DX News

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CPC Test Calendar
WJIB MA 740 Dec. 20 0000-0020
KSTN CA 1420 Jan. 1 0030-0700
WFIF CT 1500 Jan. 9 0030-0045

WJIB-740 (443 Concord Ave. - Cambridge, MA 02138) will conduct a DX test early Monday morning, December 20, from 0000-0020 EST; the test will include Morse Code ID's but no tones, at 250 watts, non-directional. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Bob Bittner, Owner. Arranged by Elaine Thompson for the NRC CPC.

WFIF-1500 (90 Kay Ave. - Milford, CT 06460) will conduct a DX test from 12:30 am - 12:45 am EST Sunday, January 9, 2000. The test will include tones, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs. Also note, International DX reports will ONLY be replied to via E-MAIL. For Domestic US reports only, they MUST include a SASE. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. William Barnett, Engineer; <WFIF@aol.com>; http://www.lifechangingradio.com

From the Publisher ... As usual, depending upon whether or not the printer can whip out DXN in three days, 89 will either be in your mailbox very early or very late, due to the Thanksgiving holiday (on the 25th this year, for our non-U. S. members who don't celebrate this delightful holiday!).

DXChange ... Wanted, dead or dying, Radio Shack TRF, prefer 12-655. Needed for case and tuning hardware. Send the carcass to Wayne Heinen - 4131 S. Andes Way - Aurora CO 80013 <<cnclag@aol.com>>.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

30 years ago ... from the November 19, 1969 DXN: Ted Weiser, Schuykill Haven, PA, submitted an article from the New York Times which quoted info from the FCC that as of November 1, 1949, there was a total of 3,095 AM stations on the air, 742 FM stations, and 89 television stations.

25 years ago ... from the November 25, 1974 DXN: The publishing crew was taking a "skip" week for Thanksgiving the following week ... in this issue was the long and detailed article, "The Heath SB-620 Spectrum Analyzer," by Bob Foxworth, part one.

10 years ago ... from the November 20, 1989 DXN: According to McGraw-Hill Marketing Research, Adult Contemporary/Soft Rock and Oldies were the two most-programmed and fastest-growing formats in radio.

The NRCAM Radio Log, 20th Edition, is compiled from both members' reports and from official sources so that it is the most accurate listing of U. S. and Canadian AM stations available, and it includes Expanded Band stations. Cross-referenced, 3-hole punched for standard binders. Still only $16.95 to U. S. and Canadian members; $22.95 to U. S. and Canadian non-NRC members.

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call New call
640 CHXG ON Richmond Hill CFYI
850 WMKI AL Birmingham WYDE
900 WWCM MI Ypsilanti WEDE
1240 KKTX TX Kilgore KBGE
1260 WDJC AL Birmingham WLGs
1280 WWHI IN Fort Wayne WONO
1488 WHHY AL Montgomery WLWI
1450 WPGC GA Cartersville WBHF
1480 WTHI IN Terre Haute WFFP
1580 WWJN NC Camp Lejeune WSMO
1590 WWCC PA Honesdale WPSSN

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1400 WLLH
1440 CFCP
1280 WWHI
1230 WJOB
1310 WYND FL Deland: relocate transmitter site
1240 CJRW
1160

930 WHHY AL Montgomery WLWI
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APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

930 KYAK WA Yakima: 10000/127 U1
1150 KQQQ WA Pullman: 28000/260 U2
1310 WYND FL Deland: 8500/95 U1 (reapplication)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

650 ECOO ON Chatham: 10000/6000 U4
860 WCLUD FL Dunedin: 6500/1500 U4
890 KSDG CA Julian: 3000/330 U5
930 WLLL VA Lynchburg: 10000/49 U5
970 WINF VA Waynesboro: 900/38 U1, relocate transmitter site
1070 WEKT KY Elkhart: 300/35 U1
1220 WJOB IN Hammond: relocate transmitter site
1280 KKDD MO Clinton: relocate transmitter site
1280 WADO NY New York: 50000/7020 U4, relocate transmitter site
1400 WLLH MA Lowell: relocate transmitter site
1570 KLLA LA Leesville: 630/6 U1

OTHERNESS

620 KZTY NV Winchester: new station is ON THE AIR
700 CJXI BC Victoria: application for 107.3 FM DENIED
1160 WMVI NY Mechanicville: station is SILENT
1220 KMVL TX Madisonville: KMXXL shown as a grant last issue is the Huntsville syncro
1240 CJRW PEI Summerside: move to 102.1 FM is on
1440 CFCP BC Courtenay: move to 98.9 FM is on
1580 WSMO NC Camp Lejune: silent station (as WWJN) is ON THE AIR
1630 KCCJ IA Iowa City: has announced plans to reactivate 1560 facility

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Phil Boersma, John Clark, Shawn Axelrod and MSJ

Facts About NRC's DX Audio Service

The DX Audio Service provides the ONLY monthly broadcast news cassette service to the DX community. Available to any- one anywhere it is designed to inform the radio listener in a pleasing and informative manner. Many of the announcers on the service are professional broadcasters giving their free time to give the listener the latest service available. DXAS was started to provide broadcast information, both AM and FM, to the visually-handicapped DX listener. It has evolved into a service which provides useful material to all types of listeners. Many subscribers listen to the tape to and from their place of work while driving. Features include not only news about DX, but also records from radio markets, dialscans, frequency scans, and other items.

