Inside...

WCPM-1280 - 101 Keller St. - Cumberland, KY - 40623 will conduct a DX test from 1000-1300 on DST Thursday April 1. The test will include trine and voice IDs. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. J. George Beale (KS4K), President. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the ICA CPC.

WVHR-1300 - Third and Main - Evansville, IN - 47708 will conduct a DX test from 1000-1300 on EET Monday, April 19. The test will include Morse code, tones, voice ID's and various types of music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Ralph Harper (KCAQWT), Vice-president/chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the ICA CPC.

From the Publisher...

We're still receiving complaints from Canadian members about the post office holding up their copies of DX News. As I mentioned earlier, the postage amount of $3.68 (or 60c for issues over 24 pages long) is correct according to our local office, for the printed matter rate. Should you have any more problems, I strongly suggest that you file a formal complaint with your local office. While we're at it, see if you can lobby for mailing to Canada with just the normal imprint, rather than with postage stamps, as we were able to do up until about four years ago.

Jeff Mulder, Charlotte, NC recently found a couple of Superadio III's at a local Lowe's Home Improvement Center and suggested that DXers might be able to find them at retail outlets "whose retailing emphasis is on something other than radio/electronics."

And now, the first mod for III's. Dave Mauder, Brigus, Newfoundland, writing in the March 1993 DX News, found that his worked better when he moved the speaker away from the rest of the inwards after he disassembled it. He then wrote to George (c/o Thomson Consumer Electronics, the French parent company of GE and RCA), asking for more information. He continued, "They seem aware of the problem, and suggested simply reversing the two leads from the circuit board to the speaker unit. I was skeptical, but I tried it and the result worked perfectly. Not only in the GE Superadio III but a hot MW-Band receiver but, on strong signals, the audio in the 'wide' position is exceptional... indeed, very close to FM quality in range and clarity... Not all units may be affected, but if the noise floor seems high and sensitivity poor, try reversing the speakers leads." Thanks to DX News for this tip.

Welcome to these new members... Gary G. Moon, Columbus, OH; Thomas Allen, Cumming, GA; and Gilles Michaud, Laval, Quebec.

CPC Test Calendar

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago... from the March 20, 1943 DX News: The appeal by WP fluids and KAST for suspension of operations until after the War were flatly denied by the FCC, which stated that they were endeavoring to keep every station on the air, even if they were running in the red. WFB was authorized to shift from 1240 to 1230 kc., thereby allowing full-time operation for them and WGBB-1240 with which they had formerly shared time.

25 years ago... from the March 16, 1968 DX News: Alan Merriman, Fairfax, VA reported Canadian w9o #100 and his 75th verified country, Venezuela... Norm Maguire's Supremacy Ratings showed Len Kucic, Iowa, on top with total verity of 3,925, 13 countries, and 77 foreign verity... Andrew Reky, Chicago, was looking for a set of BCB coils for his HRO-60 receiver.

10 years ago... from the March 21, 1983 DX News: Dave Schmidt presented his DIXID as "...almost as exciting as cream of dish water soup!"
AM Switch
Jerry Starr
c/o WHOT Radio
4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call: New call: Old call: New call:
770 KPLA CA Riverbank KCCB* 1070 KRBE TX Houston KCRR
790 KPLC CA Eureka KCSW 1140 KLIC NV N. Las Vegas KENO
810 WGLC GA Tahkilla WSHF 1170 KSYT IA Davenport KJOC
820 WAPO TN Jasper WMAM 1180 WMXL KY Florence WLLO
990 WANT VA Richmond WTDM 1290 WGBS MI Saline WMXK
1020 KRAD OK Perry KASR 1470 KVIN OK Vinita KITO*
1050 WPPA WI Ann Arbor WTKA 1510 KIZZ MO Independence KJLA

Note: KPLA-770 first requested KCCB, now has set that aside in favor of KCCB. The KVIN-1470 change to new call has not yet been listed by the FCC but is confirmed by local monitoring.

APPLICATION FOR NEW STATION
1490 MT Great Falls: 300/300 U1

GRANT FOR NEW STATION
1340 MO Amoret: 250/250 (this is the synchronous (transmitter between KNHT and KSKE as noted in DXX #19)

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES
1050 WAMN NV Green Valley: night power to 200 watts (this is for their permit to move to this frequency, WAMN is presently on 1040 kHz)

OTHERNESS

650 WBRO MA Clinton: permit to construct new station has been CANCELLED and call letters DELETED
1050 WKDL MD Silver Spring: silent station is ON THE AIR with new "Radio Zone" kid's format (WKDL-1460 Manassas, VA which is to simulcast with WKDL, has not yet returned to the air)
1090 WJAM TN Hartsdale: (see DXX #19) despite their paperwork problems at the FCC this station IS ON THE AIR and will no doubt remain so, looks like the FCC screwed up yet another time and that WJAM's license "cancellation" was a mistake by the Feds.
1230 KKUL MT Hardin: shown as silent in the Log, is ON THE AIR
1300 WYXN SC Lancaster: (see DXX #20) in response to our question about this station after the call WYXN was granted elsewhere, Robert Unmacht from MSJ notes they believe this station "gave back the license" although we have seen no official FCC confirmation of this. For now assume this station is DELETED.
1440 KPDR TX Amarillo: silent station is ON THE AIR
1480 HNUN CA Concord: station is SILENT

COMMENT: In recent weeks we have questioned the FCC's information on stations which are silent. Even in the very latest FCC Engineering Database (dated 2/95) they show a number of stations that have been silent and deleted for years as still operating. Now we find another glaring example of the Commission's pattern of sloppy record-keeping from the Inside Radio fax service. On the current FCC form for license renewal there is NOTHING ON THE FORM THAT ASKS IF THE STATION IS ACTUALLY ON THE AIR. Believe it or not!

