

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar

KTSA	TX	550	Mar. 8	0100-0300
KIML	WY	1270	Mar. 8	0200-0500
KSDR	SD	1480	Mar. 10	0100-0600
WHMA	AL	1390	Mar. 15	0101-0145
KNEU	UT	1250	Mar. 15	0200-0700
KJJK	MN	1020	Mar. 15	0500-0600

KJJK-1020 (P. O. Box 724 - Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0724) will test with Morse code ID's on Monday morning, March 15, from 0500 to 0600 Eastern Time. KJJK will NOT be operating with on their 2000 watts non-directional, as their initial confirmation indicated. Bill Hale spoke to Mr. Swedberg of KJJK, and he said they would be operating with their 370-watt night power, directional only. The night pattern has two major lobes: 020 degrees and 222 degrees (both at 881 watts ERP). For anyone who wishes to receive a graphic of KJJK's night pattern, e-mail a request to me. Be sure to indicate the format you require (BMP, PCX, WMF, etc) Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Jeff Swedberg, Program Director. Arranged by Bill Hale for the National Radio Club.

From the Publisher ... We received a note from Mrs. Marjorie Wheeler, indicating that her husband Frank Wheeler, Erie, PA passed away on January 23. Frank was a long-time, active member of the National Radio Club; his membership went back to the '30's, I believe, as he had been an active DX'er since about 1930. And member Relfe Luton, Elizabeth City, NC, wrote to inform us that his wife, Billie, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. Our sincerest sympathies are with both families.

This issue is admittedly a little short, although it contains all material sent to me during the past week or so. Jerry Starr is still on vacation, but AM Switch should return to grace the pages next week. Now, I can't believe that the DX season is over (although I'm beginning to hear static!), and so if you've been holding out reporting your DX, or sending in a Musing, or forwarding that article, now's the time. My newspaper clippings and old material is just about gone.

We'll have a full report for you next week on NRC '99 in Bridgeport, WV, thanks to John D. Bowker, who is again capably handling publicity

for this event. And it's not too early to send a bid in to the Board of Directors if you are thinking about hosting the '00 convention, either.

Publication ... NRC member Patrick M. Griffith has just published a book entitled *AM Broadcast Station Antenna Systems - A Basic Guide*. It's a letter-size, 65-page softbound book crammed with photos, references, and all you ever wanted to know about broadcast antennas. About the only thing I found to criticize in it was the multiple-designation of call letters for the 1190 facility in Dallas ... but I suspect that they post their call letters on a chalkboard, anyway, for easy day-by-day change, hi. For more information, contact Patrick at AM-DXer@webtv.net.

Wow! Monthly issues are just around the corner! Where did the year go??

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 66

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22.	Mar. 5	Mar. 15	27.	June 4	June 14
23.	Mar. 12	Mar. 22	28.	July 9	July 19
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25.	Apr. 9	Apr. 19	30.	Sept. 10	Sept. 20
26.	May 7	May 17			

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the March 12, 1949 DXN: A letter to CPC Chairman Eldon Addy from WMIN-1400 regretted that the station would be unable to stand by for DX programs because of contractual commitments to operate.

25 years ago ... from the March 11, 1974 DXN: Ed Krejny, Middleburg Heights, OH, reported reception of 1S10, Buenos Aires, Argentina on February 18, "coming in quite well", the first Argentinian for him at his location.

10 years ago ... from the Monday, March 6, 1989 DXN: Chris Cuomo offered his predictions for format trends in the '90's, as: "Children's Programming - This has shown no success so far in numerous attempts. I don't expect any miracles for the format now either. The audience of children, ages seven to twelve is just too small to cater to. KPAL - North Little Rock's luck will probably run out soon." And then came Radio Disney! On the other hand: "Sports - Definitely the best of the new formats. Being so diverse, more than one can survive in a city. Perhaps one can cover professional sports, a second can cover college sports, and a third cover high school sports." Hope you got your investment in sports radio in early, Chris!

Domestic DX Digest

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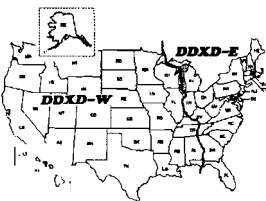
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(Division line is
between East and
Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

REPORTERS

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

1620 KSMH CA Auburn - 2/20 0645 - First night on RS heard today. Catholic programming. Not on at 0100, so don't know when they signed on. (GJ-CA)
 1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth - 2/23 2356 - Poor, under KDNZ, with talk show. Mention of AM 1010 at 2259 and sign-off announcement with mentions of 1010 kHz and 1650 WHKT at 2400. (CR-IL)
 1700 WRNU FL Miami Springs - 2/23 2345 - Poor, under KBBG, with SS-language talk and ID. Now with new calls. (CR-IL)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

850 KICY AK Nome - 2/1 0400 - Get serious. (JW-CO)
 1450 WILM-DE Wilmington - 2/21 0100-0300 - Tried from 0100-0200, nothing could be heard in the mess that sounded like a test. (FA-ID)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

840 TIS/HAR CA Walnut Creek - 2/17 1500 - Giving traffic info for I-680/California 24 interchange. Strong signal. (GJ-CA)

HOME ALONE

1680 HOUSE CA Sacramento - 2/23 0600 - Local real estate company has ads here. A pest. (GJ-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

570 KLAC CA Los Angeles - 2/22 0604 - With ads for Fox 11 and playing swing music before vanishing. I don't hear these guys too often because of KNRS. (RD-AZ)
 680 WJCE TN Memphis - 2-24 0140 - Fair and alone. Never heard this good! AM 680 The Juice, Solid Gold Soul into ads. (JJR-WI)
 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver, BC - 2/21 0631 - With ID and news. 0634 a very lengthy ski resort snow report. First Canadian this year. It was nice to see conditions favor the north for once. (RD-AZ)
 1250 KEYT CA Santa Barbara - 2/24 0048 - Fighting it out with KNEU. KEYT gave ID and had business news before going back under KNEU. (RD-AZ)
 1340 KTSN NV Elko - 2/22 0158 - Good, with Art Bell, then long promo mentioning lineup that included Dr. Toni Grant, the John & Ken Show, Art Bell. Bringing you the best in talk, sports, and news, KTSN-AM . . . 13-40 AM KTSN. Caught four clear IDs on tape. New, for Nevada #25. (TRH-CA)

WROW AM 590

1450 KRZY NM Albuquerque - 2/15 0253 - Vicente Fernandez song, station promos with address and phone number (garbled), Radio Tricolor, La Mexicanisima slogans. EE legal ID at 0301: KRZY AM 1450 Albuquerque. Fair over QRM. This is my unID reported in issue 66/9. (JW-CO)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

800 KLDC CO Brighton - 2/22 0938 - Didn't catch a whole lot of this other than the ID pretty much. Buried way under XEROK. New. (RD-AZ)
 920 KBNA TX El Paso - 2/19 0810 - SS vocals, male announcer with . . . en la estacion de El Paso, Que Buena, KBNA, then more music. Fair, in QRM. (JW-CO)
 980 K SVC UT Richfield - [no date] 0952 - With ID and ad for Randy's Engine and Machine, then birthdays and anniversaries sponsored by Randy's. New. (RD-AZ)
 1130 KQNA AZ Prescott Valley - 2/22 1222 - With ID, local news about road construction, and CNN Headline News. New. (RD-AZ)
 1200 KYOO MO Bolivar - 2/19 0848 - Area sports, markets, Auction Block past 0900. Too busy selling cows and pigs to worry about a legal ID. Fair, in WOAI null, and fading. (JW-CO)
 1320 KCTC CA Sacramento - 2/20 1139 - With ID, and playing MoYL music. (RD-AZ)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

1400 KSHP NV North Las Vegas - 2/14 2059 - Play-by-play of Anaheim Mighty Ducks NHL game. Legal ID at 2101. Casino spots and sports promos. Fair, over /under QRM. This is undoubtedly my unID in issue 66/9. (JW-CO)
 1490 KNDC ND Hettinger - 2/18 2332 - Gal with area weather, Bulletin Board, call IDs, C&W music. Fair, over QRM. Not the station I would expect to hear with the 'A' index at 61! (JW-CO)
 1670 WTDY? WI Madison - 2/21 2125 - Tentative. Poor, on car radio, with Art Bell // local KOGO-600. Hung in there for half an hour but ID always clobbered by noise or fading. Still need this one. Tried when I got home but the KIWA had nothing but noise and slop, mostly from KXOL-1660. (TRH-CA)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America

1340 kHz:		Miles		ALL News							
1400 kHz:				590 WROW-AM							
KTSN	NV Elko	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	574							
WOND	NJ Pleasantville	Tim Hall	Tampa, FL	913							
Totals:					1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Russ Edmunds N. NJ/SE PA					36	42	33	41	38	53	243

DDXD-East

Deadlines are Tuesdays: March 9 and 23.

