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WTVV - 1230 - 150 West Central Ave., Timesville, PA 16054-1729 will conduct a DX test Monday, March 21, between 12:30 and 1:00 am EST. The test will include test tones and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Robert H. Sautter, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRE CPC.

KPSO - 1260 - 304 East Erie - Palmyra, TX 78355-3824 will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 3:00 pm EST Monday, March 21. The test will include test tones and march music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Raymond J. Greely, Manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRE CPC.

KFQQ - 1260 - 924 West 2nd St. - Boone, IA 50036 will conduct a DX test on Monday morning, March 21, between 2:30 and 3:00 am EST. The test will consist of Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Dean James, General Manager. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

WCCG - 1270 - P.O. Box 888 - Belmont, NC will conduct a DX test between 3:30 and 4:00 am EST Sunday morning, March 27. The test will include voice ID's and Morse code ID's. From 3:00-3:15, the test will be run on a 5 kHz day pattern, from 3:15-3:30, on a 1000 watt night pattern, from 3:30-3:45, on a 1 kHz day pattern, and from 3:45-4:00 am, on the 5 kHz day pattern. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Bruce Musso, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRE CPC.

95007 will conduct a DX test Monday, March 28, between 3:00 and 3:30 am BST. The test will include test tones, voice ID's, and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Damien Thorn, Asst. Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRE CPC.

KOAC - 1550 - 230 Covell Hall - Corvallis, OR 97331 will conduct a DX test between 3:30 and 4:00 am EST Monday, March 28. The test will include test tones, Morse code ID's, march music, and polka music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Roger Dominguez, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRE CPC.

From the Publisher... We were missing more than column last week, as it turned out letters from both the NEC and CPC chairman never made it to Topeka, and so several tests in early March were never publicized in DXN. And feedback from other NRC members has convinced me that service from the USPS is at an all-time low speed, which means that contributors and editors should allow an extra three or four days to be sure that items mailed make it to their destination before deadlines.

DX GTG... Eric Buemanam is hosting a DX GTG April 16-17 at the Budgetel Hotel - 31st Taylor Rd. - Hazelwood MO (314) 731-4200 for reservations. Several tours and special events are tentatively planned. Contact Eric at (314) 859-0975 or via Internet at drk13a@prodigy.com for more details.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago... From the March 4, 1944 DXN: Dick Cooper, Kittanning, PA received an EKRO stamp and certificate of verification from WBDB-1330 to complete New York state. He also logged a test from WQ0F-700 with 350 watts. From the March 11 DXN: Ernie Cooper reported that JG4-5409 had been 5-9 most nights after the signoff of ZNS. Dick Cooper lead the contests with 106,755 points, and Frank Wheeler was second with 140,825.

15 years ago... From the March 15, 1989 DXN: Jerry Starr's photos in his article entitled "Mechanical Filters for the HX180" were the first to appear in any DX bulletin.
AM Switch

Jerry Starr
4040 Simon Road
44512, OH

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

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680 WNZK MI
Deerborn Heights: night operation on this frequency is ON THE AIR. Operates with 2500 W D during 600 kHz and 2500 W nights later.

690 WDQG FL
Jacksonville: station is still silent but we visited their nighttime transmitter site in Baldwin and noted a number of new tower sections piled on the ground and a filled-to-overflowing dumpster next to the transmitter building, tracks in the mud driveway indicated lots of record traffic here so we check this frequency.

710 WEGG NC
Rose Hill: silent station is ON THE AIR

820 KGNW WA
Buena-Seattle: day power is 5000 watts per station, correct Log entry.

840 WLPY VA
Pittsburgh: CP CANCELLED, call DELETED.

880 WLPB NC
Winston-Salem: recently reported to be a new station on the air, we passed within 20 miles of Winston-Salem twice in February and could not hear anything on 880. Could somebody tell us if this is really on and, if so, the format and address?

950 XEAM BC
Tijuana: silent station is ON THE AIR

990 WNRV VA
Narrows: unauthorized night operation is reported to be curtailed, can somebody confirm?

1010 WXMT FL
Jacksonville Beach: MCP for 25000/10000 Us in Baldwin, FL is NOT on, station remains 10000/140 Us and still licensed to Jacksonville Beach.

1050 KMBS MO
Portageville: CP for 600/700 Us is on

1150 WCGN MI
Mount Pleasant: station is SILENT, programming has been moved to WFTY-1250 Alma, MI until new transmitter location can be obtained.

1170 WWFL FL
Bushnell: silent station is ON THE AIR, repeating programming from WTRQ-1400 Sanford / WQRQ-1205 Bush (WQRQ) to carry a separate evening show, then join the other two.

1180 KYET AZ
Williams: station is SILENT.

1220 WMJK FL
Kissimmee: station is SILENT (despite numerous billboards in Orlando area urging you to tune in for the OTC's information)...

