WILM-1450 Wilmington, DE will conduct a DX test from Midnight-2 am Sunday, February 4 (not MONDAY morning, but SUNDAY morning) with Morse Code, sirens, and “Unusual Programming”. Information should be sent to Allan Loudell, Program Manager - WILM News Radio - 1213 French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801. Return postage is preferred. Allan is preparing a special 25th Anniversary yellow QSL card. DON’T CALL COLLECT: 302-656-9800. This test was coordinated by Blaine Thompson for the National Radio Club’s CPC.

Canadian Election DX’ing ... Shawn Axelrod sends this reminder: “There will be a federal election in Canada on Monday, November 27. This will mean all sorts of programming changes and much more local broadcasts as stations give listeners the results. As Canadian law forbids broadcasts of election results to be announced before the polls close in a time zone, the broadcasts will not start in each time zone until the polls close at 8:00 PM local time. There are to be blackouts in each zone until the polls close. This may make for a good night of DX’ing to try and log Canadian stations.”

DX’ing Software for PC’s ... Bob Raymond, NEII, of DXtreme Receptor Log 2000. It runs on Pentium®-class PCs (Pentium II-class PCs recommended) running Microsoft Windows 95B, 98, NT4, or Me and retails for $89.95 USD including shipping in North America. For more detailed information, go to <<http://www.dxtreme.com>>.

Denver classical radio, again ... From Glenn Hauser: “KVOD Listeners Forum has just come Morse Code, sirens, and... Unusual Programming” back, but starting over without all the archives. <<http://www.kvod.com/listeners/forum.htm>>.”

DX Change ... Bill Albinas, 770-489-0404, 7548 Hulside - Douglassville, GA 30134 is offering his old DXN’s for the price of shipping, including DXN’s from ’65-’72, although not all years are complete.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 25, 1950 DXN: Among the members who reported logging the DX broadcast from CB106, Santiago, Chile, on Nov. 13 were Al Bartholomew, Addison, NY; Stan Morris, Bradford, MA; Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY; Derek Wharton, Chicago, IL; Joe Eto, Brooklyn, NY; Hal Wagner North Gerad, PA; Pat Reiley, Jamestown, NY; Carroll Seth, Erie, PA; and Fred van Voorhees, Camp Hill, PA.

25 years ago ... from the November 24, 1975 DXN: John Callarman, Mt. Vernon, IL, reported that most of his spare time was spent in preparing Log information on 3x5 index cards.

10 years ago ... from the November 19, 1990 DXN: KJLA-1190 Kansas City was selling memberships for $25-250 to return the station on the air.
CALL LETTER CHANGES

1330 WASA MD Havre de Grace
1050
1330 WRCA MA Waltham:
1190 WJES

OTHERNESS
1120 KLIM

1380 KMUL TX Muleshoe:
1470 WFJY PA Portage: to 660 kHz

1520 WDMN OH Toledo:

1530 WVFY PA McConnellsburg: amendment application to show city of license as King of Prussia, PA

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS
None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

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1050
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1910 KIKA CA Ontario KMXN

Jerry Starr
wjsjr@yahoo.com
e/c WHOT Radio
4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

AM Switch

WKNR 620 AM

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1350  KABQ  NM  Albuquerque - 11/14  2034  - Noted lately with new slogan, La Nuestra Mariachi.
Ex: La Super Q.  (JW-CO)

1380  KHEY  TX  El Paso - 11/10  0806  - Apparently a change in the ongoing Clear Channel
move of sports stations from lower frequencies to higher ones. Announced a
contest and then ID KHEY 1380. A couple of days ago this was KTSM. I
would look for KTSM at 690.  (KR-AZ)

1350  UNID  ??  - 11/13  2027  - Over/under KSRO, with SS. La Bonita mentioned. Who
could this be?  (RT-CA)

1610  WFFY737  CA  Benicia - 10/25  0935  - Address for this station is: Capt Fiori, Benicia Fire
Dept., 205 E. L Street, Benicia, CA 94510.  (GJ-CA)

1680  TIS  CA  North Star Ski Resort - 11/12  0313+  - Board well while driving over the
Benicia Bridge and past the marshlands on I-680. Only muddy audio in Davis
so won't count from there. A lot of the usual X-banders I hear driving past
the marshes were not there (Watt Ave. TIS instead of 1670 WRNC, no 1700
KQXX/KTBK, weak 1690 Disney), interesting.  (JW-CO)

1690  KCWY  TX  Amarillo - 11/14  2047  - Over/under KCOM, with SS. La Bonita
mentioned. Who could this be?  (RT-CA)

2200  CJOAC  AB  Lethbridge - 11/12  0017  - Good for a few minutes, in the null of local
KLZD. ID: 106.7 FM, CKYX, Rock 106. Thanks to Shawn Axelrod for help verifying
the FM call letters.  (PG-CO)

KEVA Evanston, then ABC News. In briefly, over QRM. This was my last
unheard Wyoming station; have now logged all active stations in Wyoming,
the only state for which I can make such a claim. Wyoming 936! (JJW-CA)

1260  KLVC  OR  McMinnville - 11/14  0015  - You're just What I Needed oldie song, then weather
report and . . . 45 degrees at KLYC, into On The Boardwalk. On top of channel,
in KOIT new. New from Davis.  (RT-CA)

1270  KXPS  CA  Thousand Palms - 11/13  2042  - On top of channel, with sports talk. Then ID:
1270, and 1-on-1 sportscaster. Gave two more
ID's in the next few minutes. Needed here.  (RT-CA)

1280  KKOM  CA  Arroyo Grande - 11/8  0935  - KKOM call ID, into (CBS) election news at
0900. (AB-CA)

1310  KNOX  ND  Grand Forks - 11/4  2054 - Fair, mostly on top of frequency, with
Timberwolves vs Washingtons NBA basketball. 2507 local ID Talk Radio 1310
KNOX in Grand Forks, North Dakota. New log for me. (RS-MO)

