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KEZM LA 1310 Jan. 11 0100-0130
KPO WA 560 Jan. 11 0300-0400
WCCN FL 770 Jan. 12 0300-0400
WCCN FL 770 Jan. 13 0030-0100
WAKK MS 1140 Jan. 13 0130-0200
WAPF MS 960 Jan. 13 0200-0230
WCCN FL 770 Jan. 14 0030-0100
KNOE LA 540 Jan. 19 0200-0600
KATZ MO 1600 Feb. 3 0200-0230
WHLO OH 640 Feb. 10 0100-0130
WBOW IN 640 Feb. 16 0030-0100
WPTI GA 1330 Feb. 22 0000-0200
KIRM SD 1150 Feb. 23 0200-0300
WCGW KY 770 Mar. 2 0515-0545

(Note: WCCN-770 is also testing at the same time on Jan. 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30; Feb. 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27; March 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, and 27.)

WCCN-770 - P. O. Box 9600 - Estero, FL 33928 will conduct numerous DX tests at 1,000 watts directional between 1230 and 1000 EST January through March. The tests will include Morse code IDs inserted during their regular programming of old-time radio serials and vintage comedy. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. "Joey C." Program Director. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WAKK-1140 - P. O. Box 1649 - McComb, MS 36448 will conduct a rescheduled DX test at 1,000 watts nondirectional between 130 and 2000 EST Monday, January 13. The test will include voice IDs, Morse code IDs, test tones, and march music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Richard Watts, Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WAPP-980 - P. O. Box 1649 - McComb, MS 36448 will conduct a repeat DX test at 5,000 watts nondirectional between 200 and 2300 EST Monday, January 13. The test will include voice IDs, Morse code IDs, test tones, polkas, and march music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Richard Watts, Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KNOE-540 - P. O. Box 4067 - Monroe, LA 71211 jharkins/linknet.net> will conduct a DX test at 1,000 watts directional between 200

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DX Time Machine
From the pages of DX News:
50 years ago .. from the January 4, 1947 DXN: A new feature, the "Question Box," appeared in this issue, its purpose being to help identify members' mystery loggings .. from the Jan. 11, 1947 issue. Former editor Ray Edge, Buffalo, NY mused that we as DXers were trying to verify as many stations as possible and should keep DX News a bulletin pertaining to things that really help our hobby and help members to hear more stations.
25 years ago .. from the January 1, 1972 DXN; Roger Gianinini, Belleview, IL noted W6L-870 at "near armchair level @ 12.30" .. from the January 8 DXN. Ron Schatz penned "Latin American Music for DXers" for this issue.
10 years ago .. from the January 5, 1987 DXN. Jerry Starr noted that the FCC had placed a freeze on applications for new AM daytime stations .. "in contemplation of a formal rulemaking proceeding to propose a permanent ban on acceptance of applications for new AM daytime stations".

From the publisher .. From E-mail reports and phone calls, it seems that #12 did not get out to most members until after Christmas .. well after, for some. If you do not receive #12 by the time you are reading this, please let the publisher know so that we may provide you with a replacement copy, and then go directly to your post office and file a complaint. Should I receive any returned DXNs, I'll mail them back by the next day.

Welcome to these new members .. Lars A. Ryden, Jarfalla, Sweden; Henry Weissborn, Houston, TX (rejoins); Steve Sprague, Coffeyville, KS (rejoins); Dale D. Patternon, Ajas, ON (rejoins); D. Luke Steele, Vinita, OK; Chester P. Coleman, San Francisco, CA; Mark G. Michollon, Waukesha, WI; Danny Roberts, Slaton, TX; Jon Horun, Fairbanks, AK; Richard F. McCarthy, Huntsville, AL; Robert E. Watts, Aver, MA; William Andres, Frackville, PA (rejoins); Lexington Smith, Woodbury, CT (rejoins). Alex Papafinos, Huntington Beach, CA; Richard Huwsche, Tacoma, WA).

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From the pages of DX News:
AM Switch
Jerry Starr
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Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES
Old call New call
600 WPDU FL Jacksonville WBWL
680 KHKR MT East Helena KKGR
750 KJEL MO Lebanon KBNN
780 *New FL Mulberry WPNP
1240 KLVJ ID Mountain Home KMHI
1310 KXTN TX San Antonio KPOZ
1450 WODZ NY Rome WFKY

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS
None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS
790 FL Mulberry: 500/370 U4 (30 miles east of Tampa)
1240 MS Flowood: 1000/1000 U1 (replaces expired CP, eastern suburb of Jackson, MS)

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES
750 WBMD MD Baltimore: 1200 D3
910 WTLM AL Pepperell: reduce night power to 72 watts
1340 KOMY CA Watsonville: reduce night power to 850 watts
1480 KLEE IA Ottumwa: 256/170 U1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES
830 KNCO CA Grass Valley: 25000/10000 U2
1140 WCJW NY Warsaw: 5000 (2300 CH) D3 (corrects antenna mode from last issue)

OTHERNESS
500 WLVA VA Lynchburg: silent station is ON THE AIR
630 WMFD NC Wilmington: change from U4 to U3 shown last issue is a change in antenna mode only, powers remain unchanged, this in response to several inquiries (call was typo'd WMFC also)
890 KGNN MO Gladstone: new station is ON THE AIR with REL
980 KEQY CA Fresno: silent station is ON THE AIR
990 WVNZ VA Richmond: facilities for this silent station (ex-WTMM) are 1000/10 U1, was accidentally dropped from the 1997 Log (see Call Notes in Issue #12)
1000 CELP PQ Simonsuk: this is correct call, typosd as CFPL in Otherness, Issue #12
1120 WKCE TN Maryville: application for 1000 D1 DISMISSED
1230 KKWY WA Everett: station is SILENT
1240 WWSR WA Charleston: station is SILENT, plans to return in February
1260 WWSW WI Black River Falls: CP for 580/33 U1 from new transmitter site is on
1270 WCKN SC Surfside Beach: station is SILENT
1290 WFYN VA Rocky Mount: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1380 WCCO NC New Bern: station is SILENT
1420 KRRG OR Coos Bay: station is SILENT
1490 WUSS NJ Atlantic City: silent station (since 2-96 when they lost their transmitter site) plans to beat the February deadline for license cancellation by returning to the air sharing the WOND-1400 antenna, thus the application to move to Pleasantville, NJ shown in Issue #11
1490 KQDS MN Duluth: silent station is ON THE AIR
1510 KFNN AZ Mesa: CP for 22000/100 U4 from new transmitter site is on
1510 KANS KA Larned: station has been operating at night and is telling callers they have a night power of 67 watts, check of the FCC database updated the last week of 12-96 shows no night power authorization at all (????)

1520 KFXX OR Oregon City: CP for 50000/15000 U3 is on
1540 KHLV WA Bellevue: reports abound that this station has changed calls to KXXA but a check of the FCC's latest database update (last week of 12/96) shows no such change
1550 KRGQ UT West Valley City: application for change of transmitter site has been DISMISSED, could this signal the end for this long silent station?
1570 KYCR MN Golden Valley: CP for 3800/230 U1 is on
1600 KCPX UT Centreville: silent station is ON THE AIR

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X BAND NEWS
Rumors persist that KNNX-540 Costa Mesa, CA is expecting the FCC to honor their request for a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) to begin operations on 1650 kHz in the Expanded band, now being referred to by DXers as simply the "X Band". A congressional mandate when the X Band was first authorized gives priority (essentially a guaranteed spot on the band) to "any daytime AM station that is the only station serving a community over 100,000", a criterion met by both WJDM and KXBT and, interestingly, by KHPY-1530 Moreno Valley, CA. Because of this mandate both WJDM and KXBT were successful in their STA requests. We are not aware that KHPY has made any such application. But (and this is a BIG but) KNNX does not appear to meet these specs since they are licensed for FULLTIME (25000/240 U7) operation and indeed appear to operate at night. The mandate used successfully by WJDM and KXBT very specifically states that is the only station serving a community over 100,000, and KXBT and, interestingly, by KHPY-1530 Moreno Valley, CA. Because of this mandate both WJDM and KXBT were successful in their STA requests. We are not aware that KHPY has made any such application. But (and this is a BIG but) KNNX does not appear to meet these specs since they are licensed for FULLTIME (25000/240 U7) operation and indeed appear to operate at night. The mandate used successfully by WJDM and KXBT very specifically states that it would appear that KNNX does not qualify. If the FCC disregards the mandate and grants the STA to KNNX you can expect to hear a HUGE outcry from all the other fulltime station licensees who are patiently waiting for the FCC to generate the third version of the Expanded Band allotment plan before then can make any moves. But knowing how the FCC moves in mysterious and often illogical ways it's probably worth checking 1650 from time to time.

