

DX News

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KNUS	CO	710	January 7	0200-0300
KRKS	CO	990	January 7	0200-0300
KBJD	CO	1650	January 7	0200-0300
WILM	DE	1450	February 4	0000-0200

From the Publisher ... Seems that the DX is just a rollin' into Texas and all points north, west, east, and south ... check out IDXD and former publisher John Callarman's Mexican loggings this time around!

Seems that #9 was slightly delayed (I didn't even get mine on time), although it went to the post office on time, as did #10. Unless disaster strikes, I should be able to get this one to the post office on time, and I hope to get #12 (publication date: December 25) into the mail a day early. And then we all take a week off, so don't look for a January 1 DXN in your mailbox. I'd be interested in DXN arrival times of #'s 11 through 15 if they're slower than a couple of days or so from what you'd normally expect, but no need to waste a stamp on sending me the results unless you've been keeping track of them anyway (and thanks to the several who faithfully let me know how DXN travels). I'd especially like to know how quickly DXN gets across the border into Canada, inasmuch as we've been using First-Class Mail instead of AO Rate, which by some quirk became more expensive than First-Class the last time rates were hiked.

Rev. Jim Renfrew (see p. 14) is attempting to save us from our reporting sins ... and I've added my emphasis to his, and other editors', exhortations: Follow the reporting guidelines! You'd be surprised how much extra time it takes for an editor (or publisher) to prepare copy when a reporter slaps a report together any old which way. And for all contributors: be sure to check out the Contributors' Guidelines on the DXAS web site (address on back page), especially if you're considering sending in an article. Although I can scan copy, I can't scan overlapping type nor handwriting, and

if you think I have time to type out more than a few lines of a submission, you must not want to see it in print before next summer! Again, if you follow the very simple reporting guidelines, you'll save yourself AND a hardworking editor a lot of time. Thanks!

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 68

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
11.	Dec. 8	Dec. 18	21.	Feb. 23	Mar. 5
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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 16, 1950 DXN: Charlie Conley, Lemoyne, PA, reported that the C. E. of WCMB-960 turned over to him the nineteen reports and four thank-you cards received after the Dec. 4 DX broadcast, requesting him to "censor" them and weed out any that might not be worth answering. The most-distant reports were three from Iowa.

25 years ago ... from the December 22, 1975 DXN: Jerry Starr reported a pirate on 540v, giving calls as "WJXI", with signoff including info that it was owned and operated by Salem Broadcasting Co. of Homeworth, OH, with studios in Robertsville, and "1000 watts directional on the public service assigned frequency of 540 kHz."

10 years ago ... from the December 17, 1990 DXN: In IDXD, Jim Renfrew requested: "Please submit loggings in frequency order ... No need to cut into strips. Except for QRM and QSL, most of us non-hams don't understand Q codes." ... George Sherman's "Contests" column showed Mike Hawk, Omaha, NE as the Grand Total Point leader with 4000+ points, leading Robert Kramer, Chicago, in second place with 1766.

For Beginners ...

the world of DX'ing can be confusing, but both 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 <<wb2bjh@nrctxas.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!

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call		New call	
670	WRJR	VA	Claremont	WHRP
860	WTEL	PA	Philadelphia	WWDB*
1010	WCKW	LA	Garyville	WLTS
1020	KXEM	NM	Roswell	KINF
1040	WZSK	PA	Everett	WSKE*
1110	KRLA	CA	Pasadena	KSPN
1160	WYRU	NC	Red Springs	WTEL*
1270	WLSM	MS*	Louisville	WIRL
1320	KWHN	AR	Fort Smith	KYHN
1340	KFEZ	KS	Kansas City	KCKN
1390	KCRC	OK	Enid	KMMZ
1430	WMAK	TN	Madison	WQCQ
1490	KJIN	LA	Houma	KFXV
1590	WETT	MD	Ocean City	WKHZ
1600	WOHZ	WV	Wheeling	WKXZ
1640	KMMZ	OK	Enid	KMKZ
1650	KHFS	AR	Fort Smith	KWHN

Note: The 1270 listing corrects a typo in #10, which should have read "MS", not "MA".

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

570	WIDS	KY	Russell Springs: 500/42 U1
750	CKGB	ON	Timmins: to 99.3 FM
920	CJCB	NB	Woodstock: to 104.1 FM
1190	WIXL	FL	Pine Castle-Sky Lake: 2200/136 U1
1190	KDAO	IA	Marshalltown: 250/21 U1
1190	WBIS	MD	Annapolis: 50000/330 U4, city of license to Highland Beach, MD
1230	KPSA	NM	Roswell: 800/800 U1
1240	CJNH	ON	Bancroft: to 97.7 FM
1260	KJAZ	CA	Beverly Hills: 25000/7500 U4
1550	WDLR	OH	Delaware: city of license to Westerville, OH

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

570	WDTF	NC	Raleigh: 1000/44 U1
990	WHOO	FL	Orlando: 50000/14000 U4
1400	KBDB	NV	Sparks: 600/600 U1

OTHERNESS

630	WDGY	WI	Hudson: application for 2300/220 U4 DISMISSED
910	WRKL	NY	New City: application for 1000/800 U4 DISMISSED
1040	KURS	CA	San Diego: application for 5000/1700 U4 DISMISSED
1150	WCEN	MI	Mount Pleasant: station is SILENT
1280	KLDY	WA	Lacey: silent station is ON THE AIR
1610	KALT	TX	Atlanta: new station may be testing by the time this reaches you

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, Pete Taylor, Les Johnson, and MSJ

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



Domestic DX Digest

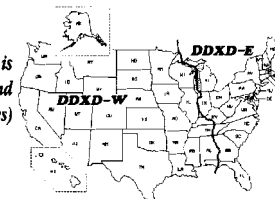
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between East and
Central time zones)



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

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- There has been some conversation on the NRC reflector as to the correct calls of 1020 in Roswell, NM. Well . . . I called 'em, and it seems they requested KXEM (see AM Switch) but at the last minute they changed their mind and requested and were granted KINF. At least that's what they said!?!?! Am waiting for the next FCC call letter announcement. (See this week's AM Switch -pls)
- Comments from the DX Conquistadors: "Recent loggings reported to your column by AB-CA, RT-CA, and GJ-CA have really helped give me some targets to shoot for, some of which were heard below. Glad to see such support from Northern CA! I've included some loggings from early November. I hope those aren't too old." - MH-CA
- See you all here next week! Then we'll enjoy a two-week Christmas break!! Speaking of which . . . here's a Christmas wish from DDXD-West to all the great contributors whose loggings and DX tips have graced these pages this past year. May 2001 bring all those uNIDs out of the ether!

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

700	KSES	CA	Soledad - 11/26 0830 - SS programming, ID as <i>La Nuevo, Estrella</i> 107.1. Apparently KSES-107.1 in Seaside is on the air now. (MH-CA)
1020	KINF?	NM	Roswell - 12/1 2000 - C&W music followed by "KINF" ID. Hadn't seen notice of this change. (MH-CA)
1020	KINF	NM	Roswell - 12/1 1946-1958 - With new calls, ex: KCKN, with ski report, local ads mentioning Roswell, mention of upcoming high school FB games, one on Hot 97 KBCQ, then ESPN's <i>Extra Point</i> , also playing AC, three different mentions of KINF and <i>Information Radio</i> slogan. Great signal in KTNQ null. (RT-CA)
1050	KBLE	WA	Seattle - Has been off since at least 12/3. (PT-WA)
1110	KSPN?	CA	Los Angeles - 12/2 0458-0501 - Now Sports Talk, ex: KRLA. But unfortunate timing of slop from nulled co-channel KLIB caused me to miss call ID if it was there on top of the hour. ESPN feed. Heard same two guys on 970 KESP. (RT-CA)
1280	KLDY	WA	Lacey - Is back on the air. Noted 12/1 0900 with <i>You can help support the K-Lady classical music format by using Apex Stationery Service for your office needs.</i> Much improved signal, both day and night. I know it's in the log but I have never heard them use <i>K-Lady</i> before. (PT-WA)
1430	(KJAY)	CA	Sacramento - 12/2 0510 - Noted off. ESPN 1430 Fresno dominated. (RT-CA)
1530	(KFBK)	CA	Sacramento - 12/2 0410 - Noted off, then OC about 0425. Normal program back after 0430. Higher signal strength noted about 0440. (RT-CA)

Jerry & BKF

1600 (KUBA) CA Yuba City - 12/2 0430 - Noted off. Two SS signals fighting it out. (RT-CA)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

800 UNID ?? - 12/4 0026 - SS station under XEROK and KHIS. ID sounded like *Radio Cinta*. "Cinta" probably isn't correct, as that doesn't make much sense. Anyone know Tijuana's slogan? Can't wait to get the IRCA Mexican log. (MH-CA)

930 UNID ?? - 12/3 1938 - End of *Roadrunners* football. Was in pretty strong. A web search didn't reveal any matches between "roadrunner" schools and station locations. (MH-CA) [Isn't either *New Mexico* or *New Mexico State* called the Roadrunners? Can't remember from my days there. Check their schedules for 12/3 - Ed.]

1030 UNID ?? - 11/30 2125 - SS, not Radio Unica, in KTWO null. *Focus on the Family* with *Doktorrr James Doebsonnn* in SS at 2130. No calls or slogans given. KDJ? (RT-CA)

1100 UNID ?? - 11/29 1042 - SS under KFAX, could make out occasional words. KZPM? (RT-CA)

1190 UNID ?? - 11/26 1940 - Vietnamese talk, mentions of Vietnam on top of channel. KXXM? (RT-CA)

1620 UNID ?? - 12/2 2200 - ESPN Radio on top, looped NE/SW. Presumed this to be the Idaho station on the air again. No IDs heard before I had to leave. (MH-CA) [Twas probably them - Ed.]

1630 UNID ?? - 12/2 0655 - Sports Talk (1-On-1 Sports), followed by CBS News on the hour. Long deep fades prevented any IDs (seemed to fade up about every 14 minutes). Didn't come back after 0740, so I'd presume WRDW, but I'll have to keep trying. (MH-CA)



TIS & OTHER STUFF

1610 TIS CA Sacramento - 12/1 - Two discrete signals noted early evening; both male, one deeper-voiced, talking about shut down of north side ramps from I-5 to US-50. No calls given on either signal. Later, after midnight, voices replaced with females, both different. (RT-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

550 KTSA TX San Antonio - 11/10 2305 - Weak, under KTRS, with CL ID and weather, then into *Michael Reagan*. (RD-IA)

560 KPQ WA Wentachee - 12/1 2107 - Noted clearly under KSFO with ad for office supply store in downtown Wenatchee. Unneeded. (RT-CA)

590 KBHS AR Hot Springs - 11/8 0028 - Fair, with ID as *The legendary KBHS*, then election results, with a mention of Garland County. (RD-IA)

590 KSUB UT Cedar City - 12/3 1845 - *UMKC vs Southern Utah* basketball wrap-up. *Talk Radio 590* slogan followed by local ads. (MH-CA)

590 KLBj TX Austin - 11/28 1829 - Fair, with CLs heard in mention of station website. (RD-IA)

600 CKBD BC Vancouver - 12/1 2100 - On top of frequency, AC oldies, then top of hour *The Unforgettable 600 AM* is CKBD, *Vancouver*, into news. First time heard from Davis, usually KOGO dominates. (RT-CA)

630 KIDO ID Boise - 12/2 0800 - *News Radio 630*, KIDO ID. (MH-CA)

630 WBMQ GA Savannah - 11/10 2254 - Fair, with promo for program on *AM 630*, *WBMQ*, then into rundown of high school football scores, with mentions of Valdosta, Marietta, and Warner Robins. (RD-IA)

660 CFFR AB Calgary - 12/1 2053 - Strong, in KTNN null, with hockey mentions and references to Red Deer. No calls heard. Unneeded but excellent signal strength. (RT-CA)

879.77 KJJR MT Whitefish - 12/1 1805 - Area announcements, call ID, weather. Back to Dr. Laura at 1806. Fair at best, but separable from KRVN et al on LSB. First noted here in December 1997 - wish they'd hire an engineer. (JW-CO)