1310  KNOX  ND  Grand Forks - 11/3  0944-0948 - Ad, 9:00 hour preview and weather. Good
signal at tune, in followed by slow fade. A call to report reception got the
answer that KNOX will only verify when a reception tape is submitted for
review. This was done. Are we getting picky, or what?  (BM-SD)

1340  KGFW  NE  Kearney - 11/10  0900  - With KGFW call ID. Miles.  (AB-CA)  [1179, for a
new crop - Ed.]

1380  KAGE  MN  Winona - 11/16  0927-0928 - List of weather related closings in Winona area.
Rarely heard at this QTH, but unneeded.  (BM-SD)

1440  WDOM  MI  Dowagiac - 11/12  0701  - Poor, with two local ads, and here in Waukon. No
WVEL, WRWA. Not common.  (JJW-WI)

1440  KPUR  TX  Amarillo - 11/13  1825-1828 - Local promo for Rattler coverage on The Score
DDX-East

Wow...it doesn’t seem like three months since I edited my last edition of DDX-East! My wife and I have settled into our new digs in Palm Harbor, Florida, and the cable Internet connection seems pretty fast, so I guess I’m all set. Many thanks to Paul for all the extra hours he devoted to DDX-East while I was in the process of moving! Thanks, too, for your patience if you sent logs and didn’t see them show up right away due to mail forwarding.

I know there has been some discussion about what needs to be included when submitting loggings, so I’ll just add my position: When you send something like “Heard Rush Limbaugh: ID, ID into news,” just what ID did you hear? Is all you said the ID, tell us what it said? What were the calls and city of license? Was the ID recorded? Male or female voice? I personally believe that simply saying “ID” without other clues is not enough for a solid logging. “Clint Beck Show; ID by male “970 WLNA, St. Petersburg” tells us that you really DID hear an ID. This additionally serves NRC members by giving us a reference point when we attempt to catch the same station. But is a legal ID absolutely necessary?

I refer back to something I said in an earlier DDX-East (6725): “In my opinion, loggins don’t need a solid, FCC-legal ID with call letters followed by community of license. For example, if you log a station that gives a frequency, and in a few spots or PSA’s, you hear a number of references to a specific town—and the station’s programming is consistent with what we already know—that’s good enough for me. But if all you have is “C&W music heard” where there’s a known C&W station, keep digging! Maybe it means that you need to listen longer for the station to ID itself or for the C&W station to give you a few more clues. Listening after all, is what the hobby is all about.”

One last reminder that my deadline for submissions is the Tuesday before the deadline! Paul sets for each issue. Now, on with the show!

STATION NEWS

560 WLLZ MI Monroe-Detroit – Has been operating in AM stereo lately during daytime hours. Are they testing for a switch from talk/programming to music format like some Crawford Broadcasting stations in other markets? They are trying to buy 99.9 WDTW-FM. Can they switch brokered programming to a non-commercial FM? Detroit lost its long-time classical WQRS-FM, maybe they will put classical on AM like they were going to do in Denver. (JN-MI)

1200 CJUL ON OCNWALL – 11/13/55 – Testing with CJUL callsign and message “This is a test for the Jewel, Memories 1200 AM”. Played clips of nostalgia records, with the selections ranging from “Doggee in the Window” to “Hound Dog” and “Mack the Knife.” Asked for phone calls if any unusual interference was observed. (AR-ON)


1590 WHLX MI Marine City – 11/10 1600 – With oldies // WHLS-1450, ID at top as hour of “Oldies 1450 and Oldies 1590, WHLS 1450 and WHLX 1590”, into AP News. Appears to be NSP now. Ex WHY? with C&W. (JE-ON)

WSMB TalkRadio 1350 am

UNID, UNID HELP & PRESUMED

550 WIOZ NC Pincessburg – 11/7 1740-1745 – Andy Williams song; “The music of your life”; nostalgic music. (WM-MD)

620 WDCNP NC Durham – 11/7 1715 “Newsday” program; discussion of ACC sports; mention of North Carolina. (WM-MD)

(730) UNID ? from DXN #4: There are three possibilities: WVMP, WQHS, WJUL; all three have been heard from (SK-PA)

(910) UNID ? from DXN #4: The only Braves station on 910 is WCJW; also heard by (SK-PA)

960 UNID ? from DXN #4: TBS as previously reported by (SK-PA)

1110 UNID ? from DXN #4: Religious programming under WBT. (WM-MD)

1230 UNID ? from DXN #4: Either WCMC or WBPZ (SK-PA)

1290 UNID ? from DXN #4: Rod Stewart song. (WM-MD)

1340 WLEWMO Bad Axe – 11/10 1815-1838 – Mainly C&W but threw in one Gospel and one oldie. “At home or at work...AM 1340 WLEW?”; Ad block at 1837 including one for Bad Axe?; Poor (HF-MD)
9

1100  WCGA  GA  Woodbine – 11/10 1805 – Heard at sign-off with “WCGA must leave the air now.” With mention of power of 10,000 Watts. No SSB heard. Great signal; new station for me. (RFC-IN)

1170  WWLE  NY  Cornwall-on-Hudson – 11/5 1600 – Fair with WWVA with ID and CNN News. (JF-ON)

1170  KYOO  OK  Oklahoma – 10/13 1837 – Strong, country music with Porter Wagoner’s “Carroll County Accident”; ID by live male DJ with KYOO call letters, followed by a Tom T. Hall song, then an ad, and disappeared with pattern change. (SC-IN)

1190  WBIS  MD  Annapolis – 11/5 1623 – Caught “Business Radio 1190, WBIS under WOWO. Ex-WNN for me. (JF-ON)


1240  WIAN  MI  Ishpeming – 10/24 1823 – Fair with sports / WDMJ-1320. New. (JF-ON)

1250  KCNZ  IA  Cedar Falls – 11/4 1800 – Weak with legal ID under WGL. New. (JF-ON)

+  WGHB  NC  Greensboro – 11/7 1730 – Religious music “Your 1 radio station”; ID. (WM-MD)

