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IRCA welcomes **Bob Young** in Milbury MA (renews). No tips were received for the September Verification Signers column. Send your tips to Steve Howe – showe@albany.edu. **DX Monitor** .pdf now being attached to the distribution Email vs a link. Seattle deadline for our next issue (V57_N05) is **Monday 09/30/19** 1600 (weekly now)

IRCA Slogans List (September 2019) – now available!!

The 2019 Slogans List includes radio slogans from the US and Canada (over 4600) as gleaned from various DX publications and monitoring. The 2019 IRCA Slogans List is posted on the IRCA website for all to download.

The link is: https://www.ircaonline.org/editor_upload/File/2019_IRCA_slogans.pdf

For those preferring a hard copy, one can be ordered from the IRCA. Prices: IRCA/NRC members – \$4.00 (US), \$5.00 (Canada) \$7.00 (México), \$7.50 (rest of the world). Non-IRCA members – add \$1.00.

IRCA Mexican Log, 22nd Edition (Winter 2019)

The **IRCA MEXICAN LOG** lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The transmitter site index (listed by state, then city) tabulates the latitude and longitude of transmitter sites. Also, in this edition, there is a spread sheet with links to web sites, live broadcasts and facebook page of many of the Mexican stations. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11".

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WRCK-1480 Equipment Test

190921. Last minute – equipment test 12 AM Sunday morning, 0400 UTC for approximately one hour.

Equipment testing before this station resumes normal operations.

Frequency – 1480, Callsign – WRCK, Location – Remsen NY, Power – 5kw non directional and 500 watts non directional.

"Program" material was Morse code at 500 Hz and 1000 Hz with a mix of classic country music. Reports and reception reports to be acknowledged via email only at wrcck1480@gmail.com

This equipment test was widely heard by DXers fortunate enough to be notified in time via various eGroups.



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It was a very peaceful nomination process and **Steve Howe** is your new Board member.



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2020 IRCA Convention Bids

Bids for the IRCA 2020 convention are now being accepted. If you're interested, please contact me at the above Email address for a convention bid form. Deadline for bids is 10/15/19.



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CALL CHANGES

FREQ	OLD CALL	CITY OF LICENSE	NEW CALLS
930	WTOU	Battle Creek, MI	WFAT
1230	KBZZ	Reno, NV	KZTQ
1250	KPZK	Little Rock, AR	KFOG
1300	KLLS	Lumberton, TX	KHTW
1380	WKAT	Coral Gables, FL	WOCN
1440	KPTO	Pocatello, ID	KHLY
1450	WOCN	Miami, FL	WKAT
1560	WNWN	Portage, MI	WTOU

FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY OF LICENSE
660	WDYZ	Altamonte Springs, FL
680	KNBR	San Francisco, CA
740	CFZM	Toronto, ON
930	WWON	Waynesboro, TN
980	KSGM	Chester, IL

NEW INFORMATION

adds slogan: "Florida Man Radio"
old slogan: "KNBR 680 The Sports Leader", new: "KNBR 680 104.5 The Sports Leader"
was adult standards, now classic hits
was oldies, now classic country, old slogan: "Big Oldies Radio", new: "Big Country"
old slogan: "AM 980 KSGM", new: "Classic Country 980 KSGM"

1010	WJXL	Jacksonville Beach, FL	was ESPN Radio Network, now CBS Sports Radio
1060	WIXC	Titusville, FL	was sports, now Spanish sports
1070	WZUN	Sandy Creek-Pulaski, NY	was Spanish sports, now classic hits, adds slogan: "Sunny 102"
1160	WSKW	Skowhegan, ME	was classic country, now classic hits, old slogan: "Classic Country 1160", new: "Legacy 1160 WSKW"
1220	KTMZ	Pomona, CA	old slogan: "Radio Deportes", new: "Tu Liga Radio"
	WKRS	Waukegan, IL	old slogan: "ESPN Deportes 1220", new: "TUDN Radio WKRS 1220"
	KJAN	Atlantic, IA	was news/talk, now variety
1230	KZTQ	Reno, NV	was classic hip hop, now sports, old slogan: "Power 92.5 and 1230", new: "The Game 92.5 and 1270"
1290	KDMS	El Dorado, AR	was southern gospel, now classic country, adds slogan: "101.5 The Hog"
	WNIL	Niles, MI	was adult contemporary, now classic hits
1310	WTIK	Durham, NC	old slogan: "La Mega 1310", new: "La Ke Buena"
1330	KWKW	Los Angeles, CA	old slogan: "Radio Deportes", new: "Tu Liga Radio"
1360	WMOV	Ravenswood, WV	was Westwood One NBC Sports Network, now CBS Sports Radio
1380	WOCN	Coral Gables, FL	was Spanish contemporary Christian, now Spanish
1410	KDKT	Beulah, ND	old slogan: "KDKT SportsRadio 1410", new: "KDKT SportsRadio 1410 AM / 106.5 FM"
1420	WKSJ	Pulaski, TN	old slogan: "Classic KSR", new: "WSKR-AM 1420, 100.9 FM and 107.7 FM"
1450	WKAT	Miami, FL	was Spanish, now Spanish contemporary Christian, adds slogan: "Radio Luz"
	KLMX	Clayton, NM	was silent, now country, adds slogan: "Crossroads Country"
1480	KLMS	Lincoln, NE	old slogan: "ESPN 1480", new: "ESPN Lincoln"
1490	WIRB	Level Plains, AL	was unknown format, now talk
	KWAC	Bakersfield, CA	old slogan: "ESPN Deportes Radio", new: "Tu Liga Radio"
	WZOE	Princeton, IL	old slogan: "First To Know", new: "WZOE Newstalk 1490"
	WBSS	Pleasantville, NJ	was classic hits, now sports, old slogan: "Kool 98.3", new: "AM 1490 Sports Betting Radio"
1590	WFTH	Richmond, VA	old slogan: "Modern Rock And No Commercials", new: "Independent Music Radio"

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Jon Peakins sends along the following dated 9/11/19, addition from the Puget Sound Media re KWLE-1340 Anacortes WA and KRPA-1110 Oak Harbor WA dated 9/9/19:

KWLE-1340 Anacortes and daytimer KRPA-1110 Oak Harbor continue to be simulcast but have switched from English language folk/country music to Punjabi/South Asian music. The intended market for both stations is believed to be the large East Indian population from Duncan to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. The signal into Greater Vancouver is poor, in part thanks to interference from CHMB-1320 and CKWX-1130. ref – <https://www.pugetsound.media/2019/09/09/kwle-krrpa-simulcast-flips-to-punjabi-music/> including Comments section.

After hearing Punjabi/South Asian music on AM 1340 for the past week, on Saturday night I was last night finally able to confirm this was KWLE Anacortes I was hearing. The simulcast pair of KWLE and Oak Harbor's 1110 KRPA have dropped their automated hybrid folk/country blues format to air Indian music. Daytimer KRPA was previously owned by a Vancouver South Asian operator who programmed Punjabi music and talk. The stations still sound like they're using cheap computers with poor sound cards and a lower level Internet connection to broadcast with. As before, the stations often cut out due to buffering and bandwidth issues leaving random chunks of dead air for listeners to absorb. KRPA's pitch to operate night hours looks like a lost deal as the owner has had the FCC deleted the application. At least they actually sign off at sunset unlike the years they were owned by Surrey BC based "Radio Punjab". These two wastes of RF still sound like "placeholders".

Mike Sanburn of Bellflower CA sends along the following from **Peter Laws** via the IRCA IO Group re possible WKY-930 Oklahoma City OK format change dated 9/13/19:

Some speculation that WKY has gone back to English language (sports) – They were C&W when I logged them years ago.

Not a big sports radio fan and never really did listen to WKY much when it was ESPN Deportes, but it appears that it now carries a simulcast of WWLS-FM-98.1.

WWLS used to be an AM station, of course, on 640 here in Norman (WNAD waaaay back when) but has been on FM for years now. Am I right in thinking that the Spanish language ESPN radio network went away?

Mike Sanburn sends along the following from **Dennis Gibson** of Salinas CA via the IRCA IO Group dated 9/12/19 and 9/19/19 respectively re license cancellations:

9-12-19: WULA-1240 Eufaula, Alabama

9-19-19: KKON-790 Kealahakua, Hawaii

Well, tomorrow is the start of fall and it sure feels like it, it was 46 last night here in Laurel and only 70 for a high, but felt much better than 90's! Conditions are getting better also. Hope everyone who attended the IRCA convention 2 weeks ago had a good time and that the convention was successful. Seattle is a great location for one! We'll see where the next one ends up. Just a month till Halloween! Have a great rest of September. 73's. **Bob Wien**



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WDXR DEADLINES: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6. Please use Eastern Local Time.

