WOOW  1340 Jan. 8, 1996  0100-0130
WARM  590  Jan. 8, 1996  0130-0200
WPP1  1330 Jan. 13, 1996  0445-0600
WWLS  640  Jan. 15, 1996  0100-0200
KBOZ  1090  Jan. 15, 1996  0230-0330
WANM  1070  Jan. 20, 1996  0300-0330
KLYT  1460  Jan. 23, 1996  0230-0330
KWYK  640  Feb. 3, 1996  0400-0430
KYAK  650  Feb. 4, 1996  0400-0500
HCTY  690  Feb. 4, 1996  0100-0115
WTCY  0400  Feb. 10, 1996  0200-0230
WNNC  1230  Feb. 12, 1996  0000-1200
WBSR  1450  Feb. 17, 1996  0100-0200
WFNR  710  Feb. 18, 1996  0015-0100
WIRC  650  Feb. 19, 1996  0000-0123
WDLV  770  Feb. 19, 1996  0100-0130
KCSR  610  Feb. 24, 1996  0200-0230
KVNU  610  Feb. 25, 1996  0230-0300

**CPC Test Calendar**

From the publisher ... Thanks to all who sent Christmas cards and kind words this past year. I sincerely appreciated your thoughts. We bid farewell to DDXD-East columnist Dave Braun, who had to type up one of his longest columns ever (and no gold watch for your retirement, hi!). Replacing him will be Dave Yocis (just the last name, hi!), who has had some prior experience in substitute column editing; he took over Musings while Ernie Cooper was recuperating from surgery some years back. So, effective immediately, please send DDXD-East submission to Dave Yocis at the new address on page 4.

From Wayne Heinen ... Wayne Heinen has discovered that some members have been sending DXXD updates which are based on the old 15th edition, thus causing him some undue work, as these corrections have already been made. Worse, the "corrections" have taken up significant space in DXN. So Wayne cautions all not to send in any updates unless they have been verified against the information already in the 16th edition of the Log.

From the DXAS Editor ... Fred Vobbe announces Assignment Aircheck - January 1996 - "Ladies On The Air". A mono C-90 (#AA001) is now available for $10.00 from the National Radio Club’s Publication Center, P.O. Box 164, Mannsville NY 13661-1064 USA. Please add $2.26 if it’s being sent outside the United States. Included are, from KSAN-FM, Terri King; WNDU-AM, Chaz Kelly; CHAB-AM, Tia Daniels; WIAL-AM, "Passion Phones"; WMAG-FM, Laura Sosnaga; WZOQ-FM, Chris Conner; WOMP-FM, Cindy Taylor; WTMX-FM, Kathy Hart; WFDU-FM, Carole Beaugard.

Welcome to these new members ... Lance M. Thomas, Airdrie, Alberta; Sam Taylor KE4MJA, Montgomery, AL; Edward A. Conner, Murray, IA; Robert Nickels KEOT, Freeport, IL; Jim Valentine, Tigard, OR; and Richard F. Aubrey WZSSX, MD, Bayside, NY.

From the DX Editor ... 50 years ago ... from the January 12, 1946 DXN: Dick Cooper, Kittanning, PA, and Joe Enq Brooklyn, NY, received wire letters from WAL-W550 Greenland for reports of their Dec. 11 DX program; Al Haley, Highland Falls, NY, logged HJAF-124 and HJAT-1275. 25 years ago ... from the January 9, 1971 DXN: Norm Maguire’s Supremacy Ratings for international DX, with Len Kruse, Iowa, at the top with 4,035 total veries, followed by Bill Stone, Ontario, with 3,910; Norm Maguire, New Mexico, with 2,840; Gene Allen, California, 2,715; and Stewart Drake, Pennsylvania, with 2,400.

10 years ago ... from the January 6, 1985 DXN: Don Erickson’s DXJA listed Robert Kramer, Chicago, at the top with 2,164 domestic stations taped, followed by Karl Forth, Chicago, 1077; Jerry Zarek, Youngstown, OH, 1018; Mike Knitter, Cambridge, WI, 935; and John Malicky, Pittsburgh, 845.
CALL LETTER CHANGES

810 WWRQ GA Hahira WTHV
1020 WAOP FL Kendall WRBF* (New call)
1020 KASR OK Perry KVCS
1190 WLAZ FL Royal Palm Beach WNSF
1240 WEZK TN Knoxville WIMZ
1280 WIBB GA Macon WQTK
1450 WCCI MI Jackson WBMJ
1460 WBAN IL Rantoul WJCI
1470 WHWM OH Toledo WCLR
1520 KRJH TX Hallettsville KHTL
1600 WRBN GA Warner Robins WTRK
1600 WBBD WV Wheeling WOZH

*Note: WAOP/WRBF-1020 is a CP for a new station (see below) that was assigned WAOP from the sequential call pool; that call was never used on the air as the station is unbuilt. WBBD-1600 change to WOHZ makes official what we reported in Issue 11.

APPLICATION FOR NEW STATION
990 VA Richmond: 10000/5000 U4 (would replace facility of of WTMM which has been silent since 1994).

GRANT FOR NEW STATIONS
1020 FL Kendall: 8900/980 U4 (the application for this station was dismissed last year, but the applicant was successful in getting it reinstated in 9/95 – see Issue 4 – and now it has been granted).

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES
950 WXYL IN Indianapolis: night power to 250 watts
1060 WRIV MA Natick: day and CH powers to 50000 watts
1120 KCLE TX Cleburne: to 1140 kHz with 1000/1000 U2
1140 KJSA TX Mineral Wells: to 1120 kHz with 250 D1
1250 WREN KS Topeka: powers to 15000/3500 U4, city of license to Kansas City, MO, relocate the main studio and transmitter site

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES
880 WBAJ SC Blythewood: to 890 kHz with 11000 (900 CH)/1 U1 (that's right, 1 watt at night; this is an unbuilt CP for a new station in suburban Columbia, SC).
1050 KBLE WA Edwardsville: 500/250 (380 CH) U7 (reinstatement and modification of cancelled CP)
1080 WRYT IL Seattle: night power to 440 watts, relocate transmitter site
1390 WFIW IL Fairfield: powers to 710/73
1550 WRHC FL Coral Gables: to 1560 kHz with 45000/44000 U4 (reinstatement of cancelled CP)

OTHERNESS
630 KNRC NV Reno: silent station is ON THE AIR.
670 KLDC CO Commerce City: new station has been heard testing.
730 WSTT GA Thomasville: silent station is ON THE AIR (again).
810 WJQ WI Tomahawk: power is only 1000 watts, not 10000 as shown in the Log, MS), and elsewhere (now their AP for 980 watts makes more sense). This info in a letter from the station.
910 KAMD AR Camden: station is SILENT.
960 WREU SC Beaufort: station is SILENT.
1070 WBZ NY Plattsburgh: station no longer relays WKDR-1390.
1100 KDRY TX Alamo Heights: now relays programming from KCTA-1030 Corpus Christi, TX.

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

1110 KJIT WA Oak Harbor: station is SILENT (and phone service has been disconnected).
1150 WGBN PA New Kensington: station is SILENT (fire destroyed their studio and transmitter, termed a total loss).
1150 WJZZ SC Orangeburg: station is silent.
1200 WRKK PA Hughesville: silent station (as WMRE-1190) is ON THE AIR and has moved to this frequency with 10000/250 U4, relays WRAK-1400 Williamsport, PA. Manager Jim Dabney reports WRKK is presently operating daytime only.
1230 KWYZ WA Everett: station is SILENT (the Country Gold Network fed from KJUN-1450 has apparently gone down the tubes, and all stations which relayed this programming are off the air; you'll find more below. It appears that KJUN itself remains on).
1270 WYKY KY Louisville: station is SILENT.
1280 KTOL WA Lacey: station is SILENT (see 1230 above).
1330 KENU WA Enniscowen: station is SILENT (see 1230 above).
1450 WIBM MI Jackson: silent station (as WCCI) is scheduled to be ON THE AIR by the time this reaches you.
1540 KBLV WA Bellevue: station is SILENT (see 1230 above).
1570 WBEE IL Harvey: application for 2000 watt day power DENIED.
1590 KIRS NY Sun Valley: station is SILENT.
1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth: station is ON THE AIR. In the latest edition of Popular Communications the author of their BCB column claims to have interviewed owner John Quinn and reported that WJDM would drop the 1530 kHz operation as soon as the 1660 was up and running. This obviously is wrong as they are now simulcasting on 1530/1660 in the daytime as Mr. Quinn told us and as reported here. We can't imagine why they would spend kilobucks on an elaborate diplex filter arrangement so both transmitters could operate simultaneously if they didn't plan to run them both. A format change for 1660 is anticipated in the new year.

THANKS: Andy Rugg, Chris Cuomo, Ed Krejny, Robert Pote, and MSJ

Well, the FCC along with most of the federal government is shut down again, so this will probably be the last AM Switch until FCC information is flowing again. My question: after these “non-essential” employees return from their “vacation” they will get paid for the time they were off; why not just have them work???? (My question: How long will the voters in this country allow the perpetrators of this disgrace to remain in office?? 73)

Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman
Note: If you live in DDXD-E territory (see map above) please send your contributions to new editor David Yocis - 203 East Avenue - Norwalk, CT 06855-1299, or to 73564.203@compuserve.com

1420 Radio

MEDIUM WAVE MUSINGS

Shawn: "More fun for the three of us. The weather was good with overnight lows of only -10°C, so off we went." Rick notes he will be hosting a GMT in South Bend, Indiana the weekend of March 15-17. So, those of you within a stone’s throw of the Golden Dome, be sure to check it out. It’s good to hear from Bob Mielcarek of Milwaukee again. Been a long time between stuff this time, as always. So don’t miss a word! Thanks to the following folks for keeping me busy doing the column and off the streets and out of the malls!

Re: The Bob Flanders Contest: 1680 experimental station in Bluff City, Tennessee. Dave Schmidt (out East) sends word that the KDJF experimental station in Bluff City, Tennessee resumed back in November when a new satellite setup was installed to replace the temporary stick used since the hurricane. CE is Michael Friedlander. (DDX-D-HI)

Getting to such a regular logging. Except at my house, hi.

Note to E-Mailers (and some reporting via regular mail): When quoting, please put that data in quote marks (“ ”) so I can decipher things heard from your remarks. Sometimes I can’t tell.

Dave Schmidt (out East) sends word that the 1680 experimental station in Bluff City, Tennessee is up and running. So there’s another one to watch for!

After a two-week lay-off, we’re back with a vengeance, and weekly until March. Lot’s of good stuff this time, as always. So don’t miss a word! Thanks to the following folks for keeping me busy doing the column and off the streets and out of the malls!

Reporters

SA-MB
Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg (2x) ICOM R-70 / filter mods and PLAM board + 4 box loop / Quantum Loop / 100 lw

MB-DXP
Manitoba DX Pedition [Shawn Axelrod, Wayne McRae, Lorne Chestnutl, Valhalla Beach - 2 ICOM IC-R70s with filter mods and PLAM boards, Grundig 700; 12 long wires and beverages in various directions

ND-A1
Rick Dau Spirit Lake Kenwood R-1000 + Radio West Loop

ND-A2
Rick Dau Oakland GE digital clock radio

PM-HI
Patrick Mason Milliken Drake R8, AOR Active Loop coupled to homemade 1 ft loop. <newlife@pixii.com>

DS-TN
Doug Smith Pleasant View Internet news

SB-IL
Steven Branch Champaign GE Superadio III <branch@ccc.ccc.com>

FA-1D
Frank Aden Boise (2x) modified FRG-7, modified TRF, Sony SRF-42 AM

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KL-WI
Kent Winrich Waukesha (2x) Clarion car radio, Superadio III <kent.winrich@industry.net>

KDF-IL
Karl Firth Chicago Drake R8, Icom IC R70, Hammerlund HQ-160, spiral loop, LW

CG-HA
Charlie Garahan Thibodaux (2x) Superadio, Collins R9390A

WM-WI
Bob Mielcarek Milwaukee ICOM R70A, Palomar Loop

NH-MT
Nancy Hardy Billings Icom IC-R71A

CB-CO
Craig Barnes Wheat Ridge

BK-CA
Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale NC-183D and 4 box loop

WH-CO
Wayne Heinen Aurora (2x) R-390A with 4 box loop and KIWA MAP Unit <nrcl@fiblink.com>

WH-OR
Wayne Heinen Aurora 1992 Ford Tempo [no radio, just the Tempo, hi - Ed.]

