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**OTHERNESS**

- WDMP MD: Pocomoke City: application to move to Damascus, MD has been DISMISSED
- CHWQ ON: Toronto: new station is ON THE AIR
- WCHP NY: Champlain: CP for 35000/11 U3 is on
- WKNB SC: Myrtle Beach: station is SILENT, will return “by spring”
- KVCC CO: Boulder: CP for 6800/110 (5000 CH) is on
- KCCS OR: Salem: CP to relocate transmitter is on
- WNBX VT: Springfield: silent station is ON THE AIR
- WDDZ IL: Zion: silent station is ON THE AIR
- WVAB VA: Virginia Beach: silent station is ON THE AIR

**THANKS:** Bill Hale, Wayne Heinen, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, and MSJ

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

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**STATION NEWS & NOTES**

- KGMS AZ: Tucson - 1/16 0600 - KCEE apparently is not around anymore and is now REL KGMS. New call at YSH 13. ROS is gone. Was talking about putting channel 29 on the air, Praise TV, and asking listeners to call the cable carriers to carry them. (KR-AZ)

- KWWK LA: Shreveport - 1/17 0820 - Sports call-in program, with a caller from Baton Rouge. Have noted at other times lately with sports, so they apparently have gone to all-sports, as predicted. (JW-CO)

- WGEZ WI Beloit - Switched from oldies to standards recently. But in response to public disappointment, the station plans to resume oldies some time soon. They dropped Rush Limbaugh and Dr. Laura. In response to public disappointment, the station plans to resume oldies some time soon. They dropped Rush Limbaugh and Dr. Laura. (JW-CO)

- WDDZ IL Zion: 1/13 1625 - Giving construction info. (JJKR-WI)

- UNlD ?? -1/16 0205 - CNN Radio News, about even with KYW which was also carrying CNN items but not in parallel. Sounded like the UNlD was also all-news. (DS-TN)

- UNlD ?? -1/16 0125 - Classical music, fair over and under KCNZ. Probably KKGMS. (DS-TN) KKGMS was dominant at ID time. (DS-TN) KKGMS was dominant at ID time. (DS-TN) (JJKR-WI)

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1140 KNEI IA Waukon - 1/13 0739 - Fair, though weak but alone, with ads, C&W music. KNEI FM 103.5. (JJR-WD)

1150 KWKY IA Des Moines - 1/15 0603 - Poor, with talk show promo in mess. (JJR-WD)

1240 WSDR IL Sterling - 1/15 0817 - Poor, but steady and alone, with newscast. (JJR-WD)

1250 KCNZ IA Iowa Falls - 1/15 0920 - Legal ID for KONZ-1650 (gave frequency) and into CBS News. No ID for 1250 given. About even with unID classical station and one with soul oldies. (DS-TN)

1270 WLJK TN Newport - 1/15 2031 - Poor, with clear jingle and weather. No WKBI! (JJR-WI)

1310 KBTX NM Corrales - 1/16 0559 - Legal ID as Talk Radio 1310 KBTX Corrales-Albuquerque and into CBS News. Back to Jerry Reynolds program at 0607 after a couple of ads. Fair, mixing with others. (JW-CO)

1320 WMSR TN Manchester - 1/15 2047 - Fair, with PSA, calls and jock with nice thick Southern accent. (JJR-WI)

1330 WANR IN Evansville - 1/14 0800 - Poor, though clear, with ID. In with others. (JJR-WI)

1350 KRNT IA Des Moines - 1/15 0415 - Singing ID: Central Iowa’s KRNT. Nostalgia/MOR music. Very good. (DS-TN)

1390 WGCJ IL Chicago - 1/17 1743-1745 - Comments by male announcer followed by plea for advertisers. Slogan is Gospel Radio. Barely on top of other signals. First time heard; reception reported. (BM-SD)

1450 KYLS MO Fredericktown - 1/14 0309 - Poor, in mes, with KYS Oldies 1450. (JJR-WI)

1480 KLEE MO Ottumwa - 1/14 0745 - Poor, with calls and local ad, and mentions. No usual WCIN/WHBC. (JJR-WI)

1570 WLXN IN New Albany - 1/13 0404 - Poor/Buttery. though steady, with jingle. Southern gospel music. (JJR-WD)

1600 WARI IN Peru - 1/13 0805 - Poor, though alone, atop mess. Classic Hits 98.5 FM. (JJR-WI)

1600 WAAM MI Ann Arbor - 1/15 0817 - Poor, but steady. Alone with newscast. (JJR-WI)

1620 KBLI ID Blackfoot-1/12 0600 - Good signal, with sports. Mixing with KSMH, on top at times (GJ-CA)

1630 KCJY IA Iowa City - 1/12 0500 - With music and ID. First time heard in a while. WAXX usually heard. (GJ-CA)

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1500 WTOP DC Washington – 01/10 1915 – WTOP in Washington has been announcing that they are now simulcasting with AM station WXTR on 820 kilocycles [That Hertz! – MS] in Frederick, Maryland. They are simulcasting between 80% and 95% of the time. Along with WXTR, WTOP-FM on 107.7 megacycles in Warren, Virginia is also simulcasting WTOP-AM. WXTR-620 in Frederick still carries Baltimore Ravens football games on weekends which WTOP-AM and FM do not. (GC-MD)

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530 UNID — 01/13 0019 – Huge signal (S9+), well over the NJ Turnpike HAR jumble. SS male announcer and several SS songs, mentioned "halluluhia" a number of times. Ciao?? Man, I wish I paid better attention in my Spanish classes in high school. (MB-NJ) (R. Vision Cristina, Turks and Caicos, most likely - in like a ton of bricks 1/15 in Topeka, too-pfs.)

730 WBZSp VA Alexandria – 01/09 1648-1702 – Assume this was the one over WFIT with SS tropical music and IDs only as "Radio Capital". And had presumably called to WDNL with Mexican format? (JF-ON)

810 UNID — 01/06 1818 – Light rock REL music. Heard "every weekday morning with Dr. David Caroline". Way under WGY even in partial null. No change through 1840 tune-out. KTBI or wishful thinking. (SK-PA)

910 UNID — 01/12 1625 – Station ID as "Oldies 990" and said "You can listen to the Penguins" on it. Call letters sounded like "WBST" or "WPST"; then "California Dreamin'" by The Mamas and The Papas. Signal then faded and local 1010 WINS covered it. (MC-NJ) [Sounds like 990 WJZI PA Somerset – MS]

1160 UNID — 01/10 1730 – Host IDs station as "Moon Radio" a couple of times; also mentions "Albania". Program played show music, 1950’s music (The Four Lads), and ended with a song by the Les Brown Orchestra. Signal was fading in and out; faded just before ID at 1800. (MC-NJ2)

1260 WTBZp WV Grafton – 01/20 2026 – Likely this with ad for the Clarksburg Inn rising up clear in the mix. Not heard in some time; used to be a regular. (SK-PA)

1310 UNID — 01/13 1148 – Fair at times over/under CIWW/WNAM with Spanish speaker. Possibly one of the two New Jersey stations? (JF-ON)

1310 WLOBp ME Portland – 12/28 0000 – Partial ID shot through Gospel station "Serving Portland, we’re AM 1310..." (SK-PA)

1330 KWLOp IA Waterloo – 01/04 2014 – Ad for Marty’s (?) 15-second music ID "We’re Eastern Iowa’s..." while trying to ID basketball game. One team was Northern Kentucky. Lots of shifting. (SK-PA)

1470 WJZI? NC — 01/12 1710-1715 – GOS music heard; time check at 1714; Full sign-off at 1715. Station address given; mentions of Highway 64 and North Carolina. ID; mention of 1,000 watts. Good signal. (WM-MD)

1520 WHOwp IL Clinton – 12/22 2241 – Part of ad "...for $19.95 plus shipping and handling". "Weather on W_W". Mixing with KRHW under WWKB. Had C&W. (SK-PA)

1620 KAZFp NE Bellevue – 01/11 1930 – Presumed in WHLY null with ESPN Sports Talk; run-down of tonight’s schedule of NHL and NBA games. (MKB-ON)

1690 KSXp CA Roseville – 01/13 0514 – Soft Spanish music noted under a partially-nulled WPXX. No sign of KDDQ; good peaks. Tape sent (GM-FL)

1790 UNID — 01/11 2002 – Fair at times mixing with KDZQ on west side with Asian programming, one mention made of San Diego. KSXX on? (JF-ON)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

710 KNUS CO Denver – 01/07 0200-0230 – Not heard. Partial null of wor produced a mix of Spanish stations. (SK-PA)

990 KRRS CO Denver – 01/07 0200-0230 – Not heard. Just the usual big mix. (SK-PA)

1280 WBFS PA Berwick – Will conduct a DX test on Saturday February 17, 2001 from 0000-0200 (EST). The test will include tones, music, code and voice IDs on its 1000 watts daytime power non-directional. Phone calls (not collect) accepted at 570-752-8012. Send reports with return postage to Kevin Fennessey, WFRS, 114 Market Street, Berwick, PA 18603 (Arranged by Dave Schmidt—who will do the test—for the NRC).

