From the Publisher ... Don’t look for your next edition of DX News to be in your mailbox before the next publication date of January 7, or perhaps even later, depending upon the normal holiday postal jam. As usual, we’re taking a week off to do our part in decreasing the slowdown. However, if you experience an unusual (say, over a week) delivery time in your next DXN or two, let me know via e-mail. And of course if your DXN NEVER arrives, replacement, as always, is free.

Convention T-Shirts ... John Malicky’s Exclusive T-Shirt Shoppe is now open for business, offering the finest in heavyweight 50/50 polyester and cotton blend, in either black or gold, with the 2001 NRC Convention logo imprinted on the front (see below). Sizes available are medium, large, xl, xxl, and xxxl: for one xxl shirt, add $2.00; and 1 xxxl, add $4.00. Prices include shipping: U.S./Canadian NRC members: $15 for one shirt, $25 for two; non-members, add $2 per shirt, For NRC members outside of USA/Canada: $25.00 for one shirt, $33 for two shirts; non-members, add $2.00 per shirt. Mail checks or money orders (U. S. funds only, please) payable to John Malicky - 995 Shadycrest Rd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15216-3046 USA.

John says he’ll also throw in a magnet suitable for YOUR refrigerator! Quantities limited. Please allow 2-4 weeks shipping time.

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From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 22, 1951 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY reported the receipt of a card from country #39 in the form of a letter from "Rot-Weiss-Rot", Ilanz, Austria, on 1394 kcs.

25 years ago ... from the December 20, 1976 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Provincetown, MA reported: “This is the exciting time of the year when daytime DX is really sensational, especially from stations to the N. By 2:30 it is as good as nighttime near the Winter Solstice!”

10 years ago ... from the December 23, 1991 DXN: Dr. Jean Burnell’s first reports to Jim Renfrew’s IDXD column were termed, along with reports from other participants in the early-November Newfoundland DXpedition, as a “fitting tribute to Marconi’s first TA test transmissions from there in 1901.”
AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call  New call
540 WYLO WI Jackson  WRDR
1280 WWAR VA Appomattox  WOWZ
1400 WDDL AL Fort Payne  WPPA
1500 WBFN MS Quitman  WQMS
1570 WRJQ WI Appleton  WSCO

WAAK 570

THE STATION YOU HEAR EVERYWHERE
on Rainbow Drive in Jackson, Alabama! Mill 25 for 570 AM

CALL LETTER CHANGES

None

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1500 1280 WWAR VA Appomattox WOWZ
1400 WDLL AL Fort Payne WPPA

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

770 AL Fort Deposit: station is SILENT

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

770 AL Fort Deposit: 450/300 (450 CH) U4

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

None

OTHERNESS

870 KAIRM HI Honolulu: licensee plans to have station go SILENT at the end of the year; programming will move to KGU-760

OTHERNESS

1330 WASN OH Campbell: station is SILENT

OTHERNESS

1370 Klis OK Holdenville: license CANCELLED, call DELETED (at request of licensee)

OTHERNESS

1450 KHTI NV Reno: CP to relocate transmitter is on

OTHERNESS

1570 CKEG BC Nanaimo: station is SILENT, moved to 106.9 FM

THANKS: Bill Hale, Al Merriman, Ed Krejny, and Les Johnson

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

The NRC AM Radio Log, 22nd Edition.
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Twelve Hundred A-M KYA Oldies. ToH ID similar but uses official call letters and locations. KYAA Squeal. Also of interest was a PSA by a female radio personality from KSXR 540 who was recruiting radio personality wannabees for KNRY-1240. All three stations must be commonly owned. At 1423 an ad for CCRadio and CCRadio Phns. Call (830)522-8863. (BM-CA)

KQQA TX Creemore - 12-09 - Is now focusing on Mexican music and positioning itself as La Mexicana 1530. [On the Internet]

WRJQ WI Appleton - 1/6 - Woodward Communications plans to change the call letters of this station to WSCO once it takes the station over from Winnebago Broadcasting. The FCC has already approved the sale. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting at http://www.northpine.com/broadcast/index.html)

CPEG BC Nanaimo - Will be leaving the air by the end of the year, having already simulcast with their new FM for several months. (AM/NRDCXAS list serv)

Kран CA Merced - 12-10 - Now Sporting News Radio // KTIQ-1660. Ex: Regional Mexican. First noted 12/9, but heard top of the hour calls today. (RT-CA)

KTIQ CA Merced - 12-10 - Now Sporting News Radio // / KRAN-1580. Ex: Regional Mexican. First noted 12/9, but heard top of the hour calls today. (RT-CA)

KAXW CA Merced - 12-10 1837 - With format change to Sporting News Radio from Regional Mexican. Hasn’t changed calls yet. ID at 2000 for KAXW/KRAN. (Dkk-CA)

KYEA LA Monroe - Received hand-made QSL in 5 days from their CE, Russell Kendrick. States their new calls are KRJO [Reported way back in AMS in Issue 1 (Oct 1, 2001) - Ed.]. Address on card: 1109 Hudson Lane, Monroe, LA 71201. (GJ-CA)

UNIDS and UNID HELP

540 UNID ?? - 12/12 0430 - BBC World Service programming heard in WYLO null. CBK presumed, or is somebody else carrying BBC overnight on this frequency? (CR-IL)

640 UNID ?? - 12/12 0504 - Fair, with CBS News, Christmas and M.YoL-type music. (CR-IL)

1100 UNID ?? - 12/7 0644 - Fair, in WTAM null, with USA Network Sports, followed by Daybreak USA. No ID on the hour. USA Radio news at 0700. (CR-IL)

1120 UNID ?? - 12/7 0650 - Weak under KMOX semi-null, with Nostalgia/EZL type music. (CR-IL)

1330 UNID ?? - 12/8 0640-0715 - Poor, with southern gospel music (automated, not satellite) and ad. One it’s 16 minutes before 6 (CST TC) was all I get in 35 minutes of fading, and local 1340 splatter. Help! (Jrr-WI)

1410 UNID ?? - 12/8 0625-0640 - Poor, with oldies, then news at 36. Tuned out at 40. Stumped. (Jrr-WI)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

1620 WPR1268-MA Leominster - 12/2 0000-0100 - Nothing heard under Blackfoot that sounded like a test. (FA-ID)

Pirates and OTHER STUFF

1470 KCFL CO Denver - 12/9 0114 - Oldies with pre-sounding 1470 jingles and Super CFl IDs. Good signal, but slightly distorted audio. Seemed to loop in the northwest Denver area. This guy has been popping up occasionally for several years on various frequencies. Off at 0230 with short music bed but no sign-off announcement. (PG-CO)

1550 R. Cadillac II Des Plaines - 12/12 0610 - Fair, with the Opera loop. This one is located near Elmhurst Rd and I-90 in Des Plaines, Illinois. (CR-IL)

1580 R. Cadillac II Des Plaines - 12/12 0607 - Fair, with the Blues loop. UNID location. First time heard. (CR-IL)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ETL

560 KLZ CO Denver - 12/7 1855 - Fair, under KLJF slop and usual KWTO, with female chatter, traffic report, then: And now, here’s Andy Gibb (into a non-familiar song). KLZ Denver at about 1902.15. First time here. (Ed.-TX)

580 CKPR ON Thunder Bay - 12/12 0641 - Fair, with promo into ads. 580 CKPR. Not that common! (Jrr-WI)

590 KUGN OR Eugene - 12/4 2208 - Strong, with Oregon Ducks sports show. (GJ-CA)

600 CKAT ON North Bay - 12/12 0639 - Fair, with jingle, weather and C&W music. (Jrr-WI)

620 CKRM SK Regina - 12/9 0036 - Frequent Home of Country Music IDs. Great signal despite KMKI-TX and splatter from local KHOW-630. I last QSL'd them 20 years ago this month on previous 980. (PG-CO)

630 CFCC ON Chatanah - 12/8 0609 - Very good, with Classic Gold CFCC in at 30/90. Not heard in a while, unlike WPL, KSJL. (Jrr-WI)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 12/12 0500 - Fair, with WGST Atlanta ID and into news. (CR-IL)

640 KGWW MT Belgrade - 12/11 1538 - Poor, with announcements between musical selections, including one about the local Eagles home basketball game against the Wolverines of West Yellowstone. So join us Friday night at seven o'clock for Eagle basketball, right here on AM 640, KGWW. Signal abruptly disappeared at 1542, due to the switch to night power. Very rare to hear this station. (SW-OR)

1942 was probably early (1:42 MST) to be switching. Are you reporting in Eastern Time? Days are short this time of year, but... - Ed.)

