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HQ NOTES

It's time to consider who you will want to represent you as IRCA's next president and Board of Directors (their term will start September 15, 2007). Per the IRCA Constitution, Article III, Section 5, Part 2: Nominations shall be open for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the seven members of the Board of Directors from December 1 (2006) through January 15 (2007). Only one nomination each for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and only seven nominations for the Board, shall be allowed each IRCA member. An eligible member may nominate himself or herself. All nominations must be submitted in written form to the ECC by January 15.

IRCA's Election Committee Chair (ECC) is **Ray Bauernhuber**, who can be contacted at raydx@msn.com ("written form" includes an e-mail submission, and that is easiest for Ray) or at his postal address of 151-64 18th Ave, Whitestone NY 11357-3102 if you do not use e-mail.

The 2007 **IRCA/DecalcoMania** convention will be held in Salt Lake City UT on August 24-26, 2007 at the Airport Days Inn, 1900 West North Temple, SLC UT 84116. Telephone (801) 539-8538. Request the IRCA convention discount rate of \$50 per night. Registration fee is \$25 (not including Saturday banquet) and is payable to: **Mike Sanburn**, PO Box 1256, Bellflower CA 90707-1256, USA. Hotel website is: www.the.daysinn.com/saltlakecity06838. Trip rewards site: www.triprewards.com. Tourism site: www.utah.travel. Delta airlines web: www.delta.com.

BROADCAST TEST COORDINATOR – DX TESTS

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daily	0100-0600	1560	WMRO	Gallatin TN	(Bailey)
Sun 12/24/06+	0000-0005	1230	WODI	Brookneal VA	(Marthouse)

WMRO 1560kHz Gallatin, TN DX Test. Date(s): Midnight to Five AM Central Time October 30th thru ???. Time: Midnight until 5:00AM Central Time. Modes of Operation: "Inventory Insert" 60 Second Long Test. 0.003kw Non-Directional. (One night may include a brief full daytime power test). Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, 60 Second Long "Inventory Insert" during local breaks. Notes: Transmitter audio chain testing. Exact times of the inserted spots will be given closer to the test time period. In general, look for the test to run near the Top of the Hour (TOH). The extreme low power of this station at night should make this one a nice challenge!

This test will likely continue nightly for months to come, so please try for it.

Please note the following change in QSL information: The station now desires to receive reports directly and only via regular Postal Mail. No telephone calls or e-mails, please! Scott Bailey is dealing with a family medical situation, so responses may take several weeks. Be patient and do not make this too much of a chore for him.

Send Postal reports and/or recordings to: Scott Bailey, President & General Manager, WMRO Radio, Magic 1560, PO Box 1445, Gallatin TN 37066. Please include a SASE for reply.

Our thanks Scott Bailey of WMRO, who's always been very DX Friendly! And also to Paul Walker, who helped to arrange yet another test for all of us.

WODI 1230kHz Brookneal, VA DX Test. Dates: Sunday Morning (Late Saturday Night) Starting October 1st and continuing until further notice. Time: Midnight until 00:05AM Eastern Time (5 Minute test each week). Modes of Operation: Special DX Test. 1,000 Watts, Non-Directional. Programming: Morse Code ID's, Sweep Tones, Voice ID. Notes: This DX friendly station is co-owned by two amateur radio operators, and they have decided to conduct this rare, on-going DX test, giving listeners a weekly opportunity to put this station into the log books.

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:

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les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "WODI DX Test" in the subject line. All standard mail reports should go to: Les Rayburn, High Noon Film, 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111, Birmingham AL 35216. *SASE Required for reply.

Thanks to Dave Marthouse, N2AAM & Tony DeNicola, WA2IHZ for putting on this unusual, long term DX tests for the benefit of distant listeners!

MONTANA DX TEST REPORT

The Montana "Big Sky" DX Test turned out to be one of the most popular tests with DX'ers in some time. Our thanks again to the ABDX List, Engineer Ron Huckleby, Tony Mulligan, Todd Clark, Steven Dow, Michael Richard of KEVA, and the staff of these stations for all their efforts to make this test possible. We'd also like to thank Brandon Jordan for his wonderful web site which has become a real tool for DX Tests and Joe Miller who designed all the QSL cards for the test. Without their support, it would be impossible to get these tests organized.

Regular readers will note that this edition of the report is abbreviated. It was simply impossible to edit all the reports received here and hope to get this edition out in any reasonable amount of time. A full Microsoft Word version of this test has been produced, and is available on Brandon Jordan's web site: www.dxtests.info.

So, if your name isn't mentioned here, I apologize in advance. The full report contains the unedited reports of each listener who sent one in. Electronic QSL cards were e-mailed out on December 13th. We hope to get postal requests out next week. Please be patient. Postal reports (of which there were over 60 reports) will not be reproduced in the full report or here. Simply takes too long to transcribe all that text into electronic form.

I keep preaching, but we all need to join the "Information Age".

- KEIN 1310kHz Great Falls, MT (5KW Daytime Pattern)
- KLCY 930kHz, East Missoula, MT (5KW Daytime Pattern)
- KGVO 1290kHz, Missoula, MT (5KW Daytime Pattern)
- KANA 580kHz, Anaconda, MT (1KW Daytime Pattern)
- KERR 750kHz Polson, MT (50KW Non-Directional)
- KKGR 680kHz East Helena, MT (5KW Non-Directional)

It appears that KEIN, KLCY, and KGVO did not participate in the test. Possibly due to automation problems or other issues. This is a great example of why real time, Internet based information sources are so vital to serious DX'ers. Many listeners participated in a real time chat room devoted to Medium Wave DXing, at <http://www.starchat.net>.

The channel is #MWDX. Those of us active on the chat quickly realized that these three stations were not participating, thanks to reports from local or near local DX'ers. Likewise, it was quickly determined that KKGR 680kHz was getting out very well across the country. This despite their being limited to 500 watts of power into a short 290 foot tower.

The "lesson learned" from the DX Tests this season is clear. Schedules will change, sometimes at the last minute. Real time, Internet based access to information such as the NRC "DX Tip" list, web sites like www.dxtests.info, and chat rooms like #MWDX are critical to putting new stations into the log.

The two most widely heard stations were KKGR 680kHz & KERR 750kHz, who did not run Morse Code or Sweep Tones. However, their unique format of classic country music made them easy to pick out on the channel. They also ran a lot of voice ID's which many DX'ers recorded.

KKGR 680kHz was a huge surprise. And was the station most widely heard during the test.