1650 KBJD CO Denver – 01/07 0200-0300 – Test started at 0200 Morse code lasting 2 minutes followed by what may or may not have been a test tone or possibly a het from 2 other stations also on 1650. More code at 0210 and what sounded like a test tone at 0220 very weak reception here way under a dominant KDNZ (RCP-IN)

+ – 01/07 0200-0230 – Steady tone until 0209, then march music until 0212; more steady tone. In partial WHKT null; was fighting it out with KDNZ. (SK-PA)

540 CBEF ON Windsor – 12/18 2100 – ID by female “La Canada, CBEF”. 15-second music intro to probable news. Not heard in several years; very fuzzy. (SK-PA)

550 WZVA VA Harrisonburg – 01/11 1058-1102 – (TLK) “It is eleven o’clock at WSVA Harrisonburg, in Virginia. From ABC News...” (DL/MD)

WGR NY Buffalo – 01/11 1526-1605 – (SPT) “Sports Radio fifty-five, WGR, Buffalo”;

WKRC OH Cincinnati – 01/11 1658-1702 – “WKRC News”...on fifty-five, WKRC Cincinnati... “...CBS News. (DL/MD)

570 WMCA NY New York City – 01/05 1955 – End of infomercial from American Health Radio, two PSAs; weather. ID “You’re listening to WMCA in New York”. Over a way WKBN. This is usually in a big mix or under Radio Reloj. (SK-PA)


590 CKY MB Winnipeg – 01/10 1719 – “KY-58 Oldies” ID during music program. (JR-NY)

CJCC ON Toronto – 01/09 1607 – "The Fan, Sports Radio five-ninety Toronto"; female voice ID. “Now, get close with Vince (somebody)”. (DJ-PA)

WMBS PA Lebanon – 01/09 1609 – Popped up in a mess; newscast. local ads and then gone. (DJ-PA)

620 WZON ME Bangor – 01/11 1914 – Local ad break, slogan “The Zone”, Papa Joe Chevalier sports program, new. (JR-NY)

630 WMAL DC Washington – 01/14 0953 – (TLK) “Here on WMAL”; garden talk show. (DL-MD)

640 WGOC TN Blountville – 01/12 2300 – “WGRC” clearly copied in pause in classical music. SS “Radio Progresso” program on unidentified predominant station. (DL/MO)

660 WXIC OH Waverly – 01/06 1700 – ABC News and Sports. At 1710 female gave weather. Heard “Waverly” mentioned. She continued speaking until 1715, then signal gone; likely sign-off. (SK-PA)


700 WWTL MD Walkersville – 01/15 1345-1405 – (ETH) Business Talk in English; on the hour: “Entertainment you can enjoy, information you can use, this is WWTI. Walkersville-Washington DC” followed by program with Arabic language intro about Islamic Religion in English. (DL-MD)

710 CKVM QC Ville Marie – 01/11 2010-2015 – Overode WOR for a while but vanished at 2016. All in French. Pop vocal music with clear ID by female at 2013. (AR-ON)

740 CHWO ON Toronto – 01/10 1700 – Very good at night. ‘Prime Time Radio AM 740” with oldies. “Jive at Five” program; ad for Rand’s Pot Pub. Also broadcasting on 1250 CHWO, and asking listeners to switch to 740 for better signal—assume call letters are the same. (DJ-PA)

840 WHAS KY Louisville – 01/01 2244 – Denton Randal (substituting on the Joe Elliott Show) talking about the famous people who died during 2000 (Charles Schultz, Steve Allen — liked him when he was a kid”—Loretta Young, etc.). Gave scores for
850 WYDE AL Birmingham - 01/04 1759 - Slogan heard: "Wide Talk 850 WYDE" followed by ad for Elliot Irrigation, then into a call-in talk show. Very good signal until power cut at 1800. No sign of usual KOA. (RCP-IN)

870 WYLF NY Penn Yan - 01/17 020 - "Sports Radio 850 The Buzz Pigskin Action"; promo for Norm Patrick Show; back to Mark Morrell talking about the Arizona Cardinals. Good signal, but lost to power reduction at 1730. (SK-PA)

870 WHCU NY Ithaca - 02/10 1406 - "I'm tuned in at the close of a newscast. Female voice said "13 minutes past the hour with news when you want it. WHCU". Followed by ads for Sayre Appliances in Ithaca and Roadrunner Online Service, then into a sports update with Jim Bell. Great signal with no sign of fading. (RCP-IN)


910 KWOH GA Hazelhurst - 01/15 0732 - C&W, spot for a hunting store, ID as "WVOH AM 9-20, 93.5 FM". Good with WAFS-Atlanta. (GM-FL)

910 WMMN WV Fairmont - 01/6 1700 - Weak, into a break for station identification: "With CBS Radio Sports coverage of the NFL Playoffs on WestwoodOne, this is 920 WMMN Fairmont". (SC-IN)

WHJJ RI Providence - 01/9 1636 - Weak. Out of bank commercial with an Imus promo "Imus in the Morning now exclusively on WHJJ. And now back to more stimulating conversation with Arlene Violet on WHJJ Talk Radio 920". Linda Chavez was the topic. (SC-IN)

WGET AM 1320

910 WDXL NC Washington - 12/24 1700 - End of PSA; ID as "You're listening to NewsTalk 930 WDXL, Washington, serving Eastern North Carolina since 1924". Then ABC News. Atop the flutter. (SK-PA)

910 WMMX MA Mount Vernon - 01/04 0100 - Local ad ID, then Worldwide Radio News. (WM-MA)

950 WBBF NY Rochester - 12/14 1944 - Ads for The Dish Store and Hospitality House; "Back to the Seventies at Seven on 93 BFM!". Last heard as WZQX. (SK-PA)

950 WTMG MD Salisbury - 01/15 0010 - Fair; 99.9 jingle, continuous country, over Radio Reloj-Cuba in CINW null. (BC-NH)

950 WILT PA Mount Pocono - 01/15 1201 - Poor; "WILT Mount Pocono-Stroudsburg" ID, ESPN Sports Center. ID's for ESPN Radio 960, your news/sports connection in the Poconos. (BC-NH)

950 WHYL PA Carlisle - 01/15 1223 - (NOS) "Nine-sixty, WHY1, serving the (Keystone?) State for fifty years". (DL-MD)

1000 WCHN NY Norwich - 01/03 0000 - Canceled ID "WCHN Norwich", the ABC News. Also has ABC NEWS. Over WBGG. (SK-PA)

1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater - 01/09 1958-2002 - (C&W) "...vote for your favorites today online at cbkw.com...", with channel. (DL-MD)

1000 WKGX NC Lenoir - 01/8 1800 - Way down in crud with bits of sign-off announce heard after C&W music. (JF-ON)


1120 WFKB TN Kingsport - 01/06 1800 - End of "when Radio Was" (not certain this was them); ID "1090 WHGG", then preacher spoke. ID at 1900 "You're listening to 1090 AM, WHGG in Kingsport, Tennessee. Very weak in partial WBAL null. Forgot (?) to drop to PSSA power; dropped out suddenly at 1930. (SK-PA)

1140 KSOO SD Sioux Falls - 12/17 2145 - Heard something bubbling under WYTV, then in partial null "Mark Davis Show at 1-800-318-TALK". At 2159, end of ad... "a better jeweler". Partial ID "The talk...", then ABC News. At 2205 female gave weather: "The best weather information from AM 1140 KSOO". Then David Essell. SD # two. (SK-PA)

