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Presidential MEMO

The following proposal is being submitted to the BOD for their consideration. Please contact your BOD Members at the email addresses listed on the back page of DXM. -Lee Freshwater, IRCA president

20.1.9 Proposal to hold the 2003 IRCA convention in Portland Maine. Convention will be held on August 27, 28, and 29. Host will be Mike Sanburn.

DX Tests

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure to contact the station, and thank them for going to the trouble to run a test! Please remember, what's listed as being on, say, Monday morning "may" be what you think of as Sunday night! (Test times are in the station's LOCAL time.)

Sunday, December 15, 2002 - WILM-1450, Wilmington, DE will conduct a test from 1:00-2:30am EST. The test will include special music, Morse code, and special effects noises during WILM's regular programming. Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Allan Loudell, Program Director
WILM Radio
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Wilmington, DE 19801

A few phone calls may be taken during the test:
(prepaid only) 302-656-9800.
(Arranged by Allan Loudell for the NRC CPC—
thanks Paul Swearingen)

Monday, December 30, 2002 - 1560 WMRO Gallatin, TN will conduct a DX test from 0100-0130 EST. WMRO will play a certain song, and the first DXer to email WMRO (scottwmro@yahoo.com) with the correct song title and artist will win a CD of various oldies songs from the 50's & 60's. The CD will be mailed out to the winner.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Mr. Scott Bailey, GM/Owner/CE
WMRO Radio
701 N. Blythe St.
Gallatin, TN 37066

(Arranged by Scott Bailey for DX-midAmerica!—thanks John Rieger)

If you try for (or hear) any of these tests, PLEASE post a message letting me know, and please, drop the station personnel a note, via e-mail or snail mail, thanking them for running the test! Lynn (ircamember@ircaonline.org)

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CALL CHANGES

	OLD CALL	NEW
570	WDTF – RALEIGH, NC	WDNZ
640	CFYI - RICHMOND HILL, ON	CFMJ
920	KAJZ - EL PASO, TX	KBNA
1380	WOOM - MILLIGTON, TN	WLRM
1530	KHPY - MORENO VALLEY, CA	KHPI
1550	KXOJ – SAPULPA, OK	KYAL
1580	WSNE – GEORGETOWN, KY	WXRA
1590	WDBL - SPRINGFIELD, TN	WJQY
1670	KSUL – MORENO VALLEY, CA	KHPY

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ.	CALL – CITY	NEW INFO
570	KLAC – LOS ANGELES, CA	ADLT STNDS
	WDNZ - RALEIGH, NC	NEWS/TALK // WPTF
620	WTRP - LAGRANGE, GA	CLASSIC HITS
700	WCAT - ORANGE, MA	SS CONT. CHRISTIAN
780	WTME – RUMFORD, ME	RELIGION – CNN //WKTQ
870	KAIM – HONOLULU, HI	CONT. CHRIST.
890	KLFF – ARROYO GRANDE, CA	CONT. CHRIST. // FM
970	KUPL - PORTLAND, OR	CL. C & W
980	WPGA - PERRY (MACON), GA	CHILD.-DISNEY // WNEX
990	KCAF - FARMERSVILLE, TX	TALK
1140	KNEI – WAUKON, IA	RELIGION
1230	WTIV –TITUSVILLE, PA	TALK-SPORTS
1240	WVKZ – SCHENECTADY, NY	TALK
	WCNM - LEWISTON, ME	DROPS TALK
	WENK - UNION CITY, TN	DROPS TALK
1250	WPPEL - MONTROSE, PA	S. GSPL
1260	WTBZ - GRAFTON (MORGANTOWN), WV	TLK/C&W
1290	KUOA - SILOAM SPRINGS, AR	TALK
	KUMA – PENDLETON, OR	TALK
1300	KBZC – COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	TALK
1350	KABQ - ALBUQUERQUE, NM	SPORTS - FOX
1360	KWDJ - RIDGECREST, CA	CL. C&W - JRN
1380	WDLW - LORAIN, OH	OLDIES
	KRCM – BEAUMONT, TX	REPORTED SILENT
1390	KFRA – FRANKLIN, LA	GOSPEL
1400	WNEX – MACON, GA	CHILD.-DISNEY
	WIEL – ELIZABETHTOWN, KY	SPORTS - ESPN
	WKDY - SPARTENBURG, SC	CL. C&W - JRN
1450	WHOH - HUNTSVILLE, AL	TALK/SPTS - ESPN
	WKTQ - SOUTH PARIS, ME	RELIGION – CNN NEWS
1550	KYAL – SAPULPA, (TULSA), OK	SPORTS // WWLS
1570	KUAU – HAIKU, HI	RELIGION
1640	WKSH – SUSSEX (MILWAUKEE), WI	CHILDRENS - DISNEY

TECHNICAL CHANGES

- 1420 WLET – TOGCOA, GA DECREASE TO 1K
DAY - 65 NIGHTS ND
- 1450 WFRA – FRANKLIN, PA DECREASE TO 990 ND

Send your Info to me at : ENGWTRS@AOL.COM73's to you all. 12/1 0900 fresh
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Delco car stereo in Pontiac; Grundig YB-305