+  WMCN  TN  Columbia – 11/14 1713-1744 – Good on west wire with local stock market quotations, ABC News, and news from Tennessee Radio Network. Real pipeline to TN this evening; WENR, WGOW, WAMB, WCLE, etc. all good. New. (JF-ON)

1300  WNEA  GA  Greenville – 10/23 1858 – “WNEA, your station...” in mix. No WJFK to be found. (SK-PA)

+  WCKI  SC  Greer - 11/7 1630 - PSA from National Guard, canned ID: “Keep your radio right where it is on AM stereo 1300 WCKI” Shot up. Lots of turnover. Wish I had more time to sit here. (SK-PA)

+  WAVZ  CT  New Haven – 11/12 2115-2125 – Good with NOS music and IDs “the most music, WAVZ AM 1300” and “Keep all the original hits coming, WAVZ AM 1300.” Strong peaks, some mixing with quasi-local WAGM, Flemington, NJ. (MB-NJ)

1310  WFRX  IL  West Frankfort – 10/27 1933 – Good with KGLC/WOOD with NOS music. IDs. No sign of WERE; new west wire really works! New. (JF-ON)

1330  WJUS  AL  Marion – 10/13 1857 – “WJUS, your home for (hot)” shot up in mix. (SK-PA)

1330  WZCT  AL  Huntsboro – 11/15 1852-1900 – On top at times with GOS music and contest giving addresses as in new NRB Log. Uses “AM 1330 Southern Gospel” slogan. New. (JF-ON)

1340  WTRC  IN  Elkhart – 10/18 1854 – Briefly stop with promo for Hoopers - Gophers game. New. (JF-ON)

WJOL  IL  Joliet – 10/21 0000 – Over mess with ID and ABC News followed by “WJOL Community Calendar”. New. (JF-ON)

WFNX  IN  Muncie – 10/22 1905 – On top with weather for Muncie; mentioned all sports format. New. (JF-ON)

1420  WCED  PA  Dubois – 11/6 1720 - Oldies music; “Classic 1420”; ID. (WM-MD)

1470  WLMC  SC  Georgetown – 11/12 2221-2238 – Poor with nullled WKAP, Allenton with GOS music and another female announcing calling letters and the “Joy in the Morning” program. Log notes 147 watts at night, huh?? (MB-NJ)

1480  WLEA  NY  Hornell – 11/6 1533 - “WLEA radar weather brought to you by Foose Line Equipment” Fuzzy and somewhat fadey with local WSL, off air. Where are you WKNY? or WNBBX? (SK-PA)

1490  WLPA  PA  Lancaster – 11/7 1005 - End of CNN news; Sportsradio 1490 Community Calendar; jingle: “...on 1490 WLPA.” Then One-on-One Sports. Mixing with WAZL. No 1480 slop thanks to silent WSL. (SK-PA)

1520  KOYS  IA  Lafayette 10/27 1825-1900 - Presumed with Radio Disney. Under WWVB when NOS station fades. Everything smoothed by KB after 1900. (SK-PA)

+  WQCT  OH  Bryan – 10/27 1825-1900 - JRN NO$ under WWKB. Tentative since we don’t know what WGAM has - but they should already be on the FM. (MB-NJ)

1540  KGBX  TX  Galveston – 11/12 1850-1906 – Fair mostly over CHIN with promo for Galveson County United Way and promo for “Bag the Boss” program weekday mornings on “The New 1540, KGBC” into ABC News. Only heard here during auroral conditions. (JF-ON)

must have left the lights on. News. (MB-IN) – 11/8 1915 – Song heard “Green Onions” followed by several “Jammie” 1500 WLOR ID’s. Mention of 6th annual Black American Family conference – in Huntsville. Followed by another slogan “Keep a lock on it right here on Jammie” 1500 WLOR.” Also mentioned they were the home of the Alabama Bulldogs. Very impressive signal first time heard (RFC-IN).

1570 WIL0 IN 11/11 2200 – Poor with ID, NOS music in mess. News. (RF-ON) WSSA GA Morrow – 11/9 1720-1735 – “AM 1570 WSSA”; Gospel program; may have been seen with radioaud. Mixing with WVVCK+; Poor; News GA #20. (HF-MI)

1590 WPVL WI Plateville – 10/15 2200 – Poor with oldies and ID as “WPVL, The Voice of Grant County”. Ex-WSSW for me. (JF-ON)

1600 WBLY OH Springfield – 11/3 2143 – South vs. Beechcroft football. “You’re listening to play-by-play action on 1600, WBLY” (SK-PA).

1630 KLEB LA Golden Meadow – 11/10 2245 – Poor but readable with “Rajun Cajun” ID, calls, then Cajun music. News. (MB-IN)

1650 WRDW GA Augusta – 11/9 2358 – Sports talk show, at 0000, “This is the Georgia Tech...Sports Network”. More talk about Georgia Tech and other teams, then at 0031, “...Sports 16-30 would like to congratulate this week’s Buffalo...High School Player of the Week...”; later, “Newstalk Sports 16-30 WRDW”. No mention of assigned call WAWX. KJII nailed. First new X-band logging for this season. (RFC-VA)

1660 WKDW GA Augusta – 10/7 0222 – Strong over KCJ with ID “News, talk, sports, 1630 WRDW”. New station on the air. (JF-ON) (So which one is it? RDW or KDW? Anyone else weighing in on this? [MS])

1660 KQWB ND West Fargo – 10/11 2055 – Fair over/under WQSN with NOS music. News. (JF-ON) – 10/23 0227 – WWI/NOS Canned ID: “Bringing you great music whenever you are. We’re still (censored!)” 1660.” #2 Alternating with WMB/WQSN/ WWR/WMIB has not changed calls and still has ABC NOS. Again on 10-26 at 1937 on top (Amazing!) – but fuzzy. “We’re doing the move and we thank you for making the trip. The stars are 1660.” (SK-PA)