670 KWXI AR Glenwood - 11/12 1803 - Fair, under WSCR, with a mention of the *Arkansas Razorback Sports Network*. (RD-IA)

690 WOKV FL Jacksonville - 11/19 2242 - Good with *Newstalk 690*, *WOKV* . . . depend on it, then into *Jaguars* football. (RD-IA)

690 KTSM TX El Paso - 11/28 1854 - Faint, with *Newstalk* . . . *KTSM*. (RD-IA)

700 KSEV TX Tomball - 11/25 0759 - Fair, in null of WLW, with ID: . . . *Radio 700*, *KSEV*, *Tomball-Houston*. (RD-IA)

710 KXMR ND Bismarck - 11/25 0756 - Good, with North Dakota temperatures and a *KXMR*, *Bismarck-Mandan* ID. (RD-IA)

710 WTPR TN Paris - 11/14 0654 - In suddenly with oldies, current temperature, TC, and ID: *This is WTPR News* . . . (RD-IA)

710 CKVM QU Ville Marie - 12/5 0012-0032 - Good with music offer for *Noel Country*" (Christmas country music), French news and commentary with mentions of several prominent federal and Quebec politicians, sports, weather for several cities in Quebec. Probably relaying one of the Quebec regional nets (NRC Log lists Telebec). Tried for this when I heard CKGB-750 coming in well. (MS-MB)

750 CKGB ON Timmins - 12/4 2347 - Fair, with promo for an event *proudly sponsored by CKGB* and ID as *AM-750*, *CKGB*, *Timmins*. (MS-ON)

760 KMTL AR Sherwood - 11/14 0746 - Very good signal, with SSB and sign-on. (RD-IA)

780 KAZM AZ Sedona - 12/3 2330 - Sunday night football (*Bears vs Packers*). Didn't sound like it was on the Bears network (i.e. *WBBM*) so may have been just generic coverage. [I'd bet either ESPN or Westwood One - Ed.]. ID at 2358 sounded like KAZM. ID a bit later also sounded like KAZM, but I didn't have the tape player going. Can any Arizona member confirm that they carry Sunday night football? (MH-CA)



790 KURM AR Rogers - 12/1 2344 - Fair, with ID: . . . *right here on KURM*, *Rogers-Bentonville*. (RD-IA)

790 KWSW CA Eureka - 11/4 1000 - Recorded call letter ID, followed by NOS music. Quickly tuned to 980 to grab that Eureka station, too! (MH-CA)

790 KGHl MT Billings - 12/2 0900 - Faded up with ID at ToH. Lots of other stations in the mix, so I could only grab the call letters out of the mess. (MH-CA)

790 KFYO TX Lubbock - 12/2 0059 - Good in KXIC splatter, with legal ID: *Newstalk 790 AM*, *KFYO*, *Lubbock*. (RD-IA)

800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City - 12/1 2356 - Fair, under KXIC, with promo for program *Sundays on KQCV*. I live about two miles from KXIC's transmitter, but with only a 200-watt signal at night, they don't make DXing 800 an impossibility. (RD-IA)

860 KPAM OR Troutdale - 11/26 2100 - Faded up on channel with *AM 860*, *KPAM Troutdale-Portland* ID. Was looking for KBEE calls, hi. (RT-CA)

860 KPAM OR Troutdale - 11/30 2358-0000 - Over Radio Disney, with mentions of coming program, demonstration in Seattle, and *Radio Free Oregon*. In tight KTRB null. (RT-CA)

860 KBEE? UT Salt Lake City - 11/26 2030 - Radio Disney in tight KTRB null. (RT-CA)

880 KIXI WA Seattle - 12/1 2110 - On top of jumble, with *Great songs, great memories, it's 6:10 at Kixie*, then traffic report with mentions of 405 and 99, then ad for *The Kixie Christmas Collection Vol. 2 CD*. *AM 8-80 KIXI* ID after that. Not needed for DX, but if anyone's wondering what I'd like for Christmas, hi . . . (RT-CA)

870 WKAR MI East Lansing - 11/23 0730 - Fair, under WWL with brief sign-on, then right into NPR News. (RD-IA)

920 KIHM NV Reno - 12/6 1457 and 12/7 1300 - Seems to have a duct this way as is audible much of the day. (PT-WA)

930 KWOC MO Poplar Bluff - 11/30 0754 - Good, with ID as *News Radio 930*, *KWOC*. (RD-IA)

940 KTON TX Belton - 12/3 1801 - Fair, with ID during possible sign-off: *Serving the . . . with the finest in gospel music, this is KTON, Belton*. (RD-IA)

960 KNDNp NM Farmington - 12/3 1855 - With Native American chanting, in KABL null. (MH-CA)

970 KFTA ID Rupert - 11/24 1900 - SS programming and *Fantastica 970* slogan. (MH-CA)

970 WDAY ND Fargo - 11/25 0733 - Good, with promo for *North Dakota State University* football game . . . on 970 *WDAY*. (RD-IA)

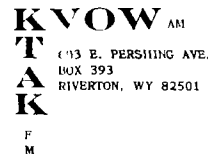
970 KCFO OK Tulsa - 11/28 1759 - Fair, with ID: *You're listening to KCFO, Tulsa*. (RD-IA)

970 KHVN TX Fort Worth - 11/28 1816 - Fair, with traffic check. Heard mentions of . . . *the Mixmaster* and Fort Worth. (RD-IA)

980 KINS CA Eureka - 11/4 1000 - After hearing *KWSW-790*, tuned here to grab and ID immediately prior to the news. (MH-CA)

980 KDSJ SD Deadwood - 11/28 1845 - Good, with promo for women's college basketball

- coverage on KDSJ. (RD-IA)
- 990 **KWAM TN** Memphis - 11/7 2320 - Good, with promo for concert by the O'landa Draper Ministries at Golden Gate Full Gospel Church in Memphis on November 14th sponsored by AM 990, *The Light*, then into long stretch of black gospel music. Good thing I heard the spot, because there was no legal ID 40 minutes later, and without one, I would've had no clue as to who this was. (RD-IA)
- 1030 **KTWO WY** Casper - 12/2 1715 - Weak, with C&W and ID. Very early to be hearing Wyoming! (MH-CA)
- 1040 **CKST BC** Vancouver - 12/1 2036 - On top of channel, with *The Sports Zone* local sports talk show. Later in the evening had AC oldies (*Abba*, etc). Starting a format change to SPT? (RT-CA)
- 1050 **KMAP CA** Frazier Park - 12/5 1928 - With Radio Disney, wiping out KTCT, with local KBLE off. Generally in a 3-station mix (KTCT, KMAP, KORE) at 1900 and 1000 checks most days. They are very good about power changes at 1000 and 1945 daily. (PT-WA)
- 1060 **CKMX AB** Calgary - 12/1 2014 - Light AC followed by ID: Let the worries of the day fade away, only on AM 1060, CKMX. (MH-CA)
- 1070 **WIBC IN** Indianapolis - 12/1 0845-0850 - With sports, scores, and CLs. Good-to-excellent. Rare here, since directed ESE. Alone, with no sign of Wichita or Hannibal. (JEL-MO)
- 1090 **KBOZ MT** Bozeman - 12/1 2024 - C&W music and ID: *Now more country with...* (missed due to QRM) ... on 1090, KBOZ. In XEPRS null. (MH-CA)
- 1170 **CKGY AB** Red Deer - 11/29 2330 - Poor, with Edmonton Oilers hockey net, Edmonton vs Montreal. Confirmed by checking website. (MS-MB)
- 1190 **KXMX CA** Anaheim - 11/26 2000 - Now SS talk dominates. KXMX ID on the hour in SS, *La Super X* slogan. New from Davis. Never heard KEZY calls here., usually KEX/KDYA too strong. (RT-CA)
- 1220 **CJOC AB** Lethbridge - 11/30 2355 - On top of frequency, with *You've found the only station in Lethbridge that plays the (?) rock—Rock 106*. (RT-CA)
- 1230 **KQIK OR** Lakeview - 11/30 2115 - On top of channel, with solid signal, in KWG null, (?) *Country KQIK, Your station for country from the heart*. New, never before heard. (RT-CA)
- 1240 **KLTH CA** San Bernardino - 11/27 0937-0956 - Religious program and *K-Light* slogan. KSQR partially nulled. (AB-CA)
- 1250 **KHOT CA** Madera - 12/6 1004 - Briefly, with KKDZ off, so presume this was KHOT's SS. (PT-WA)
- 1280 **KDYL UT** Salt Lake City - 12/2 1955 - End of a basketball game, ID, followed by local ads, including one for *America's First Credit Union*. (MH-CA)
- 1290 **KWFS TX** Wichita Falls - 11/30 0800 - ABC News, then ID and ads for a barbecue that has been around for 51 years. Under withering KXAM splash. (KR-AZ)
- 1320 **WDMJ MI** Marquette - 11/23 0829 - Good, with dual ID: ... *right here on WDMJ-WIAN*. (RD-IA)
- 1319.96 **KCLI OK** Clinton - 12/6 0851 - OLD tunes, *Oldies 99* slogans. Legal ID at 0859:50 K??? *Cordell, KCLI-AM Clinton* and into ABC News. Heard in Nov. '99 as *Oldies 107*. Listed in Log as // to 95.5 FM. Wish they'd make up their mind! (JW-CO)
- 1330 **KLBO TX** Monahans - 11/30 0812 - With school lunches and it's pigs in a blanket today. Sponsored by *Jack and Jill*. (KR-AZ)
- 1340 **KEWE CA** Oroville - 11/29 0900 - *KEWE Oroville*. (AB-CA)
- 1340 **KGLW CA** San Luis Obispo - 11/30 0859 - Local ads, KGLW ID at 0902. Heard rumor that *Imus in the Morning* will air soonish. (AB-CA)
- 1360 **KPXQ AZ** Phoenix - 11/29 0959 - Completely blanketing channel (no KFIV), with end of *Focus on the Family*, then clear "1360 KPXQ". (RT-CA)
- 1360 **KRKK WY** Rock Springs - 11/26 2053 - Went to look for this after KWYO IDed. On top with *CCR's Proud Mary*, then KRKK AM 13-60 ID. Great signal. No sign of anything else on channel. New from Davis, for Wyoming #3. (RT-CA)
- 1400 **KUKI CA** Ukiah - 11/30 1000 - On top of jumble with multi station ID: *KLLK Willits, KUKI Ukiah, KDAC Fort Bragg, Newstalk Radio, The Voice of the Redwood Empire*". First time IDed in 20 years. New from Davis, hi. (RT-CA)
- 1410 **KRML CA** Carmel - 11/30 2000 - Jazz music, then talk. On the hour, heard *KLON Long Beach, KRML Carmel* ID. Finally IDed this one from Davis, always just heard KLON calls before. Over jumble of signals. Some regionals sound like graveyarders here. (RT-CA)
- 1410 **KWYO WY** Sheridan - 11/26 2015-2050 - NOS // 1320 KCTC, 1390 KVIN. Finally got ID at 2050: ... *on 1410 KWYO*. Good signal. (RT-CA)
- 1430 **KJAY CA** Sacramento - 12/1 with sign-on at 0900 - Called station and talked to Steve, who told me hours for KJAY: Monday-Friday 0900-2200; Saturday & Sunday 0900-2000. Reduction in power at 1930 every day. (AB-CA)
- 1450 **KFIZ WI** Fond du Lac - 12/1 2300 - Fair, with mention of Beaver Dam and ID as *News Talk Radio AM 1450, KFIZ Fond du Lac*. (MS-MB)
- 1490 **KSYC CA** Yreka - 11/30 2100 - On top of jumble, with KSYC 1490 *Yreka*. 620 frequency also mentioned but then another signal jumped on top. New from Davis. (RT-CA)
- 1490 **KZZZ? AZ** Bullhead City - 2/1 1923-1927 - *Badfinger* song over 1-on-1 sports. At 1927: ... *your favorites from the 80s 90s and today, Star 14-90*. Read somewhere that KZZZ took "Star" format from 1000 KFLG. (RT-CA)
- 1490 **KEYG WA** Grand Coulee - 12/1 1935 - Noted country music over 1-on-1 sports; came back at top of the hour (2000) to hear *KEYG Today's Best Country* just dominating the frequency. New, first time ever heard. (RT-CA)
- 1500 **KABR NM** Alamo Community - 12/4 0859 - Opening prayer in EE, then sign-on in EE by Native American-accented male: *KABR ... located on the campus of the Alamo Community School ... also mentioned 1000 watts. 0901 Christmas music. 0905 announcements in presumed Navajo. Fair-to-poor, with KDKO-1510 splatter. (JW-CO)*
- 1520 **KVTA CA** Port Hueneme - 12/1 0907 - Two announcers yakking. Brief weather forecast. Mentioned website at www.kvtaam1520.com. Area news at 0908, mostly from Ventura County. Fair for a few minutes, mixing with KOMA. Taped report sent. (JW-CO)
- 1540 **KXEL IA** Waterloo - 12/2 0437 - Country music noted in KMPC/XEHOS null, but no calls/slogans heard. KFBK back on but at relatively low power? No slop to deal with. Slop suddenly overpowering channel in this direction a couple of minutes later. (RT-CA)
- 1540 **KXPA WA** Bellevue - 12/2 0412 - Strong, with Korean language, in KMPC/XEHOS null. No calls heard. (RT-CA)
- 1550 **WPFC LA** Port Allen - 12/3 1901 - Good, with black gospel music, then DJ: *That's right, Baton Rouge ... (RD-IA)*
- 1570 **KBRI AR** Brinkley - 12/1 2303 - Good, with *Gospel 1570 KBRI* ID. Even if they had left their 250-watt day facility on, this is still a phenomenal catch. (RD-IA)
- 1600 **KLEB LA** Golden Meadow - 11/12 2233 - Good, with zydeco music and ID as *The Ragin' Cajun, AM 1600, KLEB*. (RD-IA)
- 1620 **KBLI ID** Blackfoot - 11/25 0957 - With ESPN Sports, on top of KSMH. IDs for both stations at KBLI and KSMH. (GJ-CA)
- 1620 **KBLI ID** Blackfoot - 12/4 0928 - ESPN programming to 0959 ID: *A Marathon(?) Media station - KBLI 1620 ESPN Sports*, then more ESPN. Not a single local spot or break-in, other than the ID, during 50 minutes of monitoring. Generally fair, with WTAW QRM at first, but the latter was deteriorating. At 1015, KSMH powered up and overtook KBLI. New, Idaho #28. (JW-CO)