THANKS: Al Merriman, David Lewis, Doug Smith W906I, Robert Unmacht 73 and good DX, Jerry & BKF Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Fooman

Now and Then John D. Bowker

Dial changes in AM markets, from 1930 to 1948 to 1992

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SPORTS NETWORKS

Network listings for team sports stations

Professional
Barry S. Finkel
10314 S. Oakley
Chicago, IL 60643-2409

One network list this week. I still need more NBA and NHL lists, and with the start of spring training, Major League Baseball lists. You can send me information electronically via the Internet. My e-mail address is BSFINKEL@ANL.GOV

Charlotte Hornets (NBA) 1992-1993 (via Dave Braun and Jeff Muller)

- 550 WDRV-NC 1150 WLCN-NC 1240 WING-N 1310 WTKN-NC 1430 WUBL-SC
- 580 WPWF-NC 1070 WCCO-NC WQVR-VA 950-980 WMIC-SC
- 930 WDPN-SC 1110 WBCW-SC 1250 WSB-SC 1320 WJSW-SC 1450 WING-NC
- 600 WSUP-NC 1150 WGRB-NC 1270 WCCG-SC 1360 WTVZ-SC 1490 WGBG-SC
- 720 WBOF-NC 1230 WFSN-NC 1290 WSB-SC 1390 WTXA-VA 1590 WGBL-NC
- 930 WPIS-SC WSYK-SC 1250 WHXY-SC 1600 WSM-VA

Charlotte Hornets (NBA) 1992-1993 (via Dave Braun and Jeff Muller)
Domestic DX Digest

North: Bill Hale
495 Creekview Drive - Meridian, ID 83642-3241

South: Duncan Shaw
2618 Blendale Place, #1 - Los Angeles, CA 90007

East: Dave Braun
14 Mill Bend Acres - Wyoming, DE 19934-9523

DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

DDXD North

1240 AM STEREO

MEDIUM WAVE, TUNABLE

Since we are about to jump out of the weekly schedule for DX News, I thought I'd pass along the deadlines for DDX-N (and I imagine for S-6 and S-8 as well). Here goes:

Issue 24........... Apr 3 Issue 28........... Jul 10
Issue 25........... Apr 17 Issue 29........... Aug 7
Issue 26........... May 15 Issue 30........... Sep 4
Issue 27........... Jun 12 All Saturdays.

That's it for Volume 60!

Reports are welcome via the post, phone (208-888-7395 before 2100 Mountain Time), Prodigy (MTFH/5A) or the Broadcast Message area on Vido-Net.

SPECIAL

580 K2MX SD Hot Springs - Station has been off since mid-February. Calls to them are not being answered. (Gone for good-SD)

860 KWPC IA Maccarthey - Is now AdCom and IDs as Mix 86. Format change from C&W. (RD-IA)

1110 WNNW NH Salem - Change phone number in Log to 603-994-1110. (RD-IA)

1240 KLVJ ID Mountain Home - 3/1 - Swapped formats with FM, so now is AC, with C&W going to the other kind of modulation. But sources at station say they (the AM) will be going older as soon as their 6-month contract with the AC outfit is up. (Ed-ID)

UNIDS and UNID HELP

700 CKRD AB Red Deer - I second that opinion that MH-NE's unID of 2/8 (Issue 19) is this. The music fits an AC as well as a CHR format, and CKRD's format is listed as AC/OLD in the Log. (EB-IA)

880 XHAC NM Tucson - Could also be MH-NE's 2/5 unID (Issue 19). They are listed in the Log as "REL/Navajo" and may have been running EF REL at that time. KGK Control is another possibility, but would cause much QRM to WCRS. (EB-MO)

1060 KGFX SD Pierre - MH-NE's unID on 2/8 (Issue 19) is likely this. Their FM is on 92.7. (EB-MO)

1320 KSMX WA Walla Walla - This is listed as Radio Center in the Log, so is likely SA-MtB unID of 1/31 (Issue 19). (EB-MO)

DX and Equipment Tests

640 WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 3/1000:10 - Poor with CID over jump. Another weak CID at 0011. (FTS-MN)

WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 3/1 (no time) - Tone heard way under KFL. Could have been them, but no positive heard. (BM-SM)

WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 3/1 0000:10 - CID >/= 1 kHz TT that lasted for 10 minutes. CID >/= 1 kHz TT. No VIDs heard due to loudmouth Cuba. Other wise, did quite well even coming up strong with CIDs @ 0100. (JL-0H)

WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 3/1 0000:05 - Wide variance in signal strength throughout. Heard several CIDs and VIDs, as well as some big band ballads. Second sheet from Jersey here. (RD-IA)

830 KBOA MO Kennesaw - 2/22 0100:0700 - Announcement of equipment test for the benefit of the IRA. (BM-IA)

830 WWJZ OH Cortland - 3/1 0105 - With CID. Caught during WCCO "talk period". Good signal for only 18 air miles from the 'CCO transmitter site. (FTS-MN)