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Al Merriman, Chris Cuomo, Wayne Heinen, MSJ
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foote

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First, a follow-up on the closure and RCI - Canada's public broadcasting service, which was slated to close next March, will get funding to survive for another year at least, the federal government said Thursday. RCI's parent, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., said last week that the international radio operation would have to close due to a lack of funding. The cash-strapped CBC, Canada's public broadcaster, is currently trimming services and cutting jobs to deal with a C$144 million reduction in government subsidies. But the federal government said Thursday that RCI's C$15 million in funding will be part of a new foreign communications strategy.

Craig expounds: "There were great auroral conditions (on November 30). I had Caribbean Christmas music. I got a great ID, as well. Wish I could get rid of KCKN! Actually, I can null reports as you see them here. Believe me, a lot of the fun is lost when I have to..."

I continue to get E-mail reports with no identification as to sender, location, equipment. I will not relay anonymous reports, so please include that info. Also, another plea to format your E-Mail reports as you see them here. Believe me, a lot of the fun is lost when I have to reformat practically the entire report. You know who you are!

We're back to the weeklies, so keep those reports a'comin'!

REPORTERS

TB-TN Tom Bryant Nashville <102037.452@compuserve.com>
JR-OK John Reed KAsQEP Ponca City modified Sylvania R1414/URR + Kiwa MW loop, ANC-4 phasing with Palomar noise and wood noise wire <jtreedquno.com>
CB-CO Craig Barnes Wheat Ridge Rocky Stone Holisterr Kenwood R-2000, Teknika stereo tuner, wtrer in every direction but the right one! <71533.657@compuserve.com>
WB-MO Walt Breville Wright City Kenwood R-1000 + SM-2
GH-KS Gary Houdet Munden
JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Farm Drake 8-8 + 4' box loop
BF-IL Barry Finkel Chicago Yaesu FRG-7700 and McKay Dymek DA-5 antenna<br19141@achilles.ctd.anl.gov> + [with PhoneDisc CDS]
BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale Drake 88-A with SM-1 <barkarch@netcordia.net>
DF-CTN Doug Smith Pleasant View <72777.3143@compuserve.com>
KF-IL Karl Forth Chicago IC R70, HQ-160, loop, lw
KF-SC Karl Forth between Columbia, Florence and Charleston '96 Buck Century
MM-IL Marc Marino Calumet City Radio Shack 12-604 AM/FM/TV combc <london@rcti.rcipcom.com>

SPECIAL

550 KFRM KS Salina - Has been bought by KCLY-FM Clay Center. KFRM's new address is: Box 461 Clay Center, KS 67432. New phone number is: 913-632-5661 (with PhoneDisc CDS)
670 WMAQ IL Chicago - 12/15 Midnight - Signed-off unexpectedly leaving a few foreign stations. Due to irritating QRN in apartment, I could DX east-west only. Of course, Cuba was in there. Heard a female talking at an audible level, then piano music about 0025. At about 0030, she made a conversation, but definitely not in EE. Gave up at 0035. (KO-IL)
710 WOR NY New York - 12/16 - 2005 and later dates - This one is now MUCH louder at night. Reports on CompuServe say they were OFF briefly last weekend, to do antenna work. The antenna work seems to have done a lot of good. (DS-TN)
750 KMMJ NE Grand Island - New address is: Box 4907 Grand Island 68802. Phone number given as in Log. (GH-KS)
920 KVEC CA San Luis Obispo - 12/21 0251-0301 - Heard what seemed like SS music ends, VID at 0259 as KVEC San Luis Obiso. More SS music, then jingle on the hour. KVEC San Luis Obispo, then into more SS music. However, 16th NRC Log has KVEC News/Talk plus two stations in SS (KLOC and one in Reno, NV). Question: Has KVEC changed to SS? (BK-CA)
940 KXTK IA Des Moines - "Kicked off its all-talk format - known lineup includes: Imus in the Morning, Dr. Laura, G. Gordon Liddy, Mary Maddelin (sp?), The Dolan Show. Seems to be no local programming. This ends occupancy of 940 by legendary KIOA, known in the 50s through the 80s as a solid medium market top-40 station, and more recently, oldies. KIOA continues to operate at 93.3 FM." (INet)
1020 KVCS OK Perry - 12/16 0304 - Legal ID at 0304 as KVCS Perry-Stillwater. CW music in/out (mostly out) during the next hour under KTQX. Ex: KASR. (JW-CA)
1250 (WREN) KS Topeka - Not heard for several days/weeks. Silent? How about it, Paul? (JW-CA) Unfortunately, no; but they seem to be weaker, perhaps at nominal 500 watts, and they don't splatter adjacent channels, as they formerly did pls
1310 KPOZ TX San Antonio - 12/16 - Changed calls from KXTN. (INet)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

930 WBCK MI Battle Creek - ref: V63 47. There is a Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, MI, so WBCK is a good bet. [PhoneDisc Early Edition 1997 Midwest States] (BF-IL)
1050 KLOH MN Pipestone - ref: V64 111. There is a Siverson's Pharmacy in Hendricks, MN 56136. There is a Family Pharmacy in Moose Lake, MN 55767. KLOH is in [PhoneDisc] Pipestone. [PhoneDisc Early Edition 1997 Midwest States] (BF-IL)
1180 UNID ?? - 12/16 0230-0300 - With SS (heard no voice ID) at 0300. (BF-IL)
1270 KPLY? NV Sparks - ref: V63 56. The only 1270 station on the San Jose Sharks' network is this. (BF-IL)
1420 UNID ?? - ref: V64 78. There is a Payless Cashew in Salem, OR 97303. There are other Payless Cashews in Sacramento and Orangeville, CA; Tucson, Phoenix, Chandler, Peoria, and Mesa, AZ; and Las Vegas, NV. [PhoneDisc Early Edition 1997 Western States] (BF-IL)
DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

620 KAAM+ TX Plano - 12/9 0215 - Nightowl show interrupted by CID's. A regular here so was much too easy, but at least it got me off my duff. (RS-MO)

690 KSTL- MO St. Louis - 12/14 0300-0330 - Listened the full half hour...needed but not heard. Only CBF plus weak und ID Spanish. (TB-TN) XETRA-BCN dominant with CBU-BC strong underneath. No sign of a third station. (BK-CA) 12/14 0300 - Not heard. Only CBF and und ID OLD station. (DE-MO) 12/14 0300 - 0330 - Not head. Only CBF and und ID OLD station. (DE-MO) 12/14 0300 - 0330 - Not head. Only CBF and und ID OLD station. (DE-MO)

770 WWCN- FL North Fort Myers - 12/15 0300-0400 - Nothing heard, but found out that WABC-NY is now a regular. Haven't seen a + report...is this one running or just robbing me of precious sleep? (RS-MO)

1180 WSAF+ GA Summerville - 12/16 0245 - March music, over/under WHAM-NY, followed by CID's. (RS-MO)

1220 WIMN-MN Stillwater - 12/16 0154 - Good, solid set of CID's. Nostalgia music heard mixing with WKNR during entire test period. Presumed to be WIMN, but no other voice or code heard. New for Minnesota #11. Total 941. (TB-TN) 12/16 Stillwater - 0130 - Poor signal, with NOS music, a weather report and a series of WIMN code IDs at 0152-0154. Only time code was heard here. (SA-MB)

700 TIS & OTHER STUFF
In case you're maybe a new member, and are wondering what this "TIS" business is about, I found the following on the FCC's WWW site, which explains it all (to a point):

TRAVELERS' INFORMATION STATIONS

"Local Governments may be eligible to operate a low power AM radio station for the purpose of disseminating information to travelers. A license is required before operation of a Travelers' Information Station may commence. This service, which began in 1977, is covered under rule Section 90.242 of the FCC's rules. Travelers' Information Stations are limited to a 10 watt transmitter output power and the antenna height may not exceed 15 meters (49.2 feet). These stations may not transmit commercial information. This service is not available to individuals or groups, but only local governments. Travelers' Information stations are not authorized for operation in the FM broadcast band. Application for a Travelers' Information Station license may be made on FCC Form 600. The service is administered by the Land Mobile Branch, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. For additional information on Travelers' Information Stations, please contact our Gatsbys's, PA office at 1-800-322-1177."