- 570 KQNG HJ, Lihue 11/26 0330 with promo for Dr. Joy Brown on "KONG." (PM-OR)
- 620 KIGS CA, Hanford 11/29 good and dominant with PP talk at 2200, man in PP and
a "KIGS Hanford." (PM-OR)
- 800 KDFO CA, Bakersfield 11/29 2210 fair over KPDQ with a local sports talk show,
with local phone number. (PM-OR)
- 820 KORC OR, Waldport 11/27 0800 fair "You're listening to KORC Waldport" followed
by instrumental theme song from the 70's. (DP-OR)
- 1020 KYXE WA, Selah 11/27 0558 Spanish mixing it up with presumed KWIQ with clean
ID in English "KYXE-KZTS," and that's it. (DP-OR)
- 1060 KTNS CA, Oakhurst 11/29 presume they are on with 23w night power, as very
poor under/over the jumble with Sammy Davis Jr. song & a 1060 Kittens ID
at 2222. If on 5kw they would have been much stronger. (PM-OR)
- WLNO LA, New Orleans 11/28 0130 religious program, "The Light...listen right
here on New Orleans, The Light," dominant at times o/CKMX. (PM-OR)
- 1080 KSLI UT, Price 11/27 1909 heard rising up in KOTK/KSCO mix with "KSLI" ID,
then music while on homeward commute in Sacramento. Hard to take notes
while changing lanes, hi. Call letter change, ex-KRPX. (RT-CA)
- 1220 KYAA CA, Soquel 11/25 1900 calling itself "KYA" but ID'ing finally as KYAA. (PT)
- 1260 KOIT CA, San Francisco 11/27 0949 fair "KOIT 96.5, light rock and less talk," time
check, weather for San Jose and Oakland. (DP-OR)
- 1280 KUYL CA, Stockton 11/27 0958 fair mixing with KRVM, "AM 1280 The Light
House, KUYL Stockton." (DP-OR)
- 1300 KACI OR, The Dalles 11/29 0958 faded up over Don Imus, CC talk from KAZN and
oldies KPTL with end of "America in the Morning," then quick "KACI The
Dalles" ID, weather; at 1000 KAPL boosted to 20kw day power and totally
took over the channel. New, never heard before! Who's carrying Don Imus
on 1300? (RT-CA)

- 1410 KCAL CA Redlands 11/24 0502 fair, secured an ID in Spanish, "K-C-A-L 14-10 AM Redlands." Persistence pays off. CFUN rules this frequency. (DP-OR)
- 1490 KOWL CA, S. Lake Tahoe 11/27 0922 fair, rising up a few times with mention of South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Dept., also an up & coming choir concert event with date and times. ID at 0629LT "KOWL AM and K... (KRLT) FM," overtaken by the KYNR Indian chants. (DP-OR)
- 1510 KIRV CA, Fresno 11/25 1905 ID flat out & clear, no one else around. (PT-WA)
- 1560 WPAD KY, Paducah 11/28 0135 fair over/under KNZR with NOS music "Great memories on AM 1560 WPAD." (PM-OR)
- 1580 KVVV CA, Merced 11/25 KGAL was submerged long enough for a good KVVV ID 2100, and then into NOS. Strange evening, like I was ducting into a little island in Central CA, SF and LA signals were lousy at the time. (PT-WA)

Looks like everyone is getting ready for the holidays and not DX'ing this week! Nancy 11/29 2100

CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 560 KMON MT, Great Falls. 11-20 good. 08:09 with TC, "You're tuned to your AG information station, 5-60 KMON." New, looking for WIND. [RD-NE]
- 570 WNAX SD, Yankton. 11-22 fair to poor with others. 00:57 Dr. Joy Browne, spot mentioned downtown Yankton. [EB-MO]
- 590 KLBX TX, Austin. 11-23 fair. 18:06 with Dr. Dean Edell. Rare. [JJR-WI]
- 600 WSJS NC, Winston Salem. 11-29 fair. 07:35 with "600 - 1200" slogan, weather, local spots. New. [JJR-WI]
- 610 WIP PA, Philadelphia. 11-23 good to fair through WDAF. 03:32 with winter weather talk, "6-10 WIP" into local sports. New! [EB-MO]
- 640 KFI CA, Los Angeles. 11-24 in over R. Progreso and WWLS. 23:32 with sports, spot, promo. "KFI six-forty. More stimulating talk radio." [pls-KS]
- WFNC NC, Fayetteville. 11-29 fair, on top. 06:50 with News format, frequent call IDs heard. [JJR-WI]

660 KTNN AZ, Window Rock. 11-27 good to fair over WFAN. 02:54 noted with promo, spots, "Midnight Trucker Radio Network" program. Legal ID at 03:00 into CNN News. [EB-MO]

680 KNBR CA, San Francisco. 11-24 over and under partly nulled KFEQ. 23:28 with sports review, "ESPN Radio KNBR" ID. [pls-KS]

690 WJOX AL, Birmingham 11-29 fair, on top. 07:32 with "Morning Express" local talk program, ID. [JJR-WI]

730 CKDM MB, Dauphin. 11-30 cair. 06:37 with calls, country format. [JJR-WI]
 WLIL TN, Lenoir City. 11-27 fair to poor in XEX null with CHWO-740 splash. 04:07 with Classic Country and station promo. [EB-MO]

750 WNDZ IN, Portage. 11-27 in suddenly with good signal under WSB. 07:15 with "Tell a friend about Personal Achievement Radio." WNDZ goes to daytime power at Atlanta's LSR. A daytime regular back in Iowa City, first time heard here. [RD-NE]

790 WTSK AL, Tuscaloosa. 11-23 fair, alone. 19:18 with calls, Urban/Gospell satellite fed format. New for me. [JJR-WI]

800 WMDB TN, Nashville. 11-23 fair. 17:28 with Top 20 Countdown on "The Big Mouth, WMDB." New for me. [PAL-MN]

830 WFNO LA, Norco. 11-24 strong, way over weak WCCO. 22:00 SS, no ID. 22:31 spot cluster and mention of New Orleans. "Ocho-teninta" jingle. [pls-KS]

850 KFUO MO, Clayton. 11-23 poor, alone. 17:59 with signoff. No SSB. [JJR-WI]

880 KHAC AZ, Tse Bonito. 11-23 poor, up over WCBW. 17:59 with ID and weather forecast. [pls-KS]
 WRFD OH, Columbus. 11-29 poor, but on top. 07:28 with '88 WRFD" ID twice. Three stations fighting it out on 880. Unusual. [JJR-WI]

890 WEEZ MS, Laurel. 11-24 strong, way over KVOZ and a weak WLS. {no time given} Gospel music, "AM 89 WEEZ" way past daytime sign off time. Brother Sam Michaels announcer. This station formerly went on for hours with no ID whatsoever. [pls-KS]

910 WFVR GA, Valdosta. 11-23 poor, steady, alone. 20:31 with travel info. [JJR-WI]
 +11-28 good. 20:57 with "Traveler's Information Radio Network" slogan and early legal ID. Lots of mentions of locations in Florida. A first time heard, completely unexpected. Day power left on? [RD-NE]

