

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar

WJIB	MA	740	Dec. 20	0000-0020
KSTN	CA	1420	Jan. 1	0300-??
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 Blaine 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, #9 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!).

DX Change ... 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 <<nrclog@aol.com>>.

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DX Time Machine

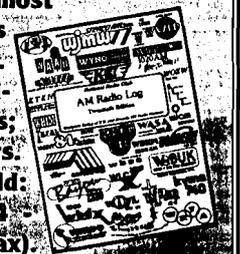
From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 19, 1949 DXN: Ted Weiser, Schuylkill 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 2,055 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 McGavren Guild Marketing Research, Adult Contemporary/Soft Rock and Oldies were the two most-programmed and fastest-growing formats in radio.

The NRC AM 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. Airmail to members: Europe, \$25.00; rest of the world: \$28.00. Order from: NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661 (NY residents, please add sales tax).



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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call	New call		
640	CHOG	ON Richmond Hill	CFYI	
850	WMKI	AL Birmingham	WYDE	
990	WWCM	MI Ypsilanti	WDEO	
1240	KKTJ	TX Kilgore	KBGE	
1260	WDJC	AL Birmingham	WLGS	
1380	WHWD	IN Fort Wayne	WONO	
1440	WHHY	AL Montgomery	WLWI	
1450	WPCC	GA Cartersville	WBHF	
1480	WTHI	IN Terre Haute	WPFH	
1580	WWJV	NC Camp Lejeune	WSMO	
1590	WWCC	PA Honesdale	WPSN	

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

930	KYAK	WA Yakima: 10000/127 U1
1150	KQQQ	WA Pullman: 25000/260 U2
1310	WYND	FL Deland: 8500/95 U1 (reapplication)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

630	CFCO	ON Chatham: 10000/6000 U4
860	WGUL	FL Dunedin: 6500/1500 U4
890	KSDG	CA Julian: 3000/330 U4
930	WLLL	VA Lynchburg: 10000/49 U5
970	WDFN	VA Waynesboro: 900/38 U1, relocate transmitter site
1070	WEKT	KY Elkton: 500/35 U1
1230	WJOB	IN Hammond: relocate transmitter site
1280	KDKD	MO Clinton: relocate transmitter site
1280	WADO	NY New York: 50000/7200 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	CJVI	BC Victoria: application for 107.3 FM DENIED
1160	WMVI	NY Mechanicsville: station is SILENT
1220	KMVL	TX Madisonville: KM2XVL shown as a grant last issue is the Huntsville synchro transmitter for KMVL
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 Lejeune: silent station (as WWJV) is ON THE AIR
1630	KCJJ	IA Iowa City: has announced plans to reactivate 1560 facility

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

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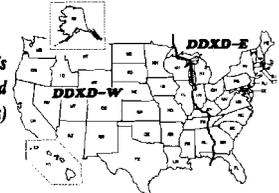
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

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/n7sok/kboipan.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@nrcdxas.org list server 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 very 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 Antti Aaltonen 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 NRD-525 and a 3000' long wire. I'm sending him a bunch of stuff." I don't see Antti'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 Gain control with the AGC on "slow" ... unless I'm imagining things, this appears to reduce some of the background rumble from stations which are not dominant but are down in the mud. It appears to make any stations which may surface briefly more readable. Does this make any sense? I always wondered what that RF Gain control was for, hi!"

Classic Country 680 AM
KKYX

REPORTERS

FA-ID	Frank Aden, N7SOK	Boise FRG7 with 4' box loop <N7sok@aol.com>
SA-MB	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg Icom ICR-70 & 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 caradio <walterlb@gte.net>
RD-AZ	Ragnar Danneskjold	Mesa Optimus 12-604A; GE Model 5280C; Kenwood R-1000 and Zepp antenna; GE Superadio III Model 7-2887B <ldwxdx@juno.com>
TRH-CA	Tim Hall	Chula Vista ICF-2010, Kiwa Loop, Delco car radio <halls@inetworld.net>
GJ-CA	Gary Jackson	Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop
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Ed-TX	Editor	North Richland Hills ICF-2010 barefoot

STATION NEWS & NOTES

620 KZTY NV Winchester - 10/28-11/2 - Conducting ET. With occasional ID: This is KZTY Winchester-Las Vegas conducting equipment tests. Non-stop music: All Frank

Sinatra all the time! This was 24 hours NSP the whole time I was there. (WB-NV)

- 800 WVAL MN Sauk Rapids - 11/4 1925 - Fair signal, in CKJS 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)
1080 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

- 590 UNID ?? - 11/6 2303 - Fair signal. End of classical piece. Low, soft, quiet male announcer with piece, fade out OF COURSE and back into classical music at 2305. WOW in background. Stumped again! (JJR-WI) [Cuba? Maybe? - Ed.]
1010 UNID ?? - 11/12 0130 - 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 Log#18 or FCC database. Is this WHWD? Is WONO not a real ID? I seem to recall chasing down the WONO call last year also. (DZ-WI) [Log #18?!?! Time to update, mister. 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 Patsy Cline, followed by Old C&W. ID again at 0818 and 0824. Poor but on top. No such call found in Log#18 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 KSFO, 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 programming 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 ELT

- 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 XEPL as looped that general direction), signing on, took over with the Mexican National Anthem. [Ed.-TX]
560 KLZ 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 WVMI 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 halcyon DXing days of the 1960s and '70s. (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 flut-

- 790 CIGM ON Kingston - 11/7 0057 - Fair, with Hot New Country 790 CIGM, over unID 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 0325 - Country music, mixing with XEG, with fair signal and 10-50 CJNB 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 KCUB 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 WGEE, with local news, weather, many local mentions of WCHL Sports at :25 & :55. NEW! (JJR-WI)
1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 10/30 2149 - Mention of Toledo, then ID Newsradio 1370 WSPD. Very poor, in a mix. (DZ-WI)
1380 WMJR KY Winchester - 11/5 2158 - Call ID several times, slogan Kentucky Family Radio. Poor, in a mix with One-on-One sports. (DZ-WI)
1460 KKPR NE Kearney - 11/8 1803 - Fair, with CNN News, weather, news, calls. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1490 WTIQ MI Manistique - 11/7 2100 - Poor, with legal singing ID into mess. (JJR-WI)
1520 KRHW MO Sikeston - 11/2 2058 - ID: The new 1520 KRHW. Very poor, in a mix. 2059 faded up to dominate with NOS. 2100 ID and CNN News. (DZ-WI)
1530 KCMN CO Colorado Springs - 11/11 0809 - ID after Johnny Mathis and Its Not For Me To Say. Then Mills Brothers' Glow Worm. Very clear, with KFBK nulled out. (RD-AZ)
1540 WSMI IL Litchfield - 11/7 2052 - Poor, way under KXEL, 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 Estereo (so must be still //1600), and Lo Maximo en Radio. This station finally seems to be getting out better. New, for Texas #75. (TRH-CA)



GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America

Table with columns: 1490 kHz, WJMO OH, WLPA PA, Cleveland Heights, Lancaster, Ron Bailey, Ron Bailey, Shelby, NC, Shelby, Miles, 435, 442. Totals: Ron Bailey Shelby, NC, 1230 27, 1240 33, 1340 20, 1400 27, 1450 23, 1490 28, Total 158

DDXD-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 Heinen 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

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 will 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 VMI college football; WVNZ-1320 and WHAP-1340 are simulcast.

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 to keep it running) and found some DX on the few channels on which he does *not* receive WOR. Keep those reports coming.

STATION NEWS

- 670 **WRJR** **VA Claremont** – 11/6 0845 – New call, ex WVNS, with AM 670 Community Calendar and voice ID "WRJR" at 0854. In jumble with WIEZ nulled. (PC-VA)
- 760 **WLCC** **FL Brandon** – 11/1 1747 – Latin music, understood ad locations for Clearwater and Brandon, WLCC calls in EE. No sign of WJR, new. (JEK-MD) [Ex-WBDN, apparently. – DY]
- 910 **WHSM** **WI Hayward** – 11/7 0003 – Poor with NOS music // FM, ID "Magic 101.1 FM," new format. (JF-ON)
- 1070 **WGLY** **NY Plattsburgh** – 11/6 1300 – On-hour ID included mention of "WGLY AM 1070, Plattsburgh-Essex Junction, ... Christian Ministry Radio Network," followed by "Music for Saturday" program with gospel songs. (AR-ON) [New calls – DY]
- 1580 **WSMO** **NC Camp Lejeune** – 11/7 – One of the announcers did a bit of talking about the station and its origin. The call letters were "received" last Monday (1 November), and they are a tribute to WSM (in Nashville). The owners are from this (Jacksonville) area, were (are?) a part of C&W music in Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry, and decided on the call letters based on WSM's. That simple. Yesterday, 11/6, while driving by the announced studio address of 475 Marine Boulevard (which was previously a car dealership), I noted NO sign of life: no cars in the parking lot, no activity in/around the building, trash in what had been the showroom, and a For Sale sign still prominently displayed on the building. They're still announcing the same address, so maybe things will change. Called the phone number yesterday, but no answer. So, it appears they're still operating out of the transmitter site. Not certain if they're at full 10kw, but I can hear them with a fair signal where I work in Trenton. Except for a spot for YAHOO, all I've heard are PSAs and recurring promo for George Lindsey's(sp?) ("Goober" from the Andy Griffith Show) upcoming appearance here in Jacksonville. (MH-NC)
- + 11/10 1640 – Break with mentions of North Carolina, "classic country," a plug for the "Cowboy Bob Morning Show," and calls sounding like WSMO. (TS-MI)
- 1620 **KAZP** **NE Bellevue** – 11/2 1748 – Sports program, ads for Sitel and Norm's Overhead Door Service in Omaha, then "Omaha's ESPN Radio weather report." Fair signal, mixing badly at times with dominant WHLY, no legal ID heard. (RCP-IN)
- + 11/5 1924-2000 – Strong over, under WHLY-IN with ESPN Radio, local breaks at 1937 and 1955 included slogan "ESPN 1620" and ads for Mineola Steak House in Bellevue, and Sam Olsen Pontiac-GMC "in the heart of Omaha." At 2000 a VERY quick ID of "KAZP 1620." Only NE #4 heard. (MD-MA) [These are now apparently the right calls on this, ex-KOIL. – DY]
- + 11/5 2137 – Good signal, moderate QRM from WJVA-IN, ID as "Omaha's ESPN 1620 Radio," no call ID heard. New. (HJH-PA)