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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

Frank Aden took his Brownie out to the KBOI transmitter site again. For a look at what developed... go to http://members.aol.com/nt5ok/kboipian.jpg

Gary Jackson writes: “Does any DXer in the Los Angeles area know if the TIS/HAR testing lately on 1700 KHz is the same that has been testing for the past two years from near the LA International Airport? Still hear it testing, but is it the same one? No location or call letters given!” I sent this request out over the am@nrdxas.org list serve and got the following response from Pat Griffith of Westminster, Colorado: “Cerritos Community College in Norwalk (Los Angeles County) has a new TIS license on 1700 kHz issued 04/13/99. The call is WPMD956. With a license that new they could easily be in the test phase.” I hope that helps Gary and anyone else hearing this station. By the way, Pat is the author of AM Broadcast Station Antenna Systems - A Basic Guide at http://www.angelfire.com/co/antenna. Check it out.

Andy Kahn of Vancouver, Washington reports that “…our station got a letter from an Aulton Aultlon in Finland who picked up our AM (KPDQ 800 AM) on low power (500 watts ND) three years ago! He sent us a tape and pictures. He used a JRC NR5-25 and a 3000' long wire. I'm sending him a bunch of stuff.” I don't see Aulton's name on our membership list... let's sign him up. And suggest he reports his DX a little more promptly!!

Ron Bailey of Shelby, North Carolina sets a good example by first of all DXing, and then reporting those delightful Graveyarders. And here are a couple of hints on how he bags 'em: “...Concentrating on stations north and northeast... it appears the best chance of hearing these stations is early evening before many of the stations west of me are still in daylight and haven't begun skipping in. Another technique I began using with the R8A is to back down the RF from stations which are not dominant but are down in the mud. It appears to make any stations on "slow" RF... which may surface briefly more readable. Does this make any sense? Another technique I began using with the R8A is to back down the RF from stations which are not dominant but are down in the mud. It appears to make any stations on "slow" RF... which may surface briefly more readable. Does this make any sense?..”

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REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden, N75OK Boise FRG7 with 4 box loop <N75OK@aol.com>

SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg Icon ICR-79 & Drake R8 + 4 Foot Unamplified Box Loop/ Quantum Loop, 145° outdoor wire, 100° indoor wire, MFJ 1026 Phasing Unit <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>

WB-NV Walt Breville vacationing in Las Vegas rented Ford Contour car/ radio <walterlb@net.ge.net>

RD-AZ Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa Optimus 12-60/44A; GE Model 5280C; Kenwood R-1000 and Zepp antenna; GE Superadio III Model 7-28878 <lwxdw@an.com>

TRH-CA Tim Hall Chula Vista ICF-2010, KIWA Loop, Delco car radio <halls@ritnetworld.net>

GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento FRG-8800 + KIWA Loop <gjackson@rrb.net>

AK-WA Andy Kahn Vancouver Supercadio III-Select-A-Tenna <akawest@bellsouth.net>

JRR-WI John Rieger South Milwaukee FRG100, KIWA loop, MFJ959 Tuner-preamp, DSP-5990x Audio Noise Reduction filter and Radio Shack DX-398 stock <jonrieger@webtv.net>

PT-WA Pete Taylor Tacoma Sony ICF-2010, KIWA air core loop <patyack@worldnet.att.net>

DZ-WI Dan Ziolekowski Sudbury Sony -2010 with KIWA Filters, Drake R8 + KIWA Loop <dan@tiolekowski@compuverse.com>

Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills ICF-2010 barefoot

Station News & Notes

620 KZTY NV Winchester - 10/28/97 • Conducting ET with occasional ID: This is KZTY Winchester-Las Vegas conducting equipoise tests. Non-stop music: All Frank
Sinatra all the time! This was 24 hours NSP the whole time I was there. (WB-

800 WVAL MN Sauk Rapids - 11/4 1925 - Fair signal, in CKSJ slop, with country music and local ads for Sauk Rapids merchants. ID's as Original Country WVAL and The Original AM 800 WVAL. This CP is on the air. NEW. (SA-MB)

1090 KRLD TX Dallas - If you've got 1080 dialed in and you hear 60 Minutes at 1900 on a Sunday night, it's this CBS O&O. [Ed.-TX]

1690 KXXX CA Roseville - 11/2 - Called them, and found out they are putting in a new antenna system for KLIB-1110. When that is completed, the 1690 antenna will be installed. Sounds like they intend to keep both stations! How can they do this??? [GJ-CA] [Since the FCC is allowing unlimited (or so it seems) station ownership in the same community... why not? - Ed.]

UNIDS and UNID HELP


1010 UNID ?? - 11/4 0330 - The Sports Junkie Program. Fair signal, without too many fades. No local elements, just network sports-talk. I've been trying to ID this one for a long time now. At 0200, the station drops the network for an open-carrier with what sounds like tones from a network. Help Andy ID this one! (AK-WA)

1380 WONO? IN Fort Wayne - 11/5 2155 - ID as WONO The Game carrying One-on-One sports. 2200 another ID as WONO and Fort Wayne's home for One-on-One Sports. Poor, mixing with WMJR. No such call as WONO in Log18 or FCC database. Is this WHDW? Is WONO not a real ID? I seem to recall chasing down the WONO call last year also. (DZ-WI) [Log!?!?? - Timeto update, mist. Fort Wayne, si. The call changed recently and their nighttime pattern favors your location (14,160 watts ERP) and they are One-on-One Sports. Look for the call change in an AM Switch near you - Ed.]