940 WMAC GA, Macon. 11-29 poor, in with others. 08:06 with ID. [JJR-WI]

970 KNEA AR, Jonesboro. 11-23 fair. 19:00 with ESPN, ID, ABC News. "Sports radio 9-70 KNEA" ID. Rare here. [JJR-WI]

990 KCAF TX, Farmersville. 11-23 strong. 18:00 with spot, ID "You're listening to nine-ninety kiloHertz KCAF Farmersville, Dallas, Fort Worth." Into USA Radio Newtown News with a Lara Brown. New. [pls-KS]

1000 WDJL AL, Huntsville. 11-23 fair. 17:30 with "Northern Alabama's rhythm and beat show on love one thousand. Home of the music man." [PAL-MN]

1010 WGUN GA, Atlanta. 11-29 poor with two or three others. 08:00 clear legal ID into religious program. [JJR-WI]
 WMOX MS, Meridian. 11-24 weak, barely audible. 23:00 "You're listening to talk radio WMOX Meridian" into news. New. [pls-KS]

1070 KNX CA, Los Angeles. 11-24 over and under KFTI. 23:07 with traffic, weather, TC, ID. [pls-KS]

1110 WCKO VA, Norfolk. 11-29 fair, dominating. 05:57 with legal ID, urban gospel format. On early? [JJR-WI]

WUNN MI, Mason. 11-28 good. 08:10 ID, PSA. Faded quickly. New. [PAL-MN]

1140 WBXR AL, Hazel Green. 11-23 good, dominating. 17:38 with calls, religious format. [JJR-WI]
 +11-23. 17:42 with Christian music. 17:45 sign off. Mentioned studios in Park City, TN and ID "WBXR Hazel Green, Huntsville, Fayetteville." New logging. [PAL-MN]
 {Wonder if John and Paul realized they were both DXing WBXR at the same time? John.}

- 1150 KIMM SD, Rapid City. 11-30 good in KSAL null. 09:27 with "Big Kim Classic Country" slogan. First time from here, #700. [RD-NE]
- 1160 WKCM KY, Hawesville. 11-29 fair. 07:15 with "Real Country." Faded out. This former unID was IDed by Tim Hall. Thanks! [JJR-WI]
- 1170 KFAQ OK, Tulsa. 11-27 fair to poor with KJOC, splash from Cuba on 1180. 03:04 with CBS News, spots, OK weather, "Talk Radio 11-70." [EB-MO]
- 1260 WNDE IN, Indianapolis. 11-17 fair. 08:58 with spot for a Lafayette auto dealer then "Super radio 12-60 WNDE." Finally heard. [RD-NE]
- 1290 WCBL KY, Benton. 11-29 fair. 17:36 with obituaries for the Boston-Paducah area. New for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1310 KTCK TX, Dallas. 11-22. 17:22 with "Sports radio 13-10. The Ticket." Mentions of Dallas. New logging for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1320 KRLW AR, Walnut Ridge. 11-28 fair at fade up. 20:17 with "Oldies 13-20 KRLW" ID. This is rare here. [JJR-WI]
- WKIN TN, Kingsport. 11-29 poor. 06:35 with promo for sister station WJCW and a sports event. [JJR-WI]
- WMSR TN, Manchester. 11-23 poor. 21:18 calls, "Cruzin' 13-20" slogan. [JJR-WI]
- 1360 WMOB AL, Mobile. 11-24 in and out, up over KSCJ. 20:00 with "In the event that anyone should ask what radio station you listen to, be sure to tell them that you listen to Mobile's Christian voice.... WMOB." New. [pls-KS]
- 1420 WHBN KY, Harroldsburg. 11-29 poor. 06:22 with calls into spots. [JJR-WI]
- 1430 WDIC VA, Clinchco. 11-29 fair over others. 06:19 with "WDIC Stereo 14-30" and Real Country. New logging for me. [JJR-WI]
- WPNI MA, Amherst. 11-29 fair to good. 16:46 with "The World" program. 17:00 legal ID "WPNI Amherst." New for me. [PAL-MN]
- 1450 CHUC ON, Cobourg. 11-29 poor in mess, on top. 06:15 oldies, calls. [JJR-WI]
- 1500 WPJX IL, Zion. 11-24 poor with WAUK splash. 17:30 with oldies format and sign off, No SSB. [JJR-WI]
- 1560 KLNG IA, Council Bluffs. 11-24 fair. 18:00 "This is KLNG Council Bluffs, Omaha" into instrumental music. [pls-KS]
- 1600 WAOS GA, Austell. 11-23. 17:00 With long legal ID "WAOS Austell, WLBA Gainesville, WXEM Buford. Spanish Radio Network." Into fast Mexican music. New. [PAL-MN]
- WZZW VA, Milton. 11-29 poor, alone. 08:12 with "Joy Radio" slogan. [JJR-WI]

UNID HELP

- 1270 unID [JJR-WI]'s unID in issue 40-11 with EWTN Global Catholic Radio is most likely WWCA East Chicago, IN. Station has made it down here to St. Louis through WKBF in the past. [EB-MO]

25 YEARS AGO

December 3, 1977 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... New members included Ted Wendland of New Westminster, BC ... Gerry Thomas of Pensacola, FL said his second year of DXing starts from his new Florida location ... Gene Martin of Denver, CO discussed the differences in auroral conditions between Western and Eastern US locations ... Gary Larson of Burbank, CA said he was working at Universal Studios working as a guard ... Pete Nolan of Eugene, OR said he was 20 and a student at UoFO and had been DXing for 7 years.