1140 WJBO LA Baton Rouge - 01/04 2006 - Canceled ID "1150 WJBO...Depend on it" followed by LSU sports talk. (MS-FL)

1160 WAMB TN Donelson - 01/08 1805 - NOS music, pre-game for a local basketball game; several IDs as "WAMB AM 1160". Afternoon regular here now. (GM-FL)

1200 WWOI TX San Antonio - 01/15 2015 - "I'm Dean Adell", followed by step ads with ID for Pure Lip with zinc, Bayer Aspirin, Total cereal, Joltinits, Ricoh and Campbell's Soup. ID "This is the Dr. Dean Adell Show on 1200 WWOI". (MS-FL)

1210 KFWK NE West Fargo - 01/04 1740 - Program of contemporary Christian music with station ID at 1742 with man saying "Thanks for being part of our afternoon of classic praise on KFWK". Very good signal with WOAI barely heard. (RCP-IN)

1210 KGYN OK Guymon - 12/25 0025 - Taped message "This is John Jones from KGYN wishing you a Merry Christmas". At 0030 "AM Stereo...on 1210 AM KGYN". At 0034 "Don't miss Guymon basketball all season long on KGYN", then female gave weather. In partial WPH null. (SK-PA)

1220 CJSJ ON Cornwall - 12/4 2000 - In partial null and mixing with CHSC. "..Canada. Memories 1220 AM". I don't know if the broadcast news was then or CHSC. At 2005 with WKNR fading, and oldie started in the background (CHSC). All of a sudden very clear "Here's the three-day forecast", then started fading "You're listening to the Jewel 1220, your information leader in the (Simi?) Valley [maybe the St. Lawrence Valley?] - MS". Memories 1220, then The Mills brothers' "Ragg Mopp". (SK-PA)

1250 CBQA PQ Matane - 01/13 1604-1624 - Poor over/under CHWO with discussion in French on the recent resignation of Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard. CBC French Network feed // CBCJ 860. New (JF-ON)

WHNZ FL Tampa - 01/24 1919 - ID as "on the all-new 1250 WHNZ" and "The New 1250 WHNZ", "WJNO". (MS-FL)

1300 WZQ2 IN Huntington - 01/13 0722 - Good at times mixing with WERE with "All your favorite artists are right here on WZQ2, Huntington" then "Monday, Monday" by The Mamas and The Papas. Ex-WHIT for me (JF-ON)

1310 WDKD SC Kingsport - 12/18 2212 - "It's Classic Country on WDKD, AM 1310". Then, "...and now, the battle of the classics". At 2218, "WDKD, AM 1310". Fair after nulling NFL game. Again on 12/22 at 2200, "Your home for real country is WDKD, Kingsport", then "...and now, the battle of the classics". (SK-PA)

1320 KCTK TX Dallas - 01/04 2151 - Touch with ESP; mention of "The Ticket" at top of hour. (GM-FL)

1320 WDMJ MI Marquette - 01/11 1659 - ID, ABC news, Michigan Spartans promo, new--UP92! (JR-NY)

1320 WFRH WI Wisconsin Rapids - 01/11 1700 - ID, CBS news, new--new. (JF-ON)

1320 WILS MI Lansing - 01/11 1759 - ID heard in mess just before top of hour; new--new. (JR-NY)

1320 WOBI OH Oberlin - 01/11 1804 - Country music, ads for Lorain County, call letters; new--new. (JF-ON)

1320 WVGMA VA Lynchburg - 01/11 2159 - ID in mess just before the top of the hour. My fifth
new one on this frequency today — when was the last time that happened? (JR-NY)

1330 WESR VA Onley – 12/13 1605 — “Your hot talk and classic country forecast.”; “For forecast call 787-WESR.”, PSA for Arcadia High School fundraiser, then Dr. Laura. (SK-PA)

1340 WTAT IL Peoria – 01/03 0642 — Briefly atop with “News Talk AM 1350, WTAT” ID into NIBA Scoreboard. Ex-WNCL for me; used to be a regular here back in those days. (HJH-PA)

1350 WKYO MI Caro – 12/15 1914 — Canned ID “Real Country is WKYO”. Also earlier (forgot to note time; approximately 1805) “We’re rockin’ the country. Real Country. 1360” shot over WNJC. (SK-PA)

1380 CKFC ON Brantford – 01/16 1815-1817 — A woman announcer giving a news, traffic, and weather report. She was also mentioned Highway 24 which is west of Brantford by about five miles. At 1816, she gave a clear CKFC identification. A male announcer played modern rock music after that. Signal was poor. (GMC-MD)

1390 WKDR VT Burlington – 01/11 1625-1640 — Weak, over pest station. Caught end of discussion concerning a reference to an article in the Providence Journal about a sports figure being offered a job. Didn’t get the name but did get an ID. “It’s 20 minutes before the hour; I’m George Cagnone, Sports Radio 1390 WKDR.” Also bottom hour ID “News Talk 1390 WKDR, it is 4:30. News is next.” (SC-IN)

1400 WIRA FL Fort Pierce – 01/12 1811 — Station promo, mentions of “WIRA”, ESPN talk. (GM-FL)

1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh – 01/08 1720 — In a jumble in and out with voice ID. (DJ-PA)


1460 WIFI NY New York – 01/08 1915 — With a female voice ID; Gospel music. Very good signal. (DJ-PA)

1470 WMBD IL Peoria – 01/08 1947 — Voice ID and sports talk—college basketball mostly. (DJ-PA)

1500 WBZI OH Xenia – 12/26 0216 — Ad for Classic Country Gazette in Xenia, then Lee Dav- enport gave weather “...on Classic Country, WBZI”. Over WTOP for a minute, then strong underground. (SK-PA)

1520 KRW MO Sikeston – 12/22 2234 — Female’s “that your weather forecast on 1520 KRW. You’re listening to solid Gospel 1520, KRW”. Over C&W station but under WKBK. Last heard with NOS format. (SK-PA)

1540 CHIN ON Toronto – 01/09 0007 — Voice ID; Spanish music. (DJ-PA)

1550 WLR AL Huntsville – 01/09 1920 — Urban Contemporary music, “Jammin’ 1550 WLR” ID’s. Load over reduced-power Tampa station. (GM-FL)

1570 WFLL NY Dundee – 12/08 2034 — Ad for 4 Motors on Franklin St in Watkins Glen. “Santa arrives this Saturday in Watkins Glen”. Canned ID “The station of the Finger Lakes, WFLR”, back to NASCARGI highlights program. In partial WPGM null. Nine NYS left; these are my closest unhears. (SK-PA)

1600 WHKP MD Towson – 01/09 0753 — Fair in almost graveyard-like mush with ad for Verizon, “WNST 1570 sports” ID; into talk about the Ravens’ chances vs. the Raiders in AFC championship game. “It’s 4:30”, shot over WNJC. (SK-PA)

1620 WAZA GA Warner Robins – 01/08 1905-1930 — (C&W) “WRNC” C&W music with infrequent voice announcements. This station was prominent over WTDY most of the time. (DL-MD)

1620 WTDY WI Madison – 01/08 1905-1930 — “...from sixteen-seventy, WTDY and Hormel Chili...” This station in talk format under WRNC all during the sample period. (DL-MD)

1620 WPTN550 NJ Watchung – 01/10 2117 — Borough of Watchung Travelers Information Station. Continuous loop announcement with male and female, mentions of 1-74 and Route 531 “just south of exit 40”. 5-ton weight limit and overweight vehicles. Poor, very muddy and muffled audio. Transmitter location is approximately ten miles to my southwest on the other side of a ridge. (MB-NJ)

ADDRESS UPDATES

1300 WNEA GA Newman – 2788 Bullbarrow Drive, Newman, GA 30065. (SK-PA)

REPORTERS

MB-NJ Mike Battagline Chatham — Drake R8B, MF1 preselector/tuner, 40’ attic wire.

MKB-ON Mike Brooker Toronto — Panasonics RX-2200 and R8B-45.

SC-IN Steve Chappell Cordwoodville — Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.

MC-NJ Mike Clancy Jersey City — Optimus 12-603A.

MC-NJ2 Mike Clancy Jersey City — Sony ICF-7480W.