1580 WJDN? ?? - 10/30 0803 - ID, then Patsey Cline, followed by Old C&W. ID again at 0818 and 0824. Poor but on top. No such call found in Log18 or FCC database. Taped call so I'm sure of it. (DZ-WI)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

560 KMON+ MT Great Falls - 11/7 0159 - Tone and CW ID heard at excellent level through KSPO, KPQ and KVI slop. I have to wonder if they went non-DA for this one minute period. (PT-WA)

560 KMON- MT Great Falls - 11/7 0200, 0300 - DX Test; heard nothing that sounded like a test. Just regular programing in the mud. (FA-ID)

560 WGAI- NC Elizabeth City - 11/7 0100-0130 - DX Test, no sign of it here. (FA-ID)

1050 (CKSB) MB Winnipeg - 11/5 0316 - Off-air - No signal at all for at least an hour. (SA-MB)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT EDIT

550 KGME AZ Phoenix - 11/7 0700 - Briefly in, with end of sports talk, then a quick Sportsradio 550, KGME and back to Sports Fan Radio Network. Seconds later an XE (probably XEFL as looped that general direction), signing on, took over with the Mexican National Anthem. [Ed.-TX]

560 KIZ CO Denver - 11/10 2358 - With Ella Fitzgerald singing It Takes Two To Tangle. (RD-AZ) [I think that song title ends with "Tango", except if one is a hair stylist, hi - Ed.]

570 KLAC CA Los Angeles - 11/10 2400 - With ToH legal ID and then Elvis singing Teddy Bear. (RD-AZ)

570 WVMV MS Biloxi - 11/6 2307 - Fair, with station promo into Dreamland. (JJR-WI)

570 KNRS UT Salt Lake City - 11/10 2359 - With local weather, then ABC News and no ToH legal ID. (RD-AZ)

670 KBOI ID Boise - 10/29 0100 - Amazingly strong with ID from this rare state, that I never could hear from the St. Louis area, even during the balmy DXing days of the 1960s and 70's. (WB-NV)

690 WJOX AL Birmingham - 10/30 0749 - Ad for Cookery in Helena, Alabama, mention of Birmingham, to talk by two Southern gentlemen about sports. Poor and fluent with music behind. (DZ-WI)

790 CIGM ON Kingston - 11/7 0057 - Fair, with Hot New Country 790 CIGM, over uniID black gospel station. (JJR-WI)

990 CBW MB Winnipeg - 11/6 2259-2301 - Faded in with CBC Radio One (the female announcer added something to the end but couldn't make it out), then a roundup of upcoming programmes. Quickly back into usual 990 bedlam here. [Ed.-TX]

1010 KIQI CA San Francisco - 11/12 0100-0117 - Weak signal, way under CBR. SS newscast and a show on computers. ID in EE at 00: KIQI San Francisco, Oakland, San Rafael. Excellent production elements. (AK-WA)

1050 CJNB SK North Battleford - 11/5 0355 - Country music, mixing with XEG, with fair signal and 10-50 CNB ID. (SA-MB)

1010 KIQI CA San Francisco - 11/12 0100-0117 - Weak signal, way under CBR. SS newscast and a show on computers. ID in EE at 00: KIQI San Francisco, Oakland, San Rafael. Excellent production elements. (AK-WA)

1210 KPRZ CA San Marcos - 11/10 0000 - With ToH legal ID and religious programming. Charles Stanley was preaching. New. (RD-AZ)

1290 KCBJ AZ Tucson - 11/6 0835 - ID playing country oldies and All My Exes Live in Texas by George Strait. (RD-AZ)

1360 WCHL NC Chapel Hill - 11/8 0608 - Fair, over WGGE, with local news, weather, many local mentions of WCHL Sports at .25 & .55. NEW! (JJR-WI)

1380 WMJR KY Winchester - 11/5 2158 - Call ID several times, slogan Kentucky Family Radio. Poor, in a mix. (DZ-WI)

1460 KKPR NE Kearney - 11/8 1803 - Fair, with CNN News, weather, news-casts Rare! (JJR-WI)

1490 WTIQ MI Manistique - 11/7 2100 - Poor, with legal singing ID into mess. (JJR-WI)

1520 KHRW MO St. Louis - 11/2 2058 - ID: The new 1520 KHRW. Very poor, in a mix. 2059 faded up to dominate with NOS. 2100 ID and CNN News. (DZ-WI)

1530 KCMO CO Colorado Springs - 11/11 0809 - ID after Johnny Mathis and Its Not For Me To Say. Then Miles Brothers' Glow Worm. Very poor, with KBPQ nulled out. (RD-AZ)

1540 WSMI IL Dwight - 11/7 2052 - Poor, under KXXL, with sign-off. Tune WSMI. FM. C&W music. (JJR-WI)

1700 KQXX TX Brownsville - 11/3 2052 - Very good, dominating channel for over an hour on the car radio with "Spanglish" announcements, commercials for local businesses and national products like Dawn dishwashing liquid. Male DJ taking requests from female callers who mostly requested contemporary Spanish-language love songs. Was broadcasting from, or promoting, a bar called QK Corral. Announcer did not pronounce the "n" in "Brownsville" during the many ads and announcements. Slogans included 1600 AM Estero (so must be still /1600), and Lo Maximo en Radio. This station finally seems to be getting better out. New, for Texas #75. (TRH-CA)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America

1490 kHz Miles

WJMO OH Cleveland Heights Ron Bailey Shelby, NC 435

WLPA PA Lancaster Ron Bailey Shelby 442

Totals: Ron Bailey Shelby, NC 27 33 20 27 23 28 158

DDX East

Deadlines are Tuesdays.

