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DXtreme Monitor Log 11

DXtreme Software has released DXtreme Monitor Log 11, which lets users log stations throughout the radio spectrum and make use of advanced features that can make their radio and television monitoring experience more enjoyable. See www.dxtreme.com or contact Bob Raymond at bobraymond@dxtreme.com for more information.

Links Correction (and an updated Slogan's List!!)

I neglected to update the links for our TIS/HAR and Slogans Lists list (due to our new web site). The correct links are http://www.ircaonline.org/editor_upload/File/TIS_2016.pdf and http://www.ircaonline.org/editor_upload/File/2017_IRCA_Slogans_List.pdf (just updated through 12/10/17). These are free to download at your convenience – pb



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WDXR DEADLINES: Dec 15, Dec 22, Dec 29, Jan 5, Jan 12, Jan 19 and Jan 26. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- 810 KSWV **NM**, Santa Fe heard 12/2 at 0812 with "Radio Santa Fe 810." (BB-AZ)
 - 840 WHAS **KY**, Louisville heard 12/7 at 0821 with "Its 7:21 at WHAS" then talk and at 0825 "WHAS" way under KXNT. (BB-AZ)
 - 890 KJME **CO**, Fountain heard 12/6 at 0825 with "KJME." (BB-AZ)
 - 900 KBIF **CA**, Fresno heard 12/2 at 0859 with a weak "KBIF 900" in English. (BB-AZ)
 - 960 KNDN **NM**, Farmington heard 12/3 at 0759 with full s/on info in English and SSB at 0800, then into Navajo. (BB-AZ)
 - 980 KGLN **CO**, Glenwood Springs heard 12/3 at 1900 with "KGLN Glenwood Springs, you can depend on us." (BB-AZ)
 - 1080 KSCO **CA**, Santa Cruz 12/6 briefly good in KRLD null 2300 with "AM 1080 KSCO Santa Cruz. From San Jose to Salinas, red hot news talk AM 1080 Santa Cruz" legal ID. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 1140 CHRB **AB**, High River heard 12/3 at 0822 with weather report then at 0823 "Alberta's Community Radio Station AM 1140." (BB-AZ)
 - 1230 KEXO **CO**, Grand Junction heard 12/6 at 2100 with "Western Colorado's Sports Leader KEXO." (BB-AZ)
 - 1400 KAZZ **UT**, Parowan heard 12/6 at 1900 with a very weak "KAZZ." (BB-AZ)
 - 1410 KERI **CA**, Bakersfield heard 12/3 at 0900 with "The Christian Station KERI Bakersfield." (BB-AZ)
 - 1480 KBXD **TX**, Dallas 12/7 mixing with KQAM, 0700 "KBXD 1480 AM Dallas" legal ID in English. New for me. (JCJ-AZ)
 - 1660 KBRE **CA**, Merced 12/7 1025 alt-rock to break, local ad spots and promos. Fair and steady, but not without a few long deep fades. Heard well after local sunrise on SW-2000529 and helped by passive loop. (RB-AZ)

- UnIDs**
- 1610 UnID 12/2 0830 eclectic mix of music with no announcements. Fair to good with loop favoring NW/SE. XEUACH is highly suspect at the moment. Monitored on thru the top of the hour with no ID this time around. (RB-AZ)
 - 1640 UnID 12/8 0210 suddenly came up on frequency, of course, then minutes after the on-the-hour ID, with retro radio drama. Very solid, burying co-channel KDIA. Heard on Panasonic RF-2200, with loop favoring E-W reception. (RB-AZ)

Thank you to Rick, Bill and John for the WDXR reports this week! – Nancy 12/8 1900



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 1270 WXGO **IN**, Madison. 12/3 fair signal, mixing with WKBF. 0342 noted with local spot, "12-70 AM WXGO" ID into Oldies format. [EB-MO]
- 1290 WHKY **NC**, Hickory. 12/6 fair to poor signal over WHIO and WBNB. 0500 noted with "102-point-Three FM, Fox News starts now" mention into Fox News Radio. [EB-MO]
- 1450 WRCO **WI**, Richland Center. 12/4 fair to poor signal, mixing with KMRY, WASK and other stations. 0409 noted with Christmas music, "The sounds of the season on WRCO" ID. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

December 10 1966 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **Bruce Portzer** of Seattle WA logged his 2nd Texas station ... **Raleigh Biss** of Palm Springs CA reported spotty DX this past year ... Features include articles on Radio Caroline and New Zealand's Radio Hauraki. // December 7 1991 issue of "DX Monitor" ... **John C Johnson** of Billings MT commented on a "Radio World" article on how KTNQ converted its 5-tower antenna farm into an industrial park ... **Larry Godwin** of Missoula MT received his \$179.90 Palomar loop from Gilfer and said he was sorely disappointed ... **Randy Stewart** of Springfield MO logged KDWN 720 for his 37th state.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric we have a column this week. This column was typed 12-8-17. 73, John



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TUNING THE DIALS THIS ISSUE:

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(PS-ON) **Paul Snider**, Welland ON, Canada
Elad FDM-S2 software-defined receiver, Pixel RF Pro-1B loop, MFJ-1020C as a tuner