1240 WWQZ MS
Absecon: station is SILENT.

1280 WNAM WI
Norfolk-Menasha: CP for 5000/500 Us is on

1320 WAMR FL
Venice: no longer rebroadcasting WMYX-1410, once again originating live local programming, mostly AC/talk, per visit.

1330 WTRX MI
Ft. Wayne: station is ON THE AIR repeating programming from WMXJ-1440 Bay City, MI.

1340 WLVW MI
Grand Rapids: station is SILENT.

1380 KZWT TX
Beaumont: call incorrectly listed as KZTX in the Log, my typo no doubt.

1390 WKHF FL
Avon Park: silent station MAY be ON THE AIR, we monitored a station in that area with 40W and live programming but NO ID, not even at the top of the hour. DJ rambling on about the nice wx, promo for upcoming sports broadcast, reviewed the previous music and intoned the next one but yakked right past the hour with no ID of any sort. Can anybody confirm?

1430 WKIV IN
Batesville: silent station is ON THE AIR.

1480 WARS AL
Mobile: CP for 400 watts night is on.

1560 WMBO TN
Loudon: CP for 5000/500 Us is on.

1570 KCVR CA
Adams: license CANCELLED, call DELETED.

1590 KATY OK
Fredericksburg: silent station is ON THE AIR.

THANKS: Wayne Heinm, Tom Bryant and MS. Many of the above items the result of monitoring while on our rather busy trip to Florida for the Daytona 500 followed by a week of vacation. And, yes, the Yankee's team Youngstown managed to survive the run with the...
Good Ol' Boys, a 39th place finish (out of 42 cars) after running out of gas with just a few laps to go. Oeps. It was easy to come home to more snow however.

73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foorman

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Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale
959 Creekview Drive - Meridian, ID 83642-3241

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

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

- I was informed that my disk containing issue 22 did not make it to Topaz in time for publication, so I have combined the material for issues 22 and 23. Let's hope this makes it in time, or else we'll really have a balm-burner next issue. Here we go.

- I had the occasion to visit WBOL after winning a coffee cup on the air, and enjoyed a nice visit with Bill Franam, their Chief Engineer. He gave me the tour of the facility, and showed me his file of received reports. If some of these reports are indicative of the reports sent to other stations, I now understand what stations are reluctant to send CSQs. Most were handwritten, with a few mimeographed, but none in a type writer. All were directly written, and it did not have the same handwriting and quality of print. One NRC sent what looked like a Xerox copy, printing over the areas which didn't copy well. And demanded a apology. Well, folks, that's how it's done. On the other hand, many were very well prepared and neat. I'm sure Bill will verify this later.

- Got a suggestion from Richard Clark (via Internet) to put reporter's name first. Well, OK. After a few letters, the name came first. And it's kind of redundant to repeat the state, except when used as the line to the state QTH, so we'll try it sans MB, CA, AK, etc. for a while.

- A nice survey here on all your West Guests. Keep those cards, letters, and E-Mails coming. We're not doing taxes here, but Electronic Filing of DOX-D-W reports may be addressed to MTFH12A@Prodigy.com via Internet. Format as you see here.

- Since we're off the weekly schedule for the remainder of the Volume Year, here are the upcoming deadlines for DOX-D-W for the rest of Volume 61:
  - Issue 24 March 25
  - Issue 25 April 9
  - Issue 26 May 7
  - Issue 27 June 4
  - Issue 28 July
  - Issue 29 July 29
  - Issue 30 September 3

Get your reports in early!

REPORTERS (first in, first out)

- JF-TX Jim Bohum San Antonio IC-77-A + downspout, special antenna [Credit for being left out last issue - Editor]
- EK-0D Frank Aden Jr. NPSOK Reuse modified FRG-7, modified TRF + 45 N-S longwire, 180 L-longwire, 4 box loop
- BMRM-C-TX BB McClurkan Irving Kenwood R-2000 + Radio West Loop
- JF-TX Jim Bohum San Antonio IC-701A + secret downspout antenna
- TR-1LJ Thomas Reiser Chicago Sony IC-2090 w/ built-in antenna
- TR-1LJ Thomas Reiser Milwaukee Sony IC-T200 w/ built-in antenna
- JWRW John J. Rieger South Milwaukee Panasonic RF-2200
- GS-WC Gray Sonimagin Victoria Sony 2010 with an unamplified loop
- JF-MN Jon Ellis Maple Grove Sharp 4-band baffled antenna
- SA-MB Shawn Axelson Winnipeg ICOM R-70 w/ PLAM board 0.5, 2.4, & 4 kHz
- FTRX Filter & box loop on 100 lw
- RK-CA Robert Karchevski Sunnyvale 12-655 TRF alone
- RO-AK Rod L. (can't believe I heard a test) O'Connor Kodak Superadio II & Sony IC-720
- BR-CA Bruce Reynolds San Jose GE Superadio II barefoot
- KDE-FL Karl Firth Chicago IC-750, HQ-160 + spiral loop, LW
- CK-C01 Chris Knight Bloomfield Kenwood R-1000 + Superadio III
- CK-C02 Chris Knight Arvada Kenwood R-1000 + Superadio III
**1340 UNID??** - 2/24 0300-0310 - TT for several minutes with no break. Never cleared the jumble. (BBN-CT-TX)