Now, recent reports of "TIS" loggings in the expanded band (1610-1700) prompted me to write an e-mail message to the FCC inquiring about these stations. I received the following reply: "We have authorized no TIS operations in the AM Expanded Band. Operations of this type should be reported to the local FCC district office for enforcement... We do have the following AM stations operating in the Expanded Band on Special Temporary Authority (STA). Two of these are in California and one is in New Jersey." I wrote back asking what the other one in California was (other than KXST). I'm still waiting for a response on that.

524 AJG IL Mt. Carmel - 11/30 0935 - This is my unID beacon from issue 11. (DS-TN)

530 KMCN250 CA San Bernardino - Add to list. (PZ-CA)

530/1610 UNID ?? - Continue as previously reported. Still no clue or info as to owns these. (GB-NM)

1610 WMMW882 SC Florence - 12/4 1338 - TIS of Francis Marion University, with general info on events. Gave telephone number of 803-661-1220 for more TIS info. (KB-NM)

1620 WGBRS528 CA Santa Monica - 1-10 and 405 with general road updates. (PZ-CA)

TIS TX Galveston - 12/11 2124 - High and low tide times, Houston weather. (JR-OK)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS FLT

550 KCWR CA Bakersfield - 12/3 0348 - & C&W music, ID as 55 KCW. 0356 into sports scores. Heavy KSFO slop. (DK-CA)

620 KWRO OR Coquille - 12/3 0400 - ID as News Talk KWRO. Very strong, atop frequency. No way this is only 46 watts. (DK-CA)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 12/3 0736 - Traffic and weather for Atlanta, and ID. (DE-MO)

660 KEYZ ND Williston - 12/10 0756 - & C&W music, weather with ID Keys Country. (JR-OK)

740 CBL ON Toronto - 12/16 0230 - Faded up over regular KRMG with You've been listening to the CBC over CBL in Toronto... new one. (RS-MO)

770 KNWX WA Seattle - 12/3 0408 - In KKB's null, with national weather, female with All-News 770, KNWX heard several times followed by local ads and local weather. Christmas ads at 0411. Narrow null, but came through well. (DK-CA)

800 KXIC IA Iowa City - 11/29 0729 - In briefly, with KXIC Iowa City news time, six twenty-nine and into local weather and CNN News. New, for Iowa #29. (CB-CD)

800 KQAD MN Luverne - 12/1 0800 - With Old Rugged Cross hymn, followed by KOAD, Luverne. Then into REL song by the Gaither Brothers. New, for Minnesota #24. (CB-CD)

800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City - 11/29 0758 - In briefly, with Good morning, my name is ?? (couldn't make out name of female announcer) on KQCV. Then lost to KOSQ. (CB-CD)

880 KTMT OR Phoenix - 12/4 0245-0300 - With network sports talk. ID at 0300. ID at 0306 as Prime Sports Network. Through much QRM. (CB-CD)

890 QDCL BC Dawson Creek - 12/7 0104 - In fairly good for a few seconds, giving a clear call ID when WLS did a deep fade at exactly the right time! Distance is approximately 1900-2000 miles (actually 1780, courtesy of my computer. Their coordinates are N55-46-30 W105-13-11. Nice catch! Ed.] Thanks to Frank Merril for the tip. (WB-BC)

900 QDCL BC Dawson Creek - 12/11 0025 - In WLS null, very poor with 1-800 number followed by ID, then jingle Bell Rock by Bobby Helms. (SB-IL)

970 KBUL CA Modesto - 12/5 0300 - ID as Your home for real country music in Northern California. KBUL Modesto-Oakdale - The Bull into C&W music. No sign of usual KUPJ. (DK-CA)

1040 KGGR TX Dallas - 12/3 0734 - With GOS song, call ID, ads. Fair in Who null. (JW-CA)

1070 WAPI AL Birmingham - 11/26 0727 - With two CL IDs, before and after Birmingham weather. Looping SE, in KNX null. Very good on peaks for about 15 minutes. Finally! A new state heard. (CB-CD)

1070 WAPI AL Birmingham - 12/5 0746 - With songs scores... on News Radio 1070 WAPI. Faded after local spot. Briefly fair in KNX null. New, for only my second Alabama station! (JW-CA)

1070 WTSO WI Madison - 12/9 0018 - Ad for Tom Leykis Show during the Mike Reagan Show, ID. (DE-MO)


1180 KSOO SD Sioux Falls - 12/13 0755 - Heard during fade of KXKL-MO. Only there long enough to hear CL ID. New here. (JR-OK)

1180 WHAM NY Rochester - 12/16 0230-0300 - Heard Money Talk program. Is this part of a network? ID with slogan News Radio 1180 (BF-IL)
0800 TO 1600 HOURS EDT

1350 KKLZ ND Mandan - 12/8 1100 - Legal ID as KKLX Bismarck-Mandan, in and out all morning, past 10 AM ID, with NOS music IDs, and Christmas music. (JW-CO)

1500 CHOAB Medicine Hat - 12/7 0851 - With NHL and WHL scores, ads, program note for play-by-play of Medicine Hat Tigers vs Lethbridge on Chat. Fair, in QRM. (JW-CO)

1330 KKKW CA Los Angeles - 12/4 0859 - Musica Mexicana, legal ID at 0901. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)

1330 KLBs CA Los Banos - 12/4 0901 - With SSB, followed by A Portuguese (the Portuguese National Anthem). Signal in PP at 0904 (Bon Dia... KLBs...) and into light. Fair to poor in QRM. A unique station. (JW-CO)

1540 KVLN CA Waterloo - 12/3 1832 - With Bee Gees song, call ID, local weather, then Buffalo Springfield on ...Oldies 1330 KVL. Good format. In QRM. (JW-CO)

1410 KIVA NM Corrales - 12/4 0959 - With ID as KTV, Corrales-Albuquerque into CNN News with piece on Mars surface probe. NOS music format. KFKA phased. New, for New Mexico #44. (CB-CO)

1410 KKKO KS Leavenworth - 12/21 0830 - Religious talk, then Good morning Leavenworth. Heavy QRM from KQAM KS. New here. (JR-OK)

1430 KZEW CO Aurora - 12/21 0814 - Oldies music with call ID and heavy QRM. (JR-OK)

1440 KYES CA Merced - 12/12 0934 - With Paul Harvey's The Rest of the Story. Call ID at 0935. Poor in QRM. (JW-CO)

1500 KABF NM Alamo Community - 12/12 0908 - With Christmas orchestra music. 0913-0921 area announcements in Navajo, then EE. 0921 C&W tune. Over/under KSTP, with a couple of good peaks. (JW-CO)

1530 KWTR TX Creedence - 12/6 0919 - Tentative, with area news, mentions of Georgetown and Texas. At 0920 This is K-News, all-news all day, then K-Y (or K-Why) Weather. Wonder if they've changed calls. (JW-CO)

1550 KGAL OR Lebanon - 12/6 0920 - With ID, in KCVW null. First noted 11/21 0832 over frequency, with emergency flood reports. (DK-CO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS EDT

1520 KSKS KS Manhattan - 12/6 1828 - With weather, call ID. At 1829 a WIBB ID and into Sports Talk. No fanfare or announcement at moment of switch, or no discernable transmitter change. (JW-CO)

