From the publisher ... As the lazy days of May fly by, the DX opportunities are limited a bit by lightning-QRN (static) but perhaps enhanced by some weather developments. Don't stop turning on your rx through spring and summer just because you think that there's no opportunity for DXing!

Fred Vobbe says, "If any member would like their Web Page linked off the NRC's web page, or would like to have their address added to the E-Mail listing on the page, please contact Fred Vobbe at gnb@wecn.com or send regular mail to Fred Vobbe, 706 MacKenzie Dr., Lima OH 45805-1835. If you want your web page linked, please include: 1) A description of your site, and 2) the URL! This offer is good only for National Radio Club member.

Dave Schmidt sends more information on the NRC convention, August 29-Sept. 1: The NRC Convention will be at The Ramada Inn, located at Route 13 & I-295 New Castle, DE. Watch this space for registration prices, etc. And it's time to start gathering items for the annual auction, too! I may bring some surplus coffee cups to divert John Malicky's attention whilst I bid on the REAL treasures, hi.

Through rec.radio.shortwave and Tomas R. Sondstrom comes word of the death of WRNO's Joseph Costello in April. 'Joe was a radio pioneer in Louisiana, though only in his mid-50's when he died. He made WRNO-FM a commercial hit long before most other broadcasters realized there was money to be made on the FM band. Few of us HAVEN'T heard WRNO International, the shortwave station he couldn't believe that other broadcasters hadn't thought of. Most broadcast station owners have a sales/management background; Joe was an broadcast engineer, which accounts for his unique perspective.'

Also on SW but of interest to the MW DXer: Glenn Hauers World of Radio. Glenn sends this information: "WORLD OF RADIO SCHEDULE, SHORE VERSION effective April 6. On WWCX Nashville, Thu 2030 15565, Sat 0530 5070 (NEW), Sat 1307435, Sat 1300 15685, Sun 073005070 (NEW), Sun 0930 3210, Sun 2330 05070, Tue 1230 15685. On WCCM Costa Rica: Fri 2000, Sat 0400, 1100, 1900, Sun 0200, 0900, 2300, Mon 0700, Tue 1900, Wed 0300, 1000—on 15050 AM daytime, 7385 AM and 6205 USB at night. For full details on all my broadcasts in English, Spanish, and publications, see website: <http://www.hudson.idf.net/~khecht19/radio/shortwave/gnauher2>

E-mail: wghausser@hotmail.com

IRCA Convention ... Mike Sandburn is hosting the IRCA "Mega-Convention" at the Holiday Inn Bristol Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA July 25, 26, and 27. The registration fee is $35, and room rates are $60 per night, per room (not per person), and those rooms include a king and sofa bed OR two queen beds. The hotel is located right off the southbound Bristol offramp of the 405 San Diego Freeway (I-3131 South Bristol -Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 714-557-300, FAX 714-957-8185. For more information you can contact Mike at 1404-614-1448 nights, or P. O. Box 1256 -Belflower, CA 90703.

WTFDA Convention ... Hosted by John Broomall, this convention will take place August 1, 2, and 3 in Georgia ... somewhere, as the original site has become unavailable. For the latest info, contact John at WATC TV 57 - 1862 Enterprise Drive - Norcross, GA 30093, or <wtfda@smart1.net>. And while you're fooling around the Internet, why not visit the WTFDA website at <http://www.users.scoast.net/dauvin/wtfda.html>.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

80 years ago ... from the May 10, 1917 DXN: Ralph Johans. Buffalo, NY, reported that in the week ending May 1, the FCC broke records by granting 52 new AM construction permits and 50 new power grants. The DX program from RF5O-580 on April 7 netted 30 reports from Boston, MA, to the west coast.

25 years ago ... from the April 29, 1972 DXN: "NC Control" was attempting to get caught up with repair and new member packet orders after the earlier fire at G. P. Nelson's home ... Fred Osterman's DX from Williamson, NY included 3061.63.7707-17: "... the fire at G. P. Nelson's home. . . ."

10 years ago ... from the May 4, 1987 DXN: Publisher Mike Knitter announced that membership dues would be increased, effective August 1, with renewals going to $22 per year.
CALL LETTER CHANGES

Applications for New Stations

1240 Ak Seward: 1000/1000 U1
1450 Va Suffolk: 1000/250 U1

1450 PQ Causapscal: 1000/1000 U1

Applications from Existing Facilities

620 Wpa Pa Greensburg: 2500/400 U4, city of license to Irwin, PA
830 Wktx Oh Cortland: modify CP for new transmitter site to show 1000 D1
860 Ktrb Oh Modesto: antenna to U2
910 Wrlk Ny New City: 1000/1000 U4
980 Krtx Tx Rosenberg: modify CP to show 5000/4000 U4

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

From SRC's DX Audio Service...

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Now available: Clyde Clifford of Kays' Beckett Street, the 1340 kHz Travellers, radio talk show based on WYNY, the AOSC, radio sportscasters, and southern black radio, 4 C-90 tapes in a white binder: $9.50 postpaid from SRC Publications - Box 146, Mansfield, NY 14985. New orders, please add sales tax.

Grants to Existing Facilities

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Otherness

The FCC has finally released a list of those silent stations whose licenses, after all possible alternatives were exhausted, have been cancelled and calls deleted. Those stations are indicated with the +++ symbol below. Otherness continues to reflect the huge wave of silent stations that returned to the air.