KANA also showed up in a quite a few logs, and despite their lack of participation in the test, some careful monitoring of 1290kHz put KGVO into the logs for some lucky DX'ers.

HIGHLIGHTS & PROBLEMS

Both KERR 750kHz and KKGR 680kHz were heard "across the pond" with nice recordings coming in from Sweden and even Berlevag, in the Arctic Circle... a distance of over 4,000 miles!

Also logging both KERR and KKGR was Vesa-Jussi Rinkinen in Finland, at a distance of almost 4,700 miles. The recordings were clearer than many of the files we received from domestic DX'ers, even those in nearby Western states. I'd describe Vesa's recording of KERR has being nearly "local" quality. Voice ID easily readable, music selections quite clear as well. Amazing to hear this at that distance.

As predicted, the test resulted in the first logging of Montana for many DX'ers, including loggings from California to Maryland-making the test a coast to coast success. Richard Wood in Keaau, HI also managed to log KERR 750kHz and KKGR 680, at a distance of slightly over 3,000 miles.

The unique nature of this test also attracted a lot of listeners who might not normally participate in AM DXing on a regular basis. We received reports from ham radio operators, shortwave listeners, and even one listener who logged the test on a high performance crystal radio! Eric Haydon of Lincoln, NE had already pulled in three Montana stations in the past using his home made crystal radio, and thanks to the test was able to put a few more into the log. Building and operating hot rod versions of the old familiar crystal radio is a wonderful sub-set of our hobby.

At various hamfests and conventions, I've had occasion to admire and operate some of these radios, and they are very impressive. They don't much resemble the Quaker Oats box and longwire version that many of us built as kids, and they certainly don't perform like them either. I've heard a few that would give my Drake R8B a run for it's money!

More information on Eric's radio can be found at: www.crystalradio.us

After pouring through the reception reports, some common mistakes emerged that may have prevented some from logging the test. Many had the mistaken belief that KERR 750khz would be airing Morse Code ID's and/or sweep tones. It was clearly stated in the test announcements that they would only be running normal programming with more frequent ID's.

It's important to do your homework, as the details for each test are often different. And KKGR 680khz which was the most widely heard station of all did not join the "party" until just a few days prior to the test. Those DX'ers who rely solely on printed publications would not even know that station was testing.

We did send out postal mail updates using the NRC/IRCA "Flash Card" system--but we no doubt had a significant number of members who were not even listening for KKGR. A real shame, since this 5KW signal was widely heard!

Another issue is reports that were sent with incomplete information. Many DX'ers do not bother to include their name or location. Some send very detailed reports but give no indication if they expect a verification or not. Some send e-mails saying that sound files were attached, but they weren't. Others sent clips that were way too long--one recording we received (via e-mail!) was nearly an hour in length.

Exact times were also an issue for many DX'ers. Often after a test, we have to use some detective work to assemble "logs" of details for the station. In this case, we constructed a "song" log for KERR noting what songs and artists were played during the test, along with the times of voice ID's. But while many DX'ers got the details right, there were variances of up to ten minutes in the reported times of events.

In this age of inexpensive clocks that are synced to WWVB, freeware utilities to sync your PC clock to the same time standard, and all of us having access to receivers that will tune in WWV... it's hard to explain why more DX'ers are not more critical with their noted times. We should all strive to be within a minute of "atomic time" especially during a DX test. In some cases, it may be the difference between being able to verify a report or not.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to find and listen to a song called "Big Sky Country" written and recorded by my dear friend, Chris Whitley, on his debut album for Sony Records. The album is called "Living with the Law" and was released to critical acclaim. Many of the songs from the album were used in the movie, "Thelma and Louise". Chris passed away earlier this year from cancer. He was only 45, and leaves behind a beautiful daughter. The entire time that we were arranging this test, I thought about him and this song. For many of us who only dreamed of logging the "Big Sky Country", it's the perfect anthem for the test.

Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make this test a reality!

SOAPBOX

It was good fun having such a large and lively group on the #mwdx chat... y'all come back soon, y'hear? -**Barry McLarnon**, Ottawa, Ontario

I have a new state and life is wonderful. -**Bill Harms**, Elkridge, MD

Managed to stay up till 0125 CST this morning. Rewarded with a nice ID from KERR 750 at 0136.

Two new Montana stations for me this morning! -**Bruce Winkleman**, Tulsa, OK

This was really a lot of fun. Especially chatting with the other DX'ers across the country in the chatroom. (#MWDX) -**Brian Leyton**, Valley Village, CA

KKGR heard approximately 0230. Sweep tones, very fast Morse IDs. Thought I might be hearing things the first time but the second time it was definitely KKGR Morse. No sign on any other frequency. Thought KERR would be the big signal here but WSB is way too strong. -**Doug Smith** W9WI, Pleasant View (Nashville), TN

Sad to say, but join the club. Maybe we'll have better luck next time. I did, however, hear AZ for the first time tonight. I also heard a new station in IA and KY. -**Bert New**, Watkinville, GA

I heard KKGR at around 0205 to 0210 (not sure of the exact time as I was taping several frequencies at once. I've got a pretty fair segment of code on 680 for KKGR and was pleasantly surprised! Unfortunately none of the others made it here with the possible reception of 750 KERR. -**John Hunter**, Rossville, GA

Only 2 of the 6 Montana Tests were positively heard, KANA-580 & KKGR-680. KERR-750 was most likely heard, as there was a fairly strong station on 750Khz playing old C&W music, such as Freddie Fender etc, but no Morse, sweeps, etc. The station faded out completely at the 0300ELT TOH before ID could be heard... agghhhhh!! -**John Tucker**, Meza, AZ

I'm having a very difficult time in S E Michigan. 3 of the 6 channels have local stations (580, 680, 1310), 2 are semi-local (930, 1290), leaving only KERR on 750. After nulling WSB, the best I could manage was some underlying country music sounds drifting in and out. I'll go back and replay my tape to see if I salvage anything. -**Joe Miller**, Troy, MI

(After logging KKRG, KERR, and KANA) My life is complete! -**Mike Hawkins**, Campbell, CA

Thanks for the opportunity to hear Big Sky country on AM. -**Carl Mann**, Omaha, NE

I am pleased to report that I managed to increase my Montana totals by 100% from 1 heard to 2 heard, thanks to 750-KERR. My other Montana dates back to a 790-KGHL frequency check (remember those?) back in 1976 (when I was in Junior High). I have a green QSL card for that one. -**Neil Wolfish**, Toronto, Ontario

(KERR 750) Blasting in with C&W totally creaming KXL with Honey by Bobby Goldsboro, after a nice ID -**Patrick Martin**, Seaside, OR

