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This time, IRCA welcomes **Roger S. Horie** of Hilo, HI (rejoins) and **David Williams** of Redmond, OR. Don't forget to vote for the convention site... deadline is 1/3/06... details in V43 #10.

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**BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS**

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Daily	0300-0305	1620	WNAR	Lansdale PA	(David McCrork)
12/27-29/05	0400-0700	1070	WAPI	Birmingham AL	(IRCA/NRC)
12/27-29/05	0400-0700	690	WJOX	Birmingham AL	(IRCA/NRC)
1/7-8/06 24Hrs	2000-1959	740	CHWO	Toronto ON	(ODXA)

Exciting News! DX'ers will have another holiday treat to look forward to this year. On December 27-29th, two Birmingham, Alabama stations will run the new "inventory insert" test format suggested by Fred V. last year. Special thanks to CE Frank Giardina for this test! Details below...

**WNAR 1620 KHZ Lansdale, PA** is still conducting a DAILY DX TEST at 0300 ELT. The test consists of code ID's between 0300 and 0305 and will continue until further notice. Reception reports with RETURN POSTAGE can be sent to **David McCrork**, WNAR-AM, Box 18, Tylersport PA 18971-0018. WNAR operates with a power of 100 MILLIWATTS! (The station was heard almost 5 miles from Lansdale on a recent trip to the area so it does get out very well).

PS: Web page at [www.wnar-am.com](http://www.wnar-am.com) has full station info.

**WAPI 1070khz Birmingham, AL DX Test / WJOX 690khz Birmingham, AL DX Test.** Date(s): December 27-29, 05. Time: Midnight CST-0300 CST (0600-0900 UTC). :60 Second long tests in duration. "Inventory Insert" format. Modes of Operation: Night Power/Patten. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID.

Notes:

Both WAPI and WJOX will air one insert at the TOH. :59 minutes fixed. Both stations will air a 2nd sixty second long test each hour according to the schedule below: WAPI's 2nd test will come at :30 past the hour, each hour between midnight and 3AM. WJOX's 2nd test will "float" between :19 after and :34 minutes each hour between midnight and 3AM, depending on programming.

Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette). Submit reports to: **les@highnoonfilm.com**. Please put "WAPI/WJOX DX Test" in the subject line.

All standard mail reports should go to:

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Thanks to Frank Giardina and the staffs of WAPI/WJOX for arranging this test!

Some follow up information on the upcoming DX Test, quoted directly from the station staff:

The first will run on December 27th (Tuesday Morning) at 12:59 AM CST with the last at 2:59 AM CST. This will be repeated on Wednesday December 28th and Thursday, December 29th.

Note: This applies to WAPI only in regards to the "second test" on each night. WJOX has a floating format, meaning the local break comes between :19 and :34 minutes past the hour. Test starts late on Monday night-Tuesday morning.

As indicated in the original posting, I'll be handling QSL requests (for the test only) for the station(s). Verification will require a recording in almost all cases. With the test being on sixty seconds in length, I think it will be nearly impossible to verify reception based solely on a description and timing.

E-mail is my first choice, with snail mail a very distant second. Expect for it to takes months to receive a snail mail verification. We will produce a .JPEG file suitable for printing that will be e-mailed to all correct reporters. Mark Subject line: WAPI/WJOX RECEPTION REPORT

On January 8th, 2006, **CHWO/AM740 in Toronto** will be celebrating its 5th anniversary on the air. Although the station has been on the air since 1956, it moved to 740 in 2001 providing with a much larger signal and audience. In all of those years, it has remained a family run station and the adult standards format has never changed.

The Ontario DX Association has been the QSL manager for the station since it's move and has received more than 330 reception reports from as far as Finland, Jamaica, Washington State and all points in-between.

Once again, the ODXA and CHWO will be presenting a special QSL for January 8th, 2006.

Here are the details: Date: January 8, 2006, Time: 0000 TUC to 2359 UTC

When reporting, please include: program material (at least 10 minutes of specific program material heard: i.e., name of announcer, commercials heard, news items etc.), signal/sound report (a general overview of how well you heard the signal at your location and the sound quality of the program), the type of equipment and antenna you were using to hear the signal and your mailing address.

If you have any further questions, please email me at **am740@rogers.com**.

All the best this holiday season and a very prosperous new year from CHWO AM740 and the ODXA.

Brian Smith. AM 740 - [www.am740.ca](http://www.am740.ca), Reception Reports - <http://www.odxa.on.ca/chwo.html>, Yahoo Group - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AM740/>.

