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CPC Test Schedule
WNAV - 1430 - MD - March 16 - 0900-1000
WNAV-1430 - P.O. Box 829 - Annapolis, MD 21404 was to have conducted transmitter maintenance tests on Monday morning. March 16 between midnight and 1 am, using various tones, beginning with 1 kHz and voice IDs such as "WNAV, ANNAPOLES TESTING plus music. Reports are to be sent to Mr. Roger DuFault, Chief Engineer. Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.

From the publisher... I'm wondering how many members along the eastern seaboard received #19 anywhere close to on time, as I've heard numerous complaints and several requests for replacement. I'd appreciate e-mailers letting me know if they received #19 very late or not at all.

Finally happened... we ran out of material to fill a 24-page DXN. If you're not satisfied with this 16-page, please send in material for the next DXN.

Here's your chance: Barry Finkel is looking for Major League Baseball station lists for the upcoming season.

DX Change - Stan Morns - RFD 2 Lakeshore Rd. - Boxford, MA 01921 is offering "running bachelor's ball for years", he says, cleaning up the joint and offering the following: NHRC bulletins from Feb. 47 to Feb. '56, Dec. '58 to Aug. '57, and Feb. '58 to Mar. '61; eight odd DXN's, 1960 and 1971; TV Digest 1961 AM/AM Yearbooks; Van Jones 4th Edition: FBIS 1961 FM/TV Log; FBIS 1963 AM/5W Log by frequency, all for $35.00 via UPS (about 35-40 lbs.).

Mexican National DX Meeting... As mentioned in an earlier DXN, the 1998 Mexican National DX Meeting will take place July 31-August 2 in Tehuacan, Puebla State, Mexico. According to U.S. coordinator Jeff White, there will be no registration fee charged for the meeting, but participants should reserve hotel rooms at the 4-star Hotel Mexico (Reforma Norte, esquina con Independencia Poniente, Tehuacan, Puebla 72700, Mexico). The current price for regular rooms is $210.60 Mexican pesos per night (about US$25) for a single room, and $245.70 pesos (US$29) for a double room. Prices are per room, not per person. The hotel does not expect any change in the price between now and the end of July. For more information, or for help with registration, contact Jeff at Radio Miami International.

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DX Time Machine
From the pages of DX News:
90 years ago... from the March 13, 1906 DXN: "March 13, 1906: W. E. Wagner received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, Hawaii, informing him that Hawaii had moved their clocks ahead one-hour on June 1, 1907, which time established Hawaii Standard Time as 10 hours behind GMT.

25 years ago... from the March 14, 1973 DXN: The publishing crew announced that reprint coordinator Mark Katz was "completely flooded with requests" for more than 1,000 copies of reprints in three weeks.

10 years ago... from the March 7, 1988 DXN: Wendell Ford noted that WLS-890 was airing SSB (Impressive Rafeal: "another mix station gone soft", he added. And Dale Par, Branch, Ill noted that WMAQ-670 was to go all-crosstalk on talk, February 29.

ODX Radio Fast '98... The Ontario DX Association is inviting DXers to their convention, to be held Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4 at Mohawk College, Hamilton, Ontario. Registration Fees: $15 for the entire convention, $5 for one-day attendance. Topics to be covered (more to be added): Antenna Basics; Mediumwave Loop Building Workshop; History of Canadian Radio; Introduction to Shortwave Radio; Cine Camera (a fun event for everyone); Radio Astronomy. For further information: <ctos@compuserve.com>
Ontario DX Association - PO. Box 165, Station A, Willowdale - Ontario M2N 5A8, Canada.
AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES
None

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS
None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

KGEZ
1640 UT Brigham City: 1000/1000 U1
1700 TX Brownsville: 1000/1000 U1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1540 KEMP TX Fort Worth: 35000/800 U4, city of license to University Park, TX (would replace expired CP for same facilities)
1560 WGLB WI Fort Washington: 185 D3, city of license to Elm Grove, WI
1570 WBUX PA Doylestown: antenna to U4

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

620 KIPA H1 Figo: 5000/5000 U1 (CP is for an experimental synchronous transmitter, but location is not specified)
910 WREL NY New City: 1000/1000 U4 (CP shows a modification of their 1000/1000 U4 application that reduces night power to 800 watts)
1150 WTME FL Temple Terrace: 5000/5000 U4 (replaces existing CP with power modification; no longer shows move to Egypt Lake, FL)
1520 WTHE NY Mineola: CH power to 347 watts

OTHERNESS

620 KZTY NV Winchester: this long-standing unbuilt CP for a new station has been bought by owners of KSBN-1230 Spokane, WA so we might expect it to finally come on the air someday
750 WQMH PA Oliphant: station is SILENT
910 WYLI OH Mizzetta: station is SILENT
1490 KOKC OK Guthrie: station is SILENT
1620 KZIQ WA Renton: new station is ON THE AIR although has been operating on a sporadic schedule, probably testing

THANKS: Al Merriman, Ed Krejny and MSJ

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

Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Halc phantom@qarr-net
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East: David Yocis DavidYocis@aol.com
97 Clinton Ave. - South Nyack, NY 10960-4603

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

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS
I’ve been having some e-mail problems lately, as some of you at edu sites can attest. Hopefully, everything is back to normal by now. My provider claims innocence, saying that their mail hub was to blame. Sorry for any inconvenience.
A BIG thank-you goes to John Hanz of Old Bridge, New Jersey for his CPC donation!

REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden, N7SOK Boise <FA-ID with 4 foot box loop <FA-ID with 4 foot box loop
SA-MB Shawn Axkidrof Winnipeg ICR-70, Drake R5-4/4 unsaturated box loop/Quantum Loop/145 long wire/100 indoor wire <ShawnAxkidrof@sympatico.ca>
BC-AZ Bart Cremia Edmonds, WA DXing 40 miles from nearest AM station, 6 miles south of Quartzsite, Arizona Pioneer KE1B18
KDF-TX Karl Forth Chicago DXing on the road between Odessa and San Antonio, TX '98 Dodge Stratus car radio
GI-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento
BK-CA Rob Karchevski Sunnyvale 88-A/4 box loop/MFJ-1026v m <karchevsk@compuserve.com>
CR-IL Chrisos Riga Wood Dale Kenwood R-2000, Kowalski Loop <cargas@bircom.com>
JR-OH John Reed, KASQE Pomona City Sylvia R1414/URR + noise-reduced wire, Palamar loop, MFJ-1025 phase <jreed@pomona.com>
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JS-AZ John Sampson Sun City West <jsampson@aztec.asu.edu>
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INET Chip Kelley at <www.metroset.com/~chipk/oklahoma/oradio.html>
Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills Delco AM5/FM5 car radio

SPECIAL

580 KBKK ID Nampa - 3/5 - Ed: KFDD has been running // KARO, KCKX, KBLB and KXXL FMs. KBOF's CE says this may go on for a few days before switch to CW. I have not yet heard new calls announced but FCC Database now shows them as KBKK. (FA-ID)
920 KENT TX Odessa - 2/4 & 2/15 - Carrier only, no audio heard while in town. (KDF-TX)
1050 WNWJ IN Valparaiso - 35 1355 - Noted back on the air playing continuous pop music. ID at 1300. Was silent for a while. Now back probably due to getting a CP to move city of license to Oak Lawn, Illinois and transmitter to Riverdale, IL. Power of new transmitter will go up to 1.5 kW from the present 0.25 kW. (CR-IL)
1350 KKEX OK Duncan - 2/24 - Changed to sports format from talk. Slogan is The X. Remains // KKCA-1380. (INet)
1380 KXCA OK Lawton - 2/24 - Changed to sports format from talk. Slogan is The X. Remains // KXCA-1350. (INet)
1410 Kрат TX Odessa - 2/4 & 2/15 - With almost continuous classical music. Missed a couple of IDs. Definitely NOT news/talk as listed. (KDF-TX)
1600 KZIG WA Renton-Seattle - 2/26 1602 - These calls heard for the first time (with the two others), KBZ/KZIG only at times other than on the hour. Still on 1 kW. Very bad intermod QRM driving around. (PT-WA)

Are you expiring?
We hope not! To avoid expiration, mail your remittance to the DX News Membership Center early. Allow at least three weeks after mailing your check or money order for new renewal data to appear on your mailing label.

NRC Nighttime Antenna Pattern Book, 4th Edition

Get it now! It's the second half of the NRC's Dynamic Series! Don't be left behind with the NRC's Analog Log, the NPB provides DXers with up-to-date maps of all (except Class IV) stations with nighttime operations. Convenient to use -3 hole punched for standard binders. Only $16.95 to U.S. and Canadian members; $17.95 to U.S. and Canadian non-NRC members. Airmail to members in Latin America, $21.00; Europe, $22.00; rest of the world, $28.00.

Order from: NRC Publications - Box 164, MANSVILLE, NY 13661 (NY residents, please add sales tax)
UNIDs and UNID HELP

1140 UNID ?? - 3/4 0650 - Poor, in mess, with what sounded like a mention of American Family Radio, which could have been Family Life Radio. The announcer made some remark about telling the advertisers about their product or services on that network. No matches in Log. First time I’ve been able to distinguish anything but a jumble at night on 1140 from here.

[Ed-TX]

1680 UNID ?? - 3/1 2200 - After several nights not being on, this UNID is back. Right now, it's Sunday evening, 9:00 PM CST (0300 UTC), and they're playing a mix of classic rock and pop from the 60's and 70's. As usual, never any IDs or announcements of any kind - just music. This seems to be coming from a roughly Southeast direction from my QTH, and it would be great if some other DXers in the SE U.S. could check to see if they can see this station is stronger at their QTH than mine (currently fade-free solid S8 signal). Looking forward to seeing what others can hear. (JS-AL)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

850 KICY- AK Nome - 3/2 0430 to 0530 - DX TEST: nothing heard that sounded like a test. Thought this one might make it. (FA-ID) - 3/2 0450-0500 - Not heard. KOA-CO loud & dear. No sign of any station underneath. Use loop to null KOA, local buzz to S7. If I use MFJ-1026 to knock down the buzz, KOA is reintroduced. If I use the MFJ to eliminate KOA, buzz is in at 55. Hopeless! (BK-CA) [I received an e-mail from KICY's CE and he said he received two phone calls. Both parties are send to a tape. We'll see if this was a "successful" test or not. - Ed.]

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 KNNJ348 TX Odessa - 2/25 0945 - Interesting five-minute tape loop explaining everything from the history of the Permian Basin to the number of hotels in Odessa (21) and synagogues within 140 miles (1). Gave ID as KBRN, K-Bright.