Some problems with the mail apparently ... one recent report took 17 days to get here for some reason.

STATION NEWS

1190 WLIB NY New York - Began full-time operation in mid-February, carrying Caribbean music. (MC-CT)
 + 2/21 0055 - African-sounding music, ID. (WM-MD)
 1350 WOYK PA York - Anyone needing this one might try Friday or Saturday nights as they seem often to run overboard, especially for local sports. (JEK-MD)
 1600 WWRL NY New York - Has indeed been on 25,000 watt day power since early last year. The report that their CP was cancelled may have been for some other modification, but they are indeed on the air with the stronger power, very noticeable up here on the Connecticut coast. (MC-CT)
 1680 WJNZ MI Ada - 2/16 0400 - Noted off the air at this time, still off 1400, back on at 1915

- check; WXBV-1140 was also off all day. Call to station says silent period was due to "antenna adjustments." (PLB-MI)
- 1700 WRAU FL Miami Springs - 2/21 0500 - Good, ID for "WNMN (?) Miami Springs ... y WRAU Miami Springs, diecisiete [17 - DY] Radio Unica," and Radio Unica network news. (BC-NH) [Call change from WCMQ? - DY]

DX TESTS

- 660 KEYZ ND Williston - 2/15 0100-0130 - Not heard; tones of varying lengths heard 0110 through 0200 tune-out but don't believe it was them; no code heard and continued past 0130 scheduled stop time. In partial WFAN null. (SK-PA) Not heard. (JEK-MD)
- 1160 KSL UT Salt Lake City - 1/30 0200-0400 - Not heard through WCCS, WOBBM. (SK-PA)
- 1450 WILM DE Wilmington - 2/21 0100-0300 - Heard, surprisingly strong with code ID's and siren tones, topping the frequency on peaks. (SF-TN) Heard with faint signal squeaking through at times, siren tones, code ID's. Last heard in September 1961! (AR-ON)
- 1540 KTGG MI Spring Arbor - 2/14 0030-0130 - Not heard, unneeded. (SK-PA) Not heard. (JEK-MD)

UNID and UNID HELP

- 910 UNID -- ----- 2/21 1745 - Spot taped for a Winston Cup stock car racing show called "Race Talk" with Junie Blair, Saturdays 7:05-11 and one night at 6:45. Sponsored by East Coast ... Center and Glacier Spring Clear Water. "Right here on W-R-P-M." Called WSTK; it's not WTMZ who runs CNN Headline News; not WORD. Called ESPN in Charlotte and it's not their program. Found a Glacier Bottled Water in New Jersey, and they don't sponsor the program or use that name for their water (glaciers in New Jersey??). Who is this? (RM-CT) [Found some "Race Talk" stuff on KLIFF-TX-570's web page, but came up empty otherwise. - DY]
- 1160 WSCR IL Chicago - Probably WM-MD's unID in no. 18 with Westwood One feed. (SK-PA)
- 1260 UNID -- ----- 2/13 1900 - News, ID as WCNC? (LW-NY)
- 1290 UNID -- ----- 2/22 0908 - "Your Memories Station," music by Doris Day, Dean Martin, Stevie Wonder, etc., same music as on WECK-1230. Possibly WKNE? (NjW*ON)
- 1320 WLEE VA Richmond - WM-MD's unID in no. 18 with 106.5 FM. (SK-PA)
- UNID -- ----- 2/18 1835 - Ad in SS, 612 phone number. (WM-MD)
- 1400 UNID -- ----- 2/1 1700 - "This is Channel 69 News at 5." Could be unneeded WEST with WFMZ-TV, any others? (SK-PA)
- 1510 UNID -- ----- 1/29 1659 - Sign-off with SSB, totally on flute. (SK-PA)
- 1580 UNID -- ----- 2/20 1430 - MRN, NASCAR coverage over, under WONZ. No one listed in recent net, but from strength, likely WVZN. (RjE- PA) [Plausible. - DY]

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

- 590 WLVA VA Lynchburg - 2/13 0045 - ID as WLQE 106.9, Lou Rawls and Dusty Springfield songs. (RH-NJ)
- 690 WPHE PA Phoenixville - 2/22 0700 - Caught at sign-on, "Good morning. This is WPHE. WPHE is owned and operated by Salvation Broadcasting Company with studios and transmitters in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. WPHE operates on an assigned frequency of 690 kHz as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission," announcement then repeated in SS. (PC-VA)
- 720 WMXY GA Hogansville - 2/22 0745 - Sign-on announcement by woman, followed by black gospel tune; mixing with WPCR which seemed to be running a fundraiser or pledge drive. (NjW*ON)
- 780 WWOL NC Forest City - 2/22 0753 - Spot for local restaurant, ID and Christian music; lost to WBBM. (NjW*ON)
- 860 WACB NC Taylorsville - 2/15 0412 - C&W music, frequent mentions of Alexander County, spot for President's Day history. Under and over SS, CJBC. (LW-NY) [Now let's hear them not tell a lie on Washington's Birthday ... were they on day power? - DY]



- 880 WMEQ QI Menomonie - 2/4 0155-0300 - Tentative with Bruce Williams show, NBC news on hour. Equal to WCBS at times, but smothered at ID time. (SK-PA)
- 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 2/21 0757-0812 - Gospel music, ID at top of hour, followed by SRN news. Also ID'ing as "The best in southern gospel, this is Joy AM." Fair with WLS. (NjW*ON)
- 1220 WQUN CT Hamden - 2/15 0320 - NOS music, ID, mention of "CBS world and regional news" on the hour. (LW-NY)
- 1240 WBAX PA Wilkes-Barre - 2/18 1051 - Canned "WEJL, WBAX" ID, just above the flutter. Only second time heard, with semi-local WYGL off, back on at 1145. (SK-PA)
- 1320 WAMR FL Venice - 2/7 0103 - Sports update, ad for ESPN Game Night and ESPN magazine, and ID for ESPN Radio. Slight static. (GA-GA)
- 1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 2/7 0107 - Weather update, ID "News Radio 1370, WSPD," possibly the beginning of a Jewish program. Difficult reception, in mix with others. (GA-GA)
- 1450 WMAS MA Springfield - 2/15 0000 - ID by female popped up in jumble, "1450 WMAS Springfield," then USA news. (SK-PA)
- 1510 WLAC TN Nashville - 2/21 0125 - Fair, "The Road Gang" truckers' C&W music, 0130 ID "News-Talk 1510 AM, WLAC," under WNRB. (BC-NH)
- 1540 KXEL IA Waterloo - 2/22 0100 - Fair, Road Gang C&W music through CHIN's rap music, WDCD nulled out. (BC-NH)
- 1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth - 2/20 0657 - Strong signal; religious talk show ending, then local weather; ID at 0700 "We're certainly glad you're with us this morning on WPMH-AM 1010, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach, and WHKT-AM 1650 Portsmouth." Followed by "Through the Bible" question and answer program. First regular programming heard here. (PC-VA)

