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CPC Test Calendar

WPRI268 MA	1620	Dec. 2	0000-0100
KTNS CA	1090	Jan. 7	0300-0400
WRCS NC	970	Jan. 12	0000-0100

KTNS-1090 - P. O. Box 2020 - Oakhurst, CA 93644 will broadcast a DX test from 3:00-4:00 EST Monday, January 7, with 1000 watts ND. Tones and CW ID's identifying KTNS will be broadcast along with their regular MOYL format. Reception reports may be sent to Larry Gamble, General Manager, by regular mail (please include return postage) or e-mail: <<mtkaat@sierratel.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.

WRCS-970 - 443 Hwy 42 W - Ahoskie NC 27910 will conduct a DX test from 12:00-1:00 am EST Saturday, January 12, 2002. WRCS will broadcast at a power of 1000 watts ND. Tones and CW IDs identifying WRCS will be played. If any music is played, it will be gospel music with spoken liners between songs. But the test will consist mostly of CW IDs. Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to Bob Carter, Chief Engineer by regular mail or e-mail: <<wracs970am@yahoo.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.

From the Publisher ... No IDXD this week - Jim's taking a week off in a time zone far west of his resident EST.

You may have noticed that no announcement of the '02 NRC convention has been made. Well, my friends, no one has made a valid, acceptable bid for the convention as of yet, and Convention Manager Ernie Wesolowski would like to hear from anyone who can host a convention. If you want more information, including a fact sheet on hosting conventions, contact Ernie at 13312 Westwood Ln - Omaha, NE 68144-3543. And if you don't, I'm going to put in that oft-threatened bid for a sleeping-bag convention in Gary Houdek's pasture in north-central Kansas, hi (tentatively planned for goodie bags: cow pie scoopers embossed with the KFRM logo).

Kulpsville ... From the *NASWA Journal ...* The 15th Annual Winter SWL Fest is being planned for

March 8-9 in Kulpsville, PA, at the Best Western - The Inn at Towamencin (215-368-3800 for a special rate of \$75, single or double). For more information, send an SASE to SWL Winterfest - P. O. Box 4153 - Clifton Park, NY 12065, or access the web site at <<www.swlfest.com>>.

Welcome to these new members ... Dennis Spence, Stillwater, NJ; Rick Robinson, Hendersonville, NC; and Ron B. Schiller, Norcross, GA (rejoins).

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 69

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9.	Nov 23	Dec. 3	20.	Feb. 15	Feb. 25
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12.	Dec. 14	Dec. 24	23.	Mar. 22	April 1
13.	Dec. 28	Jan. 7	24.	April 5	April 15
14.	Jan. 4	Jan. 14	25.	April 19	April 29
15.	Jan 11	Jan. 21	26.	May 10	May 20
16.	Jan. 18	Jan. 28	27.	June 7	June 17
17.	Jan. 25	Feb. 4	28.	July 5	July 15
18.	Feb. 1	Feb. 11	29.	Aug. 2	Aug. 12
19.	Feb. 8	Feb. 18	30.	Sept. 6	Sept. 16

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 24, 1951 DXN: On the early morning of Nov. 17, some 400 stations in 18 northeastern states participated in a test of a "synchronous sequential method of radio transmission" in which stations on the same frequency passed the same program from station to station without a break in continuity and without identification, thereby confusing enemy navigators attempting to use a broadcasting station to steer by ... the birth of CONELRAD.

25 years ago ... from the December 6, 1976 DXN: Ron Schiller, Dallas, TX received v/q's from XEPRS-1090 and KLAD-960, a v/r from KCTI-1450, and v/s from KALB-580 to bring his verie total to 1,942.

10 years ago ... from the November 25, 1991 DXN: A letter from C. Howard McDonald, Big M Broadcast Services, Veradale, WA to Wayne Heinen revealed that KKMT-710 had never been placed on the air ... making reception reports from England and Europe rather suspect.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<i>Old call</i>		<i>New call</i>
540	KSRK CA	Carmel Valley	KYAA
900	WDLS WI	Wisconsin Dells	WIBU
930	WCNR PA	Bloomsburg	WHLM
1200	KYAA CA	Soquel	KSRK
1230	KWUN UT	Murray	KJQS
1660	KAXW CA	Merced	KTIQ
1700	WAFN FL	Miami Springs	WJCC

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

760	NVLas Vegas:	50000/50000 U2
1470	AZKachina Village:	50000/350 U2

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

620	WWNR WV	Beckley: 1000/25 U1
870	KRLA CA	Glendale: 20000/3000 U4
1160	WKGE GA	East Point: 50000/290 U4
1480	WCIN OH	Cincinnati: 1300/250 U4
1490	CKEN NS	Kentville: to 94.9 FM
1600	KIVA NM	Albuquerque: 10000/128 U1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

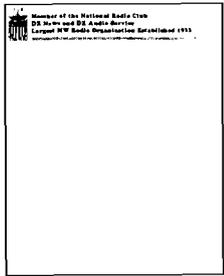
830	KPLS CA	Orange: 50000/20000 U4
950	WWJK SC	Moncks Corner: 500/135 U1
1340	KLOO OR	Corvallis: relocate transmitter

OTHERNESS

640	WWJZ NJ	Mount Holly: CP for 50000/950 U4 DISMISSED
900	KREH TX	Pecan Grove: Although this station appears to have moved here several years ago the FCC database is once again showing them in their former location Oakdale, LA. We assume this is an FCC error. Can a member in the Houston area confirm that they are now in Pecan Grove?
1240	WPKE KY	Pikeville: CP for 790/790 U1 is on
1370	WKFD RI	Wickford: license CANCELLED, call DELETED

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

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



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Jerry & BKF

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Compiled by Bill Hale, this 239-page edition shows the location of all U. S. and Canadian broadcast stations (except TIS/LPRT) as well as latitude/longitude coordinates, plus instructions by Dave Sundius enabling users to calculate distance and bearing to any station. This 8.5x11-inch-sized book is three-hole punched for a letter-size ring binder. Order "SLM" from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.



Domestic DX Digest

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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- When reporting, please keep the formatting as we have here: Frequency, CLs, state/province, city, date and time, logged info and don't forget your credit at the end of each logging.
- Some fodder to add to the KFCC mystery: Has their license been revoked, or not? Seems not. After Eric Loy logged the station a couple of issues ago, the question arose: "Is that station still on???" I tried, unsuccessfully, to contact anyone at the station who would talk about the situation, but was told to call back and ask for 'Dan'. But 'Dan' was never there when I called back a couple of times. Then, after receiving a DX report from Stephen Ponder in Houston, I asked him to do some digging and see what he could come up with. Here's what Sherlock Ponder was able to sleuth: "While I was at home today for lunch, I tried listening for KFCC-1270. I heard something, sounded like a Spanish-language religious program, but there was so much static (electrical power line noise, I'm afraid ...) I could not get a clear signal. So, I got out my trusty 20th edition AM Radio Log (1999-2000), looked them up, and made a phone call. The phone number listed (281-575-1270) still works. I spoke to Dan Cocozza, who identified himself as the Station Manager. When I asked him about the KFCC license (the 20th ed log says it was revoked in 1997) he told me that it was never revoked and was still in litigation. Yes, they are still broadcasting on 1270 kHz. He told me they use 1000 Watts directional (daytime) and 1000 watts omnidirectional (nighttime). The station offices are still at 10865 Rockley Road, Missouri City, TX 77099, and the transmitter site is in Bay City, TX. Once he said that, I immediately remembered this station as being the old KIOX facility that I verified while living in Fort Worth in the late 1970's. They sent me a Xerox copy of a postcard picturing their rundown "shack" — written on the copy was the statement, "This is the only QSL card that we have, so we're sending you a copy of it." Memories ... He told me that they (KFCC) purchased the AM transmitter site from KIOX in 1994 when KIOX decided to go all-FM. The AM transmitter is still in the same building as the KIOX-FM transmitter there in Bay City. As for format, he told me they used "Block Time" and explained that they sell blocks of time to whomever wants to purchase airtime. He told me that mostly they sell time to Spanish-language churches and religious groups, so I guess what I initially heard on 1270 this afternoon would have been them. Mr. Cocozza sounded like a friendly guy, answering all my questions, and even giving me more info than what I asked for. I told him about the NRC and the AM Radio Log, and he seemed like he wanted to make sure the info we have in the log was correct. I enjoyed the conversation." Thanks for the effort, Stephen!
- We have a new voice from the Pacific Northwest: Sam White! Welcome aboard, and hope to hear from you often.
- Now that we've all stuffed ourselves with turkey and trimmings on Turkey Day (Canadians have already been there; done that), it's time to settle in and do some good old fashioned DXING. And don't be shy when asking the better half for a new radio or accessory for Christmas. Do it NOW!



REPORTERS

SA-MB	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg	Icom ICR-70 & Drake R8 + 4 Foot Unamplified Box Loop/Quantum Loop, 145' outdoor wire, 100' indoor wire, MFJ 1026 Phasing Unit <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
RA-NV	Rene Auvray	Henderson	Yacht Boy 400
CD-TX	Charles Dobbins	Alpine	ICF-7600 barefoot; DX-160 + Palomar Amplified Loop or 80-foot longwire mounted on backyard fence
KDF-IL	Karl D. Forth	Chicago	Drake R8, Icom IC-R70, spiral loop <kdforth@msn.com>
TRH-CA	Tim Hall	Chula Vista	ICF-2010, KIWA Loop, Delco car radio <halls@inetworld.net>

GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento: car radio; Hanford: FRG-8800 + Quantum Loop
 EL-IL Eric Loy Champaign Drake R8 and Quantum QX <ecloy@netscape.net>
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 SHP-TX Stephen H. Ponder Houston GE Superadio III and DX-398 <n5wbi@arrl.net>
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 KR-AZ Kevin Redding Mesa Chris Cuff AM Stereo modified Delco radio and 85' wire <amfntvdx@qwest.net>
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STATION NEWS & NOTES

1280 KDYL UT Salt Lake City - 11/11 - Talk Radio 1280 shifts to news/talk/sports as 1280KZLN, the Zone. (100000watts.com)
 1340 KCKN KS Kansas City - 11/15 - Now Fox Sports; ex: Contemporary Christian. (100000watts.com)
 1620 KOZN NE Bellevue - 11/10 2328 - Good signal, with ESPN programming. ID as ESPN 16-20 The Zone. Omaha's ESPN Radio. Call sign change and new slogan as The Zone. NEW (SA-MB)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