850 WWJZ OH Cortland - 3/1 0102-0105 - With CIDs in code, march music. tone and CIs in code again. All behind powerful WCCO signal. Report sent. Thanks, Jerry Starr. (BM-SD)

850 WWJZ OH Cortland - 3/1 0100-0130 - Started with VID, then CIDs at different pitches >/= march music. This sequence was repeated throughout the test with 1 kHz TT the exception at 0109 and 0121. Good & solid under WCCO. Test concluded at 0130 with various TTs. (JL-0H)

940 WWJZ OH Cortland - 3/1 0104-0124 - Very good under/over WCCO with tons of VIDs, CIDs, march music and TTs. (RD-IA)

950 KGWA OK Enid - 3/1 0300-0330 - Not heard. Only an unID OLD and WFFC. This is the second no-show for these guys, wonder what their excuse will be this time. The IRA CPC ought to save their posture on this one. (JL-0H)

1110 WNNW NH Salem - 2/15 0302-0330 - Weak, but definitely there with CIDs from 0302-0307 and again from 0310-0330. Second new station from NH this season! (RD-IA)

1530 KPCR MO Bowling Green - 3/1 - Not heard. (FTS-MN)

1590 WWJZ OH Bowling Green - 3/1 - Not heard. Too much WOO/WKX/KXL/OMS. (RD-IA)

1590 WWJZ PA Homestead - 2/13 0019 - Fair signal for about 5 or 6 minutes with intermittent CIDs. (RD-IA)

TIS & Other Stuff

1610 KOD771 WA Crescent Lake-Olympic National Park - 3/1 0655-0745 - Poor to fair, alternating and fading with Stevens Pass TIS (see next item), fading completely at times. Message describes winter operating limitations and restrictions around Crescent Lake Resort area. (JW-0R)

WNHC7HR WA Stevens Pass - 3/1 0655-0745 - Poor to fair fading with Crescent Lake TIS (see last item). This is Department of Transportation with Stevens Pass road condition update. Brief road and weather report followed, with ski area hours of operation. Call is tentative. (JW-0R)
0800 TO 1600 HOURS

Midnight to 0800 Hours E.L.T.

730 WACB MA Chicopee - 2/17 0702 - Fair = good over CKAC with dual ID as AM
950 WROL Boston, AM 730 WACF Chicopee = local weather and promo for Songshine USA program. (MB-ON)
800 CKDR ON Dryden - 2/15 0641 - Poor in dogfight with pests CKLW and CBQJ.
Noted CHDR temperature is minus 25 degrees = is a number of people celebrating birthdays on this day. Heard on 900 in 79. (MB-ON)
930 WBEN NY Buffalo - 3/3 0613 - Good with IDs as BEN News and short list of school cancellations due to fog = EST TC and local ad. (RD-IA)
960 WSBT IN South Bend - 3/1 0024 - Fair over KMA with Radio 960 WSB boisterous with song Hey Baby. (JB-WI)
1070 KIMO MO Hannibal - 3/1 no time - With sign-off. No SSB or station details of power, etc. (JB-WI)
1550 WIRV KY Irvine - 2/15 0615 - Good with female DJ: WJW, it's 6:15 on this Monday morning. KCJU-1560 off, which helped. (RD-IA)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS E.L.T.

KSL 1350
AM 1350
417 E 6th Street, Suite 208 • Washington, MO 63090

0800 TO 1600 HOURS E.L.T.

640 CHOQ ON Richmond Hill - 2/28 2020 - Under WOI, heard AM 640, the New Beat of Toronto. Heard again at 2040. No DJs, but figured it has to be CHOG. (JB-WI)
650 KSTE CA Rancho Cordova - 2/23 2018-2022 - With news, weather, traffic reports, ads and business news. 650 KSTE slogan used often. Report sent. (BM-SD)
660 C Lis LC Richmond - 1/21 2126 - With ad for Radio Shack, Richmond mentions including one in weather, announcement 'You're listening to CSL's Oldies Weekend brought to you by... Furniture' ad for that furniture store. Back to Oldies Coast-to-Coast at 2300. Good signal. (Ed-JD)
990 Wyat LA New Orleans - 2/23 2100-2105 - With DJs followed by records Changes Are and At The Hop. L&G for only 400 watts. 990 #3. (JB-WI)
1130 WSJP KY Murray - 2/23 1756-1812 - Fair = good, scanning usually-dominant WBBR and WWWW, with promo for Murray State basketball coverage, WSJ's Student of the Week, state news from Kentucky Network, local news, CNN News at 1800, promo for Botticello Report farm news program. (MB-ON)
1230 WXCO WI Wausau - 2/10 1752 - Fair with DJs and promo for an upcoming Tazzy Thacker concert. (RD-IA)
1290 WNBN MS Meridian - 2/14 1952 - Good with TC and DJs, but with badly distorted audio. First new regional from Ole Miss in quite some time. (RD-IA)
1470 KWGD TX Henderson - 2/14 1920 - Fair with GOS programming & DJs. (RD-IA)

REPORTERS

JL-OH Jeffrey (Mr. Test) Lasz Toledo, OH; Panasonic RF-5000A (x2)
PTS-MN Todd Kramer Minneapolis, MN; ICF-2010
MB-ON Mike Brooker Toronto, ON; Panasonic RF-2200 or Sony ICF-7600D
BR-MO Eric Buceneau Hasbrouck, MO; unit help via Prodigy
BM-SD Bill Mower Piersd, SD; GE Superadio II using its built-in antenna
JB-WI John Baumgartner Tomah, WI; Superadio II
RD-IA Rick Dau Iowa City, IA; R-1000 + Radio West Loop
JW-OR Jack Woods Waldport, OR; Sarnou-Wadley XCR-30 + Martens Loop
Ed-ID Editor Meridian, ID; ICF-2010

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to Stan Moss, who checks in for a local change, Bob Gifford & G. Harley DeLurie. It's great to hear from all of you.