The brand-new twentieth edition of the Log has arrived here in the Big Apple, and it's looking great as always, thanks to the efforts of Wayne Heimes and all of you who help out. With all the sales, mergers, and other changes affecting the radio industry, formats and call letters and station addresses

1490 kHz Miles

WJMO OH Cleveland Heights Ron Bailey Shelby, NC 435

WLPA PA Lancaster Ron Bailey Shelby 442

Totals: Ron Bailey Shelby, NC 27 33 20 27 23 28 158

DDX East
are changing faster than ever. So if you haven't ordered your copy of this fabulous up-to-date resource, do it now!

Speaking of mergers and station changes, Albert Arnold passes along an article from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, talking about a new local chain of stations owned by a local company, 4M Communications. The net would include WRJR-670 (ex-WVNS), WLEE-990 (swapping frequencies with 1320), WVNZ-1320, WHAP-1340, and WREJ-1540. WLEE has play-by-play coverage for the Richmond Renegades (hockey), Baltimore Ravens (NFL football), and VMV college football; WVNZ-1320 and WHAP-1340 simulcast basketball.

A great turnout, with 24 (count 'em) reporters from the East this time! Your Editor even cranked up the old R71A (which now needs a few good thwaps on the top every now and then) and found some DX on the few channels on which he does not receive WOR. Keep those reports coming.

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UNID AND UNID HELP

740 UNID — — 11/5 0702-0104 — Over and under WMBG with "Groove Line" satellite classic soul format. CHCM? Didn't sound Canadian. (TS-MI)

990 WNTY CT Southington — 11/4 2100 — Lively SS music with "Radio Libertad" slogans, EE ID. This was my unid in no. 2, in nearly every evening. (JF-ON)

1060 UNID — — 11/2 1948 — Several jazz tunes back to back, good signal until eventual fadeout in KYW null. (RCP-IN)

1200 UNID — — 11/5 1640 — C&W week, under WTLA, WAGE, WSML. (RJE-PA)

1370 UNID — — 11/2 2114 — Religious music, then ID mentioning both 1370 and 1490 "for Christian music." (DB-DE) [WLTN-NC on late — DY]

1570 UNID — — 11/2 1850 — Don and Mike Show, no 1400 station on my old list. (SK-PA)

1540 CHON Toronto — This is TL*K*Y's unid in no. 6, as they have a multi-lingual format, including Greek and several Slavic languages. The "FM Stereo" reference could be one of two things, either CHIN-FM 101.7 (also a multilingual format), or also CHIN-AM's own "feather powered" (I believe 22 watts) repeater, which they use to improve their signal into parts of the Toronto suburbs. As a former Torontonian, I can say that at night, CHIN's signal was by far the weakest local signal in town! (EC-ON)

1570 UNID — — 11/5 1700-1810 — Poor, ESPN and "Sports Radio 15-70," ski equipment ad, no news at top of hour but only ESPN sports. WWCX(?) and WCRW(?) were there. (HF-MI)

550 WDUN GA Gainesville — 11/4 1912 — Good with WGR null, over WRC with Atlanta Hawks basketball (WSB feed), "News-Talk 550" slogans, new. (JF-ON)

600 WMT IA Cedar Rapids — 11/11 0300 — Fair with good peaks, break in Art Bell with promo for the WMT Hero Line, phone Star-600. Rare here. (TS-MI)


620 WSAA FL St. Petersburg — 10/30 1857 — Alone on phased wires with ad for Trade Wind Resorts, weather report, completely gone at pattern change 1859-30. (EX-USN. (JF-ON)

730 WZON ME Bangor — 11/5 1750 — Sports, "All of today's sports on 620 and 870, the Zone," under WHEN, WVMT. (RJE-PA)

740 WJWR NJ Newark — 10/30 1902 — Weak but alone with "Islanders hockey on One on One Sports, WJWR Newark," and new and much wanted. (JF-ON)

750 WVT VT Burlington — 11/2 1755 — Weather, traffic, ID, over, under WHEN-NY. (JF-ON)

760 WOKV FL Jacksonville — 11/3 0709 — Faded up briefly over WZAP, clear ID 0709: "You're listening to News Talk 690, WOKV," male and female discussing local issues. Fair to poor, eventually fading out. (RCP-IN)
880 KRVN
850 WRUF
910
WMBG
WHGH
WNAK
KRMG
OK Tulsa – 10/30 1930 – Good with promo for Tulsa Bingo Hall, seldom heard these days. (JF-ON)

WZZX AL Lineville – 10/30 1910 – Good over, under WBBM with C&W music. "Real Country 95.5 FM" ID. (JF-ON)

WLSV NY Wellsley – 11/5 2030 – ID over sports talk, C&W music. (WM-MD)

WLAD CT Danbury – 11/2 2334 – Fair with CKLW phased, weaker report on "Your news and information channel 100 W L A D." (JF-ON)

WSVS VA Crewe – 11/6 1613 – ID, MRN NASCAR race. (BS-NJ)

WHB MO Kansas City – 10/31 1940 – Finally with rice signal in WGY phase null, with NFL scores and slogan "WHB, the Power of Sports." Ex-KCMO. (JF-ON)

