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**EiC Notes**

From **Pat Martin**: "I received a call from longtime IRCA & NRC member Gary Jackson. Several, including myself, have been wondering what happened to Gary. Last spring he went to look after his father in Hanford (he lives in Sacramento). About October Gary was sitting talking to his father and Gary had a stroke. He was hospitalized for sometime and he is now in a rehabilitation center and is getting better. He plans to be back to the dials. He recently has retired (he is 62).

His current address is: Gary Jackson, 2931 Caesar, Clovis CA 93612

**DX Tests** *Lynn Hollerman*

**Daily thru March** 0255-0305 1220 WRIB Providence RI (Healy)  
**2/15/04 Sun** 0000-0200 1520 WQMA Marks MS (Walker)

Daily, from 2:55am-3:05am EST - WRIB-1220 - Providence, RI - This test is scheduled to run "through at least March (2004)".

We've arranged for WRIB-1220 in Providence, RI (tough state to hear!) to raise power to 1kw non-D every night at 2:55 to 3:05am. This will run through at least March, and will have a recorded ID at 3am. Hopefully a special ID with morse code can be added in the near future. There ought to be good propagation for a fair number of these nights, and it's late enough for the west coast folks to have a shot. Fire up those recorders and let us know if you hear them!"

Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to:

Craig Healy, NG1U  
 WRIB  
 200 Water St.  
 East Providence, RI 02914

OR

**WWW:** <http://www.wrib.com>

(Arranged by **Craig Healy**, NG1U and AM-DX.COM.)

Sunday, February 15, 2004 - WQMA-1520, Marks, MS will conduct a DX test from 12:00am-2:00am CST. Per information from WQMA announcer Paul Walker, Jr. (via DXer John Lentz of Muskego, WI), "WQMA will be conducting a DX Test on February 15th at 12AM Central... 1520Khz with 250 watts ND. WQMA Marks, Mississippi in Northwest MS... about 65 miles south of Memphis. 150 foot Rohn 25 Tower, guyed... Armstrong X1000 Transmitter... Harris Mono 5 Rotary Pot". The station, normally CHR, will run "special programming" during the test.

Reception reports may be sent to:

WQMA / Q1520 Radio  
 1820 West Marks Road  
 Marks, MS 38646

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WWW: <http://www.q1520radio.com/>

Also, please see <http://myweb.cableone.net/jkonarz/q1520radiocom/test.html> for some information about recording the test.

(Arranged by Paul Walker, Jr.)

Here's the results of the most recent DX test that have been received here:

Sunday, January 11, 2004 - WKDK-1240, Newberry, SC tested 5:57-6:00am EST:

This was the second of 2 brief DX "tests" done by Powell E. Way III at WKDK (the first was over the Holidays). Success in hearing it varied - Jim Myrick in Meridian, MS reported he tried for the test but due to lots of interference on the frequency, was unable to hear it. Rick Robinson in Hendersonville, NC, about 120 mi NW of Newberry, heard the Morse code from the test clearly enough to detail the letters. Russ Edmunds in Blue Bell, PA, had no luck, as was the case for Bruce Collier in York, PA, Bruce Winkelman in Tulsa, OK, and Saul Chernos at Burnt River, ON. Les Rayburn in Helena, AL recorded the test, and says that after analyzing the recording, it appears he partially copied the test. Gerry Bishop in Niceville, FL and Ron Gitscher, also in FL (Palm Coast?) reported that they heard the test, though Ron says it was a jumble.

WRIB-1220, Providence, RI is testing daily, from 2:55am-3:05am EST - A few reports of this have been received, tho I have yet to get a report of a positive reception, just that Morse code needs to be used, as there's a lot of QRM on that frequency.

That's all for now...

**BROADCASTING INFORMATION**

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Please send tips to this Email address only. Thanks!

(NOTE: M STREET IS HAVING A PROBLEM WITH THEIR 'HISTORY' PORTION OF THEIR WEBSITE WHERE I GET THE MAJORITY OF MY INFO. AS A RESULT, I'VE CULLED THE INFO FOR THIS COLUMN FROM ALTERNATE SOURCES. HOPEFULLY THEIR HISTORY PORTION WILL BE UP IN TIME FOR MY NEXT COLUMN IN FEBRUARY! THANK YOU).

