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No new members this time. No contributions for the **Verification Signers** column this month, next month's deadline is 2/22, one week earlier than usual: **Stephen S Howe** – 9 Warner Dr – St Albans VT 05478-1575, *E-mail: showe@albany.edu*. Seattle "DX Monitor" deadline **Monday 6 PM PLT**.

2016 IRCA-NRC-WTFDA-DecalcoMania CONVENTION

The IRCA will join the members of the NRC, WTFDA, and DecalcoMania on September 9-11 2016 in Kansas City MO and other DXers in AM, FM or TV. It will be held at the Hyatt Place Kansas City Airport, 7600 NW 97th Terrace.

HOTEL REGISTRATION: 1-816-891-0871x3. Ask for the Group Rate for the National Radio Club. The group code is: G-NRCC. Reservations will need to be secured by 8/18/16. <http://kansascityairport.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?comp>. Rates are \$99.00 per night for 1 to 3 persons per room plus taxes and fees. Plan to arrive on Thursday for 3 nights and ends on Sunday noon. Free airport transfers and breakfast each morning.

Convention registration: \$55 per person which includes a free Friday evening pizza party and Saturday evening banquet. Checks made payable to NATIONAL RADIO CLUB and sent to ERNEST J WESOLOWSKI, 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha NE 68144-3543. Please mention which clubs you belong to for club treasury info. **Dale Hamm W5LN** and **Ernie** are your host. 73's neerniew@yahoo.com

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Bruce Portzer Annual DX Get Together

I'll be holding my annual DX get together on Saturday February 20 at 2 pm. Consider yourself invited, and be prepared to talk about AM, shortwave, or TV-FM DX with like-minded persons. Bring radio stuff for show-and-tell if you'd like.

It will be held at my house: 6546 19th Avenue NE in Seattle, 206-522-2521. Potluck snack food (liquid or solid) is welcome.

See you there! **Bruce**



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WDXR DEADLINES: Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, April 29 and May 13. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- 640 KWPN **OK**, Moore 1/20 mixing with KFI, sometimes over KFI. 1856 with ID during promo for "Oklahoma City Thunder Radio Network" and a spot for a local Kia dealer. "KWPN Moore, Oklahoma City" legal ID on the hour. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 730 KNFL **ID**, Boise heard 1/17 at 1928 with "ESPN Boise 730 AM and 96.5 FM." (BB-AZ)
- 790 KGHL **MT**, Billings heard 1/12 at 2059 with "KGHL Billings." (BB-AZ)
- 870 KLSQ **NV**, Whitney 1/13 alone on 870. 0859 out of Spanish music with ID "KLSQ ocho setenta Whitney, Las Vegas" followed by a jingle. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 930 KRKY **CO**, Granby 1/15 mixing with KSEI. 0905 out of country music with "930 AM KRKY Granby... K207AL 101.9 FM..." into KRKY News. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
- 980 KVLV **NV**, Fallon heard 1/20 at 1959 with "KVLV 980 Fallon, Nevada." (BB-AZ)
- 1010 KTNZ **TX**, Amarillo heard 1/19 at 1959 with "KTNZ Amarillo ESPN for Eastern New Mexico and the Panhandle." (BB-AZ)
- 1130 KSDD **CA**, San Diego heard 1/19 at 0759 with "KSDD San Diego" in English then back into Spanish. (BB-AZ)
- 1140 CHRB **AB**, High River heard 1/22 at 0801 with "AM 1140 CHRB High River." (BB-AZ)
- 1160 KSL **UT**, Salt Lake City 1/16 at 0125 for my first and, so far, only IBOC (HD Radio) reception. (JP-AB)
- 1410 KIIX **CO**, Fort Collins heard 1/21 at 2000 with "Kicks AM 1410." (BB-AZ)
- 1470 KYYW **TX**, Abilene 1/20 dominating 1470, 2334 with KYYW ID. (JCJ-AZ)
- 1550 KXEX **CA**, Fresno heard 1/16 at 1959 with "KXEX Fresno" in English then back into Spanish. (BB-AZ)
- KDCC **KS**, Dodge City heard 1/16 at 2000 with "Fox Sports KDCC." (BB-AZ)
- 1580 KFCS **CO**, Colorado Springs blasting through on 1/17 at 2030 on car radio, when usually I hear KKTS or KGAL. Woman said "Thank you for listening to the all new KFCS 1580, Colorado Springs, Pueblo." Format appeared to be religious. I seemed to hear an echo, which might suggest both a primary and a secondary transmitter on the same frequency. Is this possible, one in Colorado Springs and one in Pueblo? (LG-MT)