DDXD-East

Karl Jeter (KVJ-GA) writes, "My first contribution in several years"! Welcome and welcome back, Karl. That's two weeks in a row that we've seen the return of a former reporter to DXN. Let's hope that trend continues!

I am fascinated by the variety of equipment used by our DDXD-East contributors, especially considering the esoteric nature of our hobby. It's good to know that there is still a place for "entry-level" equipment. Yes, a KIWA loop would be a very nice addition to the shack, but until I can afford the \$400, my Radio Shack loop works very well indeed, considering its modest price.

I mention this because many of us may feel uncomfortable "talking up" our hobby to friends and family members. When I am asked about my hobbies and interests, I *always* tell folks about DXing. Yet even if someone seems genuinely interested, they nevertheless invariably respond with some variation of "Oh, I could never do that. I can't afford all the equipment". Well, they *can* afford the equipment! Even a GE SRIII gets the job done (as several members have proven).

I started as a teenager, listening at night to distant stations like WCFL, WLS, WMEX and CHUM on my six-transistor Zenith radio—wish I still had it, too. That little radio wasn't much larger than a

cellular phone, and if memory serves, I paid \$20.00 for it. Still, it provided hours and hours of excitement and it really pulled in the stations. So at the risk of your friends' eyes glazing over, don't be afraid to tell them about the hobby. Let others know that AM radio is alive and that DXing is affordable (and fun). Talk it up!

STATION NEWS

- 740 CJPT ON Oakville – 11/17 0105 – Presumed the one I am testing with open carrier. Also heard later on during daylight hours pinning the S-meter with OC. Listed as CJPT as these are the rumoured calls. (NJW*ON)
- UNID, UNID HELP & PRESUMED
- 700 UNID — — 11/29 1840 – Medical call in show. Listeners calling in with various medical questions, answered by a doctor or medical person who had a slight English accent. I was very surprised to hear anything under WLW. Signal actually rivaled WLW for a brief moment. (RCP-IN)
- 740 UNID — — 11/18 0709 – Heard French here with a man giving out a website address and talking about "Dimanche" (Sunday). Not parallel to the CBC-Toronto on 860 or CBC-Windsor on 540. QRM from WGSW and WVCH. Only thing that appears to be listed is a CBC LPRT, CBSI-13 in Mingan, Quebec. But that station is listed as now being on 92.5 FM if you go to the CBC/SRC website. (Mingan is well northeast of Quebec City at the end of Highway 138 and north of Anticosti Island, PEI and Nova Scotia). (NJW*ON)
- 780 WIINp MS Ridgeland – 12/01 1748 – UNID gospel song followed by male voice giving station slogan "solid gospel on 780 AM". No legal ID heard, but assume it was WIIN as they come in here quite often. Very tough signal in partial WBBM null. (RCP-IN)
- 880 KRVNp NE Lexington – 12/03 0710 – Ad for Broken Bow Deli. C&W music. Fair but covered by WRFD sign-on at 0714. (HF-MI)
- 980 WONEp OH Dayton – 12/02 2119-2135 – Wright State Tigers Basketball Network". Ad for Wright-Pat Credit Union. Good. (HF-MI)
- 1000 CFLPp QC Rimonski – 11/24 1930 – Smokey Robinson's "Being with You", then FF announcer spoke, then played a FF CHR song. Mixing with WMVP under a strong open carrier, and was able to null them completely. (SK-PA)
- 1020 UNID — — 12/04 1147 – A midday reception: "Your Hometown Music Station" under KDKA with country music. (JR-NY)
- 1040 UNID — — — Wondering if somebody out there can help me with this station I have heard the past couple of days. I am getting a Spanish station with chit-chat and music. The music is very up tempo and has I believe accordions at times and also sounds like "Polka" type music other times! I have heard it the past couple of nights going home from work, and last night I had a rather steady signal till it was time to ID (of course). But I thought I heard an English ID at 1705 with a male voice and Spanish accent! Then this morning I heard this station again with music and talk in downtown Harrisburg, PA where I work. I thought I heard Winston/Salem mentioned. Could this be WSGH? At night I can ID WHO. Well that's it. Hope somebody can give me something on this. (BK-PA)
- 1120 WUSTp DC Washington – 11/30 0830-0845 – ETH; in French with frequent mention of Haitian news items. Signal level and line of bearing indicate DC area. (DL-MD)
- 1270 KHJ? — — 11/29 1613 – Oldies. "KHJ Continuous Country" ID's. (JR-NY)
- 1470 UNID — — 11/30 1704 – With non-ID slogan "Joy Radio will give you inspiration...the new AM 1230, 1470 and 1600 Joy Radio", into pop-gospel song, then gone under WLQR. (MKB-ON)
- 1520 KDYSp LA Lafayette – 11/27 1835 – Radio Disney noted; assume this (Heard/verified last year); KOMA QRM. (KVJ-GA)
- WQCTp OH Bryan – 11/19 0828 – Tentative with "Music of Your Life" ID into Peter, Paul & Mary song. QRM from WWKB; only 1520 station listed according to the Music of Your Life website. (NJW*ON)
- 1550 UNID — — 12/02 1708-1729 – Man and woman SS chit-chat & mainly ranchera music. Ad for Farmers's Market on Buford Highway. Several mentions of Chicago. Disappeared suddenly at 1729; power/pattern change? Fair. (HF-MI)
- 1580 WDABp SC Travelers Rest – 12/02 1701-1707 – SS; "Noticiero Carolina". Ranchera tune



"La Poderosa". Good (HF-MI)

- 1600 UNID — — 11/21 1745 and 1800 – WestWoodOne NOS // 1480 WISL; mixing with WPDC. Mostly all groundwave, so did someone change formats? Could this be the station (JR-NY) reported in issue #7? Lots of Southern New York coming in on groundwave this date. (SK-PA)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

LOGGINGS

- 550 WICE RI Pawtucket – 11/24 – 0800 "On the Free Speech Network"; "Talk five fifty The Buzz"; "WICE Pawtucket, Providence". (DL*RI)
- 560 WHYN MA Springfield – 11/24 0758 – "WHYN News"; non-network news. (DL*RI)
- WMUZ MI Monroe – 11/27 1550-1600 – Health program, infomercial for Kailea (sp?). ID at top of hour as "AM 560 WMUZ, the Word Station", so apparently hasn't changed back to WLLZ. Good over SS (p) WIND + EZL music station. (HF-MI)
- KLVI TX Beaumont – 11/29 1809 – Male voice saying "You're listening to 560 AM KLVI Beaumont. It is presently [sic] 60 degrees here at the KLVI Studios". Then back to the discussion of the Florida election fiasco. Great signal and way over usual WIND. (RCP-IN)
- CFOS ON Owen Sound – 11/27 1959 – Clear for promo "SportsTalk Saturday after the 10:00 AM News"; "You've been listening to the sounds of *Remember When* on 560 CFOS". Day power for election coverage. (SK-PA)
- 570 WVMI MS Biloxi – 12/01 2220-2243 – Moss Point Tigers vs. Clinton football. "Tigers Sports Network on AM 5-70 WVMI". Fair. (HF-MI)
- 580 WTCM MI Traverse City – 11/18 1704 – Out of Michigan-OSU football with ID; spot for a local office building into a talk show program; fair with CKWW and CFRA. (NJW*ON)
- WTAG MA Worcester – 11/24 0809 – "...WTAG; Morning Edition". (DL*RI)
- CFRA ON Ottawa – 11/20 1924 – "CFRA presents a new nighttime lineup on NewsTalk 580 CFRA". Seldom heard. (SK-PA)
- 590 WEZE MA Boston – 11/24 1559 – REL program; "Money Matters"; "Family five ninty, WEZE Boston". (DL*RI)
- WLVA VA Lynchburg – 11/23 1420 – Music format: AC/EZL; "590 WLVA, The River"; music; "All your favorites, all the time, WLVA 590 AM, The River"; local ads. (AA-VA)
- KLBJ TX Austin – 11/29 1820 – Ads for Michelin tires, and DieHard Batteries. Followed by a female voice saying "This is Michelle Scott with NewsRadio 590 KLBJ". Several other KLBJ ID's heard followed by a story about a pig that got loose on board an airliner. Fair to poor signal and briefly in. First time heard. (RCP-IN)
- 600 WCHT MI Escanaba – 11/19 0625 – "News Talk 600 WCHT" ID during a break in the Steve Hunter Show on One-On-One sports. Poor under CKAT. (NJW*ON)
- 630 WBMQ GA Savannah – 11/23 2300 and 11/29 0000 – Fair; canned female ID "NewsTalk 630 WBMQ", followed by jingle "News/Talk 630 WBMQ". Savannah mentioned in station promos. (SC*IN)
- + – 11/29 2036 – Break in Georgia vs. Carolina basketball. Partial ID "...on NewsTalk 630 WBMQ". Ad for furniture store; part of promo "...and WBMQ"; back to game. Very wavy in WMAL/CFCO mix. New. (SK-PA)
- 640 CFYI ON Richmond Hill – 11/20 1925 – "Now back to Spike Jones on Talk 640, CFYI". Rare to hear this all alone. (SK-PA)
- 720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest – 12/02 1657 – Good; You're listening to Angel (?) Broadcasting, WGCR Pisgah Forest, local weather, and obituaries. (BC-NH)
- 730 WSCC SC Charleston – 12/02 1623 – Good; "Newsradio 730 WSC" IDs and promos including "Mindless muck of FM radio" and "The station you trust for weather, Newsradio 730 WSC," Kim Commando computer talk show. (BC-NH)
- CKDM MB Dauphin – 11/19 0653 – Way on top of CKAC/XEX with C&W. "Today's hot new country-CKDM". This has also shown up a few more times since then at home in early December during the pre-sunrise hours. (NJW*ON)
- 740 WPAQ NC Mount Airy – 11/18 1430 – Blue grass music, ID and local news. QRM from WVCH (with religious programming). (NJW*ON)
- WJIB MA Cambridge – 11/12 1755 – Good; Business Talk Radio with personal finance



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talk, mention of WBNW, jazz instrumental, "This is WJIB Cambridge/Boston" into local sports talk. (BC-NH)