**CALL CHANGES**

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
720	WGSE	Hogansville, GA	WVVC
830	KPLS	Orange, CA	KMXE
950	KCCO	St. Louis Park, MN	KSNB
970	WVOJ	Jacksonville, FL	WNNR
1450	KTZR	Tucson, AZ	KWFM
1530	WOBS	Jacksonville, FL	WYMM

**FORMAT CHANGES**

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
660	WORL	Altamonte Springs, FL	business nx	adds SNR sports
690	KORL	Honolulu, HI	Radio Disney	leased ethnic (Asian)
730	WJMT	Merrill, WI	soft AC, talk	talk
790	KBRV	Soda Springs, ID	classic country	religion
830	KPLS	Orange, CA	SS	KMXE, SS talk
950	KCCO	St. Louis Park, MN	business talk	bus (day), SNR (night)
950	WCLB	Sheboygan, WI	oldies	ESPN sports
970	WVOJ	Jacksonville, FL	SS hits	sports, WNNR
1050	KDRK	Dishman, WA	classic C&W	KEYF, stds "Key 1050"
1170	WWTR	Bridgewater, NJ	stds/WMTR	50's/60's oldies//WMTR
1250	WMTR	Morristown, NJ	standards	50's/60's oldies
1290	WFBG	Altoona, PA	standards	nx/talk
1300	KAKC	Tulsa, OK	ESPN sports	business talk

1300	KWCK	Searcy, AR	AC//FM	nx-talk//FM
1320	WTOW	Washington, NC	black gospel	cont. Xtian
1400	WKDY	Spartanburg, SC	classic C&W	gospel
1410	WSTN	Somerville, TN	unspecified	silent
1420	WKWN	Trenton, GA	talk	talk //WYMR-1480
1420	WASR	Wolfeboro, NH	stds, nx	adult contemporary
1450	KTZR	Tucson, AZ	SS "Pantera"	KWFM, oldies "Cool 1450 AM"
1470	WAZN	Marlborough, MA	talk	ethnic
1480	WISL	Shamokin, PA	oldies	silent
1480	WYMR	Bridgeport, AL	gospel	talk //WKWN-1420
1490	WLRT	Hampton, VA	rock	oldies
1510	WLKR	Norwalk, OH	standards	oldies
1530	WKTW	Jeannette, PA	unspecified	moves to 770, 70's old/talk
1530	WLSP	Lapeer, MI	talk	stds "Unforgettable 1530"
1530	WYMM	Jacksonville, FL	WOBS, infomercials	SS hits "Latinbeat"
1540	WJJT	Jellico, TN	unspecified	silent
1570	WGRS	Fernandina Beach, FL	sports	temp. simulcast of 970
1650	KBIV	El Paso, TX	new	classic country

### CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY

FREQ	CALL	CITY	TECHNICAL CHANGE
910	KIYU	Galena, AK	requests increase from 5000/5000 to 12500/12500
1060	KRCN	Longmont, CO	granted 30000/110
1150	WSPZ	Tuscaloosa, AL	requests increase from 5000 to 20000-D
1270	WNLS	Tallahassee, FL	requests inc. from 5 kw. ND days to 50 kw. DA days
1530	WKTW	Jeanette, PA	moves to 770 khz.
1540	KMPC	Los Angeles, CA	requests increase from 10000 to 40000-N
1560	WTKN	Daleville, AL	requests inc. form 5 kw. ND days to 50000-D, 2500-CH
1570	KSXT	Loveland, CO	requests increase to 7000/18

ADDITIONAL NOTES: **(CONTRIBUTOR IN PARANTHESES)**

#### PUBLIC LISTINGS:

(Note: all public listings were incorporated into above info due to lack of M Street data.)

#### CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Charlotte, NC 1660 is now "WFNA, The Franchise" per repeated mentions around 1645 this afternoon. Per CDBS change granted 12/9/03 (although the same source shows it as a "CP Not On the Air" ) (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA) (PM-OR)

#### THE TECATE 550 KHZ STATION HAS MOVED TO 560

Tecate 550 kHz was off the air for a day or so, and on December 11, 2003 moved to 560 kHz. (I guess they are working their way up the dial!) Now 570 kHz is unlistenable. The San Diego Observer 560 kHz station is XEKTT and runs 20 kW day and 10 kW night, non-D both times, according to an informed source. The tower is said to be 448' tall, and the transmitter is a HarrisDX-25U. (KR-AZ)

Finally some AM related activity on the CRTC site. Three Alberta stations will be moving to FM:

CJCM-1340 in Grande Centre will be moving to 95.3: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2003/db2003-617.htm>

CIYR-1230 in Hinton will be moving to 97.5: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2003/db2003-616.htm>

CKYR-1450 in Jasper will be moving to 95.5: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2003/db2003-619.htm>  
(DS- BC) (PM-OR also sent to me)

CHOR-1450 in Summerland, B.C. is the latest to apply to FM: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2003/n2003-12.htm#35> (DS-BC)

Finally heard the digital noise from 1030 WBZ-HD. It was on my car radio while on the road though, so I didn't get a chance to really check it out on a DX receiver. The noise was actually louder on 1010 and 1050 than it was on 1020 and 1040 kHz. (Bruce Conti) (via PM-OR) (Additional note from Pat: they are QRM'ing to Chicago, IL. now!)