1670 UNID ?? - 2/24 0500 - In deep fades, with what seems to be a TIS/HAR with woman announcer with what sounds like a Southern accent. Any ideas??? (GJ-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

880 KGHT AR Sheridan - 3/1 0742 - Call ID with gospel music Songs of faith. (JR-OK)

990 WEIS AL Centre - 3/5 0655+ - Very poor, with twangy guitar instrumental, then either a promo for a baseball game or exhibition scores, followed by S9 Country WEIS Centre and into ABC news at 090. (Ed-TX)

1100 KDRY TX Alamo Heights - 3/2 0755 - Call ID and Inspiration Eleven Hundred. Religious talk. New here. (JR-OK) [Please note, if you write for a QSL, the Roughrider Road address in the Log should read "Windcrest", instead of "Wintercrest" - Ed.]

1140 CHRB AB High River - 2/24 0749 - Ads for High River, playing oldies. New here. (JR-OK)

1310 WIBI WI Madison - 2/25 0745 - Call ID, weather then lost in QRM from KTKC(TX). (JR-OK)

1620 KYIZ WA Bonton - 2/24 0345 and on - Fairly good signal, with UC music and frequent station IDs. California TISs (Santa Ana and Burbank) that normally dominate 1620 here were null and KYIZ was all alone. (JS-AZ)

KYIZ WA Bonton - 2/26 & 3/1 0020 - Way under WHFG, and mixing with several TISs. Announcing as Z-Twins, KRZJ and KZ1Z. This will be a local at home in Seattle area, but I didn't know they were this close to (being) on air. ID caught at 0100. Soft urban music. (BC-AZ)

1640 KJIA CA Vallejo - 2/26 0752 - Playing UC music with call ID. QRM from DFW airport TIS. New here. (JR-OK)

KJIA CA Vallejo - Noted with new calls. (BC-AZ)

1650 KGXL CA Costa Mesa - 3/2 [no time] - Noted with Music of Your Life format announcing 1260 KGIL and 1650 KGXL. Only yesterday (3/1) they were all show tunes. (BC-AZ)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

600 KERB TX Kermit - 2/15 1000 - With Spanish religious program, and ID as La Cadena Christiana that included KUBR-1210, KVQZ-890, KBL-1490, KBRN-1500 and KUCL-1470 and a few IDs. (KDF-TX)

760 KTKR TX San Antonio - 2/14 1530 - With sports, ID as The Ticket, then Texas vs Texas Tech basketball from Lubbock. (KDF-TX)

1330 KLBO TX Monahans - 2/15 1202 - With ID All News, All the Time in between Sunday morning religious programs. (KDF-TX)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

600 KIXX CO Wellington - 2/26 2455 - NOS music, with ID Kicks, heard weakly with lots of QRM. (JR-OK)

790 KXXX KS Colby - 2/28 2105 - Call ID, playing C&W. Signal sounded stronger than 24 watts nighttime power. (JR-OK)

810 KXOI TX Crane - 2/14 1803 - With lengthy, excited Spanish ID as Radio Alahanza. For some reason, "1000 watts of power" was spoken in English. (KDF-TX)

860 KFST TX Fort Stockton - 2/15 1800 - With pop music, ID as The station for continuous light hits for Pecos County, KFST, Fort Stockton. (KDF-TX)

980 KHOS TX Sonora - 2/14 1645 - With Spanish/English religious ID, phone number, mentions of New Christian Radio. (KDF-TX)

1050 KLOH MN Pipestone - 2/23 2117 - C&W music, call ID. Heard in phase null of strong XEG. (JR-OK)

1240 KVLF TX Alpine - 2/15 1635 - With ID, standards, and Voice of the Last Frontier at 1700. (KDF-TX)

1260 WWJQ MI Zeeland - 2/24 2100 - Basketball game, ads for Maplewood, Michigan area and call ID given as WJQ. Good signal with some fading. New here. (JR-OK)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America

1340 KCRN ON Elliot Lake Andy Rugg Nuns Island, PQ 440

1400 KGNM OR Cottage Grove Pete Taylor Tacoma, WA *246

DDX-East

Upcoming deadlines for DDX-East are Tuesdays: March 24; April 7.

Chuck Rippel, a noted SW DXer, makes his first contribution in nearly 30 years of DX'ing to a BCB publication! Welcome, Chuck, and we're glad you have him with us.

Wayne Heinen passes along some address updates requested by Don Treford: WLXX-1200 is now 625 N Michigan Ave, 60611 (same phone, thanks to Barry Finkel for this one) and WWNT-1450 is now 1765 Columbia Hwy., same Zip and phone. Wayne is still looking for an address/phone number for WFB-A990.

Dale Park sends us the latest additions to the Art Bell network: WDBO-580 (as of 2/19), WFLA (as of 3/2; ex-WHKN-570), and WFLJ-1250 (as of 3/2). The latter will remain all-sports the rest of the day.