The upcoming WAPI/WJOX DX Test will be our first practical demonstration of a new format suggested by Fred Vobbe of the National Radio Club last year.

Fred's idea was that more stations might be willing to conduct DX tests if they did not require a change in overnight programming. Instead, we would request the stations to run a :60 second long DX test in one of their available "local" inventory slots.

With programs like "Coast to Coast" for example, the local station is allowed a certain number of local spots to run during the program. Stations often have a hard time selling the late night spots and often run PSA's, station promos, etc. instead.

Fred's idea is to take advantage of that time, by having a station send Morse Code IDs, sweep tones, etc. Since the test occurs on several nights, instead of one, you also have a better chance at having good propagation to the area at least one night.

WAPI/WJOX will run two of these :60 second long "mini-tests" each hour, for three hours each night on three nights in a row. That means you'll have 18 chances to catch each station. Of course, they won't change their power or antenna pattern!

I highly recommend recording the tests using software like Total Recorder. In the case of WJOX, you'll need to record the entire time period for each hour between :19 and :34 minutes past the hour, since the exact time of the test isn't "fixed" but rather "floating". WJOX runs a sports talk format, and is heavily automated.

It's also interesting to note that the station agreed to this test only during the period of December 25-31st, since this is one of only two periods each year where the station is not "rated". The other is the week of July 4th. This allows for popular hosts to take vacations without an affect on the ratings of their show.

If you're thinking about asking a station to help us out with a DX test, this may be the best time to ask them. Hope we all enjoy this test, and I can't wait to see how these type of test work out vs. the more familiar full blown tests.

73 & Good DX, Les Rayburn, N1LF, NRC/IRCA Broadcast Test Coordinator

(from the IRCA eGroup – but informative to all – pb) Pete Taylor's suggestion about presenting a professional appearance when approaching stations is one that we've taken to heart when reaching out for DX tests. Let me clarify some points however:

1. The "Inventory Inserts" are not a replacement for full duration tests. Rather a reflection of the real world problems facing stations, and a novel solution to getting tests from that stations that cannot or will not run traditional tests.

Short notice tests of all kinds are the future. DX'ers need to subscribe to e-mail lists to stay up to date and be sure they don't miss tests.

2. While a promotional kit is a great idea, it doesn't take into mind the realities of broadcasting. CE's are often managing multiple stations, and turn over among personnel is high.

This season alone, I've had two CE's who had already agreed to doing tests leave their place of employment. This leaves us without a test... and the Broadcast Test Coordinator back to square one.

No club could afford to mail and re-mail promotional kits to the stations.  
 For years the CPC position basically consisted of writing a form letter to dozens and dozens of stations annually asking for DX tests. This approach worked well when station staffing was fairly permanent, most CE's were also hams and understood DXing, QSL's, etc.

Nowadays, I get about a 5% return of "cold letters", though I continue to send a dozen or so per month. Most of the returns consist of "no longer employed here" or "we have obligations for our overnight programming and cannot interrupt those commitments", etc.

Much better luck is had with phone calls, e-mails, and best of all personal contacts and relationships.

3. I support the idea of a "QSL Manager" for stations. A great way to start might be to have DX'ers with the time, experience, etc. to volunteer their services to the Clear Channel stations in their towns, since they receive a large number of such requests.

This personal relationship can then be parlayed into convincing the station to also run a DX test. If they already have a good relationship with a DX'er then it isn't that much of a reach.

But Pete Taylor is right that such volunteers must be professional in their approach.

4. Unfortunately, I mainly hear the "horror story" side of QSL requests from station managers. Some DX'ers are pushy, rude, and overbearing in their quest to get that paperwork.

Personally, QSLing isn't a big part of my enjoyment of the hobby. If I have an MP3 file with the station ID, that is much better "proof" of reception than any card...but I do get them when I can...display them with pride, and enjoy them.

But I do think QSL'ers need to be very realistic about their request. You're asking someone to do you a favor. Take time out of their day to answer a letter from someone who enjoys something they likely don't understand.

Never be rude and remember that your actions reflect on all of us, good and bad.

I encourage all DX'ers to get to know their local broadcasters. Attend an SBE meeting or ask around at ham club meetings to see if others know engineering staff. If you're polite, most will be flattered by your interest. Buy the poor guy a lunch and talk about how he got into radio. Even if he isn't a ham, chances are he'll understand our love of radio on some level.

Then use that relationship to help all of us by asking for a test. Remember we're happy to provide test material, do QSL chores, or whatever it takes to make a test work.