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DX TESTS

- 560 **KMON** **MT Great Falls** – 11/7 Various – Heard 0516 weak with C&W music, "560 Country KMON" ID's. On test or regular schedule? Either way, new and glad to hear it! (JF-ON)

- 560 **WGAI** **NC Elizabeth City** – 11/7 0100-0130 – Heard good with code ID's and a couple of singing ID's. (JF-ON) Heard with code ID's at both high and low pitches, also plenty of back-to-back jingles. Strongest of their four DX tests the past few years. (SF-TN)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 740 **UNID** ——— 11/5 0120-0140 – Over and under WMBG with "Groove Line" satellite classic soul format. CHCM? Didn't sound Canadian. (TS-MI)
- 880 **UNID** ——— 10/31 1951 – Good in WCBN null with football on the Denver Broncos Football Network. KRVN? (JF-ON)
- 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 weak, under WTLA, WAGE, WSML. (RJE-PA)
- 1230 **UNID** ——— 10/30 2135 – Ad for business "just off I-75 in Northwood." (SK-PA)
- 1370 **UNID** ——— 11/2 2114 – Religious music, then ID mentioning both 1370 and 1490 "for Christian music." (DB-DE) [WLTC-NC on late? – DY]
- 1400 **UNID** ——— 11/2 1850 – Don and Mike Show, no 1400 station on my old list. (SK-PA)
- 1540 **CHIN** **ON Toronto** – This is TLK*KY'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 "flea 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 for a fact that, at night, CHIN's signal was by far the weakest local signal in town! (EC-ON)
- 1570 **UNID** ——— 11/5 1750-1810 – Poor, ESPN and "Sports Radio 15-70," ski equipment ad, no news at top of hour but only ESPN sports. WWCK(?) and WCRL(?) were there. (HF-MI)



LOGGINGS

- 550 **WDUN** **GA Gainesville** – 11/4 1912 – Good with WGR nulled, over WKRC with Atlanta Hawks basketball (WSB feed), "News-Talk 550" slogans, new. (JF-ON)
- WSVA** **VA Harrisonburg** – 10/24 1445 – ID's "News Radio 550 WSVB," and "The WJFK Redskins Radio Network." (DL-MD)
- 560 **WGAN** **ME Portland** – 11/6 1905 – Poor coming out of news with ID. Rare here. (JF-ON)
- CFOS** **ON Owen Sound** – 11/5 1744 – Briefly topped channel with "CFOS weather network," local ad cluster and agricultural news. (AR-ON)
- 570 **WNAX** **SD Yankon** – 11/11 0036 – In and out with good peaks, "All Night Truckers' Show," classic country and phone calls from truckers. ID at this time: "Your five state ... 570 WNAX." New from here, SD #2. (TS-MI)
- 580 **WCHS** **WV Charleston** – 11/5 1850 – Sports talk, promo, ID. (WM-MD)
- 600 **WMT** **IA Cedar Rapids** – 11/11 0030 – Fair with good peaks, break in Art Bell with promo for the WMT Hero Line, phone Star-600. Rare here. (TS-MI)
- 610 **WIP** **PA Philadelphia** – 11/11 0156 – Sports talk, break with spot for Metro Chrysler Plymouth in the Philadelphia Airport Auto Mall, ID 0200: "Talking sports and more, Infinity Broadcasting WIP, Philadelphia." Rarely heard 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-WSUN. (JF-ON)
- WZON** **ME Bangor** – 11/5 1750 – Sports, "All of today's sports on 620 and 870, the Zone," under WHEN, WVMT. (RJE-PA)
- WJWR** **NJ Newark** – 10/30 1902 – Weak but alone with "Islanders hockey on One on One Sports, WJWR Newark," new and much wanted. (JF-ON)
- WVMT** **VT Burlington** – 11/5 1755 – Weather, traffic, ID, over, under WHEN-NY. (RJE-PA)
- 690 **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)
- + 11/5 1735 – Traffic report, promo for AT&T wireless phones, ID. (WM-MD)

WZAP VA Bristol – 11/5 1700 – Ending REL music program, ID, into USA news, over WOKV-FL. (RJE-PA)

710 CKVM PQ Ville Marie – 11/3 2350 – Presumed with FF under WOR. (WM-MD)

730 WNAK PA Nanticoke – 11/1 1752-1759 – NOS, discussion on capital punishment (lethal injection vs. electric chair), offered copy of comment for a SASE. Legal sign-off 1750 noting they would return at 0600. Some unID SS QRM. Seldom heard, despite NE wire and short distance (126 miles). (JEK-MD)

740 WVLN IL Olney – 10/30 2200 – Poor over jumble with ad for McDonald's, ID "WVLN and Power 103, WSEI Olney." Only 7 watts, yeah sure! New. (JF-ON)

KRMG OK Tulsa – 10/30 1930 – Good with promo for Tulsa Bingo Hall, seldom heard these days. (JF-ON)

WMBG VA Williamsburg – 11/5 0120-0140 – Over and under unID with NOS, ad for "The Landing at Williamsburg" housing development and Virginia travel promo. First new one on 740 since CBL sign-off. (TS-MI)

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

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

800 WLAD CT Danbury – 11/2 2334 – Fair with KKLW phased, weater report on "Your news and information station, Radio 80 WLAD." (JF-ON)

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

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

830 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 WEEU." (PC-VA)

840 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)

850 WMKI AL Birmingham – 11/2 2045 – Over and under WRMR with Radio Disney stuff, local ID by youngster at 2051. Ex-WYDE for me. (JF-ON)
+ 11/2 2330 – With Radio Disney. (WM-MD)
+ 11/3 1930 – Too strong for 1 kW, with frequent "Radio Disney" ID's, at 1938 "AM 850 Radio Disney, 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 NOS station. (SK-PA)

850 WRUF FL Gainesville – 11/1 1659 – ID, local news sponsored by the First National Bank of Apopka(?). Fair, rarely heard. (JEK-MD)

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

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

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

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

920 CKNX ON Wingham – 11/3 1800 – C&W music, news, mention of western Ontario. (WM-MD)
+ 11/6 1800 – News "from the CKNX newsroom." (BS-NJ)

940 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. (RJE-PA)

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)

WGRP PA Greenville – 11/8 2150 – Roberta Flack song, ID. Listed as 2 watts. (WM-MD) [But probably more. – DY]

WFAW WI Fort Atkinson – 11/2 1940 – Station ID, "Your Packers station, WFAW Fort Atkinson," faded in briefly then gone. (RCP-IN)

970 WESO MA Southbridge – 11/5 0640 – Local ads, ID as "Country 970 WESO," with WWSW-PA. (RJE-PA)

980 WAAV NC Leland – 10/29 1940 – Good with high school football, "The Wave" slogan, no sign of WTEM. (JEK-MD)

990 WNRV VA Narrows – 11/3 2056-2100 – Presumed with program on Virginia hunting training, "3WR" slogan, "Church of the Week" promo and ID "WWWR Roanoke and the New River Valley," no mention of 990. Poor with SS QRM. (JEK-MD)

CBW MB Winnipeg – 11/6 0059-0106 – CBC Radio One news, mention of local stories. (BT-IN)

1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater – 11/6 1636 – ID, sports report, all alone on channel. (BS-NJ)

1030 WGBS WV Point Pleasant – 11/5 1826-1916 – Poor, under WBZ but challenging it occasionally, "Christian music ... AM 10-30 WGBS," mostly lite religious and Gospel with occasional lite pop and C&W, WV #13. (HF-MI)

1040 WJHR NJ Flemington – 11/10 1625-1635 – "Chat Radio," ad for Distinctive Dinettes in Flemington, news at 1630 with several clips from ABC Radio, 1635 traffic "every ten minutes on the fives." New, NJ #2. (TS-MI)