GMC-MD Gerald Conkling, Jr. Greenbelt — Grundig Grundig Millennium 800.

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

Jeff Falconer Clinton — Drake R8B; pair of 135’ terminated loops; MFJ-1026 phase box; Timewave DSP-59992.

HGK-PA Harry Haynes Wilkes-Barre — Zenith Trans Oceanic; Kia Pool Loop.

JF-PA Dave Jansky Sunbury — GE SuperRadio III with Radio Shack loop.

SK-PA Steve Kennedy Coal Township — GE SuperRadio II; indoor wire.

DL-MD David Larabee Columbia — R850 on loop or long wire.

DL/MAL David Larabee Columbia — Unattended TenTec RX-320 with AMRAD LF Mod and long wire, running KF50J RX320 Controller gathering timed samples at the top of the hour.


GM-FL Greg Myers Clearwater — Sony ICF-210; Kia Pool Loop with PRM.

RCP-IN Robert C. Pote Clearwater — Drake R8A Receiver and Kia Loop antenna.

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

AR-NN Andy Rugg Route 1-81 in Waterston — car radio.

AR-ON Andy Rugg Connolly — Radio Shack TRF.

OK, although we prohibit most abbreviations, here is a little quiz to test your knowledge of ITU country abbreviations. These are "challenge level" questions. One of the following, to really make it "challenging" is yours! Answers below.

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

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<td>Wolverton, JAN 17 2133 - Fair, man in Flemish, commentary. Dangerous Favor.</td>
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Ben speaks: "I have been holding back on my report in hopes of getting some interesting reaction to talk about, but very little has materialized these past several weeks, and tomorrow we leave on a trip to the northern parts of South America. We will fly to Santiago, Chile, by way of Panama, and board a cruise ship that will take us down the Chile coast and through the Straits of Magellan to the Falkland Islands, Uruguay, and Argentina. We will then fly home from there, again stopping in Panama. I will try for Radio Patagonia-630 and whatever I can pick up in the Falklands, or anywhere else, for that matter. Our cabin will have a balcony which will make DXing easier. Anything will be better than this season's reception in Wallingford, PA. The "big guns" such as 684, 855, 1089, 1134, 1314, 1521 and 1548 have been in but poor. The smaller guns like 1044, 1107, 1575 and 1602 haven't done any better. I'm hearing 12 to 18 TA's a night but the signals are down in the mud and close to unreadable. The LW band is the worst in years here. I'm surprised that Norway-1314 is even coming through, but it is, at a low level. Just a little over three years ago, on 12-29-97, I heard from 100 TA frequencies in that one night, about 2/3 of which had fair to good audio, and about 1/3 were very good. Blame the solar conditions I guess." (We'll look forward to your travel report upon your return - Jim)

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de La Sierra Tanahumara” slogan; then into program of announcements in SS; occasional time checks (MST and temperature) at "ocho grados bajo cero). The villages of El Pajaro, Batopilas, El Chilepote and Yqubibo were mentioned, among others. Fair signal in null of new local TIS station on 870. This is the first time I’ve heard XETAR this season. They’re usually pretty regular, leading me to wonder if they were silent for a while? [Wilkins-CO]

MEXICO XEOK, Monterrey, SON, JAN 11 1155 - All talk from tune-in until call letter ID at 1200 on into music. No slogan. Rather pleased to be able to listen here. Otherwise would have been 1000/250 with penny whistle beneath the 30000 watts of XEW and XEWB. [Bryant-OY]

MEXICO XEEZ Cabarca, SON, JAN 18 1332 - Religious program just ending; semi-legal ID at 1333 (everything but the call letters): “Estatescuchando el pelo clase...La Super Zeta, transmitiendo desde 970 de AM con cinco mil watts, 18 horas continua, llenas del cinco estrellas musicales especialmente para ti, Tropical, Ranchera, Norteño, Grupero, Banda. Con recepcion y oficinas en Obregon Este 184 telefono 0-99-99. Super Zeta, una estacion con categoria Cinco Estrellas Radio, Cabarca, Sonora...” then into a Vincente Fernandez tune. Fair for a while before submerging. [Wilkins-CO]

MEXICO XEYF, La Rancherita, Cd. Juarez, COAH, JAN 7 1200-1216 - trying to check if Bryant's newscaster here after Mexican National Anthem, think it's XEOY, Radio Mil; found Bryant's Mexican National Anthem after broadcast. Finally got enough for a reception report. [Wilkins-CO]

XEVQ, Monclova, COAH (tentative), JAN 7 0150-0202, finally a clear ID for the tape machine at 0153. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]

XEWQ, Monclova, COAH (tentative), JAN 7 0153. "Numero Uno;" several mentions of Monclova, including what appeared to be "Cambion de Monclova." Half hour tunes, with a Los Angeles post office box address, MST time checks. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]

XEFV, La Rancherita, en el mil de su radio con mil wats de transmision, bajo cero. [Wilkins-CO]

XEFV, La Rancherita, Jan 7 0153-0202, signal in beneath the Mexican National Anthem. Bryant's newscaster here after Mexican National Anthem, think it's XEOY, Radio Mil; found Bryant's Mexican National Anthem after broadcast. Finally got enough for a reception report. [Wilkins-CO]

XEDM Hermosillo, SON, JAN 18 0655-0700, was surprised to hear his name on what is now a crowded frequency, with "La Grande" slogan and then the Mexican National Anthem. [Renfrew-NY]

"Jim speaks: "I'm not even reporting the Longwave TA's that I've been hearing every night on 153, 162, 183, 189, 198, 207, 229. I still haven't heard a hint of signal on 241. I'm not advocating that IDDX specialize in longwave beams, but I have found it interesting that there are some international receptions to be had. These are even more fun than R. Rejoj because they give ID's numerous times every minute."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BELGIUM: 1305 Radio Trafic now on the air on this frequency. This transmitter has been off the air for several years. Some years ago it was broadcasting the local programmes of Radio Namur. Good reception during the evening hours. Heard for the first time Friday, January 12th. (Bengt Ericson)

This station is only playing continuous pop music and you have to ID by it by jingle. This is a traffic station, and there are only announcements when there is traffic jam. That's mostly not when transmission conditions are favourable. If you want to catch some announcements try during evening and that's all. Another way to identify the station is comparing it with the parallel 1125 and 1233 kHz. (Guido Schottmans via HCX 14.01.2001) [Both comments via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

CYPRUS, NORTH: 1098 "Our transmission on MW is on 1098 kHz. As far as we know, there is currently no local transmission on 1071 kHz. The reference in the WRTH could be an outdated reference for CYBC’s international channel. We have checked and get very clear reception of the signal of 1129. On this frequency." (Bayrak Television Corporation, ber@cc.edu.mtu.tr) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

FRANCE: 981 An IP station has started broadcasting in Paris, on 981 kHz. It currently carries an announcement saying the official start will be on January 18. The name of the station is CIEL AM. No transmitter power or location is indicated, but it should be 1 kW or less and I can’t think of any other location than Romainville or Villebon. From what I can gather (I haven’t heard the station myself but was told about it by some friends) the station belongs to the Jewish community in Paris. Anyway it is the first operation of its kind in France and a few more are expected shortly, including a station for children. (Original info: Thierry Vignault, Paris) [Rémy Fries via MWC e-mail news 13.01.2001] [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

GERMANY: 261 Radioeco is off the air since [JAN 1] of Relay RFI and YLE are also off as they were part of the Radioropa programming. (Kai Ludwig 1.1.2001) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

LATVIA: According to Latvian newspaper reports, the Latvian government decided on JAN 2 that Latvia is again going to apply Summer Time (UTC+3h) from 25 March 2001, after not having switched to daylight saving time during 2000. Lithuania and Estonia (which currently have UTC+2h) have so far not expressed any intention to revert to standard time during the summer months. (Bernd Trutenau) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

LEBANON: 756 The South Lebanon Army's radio station, which stopped broadcasting after Israel withdrew from South Lebanon in May, has recently gone back on the air. The station is now calling itself the "Voice of Experience from the Mediterranean Basin" rather than "Voice of the South" and it now appears to be broadcasting from northern Israel. However, it has been broadcasting a few hours a day on the SLA's old frequency, 756 AM. (Daniel Sobelman, Ha'aretz Correspondent, via Paul Bowery via MWC e-mail news 27.12.2000) [via ARC Info- Desk JAN 15]