1100 WWwe Ga Carrollton: 5000 (4300 CH) D1, city of license to Hapeville, GA
1200 Wcbh Ml Taylor: modify CP to show 5000/1500 U4
1310 Woka Ga Douglas: day power to 3900 watts
1450 CFhc Ab Cammore: to 106.5 FM, will relinquish AM license if granted, would also relinquish license for CFHC-1 Banff, AB if granted
1470 Kdew Ar DeWitt: +++
1470 Wkbs Nc Burgaw: 880 D1, from new site
1560 Wijn Fl Inverness: 6900 (4900 CH), city of license to Beverly Hills, FL
1560 Wsqr Il Sycamore: 250/210 U2

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540 *App Tx West Odessa: application for new station shown in the last AMS was an error taken from MSJ, the application is actually for 88.7 FM, don't know how it ended up shown on 540 kHz
550 Wdun Ga Gainesville: CP for 1000/2500 is on
580 Crk Aua Ab Edmonton: station is SILENT
620 Whjb Pa Greensburg: CP for 1300/113 U1 is on but note in Applications above they are anticipating changes to those stations
650 Kgab WY Orchard Valley: silent station (as KMRZ) is ON THE AIR
690 Klcs Az Flagstaff: +++
740 Wiac Pr San Juan: CP for move to new site is on
910 Kvq Pr Hesperia: station is SILENT as their relay KIQQ-1310, below see below
960 Wkvn Pr Quebradillas: silent station is ON THE AIR
970 Kafy Ca Bakersfield: silent station is ON THE AIR
980 Ksgm Il Chester: silent station is ON THE AIR (had initially returned after flood damage with an emergency 60 watt transmitter, now up to full power)
990 Whia Ga Dawson: +++
1040 Kaun La Vidalia: +++
1040 Wzna Pr Boca: CP for 5000 D3 is on, station had been silent
1050 Wrfs Al Alexander City: station is SILENT
1050 Kbbv Ca Big Bear Lake: silent station is ON THE AIR and relaying KHPY-1530
1060 Wrke Nc Monroe: silent station is ON THE AIR
1060 Wijn Fl Farwell: CP for 10000 D3 is on
1060 Kbnb Tx Gilmer: silent station is ON THE AIR
It may not be perfect ... but the NRC AM Log is, simply, the best there is because of your contributions. Why not make the next edition even better? Send all corrections and changes to Wayne Heinen - 1431 S. Andres Way - Aurora, CO 80013-3831, or nrclog@telbank.com. Thanks!

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MEDIUM WAVE AM NEWS

Just when I thought my E-Mail address was set for awhile, the company has changed THEIR...
the test on: "I'm rather embarrassed about the WHK test. We moved the station that weekend and somehow the tape got misplaced for the test. So it never went. Now I can see all these guys out there that got up early in the night to listen for something that was not there! Woe is me!"

Harry Helms of San Diego - cq-wgq15a@prodigy.com - writes: "Just got a great verie from WQQ767, 1690 kHz, at the Dallas/Fort Worth airport. It states the transmitter is 60 watts into a 44-3 geographic with a ground plane of 45-foot copper rod sunk into the ground at the antenna base. Verie signer is Joe Blair, communications administrator, DFA International Airport. P.O. Drawer 619428, DFW Airport, TX, 75261-9428. Verie is laser-printed on folded card stock like that normally used for graduation or wedding invitations - this is a nice one!" Between licks on an Eximino Pie, Shawn babbled: "Hey, what an opening to Colombia. Three new ones in about an hour. Love that. The wether [sic - Ed.] was super with above zero temps. Exposure is really stinking good this morning. Wet feet but good DX is always nice!" Just a little bit of snow on the field was snow free but mud or water. Found out that a tobogoon can cross 20 feet of water with 75-100 pounds of equipment and float over the water which is 8 inches deep. Thought we would have to portage but walked in the mud and water with some extra effort but no big deal. The DX was very nice with new ones from Colombia and one pirate also. Not used to the heat but it was a great time. We had to go back in a couple of weeks and wind it up the wires so the farm can return to agriculture. Did find one of the missing beverages we could not use last two times. Seems about three feet of snow melted leaving it exposed. One is still out there under the last foot of snow. At least it is not snowed over...too bad. Shawn also reports he's escaped any danger of the Red Sea, er, ah... Red River which has overflowed its banks in his area.

There have been a number of reports over the past few issues relaying "Special" information with a comment that the info was in the AM Radio Log. Then, as it turned out, the author of the item was using an outdated Log! Well, folks, that ain't gonna cut it no more. If you are not using the latest AM Radio Log, do not repeat, DO NOT include like comments about data in the Log being in error or outdated. Wayne Heinen sends many hours gleaning the DX Digest columns for updated information. So when he sees comments such as "not noted in the AM Log", he jumps right on it. Then if the item is, indeed, in the latest published Log, I can imagine his "desire to wring a neck or two" sky rockets. Same goes for call letters. If you've not been exposed. One is still out there under the last foot of snow. At least it is not snowed over...too bad. Shawn also reports he's escaped any danger of the Red Sea, er, ah... Red River which has overflowed its banks in his area.

DUDDY here for the next few issues are: Issue 27 - June 9; Issue 28 - July 7; Issue 29 - August 4; Issue 30 - September 8. Good DX.