99.3 FM

WSFW

1110 AM

LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

- 530 CIAO ON Brampton - 2/13 1130-1147 - Fair with classical music, talk in German, ad for home reading/study course at 1-800-479-4625, into German operatic aria. CIAO gets in well since semi-local TIS (WNVY510) moved to 1630. (JEK-MD)
- 780 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 2/13 1555 - Clear with C&W, high temperature of 10 degrees, new. (RH-NJ)
- 1070 WKOK PA Sunbury - 2/22 0820 - "News Radio 1070 WKOK" ID, spot for County Candle Designs, QRM from WSCP. (NjW*ON)
- 1190 WBIS MD Annapolis - 2/22 0826 - "Business Radio 11-90 WBIS" ID, promo for Don McDonald show, local commercials. (NjW*ON)
- 1400 WTCY PA Harrisburg - 1/29 1455 - Canned ID "Your station for great gospel music, 1400 The Touch." Would be format change, sounded like black gospel, in briefly. (SK-PA) [Though the slogan's been around for several years. - DY]

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 540 WQTM FL Pine Hills - 2/13 2215 - One on One Sports show. I remember when this was WGTO in Cypress Gardens. (RH-NJ) [And a lot easier to hear in this part of the world. - DY]
- 560 WGAI NC Elizabeth City - 2/3 1938-2025 - Promo for NASCAR racing, then start of basketball hgame, James Madison vs. "The Pirates" (it's East Carolina, but they never say it). WGAI is on the East Carolina and the NASCAR list. Over, under WHYN, with weak WFIL nulled. Finally got this despite never hearing their DX tests. (SK-PA)
- CFOS ON Owen Sound - 2/13 1750 - With "Oldies 560" ID, on "First Satellite Radio Network." (LW-NY)
- 590 WVLC KY Lexington - 2/2 1818 - Promo for Sportsline 59 "on the flagship station of the defending champion Kentucky Wildcats: ad for Sleepy Head House, Duplicate Sales and Service. On top for this, then slipped back of WARM. (SK-PA)
- WEZE MA Boston - 1/28 230 - Family Radio programming, end of "Open Forum" segment with Harold Camping. (LW-NY)
- WLVA VA Lynchburg - 1/28 2230 - NOS music, ID "Hoping your weekend includes all your great plans and WLQE 106.9." (LW-NY)
- 680 KKYY TX San Antonio - 2/12 1921 - Very good with calls, local ads, C&W music ("Snowbird," "Cheatin' Heart"). Gone by 1935, new. (MB-IN)

- 690 WOKV FL Jacksonville - 2/22 1733-1740 - "News-Talk 690 WOKV," local news and traffic read by woman. QRM from WZAP. (NjW*ON)
- WTIX LA New Orleans - 2/20 1858 - ID by man, mention of upcoming NBC news and University of New Orleans basketball broadcast. The new nighttime pest on 690! Fair. (NjW*ON)
- WPHE PA Phoenixville - 2/20 1600 - ID on top of hour in the mess, with WZAP and WJOX. Poor. (NjW*ON)
- WZAP VA Bristol - 2/19 1750 - Ad for tire store in Bristol, Tennessee, ID. (WM-MD) + 2/21 1740 - Gradually fading in with local weather, ID 1743: "690 AM WZAP," followed by gospel until 1800 ID "WZAP Bristol, Virginia," then USA Radio News. (PC-VA)
- 740 WMBL NC Morehead City - 2/5 1830 - CNN news, NOS music, fair. Haven't heard this one in years! (LW-NY)
- 780 WIIN MS Ridgeland - 2/22 1820 - Oldies by Beach Boys and The Troggs, spot for Ray's Beds Bath & Windows across from Bell South Mobility on South Pear Orchard Road; in mess with WBBM, CFDR and Venezuelan Radio Coro. (NjW*ON)
- 790 WETB TN Johnson City - 2/19 1800 - REL music, "Let Jesus take care of everything," ID, USA Radio news. (WM-MD)
- 810 WYRE MD Annapolis - 2/16 1745 - Music, ID, weak under WGY, CJVA. (LW-NY)
- WFIN VA Dublin - 2/13 1720 - REL program, "PAR FM" ID's, over, under WGY. (LW-NY)
- 830 WXII NC Kernersville - 2/22 1743-1750 - Local news for western Piedmont, "News Radio WXII" and "News Channel 12" ID's and promos. (NjW*ON)
- 870 WPWT TN Colonial Heights - 2/10 1800 - End of Oliver North show, "Power Talk," ad for auto repair shop, ID. (WM-MD)
- 910 WAVL PA Apollo - 2/3 1659 - End of REL program, female preacher gave number of ministry (724) 227-5454, then live announcer "This is WAVL Apollo, Pennsylvania, your (heavenly?) bound station." Then USA news, wavy up and down in the mix. Only 13 PA's to go! (SK-PA)
- 920 WIRD NY Lake Placid - 2/11 1958 - Weather, full ID, into news, "The Voice of the Adirondacks." Never heard before from any location! (RjE-PA) [They really, really hate that night power thing ... - DY]
- WOKY WI Milwaukee - 2/11 1842 - Looong Brewers ad, promo, ID. (RjE-PA)
- 930 WIZR NY Johnstown - 1/30 1706 - Canned ID "You station, WIZR Johnstown-Amsterdam-Gloversville," blowing out 15-mile distant WCNR. A rare appearance. (SK-PA)
- WLLL VA Lynchburg - 2/3 1750 - Mention of Virginia, then "AM 930 WLLL" jingle followed by black gospel music, rose up briefly. (SK-PA)
- 970 WATH OH Athens - 2/11 1930-2045 - Basketball game, one team was the Lady Chiefs, jingle at 1958 sounded like WATA, steady but way back. Then 2/15 2132 with PSA for Smokey Bear, "Don't miss Dr. Laura every weekday at 3 on 970 WATH," into Bruce Williams. Alone atop flutter. 313 miles at listed 26 watts. (SK-PA)
- 1000 CFLP PQ Rimouski - 2/6 2250 - Good, "Ici Radio Media" network ID, at 2259 "CFLP Mille Emission" ID. Over CKBW. (BC-NH)
- 1070 WNCT NC Greenville - 2/21 2240 - Good with ID's as "The Beach, AM 1070" and "You're on The Beach, AM 1070, WNCT," R&B, doo-wop oldies. (BC-NH)
- WKOK PA Sunbury - 2/5 1728 - "Video Moment" news, weather, "News Radio 1070," "serving the Susquehanna Valley," "Hey Abbott!" (LW-NY)
- 1110 WBIS FL Tampa - 2/13 1800 - Excellent signal with no sign of WBT, end of "Life Study" program, ID, sales department ad looking for sponsors, into "Sound of the Trumpet" program. (JEK-MD)
- WBT NC Charlotte - 2/21 2200 - Good with ID "The flagship station of Jefferson Pilot Communications, News-Talk 1110 WBT Charlotte, and 99.3 WBT-FM Chester," into CBS news, Dreamland talk show. (BC-NH)
- WGNZ OH Fairborn - 2/13 1747 - Ad for southern gospel festival with Charles Johnson, 937 area code, then promo for WGNZ bluegrass show. Strongest in a big jumble; using new pattern already? (SK-PA)
- 1130 WLBA GA Gainesville - 2/13 1730 - Suspected with ranchero music, "Radio Mexicana" slogans. Probably overboard as it buried WBBR most of the evening, no ID. (JEK-MD)