WZZJ-1580 has changed from a Christian music format to talk radio. The station will feature programming from USA Radio Network. (AB-CA)

Bonneville and Simmons has a deal involving trade of 15 AM and FM stations, including KBLI-AM, KZNI-AM, KZNR-AM, KDXU-AM and KUNF-AM. (FA-ID)

This morning (which morning??? - pb) around 0630 MST on 700 kHz I was hearing a station that I thought sounded a lot like XEETCH with the slow talking announcers, fiddle music, etc. Then I heard the ID -- it \*was\* XEETCH. I heard several IDs -- the slow, clearly enunciated X-E-E-T-C-H every few minutes. Apparently XEETCH has moved from 1130... (Mike Westfall-NM) (PM-OR)

West End: New owner silences Forks radio stations (12/29/03) by JEFF CHEWFORKS -- Mayor Nedra Reed expects to find out today just why the city's two radio stations were silenced with short notice after a Houston-base broadcast company finalized purchase of KVAC-AM 1490 and KLLM-FM 103.9 (Forks, WA-ye ed). (AB-CA)

Clanton radio station sale finally done... by Jason Green CLANTON - Great South RFDC Wireless has taken ownership of WEZZ FM and WKLF AM in Clanton. On Dec. 1 a deal two years in the making was completed which took ownership rights from Clanton City Councilman Jack Dennis to Scott Alexander and his ownership group based in Greenville. Alexander also owns three stations of his own in Selma. (AB-CA)

#### TWO MORE AM STATIONS BEING BUILT IN TIJUANA: 780 & 920 KHZ

CGC Communicator readers are already familiar with XEPE (formerly XEKTT), the new 560 kHz station near Tijuana that is causing massive interference to U.S. broadcast signals (see CGC #609). XEPE is authorized to run 20 kW day and 10 kW night and is non-directional, real flame thrower.

Reliable sources in Mexico indicate that two more AM stations, 780 and 920 kHz, are under construction at Rosarito Beach and may be on the air as early as mid-February 2004. The stations are said to be 20 kW day/10 kW night, same as XEPE, and will also be non-directional. The transmitter site is reported to be approximately two miles north of the famous 1090 kHz array. These new stations are also expected to cause massive interference to U.S. broadcast interests. (PM-OR)

Liberal talk network lands Chicago outlet (January 14, 2004)

BY ROBERT FEDER SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST

Progress Media, the fledgling radio network conceived as a liberal antidote to conservative talk formats, has identified a Chicago station as its first broadcast outlet. WNTD-AM (950), a Spanish-language station that is in the process of being sold by Radio Unica Communications to Multicultural Radio Broadcasting, will carry the new talk radio network, under terms of a local marketing agreement announced Tuesday. (AB-CA)

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Happy 2004, everyone! This is the first new column of the new year. Hope everyone's DX is great. Still getting our move plans from San Jose formalized, but it's getting closer! Will let you all know my new address when the time comes! 73's.



## WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1340 KTLK **CA**, Santa Barbara 1/8 2345 good on top of frequency with UCSB Gauchos-Utah State basketball, ID "This is the home of UC Santa Barbara Gauchos basketball, talkradio 1340," ad for tax service on State Street in Santa Barbara, ad for Santa Barbara Stone. Call change, ex-KIST. (RW-CA)
- 540 KSUR **CA**, Beverly Hills 1/1 0100 heard "Surf" ID 1260 and 540 in tight unID Art Bell null with NOS format and male announcer. Very weak. (GH-OR)
- 560 KMON **MT**, Great Falls 1/2 0038 heard ID, also "Your information station and Big Sky Country," country music with male announcer. Good signal. (GH-OR)
- 580 CKUA **AB**, Edmonton 1/1 2300 classical type music with ID into contemporary music. Fair signal, over unID. (GH-OR)
- 730 ?KBSU? **ID**, Boise 1/14 0335 promo for various NPR programs, playing jazz, ID as "Idaho's Jazz Station." Signal faded from fair to poor for an hour. QRM from a Spanish language station. Email from Steve Johnston Director of Engineering and Operations at KBSU confirmed that I was listening to KBSU. They have not made any technical changes but have received some new reception reports recently. (DN-CA)
- 780 KAZM **AZ**, Sedona 1/8 1000 was weak in KKOH null with ID "Northern Arizona's news, talk and sports authority, KAZM." (LG-MT)  
+1/12 0706 Arizona news, ID, promo, ad for the TSA looking for airport screeners. (DN-CA)
- 840 KXNT **NV**, North Las Vegas 1/7 0130 Mike Gallagher talk show with very weak signal. (GH-OR)
- 870 KFLD **WA**, Pasco 1/7 0200 AP network news with fair to poor signal in unID splatter. Haven't heard this one for a while. (GH-OR)
- 980 KUPI **ID**, Ammon 1/14 0105 "Your home of classic country 980 Q-Pee," fair signal in & out of local 970 KUPL splatter. New. (GH-OR)
- 1010 WMOX **MS**, Meridian 12/20 0000-0100 coming in poor with Morse code ID's, Coast to Coast AM also faded up. New, MS #2. (CM-CA)
- 1020 KINF **NM**, Roswell 1/13 0130 a real variety of music with ID and very weak signal fighting it out with unID Spanish speaker. New! (GH-OR)
- 1030 KDUN **OR**, Reedsport 1/13 0050 C&W with "AM 1030 K-Dune" ID's, fair to poor in KTWO null. New! (GH-OR)