REPORTERS

DS-TN Doug Smith Pleasant View Kenwood TS-940 ham rig. Force 12 C3 yagi antenna. (It isn't supposed to be below 14 MHZ, but it does!) <7277.3143@compuserve.com>

TRH-CA Tim Hall Chula Vista ICF-2010, KIWA Loop - <kiwa@networkworld.net>

MM-IL Marc Marino Callnet City Superadio II <london@hpc.com>

DE-MO Dennis Elyan Jefferson City JVC TX-T6 tuner on my stereo system <ely@centralnet.com> and http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/3426/

VAL-DX Valhalla, Manitoba DXPedition Shawn Axelrod, Wayne McRae and Kevin Kardoshinskis 3-ICOM ICR-70's with filter mods and PLAM board + [count 'em Ed,] 9 long wave wire loops or beverages <axelrod@nib.spp.netapaco.ca>

BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale Drake 88-A with 4 box loop <karchev@norTel.ca>

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Internet Resources

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Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills

SPECIAL

540 XETIN BQN Tijuana - The owner X-Back AM 540 was quoted last week as saying his station would be on the air "no later than 5 am Tuesday 4/15." Surprisingly, this time he was right. Power does seem to be increased, but don't know if they got the full 25 kW. Classical music format. Haven't heard a full ID yet so don't know if calls have changed from XETIN. Presume the Costa Mesa station is simulcasting, but don't know for sure. (TH-CA)

600 KEBQ TX Kemitt - Is scheduled to become Spanish religious / their 106.3 FM. (INet)

920 WFPA IL Chicago - 4/20 0715 - Fair signal in CKJS splat, with motivational programming. Ex: WSCR, NEW. (VAL-DX)

1160 WSCR IL Chicago - 04/19 2040 - Fair signal in KSL null, with sports programming. Heard next morning at 0700 with religious programming. Now here: ex 820. NEW. (VAL-DX)

1190 KPHN MO Kansas City - 4/19 2035 - Fair signal with talk program about local events. I Ded as CNIN 11-90 and KPHN. New call now on. NEW. (VAL-DX)

1410 KGNN MO Cuba - FM Medical report says they are silent pending a sale. They may not be gone after all. (DE-MO)

1430 WMAY TN Madison - 4/17 1350 - Now "Newchannel 5 Radio". News/talk format, some shows parallel to WTWF-channel 5, some parallel to their "Newchannel 5 Plus" on cable channel 65, some replays of stuff that aired earlier on one of the television operations, plus some TV audio from All News Channel and Bloomberg Information Television. (NOT Bloomberg Radio.) No call change yet. I don't know what this means for the past simulcast of WTVP news shows on WKDA-1240. (DS-TN)

CHKT ON Toronto - "With the sale of CKYC to Fairchild Broadcasting, the 1430 frequency in Toronto now has the callsign CHKT-AM. The letters supposedly stand for "Hong Kong Toronto." The station programs primarily to the Toronto Chinese community." (INet)

1440 KINF TX Denton - Now Spanish religious / KTNV Ft Worth. (INet)

1520 KYND TX Cypress - Is now Spanish Tropical format. (INet)

1530 KNEZ TX Creedmore - Now these calls. Still KNEWS. (INet)

1560 KILE TX Bellevue - Now here as city-of-license. Ex: Port Lavaca. (INet)

UNIDS and UNID HELP

580 UNID ?? - 4/14 0723 - Someone with Radio Disney fighting KOA and at least two other stations. Birmingham? Someone else was running live coverage of a baseball game - at 6am! (DS-TN)

DX and EQUIPMENT TESTS

570 KKFL-CA Alturas - 4/27 0300-0400 - Probably not on with Non-D pattern as only KLAC-CA, KVI-WA and KSN-UT heard. KVI dominated the frequency with 5 KW Non-D from Seattle, more than twice as far away. I have never heard KKFJ on their regular schedule with their night pattern. 4/28 0300-0310 - KKFJ not heard 24 hours later. (BK-CA)
TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 WQO624 ND Devils Lake - 4/19 1720 - Fair signal, with lots of highway info due to the floods. (VAL-DX)

1610 WTFT994 KS Bonner Springs - 4/19 2315 - Fair signals with weather by a woman, then road info by a man who did ID. (VAL-DX)

1610 WNAN940 MN Chisholm - 4/19 2305 - Poor signal, but could copy 90%. Info from the state of Minnesota highways. Said they were a Travellers Advisory Station well call signs used. NEW. (VAL-DX)

TIS MT Minosee - 4/20 0545 - Woman with info on the wild life in the National Bison Range. Mention of drive through roads and ice in the bison range. This is the UNID ice fields station we have heard the last two DXpeditions. NEW. (VAL-DX)

KOC745 WY Fort Laramie - 4/19 2310 - Poor signal, with historic info on the fort site. (VAL-DX)

1620 TIS Wl Milwaukee - 4/19 2234 - Fair signal, with woman giving info on 1-94. No call used, just 16-20 AM. NEW. (VAL-DX)

MIDNIGHT TO 0600 HOURS ELT

810 KCMO MO Kansas City - 4/14 0759 - Over/under WABF with legal ID, into CBS News. Finally got around to logging this one. (DS-TN)

920 WBAA IN West Lafayette - 4/14 0758 - End of PRF's Marketplace, calls in sponsorship announcement, legal ID. New, and loud! (DS-TN)

940 WMWR GA Macon - 4/14 0716 - Poor in mess, with call ID. New, believe it or not. (DS-TN)

WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 4/22 0550 - With Mutual News, then local news about a new appointee to some commission. Also, something about the newly-elected mayor and then talk about a proposed winery for the area. Great signal. Hadn't heard them in a year or more. Then, at 7:11 WEMJ came back on. (MM-IL)

950 KLK MO Jefferson City - 4/22 0749 - Playing Two of a Kind, a country song. Ad for Target with a sale on Kleenexes, 4 boxes for $5. With WJIM off. (MM-IL)