1470 CKY MB Winnipeg - 12/6 1854 - Sports talk program on Telemedia Sports Network. Weather at 1856, then KY 58 Traffic, and ads. Good signal in WBBW null. (JW-CO)

1600 WKLY KY Paintsville - 12/11 1713 - In WMT null, good signal with mention of 94.7 FM, then into oldies. (SB-II)

1605 KNBR CA San Francisco - 12/8 1824 - Talk, call ID, good signal 'til fade-out. (JR-OK)

1640 KFIR OR Cottage Grove - 12/2 1900-1905 - With news, weather, ID, and ads playing. Looped over KDWN. (DK-CO)

1650 KLFT AZ Tucson - 12/17 2133 - IDing as Family Life Radio with call ID. Religious talk call in show. In phase null of WCCO-MN. New here. (JR-OK)

1650 KHIO WA Tacoma - 12/2 1909-1912 - With ads for Tacoma merchants. ID at 1911 as HIO News Time. Looped atop KOA, while still on day pattern. (DK-CO)

1700 KJSG NE Columbus - 12/2 1759 - With asthma PSA, program note for Call-In News. ID as News Talk 900, KJSS Columbus and into AP News. Fair, over KSGL. (JW-CO)

1700 KAFF AZ Flagstaff - 12/2 2201 - Legal ID, then fade, then a few minutes later playing Mark Chestnut's greatest hits on 93 Cali. Fair during the next hour, with QRM. Supposedly on 31 watts night power - I think not. (JW-CO)

1700 WKY OK Oklahoma City - 12/2 2159 - ID at 2159:52 as ...broadcasting longer, Talk Radio 530 WXY, Oklahoma City radio for over 70 years, then UPN News. Good. (JW-CO)

1700 WDJS AL Huntsville - 12/16 1651 - NOS music from the bird with ID between songs. Over WMVP and WXTN. (DE-MO)

1700 WXTN MS Lexington - 12/16 1656 - Weather report and ID. Barely caught under WDJS. (DE-MO)

1700 WCIL IL Carbondale - 12/19 1635 - With CNN Headline News. I got a tape of them a few months ago and they carry CNN Headline News. I heard Headline News on there today, but the station faded out before I could hear a local
commercial or ID, something about a report on the golden globe awards. I recognized Chuck Roberts as CNN host. (MM-IL)

1030 WSFZ TN Memphis - 12/20 2106 - ID included // 104.1. Into sports call-in show. (RS-MO)

1050 KLOH MN Pipestone - 12/16 2054 - C&W music, call ID. Heard in phase null of XEG. New here. (JR-OK)


1070 WLIP WI Kenosha - 12/16 2058 - Christmas music, call ID. Heard in phase null of XEG. New here. (JR-OK)

1090 CHUM ON Toronto - 12/19 1520 - They were having a fund-raising drive for the city of Toronto's toy drive (??), and they said that a guy had bought their Tickle Me Elmo doll and they wanted him to ask a bunch of people to pledge $25 to the drive and draw a winner at random from the pledges so they were going to take pledges tomorrow. He had bought the doll from them for $500 and was giving it away again. I don't get Chum here that often. (MM-IL)

1090 KYW PA Philadelphia - 12/20 2059 - Weather for the Jersey Shores, ID into NBC news. (RS-MO)

1090 WKTE NC King - 11/12 2015 - With end of REL program, North Carolina address, then bluegrass music. Several WKTE mentions heard at 2028. (KF-IL)

1120 WEST DC Washington - 12/22 1600 - Way under a nulled KMOX, with ID, then into what sounded like REL programming. (SB-IL)

1160 WCKM KY Hawesville - 12/16 1940 - C&W music, call ID. Heard in phase null of KJL-UT, then fade-out. New here. (JR-OK)

1180 WHAM NY Rochester - 12/16 1932 - Heard well during fade of KOIL-NE. Sports news, call ID. New here. (JR-OK)

1180 WHAM NY Rochester - 12/20 1922 - Sports call-in, local ads with holiday bargains. This one's become a regular lately. (RS-MO)

1190 WBSL MS Bay Saint Louis - 12/22 1838 - In WWOZ null, with Prime sports programming followed by ID. Station is listed as daytime only. (SB-IL)

1210 WPHT PA Philadelphia - 12/19 2157-2207 - Larry King Show (wasn't he relegated to rv-land?) Philadelphia's Talk Station, into CBS News then local talk. (RS-MO)

1210 KOKK SD Huron - 12/17 1655 - With long list of cancellations. Then heard ID. Philadelphia's way under. (DE-MO)

1210 KOKK SD Huron - 12/19 2157-2207 - Mixing with KGYN and WPHT, with C&W, female dj, into national news, local weather (10) back to C&W. Another new REL. (RS-MO)

1250 KBRF MN Mergus Falls - 12/5 1725 - Sports from Minnesota News Network. 1729 local ad, then news from MNN at 1730. Good, over QRM. (JW-CA)

1320 WNGO KY Mayfield - 12/15 2050 - Call ID, for ad in swap shop, then fade-out. New here. (JR-OK)

1350 WISW SC Columbia - 12/2 - Heard with promos for WIS-TV news simulcasts at 1900 and 2000. (KF-SC)

1350 KGHF CO Pueblo - 12/15 2040 - EZL and Christmas music with call ID. Flutter fading. (JR-OK)

1390 WROA MS Gulfport - 12/15 2018 - NOS Christmas music, call ID. New here, heard in phase null of SS station. (JR-OK)


1440 KRDZ CO Way - 12/11 2128 - CL ID heard, then lost. (JR-OK)

1450 WHSC SC Hartville - 12/4 1200 - With Bloomberg News Radio and ID. (KF-SC)

1460 KDMF IA Des Moines - 12/11 2124 - CL ID, restaurant ad, ID game. (JR-OK)

1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids - 12/19 1628 - With several IDs in a row, then the tail end of a sports report that was in for a few seconds. Then a business update and sports from Howard Buyer. This must be SMN stuff. Then, country music followed. (MM-IL)

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DDX-D EAST

Deadlines are Tuesday.
Welcome to new contributor Paul Hansen. Keep 'em coming, Paul!

I see that a good section of DDX-D East no. 11 never made it across the Internet and into DX News. The loggings that were eaten by the computer appear in this issue; apologies for the delay.

As pls advertised last issue, Christmas Eve was pirate night in the East!

STATION NEWS

590 WBNW MA Boston - 12/17 1700 - ID as "WBNW Boston, WEZE Boston," with REL format. New // WEZE-1260. WBNW-550, which used to be // WBNW, is still Bloomberg Business Radio as of 12/18. Also non-ID as "Praise 1260 and Family 590." (CRB-NY)

630 WBMQ GA Savannah - Per verie, correct ZIP code for P. O. Box 876 is 31498-6901. (EK-OK)

910 WNEB CT New Britian - 12/26 0345 - Apparent format change to SS EZL vocals with perhaps 1 urban each half-hour, no instrumentals, newscasts, or ads. EE IDs at 1600, 1700, and 1800 were "WNEZ New Britian-Hartford." (CRB-NY)

1040 WJNA FL Boynton Beach - 12/14 0710-0710 - Seems to have changed format with calls; logged at this time with NOS. Some sports talk heard later; not sure if not WHO. Severe fading and lots of WHO QRM, but not bad for 1 KW aimed due south! (EK-OK)

1110 WBT NC Charlotte - Now carrying Art Bell weeknights 0200-0500, with "Best of Art Bell" Saturday nights and "Dreamland" Sunday nights, both 2300-0200. Gil Gross program was moved into 2300-0200 slot weeknights. (JM-NC)

1420 WCOJ PA Coatesville - Has added drive-time news, weather, traffic, and sports. Now called as "The New voice of Chester County, WCOJ." (BMA-PA)

1580 WDBA SC Travelers Rest - New address is 135 Keith Drive, Greenville, SC 29607-1453. Phone call to the station got only an answering machine. (EK-OK)