GH-KS
Gary Houdek Munden GE Superadio

JW-OR
John Wilkins Wheat Bread Drake R-8 + 4 ft box loop

JW-OR
Jack Woods Waldport (2x) Lowe Europa, ALN-1 Untuned loop, Martens loop.
2200-50, then a very abrupt cut in power and totally disappeared for the rest of the night. Fist call: an ID from this one. Must have been a running 5-10,000 watts as was up to 5-9 or better on the ICOM meter. (SA-MB)

UNID and UNID HELP

536 UNID ?? - 12/11 1920 - Ad for a remote from Top Audio from 5 til 9 416-521-6134. Ad for Chris Sheppard Pirate RadioTapes. 20 Minutes after 7 (Eastern time). Now Morty Carey at 536. This couldn’t be CIAO, could it??? (KW-WI)

[Toronto’s Area Code is 416... so maybe - Ed.]

700 UNID ?? - 12/11 1836 - With Rush Limbaugh. Any Ideas??? First time I have heard anything other than WLV here. (KW-WI) [According to the Rush list I got off his Web site, SVE-TX is the only 700 carrying his show, and do carry it from 3-6 PM Eastern daily - Ed.]

830 UNID ?? - 12/05 0736 - Heard two or three stations during KHVHI silence, one with country, one with news-talk which would be the usual KCUV-760 image (generated by KCUV sharing the tower of QM649), and one with Mexican music heard briefly at 0802. Het de 828 kHz. (DP-HI)

UNID ?? - 12/11 1707 - Dave Ellis on The New Cotton Country 8-30. Rumor Has it, She as You, ad for Cotton Country Christmas Treasure Hunt. Woke Up to Say Goodbye, Time is 4 12 (Central Time). You Look Better Than Money in the Bank. I called KBOA, and they said it wasn’t them. Who is this???? (KW-WI) [’96 logo KOTC-MO uses Cotton Country as a slogan. And lists KBOA as being on 1540. I think you called the wrong station - Ed.]

870 WWL LA ?? - 12/10 2131 - Poor, under WWL, with a religious program and man preaching the Gospel. Heard an address of ‘Box 100, Chattanooga, Tennessee’. Antenna pointed south and west. (SA-MB) [KIEV has some REL programming. - Ed.]


990 UNID ?? - 11/27 0900 - Noted CBC English news. Would assume CBW but ’95 log states that they go off at 0210. Help? (PM-HI) [It was probably CBW, as the CBC biggies (CBM, CBW, CBK) have been 24 hours for several months, some relaying worldwide services of international broadcasters (BBC, ABC, etc) - Ed.]

1280 UNID ?? - 11/12 0620 - Good, with C&W music off the bird, but an ID that sounded like ‘W’. Looping WSW-ENE. Faded, of course, during commercial time. Who is this???? (RC-HA)

1610 UNID ?? - 12/16 2219 - Poor, with man testing a station and counting 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 with a long 5 and 1 at the end of the counts. Also heard 12/9 0812 with same test. (SA-MB)

TIS KY ?? - 12/2 1907 - Poor, with a man and woman talking about Yellowstone and ‘the geyser’, and a mention to tune to 1490 for local info. (MBDXP)

1630 UNID ?? - 12/16 2155 - Poor-to-very poor, with some sort of REL program. Is this the Florida station that has been reported? (SA-MB)

DX and Equipment Tests

590 WVLK+ KY Lexington - 12/18 0230 - Weak, in QRM, with CIDs. Nothing else noted. (JW-CO)

590 WVLK+ KY Lexington - 12/18 0230 - Good-to-poor, with several voice IDs copied. (CGH-SA)

WVLK- KY Lexington - 12/18 0230-0300 - Nothing heard that might have been a station testing. Did hear KUGN Voice of the Ducks and KAQQ. (BK-CA) Nothing heard. (FA-ID)

730 WJYM+ OH Bowling Green - 11/27 0008 - Snuck through with CIDs. (RD-IA1)

WJYM+ OH Bowling Green - 11/27 0008 - Nothing heard, but CKDM and XEX. (SA-MB) Test not heard through WGN slop. Their predecessor has been heard here on RS, so this one should have made it, if on. (KDF-HL)

770 WCGW- KY Nicholasville - 12/18 0100-0130 - Nothing heard that might have been a station testing. Just KOB and KCBC alternating, sometimes neither present.


1190 WDCS- NY Cokeskiel - 11/20 0000 - Not heard. Only WOWO and CSFL. (SA-MB)

1350 WGDN- MI Gladwin - 12/18 0030-0045 - Nothing heard that might have been a station testing. KCKC was loud and clear with KSBO in the background. (BK-CA) Not heard. Just KRNT, KDF and KCKC. (JW-CO) Nothing heard. (FA-ID) Not heard. Only KRNT and WTOU. (SA-MB)

1460 WIXN+ IL Dixon - 12/14 0130-0230 - Terrific signal for most of the test. Heard TTS, lengthy CIDs, and various 60s TV theme songs. (RD-IA1)

WIXN+ IL Dixon - 12/14 0130-0230 - Heard CIDs, weak but audible. No noticeable signal change during period (they were supposed to go ND from 0200 to 0230. (FA-ID)

1590 WPWA- PA Chester - 12/11 0000-0100 - Nothing heard, as expected. (FA-ID) Test not heard by me in Alaska. (KDF-HL) Nothing heard. (FA-ID) Not heard. Only KVCB and WGNX. This continues last year’s trend of not hearing a 1590 test. (SA-MB)

Tis & Other Stuff

520 TVX ?? - 12/11 0039 - Code ID only. (JW-CO)

530 TIS ID Area - Near here, at junction of US 20 and US 26. Idaho Statesman reports Idaho Nuclear Engineering Lab (INEL) is now running this 3-minute tape. No sign of it here, so far. (FA-ID)

1610 TIS IL Chicago - 12/3 2200 - Fair, with info from the Illinois DOT and phone number 1-800-452-IDOT. (MBDXP)

WFTT944 KS Bonner Springs - 12/3 2350 - Good, with same info as WTED455: woman doing weather forecast, then man IDing as ‘You’re listening to Kansas Travel Authority’s Traveler’s Advisory Radio broadcast at 1610 kHzYour on your AM dial, under the call sign WFTT944 at Bonner Springs, Kansas. New. (MBDXP)

WFTT944 KS Bonner Springs - 12/16 2100 - Poor, fading in and out, with info on the Kansas Turnpike. First time from Winnipeg. (SA-MB)

WTED455KS Emporia - 12/3 2147 - Good, IDing as WTED455 Emporis Kansas Travel Advisory Radio. This was in and out for the evening and most of the next morning as late as 0940. At times, we could hear both, just out of sync with a weird echo effect. New. (MBDXP)

WQNP956 NE Lincoln - 12/2 1811 - Fair, with info on I-80 and the Lincoln area. (MBDXP)

TIS MT Hardin - 12/16 2222 - Fair, with info on the Yellowstone Dam. First time in Winnipeg, but this guy has the potential to be a pest on 530. If it makes it on the loop and not just the Beverages at the Valhalla DX site. (SA-MB)

1641.95 MIN MN Aitken - 11/27 0153 - MedFer beacon, coming in fair. (SA-MB)

1690 STLMO MO St Louis - 12/2 2118 - Poor, with Morse code ID and address. If anyone has the whole address, we’d appreciate any info as we couldn’t copy all the info. (MBDXP)

Midnight to 800 Hours ELT

560 KSFO CA San Francisco - 11/24 0606 - Good, with news, weather and local mentions in the midst of 590/570 slop, then Art Bell show. (PM-HI)

650 COKM SK Saskatchewan - 12/12 0700 - With ID as COKM, Saskatoon's Super Station, then local news and weather with temperature at minus 26. Fair signal. (GHD-KS)

670 KWXI AR Glenwood - 11/22 0745 - Good, with sign-on, under Chicago’s Big MAQ. (RD-IA1)

720 WGN IL Chicago - 11/24 0643 - Poor-to-fair, with morning show, mentions of Palatine Hobby Shop. Being from Illinois, I recognized the city, and called the station to verify - indeed it was them! IL #1 from HI. 11/24 0714 back in with Chicago weather -- they called me back one minute later and put me on the air for almost five minutes. Yesterday, 12/8 I received a nice QSL card and letter from them. (PM-HI)

KDFW NV Las Vegas - 11/24 0700 - Excellent, with local ads, news and KDFW Las Vegas ID. WGN way behind, if there at all. (PM-HI)

730 CKLG BC Vancouver - 11/19 0332 - Fair-to-good, with ID and ads for upcoming shows. (PM-HI)
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1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

540 CBK SK Regina - 12/11 1916 - Report of Children fighting wars. AK-47 can be bought for $8 in Africa. Canada has not produced land mines since 1982. (KW-WI)

590 WOW NE Omaha - 12/12 1959 - Canned ID at 1959:35 as The 24-hour news center, WOW Omaha-Council Bluffs, the news leader. Then live announcer with News at 7 is brought to you by the Iowa Feed and Grain Company. Fair, in QRM. (JW-CO)

600 WREC TN Memphis - 12/12 1960 - Traffic, call ID program notes. Not often heard. Fair, with ads and ID during Denver Bronco football.

610 KFRC CA San Francisco - 11/27 2355 - Poor, with ads and ID. (PM-HI)

620 WAZK AL Birmingham - 12/4 1739 - The Home of today's hot country, then ads for Alabama Title Loans and Office Max. (CG-LA)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 11/22 1945 - Someone forgot to cut power. In, loud and clear, with call-in show asking for Georgia Tech jokes. Called them, and they thanked me for saving them an FCC fine. (BM-WI)

680 KNBR CA San Francisco - 11/27 2350 - With sports talk and IDs, in KQMQ slot. (PM-HI)

744 WKNX KY Newburgh - 12/5 2020 - High school basketball on CNN AM 680 ID. (BM-WI)

780 KSPI OK Stillwater - 12/5 1908 - Sports, emphasizing Oklahoma State University. 1912 ads. 1813 weather. 1814:40 sign-off by female mentioning address as 315 West 9th Avenue, power of 250 watts, 780 kHz, transmitter location. Fair-to-good... QRM-free. (JW-CO)

790 WTSK AL Tuscaloosa - 11/15 2316 - ID of We don't just remember your Solid Gold Classic, we play them 24 hours a day. (BM-WI)

800 WEAQ WI Eau Claire - 127 2035 - With local weather and Here on AM 790, WEAQ. NOS format. (CB-CO)

830 KOTC MO Kennett - 11/26 1731 - Good, in WCCO null, with ID as The Boot heel's first choice... (RD-IA1)

870 WMTL KY Leitchfield - 11/24 1725 - Poor, with local ads. (BM-WI)

890 WMAK NE Laramie - 11/26 1715 - Good, with CLA music interlude after NPR program, then suddenly gone as if because of a power cut or pattern change, even though Log lists no pause. No ID, but there's nobody else on 870 with NPR format. (RD-IA1)

900 KAAN MO Bethany - 12/4 1730 - Local ads, KAAN Country News ID. (BM-WI)

960 KZIM MO Cape Girardeau - 11/26 1705 - When news breaks, you're there with the newsmakers, 960 KZIM. (BM-WI)

970 KNFX MN Austin - 11/25 1703 - Fair-to-poor, with Minnesota news, then C&W music that was / KMFQ 1190. New. (SA-MB)

990 WWCM WI Ypsilanti - 12/11 1855 - Here on WCM. (KW-WI)

1000 KKMM NM Albuquerque - 12/15 1859 - Ad for a Christmas play. 1900:25 ID as New Mexico's best source for Christian talk radio, AM 1000 KKIM Albuquerque-Santa Fe, then into talk program. Good for a couple of minutes. (JW-CO)

1010 KSIR CO Brush - 11/26 1727 - Great signal, with KSIR Brush ID during Denver Bronco football / KOA, KRVN and an unID on 1030. (RD-IA1)

1030 KFAY AR Farmington - 12/11 1727 ELT - Razorback Basketball Talk with Nolan Richardson. Video for Razorback Football Fans 800-237-6643 by ABSN Home Video. (KW-WI)

1060 KFIL MN Preston - 11/25 1723 - Poor, under KGFX, with a time check and talk of Preston. Then into C&W music. (SA-MB)