960 WSBT IN South Bend - 4/14 0756 - WSBT Newsfed 960, talk. New. (DS-TN)

1170 WLBH IL Matteson - 4/14 0710 - Fair, with Illinois news. New. (DS-TN)

1330 WWHI IN Evansville - 4/14 0746 - Call ID, contemporary religious music, local talk. New. (DS-TN)

1370 WGCJ IN Bloomington - 4/14 0743 - Over/under WABD-KY with morning news, AM 1370 WGCJ call ID. New. (DS-TN)

0600 TO 1000 HOURS ELT

9080 AM 1050 WDZ  (News) Illinois' First Radio Station

90 TO 100 HOURS ELT

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

590 CFAR MB Flin Flon - 4/19 1855 - Poor signal in CKY splat, with AC and Country music ID as CJARC/FAR. New. (VAL-DX)

730 WFMW KY Madisonville - 4/15 2048 - C&W music, ID, and request line number. Semi-local KWRE not heard. (DE-MO)

930 WRVC WV Huntington - 4/18 2220 - Faded for a while until arround ten o'clock (local) when I heard the ID. They actually gave a three city ID but I can't remember all of the cities. Carrying the sports fan radio network. (MM-IL)

1130 KAAB AR Batesville - 4/15 2052 - CCM music and ID. Alone on the frequency. (DE-MO)

1310 KNOX ND Grand Forks - 4/19 1725 - Good signal, with lots of info on the flood and roads still open for evacuation. (VAL-DX)

1370 KFJM ND Grand Forks - 4/19 2125 - Good signal, with lots of info on the flood and roads still open for evacuation. (VAL-DX)

1390 WRIG WI Schofield - 4/17 1722 - Good signal, with CBS baseball game and WRIG IDs. (VAL-DX)

1480 KKCQ MN Foston - 4/19 1916 - Good signal, with both oldies and country music. IDs as North Country Radio. (VAL-DX)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates North American record-holder

1500 WKGA IL Zion - 4/19 2112 - Good signal, sometime over mega-pest KSTP, with lots of lively Spanish talk and Latin music. Several Chicago ads. NEW. (VAL-DX)

1340 kHz:

WDSR FL Lake City Ron Bailey Shelby, NC

1400 kHz:

WPAV FL Ft. Walton Beach Don Treford Runaway Bay, Jamaica

1450 kHz:

WIBO MD Cumberland Ron Bailey Shelby, NC

1490 kHz:

WMOA OH Marietta Ron Bailey Shelby, NC

CMDH CU Mayari Don Treford Runaway Bay, Jamaica

Totals:

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DDXD-East

Upcoming deadlines: June 10, July 8.

A note to our contributors: When noting changes in station information, please make sure that you are using the most current edition of the NRC AM Radio Log in making your corrections. Some folks of late have been sending in "updates" of information that has already been published in the Log, which wastes space in DX News and frustrates Wayne as he tries to keep the Log as up to date as possible. The AM radio band changes daily, and it's hard enough to keep track of the changes happening now without tracking down something that turns out to be three-year-old news! So keep sending in your current tips and loggings!

STATION NEWS

680 WRKO MA Boston - Per program's Internet web page, now carries ABC's "Moneytalk with Bob Brinker" weekend nights 2306-0100. (DP-HI)

770 WABC NY New York - Per program's Internet web page, now carries ABC's "Moneytalk with Bob Brinker" live weekends 1600-1800. (DP-HI)

820 WWLZ NY Horseheads - 4/13 2332 - ESPN sports, ID as "820 Wheels, WWLZ," lengthy promo for auto racing coverage, mentions of FM "P 100.9," ex-WQXM, WQDT. Format seems to be mainly classic rock. (DP-HI)

650 WRBZ NC Raleigh - 4/20 - Adds "Dreamland with Art Bell" per show today. (DP-HI)

910 WYLI OH Marietta - Alternate address per QSL is P.O. Box 927, full QSL for both addresses is 45750-0927. (EK-OH)

940 WCIT OH Lima - Per QSL correct ZIP is 45805. Schedule shows One on One Sports, plus Rush Limbaugh (1200-1500) and Dr. Laura (1000-1200). (EK-OH)


1210 WPHT PA Philadelphia - 5/6 - Adds "Coast to Coast with Art Bell" per program today. (DP-HI)

1230 WTHH MD Baltimore - Oldies station here has been sold to a Christian broadcaster from California; a format change in the works? (EF-MD)

1310 WCGR NY Canandaigua - 4/25 1140 - Noted here ex-1550, with light, NOS type stuff, slogan as "Lake Air." Local newspaper said they turned the switch 4/24 1400. Now full-time. (JR-NY)

1330 WASA MD Havre de Grace - 3/22 1130-1240 - Presumed this one playing non-stop REL music with no breaks or IDs. This has been going on for at least a week and a half. I have listened for 4-5 hours at a time and have yet to hear a word spoken. Very good signal. (PT-NJ)

1370 WHEE VA Martinsville - 4/21 - Adds "The Ken Hamblin Show" per program today. (DP-HI)

DX TESTS
10 UNID and UNID HELP

790 UNID - 4/11 0610 - Someone with rock oldies (Santana, CSN) under a dominant C&W station, no announcements noted before fading. (DB-DE) [Maybe WLSV or CFAN, as below? - DY]

860 UNID - 4/17 2210 - Two EE stations in CJBC null, one Christian talk, one with folk music. Heard an ad for a tax service in Crawford(?) County. (DB-DE) (KKOW is in Crawford Co., KS-plx.)