73, Les Rayburn, director

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### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 1280 **KWSX** **CA**, Stockton ex-KUYL 12/16 1400 ID "The Lighthouse KWSX Stockton," so call change is in effect. Format seems to be the same, Christian religion, both sermons and music. (DKK-CA)
- 580 **WIBW** **KS**, Topeka 12/13 2038 with "WIBW" ID and then into ads. (BB-AZ)
- 590 **KQNT** **WA**, Spokane 12/10 2027 with ID "Newstalk KQNT." (BB-AZ)
- 610 **KAVL** **CA**, Lancaster 12/13 1946 with "KAVL" ID into sports. (BB-AZ)
- 820 **KUTR** **UT**, Taylorsville 12/15 finally got a decent log on this with less KGNW/KORC QRM, with the MFJ 1026 phaser. Heard with news on SLC and area at 0950 and mention of

- "KUTR AM 820," then at 0959:50 "AM 820, KUTR Taylorsville, Provo, Slat Lake City" ID into ABC news. New for me. (PM-OR)
- 840 **KVJV** **TX**, Pharr 12/13 2248 with C&W music and 102.1 slogan. (BB-AZ)
- 880 **KKMC** **CA**, Gonzales 12/12 0959 with ID "This is KKMC." (BB-AZ)
- KCMX** **OR**, Phoenix 12/14 0931 with ID "KCMX." (BB-AZ)
- 890 **KDJQ** **ID**, Meridian 12/13 1711 with several "Boise's" heard, and no KDXU slop so they may have been off. (BB-AZ)
- 910 **KWDZ** **UT**, Salt Lake City 12/10 1837 with ID "KWDZ." (BB-AZ)
- 920 **KPSI** **CA**, Palm Springs 12/14 0959 with ID "Talkradio for Palm Springs" then into news. (BB-AZ)
- KVEC** **CA**, San Luis Obispo 12/13 0917 with ID "KVEC." (BB-AZ)
- 930 **KSEI** **ID**, Pocatello 12/10 1826 with ID "930 KSEI." (GH-OR)
- 960 **KQKE** **CA**, Oakland 12/14 0902 with "The Quake," then news. (BB-AZ)
- KNDN** **NM**, Farmington 12/14 0900 ID in English "KNDN" then into Navajo. (BB-AZ)
- 970 **KFEL** **CO**, Pueblo 12/13 1730 with ID "KFEL." (BB-AZ)
- KCMD** **OR**, Portland 12/13 1914 with several ads for Portland. (BB-AZ)
- 1020 **KWIQ** **WA**, Moses Lake 12/14 0800 poor with ESPN promos, dual ID's at the top of the hour for both KKRT & KWIQ. (DP-OR)
- KYXE** **WA**, Selah 12/14 0759 Spanish fair in mix. ID in English at 0459 local time, then hyped up guy mentioning something "...Mexicana." (DP-OR)
- 1040 **WHO** **IA**, Des Moines 12/4 2340 announcer said "When Des Moines wants to know, 1040 W-H-O." Talk show dominating in a 3-way jumble. Second time heard in two months, using R-388 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- 1080 **KSLI** **UT**, Price 12/16 0916 poor, surprisingly a decent full call letter ID popped thru the mess although the timing was odd, "KSLI Price Utah." Not heard often, but goes by "Castle KASL." (DP-OR)
- 1090 **KVOP** **TX**, Plainview 12/15 1956 with ID "KVOP" and ballgame. It sounds like they were on day power as it was very strong at times. (BB-AZ)
- 1130 **KRDU** **CA**, Dinuba 12/13 1200 fair to poor with religious program "Turning Point," ID at 0902 local time. (DP-OR)
- KWKH** **LA**, Shreveport 12/12 2345 totally dominant way over CKWH with New Orleans Saints football. (PM-OR)