- 1070 WTSO **WI**, Madison 12/26 2305 had a strong signal at end of NBA game on Bucs Radio Network. ID was "Madison's ESPN Radio, 10-7-0." KNX was weak for some reason. (LG-MT)
- 1130 KFAN **MN**, Minneapolis 12/21 a surprise, strong in CKWX null at 0800. Promo for MN Children's Museum in St. Paul, legal ID, and then NFL news by woman. (LG-MT)
- CKWX **BC**, Vancouver 1/10 0631 news and weather, local Vancouver news. Signal good to poor. KSDO was very weak and the only problem was KRDU fading in and out. (DN-CA)
- 1150 KKNW **WA**, Seattle 1/12 0030 ID and news. Fighting it out with unID Spanish but mostly on top with fair to poor signal. Not heard for a long time. (GH-OR)
- 1170 KLOK **CA**, San Jose 1/7 finished a Spanish vocal then ID'd at 0758. Announcer mentioned San Jose and Oakland. Signal was in the clear. (LG-MT)
- 1190 KEX **OR**, Portland 1/10 0704 traffic and weather with ID, fading good to poor signal. (DN-CA)
- 1200 WOAI **TX**, San Antonio 1/10 0630 ID, then deep fade. (DN-CA)
- 1220 KCCS **OR**, Salem 1/11 2340 woman said "Your hometown radio station 1220 KCCS," listed as religious but sounded more like AdCon/EZL format. Very weak at best. (GH-OR)
- 1230 KDIX **ND**, Dickinson 1/12 was on top at 0800 with stock market news and ID. Announcer mentioned **www.kdix.net**. (LG-MT)
- 1320 KXRO **WA**, Aberdeen 1/6 0030 dominant in the mix with talk show and news. Not heard for many moons! Hammarlund with loop. (GH-OR)
- 1340 KHR **OR**, Hood River 1/11 2330 dominant in the mix with C&W music and very weak signal. Another new log. (GH-OR)
- 1370 KAST **OR**, Astoria 1/11 2300 ad for Seaside fabric store, ABC news and Art Bell talk show. Good signal with Drake in KXTL null. (GH-OR)
- 1380 KRKO **WA**, Everett 1/13 was its normal strong self at 1000 with ID as "Northbound 1380, KO-Everett." (LG-MT)
- 1440 KMED **OR**, Medford 1/9 news into Coast to Coast AM with George Norry. Excellent signal with Hammarlund and loop. (GH-OR) (Time?—NJ)
- 1490 KRTK **ID**, Chubbuck 1/14 had a fair signal at 0900 with ID as "Cross Talk Radio." Evidently still religious. (LG-MT)
- KLOG **WA**, Kelso 1/16 on atop at 0900. Man said "It's 44 right now at KLOG in Kelso." (LG-MT)
- 1500 KUMU **HI**, Honolulu 1/12 had a strong signal with oldies and ID as "KooMoo 1500 original hits" at 0957, completely in the clear. I've never heard it in the winter before. (LG-MT)
- KSTP **MN**, St. Paul 1/15 0604 ID "Your talk station 1500 KSTP" followed by news with heavy fading and then a talk show. Signal good to poor. (DN-CA)
- 1560 KNZR **CA**, Bakersfield 1/13 2300-2308 AP Network news, "5 minutes past the hour on the News Station," national weather given at 6 minutes after the hour. This was followed by Dianna Jordon doing "Between the Lines" a book review. Signal was very strong with very little fading. (MG-ID)
- 1570 KPRO **CA**, Riverside 12/22 was on top with ID, weather, and Gospel program preview at 0758. Rare. (LG-MT)
- 1580 KVVY **CA**, Merced 1/3 0220 country music way out in the jumble with "The Valley" ID. Really weak, on Hammarlund with loop. (GH-OR)
- 1590 KLIV **CA**, San Jose 1/9 0100 "Silicon Valley's news station, the new K-L-I-V." Fair signal over/under KLFE which usually dominates. (GH-OR)
- 1660 \*KXOL\* **UT**, Brigham City had open carrier with a swishing sound when I checked at 2300 on 1/15 and 0800/1000 on 1/16. Weak assumed KTIQ only underneath. (LG-MT)
- 1670 KNRO **CA**, Redding 1/4 0000 legal ID with many ESPN ID's, call in talk show. 1/6 0030 dominant in the mix with talk show and news. A regular but seldom this strong, like a local. (GH-OR)

## DX TEST

1220 (WRIB) RI, Providence 1/11 2355-0005 nothing heard in the jumble. Very faint ID from KSFB Palo Alto, CA. 1/14 2355-0005 not heard, only KCCS in fairly strong and a very weak KSFB. I'll keep trying for this one! (GH-OR)