650 CKOM SK Saskatoon - 12/17 0745 - Fair, with Saskatchewan news, and ads. Calls not heard due to fade out. No WS. (Jrr-WI)

660 KSXW TX Balch Springs - 12/12 1809 - Fair, with WSCR splash. 660 K-Sky and music. WFAN nulled. (Jrr-WI)

690 WTIX LA New Orleans - 12/9 2001-2030 - CNN News, then program of greetings to families from service personnel. Fair, increasing to good signal, at 1140 miles. Another attempt at verification. (BM - SD)

700 KSES CA Soledad - 12/4 2200 - ID and SS music. (GJ-CA)

710 KGRV OR Winston - 12/4 2023 - With religious call-in talk show. (GJ-CA)

730 KSKA TX Grand Prairie - 12/13 0731 - Poor, with clear Soul 73 KSKA news heard. (Jrr-WI)

730 CKDM MB Dauphin - 12/12 0743 - Fair, with calls and C&W music. Alone. (Jrr-WI)

730 KTRH TX Houston - 12/12 1809 - Poor, under CHNO and ???. Traffic, and calls said several times. (Jrr-WI)

770 KCBC CA Riverside - 12/7 1945 - Very strong signal, with religious programming. First time heard here on 50 kW daylight power. With announcement: Don’t forget to mention KCBC when you contact your favorite ministries. It makes the call letters count, and helps keep KCBC strong in the Word. (SW-OR)

770 CHQ AB Calgary - 12/10 2106 - Fair, noted with hockey scores, local weather and several QR-77 IDs. New. (SW-OR)

770 KKKO NV Reno - 12/5 0612 - Local ads, traffic and weather for area Sacramento and Reno. News update; Ross and Molly Show. Strong at times, with QRM from KABC-790. Slogan: News Talk 780, KOH. (RA-NV)

800 KLOC CO Brighton - 12/10 0900 - Good signal, with religious talk and ID. (GJ-CA)

830 WFNO LA Norco - 12/4 1745 - Fair - no WCCO - with SS chatter and La Fabulosa jingle. (Jrr-WI)

840 WHAS KY Louisville - 12/1 2200 - With Indiana/Kentucky FB game. KXNT off. QRM from KSWB and WPEX988. (DKK-CA)

840 KKNX OR Eugene - 12/1 2225 - Popped up suddenly over QRM, with ads and many mentions of Eugene and Albany. Rare. (DKK-CA)

850 WPTB GA Statesboro - 12/7 0637 - Good, in KOA null, with jazz music and AM 850 WPTB ID. NEW. (CR-IL)

870 WLYF NY Penn Yan - 12/12 0622 - Poor, way under KOA, with calls and NOS music. NEW! (Jrr-WI)

870 KLSQ NV East Las Vegas - 12/10 1920-1924 - Ad cluster (including Domino’s Pizza) in SS. Fair signal, in WWL null. Reception reported by phone and orally verified. Now I’m waiting for my promised e-mail verification. (BM-SD)

880 KRVN NE Lexington - 12/8 1915 - ID while nicely atop, with Willie Nelson singing City of New Orleans. (DKK-CA)

880 WMEQ WI Menomonee - 12/13 0825 - Poor - no WCB - over WMDN. Many local ads. Rare. (Jrr-WI)

910 WEPG TN South Pittsburgh - 12/10 0200 - Surprisingly loud, with area tourism notes and 1D in promo package. (EL-IL)

920 KLOC CA Ceres - 12/11 1952 - With ID. The Vine KVIN 920. (DKK-CA)

940 CIGX SK Yorkton - 12/12 0730 - Fair, with CIX4 News. (Jrr-WI)

960 KCGS AR Marshall - 12/12 1753 - Good, with calls, time check, southern gospel music.
GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

WYRD SC Greenville - 12/8 0700 - Poor, in fade up, with legal ID into ABC News. (JJR-WI)

KPOP CA San Diego - 12/5 1030 - Dual ID as KPOP San Diego and KWDJ Ridgecrest. Interview with mayor. Equal with and under KFIV. (GJ-CA)

WGFA IL Watseka - 12/7 0115 - Poor, with satellite NOS and calls in mud. Alone. (JJR-WI)

KGO NO San Jose - 12/12 0800 - Fair, over others, with an oldie, ID, CNN news. (JJR-WI)

KJCE TX Rollingwood - 12/12 1824 - Fair, in WSPD null. Opip and Anthony on KJCE 1730 - The Juice. Rare! (JJR-WI)

KWJL CA Lancaster - 12/10 1923 - Atop with Perry Como's No Place Like Home For The Holidays. Song is Spanish. (DKK-CA)

KSLM OR Salem - 12/10 1920 - With sports and ID as 910 The Fan. Is // with Vancouver WA on 910. Soon covered by KLTX. (DKK-CA)

KXSS MN Waite Park - 12/12 2030-2040 - Play-by-play of basketball game between Benedict State Beavers and St. Cloud State Huskies. Signal was strong, at peaks and inaudible at times. First time heard with enough info to report reception. 1000 watts at 310 miles. (BM-SD)

KXGN MT Glendive - 11/27 1927 - Good, with program announcement for KXGN-TV, Channel 5 followed by sports from Northern New Mexico Network. (MS-MB)

KGRE CO Greeley - 12/7 2100 - Call ID heard clearly, then lost in graveyard. New here. (JTR-OK)

KELA WA Centralia - 12/10 1916 - Booming in, with Dr. Laura show. ID during break at 1916. (DKK-CA)

WWWB AL Mobile - 12/7 2030 - Weak with talk and call ID. (JTR-OK)

KWAK CA Bakersfield - 12/7 0635 - With SS programming. (GJ-CA) [Gary, these are correct calls - Ed.]

KSJX CA San Jose - 12/8 1000 - With Asian programming. QRM from the TIS/HAR at Folson, with city events. (GJ-CA)

KFFN AZ Mesa - 12/2 0920 - Business news with Pat Coram. (GJ-CA) [Gary, this correct frequency - Ed.]

KVTA CA Port Hueneme - 12/2 0900 - ID, then Bob Martin Health Show. (GJ-CA) [Gary, these are correct calls - Ed.]

KMAV SD Mayville - 12/8 2110-2132 - In and out, at times hammering KOMA, into .. guess what, pre-game high school basketball show! D1 in Log. (pls-KS)

KFBK CA Sacramento - 12/11 0600 - With Cincinnati and Texas messing up this channel, a second EE faded up briefly for a Newstalk 1330 KFBK ID. Could come within minutes. California #4. (EL-IL) [Great catch! Now you Left Coasters try for WSAAS! - Ed.]