- 1140 **CHRB** **AB**, High River 12/5 2345 C&W with ID and very choppy signal fluttering in the static. A very faint KGEM underneath, using R-390A on N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 1150 **KKNW** **WA**, Seattle 12/12 0010 female with CNN news and ID. Fair to poor with short sudden fades, using Drake with Sanserino loop. (GH-OR)
- 1170 **KFAQ** **OK**, Tulsa 12/12 2330 not an unusual catch, but totally alone on the channel tonight with several "KFAQ" mentions. (PM-OR)
- 1180 **KOFI** **MT**, Kalispell 12/6 0000 Christmas music into ABC news. Fair to poor in heavy static but alone, using R-388 on N-S wire. (GH-OR)
- 1200 **WOAI** **TX**, San Antonio 12/7 0030 ID into news and ad for Shawn Hannity Show. Fair signal in moderate local KEX splatter. Becoming a regular at night! (GH-OR)
- 1210 **KPRZ** **CA**, San Marcos 12/15 1928 with ID "KPRZ" and several ads. (BB-AZ)
- 1230 **KPRL** **CA**, Paso Robles 12/16 1127 good for a few seconds, "27 after eight – KPRL" then into ad. New. (DP-OR)
- 1270 **KIML** **WY**, Gillette 12/15 0943 with "KIML" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1280 **KXTK** **CA**, Arroyo Grande 12/12 0859 fair mixing with KIT, "KXTK Arroyo Grande," ESPN "All sports, all the time." New. (DP-OR)
- KFRN** **CA**, Long Beach 12/12 0913 poor, possibly the one with choir type Christmas music. Clear mention of "Family Radio." (DP-OR)
- KDOX** **NV**, Henderson 12/15 1000 with ID "KDOX Henderson." (BB-AZ)
- 1300 **KKML** **CO**, Colorado Springs 12/13 1726 ads and "The Sports Animal 1300." (BB-AZ)
- 1310 **KKNS** **NM**, Corrales 12/16 0939 with traffic report and weather. (BB-AZ)
- 1430 **KWST** **CA**, El Centro 12/14 1518 with "K-West Country." (BB-AZ)
- KBRC** **WA**, Mt. Vernon 12/9 0248 "1430 KBRC," fair with oldies format. (DR-OR)
- 1440 **KUHL** **CA**, Santa Maria 12/14 0959 with traffic report, weather, then into news and ID at 1005 "KUHL." (BB-AZ)
- KRDZ** **CO**, Wray 12/10 1745 with ID "1440 KRDZ." (BB-AZ)
- 1470 **KKTY** **WY**, Douglas 12/10 1734 with ID "KKTY Douglas" then into oldies. (BB-AZ)
- 1480 **KGOE** **CA**, Eureka 12/9 0159 good, "For breaking news keep it here on KGOE." Talk format. (DR-OR)
- 1500 **KSTP** **MN**, St. Paul 12/10 0100 ID, ABC news and ad for credit counseling service, Coast to Coast with George Norry. Frequently heard this season. R-388 on E-W wire. (GH-OR)
- +12/10 0205 with ABC news, ID as "AM 15 hundred K-S-T-P" and followed by Coast to Coast, way on top. (BP-CA)
- 1540 **KXEL** **IA**, Waterloo 12/10 2320 ID and talk with Trucking Radio network radio show. Deep slow fades, alone in the static. Seldom heard, last heard 10/04. (GH-OR)
- 1550 **KKAD** **WA**, Vancouver 12/12 1927 "This is the Music of Your Life" slogan while solid atop in null of local KYCY. NOS music, cut power/antenna change at 1929:30. (DKK-CA)