1060 WMCL IL McLeansboro – 11/2 2245-2300 – Good in KYW phase null with C&W music, ID, CNN news, uses "Ag Radio 1060" slogan. Another daytimer that won't sign off at sunset (like KNEI, WCTA, WEYZ, etc.). (JF-ON)

CFAC AB Calgary – 11/6 2358 – Fair with C&W music, weather report, good opening to the west. (JF-ON)

1070 WAPI AL Birmingham – 11/5 1734 – Female with traffic for downtown Birmingham, WAPI ID given over, under local WIBC at local sunset. (RCP-IN)

1080 WUFO NY Amherst – 10/31 1730 – Trying to ID second black gospel station when this jumped over with "Be sure to join us at sunrise for Buffalo's legendary station, WUFO." Rare. (SK-PA)

1100 WYKR VT Wells River – 10/30 1655 – Call letters between C&W songs, fair in WBAL-1090 slop. (JEK-MD)

1120 WBMW MA Concord – 11/4 1825 – Presumed with BRN // WBBR-1130, under KMOX-MO. (RJE-PA)

1140 CHRB AB High River – 11/4 2315 – Nice surprise with WRVA phased, ending REL program with ID "CHRB, southern Alberta's inspirational radio station." Only AB #3 here. (JF-ON)

1170 KJOC IA Davenport – 11/4 2007 – Good with WWVA nulled, with exhibition women's basketball game, Iowa State vs. Lithuania, "K-Jock" slogan. Ex-KJTT. (JF-ON)

1190 WLIB NY New York – 11/2 1827 – Black talk show, woman giving traffic for New York City, mentioned death of Walter Payton, promo "WLIB salutes Mr. Hal Jackson for 50 years of radio broadcasting," several other ads for WLIB following. Fair signal, but much QRM from WOWO and others, a regular visitor since WOWO reduced power. (RCP-IN)

1200 WTLA NY North Syracuse – 11/5 1635 – Over WAGE-VA with 50's music, to power/pattern change. (RJE-PA)

WSML NC Graham – 11/5 1650 – Surprisingly strong over WAGE, WTLA, with talk, local ads, and "600, 1200 WSJS" ID's. (RJE-PA)

CJBZ ON Ottawa – 10/31 1815 – Slogan "The Team," mention of the Dodge pre-game show, several local ads for Ottawa businesses. Poor but alone on channel. (RCP-IN)

1210 WPHT PA Philadelphia – 11/6 1740 – Strong signal, man hosting sports talk show, giving call-in numbers for south Jersey. (PZ-FL)

1220 WKBK NH Keene – 10/31 0630 – SID over male announcer reading events that occurred on this date. Also mentioned WMUR(-FM?). Good at sunrise. (JEK-MD) [I think WMUR is the New Hampshire TV station that does all the Presidential debates. – DY]

1260 CIHI NB Fredericton – 10/29 2348 – Good with "The best music, See-High" slogan, also 11/3 2040 with rock music. (JEK-MD)

1270 WTSN NH Dover – 11/3 1956 – Fair with numerous reports from polling places in the state, WTSN calls after each report. (JEK-MD)



1280 WYVE VA Wytheville – 11/8 1850 – C&W music, ID, then gone. (WM-MD)

1300 WKCY VA 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)

1320 WATR CT Waterbury – 11/5 2200 – Good with NOS music, ID, into CBS news, new. (JF-ON)

1330 WMLT GA Dublin – 10/29 2051 – Good with ID, NOS, Tony ennett song. (JEK-MD)

1340 WBBL MI Grand Rapids – 10/29 1908-1919 – Good at times with Detroit Red Wings hockey vs. Chicago on “BBL,” ex-WLAV, WTVN for me. (JF-ON)

1360 WNNJ NJ 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 difference. (SK-PA)

WCHL NC Chapel Hill – 10/30 2356 – Fair with WCKY phased, NOS music, ID “Home of the Tar Heels, WCHL Chapel Hill.” Seldom heard. (JF-ON)
+ 11/3 1946 – “AM 1360, proud to be the flagship station. Follow the Heels all season,” ads for business in East Gate Mall, Cabinet Concepts, others, back to live sports talk about University of North Carolina. Very strong at times, or surrounded by heavy flutter. (SK-PA)

1380 WSYB VT Rutland – 11/3 1907 – ID with FM 92.3(?), into Bruce Williams, briefly good. (JEK-MD)

1400 WWWS NY Buffalo – 11/3 2000 – ID “WWWS Buffalo AM 1400,” back to Solid Gold Soul satellite. Very clear for positive ID this time. (SK-PA)

WLKK PA Erie – 11/3 2029 – ID, “We’re WLKK, Erie,” ad for “Your Birthdate” newspapers. (HJH-PA)

1410 WELM NY Elmira – 11/2 2218 – Calls and local ads, “The Sports Giant.” (JEK-MD)

WING OH Dayton – 11/2 1730-1745 – Good, spot for Miami-Jacobs College, man and woman computer talk program, call 457-WING. (HF-MI)

1430 WMYS IN Indianapolis – 11/2 1722-1730 – Fair, spots for Coffee Party and Cash Call, EZL pop music, call ID before and after tunes. (HF-MI)

1440 WJLL NY Niagara Falls – 11/6 2002 – Ending Tony Rosiak Polka Show, ID touting that they are still locally owned. Good signal. (HJH-PA)

WRTP OH Warren – 11/5 2050 – High school football game, “Power Sports 1440,” ID. (WM-MD)

1460 CJOY ON Guelph – 11/10 1650 – 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 CJOY winter coat donations. New. (TS-MI)

1470 WPNC NC Plymouth – 11/10 1659 – GOS music, full data signoff, located at 1470 “kilocycles” with 5 kW days, studios on U. S. 64 West in Plymouth. New. (TS-MI)

WLMC SC Georgetown – 11/6 1950 – Surfacing with good signal, “Keep it locked on to WLMC 1470 for Joy in the Morning.” Previously logged as WINH. (HJH-PA)

1480 WTDA WI Madison – 11/5 1900 – Poor over mess with ID as “Sports radio 1480, WTDA Madison.” Ex-WISM, WTDY. (JF-ON)

1490 WUBR MI Whitehall – 10/30 0146 – “On AM 1490 WUBR” popped up in jumble, into “Pepino the Italian Mouse.” (SK-PA)

WBTA NY 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)

WBZD NY Watkins Glen – 10/30 0150 – “On 1490 WBZD Saturday morning at 9 a.m., come join us.” Sounded like one of those Radio Disney kid voices. (SK-PA)
[Sounds like 1490 is the place to be 0900 Saturdays! – DY]

WIKE VT Newport – 10/31 2300 – Heard “WIKE ... Newport” in jumble, then NBC news. (SK-PA)

1520 KRHW MO Sikeston – 11/2 2108 – Briefly over WWKB twice while listening with NOS music, CNN news, ID including call letters between songs. (DB-DE)

KMAY ND Mayville – 11/6 2041 – Good with WWKB phased, ID during high school football. Another daytimer running late! (JF-ON)

1550 KLFJ MO Springfield – 11/3 0659 – Branson information radio, with continuous information of who, what, and where with all the latest happenings going on in the Branson area.. Very steady signal, little

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fading. (RCP-IN)

1560 WCNW OH Fairfield – 11/4 1730 – Religious programming, station address, sign-off, ID. (WM-MD)

1580 WSRF FL Fort Lauderdale – 11/3 2000 – Local talk, local ads, ID, no Jamaican programming heard. Fair with WLM. (JEK-MD)
+ 11/5 1833 – Up well briefly, ID as “Mystic 1580,” had report about happenings at local nightclubs. (HJH-PA)

WPGC MD Morningside – 11/10 1620-1630 – “Heaven 1580” with GOS, up and down with several local-quality peaks, “Washington’s number one choice for gospel.” (TS-MI)

WDAB SC Travelers Rest – 11/5 1727-1743 – Fair, mainly over C&W station, very fast-talking male SS announcer, SS ID spot 1742 pronounced call letters in EE. All music was Mexican-sounding, and I didn’t hear any CARACOL spots. (HF-MI)

1590 WAKR OH Akron – 11/4 1947 – Bette Midler song, ID, NOS music. Format change? (WM-MD)

1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City – 11/8 1605-1612 – ID “AM 16-30 KCJJ Iowa City, Coralville, and Cedar Rapids,” the Don and Mike Show, many Coralville ads. Iowa X-band-ers great today. (HF-MI)
+ 11/8 1925 – Local ads, mention of Iowa City. (WM-MD)

1640 WKSH WI Sussex – 11/9 1810 – Certainly this one with Christian music, soft spoken girl discussing Christian themes, quite good and clear for about five minutes. First time I ever heard anything from them here; not heard later in evening. (RF-FL)

1650 KCNZ IA Cedar Falls – 11/5 2000 – Very good, with WHKT-VA nulled, “KCNZ the Talk Station” and “KCNZ Cedar Falls-Waterloo” ID’s. Coming out of Tom Leykis, into CBS news, promo for Tigers football at 2005. New. Not KDNZ as in Log. (HJH-PA)
+ 11/8 1559-1603 – ID “AM 16-50, the Talk Station, KCNZ Cedar Rapids,” CBS news at top of hour (although I’ve also seen ABC News reported). (HF-MI)