OPEN MIKE

Nice to have Rick Dau back in the IRCA! This column was typed 11-30-02. 73, John



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EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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STARS OF THE WEEK

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(WM-MD) William McGuire 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD
DX-398

LOGGINGS

560 SC WVOC Columbia 11/23 2037 College FB scores (WM-MD)
570 KY WIDS Russell Springs 11/22 1800 "WIDS" in the slop. Some
WAAX off end of loop (HN-GA)
NC WWNC Asheville 11/22 1750 Good with local talk show. Fading in and
out. New (HN-GA)
590 PA WMBS Uniontown 11/22 1815 with WDWD in partial null, oldies hrd.
"Good oldies on your local station, AM 59 WMBS"; good signal,
New and unexpected (HN-GA)
610 OH WTVN Columbus 11/22 1835 "News, Weather and Sports on Newsradio
610- WTVN" Good . New (HN-GA)
620 TX KMKI Plano 11/23 2017 Radio Disney hrd, mix w/ hockey (WM-MD)
630 AL WAVU Albertville 11/22 1844 Holding its own on a crowded freq.
Gospel mx, "W-A-V-U" New (HN-GA)
660 SC WLFJ Greenville 11/18 0705 WFAN fade out, WLFK in strong (HN-GA)
690 AL WJOX Birmingham 11/20 2347 On top w/ ESPN talk. Local ads (HN-GA)
FL WOKV Jacksonville 11/25 1659 "NewsTalk 690"; ID (WM-MD)
720 NC WGCR Pisgah Forest 11/18 0710 WGN covered suddenly by OC, then
taped Sign on. Excellent (HN-GA)
740 OK KRMG Tulsa 11/22 2358 Out of Football Post game on "Newstalk 740
KRMG" Good. CHWO nulled (HN-GA)
ON CHWO Toronto 11/23 0002 "AM 740, CHWO" into NOS mx. KRMG
Good (HN-GA)
940 FL WINZ Miami 11/24 2015 "Fox Sports" local mentions (WM-MD)
950 WV WVTS Charleston 11/21 2305 Neal Bortz promo, "Newstalk 950"
ID (WM-MD)
960 AL werc Birmingham 11/21 0020 Promo for severe wx, "Newsradio
960, WERC"; Best on loop. WRFC absent. Rare (HN-GA)
970 SC WJMX Florance 11/23 2148 SC vs Clemson FB (WM-MD)
980 FL WLUS Gainesville 11/23 0026 "980, WLUS" on top of slop on loop.
Nice mix of NOS MX from WW1. New (HN-GA)
1030 GA WEBS Calhoun 11/24 1745 "Oldies 1030" (WM-MD)
1050 ON CHUM Toronto 11/201750 Presumed w/ Oldies & sport tlk (WM-MD)
1070 AL WAPI Birmingham 11/23 0038 HS FB talk on Alabama Radio Network.
WFLI partially nulled. New (HN-GA)
IN WIBC Indianaapolis 11/18 0800 ID as "Radio Indiana" into local news
Excellent, usually half as good. (HN-GA)
TN WDIA Memphis 11/18 0755 Morning news, local items. Good on loop
WIBC on wire ant. (HN-GA)
1080 NC WKGX Lenoir 11/22 1800 C&W mx, sign off (WM-MD)
1110 AL WBCA BayMinette 11/18 0805 Local ads, into American Radio Network
New (HN-GA)

1130	SC	WFXH	Hilton Head Island 11/18 0811 ESPN talk show. Alone on channel. New (HN-GA)
1150	TN	WCRK	Morristown 11/21 2245 "The information you need in the heart of Hamblin County"; "Soft Hits" ID (WM-MD)
1210	PA	WPHT	Philadelphia 11/23 0117 with KYGN absent, WPHT in w/ good signal. Local talk show. Rare (HN-GA)
1220	TN	WAXO	Lewisburg 11/21 0048 Hrd voice say "Lewisville" (HN-GA)
1280	IN	WGBF	Evansville 11/22 1735 Dr. Laura pgm (WM-MD)
1290	GA	WCHK	Canton 11/24 2247 ID mixing with SS (WM-MD)
	VA	WDZY	Colonial Heights 11/21 1658 Radio Disney Heard (WM-MD)
1310	KY	WDOC	Prestonburg 11/21 2130 "Hot Country 1310"; ID (WM-MD)
1320	TN	WMSR	Manchester 11/22 1750 ID (WM-MD)
	VA	WVNZ	Richmond 11/22 1850 H.S. FB game, local mentions (WM-MD)
1330	SC	WYRD	Greenville 11/20 2332 WX FCST, "Newsradio 1330" ID given as "WORD" (WM-MD)
1370	NC	WLTC	Gastonia 11/22 1817 "Rejoice Radio " // 1490 (WM-MD)
1420	VA	WAMV	Amherst 11/24 2100 Country GSPL MX hrd; ID (WM-MD)
1440	WV	WAJR	Morgantown 11/20 2010 Local mentions, WVU FB (WM-MD)
1470	GA	WBIT	Adel 11/24 2200 ID hrd in mess (WM-MD)
1480	PA	WCNS	Latrobe 11/24 2242 "Oldies 1480" (WM-MD)
1520	GA	WDCY	Douglasville 11/24 1259 at TOH, hrd "Douglasville"; into rel. Pgm. New and rare (HN-GA)
	NC	WARR	Warrenton 11/23 S.GPL MX hrd, ID (WM-MD)
1550	CT	WDZK	Bloomfield 11/20 2147 Presumed w/ Radio Disney (WM-MD)

 Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving THANKS to Herb and William for their efforts...
 ----- fresh 11/29 1000

DX WORLDWIDE – WEST / TROPICAL BAND DX

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all times UTC

Some Latin loggings this time around, and a Grayland DXpedition report from Don Nelson.

PAN-AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP

- 530 TURKS AND CAICOS, Radio Vision Cristiana, 11/27 0831 UTC noted with Christian talk in SS Fair through local TIS WNLD711 (EB-MO)
- 540 MEXICO, S.L.P., XEWA 11/27 0829 noted with local ad "W Radio" slogan and Nortena mx in SS, Good signal, splash from local KTRS-550. (EB-MO)
- 640 MEXICO, Hidalgo del Parral, XEHHI 11/18 2335 UTC ID as "La Numero Uno" ment. Hidalgo, ranchera, mixing with XEJUA. (CB)
- 640 MEXICO, Cd. Juarez, XEJUA 11/18 at 2341 UTC CL ID "XEJUA en Ciudad Juarez" Nortena mx mixing with XEHHI. (CB)
- 730 MEXICO, Ensenada, BCN, XEEBC 0106 UTC 11/26, ID and what sounded like a "Radio Viva" slogan in heavy KCBS splash. (DKK-CA)
- 850 MEXICO, Mexicali, XEZF 0050 UTC 11/26, pop tunes e.g. "Those Were The Days", in narrow KOA null. (DKK-CA)
- 1080 MEXICO, Ciudad Morelos, XEDY 11/19 0037, null of KOTK, Mariachi mx. (DKK-CA)
- 1200 MEXICO, Culiacan, Sin. XEWT 1017 UTC 11/30 musica nortena, ranchera, called slogan by woman "Ciento-yveintes es LA LEY". Fair at best in null of Super power WOAI-1200. (SW-TX)
- 1220 MEXICO, Mexico DF XEB 11/19 at 0050, ID "La B Grande de Mexico" ballads, ID again at 0057 "XEB, Radio Capital" and into nx w/KLVZ nulled. (CB)

1300 MEXICO, Ciudad Juarez, Chih, XEP 11/23 0058 UTC loud with song in SS, 0103 ID "XEP Radio Trece...a Radio Mexico" and into another song. Very strong, completely dominating the frequency with no sign of the regulars. (NJ-MT)

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This week, we have Don Nelson's report from Grayland WA, where he DXed with John Bryant. John's report was in Volume 40 number 10.