LUXEMBOURG: 1440 According to a report by Gregor Behr, RTL Radio yesterday announced repeatedly that from JAN 1 Mega-Radio will be carried on Marnach 1440 Mon-Sat 0500-1800 and Sun 0630-1800. (Kai Ludwig 25.12.2000) Marnach 1440 now indeed carries Mega-Radio, no noticeable delay compared with 1431. The programme of this commercial station, which consists almost entirely of nonstop music, is generated at Schwerin and distributed by an encrypted DVB feed to the transmitter sites. Mega-Radio already uses (in Germany) Wöbbelin 576, Wilnsdorf 1431 and Burg 1575. (Kai Ludwig 1.1.2001) Joe Leyder reported to the German A-DX list that Marnach currently operates 1440 with 300 kW, but during the religious broadcasts they turn up the power to full 1200 kW. They switch the antenna pattern to skywave radiation at 1700. I checked today: Indeed 1440 was very strong after 1830 and a few moments after 1900 the signal dropped by some db. (Kai Ludwig, 7.1.2001) Yesterday I noted a carrier break at 0655, perhaps the morning antenna switch provided that this was not just a transmitter trip. (Kai Ludwig, 9.1.2001) [All items via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]


Nikolay Pashkevich reports in DX_BISTRO that the Malaya zarya antenna system in Miac will again be operational around 30 December. (Bernd Trutenau 27.12.2000) 999, 1548 Only the transmissions on TWR. DW and VOR in Romanian were resumed on 999 and 1548. (Rumen Pankov, 17.12.2000 via BCDX) [All items via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

MONACO/ITALY: 702 It now looks as if the use of the R. Monte Carlo station on 702 kHz for RAI Radio 2 is not - or not only - directly linked to the reduced power operation of the 845 kHz
Rome transmitter. On DEC 1, RAI took the following Radio 2 transmitters off the air: Genova/Granaro on 956 kHz, Alessandria on 1449 kHz and Pisa/Cottano on 3116 kHz. And the following message appears on the RAI website: "To receive Radio 2 in the areas which were covered by these transmitters please return to 702 kHz." (Stefano Valianti via MWC e-mail news 04.01.2001) [via ARK Info-Desk JAN 15]

NETHERLANDS: 747 Radio 1, Flevoland. Radio 5 will move here from 1008 before 1 September and Radio 7 on this frequency will leave MW. (Gerbos Vos via MWC) [Gerbos 13.01.2001] 1008 Radio 5, Flevoland. This frequency has been vacated for commercial use only before 1 September, causing Radio 5 to move to 747 kHz and Radio 1 on that frequency to leave MW. (Gerbos Vos via Fyppers 02.01.2000, Euro.Log 13.01.2001) 1035, 1332 There have been several reports on Dutch TV over the last week that Radio Nationaal, the state playing Dutch music on 1035 & 1332 is on the edge of bankruptcy. No listeners and no advertisers for the problem. The presenters, like the singer Father Abraham are now busy with a last minute campaign to save the station. So, if you still need to log or QSL this station,......This development shows that most listeners in Holland do not listen to MW anymore, it has all shifted to FM only!! (Julius Herman, Breedenbroek, Netherlands via MWC e-mail news 14.01.2001) 1554 Station 1554 AM-Radio Paradise is back on the air again, after being off the air for some weeks. The signal strength is very good, better then before, it sounds much fresher. I'd like to know how reception is at your location. If you wish a QSL, you can send your reports to: Ruud Vos, QSL Manager 1554AM, J. Verderikstraat 59, Utrecht 3551 VG, Netherlands. Please enclose an IRC or a dollar for return postage. (Ruud Vos via MWC e-mail news 15.12.2000) Power is 80 watts. (Bjorn Fransson)

The frequency is owned by 'Goolland Productions' and they are planning to go on the air as 'Radio 192'. They will use the old 'Paradijs' transmitter at first, later a 5 kW (?) one will be installed. (Piet Fyppers 28.12.2000, Uro.Log 13.01.2001) [via ARK Info-Desk JAN 15]

NETHERLANDS: 216 Only two companies have applied for a private radio licence to operate on 216 kHz with up to 1200 kW of power. Northern Star International Broadcasters and an organisation of Tamil in Norway. The NSB started its work many years ago, and it is thanks to the NSB that the licence is being advertised at all, through their intense lobbying activities towards the government. The Tamil, organized in 'Det Tamiliske Samordningsutvalget i Norge', already operates a FM-station in Oslo (Radio Tamil Murssam 105.8 MHz) on a frequency shared with other organisations. They intend to put their proposed transmitter somewhere in the Oslo-area, airing programmes aimed at the Tamil residents all over Norway, while the NSB is working to establish their facilities somewhere in the southwestern coastal area of Norway, aiming at a more international audience. The licensing body will now hold meetings with the two groups, hoping to issue a licence "in the near future", I would assume around this summer. The licence will be issued for 7 years only, and may not be prolonged should the government at that stage want to use the frequency for "other purposes", i.e. digital transmissions. (Bent Erfjord via MWC e-mail news 11.01.2001) [via ARK Info-Desk JAN 15]

PORTUGAL: I want to make some corrections and to add some more info related to some Portuguese MW stations. 783 Several changes are to be reported on this frequency. Radio Comercial doesn't broadcast on MW anymore, only on FM. Another radio, belonging to the same media group, uses this frequency, as well as 1035 kHz. It is called Radio Nacional, but it is a commercial radio, not state-owned. It has the same name because it only broadcasts music sung in Portuguese. - The Miramar transmitter now belongs to RDP and is on 720 kHz. The transmitter belonging to Radio Nacional, on 783 kHz, is located at a place called Afurada, close to Oporto. The website of Radio Nacional doesn't specify the transmitter location, though; it only says it is in the North of Portugal. 1035 As I said before, Rádio Nacional is now on this frequency, instead of Radio Comercial. The transmitter is at Porto Alegre, near Lisbon. (E.S. Ribeiro - f.s.ribeiro@telapc.pt via AMNF 21.12.2000) [via ARK Info-Desk JAN 15]

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 1314 VOA via Dabiyah. The International Broadcasting Bureau is testing the performance of a potential mediumwave lease on this frequency. For the month of January 2001 only it is possible to hear VOA News programming from 0000 to 0200 and 1600-1800. Reports to HBB, Spectrum Management Division, Washington, DC 20537 or Bill Whitacre, e-mail bwilson@hkcc.com (Bill Whitacre, IBBC, via HCC 02.01.2000) [via ARK Info-Desk JAN 15]

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Score: 1-10 correct: Perhaps you should take up Scabbles! 11-15 correct: Remedial study of WRTH could help. 16-20 correct: You are already within the top ten percent of the geographically literate. 21-25 correct: You could be a professional acronymologist! 26-30 correct: The ITU needs you!

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Your successes in obtaining QSL’s and other station items

Once again here is the Confirmed DX'er column. This one contains many listings that I couldn’t get into the last one. So, let’s get underway...