WMIB FL Marco Island – 11/14 2235 – ID between commercials, then into song by Elvis, “Suspicious Eyes”. ID mixing with a sports talker Signal was poor to fair. This day in history spot about Apollo 12 New! (BK-PA)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

550 UNID NY Brooklyn – 11/10 2334-2344 – Continuous loop with male announcer (complete with accent!) “Highway Advisory Radio for the borough of Brooklyn.” Road construction update with times and days of the week noted; Geovance Expressway and Outerbridge Crossing noted. Poor under nullled WGR, couldn’t catch the calls. (MB-NJ)

1610 WNH7C87 MI St Ignace – 11/11 2145 – Poor with Mackinac Bridge info. New. (JF-ON)

ADDRESSES, FORMATS, STEREO

1380 WTMC DE Wilmington – 1423 Dumfries Parkway - New Castle, DE 19720, 320-760-2080 (Address in Log is for the Delaware Dept. of Transportation). (SK-PA)

1430 WLGT FL Panama City - 3100 E. 15th St. or P.O. Box 15365 - Panama City, FL 32408. (SK-PA)

1570 CKMW MB Winkler – PO. Box address no good; will retry using street address. (JF-ON)

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PFC-VA Perry Crabill
JF-ON Jeff Falconer
BK-PA Bob Klinger
SK-PA Steven Kennedy
WM-MD William McGuire
JN-MI Jim Nahrausk

TERRE HAUTE, IN – Drake R8, Kiwa loop, 80-foot random wire


TERRE HAUTE – Oldsmobile car radio.

McCordville – 1989 Chrysler LeBaron radio (stock).

Wichita – Frequency since 1996 are 88, Kiwa loop

Clinton – Drake R88, pair of 135’ noise reduced/terminated wires (one pointed east and one pointed west), modified MFJ-1026 phasing TimeWave DSP-399x audio filter

New Cumberland – Sangean AT5055 and Radio Shack loop antenna.

CALIFORNIA – Drake R8A and Kiwa loop.

Coal Township, PA - Supradio III

Cheverly, MD - DX-398

Warren – Chrysler Corp. car radio; Sony 1CF-6500W.
Take a look at our Trans-Pacific DX section and you will see that Bruce Conti has a report from New Hampshire! An east coast TP report for 738 may become even more difficult, because tonight (NOV 16) I am hearing a huge open carrier on 740 kHz, probably the new Torremo station testing. To put this in perspective, John Bryant’s TP report from Washington is amazing by itself!

A rare week, when I dominate the TA section! If only 1 could hear some MW TA’s. It is very interesting to observe at least one LW TA every day.

Please, please, please, use the exact format used below. Those submitting items with a scrambled format risk having their material held for an additional week! I often do the column at the last minute, and I cannot afford to take the time to massage your material into shape!

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

180 UNID, NOV 16 0033 - weak talk in a mess of hets, possibly a mixing product. [Renfrew-NY]
198 UNITED KINDOM: BBC synchro, NOV 11 0100 - Five plus one pipes, BBC World Service news, followed by World Showcase Hour and Meridian Masterpiece, / 5975 kHz. [Renfrew-NY]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

530 TURK'S & CAICOS IS: Radio Vision Christiana International, NOV 7 2356-2403: - EZL SS vocals; RVC ID & US election spot @2356, "Atencion los Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico"—informational as mentioned earlier; RVC SID @2400 then man with EE ID mentioning Paterson NJ & WVC Int.1. Man with SS US election coverage @2402. Good. [Froledge-MI]
580 MEXICO: XEMU: Piedras Negras ("Black Stones"), COAH, NOV 10 0024 - Rancheras; "La Rancherita del Aire" slogans, 0030 long ad string for stores in Eagle Pass and P.O.; more music at 0035. Very large signal in WBNW null. [Wilkins-CO]
690 MEXICO: XERG Monterrey, NL, NOV 10 0048 - SPT talk (pre-game?) about "Los Tigres" (area group): 0050 ada, shouting promos and hype about the Tigres; "R-G" slogan and faded at 0055. Poor in KGFF null. [Wilkins-CO]
830 CUBA: Radio Rejol, NOV 8 2325-2405 - Can just hear tone "RR" under UNID religious station. Man and woman with SS audio came up after briefly @2403. Very poor, but first time heard. [Froledge-MI]
880 CUBA: Radio Progreso, NOV 8 2304-2323 - man with fútbol game call. Poor, mainly under WNWU, / 640. [Froledge-MI]
1010 MEXICO: XEKD Cd. Acuña, COAH, NOV 11 0000 - ID after XE song; "XEKD en el diez diez de amplitud modulada, transmitiendo desde Cd. Acuña, Coahuila con mil watts de potencia..." then into more nortena music. Poor with QRM from KSIR (mostly nulled) and KQRN. [Wilkins-CO]
1010 MEXICO: XETX, Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH, OCT 19 0418-0425 - ID: "Siempre alegre, siempre cordial, siempre ____ (area group), esta es La 'X', La Ranchera de La Paziente", into música ranchera (high on the trumpets). Good peak. Mostly poor to fair signal. Call letter ID @0427 by child. [Knight-CO]
1030 MEXICO: XEMPM, Los Mochis, SIN, OCT 16 0300-0341: Fair to good with música nortena and "Radio Fama" slogan. About over with KTWO. [Knight-CO]
1030h MEXICO: XEYC, Ciudad Juárez, CHIH, OCT 16 0455-0530 - Tentative. Spanish, LOUD most of the time obliterating KTWO with program to other districts. OVC and Mexican national anthem, faded out completely at the top-of-the-hour (of course), then back with música tropical, ID: "104.1 Radio Uno" (apparently a relay of XEUF-FM in Mexico City), one mention of "Chihuahua" in PSA. Left the air around 0530 leaving KTWO and XEMPM to battle it out. Heard 2 days later on the car radio with talk program, "Radio Formula" slogans, and local ad for Ciudad Juárez. Have not heard call letters, yet. [Knight-CO]