Leslie Wood of North Merrick, NY is looking for any info on where to purchase a Supergold II. Lawrence Kearley had earlier mentioned Home Hardware in Ontario. Can anyone help Leslie closer to home?

Spent this weekend at Virginia Beach, some changes noted. I've included some here, and will get my notes straightened for the remainder of the info for the next column since I am now with this as it is. Upcoming deadlines are April 3, April 17 and May 15. Conditions here really are showing the coming of summer!

SPECIAL

800 CKLW ON Windsor - 3/5 2015 Noted with local phone ask, ID as "The New AM 800, CKLW". In and out with SS, probably TRW. (JB-DX)
960 WPMR PA Mount Pocono - 2/20 2220 Rock music program with WPMR ID by program host at 2222. At 2241 "The station that was born to rock, 107.9 WPMR". Good signal over WELI. (JB-MA)
1090 WNLN NY Horseheads - Is using ID of "The Lighthouse". (LX-ON)
1090 WDJK MD Silver Spring - Back on the air with the 'Kid's' format. Ext-WNTR. (ON-MD)
1170 WDIS MI Norfolk - 2/20 All talk, local and satellite mix. Semi-local all day. Ext-WICC. "Conversation Radio". (SM-MA)
1480 CKDX ON Newmarket - 2/1/2023 Hockey game between the Newmarket Royals and Windsor Spitfires. Promo for Royals hockey "on AM 1480 CKDX". The log lists this as CKJN (JB-MA) (I don't remember where, but I recently saw this call change - my log has already been changed! - sb)
1500 WVAB VA Virginia Beach - 3/6 1200 Noted on the air with business talk, BKN programming. "All business 24 hours a day." After pattern change at 1800 was inadequate in the hotel in Virginia Beach. These 9 watts don't go very far! (DB-VA)

DX TESTS

550 WDEV VT Waterbury - 2/22 99% sure I had them, 1 series of code and lots of march music. Mostly poor and no voice IDs heard. (AM-VA)
640 WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 3/1 0000-0037 + Good in WNZN null with excellent test, IDs in voice, phonetic and CIDs noted 0001, 00116, 0031-0032; music, station history and technical data inviting listeners to write and call. (RA-MA)
660 WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 3/1 0000+ Bombed in, voice and code IDs, some music. Probably the most interesting DX program, continue wise, that I've ever heard. (AM-VA)
830 KBOA MO Kennett - 2/20 0100-0132 CIDs, VIDs and march music. QRM from WCCO and WOSR stop. (BG-DC)
820 KBOA MO Kennett - 2/20 0100 + Good signal with voice and code IDs. Believe off early. (AM-VA)
UNID AND UNID HELP

740 WGSN NY Huntington - Could be DB-DE's Issue #18 UNID. Deer Park Avenue is a well known cruise strip here on Long Island and is heavily traveled during morning rush. Mount Pleasant Road intersects with Route 347, another heavily traveled route - artery in nearby Smithtown, may have been mentioned as a reference point for some delay. CW doesn't seem to fit, morning show seems to be all talk. (EU-NY) (Thanks for the help, Ed - db)

1070 KNX? CA Los Angeles - 2/5 Have been trying for months to get a legal ID from the west coast. At 1917, noticed a short interview type program about a new book just published. At 1930, showed end and heard something like: "Produced and recorded in our Los Angeles studios", Time check given was three hours behind eastern time. Never heard ID of any kind before station faded off line. QRM heard, but assume it was KNX for CA #1. For some reason, I'm not overly excited about it. I really want an ID! (DN-MD) (I agree with your appreciation, as this was one hour before Los Angeles LBS. But it still could have been...keep trying! - db)

1070 UNID 2/30 2125 - Somebody with Horses/Spar basketball. Announcement sounded like he was "for" the Horsemen. WNCT (EU-NY) (The Hornet list provided by Jeff Muller shows WNCT on the network - db)

1340 WHAZ? 3/1 0300 - I heard "Tri-Cities weather on WHAZ". Of course, it couldn't have been WHAZ in regard to the location of being (330 at Troy, New York). (BID-WM) (While I'm sure you already checked these, there are: WHAT, Philadelphia, PA (but not Tri-Cities), WHAP, Hopewell, VA, between Richmond and Petersburg, and WHAR, Charleston, WV) - db)

1570 WTJ 2/10 2300 - Sign off, signing off until 5:30 AM, on behalf of WL. Good night, then Happy Trails. (BJ-MA) (WTVY, Rocky Mount, Virginia. Log even shows their sign off as 2300 db - db)