790 WGSN NY **Huntington** – 11/24 0730 – "Long Island Lucky Bucks Station"; "18 in Islip"; "...on WHLI". (DL*RI)

WIRJ TN **Humboldt** – 12/01 2015-2027 – Pop music; ad for Casey Jones Museum and other railroad attractions in TN. "WIRJ Humboldt TN"; Fair over C&W; better in LSB. (HF-MI)

KRMG OK **Tulsa** – 12/4 1217 – Heard well throughout midday with "Newstalk 740 KRMG" ID's and Dr. Laura. At 1060 miles this may be my furthest daytime reception, further than Minneapolis and St. Louis, aided no doubt by my new 1000' E/W wire and the absence of CBL. I heard KSTP 1500 at 11:00 AM today as well. (JR-NY)

810 WHB MO **Kansas City** – 11/29 1729 – "Sports Radio WHB". (JR-NY)

820 WMGG FL **Largo** – 12/02 1842-1855 –SS; "La Mega FM" IDs. Several mentions of "La Cueva". Very good. (HF-MI)

860 WTZX TN **Sparta** – 12/02 2150-2215 – "W___ AM 8-60 the oldies station"; "You're locked into Sparta's place for oldies". Poor mixing with religious station (and Reloj?). Strong open carrier covers frequency. (HF-MI)

870 WFLO VA **Farmville** – 11/23 1242 – Local weather "37 degrees in Farmville"; local Trading Post Show; at 12:53, "Right here on 870, 1,000 watt WFLO AM Farmville"; at 13:00, "You're tuned to WFLO 870 AM Farmville, VA"; into USA Radio Network News. (AA-VA)

880 KRVN NE **Lexington** – 11/25 1804-1814 – Ad for Arapaho Nebraska Dodge dealer; "KRVN Weather Watch brought to you by the Nebraska Beef Boosters". Dove under WCBS and went into "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer". Fair over WCBS and WRFD for several minutes. (HF-MI)

CKLQ MB **Brandon** – 11/19 0658 – On top of WCBS with C&W music. 0700 ID "Western Manitoba's Information Station, this is CKLQ news". (NJW*ON)

KGHT AR **Sheridan** – 12/01 1731-1803 – Gospel music. "It's five o'clock...AM 8-80 KGHT...Sheridan, Little Rock". Spot for The Heffer (sp?) Ranch. Fair; mainly over Blues-Oldies station. (HF-MI)

890 WKNV VA **Fairlawn** – 11/26 0722 – Southern Gospel music, "JOY-AM", potent signal. (KVJ-GA)

WBAJ SC **Blythewood** – 11/29 1653 – String of short "canned" religious programs, Calls stand for "We're Broadcasting About Jesus"; 1702 ID mentions "Blythewood-Columbia". (KVJ-GA)

910 WSTK NC **Jacksonville** – 12/02 2245 – Local spots and ID plus several mentions of "Eastern North Carolina" into gospel music. Cuba's Radio Reloj could be heard underneath. (NJW-ON)

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WAVL PA **Apollo** – 11/18 1658 – Sign-off announcement after religious programming. (NJW*ON)

WNEZ CT **New Britain** – 11/24 0845 – UC; "It's the morning show on JAMS nine ten"; mostly rap music. (DL*RI)

KVIS OK **Miami** – 12/5 2030 – Weak, country gospel; yet another version of Mel's "The Christmas Song" by unnamed artist. Station motto, "More music and less talk KVIS". (SC-IN)

920 CKNX ON **Wingham** – 11/30 0700 – Weak, country music; tuned in at farm prices wrap-up: "Old crop soys down 1 at 7.15, new crop soys down 2 at 7.32. Now news from around the world, here's Kevin Barnard on Hot Country 920 CKNX". (SC-IN)

WKRT NY **Cortland** – 11/26 0008 – Weak; male announcer with "Another hour of good time oldies on WKRT" into "I Want to Wish You a Merry Christmas" ["Feliz Navidad" – MS] by Jose Feliciano. (SC-IN)

WIRD NY **Lake Placid** – 11/29 0400 – Weak; canned male announcer "You're listening to the Adirondack? Radio Network, WIRD 920 AM, your ESPN Radio Network. Another station motto: "Best in the Adirondacks". Sports. (SC-IN)

WPCM NC **Burlington** – 11/29 0600 – Fair; live announcer ID "Rhythm and Beat (I believe he said "beat") 920 WPCM, Burlington. The music played sounded like

930 WFMD MD **Frederick** – 11/18 1656 – Way on top of frequency with promo for Washington Redskins football on "Maryland's Sports Leader WFMD". (NJW*ON)

950 WPEN PA **Philadelphia** – 11/18 1632 – Spot for New Jersey Public Schools, ID and Frank Sinatra tune. (NJW*ON)

WGTA GA **Summerville** – 11/30 0758 – In dogfight over WWJ with sports report talking about Southeastern Conference basketball; ad for Summerville Florists, local weather "now 41 degrees at WGTA". (MKB-ON)

980 WSUB RI **Groton** – 11/24 0910 – TLK; "WSUB"; frequent IDs. (DL*RI)

990 WALE RI **Greenville** – 11/25 1525 – TLK; "WALE Renaissance Radio"; "The Doctor Judy Show here on WALE". (DL*RI)

1030 WWGB MD **Indian Head** – 11/29 0643 – "This is WWGB Indian Head, Washington"; sign on and right into GOS music. Covers WBZ. (DL-MD)

1060 WHFB MI **Benton Harbor** – 11/19 0800 – Top-of-hour ID heard in mess with KYW. (NJW*ON)

1070 WINA VA **Charlottesville** – 11/23 0716 – ID: "WINA News time 7:15" Notes: Interference by two other radio stations, SS and GOS. (AA-VA)

WIBC IN **Indianapolis** – 11/23 0736 – Morning Talk Show; "WIBC News Time 7:36", local ads; "1070 WIBC"; news; "Stan Lear for WIBC, where news always comes first". Interference from other stations. (AA-VA)

WCSZ SC **Sans Souci** – 11/20 2230 – Very good with lots of local ads; ID by female as "1070 The Sports ___ WCSZ". New. (MB-IN)

1080 WKGX NC **Lenoir** – 11/30 0625-0630 – C&W; "AM Stereo, ten-eighty WKGX" in WTIC null. (DL-MD)

1100 WTAM OH **Cleveland** – 11/30 0635-0645 – "News Radio WTAM eleven-hundred" with minimal co-channel. (DL-MD)

WHLI NY **Hampstead** – 11/30 0645-0655 – NOS; very noticeable power increase: "Eleven-hundred, WHLI...by the way we're now operating at full power". (DL-MD)

1130 WLBA GA **Gainesville** – 11/29 2238 – Mexican music, "WAOS Austell, WLBA Gainesville, mas favorita" ID; very strong in auroral conditions. New. (JR-NY)

1140 WKWM MI **Kentwood** – 11/19 0807 – "Top 10 Rhythm & Praise Countdown" program. (NJW*ON)

1160 WCCS PA **Homer City** – 11/20 1853 – Music type AC; "1160 WCCS, Indiana County Radio Station". Local ads, top of the hour ID: "This is Indiana County Radio Station The Amazing AM 1160 WCCS, Homer City"; into news. (AA-VA)

1180 WJFF RI **Hope Valley** – 11/25 1608 – C&W; CBS News; "WJFF AM eleven eighty". (DL*RI)

1190 WIXL FL **Pine Castle** – 11/22 0652 – "The All-New WIXL, Winter Park/Orlando"; "Your source for business news" into "Business Talk Radio". Ex-WAJL. (KVJ-GA)

WSDQ TN **Dunlap** – 11/22 0715 – Country music, "The Best Country Around" (Satellite format?) (KVJ-GA)

1200 WQLS AL **Ozark** – 11/20 1758 – Blasting in with "The All-New Son Country" (Christian Country music). ID at 1800 "WQLS, AM-1200, Ozark-Dothan-Enterprise". Signal drop at 1800. (KVJ-GA)

1210 KGYN OK **Guyman** – 11/26 2344 – Noted weak with country music, female DJ; local weather in somewhat auroral conditions. No sign of WPHT. (KVJ-GA)

1220 WJUN PA **Mexico** – 11/21 1808 – Southern Gospel music; canned ID "1220 AM, WJUN". A rare one even though it's an all-groundwave evening. Very fuzzy. (SK-PA)

1230 WXNI RI **Westerly** – 11/25 1635 – -NWS/TLK- NPR "Weekend All Things Considered"; "WBUR ninty point nine Boston/WBUR AM, Providence". (DL*RI)

1240 WBUR MA **West Yarmouth** – 11/25 1605 – NWS/TLK; NPR // with 1230. (DL*RI)

1260 WGAY DC **Washington** – 11/21 2107 – "...WGAY. It's the *Music Of Your Life* on AM 1260". (SK-PA)

WBUD NJ **Trenton** – 11/21 2108 – Break on the *Titans* (a lucky team) *Radio Network*. ID "Great Gold 1260". In three-way mix. (SK-PA)

WNRK DE **Newark** – 11/21 2102 – Giving addresses of several churches in Wilmington, then promo for NFL game "Thursday at 12:30 on WNRK". (SK-PA)

1290 WRNI RI **Providence** – 11/25 1610 – NWS/TLK; NPR; Didn't get the impression that this one simul'd with

1230 and 1240. Sure a lot of NPR on the AM band in Mass / RI. (DL*RI)

1300 WOOD MI Grand Rapids – 11/21 1620 – End of ABC *Newsbrief*; “The Neil Deon Show on WOOD Radio 1300”. Fair. (SK-PA)

1330 WHBL WI Sheboygan – 11/27 1720 – *Speaking of Sports* from ABC. At 1725, “You’re in tune with 1330 AM in Sheboygan”. Ads to shop Sheboygan County; Badger Sports Update from Matt on the Wisconsin Sports Network. Just over heavy flutter. (SK-PA)

WELW OH Willoughby – 11/27 1707 – “That’s the WELW Sports Update. I’m Brian _____”; then faded out. (SK-PA)

1400 WSTC CT Stamford – 11/24 1055 – “.on WSTC fourteen hundred Stamford and WNLK fourteen fifty Norwalk”. (DL*RI)

1430 WBSM MA New Bedford – 11/24 1107 – “.I’m Jack Peterson for WBSM Sports”. (DL*RI)

KQLL OK Tulsa – 11/29 1914 – Station slogan “SportsRadio 1430 KQLL”, then into a sports program; also a brief mention of a business in Broken Arrow. Very poor signal heard in partial local WMYS null. (RCP-IN)

1440 WTTM MA Worcester – 11/24 1500 – “Sports Radio WEEI Boston”. (DL*RI)

1450 WASK IN Lafayette – 11/29 1603 – Local news; call letters. New. (JR-NY)

1460 WBET RI West Warwick – 11/24 1503 – “WBET News Room”; lots of local news. (DL*RI)

WVOX NY New Rochelle – 11/24 1504 – “This is WVOX” TLK; program about freedom of speech. (DL*RI)

WRAD VA Radford – 11/22 1943 – AC type music; “1460 WRAD” into music Elton John “Candle in the Wind”; “24 hrs a day, Holiday favorites being brought to you by Golden Coral in Radford”. (AA-VA)

1470 WMBD IL Peoria – 11/29 0700 – Fair with top of hour ID as “Recognized by the Illinois Broadcasters Association... award-winning news from NewsRadio 1470 AM, WMBD Peoria”. (MKB-ON)

WBTX VA Broadway – 11/28 1600 – Traditional Gospel music, then ID as “WBTX Broadway, Luray, Harrisonburg”. New. (JR-NY)

1480 WTDA WI Madison – 11/29 0655 – Wiping out nulled WHBC with Wisconsin Farm Show; ad for Polaris ATV’s. (MKB-ON)

WLEA NY Hornell – 11/17 1125 – Music by Air Supply and Neil Diamond. Local spots. Mixing with WADR carrying One-On-One sports. (NJW*ON)

WCIN OH Cincinnati – 11/29 1910 – Station ID heard given by a male announcer “WCIN” then into what sounded like soul music or Urban Contemporary music. Very poor signal with much background noise. First time heard. (RCP-IN)