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- 560 KLZ **CO**, Denver 9/16 0700 callsign ID and news. (GK-CA)
 - 580 KSAZ **AZ**, Marana 9/16 1201-1211 norteña music and "Radio Casa" ID. (GK-CA)
 - 590 KID **ID**, Boise 9/17 0630-0638 talk program and callsign IDs. (GK-CA)
 - KSUB **UT**, Cedar City 9/14 0829 break from Coast-to-Coast to good ID, network news (Fox), news on new tropical storm brewing in Bahamas. (RB-AZ)
 - 630 KFXD **ID**, Boise 9/17 0649 ID as "Fox Sports Radio" and "The Fan." (GK-CA)
 - 680 CJOB **MB**, Winnipeg good on top of KNBR with ID as "Newsradio CJOB Winnipeg" at 0800 9/12. Haven't heard this one in a while. Was able to phase out KNBR with the Quantum Phaser. (PM-OR)
 - 780 KNOM **AK**, Nome 9/14 fair on top and at times alone on the channel with dinner type EZL music. At 0602 "KNOM, Nome" followed by a weather report for the Seward Peninsula and Western Alaska, mentioned a low of 45. (PM-OR)
 - KKOH **NV**, Reno 9/15 0300 female chorus jingle "KKOH Reno," network news, and transmission off. Only ID heard after that was KAZM Sedona AZ, not usually heard here late at night. But I was hoping for more exotic DX. (RB-AZ)

- 790 XESU **BCN**, Mexicali 9/17 0800 Mexican National Anthem by choir. (GK-CA)
 840 CKBX **BC**, 100 Mile House good with local KSWB phased out, C&W with "Country 840" IDs at 0545 9/12. (PM-OR)
 850 KICY **AK**, Nome 9/14 0606 fair in the jumble with an announcement for a school board meeting in Nome. (PM-OR)
 880 KHAC **NM**, Tse Bonito back to their old tricks, running day power overnight. Heard 9/17 2238 and 9/18 0453, even with KRVN. (GK-CA)
 890 KDXU **UT**, St George 9/13 2315 High School football post game wrap-up, solid & local sounding. Dixie Flyers vs Snow Canyon Warriors, game was blowout. (RB-AZ)
 930 KSEI **ID**, Pocatello 9/5 2230 over/under T-storm static crashes. Good level on RF-2200 (barefoot). 70s Boston, 50s Doo-Wop, to Simon and Garfunkel (at 2249). "Idaho's Oldies Channel... and on 98-9." (RB-AZ)
 980 KSVK **UT**, Richfield 9/14 0845 "CBS Sports Radio," talk show, covered religion, politics, and sports. Over/under the Mexican station I was trying to ID. ID on the hour (0900) and on to ABC News. (RB-AZ)
 1040 KURS **CA**, San Diego 9/17 0836-0848 Spanish religious program. Weak signal as they are only 360 watts daytime power. (GK-CA)
 KCBR **CO**, Monument 9/18 0702 DJ chatter, mentions of Colorado Springs and Denver, hip-hop "music" starting at 0707 – alas, not KLHT! (GK-CA)
 WHO **IA**, Des Moines 9/17 2300 callsign ID and into local news. (GK-CA)
 +9/18 0635 fair with announcer mentioning WHO, no sign of Vancouver BC (off?). (PM-OR)
 1100 WTAM **OH**, Cleveland 9/20 0002 dominant with ABC News into local news then two "WTAM Eleven Hundred" IDs at 0004:15. Nulling KNZZ left WTAM all alone. Normally, it is KNZZ all alone or with KFAX. In 1996 WTAM reverted to their original (1923-56) call letters. (JP-AB)
 1120 KANN **UT**, Roy 9/14 2100 ID by slogan, Christian rock. Strong and steady well before local sunset here. During the Summer Solstice, this hour is high noon outside, so it is nice to mark the onset of Fall this way. (RB-AZ)
 1130 CKWX **BC**, Vancouver My first Canadian! 9/12 0702 with traffic report for Highway 17 and 91, weather "scattered showers" and "16 degrees." Confirmed by Bing maps and Accuweather. (GK-CA)
 1140 CHRB **AB**, High River 9/5 0704 strong and steady on SW-2000629 and inductively coupled loop. Break from religious segment to "AM 11-40, High River" by man at four past the hour. (RB-AZ)
 1150 CKFR **BC**, Kelowna 9/12 0650 fair on top of Seattle, "AM 1150" IDs and spots for Kelowna. (PM-OR)
 1170 KFAQ **OK**, Tulsa 9/17 2045 talk show with host, and man and woman co-hosts, going off near the hour with "same time same place tomorrow," ID and CBS news. Local ad spots with "918" area codes (918 is also a Phoenix Police radio code of an insane person). Station steady, strong, over/under roadside electrical noise and some CCI. Heard on GMC Sonoma dashboard rig mobile in Glendale/Peoria AZ. (RB-AZ)
 1210 KHKR **UT**, Washington 9/16 0815 talking about football. (GK-CA)
 1250 KNEU **UT**, Roosevelt 9/13 2140 HSFB play-by-play with male announcer, woman color commentator (not often heard on these broadcasts). Union HS (Roosevelt UT) vs Carbon (Price UT). Unusual mascot name for Carbon, The Dinos. Very good and steady signal, abnormally muddy audio (even for live broadcast). Local spots at 2240. (RB-AZ)
 1280 (KFRN) **CA**, Long Beach 9/10 0900 noted off the air leaving a sports station (KWSX Stockton CA?) and an oldies station (KQLL Henderson NV?). Thanks to Martin Foltz for the tip. (MS-CA)
 1300 KCMY **NV**, Carson City 9/12 0800-0806 news, weather and mention of "West Reno" into country music at 0806. (GK-CA)
 XEP **CHIH**, Ciudad Juárez 9/17 2300 bombing in like a semi-local with ID, "Radio Mexicana" slogan and mention of 40,000 watts. I believe it! (GK-CA)
 1330 KGAK **NM**, Gallup 9/13 2300 HSFB announcer calling the game in Navajo with mixed English (there is no traditional Navajo term for "First and Fifteen"). Good and steady. (RB-AZ)
 CJYM **SK**, Rosetown 9/18 0640 fair on top with weather, followed by "The Music of Your Life pays here on CJYM" then into oldies son The Same Old Song by the Four Tops. (PM-OR)
 1360 ?KHNC? **CO**, Johnstown 9/11 0733 spot for Colorado properties, area code 720, which is overlay to Denver's traditional 303 code. (GK-CA)
 KDJW **TX**, Amarillo 9/12 0729 male choir and Catholic mass, confirmed by their web stream. (GK-CA)
 1390 KENN **NM**, Farmington 9/13 2230 male announcers, live High School football play-by-play in progress. (RB-AZ)
 1450 KZNU **UT**, St George 9/13 2302 long string of FM translator frequencies given with TOH ID, well over the channel mumble rumble. (RB-AZ)
 1510 KCKK **CO**, Littleton heard 9/16 0650 with classic rock music. (GK-CA)
 1530 KQSC **CO**, Colorado Springs 9/14 1000 country music, ID on the hour, had been co-mingling with KFBK's Saturday morning fishing show, well after local sunrise here. Good on SW-2000629 and inductively coupled magnetic loop. Recheck at 1019 had them on the channel alone, with ad spot for "Rooster's Grill and Pizzeria in Calhan." I'm sure it was KQSC, as Calhan is known to me on the road (US-24 east of "The Springs"), in an area where surely country music is king. A first log for me. (RB-AZ)
 1600 KIVA **NM**, Albuquerque 9/17 0700 ID "KIVA Albuquerque" and into news. (GK-CA)
 1640 ?KYUK? **AK**, Bethel 9/14 presumed with old CCR rock and an accented native male announcer on top of phased KFI at 0545. (PM-OR)
 KDIA **CA**, Vallejo 9/14 0230 man with ID to "Bible Answers Live" program. Solid, steady. (RB-AZ)
 1650 KSVE **TX**, El Paso no longer ESPN Deportes, now music. Heard 9/13 0730-0800 with ranchera and norteña music (apparently on day power early) with slogans "Jose Diez Seis Cincuenta AM" and "Mas Jose" slogans. Mostly on top of KBJD and KFOX. (GK-CA)
 1670 ?KDLG? **AK**, Dillingham 9/14 0550 presumed with music mixing with KBOL. (PM-OR)

When we returned home from our trip to New England there was a TVA plaque waiting for me. What a pleasant surprise! It is a great honor to be acknowledged by my fellow DXers. Thank you all. – Nancy 9/20 1900



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DOWN THE DIAL

- 570 WWNC **NC**, Asheville. 9/16 fair signal, mixing with WNAX and Cuba. 0438 noted with "News radio Five-70 WWNC" ID into C2C. [EB-MO]
 1030 KCWJ **MO**, Blue Springs. 9/16 fair signal through WBZ. 0431 with Classic Country format, "KCWJ" ID. Must have been on day power/pattern. [EB-MO]
 1220 WLPO **IL**, La Salle. 9/10 fair signal over WHKW, WSLM. 0246 noted with Classic Hits format, "103-Nine WLPO" ID. [EB-MO]
 1230 WFXN **IL**, Moline. 9/12 fair signal, briefly dominant on frequency. 0318 noted with local spots and weather forecast from KWQC-TV. [EB-MO]
 1240 WHFA **WI**, Poynette. 9/13 fair to poor signal, briefly over other stations. 2145 noted with promos and "Relevant Radio" mentions. [EB-MO]
 WTAX **IL**, Springfield. 9/20 fair signal over other stations. 2133 noted with spots mentioning Springfield and numbers in Area Code 217. [EB-MO]
 1290 CJBK **ON**, London. 9/15 with no trace of WIRL. 2200 with "CJBK AM London" ID by male announcer, local spots. New. [GH-IL]
 1330 KNSS **KS**, Wichita. 9/19 briefly out of the muck then gone. 0001 with ID and local spot. [GH-IL]
 1380 WOTE **WI**, Clintonville. 9/15 good to fair. 2000 coming out of NFL Sunday with legal ID. Mentioned translators on 96.5 and 94.9 along with "The Franchise" slogan. My WI#105 and my first new Wisconsin station since I logged WOBT 1240 in August of 2015! [TN-WI]
 1390 KCLN **IA**, Clinton. 9/13 good to fair signal, at equal strength with WLLI. 2110 noted with high school football PBP, mention of a halftime score of 41 to 6, "13-90 KCLN Clinton, and worldwide at 13-90 KCLN-dot-com" legal ID, local spots into halftime report. [EB-MO]
 1410 WIZM **WI**, La Crosse. 9/13 good to fair signal over WING. 2107 noted with La Crosse area spots and high school football play-by-play. [EB-MO]
 1430 WBEV **WI**, Beaver Dam. 9/11 fair to poor signal, mixing with other stations; local KZQZ off. 2155 noted with Milwaukee Brewers baseball play-by-play, local spots and a promo mentioning a number in Area Code 920. [EB-MO]
 WRHK **AL**, Red Bay. 9/10 fair signal over WXNT and other stations; local KZQZ off. 0526 noted with "97-point-Nine WRMG, your classic oldies station ID into Classic Hits format. Apparently left on overnight. [EB-MO]
 1660 WPRR **MI**, Ava. 9/16 good signal, at equal strength with KRJO. 0440 noted with "WPRR, Public Reality Radio" ID in promo and a PSA for the Michigan National Guard. [EB-MO]

FLASHBACK

50 Years Ago – September 20 1969 issue of “DX Monitor” ... New members included **Frank E Aden**, Jr of Boise ID ... We were informed of the death of member **Ralph M Johanns** ... **John C Johnson** of Sheridan WY logged his 33rd Wyoming station ... **Hank Ward** of Houston TX told about his tour of México and station visits. // **25 Years Ago – September 17 1994** issue of “DX Monitor” ... **Larry Godwin** of Missoula MT told about being surprised on his birthday while attending the Hoquiam 1994 IRCA Convention ... **Rick Evans** of Milwaukee WI commented on noticing quite a few FM stations now on driving back from Kalamazoo MI ... **Shawn M Axelrod** of Winnipeg MB logged 1ZD 1008.