**1490 UNID??** - 2/19 1845 - Ad for Goodyear Tire Store on 8th Avenue and Highway 78. Jingling sounding like KFM 95.1 into C&V music. (JW-CO)

**TESTING 1-2-3**

**540 KIEZ+ CA** Carmel Valley - 2/4 0309-0340 - Poor on Regular Schedule 0300-0329, fighting (NEWA). At 0329, a jump in volume, playing a tape of Morse code followed by nice synthesizer saying OK 9400 - back to CS. (RK-CA)

**560 KIEZ+ CA** Carmel Valley - 2/4 0331-0332 - Fair with CIDs only, making it through QRM. (BBM-CA-TX)

**570 KIEZ+ CA** Carmel Valley - 2/4 0331-0331 - Fair, with KNOE & EWKA QRM, with CIDs and nothing else. CA #84. (JW-CA)

**580 KIEZ+ CA** Carmel Valley - 2/4 0333-0400 - Fair with CID. (AM-WA)

**590 KIEZ+ CA** Carmel Valley - 2/4 0335-0356 - OC on at 0328, with EWKA audible Code IDs started at 0330, with occasional synthesized OK's. Code continued through my listening time, audible about 75% of the time. (JG-BC)

**595 KIEZ+ CA** Carmel Valley - 2/4 - Tried for, but not heard. (KIFD-FL)

**620 WFTO+ FL** Pine Hills - 2/14 0309-0354 - S+, CIDs, VIDs, brief incoming phone messages from listeners (including mine). Some IDed as NRC members. (BBM-CA-TX)

**625 WFTO+ FL** Pine Hills - 2/14 0309-0312 - Poor-to-fair with CIDs and VIDs making it through KNOE/EWKA QRM. (JW-CA)

**630 WFTO+ FL** Pine Hills - 2/14 0309-0350 - Fair to poor, with EWKA & KNOE QRM, with CIDs at 0302-0310. Nothing else till 0340, then more CIDs. Only 3rd FL here in 13 years! (JW-CA)

**635 WFTO+ FL** Pine Hills - 2/14 0313-0313 - Fair with code IDs only. (JG-FL)

**640 WFTO+ FL** Pine Hills - 2/14 0310-0300 - Tentative, as heard slow CID, but letters I made out did not make any damn sense. Very weak signal. Will send a tentative report to them. (BA-ID)

**645 WFTO+ FL** Pine Hills - 2/14 0309-0300 - Not heard. CBK at 0202, and later two SS equally strong in my KIEZ+ & EWKA. (RK-CA)

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**550 KAR+ WA** Blaine - 2/20 0409 - A bit of music, one promo and a long, clear Morse code transmission made it thru KCWR for a few minutes before fade under them. (BB-CA)

**555 KAR+ WA** Blaine - 2/20 0409-0430 - Good with music, CID, and VID mentioning this test as audio test. (AM-VA)

**560 KAR+ WA** Blaine - 2/20 0409-0500 - Tentatively with bits and pieces of slow code, but would not make positive ID in weak signal. (BA-ID)

**565 KAR+ WA** Blaine - 2/20 - Tired for, but not heard with KSD and WIND sloppy. (KDF-FL) 0400 - Tried for, but not heard. (JW-CA) Not heard. KFYR & KSU only. (MB-CA)