STATION NEWS

980 WWRC DC Washington - 2/6 - Per Radio and Records today, has dropped TLK format and is temporarily airing Bloomberg News Radio all day. On 3/1, owner will swap this format and callign with WTEM-570's all sports (plus Imus) format. The move deprives CBS/Westwood's Mary Matalin and Jim Bohannon. Chancellor Media, owner of these stations, has also bought WWDN-1260. (DP-HI)
1090  WCCD OH  Parma - New address is 4 Summit Park Dr., Suite 150. Independence, OH 44131-2583. Phone (216) 901-0921. Also valid for WHLO-460 and WHKL-1420/98.1 FM. Per v/l I heard them on their 200 watt FSSA. (SK-PA)

1300  WLRK NY  Spring Valley - New address is 20 Old Turnpike Road, Nanuet NY 10954. (SK-PA)


1410  WHTG NJ  Easton - 2/18 - Now using an AC/EZL format with songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's with no network news yet. Ex: NOS. (JH-NJ)

1490  WUBR MI  Whitehall - 2/28 1300-1400 - Noted with new calls (ex:WEGC) and satellite "Music of Your Life" NOS format. Slogan is "The Beer," no longer FM (PLRB-MI)

1550  WKQV PA  Pitston - New address is 600 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre PA 18702. Phone (717) 824-9000. WKQV-FM was sold to and simulcasts WZMT-FM, the sister station of WAZL-1490 Hazelton. (SK-PA)

670  WVNNS VA  Claremont - 1/31 0000-0200 - Heard a moment of slow code at 0147. in heavy QRM from WVFV, unit DD. (DT-JAM) [Not on until the next day. Don, so probably something else - DY]

1380  WAMS DE  Wilmington - 2/21 0000-0200 - Not heard. At 25 watts my chances of hearing them would have been slim and none. (MB-ON) Not heard. (JH-NJ) Not heard, due to WAMS. (SK-PA)


UND - UNID or UNID HELP

670  UNID - - 2/22 2018 - Very good in easy WMIAQ null (J) with C&W music (Ann Murray, Glen Campbell, Freddie Fender) for Lancers, and weather. Suddenly off 2037. (MB-IN)

1070  UNID - - 3/1 1800 - Mention of Cleveland TN and Chattanooga. WFLP (BS-PA) Sounds plausible. (SB-PA)

1250  UNID - - 2/26 1750 - Phone call, call-in number is 1-800-TALK-YES. (RJE-PA)

1300  UNID - - 2/20 1824 - Sounded like WFTF, with ad for Ceico or Lens Crafters (one was on this station, the other on WFKJ), then into Sports Fan Radio Network. WMTM and WMTN have similar calls. (SK-PA)

1330  UNID - - 2/28 1705-1720 - Good over Penguins hockey on WFLP, pest with ad for Sports Authority Bar & Grill, several FM / non-IDs as "Light 101.7," MoR adult standards format. (MB-ON)

1340  UNID - - 2/21 0654 - "Real Country" slogan in the mix. (DP-PP)

1460  UNID - - 2/26 0625 - Ad for Designer Seating(?), on Dixie Highway near Andersonville Road. Possibly include WDOG, WCRY, WECO, and WZNDZ. (MB-IP)

1470  UNID - - 2/20 1805 - NASCAR promo for MRN, partial ID "WINA." (RJE-PA)

1530  UNID - - 2/21 1722 - Oldies, mentions of the "North Country," probably WPMI. (RJE-PA)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0000

620  WHJB PA  Greensburg - 2/2 0257-0303 - ID "WHJB Greensburg" popped up, few snatches of music and then "Volare" and gone. Very poor under WSSN. WXLL's 1A music. (DT-JAM) [WXLL now is WJWH and One on One Sports, Don. - DY]

580  WSM TN  Nashville - 2/21 0410 - Noted off the air. UniID SS music and singing heard, quite strong at times. (RCP-IN)

+2/28 0100 - Surprise Saturday morning SP, missed sign-off an nomenclature but heard SSB. Colombian heard after sign-off in thunderstorm QRN. Returned to air with weather and news at 0700. (PC-VA)

860  WAMO PA  Pittsburgh - 2/24 0635 - Chide, then SID, over/under WBCR. (RJE-PA)

880  WRRZ NC  Clinton - 2/26 0720 - In mix behind WCBG null, with local birthdays and anniversaries. (PC-VA)

940  WCPB MS  Houston - 2/26 0805 - End of USA news, ad for John's Rentals and Sales in Houston with phone number 456-3559, then weather. Atop a 6-station mix, but CBM returned from lake and wiped them all out. (SK-PA)

1030  WUFL MI  Sterling Heights - 3/1 0652 - Traffic info, mentioning 3,45, 1,95s, and 1,944; weather for Mount Clemens and mentino of metro Detroit, ID 6553, in WBYZ null. (DP-PP)

1240  WHIZ OH  Zanesville - 2/24 0100 - Jumped out for ID: "You're listening to ... on AM 1240 WHZ Zanesville, Ohio." (SK-PA)

1460  WOPDN MI  Walland Lake - 2/27 0625 - 50s and 60s record, promo for breakfast remote at Leon's Restaurant, the biggest (?) in the State of Michigan. (RJE-PA)

WRAD VA  Radford - 2/27 0625 - ID, Nat King Cole record, weather, ID, over, under WJTN. (RJE-PA)

WBUW WV  Buckhannon - 2/25 0640-0650 - C&W, weather, frequent IDs, at top. (RJE-PA)

1470  WLWM SC  Georgetown - 2/19 0620 - Gospel hymns, then full ID, way over WJSD, WKAP. (RJE-PA)

1600  WCGO IL  Chicago Heights - 2/28 0505 - NOS music then ID, into commer cials, poor but atop mush. Listed 23 watts night, 500 pswa, 1 kw days. So I wonder where they were at this time? (DZ-NY)

1620  WPHG AL  Atmore - 2/21 0130 - Fair with fades, ID as "We Proclaim His Glory, WHCG Atmore, Alabama, 1620 AM in full stereo," into gospel program. Same ID at 0200 into USA Radio News. Are there any non-religious broadcasters on the USA Radio network? (MB-ON) [I believe there are a few, but not many.]