OPEN MIKE

Thanks to Eric, Greg and Tim for reporting this week. Have you joined this year’s DX Contest? It’s easy and fun. We’re weekly now. All times are Eastern. Deadline for CDXR reports is every Thursday. This column was typed 9/21/19. 73, John



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ACROSS THE DIAL

- 680 WCTT **KY**, Corbin – 9/8 2220 noted with a mix of Adult Standards and Oldies, including Simon and Garfunkel’s “Mrs. Robinson”, “Great 68” slogan at 2223. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CFTR and WPTF; first time noted in London. (PS-ON)
- 690 WELD **WV**, Fisher – 9/15 0002 noted with Classic Hits format featuring music by Corey Hart and The Steve Miller Band, “All the Gold Under One Roof, 690 WELD” ID at 0005. A poor to very poor signal was noted, mostly under CKGM. (PS-ON)
- CBKF1 **SK**, Gravelbourg – 9/18 2345 noted with talk and laughter by two female announcers (probably an interview – eb), followed by music and more talk in French. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CKGM and a possible WELD; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. First time noted in London. (PS-ON)
- 900 WLSI **KY**, Pikeville – 9/6 0627 noted with “Sports Radio WPRT, Talk Radio-dot-net” ID by a male announcer. WLSI simulcasts WPRT 960 Prestonsburg, KY. The signal was noted mixing with CHML, CMBC (Cuba), WCLM, WCPA and WKDW; a new station in the logbook. (KK-VA)
- WCLM **MD**, Laurel – 9/6 0700 noted with “This is WCLM, Radio America 900, Wheaton, Maryland... Washington...” ID by a male announcer in Spanish-accented English. The signal was noted mixing with CHML, CMBC, WCPA, WKDW and WLSI. (KK-MD) (Is this a change of city of license? As I understand it, the top of the hour ID requires the station to announce Laurel as the COL, not Wheaton – eb)
- WCPA **PA**, Clearfield – 9/6 0526 noted with “Hey Beatle Fans! Thanks for listening to Passport Radio” slogan by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CHML, CMBC, WCLM, WKDW, WLSI and Cuba. (KK-VA)
- WKDW **VA**, Staunton – 9/6 0535 noted with “AM 900 WKDW” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CHML, CMBC, WCLM, WCPA and WLSI. (KK-VA)
- 910 WPFB **OH**, Middletown – 9/6 (no time given) noted with Catholic talk and prayers. I never did hear an ID or a slogan, but whom else with Catholic programming on 910? The signal was noted mixing with WFJX, WRNL, WTMZ and unidentified stations with music and vocal music in Spanish. If this is confirmed, this is a new station in the logbook. (KK-VA) (WPFB is the only Catholic station east of the Mississippi on 910; the only other Catholic station on 910 is KATH Frisco TX, a Dallas/Fort Worth suburb – eb)
- WFJX **VA**, Roanoke – 9/6 0605 noted with mention of “Fox Radio 910 on Facebook” by a female announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WPFB, WRNL, WTMZ, WTMZ and unidentified stations with music and vocal music in Spanish. (KK-VA)
- WRNL **VA**, Richmond – 9/6 0641 noted with “This is the new Sports Radio 910 the Fan, and now with 105.1 FM” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WFJX, WPFB, WTMZ and unidentified stations with music and vocal music in Spanish. (KK-VA) (105.1 refers to W286DJ Richmond VA, according to the WTFDA FM Database – eb)
- 940 WKYK **NC**, Burnsville – 9/6 0525 noted with a “Real Country 940 WKYK” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with WKGM and unidentified stations with Adult Contemporary format, another vocal music format and Spanish language programming. (KK-VA) (Your AC station may be WMIX Mount Vernon IL; your Spanish may be XEQ Mexico City or WCND Shelbyville KY – eb)
- 950 WGUN **GA**, Valdosta – 9/14 0702 noted with “WGUN... Lobo” mention by male announcer in Spanglish (a Spanish-English hybrid, widely spoken in the Rio Grande Valley – eb). The signal was noted mixing with CMBD (Radio Reloj, Cuba), WBES, WKDN, WPET and WWJ; a new station in the logbook. (KK-VA)
- WPET **NC**, Greensboro – 9/14 0617 noted with “Welcome to the WPET Bluegrass Gospel Jamboree” mention by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CMBD, WBES, WGUN, WKDN and WWJ. (KK-VA)
- 960 WRNS **NC**, Kinston – 9/14 0603 noted with CBS Sports Radio, “North Carolina’s Home for Sports is 960 the Bull” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CMBD (Radio Reloj, Cuba), WFIR, WKVX and unidentified stations with Country and Talk formats. (KK-VA) (“The Bull” is a slogan most often used by Country stations, primarily those owned by iHeart Radio. WRNS was a Country station before splitting from WRNS-FM 95.1 – eb)
- WKVX **OH**, Wooster – 9/14 0617 noted with Oldies format, “Classic Hits WKVX” ID by a male announcer. The signal was noted mixing with CMBD, WFIR, WRNS and unidentified stations with Country and Talk formats. (KK-VA)
- 970 WDAY **ND**, Fargo – 9/19 0011 tuned in to hear clear mentions of WDAY, Storm Tracker app promo with another WDAY mention, WDAY Deal of the Week promoting a local restaurant and the Community Calendar. A briefly fair to very poor signal, mixing with other stations. (PS-ON)
- WWRK **SC**, Florence – 9/14 0611 noted with a Classic Rock format, “The Rock FM” ID at 0611 by a male announcer. “One hundred percent Classic Rock. 94.1, 97.9 and 105.9 The Rock FM” ID by a male announcer at 0656. The signal was noted mixing with WBGG, two unidentified stations with ESPN Radio (as I’m hearing an echo between the two) and unidentified stations with a Talk format and Christian vocal music. (KK-VA) (One of the ESPN affiliates is definitely WFUN Ashtabula OH; WBGG is also an ESPN affiliate. The other ESPN may be WZAN Portland ME. Your unidentified talker may be WKCI Waynesboro VA; your Gospel station may be WFSR Harlan KY – eb)
- 990 WNML **TN**, Knoxville – 9/11 2351 noted with *Ferrall on the Bench*, national spots, “WNML Knoxville... Cumulus station” ID into *CBS Sports Radio Sports Flash*. An occasionally fair to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CBW and other stations; first time heard in London. (PS-ON)
- 1010 WPCN **WI**, Stevens Point – 9/19 0033 noted with Oldies format featuring songs by Chicago and Gene Chandler, “True Oldies Channel” mention at 0037, “True Oldies 92.1 WPCN” ID at 0044. A fair at times to very poor signal was noted in a CFRB null; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)
- 1040 CKST **BC**, Vancouver – 9/15 0020 noted with an interview mentioning the Whitecaps soccer club, turning out to be the Vancouver Whitecaps FC post-game show, a clear mention of “Whitecaps 2-1 victory” over the Houston Dynamo at 0034. A very poor signal was noted, eventually drowned out by WHO and WSGH; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. First time noted in London. (PS-ON)
- 1050 WVXX **VA**, Norfolk – 9/8 2250 noted with a Contemporary Hit Radio format in Spanish, “Ciento y tres punto tres, Selecta” slogan by a female announcer at 2256; couldn’t catch the legal ID at 2300. A briefly fair, poor at best to very poor signal was noted, mixing with CHUM; confirmed via Tune-In Web stream. (PS-ON)
- 1090 WAQE **WI**, Rice Lake – 9/15 2238 noted on after sunset simulcasting crosstown WJMC 1240 with Classic Hits format featuring music by Ace and Michael McDonald, “AM 1240 WJMC” ID at 2242, promo mentioning a phone number in Area Code 715 into another music set. A good signal, fading to very poor, mixing with WBAL. (PS-ON)
- 1530 WLAK **WI**, New Holstein – 9/8 0118 on after sunset with Oldies format, featuring a song by Boston, clear ID for WGBW 1590 at 0120, weather forecast, another mention of WGBW into a song by Connie Francis. A poor to very poor signal was noted with WCKY off the air. (PS-ON)
- PIRATE**
- 1630 Pirate Tater Patch Radio – 9/14 2315 noted with an Oldies format featuring “Boogie Fever” by The Sylvers and “Keeping the Faith” by Billy Joel, “Tater Patch Radio” ID at 2321 into selections by Southern Culture on the Skids and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. A good signal was noted, fading to very poor; coming in much better than on 1710 kHz before 2300. Confirmed via Web stream at Tater Patch Radio-dot-com. (PS-ON)
- 1710 Pirate Tater Patch Radio – 9/14 2258 noted with Oldies format, playing the theme song to the 1959-66 TV Western *Rawhide*, multiple “Tater Patch Radio” IDs and off at 2300. A very poor signal was noted. (PS-ON)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to Kraig and Paul for their logs in this edition. It is not often that a pirate radio station is noted on the AM BCB; some of us older DXers may remember the 1980s pirate KPFF941 in what became the X-Band. The only pirate I noted was an unidentified station on 1620 kHz playing R&B Oldies; I heard this while I was living in Woodstock GA. Pirate broadcasters are most common on the shortwave bands; most in the 6900 kHz range. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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*** PAN-AMERICAN DX ***