**570 WFRB+ MD** Frostburg - 1/31 0125 - TT & CIDs noted with good signal in WIND null. (KDF-FL) Unheared here. (KDF-FL)

**575 WFRB+ MD** Frostburg - 1/31 0100 - Heard CID under WIND at 0100. New state! (JW-CA)

**580 WFRB+ MD** Frostburg - 1/31 0100-0125 - Nothing heard. (JW-CA)

**585 WHND- MI** Monroe - 2/28 0000 - Not heard. Only WIND. (JG-CA)

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1450 WDLE-WI Marshfield - 2/21 0200-0300 - Heard some possible code and tones, but too weak to ID anything. (FA-ID) Not heard. (CK-CO) Tried for, but not heard. (JW-CO)
1460 WIXN+ IL Dixon - 2/28 0135 - Poor, but CID's punched thru for a new one. IL 76 QRM de KPR/KENO/OTHERS. Test ended at 0100Z in mid ID. (JW-CO)
WIXN+ IL Dixon - 2/28 0135 - Poor with CIDs and top-of-hour VID. (TR-LI)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 WNWMS81 ND West Fargo - 2/19 1617 - Fair-to-poor with local events and things to do. (MBDPX)
KNEZ 390 WA Swamp Creek - 2/16 0930-0955 - KNEZ 360 and KOD 773 separable with 1000-3000 - first time both stations were identified in the log. Swamp Creek on a Seattle-area street map runs south into the north end of Lake Washington, west of Bothell. My son says that the signs on 1-5 south for this TIS are well north of the junction of 1-5 and 405 and reception in the car is good to excellent. The transmitter location is probably well north of Lake Washington. Thank's for the help. (CS-BC)
1610 KNJG42 IL Chicago - 2/19 1914 - Fair-to-good with Illinois Dept. of Highways announcements mentioning Hilisite and Eisenhoumer. (MBDPX) [I believe Hilisite is a suburb, and Eisenhoumer is an expressway in the Windy City.]
WC6S6 OR Santiam Pass - Word from Mike Hardaker (through Gary Jackson of IRCA) concerning this TIS station logged 12/6/95 by Jack Woods (issue 13) is that it's operated by Forest Service and Oregon State University at Santium Pass, in Oregon's central Cascade Mountains, on US 20 about 35 miles west of Bend. Write to: Gene Skrine, McKenzie Ranger District, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97443. If you get a CSL, Jack, let us know. Thanks, Mike
1620 WNW29 IL Beasonville - 2/19 1648 & 2/20 0035 - Poor with man giving out phone numbers for various town services, most starting with 250-54. - This sounds like a numbers station, because of at least 6 CID numbers in a short time space. (MBDPX)
WNYTI2187 IL Glen Ellyn - 2/20 0410 - Very poor and hard-to-copy, under WNW29 with man giving info on Illinois. (MBDPX)

PI RATES

1250 "KTLN" CO Arvada - 2/17 0245 - With OLD, jingles, old ads (one for Hertz) Annie at 0325 said We're going to be trapping things up here on KTLN 1250 . . . followed by one more oldie, a long wended jingle ending with something like . . . here in Denver where the Rising's night, then dropped carrier. Heard almost nightly, usually between local midnight and 1:00 AM. Traced to near the intersection of Washdworth and 72nd Ave in Arvada (Arvada Green Apts). John Wilkins has logged this at 1570 kHz in 1990. (CK-CO)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

530 CIAO ON Brampston - 2/6 0046 - Poor with talk in unID language... suspect Asain. (JW-CO) [Thom's 172] Where did you get the notion this was CHIN, as reported by THOM is on 1240 - Ed.]
500 KTSB TX San Antonio - 2/4 0100 - Female with area news, weather, then Texas USA network talk show. Fair over QRM while looking for no-show KARI test. (JW-CO)
560 CKPR ON Thunder Bay - 3/26 0136 - Good-to-poor, with KYK/WELG and light KFNS-590 splash, with calls, local ads and AC. (EB-MO)
620 KINK OR Portland - 2/21 0433-0500 - Two - at times three - stations on 680 KIPA strongest. An interview/discussion programme on Russian politics in the KIPA main led fading in and out. It turned out to be KIPA/Mich returned to normal at 0500. Third station was probably CKCK. (CS-BC)
WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 2/19 0045 - Fair with talk about Federal Housing Administration problems. (TR-LI)
850 KXXY TX San Antonio - 1/31 1915 - Poor with internal 15, over XMP-ind/WEQ/ WCW with WMQ-670 splash, with C&W music. CLD and mention of the KXXY Lone Star Hour. Country music with a Texas accent. 44 from the Alamo City. (EB-MO)
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1410 WMAX M1 Bay City - 2/14 0510 - Fair, over others, with 1440 WMAX into network talk. Heard last as WROD execs ago. (JKR-WJ)

1460 WBRN M1 Big Rapids - 1/19 0707 - Big Rapids and Michigan news. CLs at 0709, Weather-to-lead with KMDA, KDM1, others. Another one logged in KBCW's silence. (JE-MN)

KCCX OR St. Mary - 2/4 0500-0137 - Fair, fighting with local KARK, with C&W music and ID as Country 1460, KCCX, St. Mary. (AM-WA)

1210 KOMA M1 OK. Oklahoma City - 1/26 0144 - Good-to-fair, with intermittent $ over WWRK with WLAC-1510 splash, with frequent All Oldies KOMA and Ko-Ma IDs, Oldies from the '50s and '60s // KOMA-FM 92.5. (EB-MO)

1520 WIRV KY - Irvine - 2/4 0650 - Fair, over others, with local ads and station promo. (JRW-WD)

1560 WQXY KY - Hazard - 2/4 0453 - Poor, with flutter, with local weather and calls. Many Good Morning Hazard slogans. (JRW-WD)