1700 UNID ?? - 11/07 2008 - Heard PSA for America's Promise at 2008, Station ID: AM 1700 CNN Headline News, then PSA for America's Promise at 2015. (SHP-TX)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 WPFK507 CA Fresno - 11/3 1600 - Cal Trans station, with announcement saying *This is a test of Highway Advisory Radio WPFK507*. Located at 99 & Cedar (?? - Ed.) Avenue, per Paul Gonzales, head of Cal Trans Northern Region. Still testing; will come on by December. (GJ-CA)
 1040 TIS/HAR CA Fresno - 11/3 1800 - Giving weather and traffic before football game for Fresno State football game. (GJ-CA)
 1610 TIS/HAR CA ?? - 11/4 0821 - Cal Trans HAR giving road conditions for east bound 58 & 99, 223 & 198. Highway 46 delays because of work. No CLs or location. Presume a temporary setup. (GJ-CA)
 1700 TIS/HAR CA Burbank Airport - 11/5 0635 - Giving new rules for different airlines on what can be carried onto the planes. Good signal at Hanford. No KSXY splatter here. (GJ-CA)
 1610 House CA Chula Vista - 11/11 1610 - Talking house operated by Real Estate Associates at 2395 Eastridge Loop in Eastlake Greens neighborhood. Just across the street from where a different realtor once operated a talking house on 1600 kHz. (TRH-CA)
 1610 House CA National City - 11/8 0145 - Talking house somewhere in the north end of National City near the border with San Diego. (TRH-CA)
 1610 HAR CA Unknown - 11/11 0127 - CalTrans HAR testing: *Testing 1-2-3 . . . CalTrans Highway Advisory Radio . . . this is a remote test . . .* Have been hearing this at night all along my 30-mile commute from San Diego/Poway border to eastern Chula Vista, but never during the day. Similar messages have been heard from LA-area mobile HARs in the past. At one point it sounded like there were two stations running test messages. Mixing with Zion National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area TIS stations (quality interference!) (TRH-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

560 KSFO CA San Francisco - 11/12 0600 - ID as *Hot Talk 560 KSFO, San Francisco*, then into the news. (KR-AZ)
 580 WELO MS Tupelo - 11/11 1906 - Poor, with calls and NOS in with ????. (JJR-WI)
 590 KTHO CA South Lake Tahoe - 11/13 2300 - Fair, mixing with KSUB. ToH ID: *From America's all-year playground, this is KTHO, South Lake Tahoe*. New. (SW-OR)

590 KCSJ CO Pueblo - 11/8 2257-2315 - End of ESPN program, ABC news at :00. IDs as: *Voice of Pueblo on News Talk 590, KCSJ*. 2306: into *Coast-to-Coast AM* program. (CD-TX)
 590 KSUB UT Cedar City - 11/13 2215 - Good, with Southern Utah basketball game. Post game announcement, . . . *SU basketball game tonight on Talk Radio 590 KSUB* . . . then into list of sponsors. New. (SW-OR)
 620 KMKI TX Plano - 11/10 0706 - Good, alone in WTMJ null, with Radio Disney programming. (EL-IL)
 680 WRMD FL St. Petersburg - 11/11 0255 - Fair, but steady and alone, with various music, slogan *Tropical 6-80*. (EL-IL)
 700 KWLW UT North Salt Lake City - [no date] 2115 - Announces as part of *The Talking Bozo Network* [That's 'Truckin' Bozo - Ed.], C&W music played. Utah Broadcasters Association approves Air National Guard commercials. In and out. (RA-NV)
 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas - 11/4 2246-2305 - *USC Trojan Talk* football program, plus many ads. 2254: promo for show. 2300: *Business of Success* program. Two unverified reports have gone unanswered, but will try again. (CD-TX)
 760 KTKR TX San Antonio - 11/9 0300+- Fair-to-poor, under WJR, with local mention and sports talk. (EL-IL)
 770 KKOB NM Albuquerque - 11/2 2330 - Unusually strong, with ID as *News Radio 770-KOB* into news. (MS-MB)
 790 KNST AZ Tucson - 11/9 0808-0815 - Out of news, with *News Radio 790*, KNST ID, local weather report and ad for Jim Clark Lincoln-Mercury before KABC faded up and dominated. (CD-TX)
 790 KABC CA Los Angeles - 11/9 0815-0820 - Faded in, with *Talk Radio 790 KABC before an ad for United Bank of California*, then TC, weather, and traffic report. (CD-TX)
 790 KBME TX Houston - 11/9 0820-0828 - Faded in over KABC, with *Uptown Girl*, then *Dream Lover* before man and woman talking about weekend Houston happenings. Covered by XERC at 0828 (50 kW?). [They are listed as U1 50000/1000 - Ed.] (CD-TX)
 810 WMGC TN Murfreesboro - 11/14 1825 - Fair and alone on frequency, with Spanish language, with a lot English language words were being used in the dialogue. Playing a lot of Spanish language music similar top Mexican ranchera style. At one point they may have given the slogan: *La . . . locita*. Faded out at around 1856 and never returned. (CR-IL)
 820 WMGG FL Largo - 11/13 0547 - Very good, in WBAP null, with Spanish ad break with promo for concert in . . . *downtown Tampa*. (EL-IL)
 830 KPLS CA Orange - [no date] 2130-2155 - Traffic and weather for Los Angeles. Weather person was Robin Bent (?) On *Hot Talk 830*. Into talk show *Savage Nation*. ID as: *You're listening to KPLS 830*. KFLT-AZ took over at 2148 (possibly still on 50 kW day power). (CD-TX)
 840 KVJY TX Pharr - 11/9 0928-0932 - Fade-in with SS music into ID for Radio Unica and *KVJY Brownsville-Harlingen*, then into news. Unneeded. (CD-TX)
 900 WCOR TN Lebanon - 11/8 1908 - Fair, in WLS backwash, with C&W music, local ads, ID for WANT-FM. (EL-IL)
 970 WJMX SC Florence - 11/11 1835 - Poor, with calls out of ad into talk programming. (JJR-WI)
 970 KHVN TX Ft. Worth - 11/11 1837 - Fair, with *Heaven 97 KHVN* into urban gospel. WJMX nulled. (JJR-WI)
 980 KFVB CA Los Angeles - 11/5 0045 - Bob Harvey announcing scores from World Series Game 7. NFL, NHL and NBA. Moderate interference; no override from *K-News 970*. (RA-NV)
 1000 KOMO WA Seattle - [no date] 0558 - Local ads, ABC News, and Gary Hoffman anchoring local news. Fade-out at 0609. (RA-NV)
 1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 11/8 2119-2125 - Fade-in with *Savage Nation* program with number 800-449-8255. Promo for Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra. Unneeded. (CD-TX)
 1110 WBCA AL Bay Minette - 11/6 2023 - With AM 1110 mentions and ads for Bay Minette and Pensacola. No ID heard, but this has been heard previously. At this time, this was one of the strongest skywave signals during the aurora. (KDF-IL)



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- 1130 WLBA GA Gainesville - 11/12 0124+ - Very loud, mixing with WISN, with SS satellite programming, many *La Favorita* slogans, top-of-hour ID mentioned four stations. (EL-IL)
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver - 11/2 2335 - Fair-to-good, with Vancouver news by female and slogan *News Radio 1130*. Almost becoming a pest here! (MS-MB)
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver - [no date] 0127 - Weather report and temperatures from major Canadian cities in Celsius. Major interference. (RA-NV)
- 1190 WBSL MS Bay St. Louis - 11/11 1812 - Poor, with calls. With WOWO nulled. (JJR-WI)
- 1240 KICD IA Spencer - 11/8 2300 - Poor, surfacing briefly with promo for website at KICDAM.com. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1240 KODY NE North Platte - 11/2 2306 - Fair, with weather, *KODY* ID, building supplies ad. (MS-MB)
- 1240 WJMC WI Rice Lake - 11/2 2340 - Fair, on top briefly, with ID as *AM 1240 WJMC*. (MS-MB)
- 1250 KHOT CA Madera - 11/12 0000 - Fair, with EWTN Catholic programming. ToH ID: *You're listening to Immaculate Heart Radio, KHOT, Madera*. New. (SW-OR)
- 1250 KNEU UT Roosevelt - 11/12 0018 - Fair, with C&W music and slogan ID: *The best of the new and the old*. *Your kind of country*. DJ announces that he has one more *Garth Brooks* CD to give away. New! (SW-OR)
- 1280 KWHI TX Brenham - 11/8 0829-0841 - Weather report into *Paul Harvey News*, talk about upcoming homecoming activities, parade and football game with the *Montgomery Bears*. ID simply as *KWHI* and mentions of *KWHI* dot com. (CD-TX)
- 1330 KFH KS Wichita - 11/8 2120-2127 - College basketball between *Wichita State* and US All-Stars. ID as: *Hot Talk 1330 KFH*. Unneeded. (CD-TX)
- 1340 KKAM TX Lubbock - 11/9 1856-1858 - List of sponsors for local football broadcasts and ad for auto dealer. Fair signal on top of heap in auroral conditions. 750 miles at 1000 watts. First time heard; reception reported. (BM-SD)
- 1360 KTOF IA Cedar Rapids - 11/13 0622 - Fair, and above many, with ID and modern Christian music. Finishes off Iowa on 1360 for me. (EL-IL)
- 1400 KBRB NE Ainsworth - 11/2 2304 - Fair, with *KBRB* ID followed by *KBRB Weather*. (MS-MB)
- 1410 KHOL ND Beulah - 11/2 2159 - Fair with country music, ID by female as *KHOL West Central North Dakota's first ?*. Listed as 189 watts at night. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1420 WOC IA Davenport - 11/3 2157 - Poor, with call letter ID during pause on dominant station, which I think was *KTOE*. New here, but heard many times at previous locations. (MS-MB)
- 1430 WCMY IL Ottawa - 11/12 0734 - Fair, very localized, with detailed local news, farm news, ads. Rare. (JJR-WI)
- 1440 WJLJ NY Niagara Falls - 11/4 2355 - With pop standards (Connie Francis, Beatles). Several IDs; good. (KDF-IL)
- 1450 WAOV IN Vincennes - 11/12 0100 - Poor, with ID buried in mud. *News Talk 1450 WAOV* heard. (JJR-WI)
- 1450 KOBE NM Las Vegas - 11/8 0818-0821 - Fade up from jumble into an ad for *Citizens Bank of Las Cruces* and some local news items. Not enough info for a report! (CD-TX)
- 1520 WHOW IL Clinton - 11/11 1743 - Poor, with sign-off. *Tune to 95.9 for beautiful music to midnight*. No SSB. (JJR-WI)
- 1550 WPFC LA Baton Rouge - 11/10 2002 - Briefly heard, with ID at 2002: *Thank you for joining us on WPFC*, at station sign-off. They were gone by 2003! (SHP-TX)
- 1550 KKJY NM Albuquerque - 11/8 0822 - Tunes *I Don't Know Enough About You* and *We Are*. ID at 0826 as *AM 1550 KJY*. If 20 Watts... good signal! (CD-TX)
- 1560 KLTI MO Macon - 11/8 2325 - Fair and steady, with R&B format, ID as *Magic 1560* and multi-city as *Macon-Moberly-Kirksville*. (EL-IL)
- 1600 KOKE TX Pflugerville - 11/7 1928-1934 - Hymn, VID, 90-second meditation, and hymn. Fair signal in aurora conditions at 980 miles. Reception reported. (BM-SD)
- 1620 WTAW TX Bryan-College Station - 11/06 2006 - Strong signal, clear ID at 2010, *News Talk 1620 WTAW*, spots for *Planters and Merchants State Bank* at 2011 and *University Ranch Homes* at 2018. First verified them in Dec 1976 on 1150 kHz. (SHP-TX)
- 1630 KKWY WY Fox Farm - 11/4 0730 - Strong, with announcement: *KKWY time is 5:30 AM*,