1080 KSCO CA Santa Cruz - 12/8 1925 - Good, with call show, ID, into Business News. ID as KSCO Monterey Bay. (JW-OR)

1100 WTCI CT Hartford - 12/1 1741 - Detail weather report. AM Ten-Eighty WTCI ID. NEW. (DE-MO)

1190 KINGI WA Seattle - 11/27 2333 - Tentative, with C&W mx, Christmas music and K-106 (or something similar) IDs. Didn't match the '95 log format, but ad for a local business off of Highway 101 in Shelton pointed to them (that city is near Tacoma/Olympia). Do we have verification of a new format here? (PM-HI)

1160 WAQE WI Rice Lake - 12/2 1715 - C&W music, complete ID. Over KAAY in KAAY's null. NEW. (DE-MO)

1200 WTWZ MS Clinton - 12/17 2128 - CCM music. Nice sounding jingle. First time I was ever able to null KMOX. Thanks to John Tudenhagen for phone tip. NEW. (DE-MO)

1300 WLBA GA Gainesville - 12/1 2203 - Between WSNW/WBRB, tentative EE ID by female announcer, SS music, ads for local businesses (Coldwell Banker), but no Gainesville mentions heard. (KDF-IL)

1310 WAKK MS McBroom - 11/29 1750 - ID as 1140 Solid Soul, then ads for sale at Stage, Day Motors. (CG-LA)

1370 WRVA VA Richmond - 11/23 1845 - Lou Dean's Newsroom program. Good-to-poor. (CG-LA)

1410 WPIE NY Trumansburg - 11/17 1741 - Local ads, ID as Your friends in the Finger Lakes. (BM-WI)
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WBSL MS Bay St. Louis - 12/8 1823 - Customs of Christmas program. (CG-IA)

KBSS WA Auburn - 12/18 1855 - Excellent, with oldies and KBSS Oldies 97.3 ID at :00. Nulling KREW, which was even on signal strength. New. [Ed.-ID]*

WAXO TN Lewisburg - 12/2 2107 - Fair-to-good, with Cornersville-Chapel Hill high school basketball, ID, local ads. Another new one. (KDFD-FL)


KTFI ID Twin Falls - 12/8 1826 - Fair, with ID, to NOS, Laura. (JW-OR)

WQKR TN Portland - 12/1 2028 - With Portland-Macon County high school basketball, local ads, Panther Spotlight post game show, several IDs. New, for #1230 from Tennessee (KDFD-FL)

KPTL NV Carson City - 12/19 1706 - Good, with ID, mentioned Carson Valley, into NOS. (JW-OR)

WVHI IN Evansville - 11/22 1844 - Atop briefly, with nice ID: Christian music from the heart of downtown Evansville, 1330 WVHI. (RV-VA)

KIDS MO Springfield - 11/23 2221 - Rose out of the mess in time for a Branson Information Radio ID. I would guess, then, that this guy's calls are now KBBR, but is the city-of-license still officially Springfield? Or has that changed, too? (RD-IA2) [AM Switch has only said (Issue 11) that their slogan is as you heard, but as of a CL or city-of-license change -- uh-uh -- Ed.]

KXEL MT Butte - 12/19 1826 - Fair-to-good, with ID, for Gold Rush Casino in "historic old town Butte". (JW-OR)

KSOP UT South Salt Lake -12/9 1813 - Good, with clear ID through the crowd, into C&W. (JW-OR)

KUVR NE Holdredge - 12/14 1759 - Program note for high school basketball Right here on your sports connection, 97.7 FM KUVR . . . . Good, with KJME-1390 splatter. (JW-CO)

KCLK WA Goldendale 12/19 1900 - Good with ads for a building supply, Goldendale Les Schwab Tire Store, a jewelry store which sounded like "Joe's".

KXKU KS Leavenworth -12/16 1829 - Punched through briefly with announcer giving phone numbers: . . . 724-2020 in the Kansas City area, then 727-1410. The latter matches NBC Log listing. Faded, but heard a few minutes later with weather and call ID, then phone numbers again in talk show. New, for KS #48. (JW-CO)

WOC IL Davenport - 12/11 1753 - Ad for LW Bedding, 16th Ave and Locust Street in Davenport. WOC ID. (KW-WI)

WCMY IL Ottawa - 12/12 1754 - Poked up just with ID of WCMY. Under WMY$.

WJII NY Niagara Falls - 12/11 1800 - This is 1440 WJII, Old time Rock N Roll, The true voice of Greater New York. Called station to confirm. Announcer told me that they were running 76 watts (not 55 as stated in NRC log. (KW-WI)

KDMI IA Des Moines - 12/9 2000 - And now, Drake Bulldog basketball on Regional Radio KSMI, Des Moines. Here with all the action, Carl Walters. Fair, over/under QRM. (JW-CO)

KMPG GA Hollister - 12/14 1842 - Good, with SS music and SS ads. Mentioned Watsonville Over KPXX. (JW-OR)

KM4V ND Mayville - 11/20 1915 - Good, with / of weather forecast from a TV station in either Fargo or Grand Forks (many mentions of the latter). 94 Log lists this as silent, but it's certainly back now. (RD-IA1) [96 Log indicates C&W music, / FM 105.5 - Ed.]

KXEL IA Waterloo - 12/11 2020 - In good for about 20 minutes with NOS and Christmas tunes, and KXEL call IDs mixed in. First-timer. [Ed.-ID]

WPTW OH Piqua - 12/10 2308 - Good, with Stereo 1570, WPTW ID. (BM-WI)

WSVH VA Pennington Gap - 11/22 1730 - Poor, with local ads. Verie back in less than a week. (BM-WI)

WDAB SC Travelers Rest - 11/22 1800 - With CNN News, Newsradio AM 1580 WDAB ID. (BM-WI)

KMNQ CA Pomona - 11/28 2346 - Over/under UNID SS station (maybe KGST Fresno, any ideas?) - mentions of CA, ad for a golf expo on the Pomona Fairgrounds. (PM-HD)

WBLY OH Springfield - 12/1 1815 - Heard station promo. Called them, and was told they forgot to reduce power. Lost signal for awhile, but by 1900 they were back up. Pulling a fast on the FCC? (BM-WI)

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD


WTSK RADIO 790

DDXD-East

NEWS AND VIEWS

First off let me make a few corrections that I noted while updating my Log from the past few columns. I didn't properly credit Niel Wolfsch for his ID on WDJM on 11/13 (No. 10). That was the first report of an ID heard on the air. In No. 10 there was a report of WQTK-1280 Macon, GA adding Tom Leahy, but the new logs show 1280 as WIBB. WQXQ shown on 1400 in No. 10 is of course on 1410, and, also in No. 10, Warner Robins, GA on 1600 is listed as WITK, whereas the new logs show them as WRCC, and I show them requesting WBNN. Can anybody clarify these call situations? Looks like the weekend 1 did No. 10 was a bad one!!

Again, a warm thank you for all the kind words and holiday wishes you have offered. I'll miss the regular correspondence from everyone (my wife always said the only reason I did this job was to get mail!). Support your local DDXD editor, and don't forget to Muse too!

SPECIAL

590 CJCL ON Toronto - I believe the new Log has the wrong postal code listed, heard "M4S 3C3" announced, as it was in the old Log on 1430. (EK-OH)

610 CKTB ON St. Catharines - Received confirm via internet (htzxvn@vaxxine.com) Joe Guerney, DOE. (PGMA)

700 WWTL MD Walkersville - Is on (first noted 12/24) and is relaying WTRM, 91.3, Winchester, VA. Programming includes the Southern Light network and USA Radio Network News. (JEK-MD)

750 CKGB ON Timmins - Received confirm via internet (ckgb@net.com) Chris Rusica stated "You are the first DXer to receive a reception report from us by e-mail." (PG-MA)

880 WLQE VA Manetta - Per listing in 11/95 edition of Standard Rate and Data Service's Radio Advertising Guide, this station airs "Christmas Music from Thanksgiving to Christmas." Normally this station airs "Top 40/Pop Music Except Rock" (that sure limits it, hi)

913 WWLL MD Wakefield - I believe the new Log has the wrong postal code listed, heard "M4S 2C2" announced, as it was in the old Log on 1430. (EK-OH)
910 WFDF MI Flint – Drops BBD / NOS on 12/4 for talk, 70's oldies 0530–1400, then Gary Barbuck, Lexips, Prime Sports, keeps Pistons basketball. (TS-MI)


930 WPAT NJ Paterson – Per Usenet posts, Park Broadcasting has sold WPAT-AM FM to two different entities, both with Spanish formatted AM stations in the NYC area. 93.1 WPAT-FM goes with 620 WLXLY/97.9 WKXL, while WPAT-AM is paired up with 1280 WADO. 930 goes Spanish at the beginning of January. WPAT-AM aired Big Band and other Adult Standards (Broadway, Sounds of Sinatra show) and also carried Sports Byline USA; until last spring it was the flagship of The David & Brenner Show (the program that succeeded The Larry King Show). (TP-HI)

1000 WNLN NY Horseheads – A recent QSL from them says they are operating a backup transmitter at 1000 watts, as main transmitter burned out in June. New one is on order and are awaiting it. (DT-JAM)

1100 WGNZ OH Fairborn – Correct address is P.O. Box 1100, Dayton, OH, 45405-0879, phone is 513-454-9000. (EK-OH)

1140 WQJ NY Warsaw – V/1 notes that they are doing “engineering studies” relative to increasing output power to 5 kilowatts daytime hours. CP or just an APP? (EK-OH) (Maybe not even an application yet?) (Dic-Oh)

1280 WGBF IN Evansville – 12/5 1905 – Ad for Motorola Pagers, ID, “Sports Radio 1280” (WM-MD) (William, I think these are the calls you heard – db)

1470 WWWM OH Toledo – Heard them ID as “WLQR” during Bud Bouchard’s Night Train on 12/3. These call letters used to belong to 101.5, the FM side of WJKY. 101.5 now IDs as “WRVF The River” with AC. 1470 retains its UC format. Earlier this year Midwest Broadcasting which owns WWWM 1470/105.5 said that they had bought WSFD/WWLQ and were awaiting FCC approval. They obviously got it, prompting this exercise in musical chairs. Also ex-WOHO. (Tet-OH)

1520 WKBK NY Buffalo – Per Buffalo Evening News via posts on Internet, the station will drop talk/sports at the end of the year for CW music via satellite. This would be its third format switch in the past few years. Ironically, all the shows will be otherwise very listenable, 60's and 70's oldies and voice IDs. (EP-OH)

1550 WKQV PA Pittston – 12/22 1610-1615 – Ads for Ripples Pizza in Wilkes-Barre. ID as “AM 1550, WKQV”. Checked both the Log and DXN up to #12, but could not find anything on a call change. Ex-WARD? (RWT-MA)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth – 12/13 1815-1930 – Strong on peaks, a few deep fades but otherwise very listenable, 60's and 70's oldies and voice IDs every 10-15 minutes. NJ #1, state #37. Heard again 12/18 2000-2030 with jingles, Christmas IDs, “1660 WJDM – Welcome to the expanded band” and “The only station broadcasting in the new expanded AM band”. (TS-MI)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth – 12/14 1845-2159 – AC oldies and Christmas music with short ID after about every third song. Loud and clear with some moderate fading. (Selenium)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth – 12/14 2032 – Excellent. NOS with ID as “1660 WJDM Elizabeth” at 2038. (DC-ON)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth – 12/16 1947 – Finally, at long last, I received this station. Bill Miller’s Collectors Corner program then songs by Bobby Vinton and other various artists, ID at 2000 then ad for Shriners Hospital. Amazed at clarity of signal, first NJ heard and probably only one. Notice drops in volume and assume they are still testing. Made tape to send for verie, much QRN from UNID source 1700 but WJDM came through clear as a bell. (RCP-IN) – Good over WOW with march music, voice and code IDs. Ads for travel services, travel and “The River”. (BP-IN)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth – 12/17 1616-1700 – Very good with EE / 1530. Christmas music program Bill Miller’s Collector’s Corner. Big band / MOR music. Ads for travel tours, insurance. 1-800-375-7732 for music requests. Edgar Bergen spot. ID's at “1530 and 1660 WJDM-Elizabeth”. Called station and spoke to DJ named Bob who confirmed they were now simulcasting with 1530. Said the chief engineer was Don Neumuller. 9000 on BC AM. Looks like this one is now simulcasting with 1530 kHz most of the day and evening as I heard it 3 days in a row as from early as 1430 til sign-off at 2200. (RR-ON)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth - 12/21 20:24-21:00 – Great signal. Programming various music mostly oldies rock/pop with periodic holiday music. Frequent ID calling it ‘The first station on the new expanded AM band’. Called the station at 998-965-1550 and got QSL address as 9 Caldwell Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. Not a hard catch from my location but certainly an historical one. (SA-NJ)