1900 WTQO WI - Platteville - 2/4 0741 - With bank ad and school lunch menu. Long fade. No WFRK-WSON. Rare here. (GE-WI)

1600 KWMX CO - Lakewood - 2/4 0633-0553 - Fair with ID as Mix 107.5 and phone numbers for The Love Line. CO #2. (AM-WA)

WARU IN - Pena - 2/4 0633 - Good with WARU Classic Hits single and 50's/60s oldies. (JRW-WD)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

620 KIPA HI - Hilo - 2/6 0556-0202 - Oriental singing, ID on the hour, then a woman announcing a foreign language. Time fast heard at LSR, suggesting better long-distance reception conditions coming. No other Hawaiians audible at the time. (GS-BC)

700 WLVW OH - Cincinnati - 2/2 1214 - Fair with Paul Harvey News. (TR-IL1)


800 KSOS UT - Brigham City - 3/1 0918-0544 - Unneeded, but first time heard at LSR. KSOS Friday Night Dusk and then faded. faded under KFQD. (GS-BC)

920 KORC CO - Wapahani - 2/4 0627 - Heard on its new frequency, but still under a very strong KCRN. Local Wapahani news items and an Oregon highway report. (GS-BC)

930 RNCO CA - Grassy Valley - 2/16 1012-1022 - Morning drive show with news, traffic reports, weather, (GS-BC)

1280 KNZJ NE - Broken Bow - 2/18 0658 - Tracking Pecos just ending, local ads, and Auction Block program at 0612. Fair in usual of local KKXJ, with KDOL QRM. New, for NE #43. Was my closest Unheard on a Non-GY Frequency. That honor now goes to KMER-900. (JW-CO)

1390 KLUP TX - El Campo - 2/11 0834-0841 - Texas State Network News into state and local news & weather... and that's all for KLUP weather into sports, 741 TC. Song is First in Country. (TB-TX)

KREC TX - Waxahachie - 2/1 0902-0815 - C&W, ad for L. M. Mulligan, C&W into This is AM Radio KREC, 7:13 TC into The 7:25 Morning News. (TB-TX)

1500 KBCY BC - Duncan - 2/16 0653 - Good, briefly up in the clear with Lite rock & CKAY ID. (MD-BC)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

710 KEUL IA - Shenandoah - 2/10 1840-1856 - Loud and clear, with a Jimmy Rodgers record, followed by station ID. No sign of usual WEB. (JW-BE)

840 KDSB OR - Eugene - 2/24 1833 - Fair with Liddy show. Ad for Oregon Electric Station Lounge. ID at 1845 as KDSB Eugene. Talk in on. (WJ-OR)

930 WEQU OH - Elyria - 2/1 2336 - Fair with adult contemporary news, C&W, ID's and songs continuing local court cases. (TR-TL)

1000 KFLG AZ - Bullhead City - 2/2 1957 - C&W music, female announcer with ID at 1559SS as All-American Country from KFLG, KFLG, KFLG-FM Bullhead City, Arizona - Laughlin-Lake Havasu City, and 101.5 FM Kingman. ABC News at 2000. Briefly good, but soon lost to XEYV. (TW-CT)
One week out of town and my mailbox is literally stuffed with reports. We especially welcome last-minute reports. Allan Radell of Rochester PA (we call that the “other Rochester” up here). Allan hopes his logs “are good enough to include in DDX. Allan, everything sent in has been included since I started doing this.”

Lots of great Eastern European loggings from Ben Dangerfield. He uses the exact same equipment as I, so how come I never hear this stuff? I live in a very noisy urban environment, that’s why. I only get to listen about once per week. Oh well...

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

567 IRELAND Tallarnore, FEB 4 2315 - poor to fair with IE talk. [Connolly-MA]

576 BULGARIA Vidin, FEB 8 0327 - Woman in Bulgarian in well for a short time // 828. Never heard this one before. [Dangerfield-PA]

571 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz, tenerife, FEB 4 2315 - news by woman in SS; EXCELLENT signal. [Connolly-MA]
Slogans "en Colombia Antena 2", angle, "Antena 2", mention of RCN, "música del norte", with tropical rhythms, sicilian and flute horns. Very good. [Wiseblood-TX] FEB 23 05/4 - Good with SS music and many IDs. "en Colombia, Antena Dos". [Sorenson-K/ON]

600 MEXICO XEEM Xelapa Zacatecas, FEB 13 0547 - Slogans, mentions of Zacatecas, "La Consolacion", música banda nordeste, ads. [Wiseblood-TX] (My wife says Zacatecas is the most beautiful Mexican city she's seen - Jim)