- 1590 KKZZ CA, Ventura 12/14 0939 with traffic report, weather and "Playing all of your favorites with style." (BB-AZ)  
 1600 KOPT OR, Eugene 12/12 1910-1925 with syndicated liberal talk show. At first deep under KUBA Yuba City, but gradually building up and at 1920 went into an ad break. KOPT calls mentioned several times including "You're listening to more progressive talk on KOPT." First time heard under these calls. (DKK-CA)  
 1640 KDZR OR, Lake Oswego 12/13 0955 with Radio Disney and very fast ID. (BB-AZ)

**DX TESTS**

- 560 (WNTP) PA, Philadelphia 12/11 0000-0100 nothing heard that sounded like a test. (FA-ID)  
 990 (WFLI) PA, Philadelphia 12/11 0000-0100 nothing heard that sounded like a test under CBW. (FA-ID)

Thanks to our reporters this week, half of which are DX'ing from Oregon. Happy Holidays to everyone. Nancy 12/16 2100

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**DOWN THE DIAL**

- 590 KXSP NE, Omaha. 12-14 fair in KFNS null. 00:47 with local spots, promos, Fox Sports Radio (in sync with KFNS). [EB-MO]  
 610 WTVN OH, Columbus. 12-14 fair to poor in KCSP null. 17:02 with traffic report, local news, "News radio sixteen WTVN" ID. [EB-MO]  
 640 WCRV TN, Collierville. 12-10 good in WWLS null with splash from KJSL-630. 19:58 with Southern Gospel music, short feature on Christmas, "Bott Radio Network" mention. "WCRV Collierville, Memphis" legal ID. [EB-MO]  
 690 WIXT LA, New Orleans. 12-14 fair with KSTL nulled. 02:31 with Fox News Radio, net spots, "AM 6-90 WITX" ID in promo for weekday programming. [EB-MO]  
 700 WLW OH, Cincinnati. 12-14 fair with splash from KSTL-690. 13:59 with local spot, legal ID, local news, winter weather advisory. [EB-MO]  
 710 KCMO MO, Kansas City. 12-14 fair. 14:58 with local promo, "7-10 KCMO" ID, legal ID into local news. [EB-MO]  
 810 WHB MO, Kansas City. 12-14 good to fair with digital splash from KFNU-850. 14:55 with local promo, "Sports radio eight-to WHB" slogan into sports talk. [EB-MO]  
 980 WTEM DC, Washington. 12-11 good to poor through WYFN. 20:15 with Washington Wizards promo. [EB-MO]  
 1040 WPBS GA, Conyers. 12-14 good to fair in WHO null. 17:31 with Contemporary Christian music and SS preaching. "Radio Vida" slogan. Local spot, promo into local news with mention of Atlanta. [EB-MO]  
 1110 KBND OR, Bend. 12-12 very weak. 19:06 local spots, "AM talk 11-10 KBND" ID. [NJ-MT]  
 1160 KRDY TX, San Antonio. 12-14 fair to poor through WYLL in WAMB null. 22:02 with Radio Disney programming. [EB-MO]  
 KSL UT, Salt Lake City. 12-14 poor through mess in WAMB null. 21:57 with sports talk, local spots, "KSL AM and FM Salt Lake City" legal ID. [EB-MO]  
 1220 CJRB MB, Boissevain. 12-15 poor with XEB nulled. 21:00 with "CJRB radio Boissevain" ID. [NJ-MT]  
 1250 KKHK KS, Kansas City. 12-16 good to fair with others in WSSP null. 02:23 with Ranchera music, "La Super X, 12-50 AM" SS slogan. [EB-MO]  
 1260 WDKN TN, Dickson. 12-13 good over WSDZ. 21:13 with high school basketball, calls, local spots. [EB-MO]  
 1300 KBRL NE, McCook. 12-14 fair with WNQM, WOAD, and WOOD. 22:36 with contest promo, "Oldies Radio" slogan, local spots, weather, call letters. [EB-MO]  
 1390 KFFK AR, Rogers. 12-13 good to poor with WTJS. 22:40 with morning show promo, local spots, calls, oldies. [EB-MO]  
 1420 KBHS AR, Hot Springs. 12-11 good to fair with splash from WIL-1430. 17:21 with local spots, "The legends of country and gospel. KBHS AM 14-20" slogan into classic country music. [EB-MO]  
 WACK NY, Newark. 12-14 good to fair with splash from WIL-1430. 16:43 with local spots, promo, "News talk 14-20 WACK" slogan into syndicated talk program Gone at 16:45 power cut/pattern change. [EB-MO]  
 1430 KRGJ NE, Grand Island. 12-13 fair to poor through WXNT in WIL null. 23:46 with calls in promo, talk program. [EB-MO]

- 1440 WZYX TN, Cowan. 12-13 good to poor over WROK. 21:28 with contemporary jazz, DJ talk after long sets. Legal ID at 22:01. [EB-MO]  
 1560 KILE TX, Bellaire. 12-12 good to fair over WPAD. 17:36 with CST time check, thick-accented female announcer in EE with local promos, music from India, promo for a New Year's Eve party, gave area code 281 phone number. [EB-MO]  
 1610 .... MO, Hazelwood. 12-11 fair signal with splash from KATZ 1600 for this "Talking House" barker. 17:40 with details of house on Lynn Haven Lane. [EB-MO]  
 1700 KKLf TX, Sherman. 12-10 good signal over KBGG. 17:03 with local spots, "Talk radio five seventy KLIF" slogan into financial talk. [EB-MO]

**25 YEARS AGO**

December 27, 1980 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Gary Larson** of Burbank, CA commented on John Lennon's death ... **Neil Zank** of Lincoln, NE said he has logged 1,238 stations ... **Bruce Portzer** of Seattle, WA mentioned his HQ-180A was up and running again ... **Steven Miller** of Boston, MA received an early Christmas gift. A new typewriter.