WEEU PA Reading – 11/5 1523 – Jerry Lee Lewis "Great Balls of Fire," traffic reports and Accuweather with frequent call ID’s, also "The Voice of Berks County, 830 AM WEEL." (PC-VA)

WHGH GA Thomasville – 11/1 1708 – Excellent, ID between rap, hip-hop music, no sign of WHAS. (JEK-MD)

KTIC NE West Point – 10/31 1806 – Tuned in to weather forecast for northeastern Nebraska, 68 degrees presently in West Point, very tough under WHAS. (RCP-IN)

WMKI AL Birmingham – 11/2 2045 – Over and under WMR with Radio Disney stuff, local ID by youngster at 2051. Ex-WYDE for me. (JF-ON) + 1/12 2330 – With Radio Disney. (WM-MD)

+ 1/13 1930 – Too strong for 1 kW, with frequent "Radio Disney" ID’s, at 1938 "AM 850 Birmingham, supplying happiness by the truckload, we’re all ears in Birmingham on AM 850." (PC-VA)

WRBZ NC Raleigh – 11/2 1950 – Presumed with ad or PSA saying "Call in Fayetteville at ...", then smothered by NOB station. (SK-PA)

WRUF FL Gainesville – 11/1 1659 – ID, local news sponsored by the First National Bank of Apopka. At 16:59, pure Jesus. (JEK-MD)

WPWT TN Colonial Heights – 11/3 0730 – SRN news at bottom of the hour, followed by Michael Harrington with SRN sports, Mark Contest(?), with local Bristol news and local election coverage. Fantastic signal to 0738 fadeout, WVL barely heard. (RCP-IN)

KRVN NE Lexington – 11/2 1750-1800 – Poor, C&W music occasionally challenging WCRS, news at top of hour. (HF-MI)

KJOJ TX Conroe – 11/2 1935 – Ad for First National Acceptance Corp., followed by duel KJOJ-KFPC ID, then back to talk show. Poor in WDCS null. (RCP-IN)

WABE ME Bangor – 11/6 1848 – ID, running NASCAR race. (BS-NJ)


+ 11/6 1800 – News "from the CKNX newsroom." (BS-NJ)

WINZ FL Miami – 11/5 1800 – ID, news, weather, sports, under WADV-PA and over presumed WIPR-PR.

WMIX IL Mount Vernon – 11/4 1935 – OLD, canned ID’s sounding like they came from the same era or earlier. Believe it or not, first time here, with WADV temporarily gone. (JEK-MD)

WCPC MS Houston – 10/29 1927 – Tentative with ad for RJ’s Auto Supply, north of Houston, Southern gospel format. Promo for upcoming Carroll County-Natchez High School football, power/pattern change 1930 but still in there afterwards. (JEK-MD)
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Wytheville - 11/8 1850 - C&W music, ID, then gone. (WM-MD)
Harrisonburg - 11/12 1655 - Very good with ad for cable program on New
York, ID as "WKCY AM Stereo 1300," weather, "more great music and great
memories," NOS. (DY-NY)
Waterbury - 11/5 2200 - Good with NOS music, ID, into CBS news, new. (JF-
ON)
Dublin - 10/29 2051 - Good with ID, NOS, Tony ettott song. (JEK-MD)
Grand Rapids - 10/29 1908-1919 - Good at times with Detroit Red Wings
hockey vs. Chicago on "BBL," ex-WLW, WTWN for me. (JF-ON)
Newton - 11/1 2005 - Popping up in mix "with the music of your life on AM
1360 WNNJ." That extra 297 watts, and poor WNJC signal, made the dif-
fERENCE. (SK-PA)
Chapel Hill - 10/30 2356 - Fair with WCKY phased, NOS music, ID "Home
of the Tar Heels. WCHL, Chapel Hill." Seldom heard. (JF-ON)
Menominee - 11/10 2016 - "Heaven 1580" with GOS, up and down with
several local-quality peaks, "Washington's number one choice for gospel.
(TS-MI)
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WCY
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WRNC
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1490
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Vermillion - 11/2 2218 - Calls and local ads, "The Sports Giant." (JEK-MD)
Dayton - 11/2 1730-1745 - Good, spot for Miami-Jacobs College, man and
woman computer talk program, call 457-WING. (HF-MI)
Indianapolis - 11/2 1722-1730 - Fair, spots for Coffee Party and Cash Call,
Faz, pop music, call ID before and after tunes. (HF-MI)
Niagara Falls - 11/6 2002 - ending Tony Rosiak Polka Show, ID touting that
they are still locally owned. Good signal. (HJH-PA)
(WM-MD)
Guelph - 11/10 1610 - Traffic with Rebecca Wallace, then ads for Guelph
and Fergus Dairy Queens, Royal City Chrysler, a dinner theater production of
"Wife Begins at 40" and a promo for Magic FM CJQY winter coat donations.
New. (TS-MI)
Plymouth - 11/10 1659 - GOS music, full data, signoff, located at 1470 "kilo-
cycles" with 5 kW days, studios on U. S. 64 West in Plymouth. New. (TS-MI)
George Town - 11/6 1950 - Surfacing with good signal, "Keep it locked on to
WLWC 1470 for Joy in the Morning." Previously logged as WINH. (HJH-
PA)
Madison - 11/5 1900 - Poor over mess with ID as "Sports radio 1480, WTDN
Madison." Ex-WISM, WTDY. (JF-ON)
Whitewater - 10/30 0146 - "On AM 1490 WUBR" popped up in jumble, into
"Pepino the Italian Mouse." (SK-PA)
Batavia - 10/29 2346 - Promo for program "every Saturday morning at 9 on
WBTA," then song started but overridden by black gospel. Very clear for a
moment. (SK-PA)
Watkins Glen - 10/30 0130 - "On 1490 WBZD Saturday morning at 9 a.m.,
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PAN-AMERICAN DX