1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth – 12/22 1429 – SS talk by men, music, 59+10 signal, fading to 57. First time noted during the day here, of course, first time in a while I got a chance to check... Why would they be fading during the day? (D-DE)

DX TESTS

590 WVLK KY Lexington – 12/18 0230-0300 – Good over WWW with march music, voice IDs and code IDs. Signed-off with male vocal of My Old Kentucky Home. (SF-TN)

730 WJYM OH Bowling Green – 11/27 0000-0030 – Very faint code at 0018 and 0032, hissing carrier at 0045. Not sure of this one, but thank you letter sent. Interference from CKAC and WASO. (DT-JAM)

770 WCGW KY Nicholasville – 12/18 0100-0130 – Code IDs only, thanks to WJNN remaining on day rig and making even WABC hard to hear. (SF-TN)

900 KATD CA Pittsburgh – 11/13 0300-0330 – Not heard. (DT-JAM)

1190 WDJS NY Cobleskill – 11/20 0000-0030 – Got a great copy of code, heard SSB at end of test, no voice heard, WOWO too strong. A number of people called WOWO asking about morse code, someone called from RICA and cleared things up. I mailed tape to station, received verification letter and coverage map. (RCP-IN) – Not heard. (DT-JAM)

1240 WOON RI Woonsneck – 11/20 0100-0200 – Only WMAB. (DT-JAM)

1350 WGDN MI Gladwin – 12/17 0300-0310 – Not heard. (SF-TN) – Tried but never heard anything, 1530 pretty bad at my area at this hour (RCP-IN) – Tried but unable to get in, but did hear WSVY and KRNT as new stations! There was no dominant station on the frequency. (CS-ON)

1430 WVAM PA Altoona – 11/13 0300-0500 – Heard high pitched sound rising in crescendo at beginning of test then strong groups of code, also good voce ID plus announcement of test and where to send reports. Frequent IDs and march music, local WMYS effectively nulled. Sent in tape, awaiting verification. (RCP-IN) – Only WNEL and UNID. (DT-JAM)

1470 KNXX AZ Sierra Vista – 11/30 0200-0230 – WRBQ, UNID talk and REL, no KNXN. (SF-TN)

1470 KLCL LA Lake Charles – 11/20 0330-0400 – Only WNRG. (DT-JAM)

1590 WPWA PA Chester – 12/11 0000-0030 – Heard “This is WPWA faintly under WAKR sign-off announcement. After WAKR left the air, heard several slow big-band type songs by vocalists, but the only one I could ID was As Time Goes By by a male vocalist around 0015, then I lost it (the station, not my mind). Weak to fair, much fading. (RWT-MA) ...Not heard. (SF-TN) – Tried but unable to get in, but did hear WSVY and KRNT as new stations! There was no dominant station on the frequency. (CS-ON)

1450 WVAM PA Altoona – 11/13 0300-0600 – Heard high pitched sound rising in crescendo at beginning of test then strong groups of code, also good voce ID plus announcement of test and where to send reports. Frequent IDs and march music, local WMYS effectively nulled. Sent in tape, awaiting verification. (RCP-IN) – Only WNEL and UNID. (DT-JAM)

1470 KNXX AZ Sierra Vista – 11/30 0200-0230 – WRBQ, UNID talk and REL, no KNXN. (SF-TN)

UNID and UNID HELP

520 UNID 12/17 2037-2105 – Somebody or something – was relaying WBMS-1420 with The Bruce Williams Show and local news. I rechecked the frequency at 2115, only to find that they had disappeared. (RWT-MA)

540 CBK7 SK Regina – Powerhouse here at times in early AM, carries Deutsche Welle programming, also mentions BBC and CBC network. This station has a diverse number of programs, have heard everything from discussion of top 10 hits, Hootie and the Blowfish, etc., to discussion of extraterrestrials. (RCP-IN) – Very possible CBK, but also maybe CBK7? You might want to check if it’s /1690 or so, or if it’s an hour behind then – db)

690 UNID 12/10 0030-0130 – Under CBF, EL religious talk, SS ID at 2002 “Radio ??” and back to EE REL at 2004. Maybe WPHE, but per Log SS all the time and should be off at this time, or Anguilla, but do they ID in SS? I didn’t think to check 1610. Auroral conditions. (DP-FQ) (I’m pretty sure WPHE is off at that time - db)
In a recent issue someone mentioned NC Shelby - This is the station Ye Editor heard with the "Carolina Panthers Post-Game Show" during the WJYM DX test (DXN v.63 no.12); station is listed by Charlotte Observer newspaper. (DP-HI)

RE: RWT-MA's UNID in Vol. 63, No. 7, WQJS is listed as "82-Q". (SA-MB)

RE: WKRT NY Cortland - This is the station Ye Editor heard with the "Carolina Panthers AM 1030 WNTL" ID. (CS-ON)

RE: DB-VA's UNID in Vol. 63, No. 10, there is no CB station on this frequency for anyone. (AS-MB)

In a recent issue someone mentioned DXing 1150 and hearing "National Sports Radio". It was CKOC, new Telemedia syndication. (RH-ON)

WPE NY Travestonburg - This could be DC-ON's station (DXN v.63 no 9) with NASCAR racing; its listing in SRD's Radio Advertising Guide says NASCAR is one of its many sports offerings along with Yankees baseball, Bills football and Syracuse U. games. (Then again it could be WSKW-ME Skowhegan...). (DP-HI)

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RE: DB-VA's UNID in Vol. 63, No. 10, this probably is CKOT, and yes they do ID early in morning, usually mixing with WPGC, fair. (EK-OH)

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RE: WMVP Chicago - This is usually the only station heard here day or night. (PG-MA)

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RE: WKBE WV Charleston - 12/12 0105 - Talk format, legal ID heard, received in XLXW null. (RCP-IN)

RE: WWHL PA Carlisle - 12/09 0750 - Good with local weather report and ID. Heard this while driving to work in my Plymouth Horse (my car is too old to be called a Colt). (RWT-MAI)

RE: WKDE VA Altavista - 12/18 0748 - Poor with sign-on with acapella anthem. (CS-ON)

MD Indian Head - 12/18 0755 - Fair with Indian/African music; network ID (three-letter network name starting with "A") followed by legal ID in English (something like "Washington's International Super Station AM 1030 WNTL. Indian Head"), followed by what could have been an ID in other language. (CS-ON)

MD Detroit - 11/28 0728 - Matt Johnson traffic report. Announcer Dave Taylor "sports every 1/2 hour. 28 degrees in the Motor City." Faded but was above WBBR which usually is the only station heard here day or night. (PG-MA)

VA Leesburg - 12/6 0550 - Call letter ID then commercials and talk between man and woman under WKXO and WTLA tag team. (AR-MA)

MD Cambridge - 11/16 0705 - ABC national news. Ad for contact lens "1-800-800-LENS". News with Gordon Elliot. Under WUOK. (Have received verification from Joel Scott, Op. Mgr. 375 miles per his computer atlas from my location). (PG-MA)

VA Rupert - 12/9 0631 - With ads, promo, local weather, "Your Country Connection" into satellite CW, very strong. (DS-SC)

DC Washington - 11/4 0315-0400 - NCS Jamaica Farewell, ad for Bryan Ambrosy, very poor under HDV. (DT-JAM)

DE Wilmington - 11/7 0730 - Ad for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Delaware. "Bingo Board" call 791-4900. Unusually strong with WKNC. (PG-MA)

VA Des Moines - 12/17 0045 - Poor with ID as "This is the home of the original ""Big Boy"" restaurant." (CS-ON)

OH Akron - 11/10 0321-0345 - AC music, woman announcer with ID as "WTOU 1350, The Touch", in and out with UNID, good-poor. (DT-JAM)

VA Portland - 12/17 0034 - Fair with UC/Oldies (sounded like national feed). (CS-ON)

CHVr OH Pembroke - 11/26 0040 - Ad for CTR Tire. Promo "We've Got the Valley's Weather" and "Valley Radio CHVR". Fading but above CKDO. (PG-MA)

IA Sioux City - 12/6 0030 - The Bruce Williams Show, QRM, faded. (WM-MD)

PA Roaring Spring - 12/15 0828 - With ID as "Every song's just as good as the first time you heard it. On AM 1370 WKMC."

WI South - 12/15 0718-0721 - Noted with spots for Bojangles and Roth's Furs. Fine signal, but unneeded. (EK-OH)
WEED
WAOK
WTKO
KXXL
WTGO
4:00 to 1600 ELT
19
WHLY
11/12 0808
NY
South Bend
Poor with ID as "Radio Hollywood"
1580
WNMG
11/12 1145-1155
NY
Sag Harbor
Call-in show; mentions of 92.1 and telephone number 725-2300, ID "WNGL-AM, WNGL-FM". Heavy QRM from WUNR. (RWT-MA)
1600 TO 2400 ELT
KWMT
IA
St. Dodge – 11/15 1726
CF
Fort Dodge 35 degrees
then into live stock reports, ad for North American Van Lines, legal ID then talk about grain futures. Very good. (RCP-IN)
CBT
NF
Grand Falls – 11/20 2248
Classic music, "CBC Radio...in Newfoundland" at 2259 into news. After the playing of the ad, then talk for the ?? Culture Center in St. John’s, presenting Beauty and the Beast. (DP-PQ)
WHBQ
TN
Memphis – 11/15 1743
Sports talk, legal ID, briefly in. Fair. (RCP-IN)
WNAX
SD
Yankton – 11/15 1800
CBS news with David Dow, ad for Verbal Advantage, also Hamburger Helper ad then local news with Patty Barry, excellent reception until drop in power at 1813, first SD. (RCP-IN) (Congrats!)
WDBO
FL
Orlando – 12/6 1855
ID, "Talk 580". (WM-MD)
CKAP
ON
Kapuskasing – 11/15 1753 – Ad for Chrysler’s Neon, station ID and slogan "AM 58, the sound of northern Ontario", poor. (RCP-IN)
WLVA
VA
Lynchburg – 12/13 1659-1706
Strong and dominant with promo for Sports Saturday and spot for a Mexican restauarant in Madison Heights, ID and then into CBS news, Spot for International Star Registry also noted. (EK-OH)
WRJZ
TN
Knoxville – 12/17 1756 – Fair with mention of forecast and call letter ID by man, instrumental music. (MS-ON)
WIEZ
PA
Pittsburgh - 12/10 1642 - Poor with ID as "670 WIEZ"; in WMAQ null. (CS-ON)
WCCN
GA
WINR
NY
Binghamton – 12/16 1908 – Song To Know Him is to Love Him, oldies music. (WM-MD)
WJXO
AL
Birmingham – 11/24 1738 – Sports talk show, male host and guest giving their opinions on players in NBA, also mentioned traffic report on US 31 and 459 Beltway around Birmingham. (RCP-IN)
WAOX
FL
Miami – 11/26 1925 – SS talk over WOR with call-in talk show. (WM-MD)
WJYM
OH
Bowling Green – 11/27 1733 – Ad for Holland Insurance Agency then back to Anderson Arena, Bowling Green U. vs. Heidelberg College basketball. Very good mixing with CKAC. (RCP-IN)
WLIL
TN
Lenoir City – 12/11 1800 – CW music, weak. (WM-MD)
CKAC
PQ
Montreal – 11/27 1733 – FF discussion of Toronto Blue Jays, many mentions of Quebec. Fair. (RCP-IN)
WNOQ
KY
Newport – 11/25 2334-2352 – Jazz music, woman announcer talked about numbers and then Brad Turner Quintet, fair, gone after 2352. (DT-JAM)
WABS
VA
Arlington – 12/9 1600 – Poor with slogan "Your Christian radio station" into USA radio news. (AR-MA)
WAEB
PA
Allentown – 12/6 1845 – Sports news, ESPN Radio. (WM-MD)
WTAR
VA
Norfolk – 12/11 1858 – Good with ESPN Radio mention, ads for Pitney Bowes, Prime Star satellite TV, Budget Car and Truck Rentals, Pontiac, ad mentioning "Virginia's most powerful radio station. News Talk 790 WTRAR: I would think WRVA might have something to say about that. (MS-ON) (Yeah, but they probably can’t hear 'em) – db
WSWR
IL
Chicago – 12/16 1824 – Sports format, rehash of all the days sports scores, legal ID then slogan "Sports Radio 820". Much fading with WBAI nulled. (RCP-IN)
WADU
LA
Norco – 12/4 1809-1840 – In well with SS programming, many spots noted, but only A&T understood! Full call ID at 1831, also Christmas greetings. ID as "Radio Monumental". Heard as late as 2002-2012 with occasionally S9 signal, and all alone that same night – WCCO easily looped. (EK-OH)
WBKZ
GA
Jefferson - 12/11 1710 - Noted sign-off very weak, under WCBS, also QRM from KGGT. (EK-OK)