1150 WCRK? TN Morristown - 3/19 1835 - Heard clear ID that sounded like "music and memories WCRK" between NOS records. Could this be WCRK with a format change? Mixing badly with others in WDEL null and didn't get a second chance. (PT-NJ)

1450 UNID GA Athens - 4/26 2020 - Ad for Atlanta Consumer Expo "... in Marietta on Cobb Parkway, just two miles north of 285." Would guess Cartersville, but Griffin is also possible, since both are close to Atlanta. (BC-NH)

1500 UNID - 4/19 2020 - Female preacher weak in slight WTOP null, gone by 2030. (DB-DE)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

590 WARM PA Scranton - 4/21 0020 - 20-20 Sports, WEZE apparently off the air for some reason. Hope this turns into the rule rather than the exception. Weak, mixing with FL, presumed CKRS. (PG-MA)

670 WWFE FL Miami - 4/20 0205 - Fair, "This is WWFE ..." ID, then "La poderosa ... desde Orlando," talk in SS, over R. Rebelde, Cuba. (BC-NH)

830 WKTX OH Cortland - 4/20 0734 - Polka music, ID, and promo for "Larry Walk's Happy PolkaLand Show," fair with CFJ. (NJW-ON)

1020 WCLL IL Carbondale - 4/20 0750 - Fair under WPED with ad for CFJ Trash Disposal, Anti-Vivisection League, mention of Carbondale, calls at 0754. Quite surprised as KDKA, WPEO dominate here early mornings. (MB-IN)

1130 WDFN MI Detroit - 3/20 0026 - Call letters heard fighting with WBBR, unable to loop or phase either one clearly. (PT-NJ)

1370 WCOA FL Pensacola - 4/29 0600 - ABC hourly news, ID. (WM-MD)

LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

790 WLSV NY Wellsboro - 4/19 0800-0830 - Music by the Pet Shop Boys, Mike and the Mechanics, etc., spots for Denim Dept in Oleen and Suburban Propane on Route 19 in Belmont, IDing as "103 dot 5 WQZ" except for legal ID on the hour. Fair with WPIC, WTNY, and CFJ. (NJW-ON)

1330 WESR VA Onley - 3/22 1243 - Funeral announcements and warnings about "From the Shore WESR," with presumed WASA's non-stop and non-IDed REL music nullled. (PT-NJ)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

540 WDMV MD Pocomoke City - 4/13 2226 - ID as WBEY, female DJ asking for requests, fair but alone with WLUX nullled. (DY-NY)

560 WGAN ME Portland - 4/12 2100 - Legal ID just before the hour, poor. (DY-NY)

670 WLLZ MI Monroe - 4/9 1742 - Commercial for Iversson, ID on the hour simply as "WLLZ Monroe," into Indian(? music. Good signal but rapid flutter and surprisingly heavy QRM from WFRB. (EK-OH)

610 WNTW WA Winchester - 4/9 1755-1800 - The Oliver North Show, ID, ABC news. (WM-MD)

650 WRPT MA Ashland - 4/26 2320 - Poor, fighting WSM and Colombia, sign-off well after local sunset simply with ID "This is 650 AM, WRPT Ashland." (BC-NH)

760 KMTL AR Sherwood - 4/3 1944 - Fair under WJR with REL music, sign-off message that included call letters. Thought this was WENO at first. (MB-IN)

790 CFAN NC Newmarket - 3/18 2308 - "Heartbreak hotel" downtown, good times 790 CFAN; then phone request for Buddy Holly's "Tina." Descent signal but lots of slop. (PT-NJ)

870 WPWT TN Colonial Heights - 3/16 1827-1830 - Sign-off with no SSB, ended with "This is WPWT Colonial Heights." Poor in GY-type mush in WWL phase null. (PT-NJ)

900 WKDW VA Staunton - 4/3 2121 - Fair with C&W music, calls, no sign of normally dominant CHML. (MB-IN)

910 WGTG MI Cassopolis - 4/21 2017 - Good-fair with ID as "WGTG, Good Time Oldies," OLD (Summertime Blues, "Kentucky Rain") music. (MB-IN)

920 WTCW KY Whitesburg - 4/15 2220-2235 - Absolutely bombing in with C&W music, QRM only during fades. Hard to believe only 35 watts! (EK-OH)

930 WNZS FL Jacksonvile - 5/2 2230 - Local ID inserted into Florida Marlins baseball play-play, equal level with uncooporative SS preacher. (NJ-NC)

950 WFMN MD Frederick - 5/2 2220 - ID with community calendar-type announcement block, surfaced briefly while trying to ID SS preacher on channel. (NJ-NC)

960 WWNZ VA Richmond - 3/17 1917-1930 - News and "weather for Richmond," SID "All News 990 WWIN." Fair at times and mixing with WIVK, others in WZZD null. (PT-NJ)

1020 WKZE CT Sharon - 4/18 1923 - "I Fought the Law," ID 1925 as "All American Country," station promo and then sign-off, fair with WIBG, KDKA. (NJW-ON)

1050 WADC WV Parkersburg - 4/19 2031 - Atop this late hour with live coverage of NASCAR race from MRN, ads for a tire dealer in Parkersburg mentioning WV state inspection service, a mobile home dealer on Route 7, and ID "NASCAR and the original hits, WADC Parkersburg-Marietta" at 2043. (DB-DE)

1060 WLNO LA New Orleans - 3/16 1859 - End of REL service, "Reaching the Gulf ..." special today's favorite teachings, 1060 AM WLNQ, New Orleans' most powerful Christian radio station," fair with KYW nullled. (PT-NJ)