November 7-10, 2002 DXpedition to Grayland, WA

Don Nelson

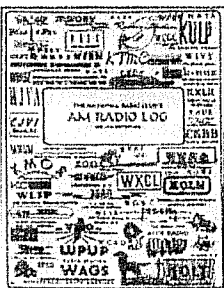
Receiver: 4xWJ8712p, 2xhf1000a, 8711a, TenTec rx-340, Rx320x2

Antennas: 3 Beverages, SW, W, and NW

Don writes: *Overall, the conditions on MW appear to be improving over the past few years. Many of the signals were not as good as in September or March, but the improvement in signal strength of a few (notably Majuro, Kirabati, and Tonga) was a welcome change. Notable also were strong hets on Kwajalein, Tuvalu, Samoa (various) and 1557 - Heatwave, as the sunset occurred at the local transmitter. Hopefully the signals will improve as the sunspot cycle heads toward the lows. (Surprised to see NO het on 666.) John Bryant accuses me of "drift net dxing" as I run 8-10 receivers with MDs at the same time. More about this in a later article. ;-)*

530 TURKS & CAICOS R Visone International. 11/9/02 0450. Popular music with IDs just after TOH, then signal goes way down (antenna direction pattern change?) Note that this is not unusual at Grayland - its been heard frequently early in evenings. I'd expect more South Americans if they weren't covered by the strong stations scattered throughout Coastal Oregon/Washington and California.

530 UNID. 11/8/02 0911. SS Station fade in only on extended W wire w M vocals, into music - Latina pops similar to Venezuelan stations.



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- 531 JAPAN JOQG Morioka. 11/9/02 0920. Pop music, NHK-1 station, parallel with 594. beacon station on 530 makes this one tough.
- 550 HAWAII KMVI Lihue. 11/10/02 1003. Mixing with Local US stn, with ad for 'Uncle Webster Dot Com...on Maui...your source for islands jobs...'
+ 11/8/02 0958. ID for KMVI under another station. Clear ID 0959.
- 558 FIJI. 11/8/02 1417. Quickly into the noise. Program of soft islands music. Parallels with 558 and 1152. Also heard in // with 1152 on 11/10/02.
- 567 JAPAN JOIK Sapporo. 11/9/02 1305. Parallel with 594 with M in JJ. John says he has tried 14 times to QSL this one.
- 594 JAPAN JOAK Tokyo. 11/8/02 1508. M in JJ then soft instrumental music.
- 612 AUSTRALIA 4QR. 11/7/02 1256. News in parallel with 738.
- 620 HAWAII KIPA. 11/10/02 0800. ID for Rainbow R. and Auto Glass Service Hawaii ad.
- 650 HAWAII KHNR. 11/8/02 0932. Weather, 80's and tradewinds possible, followed by ID for KHNR.
- 693 JAPAN JOAB. 1526 11/8/02.
- 729 JAPAN JOCK Aichii. 11/9/02 0910. M and F talk (M anncr, F likely a callin) Japan All Night Format?
- 738 AUSTRALIA 2NR Grafton. 11/7/02 1246. N territory news being read by M, fragments of Australia.
- 738 FR Polynesia RFO Tahiti. 1020 Pop music with M anncr. Excellent s9+5 signal with some slop from USA stn on 740 11/8/02.
+ 1106 good S7 signal with M talking with F in FF. 11/9/02.
- 738 JAPAN. 1648 JJ male 11/7/02.
- 747 JAPAN JOIB Sapporo. 1501. Playing the William Tell Overture then into M in JJ. // 774 11/8/02
- 756 AUSTRALIA 3RN likely 1116 Not // 9580 though. M in Australian accent at weak levels. 11/9/02
- 760 HAWAII KGU Honolulu. 1003 C Crane Radio ads. (I always hear C Crane Radio ads when KGU is heard on the WCNA!) News 11/8/02.
- 774 AUSTRALIA 4TOO. 1308 M with talk commentary. Parallel 612, 738 11/7/02.
- 774 JAPAN JOUB. 1422 M and F with news and commentary in JJ at s9 levels 11/8/02.
+ 0627 on early (about an hour before start of twilight in JJ) with M and F doing language lesson 'Hope you're ready to study hard including '...six years ago'...'To become rich is a goal in life'. 747 also up 11/10/02.
- 792 AUSTRALIA 4RN Brisbane. 1329 playing light jazz music 11/8/02.
+ 1315 11/7/02.
- 828 JAPAN JOBB Osaka. 1334 M and F working an English lesson - 'lets celebrate' and 'when you are finished studying' were covered. No 4 ' If you practice a lot before, you can manage the presentation' No 5 ' don't worry about it, if you can do it, who else can?' No 6 '..you stole the show, there is no question about it.' Music swirl on string instrument - Its time for spotlight on culture. Man runs through the English lesson concerning presentations. 11/8/02.
- 830 HAWAII KHVH. 1021 Talks about service to all mainland ports from Hawaii (ad for moving services). Mixing strongly with USA mainland stns. ID for 'KHVH Hawaii's talk radio' into music. 11/8/02.
- 846 KIRIBATI. 1006. This was the station that I used to setup and test the receivers after arriving late in the evening at the coast. A surprising S9+20 signal off the W beverage that held for over three hours at this level. Local sing-sing style music with conch shells blown between the songs with a female announcer giving commentary - obviously an important event in Kirabati. 11/7/02.
- 855 AUSTRALIA 4QB. 1334. Usual programming 11/7/02.
- 855 CHINA CNR 2. 1418 Chinese men speaking, parallel with 4850 11/9/02.
- 873 JAPAN Kumanoto. 1429 Very low level with M and F with language lessons, believed to be Italian 11/8/02.
- 873 RUSSIA R Rossi Khabarovsk. 0907 parallel with 7200 and 5940 - M and F in RR 11/9/02.