**OPEN MIKE**

Nancy and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. This column was typed 12-17-05. 73, John

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 (WM-TN) **Willis Monk** Old Fort, TN  
 Sony STR3800, 149' LW

**LOGGINGS**

- 550 GA WDUN Gaiensville 12/06 1735 Local ads, NEW. (WM-MD)  
 690 VA WZAP Bristol 12/07 1700 Preacher hrd; ID. (WM-MD)  
 710 GA WROM Rome 12/16 0745 WROM ID on between two Christmas songs. Dominant. (RJ-NC)  
 740 OK KRMG Tulsa 12/06 2110 Tulsa BB hrd. (WM-MD)  
 760 NC WCIS Morganton 12/06 1715 Christmas MX grd; ID; S/off. (WM-MD)  
 790 AL WTSK Tuscaloosa 12/14 2313 UC Gospel. Good signal with slight fades on top of a choppy mix with Radio Reloj underneath it all "AM 790, WTSK". (IEN-GA)  
 800 GA WQXI Atlanta 12/07 1705 Traffic rpt. "Sports Talk 790" "The Zone". (WM-MD)  
 WV WVHU Huntington 12/16 0815 Interesting news report with announcer offering his opinion on each story. Then school closings with ref. To [WVHU.com](http://www.wvhu.com). (RJ-NC)  
 NY WGY Schanectady 12/7 2117 Wx rpt from the "Fox 23 Weatherman", into M. Savage show. (WM-TN)  
 TN WMGC Murfreesboro 12/09 1500 "La Musica of Mexicana" EE ID. (WM-TN)  
 820 TN WWAM South Pittsburg 12/07 1620 "Happy Holidays from WWAM" S. Gospel music. (WM-TN)  
 FL WMGG Largo 12/07 1650 Tampa traffic rpt in SS o/WWAM. (WM-TN)  
 TX WBAP Ft. Worth 12/07 2113 Dallas Stars Hockey. (WM-TN)  
 840 KY WHAS Louisville 12/07 1623 "News Talk WHAS, Louisville", Local news IBOC hash on 830 & 850khz. (WM-TN)  
 850 AL WDJC Birmingham 12/07 1636 Gospel mx. (WM-TN)  
 GA WAEC Atlanta 12/09 1500 ID "The Truth WAEC" Christian news. (WM-TN)  
 860 GA WDMG Dallas 12/07 2140 ESPN Sports, still on Day pwr. Lots of QRM from Radio Rebelde. (WM-TN)  
 870 AL WQRX Valley Head 12/09 1500 SS talk. (WM-TN)  
 LA WWL New Orleans 12/07 Local News. (WM-TN)  
 880 NC WPEK Fairview 12/16 0852 Air America programming. Then ID as "Progressive Talk for Asheville AM 880-The Revolution." ID as WPEK at TOH. (RJ-NC)  
 900 GA WJTH Calhoun 12/07 1641 Christmas mx, local ads. (WM-TN)