- 1190 WIXE NC Monroe - 2/10 1805 - C&W music, "Back to back country," "The new 1190," ID, fair in WOWO fade. (WM-MD)
- 1220 WQUN CT Hamden - 2/12 1700 - Partial ID "AM 1220 WQUN" into CBS news. Thought they were playing Bobby Day's "Rockin' Robin," but listed as NOS. In heavy flutter, only 5 CT's to go! (SK-PA)
- 1230 WNEB MA Worcester - 2/12 2223 - Calls, NOS, Les Baxter's "Poor People of Paris," Don Gibson's "Oh! Lonesome Me." New, MA #57. (JEK-MD)
- 1250 CBGA PQ Matane - 2/17 1706 - FF talk over, under WMTR, not heard in years! (RjE-PA)
- 1260 WNRK DE Newark - 2/20 1959 - OLD to ID, then local news and weather. Very poor mixing with WPHB. At 2020, quite strong and alone with OLD. (DZ-NY)
- 1270 WCGC NC Belmont - 2/17 1830 - Promo for REL program "... inviting you to join me this Sunday on WCGC," atop flutter. (SK-PA)
- 1290 WKLB KY Manchester - 2/15 2002 - Ads for Memorial Hospital with 598 prefix, drug store, restaurant, nearly smothered by CJBK. At 2026, break in girl's basketball game, ad for the Bluegrass Family (Restaurant?) At 598-7822. I'm satisfied it's them. (SK-PA)
- WDZY VA Colonial Heights - 2/22 1652 - Radio Disney stuff, ID 1700 followed by Bare Naked Ladies song, good. (NjW*ON)
- CJBK ON London - 2/18 2050 - Boston v. Ottawa Senators hockey in mess, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1300 WERE OH Cleveland - 1/27 2147 - Cleveland vs. Montreal arena football game, ID "The flagship station of the new Cleveland Browns," "1300 WERE," and "The Crunch Radio Network." (LW-NY)
- 1310 WTLB NY Utica - 2/12 1735 - Ad for station sales reps 797-1300, NOS format, good. (JEK-MD)
- 1380 WSYB VT Rutland - 1/30 1807 - ID, "The new WSYB, turn us on," "1380 AM, 93.1 FM." Fair with end of CNN news. (LW-NY)
- 1390 WGCI IL Chicago - 2/16 1903 - Noted with UC.GOS and slogan "All new gospel 1390," ex-UC.OLD. Probably JF-ON's unID in no. 18. (PLB-MI)
- 1400 WLTN NH Littleton - 1/31 1800 - Partial ID in the jumble "New Hampshire's ... WLTN," then ABC news. (SK-PA)
- 1410 WDOV DE Dover - 2/20 2032 - Presumed with Delaware State basketball, quite poor atop mush. (DZ-NY)
- 1430 WMSX MA Brockton - 1/31 1703 - Ad for A.B.T.O., then U.Mass. Basketball, alone. Very odd conditions for this time of day. (SK-PA)
- WMNC NC Morganton - 1/28 1706 - "Thanks for listening to classic country 1430 WMNC, WMNC Morganton." Fair while passing by. (SK-PA)
- 1440 WWTM MA Worcester - 2/17 2200+ - Many SID's, with WEEI Celtics net, good most of evening. Last heard as WAAB. (JEK-MD)
- 1460 WBKC OH Painesville - 2/13 1844 ID "AM 1460 WBKC" popped up in the mix. (SK-PA)
- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria - 2/18 2155 - ID heard in mess, ESPN radio. (WM-MD)
- CHOW ON Welland - 2/11 2303 - Dominating with area weather, ID "Playing more country music, 1470 CHOW." (LW-NY)
- 1480 WPWC VA Dumfries-Triangle - 2/22 1642-1650 - Man playing gospel tunes and giving plugs for other shows on the station, fair. (NjW*ON)
- 1580 WPKY KY Princeton - 1/29 2245 - "FM 104" ID jumped out, at 2300 mention of Kentucky heard mixing with WLIJ ID. (SK-PA)
- WLIJ TN Shelbyville - 1/29 2300 - ID "You're listening to AM stereo WLIJ Shelbyville," then USA news. Mostly over WPKY. Usual pests WRDD and CBJ barely detected. (SK-PA)
- + 2/22 1803-1808 - Out of UPI news with ID and funeral report sponsored by Stone Monument Sales in Shelbyville. Fair. (NjW*ON)
- 1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth - 2/11 1650 - Finally on and ID'ing as WPMH-1010 and WHKT-1650; ads for English Language Institute (1-800-366-8053) and International Bible Society. Heard on other evenings with good signal, REL program. (RH-NJ)
- WSEN 92 FM - AM 1050 + 2/11 2100 - Finally on regular schedule with music, weather, PSA, ID. (RjE-PA)
- + 2/11 2205 - End of SRN News, ad for circus, live announcer "This is 1650 WHKT Portsmouth and WPMH 1010 Portsmouth-Virginia Beach-Norfolk. Time now for Point of View." First day on regular schedule, good with KDNZ in the

- background. (SK-PA)
 + 2/16 1840 - REL talk, mention of Ringling Brothers circus appearing in area, ID "WHKT 1660, WPMH 1010." (LW-NY)
 + 2/22 2030 - Good, "You're listening to AM 1010 WPMH, simulcasting on AM 1650 WHKT," Christian talk. (BC-NH)
- 1670 WNML GA Warner Robins - 2/6 1930 - Atlanta Hawks basketball vs. New Jersey, nice clear signal. (LW-NY)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1630 HAR PA Allentown (WRV833) - 2/22 1942 - Loop tape featuring a clip from Neil Young's "Heart of Gold" record telling motorists not to drink and drive. Fair (NjW*ON)
- TIS NC High Point - 2/15 1943 - Promoting furniture museum, stores and outlets, bed and breakfast locations and food establishments. Information center on S. Main Street. Good at times, anyone know the calls? (JEK-MD)
- 1710 Pirate - ----- - 1/31 2253 - Overly modulated hard rock, scratchy and distorted ID "We are on the air at a new dial position. This is (WASS?)." Then Black Sabbath's "Iron Man." (SK-PA)

INTERNET UPDATES

News from Scott Fybush's "North East Radio Watch," used by permission: WPRX-CT-1120 will take over the New Britain Rock Cats baseball broadcasts from WNTY-990; play-by-play will be in EE (even though WPRX is mostly SS), with EE ads during the game, SS ads and promos before and after. Some games will also be heard in Hartford on WPOP-1410. WBTN-VT-1370 has dropped its (very) eclectic oldies format for talk. WNJR-NJ-1430 will begin running adult standards 0600-1900 on April 1, plans to be 24 hours eventually, bringing the format back here to the Big Apple. The owner reportedly hopes to move the transmitter site a few miles north, to the site of co-owned WPAT-930, and to change calls eventually. WODZ-NY-1450 hasn't changed calls (to WYFY) or to Bible Broadcasting Network yet; still simulcasting oldies WODZ-FM.

STATION ADDRESSES

The latest from Steve Kennedy: WROG-NC-1400 is The Mall-Four Seasons Town Centre, (336) 854-1996.

REPORTERS

GA-GA	Garlfar Andrews	Riverdale GA - Superadio III
PLB-MI	Phil Boersma	Spring Lake MI - Realistic 14-785
MB-IN	Mark Burns	Terre Haute IN - R8, 80' LW, Kiwa loop
MC-CT	Michael Collins	Stratford CT - Local news
BC-NH	Bruce Conti	Nashua NH - R8B, MWDX-5, noise-reduced 100' LW's
PC-VA	Perry Crabill	Winchester VA - R8, 100' RW, Kiwa loop
RjE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell PA - Car radio, whip
SF-TN	Steve Francis	Alcoa TN - TRF, Select-a-Tenna
RH-NJ	Richard Harrison	Hewitt NJ - Bose Wave, Satelit 340, Select-a-Tenna, LW
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township PA - Superadio III
JEK-MD	Joe Kureth	Uniontown MD - SW8, LW (950' NE-SW)
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX-380
RM-CT	Ron Musco	Poquonock CT -
AR-ON	Andy Rugg	Cornwall ON -
NjW*ON	Niel Wolfish	DX'ing at Coe Hill ON - R71A, 1000' terminated NE, 500' unterminated E/W
LW-NY	Leslie Woods	East Meadow NY - Sony 2010
DZ-NY	Dan Ziolkowski	Hamburg NY - Sony 2010, Kiwa filters, Kiwa loop



What a Time-saver - the County Cross Reference

A complete list of counties, parishes, and similar political divisions in the U. S. and Canada. Two lists are included: alpha by county, and by state. Compiled by Bill Hale and designed and produced by Wayne and Joan Helnen. \$6.50 for members, \$9.95, non-member. Order item CCR from the NRC Publications center; NY residents, please include sales tax.