KKGR excellent w/sweep tones & fast CW IDs thru KNBR football recaps. Really good if that is indeed only 500w. (Editor's Note: Nope, they were at 5KW. Your old editor made a typo on the

original test announcement. But that signal was only feeding a very short 290 foot antenna!) -**Pete Taylor**, Tacoma, WA

KERR in here with C&W with good signal when able to rise above KXL and KOAL. If KEIN airs MOYL, I also had them briefly in the jumble. -**Bob Pietsch** (aka The Rocklin Rocket), Rocklin, CA 73, and Thanks again---**Les Rayburn**, N1LF, IRCA/NRC Broadcast Test Coordinator

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CALL LETTER CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY	NEW CALL
640	WJNA	Royal Palm Beach, FL	WMEN
680	WCAW	Charleston, WV	WKAZ
680	WWTQ	Memphis, TN	WSMB
690	WJOX	Birmingham, AL	WSPZ
810	WCKS	Jacksonville, AL	WCKA
1110	WBCA	Bay Minette, AL	WTOF
1170	WJJZ	Bridgewater Township, NJ	WWTR
1220	KCCS	Salem, OR	KBDY
1370	WRDW	Ellenville, NY	WELG
1460	WBZB	Brockton, MA	WXBR (was WBET in interim-ye ed)
1490	new	Cameron, SC	WTQS
1490	WAJF	Decatur, AL	WDPT
1510	KYOL	Littleton, CO	KCKK
1510	WSQD	Lajas, PR	WBSG
1600	KCKK	Lakewood, CO	KEPN

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
670	WPMH	Claremont, VA	silent	religious teach //WRJR-1010
790	KBET	Winchester, NV	new CP	format not available
870	KHNR	Honolulu, HI	news/talk	silent
930	KAPR	Douglas, AZ	religious teaching	talk
940	KTON	Belton, TX	traditional country	classic country
940	WGRP	Greenville, PA	oldies	sports
950	WCTN	Potomac-Cabin John, MD	Spanish hits	oldies
970	WXQK	Spring City, TN	talk	oldies//WBAC-1340
990	KTHH	Albany, OR	talk	classic country
1010	KTNZ	Amarillo, TX	Spanish religion	country
1020	KYXE	Union Gap, WA	regional Mexican	Spanish hits
1050	KMTA	Miles City, MT	classic country	silent
1090	WILD	Boston, MA	black gospel	talk
1110	WTOF	Bay Minette, AL	adult standards	religious teaching
1140	KGEM	Boise, ID	adult standards	oldies
1150	KUHD	Port Neches, TX	Spanish CHR	sports
1160	WMET	Gaithersburg, MD	ethnic	adult standards
1190	WLLI	Humboldt, TN	sports	country
1210	KZTS	Sunnyside, WA	regional Mexican	Spanish hits //KYXE-1020
1240	KIUL	Garden City, KS	sports	talk
1240	KJAA	Globe, AZ	religious teaching	talk
1260	KKGO	Beverly Hills, CA	adult standards	country //XESURF-540
1260	WGVN	Greenville, MS	country	sports
1260	WWIS	Black River Falls, WI	oldies	adult contemporary
1270	WKBF	Rock Island, IL	talk	format not available
1280	WDNT	Dayton, TN	talk	oldies//WBAC-1340
1280	WOWZ	Appomatox, VA	silent	format not available
1310	KYUL	Scott City, KS	sports	talk//KIUL-1240
1340	WBAC	Cleveland, TN	talk	oldies
1340	WYJK	Connellsville, PA	oldies	silent
1350	KCOR	San Antonio, TX	Spanish urban	Spanish talk
1350	WBLT	Bedford, VA	oldies	sports
1350	WGDN	Gladwin, MI	talk	religious teaching
1350	WZGM	Black Mountain, NC	country	oldies
1360	WHNR	Cypress Gardens, FL	urban AC	Spanish
1370	WELG	Ellenville, NY	country	adult standards
1410	KDBS	Alexandria, LA	sports	oldies
1430	WRXO	Roxboro, NC	adult standards	country
1440	KELG	Manor, TX	regional Mexican	Spanish religion
1450	KBEN	Carrizo Springs, TX	religious teaching	Spanish religion
1460	KHRA	Honolulu, HI	ethnic	silent

1470	WLOA	Farrell, PA	oldies	sports
1480	KNTB	Lakewood, WA	Spanish religion	Spanish contemporary Xtian
1490	KBRO	Bremerton, WA	Spanish religion	Spanish cont Xtian //KNTB
1490	KCID	Caldwell, ID	oldies	adult standards
1490	KLNT	Laredo, TX	country	regional Mexican
1490	WCHM	Clarksville, GA	country	news/talk
1490	WDPT	Decatur, AL	religious teaching	talk
1520	KFXZ	Lafayette, LA	black gospel	classic country
1570	KMUR	Pryor, OK	religious teaching	oldies
1580	WHLY	South Bend, IN	adult standards	religious teaching
1590	WABV	Abbeville, SC	silent	talk
1600	KRVA	Cockrell Hill, TX	ethnic	format not available
1600	WBTO	Linton, IN	traditional country	silent
1600	WRJE	Dover, DE	black gospel	oldies

**FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATION AND GRANT ACTIVITY
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540	WWCS	Canonsburg, PA	5000/500 DA-2 to 3800 DA-D
550	WASG	Atmore, AL	10000/143 ND to 50000/157 ND
570	KNRS	Salt Lake City, UT	5000/5000 DA-1 to 50000/5000 DA-2
630	WDGY	Hudson, WI	1000/2500 DA-2 to 25000/2500 DA-2
640	WMEN	Royal Palm Beach, FL	7500/460 DA-2 to 50000/25000 DA-2
700	WDMV	Walkersville, MD	5000 DA-D to 50000 DA-2
730	WMTC	Vanclave, KY	5000/50 DA-D to 13000/50 DA-2
860	WFMO	Fairmont, NC	1000/12 ND to 50000/740 DA-2
980	WHAW	Weston, VA	1000/50 ND to 25000/50 ND
1060	KRCN	Longmont, CO	50000/111 ND to 50000/112 ND
1070	KATQ	Plentywood, MT	5000 ND-D to 5000/49 ND
1090	WNVY	Cantonment, FL	10000 DA-D to 15000/28 ND
1110	KEOR	Atoka, OK	5000 DA_D to 2000 DA-2
1120	KJSA	Mineral Wells, TX	250 ND-D to 20000 DA-2
1170	WWLE	Cornwall, NY	800 DA-D to 2500/500 DA-2
1190	WJES	Saluda, SC	350 ND-D to 10000/4 ND
1220	KZEE	Weatherford, TX	500/8 ND to 1600/300 DA-2
1220	WDYT	Pocahontas Mountain, NC	1000/100 ND to 25000/106 DA-D
1240	KWIK	Pocatello, ID	1000/1000 ND to 960/960 ND
1280	KYRO	Potosi, MO	500/83 ND to 50000/190 DA-2
1300	KSET	Silsbee, TX	500 ND-D to 1200/500 DA-2
1310	WSLW	White Sulphur Springs, WV	5000 ND-D to 250 DA-D
1360	WKTT	Saraland, AL	15000/250 DA-N to 15000/430 DA-N
1370	WGHC	Clayton, GA	2500 ND-D to 250 ND-D
1370	WGIV	Pineville, NC	3000/45 ND to 16000/45 ND
1380	KFNI	Pleasanton, TX	DA-2 to DA2
1420	KMHS	Coos Bay, OR	1000/38 ND to 1000/41 ND
1430	KLO	Ogden, UT	10000/5000 DA-2 to 16000/5000 DA-2
1460	KBRZ	Freeport, TX	500/214 ND to 8000 DA-D
1480	KRAE	Cheyenne, WY	1000/65 ND to 1000 ND-D
1490	KWAC	Bakersfield, CA	1000/1000 ND to 640/640 ND
1500	WDPC	Dallas, GA	5000 DA-D to 5000 DA-2
1540	KMPC	Los Angeles, CA	50000/37000 DA-2 to 50000/44000 DA-2
1550	WQZQ	Clarksville, TN	2500/10 ND to 500 ND-D
1570	WBGX	Harvey, IL	1000/500 DA-2 to 5000/500 DA-2
1590	KEAS	Eastland, TX	500 ND-D to 1200 ND-D

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790	KBRV	Soda Springs, ID	50000 ND-D to 50000/29 ND
860	KTRB	Modesto, CA	50000/10000 DA-2 to 50000/50000 DA-2
900	WFIA	Louisville, KY	1000/163 ND to 930/162 ND
940	KICE	Bend, OR	10000/60 DA-2 to 10000/95 DA-2
1050	WJOK	Kaukauna, WI	1000/500 DA-1 to 5000/1000 DA-2
1140	WRMQ	Orlando, FL	5000 ND-D to 4600/245 ND
1220	WOTS	Kissimmee, FL	1000/110 ND to 2500/200 DA-2
1230	WJOI	Norfolk, VA	627/627 ND to 627/627
1250	KZDC	San Antonio, TX	1000/1000 DA-N to 25000/2000 DA-2
1270	WMKT	Charlevoix, MI	27000/5000 DA-N to 50000 ND-D
1420	WATB	Decatur, GA	1000/51 DA-2 to 50000/174 DA-D
1430	KFIG	Fresno, CA	DA-1 to DA-2
1460	KHOJ	St. Charles, MO	5000 DA-D to 5000/85 DA-2
1460	WBJX	Racine, WI	500/62 ND to 350/49 ND
1460	WXOK	Baton Rouge, LA	5000/1000 DA-N to 5000/600 DA-N
1530	KZNX	Creedmoor, TX	10000/12 DA-3 to 10000/220 DA-3
1560	KVAN	Burbank, WA	10000/1600 DA-2 to 10000/700 DA-2 (CP)

PUBLIC LISTINGS COURTESY OF THERADIOJOURNAL.COM AND 10000WATTS.COM:

680: WWTQ Memphis TN changes calls to WSMB, parking the longtime 1350 New Orleans LA calls recently replaced by WWWL.

690: WRAX 100.5 Northport/Birmingham AL flips from modern rock "The X" to sports, simulcasting WJOX 690 Birmingham.

790: KBET Winchester/Las Vegas NV has signed on and is testing.

930: KAPR Douglas AZ and KJAA 1240 Globe AZ flip from religious to talk as "The Voice."

940: WGRP Greenville PA/WLOA 1470 Farrell PA/Youngstown OH flip to Sporting News sports from oldies; sister station WANR 1570 Warren/Youngstown OH remains with oldies.

990: KTHH Albany/Corvallis OR flips from progressive talk to classic country as "990 the Legend."

1090: WILD Boston MA returns to Radio One talk from black gospel.

1110: WBCA Bay Minette AL changes calls to WTOF, as new ownership takes over.

1110: WTOF Bay Minette AL flips from standards to religion as "Mobile's Christian Voice."

1140: KGEN Boise ID flips from standards "K-Gem" to oldies.

1150: KUHD Port Neches TX flips from Spanish hits to Fox sports.

1160: WMET Gathersburg MD/Washington DC adds Music of Your Life standards to its ethnic/talk format.

1240: KIUL Garden City KS/KYUL 1310 Scott City KS flips from ESPN sports to news/talk, as "News Radio KIUL."

1260: KKG0 Beverly Hills/Los Angeles CA flipped from standards to country Friday 12/1, joining sister station XESURF 540 Tijuana/San Diego.

1260: WWIS-FM 99.7 Black River Falls WI flips from AC to classic country as "99.7 the Star"; the AC format moves to WWIS 1260 Black River Falls WI, replacing oldies there.

1270: WKBF Rock Island IL/Quad Cities drops progressive talk, going all-Christmas before relaunching later this month with religion as "Truth 1070."

1340: WBAC Cleveland TN and simulcasts WDNT 1280 Dayton TN/WXQK 970 Spring City TN flip from talk to oldies as "The Greatest Hits of All Time."

1350: WBLT Bedford VA flips from oldies to ESPN sports.

1360: WSAI Cincinnati OH flips from progressive talk to advice-oriented talk as "1360thesource.com."

1370: WRWD Ellenville NY flips from a simulcast of country WRWD-FM 107.3 Highland NY to standards, with new calls WELG. (The WRWD simulcast moves to WRWC 99.3 Ellenville NY on 12/25.)

1410: Alexandria LA flips from ESPN sports to oldies as "Dixie 1410."

1460: WBET Brockton MA picks new calls WXBR, after briefly using WBZB. (WBET reverted to its old calls after a complaint from nearby WBZ 1030 Boston.)

1490: KLNT Laredo TX flips from country to regional Mexican as "Norteno 1490."

1490: WAJF Decatur AL changes calls to WDPT and flips from religious to talk as "Pro Talk 1490."