Canada
British Columbia, CHWK, 1270, Chilliwack, QSL certificate. (Martin—OR)
Ontario, CKGB, 750, Timmins, f/d personal letter and sticker in 19 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Sara Smith, News Anchor. (Walker—MI)

USA
Arizona, KJLL, 1330, Tucson, QSL letter in 10 days. V/s: Don Wiggins-GM. Address: 4320 N. Campbell, Ste. 234, Tucson, AZ 85718 (Martin—OR)
Arizona, KUAZ, 1550, Tucson, f/d letter in 13 days. V/s: David Ross, CE. (Wilkins—CO)
California, KAZT, 1670, Redding, QSL letter in 9d for taped report. Returned stamp enclosed. V/s: Jim Bremer-CF. Address: 3560 Alta Mesa, Redding CA 96092. (Martin—OR)
California, KAVT, 1860, Fresno, e-mail QSL in 30 days from taped report, from V/S: Paul Shinn-CF. Address: <Paul @ kstn.net>. (Martin—OR)
California, KAVT, 1860, Fresno, QSL letter in 37d from: Paul Shinn-CF. Radio Disney. Address: 139 W Olive Avenue, Fresno CA 93728 (Martin—OR)
California, KBBN, 470, Simi Valley, email QSL in 4 days. V/s: Siamak Kalarb, GM Address: <siak2msn.com > (Martin—OR)
Colorado, KOQI, 1200, Soquel, ppd/card in 15 days. V/s: Julie Hakn. (Martin—OR)
California, KYUL, 1280, Stockton, letter in 47 days. V/s: Marty Lanser-APD (Assist. PDT) Address: Clear Channel Comm. 3600 Sisk Road, Modesto CA 95356 (Martin—OR)
California, KZEE, 1470, Sacramento, QSL letter in 170 days. V/s: Matt Greer-Assis. CE. Address: 8545 Madison Avenue, Sacramento CA 95862. (Martin—OR)
California, KJDD, 1170, Windsor, note on report in 13 days for f/up. V/s Jesse Gregory, Owner (Wilkins—CO)
Florida, WMBB, 1660, Marco Island, f/d QSL card, business card in 16 days. V/s Phil Beckman, OM/CE. (Kennedy—PA)
Florida, WFLS, 1590, Port St. Lucie, form letter, bumper sticker in 35 days. V/s: Greg & Carol Wyatt, owners. (Trelford—JA)
Florida, WITR, 1680, Winter Garden, QSL certificate in 180 days. V/s: M. Dawson. (Trelford—JA)
Georgia, GAWA, 1240, Thomson, verfic on my report, business card in 10 days. V/s Mike Well, Pres. (Kennedy—PA)
Georgia, WAXX, 1630, Augusta, f/d letter in 20 days. V/s: Harley Drew, OD. (Kennedy—PA)
Georgia, WDUN, 540, Gainesville, f/d letter and key chain in 16 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Bill Maine, General Manager. (Walker—MI)
Georgia, WGGG, 1440, Brunswick, letter in 29 days. V/s: Dick Bockeloo, Engineer. (Trelford—JA)
Hawaii, KIJO, 1380, Honolulu, QSL letter in 45d from taped report along with ppm sked. Address: 738 Kaheka Street, Honolulu HI 96814-3726. (Martin—OR)
Idaho, KVSI, 1450, Montpelier, verfic on my report in 5 days. V/s: Keith Mantendal-GM. Address: PO Box 1450, Montpelier ID 83254 (Martin—OR)
Illinois, WWINU, 880, Highland, f/d handwritten verification on station stationery and bumper stickers in 13 days for mint stamp, used. V/s: Dennis Harner, GM. (Walker—MI)
Illinois, WBJC, 1230, Bloomington, f/d letter in 13 days. V/s Elizabeth Estes-Coooper, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
Iowa, WHO, 1040, Des Moines, f/d card in 11 days for mint stamp (not used). (Walker—MI)
Kansas, KXTR, 1250, Kansas City, f/d letter in 33 days. V/s Ken Wolf, CE (Wilkins—CO)
Kentucky, WSCN, 740, Newport, f/d letter for two reception reports in 15 days for a follow up report and 3 months for an original report with one stamp report. V/s: Miss. Frankie Robinson, Office Manager. Sadly, they are no longer the “Jazz Ark” in as much as they no longer broadcast from studios on the Ohio River! [Right Bob, they were in a studio that looked like floating beer cans. This is an historic station, and I just read somewhere that they had been purchased by somebody and would be dropping the jazz format—Ken]. (Walker—MI)
Maryland, WBAL, 1090, Baltimore, f/d letter in 18 days for follow-up report and mint stamp (used). V/s: Sandy Bartell, Engineering Assistant. (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WBCK, 1030, Battle Creek, f/d letter in 1 week for mint stamp (used). V/s: Tim Collins, Operations Manager. (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WGVX, 880, Muskegon, n/d letter, station information in 7 days for mint stamp (not used). (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WJAN, 760, Rogers City, n/d letter in 7 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Donna Smith, On Air and Organization Manager. (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WJMJ, 1240, Lansing, n/d letter, sticker and station information sheet in 2 weeks for mint stamp (used). V/s: Jack Robbins, PD. (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WMPC, 1230, Lapeer, f/d letter in 5 days for mint stamp (not used). V/s: Robert L. Baldwin, GM. (Walker—MI)
Minnesota, WNMT, 650, Nisswa, signature on original report in 10 days for mint stamp (used). (Walker—MI)
Mississippi, WJNT, 880, Pearl, f/d fill-in-the-blank form letter for DX test reception and bumper sticker in 8 days for mint stamp. V/s: Stan Carter, CE. (Walker—MI)
New Mexico, KKYJ, 1550, Albuquerque f/d letter in 10 days. V/s Edward Longhi (W5VP), P/D Owner. (Wilkins—CO)
New York, WGR, 550, Buffalo, f/d letter, mailing label, show promo info and WBEN/Buffalo Bills Bumper Sticker in 11 days for mint stamp (not used). V/s: Dennis Kavanagh, Engineering Manager. (Walker—MI)
New York, WGY, 810, Schenectady, f/d letter and window sticker in 17 days for follow-up report and mint stamp (used). V/s: Bob Blanchard, Director of Engineering. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WAKR, 1500, Akron, f/d personal letter and card with bumper stickers and Cleveland Indians schedule in 16 days for mint stamp (not used). V/s: Tim Davidson, Senior Account Executive. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WREDF, 880, Columbus, f/d letter, coverage map, and station information sheet in 5 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Dan Craig, General Manager. (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, WFBG, 1290, Altoona, f/d letter in 27 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Rich DeLeo, Sports Director. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WQMB, 1260, Cleveland, n/d letter in 8 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Dawn A. Doty, Administrative Assistant. (Walker—MI)
Oregon, KKNX, 840, Eugene, e-mail QSL back in 2 days after sending a f/up report via e-mail. V/s John Mielke, KKNX Radio. Address john@radio94.com (Martin—OR)
Pennsylvania, WLPA, 1490, Lancaster, f/d letter in 4 days. V/s: Edd Mushkie. (Kennedy—PA)
Rhode Island, WARI, 1590, Warwick, letter, bumper sticker, schedule, tract in 160 days. V/s: Lincoln W. Hubbard, CE. (Trelford—JA)
Tennessee, WRJZ, 620, Knoxville, f/d letter, bumper sticker and business card in 10 days for follow-up report and mint stamp (not used). V/s: Alan Stalsworth, CE. (Walker—MI)
Texas, KELP, 1590, El Paso, f/d letter, AM/FM stickers, sked, newsletters in 6 days. V/s Casey Celum, (Wilkins—CO)
Texas, KRTX, 980, Rosenberg, ppd/card, n/d letter, FM sticker in 118 days for f/up. V/s Doug Frederickson, C.E. (Wilkins—CO)
Texas, KQXX, 1700, Brownsville, certificate, sticker in 316 days. (Trelford—JA)
Texas, KTKB, 1700, Sherman, f/d certificate in 2 weeks for second follow-up report and mint stamp (used). V/s: illegible, Technical Department. (Walker—MI)
Texas, KTKB, 1700, Sherman, certificate in 111 days. V/s: Herbert Bowes, Tech. (Trelford—JA)
Texas, WCOA, 1200, San Antonio, TX. F/d letter in 24 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Kimberly Schoellman, Executive Assistant. (Walker—MI)
Texas, WTAW, 1620, College Station, colorful QSL card in 89 days. Address: PO Box 3248, Bryan TX 77805-3248. (Conti-NH)
Texas, WTAW, 1620, College Station, f/d card in 9 days for mint stamp (used). (Walker—MI)
Washington, KGA, 1510, Spokane, ppd/card in 8 days for f/up. V/s: P. Avalon. (Wilkins—CO)

Outside of North America
Australia, NSW 2RE, 1611, Griffith, f/d QSL card in 17days. V/s: John Wright-0400 watts, Address: 4/33 Kerrie Crescent, Peakhurst NSW 2210, Australia. Australian MW QSL #220. (Martin—OR)
British Virgin Islands, ZBVI, 780, Road Town, Tortola, letter, QSL card, map, history of station. V/
Sandra Fettler-Warrick, OP Mgr. (Trelford—JA)

**Mexico**, XEFC, 1090, Yucatan, Merida, letter, CD tape of Mexican music in 10 days. V/s Guillermo Tarfan Cervera. (Trelford—JA)