- into C&W music. Heard in Hanford. Not audible due to *KSMH* platter. (GJ-CA)
- 1650 KWHN AR Fort Smith - 11/6 2032 - With *KWHN Fort Smith* ID, which I believe was followed by *Bruce Williams*. Lots of *KDNZ QRM*. (KDF-IL)
- 1650 KBJD CO Denver - 11/5 0700 - Over *KEXL*, with *CCM* and ID. Heard in Hanford. No *KSXX* splatter. (GJ-CA)
- 1660 KXTR KS Kansas City - 11/02 2053 - Classical music program, clear ID at 2100: *You're tuned to KXTR and this is Country Club Jazz*, announcer mentioned the *Country Club Spa* in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Some deep fades; heard another station ID as *Florida's News Radio 1660* in null. (SHP-TX)
- 1670 WRNC GA Warner-Robins - 11/07 2020 - Strong signal, with numerous *All New Cat Country 96* IDs. Good ID at 2226: *The New Cat Country 96 WRNC*, a spot for *TV13 WMAV Eyewitness News* at 2050. Some shallow fading. (SHP-TX)
- 1680 KRJO LA Monroe - 11/6 2100 - With gospel music, several *KRJO, your celebration station* IDs mixing with *WJNZ* on groundwave. *KYEA* ID not heard, as others have reported. This and *KWHN* new here. (KDF-IL)
- 1680 KRJO LA Monroe - 11/8 2211-2235 - Gospel music program with *KRJO 1680* IDs and *Gospel music from years gone by, Rejoice 1680*. (CD-TX)
- 1690 KDDZ CO Arvada - 11/4 0738 - Good signal, with Radio Disney ID. Heard in Hanford. (GJ-CA)
- 1700 KQXX TX Brownsville - 11/10 1923 - Strong signal, but numerous shallow fades. Oldies format; good ID at 1928: *Good Time Rock and Roll ... All Oldies KQXX 1700 AM*. Female announcer introduced *God Bless the USA* by *Lee Greenwood* at 1948. (SHP-TX)



GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

					<u>Miles</u>
<u>1230 kHz:</u>					
WOD1	VA	Brookneal	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	475
<u>1340 kHz:</u>					
KSSR	NM	Santa Rosa	Glenn Hauser	Glenrio, NM	92

DDXD-East

Thank you to everyone who contributed this week! For those of you submitting logs via email, it's very easy to put them into an MS Word® document. Please email me for a format template. I've also developed a DDXD-E paper log sheet for those of you who contribute via standard mail, so if you haven't received some from me already, please ask!

REPORTERS

- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonics RF-2200; RFB-45
- SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
- JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - Drake R8B, pair of 130' terminated wire, MFJ-1026 phaser, etc.
- DH-NJ David Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop.
- RWK-CT Rick Kenneally, Wilton - 2 Sony 2010, 300' longwire, Quantum QX Loop, Quantum phaser, SM-2 Loop.
- GL-NY Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park - DX-398 and Select-a-Tenna.
- WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.
- RCP-IN Robert C. Pote, Greenwood - Drake R8A receiver and Kiwa Loop.
- AR-IN Andy Rugg, between Goshen & Hobart - 1996 Buick car radio.
- AR-MI Andy Rugg, between Kalamazoo & Detroit - 1996 Buick car radio.
- AR-PA Andy Rugg, on I-90 near Erie - 1996 Buick car radio.

STATION NEWS

- 950 WVTS WV Charleston - 10/8 1829 - good with promo for G. Gordon Liddy on "Charleston's Newest Talk, WVTS". *New format, ex C&W*. Ex *WKAZ/WQBE* for me. (JF-ON)
- 1210 WLDR MI Kingsley - 11/10 1000 - good with ID "WLDR AM, Kingsley, Traverse City, news and information for northwest Michigan", into CNN News. *New calls, ex WJZZ*. (JF-ON)
- 1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 11/8 2040 - good on west wire with ID "WXNT, News Talk

- 1430" into Butler Bulldogs basketball. *New calls and format, ex WMYS and NOS. (JF-ON)*
- 1620 **WDND IN** **South Bend** - 11/11 1930 - good with ID "We welcome our newest affiliate to ESPN, WDND, South Bend" into ESPN Sports. *New calls and format, ex WHLY and NOS. (JF-ON)*

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1230 **WODI VA** **Brookneal** - 11/04 0100 - Morse Code heard at 0100, much louder and longer at 0105 possible mention of test heard at 0107 more code at 0112 nothing heard beyond that. (RCP-IN) 11/4 0109 - poor on DX Test with a few code IDs heard. New! (JF-ON) 11/3 2005 - On DX Test. Heard Morse code only, "WODI" repeated. No audio. New. (RWK-CT)



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UNID, UNID HELP, PRESUMED AND CORRECTIONS

- 590 **CKRSp QU** **Jonquiere** - 10/21 0400 - Presumed briefly above WEZE-MA/WARM-PA/WLVA-VA mix w/French-speaking woman talking to woman calling in. Nothing heard that could count as a logging. (RWK-CT)
- 890 **WEEZp MS** **Laurel** - 11/11 0515 - Black gospel format. Several slogans heard such as "Your home for musical soul food" and "Your the light of the world". Followed by song by Christianaires "Rejoice" with several others heard. Great signal on top of WLS until 0530. (RCP-IN) (Heard in Topeka, too on 11-10 and again on 11-17, all evening after sunset, but never with an ID or local programming. Thanks for solving that mystery for me!) -pls.
- 940 **WMIXp IL** **Mount Vernon** - 11/4 0042 - Nostalgia music. (WM-MD)
- 1060 **UNID** - 11/8 0000-Weak with KYW in cardoid null heard "AM 1060 KSU" or something very similar but it is a mystery. (SC-IN)
- 1140 **WXLVp VA** **St. Paul** - 10/17 2021 - good at times with WRVA with C&W music // FM 107.3. Running way overboard and still on the next night at 2200 with high school football. Ex WSPC for me. (JF-ON)
- 1230 **WZNWp OH** **Columbus** - 10/12 1458 - ID as "1230 - The Zone", CBS news at 1500. At 1505 had "The Zone" ID and local sports items from the "WTVN 610 Newsroom". Then weather, ID as "Talk 1230 - the Zone" and sports call-in program. Call letters not heard. (AR-OH)
- 1410 **WSRCp NC** **Durham** - 11/8 2033 - gospel music; "Love 14-10" ID. (WM-MD)
- 1620 **KAZPp NE** **Bellevue** - 11/4 1935 - Presumed with ESPN Radio. (WM-MD)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 540 **WFLA FL** **Pine Hills** - 10/28 0100 - Fair mixing w/LA & WDMV-MD w/promo for talk shows, then recorded ID "Central Florida's Newsradio 5-40, WFLA", into CBS news. TOH ID said "WFLF", but all other IDs were WFLA. New. (RWK-CT) 11/10 0600-Very weak with ID, "For continuing coverage of The Attack on America, Central Florida is turning to Newsradio 540 WFLA". (SC-IN)
- 550 **KFYR ND** **Bismarck** - 10/18 0745 - Prevailing through QRM at local sunrise in MI. Heard ID, weather for Bismarck-Mandan, men talking and ads. Twice they used "K - fire" slogan. Last heard in 1961 in Montreal. (AR-MI)
- 560 **KLVI TX** **Beaumont** - 11/7 0300 - Very weak; ID, "News/Talk 560 AM KLVI." (SC-IN)
- WHBQ TN** **Memphis** - 11/7 0559 - Very weak signal and with Sporting News Radio format. ID, "Sports 56 WHBQ" and then news about MLB contraction. (SC-IN)
- WMIK KY** **Middlesboro** - 11/7 0611 - Good; ID, "You're tuned into 560 AM WMIK, where Messiah is King." (SC-IN)
- 590 **WLVA VA** **Lynchburg** - 10/20 1800 - Poor under WEZW-MA/WROW-NY/WARM-PA w/Orbison "Only the Lonely" then "You've found the River, AM 590 WLVA". Sounded like "river". New. (RWK-CT) 10/27/01 1825 - Ad heard for "Adams Motor Company Chrysler, Plymouth, Jeep, in downtown Lynchburg" followed by music of your life type format. Fair signal at times with much fading. First time heard. (RCP-IN)
- 600 **WSOM OH** **Salem** - 10/11 1220 - Nostalgia music & occasional IDs. Many ads, for sponsors as far afield as Youngstown, Warren, Kent and Canfield. (AR-OH)
- 620 **WVMT VT** **Burlington** - 11/8 1746 - "On AM-620 WVMT"; names of victims of 9/11 attack; ABC News. (GL-NY)