9:00 to 8:00 ELT

590 WMBS PA Uniontown - 2/22 0607 Local and state news, mentioned the temperature in Uniontown was 28 and also an ad for a store at the Uniontown Mall. ID at 0611. (DN-MD)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 2/3 0444 Heard "other Atlanta radio stations...only on WGST" in huge mess. (DN-MD)

790 WFRG VA Norfolk - 2/22 0314 Fair with CNN news. (BG-DC)

800 WMTR NJ Camden - 2/22 0108 Poor with call letter ID under CKLW. (BG-DC)

810 CUNA NB Carquest - 2/5 0500 Poor to fair under WGY with FP news and talk. (DN-MD)

385 WNSF VA Norfolk - 2/22 0315 Poor, losing fight with WMRM, weather for Newport News. (BG-DC)

950 WBAB NY Rochester - 3/1 0559 End of a big band song then call ID with city mention and into the news. In null of WIBX. (EU-NY)

1040 WWFX FL Boynton Beach - 2/24 0335-0400 Very strong and stable with UC, promo for Black History Month, "Foxy 1040" slogan and "WWFX, Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach, Miami" ID on the hour. (EU-NY)

1070 CBA NB Moncton - 2/3 0430 Heard full sign on info and "O Canada" in confusion under usual poffs WJRX and CCHX. Was terribly excited over this one as I couldn't figure out who was signing on at 3:40 am! First time ever heard. Was really trying for KNX, but this one made any morning. (DN-MD)

1080 CKWW ID on Kitchen - 2/6 0547 Fair to good with local ads and "AM 109" ID under WBAL, dead carrier and TT. (DN-MD)

1160 WYNS PA Lehigh - 2/7 0700 Fair up out of mess with legal ID. Never heard before. (DN-MD)

1120 WXYT MI Detroit - 2/21 0142-0224 Fair with CNN news, weather with Stan Rading, Michael Reagan show at 0206. (BG-DC)

1310 WDPN MI Alliance - 2/8 0345 Up and briefly on top of frequency with easy format and ID. (ND-NE)

1410 WDDE NY Dunkirk - 2/7 0407 In huge mess with tail end of news and ID, then back into the Jim Bohannon Show. New here. (DN-MD)

1420 WCOR PA Coatesville - 2/1 0715 Only heard quick call letters in mess consisting of WCED, usual WKWV, and about a half dozen others, then gone. First for me. (DN-MD)

1450 WMAJ PA State College - 2/11 0621 Not much was audible except for clear ID in a jumble of stations. New here. (BJ-MA)

1510 WWBC FL Cocoa - 2/24 0630 Preacher from Georgia talking about the Book of Revelation. Strong for a while, but really had to dig at ID time. Bad WASH, WLAC QRM. (EU-NY)

1520 WVOW OH Toledo - 2/3 0224 Was really trying for KOMA, which I had never heard. WVOW was good on top of about three others with IC format. Finally got call letters during phone in request show after waiting about an hour! New here. WWKB off. (DN-MD)

1530 KOMA OK Oklahoma City - 2/3 0232 Was listening to WVOW when KOMA took over broadcast frequency briefly with time check, weather and local ads. Never heard before. WWKB off. (DN-MD)

1550 WOLY NC Raleigh - 2/7 0558 Good with sign on, phone and address as in log, and "Gospel 1550" slogan. (EU-NY)

1570 ORRIO OH Orillia - 2/2 0400 Poor; call letter ID under WPGC slope. (BG-DC)

1570 ORRIO OH Orillia - 2/24 0537 In very briefly with temperature check and calls. (EU-NY)

1590 WOGO NY Sullivan - 2/11 0609 Up briefly over others and mentioned "for news, information, and weather it's WOGO". Faded under WARY but sounded like news all 0620. (BJ-MA) (I'm beginning to feel like the only DXer on the east coast who hasn't heard this one!) - db)

8000 to 1600 ELT

1050 WVEW NY New York - 2/1 0904 WVFR off the air due to sale. Heard "New York's greater 1050...WVEW" over top of others, First for me. (DN-MD)

1060 CJRP PQ Quebec - 2/5 1506 Presumed, since I don't know much French! Heard FP talk under KYW. Dint think I've ever heard them this early. (DN-MD)

1600 TO 2400 ELT

690 WZAP VA Bristol - 2/5 1645 Fair to good with religious format and ID, over under CBF. (DN-MD)
Jim Renfrew
61 Wilcox Street
Rochester, NY 14607-3832

I managed to give my work number (the church office) in a recent IDXX in inviting calls on Sunday nights with last minute tips. The correct home telephone number is 716-461-2717. This week, however, the column goes into the mail on Saturday instead of Monday because of travel plans. Welcome to new reporter Elliot Straus!