1520: WHOW Clinton IL and WHOW-FM 95.9 Clinton/Decatur IL are off the air after ice caused their tower to collapse (12/4-ye ed). They're not expected back on until later this week, at the earliest.

1580: WHLY South Bend IN flips from standards to EWTN Catholic religious.

1600: KCKK Lakewood/Denver CO flips from classic country to ESPN sports as KEPN, picking up the affiliation from KLZ 560 Denver CO. The KCKK calls and classic country format replace oldies at KYOL 1510 Littleton/Denver CO.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AND CONTRIBUTOR LISTINGS:

Dennis Gibson sends along the following:
KKG0-1260 will be going country //XESURF on December 1 per the LA Times (and Scott Fybus). (DG-CA)

Ye editor sends along the following:
Los Angeles World Airports Launches New Radio Station at Ontario International Airport to Provide Security and Travel Information
LOS ANGELES, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- November 15, 2006 -- Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) today launched a new radio station at Ontario International Airport (ONT) that will provide the traveling public and airport visitors with critical airport security information. The radio station will also provide information on terminal and airline locations, parking, ground transportation, services and amenities, and travel recommendations that will make traveling through ONT easier and more convenient. The Federal Communications Commission allows a low-powered signal for this type of station which can be heard for several miles on roads and freeways surrounding the airport. Caltrans placed signs along freeways approaching the airport to inform drivers about the station. The station's studio is located in the airport's Administration Building and a newly constructed transmitter site is on the airport perimeter near the main access road. "The new airport radio station at 770 on the AM dial, which will operate 24 hours a day, will enable us to communicate immediately with drivers headed to the airport in the event of a security emergency," said Alan Hyde, ONT's police department commander. "We will now be able to inform drivers of security issues as they are developing and advise them directly about specific courses of action. The new radio station is an important part of Ontario International's overall security program to ensure that the airport is as safe and secure as possible." The station will be on air in time for the busy Thanksgiving holiday travel period. Airport officials expect 200,000 passengers to travel through ONT from Friday, Nov. 17 through Monday, Nov. 27. "Thanksgiving week is possibly the busiest time of the year at the airport," said Jess Romo, ONT's airport manager. "The winter holiday travel period is also approaching and the radio station, a highly effective medium, will help us communicate with the traveling public in a timely manner. Ontario International now handles more than seven million passengers annually and many of them are here for the first time. Information provided on the station will make their trips much easier."
ONT is located in Southern California's "Inland Empire" region that includes San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The medium-hub airport is one of four owned and operated by LAWA, a Los Angeles city department that oversees an airport system in the nation's second largest metropolitan area. The other airports owned and operated by LAWA are Los Angeles International Airport, Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys.

AND ONE MORE ARTICLE FROM KCBS-TV CH. 2 WEBSITE:
Ontario Airport Radio Station Launches Operation Of Station Comes Just Ahead Of Thanksgiving Holiday Travel Period

Riverside County residents heading to Ontario International Airport can now get parking, transportation and security information from an airport radio station officials said Wednesday. The birth of the station, located at 770 on the AM dial, comes just ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday travel period, which begins Friday. Officials from Los Angeles World Airports, the agency that which operates the airport, said about 200,000 passengers are expected to travel through the Ontario airport between Friday and Nov. 27. Alan Hyde, commander of the Ontario airport police department, said the station "will enable us to communicate immediately with drivers headed to the airport in the event of a security emergency." "We will now be able to inform drivers of security issues as they are developing and advise them directly about specific courses of action," Hyde said. "The new radio station is an important part of Ontario International's overall security program to ensure that the airport is as safe and secure as possible." The station, which is on the air seven days a week and 24 hours a day, is operated from a studio near the airport's Administration Building. A transmitter was built on the perimeter of the airport. Signs have been placed along freeways informing motorists about the station. The station mirrors a long-running radio station, 530 AM, at Los Angeles International Airport. LAWA operates LAX, Ontario, Palmdale and Van Nuys airports. (RW-CA)

Theo Donnelly sends along the following:

Radio station owner suspects sabotage in robbery, ALEXANDRA GILL
VANCOUVER -- A new voice in British Columbia's South Asian radio universe is scrambling to meet its scheduled launch date this Saturday after a robbery last week. Last Friday morning, thieves broke into the station's North Burnaby office at 3060 Norland Ave., and took off with its main server, back-up system and specialized production equipment that contained music collections, taped station identification spots and other valuable software that amounts to weeks of lost work. URL: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20061122.BCRADIO22/EmailTPStory/>. (TD-BC)

Dale Park sends along the following:

Black radio pioneer Pepper dead at 91 Posted 11/24/2006 3:44 PM ET
MEMPHIS (AP) — John R. Pepper II, co-founder of the first nationwide radio station with programming targeting a black audience, has died. He was 91. Pepper died Monday at St. Francis Hospital after an extended illness, according to Forest Hill Midtown Funeral Home, where services were held Friday. Still one of Memphis' top stations, WDIA-AM was the first in the South with an all-black on-air staff. Clear Channel Broadcasting now owns the station, which reaches five states. WDIA, which Pepper founded with Bert Ferguson in the 1940s, helped launch the careers of B.B. King and Isaac Hayes, among others, and eased the way for blacks throughout the country to break into broadcasting. Hayes was a member of the station's "teen-town singers," and King, whose real name is Riley King, picked up his stage name while working as a WDIA disc jockey from 1949 to 1955. He was known then as the "Beale Street Blues Boy" and later as simply "B.B." Pepper also founded what later became Pepper Tanner Advertising Agency. Pepper is survived by his daughter, two sons and a granddaughter. (DP-HI)

Tim Noonan sends along the following:

Tim sends along his monthly list of FCC call changes dated 11/28/06. Thanks, Tim! (TN-WI)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

I don't remember this being posted, but I just got an ID from KGEM Boise 1140, and the format is no longer NOS, but Oldies. Anyone else notice this? (PM-OR)

Edward Kusalik sends along the following:

USA. 1630, KKG, Texas. They are currently running southern gospel music, sports and ministry programs. Nothing in the Spanish language. Address for reports: AM 1630 KKG, 5787 South Hampton, Suite 108, Dallas, Texas 75232. Address reports to: Mr. Jack Davis, Program Director. This in response to a my second follow-up report, which he rejected (despite hearing a clear KKG ID at TOH); then again this report was a old log, dating back to November 2004. Will try for another attempt on this one, knowing the format that they use now. (EK-AB)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Deane McIntyre:

CHQB-1280 Powell River BC applies to CRTC to move to FM (94.1 MHz, 8.6 kW): <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2006/n2006-12.htm#13>. Powell River, BC. Application No. 2006-0274-9.