+2/21 0600 - USA news, REL songs, partial ID: "... HG Atmore, Alabama" at 0614. Poor, noting QRM from unit DD. (DP-PP)

1650  KGXL CA  Costa Mesa - 2/20 0016 - Pennamed with OLD song, poor in QRM from 3rd harmonic of local CHLN-550.

+3/1 0055 - ID as "KGIL AM 12-60," show music, best in LSB. Fair. (HF-MI)

LOGGINGS: 0000-1600

1250  WNTN MD  Cumberland - 2/24 1506 - Garden Hotline ad, barely heard in confusing mix. (PC-VA)

1600  WBFD PA  Bedford - 2/24 1210 - News, weather, "WBFD Bedford, at 10 and a half minutes after." (PC-VA)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

640  WJJW NJ  Mount Holly - 3/1 1825 - Ad for Lucas Ford during "Nickle Sere nade" program, slogan "WJZ, the Station that Remembers," NOS music. Good. (JH-HJ)

650  WCBM MD  Baltimore - 2/25 1815 - Good and mostly alone in lieu of usual WRKO, WFTP with talk format, "Two Way Radio" slogan. (HJH-PA)

820  WYPA IL  Chicago - 2/25 1743 - ID twice behind WXTL. (PC-VA)

840  WHGH GA  Thomasville - 2/25 1808 - Faint by woman in mix. (PC-VA)

850  WJWC MN  Duluth - 3/2 1735 - Religious talk heard in mess. ID. (WM-MD)

900  WHNC NC  Henderson - 2/14 1800 - Heard with GOS format as they were ending their broadcast day, mentioned listening to WCBQ-1340, no SSB. Great signal in WLS null, first time heard. (RCP-IN)

930  WZNN NH  Rochester - 3/2 2025 - Ending Roberta Lokkei tune "Killing Me Softly," ID, back into NOS-type satellite format. Dominant over usual WBEN. (HJH-PA)

940  WTVX NJ  Burnsville - 2/27 1807 - Ad for Carolina Copiers, news. (PC-VA)

960  CHNS NS  Halifax - 2/21 1857 - In and out with others, ID as "GTO 960," even on the hour, with satellite OLD. (HJH-PA) [Careful, CFFX is also GTO. - DY]

970  WTVG GA  Atlanta - 2/25 1955 - High school basketball game, ID. (WM-MD)

WFJS KY  Herlan - 3/2 2215 - ID heard in mess. (WM-MD)

1080  WKJ KY  Louisville - 2/18 1730 - NOS format, "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy" and others back to back, traffic report by Ron Dunlap and "KJ" slogan used quite often. Very tough in local WBCJ-1070 splash. (RCP-IN)
1120 WADN MA Concord - 3/1 2200 - Way under KMOX for most of the evening, but strongly atop this time with Bloomberg Radio network, international stock market report, ID and slogan "Personal Finance Radio." (HH-P/A)

1150 WRUN NY Utica - 2/21 1835 - Mostly poor with several others, /I / "Big Frog 104," 104.3 FM in Utica. (HH-P/A)

1150 WNLR VA Churchville - 2/25 1757 - Religious song, ID, "Family Radio for the 90's," (WM-MD)

1200 CJRZ ON Ottawa - 3/2 2025 - Dominant with hip hop music, ID as the "Buzz," program called "The Rhythm Kitchen." (HH-P/A) [Note correct calls, ex-FCGO - DIY]

1250 WTAU PA Pittsburgh - 2/19 1810 - Ad for Five Star Housing and Construction, mention of "WTAU Sports Radio 1250." Very poor in mes. (RCP- IN)

1260 WWJQ MI Zeeland - 2/24 2038 - Halftime in Eagles vs. Crenshaw basketball game. "We'll be back on WWJQ." Ads for plumbing and heating contractor at 396-3939 and for Maplewood Auto. Only station heard in lots of flutter. (SH-P/A)

+ 3/2 2205 - Up well briefly with "WWJQ 1260" ID and slogan "The Christian Alternative." Needed one. (HH-P/A)

1150 WNSS NY Syracuse - 3/2 2216 - Fair at times mixing with WWJQ, others, with relay of local Fox 100 TV news at this time. (HH-P/A)

1290 WHIO OH Dayton - 2/21 1905 - ID "AM 1290 WHIO, depend on it," then weather. Surface briefly, then low. Only one Dayton to go (1210), but I doubt I'll ever get it. (SH-P/A)

1300 WJDA MA Quincy - 3/26 1800 - NOS music, good signal, ID, (WM-MD)

1300 WLIR NY Spring Valley - 3/2 1910 - ID as "WLIR 1300, Memory Lane," with NOS music. Listed at 83 watts. (BS-P/A)

1320 WDJR MA New Glasgow - 3/1 2120 - Mixing with AA-sounding station on the same name, ID as "AM 1320 WDJR New Glasgow," AC music, weather, mention of CFSK (TV). (BS-P/A) [CJMR has ethnic programs on 1320, but that's not quite the same direction from your location. - DJY]