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

684 SPAIN Seville, 3/3 0125 - RNE program with man and woman in Spanish, telephone talk show, excellent. [ES-NJ]

747 NETHERLANDS Flevoland, 2/28 0245 - Excellent (S-40) for about 10 minutes, pop vocals, female Dutch announcer, programming like a lite-FM US station. [ES-NJ]

855 SPAIN Madrid, 3/3 0145 - Same program as 684, but poorer signal. [ES-NJ]

963 FINLAND R. Finland, Pori, 2/27 2221 - English program, interview with a business man who does lots of business with Russia. Deep fades. SIO 332. [IB-NF]

1008 NETHERLANDS NOS, Flevoland, 2/27 2205 - News and weather, capability, discussing church matters. SIO 333. [IB-NF]

1026 NORTHERN IRELAND Downtown R. Belfast, 2/27 2016-2031 - Faded up briefly at 2016.5 with some giveaway promo that included 3 IDs and their telephone ‘hotline’ 0574 27996. Frequency dominated by SER station and station with opera SIO 222. [IB-NF]


1045 MOROCCO Sebah Aisoun, 3/1 0630 - Presumed the one with Arabic recitations, woman talking. [ES-NJ]

1242 UKRAINE Ukrainian R. Kyiev, 2/27 2158 - Ads in Ukrainian, ID at 2159, just before the hour, at 2200 pips, talk with short pieces of pop music between items. Deteriorating very badly. SIO 344-222. [IB-NF]

1251 HUNGARY Magyar R. Nyiregyháza, 2/27 2040 - Woman talk Hungarian, mentioned ‘Magyar’ at 2040.5, increasing QRM from Arabic station, probably Burma, SIO 333. [IB-NF]

1260 ENGLAND BBC R. York, Scarborough, 2/21 2006-2032 - Jazz music, catch ‘You are tuned to Jazz North. I’m Stu(?) Boyd’ at 2006.5 then more jazz. Frequency dominated by R. Valencia and QRM from other Brits, too. SIO 232-1. [IB-NF]

1260 ENGLAND Brunel Classic Gold, Bristol, 2/27 2017-2021 - Peaked briefly over R. Valencia with promo for Indian music program, at 2018.5 harp doodle and ‘Classic Gold’ ID; then song ‘Bang a Gong’. There was another station underneath playing Indian film music - probably Leicester. SIO 222. [IB-NF]

1287 SPAIN R. Lugo, 2/7 2011-2026 - Local Spanish sports talk program, mentioned Lugo a number of times, excerpts of play-by-play of a game (probably football) of black music that with another Spanish station, probably R. Lleida. Both stations picked up the net program "Carnaval Deportivo" Saturday SIO 222. [IB-NF]

1398 SPAIN RNE R. 1, A Coruña, 2/21 2129-2135 - Huge signal, the strongest Spanish by a wide margin, fanfare at 2130 and talk about recent played oldies and matadores, talk regarding films at 2135. SIO 332. [IB-NF]

1398 ALBANIA Lushnje, 2/25 2210 - News in English by a woman at 0004, faded for about five minutes, then gone. [ES-NJ]

1476 AUSTRIA ORF Wien, 2/24 2104-2120 - ID, then began program at 2105 with orchestral version of Hendrix riff, began with talk later played a string quartet, over Dubai. SIO 332. [IB-NF]

1476 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES UAE RTV, Dubai, 2/27 2105-2120 - Arabic news under Austria, seemed to end at 2109.5, caught '"muthaida min Dubai' at 2111 and then commentary, regarding America. Military-like music at 2115, then short pieces of Arabic music with man and woman talk in Arabic. Seemed // 11795. SIO 222. [IB-NF]

1485 ENGLAND BBC R. Merseyside, Wallasey, 2/21 1959-2004 - Music, ID then interview with man who was very critical of British relations with Iraq before the Gulf War. QRM from BBC R. Humberside. SIO 222. [IB-NF]


1505 POLAND Polskie R. Stargard, 2/27 2129-2131 - Chopin piano IS with 'Polskie Radio Warsawska' IDs, program devoted to Chopin. In Esperanto began at 23:00. SIO 434. [IB-NF]

1548 MOLDOVA R. Moscow, Gerciopierlu, 2/27 2100 - Moscow IS, sign-on in Italian with ID. Over the Brits, SIO 322. [IB-NF]

1584 SCOTLAND R. Tay, Perth, 2/27 2238-2255 - Frequency was a mess of stations, this one faded up briefly at 2238 with pop music, ID at 2240, ads, frequent jingles, birthday wishes at 2243, faded up with ad for something called 'Carnival'. Again at 2255 SIO 222-1. [IB-NF]

1584 ENGLAND BBC R. Nottingham, Chipstone, 2/27 2249-2302 - In the middle of program, the voice (B. Draper) said it was mainly reggae and rap, 3 or 4 IDs around 2257, promo for a 'Action Line', quiz with question about 'Malcolm X'. SIO 222-1. [IB-NF]

1640 NETHERLANDS R. Barones (Pirate), 2/15 0503-0717 - Man in English with a female talk program. [IB-NF]

1650 MUNSTERSEAT, 3/6 0237 - Soca music does come in, but fades out after a few minutes, fade with pop music, SSTV, faded before the hour. Still looking for an ID on this one. [IB-NY]

1000v COLOMBIA RNC Cartagena, 3/5 0435-0458 - Quotient strong though either this or someone else was 'slightly harder' to hear, not very frequent, with RNC news items, slogans "RNC, en todo de los estados", possible sign-off announcement, although it may have faded under Radio MI at this time. [IB-NY]

1375 ST PIERRE ET MIQUELON 2/27 2320 - Pops in French and English, female announcer in French, fair. [ES-NJ]

STATION NEWS

BAHAMAS: Richard Palmer of Decatur IL sent a copy of his letter from James C. Keok, Hawkshine Group (Bahamas) LTD, Stella Maris International Airport, P.O. Box SM 30-167 Long Island, Bahamas (Phone 1-305-359-9507), regarding his reception of the non-directional beacon on 526 KHz. The Hawkshine Group apparently manages the airport and its various services and functions, including ZLS. Mr. Keok's title does not appear in the letter.