## UNIDS

- 990 1/14 0115-0135 talk show with female speaking of the HIV and Aids problem in Africa. Thought I heard mention of CBC but not sure due to QRM from Spanish pest. (GH-OR)
- 1400 1/9 0005 poor under/over mess with ASU basketball, partial ID "You're on the Arizona State basketball network," faded under unID Spanish (KSUN?), then both faded under usual Santa Paula. Looped E-W. What's their network? (RW-CA)
- 1710 Assumed pirate quite strong with Christmas carols on 12/23 at 0756, left the air abruptly at 0759. Audio was a bit distorted but this could have been due to QRM from an adjacent utility station. (LG-MT)

Welcome to WDXR Mark, we hope to hear from you often. Nancy 1/16 2100

### 2003-2004 IRCA DX CONTEST

Manager: Nancy Johnson -265 Waterton Way- Billings, MT 59102-7755

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Standings as of January 15, 2004

Regular Points + Mystery Points = Total Points

	R	M	T				
1. Bill Nittler	283	200	483	5. Chris Knight	36	50	86
2. Nigel Pimblett	151	100	251	6. Dale Park	23	50	73
3. Tim Noonan	102	75	177	7. Art Blair	29	0	29
4. Nancy Johnson*	50	100	150	8. John C. Johnson	3	0	3

\* Contest manager is not eligible to win.

You can join this year's contest at any time. Contest rules can be found online, or in DXM dated Aug. 23, 2003. You never know when you send me a contest entry what your total points will be, as you may have heard some mystery stations. The contest will end on May 31, 2004.

### CENTRAL DX ROUNDUP

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Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ959B, GE Superadio III, Terk AM 1000 loop.

#### DOWN THE DIAL

- 560 CFOS ON, Owen Sound. 1-10. 23:26 with weather report, ID, spot, "Remember When" program. NOS format. New. [SP-WI]
- 580 WELO MS, Tupelo. 1-12. 04:17 with "AM 5-80 WELO" and spot. NOS format. New for me. [SP-WI]
- 580 WTCM MI, Traverse City. 1-14 poor. 06:30 with weather into news. WILL powered up at 06:31. [JJR-WI]

- 640 KTIB LA, Thibodaux. 1-14 poor with one or two others. 07:08 with "Oldies 6-40 KTIB." [JJR-WI]
- 800 CHAB SK, Moose Jaw. 1-14 fair. 07:02 with local and Broadcast News. [JJR-WI]
- 880 CKLQ MB, Brandon. 1-14 fair, no WCBS. 07:43 with "CKLQ" jingle. Country music format. [JJR-WI]
- 1070 WINA VA, Charlottesville. 1-11. 05:31 with spot, ID, talk format. [SP-WI]
- 1310 CIWW ON, Ottawa. 1-12 poor in WIBA null. 07:15 "Oldies 13-10" jingle. [JJR-WI]
- 1330 WNTA IL, Rockford. 1-16 poor. 07:19 with ID in fade up. [JJR-WI]
- 1490 WDAN IL, Danville. 1-15 poor. 20:21 with spot mentioning Danville, ID, basketball game. [JJR-WI]
- WDBQ IA, Dubuque. 1-15 fair in fade up. 20:06 with CBS News, spot, "News talk 14-90 WDBQ." [JJR-WI]
- 1510 WWHN IL, Joliet. 1-12 fair over unID. 08:00 with sign on. [JJR-WI]
- 1520 WHOW IL, Clinton. 1-11 fair. 18:15 with legal ID into NOS/Oldies format. This was listed as silent. [JJR-WI]

#### 25 YEARS AGO

January 27, 1979 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Alan E. Gilmour** of Greymouth, New Zealand said he was 32 and had been DXing since 1960 ... **Robert Wein** of San Jose, CA logged XECVC 700 ... **John Clemmer** of Peoria, IL logged 15 new stations in a week on SSS.

#### OPEN MIKE

Please note Sheryl's e-mail address. I had this wrong in the past issue. This column was typed 1-17-04. 73, John

### EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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#### STARS OF THE WEEK

- (WM-MD) William McGuire 2412 59th Place, Cheverly MD  
DX-398
- (RR-NC) Rick Robinson Hendersonville, NC  
Icom r75 Drake R-8 with MWDX phasing controller,  
3 BOG antennas, Sony SW-7600GR, Sangean ATS-909  
& Radio Shack Loop Antenna
- (IEN-GA) Ira Elbert New Watkinville, Ga  
AIWA CSD-FD89