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELI, subtract 5 hrs.

In mentioning that I had only visited three radio stations in all of my years of DXing, I neglected to mention that I worked at WRCU-FM, Hamilton NY, while I was in college. I produced the evening news several nights each week. At one point my friend and I got a late night music program slot, in which we spun our favorite records, from eleven until three in the morning. A humbling moment came when we offered a free concert ticket to the fifth caller, and no one called! We had the amazing moment of clarity that no one was listening to our show! Sometimes, as I listen to late night programs on low-power, satellite-fed stations, I wonder if I am the only person actually listening? I keep hoping to hear a free ticket offer!

A reminder to all reporters: please follow the exact format you see below. It saves me a great deal of time when you do. Things as simple as putting the date and time in the right order, and no abbreviations are a real help. By the way, Werner Funkenhauser is advocating that reporters to his column in *DX Ontario* use this same format as well.

Welcome to Erik Stromsted, a first time reporter and soon new member, DXing from Massachusetts.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA Bechar, JAN 21 0530 to 0549 - weak but clearly discernible Arabic talk and music both vocal and instrumental. 1/22 0408 with Arabic speaker and music bridges. [Funkenhauser-ON] JAN 27 0130 - Slow AA lyrics with string instruments undermodulated- S9+ drum beats. 0145 - Soap Opera male and female, then guitar, string instrument. Strong S9+20. FEB 6 0300 - Arab "swing" violins/drums/? [Stromsted-MA]
- 162 FRANCE Allouis, JAN 21 0518 to 0527 - poor to fair at times. French male/female news team. Again 1/22 0410, 1/30 0430 fair [Funkenhauser-ON] This station plays lots of jazz, fun to listen to! 0135 Piano with female vocalist then male and female commentary, FF strong S9+20. JAN 27 0045 - FF chansons, male very strong S9+20, 2050 - Old Duke Ellington jazz piece high pitched FF announcer mentioned line up: Lawrence Brown 1930 year? In FF, quality excellent on modulation (Radio France) FEB 4 0515 - "La journal de Economie", Dow Jones index, excellent sig-S9+20, 0550 - Olympic scandal-discussion by male and female. FEB 6 0300 - News- "Mike Tyson etc.." and Radio play with male and female S9 +25. [Stromsted-MA]
- 171 MOROCCO Radio Medi-Un, JAN 26 0715 - News in FF, 0720 with Continental music male vocal, 0140 AA Strings, violin, guitar S9, 0600 news in AA fast speech news M "Kosovo..." also music Rumba? SS Cuban style -Trumpets etc. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1777 GERMANY Orienburg - Duke Ellington jazz, GG announcer S 5-9. [Stromsted-MA]
- 183 GERMANY Europe Un, Saarlouis - Tel talk-phone interview followed by music-played American Rock-"No coming back, I am too good for you- I don't need you anymore" male EE vocal, S9 + 20. [Stromsted-MA]
- 189 ICELAND RUV, JAN 26 - Icelandic male talk, poor S-7; FEB 4 0540 - "Everythings goin' to be OK", slow rap with two EE vocalists, S9 ++ strong; FEB 6 0131 - Icelandic discussion about Yugoslavia, also Lewinski Congressional comments with recorded excerpts in English. 0355 - Slow rock "Please unchain my heart 'cause you don't care about me-let me free!" male EE vocal with sax and drums. [Stromsted-MA] FEB 21 0106-0140 - Male announcer playing song from South Park "Chocolate Salty Balls" plus songs by Cake, Black Crowes and Dire Straits. Only longwave station with half decent audio all weekend. Good. [Wolfish-ON]
- 198 ENGLAND BBC, FEB 8 0155 - Signal 5-9+20 strong, with commentary about Taliban and Afghani situation, then on to E. African status-"BBC World Service on "The World Today" show // with BBC on 693 kHz-also good signal, discussion very clear and no synchro echos evident. [Stromsted-MA]
- 207 MOROCCO Azilal, FEB 1 0209 - poor with male/female speakers in language, then Arabic style flutes at 0213. [Funkenhauser-ON]



- 215 FRANCE, FEB 7 0420 - FF with Perry Como? "Every body loves Somebody", S-9 with some Aero beacon zero beat. [Stromsted-MA]
- 216 FRANCE Roumoules, 1/21 0551 - presumed with pop music. Also 1/22 0404 with smatterings of talk. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 234 unID, 1/21 0545 - very poor with beacon QRM. Male speaker, unID language. Not worth staying with this one. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 252 IRELAND Atlantic 252, JAN 26 0715-0725 - Rap Music EE vocals, S9 some co-channel underneath very strong bass on music. [Stromsted-MA]
- 621 CANARIES RNE-1 Santa Cruz, JAN 23 0302 - poor with 620 slop. Spanish male & female news team alternating items. [Funkenhauser-ON] FEB 22 0352-0401 - Only TA yielding audio this evening with Spanish talk by a woman; 6 time pips and ID at top of hour into newscast by man. Fair. [Wolfish-ON]
- 693 UK BBC, JAN 16 0210 - "One for the road" EE lyrics BBC?, S9+ Rock plus swing EE accented announcer. [Stromsted-MA] JAN 30 0447 to 0457 - poor with English talk show hosted by male. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 693 AZORES RDP Santa Barbara, JAN 26 0805 - PP news, two male announcers, S59+ BBC? Faded. No interference. JAN 26 0735 - Played some of Figaro Opera-II Vocals, followed by Portuguese music/ guitars etc., 0805 news in PP. [Stromsted-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar, JAN 26 0335 - Smooth modern African music, S9 +20, WABC @ S9+30. [Stromsted-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS, 0050 - Interview with female announcer, news @ 0100 with SS. [Stromsted-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, FEB 8 0210 - S9+20 loud AA Solo male chant low then high/slow, morning call? [Stromsted-MA]
- 873 SPAIN SER R. Zaragosa, JAN 25 0101 - frequent low freq. double beeps news session, two SS announcers, 5-9 loud. [Stromsted-MA]
- 945 FRANCE presume Toulouse, FEB 8 0215 - S9+20 strong FF chanson FF pop song Ballad. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN RNE-5 synchros, 2/1 0039 - poor/fair with ending of a pop song, Spanish male speaker then 0043 a female. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 1134 CROATIA Zadar - frequent signal in evening to 5-9+20 on peaks, Slavic-style music with vocals on several listening sessions during FEB, some WBBR interference. [stromsted-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN COPE Valencia, 2/1 0051 to 0101 - fair with Spanish males conversing then a high-powered male announcer at 0100. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 1375 ST PIERRE ET MIQUELON - Comes in almost every night @ S9 to 40 over (propagation). [Stromsted-MA]
- 1620/1640/1670 USA - SS Extremely lively religious stations/low power in Lawrence, MA area are S5 to 6 all day at home (~25 miles) on Beverage (aimed that way). [Stromsted-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS IS, RVC, South Caicos, FEB 23 0449 - blasting in with religious talk in Spanish language. Over local TIS stations. [Rigas-IL]
- 535 GRENADA St. George's, JAN 12 0310 - fair to good with Caribbean-accented host, playing reggae then "Bojangles". [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 540 MEXICO XEWA Monterrey (presumed), 2/1 0454 - fair at times over/under CBEF with Mexican news items read by alternating male/female team at 0455 an ad string mentioned "grupo centro Mexicana". [Funkenhauser-ON] FEB 23 0508 - very strong with news and local ads. [Rigas-IL]
- 570 CUBA CMDC Pilon (per WRTH), Radio Relój, FEB 23 0513 - fair with news and the usual RR code ID each minute. [Rigas-IL]
- 580 MEXICO XEMU, Piedras Negras, FEB 23 0519 - fair with "Rancherita del Aire" jingle, weather forecast and Mexican ranchera music. [Rigas-IL]
- 620 UNID JAN 19 0410-0446 - chased this poor one under Rebelde and others without luck. Spanish male mentioning lots of "corazóns" (gospel?), mentions of what sounded like "Guatemala" and "R. Oriente Dos" in context. [Funkenhauser-ON] ("corazón" is "heart" - Jim)
- 640 VENEZUELA Union Radio, Puerto la Cruz FEB 21 0840 - Fair; "Esta es noticias Union Radio, la radio de noticias" ID and news, over WWJZ. [Conti-NH]
- 660 MEXICO XEAR Tampico, FEB 1 0528 - faded in atop frequency with an emotional "Ésta es La