DX TEST

- 600 WBOB **FL**, Jacksonville 1/10 0202 nothing heard earlier, with just CJWW dominating with old time country, but at this time, it was mostly KCOL with talk, and started to hear a few sweep tones in behind. When the KCOL announcer said "Fox News, fair and balanced," it was followed by several sweeps, not loud, but quite clear. Matched up with Mark Connelly's audio recording (and not much worse in quality at that time either), but I heard neither CW ID's nor step tones that were on Mark's recording, as music returned on the dominant station. Will have to wait for verification from Jerry Smith, but pretty sure I snagged it. Amazing! (NHP-BC)

Thank you to all our WDXR reporters this week! – Nancy 1/22 1900





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RIDING GAIN

[EB-MO] **Eric Bueneman**, Hazelwood MO **N0UIHEric@aol.com**
 GE Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Space Magnet II, 150' homebrew dipole

DOWN THE DIAL

- 1070 KNX **CA**, Los Angeles. 1/18 fair to poor signal over other stations. 0110 noted with "Southern California's only 24-hour all-news radio station, KNX 10-70 news radio" ID, local spots, PST time check and local traffic report. [EB-MO]
- 1290 CFRW **MB**, Winnipeg. 1/21 fair to poor signal, mixing with KIVY; no sign of usual WIRL. 0343 noted with local spots, "TSN Radio 12-90" ID into sports talk. [EB-MO]
- 1340 KROC **MN**, Rochester. 1/20 fair to poor signal through other stations. 0000 noted with "This is news, talk 13-40, KROC Rochester" legal ID into CBS News. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

January 26 1965 issue of "DX Monitor" ... Membership reached 284 ... WMCA 570 was on all night Monday mornings with rock ... **Bill Nittler** started a new bank data processing job ... **Don Erickson** became the new editor for DX Forum. // January 27 1990 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee WI mentioned WOPA 1200 was now on the air as "Radio Exito" with a Spanish format ... **Robert Wien** of San Jose CA reached the 992 heard mark on his way to 1000 stations ... **Reid Wheeler** of Olympia told about heading to Tampa FL for computer training ... **Jim Hilliker** of Carmel Valley CA told about KPPC 1240 Pasadena CA was celebrating their 65th anniversary.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric Bueneman we have a column this week. This column was typed 1-22-16. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

- (KK-VA) **Kraig Krist** (KG4LAC), Manassas VA
 Winradio G33DDC software-defined receiver, Wellbrook ALA1530S+ Imperium loop
- (JJR-MI) **John J. Rieger**, L'Anse MI
 Grundig Satellit 750, stock antenna, Terk AM1000 loop