KFSF MT St. Joseph - 12/8 2338 - Happy holidays from your good time oldies station. Promo for 24/7 weather line. (PG-CO)

KZIZ WA Renton - 12/10 1901 - Atop KZRN with Gospel music. (DKK-CA)

CKEG BC Nainaimo - 12/10 1903 - With local news program and nice signal. Haven't heard in ages. (DKK-CA)

CKMW MB Winnipeg, MB - 12/8 2137 - Out of country tune, Country 1570, CKMW, into ads. Lost under Westwood One station carrying football. (pls-KS)

WRPN WI Ripon - 12/3 1759 - Poor, with legal ID, in with WCGO. Despite closeness, it's rare! (JJR-WI)

WKSH WI Sussex - 12/4 2100 - SRN News, local weather with call ID. (JTR-OK)

WEUV AL Huntsville - 12/12 0515 - Fair, with gospel music and ...1700 WEUV ID. (BM-SD)

KTBX TX Dennison - 12/13 0753 - Fair, with 1130 The Ticket over others, with local sports talk. (JWR-WI)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

George Holland of Latham, New York writes about hearing CIWW, Ottawa, Ontario on 12/10 at
1949: "Heard 'Oldies 131' with various commercials fore & aft. The interesting thing about CIWW is that it is not identifiable on 1310, but is quite clear on 1312, 1313, and 1314. Anybody else note this deviation? At my location this program has been active for at least two months."

Apology: David Hochleider was omitted from the list of reporters in my last column—sorry, David!

Reminders: The deadline for submissions to DDDX-E is Wednesday morning. Anything you receive via email or snailmail after that will go in the next week’s column. Also, if you’re submitting loggings via email, please ask me for a MS Word™ template!

REPORTERS

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto — Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.
MB-IN Mark Burns, Terre Haute — R-8 with 80” RW and Kiwa Loop
SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville — Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua — Hammond RX-180, 300 foot long wirepointed East phased with a 200 foot wirepointed west phased with NFJ-1026 unit through a Quantum XQ Loop and then phased against a Kiwa Loop in a second MJF-1025.
PC-VA Perry Grubb, Winchester — Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100 wire.
RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell — HQ-150 w/ 2 air-core unamplified loop.
RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell — car radio & whip.
JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton — Drake R8B, pair of 130 terminated wires, MJF-1026 phase box, etc.
DH-NJ David Hochleider, New Brunswick — Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop.
GHI-NY George Holland, Latham — DX-440 Barefoot.
RWF-CT Rick Kenneally, Wilton — 2 SONY 1990s, 1100’ South Beverage, 300’ Longwire, Quantum Phaser, Quantum XQ Loop.
HNN-CT Herbert Newberry, Newborn — Kenwood R-5000, 150’ N Wire, 150’ S Wire.
MJW-CT Martin J. Waters, Wallingford — Driveway DXing w/ Sony car radio fed by Toyota antenna.
PEW-SC Powell E. Way, West Columbia — DX-398.

STATION LOGGINGS

540 WDMV MD Pocomoke City — 11/27 1933 — with U of MD Basketball, MD Investment Banker spot, wx. First time heard on night operation. (RJE-PA)
550 WSVA VA Harrisonburg — 12/1 1700 — Good on day pattern w/ads for VA lottery & local businesses, ToH ID: “Newsradio 550 WSVA Harrisonburg”. New. (RWF-CT)
560 KZMX SD Hot Springs — 12/4 0200 — Heard “Real Country, Hot Springs and 96.7 FM.” but no CAs in the massive pile-up. Checking on the Web, they do / at 96.7. ABC News about Obama’s dirty bomb. (SC-IN)
570 CKXR BC Salmon Arm — 12/5 0206 — Extremely weak with a “580 CKXR”. Couldn’t make out the programming but there it was on tape. (SC-IN)
580 WGAC GA Augusta — 12/10 0306 — Out of news with promo for Christmas week channel “FM Joy 102.7” then “580 News/Talk WGAC Augusta”. (SC-IN)
590 WLVA VA Lynchburg — 11/22 2104 — good with Ricky Nelson tune and ID, “All your favorite hits, 590 WLVA The River.” (LW-NY)
610 WTVN OH Columbus — 12/1 1700 — Great signal in early evening western opening w/ Motowns of Columbus & “Newsradio 6-10 WTVN” ID. New. (RWF-CT)
730 WFMC NC Goldsboro — 11/30 1842 — good with gospel music, station ID and “Gospel News Now!” (LW-NY)
820 WNYC NY New York — 12/6 0140 — Good; The World Today from the BBC World Service parallel 6195, 9410, and 12095 SW. (BC-NH)
870 WYDE AL Birmingham — 12/5 1701 — ID into nx. (RJE-PA)
880 WRGB NC Raleigh — 11/30 1905 — in with end of CNN news, followed by Hurricanes hockey, on the “Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Network, Radio 850, The Buzz.” First time heard with this call, remember when they were WKX-350. (LW-NY)
940 WIDG MD St. Ignace — 12/9 1604 — over Montreal’s 940 News with ID: “The Fan, AM 940 WIDG is your home for Sport Media and News” into promo for high school basketball sponsored by Cheboygan Lumber Company. (MKB-ON)
950 WCLB WI Sheboygan — 12/10 0225 — over WWJ with song by New Christie Minstrels, local weather, “going up to a high of 55 degrees today on Club 950, WCLB”. (MKB-ON)
970 WDYZ FL Orlando — 12/7 2200 — Legal ID: “Radio Disney, WDYZ, Orlando.” 10 to 20 over 59, best on north wire. New. (HNN-CA)
1010 CFRB ON Toronto — 12/5 0203 — signed off for transmitter maintenance. Nothing heard except WINS. (MKB-ON)
1030 WWGB MD Indian Head — 12/11 0815 — totally wiping out WBJ with gospel song, ID: “It’s all the new Power 1030, WWGB, the Word! station promo mentioning WWGB’s toll-free number 1-888-257-1030. (MKB-ON)
1050 WEVD NY New York — 12/11 2225 — with NY Islanders Game wrap up. First time EVER heard down here in Columbia SC. Often out in the clear DX-398 in my yard! (PEW-SC)
1060 WIXC FL Titusville — 12/4 2052 — Between-song VD as “your big-band station.” Barely on top of a mush that sounded like KYW and at least two or three others. New. (MWB-CT)
1070 WNCF NC Greenville — 11/28 0100 — Weak w/CHOK w/SS talk, call letters in Spanish, “Greenville” ment., then more talk. New. (RWF-CT)
CBA NB Moncton — 12/3 0159 — Fair/—CBC Overnight program featuring an Australian environmentalist. “CBC Radio 1” ID at top of hour. This one has returned to semi-regular status as auroral conditions have faded. (RWF-CT)
1090 WKOK PA Sunbury — 12/3 0400 — Fair ID just before WTIC slop took over: “Your station for news & sports - Newsradio 10-70, WKOK, Sunbury.” Even better later in morning. Not new. (RWF-CT)
1100 WIBC IN Indianapolis — 12/3 0200 — Barely making its way through CHOK/CBA & slop from 1080-WTIC-CT w/recorded ID “WIBC Indianapolis”. New. (RWF-CT)
1120 WINA VA Charlottesville — 12/10 2258-2315 — good; fighting with usual dominant CHOK. Top of hour call ID, then into CBS news, followed by Dr. Joy Brown show, which they claim to carry weeknights 10-1. Presumed CBA Moncton
under with classical CBC programming and two stations carrying Monday Night Football; one is CHOK, the other is possibly WCBS SC logged on 12/2. (DH-NJ)

1090 KAAY AR Little Rock - 12/1 1749 - Caught under partially nullled WBLW w/Christmas carols & man w/quick live "AM 10-10 KAAY" ID. New state! (RWW-CT)

1110 WBBC AL Bay Minette - 12/6 0000 - Sounded like Classic R&B into ID. "This is the station that parties 24/7 WBBC Bay Minette/Mobile/Gulfshores." Then ABC News about the friendly fire accident. (SCIN)

1130 WLBA GA Gainesville - 12/9 0201 - chew-up nullled WBBR/WDFN with non-stop SS hits and slogan "La Favorita." No call letter ID heard, but slogan confirmed on NRC e-mail reflector. (MBK-ON)