900
CHML
ON
Hamilton - 12/6 2035 - Weather forecast, ID, mention of Ontario, “News Radio 900” under and over WCPS with ad for Gold Bond Pouter. Also 12/12 2240 - With The Laura Schlessinger Show. ID (WM-MD)

CJBR
QC
Rimouski - 12/10 1700 - Good signal way over CHML and UNID REL station. ID as both “Radio Canada” and “CJBR Radio” followed by woman with CBC news. All in FF. (AR-ON)

910
WFDF
MI
Flint - 12/12 2155 - Nostalgia music underneath UNID talk, faded. (WM-MD) (William, see TS-MI's report in Special - db)

WSBA
PA
York - 12/4 1655 - Poor and very fadey, ad for a hospital and a talk show. Noted call “WSBA”, not heard in years. (WW-MA)

920
WIRC
NY
Lake Placid - 12/9 2140 - Weather forecast, mention of PM, Lake Placid. (WM-MD)

WOKY
WI
Milwaukee - 12/16 1815 - Nostalgia music, mention of Christmas, PSA about breast cancer. (WM-MD)

CJCH
NS
Halifax - 12/11 1718 - Noted “CJCH” call in ad for Teddy Bear’s Canadian News, weather said 65 centimeters of snow on ground. Call “9-20 CJCH.” (WM-MA)

930
WPAT
NJ
Paterson - 12/11 1652 - NJ traffic report for “FM 93” and Police song Every Breath You Take. ID as “WPAT 93.1 Paterson”, good audio for awhile mixing with NewsTalk 990 WBBR. (DP-PQ)

950
KXJK
AR
Forest City - 12/16 1749 - AC music, song Midnight Train to Georgia, Aika Selitzer ad, ID then back to American Gold show with Paul Revere and the Raiders tune, fair with WXLW nulled. (RCP-IN)

KYGO
CO
Denver - 12/17 1945 - CW music, weak under WWJ with talk. (WM-MD) (FM-CO) KXJKQYGO is now KPIN with sports talk - db

WTAR
VA
Norfolk - 12/10 1745 - Gasoline ad, ID “News Talk 950”, Redkins vs. Giants NFL game. (WM-MD). (Wiliam, don’t know who this would be, but unsure. New here.)

990
WWCM
MI
Ypsilanti - 12/9 2026 - REL format, legal ID and slogan “WWCM, your Christian station” briefly in under CBW, poor. (RCP-IN)

CBY1
NF
Corner Brook - 11/20 2324 - Classical music, “...on CBC Radio” at 2330, CBC jingle at 0000 into news, weather at 0004, no clues, but more probable than WNSW. Even with partially nulled CKWS at some moments. (DP-PQ)

1000
CKBW
NS
Bridgeport - 12/11 1713 - Strong signal throughout overpowering WMVP, ID “More hit country CKBW.” (WW-MA)

1010
WOLB
MD
Baltimore - 12/3 1705-1712 - Heard with phone-in REL talk show, listeners “giving testament”, after losing WSPC. Tough, with much QRM from WINS and CJBR. Only fair signal. (EK-OK)

WSPC
NV
Albemarle - 12/16 1625-1645 - Logged for the first time with talk weather, IDs til 1700 when lost (power cut?). (EK-OK)

1030
WNTL
MD
Indian Head - 12/12 1625-1645 - Couldn’t believe how strong this was, listened until sign-off with near “armchair” copy! Way over WWB and no sign of WQIV. Anybody ever verify this guy? (EK-OK)

KCTA
TX
Corpus Christi - 12/14 1823 - REL format, received with WBZ nulled, preacher asking that age old question, “Are you saved?” fair with fading and QRM from WBZ, listened until sign-off at 1829. (RCP-IN)

1040
WYFX
FL
Boynton Beach - 12/4 1716-1724 - Logged until lost to QSB and QRM from WHO. UC music. Believe it may have been mixed in with WMTX a little later, but unsure. New here. (EK-OK)

WSGH
NC
Lewisville - 12/5 1648 - Ad for LifeLine long distance phone service, call letter ID then CW Gospel tune. (AR-MA)

WJTB
OH
North Ridgeville - 11/20 1701 - Some type of Gospel music, ID at 1704 in jumble. (DP-PO)

1070
CBA
NB
Moncton - 12/4 1723 - Good signal with CBC news mixing with CHOK. (WW-MA)

CHOK
ON
Sarnia - 12/4 1724 - Very good signal over CBA with oldies Kentucky Woman, Do the Freddie. ID “Merry Christmas – CHOK” sung by chorus. (WW-MA)

CHOK
ON
Sarnia - 12/11 2022 - ID “CHOK Good Time Oldies”, heard song I Feel Good by James Brown. I can receive this station late nights and AM by merely turning radio and nulling local WIBC. (RCP-IN)

1110
WNWN
NH
Salomon - 11/19 1900 - Signing-off “This concludes another broadcast day of WNNW...11-10 kiloHertz with an effective radiated power of 5000 watts. Broadcast facilities are located on Heaven’s Road in NH, New Hampshire.” International SSB, PSR.(MO-ON)

1120
WXKW
PA
Oil City - 12/10 1654 - Fair with mention of “Hometown Radio Network” and “here on 1220 KQW”. (MS-ON)

WXCE
TN
Maryville - 12/16 0831-0840 - Believed to be the station noted here until lost abruptly (sign-off?). Severe QSB and QRM from KMOX. possibly an ET since listed as daytime only without psra. (EK-OK)

1140
CBS
NS
Sydney - 12/1 1630 - CBC news. Good but fadey signal. Not always heard here. (WW-MA) (Never heard here! - db)

1150
WSPZ
AL
Tuscaloosa - 12/15 1751 - Ad for Alabama Book Store, and for Alpha Insurance Agency, then CBS news with David Dow, fair in mess. (RCP-IN)

WDEL
DE
Wilmington - 12/1 1819 - Traffic report mentioning Wilmington, weather at 1823 “Checking WDEL official weather channel” giving details, “right now 43 degrees at the weather station, AM 1150, WDEL.” Usual CJRC under aura. First DE. (DP-PQ) (Congrats! - db)

WHUN
PA
Huntington - 12/1 1635 - Fair-poor signal for a minute or two with country music and call “WHUN”, soon gone. First time logged. (WW-MA)

1160
WJID
IL
Chicago - 12/3 2125 - “WJID” faintly heard at 2125 with “Talk Line” fading in and out the following hour, weather at 2200. In mess with WSKW, WYNs, WCSS and others, but no usual dominant WPIE. (DP-PQ)

WCAS
PA
Homer City - 12/17 1722 - Up and over with mention of “The Oldies Attic”, “1160 WCSS, your station for the holidays”, spots for low income assistance program, The Beer Institute, and mentions of Indiana County. “Local news comes first 8 times a day” into Surfin’ Safari by The Beach Boys. Fair for 1000 watts. (RH-ON)

KSL
UT
Salt Lake City - 12/3 2129 - Utah’s number one news and talk...KSL News Radio 11-60 into news (maybe sports) by woman. Utah #1 for sure! Local News #1, #26, and my westernmost AM station to date! (DP-PQ) (Congrats! - db)

KSL
UT
Salt Lake City - 12/15 1915 - The Tom Leykis Show. (WM-MD)

1190
WANN
MD
Annapolis - 12/11 1645 - Good. Caught during sign-off giving ID, ownership and location. (DC-ON)

WLIB
NY
New York - 12/11 1413 - Fair. Appeared when WANN signed off. Talk show with station ID as “WLIB” as each caller was acknowledged. Cllobbered by WOWO at 1700. (DC-ON)

WSDQ
TN
Dunlap - 12/15 1715 - News and happenings of Sequatchie County, lots of local news, legal ID then World of Racing program, fair in WOWO null. (RCP-PO) (RCP-IN)

1200
WLXK
IL
Chicago - 11/27 1715-1725, 1/2 music, many mentions of Chicago “Lake heard drive time report giving local traffic conditions. Nike ad, very good on peaks. WOAI not heard. (RCP-IN)

WTNA
NY
North Syracuse - 12/13 1740-1750 - In with nice signal but fading badly with NOS. Over 59 on peaks for Loggers. PSA for carbon monoxide detectors, ID as “From...to Manifold, Sinatra to St. Paul”, unforgettable music right here on WTLA and WTLB AM. (EK-OK)

KFWN
ND
West Fargo - 12/4 1743 - REL format, Christmas music, song by female singer It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, received with WOAU nulled. Fair. (RCP-IN)

WMRE
PA
Hewittsville - 11/29 1753 - Station ID’d as “WRK 1400” and “WMRE
Hughesville, Pennsylvania`. Call to station explained they are on the air with 10,000 watts daytime. Lots of local ads, frequent IDs. Signal very, very strong here at 1753, way over WOAI. (RCP-IN)

1230 WMCN NJ Wildwood – 12/12 1705 – Weather forecast, signal became loud and clear shortly. Note KGBQ. (WM-MD) Song was heard.

1230 WENY NY Elmira – 12/11 2129 – Ad mentioned call "WENY" then Bruce Williams ad. Also ad for "Seeing 1-800-33-RADIO", back to Bruce Williams Show. Not heard in years. (WW-MA)

WHUC NY Hudson – 11/14 1735 – Mention of Hudson County, "Talk of the Twin Counties". Mention Bruce Williams at 7PM, back to Rask. Limbaugh. Under WESX. Verified. (PG-MA)

1240 WATN NY Watertown – 12/12 1659 – Fair with ad for AAMCO mentioning Watertown, ad for a store in Watertown with a sale on camcorders, promo for Buffalo Bills coverage "The Bills are back on AM 1240, WATN Watertown". (MS-ON)

1250 WSKI VT Montpelier – 12/3 1650 – OLD songs, ID "This is central Vermont's only ?? station, 12-40, WSKT into news. Wings' Live & Let Die coming in very strong at 1710. "Your station for good times and great oldies, WSKI" at 1714. Station 2520 here. (DP-PQ)

1250 CHWO ON Oakville – 11/24 1646 – OLD songs, CTV radio news at 1700 with Lloyd Robertson, Neil Diamond's Hello, Good Morning. (WW-MA)

1260 WEZE MA Boston – 12/11 1750 – Under WNDAR. Poor. Appeals for funds to assist helpless children. (DC-ON)

1270 WKBF IL Rock Island – 12/1 1756 – "All hits 98.9", frequent IDs, Top 40 rock, very good, listened for 15 minutes, never heard an ad. (RCP-IN)

1280 WADD NY Syracuse – 11/12 1750 - Poor. ID as "Syracuse Country WNDAR". VISA commercial. (DC-ON)

1280 WMRD NY New York – 11/27 2100-2105 – Briefly on top with rapid-fire SS news, "Barry Manilow". (WM-MD) Song was heard.