- WDAE FL** **St. Petersburg** - 11/09 1820 - Ad for "Suncoast Chrysler, Jeep" followed by slogan "The Big Dog, WDAE" then back to a sports call in program. Pretty fair signal mixing at times with several others, but peaking at times. (RCP-IN)
- 680 **CFTR ON** **Toronto** - 11/7 0200 - Weak but readable on night that was otherwise auroral. Woman w/news & "AM 6-80 News... CFTR". No WRKO. New. (RWK-CT)
- 720 **WGCR NC** **Pisgah** - 11/10 1725 - Gospel version of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" followed by announcement of conclusion of broadcast day also mentioned joining them on the Web followed by National Anthem at 1800. Great signal in WGN null. (RCP-IN)
- WGSE GA** **Hogansville** - 11/10 1725 - Sports program in progress followed by ad for "Phillips Long Life Lamps", "Easy saver.com" and promo for Fox Sports Radio. Followed by announcement at 1745 that WGSE was concluding it's broadcast day then into National Anthem sung by a UNID female singer. Great signal way over WGN. (RCP-IN)
- 730 **WLIL TN** **Lenoir City** - 11/11 2320 - good with a much subdued CKAC Montreal. C&W format with bottom of hour ID as "Clear Channel AM 730, WLIL." Also advertised that it carries CNN news. NRC Log has this at 1KW day and 200-odd W night, so maybe they were on day power. Also Spanish underneath, possibly Bogota which I logged in March 2001. (DH-NJ)
- 740 **WMBG VA** **Williamsburg** - 11/9 1900 - In mix w/"WMBG-740 Williamsburg" then long, live ad for local seafood restaurant. New (RWK-CT)
- WQTM FL** **Orlando** - 11/9 1800 - In clear w/ads for Radio Shack & Jiffy Lube, then rec ID "W Orlando, this is the Finish Line w/Jerry & The Shot Doctor..." New. (RWK-CT)
- WSBR FL** **Boca Raton** - 11/9 0100 - Weak but readable during AU cx w/rec ID "Featuring the very best of business ??, you are listening to AM 7-40, WSBR - South Florida's only money talk radio station." ABC news. New. (RWK-CT)
- 760 **WCIS NC** **Morganton** - 11/6 1715 - Southern gospel music; ID. (WM-MD)
- 780 **WWOL NC** **Forest City** - 11/8 1715 - Southern gospel music; ID; full sign off; "My Country 'Tis of Thee". (WM-MD)
- 790 **WPIC PA** **Sharon** - 10/11 0931 - "Cottonwood Financial Hour". ID at 1000 as "AM 790 WPIC Sharon-Youngstown", then ABC News. (AR-OH)
- 810 **WMGC TN** **Murfreesboro** - 11/14 0059 - On day power w/Mexican-sounding mx, then EE top-of-hour ID: "WMGC Radio 810 Nashville/Murfreesboro" Mixing w/WGY, CARACOL, slop from 820-WNYC-NY, slop from 800-WLAD-CT & het from 813-Cuba. New. Thanks Neil Kaz for tip. (RWK-CT)
- 850 **KOA CO** **Denver** - 11/4 0035 - Ad; "Newsradio 850"; ID; intro to talk show. (WM-MD)
- WKVL TN** **Knoxville** - 10/30 0818 - Station slogan heard "You're listening to the Walker Johnson Show on WKVL" Then back to a drive time program hosted by Walker Johnson and Friends. Very good signal with several nice IDs. First time heard. (RCP-IN)
- KEYH TX** **Houston** - 11/09 1801 - SS format Ranchera type music with several "LA Ranchera" station slogans heard. Great signal with no fading. (RCP-IN)
- 900 **WFRO OH** **Fremont** - 10/11 1920 - Cleveland Indians post-game show. ID as "Northwest Ohio's Sports Leader: WFRO AM and FM, Fremont". Mentioned Sandusky County. (AR-OH)
- 910 **WEPG TN** **South Pittsburgh** - 11/2 1815 - Promo for South Pittsburgh Pirate High School football; ID. (WM-MD)
- WNHV VT** **White River Junction** - 11/11 1751 - Sports talk, two men; Claremont Ford-Lincoln-Mercury ad; more ads; ID: "910 WNHV" at TOH. Lots of fading. New! (GL-NY)
- KVIS OK** **Miami** - 11/09 1924 - Southern gospel format with several "King's vision" IDs. Several gospel songs back to back followed by several mentions of local Miami businesses decent signal while in, this station makes it in here quite often. (RCP-IN)
- 940 **CINW PQ** **Montreal** - 11/11 1805 - "940 newstime..." News: Northern Alliance representative quote; Arafat quote; Canadian police looking for

a man named Hussein who is also wanted in the US; "940 newstime 6:10"; Don Giovanni ad, "a Montreal tradition." Reception good. **(GL-NY)**

950 **WBTX WV** **Charleston** - 11/5 0500 - Coast-to-coast AM program; "Charleston's News and Information Leader"; ID. **(WM-MD)**

960 **WKVX OH** **Wooster** - 10/11 1428 - Rush Limbaugh show. ID at 1429 as "Oldies radio, WKVX in Wooster", followed by ad cluster, PSAs and more of Rush. **(AR-OH)**

990 **WTIG OH** **Massillon** - 10/12 1850 - Standard ESPN fare, followed by Massillon Tigers high-school football and local ad cluster. ID 1900 as "ESPN 990, the county-wide leader in sports". Call letters not heard. **(AR-OH)**

1010 **WHIN TN** **Gallatin** - 11/9 0600 - Very weak ID "WHIN Gallatin" a few seconds after WCSI ID'd. **(SC-IN)**

KRNI IA **Mason City** - 11/9 0400 - Too weak except for call letters. **(SC-IN)**

WFGW NC **Black Mountain** - 11/9 0704 - Weak, "Direct from Blue Ridge Broadcasting, a Ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, this is WFGW-Black Mountain/Asheville 1010.". **(SC-IN)**

1050 **WTCA IN** **Plymouth** - 10/17 1325 - Overrode QRM with PSA, ads, occasional IDs and "Golden Oldies" slogan / music. **(AR-IN)**

1070 **WCSZ SC** **Greenville** - 11/2 1745 - Local ad; promo for high school football; ID. **(WM-MD)**

1080 **WKGX NC** **Lenoir** - 11/8 1730 - Traditional C & W music; ID; country gospel music; sign off at 1805. **(WM-MD)**

1100 **WCGA GA** **Woodbine** - 10/24 1800 - Almost totally in clear w/ad for local church, ID by man "Catch Doug Ramsey Show ... on Newstalk 1100 WCGA" USA news. Spanish faint underneath. New. **(RWK-CT)**

1140 **WCJW NY** **Warsaw** - 10/20 1722 - Very clear w/end of song & rec ID "Your home in the country - CJ Country - WCJW Warsaw/Perry". Then unceremonious carrier drop. New. **(RWK-CT)**

1170 **WKPA VA** **Lynchburg** - 11/8 1725 - Southern gospel music; traffic report; ID. **(WM-MD)**

1220 **WERT OH** **Van Wert** - 10/16 1250 - "Entertainment Today" feature, local ad cluster, Tijuana Brass and vocal music. ID and ABC News at 1300, followed by weather and local news from "Ohio News Network". Last heard on 1964 NRC TEST (which I arranged) in Montreal. **(AR-OH)**

1230 **WBVP PA** **Beaver Falls** - 10/10 1916 - Sports commentary. ID at 1916 was "You're listening to Beaver County sports on 1230 WBVP and 1460 WMBA". **(AR-OH)**

WTIV PA **Titusville** - 11/09 1915 - mixing with semi-local WECK, pulled "on AM 1230 WTIV" out of graveyard mush. **(MKB-ON)**

1240 **WJIM MI** **Lansing** - 10/18 0956 - Dr. Laura call-in, occasional ads, IDs and CNN News. Full-blown ID at 1005 was "Your flagship station, news-talk 1240 WJIM". **(AR-MI)**

WHIZ OH **Zanesville** - 10/12 0940 - Nostalgia music with many ads, PSAs and promo for Buckeyes football broadcast. Jingle at 0946 was "Your music voice of Zanesville, AM 1240". Mentioned a sister station at 0955 but I missed the call due to fading. ID and ABC News at 1000. **(AR-OH)**

1260 **WNSS NY** **Syracuse** - 11/09, 1900 - over unid Disney station with top of hour ID "WNSS Syracuse, ESPN Radio" into talk on upcoming college basketball season. **(MKB-ON)**

1280 **WONW OH** **Defiance** - 10/16 1205 - "Channel 11" weather, ID as "AM 1280 WONW Defiance", followed by Rush Limbaugh show. **(AR-OH)**

1290 **WWFS IL** **Peoria** - 11/10 2358 - good with CJBK phased with ID "WWFS, Sports Radio 1290, Peoria". Ex WIRL for me. **(JF-ON)**

1300 **WFFG FL** **Marathon** - 11/10 0000 - Fair; ID, "We're News/Talk 1300 WFFG Marathon...?..?..Keys, your Talk/Sports/News connection. Then CNN and Afghanistan war news. **(SC-IN)**

1320 **WVGM VA** **Lynchburg** - 11/2 0400 - Good over mix w/"You're listening to the game. WGMN AM 1240 Roanoke and WVGM AM 1320 Lynchburg" then back to ESPN sports. New. **(RWK-CT)**

WVGM VA **Lynchburg** - 11/7 1656 - poor with bits of sports talk and mentions of sister station on 1240 in Roanoke. New! **(JF-ON)**

WAMR FL **Venice** - 11/5 2300 - Very strong with the CBS Monday Night Football Game and station ID, "1320 WAMR-Venice/Sarasota/Bradenton; a Clear Channel Station". **(SC-IN)**

1330 **WESR VA** **Onley** - 11/12 2357 - Very strong on day power w/C&W mx & "The Shore's pioneer radio station, AM 13-30 WESR Onley/Onanka(?)" then a short banjo rif then silence. Thanks to Dave Hochfelder for tip. **(RWK-CT)**

1340 **WTRC IN** **Elkhart** - 10/17 1024 - Discussion about breast cancer. ID at 1030 as "Newsradio 1340 WTRC". Then ABC, local, Bloomberg financial news & weather. **(AR-IN)**

WNCO OH **Ashland** - 10/12 1001 - ABC and mid-Ohio news, ID, followed by nostalgia music. At 1006, ID as "AM 1340, the unforgettable stars, the unforgettable songs". At 1009 the brief ID was "WNCO, unforgettable". **(AR-OH)**

1360 **WWOW OH** **Conneaut** - 10/10 1318 - Pittsburgh Steelers promo and ID as "WWOW 1360, Northeast Ohio's Sports Giant". Ad cluster, followed by ID plugging "Great Oldies". Music and current affairs commentary. **(AR-PA)**

WELP SC **Easley** - 11/10 1658 - poor with a couple of call IDs at end of REL program. New! **(JF-ON)**

1370 **WWCB PA** **Corry** - 10/10 1258 - "Power 1370" oldies request program. Brief break from the music at 1300 when ID as "WWCB - Corry, WEYZ - North East, The Corry Communications Power Stations", followed by weather and Community Calendar. Back to music at 1302. Also heard synchro from WEYZ - 1530. **(AR-PA)**

1380 **WONO IN** **Fort Wayne** - 10/17 1900 - poor mixing with WPHM with ID after ESPN Sports. Previously logged here under several other calls. **(JF-ON)**

1390 **WRSC PA** **State College** - 11/13, 1906 - alone on frequency with end of ABC news into local weather introduced with announcement: "here's the weather on News radio 1390 WRSC". **(MKB-ON)**

1400 **WJET PA** **Erie** - 10/10 1330 - Ad, ID and Rush Limbaugh show. **(AR-PA)**

WMAN OH **Mansfield** - 10/11 1643 - Ad cluster and ID during Cleveland Indians baseball playoff. **(AR-OH)**