660 UNID FEB 12 2259-2002 - Accepted EE newsicast, short sholude of soft steel drum music, into EBC World Service news on the hour. This is an SS station, a Venezuelan, I think. [Kowth-M.D] (Well, it all points to St. Lucia - Jim)


670 VENIZEUFLA YULL R. Rumbos, Curacó, FEB 23 0045 - Good with LA pop music by male vocalist. R. Rumbos ID and Ceaucescu mention by male at 0045. [Sorenson-K/ON]

800 CLBA E. Rebecito, Ciego de Avila, FEB 26 0912 - Sports play-by-play / 710. [Renfew/NRC]

810 MEXICO XEMP Merida DF, FEB 13 0033 - In briefly with U.S. rock and heavy metal music, PSA's, promos, ads. [Wiseblood-TX]

840 MEXICO XEMA Frennile ZAC, FEB 11 0334 - "A", slogans, ranchera/merengue music. [Wiseblood-TX]

880 Cuba R. Selig, FEB 25 0609 - First time heard on 690 with usual program, also on 740. [Renfew/NRC]

900 JAMAICA BC Montego Bay, FEB 12 0255 - With reggae music and other Caribbean type music, EE talk by man with IDs as "Radio 1", poor-fair in WLV null. [Sorenson-SON]

910 MEXICO XEXE Xampico TAS, FEB 13 1608 - "R. Ola 710", música salsa-tropical, temperatura 17, degrees c., full weekend, slogans "X-Exia La Tropical de Sambra". [Wiseblood-TX]

930 CUBA R. Rebicel, FEB 23 0233 - SS talk by man, many "Rebecito" mentions. [Sorenson-K/ON]

940 MEXICO XEDE Satilo COAH, FEB 7 0521 - Scudo Digital, heard since November, '87. "Tropical", weather, tempeature, mostly just has sung as "Siete Centavos", between songs on a digital cumber, musicas popular del norte, mostly cumbia and some bandas. [Wiseblood-TX] (not listed in WRT14-94)

950 VENEZUELA Porto Buenaventura, FEB 9 2234 - ad for something "en PortoBuenaventura" over/under CBS Colombia Spanish-language ad at 2200. [Wiseblood-TX] FEB 17 0050 - Pop music during conditions. [Wiseblood-TX] and man announce. Sounded like Radio Vente, not Radio Orinico. [Dangerfield-P.A] FEB 23 0002 - Fair with ID as R ?? en Venezuela, LA pop music faded quickly, but back again at 0043 with Maracaco mention, something sounding like "Radio Mundo" and back to music. [Sorenson-K/ON]

960 MEXICO XEGF Guatire La Victoria, JAN 30 1539 - IDs "740 AM Escobar XEGF Guatire, Guatire, Venezuela", ad, música salsa/Popular. [Wiseblood-TX]

970 CUBA CMKP Sagua de Tanaamo, FEB 9 0028 - Poor with CBL QRM, talk about politics in SS, new. [Wiseblood-TX]

980 JAMAICA Port Maria, JAN 19 0252 - Talk frequency when heard and / 700, but not as strong. [Dangerfield-P.A]

990 MEXICO XEHI Templo VER, JAN 30 1543 - R. Fabulosa 750 IDs, with mention of Veracruz, música, múscica popular. [Wiseblood-TX]

600 VENEZUELA Caracas YVKE, FEB 9 2219 - Caracas mentions, over others. [Connelly-MA]

500 COLOMBIA HJU Salogil, FEB 10 0034-0054 - Talk show, Radio Cadena mentioned. [Trelford-Jam]

570 MEXICO XEHI Frennile ZAC, FEB 12 0210 - "La Nueva Dimension" slogan heard once, but then music. [Dangerfield-P.A]

580 MEXICO XETR C. Cordel VER, FEB 12 0207 - Slogan "La Costena", many ads using heavy reverb, "stil waits of potencia", música romantica, full IDs [Wiseblood-TX]

590 MEXICO UNID. "Rud 770 en Radio Centro", FEB 12 0207 - 50s/60s type Mexican rock music, suspect Chihuahua, but what station? [Wiseblood-TX] (Nothing in W2219 S-Jim) (Quite possibly XEAB, Monterey, the most commonly-heard one in Topico, p.a.)