1620 "WJD" - 12/24 2055 - Pirate station here, loud and IDing as "Pirate Radio WJDI," giving mailing address as Kingston NY 12401, and E-mail address of "WJD1620AM@aol.com," playing folk-type music, still going strong at 2102. (AM-VA)

+ 12/24 2123-2152 - Pirate station with OLD format and lots of jingles, mentions of "King of the Pirates," "Pirate Radio," and "Clear Channel 1620," and a mailing address in Kingston NY. According to ID-broadcast, they were running 15 KW. If they were, then I'm a lug nut. (BWT-MA)

+ 12/25 0125 - S-10 on my meter, "Channel 1620, WJDI, the 15,000 watt clear-channel King of Pirate Radio," the George Donohue Show. Mailing address of Pirate Radio WJDI, 570 Ulster Ave., Kingston NY 12401, e-mail to WJD1620AM@aol.com. (AOL directory shows no such address).[It's valid pls] Mostly hilarious ads with a few oldies sprinkled in. Requests for T-shirt and directory.)(It's valid and real)

1630 KXBT CA Valdosta - Per v/1, the former verie signer here, Alan McCarthy, died during open heart surgery August 26. This info from the current v/1's, Ralph Jones KA4FDL. A real loss to the DX community. (MD-MA)

DX TESTS

620 KAAM TX Palo - 12/9 0200-0230 - Not heard. (SF-TN) Heard with great copy of 'KAAM 620 news' at top of hour, followed by code and "Unforgettable 620 KAAM" slogan, NOS music, code, more music, and final code at bottom of hour.
Frequent IDs, very steady signal until 0230 power cut or pattern change. Very good test. (RCP-IN)

12/1 0200-0230 - Not heard. (SF-TN)

Did not send report, no voice announcements or music. (RA-MA) Heard poor in WHAM null, fighting Cuba with code IDs, voice ID at 0241 mentioning IRA, big band instrumental music. Only the code IDs cut through the WHAM/Cuba QRM. (MB-ON) Heard fair-good with march music, code IDs, and voice IDs. (SF-TN) Heard very well; fair copy for entire 30 minutes including many code IDs, military march music, "Anchors Aweigh" and such. Sign-off with SSB. WHAM was on top, but still very good copy. (UL-CH)

12/1 0310-0300 - Heard with clear code IDs under WKNR, apparently using the full 5 kW this time. (SF-TN)

12/1 0130-0200 - Not heard, only a mix of WNB, WHIO, and CJBK. (RH-ON)

12/1 0030-0100 - Not heard. (SF-TN) Not heard, just CKPT and WOC, and no sign of WHK at all! (RH-ON)

12/1 0000-0100 - Not heard. (SF-TN)

12/6 1630+ - Alternating child and older man (Santa?) dramatic reading, foreign language. Again 12/9 1630-1700+ with same. Could this be only unneeded CJYA with some language other than FF? Too late to be anything in the Mid-Atlantic states. (RJE-PA)

12/17 1500 - Ad for store that sells Flexible Flyers located at I-40 and Route 90. (HJH-PA) [WABC and WTXZ are the only likely 860 stations in the I-40 corridor.] - DY

12/17 1825 - Carrying Ken Hamblin show at this time. (HJH-PA)

12/17 1852 - Conversation with chipmunk voice (sped up tape) and phone sounds between selections. Seemed real. Artists heard: Rascals, Neil Diamond, Ray Stevens, and Michael Bolton. (HJH-PA)

12/17 1700 - Traffic report (with an accident at Route 151) and satellite-fed "call-in program "American Advisor," mostly under WNBs and one other, likely WRFD. Several possible: WLIW, WERK, WKBK, WMDB. (RJE-PA)

12/8 1830-1900 - NCO music and Mutual news, sounded like WNTA or WMTA (JEK-MD)

12/20 1630 - SS program with "CNN Radio Noticias" feed. Is this WRBD? Heard at same time previous day. (JR-NY)

12/15 1545 - "Radio Fiesta" SS program; heard several other nights, but this was the ID i heard this afternoon. I once thought this was WSSJ, but WSSJ was heard at the same time as this. (JR-NY) [WMX uses the R. Fiesta ID.] - DY

12/1 1445 - Sounded like these calls, heard several times. Format may have been UC and/or GOS. FM / ? (JEK-MD)

12/19 0015 - Mentions of "AM 1590 Weather" followed by "Radio Aha" ID. No listing for a KED station on 1950. (RWT-MA)

12/25 0245-0330 - Weak over/under WOI and WCRV, with call-in show on the origin of comets, mentions of southern California in commercials. (ID: (JC-0H)

12/22 0245-0305 - Dominating the channel with MWAQ off the air. SS call-in show until 0300; other SS station underneath the whole time. Full EE ID at 0304. Really 1 kW at night? (JC-0H)

12/17 0705 - Very strong over WGY with GOS, local promos. Another first-timer at sunrise. (RJE-PA)

12/5 0035+ - Good signal with local talk show, host Greg Dobbs. Many tie-in promos for NFL. Broncos. (JEK-MD)

12/18 0730 - A powerhouse at sign-on; announced address of P.O. Box 2061 Bristol TN 37621-2061 and phone number 423-878-6391. Weather and program sked to 0732, into "Daybreak USA" program to 0735 tune-out. Very little fading or QRM. (EK-0H)

12/9 0345 - Noted off the air, open carrier still on. SS and EE station in background, but no audible ID. (LW-0NY)

12/18 0712-0715 - In nicely with GOS, big conversation about pizza pie and Welsh rarebit. (EK-0H)

12/18 0654 - Poor under null CHML with ID "It's 6:54 at WKDW," into C&W song. QSLed on DX test in 1981. (MB-ON)

12/24 0626 - ID "95 CBK," followed by time given at two locations, one AST and one EST, into EE music. Disappeared as WROL took over. (PG-MA)

12/17 0700 - Blasting WHAM with usual "Solid Gospel" and local ads; first time heard at sunrise. (RJE-PA)

12/17 0715 - Briefly over the mess with ID, program promo. (RJE-PA)

12/9 0445 - & C&W music, local weather. (LW-NY)

12/23 0759 - "Frosty the Snowman" followed by "You're listening to the sounds of the season," IDed as Syracuse. News, Channel 5 weather. WEVD must have had a hiccup as it dominates day and night, with CHUM mixing in. (PG-MA)

12/17 0700 - Explosion with WHAM null. (JC-OH)

12/11 0015 - Mention of dry cleaner and Mercury dealership, ID "Hometown Station," "WWCO news." Ad for Rent-a-Wreck, weather, CT lottery. (PG-MA)

12/14 0054 - Tough in jumble of stations, / / WQYR-100.1 Southbridge MA. ID at 0180 "AM 12-50 WARE Ware." (WW-MA)

12/15 0030 - "WXYT weather" by woman into song "Everything I own-Bread," in jumble of stations. (WW-MA) [Format here should be TLK, I think. - DY]

12/17 0036 - "Who We Wish You the Memories," in jumble of stations. (WW-MA)

12/15 0015 - Poor but got better, "Christmas Time Is Here" by Ray Parker, Jr., ad for weather and sports, "We Wish You the Downfades. (RH-ON)

12/13 0115 - On DX test in 1981. (MB-ON)

12/16 0503 - "Good morning, into news at top of hour, much fluttering. (RCP-IN)

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12/15 0059 - "Newstalk 1290 WBNF" ID, NBC news on the hour, promo for the Road Show with Jeff Brooks Saturdays at 10 a.m. Perfect audio at peak, but much fading, nesting atop the pile with CJBK, WHIO, etc. looking for KALM test. (RH-ON)

12/16 0527 - "WHO Newstalk 1290" running headlines at 0531. Poor, in and out with CJBK (RH-ON)

12/15 0036 - ID "CJCK 1270" into woman talking about a Michael Bolton CD she got for her mother. Good, mixing with WLBK, WXYT. (WW-MA)

12/15 0015 - Poor but got better, "Christmas Time Is Here" by Ray Parker, Jr., ad for weather and sports, "We Wish You the memory station." Very weak but steady. (RCP-IN)

12/15 0030 - "WXYT weather" by woman into song "Everything I own-Bread," in jumble of stations. (WW-MA) [Format here should be TLK, I think. - DY]