530 TURKS & CAICOS IS. R. Visión Cristiana, NOV 12 2533 - blasting in as usual with ID and ID's after 7 PM where to send mail, other stations, and who to send the money to. [Danneskjold-AZ]
540 MEXICO XEWMA Monterrey, NL; NOV 10 2356 with SS sports talk program. [Danneskjold-AZ]
580 MEXICO XEBACH Tijuana, BCN, NOV 10 2357 with stereo classical chamber music. [Danneskjold-AZ]

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Monte Cristi, NOV 3 0226-0406 and NOV 4 0223+ - live béisbol coverage, with references to "Caribe" and "Dominicana" often. One team was "Los Tigres" and one player (Willy Orteza -sp?) was mentioned frequently. At the game conclusion, the announcer referenced four (un抄able) stations in the game network coverage, into a series of looping classical songs. At 0359, man with canned ID --- frequency modulated... Radio Monte Cristi's then into merengue and SS rock vocals. Rechecked around 0400, with another canned ID at 0405 mentioning "F-M, en Radio Monte Cristi." Heard again on Nov 4 with "En frecuencia modulada, Radio Monte Cristi" at 0237 and into merengue and bachata vocals. Initially thought this might have been a Colombian or Cuban prior to the ID's, but not parallel 4955 R Dif. Nacional (listed as inactive on 580, formerly relaying 570 and 4955, or Rebelde, respectively). Pretty consistently strong signal, and the first Dominican NW log in a long time here. [Krueger-FL] (Heard several times here, still waiting for a QSL - Jim) "This is Montgomery County Travelers Advsiory, "announced by

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CUBA: A recent e-mail inquiry to Prof. Arnaldo Coro of KHIC’s “DXer’s Unlimited” regarding some FM information brought the below reply: “FM is developing here nicely and more stations are on the air, now a few of them “split” the audio feeds, like CMHS DOBLEVE in Santa Clara, Nicaragua, which I understand that they have a different program on their FM stereo frequency. Thing the baseball season that goes from the end of November to May, the 840 kHz frequency is on AM with the nightly baseball and the FM has a musical show on the air.” [Vraa-FL]

ECUADOR / COLOMBIA / VENEZUELA: Bjorn Malin reports from Quito with some off-frequency calls 580.2 R. Uno, EC1, 959.96 R. Cosmopolita, EC1, 970.02 R. Importis, Bbara Equ 1000.1 R. Tchira VEN, 1009.76 Todelar COL 1030.01 Antena 2 COL, 1040.1 LV de Armenia COL; 1040.02 Colombo Radio COL; 1040.02 LV del Valle Equ; 1040.16 R. Mil 40, COL; 1059.96 RCM COL; 1119.88 Nueva Estacion Intercontinentol Equ; 1306.03 RCM COL; 1399.94 Antena 2 COL; 1419.98 R. Bahl EQU, 1449.92 R. Sensacion EQU; 1580.11 R. Orellano EQU.

[Malin in Distance Occ 31]

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CUBA, CONTINUED: “Trying to DX Cuba”, by Terry L. Kraeger

I read with interest Russell Edmunds IDXD query in Vol. 67, No. 7 regarding possible Cuba lists as well as call letter reportings to IDXD. I would like to elaborate with what are solely my opinions and observations, and welcome your thoughts to me at tocabogadz@earthlink.net.

First, regarding Cuba station call letters, one must remember that the ITU-assigned calls frequently differ from those actually used in Cuba. This is because they assign calls (Cuban) ICRT do not always use their calls more often, however, even this can be misleading. Take for example Radio Jaroco, (Jaroco, Habana) supposedly classified as a local, but traced by my monitoring on two frequencies, 1330 as well as 1390 kHz. They are in parallel, and occasionally use the CMBT ID along with the station slogan. So, like the Network and Provincial “announced” calls, they can ultimately be considered homogenized into the slogan. By the way, the best time to try for any possible sign-on and sign-off announcements, as well as at the beginning of special events such network relays of Fidel speeches or sporting events. And Fidel speeches are grand times to do a top-to-bottom bandwidth (OK, you may not know what station you are hearing, but at least you’ll know it’s a Cuban!).

Now, onto the topic of listings. For several years, I have been unhappy with the sparse published listings. Remember that Ron Schatz passed away in July, 1987. That means the last list of his, which some are still referencing, is almost 13 years old! Believe me, there have been many changes since then, and nearly all of them are in Cuba. The 1997 World Radio TV Handbook are the most abysmal lists ever published. So, nearly three years ago, I began compiling a Cuba MW, FM and domestic shortwave broadcast list titled “The Cuba Broadcasting Guide.” The skeleton of this list began with the data from the 1997 WRTH—seemingly reasonably accurate, if you are to believe most of the city locations correlate to the frequencies—and some earlier editions. That list has since been greatly enhanced with extensive personal monitoring observations, mostly from my home (where many if not most stations on the western half of the island are audible during local daytime), from sporadic trips to the Florida Keys, and less often from a couple of Florida harmonic locations on the southeast coast of Florida. Even Cuban FM is possible from my central Florida location—albeit rare—with 96.7 MHz Rebelo heard on tropo as recently as this year (and an easy catch in the Florida Keys). Also, I include information culled from DX’ers friends, published IDXD logs, and from meager direct contacts in Cuba. The result is, I feel, the best list available. So, where is this list? Well, I have twice contacted the WRTH to inquire whether they would replace their useless information with my list. I have also proposed that I would submit annual updates, corrections to this section. Twice I have not received any reply from the current editors of the WRTH. As for my list, it unfortunately remains purely a “personal” working list only. Since I have extracted information from past WRTH’s, I cannot consider circulating it due to unquestionably valid WRTH copyrights on the old information contained within. So, if the upcoming Y2K edition of the WRTH’s Cuba list is as lame as it has been for the past two, feel free to let them know you would like to see my list in its place.