1200 WCHB MI Taylor - 12/6 2330 - good; dominant at peaks with slow deep fades. Co-channel interference from everywhere (WOAI, CFGO, WAGE). Local ads for James Martin Chevrolet and attorneys Smith & Goldberg. ID'd with calls and slogan "The People Station." Presumably on day power of 25KW, thanks to Barry Mcllaron for the tip! (DH-NJ)

1230 WZNW OH Columbus - 12/9 2356 - poor with ESPN football scores from "Sports Radio 1230, The Zone, WZNW." Ex WCOL, WFYI for me. (JF-ON)

1240 WJIM MI Lansing - 12/7 0816 - over CJS with ID at end of local sports: "WJIM, the flagship station for Spartan basketball." (MBK-ON)


1290 CJKJ ON London - 12/6 0100-0135 - good; dominant with Coast to Coast talk show. Local ads for London, Stratford, and Ingersoll, such as ad for London Christmas Festival on 12/9. Cell call ID at 030. I can't believe that I didn't log this one before. (DH-NJ)

1320 WCHY GA Savannah - 12/7 2322 - "Radio Disney"; ad for car dealer in Beaufort, SC (just across the river). S9 on N. (HN-GA)

1330 WNBQ NY Binghamton - 11/14 1833 - With sports talk, on the Orangemen pre-game sports show, the "Syracuse Orangemen Basketball Network." (LW-NY)

1340 WYRD SC Greenville - 12/7 2914 - Out of hockey post-game show, "WYRD now joins program already in progress." New. (HN-GA)

1370 WLYL WV Moundsville - 12/8 0807 - over usual pest WSPD with promo for high school basketball "...only on 1370 WLYL" into ESPN sports talk. (MBK-ON)

1390 KDTH IA Dubuque - 12/7 2251 - Poor with weather, ID: "you're enjoying music that's nice and clean. AM 1370 KDTH." New. (MB-IN)

1430 WDFT TN Chattanooga - 12/8 0000 - ID at TOH: "ESPN Radio, WDEF, Chattanooga." In slop, best on W wine. New. (HN-GA)

1430 WNRI WI Woonsocket - 12/1 1955 - talk program, commercial for funeral home or Woonsocket & Lincoln, RI, followed by message from Department of Immigration and CNN News on the hour. (LW-NY)

1430 WKLP WV Keyser - 11/30 2230 - Mixing w/WZHF-VA w/quick recorded ID between slow old songs. New. (RWW-CT)

1410 WLWW AL Mobile - 12/8 0011 - During religious program, female mentioned "Gulf Coast" and "Mobile" during prayer, and gave call letters. New. (HN-GA)

1420 WVJS KY Owenton - 12/11 1805 - From the weather from WVE, 14-20, Owenton. Partly sunny today, high 52. Increasing clouds tonight, low 43." (PC-VA)

1440 WIMS IN Michigan City - 12/11 2330-0015 - good; strong with slow deep fades and co-channel interference from semi-local WCO). CNN news at top and bottom of hour; talk show about UFO's. New. (DN-NJ)

1440 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 12/11 1620 - Religious discussion, then at 1630, "WXNT Newsroom, 49 degrees. Good afternoon; Indianapolis is joining the rest of the country today in remembering the events of September 11." (PC-VA)

1440 WFUM OH Warren - 12/11 0730 - Religion, with a discussion of the power of hymns, over and under sports on WAJR-WV. ID on the half-hour, "12-20, WHK" for WHHC, its parallel partner in Cleveland. (PC-VA)

1470 WWNN FL Pompano Beach - 12/10 1730 - American Health Radio Show. "Order two bottles and get a third bottle absolutely free." Also, "A 90-day money-back guarantee." However, I missed what it was in the bottle. Later, "WWNN Health Talk Network, AM 14-70." (PC-VA)

1470 WLQR OH Toledo - 12-9 1758 - Call sign only heard at first in evening mix; later, "WLQR, Toledo." (PC-VA)

1470 WRGA GA Rome - 12/8 0030 - Into news with "1470 WRGA, the newstation." Change of slogan. Shows fades. (HN-GA)


1510 KVCI TX Canton - 12/6 0745 - New band readable over/under KCKT open carrier with contemporary REL music, weather report, ID as "The station that perfects for the white family, KVCI, "The Voice." Wiped out by KCKT sign on 12/7. (HN-GA)

1500 WTRI MD Brunswick - 12/8 1155 - Foreign language program, not SS. English ID on the hour, "WTRI, Brunswick, Washington, and Baltimore." Very weak here for 9300 watts; D3 pattern may be aimed at Washington and Baltimore. (PC-VA)

1500 WDLS NC Mocksville - 12/8 1794 - In and out before nullled WBGK-NY after WARRNC sign-off. "Weekend Country Show" beginning with God Bless the USA, then "15-20, WDLS." (PC-VA)

1530 WLSK MI Lapeer - 12/1 1908 - ID, "all sports all day," then into sign-off mentioning WLSK 1550, with 5KW power. Nice signal, under dominant WSAL. (LW-NY)

1540 WWWR PA Philadelphia - 12/7 1630 - "Good evening; you have been listening to New World Radio, the 50,000 watt multicultural voice of the Delaware Valley. It is time for us to end our broadcast day. Please tune in tomorrow for another day of the finest multicultural programming in the greater Philadelphia area." Signed off with orchestral version of the 55B. (PC-VA)

1550 WBSC SC Bennettsville - 11/4 1708 - Fair with local news, several mentions of Marlboro County. (LW-NY)

1570 WISP PA Doylestown - 12/3 2230 - Good; "WISP 1570 AM Doylestown, Frenton, Philadelpia, inspired by the Holy Spirit communicating" at WETN network program. (BC-NH)

1580 WVKO OH Columbus - 12/4 1747 - Faded up with traffic report, "WVKO 1580 The Life," still in at 2035 with ministry promo "on 1580 WVKO The Life" and gospel music. (BC-NH)

1580 WLM NY Patchogue - 12/4 1740 - Network ID, "1030, 910, 1580... Chicago, New York, Long Island, southern Connecticut," and Spanish rock music. (BC-NH)

1580 WPSN PA Honesdale - 12/3 2200 - Fair; "Real Country 1560 AM" IDs, "as if you want real country ... 1590 AM WPSE Honesdale, Lackawaxen, Wayne County's first and original radio station" into news, over WARY in WSBN null. (BC-NH)

1620 WDND IN South Bend - 12/2 0100 - Fair signal w/ESPN, but clear ID at TOH. Wanted a recording of the new calls. (RWW-CT)

1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth - 12/8 0100 - Legal ID "WHK, Portsmouth," into ABC news. Playing Christmas music. Good on both wires. (HN-GA)


1680 WTIR FL Winter Garden - 12/4 1845 - "The latest from the WTIR weather center." Mention of tourist attractions, Disney's Universal Studios, Sea World. (LW-NY)

1700 WUEV AL Huntsville - 12/6 2345 - Good with news format (presumed KBKG) and Spanish format (presumed WAIF) interning. Gospel music and preaching with top of hour ID as "WEUP 1600 AM" and slogan "They are no dry bones in this valley." (Huh?) (DN-NJ)