Application by Vista Radio Ltd. to convert radio station CHQB Powell River from the AM band to the FM band. The new radio station would operate on frequency 94.1 MHz (channel 231C1) with an average effective radiated power of 8,600 watts (maximum effective radiated power of 45,000 watts/antenna height of 421 metres). The proposed station would maintain its current adult contemporary music format and local programming focus, targeting listeners aged 25 to 54. The applicant is requesting permission to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CHQB for a period of 3 months from the date of implementation of the new FM station. The applicant is also requesting, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24 (1) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence of CHQB effective at the end of the simulcast period. Deane McIntyre V3PO. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin also sends along the following from Deane McIntyre:

Application for new X-band station (1670, 1kW-U) in Gatineau Quebec/ Ottawa ON <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2006/n2006-12.htm#9>. Gatineau, Quebec and Ottawa, Ontario. Application No. 2006-1110-5.

Application by Foundation Radio Enfant du Canada, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a license to operate a French-language AM community radio programming undertaking in Gatineau/Ottawa. The new station would operate on frequency 1670 kHz with a transmitter power of 1,000 watts day-time and night-time. The applicant proposes programming dedicated to children and to teenagers. Deane McIntyre V3PO. (PM-OR)

Pat Martin sends along the following:

allaccess.com via Brock Whaley For DXLD, DXFlorida, NRC list
HD Radio Alliance Sets 2007 Ad Campaign, Big Bucks For 2007 Advertising

THE HD DIGITAL RADIO ALLIANCE is set to announce on MONDAY (12/4) it will drop more than \$250 million in 2007 on a new advertising campaign to tout both the new content and new hardware coming on the market. All the major broadcast companies are on board with HD RADIO. "The radio industry is in a whole new place today on the ALLIANCE's one-year anniversary," said HDRA CEO PETER FERRARA. "We have driven a wave of progress on digital radio supported by a wealth of new content and features, as well as new HD radio receivers, an explosion in retail availability, and new automotive partners and devices that are turning the in-car environment digital." "The speed of this rollout is nothing short of phenomenal," said CLEAR CHANNEL CEO MARK MAYS. "We've gone from having zero receivers on store shelves a year ago to having a full range of models today, in both performance and price. We've gone from having a scant 89 HD2 broadcasts a year ago to an astonishing 500-plus today, with an influx of fresh and innovative content." "HD is not just the future of radio -- it's the present," said CBS RADIO Chairman/CEO JOEL HOLLANDER. "It's a critical element of the forward strategy for CBS RADIO and our other partners, and the success thus far has been phenomenal." Catch up all the HD happenings at <http://www.hdradio.com/>. (PM-OR)

Martin Foltz sends along the following:

On the way to work this morning I heard XESURF-540 running the same programming as KKGO-1260. The new ID is Country 5-40 and 12-60. (MF-CA)

Pat Martin sends along the following from Pat Griffith:

I was the lucky operator on duty tonight at midnight MST when KYOL/1510 made the switch from the ABC True Oldies Channel to ABC Real Country. The new slogan is "15 Kicks". The format is classic country. Watch for a forthcoming call change to KCKK. KYOL is currently operating under an STA for ND operation with 4750 watts at night. 1600 in Denver has changed calls to KEPN. Heard at 0100 MST this morning with dual KCKK/KEPN ID and prominent mention of corporate ownership by Lincoln Financial. This is in preparation for a forthcoming change from C&W to ESPN. Lincoln also owns KKFN/950 and this change will give them a stronghold on sports in the Denver market. The FCC database already shows the KEPN call on 1600 and shows KCKK as unassigned. KLZ/560 lost the ESPN contract. It is unknown what format they will be switching to. Patrick Griffith, Westminster CO <http://community.webtv.net/NONNK/> <http://community.webtv.net/AM-DXer/>. (PM-OR)

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DATE OF COLUMN: 12/16/06. Well, 10 days till Xmas, I'll be in Laughlin, NV over part of the holiday having fun! Hope the gift you receive is great DX, and happy DX in 2007! 73's.

WESTERN DX ROUNDUP

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

870 (KHNR) H, Honolulu 12/8 noted off for the past four days. Station news director thought I was referring to KHNR-FM when I called 12/6 to get an explanation, but he didn't know the reason. (5P-HI)