1290 WADO NY New York – 12/8 2135 – SS programming, (WM-MD) Song was heard.

1290 WKST PA New Castle – 12/4 – Poor. Music by The Temptations I'm Gonna Make You Love Me." ID simply as "WKST." (DC-ON) (No time given – db)

1300 WHIO OH Dayton – 12/11 2145 – UNID ad, "News Radio 1290" ID, The Bruce Williams Show. (WM-MD)

1300 WDBB PA Altoona – 12/10 2155 – Song Mack the Knife, ID, nostalgia. (WM-MD)

1310 WDFK MI Detroit – 12/1 2048 – Fair. Station ID as "WDFK AM." Bud Light commercial. (DC-ON)

1310 WGMG NJ Ewing – 12/16 1700 – Fair with religion, ID by man mentioning WGMG and area towns. (MS-ON)

1310 WGH MD Haverford – 11/10 1830 – Sports talk show, mewignment of NFL. (WM-MD)

1320 WICO MD Salisbury – 12/11 1745 – Call-in discussion of NFL games, mention of Dallas Cowboys, strong signal replacing usual WJAS. (WM-MD)

1320 WOBL OH Oberlin – 12/10 2031 – CW format, legal ID at bottom of hour plus slogan "Great country music by request", also ad for Burger King. Briefly in until WJAS popped up. (RCP-IN)

1330 WJAS PA Pittsburgh – 12/10 2038 – Easy listening format, heard theme from Dr. Zhivago Lara's Theme also song by the Four Aces. Frequent IDs, fair, much fading. (RCP-IN)


1350 WLCB SC Greenville – 12/12 1700 – NBC news, mention of Bosina, fair, much QRM. (WM-MD)

1350 KWOLO IA Waterloo – 11/11 1734-1851 – Talk, news, mention of Waterloo Golf Club, ID at 1850 "The news...KWOLO", very poor, UNID SS interference. (DT-JAM)

1360 WTOP OH Akron – 12/5 1935 – Marvin Gaye song Let's Get It On. UC. (WM-MD) (William, these are current calls – db)

1370 WKOP NY Binghamton – 12/7 1920 – CW music, buried underneath WPPA with sports talk. (WM-MD)

1370 WALK NY East Patchogue – 12/2 1653 – Fairly surfacing briefly with ID by man as "WALK – all Christmas all the time". (MS-ON) (Bet you couldn’t find a Christmas song on 12/16 though – db)

1380 WSPH OH Toledo – 12/16 2220 – Call-in talk show. (WM-MD)


1390 WKDM NY New York – 12/11 2050 – SS programming, weak. (WM-MD)

1390 WGGC IL Chicago – 12/15 2320 – Poor with ID as "Dusty Radio 1390, All Duties The Town". (CS-ON)

1410 WEOK NY Poughkeepsie – 12/11 2100 – NOS music mixing with WMZQ. Poor signal, noted call "WEOK". Not heard in years. (WM-MA)

1410 WRIV NY Riverhead – 12/11 2100 – Thought I heard call as "WRIV", ID as "1390 AM WRIV". NOS music. A bit confusing as WEOK also on frequency plays same music, but I am positive I heard WRIV call. Believe it's first time logged here. (WM-MA)

1410 KVQ PA Pittsburgh – 12/11 2135 – The Tom Leykis Show. (WM-MD)

1420 WOC IA Davenport – 12/13 1900 – Hourly news report, mention of west coast storm, AR Information Network, (WM-MD)

1420 WVJS KY Owensboro – 11/25 1659 – Song "The News Station", legal ID at top of hour into news report of multi-car wreck in California involving about 100 cars on-1.5. Good, mixing with WHK. (RCP-IN) (I think I saw that Movie of the Week a long time ago! – db)

1430 WHK OH Cleveland – 11/15 1657 – McDonald's ad, legal ID, mentioned station was home of Cleveland State Vikings network, RCA ad, poor, mixing with WCTC and WJVS. (RCP-IN)

1430 WHK OH Cleveland – 12/13 2345 – Ads for Ensure and car dealer, NBA and college basketball scores, then sports show, (WM-MD)

1440 WCED PA DuBois – 12/8 1925 – Ads for cellular phones and Christmas trees, ID, very strong, clear signal. (WM-MD)

1440 WTQCR WV Kenova – 11/25 1712 – CW format, mention of all-request weekend, slogan "The Country WTCQ". Song 'There's A Year In My Beer with Hank Sr. and Hank Jr. The above three stations came in about the same time, I was able to null WJWS enough to hear the other two. (RCP-IN)

1450 WNJR NJ Newark – 12/8 2500 – UNID language spoken by announcer. (WM-MD)

1450 KITA AR Little Rock – 12/10 1955 – Religious music, weak. (WM-MD)

1460 WLEX NC Lexington – 12/14 1649-1651 – A turn of the loop brought this one with safety tips from Davidson EMC and Plaza Ford–Lincoln–Mercury, news and weather. Lost in th muck the rest of the time. (EK-OH)

1470 WHS WV Charleston – 12/12 2335 – The Jim Bohannon Show. (WM-MD)

1480 WJWR WV Morgantown – 12/17 1445 – UNID ad, mention of Route 7 and West Virginia. (WM-MD)

1490 WNFL WI Green Bay – 12/14 1645-1648 – In on top with spot for Dodge and into sports talk. Lots of QRM, but quite strong. (EK-OH)

1490 WROY IL Carlin – 11/25 1635 – NOS-type music, Wild Thing and Charlie Brown, many local ads, frequent IDs, good. (RCP-IN) (I think these songs are more of an old format, NOS is BBD, Sinatra, etc. – db)

1500 WNLA NY Albany – 12/15 2255 – CW music, weak. (WM-MD)

1500 WDJY MD Salisbury – 12/10 1634 – ID "WDJY" followed by Gospel sounding music, mixing with WKAP. Poor. (EC-NJ)

1510 WLOL MN Brooklyn Park – 12/16 2130 – Nostalgia music, weak. (WM-MD)

1510 W0WW OH Toledo – 12/10 1945 – Song Car Wash, UC music. (WM-MD)

1520 WQQQ PA Farrell – 12/10 1910 – Mention of the NFL, faded. (WM-MD)

1530 CHOW ON Welland – 12/15 2245 – CW music, faded. (WM-MD)

1540 WAOR NY Rensselaer – 12/9 2005 – NHL, style, promo for The Nutcracker, mention of Mohawk Valley. (WM-MD)

1540 KHRB IA Mason City – 12/15 2215 – Nostalgia music, faded. (WM-MD)
1550 WRDM
1500 KSTP
1540
1570 WXLN
EK-OH
PG-MA
EC-NJ
CRB-NY
1560 KXEL
WFUR
WSER
WDAB
KY
MN St. Paul
IA Waterloo
(DP-PQ)
1590 WLXN
WFUR
WBUG
WNCA
1580 WSRF
WBBE
KY Georgetown – 12/1 1751 – ID “WTKI-FM and WBBE-AM”, seems the call letter change is not done yet. CBJ rendered silent by aurora. KY #2. 
WDBA
SC
Travelers Red - 12/ 1849 - CW music, Laser The Redneck Reindeer
then ID, “WBUG-WLHF”. Lost to WPEP. (RWT-MA)
1590 WETT
MD Ocean City – 12/3 1735 – Caught ID, laid, then reappeared with Charlie Rich song “The Most Beautiful Girl in the World”, underneath mess, MOS music. 
WAKR
OH Akron – 12/5 2145 – Catatifties vs. Timberwolves NBA game, poor. (WM-MD)
WCBG
PA Chambersburg – 12/12 1812 – Call-in discussion of pro football. (WM-MD)
OTHER STUFF
1610 AFC759 ?? – 11/14 2241 – Acadia National Park. Announcement that park was closed repeating over and over. Assuming Maine. Any info? (PG-MA) IRCA TIS list shows two at Acadia – KFB760 at Hills Cove and KFB759 at Thompson Island – (db)
1610 KFC759 ME Acadia National Park – 11/17 1610 – 10 second loop message “Here’s the last of the continuing resolution: Acadia National Park is closed. This is station KFC759”. During the government shutdown. (DT-FQ)


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Winnipeg, MB: (Thanks for the help, Shawn)

Thank you!
Welcome to George Sherman, who adds MN to our list of reporting states. This column is a week ahead of Paul's deadline due to my post-Christmas travels.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

153 ALGERIA/UNID, DEC 12 0104 - woman in AA interspersed with music, man speaking behind, think was DLF Donebach, Germany as seemed 207 which was behind Morocco. [Merriman-VA]

171 BELARUS/KALININGRAD/RUSSIA/UKRAINE, DEC 12 0110 - ... man speaking right at the noise level. Much better at 0315 man at 0315 followed by what sounded like a real tooting crow, man in RR and instrumental music. [Dec 15 0317 - woman in RR, much echo from multiple transmitters. WRTH lists a total of 6000+- kilowatts here in the four countries shown all carrying the Russian R-1 Program. [Merriman-VA]

177 GERMANY Onnienburg, DEC 8 0114 - with classical music, fair signal. Only third time heard, second rarest LW here with Czech Republic 270 which has been heard only once. [Merriman-VA]

225 UNID, DEC 13 0439 - man in unid language, 0446 a woman and man again at 0447 and 0449. Only readable a few seconds at a time. DEC 15 0016 - lite rock music followed by man with what sounded like teletype talk. Again 0324 with EZL instrumental music, nice signal. Only Turkey and Poland here and the latter has been off. Are they back by any chance? [Merriman-VA]

243 DENMARK Kalundborg, DEC 13 0442 - chime IS, man in Danish at 0444-30, up and down with man speaking until IS played at 0457, 0505 and again 0506 man, 0515 classical piano music, signal up to a pretty good level. Keep switching between this and 225, first time heard for both. [Merriman-VA]

252 ALGERIA Tizapa, DEC 12 - woman in FF at 0057, 0058 martial sounding music which was pro NA, ended at 0100/15, 6 pips during the music with last on the hour. Carrier cut at 0101 leaving Atlantic 252 in the clear. [Merriman-VA]

252 IRELAND Clarkstown, DEC 11 0115 - Fair momentarily with "We're Longwave Radio Atlantic 252" ID into Janet Jackson-type song, then buried in static. Back again at 0133 with Tom Petty hit "Runaway Train", though poor. Not bad for my first LW TA. [Reed-MA]

270 CZECH REP, DEC 13 0403 - woman in presumed Czech, weak and choppy sig, 0426 rock music, 0428 male and female announcers, signal better. Still there 0514 with woman speaking. Only thing on this freq. [Merriman-VA]

549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, DEC 7 2211 - Man in AA, good signal, but 550 QRM. [891.]

567 IRELAND, Radio 1, Tullamore, DEC 11 0629-0632 - big open carrier, then Irish harp interval signal at sign-on, 6 pips were followed by EE talk by man; good signal. [Connelly-MA]

585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid & other, NOV 30 0348 - SS talk & music; good with WBNW phased. DEC 11 0024 - SS talk / 621; huge. [Connelly-M&A] DEC 11 0103 - Poor with SS talk between man and woman into music at 0106. [Reed-MA]

621 CANARY ISLANDS // (SPAIN), RNE1 synchro, NOV 30 0343 - woman in SS; fair to good. DEC 11 0622 - good with SS talk. [Connelly-MA]

639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Corona et al., DEC 13 2317 - bits of SS talk; poor. [Connelly-MA]

657 ITALY Napoli, DEC 5 2147 - Man in IL, occasionally mixed with instrumental music. Good signal, but severe WEFAN slop. [Merriman-VA]

657 SPAIN RNE5 Madrid, DEC 14 0014 - man in SS, good but severe WEFAN slop. [558. The RNE1 & 5 stations were still running separate programming at this time. [Merriman-VA]
FRANCE, R. Bleue, Paris, DEC 11 0608 - female FF operatic vocal / 945, 1206; to good peaks.

[Connelly-MA]

SPAIN, SER, Zaragoza, DEC 10 0003 - Probably this, unreadable audio heard briefly.

[Sherman-MN] DEC 13 2256 - SS talk by woman; good over unid music station.

[Connelly-MA]

GERMANY AFN Frankfurt, DEC 15 0421 - news about various military units, good sig over Spain.

[Connelly-MA]

WALES BBC R.Wales synchs, DEC 10 0045 - Fair, easy listening instrumental, then sports scores. [Conti-NH] DEC 11 0618 - EE news by man; atop Cairo’s SS talk. [Connelly-MA] DEC 13 0356 - discussion ppm, 2 men, only 10dK weaker than WCBM.

[Connelly-MA]

ALGERIA, Algiers, DEC 6 0538 - pop AA vocal with compressed-sounding audio; huge signal, obliterating 890 stuff. DEC 11 0620 - speech or recitation in AA; excellent.

[Connelly-MA]

UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Radio 5 synchs, NOV 30 0420 - EE talk about Bosnia; fair.

[Connelly-MA]

SPAIN, R. Intercontinental, Madrid, DEC 11 0614 - fast SS talk by woman, getting by CJCH/WIJJ.

[Connelly-MA]

BELGIUM/TURKEY EGYPT, Spain. [Merriman-VA] DEC 13 2256 - SS talk by woman; atop Cairo’s SS talk. made the trip. [Memman-VA]

[Connelly-MA]

GERMANY R. Bremen, DEC 12 0524 - man in SS, SAH and echo indicates more than one stn on-air.