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 540 WDAK **GA**, Columbus – 1/15 1651 noted with the Sean Hannity program, "News Radio 540 WDAK, an iHeart Radio Station" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WKFN, WRGC, WGTH and unidentified stations with Yahoo! Sports Radio, Christian vocal music in English and a talk format in Spanish. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your Yahoo! Sports Radio station is definitely WWCS Canonsburg PA. Your Spanish talker could actually be a Christian station in Spanish; in this case, WETC Wendell/Zebulon NC. Your Christian music station could be WYNN Florence SC – eb)
- WRGC **NC**, Sylva – 1/15 1638 noted with "Great music, here on 540 WRGC" ID by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WKFN, WDAK, WRGC, WWCS and unidentified stations with Christian vocal music and a talk format in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- WKFN **TN**, Clarksville – 1/15 1727 noted with ESPN Radio, followed by an ad for Gary Matthews Chrysler-Dodge by a male announcer, another male announcer with an "ESPN 540 Clarksville... (100.7) FM and 540 AM" ID. The signal was noted mixing with WRGC, WGTH, WDAK, WWCS and unidentified stations with Christian music and a talk format in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- WGTH **VA**, Richlands – 1/15 1644 noted with "WGTH Richlands, your..." legal ID by a male announcer. At 1745, the local community calendar was read by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WKFN, WRGC, WDAK, WWCS and unidentified stations with Christian music and a talk format in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- 550 WIOZ **NC**, Pinehurst – 1/15 1815 noted with "We play favorites all day long; you're tuned to America's Best Music" mention by a female announcer, into an Adult Standards format. At 1833, an "America's Best Music, and it's all on 550 AM WIOZ" ID by a female announcer was noted. The signal was noted mixing with WWSA, WGR, WDEV and an unidentified station with Christian teaching. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your Christian teaching station is WAYR Fleming Island FL – eb)
- WDEV **VT**, Waterbury – 1/15 1835 noted with a male announcer mentioning WDEV Radio-dot-com. The signal was noted mixing with WWSA, WGR, WIOZ and WAYR. (KK-VA)
- 560 WFIL **PA**, Philadelphia – 1/15 1825 noted with a Christian talk format, "AM 560 WFIL, Philadelphia's Christian Talk Leader" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFRB and unidentified stations with Oldies and Christian vocal music. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your Oldies station is likely CFOS Owen Sound ON; your Christian music station could either be WMIK Middlesboro KY or WJLS Beckley WV – eb)
- 580 WTAG **MA**, Worcester – 1/15 1651 noted with mention of "WTAG Price Chopper Traffic" by a male announcer. At 1654, this disclaimer was read by a male announcer: "Calls to WTAG are routinely (recorded) for rebroadcast, promotion and online." The signal was noted mixing with WHP, WCHS and an unidentified station with vocal music. (KK-VA) (If it was Oldies you were hearing on 580, your unidentified station could be either WACQ Tuskegee AL or CKWW Windsor ON. If it was Country, you likely heard WKSK West Jefferson NC. The mention of Price Chopper in the traffic report refers to the sponsor, the Price Chopper supermarket chain – eb)
- WCHS **WV**, Charleston – 1/15 1723 noted with "News Radio 580 WCHS" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WHP, WTAG and an unidentified vocal music station. (KK-VA)
- 990 WJEH **OH**, Gallipolis – 1/21 2017 noted with "WJEH Gallipolis" legal ID between selections from the Rolling Stones and Head East. A fair signal was noted with no sign of CBW; a new station in the log at L'Anse. (JJR-MI)
- 1070 WAPI **AL**, Birmingham – 1/10 1644 noted with mention of "1070 WAPI is news when you want (it)... download the app... 1070 WAPI app" by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WNCT, WKOK, WFRF, WFLI, CHOK and an unidentified station with sports talk. (KK-VA) (Kraig, your unidentified sports talker is WFNI Indianapolis IN – eb)
- WFRF **FL**, Tallahassee – 1/10 1758 noted with "When you write... mention our call letters, WFLI Tallahassee, Florida from... to South Georgia... there's lots of information on our Web site, Faith Radio-dot-u-s" and a "WFRF Tallahassee" legal ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WNCT, WKOK, WAPI, WFLI, CHOK and WFNI. (KK-VA)
- WKOK **PA**, Sunbury – 1/10 1641 noted with "1070 WKOK" ID and mention of "Call our 1070 Tip Line at 1-(800)-795-9404 or E-mail us" by a female announcer. At 1659, this legal ID was read by a male announcer: "Your Station for News, Weather, Business and CBS Sports Radio; News Radio 1070 WKOK Sunbury and on WKOK-dot-com". The signal was noted mixing with WNCT, WFRF, WAPI, WFLI, CHOK and WFNI. (KK-VA)
- WFLI **TN**, Lookout Mountain – 1/10 1721 noted with "Always Great Gospel Music on WFLI" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WNCT, WFRF, WAPI, CHOK and WFNI. (KK-VA)
- 1090 WCZZ **SC**, Greenwood – 1/10 1737 noted with "It's Sunday Jazz Vibes" mention and this promo by a female announcer: "If you enjoy listening to Rejoice 1090 and want to take us everywhere you go, please let me assist you with that. You can simply download the Tune In app from the Smart Phone, Android or your iPhone. You can also listen live from our Web site at www-dot-Rejoice 1090-dot-com, and visit the Rejoice 1090 Facebook page daily. Like us and you'll see a breath of how we completely serve our community," before this sign off: "We're sorry, but we're coming to the end of another day of broadcasting for Rejoice 1090 WCZZ, but you can continue listening to Rejoice 1090 by going to our Web site at www-dot-Rejoice 1090-dot-com and click on 'Listen' or downloading our free streaming app on your iPhone...." The signal was noted mixing with WBAL, WTSB, KAAV, WKTE and an unidentified station with Christian teaching. (KK-VA) (Your Christian Teaching station could be WFCV Fort Wayne IN – eb)
- 1190 WLIB **NY**, New York – 1/19 1818 noted with an Urban Gospel format; sat through three selections before the call letters were heard. A very poor and very fluttery signal was noted in a WOWO null. (JJR-MI)