- 540 **MÉXICO** XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. SEP 13 1147 – “La Ranchera de Paquimé, 540 AM” and FM [90.5 listed], canned ID they emit every few minutes from XETX, near the frontera, and heard immediately upon tune-in, WSW separable from earlier southerly Spanish talk, probably XEWA SLP, unseemed religious like KDFT Ferris TX. IRCA Mexican Log says both these XEs are staying on AM (GH-OK)
- 580 **MÉXICO** XELRDA, Piedras Negras, Coah. SEP 13 1149 – romantic song in Spanish from SSW, and no WIBW unless that’s causing a SAH. 1200 ID as “La Rancherita del Aire”, which is Piedras Negras, Coahuila, with new official calls XELRDA to match its slogan, although it’s really rebranded XEMU which lost the frequency and then bought it back, still llamando itself “XEMU” though I heard neither all this time (GH-OK)
- 760t **MÉXICO** XEABC, DF. 7SEP 20 1108 – ‘Hablando Claro’ program or segment with item about something that happened in Mexico 2+ years ago on September 19 2017; with WJR nulled. Of the four 760 Mexicans, most likely XEABC, EdoMex, 70/10 kW with variety format, rather than Chiapas or Jalisco, and surely not Sonora. Searching on that title and XEABC leads to a media directory at Radio – Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México making such a connection. (GH-OK)
- 790t **MÉXICO** XENT, La Paz, BCS. SEP 14 1215 – low audible het looping SW about the same as KFYO Lubbock ID, presumed XENT, as in MW Offsets: 790 789.9586 MEX XENT-AM Radio Fórmula (La Paz) 2018-11-01 790 789.9993 USA KFYO (Lubbock TX) 2018-08-29 ie 40.7 Hz apart. No other station anywhere is listed that far below 790. Nominally 10000/750 watts but IRCA Mexican Log says “night power seems much higher than 750”, and is staying on AM. I also had a definite ID of XENT on 790-, April 11 2018, after the frequency had been reported at 789.96 by John Wilkins, CO (GH-OK)
- 800 **MÉXICO** XEROK, Ciudad Juárez, Chih. SEP 7 1210 – Spanish virtually zero-beat with KQCV OKC, which I null as much as possible; discussing border issues at Juárez; 1211 mentions “Calibre”, keyword for XEROK, contraction for “Canal Libre”, as if it were still a “clear channel”; 1211 rooster crows. (GH-OK)
- 800 **BONAIRE** PJB, Trans World Radio. SEP 15 0144 – without really trying in tune-across, Spanish mention of rtm.org and Bible talk in strange accent, ie PJB. Dominant on the E-W longwire, where’s KQCV OKC? It still dominates on the DX-398 except when nulled. (GH-OK)
- 870 **MÉXICO** XETAR, Guachochi, Chih. SEP 7 1200 – as I try to ID the Spanish from the South as KFJZ Fort Worth, by 1202 I am also hearing the choral Mexican NA from the SW, which has to be XETAR; 1204, multilingual XETAR IDs; 1208 fades up “XETAR, Su voz en la Sierra Tarahumara”, but I’ve heard it much better before at SRS.
+SEP 14 1208 – XETAR in sign-on routine, starting late? Or just protracted in multi-languages, but several IDs heard in Spanish, mentions that they will be on air for 12 hours, “iniciando doce horas de transmission”, ie still a daytimer which perhaps WWL/listeners appreciate. (GH-OK)
- 1050 **MÉXICO** XEG, Monterrey, NL. SEP 12 0602 – with super-hype voice actor full Spanish ID claiming 100,000 watts “en efectivo”, the strongest station in Mexico or the US. Effective? meaning in a certain direction, but less transmitter power? That term is usually applied to FM where ERP is almost always much greater than transmitter power, taking into account antenna gain. Still plenty of QRM, and XEG has not been the dominant 1050 signal at night for a long time, so I question their claim. And it’s supposedly ND day and night. IRCA Mexican Log shows nothing but 100/100 kW and it’s also stereo with no FM. (GH-OK)

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DX-398 with internal antenna only or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside random wire N-S; Nissan stock caradio as specified; ICR-75 E-W longwire.

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Sandy Neck Beach DX (Roy Barstow via IRCA eGroup)

9-9-19 Sunset at 2302

2300 – 90 degrees

- 774 **EGYPT** Mixing with Spain.
819 **EGYPT** Weak with talk.
864 **EGYPT** Good with Koran.
936 **MOROCCO** Fair.

- 981 **ALGERIA** Mideast music to pips. Good at S 7.
1125 **SPAIN** Fair with talk.
1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** Mideast music.

2315 – 65 degrees

- 171 **MOROCCO**
183 **GERMANY**
189 **ICELAND**
198 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC
252 **ALGERIA** Most in weak.
531 **SPAIN** //567 under Algeria. Both w/talk.
702 **ALGERIA** Quran at S 4.
720 **UnID** Weak, maybe Romania with what sounded like Mideast music.

- 810 **SPAIN** SER //792 Mixing with WGY.
963t **TUNESIA** Music.
1080 **SPAIN** //1044 w/talk along with WTIC.
1134 **KUWAIT** With music mixing with Spain.
1240 **USA** WBAS MA. Noticed with just open carrier for maybe a minute and on other files.
1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** Weak with Quran.
1602 **SPAIN** Talk.

2330 – 110 degrees

- 612 **MOROCCO** Talk with fast paced beats between items.
680 **USA** WRKO MA. Man saying, on WBZ News Radio 1030, then some news and the man with 680 WRKO weather.
783 **SYRIA** Fair w/talk and music.

- 1422 **ALGERIA** Quran in fair.
1458t **UNITED KINGDOM** Lyca Radio. Music w/slop.
1503 **EGYPT** Koran at a fair level at best.

Roy Barstow, Falmouth MA.

Grayland DXpedition – September 7-11 2019 (Bill Whitacre via IRCA eGroup)

9/16. Following the IRCA convention in Seattle a group of DXers visited the Breakwater Inn and Cottages in Grayland WA and an adjacent property called Casa Sea Esta.

The DXers present in Grayland for all or part of the time included: Nigel Pimblett, Hiroo Nakagawa, Chuck Hutton, Bruce Portzer, Nick Hall-Patch, Guy Atkins, Tom Rothlisberger and myself.

Highlights included some TA carriers on Saturday night and a ton of DU reception, particularly Aussies, on September 9 and 10.

I have begun to go through my own .wav files with hints from others present and what I have so far is available here: <http://realmonitor.com/grayland20/>

The page is a change from my 'old' format to include a 'sticky' header for the table that will follow you down the page so you don't lose track of dates and times.

I believe Tom will have his own webpage and I believe Chuck is trying to gather a collection of loggings and audio samples.

Not only is it not as much fun drinking alone but without the hints shared amongst the group – with more to come I hope – there would be a lot of DX left behind.

One note on antennas: Nick Hall-Patch, as usual, was trying something 'new' – a 2-element terminated delta array with a Wellbrook phaser. I'll let him expound on his findings more fully but suffice it to say that those of us using the go-to 160' DKAZ may be rethinking things for coastal DXing.

So sorry, forgot to mention Brett Saylor as a first-time west coast DXer!

Bill Whitacre, Alexandria VA

9/16. Tom Rothlisberger (via IRCA eGroup)

My webpage with LW and Mediumwave results will be here: <https://www.qsl.net/k7wv/Grayland2019DX.htm> but I am just getting started due to doing LW first, and work constraints.

Some great detective work and collaboration going on among the 9 DXers at the two locations. I was with the Breakwater Inn bunch. Really good Australia including amazing X-band reception on the 10th has been noted. Pretty good Alaska reception on one evening as well. More to come.

Tom R K7WV

DXpedition #5 – Sioux Passage County Park near Florissant MO Eric Bueneman (NØUIH)

On September 14 2019, I went on my fifth DXpedition; the second to Sioux Passage County Park near Florissant MO. Unlike with the DXpedition in May 2019, the boat launch area and campground were open; the campground had a Boy Scout troop on an overnight camping trip. Debris from the flooding earlier in the summer had kept the boat launch ramp closed; recreational boating on the Missouri River has been discouraged by the Coast Guard for the past six months. Temperatures were in the lower 80s Fahrenheit with the humidity at a comfortable level. It was slightly cooler at the riverbank than it was inland.

I set up my listening post less than 100 yards from the southern bank of the Missouri River. Like with the previous week's DXpedition to Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area, I brought the General Electric Superadio III for AM BCB DX and the Tecsun PL-600 for the Tropical Band DX. This time, I was able to stretch out my 30-foot homebrew longwire that I made for DXpeditions to the full length; one end stood ten feet above the ground. To straighten it out, I set up a five-foot mast against the fully opened passenger sliding door of the 2002 Chrysler Voyager minivan I was driving.

I started monitoring just after 1920 ELT (2320 UTC). On the AM broadcast band, typical sunset conditions prevailed, with primarily stations from the Midwest and Mid-South. On the tropical bands, conditions favored the Americas, although some Europeans were heard on the higher shortwave broadcast bands, along with North American pirate broadcasters in the 6.9 MHz band. I wrapped up monitoring around 2030 ELT (0030 UTC), as the park closed at 2045 ELT (0045 UTC). All times for AM BCB logs are ELT; Tropical band log times are in UTC.

DOMESTIC (US and CANADA)

- 610 WRUS **KY**, Russellville – 9/14 2002 noted with Oldies format, "Thanks for listening to WRUS Russellville" legal ID at 2003. A fair signal was noted over KCSP.
- 680 KFEQ **MO**, Saint Joseph – 9/14 2015 noted with Kansas City Royals baseball play-by-play. A good to fair signal was noted over WCTT and WMFS.
- WMFS **TN**, Memphis – 9/14 2014 noted with Memphis area ads. ESPN mention into sports talk. A fair signal was noted over KFEQ and WCTT.
- 860 WSON **KY**, Henderson – 9/14 2022 noted with Saint Louis Cardinals baseball play-by-play. A fair to poor signal was noted, mixing with KKOW; digital adjacent channel interference was noted from KFUO 850.
- 940 WMIX **IL**, Mount Vernon – 9/14 1946 noted with Adult Standards format and "940 WMIX" ID. A fair to poor signal was noted, mixing with KPSZ.
- 960 KZIM **MO**, Cape Girardeau – 9/14 1950 noted with "KZIM, KSIM" dual-station ID into weather forecast. A good signal was noted; alone on channel.
- 1200 WRTO **IL**, Chicago – 9/14 1955 noted with local ads in Spanish. A good to fair signal was noted over KYOO and WOAI.