1330 WFTM VA Danville - 2/27 1759 - Top 50 Countdown. (PC-VA)

1340 WTRC IN Elkhart - 2/19 1659 - Taped a weak "WTRC" just before the hour. (DP-PQ)

1390 WDCW NY Syracuse - 3/2 1659 - Call letters only through mix and local WINC-1400 slop. (PC-VA)

1430 WTTT PA Amherst - 2/20 1800 - Full sign-off announcement, no SSB. Monster signal. (RJE-P/A)

1440 WHHY AL Montgomery - 2/21 1920 - Canned ID between C&W songs, made out "WHHY," briefly atop. More much mixing than usual on this frequency. (SK-P/A)

1440 WWMT MA Worcester - 3/1 1901 - Relaying WERE with basketball, "WERE Celtic Radio Network." (PC-VA)

1450 WJL NY Niagara Falls - 2/16 2200 - OLD, ID, weather. Must be that the new night CP is on, as mostly over WWTM, WRKO, WNPY. (RJE-P/A)

1460 WDOG SC Allendale - 2/25 1800 - Sign-off announcement and instrumental SSB, over/under WKDV, WCBM. (RJE-P/A)

1460 WKDV VA Manassas - 2/26 1730 - SS, Washington ads, ID's as "Radio Omega" and "La Union," no calls heard. (RJE-P/A)

1470 WOWW FL Pompano Beach - 2/20 1807 - Two local ads, local talk show. 10 kW on a crowded regional makes all the difference! (RJE-P/A)

1470 WTKO NY Ithaca - 2/26 1720 - Sports, then stock report, weather, ID. (RJE-P/A)

1470 WBTX VA Broadway - 2/19 1735 - Ending Charles Colson's syndicated commentary, ads, then 1750+ with national, local sports, and ID. (RJE-P/A)

1540 WRHR WV Huntington - 3/2 1828 - Sports talk, mention of Marshall basketball, local ad. ID sounded like "WSAT," call change? (WM-MD)

1540 WCHW ON Welland - 2/24 1725 - C&W over, under mess, ID, often atop. (RJE-P/A)

1540 WDCD NY Albany - 2/28 1829 - Good with CHIN off the air, ad for Oakland Christian School in Troy NY, promo for "Money Prescription program "right here on WDCD," into usual religious programs. Just like the good old days when CHIN was daytime only, and these guys were WPTR. (MB-ON)

1540 CHIN ON Toronto - 2/28 1820-1832 - Noted off, carrier returned at 1832, back with usual ethnic programs at 1835. (MB-ON)

1550 WMRE WV Charles Town - 2/21 1635 - Canned ID "AM 1550 WMRE," NOS music, mixing with WKOV. First time on these calls, format - the WMRE call used to be in Hughesville, PA. (SK-P/A)

1570 WWCK MI Flint - 2/25 2223 - Ad for skating, mentioned the Flint Generals, ad for Lavonne Key Models, then weather, "33 right now at CK 105.5," strongest in the mix. (SK-P/A)

1580 WPGC MD Morningside - 2/14 1725 - Slogan "Heaven 1580, in the Spirit with the Lord," "Your best station for gospel in the Washington-Maryland area." Very good signal, wish they would verify. (RCP-IN)

1590 WNTS IN Beech Grove - 3/2 2226 - Gospel music in WAKR null, ID, mention of local business, area code 317 heard. (WM-MD)

1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 2/19 2344 - Presumed with mention of University of California basketball at 2350, game vs. Arizona, poor with static crashes. (DP-PQ)

1610 House MI Midland - 2/27 1550 - Another @$$&* talking house! Poor. (HF-MI)

1640 TIS PA Valley Forge - Date? 0412 - Endless loop tape with male announcer about test broadcast. Said transmitter was located at the Valley Forge Service Plaza, callsign maybe W6M480? (CR-VA)

1670 WBAR NH Wakefield - Brewer Academy has a station with a whip antenna mounted to dining hall building, Faculty advisor implied it was off the air, but ... The FCC visited them and adjustments were made so 13 uV/whatever was measured at edge of campus. (RM-CT)

1670 NB New York - 2/24 2000-2035 - Barnard College heard after sunset practically every night; sign-off at this time with rap music, women announcers. The Technical Director phoned me and I had to explain the hobby. After they signed off, a very weak station left playing what appeared to be East Indian music. (RM-CT)

1670 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth - Date? 0345 - Female voice announcing various airline names. (CR-VA)

**REPORTERS**

PLB-MI Phil Boersma - Spring Lake MI - Local news

MB-MN Mark Burns - Terre Haute IN - R98, Kiwa loop, 80. LW

MB-ON Mike Brooker - Terre Haute IN - Panasonic RF-2200, RF8-45

PC-VA Perry Crable - Winchester VA - R8, Kiwa loop

RJE-P/A Russ Edmunds - Blue Bell PA - Car radio and whip

HF-MI Harold Fridge - Midland MI - R71A, 185 random wire

JH-NJ John Hanz - Old Bridge NJ - R88, A/D sloper

HH-PA Harry Hayes - Wilkes-Barre PA - Superadio ll

SK-P/A Steve Kennedy - Coal Township PA - Superadio ll

WM-MD William McGuire - Cheverly MD - DX-380

RM-CT Ron Misco - Poquoson VA - R930A, 2 120" slopers, MWDX-5, goodies

Ramdom CP - Honolulu HI - Station news

CR-VA Chuck Rippel - Los Angeles CA - R100A, R390A/SE-3, various wires

BS-PA Brett Saylor - State College PA - R390A, 14" homebrew loop

DT-JAM Don Trelford - St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica - R2000, LW

DZ-NY Dan Zielkowski - Hamburg NY - Sony 2010, Kiwa filters & pocket loop

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Dx digest

Foreign Dx Catches. Times are UTC; for EIT, subtract 5 hrs.