2160 KOMA OK Oklahoma City - 11/26 1915 - Gospel music, VD. Weak, with SS behind. New. (MJ-WT)

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

// parallel to :00 on
// AC=Adult contemporary
// AL=Alternative Press
// BBD=big band
// C&W=country & western
// CCR=contemporary Christian radio
// CHIR=contemporary hit radio
// CID code
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How did you spend your time on Marconi Day, December 21? I did my best to check out the dials. I even found a few moments to run a new 1000 foot wire NWW to go along with the 1000 foot wire SWW, with at least one positive result (see below). I'd still like to get a wire across the road to the east. I even put the wire right on the road surface the other night, but the signal strength was very poor, and I had to roll it back in as I don't really have permission yet. As Jean suggested, I may need to run it directly to my receiver without using the 1:1 transformer box. My neighbor pointed out that there is a curler about 80 yards north of my house, which might give me better access to the field across than the road. He even offered to to talk to the land owner and let me use a plowing snake to push the wire through. It would take a long coax to get it to, but then I wouldn't have to worry about a car or snowplow snagging the wire. A closer inspection revealed that the curler might be inhabited by ... something. First I have to take care of the mouse that is hiding in my kitchen, then on to bigger game.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

1134 CROATIA 1R Zadar, DEC 12 2306 - It just wouldn't be Marconi Day without logging at least one TA, and this one obliged. I would have hated to wait until the next 100 years to get this chance. This one was in for great DX for a few minutes, with vocals and talk. [Renfrew-NY]

1512 BELGIUM 54 R Nederland via Wolvertrem, DEC 13 0635-0717 - Noted with Dutch talk and mentions of Afghanistan, Iran, and Palestine. Station identification at 0557 "dis ist Nederland". Definitely parallel to the broadcast on 7125 kHz. Never longwize captured this alone, it took the phasing unit to bring it in. A great way to begin the next one hundred years of DXing, as this is a new country (#55) for me. [Renfrew-NY]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

810 MEXICO XERVS Ciudad Obregon, SON, DEC 8 0005 - with top of hour ID and slogan R. Alegría. Playing some ranchera sounding romantic ballads. new. [Redking-AZ]

890 CUBA R Progreso, Camaguey, DEC 13 1019 - Dominating the frequency, first heard Cuban ballad by male singer, then "Desde Radio Progreso, la odia de alegría" and into radio drama about China. [Fonder-TX]

1010 MEXICO, DEC 12 0600 - Thanks to Saul Cerritos, I heard CFBW was off the air, and managed to hear the Mexican anhím at 0600, but no ID. Guadalajara is suspected. [Renfrew-NY]

1090 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, R. Amistad, Santo Domingo, DEC 7 0447-0530 - fair to good under semi-local WBAI. Playing Latin hits and Christmas music like "Jingle Bells" to Latin beat and "Silent Night." Also what sound like a Spanish news station under this (possibly Union R. Caracas). A little Web research showed that R. Amistad is likely because of format; hence the presumed logging. I'll keep it at pull out a positive ID though. [Hochfelder-NJ]

1140 MEXICO XEXR Monterrey, NL DEC 13 0338 - Strong signals, promo spot for Fútbol Mexicano and "Grupo Radio Alegría" ID, then another ID, "Grupo Radio Alegría ... Feliz Navidad" [Fonder-TX]

1270 MEXICO XERP Leon, DEC 12 1035 - fair in SS with talk by man mentioning Jesus few times. "La Poderosa" mention and religious song. [Rigas-IL]

1320 UNID DEC 12 1137 - mostly SS talk with occasional song. Possible Radio MI mention. [Rigas-IL]

1540 UNID, DEC 12 1049 - poor mixing w/CHIN in SS with Ranchera type music. [Rigas-IL]

1166 Stephen speaks: "Went to Radio Shack tonight and bought their passive AM Loop (Model 1585). Placed it next to my Philips/Magnavox D-1875 (analog) just to see how it works. I was very impressed: Couldn't do much more due to time constraints, but without the Radio Shack loop, these would have been very difficult in my D-1875. I have not tried the loop with my DX-398 or my SR-III." [Rigas-IL]

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IRAN: 558 will be the frequency of the new 1000 kW transmitter currently under construction in the plain near Qazvin (120 km west of Tehran). [Zohreh Moghimi via Bengt Ericson, 26.11.2001, via ARCH Info Desk]

IRELAND: The deal to acquire an 80% stake in Atlantic 252 by TEAMtalk Media Group plc has been completed. TEAMtalk has paid £2 million for the stake from RTL. Ireland's state broadcasting...
organisation, RTE, retains its 20% holding in the station. Atlantic 252 is to be renamed TEAMtalk 252 and will become a non-stop sports format station. [John Williams via MW/MC e-mail news 5.12.2001 via AIC Info Desk]

NETHERLANDS: The Dutch commercial pop station Q the Beat stopped broadcasting on 1224 kHz medium wave yesterday. They hope to get FM frequencies next year. Nobody was listening to the medium wave programmes with R and B and House music aimed at a young public, in Holland young people only listen to FM. So 1224 kHz is free for DX again. [Rene van Houw, Netherlands, in hard-core-dx e-mail list] [I think this was posted 12/11 – Jim]

TUVALU: Tuvalu being abandoned. The Tuvalu Government has announced that it’s giving up the battle against rising seas caused by global warming, and is preparing to gradually abandon the island nation, home of Radio Tuvalu 621 kHz. Australia and New Zealand have advanced plans to re-broadcast Tuvaluans, many of whom already live in New Zealand. The first group for resettlement will leave for New Zealand in 2002. Rising sea levels are a major problem for low-lying Pacific islands. However, this is the first time an island nation has admitted it simply can’t afford to continue attempts to build higher and higher seawalls and find new sources of drinking water. Pacific Islands Report via Dec NZ DX Times via DLXD) Radio Tuvalu from Funafuti is regularly heard in New Zealand and around the south Pacific. If you haven’t logged and QSL’d them, we suggest you get on it over the next couple of years. Ironically, the signal gets out well because of the increasing salt water impregnation of its transmitting site (Dec NZ DX Times via DLXD). What about all the $$$ they are taking in by selling their tv domain? Somewhat credible, but is this a December Fool story? (Glen Hauser, DXLTD) Irfon DX Listeners Digest e-mail) (Our local weather guy discounts global warming, maybe he should take a vacation in Tuvalu! – Jim)

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Chamberlain, Maine DXpedition Dec 7-9 Special Report
By Bruce Conti

I enjoyed a nice weekend DXpedition at the “DX Cottage” apartment on the rocky shore of Muscongus Bay overlooking the Atlantic. It began with a beautiful sunset and an even more spectacular sunrise, and ended with a light snow coating the rocks and antennas that made retrieving the wires more challenging. My interest, of course, was in medium wave DX, but it was fun listening to Russian domestic, African, signals including Madagascar 5010, and some of the Pacific stations on shortwave too, as they were being chased by heralded DXers Jerry Berg of BADX, Dan Henderson (a re-acquaintance), and George Maniti (a new acquaintance). While I was the only medium wave DX representative, they dropped down to the broadcast band every once in awhile to check out our strong signals from Morocco, England, Venezuela, and Mauritania-783 parallel 4845 shortwave. The following are my mediumwave log entries. I didn’t bother with writing down details on the numerous signals received from Progreso/Reloj-Cuba, COPE/RNE/SER-Spain, and France Bleu, including just enough to get a feel for conditions. With mediocre transatlantic conditions at best, I concentrated my efforts on Latin American DX through the early morning hours, dominated by Venezuela as the south wire seemed to cut a path across Cuba, Panama and Nicaragua were received during local dawn, notably absent were Brazil and any serious transatlantic mediumwave DX. Some of the more interesting domestic signals wrap up the report, with WIOD dominating 610 at night and daytime signals from WLRH, WPHT, and WPTX.