930 NC WDLX Washington 12/06 1905 UNC-Greensboro/E. Carolina BB. (WM-MD)  
 940 GA WMAC Macon 12/06 1835 "News Talk 940"; ID. (WM-MD)  
 970 NC WOXL Canton 12/07 1718 ID. (WM-MD)  
 990 VA WNRV Narrows-Pearisburg 12/11 0025 Christmas carols with a C&W flavor to them. Dominant signal on top of the clutter mixing at times with the DX Test from WNTP in Philadelphia. "3WR Radio". (IEN-GA)  
 1060 LA WLNO New Orleans 12/07 1729 REL. PGM; ID. (WM-MD)  
 1090 SC WCZZ Greenwood 12/17 1139 UC Gospel and ads mentioning the Greenwood, SC area. Decent, steady signal. "Rejoice 1090, WCZZ". (IEN-GA)  
 1130 LA KWKH Shreveport 12/06 2150 C&W mx. (WM-MD)  
 1160 IL WYLL Chicago 12/06 1823 ID. (WM-MD)  
 NJ WOBN Lakewood Twnshp 11/28 2059 "The Music You Love – WOBN, Lakewood Township." Then network news. (RJ-NC)  
 1190 WV WBDY Bluefield 12/15 1650 "Sport radio with an attitude, 1190 WBDY." Jingle for Fox sports Radio. (RJ-NC)  
 1210 AL WQLS Ozark 12/15 1641 Announcement for "gospel singing right here in Ozark, Alabama." Then ID for the new 1250. (RJ-NC)  
 1250 AL WAPZ Wetumpka 12/15 1625 "Tickets available at WAPZ radio station." Then ad; & ID for WAPZ. (RJ-NC)  
 1260 IL WSDZ Belleville 12/15 2200 Radio Disney programming. Promo. The oh-so rare Radio Disney legal ID came at TOH "AM 1250 WSDZ Belleville-St. Louis. (RJ-NC)  
 1470 WV WEMM Huntington 12/06 2300 S. Gospel MX; ID, Good signal, NEW. (WM-MD)  
 1530 OH WCKY Cincinnati 12/15 Sports, News. (WB-OH)  
 1540 IA KXEL Waterloo 12/15 School Closings News, ID. (WB-OH)  
 1560 OH WTOD Toledo 12/15 CBS News ID as "Super Talk 1560. (WB-OH)  
 1570 IN WWSZ New Albany 12/15 0700 ID fading in and out. (WB-OH)  
 1590 OH WAKR Akron 12/15 0647 ID Wx, School closings, sports. NEW. (WB-OH)  
 1620 IN WHLY South Bend 12/15 0644 Music, ID. (WB-OH)  
 1630 IA KCJJ Iowa City 12/15 Talk radio, School closings. O/SS pgm. (WB-OH)  
 1640 MS WTNI Biloxi 12/15 0626 ID, Wx. (WB-OH)  
 WI WKSH Sussex 12/15 R. Disney. (WB-OH)  
 1650 AR KWHN Fort Smith 12/15 ID as "News Talk KWHN" Wx. NEW. (WB-OH)  
 1660 MI WQSN Kalamazoo 12/15 Talk Radio, ESPN Mike and Mike pgm. (WB-OH)  
 1670 WI WTDY Madison 12/15 0610 ID, Shawn Campbell was the anncr. (WB-OH)  
 1680 MI WDSS Ada 12/06 2222 Radio Disney hrd. (WM-MD)  
 + 12/15 0608 Music, "Radio Disney" ID. (WB-OH)  
 1690 IL WRLL Berwyn 12/15 0702 News sports "Real Oldies" WX. (WB-OH)  
 1700 AL WEUV Huntsville 12/15 0653 "The Peoples Radio" ID. NEW. (WB-OH)

**D X TESTS**

560 PA WFIL Philadelphia 12/11 0015 - A variety of sweep-tones and beeps cutting through the clutter. Good signal at times. (IEN-GA)  
 + 12/11 0025 DX test. Sweep tones punched through. Good morse code copy at 0045. (RJ-NC)  
 990 PA WNTP Philadelphia 12/11 0006 Sweep tones heard. (CJG-KY)  
 + 12/11 0025 DX test. Good copy of sweep tones (at 0025) and morse code (at 0045). (RJ-NC)  
 + 12/11 0028 A variety of sweep-tones and beeps faint under WNRV in Narrows-Pearisburg, VA, but it rose above WNRV at 0035. Good signal at times. (IEN-GA)

**UN - IDEN**

880 ?? ???? 12/07 1707 "Talk Radio Live" hrd in WCBS fade, Mention of Salem Broadcasting. (WM-MD)  
 (You heard WRFD Columbus, OH. They are owned by Salem Broadcasting 23kw daytime. I have logged them here in FL- ed)

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 That's a wrap for this week...I recorded the WFIL 560 Test, but no joy here... Merry Christmas to EVERYONE!! May Santa bring you that special DX!!! More next week..... 0800 12-17-05



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Happy Holidays everyone,

**TRANS ATLANTIC DX ROUNDUP**

183 **ICELAND**, at 0315 UTC 12/18, medium level playing pop tunes with one Christmas tune just before 0400. Best I have heard a TA LWBC in quite a while. Only very weak hets on MW. (SR-OR)  
 1314 **NORWAY**, poor to very poor with woman ancr and what sounded like NN and mx in splatter mostly from 1310 kHz at 0250 12/16. Better on the SPR4 than the R8! (PM-OR)

**PAN AMERICAN DX ROUNDUP**

535 **GRENADA**, Radio Grenada 12/10 0830 Man introduced news from BBC World Service which begin with item on environmental conference in Montreal. First time logged in many years. (NP-AB)  
 600 **CUBA**, Radio Rebelde way o/CKBD with SS ancr and Tropical mx at 0500 12/13. Many mentions of "La Habana" also. This one may be new to me. If I have heard it before, it has been many years. (PM-OR)  
 1170 **MEXICO**, Aguacalientes, XEUVA 12/12 0702. After hearing a SS language station much of the evening, I finally hrd a call ID and also the "La Rancheria" slogan through KFAQ and KJNP! interference. (NP-AB)