- 600 KROD TX, El Paso 12/13 0903 with ID "AM 600 KROD." (BB-AZ) + 12/10 0500-0600 DX test inaudible, only KSFO-CA. (REW-HI) (Richard, you had "11/10" listed for the date on this tip, but you probably meant 12/10.—NJ)
- 610 KEAR CA, San Francisco 12/11 2259 "KEAR" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 700 WLW OH, Cincinnati 11/19 0103 "News time at WLW, 1:03." Good. (REW-HI)
- 730 CHMJ BC, Vancouver 12/8 2328 with Vancouver Giants vs. Portland Winterhawks WHA hockey game, very dominant at times. (BP-CA)
- 760 KTKR TX, San Antonio 12/15 0844 with traffic report and "The Ticket." (BB-AZ)
- 870 WWL LA, New Orleans 12/6 0645 promo mentioning "105.3 FM" and listing talk show hosts, ending with "...Newstalk AM 8-70 now on 105.3 FM... WWL... Radio New Orleans," then faded out. No sign of KRLA-CA. Very poor, KHNR off. (5P-HI)
- 880 KRVN NE, Lexington 12/7 2328 ad with (800) toll-free number, event promo, promo mentioning "Nebraska." "KRVN Lexington" and Nebraska zip code, into religious program mentioning a survey that said 20 million Americans observe demonic rituals. Unfortunately, the KRVN website has no program guide so I don't know what I heard. Poor, unID underneath (KKMC-CA?). (5P-HI)
- 900 KNUI HI, Kahului 12/8 still airing classic Hawaiian AC music (ethnic music Sunday evenings) and using slogan "AM Nine Hundred, Maui's Aloha Station." Station spokeswoman on 12/6 didn't know anything about an alleged format change to news-talk (as reported in Robert Wien's column) and would pass on the inquiry to the program director, who was out at the time. (5P-HI)
- 930 KRKY CO, Granby 12/14 1830 with ID "News and weather on KRKY," on top of KAFF. (BB-AZ)
- KSVC UT, Richfield 12/14 1853 with "KSVC" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 980 KFWB CA, Los Angeles 12/12 1950 with "KFWB news time 4:30" then traffic report. (BB-AZ)
- 1010 KCPW UT, Tooele 12/15 0923 with traffic report and weather for SLC. (BB-AZ)
- 1060 KRCN CO, Longmont 12/12 0910 with Business News for Colorado. (BB-AZ)
- 1080 KSLL UT, Price 12/13 0906 with ID "Radio 1080 KSLL." (BB-AZ)
- 1090 KVOP TX, Plainview 12/9 0825 fair signal in KPTK null with wrap-up of Dallas and Texas area sports, then mention of the "Texas Radio Network," weather for Plainview, started fading out. Unneeded, but still amazed how well this gets out to So. CA, never heard in SF Bay Area when I lived there! (RW-CA)
- KPTK WA, Seattle 12/9 0827 good with unID talk show, "KPTK" ID just before half-hour. Unneeded. Nothing else except this and KVOP on frequency at the time! (RW-CA)
- (XEPRS) BCN, Rosarita Beach 12/9 0815+ noted totally off, 1090 wide open. (RW-CA)
- 1110 KDIS CA, Pasadena 12/9 0901 with "KDIS" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1150 KTLK CA, Los Angeles 12/9 0804 with ID "KTLK The Talk Station." (BB-AZ)
- 1180 KOFI MT, Kalispell 12/9 1719 with "News Talk Oldies." (BB-AZ)
- 1230 KXO CA, El Centro 12/11 0450 fair under 2 other stations with ID "Your home for San Diego Chargers football, 1230 KXO." Difficult to hear here due to normal KEZY splash in that direction. (RW-CA)
- 1240 (KEZY) CA, San Bernardino 12/11 0430-0945+ totally off, still off this morning on my car rx going to work. Hopefully they went silent so I have a new clear channel I can DX! (RW-CA)
- 1290 KCUB AZ, Tucson 12/11 with "The Source" into sports. (BB-AZ) (No time listed.—NJ)
- KZSB CA, Santa Barbara 12/11 0910 with "New Radio 1290 Santa Barbara." (BB-AZ) (Bill, did you mean "Newsradio"?—NJ)
- 1310 CHLW AB, St. Paul 11/19 0248 ID "This is CHLW," C&W vocals, 0315 "AM 13-10 CHLW, St. Paul Radio." Good, often over KMIK-CA. New, AB #11. A surprise catch while looking for unheard KEIN-MT. (REW-HI)
- 1380 KLPZ AZ, Parker 12/12 0907 with ID "KLPZ 1380 Parker." (BB-AZ)
- KTKZ CA, Sacramento 11/26 0225 Dennis Pranger with Townhall.org program, promo for news coverage ending with "...KTKZ Newstalk 105.5 FM and 13-80 AM," AP Radio news brief. Fair. (5P-HI)
- + 12/12 0906 with "KTKZ Traffic." (BB-AZ)
- KSRV OR, Ontario 12/12 0902 with "The Cruise." (BB-AZ)
- 1410 KERN CA, Bakersfield 12/10 1916 with "KERN" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1470 KUTY CA, Palmdale 12/4 1959 with "KUTY" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1510 KSPA CA, Ontario 12/11 1935 with ID "AM 1510 The Spa." (BB-AZ)
- 1550 KKJY NM, Albuquerque 12/11 0830 good in KXEX null (nothing else on frequency!) with sung jingle ID "Joy 1550 AM, KKJY," then back into Christmas music. Unneeded, but not often heard here. (RW-CA)
- 1570 KSXT CO, Loveland 12/13 0920 with many ads. (BB-AZ)
- 1590 KLIV CA, San Jose 12/10 1928 with "KLIV news time 4:25." (BB-AZ)
- KEDA TX, San Antonio 12/15 0844 with "KEDA" ID. (BB-AZ)
- 1600 KRKE NM, Albuquerque 12/11 1850 with "Real Oldies" and then into many ads. (BB-AZ)
- 680 KKGR MT, Helena 11/19 0203 sweep tones, 0205 code ID KKGR, then fast CW, 0208 sweep, 0209 march music. Good thru KNBR-CA. New, State #36 since I reactivated. (REW-HI)
- 750 KERR MT, Polson 11/19 0220 sounded like normal C&W programming, and normal probably prerecorded ID's "AM 750 KERR" at 0223 and 0243. Over & under KFQD-AK, normally pesky KXL-OR weak or absent. New, MT #2. No other testers heard despite intensive listening on 580, 930, 1290 and 1310. (REW-HI)
- 990 (WNTF) PA, Philadelphia 12/10 0500-0600 tried with both Superadio/Select-A-Tenna and Superadio/Kiwa loop, not heard. XECL's "Rockola" and Santa Barbara taking turns dominating, generally XECL dominant. Tried extensively for test. (RW-CA)
- + 12/10 0500-0600 DX test inaudible. KHBZ-HI at local strength, plus two unID's, probably CBW-MB and KATD-CA. Test might have made it if broadcast at Hawaiian SSS, say 0000 ELT, when KHBZ would have been weaker. (REW-HI) (Richard, you had "11/10" listed for the date on this tip also. I changed it to 12/10.—NJ)

UNID

- 1240 UNID 12/11 0500 unID just under KJOP (KJOP ID'd) with Art Bell, looping E-W, faded out. Also unID oldies station in there weak under 4 or 5 others stations. Was hoping for KJAA but nada. Went to Art Bell's website to see who carries them on 1240 with a reasonable chance here, KSMA, KSUE, KDGO & KWIK are only ones reasonable. My best guess is it was KSMA. (RW-CA)

Thanks to our five reporters this week. Happy Holidays to everyone! Nancy 12/15 2100