#### LOGGINGS

- 540 GA WDAK Columbus 1/12 1725 Local news "News Radio 5-40 WDAK".  
Excellent (RR-NC)
- 830 MO KOTC Kennett 1/7 1806 "Cotton Country" (WM-MD)
- 890 SC WBAJ Blythwood 1/3 1727 - Sign/Off. "We end another broadcast day at 8-90 WBAJ Blythwood Columbia." Religious programming, shares the frequency here with WKNV and WLS underneath (RR-NC)
- VA WKNV Fairlawn 1/2 1630- Gospel music and religious programming, very good in null of WBAJ. "WKNV Fairlawn, today's Southern gospel on Joy 8-90." (RR-NC)
- 940 MS WCPC Houston 1/7 1752 Local ads; Gspl mx; Good (WM-MD)
- 970 KY WFSR Harlan 1/08 2053 "Your home for Southern Gospel"; wx; local mentions (WM-MD)
- 990 PA WZZD Philadelphia 12/30 2235 REL. MX hrd.; ID (WM-MD)
- 1030 GA WEBS Calhoun 1/9 1734- Oldies programming, excellent after WNOW signoff. "Oldies 10-30 WEBS." Frequent IDs. Heard at night running Calhoun high school basketball. Cheating? (RR-NC)

NC WNOW Charlotte 1/9 1600- excellent, SS programming" Radio Lider." TOH  
 EE ID heavy Spanish accented male "WNOW 10-30 AM". Dominant  
 daytime signal until sign off at 1730. (RR-NC)

1190 TN WSDQ Dunlap 12/27 2010 Classic C&W Strong sig. that faded into the slop  
 at 2020. "The New Q" (IEN-GA)

1430 GA WGFS Covington 12/30 1343 Oldies. "Hometown Radio 1430" (IEN-GA)

1670 GA WMWR Warner Robins 12/30 1330 Dr Laura; Good signal. ID (IEN-GA)

1690 IL WRLL Berwyn 1/7 2248 "Oldies 1690" (WM-MD)  
 (William- this is your UNIDEN on 1690- ed)

**DX TEST**

1240 SC WKDK Newberry 1/11 0559 "TEST THIS IS WKDK WKDK WKDK" in Morse  
 code. No audio heard but very clear Morse code ID (RR-NC)

**UN - IDEN**

879 ?? ???? 1/7 1800 SS heard; rel sounding MX also hrd. (WM-MD)

1030 ?? ???? 1/13 2103 Male and female SS announcers apparently news Musical  
 3 tone note at TOH. Good in null of WBZ. (RR-NC)

?? ???? 1/13 2103 Spanish music Fair in WBZ null and underneath other  
 unidentified SS station. (RR-NC)

A big welcome to Rick Robinson of Hendersonville NC. My favorite place next to Florida !!!!  
 Hope to hear from you often. Back from a VERY COLD trip to Portland Maine and Halifax,  
 NS. No time to DX on the trip. Temp was right around zero the whole time. Not good for  
 someone who has spent 15 years in Florida !! hi hi. We went to visit a couple of the  
 companies that manufacture broadcast antennas and transmitters. Learned ALOT about  
 IBOC and why it doesnt work on AM. Also spent some time in the Maritime Museum. Nice  
 exhibits on the Titanic disaster and the great Halifax explosion of 1917. A lot of fun for this  
 History buff.... But now its back to the warm weather and some DX. Have audio files going  
 back 3 weeks to review. Hopefully some DX to reprt next week. See you all then.....  
 73's and all the best to you.....fresh 1-18-04 0900

## DX WORLDWIDE – WEST TROPICAL BAND DX

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Some nice LW TA tips from Nigel and Mike this week.

Nigel writes" This past weekend (Jan 11), I was up in Lamont (near Edmonton) DXing with  
 Don Moman, Joe Talbot, and Mickey Delmage. Most of out success was on shortwave, but  
 we also enjoyed an opening on longwave. The LW highlights of the weekend was likely my  
 first reception of a European longwave station in our local morning hours, when Norway on  
 153 khz was very clear on first tuning in at 1330 UTC on 11 Jan, gradually weakening to fade  
 out around 1500. Given their northern location, I've considered such reception quite feasible  
 during mid-winter, and have indeed noted very weak signals, but haven't detected enough of  
 a signal previously to confirm it was Norway. Also logged a number of Europeans at the more  
 conventional time the previous evening between 0400 and 0800 UTC, January 11."

### TRANS-ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP

153 **NORWAY** and at times with a second, much weaker, signal in the background  
 (Germany?) (NP-AB\*)

162 **FRANCE** with an incredible signal at times. (NP-AB\*)

162 **FRANCE**, Allouis 1/16 0338 Man and woman talking in FF followed by Jazz mx and  
 vocals in EE. Poor signal. (MS-AB)

171 **MOROCCO**, Medi-Un, fading in and out with Russia's Radio Rossii. (NP-AB\*)

177 **GERMANY** (NP-AB\*)

183 **GERMANY** (NP-AB\*)

189 **ICELAND** (NP-AB\*)

189 **ICELAND**, Gufuskalar 1/16 0341 with pop mx in EE, Ex. signal at times (MS-AB)

198 **ENGLAND** (NP-AB\*)

207 **ICELAND** //189 but much weaker (NP-AB\*)

207 **ICELAND**, Eidar 1/16 at 0341 // to 189. First time heard here though Nigel to the South  
 has reported it several times. Poor signal under beacon QRM. (MS-AB)

234 **UNID** traces of audio at 0712, with beacons, likely Luxembourg. (NP-AB\*)

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### DXWW-W special!!!!