- 1260 WSKO **NY**, Syracuse – 1/19 1802 noted with “for New York, the Score 1260” ID into CBS Sports Radio. A poor signal was noted; all alone on the channel. (JJR-MI)
- 1280 WHTK **NY**, Rochester – 1/19 1744 noted with mentions of Syracuse and New York sports for eight minutes; no slogans, calls or anything else mentioned! A poor signal was noted in a WNAM null. (JJR-MI)
- 1340 KGFV **NE**, Kearney – 1/22 0935 noted with agricultural report mentioning Nebraska farm prices and state tax information, “Your Official KGFV Forecast” intro before weather forecast. A poor signal was noted; other stations were nulled for this. (JJR-MI)
- 1370 KAWL **NE**, York – 1/22 0828 noted with a “1370 KAWL” ID and an Oldies format. A poor signal was noted with no sign of the usual WCCN. (JJR-MI)
- 1380 KCIM **IA**, Carroll – 1/20 1000 noted with legal ID, CBS News and a “Classic Hits” mention. A poor signal was noted, although atop the channel, (JJR-MI)
- 1410 KLIK **CO**, Fort Collins – 1/22 0810 noted with “AM 1410, Country’s Greatest Hits” ID, talk (most likely a feature) at 0816. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WIZM; a new station in the log at L’Anse. (JJR-MI)
- KGRN **IA**, Grinnell – 1/22 0825 noted with “1410 KGRN” ID, mention of Papa John’s in Grinnell and a reminder: “the news is next on KGRN”. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- KLEM **IA**, LeMars – 1/20 0955 noted with legal ID mentioning AM 1410 and FM relay K245AM at 96.9 FM. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WIZM. (JJR-MI)
- WNER **NY**, Watertown – 1/22 0818 noted with mentions of “Come to the Winner studios” and “Watertown basketball”. A poor signal was noted with no sign of WIZM. (JJR-MI)
- 1440 KMAJ **KS**, Topeka – 1/22 0807 noted with mentions of “South Kansas Avenue, Downtown Topeka” and the Downtown Topeka Ramada. A poor signal was noted; alone on the channel. (JJR-MI)
- 1450 KYNT **SD**, Yankton – 1/20 0944 noted with “1450 KYNT” ID into the morning show, with the male host interviewing a female guest. A poor signal was noted; atop the channel in a fade-up. (JJR-MI)
- 1490 KOMJ **NE**, Omaha – 1/19 0940 noted with mention of a business with a phone number of (402) 614-06xx, “Boomer 1490, the Greatest Music Ever Made” jingle into a selection by Grand Funk Railroad (Oldies format). A poor signal was noted; alone on the frequency. (JJR-MI)
- 1500 WFED **DC**, Washington – 1/19 1657 noted with “This is Federal News Radio” ID mentioning “National and Federal headlines are next”. A fair signal was noted with no sign of KSTP! This is a new station to the logbook at L’Anse. (JJR-MI)
- 1520 WKBW **NY**, Buffalo – 1/19 1720 noted with ad for the state tourism bureau, mentioning “New York State Getaways”, followed by an “ESPN 1520” ID. This has not been noted in years. A poor signal was noted. (JJR-MI)
- WNWT **OH**, Rossford – 1/19 1720 noted with the “Today’s Urban Woman” talk show, no calls mentioned into the break before Reverend Stanley Powers’ program. This is the only fit possible; a poor signal was noted in a tight WKBW null. (JJR-MI)