Once again, I've had little time for listening, but the reports below show that there are still
catches to be had this season.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

162 FRANCE Inter, FEB 28 0120 - noted in passing with a fair signal playing 1930s
music. [Wolffish-ON]

171 UNID, MAR 1 0038 - weak Gypsy or Arabic chant. [Harrison-RJ]

252 IRELAND, Atlantic 252, FEB 28 0034-0134 - Hyper-voiced announcer Tony Dibbon
playing dance and pop music, such as "Tubthumping" by Chumbawamba and "No
Surprises" by Radiohead; good signal with a weak Algeria audible underneath; best
signal on LW this evening. [Wolffish-ON] MAR 1 0038 - weak English. [Harrison-RJ]

594 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSa Duba FEB 24 0240 - Strong pre sign-on open carrier, also noted
on 1521. [Conti-NH]

693 ENGLAND, BBC Radio 5, FEB 24 0220 - Good; news of UN/Iraq agreement and a segment
of President Clinton news conference, over RNE-Spain. [Conti-NH]

738 SPAIN, RNE Barcelona FEB 24 0205 - Fair; news in Spanish parallel a much stronger signal
on 564. [Conti-NH]

945 FRANCE R.Blue, Toulouse MAR 1 0610 - Good, nostalgia // 1206. [Conti-NH]

1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSa Duba FEB 24 0300 - Good; sign-on and Koranic recitations. [Conti-
NH]

1548 CLANDESTINE, FEB 28 2340 - I noted a VERY STRONG station here broadcasting Spanish
language talk that sounded like a political speech. Obviously Spanish or perhaps
from any of the EU stations. Possibly the Tindoul, Algeria station (which sometimes broadcasts
in Spanish) has moved to 1548 from 1544 to avoid heterodynes with VOA - 1548 and
Germany / Spain - 1539. I didn't note a signal on 1544 at the time (and that's a usually
strong frequency). Highlights of the listening session included a fairly good signal out of
Angola-1992 and bits of what sounded like AFN Azores "next door" on 1503. Burkina Faso -
747 was fair, Senegal-765 loud / local-like, etc. [Cenntelly-MA] National Radio of the
Democratic Sahara. Arab Republic has displaced the frequency from 1544 KHz. At
the beginning of 1998 has begun to be impeded by Morocco with bubble jammer.
Cfotomary programming in; emissions from Tindoul (ALG) in Arabic 07:00-08:00 and 18:00-00:00. In
Spanish: 09:00-01:00, very irregular. [Arran via Connolly] Mark also received this noted
from Dave Kenny, BBC Monitoring. "Last night 3 March BBC observed National Radio of
the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic on 1550.0 KHz signing off at 0000 UTC. There was
accompanying bubble jamming, presumably from Morocco. Incidentally, we now believe
this station is transmitting from Bir Lehlu, which is actually in Western Sahara itself (rather
than Tindoul, Algeria which was assumed in the past). There is a nice picture of the
transmitting mast on the SADR web site. Bir Lehlu is about 200 km south west of Tindoul,
in a part of Western Sahara still controlled by the Saharan, people (Polisario Front)." And
now this comment from Mauricio Molano (Spain): "Maybe, but a HAM friend visited the camps
of refugees in the Tindoul area some years ago and found a 50 meter Ham fixed transmitter
(nothing on a truck or easily transportable) for its transmissions on MW."

1550 (see above item)

1557 FRANCE R.Bleue, Nice MAR 1 0620 - Poor in WQEW slot; nostalgia // 945 & 1206, het also
noted on 1377 but couldn't pull out of domestic & St. Pierre interference, all signals from
France lost by 0530. [Conti-NH]

Bill speaks: "Heard TA het on 584, 729, 738, 774, 891, 1134 (Some audio), and 1548. Various
times March 5 0000-0300."

PAM-AMERICAN DX

600 CUBA R.Rebel, Urbanlo Noris FEB 27 0310 - Good; "adelante Radio Rebelde" deports
promote, techno-pop instrumental, // 3600 harmonics & 3025. [Conti-NH]

713 CUBA Radio Rebelde, MAR 5 0320 - wobbling around here with rapid fire male announcer.
gone by 0300. [Harms-MD]

760 COLOMBIA, RCN Barranquilla FEB 24 0150 - Fair; RCN deports promo over R.Rebel-Juba
and ID Latin American stations in WJR null. [Conti-NH]

800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Bonaire. Trans World Radio, no date 0155-0201 - British
Accented male preacher and ID at 0200. Over all on channel! [Harms - MD]

840 CUBA Doblev, Santa Clara MAR 1 0457 - Fair; salsa and romantic music, Doblev ID, in
WHAS null. [Conti-NH]

960 COLOMBIA, CARACOL Magangue MAR 1 0305 - Fair; news and jingles // 5075, over
R.Rebel-Cuba in CHIS null. [Conti-NH]

1060 CUBA, CMKS network, Miraco MAR 1 0500 - Fair; assumed to be this with Guantanamio
mentions, sign-off with ambient, distorted audio, in KYW null. [Conti-NH]

1100 COLOMBIA, CARACOL Barranquilla MAR 1 0210 - Good; news, "radio de Colombia"
jingles, and "equipo Colombia" World Cup promo. // 5075. [Conti-NH]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