1660 WMIB FL Marco Island – 11/3 2014 – Oldies with DJ, overpowered at times by SS (WWRU?), ID 2024: “Thanks for spending part of your afternoon with me on unforgettable 1480 WODX and 1660 WMIB.” (PC-VA)

WQSN MI Kalamazoo – 11/5 2033 – Good over and under R. Unica, had Detroit Pistons basketball coverage, promo for Peter Brown in the afternoon and Papa Joe at night, “The Sports Station.” New. (HJH-PA)

1670 WRNC GA Warner Robins – 11/5 1800 – In and out with WTDY, top of hour ID mentioning WRNC AM & FM and “Real Country music.” Followed by “NASCAR Today” program “on MRN Radio.” (AR-ON)

WTDY WI Madison – 11/5 1927 – Good at times with the Rick Emerson show, promo for G. Gordon Liddy show. (HJH-PA)

1690 KDDZ CO Arvada – 11/9 1840 – Faded up for about 60 seconds while WMDM faded down, definite Disney items, fair but clear then gone. Seems early to hear this but a nice surprise; KCJJ-1630 was excellent at the same time. (RF-FL)

1700 WAFN FL Miami Springs – 11/3 1946 – “The Fan,” sports and Miami area commercials in “Dolphins Insider” talk show, at 2000 “This is the home of ... WAFN, Miami Springs, Miami, and Fort Lauderdale.” (PC-VA)
+ 11/4 1850 – One on One Sports, ID as “The Fan,” Florida ad. (RJE-PA)

KBGG IA Des Moines – 11/5 2100 – Fair to poor, ending Consumer Hotline, then Business Network disclaimer, ID “The Big 1700 KBGG, and 1390 KKSO Des Moines,” SRN news on the hour. Mostly with just a weak Florida signal, new. (HJH-PA)
+ 11/8 1612-1619 – “Business Day Market Wrap,” down a bit from a few minutes before. (HF-MI)

KQXX TX Brownsville – 11/19 1830 – About even with WAFN, Tejano music, SS announcements by girl, KTBK much weaker then. Interesting this peaked up so much later. (RF-FL)

KTBK TX Sherman – 11/9 1750-1800 – Well atop WAFN with sports talk, “1310 the Ticket” but no call ID, faded under at 1800. (RF-FL)

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TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 530 WPBM597 VA New Market - 10/24 1110 - TIS station heard while driving to New Market, "This is station WPBM597 AM 530 broadcasting from New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. This state park, a non-profit museum, is owned by the VMI undergraduate state college." (AA-VA)
- 590 WPBJ22 MD Germantown - 10/24 1715 - ID "This is Montgomery County Travelers Advisory system WPBJ 590 AM," announced simulcast with unheard 1070. (DL-MD)
- WPSC980 NJ Jersey City - 11/12 1742 - With tape loop and call ID, mention of Exit 14-B, "licensed for and operated by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority," and Jersey City. Mostly atop. Sure about the "980" part of the call, but not the rest. (DY-NY)
- 880 WNNC526 FL Hillsborough County - This DOT TIS is definitely inactive, replaced by a 1610 transmitter using the same call sign at a slightly more eastern location (Martin Luther King/Ninth Street exit) along I-4. (TLK-FL)
- 1610 WNNC526 FL Hillsborough County - 10/31 0900-0945 - Florida Department of Transportation TIS's continue to operate in conjunction with the I-4 Expansion Project. The current location of each is: near Martin Luther King/Ninth Street exit, near the I-4/I-75 interchange; near the Branch Forbes Road exit, and just west of the S.R. 39 exit. All continue to run the identical loop, which includes the same call sign. (TLK-FL)



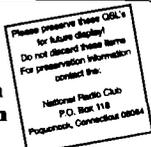
INTERNET UPDATES

News from Scott Fybush's "Northeast Radio Watch," used by permission: WRKO-680-MA has reincarnated (sort of) "Two Chicks Dishing," keeping Lori Kramer and adding ex-morning host Darlene McCarthy. WCCM-MA-800 has replaced TalkAmerica with Music of Your Life.

REPORTERS

AA-VA	Albert Arnold	Chesterfield - Car radio
DB-DE	Dave Braun	Wyoming - R-5000, Quantum Loop
EC-ON	Eric Conchie	Tweed - UnID help
PC-VA	Perry Crabill	Winchester - R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' RW
MD-MA	Marc DeLorenzo	Auburndale - NRD-525, Quantum loop
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell - HQ-150, 4' FET Altaz loop
JF-ON	Jeff Falconer	Clinton - R8B, 45' vertical, 120' LW, modified MFJ-1026, Timewave DSP-599zx
RF-FL	Robert Foxworth	St. Petersburg - Car radio
SF-TN	Steve Francis	Alcoa - TRF, Select-a-Tenna
HF-MI	Harold Frodge	Midland - R71A, MFJ-956, 170'/85' RW's, 100'/50' Broomstick coils, BC 600XLT, RS Discone
MH-NC	Mike Hardester	Jacksonville - Local news
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes	Wilkes-Barre - TransOceanic, Kiwa pocket loop, Bose Wave
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township - Superadio III
TLK-FL	Terry Krueger	Clearwater - Local news
JEK-MD	Joe Kureth	Uniontown - Drake SW8, 950' LW NE-SW
DL-MD	Dave Larrabee	
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly - DX-380
RCP-IN	Bob Pote	Greenwood - R8A, Quantum loop
AR-ON	Andy Rugg	Cornwall - HQ-180, ham dipole
TS-MI	Tom Sanders	Lexington - Sony ICF 890, Fisher FM 660 barefoot
BS-NJ	Bob Smolarek	High Bridge - Superadio I
BT-IN	Blaine Thompson	Fort Wayne - Aiwa CSD-ED26 Boombox barefoot
DY-NY	David Yocis	New York - R71A, Kiwa loop
PZ*FL	Paul Zecchino	DX'ing in Boca Grande, Gasparilla Island - Car radio

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PLEASE NOTE my new e-mail address: <renfrew@localnet.com>. The old delphi address will be working until the end of November, but please use the new address from now on.

Russ Edmunds' recent comments about call letters on Cuban stations elicited interesting responses from Terry Krueger and Paul Zecchino. Jim

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS IS. R. Visión Cristiana, NOV 10 2353 - blasting in as usual with ID and where to send mail, other stations, and who to send the money to. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 540 MEXICO XEWA Monterrey, NL, NOV 10 2356 with SS sports talk program. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 540 MEXICO XEBACH Tijuana, BCN, NOV 10 2357 with stereo classical chamber music. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 580 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R Monte Cristi, NOV 3 0226-0406 and NOV 4 0237+ - live beisbol coverage, with references to "Caribe" and "Dominicana" often. One team was "Los Tigres" and one player (Willy Ortena—sp?) was mentioned frequently. At the game conclusion, the announcer referenced four (uncopiable) stations in the game network coverage, into a series of looping classical songs. At 0359, man with canned ID "— frecuencia modulada... Radio Monte Cristi" 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 MW log in a long time here. [Krueger-FL] (Heard several times here, still waiting for a QSL! - Jim)
- 580.8 UNIDENTIFIED NOV 3 0224+ - presumably a CAm or northwest SAM, but virtually no audio making it through. Didn't note the exact time, but believe it was gone within the 0430-0500 range. [Krueger-FL]
- 660 MEXICO La Candela, Mexico City, NOV 13 0620 - poor, but hanging in for much of an hour, heard one "Radio Candela" ID during brief break in WFAN's sports program. [Renfrew-NY]
- 690 MEXICO Ondas del Lago, Mexico City DF, NOV 13 0158 - noted with slogan in mess. [Renfrew-NY]
- 700 COLOMBIA R. Net, Calif, NOV 13 0506 - Strong signal in WLW null, with an ad featuring Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman". [Renfrew-NY]
- 800 CUBA R Progreso, unID location NOV 8 1524-1545 - noted while at Mullet Key (a few miles south of my home) with very good signal, parallel 640, etc. This 800 kHz Progreso frequency is listed as 1 kW from Manzanillo, Gramma, (SE Cuba), but for me to hear this daytime and at this level would certainly indicate a western Cuba location (or at least a second Progreso site). [Krueger-FL]
- 820 CUBA R Ciudad de la Habana, Santa Catalina, Ciudad Habana NOV 7 1208-1233 - a rare chance to copy this one here, thanks to WZTM, Largo being off briefly this morning. Apparently caught the sign-on—possibly relaying a national network prior to—as tune-in to SS woman, into EZL instrumental music, then audio potted down and into instrumental national anthem from 1210. Then, "En el aire... R Ciudad de la Habana... 820 A-M... Vedado..." and man and woman with local events-of-the-day for Ciudad and Pinar del Rio. Excellent [Krueger-FL]
- 895 ST.KITTS & NEVIS VON (possibly), NOV 12 0038 - presumed source of rather weak het, but no audio seemed to surface over the 890/900 splatter. [Stewart-MO]
- 900 MEXICO XEW Mexico City, NOV 11 0130-0230 - very nice, steady signal with no fades; Mexican ranchera music and romantic pop vocals. No sign of regular CHML. [Sanders - MI]
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN Cartagena, NOV 12 0059 - "En R-C-N, la radio de Colombia, Momento Deportivo"—sponsored by Bancolombia among others. Usual powerhouse signal here, while neither 760 or 770 was audible. [Stewart-MO]
- 1009.8 unID NOV 12 0105 - loud het on 1010 that seemed to be E-W (got a dandy null on it pointing the loop straight N-S). No audio distinguishable... may well be an off-freq domestic. [Stewart-