12/15 0036 - Ads for OHHT Cleaning Service, Hensall Co-Op, Personal Dimensions, several IDs during the hour. Poor with many downfades. (RH-ON)

12/18 0610 - "AM 12-50 WARE Ware." (WW-MA)

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4140 WHHY AL Montgomery - 12/14 0718 - Fair, in/out with old music, ID as "WHHY Montgomery." (MB-IN)

1450 CHUC NC Colcord - 12/6 0650 - ID, Monkees songs, briefly atop WILM. (RJE-PA)

1480 WMNW NC Charlotte - 11/28 0036 - Heard with "Mix 106" ID in mess. (JR'NC)

WHBC OH Canton - 11/16 0459 - Promo for the "Lunch Bunch," pro football Hall of Fame ad, ID as "1480 WHBC, a radio tradition." Fair. (RH-ON)

1530 CBE ON Windsor - 11/16 0506 - / - CBL-740 with CBC Overnight carrying R. Australia programming. Constant in and alone with some fades. (RH-ON)

1580 WSRF FL Fort Lauderdale - 12/4 0135 - / - WNZQ-940 with local news and city, over and under (JEK-MD)

1590 WTTD MD Ocean City - 12/17 0200 - Briefly separated itself from the mush with legal ID, very good signal. (RWT-MA)

WWCC PA Honesdale - 12/15 0006 - Shortly after WARV's sign-off, heard another sign-off and SSB by a station sounding like "WWCT." On subsequent checks, seem somewhat regular after WARV goes off. Call to station confirms that they were on 0600-0006. The person that took my call was very surprised that they could be heard in MA. (RWT-MA)

1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 12/8 0237 - Excellent signal with local IDs and ads. (JR-NY)

LOGGINGS: 0000-1600

620 WZON ME Bangor - 12/24 1553 - One-on-One Sports, "The Sports Zone," exceptionally clear. Usually nothing on 620 here daytime. (PH-MA)

700 WWTL MD Walkersville - 12/13 1055 - Foreign language programming with ID in EE at 1100: "AM 700 Walkersville, Maryland, ANA Radio Network," then back to language program. Left message on answering machine; station manager Lee Smith advises all non-EE programming is now in AA; ANA stands for Arab Network of America. (PC-VA)

960 WATS PA Sayre - 12/13 0805 - Poor under CFFX, WFR, ad for Valley Insurance Center in Sayre, into local news. (MB-ON)

1280 WHTK NY Rochester - 12/18 0813-0815 - Noted briefly with news, ESPN promo, spot ad for grocery store, quickly faded into tons of QRM. (EK-OK)

WHVR PA Hanover - 12/18 0809-0812 - Atop channel with news, spot for Clearview Shopping Center. Some QRM from WHTK. (EK-OK)

1420 WLIIS CT Old Saybrook - 12/1 1530 - NOS music, just caught ID before more music, new. Again: 12/10 1649-1700, very good with local ads, oldies, ID "WLIIS, the Voice of the Valley Shore." Talked to Todd Young at the station, seemed interested in my reception and promised a reply. (JEK-MD)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

530 CIAO ON Broomall - 11/27 2200 - Fair-good, mixing with R. Vision Cristiana, with hip hop gobal. "AM 530" IDs. (LW-NY)

24 12/2 006 - Presumed with rap/AC/urban rock; no ID heard, even at top of hour. (BMA-PA)

540 CBGA1 PQ New Carlisle - 11/6 1625 - FF program, music with vocals, news at 1631. Good for this late afternoon. (DC-ON) [Watch for a local ID here, since as CBFEM has similar, often // programming. - DY]

550 WAGL AT Allentown - 11/22 2155 - Good with John Denver song, appeal for donations to local Boy Scout troop, ad ID. KSD normally dominant here. (MB-IN)

+ 11/24 2153 - Poor with community notes, call and Allmore mentions. Country-gospel music, new, AL #88. (JEK-MD)

WCKY OH Cincinnati - 12/4 1700 - With "Talk Radio 550" IDs, mention of Rush Limbaugh show. First time heard on 550 kHz. (LW-NY)

WSVA VA Harrisonburg - 12/7 1840-1842 - Strong and well atop channel with post-game show, UVA vs. Clemson basketball via Virginia Sports Network. Block of local ads, followed by "Newsradio 550 WSVA." ID. Probably on 5 kW day rig, Loud hit from Algeria-549. (MD-MA)

560 WYOC SC Columbia - 12/17 2010 - Promo/ad for radio show, ID. (WM-MA)

570 CJEM NB Edmundston - 12/5 2138-2201 - FF music and talk followed ID and news, over partially nullled WMCB. (RWT-MA)

580 WGAC GA Augusta - 12/2 1830 - Promo for Dr. Laura show, "NewTalk 580," ID. (WM-MA)

WTCM MI Traverse City - 11/26 1700 - ABC news, UPSF commercial, weather, stock prices, sports, frequent ID's. Fair. (DC-ON)

WCHS WV Charleston - 12/4 1715 - With "580 CHS" ID, fair signal under and over WTAG. (LW-NY)

+ 12/9 1658 - Poor in CJCL-590 splatter with local weather, partial ID mentioning news, weather, and sports in Charleston. (MS-ON)

WAPC FL Clewiston - 11/29 1800 - SS programming, ID "R. Fiesta." (WM-MA)


600 WFRM PA Coudersport - 11/6 1900 - Tentative with country gospel music, over and under unID talk station. (DC-ON)

610 WTVN OH Columbus - 11/26 1915 - In CKTB null, "Sports Talk 10 LWTN" ID; fair with deep fades. (DC-ON)

620 WKNI AL Lexington - 12/1 1800 - Results of NFL games, One on One Sports, ID. (WM-MA)

WRJZ TN Knoxville - 12/9 1925 - Slang in "your car or in your home, Joy 62 WRJZ," followed by Christmas music. In very well for about 20 seconds. (RCP-IN)

WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 11/29 1755 - "Your source for Packers football." ID. (WM-MA)

630 WBMR GA Savannah - 11/28 1759-1805 - With call ID into CBS news, ID as "Savannah-Hilton Head." On top, but only fair signal with slight fading, severe QRM from CFCO. (EK-OK)

CFCY PI Charlottesville - 12/4 2255 - C&W music, fair under WPRO. PEI 82. (LW-NY)


+ 12/15 1800 - End of college basketball game, ID. (WM-MA)

WGOC TN Blountville - 11/22 2020-2030 - C&W music, ID, TC, with unID station carrying high school football. (WM-MA)

670 KWXI AR Glenwood - 11/28 1817 - Briefly in under WMAG, ID mentioning KWXI-104 FM as well. (RCP-IN)


680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 12/6 1900 - ID "WPTF Raleigh-Durham-Winston Salem, North Carolina's number one news and information station." (LW-NY)

690 WJOX AL Birmingham - 12/17 1743 - Poor over nullled CBP, CFTG-680 slop, ID as "Sportradio WJOX," into talk on NFL playoffs. (MB-ON)

WOKV FL Jacksonville - 11/23 1730 - With sports talk, ID, power cut. Good. (LW-NY)

WZAP VA Bristol - 12/3 1635 - Poor through partially nullled CBF, CFTG-680 splatter, with REL, very excited preacher program ending with instrumental music, partial ID at 1700 mentioning "Bristol, Virginia." (MS-ON)

700 WWTL MD Walkersville - 11/24 1642-1655 - Surely the one here with AA music, no IDs noted. Last noted on to HLN [??-DY], fade, severe LWLQ. (EK-OK)

710 WEKC KY Williamsburg - 11/22 1752 - C&W music, ID, clear over WOR. (JEK-MD)

WEPA MS Eupora - 11/22 1755 - C&W/GO music, caught ID in QRM from WOR, WEKC, CKVM. New. (JEK-MD)

720 CHTN PI Charlottetown - 11/27 1850 - News conference followed by other Broadway News Items, continued talk programming after 1900. In WGN null. (DC-ON)

+ 12/4 1638 - Mention of "Gold Mine Oldies" on "Good Time Oldies." (LW-NY)