As for other lists, the only ones I can suggest are the FCC’s online domestic AM by-frequency database at: www.fcc.gov/mmb/amq.html, which includes apparent DF’ed locations and ITU-assigned call letters (but no slogans). And 2) the “Inventory of Cuban AM Broadcast Stations (535-1605 kHz)” issued March, 1996 by the FCC. This list is also rather cumber some from a DX’ers standpoint. It consists of four columns: FREQ/LATITUDE/LONGITUDE/ESTIMATED POWER. No slogans or call letters are included, and the latter is now almost four years old. My friend David Crawford actively keeps a copy of this list—via the Freedom Of Information Act, after a couple of trys—and passed it along to me.

About my monitoring: When I monitor Cubans, it is generally with dipoles or the Scotia loop. In the Florida Keys, its restricted to a portable and the car radio. This means I can usually only get a very rough approximation as to the location. If I really try (tremely), I might get a little closer with a map and compare composition on the distance maps are “KUBA Cuba” (1:1,250,000 scale) published by Kartografial Valettad, Budapest, Hungary, ISBN 963-351-239-5 CM (my copy is the 1988/1989 edition—I do not know if they still published this map). The other nice map is the regional chart CT-26 “World Aeronautical Chart” (scale 1:1,000,000), issued by the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center, US Dept of Commerce, NOAA. If you know a pilot, he or she can tell you the approximate location of your position or any location in these. They also have other detailed maps besides these two. There are also a lot of “cheesy tourista” maps out there, commonly found at the major book chains, which are not worth the paper they are printed on.

My Spanish is mediocre at best (good enough to order fine foods and cafe con leches when in the Calle Ocho district of Miami). Despite this, I have been keenly interested in all things Cuban for years and have followed through with a fairly nice Cuba book and CD music collection. There is a great mystique to one of the last bastions of true communism left on this planet, an island that happens to be just across the Straits of Florida.

When Fidel’s era finally concludes, all of the above will no doubt be a trivial issue. I suspect existing transmitters and networks will once again become commercial and these listings will be easily referenced. The US sphere of influence will return and, sadly, there will be a McDonalds on the Malecon for already-fat tourists to visit.

CUBA, CONTINUED: The 880 and 660 Progreso outlets are back on the air, having been off for a while. The 830 Rebel outlet heard by NRC members has been monitored here in Englewood FL, bearings and time of reception hunt at a transmitter site in the Orientive province, perhaps near Holguin. The 1100 station reported by Christos Rigas may well be Cadena Habana, simulcasting on 1120. [Paul V. Zecchino-FL, edited for brevity]
STEVE AT SHEIGRA

I was at Sheigra for the first week of Nov with Clive Rooms & John Williams. Conditions were mixed but there were two days of excellent DX - probably amongst some of the top days ever noted at Sheigra. On these days we were DXing for 14+ hours out of 24! 0600-1200 UTC = North America (mid west to West Coast); 1100-1330 Alaska, 1200 Junch; 1315-1700 Far East Asia; 1900 noct. 2030-0100 North America (East Coast across to California) 0100-0600 sleep but tape recorders left running! Somewhere in the region of a dozen UK firsts were heard in the week including an interesting batch from Washington State, USA. So what were my personal best catches? Probably KCCF 1550kHz Ferndale WA, KSKN 1520kHz OR and KTFJ 1290kHz Twin Falls ID. I won't pre-empt Clive Rooms full report which will appear in the next MWN. However, we have so many tapes in need of further analysis that I suspect a follow up report will be needed in the following month. [Steve Whitt, via Medium Wave News e-mail] And Steve follows up with a few specific reports:

Iceland: 189, 207 & 738 RUV observed in /.../. No sign of 66kHz from Iceland (666 from Germany heard instead) 1530 US Navy station was better than usual signal with mix of local and networked rate and up to date. (Of course!)

Cabello UTC - Even in full English programme schedule announced at time in some years. Before audio just detected; 1449.5 at 1515 4/11/99; 1634.2 at 1631 3/11/99 (very strong audio with ID in which will appear in the next programming.

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Larry Godwin: Yes in my case, also, but, my DX shack remains in the base-ment? I'm not but never did they object and my only "basement" shack was back in NY next to my Dad's ham shack... Check out the one I have now at the address below.

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Bob <radiobob@ptd.net>: Worst site I’ll say the parking lot at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford New Jersey. You’re virtually right next to WTSO 1540, and WOB, WINS, WJB, WJW, WADO, WBBR, WWRL, and WKDQ’s towers are all within sight. Plus WABC and WZRC are close too. AM DX hell.