WSAR MA Fall River – 11/24 1510 – TLK; “Fourteen eighty WSAR”; ads for Fall River businesses. (DL*RI)

1490 WBYM VA Hampton – 11/23 0925 – C&W type music; ID: “1490, The Gold Mine”, local ads, music, local events. (AA-VA)

1520 WHOW IL Clinton – 11/19 0815 – Sign-on announcement mentioning “Cornbelt Broadcasting Company” and then played Star Spangled Banner. Sounded like a relay of the NOAA weather forecast followed the sign-on announcement. QRM from KOLM and a religious station. Sounded like WWKB was not on at this time. Had to play back my tape several times to figure this one out. (NJW*ON)

WCHE PA West Chester – 11/19 1443 – Canned ID “This is WCHE, 1520 AM West Chester”. At 1451 live female “.with the best music on the radio...the New 1520 WCHE”. Later, male announcer “Your favorite music from yesterday and today on 1520 WCHE”. Format is AC. Heard only once before. (SK-PA)

1530 WMBT PA Shenandoah – 11/17 1137 – James Brown oldie; promo for “Let’s Talk Cooking”. ID as “Good Time Oldies WMBT”. (NJW*ON)

1540 KGBC TX Galveston – 11/27 1907 – Fair with local news; “All the Greatest Hits - AM-1540, KGBC”. Rock oldies; lots of ZNS-1 QRM (auroral conditions again). (KVJ-GA)

WJTT TN Jellico – 12/02 1650-1700 – “Gospel Hour..WJTT Jellico”; “Your station for solid Gospel music”. Christmas music mixing with C&W. Poor. (HF-MI)

1550 WLOR AL Huntsville – 12/02 1708 – Up for a couple of seconds with “Alabama football on WLOR AM 15-50” with game coverage. Poor. Dominant station was UNID SS. (HF-MI)

WMRE WV Charleston – 12/03 1110-1125 – NOS; “The best of old time gospel...Memories



fifteen-fifty WMRE”. (DL-MD)

1570 WNST MD Towson – 11/19 1600 – ID by female “AM 1570 WNST Towson/Baltimore”. Back to One-On-One Sports. Very strong under nearly-local WPGM. (SK-PA)

+ – 11/24 1750 – Ad for car dealer with two locations in the Baltimore area, One-On-One sports, mixed with WISP, WBUG, and UNID stations. (BC-NH)

CKMW MB Winkler – 11/25 1700-1705 – Broadcast News to 1704. “In the Heartland, Country 15-70 CKMW”; Poor but on top of jumble. (HF-MI)

WBUG NY Amsterdam – 11/24 2220 – Good; forecast from the WBUG Weather Center, “Country Classics only on Bug Country, FM 101.1, AM 1570” and Real Country. (BC-NH)

WISP PA Doylestown – 11/24 2255 – Good; EWTN Global Catholic Radio network ID and WISP Catholic Community Bulletin Board promo. (BC-NH)

1600 KLEB LA Golden Meadow – 11/26 0041 – Good. “Playing your favorite Cajun music, the Ragin’ Cajun, 1600-KLEB”. (KVJ-GA)

1620 WHLY IN South Bend – 12/01 1956-2002 – Notre Dame vs. Lake Superior State hockey game coverage; “WHLY South Bend, AM 16-20”. Very good. (HF-MI)

1630 WRDW GA Augusta – 12/01 0800 – Alone on frequency with Lions Club PSA; top of hour ID “WRDW Augusta, a Beasley Broadcasting Group Station”, into ABC news. (MKB-ON)

1680 WTTM NJ Princeton – 11/25 2212-2300 – With Penn State Basketball post-game show after KY game; mucho network ads, Penn State promos; at 2234, end of show and into ESPN “SportsCenter”, “1680-ESPN” and “Home of the NJ Jets”. Calls noted at 2300 ID. (KVJ-GA)

1700 WEUV AL Huntsville – 12/01 1820-1842 – “WEUP Newsroom”; “Music that gets in your head...WEUP”; “WEUP, your heritage station”; “There’s no shame in our praise, we’re AM 1600 WEUP”. Gospel music. Fair mainly over WAFN. (HF-MI)

WAFN FL Miami Springs – 12/01 1820-1842 – “Sports Radio 1700, the Fan”; ad for Ricochet mobile network. Fair, mainly under WEUV. (HF-MI)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

OFF THE INTERNET

1500 WAKE IN Valparaiso – From *The Times of Valparaiso*, Indiana, Tuesday, December 5, 2000: WAKE-AM (1500) has announced it will now broadcast earlier in the morning and later in the evening. WAKE will now be able to stretch its programming hours to start earlier in the day and conclude as late as 10:30 PM in the evening. (FRV-OH)

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ADDRESS UPDATES
REPORTERS

AA-VA Albert Arnold Chesterfield – Yaesu FRG-7700, SONY ICF-2010, Drake R-8; Eavesdrop per/T, Kiwa loop, and RF Systems MLB-MK2.

MKB-ON Mike Brooker Toronto – Panasonics RF-2200, & RFB-45.

MB-IN Mark Burns Terre Haute – Drake R-8; Kiwa loop; 80’ RW.

SC*IN Steve Chappell McCordsville – Sangean ATS 818cs.

SC-IN Steve Chappell McCordsville – Bearcat DX 1000; 3 terminated loops.

BC-NH Bruce Conti Nashua – R8B, MWDX-5, 100-ft wire; 100-ft east sloping wire.

HF-MI Harold Frodge Midland – Drake R8B + 85’/215’ RW’s; 125 ft single loop.

KVJ-GA Karl Jeter Lawrenceville – HQ-150, Sangean ATS-803A, Quantum loop; Kiwa MW loop.

SK-PA Steve Kennedy Coal Township – GE SuperRadio III; indoor wire.

BK-PA Bob Klinger New Cumberland – Delco car radio.

DL-MD David Larrabee Columbia – R8500 & IC706, loop & long wires.

DL*RI David Larrabee Point Judith, 1500 feet from lighthouse – SONY SW7600 with internal loopstick.

RCP-IN Robert C. Pote Greenwood – Drake R8A receiver and Kiwa loop.

JR-NY Jim Renfrew Byron – Drake R8, 1000’ E/W wire; Grove antenna tuner.

FRV-OH Frederick Vobbe Lima – Newspaper article.

NJW-ON Niel Wolfish Toronto – SONY ICF-2010 and a Radio Shack AM antenna.

NJW*ON Niel Wolfish Toronto – DXing in Coe Hill, Ontario with an ICOM R71-A and a 700’ longwire.

International Jim Renfrew renfrew@localnet.com

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John Callarman appears to be campaigning for IDXD to become MXD (Mexican DX Digest), with a plethora of detailed loggings from his new location in Texas. Keep'em coming, John!

OK, we'll try this again ... please follow the exact format that you see below.

Sin #1: reporters place the time and date in the text of their reports such that it takes me way too much time to edit them.

Sin #2: I hardly use any abbreviations (as a courtesy to non-English speakers, and to anyone not fluent in ham-speak).

Please do not use abbreviations. (... in any submissions to DXN -pls) Every time you write "mx" or "w/" I have to convert it. I also use non-numeric terminology for months, because many of our readers would be confused by 11/10 (the tenth of November, or the eleventh of October, depending)

Please look at this example, study it, memorize it, tattoo it on the back of your typing hand, and by doing so yours sins may be forgiven:

[tab]1446[tab] ANDROMEDA [3 spaces] Voice of the Outer Limits, Serlingville, DEC 10 2359 - Typical program from this pest with music that sounded like fog horns and sirens run through a blender. DJ mentions that tuning away from the frequency "will cause you and your receiver to self-destruct", so I'm stuck on this frequency for a while. [Renfrew-NY]

And now, by popular request (Jean Burnell asked me to do more of these), here is a new DX Quiz:

[1] What happens to people who do not follow the IDXD format?

- You will be afflicted with a plague of boils and a season-long DX slump
- You will be shunned by your peers at DX gatherings, and banned from DX chat rooms.
- You will wake up every night shaking from nightmares of Dr. Laura.
- Your radio will only receive broadcasts featuring the sonorous voice of J. Vernon McGee.
- You will lose the respect of your children and pets.
- Your computer will forget your password, and your antennas will be consumed by feral creatures.

[2] What happens to people who do follow the IDXD format?

- You shall live in a land flowing with milk, honey & DX.
- New rx under the tree, 100% QSL rate.
- You will be able to command pesky locals to disappear at will.
- Your bust (with headphones) prominently featured in the NRC Hall of Fame, Topeka KS
- Your spouse will gladly excuse you from any family responsibilities whenever it's a good time for DX.
- Like "Lassie", your dog will seek you out whenever the TA's are coming in.

Answers: "As for me and my house, we will follow the format and live!" [Joshua 24:15] (contemporary translation from Hebrew by Rev. Renfrew)

TRANS-ATLANTIC

- 153 NORWAY (presumed) NRK Ingoy, NOV 27 0751-0800 - S9 peak signal (poor) with total fade out @ 0800, Female Norwegian announcer in high voice with popular western music selections. Language sounds Norwegian (My parents from Norway), however some doubt remains as signal poor. But not German (music unlike other classical or jazz programming of Deutschlandradio) and very unlike Algeria (Bechar) with its Arabic music and other religious fare. At this late hour, France 162, Morocco 171 and Europe 1 183 also poor. No signal to compare at medium wave as 1314 Kvitsoy, and various DR stations unheard. [Stromsted-MA]



- 162 FRANCE France-Inter, DEC 1 2213-2221+ - woman and man chatting in FF, Afrio music, poor, presumed. [Frodge-MI]
- 189 ICELAND Riktsutvarpid, Iceland, DEC 1 2153-2213+ - lite vocal pop music without announcers to 2200 then man and woman, language sounding very Nordic; Fair, presumed. [Frodge-MI]
- 216 MONACO Roumoules, France, DEC 4 0328 - The Euro Medium Wave Guide says TWR signs on at 0330, and sure enough, at 0328 they began with music then FF talk, though too much NDB QRM to identify anything. There appeared to be an anthem at 0358, then what I presume was the beginning of Radio Monte Carlo's daily program. [Renfrew-NY]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz, DEC 1 0414 - Clear and strong carrying the RNE-1 Program with pop music and various vocals. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 693 ENGLAND BBC Radio 5 synthros, NOV 60340 - Call in show, echoes on sound. Fair signal. [Stromsted-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND R. Suisse Romande, Sottens, NOV 6 0335 - Loud, French chanson and lyrics. [Stromsted-MA]
- 783 MAURETANIA Nouakchott, DEC 1 2153 - Very strong and steady with Koran. Continued to be heard until late with various men in AA and occasional chanting. Seems to be on late every night and has become the most consistent TA. Is it Ramadan? [Dangerfield-PA] (Yes - Jim)
- 1089 ENGLAND Talk Sport synthros, NOV 6 0331 - "You are on Talk Sport" call-in // 1053, both good signals. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE R. Bleu, Bordeaux, NOV 6 1206 - Rock music-big signal // 864 & 1377 (both good signals). [Stromsted-MA] (Eric slipped in giving the time - Jim)
- 1521 SPAIN Castellon, NOV 27 0125 - Good. SER net with the usual man and woman in SS. This low powered station really gets out. Saudi off at the time. [Dangerfield-PA]20
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, OCT 2 0318 - Just blasting in with Koran. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1530 VATICAN, OCT 2 0257 - Very strong. Over/under WSAI. Man in Slavic lang. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1539 GERMANY Mainflingen, OCT 2 0314 - Good with choir singing. [Dangerfield, PA.]
- 1548 KUWAIT VOA, OCT 2 0220 - Strong and clear. EE news commentary. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1557 FRANCE Nice, OCT 2 0320 - Radio Bleue, good signal. Man in FF. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 SPAIN Pamplona or Cordoba, NOV 27 0130 - Big signal. SER net with man and woman in SS. One of many upper end Spanish in for a short while, then gone. [Dangerfield-PA]

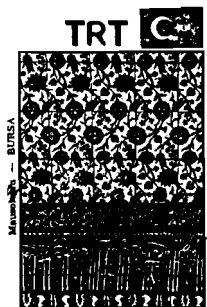
Eric speaks: "Comments: MW: Poor European DX during most of November except for the Spanish stations and R. Bleu in almost daily. Long Wave: Most West European & Mid East stations are heard nightly. Signal quality rather poor in general."