I appreciate your sending your information about having received the ZLS beacon all the way in Decatur. The beacon is an FAA-certified transmitter, and I've passed along your data to the FAA's Caribbean Field Sector Office in Miami, Florida, for a response. I'm sure you'll be hearing from them. The technician in charge of this location is always pleased to hear from operators like you, I've picked up the beacon. The FAA's office will send you technical details, but I can tell you that the equipment is a Nautel 500 watt transmitter properly running on 526 watts into a Polesie antenna. You probably received the Bimini beacon (also on FAA installation) a little better because it's a 100-watt transmitter. Our higher frequency gives us better coverage. The transmitter here has an audio capability, generally used for taped local weather reports. It's not being used here, but if the FAA ever gives me a microphone, I'll be sure to say "hello".

Richard adds that he has heard nothing so far from the FAA Miami office. Thanks, Richard, for sending along this eagerly desired information.

CORRECTIONS

From Jean Burrell: My log of BBC Lincoln on 1368 (12/18/92) was in error. Tentative report to station said it was not them broadcasting the song I reported. Very kind of them to reply to me. Also B. Strute, on 1636 (12/18/92) was R. Tookerm, with report regarding R. Nootgedacht. Tookerm has QSL ed. [IB-NF]

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[ES-NJ] Elliot Straus, Tom’s River NJ; R-390A, Quantum loop, IW’s.


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Metro Washington AM Call Letter History

By Thomas H. White

On May 15, 1923 the broadcasting service was greatly expanded, with the designation of a band of frequencies, in 10 kilohertz steps, from 530 to 1350 kilohertz. Stations now classified as Local, Regional, and Clear Channel. All five stations in the Washington area, except NAA, were assigned new frequencies. However, none was required to stay on frequency which was the practice in more congested areas.

MARCH 29, 1941 - In conjunction with the expansion of the broadcast band to 1600 kilohertz, a major frequency reallocation was implemented nationwide. Four of the six Washington area stations were shifted up in frequency, by 30 and 40 kilohertz.

POST-WW2 WAR II - The Federal Communications Commission greatly reduced interference and economic standards, which resulted in thousands of new stations nationwide, especially in suburban areas. This sparked a major increase in the number of Washington area stations.

The Washington Area charts which follow list a total of thirty three AM stations currently in the Washington area, including Amnapolis, Maryland and Manassas and Leesburg, Virginia. However, there are now many more stations that are not commercially supported. Some of these stations are currently silent and unlikely ever to return to the air.

Following are the major sources used for compiling the charts:

- Radio Service Bureau, issued monthly, beginning in January, 1915 by the Bureau of Navigation, Department of Commerce.
- Commercial and Government Radio Stations of the United States. Annual list issued as of June 30th, for 1920 through 1931 by the Department of Commerce.
- WARC magazine. Station lists appearing in the summer of 1931, and 1941 issues.
- Radio Daily's "Radio Annual". Various issues from 1938 to 1946.
- Department of Commerce card files, and station "History Cards" on microfilm, at the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC.
- (Bliss Electrical School-WEBS, Catholic University-WEAS and Young Men's Christian Association-WEAB)

The format used in this review was originally developed by Bob Harrison, for his "Metro New York Call Letter History".

NOTE: Below are notes for the three Metropolitan Washington charts. The charts are generally in broadcast order. Stations sharing time on a common frequency are listed with periods separating the columns.

CHART #1

Five stations, all located in Washington, spent their entire lives on 360 meters (833 kilohertz): WDW was owned by the Radio Construction and Electric Company. At first it had only a limited career, since its only license was a 30-day authorization which was never renewed; WPM's owner was Thomas J. Williams, an electrical supplier, who had put WPM on the air. The additional were in New York, WV was owned by the Continental Electrical Supply Company at 809 Ninth Street, NW; WEAS was one of two Washington stations operated by a department store - in this case the Heck Company at Seventh and F Streets, NW; WBJA was owned by the Sewn Motor Company - its call letters, W JuCo, was not listed by the Radio Service Bulletin. Other early stations reviewed include WAGS, operated by the Young Men's Christian Association. WARK, originally owned by the M. A. Leese Optical Company at 712 Eleventh Street, NW; and NAA. NAA was built in 1915 near Fort Myer, in Arlington, VA, and was used by the U.S. Navy. In the mid-twenties NAA started to transmit on the broadcast band. Although it had been included in the Washington station surveys, it was most famous for its nighttime time signals.

Two Washington stations, WRC, owned by the Radio Corporation of America, and WTOP, owned by the Washington Post-Examiner Company, shared time on 640 kHz, a Class B frequency. WRC was originally located atop the Riggs Building at 3308 Fourteenth Street, NW, while WTOP, the Arthur-Pressman-Representative, represented a struggle for the domination of broadcasting which occurred between RCA and American Telephone and Telegraph. RCA kept finding itself playing catch-up in the first half of the twenties. First rival Westinghouse set up a series of stations which pioneered the broadcasting industry. Then AT&T invested network broadcasting, using a form of telephone lines to connect a "chain" of stations, including WCAP, carrying programs that originated at AT&T's WEA in New York. RCA countered with a small chain of its own, including WRC, crudely connected by telegraph wires to RCA's New York station, WJZ. In 1926 RCA bought out all of AT&T's broadcasting interests. As a result the "WCA Chain" became the "NBC Red Network", the
"WJZ Chain" formed the core of the "NBC Blue Network" and WCAP was deleted, allowing WRC to become a full time station. In 1934 RCA sold WRC, and the station became WWRC, although it still called itself "WRC" except for the hourly legal ID.

