San Francisco to Prince Rupert was not unexpected, but it was strange to hear quite reasonable signals from as far away as Dawson Creek, and Calgary through to Reno and Salt Lake City. KXBT-1640 seemed to be a 24 hour regular with a fat signal whenever I checked. Remember that the antenna was not particularly efficient at MW, and there was no matching between it and the receiver. There might have been some pretty good DX noted if a reasonable antenna was used, and plenty of time allocated to the pursuit. As it was, there were many uniIDs on the regional channels, which mostly harbored two or three signals. Best wishes for 1998 to all.

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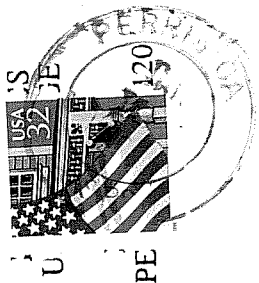
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[12/19] Greetings! I got my Christmas present in early December this year, a new country: Argentina. Radio Cardinal on 1620 has been in with a weak but uncontested signal about one evening in four or five this month, around 2300 EST (see DXWW-W). It's a golden opportunity to log a rare nation on this almost pristine frequency. I've enjoyed listening to WJDM-1660 and WCMQ-1700 as late as 0800 EST lately. Actually WJDM was very readable at 0900 12/19. I feel saddened by Gilfer's demise. I ordered my 1998 WRTH through WaldenBooks this year. I hope 1998 is a banner year for the IRCA and brims with new DX for everyone. 73, Larry.

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