[Connelly-MA]

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[Connelly-MA]
superimposed jingle that sounded like 'XL': to good peaks over Spain. [Connelly-MA]

1305 SPAIN/Poland, DEC 11 0105 - a jumble of audios here with the top two with SS & Polish talk. [Connelly-MA]

1314 Norway, NRK, Kvitsoy, Nov 26 0605-0903 - 59+20 on peaks, light rock/pop music, not one familiar song. Man and woman announcers, possible ID, music weak at 0903, latest T/R 1940. Last heard late 80's. [Sherman-MN] DEC 6 0502 - news by man, Dec 8 0495 - good. DEC 7 0409-0500 - good with Linda Ronstadt's 'I've Got a Crush on You', Norwegian talk by woman, then news by man. DEC 9 0625 - jazz, then man in Norwegian; excellent. DEC 11 0104 - world news with mentions of Bucharest, Warsaw Facts - 9; 35. [Connelly-MA]

1325 MOROCCO (?) Saif, DEC 13 0002 - man and woman in FF with teletalk, super signal and audio, over SS at 0004, quick fade and back at 0005 with 2 men teletalk, 0008 C/W song no less, female vocal in EE, again 0012 two men in FF with more teletalk. Great signal on peaks and nice audio. I meant to come back here at 0100 to check for ID but forgot, and when I finally got back at 0115 they had seemingly signed off. Also, DEC 14 between 0000-0100 - with teletalk in FF. Seems strange program for a Moroccan station that's supposed to be in Berber and AA but maybe 0903 and these have switched programs or WRTM is wrong. Loop says this is a TA and Saif is right on the coast. Should be easy for anyone on the Atlantic Coast. [Merriman-VA]

1332 TALY, Rome, DEC, 13 2131 - great signal, men in IL, best heard yet. Not rare but my local on 1330 was on and this was readable thru their sideband even without phasing, with them were completely in the clear. [Merriman-VA] DEC 13 2214 - II teletalk to fair peak through WRCA slot. [Connelly-MA]

1341 NORTHERN IRELAND, BBC R. Ulster, Lissagarvey, DEC 11 0052 - woman in EE; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]

1349 Mauritania, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, DEC 11 0053 - bits of AA talk in slot. [Connelly-MA]

1360 RUSSIA (KALININGRAD), Bolshakov, DEC 13 2213 - music, EE talk in slot. [Connelly-MA] DEC 13 2249 - woman in EE talking about Israel, R. Nederland relay. [Merriman-VA]

1395 ALBANIA, TWR, Fllake, DEC 11 0054 - good with gospel-style vocal & organ. [Connelly-MA]

1422 GERMANY, Heusweiler, DEC 11 0121 - classical music / 1269; good. [Connelly-MA] DEC 12 0016 - man in GG; good. SAH present and likely Algeria. [Merriman-VA]

1432 UKRAINE?, DEC 14 2153 - instrumental music, sounded like 'Taps' at first, 2155 woman then man in unid language mixed with short periods of instrumental music. Nice signal and audio - I've got 5 or 6 minutes of good tape. Anyone speak Ukrainian? I would like to get a definitely tied down. Musings Editor Dave Schmidt was singing next to me just shaking his head at the superb TA signal this evening. [Merriman-VA]

1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoulles, DEC 12 2135 - talk fragments and monster het on the car radio. There were many strong European hets across the dial at the time. DEC 13 2207 - excellent with man in AA; slight SAH from unid dominant. [Connelly-MA]

1502 UNID, DEC 14 2330 - het on 1503, bits and pieces of AA or African sounding music around 2336. This het was still there at 0400 on, DEC 15. Several Africans are listed as still being on this old band freq but should have been off according to WRTH. What was heard in Newfoundland? [Merriman-VA] (seems like a het, as I recall) - Jim

1503 UNID, DEC 12 0240 - man in unid language, didn't sound SS and definitely not //558 or //580. Has the Polish station come back on the air in any chance? Something also producing audio here at same time I was hearing 1502, man speaking in unid language, just at noise level. [Merriman-VA] (I believe Poland is testing here) - Jim

1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba, DEC 7 0437 - monotone AA talk by man; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]

1528 UNID (CLANDESTINE / EGYPT ?), DEC 11 0057 - het and possible AA music; in Vatican-1530 slot. [Connelly-MA]

1530 VATICAN, Vatican R., DEC 11 0058 - mellow Mantovani-type orchestral instrumental music/lush strings; mostly atop WSAL [Connelly-MA]

1575 SPAIN, DEC 6 0732 - poor to fair with news by man in SS, DEC 11 0356 - echoey SS talk over/unid music station that may have also been from Spain. [Connelly-MA]

George speaks: "Finally, after many years, TA's are again possible in MN. west coast DXers with good equipment and mid-west DXers with portables should try 6848. On DEC 9 (DEC10 UTC), I detected carriers on 54 TA frequencies by using LSB/USB and listening for step tones on the SW8." Alan speaks: "morning of December 12/13 best longwave conditions noted yet - between 0400-0530Z had audio on every listed LF frequency except 279. Have not reported but also had sigs on 189 and 261. Hopefully more on them later. Event of DEC 13 (local) saw the strongest TA's noted yet. Virtually every frequency had sigs and many were just a jumble there so many in. At one point I had audio on 1593, and if the German has left the air I wouldn't even want that might be this. I really didn't end up logging much of anything new - was afraid to stay in any one place for too long for fear I'd miss something somewhere else! I guess I need to get more disciplined, hi. Event of Dec 14 was a carbon copy of the 13th. Mr. Musings, DaveSchield, was here for a few hours, and he just sat and shot his head at the incredible signals. We did several leisurely bandscans and there were multiple signals on many freqs. Great audio on 1431 and the first real signs here of some of the Sahara Africans. Hope the Mid-Winter Anomaly takes a vacation this year!!

PAN-AMERICAN DX

540 MEXICO XEWA San Luis Potosi SLP, Nov 29 0753-0830 - ranchera type music, "Los radios Camino", two men talking, good. [Trelford-JAM]

590 COSTA RICA TIRN San Jose, Nov 29 0039-0049 - Talk show format, ID as 'Radio Nacional', under CIQI. [Trelford-JAM]

600 CUBA, R. Rebelda, CMKv, Urbano Noris, Dec 3 0740 - excellent with disco hit "Vamos a bailar" (let's dance) / 710. [Connelly-MA]

690 ECUADOR HCBQ Quito, Dec 3 0600-0615 - Test not heard, only unid SS station. [Trelford-JAM]

690 MEXICO, DEC 3 0601-0635 - Older LA music, like "Besame Mucho" and Perez Prado orchestra, mentioned, and "Ritmo" said many times, may be XCS or XEST. Any ideas? [Trelford-JAM] (R. Progreso shouts "ritmo" during their programs at night, as heard hear on 740 - Jim)

710 CUBA, R. Rebelda synchros, DEC 3 0740 - disco hit "Vamos a bailar" / 600; huge, demolishing WOR. [Connelly-MA]

750 VENEZUELA, R. Caracas, R., YVKS, Caracas, DEC 3 0640 - fair with Caracas news in SS. [Connelly-MA]

750 HAITI 4VU Les Cayes, Dec 3 1433-1533 - Live church service in FF, ID as "Radio Lumiere", good. [Trelford-JAM]

760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJAJ Barranquilla, Dec 3 0638 - SS Colombian news / 770; over/unid WRJ. [Connelly-MA]

770 COLOMBIA, HJX, Bogota, Dec 3 0638 - Colombian news / 760; over/unid WJR. [Connelly-MA]

780 VENEZUELA, R. Coro, VVMN, Coro, Dec 3 0625 - festive music, R. Coro ID & jingle; fair, in mix with CFDR & another Latin American. [Connelly-MA]

810 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJCY, Bogota, Nov 26 0931-0936 - Talk show, ID as Caracol, fair over WGY. [Trelford-JAM] DEC 3 0633 - music, then CARACOL mentions & news; over CIQI/WGY. [Connelly-MA]

810 BAHAMAS ZNS-3 Freeport, Dec 16 0342-0430 - fair signals but some deep fades (approx. 1-2 minutes each) and co-channel mixing with UNID LAm station. No problem from KCMO due to looping direction. Good ID by female announcer at 0324 - "Here on ZNS-3 ... Rock, Reggae, and More" - then into super-long (0343-0425!!) live album cut by male blues singer. Another ID at 0425 - ZNS-3 - but could not make out the rest since the sigs were coming out of a shallow fade. At approximately 0427 an UNID US station playing country music started to appear on channel. WRTH '94 says that this station is only 1 kW - sure sounded like more to me! [Fonder-TX]

820 MEXICO XEKG Cordoba, Nov 26 0410-0422 - LA pop music, ID in part as "Radio Progreso" over/unid WBAP, fair to poor. [Trelford-JAM]
830 ST. KITT'S & NEVIS, TBN (Paradise), Bassetterre, DEC 3 0630 - EE sermon and hymns // / 7510; good, well over CFJR with WCRN nulled. [Connelly-MA]

960 CUBA, R. Rei, DEC 3 0658 - Rei in tick-tock show in mix with CHNS, WELL, and SS station that was probably Colombia. [Connelly-MA] DEC 10 0525 - Poor, familiar syncopated clock and RR code IDs through CHNS-Nova Scotia. [Conti-NH]

980 COLOMBIA, RCL, HJES, Cali, DEC 3 0702. // / 1000 with SS talk about Navidad (Christmas) read over a background of "The Little Drummer Boy" song. This was followed by an "RCN futbol" promo. Mixed with CBV and others. [Connelly-MA]

1000 COLOMBIA, RCL, DJQG, Cartagena, NOV 21 0827-0852 - Tail talk, ID with names of all cities in RCN network, QRM from WMVP. [Trelford-JAM] DEC 3 0655 - dominating the channel with SS international news mentioning France and Portugal; it was // / 760, 770. [Connelly-MA]

1010 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, RCL, Santo Domingo, NOV 21 0811-0825 - LA variety music, ID as "Radio Commercial", fair. [Trelford-JAM]

1090 COLOMBIA, RCL, JJG, Florencia, NOV 18 2320-2329 - LA pop music, ID as "Radio Selva", fair, then drowned out by KAYS. [Connelly-MA]

1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, DEC 3 0717 - BBC discussion of global warming, // / 9795; fair through WMEX slop. [Connelly-MA]

1170 COLOMBIA, RCL, HJINW, Cartagena, DEC 3 0719 - SS talk mentioning "CARACOL, su cadena"; over/under WWVA trucker show. [Connelly-MA]

1180 CUBA, R. Taino, Villa Maria, DEC 3 0724 - "R. Taino" (lah-EE-no) ID, SS talk by man & woman; huge local-like signal, way atop other SS station & WHAM. [Woods-OR]

1430 PUERTO RICO, WNEI, Caguas, NOV 13 0632 0700 - Music and talk in SS, ID at 0700 as "Tiempo Radio", fair. [Trelford-JAM]

### TRANSCAPITAL PACIFIC

153 RUSSIA, Kamomsolok FE, DEC 19 1349 - Poor with classical piano music, into news with man in RR 1401. [Woods-OR]

279 RUSSIA, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk FE, Dec 19 1345-1400 - Poor with fast pop music. Off the air without ceremony at 1400. [Woods-OR]

594 JAPAN, JOAK, Tokyo Dec 20 1438 - Fair with instrumental music and J talk. [Woods-OR]

747 JAPAN, JOBP, Sapporo Dec 20 1408 - Poor with world news in EE // / 774. [Woods-OR]

774 JAPAN, JOUB, Akita, Dec 20 1500 - Fair with anthem followed by music box music. Off the air at 1504. [Woods-OR]

850 HAWAII, KHL, Hilo, Dec 20 1356 - Fair with ID as "All New Cruisin' KHL", into old rock. [Woods-OR]

1566 SOUTH KOREA, HLAZ, Cheju Dec 20 1510 - Poor with talk in Asian language by man. [Woods-OR]

### CORRECTIONS

A correction from our last report; HJQZ should be on 1380 kHz. [Trelford-JAM]

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### Formats

**Changes in programming status; reported by listeners**

After a too-long absence, Dave, from your C-Formats column! Here, WLUX, ex WLX-540 and ex WYUS, has gone to a LIVE ASSIST remote format, with music of the last fifty years. It sounds good, too! In response to an inquiry, "live Assist" means that a living, breathing employee is in the control room playing the records and CD's, as opposed to satellite feed with NO local input. Now WLUX must compete with WQXW-1560, WHI-1100, and WLIM-1580 with the same basic format. Interestingly, WGSN-740 in nearby Huntington dropped the adult standard format after several years in favor of country music.