TROPICAL BAND DX

- 3330 **CANADA** CHU Ottawa, ON – 9/14 2331 noted with time signals, "CHU Canada" ID in French on odd numbered minutes and English on even numbered minutes, time checks every minute in English and French. A fair signal was noted.
- 4885 **BRAZIL** Radio Clube do Pará ZYG362 Belém, Pará – 9/15 0022 noted with talk and pop music in Portuguese. A poor signal was noted.
- 5010 **UNITED STATES** WRMI Okeechobee, FL – 9/14 2333 noted with anti-Cuban government talk in Spanish. A fair to poor signal was noted.
- 5050 **UNITED STATES** WWRB Morrison, TN – 9/14 2335 noted with a church service recorded from a low-quality telephone line. A good signal was noted.

I wonder what the next DXpedition will bring. 73 and good DX from NØUIH, the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.



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Greetings. All times and dates strictly UT. Rx: mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside random wire N-S; Nissan stock caradio as specified; or IC-R75 with E-W longwire.

OKLAHOMA [and non]. Fulfilling dire warnings all day, a major storm hit the OKC area (but not Enid!), the evening of August 26, early August 27, resulting in the major TV stations blowing away their entire primetime schedules for wall-to-wall coverage. Mike Morgan on KFOR even called it an "inland hurricane" since winds were up to 80 mph. Caused a lot of damage, with hail, flooding, many power lines down; up to 85 kilo-customers blacked out at peak per OG&E Systemwatch.

Not until 0542 do I start checking whether any radio stations are affected, and some are, even in the Enid area:

1520, August 27 at 0542, KOKC is dead air, still so at 0554; I can't hear its FM translator on 95.3 either, whether off or dead air as it's marginal anyway.

1640, August 27 at 0545, KZLS "Enid" (Hennessy) is dead air, maybe because it's programmed out of OKC. Still at 0554; however at 0552 I nulled its carrier as much as possible to hear another station with music. Normally it's WTNI Biloxi MS, reported in MW Circle as ex-sports:

"USA. 1640 WTNI [Biloxi MS] – Yesterday I moved my antenna from its summer position (about 270 degrees) to the winter one (about 300). LA has been a dead loss from here this year although to be fair I have been away a great deal.

I was rewarded with good reception today after months of very little (conditions I think rather than the antenna move working a miracle). It's probably been reported elsewhere but I noted that 1640 WTNI seems to have abandoned sport. ID noted as "This is Classic Country 103.5 The Possum". Also 1680 KRJO noted with "99.7 My FM" [Monroe LA] (Paul Crankshaw, August 21, MWCircle eGroup via DXLD)

Thanks, Paul. WTNI used to simulcast 1490 WANG sport "The Champ". The change of 1490 WANG to "103.5 The Possum" and country format was reported in March in MWN. However at that time 1640 WTNI retained the sport format. Neither NRC nor IRCA have subsequently reported that 1640 WTNI has now rejoined 1490, ditching the sport format for country. Wikipedia says that this change occurred in June 2019, but I can't find independent confirmation. 73 (/Andrew Brade, ibid)

Hello Andrew and Paul, 1640 WTNI still shown as ESPN in 2019/20 NRC Log and now amended. Best wishes & 73s (Barry :-)) Carlisle UK Latitude 55.0119N, Longitude 2.9668W, Davies, ibid.)"

1000, August 27 at 0550, KTOK OKC is still on but audio breaks up; by 0616 dead air.

Other OKC AM signals seem nominal at 0550+, 930, 800 and 640. {Further FM and TV observations deleted here}

BAHAMAS. While looking up CAYMAN info at **dxinfocentre.com** I search for Bahamabeacons, and find only three listed. All appear to be away from Hurricane Dorian path so may still be operating, FYI: 526, ZLS, Stella Maris, [Long Island], 500 watts [really off since 2013y?] 376, ZIN, Matthew Town, Great Inagua, 400 watts 281, ZSJ, Cockburn Town, San Salvador, 2000 watts.

CANADA. 413 kHz, September 6 at 0547, ND beacon YHD and dash, which is 250 watts from Dryden, Ontario. I was tuned to 412-USB.

346 kHz, September 6 at 0615, ND beacon YXL and dash, 500 watts from Sioux Lookout, Ontario; I was tuned to 347-USB. Dozing off, there have been more below. Glad to hear that not all the Y-stations have been decommissioned yet.

CANADA. 341 kHz, September 7 at 0603, dash and YYU, 500 watts from Kapuskasing, Ontario, no trouble overriding my local on 341, El Per <http://www.dxinfocentre.com/ndb.htm> this is "TO BE DECOMMISSIONED 2019-10-10". The same red warning is appended to several others I have extracted:

206 XBE Bearskin Lake ON 25, 208 YSK Sanikiluaq NU 500, 230 very good Vermilion AB 1000, 230 YD Smithers BC 500, 235 CN Cochrane ON 100, 241 YGT Igloolik NU 500, 257 YXR Earleton ON 205, 260 YSQ Atlin BC 1000, 266 YFH Fort Hope ON 200, 269 ZW Teslin YT 1000, 305 YQ Churchill MB 500, 323 UWP Argentia NL 550, 343 YGO Gods Lake Narrows MB 200, 344 YOP Rainbow Lake AB 500, 368 YJF Fort Liard NT 500, 373 ZFM Fort McPherson NT 40, 380 YUB Tuktoyaktuk NT 2000 and 391 TK Smithers – Telkwa BC 100.

These are the only ones indicated with a specific date. A number of others still in the list are already labeled Decommissioned.

CANADA. 300 kHz, September 16 at 0622, dash and YIV, 500 watt ND beacon from Island Lake, Manitoba. Believe this be a new one for me. Wikipedia: "Island Lake is a small community in east central Manitoba, Canada. The community is on several islands in Island Lake, which is the 6th largest lake in the province. The community is located 297 kilometers (185 mi) east from Thompson, Manitoba and 610 kilometers northeast of Winnipeg" near the Ontario border. That makes it 1965 km=1221 miles from me. Bill Hepburn had reported that this one was to be retained beyond 2026y rather than decommissioned.

218 kHz, September 16 at 0626, dash and RL, 975 watt ND beacon from Red Lake, Ontario.

332 kHz, September 16 at 0628, dash and QT, 1000 watt ND beacon from Thunder Bay, Ontario. Same time and frequency, IC, 400 watts from Wichita, Kansas, but different pitches. Also two more from USA, qv.

346 kHz, September 16 at 0630, dash and YXL, 500 watt ND beacon from Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

USA. 293 kHz, September 7 at 0601, ND beacon FBY, which is 25 watts from Fairbury, Nebraska, logged a few times before. ATM I notice that my line noise level abates below 300 kHz.

USA. 326 kHz, September 16 at 0620, MA, 400 watt ND beacon from Midland TX. I was tuned to 324.

347 kHz, September 16 at 0631, AFK, 25 watt ND beacon from Nebraska City, NE. Also logged four from CANADA, qv.

USA. 353 kHz, September 18 at 0648, ND beacon LI, which is 400 watts from Little Rock, Arkansas; I was tuned to 351.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. 415 kHz, September 6 at 0546, my NDB search downward is off to a good start with CBC, which is 600 watts from Cayman BraC.

UnID. 569.94 approximately, September 16 at 0636, LAH against 570.0 stations. Nothing listed at mwffsets.

OKLAHOMA. 640, September 15 at 1308 and still 1315, dead air from KWPN Moore, but too much signal to let KFI thru this late; at least Okies may still hear stupid sportstalk in English now on sibling 930 WKY.

USA. 760, August 26 at 0150, WJR is nulled as I am trying to ID the Spanish LAH on the minus side, but more signal is coming from something in English with "Place for Mom" national ad but then Glen Beck plugging his show "tomorrow at 7 am on Freedom 93-7, Real News, Real Talk". That's now the branding of KDSP Thornton CO = Denver market, U4 50/1 kW, obviously a flip from NBC Sports as of a year ago. 0159 ad with 303 area code, 0200 Fox "news" sounder. I wonder if KDSP employs digital signal processing?? Rather the call was likely denoting "Denver Sports". Now, FCC AM Query shows it's KDFD as in "Denver FreeDom", since 6/25/2019. Official LSS in August is 0200; September 0115.

As for 93.7, it's a mere 99-watt translator in Lakewood, K229BS [apropos call!], wagging the 760 dog; WTFDA DB still shows it originating with "KDSP" 760 but does have the new slogan "Freedom 93.7" [sic, with a point].

USA. 780, Mon August 26 at 0142, 'StarDate' just ending on WBBM Chicago – probably reliably at 0140, also Sun? Our Okie affiliates KUCO and KWOU skip it on weekends.

CANADA. 800, September 20 at 1111, CKLW playing a clip from 'The Daily Show' about Trudeau's brown-facing, Woman and man chat enjoying all the attention Canada is getting as a result. KQCV OKC easily nulled.

USA. 840, September 13 at 1204, Spanish from N/S, ID in passing as "Radio Aleluia", fade by 1206. That's KVJY Pharr TX in the RGV as now listed in the NRC AM Log, religious format – I thought this was the unlikely station being relayed by XEPRS 1090 BCN, but it wasn't religious. What is the status of that deal?

IRCA Mexican Log as of September 1 explains under 1090 XEPRS: "//KPAV [sic, typo?] 104.9 FM Alamo TX. No longer //XEPE 1700 AM. Ads and announcers in English and Spanish. With no lessee, owner is relaying a relative's FM station. Mentions 840 AM on air (and on 'About' page of FB), but KJAV-FM is reportedly no longer //KVJY 840 AM."