#### DXpedition to Ocean City – Guy Atkins

I was fortunate to hit a window of decent weather for this 2-night DXpedition to Ocean City  
 State Park, WA. This park is north of the Grayland DXpedition location, and across Gray's  
 Harbor from the fishing village of Westport. See map for location: <http://short.uigui.com/524>  
 The previous weekend, a major snowstorm hit the Puget Sound area and even the coast was  
 2 to 3 inches deep in snow with temperatures in the 20's. However, within a couple of days  
 the weather returned to the more seasonal upper 40's temperatures for the WA coast during  
 the winter.

This was my first DC-only DXpedition in nearly three years, so I spent considerable time  
 making sure I had all the power cables, connectors, etc. needed, and that my two deep-cycle  
 RV batteries could still hold a good charge. (Since the "technology boom" hit Pacific NW  
 DXpeditions a few years ago, the total power requirement for "necessary" equipment <g> has  
 skyrocketed.) I fired up my flameless catalytic propane heater to make sure it still worked,  
 and also bought a new set of foul weather raingear to help me survive the sideways rain that  
 often blows across the Washington beaches in winter.

Propagation on this outing was definitely in favor of shortwave, despite repeated bandscans  
 on mediumwave throughout the DXpedition, looking for juicy possibilities. Reception mostly  
 favored the Pacific Islands region on mediumwave, but the countries heard included: New  
 Zealand, Japan, China, Tahiti, Kiribati, Tonga, Marshall Islands, South Korea, Thailand, and  
 a Papua New Guinea beacon on 1737 kHz.

I was expecting the usual longpath African reception from the coast this time of year and I  
 wasn't disappointed. Unfortunately, DX didn't linger long enough after local sunrise to provide  
 any West Africans other than Nigeria on 4770.

### ---- MEDIUMWAVE ----

549 **NEW ZEALAND** 2XC Gisborne, Jan 11 1524 - Tentatively this Radio Rhema religious  
 outlet, with mentions of Auckland at 1525. Male and female announcer hosting what  
 sounded like a phone-in show. Poor. (Atkins-WA)

558 **UNIDENTIFIED**, Jan 11 1533 - Soft Easy Listening pops music to 1538 female  
 announcer in lang., fading by 1547. JOCR Kobe in background with Japanese  
 announcer, and also 3rd unid. station at times, with piccolo (!) version of 'William Tell  
 Overture'. (Atkins-WA)

567 **JAPAN** JOIK Sapporo, Jan 11 1548 - Good signal with male announcer in Japanese;  
 mentions of Tokyo 1550. (Atkins-WA)

594 **JAPAN** JOAK Tokyo, Jan 11 1550 - Blasting in with excellent S-9 signal. Japanese  
 announcer and light instrumental music. Parallel 666 Osaka. MD tracks #3 and 5 =  
 AR7030, #4 = R75. (Atkins-WA)

666 **JAPAN** JOBK Osaka, Jan 11 1604 - Male announcer with quick talk, then into classical  
 piano music, parallel 594 Tokyo. Very good signal before deep fade. (Atkins-WA)

738 **CHINA** Unidentified, Jan 11 1608 - Poor signal of female announcer in Chinese,  
 possibly parallel 4990, but signal faded quickly and did not return. Hunan Satellite  
 Broadcasting Service?. (Atkins-WA)

738 **TAHITI** RFO Papeete, Jan 12 0349 - Het first noted at 0349, one hour prior to Papeete  
 local SS. Low-level audio noted at 0509, and into good level of French talk at 0940  
 recheck. (Atkins-WA)

738 **TAHITI** RFO Papeete, Jan 11 0556 - Nice Tahitian language island music to woman  
 announcer in French at 0600 with mentions of Papeete. Good signal during brief  
 peaks. (Atkins-WA)