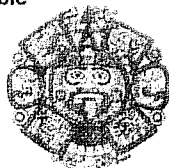
- 891 AUSTRALIA 4TAB. 1246 Talk radio show with callers 11/7/02.
+ 1156 racing results 11/8/02.
+ 1126 racing results read by M 11/9/02.
- 891 AUSTRALIA 5AN. 1236 M with commentary and interview with M 11/9/02.
- 891 JAPAN JOHK Sendai. 1355 Low level M in JJ with rock n roll music program NHK-1 // 594 11/10/02.
- 900 HAWAII KNUI. 1532. Hawaiian music on W wire, with Vancouver talking on all wires 11/7/02.
+ 1102 Hawaiian music, IDs as 'KNUI Maui's Aloha station, Kahooli' (phonetic spelling) 11/8/02.
- 909 UNID. 1418 romantic music at good audio levels at 1415 11/9/02.
- 927 JAPAN JO*G (one of two) weak NHK1 1514 parallel 594 11/8/02
- 936 AUSTRALIA 4PB Brisbane. 1302 news // 612 738 11/7/02.
- 945 CHINA CNR 1. 1538 11/9/02.
- 954 JAPAN JOKR. 1341. Low level audio with M JJ 11/8/02.
- 972 KOREA SOUTH HICA. 1657. Korean which broadcasts irregularly accounting to John Bryant. In JJ until 1700 but slower speaker, then in Korean after 1700 11/7/02.
+ 1508 Pop music in local lang 11/8/02.
- 981 CHINA CNR 1. 1422 parallel with 7150 11/9/02.
- 990 HAWAII KHBZ Honolulu. 1206 'KHBZ, business talk radio' 11/8/02 also heard 11/10 0900-1100 with talk radio show and jingles at TOH " nine-ninety KHBZ Honolulu" sung by F. On weekends, this station calls itself "9-90 talk radio" and during the week, "9-90 business talk radio."
- 990 JAPAN JORK. 1504 JJ F under dominant USA station 11/10/02.
- 1008 AUSTRALIA 4TAB. 1349 POP music program with call-ins 11/7/02.
- 1008 JAPAN JONR Osaka. 1625 M in JJ 11/7/02.
- 1017 AUSTRALIA 2KY Sydney. 1320 music program 11/7/02.
- 1017 JAPAN Fukaoka JOLB. 1628 11/7/02.
- 1017 TONGA Tonga. 1007 F in local language. Excellent S9 level 11/7/02.
- 1026 AUSTRALIA 4MK. 1344 Elvis Presley music in Classic Gold Format. "You're gonna miss my loving" - at 1355 M anncr at 1358 with song information. 11/7/02.
- 1026 CHINA China. 1404 Beijing east??? Pop w music 11/9/02.
- 1035 UNID. 1007 11/7/02.
- 1035 SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBS. 1359 BBC World service relay at S9 +10 level 11/9/02.
Also at this time was a weak parallel on 1386 but nothing on 945.
- 1053 AUSTRALIA JOAR. 1630 unusual to hear since bubble jammer usually here 11/7/02.
- 1060 HAWAII KREA. 1220 Korean language with pop hit music (western) 11/8/02.

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- 1062 AUSTRALIA 4TI. 1401 F with heavy Aussie accent. Presumed 4TI but there is also the Phil stn here 11/7/02.
- 1062 PHILIPPINES DZEC. 1538 same as 2 days ago? Maybe chinese??? Check MD 11/9/02.
+ 1435 call-in talk show with F host talking to phone callers. TOH with M with ID followed by F. Into music segment 11/7/02.
- 1071 AUSTRALIA 4SB. presumed 1422 pop oldies show 11/7/02.
- 1098 MARSHALL ISLANDS R Majuro. 1047 Local pop music, at stunning S9+20 level off the west wire 11/8/02.
+ 0626 F in local dialect just after local sunrise at tx. Noted also is a het on 1557 - which would mean a reactivation of Micronesia Heatwave! Faded out after sunset but then reappeared strong at 0744 with islands style music and anncr in local dialect 11/10/02.
+ 1007 M in local dialect 11/7/02.
- 1107 JAPAN JOCF or JOMR. 1541 M in JJ followed by music. 1545 F followed by M and F at low levels in the noise 11/9/02.
- 1116 AUSTRALIA 4BC Brisbane. 0901 Low level F with Australian news. Did not run MD 11/9/02.
+ 0951 music then announced winner of drawing(?) followed by Videos with Rebecka Eastscape - Mel Gibson film M anncr with F remote 11/9/02.
- 1125 JAPAN. JJ weak 1K on Hokkaido says John Bryant 1528 very weak and parallel with 774 (NHK2) - 1 kw 11/8/02.
- 1134 JAPAN JOQR. 1445 M in JJ with rock music 11/7/02.
+ 1641 pop show (kids?) 11/7/02.
- 1143 PHILIPPINES Poro Point VOA. 1602 mixing with Taiwan fisheries station VOA with M and F with EE news (VOA News feed) 11/7/02.
- 1143 TAIWAN Yuya (Chinese Fisheries station). 1603 M with Chinese mixing with M/F with EE news on VOA Poro Point (PHL) 11/7/02.
- 1153 FIJI Raki Raki. 1246 soft islands music program on SW wire only 11/7/02.
+ R Fiji 1419 soft islands music with M in local language. Only S6 levels 11/8/02.
- 1179 JAPAN JOOR Osaka. 0856 Pop music program with M anncr in JJ 11/9/02.
+ 1413 M in JJ 11/10/02.
- 1206 AUSTRALIA 2GF. 1321 Religious programming 11/7/02.
- 1206 CHINA CNR in Yangji Jalin Province. 1314 M singing opera in italian? F anncr in Korean. 11/9/02.
- 1242 JAPAN JOLF. 1447 F anncr in JJ (pres JOLF). Into music at 1448 (JJ country western?) 11/7/02.
+ 1614 pop mx 11/7/02.
- 1269 JAPAN JOFM Esashi and JOHW Obihiro synchos. 1343 weak parallel to horn solo on JOHR 1287 11/10/02.
- 1278 JAPAN JOFR Fukaoka. 1413 F in JJ with commercials 11/10/02.
- 1287 JAPAN JOHR Sapporro. 1310 M and F in JJ 11/9/02.
+ 1342 horn solo with piano parallel 1269 11/10/02.
- 1314 JAPAN JOUF Osaka. 1424 Pop rock and roll JJ music 11/10/02.
- 1323 CHINA CRI. 1338 Opera singing by F. Look for 5+1 pips at toh. 11/9/02.
- 1332 AUSTRALIA 4BU. 1406 M with talk show 11/7/02.
- 1332 JAPAN JOSF. 1609 Pop mx parallel with other NHK 11/7/02.
- 1350 JAPAN JOUF Hiroshima. 1438 fading up and down with JJ talk, co-channel with USA station. Mentions of Hokkaido at 1544. 11/10/02.
- 1377 CHINA CNR 1 (new station). 1439 parallel 7150 with F anncr and music 11/9/02.
- 1386 JAPAN synchos. 1421 M, F in JJ 11/7/02.
+ 1323 playing western romantic music selections. Poor reception - heavy cochannel static source 11/8/02.
- 1422 JAPAN JORF Yokohama. 1419 JJ traditional music 11/7/02.
- 1449 MICRONESIA V6AH Pohnpei. 712 Music on frequency just as Pohnpei enters twilight. 11/10/02.