USA. 860, September 12 at 1224-1226, KKOW Pittsburg KS is still playing a polka every morning, with English lyrics, outro as "...Be My Sweetheart". Segment also greets birthdayers, in this case the DJ himself who will take his day off tomorrow.

USA. 870, September 7 at 1151. I'm up again hoping to ID the Spanish gospel huxtering from the south which seems like it has to be KFJZ Fort Worth, contrary to format listings. There he is; but at 1157, a bit of hymn, no ID and sudden switch to another program, "Renuevas..." algo, with a woman pushing something for \$29 which seems to be secular. Phone number frequently edited in with another male voice, 1-888-366-2340. Reverse phone number up-looking is no fun unless you are prepared to pay unknown websites. Fading down some, meanwhile mostly separable XETAR fading up from 1202 past 1205.

USA [and non]. 870, September 13 at 1155, screaming gospel huxter, a mental case, in Spanish, "¡¡¡Cristo viene!!!" from N/S, presumed KFJZ Fort Worth TX, but I would like to get an ID. Last time he finished before 1200 but there was no legal ID before going right into next infomercial. Today I clench my teeth (and eardrums?), and keep listening. Keeps on right across ToH; at 1203 says he's going to terminate in 5 minutes – but still going at 1208 when XERTA finally gets started with XE NA from Chihuahua, barely audible from SW. And *still* predicating by fade-out 1215, never hearing any local references or contact info, but it was a sermon recorded in a "noche". All along there has been a medium SAH with WWL, which despite easterliness, outlasts KFJZ. Could someone in The Metroplex confirm whether KFJZ now be 100% Spanish, brokered miscellany? And what slogan do they ever ID?

USA. 870, September 14 at 1158, must be KFJZ Fort Worth again, gospel huxter in Spanish from the south giving phone 214-723-4520, ie Dallas area code. Then a song/hymn with a tropical beat frequently reuttering "victoria" and "gloria". By 1208, XETAR is on and in again from the SW, separable as KFJZ is fading.

USA. 880, September 14 at 1203, strong music east/west vs ~6 Hz SAH with KRVN from the north, not Arkansas, but soon ID in English as "KHAC Tse Bonito", and KWIM, and KTBA, "exalting the name of Jesus across the nations", ie AZ/NM reses. KHAC had been notable for suppressed LSB, carrier plus USB only, so I recheck it both on the DX-398 and R-75, finding that now it is DSB like almost all other "AM" stations, equally modulating on both sidebands!

Now I am wondering why I am not simulhearing as good or better signal from 50/50 kW neighbor 660 KTNN? Because KHAC is obviously on 10 kW ND day power instead of 430 watts night, both non-directional; despite official FCC September sunrise not until 1300 UT! (October: 1315); while KTNN would still be directional away from us.

UnID. 930, September 4 at 0607, WKY OKC nulled reveals a C2CAM station, most likely WTAD Quincy IL, or maybe KWOC Poplar Bluff MO; mixed with a sportstalk in English I will not attempt to guess. (WKY was still Spanish ESPN-D).

OKLAHOMA. 930, September 10 at 0028, WKY OKC in English! With the demise of ESPN-D[eportes], what to do with this legacy station? Sports talk in English! In fact, at 0047 plugs sibling station WWLS The Sports Animal (98.1) which is also on KWPN 640 Moore, but not //at the moment. At 0201 I find that 930 is //640 but running 7 seconds behind it. And again at 0620 when both are on ESPN Radio (in English).

What a great variety Radio License Holding CBC, LLC are providing! BTW, these two stations are not part of any other AM cluster in OKC. According to FCC Licensee info. Oh, yeah?

At 1459 UT September 10, I monitor the ToH breaks on all three stations. 640 and 930 are not //but 930 is //98.1, if not synched. At 1502 legal ID on 98.1 starts with WWLS, then a bunch of mostly AM affiliates all over OK, to which WKY has been added at the end; as part of Cumulus. And the same multi-station ID comes around 27 seconds later on 930. But FCC AM Query shows Cumulus is *not* the licensee of any AM station in OK. How about FM? Allegedly, ONLY ONE: 107.3 KOMS Poteau! What is going on here? Well, RLH CBC LLC must be a subsidiary of Cumulus, but why? Try to reach the former on Wikipedia and you are redirected to Cumulus without explanation. Could CBC stand for the obvious?

On FM, the following in OK are licensed to Radio License Holding CBC LLC, per FCC FM Query: WWLS-FM 98.1 The Village [NW OKC suburb where I used to live], KYIS 98.9 OKC, KATT 100.5 OKC, KKWD 104.9 Bethany. Except for 104.9 which I could not hear anyway, the other three FM would get knocked off the air simultaneously via storms.

WKY used to run some commercials and PubAffs shows in English; so now will they insert anything in Spanish? When ESPN-D appeared, WKY dismissed their "La Indomable" Spanish DJ staff. From November 2014: <http://www.w4uvh.net/WKY930AM-ad.jpg>

Former ESPN-D affiliates everywhere must be trying to find something to replace it; will English or Spanish prevail? See my recent report of 1650 KSVE El Paso TX.

OKLAHOMA. 100.9, August 27 at 0558 I notice that the new K265FL Enid translator of KGWA 960 is displaying on RDS as KGWA-FM! Is there no rule against imaginary call signs on RDS? And still no stereo pilot, although I have not checked during the detestable Sean Hannity, whenever he's on.

USA. 1060, September 4 at 0630, romantic song in Spanish loops WSW/ENE, fitting KIJN Farwell TX, the perpetually cheating 10 kW daytimer; repeated lyric, "Quiero estar contigo", ie Jesus rather than romantic, and 0633 KIJN ID.

USA. 1090, August 31 at 0403, dead air loops E/W, no doubt KAAY Little Rock though some understation talk is JBA. By 0405 KAAY revives with country hymn.

USA. 1090, September 2 at 0248, dead-air, loops E-W, no doubt KAAY Little Rock again; understation something in Spanish, most likely KMXA Aurora CO, ESPN-D, 50000/500 watts.

USA. 1130, August 26 at 1915 on caradio I notice that KLEY, 250 watts in Wellington KS, is back on the air, the first time noticed since at least May 3. I haven't checked for it every day but I'm sure it hasn't been for more than a week. 1929 ID as "The Wave 100.3" as they have kept the "translator" of a silent AM station on the air as I confirmed that at local range July 10. I'll bet 1130 is gone again before long, but it's still JBA August 27 at 1943 vs HLNL.

USA. 1130, September 1 at 2248, and September 2 at 1754 check, music from KLEY Wellington KS, still not off the air again.

USA. 1130, September 20 at 1853 check, KLEY Wellington KS is OFF again. Still off at 1705 check September 21. It had been on since August 26 after a long hiatus since at least May 3.

USA. 1280, September 15 at 1317, my semi-local KSOK Arkansas City KS seems to be off; instead two weak signals: one from NE/SW with gospel huxter, not its musical format; 1319 another fades up from NW/SE with income-tax ad. 1329 first one into Lord's Prayer and benediction, outro as a Lutheran program, 1330 KSOK ID! and into music. So KSOK must be on power greatly reduced from 1 kW ND; actually I had already noticed it weak yesterday.

As for the perpendicular signal, could be much-wanted KPRV Poteau OK, or maybe WODT New Orleans, or KWHI Brenham TX. KBNO Denver might be more likely except it's listed Spanish.

1280 also has hiss from adjacent IBOC: I suspect de 1270, KRXO Claremore OK, but NRC AM Log un-shows it as I, rather KFLC 50 kW Benbrook (Metroplex) TX, which is still in Spanish but can't be from defunct ESPN-D.

USA. 1280, September 16 at 1645, KSOK Arkansas City KS is still weak, QRP with music; nearing midday, only one GW signal from its direction. Could be on night power of 100 watts, instead of 1000 day, 500 watts PSRA. It's only 106 km=66 statute miles city-to-city.

USA. 1280, September 20 at 1853 check and September 21 at 1705, KSOK Arkansas City KS still sounds much weaker than its usual 1 kW on groundwave (and September 22).

USA. 1480, September 22 at 1350, KNGO Dallas in Vietnamese with no QRM from closer KQAM Wichita which ought to be dominant by now; except a slow SAH: maybe KQAM carrier on, but unmodulated. 1410 KGSO Wichita is normally loud. See also 1520 log for more Vietnamese.

OKLAHOMA. 1490, August 30 at 1652 and still past 1730, DEAD AIR from KMFS Guthrie, a tremendous improvement over the usual gospel huxtering: no one at station may care, or cannot even stand it either enough to monitor when it break down.

OKLAHOMA. 1490, August 30 at 2132; August 31 at 1835, KMFS Guthrie, Jimmy Swaggart's sobbier radio station, continues open carrier/dead air, reconfirmed by DF from Guthrie direction. I wonder if they know, even care about this, back in Baton Rouge.

OKLAHOMA. 1490, September 1 at 1434 check, KMFS Guthrie is *still* open carrier/dead air. Ditto at 2248 September 1 and 1753 September 2.

OKLAHOMA. 1490, after open carrier/dead air since at least August 30, KMFS Guthrie is finally revived September 4 at 1755 with some musical modulation, 1800 ID *only* as "Son-Life Radio, WJFM, 88.5, Baton Rouge", ie flagship station of Jimmy Swaggart network, who then starts gospel-huxtering.

USA. 1490, September 10 at 0625, "The Entertainer" by Joplin on piano is just ending as some signal is briefly atop the graveyard jungle/jumble, then "The Fabulous 1490, KDMO" woman ID, seems to loop NE/SW before fade. That's Carthage MO, near Joplin, ENE. Could Scott's tunes be thematic for Joplinites? Still NOSTalgia format. Previously logged here September 7 2017 at 1240.

BTW, not to be confused with KDMO, the airport ID in Sedalia MO beyond, which runs beacon DMO on 281 kHz as reported by Harold Frodge, MI. Nor with Sedalia's 1490 station, KDRO!