**Mexico**, XEMO, 860, Tijuana, very light letter in SS in 40 days for taped report. Also sent "La Foderosa" bumper sticker. V/s Sergio Galera Quezada (o: 5510 3600). Address: XEMO, Grupo Unicentro, Blvd. Manuel Marquez de Leon No. 950 Zona K, Tijuana, BCN 22339, Mexico. (Martin—OR)

**New Zealand**, Southern Star, 909, Hawkes Bay, QSL card and letter. V/s Brian Ferguson-PD Address: Southern Star, Private Bag 92-636, Symonds Street, Auckland NZ. (Martin—OR)

**New Zealand**, Southern Star, 981, Timaru, QSL card and letter in 60 days from Brian Ferguson-PD for taped report. Address same as above. New Zealand MF QSL #106. (Martin—OR)

Other Good Stuff

**California**, TIS, 1630, Arcata, letter in 3 days. V/s Russ Lee Traffic Operations. They were testing on 1630, now on 1610. Address: State of California, Dept. of Transportation, 1656 Union ST, PO Box 3700, Eureka CA 95502-3700 (Martin—OR)


**DX’er’s Notebook**

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**ELECTRONIC DX NEWS**

We begin with one additional comment on the Electronic Publishing thread.

**Jerry Starr** <jerry@raycom.com> I’ve followed the ongoing saga of printed vs. electronic DX News. Recently the amateur radio club of which I am president examined converting our newsletter to electronic delivery. Our first step was to distribute a survey to the membership asking how many would be interested. Virtually every one of our nearly 200 members had a computer. To our surprise the vast majority (about 75 percent) said they’d rather have the printed version. This included comments from some very computer savvy people who work in the computer and data industry. Perhaps the NRC should conduct a member survey and put the question to rest one way or another. For myself, I prefer the printed DXN. It is not because I’m some old guy who’s afraid of technology. My work is nearly 100 percent computer based, and I spend hours in front of a monitor every day. My AM Switch column is all generated electronically and sent to Paul via e-mail. My audio version for the DXAS is sent to Fred electronically as an MP3 audio file, and I receive numerous periodicals via e-mail. It has more to do with HOW I use my DX News. If it arrives before I leave for work I pop it into my briefcase and read it during my commute. I enjoy it. In the summertime I do most of my reading for enjoyment on the patio or front porch. I’ll often get a half hour of reading in bed before nodding off. And, yes, sometimes in the traditional "porcelain library." There is no computer in the lunch room, or my easy chair or the front porch or bed. After spending all day looking at a monitor certainly don’t want to have to do the same thing at home. Is it possible to doze off from eye strain? Hihi. How many members get other printed magazines? Do you ever go to the library and get a printed book? Don’t you enjoy stretching out in bed and reading it? This isn’t some work related publication; it is a hobby magazine what can be enjoyed at your leisure. Sometimes I think we rush to technology just because it’s there. Just because it can do lots of great things to make our jobs easier doesn’t mean we have to use it for everything. Savoring the printed word in what is left over in our lives makes me more enjoyable than being tied to monitor. And one other observation. It’s easy for people to want something when somebody else has to do the work. In our case make that somebody who works for free. I have to say I haven’t seen a long line forming with people volunteering to publish the EDXN.

**MFJ-1026**

**Rick Shaftan** <shaftan@ptd.net> Here’s a question I know someone will probably be able to answer in no time. Sometime between last night and this morning, my MFJ-1026 went haywire. It might have had to do with several inches of rain screwing up the grounds (which is something I ought to know about) or it may be something else. Currently, the unit produces a greatly attenuated signal unless the ground wire is removed. And in either situation the gain controls are meaningless, the unit now only combines the two signals but does not allow any phasing whether or not a ground is connected. Usually the ground is essential to kill noise. Under normal circumstances, when the gain pots are turned all the way down there is no signal. Now there is an equal signal whether the pots are up or down. It seems my combiner unit is now grounded for some reason, so whether I put the wire in the antenna input hole or just touch it to the surface, I get the same reading. It’s quite possible that the grounding grid rod on the 500 foot logwire is probably submerged right now. 4.17 inches of rain since about 4 am. Winds hit 42 but all antennae are OK.

**Benjamin Dangerfield** <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net> Rick Shaftan said he had problems with his MFJ-1026 phasing unit. I, too, had very similar problems last summer. It just seemed to stop phasing. It was grounded. So I sent it on to Al Merriman who had converted it for the best MW use after I had bought the unit from the manufacturer. But Al couldn’t fix the problem. So I sent it to Mark Connelly, but he couldn’t fix it. He still has it. My suggestion is to send it back to the maker and let them fix it.

**Rick Shaftan** The folks at MFJ swear that the 2NS109 transistor blew in my unit and the same is probably true for Ben’s also.

**RECEIVERS**

**Rus Edmonds** <cw2zy@nrcdxas.org> Since we have a number of Europeans on the list, I want to ask a question. I purchased a Nordmende Galaxy mesa 6000 multiband receiver around 1970. Over the years, it has reached a point where it needs some work. The main problem I see is parts. Does anyone know of any source where one might obtain replacement parts for this receiver? The speaker is dead, and the volume control is not far from it, plus a few other things may be needed. Any help anyone can provide will greatly appreciated. I’ve tried previously in DX News for this info, but without result. Thanks.

**Bruce Contri** <BACON74@dial.com> Yaesu has a new high-end communications receiver that features a voice synthesizer option. The model number is VR-5000. It’s brand new, so I don’t know any of the specifics in terms of performance. This is Yaesu’s entry into the wide frequency coverage, DSP, table-top receiver market. It might be a worthy receiver for DXAS members who have considered the somewhat cumbersome push-button control of digital receivers or who lack the funds to make a foray into the DX performance. The “old school” Drake R89 is still the best for the money in my book, but whenever a new receiver is introduced it captures my interest. Yaesu is the first that I know of to provide voice synthesis.

**Randall Stewart** <jps558@msu.edu> In checking both Universal Radio’s and Yaesu’s own write-ups on this rig, there’s NO mention of selectivity figures (aside from building the OPTIONAL DSP module, of course). I also notice that the (AM) sensitivity figures of 30 microvolts on longwave and 4 microvolts on the BCB aren’t any too impressive as far as I’m concerned. That’s the trouble with those wideband receivers: they place a premium on receiving as many frequency ranges, in as many modes, as they can cram into one small box, but they don’t tend to do what a DXer needs most: dig weak, interfering hidden signals out of the mud and make them readable enough to log! Presumably the digital signal processing would assist with this goal—the question is how much? How sophisticated is the processing? The specs don’t really go into a lot of detail. At the price (surprisingly reasonable, it seems to me) I have to wonder.

**Paul Smith** <W4KXN <sunray2@qte.net> These boxes do an outstanding job on Shortwave and ham bands. I’ve found my MFJ-1026 to be a toss up to the contest bands is the red headed stepchild to these people. I have an ICOM 756PRO. It is very good at the high end of the MW Band, but worthless at the low end. It is the best box I’ve ever owned for the ham bands.

**Bill Meers** <smcewsrworld@ooyager.net> I have been a NRC member for two years currently and a year or two back in the 80’s. I have a ICOM R-75 and find it rather poor on MW as it overloadsthe nearby local BCB stations and for weak signals is usable only in SSB mode. I need to get a new inexpensively receiver to dedicate as my primary MW receiver. I have been looking at the CCRadio. I haven’t seen it listed in the East or West reports, but would really love to have some user reports. I wouldn’t like the RCA radios as they don’t have a digital read out and that is essential for me. I am only at about 350 stations which is not so great, but low count is due to lots of noise and interference from smtis within three miles. Hope to have any suggestions for a receiver around $150.

If anyone can help Bill out, you can contact him directly, or through me, or through the listserv.
OFF THE INTERNET

I'll try to play catch up some of these —

From Scott Fybush's "NorthEast Radio Watch" dated December 11:
The FCC has dismissed the application from WRKL (910 New City) to add 800 watt night service from two additional towers (for a total of four) at its Rockland County site. ... At Southtown's WNYQ (990), Dr. Phillip Duncan, founder of WNEZ (950, which he has been named President of the "Far and wide" urban format. The Blaze folks are now programming Caribbean music all day Saturday, and are reportedly talking to station owner ADD Media about leasing WNYQ full-time... We hear from our friends up near Ottawa that the end of CJF (Smith Falls) AM came a few months earlier than planned. It seems the AM 650 transmitter failed unexpectedly...and with FM 92.3 now on the air, the CJF folks decided the AM wasn't worth fixing!