550 HAWAI, KTVI Wailuku, MAR 1 1335 - good with "Cruzin' 55 IDs and weather, mentioned
no rain, way over KOAC. [Martin-OR]

570 HAWAI, KQNC Hilo, MAR 1 1310 - very strong over everything else with rock music, ID's as
"RON", YMCA spots. [Martin-OR]

590 HAWAI, KSSK Honolulu, MAR 1 1415 - very good over all with Religion program, nice
KSSK ID. [Martin-OR]

620 HAWAI, KIPA Hilo, MAR 1 1457 - good over/under KEWS with AS and spots, KIPA Ids.
[Martin-OR]

650 HAWAI, KHNR Honolulu, MAR 1 1430 - good with News promos and "KHNR" Ids,
Sacramento way up underneath. [Martin-OR]

690 HAWAI, KMQM Honolulu, MAR 1 1422 - fair with Michael Jackson and other pop music
and Mariah Carey giving canned ID.[Martin-OR]

760 HAWAI, KGU Honolulu, MAR 1 1440 - very good with "One on One Sports", many
Honolulu area spots. [Martin-OR]

900 HAWAI, KNUI Kahului, MAR 1 1450 - good with Filipino program and announcer with
accent mentioning KNUI, way over others. [Martin-OR]

940 HAWAI, KJPN Waipahu, MAR 1 1447 - very strong with JJ programming and "JPN"
IDs in JJ. Beautiful JJ Pop music. Best ever heard. [Martin-OR]

1420 HAWAI, KCCN Honolulu, MAR 1 1426 - presume the source of the Hawaiian music under
KTI1 with what sounded like 'Honolulu' mention at one point. [Martin-OR]

Patrick speaks: "I had one of the best mornings for Hawaiians than I have had for a long time. It
was unbelievable!"

STATION NEWS

AUSTRIA: Radio Austria International testing in German on Longwave 261 via RadiOra German
1900-2000. Saturday also 0900-1000, including "Intermedia". "To celebrate Intermedia #50
we will issue a special QSL card for 261 on 14 March." [part of interview item from Chuck
Nagel/PHM on 200 kHz shortwave via Werner Funkenbauer] also mentioned is Wolf
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DX FILES: BEN DANGEFIELD ABROAD

Have been back from my Eastern Mediterranean trip since FEB 22 but have been down with an
infection picked up over there until now. And I have nothing new to report from here, reception
being so-so. I did enjoy some very interesting listening over there although I had less time for
DXing than anticipated. Our 3 days in Israel consisted of 3 shave excursions of 10 hours a day
which we would not have given up for anything. I think I learned more about the Bible than in
all my many previous years. My best daytime reception came while cruising west of Israel, south
of Cyprus, and north of Egypt. With nothing but 100's of miles of sea on all sides I had local-like
signals from Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, with lesser signals
from Rhodes, mainland Greece and Turkey. At sunset the dial really opened to the more distant
Mid East stations, eastern Europe, and the former USSR countries. And all these with only my
Radio Call-in Shows Increasingly Popular
By David Kaye
Indianapolis Tribune-Star

Having problems with your love life? There is help, but don't get that it's 
Camaro running just right? Reach out for the phone. Being 
bothered by pesky federal agents? There's room for 
you, too.

Yes, it seems the popularity of talk radio shows 
no signs of slowing down. Catalogs featuring hundreds 
of shows are sold at bookstores; everyone from celebrities and 
every imaginable audience are offered radio stations.

Led by nationally syndicated talk-show hosts 
such as Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy and Howard 
Sterling, there is more than ever before on the radio dial. And more 
listening. A 1993 poll conducted by Times Mirror Center for 
the People and the Press showed half of 
Americans listen to talk radio relatively often and 
that the conservative audience is twice as large as the 
liberal audience.

Ken Brown, general manager of WBOW-AM 
640, believes more people than ever want to 
hear talk come out of their radios. "How many cars 
these days don't have tape decks?" he asked, 
suggesting that many people who want to 
hear music in the car will carry their own tapes. "And, of 
course, people don't come to AM for music."

Brown said WBOW carries the top two 
syndicated programs in the top two syndicated 
programs in the country, Limbaugh and Dr. Laura 
Schlesinger, as well as the controversial Liddy, 
who says his goal is to show the air that people facing 
are going to support. However, it's not as clear 
what the audience is now, instead of their bulletproof 
He later said the program may be better target. 
WBTI-AM went to time in 1991. 
The station mixes local, state and national 
shows, says the idea to the self-help variety, 
plus lots of sports events added to the mix. Certainly 
there are more conservative than liberal hosts 
when it comes to political talk shows. But some do 
not appreciate being labeled as liberal or 
conservative, or even political for that matter.

"For a long time I've been called the liberal 
version of what Rush does or what Liddy does," 
said Alan Colmes, whose national syndicated show 
can be heard weekday afternoons on WTHI. 
Colmes said he doesn't consider himself anything 
other than an entertainer. "I really believe that 
political talk radio has peaked," he said. "[The show] 
has become more of a self-help variety, 
plus lots of sports events, plus the mix. Certainly 
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Regardless of people's personal opinions 
Limbaugh, most credit him with leading the talk 
radio charge. "Rush is definitely responsible 
for helping to save an industry," Colmes said, 
referring to AM. "Whoever you like him or not, he's 
a showman."

Pence said the popularity of the talk radio 
calls down cellar. "That one 
inventive word really summarizes the appeal of the 
format," he said. "People can be informed and also 
be entertained."

- via Mark Burns