1410 **WDOE NY** **Dunkirk** - 11/2 1825 - "The oldies station"; ID. **(WM-MD)**

1420 **WCLV OH** **Cleveland** - 10/11 0900 - ID, CBS News, ads, weather and traffic, followed by program of "Classic Pops at WCLV 1420 AM." **(AR-OH)**

WLIS CT **Old Saybrook** - 11/6 2130 - Election coverage; mention of Middletown; ID / /WMRD. **(WM-MD)**

1430 **CHKT ON** **Toronto** - 11/4 1900 - Good o/WNSW-NY w/Cantonese pgming, recorded ID by W:"14-30 AM CHKT" then man "Following are programs for the international community..." then Iranian program. New calls for me. **(RWK-CT)**

WFHK AL **Pell City** - 11/5 1809 - alone with "K-Country Swap Shop" program. New! **(JF-ON)**

1460 **WKAM IN** **Goshen** - 10/17 0910 - Occasional vocal music. Contest promos and frequent ads for Goshen and Elkhart. ID at 0910 as "1460 WKAM, Goshen's Hometown Station". **(AR-IN)**

WBNS OH **Columbus** - 10/12 1515 - Standard ESPN fare, along with both network and local ads. Occasional IDs as "Sports Radio 1460 - the Fan". Promo for Columbus Blue Jackets hockey on "The Fan". **WBNS ID at 1600. (AR-OH)**

WZNZ FL **Jacksonville** - 11/5 1833 - poor in jumble with couple of "Business Talk 1460, WZNZ" mentions. **(JF-ON)**

1470 **WLMC SC** **Georgetown** - 11/8 2000 - Apparently on w/day power, and usual WMMW-CT knocked out by aurora. Man w/muffled audio: "Spreading the Word of God thronging song, WLMC, Georgetown." New. **(RWK-CT)**

WBTX VA **Broadway** - 11/8 1859 - Good, mixing w/WJDY-MD (Disney), w/ad for local law firm then man: "14-70 WBTX Broadway/Timberville/Harrisonburg now completes another broadcast day...". Referred to WLTK FM. No NA. New. **(RWK-CT)**

1480 **WGVU MI** **Kentwood** - 10/18 1010 - Current affairs commentary, IDs, NPR promos, plus lengthy fund-raising promo for WGVU. State & area news at 1030. **(AR-MI)**

1490 **WMRN OH** **Marion** - 10/12 1248 - Rush Limbaugh program, IDs, ads, PSA and promo. CNN News at 1300. **(AR-OH)**

1520 **WJMP OH** **Kent** - 10/11 1410 - "MYL" music and ID. **(AR-OH)**

WQCT OH **Bryan** - 10/16 1532 - "MYL" music, with ID as "AM 1520 WQCT" **(AR-OH)**

- 1530 WEYZ PA North East - 10/10 1252 - In synchro with WWCB - 1370, as reported above, with "Power 1370" programming. (AR-PA)
- 1540 WRTK OH Niles - 10/11 1100 - On-hour ID as "WBBG - Niles, WRTK - Niles, oldies 106.1", followed by jingle "WBBG - Youngstown" and oldies music. (AR-OH)
- WKXG MS Greenwood - 11/12 1756 - briefly alone with PSA for the Mississippi Education System and promo urging listeners in Mississippi to get their flu shots. Ex WSWG for me. (JF-ON)
- 1550 WURP PA Braddock - 11/8 1837 - good with WLOR at times with promo for "WURP Morning Show". Obviously on day power. Ex-WCKG/WFFM/etc. for me. (JF-ON)
- WLOR AL Huntsville - 11/8 1851 - fair with weather report on "Jammin' 1550, WLOR". Ex-WAAY/WAAJ for me. (JF-ON)
- 1560 WSDL LA Slidell - 11/5 1848 - alone with end of news from Louisiana News Network, weather for Slidell/New Orleans, into ESPN Sports (new format?). New! (JF-ON)
- WTNS OH Coshocton - 10/12 1650 - Country music & frequent IDs. ID at 1700 was "WTNS Coshocton, AM 1560 - Today's Country", followed by ABC News. (AR-OH)
- 1570 WBEE IL Harvey - 10/17 1540 - Jazz music. ID at 1547 as "WBEE, Harvey - Chicago" and at 1600 as WBEE - "real jazz radio". (AR-IN)
- 1600 WUNR MA Brookline - 10/24 1859 - Very good w/slow, ponderous opera piece followed by woman speaking German - she gave calls & city. Mixing w/WWRL. (RWK-CT)
- WXMY VA Saltville - 10/30 1757 - Country Oldies song by Tex Ritter "Hill Billy Heaven" followed by station ID and mention of concluding another broadcast day. No SSB heard. Fair signal until sign off. First time heard. (RCP-IN)
- WTTF OH Tiffin - 10/11 2103 - ABC news, weather, promo for high school football on "Magic Oldies 107.7 WIMJ", PSA and music. Frequent IDs as "Tiffin's own - 1600 WTTF". (AR-OH)
- 1610 WPML CT Rocky Hill - 11/6 0115 - A surprise - in very strong and never heard before. Exactly the same programming as on the WPML stations on 530. Seemed to be enhanced by strong auroral conditions. (RWK-CT)
- 1660 KXTR KS Kansas City - 10/17 2010 - poor mixing with KQWB with end of weather report into CLA music. New! (JF-ON)
- 1680 KYEA LA Monroe - 10/16 2230 - good at times with WJNZ with GOS music and "Re-joice 1680, KYEA" IDs. New! (JF-ON)
- 1700 KTBK TX Sherman - 10/11 1926 - Sports format, IDs as "The Ticket", many ads for Dallas - Fort Worth and surroundings. Promos for ESPN playoff baseball, Texas Motor Speedway and Dallas Stars hockey. At 1932 mentioned "Sports Radio 1310". Call letters never heard. (AR-OH)

TIS, HAR AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1610 WFPF978 NJ Bordentown - 11/11 2028 - Woman's voice penetrating the hash w/"Thank you for travelling the NJ Turnpike... This is station WFPF978, 16-10 on you AM radio..." (RWK-CT)
- 1700 WGJ 618 MI Westland - 10/18 1415 - Civic Info Station with loop tape of PSAs and ID every 5-to-6 minutes. (AR-MI)
- KNAA585 NY Queens - 11/10 0649 - Weak but readable in morning w/information on construction & roadwork at JFK airport. No calls heard. New. (RWK-CT)

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

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

Internet Websites for DX'ers

Beginning last DX season, this column listed a number of Internet Websites which were valuable to DX'ers. Owing to the volatility of Internet Websites generally, we created a listing which can be periodically updated and included as a part of *Target DX*. Each address listed has been recently checked out to ensure to the degree possible that addresses are current and that only active sites are included. The following list is not a complete listing of all potentially useful sites, but rather contains those which have been determined to be either the most useful and/or of the widest interest based on comments in DX News and also on the listserv. This listing is valid as of 9/8/01.

FCC Info:

- AM Query - Technical Info on US AM Stations: <http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/amq.html>
 FM Query - Technical Info on US FM Stations: <http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/fmq.html>
 US Broadcast Station Mailing Address Query: <http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/seacall.html>
 CDBS Public Access (FCC Station Database): http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/pubacc/prod/cdbs_pa.htm
 FCC General Menu - Table of Contents: <http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/genmen/index.htm>
 FCC Index of Call Sign Changes (biweekly - in .pdf format): http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Call_Sign_Changes/
 FCC Travellers' Information Stations by Frequency: <http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/asd/bickel/tis/freqtis.html>
 FCC Callsign Reservation Inquiry:..... <http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/callsign/prod/main.html>

U. S. / Canada Station Info:

- Canada-US AM Info Lookup (Barry McLarnon).. <http://hydra.carleton.ca/ambc/aminfo.html>
 Elliott Broadcast Services Radio Station Info Page <http://www.radiostation.com>
 Radiointro (Pro Sports Networks): <http://www.geocities.com/baursam/radiointro>
 Arbitron Station Information Profiles: http://www.arbitron.com/radio_stations/home.htm ; <http://ares.arbitron.com/stationinfo/>
 Broadcast Band DX Logbook (Lee Freshwater): ... <http://www.geocities.com/amlogbook/main.htm>
 Canadian Government Station Data: <http://spectrum.ic.gc.ca/infoback/dgsc/english/baserade.html>
 CRTC (Canada) What's New: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/whatsnew.htm>

Propagation / Space Conditions:

- NOAA Radio Users Page (Geomagnetic Info): <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/radio/radio.html>
 Space Weather Bureau (NASA): <http://www.spaceweather.com>
 Sunrise/Sunset Monthly Calendar: <http://www.sunrisesunset.com/calendar.asp>
 Today's Space Weather: <http://www.sel.noaa.gov/today.html>
 Space Weather Now: <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/SWN>

Foreign Station Info:

- AM/FM Station list for Panama (in Spanish): <http://www.enteregulador.gob.pa/RadioTV/SeccionActiva/farpr/default.asp>
 Colombian government AM and FM station lists: <http://www.mincomunicaciones.gov.co/>
 (Look under Planes Técnicos de Radiodifusión Sonora AM - FM. They are .zip files that convert to .doc files.)
 Euro MW Guide: <http://come.to/dxing>
 Mexican Government (SCT) Lists: <http://www.sct.gob.mx/f/informacion.htm>

Mexico Radio-TV (Fred Cantu)	http://www.geocities.com/fredcantu/mexicoradiotv.htm
Venezuela Station List:	http://www.ompet.com/emisam.htm
.....	http://www.ompet.com/emisam2.htm

Locations, Mapping & Distance:

Great Circle Distance Calculator:.....	www.mercury.demon.co.uk/dist/dodist.html
MIT Radio-Locator:	www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/home
Plots to a Radius - Radio:	www.fcc.gov/mmiv/asd/bickel/plot/radius.html
Topographic maps online:	http://www.topozone.com
Great Circle Maps, etc:	http://www.wm7d.net/azproj.shtml
USGS Mapping Info:	http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.gnis_web_query_form
MIT Geographic Nameserver:	http://www.mit.edu:8001/geo
Broadcast Station Location Page (John Kodis) :	http://www.radiostation.com/kodis
"How Far Is It?" Distance calculator:.....	http://www.indo.com/distance
Census Mapping	http://tiger.census.gov

Other:

Interval Signals Archive - audio clips:.....	http://www.intervalsignals.com
Listings of frequencies for all sorts.....	http://www.strongsignals.net/htm/oak_faf.htm
Of interference sources (TV's, cell Phones):	
Area Code Maps:	www.aegisbooks.com/ACMap.pdf
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DX'er's Notebook

Shared tips, topics, and Internet info

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VERIFICATIONS

I'm going to finish off the discussions on QSL's and related topics this time.