Strange business. WLIX (the call stood for "LIX", Roman numeral for "54") has carried over the years, classical music, country music, rock, oldies, easy listening, and for the past fifteen years, palm religion. By the way, for Dave Whatmough and others, I am finding all of the transmitter and studio sites in Nassau and Suffolk counties, several of which are near the Long Island Railroad line's! This information is for any projected radio tours.

We have all seen the clips supplied by Joe Kureth, of Uniontown, MD about the WCBM-680, Baltimore campaign to put a six-tower array in suburban Woodbine. What is not mentioned is that the old four-tower site is next to the Baltimore Metro Owings Mills Station...a very prime real estate area. The land on which the towers are located is worth a literal fortune! Joe also notes that WTRY-1470, Westminster, has dropped its big-band format for full-service local and syndicated talk.

Locally, WPAT-930 has been sold to Hefel, a Spanish broadcasting company. For decades, WPAT was THE easy-listening voice in New York City. WPAT will probably be the second North Jersey easy-listening outlet to evolve into a Spanish format. Over a decade ago, WVNJ-620 was sold and with the change to WSKQ, various Spanish formats have aired on the frequency.

We thank Dave Schmidt for his Wilmington, NC, area dial scan which follows.

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Thank you very much, Dave, and the very best of luck with your new endeavor! Dave also advises that WYUS-930, in Milford, DE now carries JEN 'La Z' Spanish. And now for the rest of the world, mostly from the pages of the M Street Journal.

550 WSAU       WI  Waussau    - Adult contemporary, news, sports.
560 WYOR       TN  Brentwood  - Black gospel.
610 KAVL       CA  Lancaster  - Prime Sports.
620 WENH       NY  Syracuse   - One on One Sports.
640 CHOG       ON  Toronto    - Now all talk.
660 KWIN       CA  Simi Valley - One on One Sports.
740 KVFCC      CO  Cortez     - VV-1 Oldies.
770 KWNX       WA  Seattle    - Here, moved from 1090, all news.
800 KLTT       CO  Brighton   - Religion.
810 WCYK       VA  Crozet     - Country music/FM.
840 KITC       NE  West Point - One on One Sports.
840 KOOK       OR  Eugene     - BCN Country "OK".
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**GEO** - Geomagnetic activity  
- pca - polar cap absorption  
- mal - major flare  
- mas - major storm  
- mis - minor storm  

**OTHER** -  
- ss - severe storm

**Summary**

High "A" values indicate possible auroral conditions.

**Geophysical**

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Geophysical Year 1995

- Solar Activity
- Earthquake
- PDC - polar cap absorption
- Mal - major flare
- Mas - major storm
- Mis - minor storm
- Sa - satellite proton event
- Ss - severe storm

For all now. Do get your format changes in so that we all will know to whom we are listening if we hear all Willie Nelson on 1560. And best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a healthy 1996, loaded, of course, with new DX catches!
The announcers on the service are professional broadcasters giving their free time to anyone, anywhere, it is designed to inform the radio listener in a fast-paced, intriguing manner. Features include weather, news, sports, and music. The DX Audio Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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A Passive Antenna Booster for Use with Portable Radios

Gerry Thomas

In recent years, my main job (the one that pays the mortgage) has required that I do quite a bit of traveling. On these trips I always try to bring along a portable radio and outdoor antenna and give DXing a try from my motel room. My preferred DXing equipment on these short trips is a modified SC-101 and Quantum Loop which I always bring packed in “carry on” luggage. In the past few months, airport security has apparently picked up with the result being an increased scrutiny regarding the exact nature of the Quantum Loop. While I have yet to be taken to a back room and interrogated, I have been questioned about this “strange electronic device” and have even had to demonstrate it. What I needed, I thought, was something a little less intimidating that would still give a significant kick to the 10 meter band (and/or my smaller back-up portable, the Radio Shack DX-380 (a Sangean ATS 808)).

The obvious solution was a passive booster such as the “Hot Rod” I first built some years ago, or the discontinued Radio West Shotgun. I did not currently available Select-A-Tenna because of its size and the similar Black Box an-tenna because of its tuning arrangement (and because I didn’t think it would provide a sufficient boost, although I have never tried one). Also, because of the huge number of 266 pF that pays experimental longwave beacons (i.e., “lowers”), I thought it would be neat if I could try logging some of those from different parts of the country. Therefore, longwave capability would be nice. So, I set about designing a new passive booster with some features that I thought would be useful.

## BASIC DESIGN

There is certainly nothing new about this design; it is nothing more than an oversized ferrite rod with a tuning coil and a variable capacitor. The PLUS+ model requires about 23' of wire to the proper position of the coil on the rod by trial and error. One end is connected to the center conductor of the Hot Rod and the other end to the radio. The PLUS+ model requires about 23' of wire to the proper position of the coil on the rod by trial and error. One end is connected to the center conductor of the radio and the other end to the radio. The PLUS+ model requires about 23' of wire to the proper position of the coil on the rod by trial and error.

## COMPONENTS

- Ferrite rod. These have become hard to find and incredibly expensive in recent years. They are available from Amidon Associates, 10950 Torrance, CA 90108 and Nepean Surplus Sales, 1502 Jones St., Omaha, NE 68102. The larger ones (i.e., 7.8 x 5.4) are now running $15-$18 (they are used to be about $3 a couple of years ago (the 12 x 1") is almost $100.00 these days!). Rods made of Material 61 are fine for MW but choose Material 43 is you are using the LW/MW model. The rod used in the Q-STICK series is 8" x .5". (If anyone knows of other sources for large ferrite rods, I'd deeply appreciate knowing them. Thanks Bill Bowers for the Nebraska Surplus tip!).

- Variable capacitor. - A small polyvaricon from Mouser Electronics can be used in this application. It has two sections of 266pF that can be ganged together to provide the approximate 10-50 pF range needed. Mouser’s address is 2410 35th St., San Mateo, CA 94403-4827. Current price is about $3.

- Tuning coil. The tuning coil is a conventional single-layer solenoid. I tried using Litz but Q was too high for easy tuning so I ended up using 28 gauge magnet wire on a 5/8" diameter form. About 7 feet of wire will provide the 200 uH of inductance needed but you will have to determine the proper position of the coil on the rod by trial and error (unless you have an inductance meter). The PLUS+ model requires about 25' of wire to produce the needed 200 uH.

- External antenna jack. - I use eight turns of the same magnet wire on a 5/8" diameter form and locate it toward the end of the rod. The jacket is connected to the center conductor of the external antenna jack, the other end to the ground lug.

- Bypass switch. - A single pole, single throw toggle switch will work for the Q-STICK; a single pole, double throw, center-off toggle is needed for the PLUS+ (LW/MW model), there are many sources.

- External antenna jack. Tuning knob, ferrite rod mounts, etc. - Your choice.

- Housing. - I construct the Q-STICK housings out of black plexiglas. Its overall measurements (not including knobs and switches) is 10" L x 1.25" W x 1.25" H. You can make yours bigger or slightly smaller.
smaller if you want; a plastics fabricator can probably make you a custom one for probably around $10 or so.

**OPERATION AS AN ANTENNA BOOSTER**

Using the Q-STICK is quite simple. Place the Q-STICK parallel to the portable radio's internal ferrite rod; rotate the tuning knob for a signal peak; move the Q-STICK laterally (as much forth and forth for maximum signal [once found, this point remains the same]) then move the Q-STICK away from the radio for optimal signal level.

As the distance between the radio and Q-STICK is increased, the tuning sharpness, or "Q," will increase. Concurrency, gain will tend to decrease as the distance is increased. At some distance, signal level and "Q" will be optimal for a given situation.

A very useful arrangement with the Q-STICK is placing the radio and Q-STICK on a Tupperware turntable (available for a few dollars at most supermarkets). This permits the simultaneous rotation of radio and booster for nulling.

**SONY 2010, Q-STICK, AND TUNABLE ARRANGEMENT**

The Q-STICK can be also used as an external antenna coupling device. Hook up an external antenna to the external antenna jack and peak the tuning knob as above. For maximum signal transfer from the external antenna, be sure to provide a ground for the ground side of the external antenna jack. Assuming you have even a mediocre external antenna, a significant increase in level should be realized. You can control the amount of gain provided by the external antenna by moving the Q-STICK closer to or farther from the radio. When using the PT-1US+ model on LW, you sometimes notice MW feedthrough if a potent, untuned external antenna is used and the Q-STICK is in the "bypass" or untuned mode (it still couples an external antenna even though it is untuned). In these instances, the overloading is remedied by moving the Q-STICK PLUS+ farther from the radio.

Similarly, if you are hooking up an external tuned loop (like the Quantum Loop), you can leave the Q-STICK in the bypass mode until a reliable situation arises, then you can flip in the Q-STICK's tuning for a high-selectivity, double-tuned arrangement. Be sure to position the Quantum Loop far enough away from the radio.

**CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**

The Quantum Loop's sensitivity to RF is extremely high, so you must make sure that the loop is not in the path of the radio. The Quantum Loop's use of a variable ganged control means that the Quantum Loop will react to changes in the radio's gain stage. The Quantum Loop's use of a variable ganged control means that the Quantum Loop will react to changes in the radio's gain stage.

**CONCLUSION**

In my opinion, using a booster antenna like the Q-STICK, is one of the least expensive ways to dramatically increase portable radio performance on MW and LW and I'll be taking mine on all my future business trips. I just hope that airport security doesn't think it's a pipe bomb, hi.

If you have any questions regarding the construction of the Q-STICK, please feel free to drop me a line. If you'd rather just purchase a RADIO PLUS+ or Q-STICK, drop me a line at RADIO PLUS+ ELECTRONICS, 3635 Chastain Way, Pensacola, FL 32504 (Ph. 904-432-8208) for availability and pricing. (Pricing is not firm; ask for the best price possible for each model.)

**Thanks to the many folks who have written to me asking about the Quantum Loop.**
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Musings
of the Members

Thoughts from NRC members – the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

BOB HARRISON - 166 RENNER AVENUE - UNION, NJ 07083-8839 3,618,770 square miles in this great nation of ours, and the FIRST new local storms in the expanded portion of the AM band has parked itself in my little square! Yes, it’s incredible but true. And I’m pleased to report that my toaster and my dog (both electronic) were both functioning and growing in strength as the sunspot cycle peaks, pounding techno-rap, but tried a little more earnest here) and I'm pretty decent so far this season, 10 new ones sent out in late August (when DXing begins in earnest here) and... [继续阅读]
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Engineering, Box 5233, El Dorado Hills, CA and 7 beverages. Have 95762,
ever thought. I'm planning to resume looking for WPAL-840, ex-WWMO, instead brought old friend WCCO in, I thought they were gone forever! No sign of Eden, NC though still WMWO as of 10AM 12/8, Ernie-
DWS) Monday 11/16 the DX TEST from WDCS-1190 CW ID's made it beautifully, but not the spoken words or music, but WOWO was heard to announce 2 phone calls from distant listeners telling them about the Morse Code they were hearing! I hope this doesn't get WDCS in trouble. 11/21 on 1610, over/under the Caribbean Beacon, a T5 whose call letters sounded to me like W5NL. I was curious about the reports and mentioning the Mohawk Valley and E NY, also urging careful driving. Anybody have an address and location on this one? 11/24 a station with an ID noted just under WADO turned out to be WHTK, but giving the calls of WHAM until the legal ID at 2AM, a 2nd report sent, this one to WHAM. Then at twilight, unneeded WPLR-1570 noted topping the frequency at 4:54PM. WLYX-540, ex-WLX, now with NOS, in briefly at 5:22PM. 11/26 unneeded WIEZ-670 in nicely with splash from WFWN-660-WRKO-680, not needed here. Mon. 12/7, I tried hard to pull in the WJYJ-730-Test, but got a weak signal here. I did hear one unusual 73er though, but unneeded, WOHS, mentioning also WSL-1590 and WLO-1050. (Otto and ditto here, I think WMYJ was on DWS) 11/28 a great twilight for stations to the W, and it brought a great signal from WDFN-1130, actually topping WBBR at times, 4:30-5:15PM when I dropped off usually, apparently going on directional array. Wed. 11/28 Unneeded WRCN-1570 noted on top 1:20AM with its new format, rock. I had a great time at RAY ARRUDA's bash on 11/18. I was hoping some members from MA, CT, and NH might be there, but they missed a great get-together. I think DAVE YOC'S gospel station on 1280 is none other than V85Y, Hamilton, Bermuda which carries that format. They show up here every once-in-a-while, and they're NSP. That's it - Forward- March!