1070 WKOK PA Sunbury - 4/28 1905 - Wrapping up CBS news, WKOK 107.3 FM" ID and into "Your Move" by Yes. Good in null of semi-local WNTC. (NJ-NC)


1180 WXLX MI Dimondale - 4/6 1905-1925 - Finally logged well enough for a report, with UC music, strong on peaks but slow, deep fades, heavy WHAM QRM. (EK-OH)

1250 WCHV VA Charlottesville - 4/12 2038 - Ads, weather, "That's your weather forecast from the Touch, 12-60 WCHV," into soul oldies. I've heard this before but never Ided it. (DY-NY)

1280 WSAT NC Salisbury - 3/18 2000 - End of NASCAR Today program, ID "WSAT Salisbury" ended into news. Mixing with YYVE. (PT-NJ)

1390 WXTC SC Charleston - 3/19 2104 - (NJW-ON) music with IDs as "107.5 WBB" and "Bubba," Contest to send winner to Country Music Hall of Fame. Fair at times, fighting with WDCW, WEEED. (PT-NPJ)

1400 WKWV NC Greensboro - 4/30 2259 - ID "WKEW Greensboro" atop GY mes into ABC news, stayed atop until 2307. (DB-DE)

1450 WBSM MD New Bedford - 4/27 2310 - Weather forecast, ID. (WM-MD)

1450 WTKQ ME South Paris - 4/26 2030 - Fair with AHL playoff game, Portland Pirates vs. Springfield Falcons "... on the Pirates radio network," first time heard. (BC-NH)

1490 WITE VT Newport - 4/26 2005 - Briefly in with "1490 Weather" jingle and forecast, ending with "I'm meteorologist ... for AM stereo 1490 WITE." (BC-NH)

1500 WBZI OH Xenia - 4/9 2005-2050 - C&W music and in out of WTOP's Oreilles baseball game. ID as "You're listening to the Miami Valley's only classic country station, 1500 AM, WBZI, Xenia." New address is: 486 West Second Street, 45385-3610; phone number as in Log. (EK-OH)

1510 WGLN OH Logansport - 4/8 1910-1945 - Heard for the first time, ID mentioned. 98.3 FM. C&W format, good at times but heard only intermittently. Per QSL, full ZIP is 43138-0429. (EK-OH)

1520 WLGW KY Greenville - 3/16 1946-2206 - Sports talk on the "NCAA CBS Radio Network" into One on One Sports. Local QRM from pest KMFL. Clear ID: "You're one of the millions who enjoy..." (PT-NJ)

1570 WPGM PA Danville - 4/21 1929-1933 - Atop briefly with ID, ABC news, soon dropped into the mud. (EK-OH)

1600 WAQY MA East Longmeadow - 4/26 1950 - Fair, ID simulcasting 102.1 FM as "Rock 102, Springfield's classic rock." (BC-NH)
1640 TIS NY New York - 4/17 0018 - Female voice with time, then male voice "Welcome to JFK International Airport," discussion of construction and information on best place for long-term parking. "Use orange area for terminals 5, 6, and 7; use red for 8, 9." "Least expensive long-term $2.00 for first 12 hours," mention of around-the-clock bus. Very weak, fading in and out. (PG-MA) + 4/18 2026 - Information on parking lots, terminals, and shuttle buses, only 1640 as "AM 1630." Good signal, fighting with KXBT, WDTV, and WPGE863 as the evening progressed. (NJW-ON) 1640 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth Int'l Airport - 3/20 0057 - Automated female voice with flight information, somewhat garbled with a good bit of QRM. Could only read the "767" at the end of the call. (PT-NJ) 1680 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth Int'l Airport - 3/20 0101 - Female automated voice with flight info, weak but much more readable than 1640. I've listened to the tape several times and still sounds like WPA767 rather than WPGE767. (PT-NJ)

REPORTERS


ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DXDX


J.B.'s Brain Teaser: What U.S. State Capital has 7 a.m. stations, and not one of them broadcasts on a 'graveyard' frequency?
enthusiastic announcements of “Bienvenidos! Buenos Dias!” Very clear signal thanks to local WEZE-590 running open carrier only during rare silent periods. [DeLorenzo-M.A.] APR 26 0355 - SS talk; fair. [Connelly-H-MA]

864 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba, APR 16 0256 - Excellent signal with AA chattering // 549. [Braun-DE]

605 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, APR 9 0138 - good with rock music // 621, 738, others. [Connelly-H-MA] APR 15 0388 - with woman announcer, pop music // 747, 1107, 659 kHz, very good-good for a few minutes. [McVicar-ME]


610 SPAIN, RNEI, Leida / Lleida, APR 9 0109 // 603, 621, others with rock music; slightly atop Morocco over Ireland on a messy channel. [Connelly-rw-MA]

412 SPAIN/MOROCCO/SPAIN, APR 27 0100 - woman in AA slightly over EE & SS talk in a big mess on the channel. [Connelly-P-MA]

847 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, APR 9 0101 // 684 with SS news; good with WFAN phased. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 15 0311 - well above, with talk about basketball. [Connelly-H-MA]

917 SPAIN, RNEI, Sevilla, APR 9 0057 - man & woman in SS; fair to good with local WRKO phased. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 15 0311 - with talk about agricultural matters relating to the EU. Excellent signal most of the evening! [McVicar-ME] APR 26 0352 - emotional SS vocal parallel to (and stronger than) 684. [Connelly-H-MA]