730 MWTM KY Vancleave - 12/11 1615-1630 - Really great signal, way atop channel with only slight fading, QRM. Christmas music, sermon 1630-1652 tune-out. (EK-OK)

WNAP PA Nanticoke - 11/28 1758 - Sign-off announcement, to resume broadcasting at 0600, ended with Jim Reeves, "The Nightwatch." (JEK-MD)

WPIT PA Pittsburgh - 11/29 1659 - Good with ad for "The House of Faith," featuring contemporary Christian music and ID jingle as "AM 73 WPIT Pittsburgh." (MS-ON)

740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 12/16 2200 - Oklahoma State basketball game, SID. (WM-MA)

570 WRHA IL Brookport - 12/6 1850 - Apparently using new call letters; listed in Log as WRK, but definitely IDing as WRHA. Mentioned covering the Brookport,
Metropolis, and Paducah area, in very well in WSB null. (RCP-IN)

CKGB ON Timmins - 11/27 2305-2310 - With C&W music and ID over partially nullled WSB. (RWT-MA)

770 WYNN AL Athens - 12/6 1745 - Weather "for northeastern Alabama and south central Tennessee," ad for an Athens car dealer, then gone. (RJF-PA)

WYRV VA Cedar Bluff - 12/4 1715 - Most likely the one heard again with religious music, sign-off with SSb, though no ID. (RJE-PA)

780 WWOL NC Forest City - 12/14 1658 - Good with country gospel music from Mountainview Baptist Church in SC, announced as a program for the "unchurched and unsaved," ID "This is WWOL Forest City, North Carolina. Stay tuned for the USA Radio Network News," then into news. Only second time heard. (MS-ON)

WABS VA Arlington - 12/17 1642 - Briefly atop with end of "National Praise" program from the National Church of God, program notes, carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" to sign-off at 1646. Gradually slipped under WBGM and quite difficult by sign-off. (EK-OH)

+ 12/4 1606 - Religious programs, "Sword of the Spirit" selling tapes of sermons, positive ID. Very strong, like local. (PH-MA)

790 WWKY KY Louisville - 11/24 1755 - Health care ad. ID. (WM-MD)

WAEM PA Allentown - 11/25 1605-1639 - "WAEM NewsRadio 790" on top of CGI with G. Gordon Liddy and frequent breaks for traffic (with Maryanne Murphy) and weather (with Brian Downs); spots for Allentown Lits in the Parkway, The Brass Rail; promos for Dr. Dean Adell and Monday Night Football broadcasts. (NJW-ON)

WQSV TN Ashland City - 12/6 1809 - Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story," fair while in. (RCP-IN)

WMC TN Memphis - 12/2 1645 - ID, weather heard in mess. (WM-MD)


800 CHRC PQ Quebec City - 12/13 2220 - Fair in FF with ad for McCains Super Fries, Quebec ads and talk. PJF nullled, usual CLKQ, CBQ weak or absent. Only second time heard, last time was November 1992. (MS-ON)

810 CJVA NB Caraquet - 12/26 2100-2105 - News in FF and ID heard over normally dominant WGF. (RWT-MA)

820 QWIX NY Rochester - 12/5 1650 - Poor under partially nulled local CHAM with Elmira ad, telephone caller. A third station butting in at times. Unusual to hear anything besides CHAM here. (MS-ON)

WOSU OH Columbus - 12/6 1725 - Talk, promo for an Ohio State education, atop all. Rare. (RJE-PA)

830 WFIN LA Norfolk - 11/23 1815 - Several SS songs back to back, ID in EE. First time heard with these calls, ex-WADU. Very good in WCCO null. (RCP-IN)

840 WCTG SC Columbia - 12/17 1715 - Heard mostly over WHAS with REL to sign-off at 1715. (RJE-PA)

860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 12/17 1814-1817 - With local spots, into sports, quickly lost to CJBC. Something of a rarity here. (EK-OH)

WBVS MA Great Barrington - 12/8 1737 - On with promo for "The Trading Post" on Saturday mornings, oldies music. Possibly still on due to blizzard. (HFF-PA)

KNJU MN New Ulm - 11/29 1757-1758 - Farm report, into a series of local spots and holiday greetings. Fair at best, heavy QRM from KQOW making another appearance. No sign of CJBC1 (EK-OH)

880 KGHF AR Sheridan - 12/10 1750-1759 - Even with WCBS, GOS music and local church news. Spots for Tucker Furniture and Arkansas Truck also noted. Lost at 1759 presume power drop at local sunset. (EK-OH)

KRVN NE Lexington - 12/18 1815 - C&W music, "KR..." calls, antenna pattern change announcement, and gone! (JR-NY)

WRFD OH Columbus-Worthington - 12/4 1638 - Heard on car radio on way home from work in Suffern NY, about 10 miles west of here, with ad, ID clear under WCRS. Makes me hopeful about the possibilities of this one at home. (DY-NY)

+ 12/12 1715 - Sounded like a solid ID in talk program; don't believe this should be on at this time, though. If so, new here. Again 12/17 1715 with sign-off announcement and positive ID. (RJE-PA)

890 WBPS MA Dedham - 12/13 1557-1604 - Fair at best, sports talk, promo for sports handicapper Mark (Walsh?), anti-drunk-driving PSA, and spot for MDR vitamins. Difficult, lots of WLS QRM. (EK-OH)

910 WJGC TN Johnson City - 12/13 1617-1619 - On top briefly with extended spot for Bell South, into sports talk later. Great signal. (EK-OH)


CHRJ PQ Rosevill - 11/28 2150 - Tentative, hockey game in progress with FF announcer, fair. (DC-ON)


CJCH NS Halifax - 11/19 1735-1738 - End of The World This Hour" news with Shirley. Ad for International Business News Network with internet address, call show promos, "Maritimes' Number One News" slogan. (JEK-MD)


WYLD LA New Orleans - 11/30 2255 - Black Gospel music, ID. (WM-MD)

WIBG MI St. Ignace - 12/18 1800 - ID, "Cool 94 AM" slogan, oldies. First time heard with these calls. (RJ-NY)

+ 12/21 1729 - Fair with "Cool 94" ID as per Leg, OLD ("Susi's cion," "Ode to Billie Joe") music. (MB-IN)

WCPC MS Houston - 11/30 1735 - Fair signal, mention of several stores in the Houston area. (LW-NY)

WYKY KC Burnsville - 11/19 1722 - Tentative with "WNC" talk network? (JEK-MD)

950 WNZZ AL Montgomery - 11/24 2135 - Promo for Jim Hightower show, "Hot Talk 950," ID. (WM-MD)

WRYT MA Boston - 11/27 1825 - REL program, fair, mixing with WPEN. (LW-NY) [You mean WROL-? DY]

960 WIFR VA Roanoke - 11/19 1758 - In briefly with end of stock market report. (LW-NY)

980 WTRY NY Troy - 12/7 1730-1737 - Good over WERC with 50's-60's music, promo by Rich Mitchell for a museum in Tallahas. Unusual down here. (JEK-MD)

990 WCMF NY Rochester - 12/11 2040-2105 - In sporadically with Rochester Alban. Football game, severe fading and strong QRM from CBW. Nice ID. (EK-OH)

CBW MB Winnipeg - 11/20 2056 - Not //CBL-740, different time zone, with "As It Happens" followed by a promo for "Best of Mornings." CBC ID and news at 2100. All alone and good for a long while! (RH-OK)

1000 KTOK OK Oklahoma City - 11/22 1806 - Dave Lanning with the Good News show, followed by ad for Guant Bank. WMYF barely heard and easily nullled. (RCP-IN)

CKBW NS Bridgewater - 12/4 1755 - C&W music, Canadian artists, ID, local weather, many ads for Liverpool sponsors. Not heard since 1982. (JEK-MD)

1020 WJEP GA Gochieknockee - 12/17 1726-1730 - Another surprise, "We Three Kings" then sign-off announcements and a bit more music before leaving the air. Pretty good signal, but moderate fading and terrific KDKA QRM. New. (EK-OH)