Ron Gitschier <RGITSCHIER@doyle.navy.mil>: I actually listen to ID collages I make on tape. That what makes me kind of quirky; what the hey. I read manuals instead of novels. Gotta feed my head with tech stuff. I feel it's a better use of my time. The IDs I collect on tape are also to share with any other interested parties. I have about 800 cassettes and homebrew CDs are on the rise too. Luckily I have a loving tolerant spouse who is an everything in it's place/a place for everything kinda gal. Thanks, Sandy.

Rick Kenneally <woodlandview@yahoo.com>: This is fun thread - it's interesting to see the differing philosophies on verification. I particularly liked Ron's note re QSL Managers. My DXing started in 1978 with reception of PJB-800 (talking about flamingos) on my very cheap, all-in-one stereo. I've always been a bit of a collector, so I started a list almost immediately and began "collecting" my receptions. Shortly thereafter I read that people could write to stations for verification - much the way I'd been verifying long distance communication on my CB. I wrote a few reception reports and got a few letters back, but it was tedious. So I turned to taping, and it became a necessary and integral part of the hobby.

Russ mentioned the "I know what I heard" approach, which is great. I've tried that from some locations, but it just never quite worked for me. If I couldn't prove it, I didn't hear it. For example, a couple months ago, I heard WHUC-NY-1230 daytime groundwave. But in my tape shuffling, I managed to lose track of the recording. When I realized I didn't have the tape, I deleted the reception from my log. It just didn't sit right with me to have an entry in the log that didn't have an associated entry in the tape library.

Only two or three times in over two decades have I gone back and listened to any of those tapes, but I've kept careful track of them as we've moved around. And after the recent thread questioning someone's reception, I'm glad they're there.

Looking back, I'd love to have a monster QSL collection. I've often looked at the few QSLs I've got from particularly noteworthy receptions. But that much time in front of a typewriter, and the work to get station personnel to do something they don't want to do, would have killed the hobby for me.

So long as they hobbyist is honest, then whatever system or standard that makes the hobby enjoyable is the right one for that person.

Kevin Redding <amfntvdx@qwet.net>: Ron, Looks like you are as sick an individual as I am. I read lots of tech stuff too. I suppose its the geek gene taking over... Gee, I only have about 285 tapes. I guess I have tape envy now. My wife bought me a bunch of wooden tape crate kind of things to put them all in. She won't let me just pile the stuff all over the place and I can actually find stuff because of it...

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: Another factor in my early decision to stop sending for veries was the receipt of a few verifications on tentative reports which later turned out to have been someone else, or, in one case, two different stations verifying for the same tentative report. One could say that I shouldn't have sent the same tentative report to two stations, but I figured maybe that would resolve who it was. Ha!

I am aware, of course, that many of our number subscribe to the "if I don't have a verie (or a tape) I didn't 'really' hear it" idea, and that's fine, too.

And, I suppose that my stopping taping was more of a decision made for me by the circumstances of a reel-to-reel machine dying and then having to DX mostly from the car, although as both John Bowker and Kevin Redding have pointed out some time back, there are ways to accomplish taping in the car - in fact both of them have done it. In my case, I suppose that I couldn't cost-justify the expense of money and effort to get there with the rather limited payback.

But that's why ice cream comes in 9 million flavors, right?

Kevin Redding: Russ, John and I have different methods of doing that, taping from the road. John wires into the speakers and I bring a boombox and stop for an hour and eat or something and let the tape roll until its done. I suppose John is more efficient than I but it seemed like a lot of work since I don't travel a lot. If you use my method when on the road, don't get anything longer than a 60 minute

tape or you are going to be there forever. I like to have one tape completely full of one station if possible when I am on the road. I do have tapes at home of IDs and snippets though but most are a full tape and 90 minutes.

Patrick Martin <mwdxer@webtv.net>: Russ, if you still have your reel to reel machine, it might be less expensive to get it repaired than to try and find another. I have two reel to reel machines that need work, so I cannot play my DX before 1992, which I would like. There isn't anywhere to get a reel to reel machine repaired on the Oregon coast, so I will have to take it into Portland. I think both machines just need a good cleaning. I don't think "new" reel to reel machines are not built today, unless maybe some machine for radio stations, if that.

When I was a kid at 16 (I am now 52), I started QSLing as many of it did then. At first I wanted the quantity. "Gee I've got 50 stations verified". That sort of thing. As time went on, I found something else, a big piece of radio station history. Now it has been 36+ years and counting and 2750+ QSLs and counting. I don't collect QSLs to show them off at GTG's. I have taken them sometimes, if people want to see them. But I enjoy looking through them on a quiet day thinking of all the stories involved in hearing the station and getting the QSL. The card I got from ZK1ZC-630-Cook Islands. I heard that with a lightning storm overhead, which are very rare on the Oregon coast. Very AU conditions that night with the station audible on 630 kHz. I was a member of the NZRDXL at the time and just after I sent out the taped report, I received my bulletin stating that a DXer just returned from The Cook Islands. He reported a storm had hit a few days before knocking out their 5KW transmitter and when I heard them ZK1ZC was operating with only 500 watts! They had a really nice card too. I have heard ZK1ZC since, but not with 500 watts. That card means a lot to me. Yes, I even have the audio recorded on reel to reel. That was in 83 or 84 I think.

On the few tentative reports I do send out, I always enclose a cassette tape, as the station can hear it. That way it is easy to tell if it was their station I heard. I don't depend of a written (typed) report alone. Tapes & reception reports do take a lot of time. As I type this I heard two new ones last night I need to send out. I have seen some older collections in the past and those old QSLs are beautiful and a great piece of history.

Paul Swearingen <PlsBCBDXER@aol.com>: "it might be less expensive to get it repaired than to try and find another." Your best bet is to get lucky and find a replacement machine in a thrift shop - or like I did, have a friend who owed me money and brought me a rack-mount Pioneer RT-707 instead (along with a box full of 7-inch tapes). Most schools have dumped their old Wollensak reel-to-reel recorders, but there are probably a few of these old tanks floating around (I still have one of these, too, plus a Teac that needs a little TLC, a Roberts that has one dead channel, and another real cheapie that nonetheless has a variable speed control on it. I think it still works.). In this day and age, you're more likely to find someone willing to give these unused machines away just to make room for them (which is why my basement is now a computer museum).

I started taping on a Sony reel-to-reel in '75 mostly because I had a lot of old tapes discarded from the various radio stations I'd worked at - most with a splice or two in 'em - more tapes than stamps and envelopes. It died and wasn't worth fixing - no parts available. But by then I had quite a few choices, and went with cassette tape. Next step will be to burn CD's of my collection. They're not as much fun to sit around and watch, hi, but when I get old and weak I'll be able to hide my collection in a few inches of space and still have hours of memories to listen to (say, that'll one good way to clear everyone out of my room when I get tired of them - put on the DX CD's!).

I recently revived several of my old Sanyo Betacords with new belts and idler wheels from a place I stumbled onto doing 'Net research: <<http://www.studiosoundelectronics.com/indexfrm.htm>> - and I noticed that they carried repair kits for other electronic devices, too. Replacing belts and idler wheels on most recorders (cassette, VCR, etc.) isn't too difficult, and in most cases these degenerating parts are the cause of equipment failure. You can save a lot of money this way.

(Yes, I still use Beta VCR's - I also listen to 8-tracks, too!).

Patrick Martin: I am glad I am not the only one with "Boat Anchors" floating around! One of my old reel to reel machines is an Teac. I also have an old 8 track home unit and have about 2,000 video tapes. I am an old collector of vintage TV shows from the 50s/60s. Most of the tapes I have (1100+) are Beta. I bought my first machine in 1977 when I lived in Portland. The thing was \$1100 and only played two speeds. The most then was a 2 hour tape at \$20 each! You know after all these years the tapes play fine. I am surprised they would last that long!

Russ Edmunds: I also have (a Wollensak recorder), but it isn't stereo - it's one of those idiotic 2-track mono machines that won't 'read' real stereo and the machine which I recorded all of them on recorded in true stereo, so the tracks don't match up. And the main thing that's broken on the one I recorded them on - a Lafayette, no less - no longer records stereo, but I suspect it does play. I do know that I'm not even going to attempt to repair either myself, and I haven't looked for someone else to do so. But, true enough, there are hamfests and so on....

Paul Swearingen: Including a discrete "looking for..." in your local daily, which might flood you with offers. I sold an old Wolly to a couple that way - they wanted something to play their son's taped letters on, with at least a limited speed control. He'd died in Vietnam, and the tapes were all they had left. They were delighted to get it.

David Hochfelder <hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu>: I've had nearly a 100% return on my reports (still waiting on WTIC). Of course, I only send them out for DX tests...

I know that it's an important part of the hobby for many people, but I don't put much into it. Seems like it's more work than anything else. However, I find ham QSL's to be different. After all, I actually had a conversation with the other operator. So it's nice to have the souvenir of that conversation.

That's my \$0.02.

Eric C. Loy <obvious@prairienet.org>: I do have a few IDs on tape...1400-KILE on a frequency check, and 1140-LV de la Victoria, Colombia...but I was young and didn't have the money to keep getting more cassettes. Stamps used to be cheaper.

Russ, as far as reel machines go...try your local radio station! They might let you in to dub some off in off hours...or they might have one to sell cheap. We barely use ours anymore...we are more likely to get our production on minidisk, CD or mp3.

Randy Stewart <rs555t@smsu.edu>: Speaking of sources for open-reel machines, there's always eBay... I just did a search there and came up with 325 items matching "reel" in the "Consumer Electronics" category. There are usually tons of machines on the auction sites, if you happen to like that sort of thing (which I personally don't...) (a tribute to the late author/humorist Douglas Adams and his "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" series...). There are also several web sites that sell/buy/trade/repair/etc. vintage audio gear (and yes, open-reel tape decks qualify as "vintage"... like Eric Loy said, radio stations barely use them anymore, what with all the digital media available to them—hard-drive-based audio recording/editing, minidisks, CD-R, DAT, etc.)... Check these every few days, as the inventory seems to turn over pretty fast...

www.audioclassics.com

www.classicaudio.com (these are two different companies)

www.oaktreevintage.com

Toys From the Attic www.ftta.com/asp/default.asp

Those who like old open-reel equipment might get a kick out of the "Vintage Reel to Reel" page www.ozemail.com.au/~bassboy/getreel/

Mike Brooker <aum108@idirect.com>: I have DX tapes going back to 1976, that I haven't listened to in years. Some of them are on el cheapo Radio Shack "Concertape" cassettes, that have the "Compact Cassette" logo printed on them. I think some of the tapes have begun to disintegrate as they haven't been stored in ideal conditions of temperature and humidity.