- MO]
 1100.8 UNIDENTIFIED, NOV 10 0210-0215 - presumably Connelly's unID, but zero audio making it through here. [Krueger-FL]
 1140 CUBA unidentified NOV 7, 0150-0312* - first noted this before sunset the day before, not sure if a transmitter gone amok or an intentional jammer meant for WQBA-Miami. (Until the late 80's, there was a continuous jammer on approximately 1142-1143 kHz, targeted against WQBA's then largely anti-Castro SP format.) This buzzing thing sounds almost the same as the old jammer, but it could simply be an errant transmitter. Abruptly off 0312, leaving a fairly strong R Enciclopedia, Loma de la Cruz, Habana with woman announcer, EZL music, // 960. Also, someone else briefly surfacing with definite Cuban flute/male vocals guarachate song (is R Bayamo from easter Media Luna, Granma still active on 1140?). Checking today, November 7 mid-morning, unfortunately no trace of this buzzing blob. NOV 9 0232-0237* - the big buzzing blob here again, abruptly off 0237. [Krueger-FL]
 1270 CUBA R Caribe, Nueva Gerona, Isla de Juventud NOV 3 1459-1515 and NOV 4 0210-0237 - Of late, running exceptionally overdriven/overmodulated powerhouse signal. Tune-in to Cuban pop vocals, woman at 1505 "R Caribe, 1270 A-M y — (ninety-something?) frecuencia modulada." Recheck 0210 on the 4th, also with the same overmodulated signal. The "FM" reference is interesting, as I do not have an FM channel for Caribe documented on my survey. [Krueger-FL]
 1630 MEXICO XEUT R. Universidad, NOV 4 1100 - Testing with carrier only (no audio), 40-60+ on S-meter in Sacramento. Stronger than local X-banders in Auburn and Vallejo. I assume power is 10,000 watts or higher. [Jackson-CA]

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- CUBA A recent e-mail inquiry to Prof. Arnaldo Coro of RHC'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 CMHW DOBLEVE in Santa Clara. I understand that they have a different program on their FM stereo frequency during the baseball season that goes from the end of November to May 20th, so the 840 kHz frequency is on AM with the nightly baseball and the FM has a musical show on the air." [via Krueger-FL]
 ECUADOR / COLOMBIA / VENEZUELA: Björn Malm reports from Quito with some off-frequency loggings: 580.02 R. Uno, ECU; 959.96 R. Cosmopolita, ECU, 970.02 R. Imperios, Ibarra EQU; 1000.1 R. Táchira VEN, 1009.76 Todelar COL; 1030.01 Antena 2 COL; 1040.1 LV de Armenia COL; 1040.02 Colmundo Radio COL; 1040.02 LV del Valle EQU; 1040.16 R. Mil 40, COL; 1059.96 RCN COL; 1119.88 Nueva Estación Intercontinental EQU; 1380.03 RCN COL; 1399.94 Antena 2 COL; 1419.98 R. Baháí EQU, 1449.92 R. Sensación EQU; 1580.11 R. Orellana ECU. [B. Malm in Distance OCT 31]

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CUBA, CONTINUED: "Trying to DX Cuba", by Terry L. Krueger

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 tocobagadx@earthlink.net.

First, regarding Cuba station call letters, one must remember that the ITU-assigned calls frequently differ from the ones the (Cuban) ICRT assigns. Also, since a large number of the stations in question are networks (designated National or Provincial), I personally think it is rarely of any significance to list ITU and/or ICRT calls when submitting a log for publication. What is more important is the actual location (more on this later). I occasionally hear call letters (a centrally-designated one, that is) used by some National and Provincial networks, such as Radio Trinchera Aniti-Imperialista CMKS and a few others. Locals do indeed tend to use their calls more often, however, even this can be misleading. Take for example Radio Jaruco, (Jaruco, 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 pos-

sible calls are during 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 bandscan (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 lists. 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 his list is now sorely outdated. To compound things, the Cuba sections of the 1998 and 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. The 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 barrier island locations on the southwest coast of Florida. Even Cuban FM is possible from my central Florida location—albeit rare—with 96.7 MHz Rebelde heard on tropo as recently as this year (and an easy catch in the Florida Keys). Also, I include information culled from DX'er 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 things I can suggest are 1) the FCC's online domestic AM by-frequency database at <http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/amq.html>, which includes apparent DF'ed locations and ITU-registered 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 cumbersome from a DX'ers' standpoint. It consists of four columns: FREQ/LATITUDE/LONGITUDE/ESTIMATED POWER. No slogans or call letters are included, plus this data is now almost four years old. My friend David Crawford actually obtained a copy of this list—via the Freedom Of information Act, after a couple of tries—and passed it along to me.

About my monitoring: When I monitor Cubans, it is generally with dipoles or the Scotka 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 (rarely!), I might get a little closer with a map and compass comparison on the daytime waterpath peaks. That said, two useful maps are "KUBA - CUBA" (1:1,250,000 scale) published by Kartografiai Vallalat, Budapest, Hungary, ISBN 963-351-239-5 CM (my copy is the 1988/1989 edition—I do not know if they still publish this map). The other nice map is the aero sectional chart CJ-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 where to purchase these sectionals, or go to www.sportys.com to order a copy. I suspect there are other detailed maps beside 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 Reloj outlet heard by NRC members has been monitored here in Englewood FL, bearings and time of reception hint at a transmitter site in the Oriente 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 13+ hours out of 24! 0630-1200UTC = North America (mid west to West Coast); 1100-1330 Alaska; 1200 lunch!; 1315-1700 Far East Asia; 1900 nap; 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, KKSXN 1520kHz Oregon City OR and KTFI 1270kHz 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 666kHz from Iceland (666 from Germany heard instead) 1530 US Navy station was better than usual signal with mix of local and networked programming.

Ireland: 845.97 Radio North is still active here (Only other pirate audible wad 981 R Star Country)

Iran: 1404 Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran English at 1930UTC announces service is intended for Azerbaijan (// 9022kHz)

Isle of Man: 1368 Manx Radio using slogan "Kick-FM" in addition to Manx Radio (noted 2203 UTC 30/10/99 etc)

Libya: 711 & 1251kHz (// 15415) Voice of Africa has English 5-10minutes news at approximately 2040 UTC (exact start time and duration varies night to night). Audio is distorted on both MW and SW so is probably leaving the studio already distorted.

St Pierre et Miquelon: 1375 now has good level of modulation enabling good reception for first time in some years. Before 2400 it has substantial local programming though at times it relays France Inter (// 162kHz) with, for example, French sports results. Local ID and time checks and news noted at 2200.

Taiwan: 1206 R Tapei International heard in English at 1500 (5/11/99) on this unlisted channel. Even in full English programme schedule announced at 1500 there is no mention of 1206kHz and there is no mention of a 1500 UTC English broadcast. Prior to 1500 1206kHz was carrying a Chinese programme.

USA: No discrepancies observed against latest NRC AM Log 20th Edition which seems to be accurate and up to date. (Of course! -pls.)

Venezuela: 1140 Porlamar ID as "Porlamar, La Voz del Caribe" NEW NAME? 1290 YVLF R Puerto Cabello announces 24 hr operation, heard at 0700 UTC (WRTH '99 says 0400 sign-off)

Unidentified off channel stations: 217.7 at 2310 30/10/99 (216kHz silent); 740.0 at 1543 6/11/99 (perhaps Cambodia); 778.5 at 2230 2/11/99; 898.3 at 1540 6/11/99; 1080.7 at 1543 6/11/99; Arabic style audio just detected; 1449.5 at 1515 4/11/99; 1634.2 at 1631 3/11/99 (very strong audio with ID in unknown Asian language - maybe North Korea) Any ideas? [Steve Whitt-UK]

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here are a few flagship stations for the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) from www.cbahoops.com (via Bob Pietsch).

Connecticut Pride	1410	WPOP-CT
Fort Wayne Fury	1380	WHWD-IN
Idaho Stampede	670	KBOI-ID
Yakima Sun Kings (EE)	980	KJOX-WA
Yakima Sun Kings (SS)	1020	KYXE-WA

Here is one National Hockey League (NHL) network list.