UnID. 1520, August 28 at 0618, stupid sports talk vs KOKC, especially when nulled, but making fast SAH. In past this has proven to be KOLM Rochester MN, must be on 10 kW day power rather than 800 watts night U8. KOKC has hobbled itself by refusing to fix its tornado-damaged antenna, staying with STA of 10 or 12 kW ND, rather than 50/50 kW U2 as it is still licensed, per new NRC AM Log, which does not get into STAs no matter how non-temporary.

USA. 1520, Sunday September 22 at 1311, woman and man Vietnamese chat mixing with KOKC OKC, almost same level thanks to KOKC's self-attenuation; and with slow SAH of almost 1 Hz, 56/minute=0.93. From here, can't null one to hear the other. Obviously it's KYND Cypress (Houston) TX active again with such programming, and I wonder if it's same as on 1560 KGOW? Yes! On second receiver they match with a slight echo. What about 1480 KNGO Dallas? That one was supposedly duplicating KGOW. But they are not, now and later chex; similar chat, but at times one is in music, the others talking.

USA. 1539.95 approximately, September 8 at 0602, LAH against 1540.0 stations such as KXEL. I've been noticing this for some time. On MW with all the QRM, it's harder to measure to three decimal places. In the past this has been KGBC Galveston TX. DF seems to fit, and apparently it is off-minus still or again, as Terry Krueger, now moved to Niceville FL in the Panhandle, has just reported to DXLD:

"1539.903, TEXAS, KGBC, 0918 August 28 2019. Very poor, with Mexi-tunes on peaks, and confirmed it's KGBC per D Crawford who had it a few days earlier and since on 1539.903. And not to be confused with the still off-channel and variable KBOA Kennett MO on 1539.996-1540.005, this check on the low side with "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late" by Denice Williams and Johnny Mathis."

Per 2019/2020 NRC AM Log, which does not deal with off-frequenciness, latest KGBC format is Tejano, U4 2500/250 watts. Beware, so is KEDA San Antonio, Tejano, which I guess refer only to music style. However, música is feminine, so why isn't it called "tejana"; machismo [where the ch is not pronounced k!]? Also, is it possible for a station outside Texas to be Tejano? Or eg if it play the same style of music from OK, would it be "Oclajomano"?

USA. Re the three 1540s in Texas, after my report of KGBC Galveston off-frequency-minus, Stephen Luce, Houston replies:

"Glenn, KGBC is no longer running the Tejano format, having switched to Spanish language religion a few months ago. During critical hours I have heard KEDA underneath KGBC, so it might be them.

"Tejano" refers to Texas Hispanics (particularly south Texas) whose families have lived in the state for many generations. The Tejano music style enjoyed its peak popularity in the 1990's, but has fizzled since then, with little new product being released. There have been attempts to revive it on radio, but the listener demographics skew too old, which is why the format failed on KGBC (not to mention the poor 1540 AM signal in the broader Houston market.)

Also, has anyone confirmed what co-channel KZMP in Dallas-Fort Worth is now running following the demise of ESPN Deportes Radio?"

To which Mauno Ritola, Finland, replies: "Stephen, they have been heard relaying KXYZ 1320, but apparently not all the time? Seems to carry ranchera, just checked, attached. KZMP 1540.mp3."

ID on that is "La Ranchera 103.7" – but in the WTFDA FM DB, not a single Texan of the dozen on 103.7 is Spanish, let alone ranchera, and the local one for The Metroplex would surely be KVIL, still shown as alternative rock. Or were they saying 106.7?? Hard to distinguish in off-air-recording. YES! WTFDA DB already has it:

"KZZA 106.7 MUENSTER TX 75.0 75.0 620.0 620.0 33-26-13 97-29-05 Spanish 548E Title and Artist La Ranchera La Authentica [sic] Musica Mexicana 106.7 FM Rock [sic] RANCHERA LA RANCHERA 106.7 //KZMP 1540."

One might expect Muenster to be speaking German rather than Spanish; a town of 1.5 kilopersons, it's way out west of Gainesville on the way to Wichita Falls.

USA. 1580, August 27 at 0546, emergency sounder and warning from NWS Tulsa about storms in NW Arkansas, also loops E/W and not //1020 KOKP; so this must be KHGG Van Buren AR again, rather than KOKB Blackwell OK.

OKLAHOMA. 1580, September 3 at 1830, KOKB Blackwell is OFF, while sibling 1020 KOKP Perry remains nominal; KOKB still off September 4 at 1755, 2105: opens frequency for traces of two other groundwave stations.

OKLAHOMA. 1580, September 6 at 1659 check, KOKB Blackwell is still OFF. You'd never know it from <http://tripleplaysportsradio.com>

OKLAHOMA. 1580, September 9 at 1757, I notice that KOKB Blackwell is back on the air; might have resumed September 8 before I noticed. Had been off since at least September 3.

USA. 1590, September 17 at 0632. I find a strong dominant signal with promo for Dave Ramsey on "Smart Talk 1590, WCGO and 95-9 FM", 0634 back to C2CAM. WCGO CoL is Evanston but tries to attach itself to Chicago as the name implies. It's U2 10/2.5 kW, with night pattern aimed only NE! So for it to inboom here to the SW, it's got to be on day pattern ND and maybe day power too. Recheck next night, September 18 at 0350, plug a website with chicago in it, but not as dominant, losing to some Spanish from the south.

NRC AM Log gives WCGO slogan "The Talker" instead and no FM. Per WTFDA FMDB, 95.9 is, you guessed it, a mere 250-watt translator, W240EH in Evanston, "Chicago's Smart Talk". At least 1590 still gets top billing as heard. And would you believe there is "another" 95.9 translator licensed to Evanston, W240DE relaying WKTA-1330. It is however, only 80 watts, located 7 minutes, 1 second further north; 10 minutes, 29 seconds further west.

UnID. 1590, September 18 at 0351, as I just re-monitored WCGO from the NE, Spanish music upfades, romantic, then tropical. I get a pretty sharp DF as due south/north, which per NRC AM Log points to KDAE Sinton TX (Corpus Christi), Radio Aleluya, U4 1000/500 with virtually no signal to the north. Other Spanish in TX is KMIC Houston, U2 5000/5000, Radio Libertad, at night Gulfward. Both listed as Spanish/Religious. Of course, fade down if there were any ToH ID, then back up while WCGO is in network news in English. One more possibility, XEVOZ in CDMX, which is somewhat west of south, but 20/10 kW with POP E/S format per IRCA Mexican Log. The only Mexican left on 1590. Fred Cantú's final 2015y roster still had four.

USA. 1590, September 19 at 0549, Spanish music looping SSE, 0551 hymn "El Señor es mi Pastor". 0558 station address of "15-90 AM" in Pasadena, phone 713-586-13##, and tentative Radio Aleluya name, the details correlating with KMIC, 5/5 kW U4. Supposedly beams into the Gulf at night, but here we are oppositeward; swiveling the DX-398 on my wrist-mount at 0559 also catch an ad from WCGO Evanston/Chicago, which at night supposedly beams only to its northeast.

Why isn't KMIC flooded? AM transmitter sites like swamps. Let's see, is the KMIC call a legacy of Radio Disney? Can we come up with a good gospel slogan? Something better than "Manantial Jesus Kristus". This DF is close but not the same as the due-south Spanish I previously had from suspected KDAE Sinton/Corpus Christi. And certainly not KDAV Lubbock to the SW, which Tim Hall thinks has also flipped to Spanish based on an 806-AC phone number recorded by Paul Walker, WY.

USA. Re: why isn't KMIC, 1590, address in Pasadena TX flooded? KMIC transmitter site is not around Pasadena = SE of Houston closer to the coast, but NW of downtown Houston between Aldine and Spring Valley and not far from White Oak Bayou, which is flood prone: https://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv?site_no=08074020 <https://www.weatherforyou.com/reports/index.php?config=&place=houston&state=tx&forecast=riversobs&gauge=HGTT2>.

USA. A reply to my query, why isn't 1590 KMIC flooded?

"Glenn, regarding KMIC: Although the transmitter site is near White Oak Bayou in northwest Houston, that part of the metro area did not get the same heavy rains as the eastern and southern parts. So the water levels were up, but not enough to cause problems for KMIC. Imelda was pretty much a non-event at my northwest Harris County QTH.

KMIC is listed as a U2 in WRTH and Radio-Locator also shows non-directional daytime, so increased night coverage would indicate they are not switching to the directional array.

KMIC is one of several sibling brokered time AM and FM stations in greater Houston metro that runs Spanish language religion, sometimes //depending on program bookings. Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas."

Stephen, glad you too are not flooded!

USA. 1630, September 20 at 0256, pop/disco music with very heavy beat timed at 124/minute, surely not what KKGW Ft Worth would be playing. 0257.5, KCJJ Iowa City ID and into "CBS News on the Hour" – but 2.5 minutes BEFORE the hour!!

I thought KCJJ was a talk station, but NRC AM Log shows split format, also AC. Per <https://www.1630kcjj.com/show/hit-music/> 'Hit Music' plays from 9 pm to 5 am CDT [02-10 UT], even more on Sundays. Some personalities elsewhere may be DJs rather than talkers, unclear.

Was the early news an aberration? Check again ~3 hours later, this time not until 0558.0 does it ID and run 'CBS News on the Hour' only 2 minutes early. Dirty little secret which apparently still applies: some major network news "on" the hour is pre-recorded a few minutes before for flexibility and to allow quick fixes if anything go wrong. If a total disaster, they can always try again really live on the hour. But you would think affiliates would not give this away by airing it early, especially when it's titled "On The Hour"!

USA. 1650, September 6 at 1212, rustic Mexican music and "1650-AM, cerca de su rancho" slogans; loops WSW which is just right to minimize 1640-KZLS, and my line noise from N/S. Must be KSVE El Paso TX, 8500/850 watts, new format after defunct ESPN-D.

USA. 1680, September 20 at 0548, NO signal from KRJO Monroe LA, music station which normally dominates; instead music and WPRR ID from Ada MI northeast; nulling that should reveal KRJO from the southeast, but nothing except some other very weak signal from one of the four other more distant US 1680s. Still no KRJO at 1136, just a fast SAH from somethings.