- 846 **KIRIBATI** T3K1 Tarawa, Jan 12 1012 - Nice signal rising from noise at 1012 with guitar and male vocals in presumed Kiribatiese. R&B version of 'Happy Birthday' song at 1029; Woman announcer with mentions of Kiribati (pronounced 'Kiri-baass'), Tarawa, and 'kilohertz' at 1030; a capella hymn by female choir 1031, and sign-off 1034. (Atkins-WA)
- 1017 **TONGA** A3Z Nuku A'lofa, Jan 12 1008 - Tentative, with island music at low level. Gone by 1011. Poor. (Atkins-WA)
- 1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** V7AD Majuro, Jan 12 1140 - Island music with distinctive male vocals, definitely different than music from Tahiti, Tonga, or Hawaii. Only in audio for 1/2 minute at a time. Female with talk 1152, then sign-off or perhaps faded for final time. Poor-fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 1287 **JAPAN** JOHR Sapporo, Jan 12 1619 - Male announcer in Japanese. Poor-fair signal during a brief peak above the noise. (Atkins-WA)
- 1332 **JAPAN** JOSF Nagoya, Jan 12 1623 - Two male announcers in Japanese with interview or discussion. Instrumental easy-listening music 1626. Brief peaks to fair-gd signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 1566 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAZ Chenju, Jan 11 1622 - Female announcer in Chinese, per sked in Pacific Asian Log. Poor-fair signal; this one is usually a powerhouse at the Washington State coast. (Atkins-WA)
- 1575 **THAILAND** VOA Ayutthaya, Jan 12 1629 - Tuned in at very end of female announcer's talk in presumed Bangla, which included some English phrases or excerpts. VOA trumpet fanfare 1630, mentions of 'Washington' and then into phone interview, which seemed to be on the subject of Pakistan. Trumpet fanfare again 1636, then mention of 'Saudi' by female and into Arabic music. Fair-good signal. Best on West Beverage. (Atkins-WA)
- 1737 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA** KUT Kutubu, Jan 12 1048 - CW aero beacon with repeated 'KUT' ID. Fair-good. (Atkins-WA)

---- SHORTWAVE ----

- 2310 **AUSTRALIA**, 1509-1523, VL8A Alice Springs Jan 11 Excellent signal of jazz tunes, including Louis Armstrong number and a jazzified version of 'The Old Rugged Cross' hymn, by Aussie musician James Morrison. Male host of program gave interesting comments about jazz history at 1521. Noted parallel 2325 VL8T, but the usual 2485 VL8K parallel was absent. Checked at 1644 Jan. 12, and all three outlets were in at excellent strength, with announcer taking answers/guesses on 'Who was the first person to break the sound barrier?' question (Chuck Yeager). (Atkins-WA)
- 3215 **INDONESIA**, 1624-1639, RRI Manado Jan 11 Choral hymns in lang., similar to PNG 'sing-sings'. Woman announcer in Indonesian at 1630 with mention of '..Gospel...'. Into more traditional Christian hymns with organ. Excellent signal level. (Atkins-WA)
- 3220 **ECUADOR**, 1055-1103, HCJB Jan 12 Acoustic guitar tune to ID in Spanish at 1100; huaynos music at 1102. Fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 3255 **SOUTH AFRICA**, 0350-0353, BBC Meyerton Jan 11 Male announcer in English, discussing African regional trade issues. Fair to good signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 3260 **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**, 1103-1120, R. Madang Jan 12 Woman announcer reading news items in pidgin, with mentions of Papua New Guinea. Fair level. Other PNGs heard this evening: 3275 R. Southern Highlands (fair, with news and reggae music); 3290 R. Central (news items from PNG cities); 3325 R. North Solomons (tentative--mixing w/Palangkara); 3335 R. East Sepik (good, with rock and roll, parallel 4890); 3355 R. Simbu (vy good with sing-sing music); 3905 R. New Ireland (presumed this--exc. with pidgin lang. pop music); 4890 NBC (exc. with pidgin rock and roll, parallel 3335). (Atkins-WA)
- 3320 **NORTH KOREA**, 1649-1654, PBS Pyongyang Jan 12 Typical ethereal, lush instrumentals and soaring female vocal music heard on Pyongyang outlets. Solemn announcer in Korean 1653. Huge, steady signal dominating both antennas. (Atkins-WA)
- 3320 **SOUTH AFRICA**, 0403-0405, R. Sondergrense Jan 11 News items by male announcer in presumed Afrikaans. Mentions of Johannesburg. Fair. (Atkins-WA)
- 3340 **UNIDENTIFIED**, 0435-0503\*, Jan 11 English and Spanish Christian praise music continuous to 0501 presumed ID, but buried in noise and poor modulation. Off at

0503\*. Fair. HRMI-R. Misiones, Honduras? In 2002, this was a planned freq expansion for HRMI. (Atkins-WA)

- 3915 **SINGAPORE**, 1729-1731, BBC Kranji Jan 11 Sportcast of soccer game, with announcers in English. BBC ID at 1730. Excellent signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 3976 **INDONESIA**, 1555-1600\*, RRI Pontianak Jan 12 Gamelan music with female vocals to male announcer at 1559 with local IDs, frequency, and sign-off with national anthem 1600. Fantastic signal!. (Atkins-WA)
- 3985 **SOUTH KOREA**, 1639-1647, Echo Of Hope Jan 11 Woman speaker in Korean to 1644 English R&B pop song. Excellent S-9 signal. (Atkins-WA)
- 4770 **NIGERIA**, 1703-1707, V. of Nigeria Jan 12 Lagos and Nigerian news items in English read by man to V. of Nigeria ID at 1705. Good level. (Atkins-WA)
- 4800 **LESOTHO**, 1711-1713, LNBS Jan 11 Presumed, with African choral music; fair level, but in background of strong swisher interference. Much better on Jan. 12 with very good signal of African choral music overpowering the swisher QRM. (Atkins-WA)

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DXing at Ocean City State Park, WA

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