From Scott Fybush's "NorthEast Radio Watch" dated December 18:
A new era is about to dawn in Toronto radio...on one of the city's most venerable frequencies. NRWR was scanning the dial on Friday afternoon and caught one of the first tests of CHWO (740), the new 50,000 watt voice of "Prime Time Radio." The new station will operate from the Hornby transmitter site that was home to the original Toronto 740, the CBC's flagships CBL, from the 1930s until the station moved to FM last year. But while CHWO is paying the CBC for the use of the Hornby site, it could soon be writing those checks to someone else. The CBC issued a "Request for Information" last week to begin exploring the possibility of selling its huge network of transmitter sites across Canada to a private entity... The deal would provide access to a huge amount of vertical real estate in both rural and urban Canada, while for the CBC, the deal would provide plenty of cash for the conversion to digital radio and TV — and a guarantee that CBC services will retain priority use of the sites. Meanwhile on 740, we're told that the target date to move the adult standards from little CHWO (1250 Oakville) to the big 740 signal, and we expect to be hearing more tests on the 50 kW clear channel over the next three weeks or so. (A note about those call letters: CHWO had requested CFPT as the new 740s calls. But at press time, NRWR learned that the CRTC had rejected that request, so CHWO will instead move its existing calls to 740 from 1250. That, in turn, means 1250 will become CFEY. "Joy 1250," when it goes all-religion in January.)...Elsewhere in CANADA, Telemedia is bolstering its sports radio lineup by adding the possibility of new competition for CFVL (1040) from CPVL (1050). CPVL (1050) is now the Eastern flagship of "The Fan Radio Network," which will supply sports talk to other stations around the country, including the newest "FAN," CKST (1040 Vancouver), which flipped from adult contemporary to sports this week... In Quebec, CKFL (1400 Lac-Megantic) has been granted a move to FM. The station will use 4250 watts on 106.7 when it makes the transition Down in the Hudson Valley, Sunriser Broadcasting is trying again to move its WCNW (1220 Newburgh) to 1200. The station did move to 1200 for a few years in the 1990s, but was forced back to 1220 when its most recent Special Temporary Authority expired. Now Sunriser is applying for a "new station" in Kingston on 1200, with 2000 watts day from 2 towers and 400 watts night from 5 towers. (Actually, NRWR thinks it's possible WCNW might be able to continue its current operation on 1220 when its 1200 is held for now.)... We heard that WBTN (1570 Bennington, VT) is back up and running with Christmas music, with a new full-service format presumably to debut after the holidays.

From Scott Fybush's "NorthEast Radio Watch" dated December 25:
The rumors have been flying for a few weeks now, but it's now clear that Boston's newest talk station is about to be history. WMEX (1060 Natick) will switch to an all-business format January 8, displacing veteran local talker Upton Bell and ending the latest Boston talk stint for San Francisco-based Gene Burns. The new "Business 1060" will revolve around the "Money Couple," Brad and Bonnie Bleidt, who will continue their Boston Business Journal-branded morning show. Lawyer Steve Weisman, who has been part of the morning show, will move to his own spot later in the day, and Bob Chilvey (formerly part of the Money Experts on WRKO and, before that, on WBNW 590) will also be part of the mix. Programming will also include a new afternoon show hosted by Mark Mills, formerly the executive producer of WCVB (Channel 5)'s Chronicle. Mills will be busy off the air as well, he's been named director of business programming for the station, to be renamed WBIX "Business News 1060." Also on the way to WBIX will be Bloomberg business reports, currently heard in the market on "the new" WBNW (1120 Concord) in a show hosted by Boston Business Journal Steve Bailey and Charlie Stein. So what becomes of the talk? We hear it will show up in some form on another of Alexander Langer's stations, WSOH (1470 Marlboro), which is planning a power increase and a move to Watertown, pacing it squarely within the Boston market. Langer says Bell and Burns will still be heard somewhere in the market after the format change. As for the legendary WMEX calls, those too could end up on 1470 when 1060 becomes WBIX. (Those WBIX calls were last heard in the region on New York's 105.1 in its "Big 105" days a few years back.)... In Worcester, we're hearing that WCRN (830) is running holiday music and liners announcing "Swinging in New England, No word on whether there's a format change associated with the move...WENY (1230) is still doing its own thing." WROX (100) has become more talky than the promised talk of WCLU (1450 Corning)... We heard the new standards signal of WEHU Elmire Heights-Horseheads, now operating on 1600 from the WELM (1410) towers instead of on 1590 from its old site... Back in New York, a call change in Watertown also involves the folk who own Keymarket. Their Forever Broadcasting owns 1410 in Watertown, which is changing from WUZZ to WCMR (AM). Could a sports format be next? ... In Utica, WRUN (1150) has a new format, but it's unclear what it will be. We hear Anacostia of another WAMC (90.1) in a simulcast of another station from and WDRG-FM (104.3) to a rebroadcast of news-talk WIBX (950 Utica), though it's not clear that the 1150 signal reaches any areas that WIBX's existing signal misses... Testing continues on CHWO (740 Toronto), as the station reactivates the old CBL facility. We have the tests were to end at 6 AM on Monday, January 8, with "PrimeTime Radio" programming beginning at, appropriately enough, 7:40 AM. If you're hearing the station and want a QSL, we've told the Ontario DX Association will be handling those requests. Drop a line to them at PO Box 161, Willowdale Postal Station "A", Toronto ON M2N 588, and we're sure a bit of return postage or an IRC (International Reply Coupon) would help them get that QSL to you faster.

Musings

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Begin the saga of Memories Behind the Mike (And On the Other Side, Too!)

John Tuddenham, Joplin MC (wjo@earlink.net)

I remember my first night behind the microphone at KIXJ-940 in 1966. An economy move to operate the transmitter was the only reason I was on as I was also the engineer. It was called "East of midnight" with "John Roberts" my air name. We had a top 40 format but mixed with oldies on the weekends I was doing fine until 12:30am and it was time for news headlines. One of the news stories involved a student boycott. Instead of BOYCOTT I said BOYSCOUT. I realized what I said and just kept on going rather than correct my mistake. I was nervous anyway and hoped no body had caught a few of my friends I told to listen kidded me about it. Then there was the case of Payola. A couple of guys that had a rock band came out to the transmitter, 10 miles out in the country, with a brand new record they wanted me to play. I said we had a strict play list and they would have to see the program director. Next they said they were going in town and asked if I wanted a hamburger and fries. I said yes but intended to stay them for it. The came back and would not take any money. They asked me again to play their record even putting it on the turntable. Again I refused saying they would have to see the PD. Anyway I got a free meal out of it and was not payola.

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OK, here's a chance for some of our radio folks (ones in the business) that can pass on some stories of some true life radio adventures, things that have happened to them on the air and behind the mic! I've been in the radio business since 1967; my first job was a summer relief board operator at WVCH-740 Chester, PA. I can remember one Sunday afternoon a very bad thunderstorm arrived around 4PM and the then-owner of the station came in to make sure everything was operational. Both he and I were in the back room window of the station and the rain came down huge bolt of lightning hit the water tower at the Scott Paper plant (in Chester, it had the honor of being painted up on the toilet paper roll!), and I watched as his hearing aid shot out of his ear like a bullet and the station was knocked off the air right in the middle of a very whining church service, which we ended up replaying again after 6PM (I had to sit through it twice). Then there was the radio adventures (1968) of working at WXUR-960, where the station would sign OFF in the middle of the day (both AM&FM) when a thunderstorm would approach! Believe me, there are a lot more I can pass along, and I'm hoping some of the others in the club will also! Its nice to listen to Primetime Radio, CHWO-740, I'm a firm believer at AM radio can sound good from a technical standpoint and they have certainly proven it. I was recently involved in the move of WLUX-540, building new studios for them in Deer Park, NY. The studios are set up for digital operation, and they'll be ready to switch over whenever digital comes of being.