CUBA

1180 CUBA: Radio Rebelde, NOV 7 2313-2320 - man and woman with commentary / 5025. Poor

MEXICO

1440 MEXICO: XECC Jalisco, Guadalajara NOV 11 1230 - classical music for the previous half hour. Good signal into Arizona. Heard before local KSLX sign-on. [Redding-AZ]
1470 MEXICO: XERCN, Tijuana, BCN, OCT 18 0330 - Spanish, very good with música tropical y salsa, "La Caliente" slogans, ID: "La Caliente serviendo Tijuana y San Diego," "10 mil watts," new slogan. [Knight-CO]
1550 MEXICO: XENU, Nuevo Laredo, TAM, OCT 21 0655-0702 - Spanish. Fair thru KZKR with música ranchera, "La Rancherita" slogans and jingles, mentioned "5 mil watts de potencia." Appears to be 24th now. [Knight-CO]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

738 POLYNESIA RFO Mahina, Tahiti NOV 12 1030 - Tentative, my first ever transpacific reception! Man and woman in French faded up briefly, otherwise a 2 kHz hit against 740. XEF Mexico on 730 kHz was strong. WWNZ Florida was dominant over an und ID Latin American signal on 740 kHz until WSBR Florida switched to daily facilities followed by WJB Massachusetts popping up at 1100 UTC, essentially wiping out what was a weakening signal with local surprise approaching at 1135 UTC. [Conti-HN] (Great!) - Jim

1470 JAPAN: JCB, NHK2, Sapporo, OCT 20, 1420, noted in passing with a language lesson. Fair signal. Also OCT 21 [Bryant-WA]

756 UNID, OCT 20, 1420-1425. Fair to good signal, but with distorted audio. Believe the language was CC. Could this be a not-quite-synchro CR1? [Bryant-WA]

774 JAPAN: JCB, NHK1, Akita, OCT 20, 1401-1415, news in EE by female until 1415, followed by weather in J. Good signal until band fade at 1515. Similar log on OCT 21 [Bryant-WA]

828 JAPAN: JCB, NHK2, Osaka OCT 20, 1425, noted in passing with lang lesson / 747. Also noted OCT 21.

855 UNID OCT 20, 1425-1430. Good signal in seeming Chinese, but distorted audio. [Bryant-WA]

873 JAPAN: JCB, NHK2 Kumamoto, OCT 20, 1433 noted in passing with fair to poor signal / 928 & 774. JCB was mixing with a second signal at almost equal level. presume China. [Bryant-WA]

954 JAPAN: JOCR, Tokyo, OCT 20, 1435 noted with fair to poor signal with JJ talk. [Bryant-WA]

963 CHINA: JRI Russian Program, Dalain (07) OCT 21, 1435-1445 - Man and woman talk in Russian at excellent level. Thanks to Mauro Ritola and DX News for IDing this one! [Bryant-WA]

972 KOREA: HLCA, Taejon, OCT 20, 1435 with an S-8 signal (!) of man and woman talk in IK. Excellent also on OCT 21. [Bryant-WA]

1098 UNID OCT 20, 1437, An open carrier noted here at excellent level, must be at least 500 kw. Same signal noted daily at Greyland. Probable Korean Pops. China Ideas? [Bryant-WA]

1242 JAPAN: JBOB, Tokyo OCT 21, 1445. Noted with man in JJ at fair level. [Bryant-WA]

1287 JAPAN: JOHR, Sapporo, OCT 20, 1440, with phone-in program by fms in J. Good level. [Bryant-WA]

1332 JAPAN: JOCR, Nagoya (tent.) OCT 20, 1442. Threshold signal in probable JJ noted in passing. [Bryant-WA]

1575 THAILAND: VOA Bangkok OCT 20, 1445- fade at 1458, threshold signal, man speaks in SEA language. Similar at 1455 on OCT 21. Now if it will stay in until 1500 for Yankee Doodle! [Bryant-WA]

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There is much still to learn about the current state of Cuban medium wave radio. It became apparent on this trip that a number of 1 kW relays of 10 kW provincial stations assume their own identity at times; the unlisted stations logged on 1130, 1200, 1400, 1460 and 1520 suggest this. A couple of these stations were only noted on the last day of listening, being logged as parallels to their parent provincial station at other times. I'm sure there are others as yet unlogged.

Equipment used on this trip included a Sony ICF-1000T radio/ recorder and Kiwa pocket loop, a C. Craner Sangean FCRadio, a C. Craner Sangean CCRadio, a GE Superradio III and a Sony WX-6 Pro Wallman recorder. I continue to be impressed by the DX performance of the ICF-1000T in combination with the Kiwa loop, but for the next one of these trips I'm going to replace the Superradio III. Its combination of too-wide selectivity and intolerable mechanical drift, especially on the highend, makes it not worth its weight on a flying trip. The barefoot CCRadio hears almost, but not quite, as much as the 1000T/Kiwa loop combo.

Here's a listing of what was heard during daylight hours, with a few notes about nighttime reception. Station locations, where given, are per Terry Krueger's Cuba list and WETH. Where multiple locations for national networks are listed, I might have listed only the most likely one based on listed location, the location of the monitoring site, and power. (The interesting loggings begin at 980.) Links to audio samples of IDs are included. No attempt was made to ID domestic US stations during this bandscan.