Ben speaks: "I haven't been doing much reporting this season and it's mainly due to the poor TA and LA conditions here. Whereas two or three years ago I was hearing several dozen TAs nightly, this year I have been lucky to get a half dozen barely audible signals. A week ago I picked up a flurry of TAs at mid-evening, mostly at the high end of the band and mostly from Spain. The past evenings the high end has been almost dead but the low end has been active. But in that time, Mauretania 783 has become the loudest and most consistent TA and has been running AN or very late. Last night I observed another of my paths of reception, this one running from Mauretania across the Atlantic through the middle West Indies, with the British Virgins and St. Kitts among others near the same latitude line coming in quite well. Other signals were noted from the Canaries and Western Sahara which are not far from the path. But last night, even the Spanish stations were weak. I suppose some type of auroral conditions."

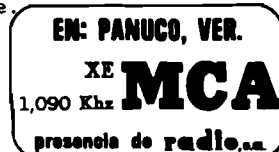
Ben speaks again: "Here's just a short one before we leave for 2 weeks in England for visits with friends in London and Cambridge. Am enjoying Mark's DXP-3A phasing unit which he converted from my old DL2. TA's have been poor the past few days except for a brief flurry last night in the 1500's. And so far, Mauretania 783 hasn't made it to this location. Used to get them regularly on 1349, but rarely with the strength they seem to put into the Connelly-Conti-etc. area. I do have a long-ago verie from them. Well, I should be able to hear a few TA's during the next two weeks! Will carry my SW-100S plus KIWA pocket loop."

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 570 CUBA Radio Reloj, DEC 2 0102 - Poor, "RR" with muddled man in SS; noted @0320 under WVMI [Frodge-MI]
- 580 MEXICO. XEMU, La Rancherita del Aire, Piedras Negras, COAH. NOV 30 0259 - ended a light, romantic nortena ballad by baritone,



- well atop past 0300 station break, woman DJ, I'm guessing, closes her segment of the program on "La Rancherita del Aire," says "Buenos Noches," then man takes over and leads into a long string of local commercials with a Christmas motif, including one with a deep-voiced Santa going "Ho, ho, ho." (Or is it Jo, jo, jo?) Several mentions of station slogan, "en Piedras Negras" heard during the commercials, but heard no call letters. I've logged this one from Pampa, Texas, in the '60s and Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in the '70s and '80s as the dominant Mexican on 580. [Callarman-TX]
- 630 CUBA R. Progreso, NOV 26 0000 - // 640, also, 620, 600, 550 R. Rebelde. [Shaftan-NJ]
- 640 MEXICO. XEHHI, Radio Uno, El Numero Uno, Hidalgo del Parral, CHIH, NOV 27 0410 - Got call letter identification on tape with somewhat redundant "Radio Uno, El Numero Uno" slogan, and identified town as "Parral, Chihuahua" rather than full Hidalgo del Parral. Mostly segueing nortena music, and is one of only a few Mexican stations noted this Sunday night NOT relaying "La Hora Nacional." Nearly every frequency from 1000 on down was dominated by LHN, but by 0500, most of the nulls had closed up. Noted again 0324-0329 with long string of local, retail commercials an "XEHHI" call letter identification. [Callarman-TX]
- 640 CUBA CMQ? Radio Progreso, Guanabacoa/Las Tunas, NOV 23 0537 - blasting in with political commentary by woman, several Progreso IDs and numerous mentions of Castro. As CMQ, this used to be heard almost nightly in Toronto, before CFYI usurped the frequency. [Brooker-MI]
- 660 MEXICO. XEVSS, Hermosillo, SON, NOV 24 0401 - Pulled out a definite taped call letter identification amid at least three Mexican stations, with absolute null on KSKY. I'm unsure about the specific slogan used, but I did hear during a half hour of sporadic monitoring "Radio Seis Sesenta" and what sounded like "El Sabor de Sonora." QRM'd by what appeared to be religious talk in soft-voiced Spanish. La Candela, XERTA, may have been the "Radio Seis Sesenta," but if so, that's all I heard from them, for their tropical music, which dominated 0130-0400 on NOV. 28, was not heard NOV. 24. Neither IDea nor IDentification on the religious talker. [Callarman-TX] (Several Mexican stations use the 6-60 slogan - Jim)
- 670 CUBA CMQ Radio Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas, NOV 23 0530 - wiping out WSCR with political commentary slamming U.S. "imperialsimo". [Brooker-MI]
- 670 MEXICO. XETOR, Radio Ranchita, Torreon, COAH, NOV 30 0231 - Finally got good tape on this one with female vocal group singing "Radio Rachito me gusta mas," then male announcer with "XE-Tor, Radio Ranchito, 670 kilohertz, desde Torreon, Coahuila ..." and ID mentioned affiliation with a "grupo," the name of which I could not pull out. This must be a successful station, because I've heard this call, slogan and format on this frequency at least a quarter century ago. First time here, though. [Callarman-TX]
- 680 PUERTO RICO WAPA San Juan, DEC 2 0110 - On top with SS talk show. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 690 MEXICO XEN, Ondas de Lago, Mexico, DF, NOV 28 0300 - Unlike most Mexicans, which fade into the garble or lose the dominant null at ID time, XEN rode atop for good tape "Transmite Ondas de Lago, XEN". [Callarman-TX]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, DEC 2 0400 - Poor signal with what sounded like preaching. Was able to ID it by checking short wave 6090. [Klinger-PA]
- 700 MEXICO. Unid., probably XEGD, Hidalgo del Parral, CHIH, NOV 29 0354 - String of commercials heard weakly but readable in hard-to-obtain WLW null when music ended. Several mentions of Parral among the local retail commercials heard. If I were still sending reception reports, I'd not hesitate to send a 75-percent positive tentative on this one. [Callarman-TX]
- 710 MEXICO XEDP, Cd. Cuauhtemoc, CHIH, NOV 28 0111 - Call letter ID pulled out of muddy tape, after echo effect with, presumably, the station slogan. KGNC hard to null. This station was easier to hear in Southern Illinois. [Callarman-TX]
- 710 CUBA Radio Rebelde, DEC 2 0108 - man and woman with remote reports; "las ocho" time check // 5025. Fair over QRM. [Frodge-MI]
- 720 VENEZUELA YVQE Pormar, DEC 4 2200 - R. Oriente IDs at 2215, 2218 with Venezuela mentions. [Shaftan-NJ]
- 750 MEXICO XETI, Radio Fiesta, Tuxpan, VER, NOV 28 0129 - I do not have my IRCA Mexican log or the new WRTH yet to know whether this station's new slogan has been noted, but it is "Radio Fiesta, desde la corazon Huasteca," I had heard "Radio Fiesta" slogan here several times in past week in partially nulled WSB, but got good null 0129 NOV. 28 during commercial break, both local and national as, then gave call letter and slogan identification several times in a row, different production IDs, telling how they could be heard in Tamaulipas an several other Mexican states, with



- their "cinco mil watos." Part of the identification as "Radio Grupo del (Golfo?)" not 100-percent certain of last word. [Callarman-TX]
- 760 MEXICO Radio ABC, XEABC, Los Reyes La Paz, MEX, DEC 3 0057 - is the station I've been hearing here with public service, discussion type programs. At 0057 very strong giving closing announcements for such a program, then a promo for "ABC Radio presente Los Jovenos Habla," then a couple of production commercials and at 0000, a production identification began with a whistled theme, then, slowly, "XEABC, 760 khz, ABC Radio, identificiende con setenta mil watts de potencia, desde Los Reyes La Paz, Mexico, estudios y oficinas ... Gomez Par... 51, Colonia San Rafael." (That's what I transcribed from the tape before I looked up address in WRTH.) Continued with program which appeared to be called "Milo Caribe." I seem to recall seeing this station listed at 70,000 watts, but the 2000 WRTH, the next to last IRCA Mexican log, and the Mexican government list show lower powers of varying degrees. [Callarman-TX]
- 760 COLOMBIA HJAJ Baranquilla, DEC 5 2110 - Spanish with repeated mentions of Colombia in ads, news. [Shaftan-NJ] DEC 2 0200-0300 - Spanish speaker between these times, with a poor to fair signal. Sometimes actually good! Presume news with many mentions of "Colombia". Commercial with musical sound bites from "Grease", Rick James "Super Freak"! Bogotá also mentioned. Time pips at 0230 and jingle then into news. New. [Klinger-PA]
- 770 MEXICO XEFTA, Los Mochis, SIN, NOV 28 0401 - Got full call letter identification taped after late time check "Son las nueve en punto." I have heard Mexican commercial stations whose time checks are farther from reality than this one! [Callarman-TX]
- 770 MEXICO XEIH, Fresnillo, ZAC, DEC 1 0225 - 1 had quick time check "En La Voz de Poblía aqui en XE-H ..." Quickly identified next tune and played it. The announcer spoke very rapidly and I could not clarify the call then. At 2131, after a musical selection ended, a rather deliberate production identification began with "Ésta es XEIH ... diez mil watts de potencia" ... gave telephone numbers and FM call and frequency, and probably studio address as well, in a format that was very similar to the XEQS-930 ID taped at 0102. Neither year-old WRTH nor Mexican government list gave evidence that these two share ownership, though. And again, I did not hear "Fresnillo" nor "Zacatecas" but the call letters the second time were clear. There are three Mexican stations on this frequency in KAAM null, and XEIH was running even to lower with a station carrying non-stop talk by a couple of women in Spanish. [Callarman-TX]
- 770 MEXICO Unid, NOV 30 0201 - Tried to pull out identification by going over tapes where one station emphasized the "H" at the end of its call, but I could not determine in the production announcement earlier letter or letters. (Don't think he used the "XE".) There are at least three Mexicans audible on this frequency in KAAM null. [Callarman-TX]
- 780 MEXICO Unid, NOV 20 0347-0401 - Station mixed with partially nulled WBBM, appeared to give slogan (or merely an adjective describing how good a station it is) "Que Bueno," and it appeared to give a studio address in a town in Coahuila, romantic ranchera or norteña music. At 0400, had trumpet fanfare for apparent identification, but could not read it. Nothing listed in Coahuila, and I can't find the IRCA report that says a Coahuila station has moved here. Que malo! [Callarman-TX]
- 780 MEXICO. XEMF, Que Bueno, Monclova, COAH. NOV. 29 1654, got to this one early enough to find loud and clear in weak WBBM null. Ended what was almost a ranchera / rap combination and gave identification. Problem earlier with production ID is that it's done by two voices, one through carbon mike (like an old telephone tape) and the other a soft-voiced man, but got clear XEMF call mentioned several times "Radio Sona (uncertain of this word) la Que Bueno, desde Monclova, Coahuila, capital de la ..." The first part did not sound like Radiodifusora ... and it did not say "capital del estado" which, incidentally, is Saltillo. Woman announcer, who appeared to be live, gave time check and continued with slow-paced romantic tune. This station had been on 970, with different slogan. [Callarman-TX]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Tortola, DEC 2 0031 to 0110 - On top of frequency most of the time with Venezuela below. Program of Christmas carols [screechy fem vocalist] and evangelical urgings such as "hands in air". Calypso music. Mentions of ZBVI. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 780 MEXICO XEMF, Que Bueno, Monclova, COAH, DEC 3 0126 - strongest ever, clear in WBBM null, with same carbon mike voice, then basso production voice, full ID. Said "Diez mil watts" so apparent power here on this new frequency is 10,000 watts. [Callarman-TX]
- 780 VENEZUELA Radio Coro, DEC 2 2317-2335 - man in SS,