The other stations on this chart, and the sources of some of their call signs, include: WGMS-570 Bethesda, MD ("Good Music Station"); WCPT-730 Alexandria, VA, which for a period of time was WPFX ("Kix Country"), for a few months was WRMR ("Remember Radio"), and for an even briefer period was WCXR ("Classic Rock") simulcasting its FM sister station; WREH-740 is currently under construction in Reston, VA; WAVX-720 Arlington, VA (both WATEL and WAVA commemorate the station's city of license), which is claimed to have originated the term "Country Music", growing out of WATEL's "Town and Country" program; WYRE-810 Annapolis, MD; WLIC-900 Laurel, MD; WCTN-950 Potomac, MD ("Christ To the Nation"); WNTJ-1030 Indian Head, MD ("International"), originally was WBZE, honoring WBZ-Boston, which is on the same frequency (WBZ's sign-off message suggested staying tuned to the frequency and listening to its WBZQ and WTRT ("News Talk Radio"), which in an earlier incarnation was WQMR ("Quality Music Radio"). This station was originally WJAY, named for its light-music format. It was later bought by a local DJ, Connie Gay, who wanted to own the station that was his namesake.

**CHART #2**

Five Washington stations that began on 360 meters (833 kilohertz) in 1921 and 1922 later moved to Class A frequencies. WHW was owned by the White & Young Company at 312 Thirteenth Street, NW. WHW was operated by the Woodward and Lothrop department store, which presumably was located in the downtown shopping district; WDM was owned by the Church of The Covenant, a Presbyterian church located at 18th and N streets, NW. In the sixties the church was torn down and replaced by an office building. This building's current occupants include the National Association of Broadcasters and the Broadcast Pioneers Library; WMU was owned by the Doubleday-Hill Electric Company at 715 Twelfth Street, NW (Doubleday-Hill also had a store in Pittsburgh, PA, which operated KGQ). WQAW belonged to Catholic University in Northeast Washington.

Two stations with interesting histories began operating in the mid-twenties: WRHF and WRES. WRHF ("Washington Radio Hospital Fund") initially located at 525 Eleventh Street, NW, was set up to broadcast to hospitalized veterans. It later became WOL. In 1930 WOL swapped calls with WWDJ, whose owners had bought out the WOL's facility. WBB ("Bliss Electrical School") was located in Takoma Park, MD, using equipment purchased from Woodward and Lothrop when the department store discontinued operation of WICY. In the middle of 1928 WIBS was sold and moved to Salisbury on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where it became WSMF, expiring the next year. Later stations include: WUSTE-1120 in Washington, named for its studio on "U Street", which earlier was WBB in "Bethesda-Cherry Chase"; WMEF-1150 Gaithersburg, MD, ("Metro"), and earlier WMTG's call reflects its location in "Montgomery County", while WJOK ("Joke") commemorated an innovative but unsuccessful attempt at an "all comedy" format; WANN-1190 Annapolis, MD; WAGE-1200 Leesburg, VA; WPAX-1220 Falls Church, VA; WCCT-1310 ("DC Talk"), Fairfax City, VA (WCR probably comes from its city of license); WYCB-1340 Washington ("Your Community Broadcast") which took over after WFIN lost its license; WMZQ-1340 Arlington, VA, named after its sister FM station - "WizQ" was the closest thing available phonetically for "Music"; WNAV-1340 Annapolis, MD, home of the "Naval Academy"; WRFK-1440 Herndon, VA, which has never used its current call because it has been off the air for the greater part of a decade and no longer has a studio or antenna site. WOHN refers to the "Radio One" slogan it used before going under.

**CHART #3**

All the stations on this chart are recent ones, although not all are currently on the air. WTOP-1500 has an unusual history - it turns out to be an early bathtub broadcaster. During the broadcasting in broadcasting regulation in 1926 the "Twentieth Assembly District Regular Republican Club, Incorporated" put 50-watt WTOP on the air in Brooklyn, New York. Someone may have felt they would have more political clout if the station increased power and was located closer to Washington, for in late 1927 the station moved to Mount Vernon Hills, VA, and was now rated at 10,000 watts. A few years later the station moved to Alexandria, VA and a couple of years after that it made it to Washington. The current call WTOP promotes the station location at the top of the radio dial.

The remaining stations have more conventional histories: WOL-1450, Washington originally was WWDJ until its owners swapped facilities with WOL; WPRW-1460 Manassas, VA and WPMF-1480 Dumfries, VA both have calls that document their location in "Prince William County" (WQVA's call was from WPW's original city of license of Quantico, VA); WDAW-1530 hopes to go on the air someday in Haymarket, VA; WMDO-1540 is "Radio Mundo" in Wheaton, MD; WPGC-1560 hails from Morningside, MD in "Prince Georges County"; and WNXM-1600 closes out the dial in Rockville, MD.

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Additionally, the synchronizer did not work as well as the 1970's. Splitter was not eliminated as well as the 1970's. Also present was the 'vowel' in the 'sounding pattern.' As described in the 'Mini Radio',