ACROSS THE DIAL

- 600 WBOB **FL**, Jacksonville – 11/28 1652 noted with mention of "Weekdays at noon on Talk Radio WBOB" by a male announcer. At 1704, a male announcer wrapped up a newscast with: "That's the latest from AM 600 and FM 101.1, Talk Radio WBOB". The signal was mixing with unidentified stations carrying a talk format and vocal music. (KK-VA)
- 610 WPLY **VA**, Roanoke – 11/28 1641 noted with mentions of "This is The Herd", "WPLY is Your Home for Liberty Flames basketball" and "Flames" by a male announcer. "This is WPLY Roanoke... HD2 Roanoke and... 98.5 Lynchburg" legal ID by a male announcer at 1659. This is the first time I heard this station since changing calls from WVBE. The signal was noted mixing with unidentified stations broadcasting vocal music and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)
- 620 WZON **ME**, Bangor – 11/28 1722 noted with "29 degrees on The Pulse, AM 620 WZON" mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDAE, WDNC, WGCV, WHEN and unidentified stations with an Oldies format and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA)
- WHEN **NY**, Syracuse – 11/28 1627 noted with mention of "Power 620-dot-com" by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WDAE, WDNC, WGCV, WZON and unidentified stations with an Oldies format and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA) (I checked the Web site address mentioned; this is indeed WHEN. I wonder how that got mixed up with the WZON log – eb)
- 640 WGST **GA**, Atlanta – 11/28 1719 noted with a "Talk Radio 640 WGST" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFNC, WHLO, WXSM and unidentified stations with an unknown type of music in English and vocal music in Spanish. (KK-VA) (I was living in Atlanta when this station moved to 640 from 920 in 1989. Your Spanish music station may be coming from Cuba – eb)
- 670 WRJR **VA**, Claremont – 11/30 1700 noted with "WRJR Claremont/Norfolk" legal ID in heavily accented English. The signal was noted mixing with WSCR and unidentified stations with Oldies and Talk formats and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA) (Your Oldies may be WLUI Lewistown PA; your talker may be WYLS York AL if they're running Christian teaching. Another possibility, and it's a long shot, is KLTT Commerce City CO. Your Spanish may either be WWFE Miami FL or Cuba – eb)
- 790 WPRV **RI**, Providence – 12/4 2128 noted briefly popping up with "...WPRV; we now join our program in progress" mention; faded out at 2129. A very poor signal was noted in a mix of stations, including WJNA and possibly WNIS. (PS-ON)
- WJNA **TN**, Ashland City – 12/3 2149 noted with an Oldies format, including a song by Brian Hyland and a Christmas carol, ad for Boyd Funeral Home mentioning a phone number in Area Code 615 into another music set. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted in the station mix. (PS-ON) (I've been hearing this station ID with former call WQSV in recent months; this must have been on day power – eb)
- 920 WKVA **PA**, Lewistown – 12/5 2140 noted with "Jingle Bell Rock", "Gold Hits 920" ID at 2142 before fading to CKNX. A fair signal was noted momentarily. (PS-ON)
- 950 WAKM **TN**, Franklin – 12/5 2214 noted with Barbara Mandrell's version of "Winter Wonderland", followed by the DJ identifying the song and artist and a "WAKM" ID at 2226. A fair to very poor signal was noted in the station mix. (PS-ON) (This one was probably on day power – eb)
- 1140 CBI **NS**, Sydney – 12/3 2356 noted with *Backstage*, featuring instrumental music, CBC mention, "This is CBC Radio One 92.1 Sydney" ID at 2400 into CBC News. A poor to very poor signal was noted under WRVA. (PS-ON)
- 1290 WLBY **MI**, Saline – 12/7 0100 noted with a Gold-based Adult Contemporary format, including a selection from The Captain and Tennille; heard some of a legal ID mentioning Michigan and a clear "WLBY" ID before fading out. I heard this while waiting to ID an Oldies station. A very poor signal was noted, mixing with WHIO and other stations. (PS-ON) (The Oldies station you were listening for may be WIRL Peoria, IL – eb)

UnID

- 660 11/30 1630 noted with "This is Talk 660" ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFAN. (KK-VA) (The NRC Log does not list any stations on 660 identifying as "Talk 660"; my guess is this could be WXQW Fairhope, AL, which has a Talk format. There is a "Christian Talk 660" listed, that being WLFJ Greenville, SC – eb)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and Paul for their logs. I hope the DX season is going well for everyone. When I worked in Jazz radio, I often wished my Jewish listeners a Happy Hanukkah. Christmas is still a couple of weeks away. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, The Florissant Valley Dial Twister



DX WORLDWIDE/TROPICAL BAND DX – **Brandon Jordan** – PO Box 338 – Rossville TN 38066
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Deadline – **Monday 1200 UTC**. (No column received this week DX!! – pb)

Don Moore has been traveling in Peru, and has posted some DX logs, especially those somewhat off channel
<http://www.donmooredxer.com/lam/sam2017/peru/peruDXMW.html>

Western receptions of Peru are pretty non-existent, but this might be helpful for eastern DXers. Plus the blog is an interesting read.
Best wishes, **Nick Hall-Patch**, Victoria BC

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