The bandscan — All times local (EST)

530 Loud airport beacon mixing with R Vision Cristiana, Turks and Caicos 10/30 1029
540 R Rebelde, Sancti Spiritus, Sancti Spiritus, satellite delay // 550 11/1 1037
550 R Rebelde, Manzanillo, Granma 11/1 1037
560 R Rebelde, location? 11/1 1037 + 1 LB station
570 R Rebelde, location? 11/1 1037 + 1 LB station
590 R Rebelde, Baracoa, Guantanamo 11/1 1038 + 1 US station
590 R Musical Nacional, Santa Clara, Villa Clara usual programming // 1030 10/30 1640
600 R Rebelde, Urbano Noris, Holguin, very strong 11/1 1038
610 R Rebelde, unknown location - suspect something other than the 1 kW outlet listed in Pinar del Rio, 11/1 1039 + 1 US Station
620 R Rebelde, Colon, Matanzas / Moa, Holguin 11/1 1039
630 R Progreso, unknown location, local-like signal 11/1 1040
640 R Progreso, Las Tunas, Las Tunas 11/1 1040 + 1 LB Christian religious station
650 R Rebelde, numerous possibilities, very weak 11/1 1043 + 1 other Spanish-speaking station
670 Miami exile station mixing with R Rebelde 11/1 1043
680 R Progreso, Ciego de Avila, Ciego de Avila, strong 11/1 1043
690 R Progreso, Jovellanos, Matanzas (or maybe somewhere else further east), strong 11/1 1046
700 Caribbean-accented English 1046 11/1, didn't come back for recheck
720 mess including Rebelde & US station, 1046 11/1
720 R Progreso, unknown location, huge signal so suspect location other than listed Cienfuegos 1 kW, 1046 11/1
740 Miami talk station 1047 11/1
750 R Rebelde, Trinidad, Sancti Spiritus, weak signal 11/1 1047
760 R Rebelde, Caney de las Mercedes, Granma, 11/1 1047
780 US health-related talk 11/1 1047
830 R Progreso, unknown location, satellite delay // 630, 11/1 1047
810 ZNS3 "Bahamas Radio Network", Freeport, local quasi-sossa mx, het, 1530 11/2
820 R Progreso, Moron, Ciego de Avila + same jammer heard via groundwave in the Keys 1537 11/2
830 R Rebelde; Holguin, Holguin, strong + 1 Spanish-speaking Christian religious station 11/2 1538
840 Dob leve, Santa Clara, Villa Clara, 11/2 1539
850 US "Business Talk Radio" 11/2 1539
870 R Rebelde, Sancti Spiritus, Sancti Spiritus, 11/2 1541
890 R Progreso, very strong - if Santiago de Cuba site, suspect higher power than 10 kW (this is the most reliable nighttime frequency at home in NC 1224 10/19
900 R Progreso, Cacuaco, Holguin, greeting listeners to Radio Nacional de Venezuela, mentioning Chavez and Fidel, Carabobo and Barquisimeto, loud 1226 10/29
910 R Cadena Agronmte, Camaguey, Camaguey, Camaguey, 1360 1228 10/29
baladas. weak but alone on frequency. Also noted with much stronger signal 1605 10/12 with spoken ID.

CARACOL Miami, ID 0930 11/1

R Reloj, Camaguey, Camagüey, big signal 1320 10/31

US Spanish-speaking health quack giving 1-800 number over and over again 1318 10/31; no sign of other, listed Cuban local.

Dobleve, Rancho Veloz, Santa Clara, // 840 with soap opera credits and piano mx, in null of US station with Rush Limbaugh blather.

R Encyclopédia, Las Tunas, Las Tunas, // 1560 in null of strong US station with Rush Limbaugh defending himself against charges that he'll have nothing to talk about after Clinton leaves office, 1315 10/31

Dobleve, Sagua la Grande, Villa Clara, strong, // 840 10/31 1320

R Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz del Sur, Camaguey, in Dobleve null, ID in passing 1330 10/31, then nice full ID 1400.

Haitian programming, probably another Floridian

R Portada de la Libertad, Niquero, Granma, ID 1330 10/31 in null of US talk station. WRTH and subsequent references incorrectly list this as being in Holguin, Holguin.

R Ciudad del Mar, Palma, Cienfuegos, nova, "El Color de la Vida" in progress 0948 11/1. ID and TC 1000

R Libertad, Holguin, strong with "Diseoteca Popular" 1345 10/31; many mentions of "nuestro ciudad de Puerto Padre; Boletín Informativo #1 at 1420, 1630 ID'ed as "R Libertad, La Enisora de la Familia", then program "Diseatorio Musical". Lots of promos for Carnaval Puerto Padre 2000". No canned ID noted despite hours of listening.

R Cadena Agramoto, Rodolfo Ramirez Esquivel, Camaguey. // 1380 1020 10/29; second station in Spanish, probably from US, with long infomercial for natural treatment for impotency, giving away something free to the first 30 callers, many repetitions of 1-800 number.

R Granma, Manzanillo, Granma, new frequency with many birthday greetings, mx by Omara Fortunato, "Bohemia Aguilera", and "Bohemia Rhapsody", then Radiofonia 1500 10/31; program "Segurida Social" winding up 1355 11/2, then full ID 1400 announcing 1570 and 95.9 FM, and into "Diseoteca de la Tierra".

R Cadena Agramoto, Central Brasil, Camaguey, Spanish pop mx program "Musicalisismo", with birthday, anniversary, and quinceanera dedications; congratulations to workers at Ministry of Health; full ID and TC 10/29 0900.

R Guaino, Guaino, Camaguey, unlisted station with lots of talk mentioning Guaimaro, community notices, mx 1327 11/3; announcers said goodbye until 1 PM tomorrow; spoken IDs 1330, 1400, 1500. Suspect this is a part-time station, splitting from R Cadena Agramoto as noted below.


R Cadena Agramoto, unkown location, very weak. // 1380 10/29 1031

US financial talk 1035 10/29; low het; no R Cadena Agramoto. At night 2028 10/31 heard someone relaying RFI, quite strong but off in midstream 2057.

R Surco, Moron, Ciego de Avila, // 1440 11/1; ID 1600 11/2 announcing 98.1 FM; nulling it produced US SP-speaking station playing Mexican campio mx, same as heard in Ft. Keys, with Rush campaign ad 1037 10/29

R Surco, Ciego de Avila, Ciego de Avila, talk about a local bank, son mx 1043 10/29; Silvio Rodriguez song, full 1600 11/1, then Chayanne "Bom Bomb"

R Mabo, Amancio Rodriguez. Las Tunas, weak with ID then baladas 1200 11/1; at least three stations here when checked 1440 11/2.