590 COLOMBIA XEFS LT. Rincon Norte, TECALUCA. FEB 8 0555-0614 - Good with La Bionda nordeste ID, música nordeste, into tekno audio news at 0500. [Renfew/GL]

590 COLOMBIA R. Cali, Tucumán, FEB 12 0039-0019 - LA pop music ID in part as "R. Almirante", poor to fair. [Trelford-Jam]

590 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Bonaire PTB, FEB 9 0640 - Good with SS news "noticias internacionales" with live of Caribbean items. IDed at 0649 with Radio Transatlantic ID, SS legging of this station. [Reiser II] FEB 10 0000 - Stop channel with SS religious
1330 MEXICO XEQG Mexico DF, JAN 23 0725 - "La Lora Exacta" with time picks every minute, promos, PSA's, notices. [WiseMed-TX]
1370 MEXICO XEPF Pacfic FEb 1, JAN 24 0851 - "La Super Surtida" man with ID with location, ads, PSA's, musica popular. [WiseMed-TX]
1380 MEXICO XECO Mexico DF, JAN 23 0619 - "330" slogans, guitar ballads. PSA's promos. [WiseMed-TX]
1390 MEXICO XEXW Ledia GUAN, JAN 23 0601 - U.S. rock music, musica popular/rock music, very good. [WiseMed-TX]
1400 COLOMBIA FIJAS Barranquilla, FEB 22 1036-1045 - LA pop music, mostly ranchera with accordion, guitar, ID at 1045, in part as "Colombia .. Antena", poor. [Trelfam-JAM]
1430 UNID FEB 22 0956-1005 - LA pop music, mostly ranchera with accordion, guitar, unreadable ID at 0956 and lots of ads, over/under US $ with more romantica type music. [Trelfam-JAM]
1450 MEXICO XEIST Mexico DF, JAN 25 0259 - "R. Exitos" rock music/oldies. [WiseMed-TX]
1450 COLOMBIA UNID, FEB 7 0309-0336 - Ranchero, man and accordion, SS with rolling "RI", ID as "Radio Antonio", fair to poor. [Trelfam-JAM] (Don't see anything like this in WRTN -94 - Jim)
1450 MEXICO XIESX Mexico DF, JAN 25 0616 - "1470" slogan, musica romantica/oldies. [WiseMed-TX]
1490 MEXICO XEAI Mexico DF, JAN 15 0223 - "A-I" slogan, musica salsa/tropical. [WiseMed-TX]
1500 VENEZUELA Cos MIL, FEB 16 0205 - ID and talk. [Radula-PA]
1510 MEXICO XEFO Cortes Azucar GUAN, JAN 29 0501 - ID, musica popular, closing announcements to national anthem and sign-off. [WiseMed-TX]
1520 CUBA Palma Soriano, FEB 12 1859-1905 - LA pop music, ID in part as "Radio Baragua, Cuba", fair. [Trelfam-JAM]
1530 BELIZE VOA Relay, Orange Point, FEB 19 0250-0300 - Poor with SS LA Service / 1280 and 6690. Abruptly off 0300 as per schedule. This and 1530 to go silent by MAR 31.
1540 UNID SS LA, FEB 17 0130 - Woman announcer and pop singer. Pretty much alone on the frequency. Looped 5 to SE. No sign of WCKY. [Dangerfield-PF]
1545 BAHAMAS ZNS, Nassau, FEB 17 0100 (before and after) - Very strong atop the frequency with Ash Wednesday Anglican Church service. [Dangerfield-PF]
1546 MEXICO XEIO Miguel Ales primary NL, JAN 27 0314 - musica romantica, announcements (greetings to listeners). [WiseMed-TX]
1550 MEXICO XEDN Hermosillo SON, JAN 30 0659 - "La Grande de Sonora" slogan, national anthem, closing announcements to 0700 sign off. [WiseMed-TX]
1557 BELIZE VOA Relay, Orange Point, FEB 16 0255-0310 - fair-good, dominating channel with SS LA Service / 1350 and 6030 continuing beyond 0300 as per schedule. [Krueger-FL]
1610 ANGUILLA The Valley, FEB 4 2346 - religious vocal in a folk style similar to that of Jackson Mr. Anthony and James Tipton. [Connelly-MAJ] FEB 20 0115 - Good with religious program and music in all night, now fighting a tilt from Chicago at times. [DXM/M]
1640 UNID FEB 14 0940-1002 - Man in SS with occasional vocal/instrumental music. Very poor level, and not even a remote idea of an ID. Loop 5SW. Not gerbled. Checked 550 and 5000 kHz, both were bad / / not / / . Rest of 1600-1900 area basically dead, QRM except for Anguilla 1010, MERE 1655 (no keying), and 2 MEDITERS. [Harbard-NC]
1670 CUBA R. Progresso, Pinar de Rio, FEB 16 0240-0244 - Good with SS vocals, male DJ ID with ID / fundamental (2 "R" 800). [Krueger-PI]
[No spot] An interesting frequency has definitely bounced around: 8 new ones bagged on FEB 12, including a new country, ZTF 855. That evening only one domestic could be heard on clear channels (WXF-1040). WST, WSM, WDI, etc. were all gone. Also not enough for the report on the strong hits on or about 1500, 1540 and 1600 QF 8 at sunset. Definitely heard Arabic on 1520 for about 36 seconds (Gauss Arabia), but nothing in the way of an ID. [DXM/M]
1900 JAPAN JONR Osaka, FEB 20 1240 - Poor with man and woman in J/, no ID heard, but who else? [DXM/M]
1900 NEW ZEALAND 1ZD Taumarua, FEB 20 2135 - Very poor, man in accented EE, but very weak. [DXM/M]