Buffalo Sabres 1999/2000 Rick Jeanneret, Jim Lorentz (from www.sabres.com via e-mail from Gregory R. Coniglio)

600	WFRM-PA	
610	CKTB-ON	93.3 WQRV-NY
620	WHEN-NY	96.7 WFRM-PA
1330	WSPQ-NY	100.1 WBRR-PA
1360	WMNS-NY	104.1 WHTT-NY *

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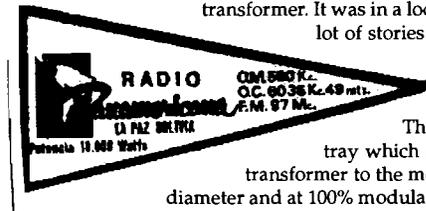
DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

Last week's column ended with the beginning of a discussion on the best and worst places to DX from - we continue on that theme here:

John Sampson: Interesting subject; the worst place to DX from. If I can get rid of all of the electrical interference, Sun City West isn't all that bad (in fact it was quite good and electrically quiet when we moved here three years ago). I think the worst place that I ever DXed from was in St. Paul, Minnesota, when I lived there for three months in 1960. We lived in an apartment about 3/4 mile from the WLOL (1330 kHz) transmitter and were in their main lobe. They splattered well on either side of 1330 and I could hear them weakly but continuously from about 1000 kHz past 1600 kHz (on a Hammarlund HQ129X, no less; those were the days before I had a loop antenna). Fortunately, we didn't live there very long; moved then to Hutchinson, Minnesota, which turned out to be one of the best places I've DXed from. Another marginal site was the second time around in New Providence, NJ in the mid 1970s; too close to the NYC and metro NJ locals who, by that time, had seemed to relax their antenna patterns. Would be interesting to hear from others regarding their best and worst DX locations, too.

Mark Durenberger <mrkdbrgr@state.net>: Hey John: small world! I worked at that WLOL site from 1970 to 1973. It used an RCA BTA-5 transmitter which was broad as a barn door. Not only did it want to occupy at least 20 kHz on either side of 1330, but it seemed to like to rebroadcast tape recorder oscillators in the nearby control room. It was a fine day when that thing went out the door, PCBs and

all. But it wasn't until the building was torn down that they were able to get at the plate transformer. It was in a locked vault and no one could find the key! There are a



lot of stories about that place but the best may be "Jerry and the Cat". My pal Jerry Miller had a cat that liked to wander

around out there and one day he went meandering where he probably shouldn't have gone.

The back of the transmitter had a U-shaped aluminum tray which protected a metal tubing lead from the modulation transformer to the modulation reactor. That tubing was about 3/8 inch in diameter and at 100% modulation had about 25 kV on it I recall. The tray protected

personnel in front, behind and beneath...but it was open to the top for some reason. Now that version of RCA transmitter was famous for its 3-try overload reset. It had the famous "3 strikes and you're out" cycle, and since overloads were usually singular occurrences, you'd get the transmitter back in most cases. It wasn't until the third hit in a row that it would drop for good until you manually reset it. Well, one night the transmitter did its 3 strikes...at the same moment came a terrible shriek, reminiscent of the scariest Halloween sounds you've ever heard. It turned out Jerry's cat had been wandering around in the transmitter room, and decided to take a walk through the tray with the tubing. I wasn't there, but I heard there was nothing left but some fur patches. My apologies to cat lovers for this true story. There are other stories about the place; you know how some work sites just seem to be colorful? WLOL not only had great call letters, but it was a place which spawned a terrific number of true stories.

Doug Smith: Hmm... best & worst places to DX from? On AM, I can't say any of the places I've DXed from (Milwaukee, Madison, Nashville, Pleasant View) were any better than any other. Nashville (as opposed to Pleasant View) is somewhat worse due to being within the groundwave coverage of some of the highly-directional stations like WNQM-1300, WNAH-1360, WNSG-1240, and WAMB-1160. In Pleasant View, WSM-650 and WLAC-1510 are the only night locals. I will say that on *FM* (and TV), Albuquerque, visited last winter, is the absolute *WORST* place I've ever tried to DX from on the road. The FM dial is actually more crowded than it is in Chicago... and TV is pretty close...

Russ Edmunds: Another interesting topic! By far the worst I ever experienced was from the NRC 1973 convention site in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ!! Really right in the shadows of all of the high-powered locals. As for the worst site where I actually DX'ed regularly from, I'd have to go with Glen Rock, NJ, for the same reason, just putting about 10 miles between. I lived and DX'ed there from 1/69 thru 8/69. Ugh!

Mark Marz <markmarz@hotmail.com>: These sites are terrible! I live in the shadow of WWKB/WKBW that comes in on home appliances and bad tooth fillings - no lie! - The best site I've been in was the year I spent in remote Northern Turkey in the early 70's. No radio or TV for 250 miles. Hungary

and Greece on AM 24 hrs!

Russ Edmunds: Reflecting on Mark's comments, supposedly, back when WLW-700 ran 500,000 watts, people heard it on their toasters, in their fillings, etc. The late, great Jean Shepard used to tell stories about people sticking a nail into a potato and hearing WLW....

Lee Reynolds <lreynolds@cyberportal.net>: Best location? Two of 'em -Ramsgate, a small town on the English coast opposite France - all kinds of things to hear there. Temple, NH - log cabin deep in the woods with no electrical interference whatsoever. All kinds of good catches on LF from there.

Paul W. Smith, W4KNX: Russ is correct, when I was a kid, we could hear the local station in the barbed wire that ran around the towers, when it was wet. <a natural crystal radio>

Pete Taylor: Cape Town was by far the best site from which I have ever DXed. It had one local - 729 kHz. I logged as far west as WHO and Scotland to the north, but for some reason, nothing east of Cairo came in. Of course it would have been the best anyway since absolutely nothing was a given. San Francisco was pretty bad simply due to the number of locals. I lived in the city from 1974-96. Not a lot of first adjacents came through. In the 60s however I lived out near the ocean. Conditions were quite good then because there were fewer 24 hour stations and the ones that existed didn't have state-of-the-art splatter-oriented signal processing. Brainerd, MN, which I visited this past summer, was quite good. During the day, stations were on virtually every channel. I didn't have a chance to check it out at night extensively but there appear to have been many opportunities. Tacoma isn't great. I am 1 mile from KKMO-1360, but it's pretty clean and I can DX on 1340 and 1380. It does limit loop orientation and leaks through under KGA, KNZR and the like so I have a button on it so I can compare what I am hearing "underneath" with it. KIRO, KRPM and KOMO are the only locals I can't hear anything through. The KIRO image on 830 is audible on every radio. CKKY cuts through once in awhile but I have never heard WCCO or the one in California. KRPM is absolutely the worst station I have ever heard for splatter. Even when there is a drop in audio (as in a local football game) it throws white noise on either side. I do not look forward to next year when KJR moves down to the KHHO XR site and beams about 100 kw in my direction. After that happens, I am sure Tacoma will evolve into my "worst" DX location. Miami, Durham and Chattanooga were fine, but I was growing up when I lived there and everything on the band was exciting. I'm sure conditions would be very different now (splatter, 24 hour stations, Latin Americans).

John Callarman <jcallarman@register-news.com>: I'm not certain I can name and best and worst place to DX, because each place I've tuned the dial has had advantages and disadvantages. The Willamette Valley of Oregon, where I started, had lots of good stuff to the East, including graveyards as far as Alabama, Tennessee and Chicago, Alaska on 1270, 2 kW. Aussie on 1540, etc., New Zealand on 650 on a four-tube Wards Airline table radio, KTOH QRM'ing KTOP on 1490, but that was 1950-56, when there were only a handful of all-nighters. The Panhandle of Texas was fun in the '60s, and I still have tapes of Japan and Jamaica together on 750, Australia QRM'ing Argentina on 950, and Algeria QRM'ing Colombia on 890. Ground conductivity was the highest in the nation, making Chicago clears at noon frequent visitors. Larry Godwin discovered summer DX from the Panhandle, when the eastern clears faded out and the Aussies, Zedders and South Americans took their place, even after local sunrise. I didn't have much time to DX from Boston, but did enjoy 20-over signals from Algeria on 890 at sunset from an apartment overlooking the Atlantic at Winthrop. By the time I got to Southern Illinois, there were few clear frequencies, but I was able to hear more regional Mexicans and Central Americans at night than I heard in Texas, primarily because there was little aurora in Texas and most of the regional stations were directional away from here, while there would be at least one or two with a major, dominant lobe into Texas. I'm surprised Pete Taylor didn't mention Honolulu and a Coast Guard ship plying the South Pacific. He was there in 1957, at the same time I was in Aschaffenburg, Germany, and ex-NRC'er Jack Hathaway was at the American Embassy in Tegucigalpa. Fred Van Voorhees had weekly reports from all three of us for International DX Digest. Oddly enough, both Jack and Pete had an impact on my life outside of direct NRC activities. Jack's last Air Force tour of duty was Amarillo AFB, and I introduced Jack to my father, Dena of Business at West Texas State, who set up a program whereby Jack got the last of his requirements for a master's degree. Pete was a Kaiser Broadcasting executive in 1966-67, putting on WFOG/WCAS and hired me to help with the news and information programming at the latter. That's how I came to be in Boston for three years and dumped the NRC on Gordon Nelson when my new bride didn't want the club in her house. But that, as we say in Texas, is a whole 'nother story.

Russ Edmunds: Funny how ultimately that happens! Eventually, one of the factors in Nelson relinquishing the club was his wife's urging, whence I took it, and, 3+ years later, after I was recently married, I had to move it on for that reason also. Maybe we should start another listserv for club history, hi.