- with SS vocals, many Cuban. "RC" singing ID. ID or spot after each tune. Fair under/over WBBM. [Frodge-MI]
- 780 UNID, DEC 5 2100 - Spanish, mentions of La Paz. [Shaftan-NJ] (It could mean "the peace" or a geographical location. In any event, this one is usually Venezuela - Jim)
- 790 MEXICO XEBI, Radio BI, Aguascalientes, AGS, NOV 30 0240 - I've been tracking several signals on this frequency, mostly a garbled graveyard sound, but on this night a string of commercials was heard dominating the channel, short announcement including "Radio BI, la estación ..." and gave telephone number 91-50-790, el telefono de "Buenos Noches, Aguascalientes." That, it turns out, is the name of the production newscast that XEBI runs in this time block. Primary anchor is a woman and a light drumroll/fanfare is heard between each news item. At 0250, there was another string of local commercials, another "Radio BI" announcement, and program identification, "Esta es Buenos Noches, Aguascalientes." [Callarman-TX]
- 790 MEXICO El Fonografo, XERC, Mexico DF, DEC 3 0004 - woman with newscast in Spanish, lots of actualities, something happening in Nicaragua, continued to 0005 when production announcer said "El Fonografo presento ..." and "las estrellas de Fonografo," then a singing commercial, followed by a big band version of "Stomping at the Savoy," faded to announce new program, "Bailando en Savoy," beginning with Artie Shaw's "Frenesi." I copied clear name "El Fonografo" before checking station lists to learn XERC uses this slogan. On a couple of occasions during next half hour, I noted big band instrumentals amid other stations here. [Callarman-TX]
- 830 Radio Reloj, Cuba; 2341, 2-Dec; M/SS & "RR" in mess. Hrd better M&W/SS @0000 M&W/SS cmtry. 0316, 3-Dec; M&W/SS & "RR", Poor (Frodge-MI)
- 800 MEXICO XEROK, Radio Cañon, Juarez, CHIH, NOV 30 0102 - Full identification taped. This former border baby (as XELO) has been weaker than expected here and I noted a second Mexican in its null 24 hours earlier ... but nothing else tonight. [Callarman-TX]
- 800 MEXICO, DEC 3 0259 - There are at least three stations audible in XEROK's null. At 0259 one of them surged atop with announcer's reference to "musica nortena" and said "noticias adelante" (news follows.) Fanfare and station ID by deep-voiced announcer, starting "En Guanajuato ..." and gave call that going over tape several times shows began with X and ended with X. Then began news, with items separated by sound, a rocket-like blast, then short musical pips. XEGX, San Luis de la Paz, GTO., is listed here, which may explain why I thought I heard "Radio Cañon" in XEROK's null a few nights ago. Both stations are listed with that slogan. I missed somebody's sign-off at 0459, when I heard Mexico's national anthem, and one of several surviving stations continue with a couple of commercials, a very short Echo-Effect announcement, then man with high pitched voice and young woman in ad lib conversation. If either one of them had given an ID I might have caught it, but many Mexican stations like the idea of having a basso profundo identify the station with an echo effect, and this audio is harder for me to hear amid interference. [Callarman-TX]
- 800 UNID, DEC 4 0026 - SS station under XEROK and KHIS. ID sounded like "Radio Cinta". "Cinta" probably isn't correct, as that doesn't make much sense (would a station brag about having a taped broadcast? Anyone know Tijuana's slogan? Can't wait to get the IRCA Mexican log. [Hawk-CA]
- 810 unID, DEC 4 2230 - Spanish under WGY with Cuba mentions. [Shaftan-NJ]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS Charlestown, DEC 2 0119 - On top with religious talk. [Dangerfield-PA]
- DEC 4 1859 - Knocking out WEEU // Shortwave broadcast. [Shaftan-NJ]
- 830 MEXICO. XEIK La Norteña, Piedras Negras, COAH, NOV 30 0035-0100 - Loud, steady signal with regional newscast, lots of reporters in different Coahuila communities including Piedras Negras and Acuna. Last item on the newscast had a San Antonio dateline and reported the death of veteran Texas Congressman Henry Gonzalez. The newscast is presented by "Nucleo Radio Socola," apparently a network of Coahuila stations, and, after a drumroll, this identification was heard: "La Norteña, 830 en la banda amplituda modulada, transmitiend desde Piedras Negras, Coahuila." I had done some extensive taping of this one last year in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and heard this newscast several times, and noted no call letter ID at 0100, but had heard XEIK ID later when the station was in its music programs. This station has not been heard later in the evening HERE, and thus it may be paying more attention to its night power than it was last year when I heard it on the car radio on the newspaper parking lot well into the night on auroral nights when WCCO was gone.
- DEC 5 0116 - strong and steady with commercial string, not



- starting music until 0124. "La Norteña" mentioned and a femal vocal group with "Nucleo Radio Zocola" singer. Glenn Hauser corrected my phonetic spelling, thanks. [Callarman-TX]
- 830 CUBA Radio Reloj, DEC 6 no time - Poor signal under WTRU. Able to copy Morse code every minute. Every now and then could hear a little Spanish. New. [Klinger-PA]
- 840 MEXICO. Unid. NOV. 30 0224-0226 briefly broke through difficult WHAS null and gave quick announcement including something that sounded like "La Palanta." I played tape several times to see if I could pull out either "Pachanga" or "Papantla" but could not. This station's music was more Tropical than Nortena. [Callarman-TX]
- 840 MEXICO XEFG, La Pachanga, Celaya, GTO (tentative), DEC 3 0115 - is apparently the station I've been chasing on rare occasions when I can null WHAS. Plays ranchero tunes and guitar backed ballads almost segued, but with very short announcement between songs. At 0115 announcement sounded like "Colo La Tanga" but at 0119, it clearly said "Escucha La Pachanga." I've heard neither call letters nor location here, though, so I can only log this one as possible to probable. [Callarman-TX]
- 850 CUBA Radio Reloj, DEC 3 0315 - Just hear "RR" under WRMR. [Frodge-MI]
- 880 VENEZUELA Radio Paraguana, DEC 2 2303-2315+ - SS man with lite SS vocals. Only voice heard was man with SS "RP" ID @2315. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 880 MEXICO XETC, Torreon, COAH, NOV 30 2359 - heard call letter identification as it broke through Nebraska null, and mention of Coahuila during commercial string 0037 DEC. 1. At 0200 DEC. 1, a station here closed a public affairs interview program in Spanish, used "Ocho-Ochenta-AM" casually but did not stay up long enough for full identification. More commercials followed, but not readable, and I'm not sure if this was the same station. [Callarman-TX]
- 890 CUBA Radio Progreso, DEC 3 0246 - Lite SS vocal music. "Radio Progreso...Habana Cuba". Fair much, better than nearly buried // 640 & 880 [Frodge-MI]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS Charlestown, DEC 2 0122 - Fair. Man and woman in EE with pop music and pop vocals. Rarely heard here, but made it on that path that began in Mauretania and went across the Atlantic on the same latitude. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 930 MEXICO XEQS, Fresnillo, ZAC. DEC 1 0050-0055 - a really long string of short(15-30 second) commercials and promos, with many voices and creative production, and one "XEQS-930" mention inserted by woman during what appeared to be quick break in a promo for a national network newscast read by a male announcer. At 0102, a full identification was given, parts of which were discernible on the tape, including another XEQS identification ... 930 kilohertz ... diez mil watts ... phone or fax numbers of 93-2270 and 93-2232, address of Avenida (Intargo? or similar 116, and a couple of "puntos" which may have been part of FM frequencies. First ever from this estado, though I did not hear either "Fresnillo" or "Zacatecas." The call letters were unmistakable. [Callarman-TX]
- 940 MEXICO XEQ Mexico City DF, NOV 28 0242 - // Internet Broadcast with SS music over/under Montreal. ID'ing as "Q, La Radio Viva". [Shaftan-NJ]
- 950 CUBA R. Reloj, Sancti Spiritus (?), NOV 29 2154 - Spanish with ticking in background. [Shaftan-NJ] (G. Harley DeLeurere obtained a list from R. Reloj identifying this station as Cd. Habana - Jim)
- 990 MEXICO La T Grande, XET, Monterrey, NL. NOV 30 2357 - very, very strong with tropical tune, began announcement and cut power about 2358, when went from super signal to non-existent. At 2354 DEC. 2, finished light nortena tune, had a couple of production announcements, mentioned "La T Grande" a couple of times, then man and woman personalities played off one another with joking, laughing conversation, not stopping for identification. Shortly after 0000 DEC. 3, gave "Son las seis de tarde, esta es un momento por reflexión" and played vocal version of The Lord's Prayer in Spanish. Several voices on a commercial, and at 0002, began what appeared to be "Hora Que Tal." Cut power this night at 0003 and again disappeared. [Callarman-TX]
- 1000 MEXICO Radio Mil, XEOY, Mexico DF, DEC 3 0003 - Strongest I've ever heard it and taped, in passing, a good, complete ID, starting with whistled four-note theme that, 30-plus years ago was sung "Es Ra-dio Mil," Then slowly, austenatiously, announces says "XEOY, Radio Mil, ... AF, y XEOI, Radio Mil onda corta, 6 mil diez kilohertz en la banda internacional de 49 metros, emisora en ... NRM, Nucleo Raio Mil, zona azul y (?), Ciudad y Valle de Mexico." Continued with music. [Callarman-TX]
- 1000 MEXICO. Unid, DEC. 6 0335 - first noted with two male voices simultaneously shouting about "La Mejor Disco de la Frontera." Ranchero music noted off and on, but at 0421 fade-in to 0425 fade-out had narrative in Spanish over



- accordian and snippets of rancho songs, some kind of story. At 0432, again did the "La Mejor Disco de la Frontera" bit. No town names nor call letters heard. [Callarman-TX]
- 1010 MEXICO. Unidentified "Diez-Diez AM", possibly XEVK, Torreon, COAH. and another that may have been XELO, Chihuahua, CHIH, DEC 5 0316-0416 - fought for dominance amid jumble off and on. Jazzy vocal from one station ended 0318, sounded like singer was identified as Alejandro Saenz, then "Jingle Bells" for Christmas greeting from "Gasolinera del Fresno, kilometro 14 en la Carretera Chihuahua Faltemos." At 0328, this station ended vocal by Sergio Blas (both names uncertain), commercial string, including preparations for Christmas program "circa de la audiotrea municipal." At 0413 found commercial string, including something for "mejores grupos musicales" ... "en larga de esperanza en Torreon." Explosion sound for heavily echoed "Diez-Diez AM, Las Voces Oso... oso ... oso" it sounded like. Ayudeme, por favor. [Callarman-TX]
- 1030 MEXICO. XEMPM, Radio Fama, Los Mochis, SIN. (probable), DEC 6 0235 - Very strong for several minutes beginning a baseball game, of all things, between "el equipo de los Algoreros y el equipo de los Ganeros," en La Liga Mexico del Pacifico. "Radio Fama presenta ..." heard, and it identified announcers as "las voces autorizadas ... Jones (that's how I translate 'Hoh-nes') Figueroa and Jesus Andres Palafox." The game was played at "la casa de los Ganeros," and the broadcast involved "Radio Sistema del Noroeste." This station was in and out most of the evening and I taped a commercial string around 0429 before the station returned to the game site. I heard neither call letters nor town locations, sadly, but a lot of specific information. [Callarman-TX]
- 1060 UNID, DEC 7 0200 - Spanish under KYW with mx all night. Sounds Cuban, but no ID yet. [Shaftan-NJ] (Might also be Mexico City, which gets out well - Jim)
- 1090 MEXICO. XEAU, La Guacharaca, Monterrey, N.L. / Unidentified. There are a couple of Mexicans here, and the dominant one has a slogan that doesn't match anything in my year-old lists, but that I found Wednesday at website listed with 1190 log. 0523 DEC. 5, station that was playing music more tropical in nature than norteña gave slogan, beginning with explosion sound, deep voice, and echoed, that sounded like "Radio Macaracas" and again at 0529. At 0000 DEC. 6, a station gave time check "Son las seis de la tarde" and then "Esta es un momento de reflexion" and played part of "The Lord's Prayer" in Spanish, then brief music and mention of "Hola Que Tal," virtually the same thing heard on XET-990, a few nights earlier. DEC. 6 0306 had romantic female vocal with accordian and organ accompaniment that stayed atop for three minutes ... gave telephone number 3-87-54-50, ID this time sounded like "Chacaraca Mil Noventa," then production announcement listing several musical groups and giving sound bites for each of them. During this segment, heard "Monumental Monterrey" but that may have been a group name. [Callarman-TX]
- 1110 MEXICO XEWR, Cd. Juarez, DEC 5 0257 - finished rock tune in Spanish, guitar theme, deepest bass voiced announcer yet, "En ... once AM ... XEWR ... mil watts ... Ciudad Juarez," but did not hear slogan. The call letters were strung out slowly and sounded like a five-letter call until monitoring the tape showed the guy said "doble oo airey." At first, I wrote it XEWUR! Didn't stick here, as I hoped to get ID on 1190. [Callarman-TX]
- 1130 MEXICO. XETOL, Radio Lobo, Toluca, MEX, DEC 5 0519 - Found man talking in Spanish in rare KWKH null, not a basso profundo, and did hear "Radio Lobo" clearly, not enough at this time to claim identification. On DEC. 6 at 0343, gave time check "nueve cuarenta dos" and female group sings "Radio Lobo" jingle, began commercial string but quickly lost. Still not enough to clinch ID until 0357 when combination of null and surge brought commercials for several retailers "en Toluca." Did not hear "Radio Lobo" ID this 90-second null, and have not yet heard call letters. [Callarman-TX]
- 1140 MEXICO XEMR, Monterrey, NL, DEC 1 0258 - Stopped in passing a to tape a full ID for XEMR. Call letters twice, "transmitiendo con cincuenta mil watos ... una emisora del Grupo Radio Alegria" from my notes as I haven't gone back over the tape to transcribe the full ID. This one will be a regular here, I expect. [Callarman-TX] (Today's great DX may be tomorrow's pest! - Jim) (It's a pest in Topeka, for sure! -pls)
- 1170 MEXICO. XEUVA, La Rancherita, Aguascalientes, AGS, DEC 0458 - finding 1190 unreadable, lucked out with rare null on KVOO as slow ballad with stringed orchestra ended, tune described by announcer as "excellente" and "romantica," then clear, solid ID for taping: "Escuchan XEUVA, a traves del once setenta de AM, con diez mil watts, aqui en Aguascalientes, La Rancherita y sula radio." KVOO quickly back atop! [Callarman-TX]
- 1190 MEXICO. XECT, Monterrey, NL, DEC 5 0300 - Call letter identifica-