- Mexicana XEAR 660 kilohertz Tampico Tamaulipas!" — nice and clear, into a mild choral selection, new. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 690 MEXICO XEMA Fresnillo, EB 7 0630 - mixing here earlier with R. Recuerdo but couldn't ID then. This time poor with WTIX. At 0630, I caught ID as "...R. Punto! XEMA transmitiendo ???", mentioned estéreo and possibly FM. Into man/woman talk - couldn't tell the subject, new. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 690 VENEZUELA YVMR, Barquisimeto, FRB 17 0313 - dominating Progreso (running R. Relój), R. Recuerdo, and "As it Happens" on CBU. Heard "Barquisimeto! Seis noventa! La emisora de mayor penetración de ?? y centro de pays" ID then mixed Latin music (including "Grenada"). "R. Barquisimeto Internacional! Desde siempre para siempre!" at 0354, their provincial anthem, and at 0356, the Venezuelan National Anthem then off, leaving "As It Happens" to drift up at 0358. [Funkenhauser-ON] FEB 16 0357 - heard in mess (local WPTF-680 and Radio Recuerdo) with Venezuelan National Anthem. [Renfrew*NC] FEB 23 0258-0358 - "Barquisimeto seis noventa" IDs and romantic music being played; Also heard a jingle at 0351 and the Venezuelan anthem at 0358. Verified their defunct shortwave outlet on 4990 back in 1977! Mixing with WTIX. Fair. [Wolfish-ON] FEB 27 0355 - it rose up out of a Radio Recuerdo/UNID EE/buzz mess with a first anthem, extensive announcements about "Radio Barquisimeto Internacional" and then the Venezuelan National Anthem. [Renfrew-NY]
- 690 COLOMBIA R. Recuerdos (HJCZ), Bogotá, FEB 14 1012-1015 - Phone calls; SIO 333 [Burnell-NF]. FEB 21 0815 - Fair; time check "... en Radio Recuerdos" and nostalgic rancheras. [Conti-NH]
- 690x CUBA R. Progreso, Jovellanos FEB 22 0745 - Fair; carrying R. Reloj with news items by man and woman, syncopated clock, etc. [Conti-NH]
- 690 MEXICO UNIDS FEB 27 0557-0604 - once again, noted two Mexican National Anthems here, one began at 0556 and the other at 0601, but the odd thing was that the second one seemed to immediately turn into Radio Relój, with the usual time pips, but then that immediately shut off in mid-announcement. Now I've been playing the Mexican anthem in my head and I'm sure it wasn't the Cuban anthem. Very odd. Well, I'm at the IDXD deadline, but I will play this tape over again later this morning. [Renfrew-NY]
- 700 JAMAICA RJR Montego Bay FEB 21 0755 - Fair; Superstation RJR ID, woman via telephone saying "Hi Jamaica, ... Supreme 94," and C&W music in WLW null. [Conti-NH]
- 705 ST. VINCENT Kingstown, FEB 12 0254 - with heavy 710 slop, Caribbean-accented male speaking with female (or interview) with snatches of old song between speech. At 0258 they played a hymn of some kind which ended dead-on at 0300 with an open carrier. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 710 CUBA Radio Rebelde, FEB 21 0122 - Way on top of frequency with same programming as 5025. Good. [Wolfish-ON]
- 720 JAMAICA RJR Kingston FEB 21 0930 - Poor; C&W music ?? 700, under WGN. [Conti-NH]
- 730 MEXICO XEX México FEB 21 0425 - Good; "la Equis" IDs and banda music in CKAC null. [Conti-NH]
- 750 VENEZUELA "RCR" YVKS Caracas, FEB 23 0152 - "RCR" promos and ID, talk about Venezuela; on top of WSB. Fair. [Wolfish-ON]
- 760 UNID FEB 23 0540-0635 - poor under WJR with mostly talk in Spanish language by man and woman during the whole time period I monitored them. Possible ID at 0600 but WJR too strong then to ID anything. Sounded like an educational or fine arts type station. Looping SW towards Mexico. Any help? [Rigas-IL]
- 780 VENEZUELA YVMN "Radio Coro", FEB 23 0144-0158 - Latin American music, lots of time checks (UTC -4); ID at 0158; seemed to be another Latin American station in there with WBBM and CFDR. Fair. [Wolfish-ON] (Usually the other one is Ecos del Torbes - Jim)
- 810 CUBA CMDW Guantánamo, JAN 18 0320 - poor, WGY partly nulled/phased and QRM from co-channel HJCY but clearly // 890 and the same mellow love song by a female - new. [Funkenhauser-ON]
- 830 CUBA Radio Reloj, FEB 23 0233 - Usual time pips, code IDs and news noted in mess with WCCO and WXII. Fair. [Wolfish-ON]
- 850 CUBA R. Reloj (two Progreso sites listed), FEB 16 0425 - also recently reported by Neil Kazaross. [Renfrew*NC]
- 860 MEXICO XECCN Cancun FEB 21 0605 - Fair; la Mexicana and Caribe mentions, banda music including a Spanish version of the Grease tune "You're the One That I Want," in CJBC null. [Conti-NH]
- 860 MEXICO UNID, FEB 19 0701 - Mexican National Anthem under CJBC. [Renfrew*NC]

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1360 Kca. PROGRESO, YUC.