EDITOR’S NOTES

John echoes my sentiments about last week’s EDXR: “Nice turnout for last week’s column. Very, very nice!” Another sentiment he echoes is this: “I can’t wonder how many stations I missed as stations don’t ID themselves coming into and out of breaks, or talk for great lengths without using the calls (in morning drive!), or answer the phones on a local talk show or “Tradio” (“Trading Station”) type program with a ‘hello’ rather than ‘KZZZ Party Line’ or similar. It’s far different than the jingles and calls between songs (three minutes or less in length) when I began in 1967. Good radio is in short supply.” Good radio wasn’t in good supply when I started in 1981, when I began in radio broadcasting in 1985, DXing from Georgia from 1988 to 1992 or when I worked in commercial radio in St Louis during the late 1990s. I tend to be more patient than most when I wait for IDs. 73 and good DX from NØUIH



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TRANS-PACIFIC DX ROUNDUP

- 567 **JAPAN**, JOIK, Sapporo, NHK1. Man talking, sounded Japanese, 1411 1/20, poor strength, no 594 at this time; finally snagged a parallel at 1526. Also, woman in Japanese //594 1329 1/22, poor to fair signal, but a man in DU English was also there and often dominant (New Zealand??). (NHP-BC)
- 594 **JAPAN**, JOAK, Tokyo, NHK1. The last to arrive during sunrise enhancement on 12/24, and the biggest, 1558 full service signal, man in Japanese leading to pips and NHK ID. Never got to this strength again in the following month. (NHP-BC)
- 612 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QR, Brisbane. Man in DU English, pop music 1534 1/6; ID’d with parallels earlier than this, and later, when weaker; had been heard as early at 1349UT. (NHP-BC)
- 693 **JAPAN**, JOAB, Tokyo, NHK2. Really dug deeply for this one in CBU splash, but man talking 1532 1/23, mostly poor, //774. (NHP-BC)
- 702 **AUSTRALIA**, 2BL, Sydney. 6 pips and ABC news fanfare 1200 1/24, fair to poor, noted as late as 1522 //774. (NHP-BC)
- JAPAN**, JOKD/JOFB, Kitami/Hiroshima. Man talking, then music, 1518 1/20, poor but //774. I believe a few notes of the s/off chimes crept through at 1543. (NHP-BC)
- 738 **FRENCH POLYNESIA**, Papeete, Radio Premère Polynésie. 1/18 Contrary to any northern opening, I'm actually hearing Tahiti at fair to occ good level on 738. Nothing seen on any of the early Japanese TP MW stations yet. (WS-BC)
- +Very big signal here on the west coast - 0620 1/20 – French talk with music. (RCN_BC)
- 747 **JAPAN**, JOIB, Sapporo, NHK2. Briefly managed to put the splatter at bay 1523 1/22 with woman in Japanese, excellent strength. Hung in fairly well to s/off, though not at this peak level, brief “NHK... hoso” mention by woman at 1540, anthem and music box fading out after 1543. Also heard quite well around 1330 on this date. (NHP-BC)
- 774 **AUSTRALIA**, 3LO, Melbourne. Man talking u/NHK2 music box, 1522 1/24, //702, noted 10 minutes later also, but still being sat on by JOUB open carrier after its early s/off this morning. (NHP-BC)
- JAPAN**, JOUB, Akita, NHK2. English lessons 1404 1/15, how to find your way from Tokyo to Kyoto using the train, dialogue between man and woman, excellent signal JOUB was heard as early as 1200, and managed to crank up the signal a bit at s/off at 1541 as well, but the strongest signal was just after 1400. Also excellent signal, slow piano music followed by man in Japanese 1424-26 1/23. (NHP-BC)