INTERNATIONAL DX - TRANS-ATLANTIC
Time = UTC

774 SPAIN RNE synchro DEC 7 2115 – Good; telephone talk parallel 684. [Conti-ME]
783 MAURITANIA R.Mauritanie, Nouakchott DEC 7 2035 – Good; string music parallel 4845. [Conti-ME]
837 AZORES RDP Barrosa DEC 7 2110 – Pop music parallel 693, at even level with COPE-Canary Islands.[Conti-ME]
844 FRANCE France Bleu, Paris DEC 9 0145 – Fair; pop French vocal parallel 1206 kHz. [Conti-ME]
867 ALGERIA Chaine 1, Alger DEC 7 2117 – Arabic on a strong signal but typically weak audio, loud het against WBPS 880 kHz. [Conti-ME]
1044 MOROCCO RTM Sebba-Assion DEC 7 2105 – Good; North African vocal and string music. DEC 8 2035 – Good; Koranic recitations. [Conti-ME]
1053 MOROCCO RTM A Taqer DEC 7 2150 – Arabic parallel 612, no sign of 207 longwave parallel. DEC 8 2050 – Good; Koranic recitations. [Conti-ME]
1062 DENMARK Danmarks Radio, Kalundborg DEC 7 2135 – Fair; techno pop music. DEC 9 0720 – Fair; rock music. [Conti-ME]
1089 ENGLAND Talksport synchro DEC 9 0050 – No nonsense breakfast show promo “...weekend mornings at six on TalkSport,” slight synchro echo. [Conti-ME]
1197 SPAIN Euskadi Irratia, Vitoria DEC 9 0045 – Good; Whitney Houston song. Vitoria mentions. [Conti-ME]
1206 FRANCE France Bleu, Bordeaux DEC 7 2140 – Good; song by Air Supply and French vocals. [Conti-ME]
1314 NORWAY NRK Kvitsøy DEC 9 0115 – Good; old-time country music, well over RNE-Spain. [Conti-ME]
1422 GERMANY DLF Heusweiler DEC 9 0130 – Fair; classical music parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-ME]
1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA Duba DEC 8 2020 – Good; Middle Eastern music and Arabic parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz. [Conti-ME]
1584 CEUTA RadyOri, Ceuta DEC 7 2050 – Fair; Spanish pop music. [Conti-ME]

INTERNATIONAL DX – PAN-AMERICAN

530 TURKS & CAICOS RVC South Caicos DEC 8 1815 – Fair daytime signal with preaching in Spanish. [Conti-ME]
540 COLOMBIA R.Auténtica, Bogotá DEC 8 0625 – Good; Spanish Christian vocals. [Conti-ME]
550 VENEZUELA YVKS Mundial, Caracas DEC 8 0330 – Good; YVKS Mundial ID, merengue music. DEC 9 0635 – Excellent; “hora Mundial” time check. [Conti-ME]
570 CUBA R.Rejol, Santa Clara DEC 9 0910 – Good; minute markers, RR code IDs, news items, extremely distorted audio. [Conti-ME]
570 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R.Cristal, Santo Domingo DEC 9 1015 – Fair; salsa and merengue music, “la Republica Dominicana” through R.Rejol-Cuba. [Conti-ME]
580 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R.Monte Cristi, Monte Cristi DEC 9 0934 – Fair, ID and merengue music under WKAT Puerto Rico. [Conti-ME]
580 PUERTO RICO WKAT R.Rejol, San Juan DEC 8 0635 – Good; “WKAT Radio Rejol” ID and noticelas jingle. [Conti-ME]
600 CUBA R.Rebelde, Urbanos Noris DEC 8 1000 – Good; “Rebelde la Habana” with chories, room crowing. DEC 9 0520 – Excellent; pop music parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-ME]
610 COLOMBIA R.Difusora Nacional, Uribia DEC 9 1000 – Choral anthem, “Radio Difusora Nacional, la ciudad Urbina,” through WIOD. [Conti-ME]
640 CUBA R.Rejol, Trinidad DEC 8 0845 – RR code IDs through WIOD. [Conti-ME]
620 NICARAGUA R.Nicaragua, Managua DEC 9 1018 – Clear Radio Nicaragua ID and time check under WZON. [Conti-ME]
620 VENEZUELA R.Libertad, Cabimas DEC 8 0900 – Sign-on with national anthem under WZON. [Conti-ME]
630 PUERTO RICO WUNO San Juan DEC 8 0700 – Call letter IDs for network stations, jingle, and

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**CARACOL RADIO**

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1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO St. Pierre DEC 9 0945 – Good; morning show banter in French. [Conti-ME]
1500 VENEZUELA R.Dos Mil, Cumandé DEC 8 2230 – Good; “en el corazón de Cumandé” promo, salsa music, with WTOP null out. [Conti-ME]
1500 COLOMBIA R.Maria, Barranquilla DEC 9 0945 – Many Católicos mentions and mention of Bogotá in preaching. [Conti-ME]
1500 VENEZUELA Manzanos 1580, Cumandé DEC 8 1030 – “Manzanos 1580” ID, nostaligic salsa, through a soupy mess of low frequency hts. [Conti-ME]

DOMESTIC DX (Time = EST)
580 CJKX NS Antigoneith - 12/7 2235 – “Yeah, we’ve got great music... Light Rock 580 and 98.9 FM” in WTAG null. [BC-ME]
610 WDDP PL Franklin - 12/8 0076 – Good, Florida Days Inn ad, “Now Art Bell Coast-to-Coast on south Florida’s only radio newsl, 610 WIOD.”
640 WWIZ NJ Mount Holly - 12/8 1415 – Fair, Radio Disney. [BC-ME]
640 WNCN NC Fayetteville - 12/8 2040 – Fair; “This is Fayetteville’s Weekend News, the number one choice for news, weather and traffic. This is WNCN. You can depend on it,” and news, over CBM. [BC-ME]
700 WVLW OH Cincinnati - 12/8 1200 – Fair daytime signal; promo ending with “...Monday night at nine on 700 WVLW” and “The Weekend” telephone talk. [BC-ME]
990 uniDL - 12/7 2140 - Radio Disney parallel QWQW 1560, through WALE, either WDYZ or WMYM. [BC-ME]
990 WALE RI Providence - 12/7 2150 - Continuous Caribbean zouk music, announcement in French with many Rhode Island mentions. [BC-ME]
1060 WDCX FL Titusville - 12/8 0300 – Fair; “Wixy 1060, WDCX Titusville, Melbourne, Cocoa” into network news. [BC-ME]
1210 WPHT PA Philadelphia - 12/8 1435 – Fair daytime signal; “Fix-It-Guy” telephone talk, “The Big Talker” ID. [BC-ME]
1430 WMSX MA Brockton - 12/8 1400 – Good; Spanish tropical music, “WMSX Brockton... Super”
1690 WPTX MO Lexington Park – 12/8 1500 – Excellent daytime signal; “You’re listening to the Sporting News network on 1690 AM WPTX Lexington Park.” [BC-ME]

[Bruce Conti, Chamberlain MEE, R88, MWDX-5, 210-m wire south, 90-m northeast.]

FINISHING OUT THE FIRST THIRTEEN YEARS OF DX:

PART 2: MARK’S MARCONI MEMORIAL

It was cloudy, windy, and just a bit above freezing when I got out to Rockport at 5:15 EST (2215 Z) on 12 December. This was quite a sultry session: the local DXers must have been too busy with Christmas shopping. High band conditions, initially, were superior to those on the lower end of the dial. An interesting pattern of reception was occurring. The northern Europeans were good and Caribbean / Venezuelan stations were also coming in well at times. Surprisingly suppressed were sounds from Europe, Monowi, and Algeria: normally the best TAs’s as a group, UK stations on 63, 882, 909, 1053, 1089, 1215, etc. came in well; especially loud were Virgin -1215 and CBC - 693. Radio XL Birmingham - 1296, with its Indian programming, surfaced for a while. Ireland - 567 was good as were the Dutch stations on 747 and 675 (which was almost local quality). France Bleu stations were there, but not up to customary shore receiving site strengths. Croatia -1324 and Slovakia -1098 were huge. 756 was good on Mayflower - Ireland’s United Christian broadcasting station on 549 popped up to a good level: over Germany with no sign of the usual Algerian pest. 783 seemed to be the German instead of usual Mauritania (but too many competing signals on that channel to be sure). Saudi -1521 was strong, but 1548 had a 3-station jumble instead of typically-alone VOA Kuwait. I heard quite a few other TA’s besides those above. Venezuela dominated the Latin American scene. Domestic DX was ruled by Canadian Maritime stations. I got a nice ID out of WOWR-800 and the Newfoundland CBC stations on 610 and 640 were running an interesting feature on Marconi that I paused on for a while. The 1710 NYC-area Jewish pirate was coming through with English language talk about Chanaukah. All in all an interesting DX session, even if conditions were actually better on some of my summer Rockport and Cape Cod outings. It will be interesting to read about others’ Marconi 100th anniversary loggings. My log report will be ready in a few days. All times are UTC.
DX'er's Notebook