KOLT-1320

KPOP
AM 1360

Paul W. Smith, W4KNX: What all of us are wondering is: Are you still married to the same women?? <grin>

John Callarman: In my case, yes ... and, while she still doesn't want a club in the house, our retirement home will have a dedicated radio/genealogy room, antenna space in the yard (though not for a beverage.) If I ever get back to AM DX'ing and do early morning stuff, it'll have to be Millarized ... setting tapes, probably.

Lee Reynolds:...of course, with all this "The wife made me do it!" stuff, I can't help but think of that famous Three Stooges short that had "The Women Haters' Club" in it..... I do recall, a few lifetimes ago, when my otiose, porcine then-wife had a snit over my radio hobbies and gave me an ultimatum over them. Basically, her or them. I just gave her a long stare..... Ah, life is good, the radios work well "and" my present partner also has her tech license.....

Russ Edmunds: "What all of us are wondering is: Are you still married to the same women?? <grin>" Yes in my case, also, but, my DX shack remains in the basement! Although, to be objective, there isn't any other place for it until # 1 son proves that he's staying gone this time and until # 2 son goes. Then there's an extra room upstairs - probably before then I'll have to wear my coat downstairs to DX in winter, hi.

Thomas Giella: Galveston County, TX. in the mid 1980's hands down. With ground conductivity of 30+ ms and a near seaside location I could here stations on daytime (sea)groundwave from the Yucatan Peninsula, Cuba and Florida, Oklahoma and Kansas. At night I had US west coast, central and east coast. I also had Central, South America, Pacific, Atlantic, Africa and European propagation. Boy did I hate leaving.

Wayne Heinen <Nrclog@aol.com>: "Yes in my case, also, but, my DX shack remains in the basement!" 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

Paul Swearingen: I had the privilege of visiting the transmitter site of WLS-890 several years ago. Everywhere I went in the masonry transmitter building, and even outside, I could hear the station. Finally, I made some inane comment about all the speakers scattered around the transmitter building ... as, where were they? "We have none. That's RF you're hearing." And indeed it was ... from everything around, including probably my fillings and belt buckle. Scary.

Pete Taylor: Leave it to John Callarman to remind me about my DXing on a Coast Guard ship in the Pacific. Thanks, John! I was on the CGC Winnebago out of Honolulu. We traveled back and forth to Yokosuka, spending three weeks at a time on Ocean Station "Victor" (164E 34N as I recall - although it could have been 164W). We had a bunch of RBOs, one of which was in the auxiliary radio room. We transmitted a CW ID every 15-20 min. but the antenna for the beacon XR was far enough removed to not cause any problems on the BCB. That was good until the 3rd patrol, by which time they had moved the beacon XR back to the aux. radio room; its antenna was either very close to the RBO antenna - or was the same. That took care of DXing while we were on Victor. I still got some DX in on either side of

our three week stay. And yeah, DXing was pretty good. However, it was a little overwhelming - so many languages, so many splits, so many stations not listed in WRTH - you had to ferret out IDs on every frequency. I hadn't had any reason to try to memorize BCB outlets throughout Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the entire Pacific. So it was fun, but there's a certain comfort in knowing the band. However, the band kept changing since we kept moving between Honolulu and Yokosuka. And yes, I did sent reports out, but it almost got me in trouble. It seems the CG couldn't understand why Ensign Taylor, its top secret-cleared communications officer aboard the Winnebago was sending letters and tapes to North Korea and Mainland China. They were very interested in seeing the responses. The inquiring officer was the former XO of sister ship Chautauqua (my Honolulu roommate was aboard it) so the inquiry went smoothly. Another place I left out was Hong Kong. We stayed with a distant relative on The Peak. There weren't too many locals. The band was always alive with mystery Chinese stations (I was using an ICF 6700, no loop). Sydney and Rio would have been great but I only had a Nordmende Condor. I can't remember what I had in Honolulu (HQ 180?) but it wasn't a good location. When we took our Royal Viking trip, we flew to Lima and took the ship back up to Miami through the Panama Canal. I was on a LW beacon kick at the time but did a little AM DXing in Cuzco and off of Cancun. If I spoke Spanish, I am sure I would have gotten into the AM band a little more. I think the bottom line is: you go to foreign places, you hear a lot of foreign stations. You become sort of immune. I did try to target countries from Cape Town, particularly Sao Tome and Ascension Is. However, I have to say that getting a blowout level 1/2 hour tape of R.Esmeralda-1620 in Argentina from here in Tacoma was about as kicky an experience as I have had as a DXer - simply because of the distance and because I know it won't happen again. I thought it had to be a new Mexican X-bander! Several of you have mentioned wives (tolerant and otherwise). I didn't get married until 1978. Kristine knew what she was getting (I used to pre-ID stations for her

going back and forth to skiing at Tahoe from SF). I'm sure it was this sheer brilliance which evoked a "yes" response when I tore myself away from the earphones long enough to ask the proverbial question. So on the first night of our honeymoon in New Zealand, she wasn't particularly surprised when I took the ICF 2001 outside to DX at 10PM. After all, this was the night of the worldwide frequency change and I couldn't miss out on that! And finally, it was good to hear from John Callarman again. There has been some E-mail activity relating to stations and their service (or lack of it) to their community. John really did a super job when we put WCAS on the air (Watertown - Cambridge - Arlington - Somerville, with a silent B for Belmont). WJIB was a given (we had checked WEZE out pretty well - bad commercials, bad music, cue tones on the air between 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!

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 WEVD 1050, and WOR, WINS, WLIB, WJWR, WADO, WBBR, WWRL, and WKDM's towers are all within sight. Plus WABC and WZRC are close too. AM DX hell.

Wayne Heinen: "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! Sitkinak Island AK (USCG LORAN STATION), 100KW at 100 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 it on their toasters, 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... Aiea, 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 trashed by being in a regular electromagnetic storm with all the military comms going on. The stuff was interesting, but it really was almost impossible to DX. Mesa is the electrical noise capital of the earth. Add to that the fact that there is ZERO soil conductivity, which is the problem with Kayenta, Arizona. DX comes to die in Arizona.

Thomas Giella: 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 54 degrees. I use a 2 foot box loop and a 256 foot L antenna up 64 feet. The fly in the ointment follows. 760 kc 10kw 4.71 miles to west, I'm in their null though. 910 kc 5kw 2.39 miles to sw, I'm in their main lobe. 1010kc 50kw 3.66 miles to west, I'm in their main lobe. The Yaesu FT-840 handles them well, except the 910 station causes intermod and is 60kc wide. The Sangean AT-818 with the Palomar Engineers preselector handles all well.

Thomas Giella: "Mesa is the electrical noise capital of the earth. Add to that the fact that there is ZERO soil conductivity, which is the problem with Kayenta, Arizona. DX comes to die in Arizona." Do you have room for a EWE or beverage antenna? They work real well over poorly conducting soil. So does an outboard DSP like the Timewave DSP-9+ and the MFJ-1026.

Patrick Martin: I done well living on the Oregon coast about a mile from the Pacific Ocean for years. The powerline noise has been rough at times, but the conditions here are fantastic for TP DX. I would doubt very much if I would have logged Nepal, India, and Bangladesh anywhere else on the West coast. Years ago I DXed in Seward, AK and found conditions there also very good, but I think the Ocean coast is better for over all DX. However, hearing TAs over the pole in the Winter was very easy. There was a DXer in Palmer, AK at the time (in the 60s) that logged all of Europe and about half of the Africans on MW, plus the ME and more.

Ragnar Danneskjold: "Do you have room for a EWE or beverage antenna? They work real well over poorly conducting soil." Nope. I do go out in the desert and run long wires though. The ground is too dry to get a working ground good enough for a beverage. Sometimes I am close enough to the Rio Salado to stick a rod in the river or river bed if there is no water in it to get a good ground, but mostly it is just running wires. "So does an outboard DSP like the Timewave DSP-9+ and the MFJ-1026." Probably won't work if the signal doesn't make it. If you have never DXed in the desert, you will find a real challenge here. It can be done, but it takes a LOT of effort. I have DXed from Florida near Jax in the past and you have to deal with lightning static. It makes it kind of tough there as well.

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Charles C Boehnke <kale@juno.com>: Until you've been to Mexico City you don't know what a bad DX site is. The 30 kHz spacing doesn't help either. It is so bad that with an ordinary radio you can't even hear all the stations in Mexico City itself!