I used to be a prolific QSLer, on both AM and SW. But now I will only send for a QSL if the station is expecting reports (e.g. for a CPC test, or a shortwave pirate). I also used to collect bumper stickers, window stickers, top 40 survey charts, and other promotional items. More often than not in the 70s and early 80s the stations would be more than happy to throw in a coverage map or sticker along with the verie.

Patrick Martin: I doubt if any stations even have music charts. I remember driving to CA (my first time) in 1970 with Bill Block in 1970 and stopping at stations all over and getting charts. Ahhh the good ol' days!

Pete Taylor <taytac@worldnet.att.net>: The two main topics being discussed are (1) the desire (or lack of it) of DXers to get veries and (2) the obligation (or lack of it) of station personnel to answer reports. Like Dave Gleason, I, too have been on both sides, but for purposes of this discussion, this is moot because I was just as excited about receiving reports as I was sending them.

For the record, I tape station IDs (live, not remote controlled) and subsequently count them as verified. If I tape a mess of stuff from a station but there are no call letters, I will send a report. Occasionally, when I hear that a station is sending out a glorious QSL, I will report it, too, even though I already have it taped. I'm good for a couple of follow-ups (maybe more, if it is important, like WMDM), and maybe even a phone call. Of course, I have been more active in recent years because I have been DXing from a new location (we moved here from SF in 1996) and because of the activation of the X-band.

I am an orderly kind of guy (most Virgo's are) and I like collecting things which I can put in the computer and quantify. I also have some quality veries the likes of which will never show up again. However, I have cut back on reports simply because it takes up too much time. The cassettes haven't started to decompose yet so I can still listen to good catches any time. (I edit them off the tape I recorded on and put compressed versions of the IDs on a second tape so I can go through them fairly quickly. If it's a really fascinating o-t-o reception, like Argentina-1620, I keep a copy of the whole reception).



What I am missing in all this is an accurate sequential log of all stations I have ever heard (as opposed to reported/verified). I started writing them down when I was very young, but didn't keep the date and times. I got some old nearly-finished rolls of AP news machine paper when I visited stations in Miami and would retype my "heard" list in city/state order every six months. So really, the list of those which are verified and tape is pretty much all I have to show.

The other issue is harder to address because there are so many variables. Gas station attendants don't fill up our gas tanks any more (except in OR and one or two others). Everything is faster; bottom lines are tighter. For radio stations, the only thing that counts is the Metro Survey Area (and perhaps TSAs for a few national advertisers). Station coverage areas are relatively predictable and inquiries and responses from outside these are meaningless in terms of day to day operation. It is easy to pick on station operators, but I don't think there are any businesses out there which haven't undergone a similar change in mentality.

I think I have been very lucky to get as many veries as I have – and with patience, I think they are still out there to be had. It is just harder. We have to write better reports. Send something memorable, not just a "gimme." We have an opportunity to educate people about the hobby and win friends. Call the station and try to get the name of the person who is most likely to respond. Be smarter.

I congratulate Pat Martin on his perseverance; more power to him. Sending reports and expecting veries is a personal choice. But there are not Phil Beckman's or Ron Gitschier's at every station. Whatever you do, though, just don't treat the station as if it were obligated to respond.

Patrick Martin: Pete, I totally agree with you. You really hit the QSLing situation "on the head". QSLing is a personal thing and some don't care for it, some do. It is a lot of work to get the results. I have been QSLing now for 36+years, but getting the QSL nowadays can be tough. I do feel that a certain amount of stations could care less about reports. That is why the reply rate is down. But there are those that do take an interest in reports. Be it the secretary, PD, or whoever. But "bribing" the station is sometimes more productive now. It does pay off. I know one DXer who sometimes sends flowers to the station secretary (female) if she responds or at least a thank you card. Not a bad idea. She will remember that.

One thing that has hurt the QSLing hobby are the "gimmie" reports along with bad and dishonest reports. Things like that can and does turn the CE off. That is one reason WSM does not reply anymore. Too many people getting info off their real audio. In some ways, the internet has helped with QSLs, but in other ways it has hurt the hobby.

I remember hearing WPSL-1590-FL a few years ago. I phoned the station and I was told no way I could have heard them. I must have heard them on audio off the internet. Anyway, I send a cassette of the scratchy signal and I did get a QSL letter back. The tape did the trick I am sure.

I don't mind sending cassette tapes out. I can buy them cheap enough at Costco and the way postage costs, the extra 50 cents for the cassette doesn't make much difference. Like I said earlier, any hobby costs money and time. Some people smoke & drink. I prefer to QSL.

ESPN RADIO NETWORK

We have some information on the ESPN Radio Network that should help you know when to try to listen for local IDs.

Eric Loy: Since I have had very little DX to talk about the last few days, I thought I would take the time to write on DXing the ESPN Network stations. I will deal specifically with the GameNight, All Night and Weekend format.

At the top of the hour, if the local station doesn't go to network news, the following happens:

00:00 Sportscenter	04:00 Local :30 break
01:30 Local :60 break	04:30 Sportscenter
02:30 Sportscenter	05:00 Local 2:00 break

This will take ESPN until 07:00, where they will play a :10 music bed for an ID, then join programming. Note: if the local station goes to other networks for news TOH, they will either join up with the ESPN feed when the news ends, or play local ads until 07:00. Either way, the 06:00-07:00 time is a very good time to catch a local ad, possibly followed by an automated ID break.

The first "segment" ends with a Sportscenter, which floats around the 20:00 mark.

20:00 Sportscenter	24:00 Local 3:00
23:00 Network :60	

And, again, into a :10 bed for automated ID.

Segment 2 lasts until about 40:00, again a "floating" time.

40:00 Sportscenter	45:00 Local 2:00
43:00 Network 2:00	Into the :10 ID bed.

Segment 3 lasts until 55:00. this is a HARD TIME. Local stations are given 4 minutes of ad break time here. ESPN takes it back at 59:00 for a 50 second segment, then :10 seconds for a TOH ID.

NOTE: If you hear ESPN promos during what would be local breaks, you probably won't get anything useful out of the break. Those are the network fills. If you hear PSAs, this is a GOOD sign. It probably means the station automation is programmed to fill the breaks locally no matter what, and significantly increases your chance to hear local material, and an automated ID before they return to ESPN.

Hope this is helpful.

Review of Kiwa's 3.7 kHz Filter for the CCRadio

by Harry Helms

The C. Crane Radio (CC Radio) manufactured by Sangean and offered for sale by C. Crane and other dealers is a controversial receiver among DXers because of its high unit-to-unit quality variability. Some DXers have reported such problems as 49-meter shortwave signals on their CC Radios, for example. Other DXers, such as myself, are very pleased with the CC Radio's performance as a domestic DX receiver. In side-by-side tests with an unmodified Sony ICF-2010, I have found the CC Radio to be more sensitive and have superior audio (thanks to its larger speaker and variable bass/treble controls) than the ICF-2010 and to be as selective as the ICF-2010 in the "wide" selectivity mode. If I had to use just one for domestic DX, I would chose the C. Crane.

Gerry Thomas has sent an advance copy of an upcoming article on proper alignment of the CC Radio, which should remedy many of the image problems associated with it. However, the relatively wide 6.2 kHz bandwidth of the CC Radio makes it unsuitable for DXing splits and can make listening to frequencies adjacent to your local 50 KW powerhouse an "adventure" in the worst sense of the word!

Recently, Craig Siegenthaler of Kiwa Electronics announced a new 3.7 kHz filter and preamp board for the CC Radio. This modification includes a push button switch, installed on the left side of the radio (as seen from the front), to select between the stock 6.2 kHz and new 3.7 kHz bandwidth. The preamp board supplies extra gain to compensate for filter insertion loss. Unlike the relatively simple ICF-2010 filter modification offered by Kiwa, the CC Radio modification requires drilling of holes for the push button and to mount the preamp board (Kiwa includes a drilling template) as well as more soldering. Since I'm no good working in the cramped spaces of today's solid-stage gear (that's what happens when you learn to solder on vacuum tube Heathkits!), I took advantage of the optional installation offered by Kiwa.

The modified CC Radio is at first glance almost indistinguishable from a stock unit; the push button and preamp mounting screws barely protrude from the top left of the radio. In fact, my biggest objection to the modification is how small the push button is—it took me a little while to get used to it. However, the button and board mounting both seem to be rugged and up to the jolts and bumps encountered when using this radio as a portable.

So how does it work? The preamp really does cancel out the insertion loss normally encountered when going to a narrow filter. I made no measurements, but to my ears there was no perceptible loss when using the narrow filter. By cutting the bass and boosting the treble, the audio in the narrow mode could be restored to almost the same quality as the stock bandwidth.

A good test of receiver selectivity during evenings in southern California is 680/690, where KNBR and XETRA take turns QRMing each other's sports talk formats. Another good test is how clean 630 and 650 are from KFI-640 splash. In side-by-side tests with the ICF-2010, the modified CC Radio was superior in both the wide and narrow modes. This is to be expected, since the modified CC Radio gives bandwidths of 6.2/3.7 kHz compared to the 10.4/4.3 kHz bandwidths of an unmodified ICF-2010. However, these raw numbers don't give the full story, as the superior audio and variable tone controls of the CC Radio mean it is easier to recover intelligible audio, especially in noisy conditions.

The bottom line? I think a CC Radio with the Kiwa 3.7 kHz filter is a better AM DX receiver than a stock ICF-2010. The cost of a new CC Radio and the Kiwa filter modification is less than the cost of a new ICF-2010, and would represent a better dollar value if AM DX is your main interest. As mentioned earlier, Kiwa also offers narrow filters for the ICF-2010, and I suspect they would greatly narrow, or possibly eliminate, the performance advantage of the modified CC Radio. At any rate, I consider the addition of the Kiwa filter to my CC Radio to have been well worth the money; my modified CC Radio is now my primary AM receiver for portable use. I was also pleased with Kiwa's service and turnaround time on the installation work.

The 3.7 kHz filter, preamp board, push button, and mounting hardware is \$70; installation by Kiwa is \$50. Kiwa's web site is www.kiwa.com and their mailing address is 612 South 14th Avenue, Yakima, WA, 98902, USA.

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First this time we have some corrections first, though, from some earlier lists, provided by Rick Dau.

KOMJ-590, not KOSR-1490, is the Iowa Hawkeyes affiliate in Omaha, NE.

WMIN-740, not WDGY-630, is the Nebraska Cornhuskers affiliate in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN (WMIN is also licensed to Hudson, WI).

KBOE-740 is not carrying Iowa Hawkeyes football, but its FM sister, KBOE 104.9, is on the network.