STATION NEWS
AUSTRALIA: I posted Tom Williamson's 1PPF catch on the Fido Shortwave echo and received two messages from Australia which informed me that 1PPP Canberra (formerly 1PPT1) will be on the air on 1520 until May or June. Then it will move to the main mediumwave band or possibly to the FM band. Other "print hardened" public service stations have all since moved from the 1600-1900 region. [Funkhemm-ON]

COLOMBIA: According to Pardo Garcia at RCN in Bogotá the stations on 210, 270, 490 and 990 are now broadcasting with a power of 100 kW using new solid state transmitters from Harris. [FK in UNK in ARC FEB 19]

CUBA: Radio Havana Cuba's Annie Corvo clarified the confusion about some Cuban broadcasts. During power shortages, Radio Rejo programs are aired on certain Rebolde frequencies in metropolitan areas. Rebolde uses multiple frequencies allowing both programs to be heard in the same coverage area. [Funkhemm-ON]

CAYMAN: Radio Compass 525 has two 5 kW transmitters that can be combinated for 10 kW total, but they are using only one. They have a two tower directional (painted) antenna in N-S orientation. They have very poor modulation. Harbor Light 1400 is using a 1000 watt solid state 5 kW transmitter. The antenna is a quarter-wave, series fed, top-loaded, monopole 55 meters in length with above-ground tuned radial ground system which uses only 4 wires 55 meters in length perpendicularly to each other and raised 5 meters above the ground for the frequency of 1400 kHz. Operating schedule: 0200-0310 Mo-Fr, 0100-0200, 0415-0515 Sa, 1000-1200, 2100-0020 Su. [Rene Alm in ARC FEB 18] (Did they explain why they shifted to 1405 kHz for a time?)

NETHERLANDS: Radio 10 Gold new since JAN 28 with 24 hour schedule, format is Golden Oldies, new address: Vredesweg 35, 1071 HP Amsterdam. 1995 will be used by AM News with 120 or 500 kW. [SDXL in ARC FEB 18]

RUSSIA: VOA 645 Ussarvik (1000 kHz) 1300-1400. [VOA sked via MW Eko JAN 14 in Distance Feb 18]

HELENA: the next St. Helena Radio Day is scheduled for October 14, 1994, per verie received for hearing their SW transmitter on 1109.2 kHz in USB on October 15, 1993, which is activated only once per year. It will likely be relayed on their 1548 kHz outlet (430 watts). [Bicenian-MC]

VATICAN: Email from two sources, Andy Semin on the Fido Shortwave echo and from Murray ??? via internet informed me that Vatican Radio is again back on 1611 kHz. Facilities used for both 566 kHz and 1611 kHz were damaged but have recently been repaired. 1611 transmissions are now broadcast from Santa Maria de Galicia which is in Italy unlike in the past when Vatican City proper antennas were used. [Funkhemm-ON]

QSL INFORMATION
MEXICO XEW-90, same address as AXX and same signer, Ing. Miguel Angel Barrientos Villalba, 1450 90, also sent XWA bumper sticker, so perhaps he will take reports for them as well. [Trelfam-JAM]

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS: CCR 1020, f/d card in 6 weeks from West Indies Broadcasting Services, Ltd., PO Box 230, Grand Turk, report sent to PO Box 3, DeLand FL 32721, Country 472 verified. [Sandy-CQ]. The same in 91 and a taped report. [Sahara-M] The same in 3 weeks for a blind stamp. V/s is Jay Keifer. Country 22 verified. [Rox-ON] Same. [Bieloford-AM]

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Now and Then

John D. Bowker

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

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Radio 1 suffers large drop in listeners as commercial stations begin to bite

The Guardian - Peter Waterman

Radio 1, which is now the most popular radio station in the UK, has suffered a significant drop in listeners as commercial stations begin to bite. According to the latest ratings, Radio 1's share of the audience has fallen from 25.7% in March to 22.7% in May.

The reason for this decline is thought to be the increasing competition from commercial stations, which are now offering a wider variety of music and programming. Many of these stations are targeting specific age groups and demographics, which has made it more difficult for Radio 1 to maintain its audience.

The drop in listenership is particularly concerning for Radio 1, which has been the dominant force in UK radio for many years. The station has traditionally been popular with younger listeners, but this demographic is now turning to other stations for their music.

Despite the drop, Radio 1 remains the most listened-to station in the UK, with over 13 million listeners per week. However, the station will need to find new ways to attract and retain its audience if it is to remain competitive in a rapidly changing media landscape.