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DOWN THE DIAL

- 600 WIOD FL, Miami. 11-26 above KTBB at 22:32. [GH-TX]
- 770 KKOB NM, Albuquerque. 12-8 good. 17:58 with weather for Albuquerque and vicinity and full ID at 18:00. A real surprise on the car radio at late local sunset. No sign of WABC. Maybe it's time to try for NV at sunset. [JP-TN]
- 790 KXXX KS, Colby. 12-1- above others. 20:59 with country format. [GH-TX]
- 820 WAIT IL, Willow Springs. 12-14 going back and forth with Cuba. 16:50 with "Chicagoland" slogan and Relevant Radio program. [JP-TN]
- 880 KJOJ TX, Conroe. 12-10. 15:59 with Vietnamese programming. [GH-TX]
- 890 KVOZ TX, Del Mar Hills. 11-27. 22:00 with SS religious programming. [GH-TX]
- 900 KPYN TX, Atlanta. 12-10 above KCLW and others at 16:31. [GH-TX]
- 920 KVEL UT, Vernal. 12-13 loud and clear. 20:00 with ID into ABC News. [NJ-MT]
- 930 WTAD IL, Quincy. 11-23. (no time given) clear ID heard. [GH-TX]
- 1000 KTOK OK, Oklahoma City. 11-26 above interference from an SS station at 18:00. [GH-TX]
- 1020 KOKP OK, Perry. 11-27. 17:01 with sports programming. [GH-TX]
- 1030 KTWO WY, Casper. 11-24 above KFAY at 16:58. [GH-TX]
- 1110 WTOF AL, Bay Minette. 12-14 huge signal dominating. 19:02 with end of Turning Point program. Combo ID for WMOB and WTOF. [JP-TN]
- 1130 CKWX BC, Vancouver. 12-4 with KWKH looped at 22:55. First time heard. [GH-TX]
- WFAN MN, Minneapolis. 12-4 with slight movement of looped KWKH at 23:00. [GH-TX]
- 1140 KRMP OK, Oklahoma City. 11-35 before XEMR dominates at 17:32. [GH-TX]
- 1180 KGOL TX, Humble. 11-26 before sunrise at 06:59 with clear ID. [GH-TX]
- 1220 KMWL TX, Madisonville. 12-1 above XEB at 22:00. [GH-TX]
- 1300 KKUB TX, Brownsfield. 12-9 pre sunrise at 06:55. [GH-TX]
- WOAD MS, Jackson. 12-13 good. 17:13 with spots for local merchants and gospel music format. [JP-TN]
- 1310 WTTL KY, Madisonville. 12-11. 17:40 with contest promo, call letters, then back into the mix of stations. [JP-TN]
- 1330 WEBY FL, Milton. 11-27 right before CST sunset with KNSS looped at 16:53. [GH-TX]
- 1350 WSMB LA, New Orleans. 12-9 above lots of others at 19:23. [GH-TX]

DX TESTS

- 560 (WFIL) PA, Philadelphia 12/10 0500-0600 tired with both Superadio/Select-A-Tenna and Superadio/Kiwa loop, not heard, only KSFO/Mexican taking turns dominating, nothing in their nulls. Tried quite extensively for test. (RW-CA)

- 1400 KREF OK, Norman. 11-27. 16:31 with sports programming. New GY for me. [GH-TX]
 KWUF CO, Pagosa Springs. 12-12 poor through others. 21:05 at end of CNN News with weather and call letters mentioned. [NJ-MT]
- 1410 KBAL TX, San Saba. 11-25 with KNSS slightly looped at 23:59. [GH-TX]
- 1420 KBHS AR, Hot Springs. 11-24 above others at 16:35. [GH-TX]
- 1430 KCOH TX, Houston. 12-12 before sunrise over KTBZ at 07:02. [GH-TX]
- 1460 KXNO IA, Des Moines. 11-25 above local KHFX. 23:27 with clear ID. [GH-TX]
- 1470 KLCL LA, Lake Charles. 12-8 fair. 16:50 with promo for Cajun Radio and intro to a country music song. [JP-TN]
- KVLH OK, Paul's Valley. 11-28 between local splatter. 23:34 with oldies. [GH-TX]
- 1540 KXEL IA, Waterloo. 12-9 with KEDA slightly looped. 19:40 with University of North Iowa basketball PBP. [GH-TX]
- 1550 KMAD OK, Madill. 11-28 between local splatter from KZMP at 23:33. [GH-TX]
 KSFT MO, St. Joseph. 12-4 above XEMU at 22:00. [GH-TX]
- 1560 KOCY OK, Del City. 12-3. 20:00 with Radio Disney programming. [GH-TX]
- 1580 KXZZ LA, Lake Charles. 12-1 above KHGG at 17:52. [GH-TX]
- 1590 KWBG IA, Boone. 11-25. 23:00 with clear ID. [GH-TX]
 WAIK IL, Galesburg. 11-26. 01:05 with clear ID. [GH-TX]

25 YEARS AGO

December 19, 1981 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" ... **Karl V. Jeter** of Decatur, GA said he was 28 and had heard 43 states ... **Tom Jasinski** of Shorewood, IL said he was 34 and worked at Commonwealth Edison ... **Philip Boerama** of Spring Lake, MI stated AM radio may be all but extinct by 1990 ... **Pat Martin** of Seaside, OR discussed daytime DX conditions.

OPEN MIKE

We're almost to the end of 2006. A reminder to all reporters, please use Eastern time in your reports. Nancy and I have noticed lately some of our snail-mail is being returned even though the address is perfect. If you receive something back that you mailed, please send the entire (not cut) envelope back to us as we are working with the local postal authorities to find out the problem. They need all the marks, etc. to track this down. This column was typed 12-16-06. 73, John

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GO BUCKEYES

LOGGINGS

- 680 WV WKAZ Charleston, 12-08, Traffic report; WX, "Oldies 68, KAZ." (WM-MD)
- 790 PA WAEB Allentown, 12-78, "News Talk 790"; ID. (WM-MD)
- 860 PA WAMO Millvale, 12-13 2035, Diana Ross song. "The new AM 860, R&B and classic soul." (CJG-KY)
- 940 IL WMIX Mt. Vernon, 12-13 1922, adult standards, and clear ID. (CJG-KT)
- VA WNRG Grundy, 12-13 1923, popped up out of the mess with a clear ID twice. (CJG-KY)
- 1270 NC WCGC Belmont, 12-5 1757, Local mentions; New. (WM-MD)
- 1380 ON CKLK Kingston, 12-5 1855, "Your All Time Favorites"; ID. (WM-MD)
- 1690 GA WMLB Avondale Estates, 12-13 2050, music, competing well with WVON. (CJG-KY)

Thanks to William and Chris... Fresh 12-15-06 1000 **Go Gators!!**



2006-2007 IRCA Lucky 7 DX CONTEST

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Standings as of December 15, 2006

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2. Art Blair	864	10. Richard E. Wood	203
3. Michael Hawkins	847	11. Doug Pifer	139
4. Bill Nittler	342	12. Nancy Johnson*	122
5. Tim Noonan	283	13. Nigel Pimblett	116
6. Greg Hall	273	14. Martin Foltz	81
7. Phil Bytheway	218	15. Dale Park	28
8. Darrell Neft	212	16. John Johnson	10

* Contest manager is not eligible to win.

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 5, 2005 issue of DXM. Send me a note if you have any questions. The contest runs until May 31, 2007.



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