Wayne Heins: “Leave it to John Callarman to remind me about my DXing on a Coast Guard ship in the Pacific. Thanks, John!” Me too! The worst? Sitkhin Island AK (USCG LORAN STATION), 100kw at 105 kHz in my back yard! Now DX in 1970.

Ragnar Danneskjold: “Reflecting on Mark’s comments, supposedly, back when WLW-700 ran 500,000 watts, people heard on their footstools, in their fillings, etc. I used to work at a place that was directly adjacent to KRLD’s 50 kw antenna. RF was in everything. Best DX place... USS Caron DD 970 1985-1987. That little ship went everywhere.

But... Ahea, Hawaii 1978-1982 was real good because everything was DX and you were right in the ocean. And... Middletown, Rhode Island 1983-1985 with Westerly, Rhode Island 1988-1995 was awesome as well. Europe was no sweat. The Caribbean was no sweat. Africa was no sweat. South America was no sweat. I was right on the ocean. Only thing between me and the water was a little patch of grass I had to mow. Worst... Mesa, Arizona, followed closely by Norfolk, Virginia, Kayenta, Arizona and the US Panama Canal Zone. Norfolk and the Canal Zone were trash by being in a regular electromagnetic field with military communications going on. The stuff was interesting, but it really was almost East Rutherford New Jersey. You’re virtually right next to WEVD 1050, and WOR, WINS, WLIB, West, I’m in their null though. 910 kc 5kw 2.39 miles to sw, I’m in their main lobe.

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RAISING HELL (we had checked WEZE out pretty well - bad music, cue tones on the air between selected selections) and was a predictable success. Bart Cronin was there at the beginning to contribute to its success (how many times do you think you said “All music, all the time” Bart? However, I was really proud when WCAS came on - quite simply, local radio at its best. John loved local radio and it showed!

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Thomas GieIIa: My current location is the best I’ve had as far as noise, dead quiet. I’m on 3 acres in the country, with plenty of room for antennas, surrounded by strawberry fields. It’s a cold spot too. As I write this email at 10.30 pm, the temp is 39, while in Tampa at the airport it’s 74 degrees. I use a 2 foot box loop and a 256 foot I antenna up 64 feet. The fly in the ointment follows. 760 kc WADO, too. AM DX hell.

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Ragnar Danneskjold: “Do you have room for a EWE or beverage antenna? They work real well for deeply conducting soil. So does an outdoor DSP like the Timewave DSP-9+ and the MFJ-1026.

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miles to the south, I still netted 1130 in Minneapolis and a few others. Worse place for me was Newberry MI. There is so much iron in the soil that it’s darn near impossible to hear the Newberry station on low eight miles away. I thought it would be great, but my last time up there was a complete bomb for BCB DXing.

Paul W. Smith, W4KNX: “BTW... Paul Smith might be able to back me up on all the detuning they had to do at the 1500-Detroit MI site to get rid of RF. It was something else!” I think the biggest problem with the 1500 site South of Detroit was all the towers, and the phase additions, and cancelling which caused higher RF voltages in things than what you would get from a 50 KW non directional station. Speaking of towers, since I’m in that business also, I have had many toastasters brought into my business claiming they can hear morse code in them when making toast. (There only one guess that makes it a worthwhile effort for them to bring them in.) I’ve also been on the receiving end of a few toastasters clamoring for a good output from their toaster.

And a couple more comments on WADO’s antenna:
Paul R Mount <paulmount@attmail.com>: “Only the small directional mast remains.” It’s the only one I guess that makes it non-directional now?

David Braun <dbrunau@delanet.com>: However they’re operating now, I like it - they are no longer audible here in Delaware.

A while back there was a discussion about stations not following the requirements of their license - e.g. staying on day power longer than licensed, etc. Here are some recent comments on that subject.

Fred Bobbe: “Same with WAMR 1320 in Venice, although not quite so late.” Sounds like I need to put the Bad Boy Voting Page back up. <grin>

Lagar Trannenjohn: KCKY 1150 Coolidge, AZ running no NRSC II. Can be heard from 1133 to 1167 kHz. They are 50 miles east of me. It doesn’t matter whether it is a car radio, portable or communications receiver, they are wide as the Superstition Freeway.

Russ Edmunds: I wonder... since I rarely hear the ones which pester me after sunset when I listen later in the evening to see just how late they keep the day or CH DXing.

Next time we’ll have some discussion on receivers. See you then.

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Musings of the Members

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I would like to introduce myself to the members: I am 46 years old, married, and I have 2 children. I have been DXing since my early teens while in Alaska. My first radio was a Hallicrafters S10. I entered the USAF and was assigned to the USAFSS; my task was listening to the radio! While stationed in AK, I joined SPEEXD, no longer an organization. I left my Hallicrafters in Virginia and bought a Lafayette HA800 receiver. After ending 4 years of service, I moved back to VA. I received my well-mounted certificate from the Monitor & DX Headquarters, All-Band Radio Monitor, Certificate of Registration, dated 3-11-84, given the call letters as WDX4CJ, signed by Hank Bennett (can you still get a certificate registration now?). My radio interests are shortwave listening, utility signal monitoring, and just recently, pre-dawn weather listening. I joined the NRC 2/99. I attended the NRC convention in Bridgeport, WV, it was very interesting and informative. I am also a member of NASWA and CIDX. I do most of my listening with a Yaesu FRG7700 and when I go out of town on business, I carry a Sony ICF2010. (And a very big welcome to the NRC Albert, we trust you will be checking in with your DX doings from time to time!)"