R Cuitats(?) Sierra de Cuitats(?) unlisted station, ID as transcribed. Strong with lots of "Comunidad Cuitas" and Camaguey mentions, La Version de Hoy program 1400 10/30, full ID 1428. Possibly the listed R Cadena Agramoto xmr split away with local programming. There's a Cubistas south of Camaguey, but no Sierras in the area. Station name might be Cubistas, Cubitas, Cuitas, Juitas, or something similar. Needs more work or input from someone in the area.

R Ciudad Bandera, Cardenas, Matanzas, balada with ID in passing 10/29 1055, + 1 US health quick talk station

R Florida, Florida, Camaguey, not present 0930 11/1, but very nice signal with son mx to noticias 1126, ID in passing 1228, then ranchera-sounding mx 1323 "31 anos de nuestro serial"; full ID 1330.
Texaco Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network for the 2000-2001 broadcast season.

via Barry Finkel

Most of the stations in the U.S. and Canada are FM; here are the AM stations. Some/all of the operas are also broadcast in Europe (both eastern & western) in 27 countries; the number of broadcasts varies by country. The broadcasts are also heard in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and Mexico. The Saturday broadcasts run from December 2 through April 21; most begin at 1:30 PM EMT. This information comes from Opera News December, 2000; the network list is dated October 01, 2000.


For Beginners...

the world of DX'ing can be confusing, but some new and experienced DX'ers can find answers in Russ Edmunds' column, "Target DX." If you have a DX question, just send it to Russ at <<w2bjh@nrccdax.org>> or 753 Valley Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422-2052 and he'll answer it in a future column. Remember - you're not alone - we all started at the beginning - once!

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

Here we are once again with another edition of Target DX! This time, the topic is "Noise" - of the operational variety. The next column will again feature multiple topics. I'm still looking for your questions and also suggestions for topics for future columns, on the NRCCDAX listserve, by off-line email or by regular mail!

So you say you've got a noise problem? Doesn't pretty much everybody have these days - at least among the CB DX fraternity? In an age of a dizzying number of electrical devices, we find that more and more of them cause interference on the AM band. As we continue this discussion, we'll talk about many of them, as well as discuss some tips for finding and dealing with them.

The first step is to determine what kind of noise is present. Is it constant or intermittent? If it's intermittent, does it have a regular pattern or is it random? Does the noise affect only a portion of the band? If you use a loop antenna, can the noise be nullled? Is the noise present only at night, or at twilight? These are the types of questions to answer first.

If the noise is intermittent, then something is creating it only sometimes, and the pattern or lack of it may give you hints. For instance anything with an electric thermostat, whether it's an aquarium heater, a clothes dryer, a stove, an electric blanket or any number of other items, you'll hear either a short popping, buzzing or cracking sound, followed by silence until the thermostat is called to action again. You hear a very regular periodic buzz, it may be a motor that needs to be serviced, likely for bad brushes. This motor could be in a refrigerator or a washer or dryer, a furnace or a power tool. If the noise appears at different frequencies throughout the band, and is constant sometimes and absent other times, it may be TV/Television interference. A noise which is usually only present at night, or on very dark days can usually be traced to some sort of a light sensor for automatically turning on indoor or outdoor lights or other appliances.

So once we think that we have an idea as to what type of noise we are dealing with, the next step is to try to locate it. There are two basic ways to do that, and each requires the use of a hand-held battery-powered AM radio. Of course, if you have a non-constant noise, you're going to do this when the noise is in evidence.

First, let's determine whether you have a situation where the noise is prevalent on the receiving gear in your shack, but not on the portable radio. This may be due to a problem in your receiver or in your antenna. If you're using a loop, it is easy enough to physically put the portable inside the field of the loop. If there now is noise on the portable, the noise is being picked up by the high gain of the loop antenna, and it is probably nulable to determine a direction for the external noise source. If that's the case, you'll need to follow the procedures further below for noises produced outside of the building you DX from. If there is still noise on the portable, then there is likely a problem with your receiver. The best bets are poor grounds, bad capacitors to ground or possibly bad tubes. In this case a complete check of the receiver is called for. If you're using an outdoor antenna, it is possible that the noise is being received by the antenna just as if it were a radio signal. In the case of very long and/or highly directional antennas, this is often a situation where the noise source may not be close enough for you to easily identify it.

Once the receiving system is eliminated as the source of the noise, take the portable radio with you to the electrical panel in your residence, turn it on and hold it near the panel. Then turn circuits off, and then back on again, one by one. As you turn each one off, listen for the noise to disappear and to reappear. If that occurs, you know the problem is on that circuit. If that circuit doesn't seem to work, repeat the process, except omit turning each circuit back on until you've turned them all off. This may determine that you have two noise-producers on two separate circuits. After all of this, it's very possible that either the noise remains even with all circuits off, or that it only disappears when the mains are off. If the latter, try to reposition the portable radio so that it's right next to the main power cable coming into the panel. If the noise disappears, or if it never disappeared, then it's probably that it's being transmitted along the power lines from an external source. If you've been able to isolate a specific circuit, and you know what rooms are on that line, refer to Chart 1 at the end of this article for probable noise generators.

If you've investigated at the electrical panel don't turn up any leads, take the portable radio with you, leaving the circuits turned off, and locate places where other electricity-based services such as cable TV or telephone, enter the building. Place the portable radio near the wires for these services to see if the noise becomes louder as you do so. If so, try to compare the...
loudness of the noise here as opposed to at the electrical panel to determine which is the more likely carrier of the noise. Then return to the electrical panel and turn the power back on to all circuits. Next take the portable radio and go outside and see if you can identify any external sources for the noise. Check at nearby utility poles, if your electricity is furnished above ground. After securing permission to do so, take the portable and walk around any buildings on adjacent properties, trying to compare noise levels there against both each other and at your residence. If you find that one particular location has the loudest noise, you'll need to get permission to perform the same checks with the utilities that you did at home. In many cases where the noise is externally generated, it may be coming from a neighboring building.