- 1458 PHILIPPINES DWRF. 1539 M in Tagalog with music - presumed this is DWRF at 100kW 11/7/02.
- 1500 HAWAII KUMU Honolulu. 1040 Hawaiian language programming with F and M with news 11/8/02.
- 1503 JAPAN JOUK. 0717 mixing with V6AN in Tofol. M in JJ 11/10/02.
- 1503 MICRONESIA V6AJ Tofol (V Kosrae). 1008 music and local islands talk 11/7/02.
 + 0812 EE anncr with islands music, and a song sung to the cadence of a military marching unit. Off NW wire strongest. Presumed V6AJ but must review the long running MD. Mention at 0824 that they were playing every Friday morning, so come on out. 0829 M anncr with mentions of Tofol. Deep prolonged fades. Back at 0835 with mx (24:00). 0842 M dj mentions phone and Bat Masterson (31:00) and into music. 11/9/02.
 + 0701 local dialect music - islands style. Better signal than past three nights. Continued islands music. At 0713 a Japanese is also co-channel (twilight in Japan) 11/10/02.
- 1548 AUSTRALIA 4QD Emerald. 1537 M and F in Aussie accent talking on local issues 11/8/02.
 + 1537 11/9/02.
 + 1532 M with Aussie accent, with program on WWI patriotic songs 11/10/02.
- 1557 TAIWAN WYFR. 1455 Organ music at rising level, followed by M in local language over the music 11/8/02.
- 1566 KOREA HLAZ. 1156 Korean M and F at low levels 11/8/02.
- 1575 THAILAND VOA. 1645 Music show 11/7/02.
 + 1351 F in local language 11/9/02.
 + 1524 lang lessons - meeting times. Business dialog - availability for production meeting 11/10/02.
- 1584 JAPAN. One of three low power 100 Hokkaido stns likely, is NHK1 1423 music with parallels on 1503, 891, 594. 11/10/02.
- 1593 MICRONESIA V6AK Weno. 0740 Islands style music with M anncr in local dialect fade in at local sunset. Japanese also fading in co-channel. 11/10/02.
- 1701 AUSTRALIA 2NTC and R 1701. Mixing together 1122 Two M talking at the same time in Aussie Accents 11/9/02.

Next week, we'll finish Don's report with his tropical band loggings...

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Greetings. Tonight I'm listening to XESURF-540 (ex XEJAZZ, XEBACH, XETIN). They're playing "We'll Take Manhattan", a song that was the basis for many of the old 77 WABC jingles. These guys give a legal ID in Spanish about every 15 minutes. I wonder if they'll lose the nostalgia music format if and when their neighbor KLAC resumes that format? They could go back to all Broadway music which KGLI//KGXL, or KSHO tried in the past... Speaking of show tunes, I placed my "Cats" soundtrack CD next to my Superadio for good luck in logging the Kittens-1060 DX test and sure enough, it worked! It was great hearing call-ins from Phil Bytheway, Tim Hall, and Bruce Bacon. These DX tests are so much fun that I'm surprised radio stations aren't pleading us to schedule more, hi. Have any BCB DXers utilized these little Morse code readers that are about the size of a beeper, sell for around \$79, and are widely used by ham operators? Could be a nice toy for pulling out weak code IDs. I haven't bought one yet myself, but I plan on it eventually. I've read a little buzz about KMYX-1310 in Taft, CA. I logged them once many moons ago (probably when

Ford was in the White House) as KTKR. I thought that allocation was dead, I guess not. If the 80 meter ham band is any barometer of medium-wave conditions, then things haven't yet heated up for considerable DX, but I'm confident I'll log something good before year end. With a new 1670 local on the horizon, X-band DX here is slowly becoming a memory. I hope all DXers have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I'm still working hard at the 2003 convention bid. Station T-shirts and other goodies are pouring in and the folks at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn (Portland, Maine) are very helpful. Somewhere, there's a lobster with my name written on it. Good DX and 73 wherever you may be.

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[11/30] A hearty hello and "I'm back!" to all in the IRCA. I was a member of this club from Dec. 1988 to Dec. 1990, and I got around to re-joining in March of this year. It's nice to be back, and to see familiar names like Tim Noonan and Tom Laskowski in DX pages once again. As a brief re-intro, I'm 37, and drive a delivery truck for an auto parts store here in the Big O. During my first go-round as an IRCA member, I lived on my parents' farm in southwest Iowa, about 25 miles due east of my current QTH. Moved away from there in January 1991, and spent most of the next 11 years in Iowa City, until "coming home" in December of 2001. Had 29 stations in the Omaha logbook a year ago, that total as of this writing is now 701. Best catches in the past 12 months have been KTIK-1350 (my only regional channel logging from Idaho), KOTK-1080 (heard just before Portland's LSS on 9/27), and KHIL-1250. From Omaha, I seem to do better at getting western station during sunset than I do eastern stations during sunrise. Back in Iowa City, it was the exact opposite. I've yet to log WTIC here, but KFI, KNX, and KNBR are heard in Omaha on a consistent basis. That's it for now. Happy Holidays to all in the IRCA, and 73 from Big Red Country.