- 828 **AUSTRALIA**, 3GI, Sale. Pop music //612 1535 1/6, poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 855 **AUSTRALIA**, 4QO/4QB, Eidsvold/Pialba. Man mumbling 1159 1/23, poor strength, but ABC news fanfare at 1200 clinched it. (NHP-BC)
- 873 **JAPAN**, JOGB, Kumamoto, NHK2. Man in Japanese 1423 1/23 //774, fair to poor; noted weaker at 1525 also. (NHP-BC)
- 891 **AUSTRALIA**, 4TAB, Townsville. Man announcing horse racing “on the outside”, “followed in second place” etc. 1513 1/23, fair to poor, then faded down. Didn’t get it to line up with webstream until 1522, which it was leading by nearly 20 seconds. It may have reprised weakly as late at 1544. Quite unexpected. (NHP-BC)
- AUSTRALIA**, 5AN, Adelaide. Managed to dig out ABC nx fanfare at 1530 1/6, with “ABC news” (or a cadence thereof) by a man poor to fair. Also, woman in DU English, then “this is ABC news” at 1535 1/24, fair to poor. (NHP-BC)
- JAPAN**, JOHK, Sendai, NHK1. Man talking //594 1334 1/22, poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1386 **JAPAN**, NHK2 synchros. JOQC Morioka most likely? S/off chimes 1544 12/24, poor strength. (NHP-BC)
- 1557t **TAIWAN**, Kouhu, 1557 Music Interactive Network. 1549 12/27, fair to good with female jazzy vocals, best on North Flag. (NHP-BC)
- 1566 **REP KOREA**, HLAZ, Jeju, FEBC. Woman in Chinese 1545 1/5, peaking at 1557 with slow female vocal. Excellent signal. In contrast, quite weak with choral music, 1712 1/24, but well over an hour after local sunrise; man mumbling on the channel finally gave up the ghost around 1732, but the carrier lived on. (NHP-BC)
- 1593 **CHINA**, Changzhou, CNR1. Woman in Chinese 1542 1/5, and on and off for the next 20 minutes. Poor to fair. Weak CNR1 pips heard on the hour at 1600 1/5. Also, 1547-1551 1/18, man and woman in Chinese //6175, poor to fair. (NHP-BC)

ODDS & ENDS

1/18. The classic PAL Radio Guide has had the first updating for 2016 at www.radioheritage.net and has thousands of mediumwave stations and other useful information about them for free. Alaska to Afghanistan and every country in between, this is THE guide that real DXers and serious radio monitors worldwide consult. Compiled in Seattle by Bruce Portzer and based on real monitoring across the region. PAL started in New Zealand decades ago, and still calls New Zealand home today.

January 19 2016. Just released, digitized version of a 1943 ISBS booklet explaining all about radio in Iceland. Photos of old towers, transmitters, graphs, maps and rare look inside radio in Iceland mid-WWII. www.radioheritage.net/Story391.asp should take you directly to this new feature. Also we have the story of an Aussie DJ on Icelandic radio in the 1970s at www.radioheritage.net/Story390.asp so it's all cool all around! If you haven't heard about us before, have a look at these two new features and enjoy hundreds more.

January 19 2016. Just released, the first region of our new American Ambassadors of the Airwaves series. These will look at the most important AM stations bringing American culture, music, sports, news and events to the world between 1941 and 1983... based on the Class 1A 50,000 watt clear channel stations and other dominant stations from each region of the USA.

First up we bring you Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland with a touch of Detroit as we look at Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin... our unique list of 22 stations of importance... with images dating back to the 1930s from ephemera in our collections... all of these stations being heard across the Pacific in New Zealand.