WPEO IL Peoria - 11/24 1745 - Heard at signoff, no SSB heard, briefly over KDKA. (RCP-IN)

1030 WSSF TN Memphis - 12/16 1720-1730 - Even with WBZ at times with discussion of local NCAA basketball, ads. (RJE-PA)

WBGW WV Point Pleasant - 12/18 1655 - Under WBZ, but steady, with country gospel, local events listing. (RJE-PA)


WLNO LA New Orleans - 12/11 1734-1750 - Bombing in with "Spiritual (Warfare?) Broadcast" to 1737, brief bit of QB music to 1743, PSA for "Don't Drink and Drive," then spots for (Voss?) Motors and PPS internet specials, into "(The Youth) Ministry Program." Very little KQW QRM, some C&W music in...
1170 WLGO SC Lexington - 12/11 1640 - Editorial about KKK activities in Columbia and SC, good. CE (WXXI) 1190 KDAO IA Marshalltown - 11/29 1707 - Song "I'll Be There," ID, very tough in WOUO 1200 WGNY NY Newburgh - 12/18 1623 - Briefly atop pest WAGE with music, ID, weather. 1205 WSML NC Graham - 12/11 1625 - In very early talk, five local ads for businesses in Bentonville. 1220 WRRK PA Hughesville - 12/20 2331 - Fading in and out on a busy frequency, mention of WRRK and WRAC, "Best of Westwood One" and Michael Reagan show. WKOQ, WTLA, and WAGE mixing in. 1225 WBZY PA New Castle - 11/15 1728-1731 - Finally pulled out from under pest WAGE with local ad, ID, news. 1226 WENC NC Whiteville - 11/19 1702 - "You're listening to the station that cares, WENC Whiteville, North Carolina," with unID SS station. 1250 CFVM PA Aquila - 12/1 2050-2110 - FF talk and music. ID by woman in FF at 2057, "C&G" overurally. 1250 WBZC PA Parker - 12/6 1650 - C&W music and cancellations in area due to winter storm. 1260 WMCH OH Cleveland - 12/17 1736 - ID into Genesis program with Father Wally. (CRB-NY)
**Expanded AM Band Drags On**

by Lynn Meadows

**WASHINGTON** Most stations seeking a position on the AM expanded band gained no ground whatsoever in 1995.

Only two stations receiving any closer to broadcasting on the band between 1610 and 1700 kHz this year: KXBT(AM), formerly KSB, in Valparaiso, Calif., began broadcasting on 1610 kHz in March and KQFJ(AM) in Costa Mesa, Calif., is working with the Federal Communications Commission to get Special Temporary Authority (STA) to begin broadcasting on 1650 kHz.

The remaining expanded band applicants scored the year by the release of a revised proposed allotment plan listing who is eligible to migrate up the dial. They end the year awaiting another new version of that allotment plan.

Despite the apparent lack of progress, the FCC has been working to resolve what it sees as the two allotment plans proposed to date have been given with several petitions for reconsideration.

The FCC released the original proposed AM expanded band allotment plan in October 1994. The agency took nearly a year to receive the petitions for reconsideration. In the end, the FCC announced it would accept comments on how to modify allotment procedures, and what modifications to make in the AM database used to calculate the allotment plans. Only four people submitted comments during that brief comment period in the fall of 1995.

The FCC also delayed the computer programs that determine who gets to migrate up the dial. The programs calculate improvements factors for expanded band applicants and then generate an allotment plan. The second proposed allotment plans, which would have allowed 87 stations to migrate, was made public in March. Eight new petitions for reconsideration arrived in April.

In response, the Audio Services Division updated its plan software this fall. It has generated a third proposed allotment plan and delayed a Report and Order which must be approved by the commission before it is released to the public. That is expected to happen soon.

The expanded band promises to be a December delight. One general manager in Iowa City said he was told his station would be able to reach 20 waves in 1630 kHz. WJOM reported it had heard from people "around the world" who have caught to signal.

**Radio World**

via Jerry Starr
Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a restful, peaceful and DX-filled holiday season. Thanks to those who took the time to send me holiday greetings cards. The most interesting card I received combined Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa, and Chinese New Year messages. May all find in their religious traditions something that can be shared for the peace of the world.

My father gave me his old Allied SX-190 shortwave receiver at Thanksgiving. My 12-year-old son Roberto thinks that it’s going to be his, so over school vacation we’ll see if he can learn some DX skills! I first picked up the habit at his age.

I just bought the 1997 WRTH. Not much in it this year. Thanks to Arnie (Arnold) for the info.

I have heard in CO, have been with the benefit of a 1000’ beverage. These hets and loggings were for an e-mail to David Crawford. Arnie: why the switch? Please bring Talneco into the beautiful sounds of Christmas from the new tx not installed yet. Said HF activated “last week.”

Craig speaks: “In addition, I had strong hets on 595, 895, and 1205 kHz. Unfortunately, none of the hets broke into audio. With the exception of a brief, tentative het on 1314, the only hets on splits I have heard in CO, have been with the benefit of a 1000 beverage. These hets and loggings were heard from my shack on an unamplified 4 box loop.”

STATION NEWS

ALBANIA/MACEDONIA: 849 UNJD with good audio signal. Male and female announcers in Albanian/Macedonian (probably), with music and phone-in around 1635 UTC. At 1700 time check, news then kind of music contest (it sounds like radio concurso musical) until 1740. No ID noted but some telephone calls were from Tirana. Still there with good audio at 1850. Very strong heterodyne against 846 Roma 540 kW which was totally maddening. Does not seem to be a pirate; indeed they are really professional. Ideas? [W. Buchanan, Genoa, Italy, in MW News DEC 1996]

CRICKET: The West Indies Cricket Team is touring Australia from Nov 96 to FEB 97. Radio stations throughout the Caribbean will be on extended schedules carrying the play-by-play. They will relay the Australian Broadcasting Commission commentary, which might mean a lack of music on 595, 895 and 1205 kHz (although there is a lunch break two hours into the match, and Tea adter 4 hours 40 minutes). 3rd Test Melbourne DEC 26-30 0000-0700, 4th Test Adelaide JUN 25-29 0300-0730, 5th Test Perth FEB 1-5 0000-1000. One day matches are too numerous to list, but hours of play could cover from 2300-1400. Countries to look for: Anguilla 1505, Antigua 620 (also shows St. Lucia 1300-0400; 930 XEQS Romance en Radio, Fresnillo, now 24 hr service), Barbados 1100, Bahamas 705, Jamaica 350 or 750, Montserrat 855 or 930, St. Vincent 705, Trinidad 730 (also shows St. Kitts 660, but this probably means St. Lucia 660). [W. Davies in MW News DEC 1996]

HAWAII: KHNR 650 heard with local news at 24:54 past the hour, CNN Headline News at 22:30, and Clark in DXers Calling (AUSTRALIA), DEC 1996

HONDURAS: Terry Krueger and David Crawford have noted 5890 HRMI LV de Misiones who has reduced their use of RMC transmitter. DW now 06-13 0000, 12-13 0100, 18-21 0200, 23-24 0300, 01-02 0400, 07-08 0500, 13-14 0600, and 19-20 0700. DBX 1200 CLX, 1400 CLX, and 1600 CLX are of no known frequency.

W.Davies in MW News DEC 1996

MEXICO: 950 MEXIC XEMAS La Estacion de los Mexicanos, also XEMAS XEUMA, and XEMAS XEUMA, all with RMC programming on offer. They will relay the Australian Broadcasting Commission commentary, which might mean a lack of music on 595, 895 and 1205 kHz (although there is a lunch break two hours into the match, and Tea adter 4 hours 40 minutes). In MW News DEC 1996, Terry Krueger and David Crawford have noted 5890 HRMI LV de Misiones, who has reduced their use of RMC transmitter. DW now 06-13 0000, 12-13 0100, 18-21 0200, 23-24 0300, 01-02 0400, 07-08 0500, 13-14 0600, and 19-20 0700. DBX 1200 CLX, 1400 CLX, and 1600 CLX are of no known frequency. [W. Davies in MW News DEC 1996]

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