Once you've located a particular area where the noise is originating, it's time to check for the specific source. This is often done using the same portable radio, although it's often helpful to make a list of the types of things that are most likely to cause electrical noises. For a preliminary list, refer to Chart 1 at the end of this text. Depending on what device is the culprit, you may have some options for correcting or at least reducing the noise problem. Unfortunately, even some sources of problems in your own living quarters may not be so easy to fix, and those which are external may be outside your ability to control them at all.

Sometimes you can eliminate or reduce noise generated over the power lines by making sure that your receiver is on a separate circuit from any noise-producing devices. Another may be a noise-reducing line filter. In some cases, where the noise isn't generated by something which absolutely must be running while you're DXing, you can simply turn the noise source off. If your outdoor antenna is picking up noise radiated through the air, a noise-reducing antenna may be the answer. Perhaps even relocating an outdoor antenna to place it further away from a known noise source will be adequate.

If you have strong reason to suspect that the noise source is external, whether you believe that it is being generated by faulty power generating equipment or whether you believe that it is simply being radiated over the power lines, most electric utilities (as well as most telephone and cable TV companies) have people on their staff who specialize in investigating electrical noise complaints or problems, and you should make use of these persons where appropriate. A local amateur radio club may also have a member who has become an expert in tracking down noise problems.

If you have a particular electrical appliance or a device that you've focused down to a certain electronic device, you should be aware that although the device itself or the literature supplied with it may say that it is "FCC Type Accepted," this may not mean very much. Any item which may either cause or be susceptible to radio interference must meet FCC requirements. Speaking generally, the FCC requires that such items not create interference above certain specified parameters, but very often the result is that some level of interference within some close proximity to the device in question is permissible. The intent of the appliance's designer is to ensure that his radio and the interference, although in some cases that may still be permissible. Remember that we are practitioners of a hobby most people have never heard of, and that government regulations aren't intended to necessarily protect against noise which prevents us from hearing distant stations or nor are they intended to always protect against noise generated within our own residence from interfering with radios in that same residence.

In summary, here are a few added observations about noise and noise reduction. Generally, a loop antenna will pick up less noise than a random wire antenna, a vertical antenna will usually pick up more noise than a horizontal one, and a directional outdoor antenna array will generally exhibit the same reception patterns for externally radiated noise as they do for radio signals. If you have multiple outdoor antennas, it may be possible to use a phased array to mix the signals from each to reduce specific noise, and if you do not, it may be worthwhile to investigate adding even a simple one just for that purpose. Also, some power lines- transmitted noise can be eliminated or reduced through the use of a battery-powered receiver located as far as possible from any power lines.

### Chart 1: Type of Noise

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<td>Aquarium thermostat</td>
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<td>Electric garage door opener photocells</td>
<td>Steady low-frequency (usually &lt; 1 kHz) hum or buzz</td>
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**International DX Achievements**

**International DX varie/taped totals listed by continents**

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No new updates this time around, so perhaps while you're ruminating about the effects of left-over 1980s noise, you could update your totals and send them in. Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXCA; we probably have a month or more remembering all your paner-veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadian catches should not be included in NA totals for either U. S. or Canadian DXers. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature European totals.

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It may not be perfect... but the NRC AM Log is, simply, the best there is because of your contributions. Why not make the next edition even better? Send all corrections and changes to Wayne Heinen - 4131 S. Andes Way - Aurora, CO 80013-3831, or amclog@aol.com. Thanks!
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Musings of the Members

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It has been a few years since I last contributed to these pages, but that doesn’t mean I haven’t been reading. Just been busy, as the old excuse goes. As of last year I moved back east. After 15 years in Kodiak, Alaska, I am now living “down-east” on the coast of Maine. Not spending as much time behind the dials as I used to, but still love to take a band-scan every now and then. I’m still getting used to hearing stations start up a W, instead of the K which I was accustomed to in Alaska. And of course, it’s great to hear the Cascadian C’s here too, as I am only 60 miles from the New Brunswick border, and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia is just over 100 miles across the Bay of Fundy. Did purchase a new GE Superadio III this past summer, which I must admit, I am not overly impressed with. I also have a 17-year old Superadio I, which I find much more solidly built, with a better tuning dial. On the other hand, I do like having the new 1610-1700 band available on the SRII. One of the first things I did with the SRIII was pull it apart and retune the AM dial, which as received was 30-40kHz off. I now have it down to within 10 kHz. Still, the sensitivity doesn’t quite match up with the SRI. As for FM on the SRIII, it is basically a joke; pathetic with little selectivity, and the tuning dial even worse. I also have an old Sony JCF-2010 which I brought back in 1987. It has been a lemon since day one. Has been sent to shop, under warranty twice to repair loose antenna connections, and wires. Now it is only usable for FM and VHF-Air. MW/SW totally gone. It picks up all sorts of electrical noise, and has a lot of internal self-generated noise also. I read all sorts of great comments about the radio, especially the newer sets. Mine, unfortunately is a piece of junk. Anybody have recommendations for a good small or medium sized stereo system with good FM AND AM reception. Been looking to replace my 20-year old system with a newer CD/Cassette/tuner combo, and would like something with decent specs for DXing. Would be interested in comments. Has anybody else checked out the new Tivoli Audio Model 88 mentioned in DXing a couple of weeks ago? I looked at their website, and it reminds me of the old KLI radios back in late 60’s and early 70’s which were quite exceptional. Unfortunately the new Tivoli’s does NOT show any provision for an AM External antenna. FM, yes, but not on AM. As far as I could see on the web-page. I just realized I have been with NRC for over twenty years. Sure have learned a lot, and enjoyed all the camaraderie. Looking forward to more DX and information over the next 20. Will be contributing more to these pages over the winter.