Other regions are being researched for release in the coming months. We hope you enjoy this colorful and entertaining look at the American Ambassadors of the Airwaves. Share your own memories of these powerful signals with us too. www.radioheritage.net/Story392.asp should take you to the Midwest East North Central region and while you're there, look at our hundreds of other features, our long lost radio images, our radio station guides and much more. We welcome your support too.

WRTH has released a free of charge update file for the B15 (winter) international and clandestine/target broadcast schedules. The file is in PDF format and follows the same styling as the WRTH printed edition. To download the file, please visit either: <http://www.wrth.com/shop> or http://www.wrth.com/shop/?page_id=444. (Updates page). We understand from some of our web visitors that there was an issue with our donations button not working properly – this has been rectified and you are now able to make a donation to WRTH, should you wish to. This is entirely voluntary, of course. If you haven't already purchased your copy of the 70th anniversary edition of WRTH (2016), now is the ideal opportunity! Head to our website for more information. Best wishes and happy listening/DXing from the WRTH Editorial team.

THANKS TO THESE REPORTERS

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Drake R8, RFSpace NetSDR; RFSpace SDR-14 running DX Fishbarrel program; north FLG-100 antenna, west FLG-100 antenna, 1m indoor box loop, 14m sloper, DXP-3 phasing unit.

RCN-BC **R COLIN NEWELL**, Victoria BC

Primary receiver – Drake R8 – Antenna N/NW Flag (45' long X 27' high) with Wellbrook FLG100 head – terminated with a home-brew VACTROL (variable resistance termination – usually set around 900 ohms) for some pretty impressive front to back. 2nd receiver: AOR 7030+ and a Wellbrook ALA100M 12' loop in APPLE tree at around 6' above ground.

WS-BC **WALT SALMANIW**, Victoria BC

Perseus SDR. AOR 7030+. 2 ALA 100 and 2 corner fed loops



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Deadline – Sunday Midnight Central Time.