692 SPAIN, RNE1, Badajoz et al., APR 9 0104 - & 639 with woman in SS; barely over the co-channel mush. [Connelly-rw-MA]

882 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, APR 9 0101 // 684 with SS news; good with WFAN phased. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 15 0311 - well above, with talk about basketball. [Connelly-H-MA]

774 PORTUGAL, RDF, Lisboa, APR 9 0059 - violins / orchestra, then woman in PP; to good peak. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 15 0311 - probably Lisboa in PP with talk. Fair signal. [McVicar-ME]

595 NETHERLANDS, R. Ten Gold, Lopik, APR 9 0058 - good with 1986 hit “West Side Girls” by the Pet Shop Boys. [Connelly-rw-MA]

704 HOLLAND R. 10 Gold, APR 15 0245 - probably them with pop music, poor signal. [McVicar-ME]

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480 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, APR 9 0059 // 666 & 837 with orchestral music, then woman in PP, evenly mixed with BBC UK. [Connelly-H-MA] APR 26 0356 - mellow PP vocal; good over BBC. Strong signal when checked at 0505 UTC. [McVicar-ME]

782 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., APR 9 0100 - news in EE by woman; over Azores. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 15 0312 - with man in discussion, fair-good strength but too much CF loop to be able to copy much. [McVicar-ME] APR 26 0358 - EE sports talk / phone in, over Azores with CF loop in NS-FE loop null. [Connelly-P-MA]

740 WOMEN SAHARA, Layoune, APR 9 0055 - Koranic style a cappella AA vocal (not // Libya-1251); loud, hammering WOR ! [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 26 0357 - two audios (one was AA); WOR in tight phase null. [Connelly-P-MA]

796 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., APR 9 0132 - SS talk; in slop. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 26 0356 - fair over apparent Ireland (EE-sounding talk). [Connelly-P-MA]

744 SPAIN, RNE3, Barcelona, APR 9 0053 - man & woman in SS; to good peak. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 26 0357 - bluesy female vocal; good. [Connelly-H-MA]

995 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, APR 9 0053 - fast SS talk; atop Netherlands vocal music program. [Connelly-rw-MA] APR 15 0247 - with SS romantic music, male announcer. Fair-good signal over BBC. Strong signal at 1107 & 603 & 587 kHz. Poor-fair at best, mixing with presumed Holland but usually a bit stronger than Holland. [McVicar-ME] APR 26 0357 - woman with SS teletalk show; briefly atop the jumble. [Connelly-P-MA]

857 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, APR 9 0051 - "50s "West Coast cool school" w/phonograph jazz (style of Lionel Hampton); excellent, over SS station. [Connelly-rw-MA]

802 SPAIN, R.Euskadi, Bilbao, APR 15 0313 - presumed them in SS with two men in discussion; fair-good but lotsa slop. [McVicar-ME] APR 26 0357 - SS talk; in slop. [Connelly-H-MA] APR 26 0354 - absolutely excellent with group SS vocal, then SS talk by man; very little else noted. [Connelly-P-MA]
1134 CRATIA, HR, Zadar, APR 8 2316 - Slavic talk by man & woman; evenly mixed with Spanish.

1179 GREECE, Thessaloniki (t), APR 8 0015 - Greek sounding music (but perhaps Middle Eastern); briefly atop SER Spain-Canaries. [Connelly'P-MA]

1122 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, APR 8 0140 - SS teletalk; fair, over jumble. [Connelly'rw-MA]

1116 BULGARIA Stara Zagora, APR 7 0342 - Rather good with woman in Bulgarian. First time heard this season. [Dangerfield-PA]

1197 SPAIN, COPE synchros, APR 8 0917 - SS talk; in jumble. [Connelly'rw-MA]

1143 SPAIN, COPE synchros, APR 8 2316 - SS teletalk overu Croatia. [Connelly'rw-MA] APR 7 0222 - gradually taking over the channel from Croatia: SS talk about the Vatican. [Connelly'P-MA]

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1119 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, APR 8 0917 - SER SS teletalk; through WHAMICuba-1180 slp. [Connelly'B-MA] APR 14 0011 - / 1044 with SS talk by man; over others. Some summer-like QRN at the time. [Connelly'B-MA] APR 7 0015 - SER SS teletalk; loud, generally over apparent Greece. [Connelly'P-MA]

1161 HUNGARY, Szombathely, APR 8 0013 - gypsy / east European style female vocal presumed this poor. [Connelly'P-MA]

1191 SPAIN, EL Vitona. APR 8 0011 - strong jumble, then SS vocal & SS talk by woman surfaced; weak others can be heard at times. [Connelly'P-MA]

1206 FRANCE Bordeaux APR 20 0535 - Poor; bits of talk in French through heavy WPTF-1210 slop, 0545 improving signal with French vocal. [Conti-NH]

1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin R. synchros, APR 9 0010 - recent hits; over jumble of others. [Connelly'rw-MA] APR 27 0003 - group vocal "You're Out of Touch, I'm Out of Time"; good, way over Spain. [Connelly'P-MA]

1224 SPAIN, COPE synchros, APR 9 0009 - SS talk; in growl / mess. [Connelly'B-MA] APR 27 0001 - SS news over unID music station (Holland ?). [Connelly'P-MA]