BIG EAST

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS (via Rick Dau)

(<http://pittsburghpanthers.fansonly.com/genrel/091500aaa.html>) Bill Hillgrove, Bill Osborn

1000	WIOO-PA		WTIV-PA	1460	WMBA-PA		
1050	WBUT-PA	1450	WDAD-PA	1570	WQTW-PA	96.9	WRRK-PA
1230	WBVP-PA						

BIG SKY CONFERENCE

MONTANA GRIZZLIES (via Rick Dau)

(<http://web.montanagrizzlies.com/umgriz/football>) Mick Holien, Scott Gurnsey

560	KMON-MT	1180	KOFI-MT	1340	KCAP-MT	95.7	KCGM-MT
970	KBUL-MT	1230	KHDN-MT		KPRK-MT	96.3	KZIN-MT
1050	KMTA-MT		KXLO-MT	1400	KXGN-MT	96.9	KQRV-MT
1070	KATQ-MT	1240	KLYQ-MT	1490	KBSR-MT	100.1	KATQ-MT
1150	KSEN-MT	1290	KGVO-MT				

BIG TEN

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS (via Rick Dau)

(<http://purduesports.fansonly.com/genrel/091100aaa.html>) Joe McConnell, Pete Quinn

930	WHON-IN	1380	WONO-IN	1590	WRCY-IN	95.9	WKUZ-IN
1130	WSDX-IN	1390	WZZB-IN	1600	WARU-IN	96.5	WAZY-IN
1230	WJOB-IN	1400	WBAT-IN			97.7	WLQI-IN
	WSAL-IN	1450	WAOV-IN	92.1	WROI-IN	98.3	WZZY-IN
1240	WHBU-IN	1480	WRSW-IN	92.5	WZWZ-IN	98.5	WQKZ-IN
1260	WNDE-IN	1540	WBNL-IN	92.7	WZBD-IN	100.9	WBDC-IN
1270	WFRN-IN		WLOI-IN		WSKT-IN	102.3	WFPC-IN
	WXGO-IN	1550	WCVL-IN	94.3	WKWH-IN	106.7	WYFX-IN
1300	WSJX-IN		WNDI-IN	95.3	WNDI-IN	107.1	WBNL-IN
1340	WBIW-IN	1580	WAMW-IN	95.7	WLRX-IN	107.3	WRZO-IN
1350	WIOU-IN						

CONFERENCE USA

TEXAS CHRISTIAN HORNFROGS (via Rick Dau)

(<http://gofrogs.fansonly.com/multimedia/tcu-multimedia-affiliates.html>) Brian Estridge, David Breedlove, Jeff Williams

790	KBME-TX	1340	KWKC-TX	1490	KYZS-TX	88.7	KTCU-TX
1240	KVLF-TX	1440	KPUR-TX	1550	KZRK-TX	103.3	KESN-TX

TULANE GREEN WAVE (via Rick Dau)

(<http://tulanegreenwave.fansonly.com/genrel/082201aaa.html>) Jim Freeman

640	KTIB-LA	1310	KEZM-LA	1570	WABL-LA	92.7	KWJM-LA
710	KEEL-LA	1410	KDBS-LA	1580	WTCL-FL	92.9	WBOX-LA
960	KROF-LA	1430	KMRC-LA			94.3	WTIX-LA
1210	WSKR-LA						

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY COUGARS (via Rick Dau)

1160	KSL-UT						
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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

CHATTANOOGA MOCS

(<http://www.gomocs.com/article.asp?articleid=3559>) Jim Reynolds, Todd Agne
101.9 WSGC-TN

FURMAN PALADINS

(<http://www.furmanpaladins.com/football/radiotv.html>) Chuck Hussion, John Ingles
1070 WCSZ-SC

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

(<http://www2.gasou.edu/athletics/fbradio.html>)

620	WTRP-GA		WNNG-GA		WPEH-GA	100.9	WLYU-GA
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920	WVOH-GA	1430	WGFS-GA	93.5	WVOH-GA	104.7	WHVL-GA
1190	WGKA-GA	1490	WSYL-GA	99.5	WDMG-GA	105.5	WIFO-GA
1230	WKIM-GA	1580	WKIG-GA	99.9	WSNT-GA	106.3	WKIG-GA
1250	WYXC-GA			100.1	WMCD-GA	106.5	WZBX-GA
1350	WGIA-GA	92.1	WWRK-GA				

NORTH CAROLINA-GREENSBORO

(<http://uncgspartans.gotriad.com/radio.shtml>)
950 WPET-NC

VMI KEYDETS

(<http://athletics.vmi.edu/News/broadcast.asp>) Wade Branner, Cal Murray, Richard Lewis, Randy Atkins

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1050	WBRG-VA	1340	WHAP-VA				

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91.9 WLJS-

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1470 KLCL-TX

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1440 KMLB-LA

104. KJLO-LA

105.3 KLIP-LA

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TEXAS-ARLINGTON

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TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO

760 KTKR-TX

810 KSJL-TX

1410 KGNB-TX

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(<http://www.alcorn.edu/Athletics/alcfb/football.htm>)

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1240 WMIS-MS

1290 WNBW-MS

90.1 WMPR-MS

92.1 WJMG-MS

97.7 WPRL-MS

101.7 WVUN-MS

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920 KARN-AR+

950 KXJK-AR

1090 KAAV-AR+

1240 KTLO-AR

1250 KWAK-AR

1280 KLIH-AR+

1280 KNBY-AR

1400 KWYN-AR

92.1 KHPQ-AR

92.7 KSAR-AR

95.9 KKEY-AR

102.3 KQEW-AR

105.5 KBOA-MO

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1230 KRSY-NM

1340 KCQL-NM

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NEVADA 630 KPPT-NV	RICE 790 KBME-TX	SAN JOSE STATE 1590 KLIV-CA	SMU 1310 KTCK-TX
UTEP 690 K T S M - T X (EE)	1150 KSVE-TX (SS)		TULSA 740 KRMG-OK
UTAH STATE AGGIES (http://utahstateaggies.fansonly.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/093001aaa.html) Al Lewis, Chris Tunis			
610 KVNU-UT	700 KWLW-UT	95.9 KLZX-UT	

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It's always interesting to talk to the people who were involved with the early days of AM radio broadcasting. One such individual is Don Langham, who was licensed as 8CVJ in 1926 at the age of 17. In 1930 he went to work for WMBO in Auburn, New York - in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York.

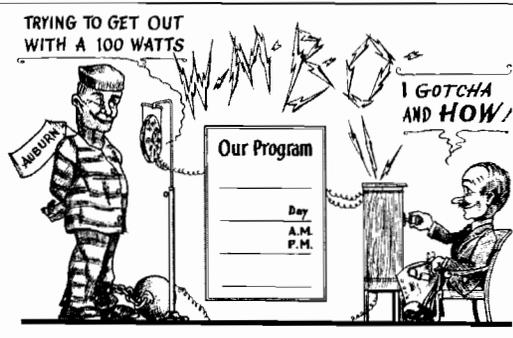
At that time WMBO was a small 100-watt station with the slogan of "The Voice Of The Finger Lakes." WMBO did not attach any particular significance to the call letters, but in 1932 the station caught fire. Damage to the equipment was minor and the station was soon back on the air from new studios. 8 months later the station caught fire again and this time was off the air for some time. Don and his friends began to refer to the WMBO call as meaning "We May Burn Out." Unfortunately station management was less than thrilled and "suggested" that this was not appropriate.

In the early days of AM broadcasting, many listeners submitted reception reports to stations, and it bothered Don that WMBO did not have a custom-designed card to be used to acknowledge the reception reports. Don and his friends came up with a nicely-designed card that drew upon the fact that a high security penitentiary is located in Auburn and thus WMBO was suggested to mean "We May Break Out." A number of these cards were mailed to listeners before management again suggested that this was not appropriate.

Shortly thereafter, Don moved to radio station WFBL in Syracuse, New York. WFBL at the time had the slogan "When Feeling Blue, Listen" and Don let well enough alone.

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Hello fellow DXers. A reintroduction is in order, I'm 60 years old, married and employed by Alison Transmission Div. of GM as a maintenance welder in Indianapolis. I have been DXing off and on since about 1960. I got interested in the DXing hobby while living in Chicago where I am from. I also did some DXing while in the US Army and while stationed in Okinawa. I dropped out of the hobby during the late 60's and early 70's due to raising a family and other commitments, but I got back in 1995 after acquiring a Realistic DX392 and joining the NRC. I do my serious DXing with a Drake R8 and a Kiwa Loop. I also use a GE Superadio II and CCrane Radio from time to time. During the summer months, I don't DX as I am busy pursuing my other love, collecting and restoring radios. At present, I have 85 sets in my collection, with about half working. I belong to the "Indiana Historical Radio



Society", and we have 4 swap meets a year. I always pass out my back issues of DX NEWS to the attendees in the hope of gaining some new members for the NRC. Old radios and DXing go together quite naturally. This summer, I was also able to completely restore a 1942 Zenith (same age as myself) Model 6G601-M portable radio. I re-capped it and replaced all of the rubber-coated wire; it plays quite well now with a battery pack power inverter replacing the old A-B 90 volt battery which is no longer available. It appears quite sensitive when used in conjunction with my Quantum Loop and the inductance coupler. On the local radio scene here in Indianapolis, WMYS-1430 (ex WIRE) is dropping its nostalgia format and going to news and talk effective 10/29. The new call letters are WXNT and they will have a broadcast schedule similar to the #1 AM WIBC-1070. Also, WXLW-950 is now Spanish during the evening, joining WSYW-810, which is full time Spanish. On a different vein, has anyone given a thought as to the impact that satellite radio will have on AM & FM radio and to the DX'ing hobby? I listen to the "Truckin' Bozo" on WLW-700 and I notice that he is on XM Satellite Radio, 100 channels of commercial free entertainment. It sounds appealing but I wonder what it will do to AM Radio. Well I guess I better end this, I don't mean to hog the whole column. Hope everyone has a good DX season! (Probably one of the biggest impacts on AM radio was Cable TV, Bob; it has given a lot of small businesses a chance to get a visual ad 'on the air' which is far more appealing than an ad on a local station these days. And the level of ad revenue in most areas has stayed the same; it just has to be divided up even further, with the little guys, generally, losing out. I've seen it shut down a number of stations over the years, sad to say. Satellite Radio is still in the 'novelty' stage right now; I'm sure they're going to have to prove to people that the system will work flawless before it catches on, plus the price of the equipment will have to come down to an "affordable" area before it could be considered a threat. At some point, it may be, but it will take some time. And thanks for the report, appreciated! -DWS)

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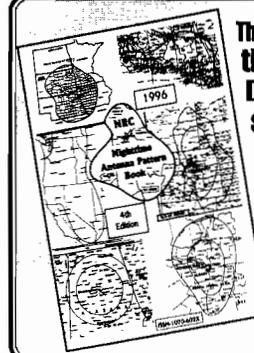
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