*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 640 **CUBA** Radio Progreso synchros. JAN 19 0300 – El Rucu rucu Santa Clara song followed by male announcer, under local WCRV. [Jordan-TN]
720 **MÉXICO** XEDE, Saltillo, Coah. JAN 21 0457 – 10:56 timecheck on “La Kaliente”, so what is the temp? Phone 439-1001, 0500 mentions Colonia Universidad, Multimedia, 0501 PSAs from CNDH, another mentioning Coahuila. Quite good with WGN completely nulled, weakened by “auroral conditions” as tipped on IRCA list, which is why I start MW tuning during this semihour. In fact, can only hear bits of WGN by nulling this, ie XEDE Saltillo, supposedly 8000 day, 250 watts night. During “normal” conditions, XEDE QRMWGN with a slow SAH and captures during WGN fades, especially on caradio where it can't be nulled. Reconfirmation of this ID clarifies that the other 720 I am hearing has to be Juárez despite CST timecheck on it. [Hauser-OK]
MÉXICO XEJCC, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. JAN 21 1322 – Mexican station definitely loops WSW toward Juárez, ie XEJCC, rather than SSW toward Saltillo. Federal PSAs including for Cámara de Diputados y Diputadas, with a woman citing how many women are now elected there, but didn't catch the number or percentage, anyhow accounting for the feminine/masculine name reference. Also for Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT) about the digital TV transition, then a yelling ad for something costing “5 pesos” (how many pesos in a peso??), timecheck for 7:23! Which is CST = hora del centro de México, which is NOT the time in Juárez on MST an hour earlier. Back to hyper morning show with callers, about the benefits of dancing, “vamos a la playa a calientar” (let's go to the beach to warm up – a long way from Juárez); 7:26 TC, music, fade-out at 1329 UT. Today I don't hear a “Fonógrafo 720” slogan, but see previous discussion with my Jan 13 log. Anyhow we know XEDE Saltillo is still “La Kaliente” as re-logged last night. One other northwest Mexican is listed on 720, XEVU, Extasis Digital in Mazatlán, which I've yet to get past these two, although Sinaloa is otherwise a prime sunrise spot. [Hauser-OK]
730 **CUBA** Radio Progreso, La Fe. JAN 19 0300 – canción Santa Clara, followed by male announcer “Otro título onomatopéyico, acabamos de recordar el ritmo de Radio Progreso de la Habana, El Rucu rucu a Santa Clara, de José Luis Cortés, por y para la agrupación tiraquera... Y ahora, conversemos... En la ciudad del Vaticano, no sólo se mira al cielo invocando a Dios...” into news about the Vatican. [Jordan-TN]
760 **CUBA** Radio Progreso synchros. JAN 19 0300 – El Rucu rucu Santa Clara song followed by male announcer, //730, others. [Jordan-TN]
790 **CUBA** Radio Reloj synchros. JAN 19 0301 – ID, time pip, TC, “RR” morse”, news. Under semi-nulled local WMC. [Jordan-TN]
800 **BONAIRE** PJB, Radio Transmundial, Kralendijk. JAN 19 0300 – female with Radio Transmundial ID into Spanish contemporary gospel songs. Alone on channel on SE loop. [Jordan-TN]
810 **MÉXICO** XERI, Reynosa, Tam. JAN 21 0502 – as I dig into the pile of sigs here with the NRD-545 on N/S not very longwire, ID as “Radio Rey, realmente musical”. That means of the 15 Mexicans listed by IRCA on this frequency I have heard the weakest, XERI, 100 watts night (1000 watts day); thanks to auroral conditions. Which reminds me, I haven't heard the major signal on 810 in ages, the other Tamaulipan, XEFW Tampico, 50/1 kW. It supposedly goes off at 0400, while XERI is 24h. The two cities are 427 km = 265 miles apart, so you'd think XEFW would be QRMing XERI in daytime coverage, both supposedly non-directional, equivalent to putting a station in Enid on 820 despite WBAP at about the same distance. [Hauser-OK]
850 **CUBA** Radio Reloj synchros. JAN 19 0300 – ID, time pip, TC, “RR” morse”, news. [Jordan-TN]
860 **MÉXICO** XENL, Monterrey, NL. JAN 21 0503 – poetic oration in Spanish, mentions Bohemio, loops N/S with KKOW KS no problem, 0504 singing ID for Radio Recuerdo, full ID as XENL, 860-AM, 5 mil watts, 103.7 HFM, Monterrey NL, for 5 décadas, from Multimedia. Night power is supposed to be only 1.5 kW, but let's not get into that. [Hauser-OK]
870 **CUBA** Radio Reloj, Guantanamo. JAN 19 0301 – ID, time pip, TC, “RR” morse”, news. [Jordan-TN]
880 **CUBA** Radio Progreso, Pinar del Río. JAN 19 0300 – El Rucu rucu Santa Clara song followed by male announcer, //730, others. [Jordan-TN]
890 **CUBA** Radio Progreso, Chambas. JAN 19 0300 – El Rucu rucu Santa Clara song followed by male announcer, //730, others. [Jordan-TN]
950 **CUBA** Radio Reloj synchros. JAN 19 0305 – ID, time pip, TC, “RR” morse”, news. [Jordan-TN]
990 **CUBA** Radio Guamá, Pinar del Río. JAN 19 0300 – ‘Guamá de Informa’ noticias read by female announcer. Good. [Jordan-TN]
1180 **CUBA** Radio Rebelde synchros. JAN 18 1000 – Rebelde ID by man. [Jordan-TN]
1220 **CUBA** Radio Caribe, La Fe. JAN 18 1000 – tropical music, ID by woman “Esta es... Radio Caribe transmitiendo... Cuba” briefly on top of channel. [Jordan-TN]

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830 WEEU Reading, PA	1470 WSAN Allentown, PA	96.2 W241BB Wilkes-Barre, PA (1)	104.1 W281AR Williamsport, PA (2)
970 WBLF Bellefonte, PA	1600 WEJS Jersey Shore, PA	97.3 WENJ Millville, NJ	
1050 WLYC Williamsport, PA		97.5 WPEN Burlington, NJ	

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