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Happy Holidays from the semi-frozen Midwest! I haven't done much dial-twisting in recent months due to my being busy with classes; I changed majors over the summer. Due in part to Deregulation, I am no longer pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications with emphasis on radio and television. I am now majoring in Geography, with a minor in History. Since I feel that my chances of returning to commercial radio have been dashed because of the monopolistic approach to radio ownership, in addition to the opinion that a college degree is not as valuable in commercial radio as the patronage and cronyism that I feel has contaminated the business, I felt that it was time to move into something new. DX-wise, three new stations have popped into the logbook since the beginning of the season, all of which were logged on November 27. I needed KFAQ 1170 Tulsa for a call letter change; I logged them at 0304 ELT with CBS News, ads and Oklahoma weather. The station did suffer

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ACI from, of all places, Cuba on 1180! Journal Broadcasting shouldn't have dumped the KVOO calls on AM; those calls would have suited a News/Talk operation just as well as a country station. WLIL 730 Lenoir City, TN made it in at 0407 with Classic Country and a station promo. The signal was poor with XEX nulled; the ACI came from CHWO 740. This was a daytime regular when I was living in Woodstock, GA; it also made it in at night down there. It was the first time I heard WLIL since 1991. The big surprise was WIP 610 Philadelphia; the station was heard with talk on the winter weather on the East Coast, "610 WIP" mention and talk on local sports with a caller at 0332. The signal was surprisingly good through WDAF. I also noted XEWA 540 is now using the "W Radio" slogan in Spanish; I wonder if that's true of all stations on the XEW network. I've yet to check that out on 900. As of 11/27/02, my current totals are 759 stations logged from this QTH. 73 and good DX from Eric (NOUIH).

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It's been a while since I've sent in a forum so I thought the time has come. Some news on local radio has found longtime music AM station WCWA-1270 having the adult standards format blown off in favor of more tripe talk. It was an ugly corporate decision based not on poor ratings numbers but a decision that smacks on considering its audience too old to be a viable demographic. Of course, Clear Channel's official position has been no comment, but my inside sources tell me that the standards format was an "embarrassment" to try and sell. WCWA was ranked 2nd among Toledo's AM stations, 3rd if you include Detroit's WJR, and 12th out of 24 total market survey stations, FMers included. Their ratings were in the plus 2 to just under 4 share depending on the particular period book you look at in recent years. The latest showed a 1600 AQH and 24,900 average weekly listenership. Not bad when you analyze it. I've found myself in the midst of fighting this action, taking my campaign to getting signatures on petitions to convince another station or company to take on WCWA's old format, contacting advertisers, sending out letters to newspaper editors in a 50-60 mile radius of Toledo and lining up listeners to call and write local broadcasters to urge someone to do the right thing by a large segment of disenfranchised listeners. (rce, you would be a good candidate for my "army of supporters" if you lived near Toledo, hi!) So far, I've acquired over 250 signatures representing over 20 area communities. I'm trying for 1600 to reach the WCWA average quarterly hour listenership. I may not be able to break the back of the big corporate moguls on this one but I feel a line must be drawn in the sand. Trust me none of your favorite stations is now safe; big corporate companies are only out for profit and care nothing what product they put out for the public. I'll keep you updated on this effort. I've been amazed at the response I've gotten so far to my undertaking. The WCWA change took place on 11/1/02, so I'm only 2 1/2 weeks into my petition campaign. In spite of this time consuming campaign I have gotten a few new stations in recent weeks dating back to late August. Among them have been WFAD-1490 VT, CJWI-1610 PQ, WIOJ-1010 FL., WOBM-1160 NJ, KRJO-1680 LA (My 5000th station received across the 3 band total of AM-FM-TV stations logged!), WXAM-1430 KY. The latter was by itself with WMYS Indy pest (now WNXT--rce) seemingly off, no great loss if it was off, right rce! (agreed--rce) This one was gotten in early am of both 11/3 and 11/4. Might be a good one to keep an eye out for, very good sounding with the traditional country-stands out like a sore thumb, sort of like WCWA with its standards & live jocks. Maybe that's why it had to go. Oh well, so do I, out of time & out of space, hi! 73s and have a nice Thanksgiving and holiday season ahead, and new year in case I don't get in before the palindromic 2002 ends. P.S. keep an eye out on 660 also, XEEY Aguascalientes, Mexico has been heard so loud here on occasion that I thought I had an adobe hut set up just down the road from them!

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I just got back from an 8 day trip down to southeast Alabama. Noticed that WOZK-900 in Ozark, AL is still running the standards format, but that as of Thanksgiving day, they went to running nothing but Christmas music until Dec. 25th. Plenty of spots, surprising for a small town station. I had my Superadio II along with the Radio Plus Quantum Loop with me and I used it several times. 8 new stations went into the log down there. Two

puzzlements, tho. My notes indicate that I heard WWMI-1380 in Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL, but when I run it thru some of the databases on the Internet, I come up with nothing but the old calls of WRBQ. Also, I show hearing WSLA-1560 at 2000 EST but everything shows them as being daytime only. That was on 11/27 and I caught them with an on the hour ID. I didn't find any listing for a FM station where they might normally have been simulcasting and forgot to pull the plug on the AM side. Such are the joys of using an older Log, hi. KOA-850 CO was in with a fairly decent signal, as was KKOW-860 KS for a nw state heard there. No doubt on that one as I was hearing mentions of Pittsburg and Joplin. (My company serves Pittsburg, KS out of our Joplin, MO terminal so I didn't need a map to check that one out, hi.) Good luck in your quest, Gary. There seemed to be two reactions here in Indy regarding those of us who wanted to keep the standards on then WMYS-1430. One was that we needed another sports & talk station in town and the other was that we didn't deserve to have a station with the format we liked. 73.

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