- 870 CUBA R. Reloj (two Progreso sites listed), FEB 16 0427 - usual news and IDs. [Renfrew*NC]
 880 unid Mexican, JAN 26 1226 - poor. Spanish, sports and news items and spots mentioning "México", "la república", "banditos" (I'm not kidding!), "informativo" and "Información Internacional" spots. Gone by 1235. [Funkenhauser-ON]
 900 MEXICO XEW Mexico FEB 22 0645 - Good; "Novecientos Radio, XEW" jingle ID, nostalgia, over CKTS. [Conti-NH]
 910 VENEZUELA?, FEB 23 0310-0402 - Playing mostly romantic Latin American music including one song that seemed to go on for about 15 minutes. Was on top of frequency with cryptic "aquí es 9-10 con la música" IDs. Never heard any call letters or other slogan if this was YVRQ. Seemed to go off at 0402 after the Venezuelan anthem was played. [Wolfish-ON]
 920.2 COLOMBIA HJAA Cartagena, FEB 23 0202 - ID: "Ésta es la señal mas potencial de su radio: Emisoras Fuentes a novecientos veinte kilohertz, H-J-A-A... desde Cartagena Colombia en el America del Sur. Good. [Wolfish-ON]
 940 MEXICO XEQ Mexico FEB 14 0225 - Good; "boxeo profesional" using Spanglish terms like "cuatro round," 0255 Mexican pop music with "la Tropi-Q" ID, in CBM null. [Conti-NH]
 1000 COLOMBIA HJAQ Cartagena, FEB 23 0018-0038 - Noted with RCN promos and programming parallel to 760-HJA) although they seemed to not be parallel for certain commercials; no sign of WMVP. Good. [Wolfish-ON]
 1020 VENEZUELA YVRS La Asunción, FEB 21 0012-0016 - Pounding in on top of KDKA with male Latin American vocal and ID as "La Margarita". [Wolfish-ON]
 1040 DOMINICAN REP. Cadena de Noticias (HION), Santo Domingo, FEB 14 0316 - News, // 1130; SIO 333 [Burnell-NF].
 1040 VENEZUELA ???, FEB 23 0044 - Assume this was a Venezuelan I caught on top of WYSL and WHO; didn't hear an ID but heard a time check "as 8:44" (UTC-4). Fair [Wolfish-ON]
 1110 VENEZUELA YVQT Radio Carupano, FEB 21 2344-0039 - On top of WBT with Latin American music; ID and Time check as "7:54" at 2354. Good. [Wolfish-ON]
 1130 DOMINICAN REP. Cadena de Noticias (HIRL), Santiago, FEB 14 0307-0316 - Dominican news; SIO 333 [Burnell-NF].
 1150 CUBA R. Bayamo (CMKX), Entronque Buécito, FEB 14 0026-0115 - Baseball play-by-play; SIO 332 [Burnell-NF].
 1200 VENEZUELA R. Tiempo (YVOZ), Caracas, FEB 13 2220-2309 - Horse-racing, romantic music from 2300; SIO 333 [Burnell-NF].
 1240 VENEZUELA R. Nacional (YVNV), Punta Tumatey, FEB 13 2317-2335 - Venez. music, "Antena Popular" slogans; SIO 444 [Burnell-NF].
 1290 VENEZUELA R. Puerto Cabello (YVLF), FEB 13 2310 - Carnival time, dance music; SIO 333 [Burnell-NF].
 1340 COLOMBIA R. Uno (HJFB), Bogotá, FEB 13 0157-0203 - Carnival reports and music; SIO 333 [Burnell-NF].
 1375 ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON, 1/27 0445 - good with male French commentator, also good signal later at 0533. [Funkenhauser-ON]
 1570 DOMINICAN REP. R. Amanecer (HIAJ), Santo Domingo, FEB 14 0232-0235 - Usual religious programming; SIO 444 [Burnell-NF].
 1590 VENEZUELA R. Deporte 15-90, Caracas, FEB 14 0218-0222 - Phone chat; SIO 332 [Burnell-NF].

Werner speaks: "These are some my loggings from late January while using a K9AY/K4LG remote terminated loops system. The more I use this antenna, the more I appreciate the low noise characteristics, not to mention the excellent directional aspect. Given the right conditions, all the usual Cubans and bigger Mexicans are easy pickings, also the Colombian and Venezuelan regulars like R. Coro (which I've even had together with Ecos del Torbes several times). I've been able to hear LW TAs on a regular basis, especially France on 162 kHz. This was nearly impossible since moving to my present Guelph home, which is within sight of the Hammond Transformer factory just down the street, and an Ontario Hydro major switching facility for Guelph not much farther away. Additionally, there is a large hospital nearby, a small plaza complete with computer noises. To top it off, I'm a block from stop lights and a railway crossing each contributing to the cacophony of buzzes and whines. It's not been impossible but it has been difficult DXing from this location. No matter how I steered or pointed my antennas, it seemed I aimed into noise. With the terminated loops electrical source noise has almost completely disappeared. That isn't the case with the Kiwa, nor with the other antennae."

PUBLICATIONS

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"LW & MW Stations in Europe, North America and the Middle East". We have already recommended this publication, but now the author has gone one step beyond. He offers this valuable instrument to the whole community for free. An easy and quick download will give you the opportunity to DX your favorite band with confidence." [Jorge Garzón, MEDI DX #47] Check Herman's website at: <<http://come.to.dxing>>."

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 @Erik Stromsted (W1ZBT), Pepperell MA; Yaesu 1000MP, Beverage aimed NE 1300' at a height of 15 to 20 ft above ground with transformer/ resistive termination ~450 ohms w. one radial + ground rod. Also using a preselector- no effective phasing unit, however so using radio passband tuning and digital processor to null heterodynes etc..(crude).The IF can be reduced to ~2.kHz bandwidth..
 @Niel Wolfish, DXing in Coe Hill ON; Don Moman-modified ICOM R71A attached to 1000' antenna terminated northeast, and a 500' foot antenna pointing east-west.

SOUTH AMERICAN "X-BAND" NDB LIST

In going through my NDB references I noticed that the following South American "X-Band" NDBs are listed as active:

BJO 1600.0-Bermejo-BOL-S22.4554-W64.1836
 LGM 1602.0-Leguizamo-CLM-S00.1100-W74.4800
 TDA 1610.0-Trinidad-CLM-N05.2548-W71.4012
 BOB 1615.0-Bobures-VEN-N09.1000-W71.0600
 MIL 1615.0-civ-Quincemil-PRU-S13.1400-W70.4400
 YPT 1618.0-civ-Ípatinga/Santana do Paraíso-B-S19.2748-W42.2848
 CEP 1620.0-civ-Concepcion-BOL-S16.0806-W62.0136
 FAM 1623.0-Faz Amalia-PRU-S21.2636-W47.2212
 HUM 1623.0-Humaita-B-S07.3200-W63.0200
 PP 1623.0-Porto Trombetas-B-S01.2930-W56.2354
 PAT 1625.0-Pastaza/Rio Amazonas-EQA-S01.3100-W78.0230
 NPA 1627.0-Novo Paraíso-B-N01.1300-W60.2800
 SAC 1627.0-Sao Carlos-B-S21.5300-W47.5300
 ORI 1635.0-Orito-CLM-N00.4000-W76.4900
 SJV 1640.0-San Javier-BOL-S16.1936-W62.3618
 MLZ 1645.0-Sao Sebastiao/Plataforma Merluza-B-S25.1600-W45.1506
 YPI 1645.0-Yaupi-EQA-S02.5100-W77.5300
 PNQ 1659.0-Macae/Platform SS18-B-S22.4042-W40.3624
 PZA 1662.0-joi-Puerto Cabezas-NCG-N14.0300-W83.2400
 CBR 1665.0-Cabo Norte-B-N01.3700-W50.0000
 CA 1680.0-Carmelita-GTM-N17.3100-W90.0900
 MER 1685.0-enr-Mercaderes-CLM-N01.4642-W77.0936
 CXS 1690.0-Caxias do Sul-B-S29.0836-W51.1406
 CRJ 1700.0-civ-Carajas/Parauapebas-B-S06.0642-W50.0018
 FRA 1730.0-Juiz de Fora-B-S21.4606-W43.2300
 XPC 1734.0-civ-Chapeco-B-S27.0754-W52.3900

I was able to log MER-1685 in March of 1997, and CRJ-1700 was received at Wilhelm Herbs's beverage park in Northern Denmark. It would be nice if you could let me know what you folks are able to hear. MER-1685 is not listed in recent official documents anymore. Most of these NDBs are "not" on a 24hour schedule. [Michael Loexner, Roshbach, Germany; Editor of "The European NDB Handbook" <michaeloexner@compuserve.com>]

ASIAN HOLIDAY JOTTINGS with Bryan Clark

While DX wasn't uppermost in my mind on a family holiday in South East Asia late January, I did take along my Sony 7600G portable communications receiver with its in-built ferrite rod antenna, and managed to hear the following on the AM band. Listening locations were JAN 24 Singapore, JAN 25-26 Batam Island (Riau Islands, Indonesia), JAN 27 Johor Bahru (Malaysia), JAN 28-29 Malacca (Malay-



sia).