**TRANS PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP**

639 **FIJI**, seems to be a regular now at night, about as common as Tahiti 738. Heard with typical island mx and a man in Fijian at 0740 12/17. (PM-OR)  
 820t **UNID**, AK, Fairbanks? KCBF During the same period I was hearing KJNP 1170, I was hearing an ESPN station u/KUTR with the usual Seattle pest very weak. It was on top at times, but never at ID time of course. Eventually I lost it as the Seattle station came back to normal levels (KGNW). Given propagation at this time it seems quite plausible this was KCBF (That was the first Alaskan I heard, but not logged since 1984). (NP-AB)  
 1170 **ALASKA**, North Pole KJNP 12/12 0600. Very surprised to hear an ID mentioning KJNP and North Pole. Alaska while trying to ID the SS speaker (which turned out to be unneeded XEUVA). Much clearer ID and local weather at 0703 and similarly at 0803. (NP-AB) (Great going Nigel, I have not heard either KCBF or KJNP in years either. PM)  
 + Also noted after reading the report about Nigel hearing KJNP from Don's place in Lamont AB. I decided to set up my timer/radio combo on 1170 At 0900 UTC 12/14, I heard a faint KJNP ID. At 1000 I heard another KJNP At 1100 I heard the full and complete ID giving KJNP AM & FM North Pole and KJAK Houston. First Alaskan station logged here since KINY 800 back in Feb 04. Thanks Nigel. (MS-AB)

**QSL**

612 **JAPAN**, Fukuoka JOLK. Full data QSL letter and station info from Takaski Otsuka, Associate Director, Planning and General Affairs Division in 22 days for an IRC. (NP-AB)

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Hi everyone! I don't forum often and that's something I must change. With the DX season well upon us and some new members joining the IRCA it's nice to see the club doing well. As I've been quite busy with my ECC duties as well as editing columns for the IRCA and NASWA I haven't had much time to DX and this is another thing that must change! hi (advice is welcome here). I want to wish every member of this wonderful club and all of their loved ones a Most Healthy and Happy Holiday Season! For those members under the weather I pray for a speedy recovery so your lives may return to normal once again. I also hope Santa brings that special gift so desired to enhance your radio hobby! Please be well my friends and 73 de DX de NY, Ray Bauernhuber.

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First, I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Didn't have much luck DXing this week until Sunday night, 12/18. Last week, I mentioned finally hearing number two on 890. This evening, I nailed number three WBAJ in SC. It would have been a semi-local for me if I were still living in South Carolina. Then, I nailed number two on 720 in KSAH in Universal City, Texas. Also, KRVN-880 NE was all over WCBS-880 NY and WITS-690 LA was basically all alone. I haven't done much with the clear channels for awhile. Now at 640 heard here. This past Tuesday evening, I reset the car radio button to 740. CHWO-740 ONT seems to be spotty around here at night on the car radio with just a few hundred feet making all the difference on how well CHWO comes in. However, while I was driving to class Thursday evening at 1740 EST, I had a mixture of CHWO Toronto and KRMG Tulsa, Okla. coming in here on the southside of Indianapolis. It seemed weird but I had clear IDs for both stations with CHWO talking about Toronto and its 3 degrees below zero (Celsius--hi) and KRMG giving call letters. We had an inch or so of snow today--just enough to make wonder if I need to shovel before going to work tonight but I am wondering if it affected DX at all. 73.

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5. John Tudenham	180	11. John C. Johnson	3
6. Nigel Pimblett	154		

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A welcome goes to Phil, our new IRCA Alphabet Soup contestant this month. You can join the contest any time, so if you haven't joined already there is still time. The rules can be found online at the IRCA website, and also in the August 6, 2005 issue of DXM. Send me a note if you have any questions. The contest runs until May 31, 2006.

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774 JOUB Hirokazu Toyota, Mgr; NHK Akita Broadcasting Station, 1-1-2, Sanno, Akita 010-8501, Japan; LCB+: 41; MF  
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1020 KTNQ\* Tom Koza, CE; 655 North Central Ave, Suite 2500, Glendale CA 91203; LBbc; 15; MF  
1250 KHIL Mark [last name illegible]; PO Box 1250, Willcox AZ 85644; LMB++; 13; MF

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**NOTES:** \* [For this column] = See comment below

Martin indicates that the signer of his KTNQ-1020 verie is a casual DXer and a Ham; he also thanks IRCA member David Gleason for the contact. This column was prepared on 12/19/05, one week earlier than usual because of the holidays. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! 73, SSH.



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