1224 BULGARIA Vidin, APR 7 0345 - Very good with man speaking in Bulgarian. Another first after UNID. [Dangerfield-PA]

1233 MOROCCO, Tanger, APR 8 2223 - AA male vocal at thin audio level on a decent-strength carrier. [Connelly'P-MA]

1242 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Marseille, APR 9 0008 - / (stronger) 1377 with light classical music; fair. [Connelly'P-MA] APR 26 2359 - tentative, folk guitar, no talk at the top of the hour; in jumble. [Dangerfield-PA]
1584 SPAIN, Arganda, APR 8 2331 - SS teletalk; to fair peaks through WLYN/CB/CJ/WLDRC -1360 slop. [Connellyrw-MA] + APR 12 0316 - man & woman in SS; loud. [ConnellyH-MA]

1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, APR 8 2348 - // 1975 with SS teletalk by man & woman; good, over others. [Connellyrw-MA] APR 15 0424 - with man in SS, fair signal amid the rumble. [McVicar-ME]

1602 SPAIN, EL Victoria (t), APR 26 2334 - jazz not // SER presumed this; to good peak, but hefty WUNR/WWRL -1600 slop. SER audible under. [Connellyrw-MA]

1602 SPAIN, SER synchros, APR 8 2348 - // 1975 with SS teletalk by man & woman; good, over others. [Connellyrw-MA] APR 15 0424 - with man in SS, fair signal amid the rumble. [McVicar-ME]

1611 CUBA, VITACURA, APR 15 0425 - in Slavic language with hymn on organ, male announcer, very strong, but quick dive afterward. [McVicar-ME]

Ben speaks: "There has been only one decent night this week, the evening of 4-6/7 when there was an opening to Central Europe with some Bulgarians and others in that area making an appearance. Just about all in the 1200's and 1300's. Otherwise, reception has been spotty here, and downright poor on 4 10/11. There was supposed to be an auroral disturbance the past couple of days but it didn't do much for me."

Chuck speaks: "A group of us went down to Cape Hatteras, NC from APR 9-12. The group included NRDCs Al Merriman, Ron Bailey, Chuck Rippel and Jay Novello. Other SWBC DXers included Harold Cones, Ben Hester, and Tony Germanotta who represented NASWA and NUL. I guess I heard a lot more than I wrote down. I learned quite a lot about MWDXing, TA's and phasing units under the tutelage of Al Merriman and Ron Bailey. I don't know what the final count was but the preliminary numbers were 130+ domestic, 33TA's and 3 Mexicans. All this despite the Solar Storm of the 9th."

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526 BAHAMAS ZLS, APR 10 1600 - Bahamas Aereo beacon at high noon local time. Moderate signal. [Rippel-HATDX]

530 TURKS & CAICOS, R. Vision Cristiana, APR 12 1054 - good. R. Vision Cristiana ID by woman, about SS at this time. APR 11 1335 - at SS daytime level (with some noise): SS female vocal. [Connellyrw-MA]

535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, APR 9 0128 - jazz; fair. [Connellyrw-MA] APR 26 0325 - mellow reggae male vocal "I Don't Want to Hurt You Baby"; excellent. [ConnellyH-MA]

540 MEXICO, XEW/AM, Monterrey, APR 12 0954 - SS talk mentioned Mexico, whistle-blowing and ranchera music followed; good signal. [ConnellyH-MA]

550 CUBA, R. Rebelde synchros, APR 12 0949 - // 670 with SS talk, Habana mentions; good / dominant. [ConnellyH-MA]

555 VENEZUELA, Mundial, YKVE, Caracas, APR 26 0538 - // YYYM-880 with festive SS vocal & cappella. [ConnellyH-MA]

570 NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, APR 14 0047 - steel drum music; poor to fair. [ConnellyB-MA] APR 11 0346 - pre-sumed with reggae music fading in quickly. [McVicar-ME] APR 15 0424 - presumed them with a type of music that sounds like a mixture of calypso, reggae and rap - just a singer with drums. Very popular over the last few years and I think it centers in Jamaica. Fair signal. [McVicar-ME] APR 26 0327 - Carib-EEE man, then reggae; fair to good. [ConnellyH-MA]

580 CUBA, R. Rebelde, APR 12 0950 - // 550 with SS talk mentioning "la revolucion"; under WNAG. [ConnellyH-MA]

585 CUBA, R. Rebelde, APR 12 1030 - With man and woman in SS with news items, time ticks, time checks. poor-fair and alone on the channel. [McVicar-ME] APR 12 0945 - R. Reloj SS news / time show; killing WMCA. [ConnellyH-MA] APR 26 0926 - R. Reloj SS news / time show; over WMCA // others. [ConnellyH-MA]

595 PUERTO RICO, WVKQ, San Juan, APR 26 0334 - SS news, WVKQ ID; over WTAG/CJFX.

605 DOMINICA, DBS, Hillsborough. APR 26 0338 - female vocal; poor in tough WEZE-590 slop. [ConnellyH-MA]

610 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMK, Urbano Noris, APR 12 0951 - // 550 with SS talk; mixed with other Latin Americans, domestics, and low growl. [ConnellyH-MA]

615 COLOMBIA, CFB/RI, Barranquilla (t), APR 26 0930 - SS talk & apparent Barranquilla addresses; then Colombian-style folk male vocal & accordion; good (over growl) at first, then it faded under WICC. Not the Cuban as not // other Rebelde outlets. [ConnellyH-MA]

625 unID's, APR 26 0309 - Hindi music / SS / FF / EE: a real mess probably consisting of Colombian, Chilean, and WCGR/WIPI/WIPO. [ConnellyH-MA]

630 CUBA, R. Rebelde, Colon / MA, APR 12 0951 - // 550 with man in SS; mixed with WXLX, WZON, others. [ConnellyH-MA]

635 PUERTO RICO, WSKN, San Juan, APR 26 0340 - "Super Cadena" mention rising over jumble
null.
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