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Shared tips, topics, and Internet info

BEST DX ON A PORTABLE RECEIVER

Bob Klinger <rklinger97@aol.com>: I have a question for all who wish to reply! What are some of your best catches on a portable receiver as well as tips on antennas (IF ANY?) used? For me in central Pennsylvania I have located KOA in Denver for domestic and have heard Norway on 1314. Both were heard on a Sangean ATS-505 and Radio Shack loop.

 Thought I would try to stir up some memories!  

Frank Doosey <Frank.Doosey@MVHSF1.com>: My top notch catch was KFI, followed by KOA in Denver, from my location in central NJ using a DX-440 with a longwire.

When I lived in Indiana, I caught KVIS in Miami, OK and KSL. Same radio, no wire.

Kevin Burnett <kb8@us.ibm.com>: The best ones I've had from here in the SF Bay Area are WLV in Cincinnati, and WVL in New Orleans, on my old 10k. This was in the 80's.

Ianc CONCI@ia.com: Spain and other countries in Europe were relative easy catches on my Sony ICF-2010 with Kitton filter upgrade, using phased wires. The 2010 was also the receiver used in my first Newfoundland DXpedition. I received KFI as an early morning regular on the Realistic TRF in the late 70s DXing from Rhode Island.

Kevin Redding <sammtvdx@gswt.net>: I can back this up. I heard KFI and KSL several times in the very early 80s from Middleburg RI using a Sony ICF-6500W. Rhode Island is one of the best places I ever DXed from.

Phil Bytheway <phil-bytheway@technologic.net>: I heard Brazil on 1000 and Chile on 1180 on an old Radio Shack TRF with Magnetic loop antenna, albeit it WAS in the mid 70s.

Ronald Gitschier <wg3er570@alltel.net>: Radio Moscow on 89kHZ. They were playing a Western Contemporary Pop music program, might of been a countdown. This was on my then-ships USS Thresher Nuclear Destroyer CVN-71 using 10kW AM/FM/DC/att1net: I have no other ICs heard with any common TAs were relatively easy catches on my Sony ICF-2010 with Kitton filter upgrade, using phased wires. The 2010 was also the receiver used in my first Newfoundland DXpedition. I received KFI as an early morning regular on the Realistic TRF in the late 70s DXing from Rhode Island.

Russ Edmunds <wzb2jb@nrccas.org>: My best here is KOA on a car radio & whip 3 or 4 different times. Best ever on a portable was on an old barefoot RS TRF 12-665 on which I heard a few TA's from NJ, in early 1970's.

Paul Swearingen <PiaBCBDXR@ao.com>: From the 29 Palms beverage site in the Mojave Desert, Bogotá-1040 on a Sharp PV-610 passively coupled to a 2000-foot (or so) untempered beverage point at downtown Bogota...and various NZ's and JJ's on the western beverage. The antenna makes all the difference, of course. Barefoot? HJAIQ-1000 Cartagena on a Sony SRF-A100, my favorite bedside portable, from Topeka.

Wally Wawro <Wwawro@wva.com>: Mine would have to be around 1990, using a Sony 2010. Radio West Loop. I caught KFBK-1530 with Sac Kings vs. G State Warriors basketball. Several minutes later there was KNBR-680 with G State Warriors vs. Sac Kings basketball.

One other would have been CTKA-1570 and CFOR-1570 fading in and out over XERF, that too would have been back in the late 80's.

Paul LaFreniere <plafrenier@boreal.org>: Heard on Zenith Transoceanic in late 70's CHTN Charlotteown, PEI and KEX Portland, OR at same time on 1190 with no outside antenna. Judging from the replies to this thread seems to have been some DX back in the 70's.

Kevin Redding <sammtvdx@gswt.net>: Radio Beijing on 990 AM in the mornings in Honolulu when I lived there. They were giving the Chinese lessons in Japanese at 5 AM Honolulu time. You could hear it almost every morning in the winter. This was back in 1979-80.

Benjamin Dangerfield <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net>: I have no "best". In recent years I have traveled with a SW-100 and KIWI pocket loop due to space needs is the luggage we carry. On the northern shore of Kauai, in Hawaii, I had decent signals from some Japanese stations above 1200kHZ, and in Honolulu I heard Western Samoa-540. Most recently on our cruise around the southern tip of S America this past Feb., I logged South Africa-1098 while off the Argentina coast. But maybe the one I liked best was just a signal at noon off the Dorset coast of South England while by just turning the radio around I was getting BermUster, Switzerland, also at noon.

Martin Patrick <mwpdxer@webtv.net>: Best DX catch on a portable. I have not "really" DXed with a portable in 35 years. The best I can come up with is Germany-1856 over the Pole around Noon in the Winter from Seward AK. I also heard lots of DUs, JJs, but I had a longwire antenna connected to the 17 transistor Norelco portable. I wish I had that radio today!  

Randy Stewart <jsr555@msus.edu>: This is all from Springfield MO... In the early 1970's I was using a 6-band Japanese portable (brand name Baylor... yeah, I've never heard of it either) with the ferrite loopstick in the hand, so you could get added (capacitive) signal strength by grasping the handle. November 2, 1972 was a DEEP auroral, most North American stations basically wiped out. ZILQ-1000 was the only sound I heard but totally ALONE on the tuning scale. Later the following day I bagged TGU Cambodia City on 730 in XEX null (never logged it since). Both QSLed for me. Two days later (11/4/72) must have still been quite auroral, as I logged HJCU Radio Melodia in Colombia on 730 around their sign-on time (4:30AM CST), and later that evening PJ46 Aruba, Netherlands Antilles on 925 with "Back to the Bible" (and other than Belize-834, this was NOT a radio selective enough for splits most of the time). Probably the most DX-hi light on that radio was KKKH-1350 San Francisco at 12:30AM CST New Years Eve 1973, coming out of a Sunday evening opera program Weber's "Der Freischiitz" with Niccolò Gedda & Birgit Nilsson.

Then I spent several years in the late '80s/early '90s using a Realistic TRF (the later 12-656 model) modified with a 4kHz MuRata ceramic filter, and a 4+1 spiral loop. Best catches? CJFT-530 Ft. Erie ON (12/17/90), R. Belize on 830 with a political speech on 2/19/91, HPFM-890 R. Galeone, Santa Maria, Colombia totally dominating the frequency around midnight CST 11/4/91. (Of course, conditions were so auroral in 1990/91 that things like HRWV Honduras-650 & R. Sandino Nicaragua-750 were nightly loggings and ceased to be "good catches" anymore) JBCI Jamaica-700 was a pest! Disturbed conditions are at least when that kind of reception occurs on a regular basis, which made the current sunspot "peak," such as it has been, extremely disappointing.)

Bob Klinger <rklinger97@aol.com>: WOW, I didn't think I would have started something like this concerning the best catch on a portable! Thanks for all the responses! Maybe there is hope for me and California!)