John Callarman: Pete Taylor, for those who aren't aware, was one of the pioneers of a radio format I miss ... beautiful music ... He and Marlin Taylor, no relation, had successfully molded the format at KFOG in San Francisco, and Kaiser Broadcasting determined they could do the same thing in Boston. They did. I recall our noodling over the calls for the two stations ... I wanted WBAN "We're Ban in Boston" but cooler heads prevailed. There was some discussion of WPOO, "Winnie, the Pooh," but the A.A. Milne Estate either wanted a gigantic percentage or wouldn't allow it, I forget which. WJIB, with the sound of the buoy, worked. For several months, we were stalled on getting WJIB and WCAS on the air. Kaiser (and 10-percent Boston Globe) had bought WXHR AM, FM and TV from Harvey Radio, and for those several months, before the WJIB studios on the waterfront in Boston and the WCAS move in to Central Square, Cambridge, we retained the WXHR calls. We did a DX test from "Wixerland Radio" on 740, and I'm sorry I didn't save Kermit Geary's reception report. It was a great piece of satire! Marvelous wit! For WCAS ("Watertown, Cambridge, Arlington, Somerville, sorry about that, Belmont"), we carved out a suburban market of about 250,000 population and gave it intensified local coverage. We used minimum wage collegians, mostly from Boston University, at first, and it made me proud to hear one of them, Bob Cudmore, our first Somerville correspondent, for many years on WGY's night talk show and to see another, Ben Farnsworth, our man in Arlington, on WCBS-TV. Another, Bill O'Niell, gathered a lot of material that, in combination with Tony Cennamo's talk show, completely overturned rotten politics in Somerville. I know, from the political impact our news coverage had, that we were a major factor in our market, but we never took a survey that isolated the five towns. We were an artistic success but a financial failure. After I'd moved to Mt. Vernon, Illinois, it was a thrill to get a phone call from O'Niell reporting that the Middlesex County Grand Jury had just turned in 127 indictments against 27 Somerville politicians and contractors based upon material O'Niell collected as a WCAS reporter and then, when WCAS folded, used as part of the Boston Globe's investigative reporting team in a special series. It was even more fun to learn later that the series based on O'Niell's work won a Pulitzer for the Globe. Cennamo, incidentally, is the only real person I know who showed up in a best-selling mystery novel, under his own name. Robert Parker's macho detective, Spenser, had Tony Cennamo's jazz show on WBUR-FM on his car radio as he transitioned from one scene to another in one of the Spenser yarns. Only that one mention, though. Tony was neither killed nor the killer. A lot of the luster has worn off both broadcasting and DX'ing, for me, that 1) no one today would even try the format we used for a 250-watt suburban daytimer, 2) there's very little personality radio anymore except for the FM shock jocks, the Howard Stern wannabes, whose sense of humor was established in when they were in the fifth grade and never progress, and 3) that the music that started changing when I held my first DJ job in 1955 eventually drove me into news. Hey, remember 13-Q? WPTQ, 1310, Pittsburgh, was the first station to use that kind of non-ID, and you remember why? It's consulting firm told it the young audience it sought didn't have sufficient attention span to remember all four call letters when it came time to tell the surveyor what station they were listening to. I never could figure out how an advertising agency could believe that a listener with that kind of attention span could remember the commercials. (I hope I've remembered the call letters correctly!) Well, now that I've established my foggy-hood ... oh, one other thing. I do appreciate the full-circle irony that 740-Cambridge continues its NRC relationship. My tenure at WCAS was the most satisfying thing I've ever done in 48 years in the communications media.

Robert Foxworth <rfoxwor1@tampabay.rr.com>: "However, hearing TAs over the pole in the Winter was very easy. There was a DXer in Palmer, AK at the time (in the 60s) that logged all of Europe and about half of the Africans on MW, plus the ME and more." Who remembers Leo Fox at the United Keno Hill Mine (I think it was this) at Elsa, YT in the 1970's, a regular reporter to DX News, he heard virtually the entire globe, at some time of day/year, fascinating musings, much over the pole stuff for him, also.

Fred Vobbe <fredv@nrccdxas.org>: "I live in the shadow of WWKB/WKBW that comes in on home appliances and bad tooth fillings - no lie!" The funniest case of this I have ever experienced was a lady in the apartment complex next to WTOD-1560 on Arlington RD. When she put the bread in the toaster and punched it down, she could hear C&W music coming out of the toaster! 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!

Fred Vobbe: Best place was a 1/4 mile beverage on a farm in Almont MI. Even with Detroit 40

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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 1kw 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 all 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 toasters, since I'm in that business also, I have had many toasters brought into my business claiming they can hear morse code in them when making toast. (There used to be a high power coastal navigation low frequency station on 310 khz here at one time.) What causes it, mostly in Sunbeam self lowering toasters is the nichrome wire connection to the terminals. When hot, this causes a high resistance connection, while under heat, the a poor connection can sometimes cause rectification, thereby creating a crude crystal radio. So let's all get out our toasters and enjoy some DX!!!<grin> Paul Smith, rig: Sunbeam self lowering two slice toaster.



And a couple more comments on WADO's antenna:

Paul R Mount <paulmount@attmail.com>: "Only the small directional mast remains." If its the only one I guess that makes it non-directional now?

David Braun <dcbraun@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 Vobbe: "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>

Ragnar Danneskjold: 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 before Sunrise, if maybe they're also just keeping on day power late - but it goes back to before the time change, so that's not the cause. WADV-940 and WYLF-850 are two which fit that description....I'll have to check later in the evening to see just how late they keep the day or CH power/patterns going.

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

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Income Statement		Expense Statement		Statement of Income	
			Printing	(Loss or Gain)	
Member Dues	15491.00				
AM Log	8316.90	Bulletin	11858.59	Income all sources	33936.36
Antenna Manuals	815.38	AM Log	5386.15	Bulletin/Publication Costs	
Pattern Book	1104.80	New Member Book	553.49	Beginning Inventory	5115.34
New Member Book	170.00	Antenna Book	426.97	Printing	20715.17
Samples	24.30	Reprints	2169.02	Postage	10562.99
Beverage Manual	245.10	Administrative	319.95	Less Ending Inventory	-7311.87
Loop Manual	974.25		20715.17	Net Costs	29081.63
Audio Service	2214.00	Postage		Profit	4854.73
Convention	1686.46	Bulletin	8291.59	Admin. Expense	-5937.70
Reprints	1855.47	Sales	1778.64	Net Loss:	\$1082.97
FM Atlas	22.95	Administrative	429.76		
Map Book	984.75		10562.99	Balance Sheet	
Miscellaneous	14.00	Administrative		Assets	
Receiver Manual	17.00	Telephone	209.74	Inventory	7311.87
Total Income:	\$33936.36	Info Purchase	220.00	Cash	15479.31
		Supplies	2033.52		
		Miscellaneous	2209.64	Liabilities	
		Convention	1264.80	Deferred Dues	-8150.65
			5937.70		
		Total Expense:	\$37215.86	Net Worth:	\$7328.66

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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 Halicrafters S120. I entered the USAF and was assigned to the USAFSS; my task was listening to the radio! While stationed in AK, I joined SPEEDX, no longer an organization. I left my Halicrafters in Virginia and bought a Lafayette HA800 receiver. After ending 4 years of service, I moved back to VA. I received my wall-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 of registration?). My radio interests are shortwave listening, utility signal monitoring, and just recently, medium wave 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-DWS)

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Greetings to everyone. I have been reading all the comments in TARGET DX regarding the CCR CC Radio and the GE Superadio III, etc. The CCRadio and the SR III and others are simply "no match" to a properly aligned Superadio II. In fact, the SR II can be realigned at the top end to receive well above 1710khz. For TA & TP DXers, the IF is just too wide in the Superadio. So, for this discussion, I'll only be considering those of us that DX the "10khz wide" North American channels. Everyone wants a good radio, why not an "inductor tuned" car radio (from the local junk yard)? Hook up a 12 Vold DC power supply (like Radio Shacks #22-502 at \$29.99 or build your own) to an old Delco or other brand car radio. Radio Shack still has what looks like an inductor tuned car radio for \$49.99 (#12-2001). The 12-2001 probably has those orange-colored plastic case ceramic 455 khz IF filters in it too. But be careful, the older car radios used an IF that ran at 260khz or so, not 455khz. You could probably replace the IF Filters with ones using a narrower bandwidth than what Radio Shack has supplied. However, I suspect the bandwidth is narrow enough for most DXing antennas, a short wire may be all you need. Or you could hook up a length of coax cable for car radios to a turn or two around a small 2 foot tuned AM box loop. Or, I'll bet a car radio would really "smoke" with a Quantum Loop! A car radio and 12 volt DC power supply can be mounted neatly inside a small stereo speaker cabinet for a really nice table radio that will rival your old Philco Model 60. How about it tinkerers? I'll bet my "home built" DX Radio cost a LOT less than your CCRadio did! 73 & Good DX!

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Jeff's MUSE brings back a good one for me. The first 500 or so stations I heard and verified were when I was using a car radio, I believe from a Hudson, late 40's vintage (this was in the mid '60's). It worked well, running from an old model train transformer for a while, then a constructed power supply (that had more DC filtering than one would ever know existed!). The audio from this receiver was outstanding, using a push-pull 6V6 amp system, and I think about 10 tubes total! It could easily separate WMCA-570 from WFIL-560 (and at that time I was living near Chester, PA), using just inductive coupling to a 4 foot loop (which was outside the house). As the receiver aged, the capacitors failed and were no longer available, plus I was able to save up for my first Hammerlund HQ180 (which I think STILL exists in the hands of WES BOYD) that was pressed into service. Jeff is right; if you want to experiment with a good receiver, a car radio can be a lot of fun on both AM and FM!

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