USA. 1680, September 21 at 0538 check, KRJO Monroe LA is back on with rock music; had been AWOL the night before.

USA. 1690, September 18 at 0553, "KDMT, Denver's Money Talk, 16-90 AM". I was thinking one of these Denver x-banders, or 1650? was changing ownership and format, but can't find it now.

USA. Re my log of KDMT 1690 Denver market which still exists, Paul Walker, Laramie, explains: "Glenn, KDMT 1690 was one of the Salem Media stations sold to Relevant radio. Closing in 60-90 days after filing. So they could take over as early as mid October I think. Paul."

USA. During a break in my high local line noise level affecting MW as well as SW, at midday September 3, I decide to try something different: MW bandscan at 1 kHz below each 10-kHz channel in USB, to "hear the hets". Even though this is far from an ideal quiet location and far from ideal equipment (R75 with 100' E-W longwire, meaning it's a bit deaf to the N/S, such as not hearing 820 WBAP), I listen for frequencies with more than one carrier beating – some of them very slow, to slow, to medium, to fast – and skipping those with no signal or definitely only one signal. It would take a *lot* more time to count the beats and calculate each SAH.

This indicates that there are remnants of groundwave from some second-tier stations around here I seldom or never hear in the clear. Of course, I am not interested in amassing station totals so am making no such claims, just an exercise in monitoring and propagation. I will include the most likely sources based on proximity, top station first. Remember that we do have some of the highest inland ground conductivity around here, in the 30s.

I do this between 1840 and 1903 September 3, ie just after local mean noon always at 1832, when there will be the "least" possibility of MW skywave, especially now still in summer. Some frequencies with one fairly strong semi-local seem to be wobbling; hard to be certain if transmitter fault or receiver overload. As usual when tuning MW or LW on this receiver, both Preamp 2 and Preamp 1 are OFF. But further ATT is not engaged. And of course there is no DFing with the LW.

Quite possibly no other DX editor will wish to dedicate the space to publish this, but here it is in my original log report, which took at least twice as long afterwards to compile as to carry out.

Reference for current listings and callsigns: NRC AM Log 2019-2020.

540	medium, KDFT TX, KWMT IA	710	slow, KGNC TX, KCMO MO
560	fast, KWTO MO, KLZ CO	760	slow, KCCV KS, KDFD CO
570	very slow, WNAX SD, KLIF TX	790	fast, KURM AR, KXXX KS, KFYO TX
640	irregular, KWPN OK	860	irregular, KKOW KS
660	medium, KSKY TX, KCRO NE	940	medium, KIXZ TX, KSWM MO
670	slow, KLTT CO, KHGZ AR, WSCR IL	990	medium, KFCD TX, KRSL KS

1010 medium, KTNZ TX, KIND KS	1320 KCLI OK way off frequency
1030 medium-fast, 3-way, KFAY AR, KBUF KS, KCWJ MO	1340 medium, KGHM OK, KJMU OK
1040 medium, KGGR TX, WHO IA, KGWA 960 OK spur	1350 fast, KMAN KS, KTLQ OK
1050 fast, KGTO OK, KXCA OK	1400 irregular, KWON OK, KREF OK
1060 medium, KIJN TX, KBFL MO	1420 slow, KTJS OK, KJCK KS, KULY KS
1070 KFTI KS way off frequency	1430 medium-fast, KTBZ OK, KALV OK
1090 medium, KEXS MO, KVOP TX	1450 medium, 3-way, KGFF OK, KSIW OK, KWHW OK, KQYX MO, KWBW KS
1130 very fast, KLEY KS, KWKH LA	1460 medium, KZUE OK, KKOY KS, KCLE TX
1140 fast, KRMP OK, KLTK AR	1480 irregular, KQAM KS, KNGO TX
1150 fast, KSAL KS, KNED OK	1500 slow, KPGM OK, KJIM TX
1190 medium, KFJR TX, KSVS KS	1540 medium, KNGL KS, KZMP TX
1220 very slow, KTLV OK, KCAX MO, KOFO KS	1560 fast, KEBC OK, WMBH MO, KABI KS
1240 medium, KFH KS, KADS OK	1570 slow, KTUZ OK, KTAT OK, KBCV MO
1250 fast, KYYS MO, KRRD AR	1580 fast, while KOKB OK is OFF!! That leaves KHGG AR, KGAF TX
1260 fast, KWSH OK, KSGF MO	1590 slow: KVGB KS, KWEY OK [closer but not aimed thisaway]
1270 show, KRXP OK, KSCB KS, KFLC TX	1600 v? KUSH OK
1280 slow 2.2 Hz, KSOK KS, KPRV OK	
1310 medium, KYUL KS, KZRG MO	

USA. 3215, September 20 at 1125, surprised to hear TOMBS morning moanin' and groanin' hour, since WWCR-1 was supposed to stop The Overcomer at 1100 and switch to 15825 with other programming.

UnID. 3325, September 14 at 1222, JBA carrier detectable, despite my high local line noise level registering S9+20 on this band, so must be good propagation. Ron Howard has been reporting NBC Bougainville, pre-independence referendum, on an extended schedule way past 1200*; but it could also be Vol via RRI Palangkaraya. Perhaps he will have noted which or both were on today. Also have a JBA carrier on 2850, no doubt the only 105-m band station, KCBS North Korea.

UnID. 3325, September 22 at 1246, S5-S7 carrier, but can't make out any modulation. NBC Bougainville or Vol Palangkaraya.

UnID. 3325, September 15 circa 1250, JBA carrier again, from Bougainville or Indonesia? Ron Howard says he was not monitoring yesterday.

USA. 4316-USB, September 1 at 0516, robovoice giving latest and predicted positions of some storm, surely unnamed Hurricane Dorian judging from the high-knot wind speeds. Hard to follow, as it does not pause before or after numbers like a normal human speaker. Surely those could be built into the software. Scheduled at 0515-0550 is NMG, USCG New Orleans; S9+20 to S9.

BRAZIL. 4885+, August 28 at 0617, JBA carrier just enough to tell it's slightly offset+plus, but is it Radio Clube do Pará or the usual understation, Rdif. Acreana, Rio Branco. Can anyone confirm which or both still active? Someone was wondering if these stations had burned up, but I would not expect that in the cities rather than the jungle. I was lucky to detect this much before 2.6 inches of rain abated my line noise level.

BRAZIL. 4885.023, September 22 at 0551, Rádio Clube do Pará music measured here on very poor signal, but at least I can hear it, even though or because of using my indoor longwire, after a storm which deposited more than one inch of rain, also attenuating if not eliminating the high line noise level. Recheck at 0619 during multi-station ID including some MW outlets, which is what Pará does, not the other Brazilian on 4885, Rdif. Acreana. However, when measuring this, I heard a beat with another carrier; too early for Korea. Either it's Acreana underneath, or the Pará carrier is slightly unstable. Richard Langley had recently recorded 4885 overnight and reported nothing from Brasil but Pará.

USA. 5050, Sunday September 1 at 0119, no signal from WWRB, nor on any possible 3-MHz frequency; perhaps the Saturday night broadcast is already over, although on Sunday night = UT Monday it was still running two hours later along with 10100.

USA. 5085, Saturday September 7 at 2330 and later, WTWW-2 signal is not very big, but as also on L&C webcast, just ham stuff, no Theatre Organ in the Ozarks. Now the website says: "Listen to Bob Heil's Organ Music On WTWW Airs Saturdays 8 pm on 5085!" But is that very old or very new info? If CDT that would be 0100 Sunday.

USA. 5085, Sunday September 15 at 0100, WTWW-2 with rock music, not 'Theatre Organ in the Ozarks' as claimed on far-outdated website; not checked this week whether at 2330 Saturday when it has also been missing.

Until the next, Best of DX and 73 de Glenn



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Welcome to another edition of SportChannels! While this column was on summer break, a lot has happened. In June, the Saint Louis Blues won their first Stanley Cup in franchise history, beating the Boston Bruins in seven games. The Saint Louis region has added two new sports franchises. Saint Louis was awarded one of eight franchises in Vince McMahon's XFL; the Saint Louis BattleHawks begin play in March 2020. Hopefully, radio coverage information for the eight XFL teams will be available as the season draws closer. Saint Louis was also awarded an expansion franchise in Major League Soccer; the new team (which does not yet have a name) is expected to begin play in the 2022 season. Seattle WA has been awarded an expansion franchise in the National Hockey League; this team (which also doesn't yet have a name) will begin play in the 2021-22 season. Football season is under way; the NFL teams are only providing piecemeal radio broadcast information this year; they provided very little information last season. We'll start off with the NFC West and AFC West lists we can find.

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101.1 KCFX Harrisonville, MO

LOS CHIEFS DE KANSAS CITY No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: chiefs.com

AM
1160 KCTO Cleveland, MO

FM
100.5 K263BU Kansas City, MO (1)

Relay: 1) KCTO 1160

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: chargers.com

640 KFI Los Angeles, CA

LOS CHARGERS DE LOS ANGELES No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: chargers.com

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600 KVNA Flagstaff, AZ	1230 KATO Safford, AZ	94.3 KDDL Chino Valley, AZ	106.7 KNKI Pinetop, AZ
620 KTAR Phoenix, AZ	1340 KIKO Miami, AZ	96.1 KWRK Window Rock, AZ	
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Relay: 1) KLPX-HD3 96.1, **Note:** * denotes Cardinals' media guide lists frequency as 105.3

LOS ANGELES RAMS No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: therams.com

710 KSPN Los Angeles, CA	93.1 KCBS-FM Los Angeles, CA (simulcast)
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LOS RAMS DE LOS ANGELES No play-by-play personnel information available, Web: therams.com/vamos-rams/

1220 KTMZ Pomona, CA (simulcast)	1330 KWKW Los Angeles, CA
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AM	1340 KJOX Kennewick, WA	FM	104.5 K283BX Wapato, WA (1)
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