- tion came out of the mud ... "XECT ... transmitiendo a Monterrey ... punto uno XHCHM-FM ... Nucleo Radio ..." (CHM is what I thought I heard, but might be XHCHL-FM, 99.1) Unfortunately, I could not connect this ID with the programming I've been hearing here, as follows. 0127 DEC. 5 alternating three different short announcements by bass-voiced announcer when each song ends — "Musica Ellega," "Once Noventa-AM," or "Morena." Then local announcer gives time and temperature, and introduces artist and title on next song. The music is mostly romantic ballads with big orchestras and strong solo voices. Solid, steady signal at times, until the short commercial strings begin about 28 and 56 minutes past the hour, when fades into the mud. I tracked this one off-and-on past 0500 without getting call letters or location, or so I thought. At 0045 DEC. 6 was carrying talk program ... escuchamos los programas polemas ... estacion Morena ... todos los dias ... Once Noventa-AM ..." and gave telephone number 3-72-14-38. Web site www.onr.com/user/fcantu/mtyal.htm found, identifying XECT as "Morena", also on FM XHCL-99.1, so I can link the ID with the programming. Regarding one of the three slogans heard for XECT-1190, its website uses "Music Que Llega" rather than the "Musica Ellega" I thought I heard. [Callarman-TX]
- 1560 MEXICO. XEJPV, La Nueva Radio Viva, Cd. Juarez, CHIH, DEC 4 0532 - became audible with big echo effect announcement, if it identified then, though, I couldn't read it, commercials, then vocal group with what turned out to be theme song for a program featuring local musical artists. I transcribed this announcement from the tape: "La Nueva Radio Viva presente esta hora el programa 'Nuestra Musica.' En este programa escuchar cant- ... y ... de El Paso, Texas, y Ciudad Juarez." [Callarman-TX]
- 1580 MEXICO XEDM Hermosillo SON, NOV 24 0335 - fair mentioning "numero uno" and "Sonora" Call letters given in Spanish by male. [Sorensen-MB]

John speaks: "With retirement and move to this area about 45 miles north of Dallas-Fort Worth, I'm starting over my log. I enjoy tuning for the Mexican local stations, and hope I'll be able to answer John Bryant's challenge to put up a 4-loop K9AY antenna here and learn how to use it for that purpose, among others. I have not yet even put up a couple of longwires to see what the DL-1 phasing unit I bought from Al Merriman can do. Maybe I'll do it in stages, marginal to moderate success with the RS 15-1853; good results with the DL-1 and a better receiver, maybe a Sony 2010; and ultimate results next year with an R8B and a K9AY, heh, heh. The STA795 is NOT an HQ-180. (I do not know if my nephew in Seattle still has the 180 I loaned to him a decade or so ago.). I've enjoyed your work with the column I edited 35-36 years ago, between the reigns of Pete Taylor and Gordon Nelson."

John speaks again: "Radio IB, Aguascalientes, 790; Radio Fiesta-750, XEHHI-640, and Que Bueno-780 noted in passing again, and I'm still working on stations on 560, 600, 650, two more on 660, 670, 700, 740, two on 800 besides XEROK, and I even got a brief null on KVOO-1170 to tape a couple of commercials, but no discernible location or ID. None of these are Cubans, unless Cuba is now playing rancho/nortena music and doing commercial strings! On, and XEW network on 900, 540 and 1190 were broadcasting an arena event live, which sounded like a bullfight."

John otra vez: "Before I list some new Mexican loggings, I will point out that my system, though Optimus, is definitely not optimum. The receiver I am using is less sensitive than either of our car radios, though it does a better job of adjacent channel rejection. I can log stations on 810-830 and 1070-1090. Neither WBAP at 45 miles nor KRLD at 43 miles puts maximum power in my direction, and occasionally, I can get a minor null on KRLD. Biggest pests adjacent-channelwise are KLIF-570 and KMKI-620. I can make the other Dallas-Fort Worth stations disappear at night. Daytime reception here is abysmal. The RS receiver and RS antenna do not give decent groundwave ... and I have a very strong, steady source of noise that causes major problems. I will at some point in time upgrade at least to a Sony 2010 but hopefully to a Drake R8B and at the least attach a couple of 100-foot wires to my DL-1, which I've never used, and see what that will do for deeper, longer nulls."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ARGENTINA: Argentina on 530. I was in Buenos Aires yesterday, and I tuned with my Sangean to a local on 530 kHz. ID was: AM 530 REPUBLICA, "una radio argentina, primeira en el dial". Don't know if it's new. Bye bye Falklands-Malvinas, then? (Rocco Cotroneo, Brazil, Nov 25, mwdx@egroups.com via DXLD) 1610 kHz, Radio Tradición de Isidro Casanova se ha trasladado a esta nueva frecuencia, debido a la "irrupción" de AM Reverendo Aquiles Acosta (San Justo), quien ocupó su anterior frecuencia de 1580 KHz. Al parecer la emisora transmite ahora con mas potencia. 1690 kHz, AM Fuego es una



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nueva emisora que transmite desde la localidad de Longchamps, por ahora con transmisiones de prueba. Tel: (54 (11) 4233-7574. (Marcelo Cornachioni, Argentina, Conexión Digital Dec 4 via DXLD)

CUBA: "Cuban Round Table: The Battle of Ideas" is a weekly panel discussion program, which is aired Monday through Friday (local) on Cuban TV and radio, including RHC's shortwave frequencies, according to RHC's English program on December 6. No specific times were given. This is touted as a new program, which apparently began Monday, November 27. This would explain the discussion program I noted on GMT November 29 until roughly 0240 on RHC's 6000 kHz frequency. When I rechecked at about this time, they had already switched into RHC's English programming. The "Cuban Round Table" program was parallel the Rebelde national network on MW and 5025 SW, as well as the provincial Radio Cadena Habana MW frequencies. However, it wasn't carried on Progreso or any other national network. I didn't get around to checking any other provincials or locals. So, this will no doubt appear weeknights on various MW frequencies, and maybe interrupting some RHC shortwave programs in the future. Jay Novello's log last month (from Exuma, Bahamas) log of a Radio Cubitas appears to be a reincarnation [now in time-share form with the Radio Cadena Agramonte station in the Sola area] of a once dedicated station. Happened to be flipping through very old WRTH's tonight and stumbled across a Cubitas entry on 1560 in the 1983 edition, listed as a local and from Sola, Camaguey (which is the nearby WRTH-listed Cadena Agramonte site). This entry switches to 1550 kHz from the 1985 through 1989 editions, after which it (and any entry with a different name from the same city) cease. The timeframe of the Cubitas entries are roughly when Ron Schatz was feeding his list to the WRTH (c.f. 1986 edition with his photo under the Cuba section). [Kruger-FL]

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I've recently gotten active again in DX'ing after a spring/summer break. I'm still using the Icom R70 and Kiwa loop, though I'm considering giving the Drake R8 a try. I'd really like to do a head-to-head comparison of the two. The R70 is doing all right but seems really susceptible to overload in my newest location. I've moved about 7 miles down the road from Sunnyvale to Saratoga, and the San Jose stations on 1590, 1500, and 1170 seem to show up all over the band now. The only other R70 problem is the LED dimmer. At 1330 KHz, if the dimmer is on, it creates noise. At 1210 KHz, if the dimmer is off, it creates noise. I recently took a trip up to the north coast of CA, and decided to try a little DX'ing from the hotel. Unfortunately, it was still early in the DX season, and combined with the fact that hotels are generally not "DX Havens", results weren't great. I was surprised to hear the Watt Avenue TIS from Sacramento, though. Also, it's great to see so many northern CA DX'ers reporting to DDXD. It has really helped to assemble a good list of target stations. I'm up to about 300 heard in the last year (really, about 4 months active during that time). It pales in comparison to the Omaha log or even the Northern VA log, but it's still fun, nonetheless. I moved by DX location from the south side of the house to the north side, and was instantly rewarded with about a dozen new loggings from ID, MT, OR, WA, and AB. Still waiting for some trans-Pacific DX, though I did have a strong het on 1062 KHz on 12/2. No audio was able to make it through, though. 73's (And welcome back to the "fold", Mike; hope you'll report in often!-DWS)

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Read last musings a very interesting report by Bob Galerstein about picking up football game on a small radio and re broadcasting. This reminds me of a story told to me by Jerry Hickman CE of station KIXZ (ex KLYN) in Amarillo TX. Back in the mid 50's KLYN 940 was a CBS station and carried soap operas during the daytime. One day when Jerry was on duty at the transmitter site a fire occurred at the studio; while damage was minor, the building was evacuated, and the power was off for several hours. Jerry remembered that KWFT-620 in Wichita Falls TX, then owned by the same company, was also CBS and carried the same program. He fed the output of a small broadcast receiver into the transmitter and continued with CBS programs, with voice ID of KLYN from the transmitter by him. The signal of KWFT-620 was good at 200 miles as this part of Texas has great ground conductivity. After the smoke cleared they resumed normal programming from the downtown studio. Also regarding the signal of KRMG Tulsa, I lived in Tulsa several years. Their nighttime 25 KW also had a good signal in Oklahoma City as I remember a DJ named "Johnny Martin" had an easy listening music show in the late evening hours. He used to ID as "This is Oklahoma City's good music station KRMG in Tulsa". It seems they made the OKC Arbitron.

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While I was doing engineering work for WVCH-Chester, PA a few years back, the station became one of the affiliates for Villanova Football, with the main 'feed' station being (then) WCZN-1590. WCZN went to the expense of getting a phone system and a few lines where the 'network' could call the station for the feed. WVCH tried it; the audio was horrible, but they figured they'd have to do it. I found a Radio Shack AM-FM tuner in the station and found a 'hot spot' in the building where WCZN had a clear, no-noise signal and wired it up through an audio processor to clean it up a little more. WCZN was within seeing distance of WVCH anyway. The end result: the feed from off the air sounded BETTER on WVCH than it did coming off of WCZN! A few days later, I saw the general manager of WCZN; he was all long-faced because it sounded better on one of the network stations than it did coming off the air at the main station! Can music on AM sound good? Yes! Two that come to mind in my recent travels include WNSW-1430 (Sunny 14-30) and WVNJ-1160 (where you can hear them). I've also been in the home of Jukebox Radio in Liberty, NY, an interesting concept of getting that one on the air! Have a safe and happy holiday, and help keep MUSINGS ALIVE! Send YOUR reports! 73's

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