Charles C Boehnke <cakle@uno.com>: Many, many years ago while in North Hollywood I heard Brazil on 1070 at 10kNex and another DXer called me with the tip. I was using a Zenith Portable with the wavemagnet on a window. It was not a Transoceanic but just a standard BCN only portable. He helped me get a verification from them for both of us but unfortunately I do not have it anymore, after too many moves it is lost. More recently a friend of mine in Cordoba Argentina heard WSM 650 on his CC radio barefoot. He was an Airline Pilot on vacation visiting his girl friend's home.

Ginnie Lupi <ginnie@nrccas.org>: hi all, my best catches with my dx-398 and select-a-ttena would have been:

1. CICH, 920, Halifax, Nova Scotia, heard in Saratoga Springs, New York on 11.26.99, the qsl letter said, "You are very lucky to receive us south of Halifax/Dartmouth. during the evening hours we change our signal pattern and transmitter power levels to protect U.S. radio signals at 920 kHz."

2. KXEL, 1540, Waterloo, Iowa, heard on 10.26.00 in Ithaca, New York.

Eric Brown <eabreony@worldnet.att.net>: Well Bob my best catches just across the Susquehanna river from you are as follows:

- KFI, logged two times
- KBK, logged once
- WAY, Alabama, logged once (supposedly only 250W, but loud as a local for about a minute) caught them for the ID at sunset signing off.

All of these with a TRF hooked up to a 75 longwire back in 1981-1982. Thanks to a DXpedition KOA within the past two months on the TRF barefoot - so there is little hope left.

David Hochfelder <hochfelder@rci.rutgers.edu>: As far as my best catches, I can't match Frank Klinger's KFI from my area or the TA's that DXers in the northeast get. I've caught KOA but not KSL or anything west of Denver and I have only Montana tentatively logged. So I'll refrain the question as to your other DXing loggings. I enjoy only listening to a baseball game on K. Caracas R. on 750 about a year ago on my Superadio III. The first weekend I got my ICF 2010 last January I logged a bunch of new stuff on the x-band, including stuff under my two locals which I couldn't do with the Superadio. I spent a lot of time indoors that weekend because I had a bad cold that weekend. I also enjoyed a rash of Latin Americans in late March and early April last year, and hearing Jamaica and Puertorico on the 1st of my birthday in October. But probably my top favorite is hearing WFR Bonaire on 800 with CKLW off on Sunday night; this was on with good signals in Chicago on an old tube radio lying around the house when I was a kid. That's what got me hooked doing this.

I love LA's in case that's not obvious. Bring on the aurora!

Thomas Giella <kg4f@hotmaiil.com>: KFI 640 kHz L.A. from Dade City, FL in 1982 on a R.S. TRF with internal loopstick!
Welcome to another edition of Target DX! This column will be devoted to two subjects - spurious signals, which is often a problem for many of us living near multiple strong locals, and several more additions to the DX Websites list appearing previously.

Q – I’ve had some problems lately with spurious signals. I’ve wasted too much precious DX time listening to something only to discover it’s a spur from one or more of my locals. I know you’ve discussed this before, but is there an easy way to predict where all of the possible spurs might show up on the dial for a given location?

A – Indeed there is! First it helps to understand what the most likely type are, and then you can use some simple math to determine where you might encounter them. First is an image involving the receiver’s IF stage. Assuming a standard 455 kHz IF frequency, this type of spur typically appears at either 910 kHz above or below the station’s primary frequency. Second would be spurs located at a frequency which is the sum of the two contributing stations’ frequencies (600 kHz + 700 kHz = a 1300 kHz spur). Conversely, there are also difference spurs (1300 kHz – 700 kHz = 600 kHz spur).

A bit more complex are the sum-and-difference spurs. These come in two types usually in relation to the frequencies of the locals involved. Let’s suppose stations on 800 kHz and 900 kHz. The difference between the two is 100 kHz. Thus, with this type of spur, one might find a mixing spur of these two stations on both 700 and 1000 kHz. Finally, there is an averaging spur where the spur appears halfway between the two frequencies – with stations on 1300 and 700 kHz the average would be 1000 kHz.

Using computer spreadsheet software, you can create a simple program that will calculate these for you. I’ll illustrate one here which permits you to enter any two frequencies for selected local stations and calculate all of the possible appearances within the broadcast band of spurs involving these two stations, either in terms of images of each or mixes of the two. The frequencies input can be changed for different groupings of stations. Once you’ve created one, you can either re-use it and make a table later or copy it multiple times to account for all of the possible pairs. This is fine unless you are in a major metropolitan area where you might have 20 or so locals all close enough and powerful enough at your location to cause spurs.

In no case will all of the possibilities be within the broadcast band. In many, the averaging spur will appear on a ‘split’ frequency: The cell to the right of each label contains the mathematical formula, entered in the proper format for the software used to yield each type of spur. The ability to blank values outside the broadcast band is accomplished using conditional selection criteria (in this case ‘value not between 530 and 1700’ and formatting those cells to use the color ‘white’ for the text). The formula remains, and if you highlight the cell, you’ll then see the out-of-band frequency. I did this in Microsoft Excel, but it can also be done in Lotus 1-2-3 or other similar software.

The spreadsheet I created to do this follows:

**SPUR CALCULATOR**

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Blank values indicate spurs outside BCB
If you have multiple stations and want to do multiple calculations in one spreadsheet, you might want to try copying the contents of the cells to the right of each label except for "Frequency A", and the two "Image A" columns across enough rows to meet your needs. Enter the remaining frequencies across the row for "Frequency B". This will yield a spreadsheet which would cover all of the possible combinations involving in any way the station whose frequency is entered into "Frequency A". To make notes. The spreadsheet file, it would probably be best to copy this array onto separate 'pages' within a single file to cover whatever number of scenarios you want.

Hopefully this method will be of as much help to others as it has been for me!

Please remember to keep sending me your questions or your suggestions for future topic-oriented columns to me either via the NRCDXAS listserve, by off-line email or by regular mail. Additional nominations for the DX Websites list are also welcome!

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I've been a member of the NRC for over 8 or 9 years but this is my first Musings. I am a medium Wave Circle officer here in the UK and I have just returned home from our latest annual DXpedition to Shegrua in the NW of Scotland. This was my 14th visit to Shegrua in the search of super DX. This year, I was accompanied as usual by MW News Editor Steve Whitt, who was there for the first time, and by our German member Stefan Schiepachek, who was there for both weeks. This was Stefan’s 2nd DXpedition to Shegrua. We both put up the usual 4 beverages, two 500 metre terminated beverages to NA, a 450 metre terminated beverage due W for the Caribbean and northern SA, and a 500 metre terminated beverage at 50/320 degrees for Asia in the afternoon and evenings, and for deep SA early in the morning. We also erected a 5th antenna in a tough N/S direction, unteminated and 300 metres in length which we ran along the top of a convenient fence. This was for UK and I want stations, stations and Africa. This year, reception could only be described as "turgid". The 2nd day there, we have a severe geomagnetic storm, a proton event and polar cap absorption. Needless to say, this wiped out NA for a few days. Virtually the only signals we could hear were those of the Equator. Even local northern European signals were severely weakened. By the 2nd weekend, conditions to NA had improved considerably. So, what did we hear? In the first week, we had a couple of good Asian evenings from 2200 to 2330 UTC, with good signals from Thailand and China. Also, some good overnight signals from Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil. The 2nd week, we had several good openings to the mid-west and a couple to the far W to CO, KS and the Canadian Prairies. We only had one late morning fadeout at 1200 UTC, 4 1/2 hours after our local sunrise. The other mornings, fadeout was between 0900 and 1030 UTC. Alaska was not heard this year and the W coast only briefly. Very few Caribbean signals were heard either. As with all previous Shegrua DXpeditions, we heard a lot of good DX and had a lot of fun. If any members would like a copy of the December MW NEWS with the full Shegrua logs included, send $3 to the above address. 73s (Thanks for the MUSE Clive, we hope you’ll check in again with us soon!) DWS

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