ANDAMAN ISLANDS 684 All India Radio from Port Blair a relatively easy catch from Malacca, with a co-channel Chinese language station 'nulled' at 1152z. Excellent on SW // 4760 nighttimes in Singapore and Malaysia, fading up around 1100 UTC. (Jan 28-29)

BRUNEI No trace of any English on listed 711 during the 1200-1400 period published in WRTH 99. (Jan 25-31)

BURMA (MYANMAR) 576 Yangon/Rangoon audible here with western pops 1432 but under 2 other Asian stations. Identified by parallel SW frequency 5985 which was strong. (Jan 26)

LAOS 580 presume it was Laos with a French language lesson at 1431 on this split frequency. (Jan 26)

PHILIPPINES 1143 VOA Poro very good with 'VOA News Now' 1435 UTC. (Jan 24)

RUSSIA 603 Voice of Russia interval signal begins abruptly 1159z at very strong level then sign-on in Vietnamese with mentions of "Moscv", "Hanoi" and "Vietnam" (frequently). Very good strength. (Jan 28)

SABAH (presumed) Listed Sabah MW frequencies of 621, 819, 828 and 927 were noted in parallel to each other. But they were not parallel to a station on 5980 SW with Malay programming and frequent mentions of Sabah. At 1159 the SW frequency carried a jingle including the words "...Malaysia Sabah", followed by time pips. (Jan 25-31)

SAUDI ARABIA 1440 The high-powered outlet at Damman all alone in Arabic on this channel at 2050 UTC Jan 26. Also noted at 2210 Jan 29. This must be one of the most widely heard MW stations in the world - it used to be a regular in NZL and I heard it in Fiji back in 1997. (26, 29 Jan)

THAILAND 1575 Voice of America's "VOA News Now" strong 0005. (Jan 29)

ASIAN SPLIT FREQUENCIES: Apart from 580 (see LAOS above), unidentified split frequency signals were noted in Malacca Malaysia in the morning between 2230 and 2300 on: 740 (WRTH 99 says Cambodia here, though my log notes indicated I thought it might be a Thai), 1114.5, 1169, and 1340. (Jan 29) [Bryan Clark; Auckland, New Zealand]

MORE INTERESTING LOGGINGS FROM EUROPE

1395 THAILAND Wor.Sor.Kor.Klang, FEB 23 2322 - Slow Thai female songs followed by male speaker in Thai, much stronger at 2331 (sunrise there) with female speaker in clear Thai to fade out at 2340. 24333

1566 KOREA FEBC Seoul, FEB 22 1658 - Female speaker in Russian heard under Mayak from Belarussia, at 1727 by recheck male and female speakers in Korean, at 1732 asian music, at 1754 male speaker in Korean followed by some music at 1756 and in the same minute male speaker in Korean again. 22222

1593 CHINA Xingjiang 3, FEB 22 0000 - Female speaker in mongolian, followed by local music, at 0008 female speaker in mongolian, at 0040 again female speaker in Mongolian, heard under Moldova and when he comes up again with signals at 0040 mixed with AIR Bhopal. Located in Urumqi, Region Xingjiang, China, 100 KW, 22222

1593 INDIA AIR Bhopal, FEB 22 0020 - S/on with test tone followed by Int Sig at 0022 with violins, cello and tanpura instrument followed by choir songs until 0025 then male speaker in Hindi followed by sarangi music at 0026, then at 0030 news by male speaker in Hindi. By recheck at 0050 female Hindi songs with only hand drums, at 0100 female speaker in Hindi, ad at last recheck at 0107 male Hindi songs with with hand drums and flute. Mixed with Moldova. 23333

1593 CHINA Chinese regional, FEB 23 2326 - Chinese female speaker weak under Moldova clear for a minute and fade out around 2327. Most likely here is R Yueyang from Hunan province. 22222 [Loggings by Karl van Rooy, Netherlands; NRD 535D and 25 M LW, <kwrrrooyi@bart.nl>, as reported in hard-core-dx]

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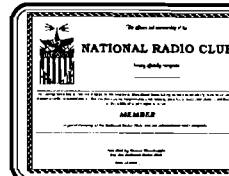
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I hadn't planned on being this long between Musings, but events went on without any advanced notice to yours truly. DX has been slow - the X-band has slowed, and the GY's haven't really picked up. I'm hoping to net a few new ones yet from each, and also to pursue 690 now and 940 later. I still need KFXN, KGGF, & WELD from among those Jim Renfrew recently reported, and I need some on 940 also, if WPEN-950 will let me. I'll also be trying (with lower expectations, hi) to see if I can pull anything out from under the stronger WLIB and weaker WOWO on 1190. I've not heard anything from WTTM-1680 as yet and I can't wait for something to cover up that awful noise on the channel coming from Muskegon! DX'ing time has been slowed by some work we're having done on the house, a few weather-related power failures, and, most of all, the fact that my division of my employer's operations has recently been sold, which creates all sorts of chaos, probably not much different from what we went thru with a merger 16 years ago, thus the only time I've been able to take off has been in conjunction with the work on the house, and even that was leftover 1998 vacation. At this point, there's no telling what effect this will ultimately have on my continued employment, but time will tell, I guess. Unfortunately, I don't have the capital necessary to establish my own consulting business, which is what I'd really like to do! So many ideas, so little money! Oh, well! Then, too, perhaps some good will come out of it, just as it did with that merger, which brought me down here from Northern NJ to a better job. More later - 73's

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Unfortunately I still receive checks made out to me, cash sent to me, garbage sent to me, ad infinitum (nauseum?). It is too bad the Back Page of *DX News* is not read more often...time has been spent formulating all of the data that appears there so people would have minimum trouble contacting the appropriate department for service. Why do I get checks made out to me? The back page says National Radio Club, Inc. Why do I get carbon copies with money orders (I have a bigger wastepaper basket then the sender?). Why do renewals go to Topeka? Box 118 does not furnish back issues of *DX News*! Address changes go to Topeka not, Box 118 (alls I really care about is name and expiration date)...I really don't care where *DX News* is sent. One thing though that puzzles me...we sell a lot of *AM Logs*...who is capable of reading and understanding them? To the grimmer side: 2/21 910 kHz a spot taped with WNEZ New Britain doing the interference. Turns out it's for a stock car race show on WRPM (ESPN). No station ID heard so who can it be? I've got the tape and the AM Log and a WATS line at work. The fun begins: 1. WSTK Jacksonville, NC is a possible but no phone number that works. WLAS still has a listing but phone doesn't work. FCC Data Base shows licensee as Eastern Broadcasting in Statesville (no phone number). A call to FM WXQR-105.5 in Jacksonville proves to be of no help. 2. WTMZ Dorchester Terrace, SC is also possible but a phone call and it appears they run three FM's and the poor AM is left to fend for itself with CNN Headline News. (FM's there are: WSUY-96.9, WSSX-91.9, WNTK-107.5). 3. WORD Spartanburg, SC is next and you have to reach 1330-WYRD Greenville and somebody knowledgeable at the station. "You want to know about an AM outlet...are you nuts?" Yup! WORD/WYRD carries ESPN Saturday nights so now I have a pretty good ID who I heard with WNEZ. Now does ESPN carry the show I heard featured? No way to find out, so far, show is done in Charlotte and nobody answers the phone at ESPN programming (Bristol is only 15 miles away from me so there's hope). Maybe I'll send the tape to WORD and see what happens. So...I learned: 1. The FCC is running a vast wasteland 2. AM Radio station phone #'s are hard to come by 3. Radio Stations in the same market don't know each other 4. I spent a lot of time on the phone talking to Information operators 5. Why I'm into Model Railroadng 6. Why I must get a Life! Mr. Tact



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