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From the Publisher ... Don't miss Tom Bryant's comments about the almost-unthinkable-format-change-from-country-music-to-sports for WSM-F last month, on p. 22. His comments on the near-miss bear import for the entire radio industry.

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World of Radio, Continent of Media Broadcast Schedule (as of 1-24) ... "It always pays to check all RFPI frequencies out in front of your schedule. Schedule shown is nominal, but it is not unusual for one transmitter to be down. The 15040 outlet lately has been closer to 1509. 7445 may be on AM or USB."

For latest updates see our Anomaly Alert page:

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Days and times here are strictly UT.

Thu 0030 WOR WBCQ 7415 (first airing of this edition)
Thu 0600 WOR WBCQ 7415
Thu 2130 WOR WWCR 9475 (ext-15853 through Feb)
Fri 0030 WOR WWCR 9475 (ext-3210)
Fri 1030 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040
Fri 1930 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040
Fri 2135 WR: WWCR 9475 (ext-3210)
Fri 2230 WOR Studio X, Montigny, Italy (living room)
1584 87.35 96.55 105.55
Sat 0100 COM RFPI 15040 7445
Sat 0510 COM RFPI 15040 7445
Sat 0550 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan, internet:
http://www.rinku.qaq.ne.jp/bkac205/index.html (often runs late)
Sat 0600 WOR WWCR 5070
Sat 1500 WOR WRN to North America, also WLO-TV Lima OH SAP.
Sat 1700 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan, internet:
http://www.rinku.qaq.ne.jp/bkac205/index.html (often runs late)
Sat 2330 COM RFPI 21815-USB 15040
Sun 0000 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040
Sun 0330 WOR WWCR 5070
Sun 0500 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan, internet:
http://www.rinku.qaq.ne.jp/bkac205/index.html (often runs late)
Sun 0600 WOR RFPI 7445-USB
Sun 0728 WOR WCR 3210
Sun 1130 COM RFPI 7445-USB
Sun 1200 WOR RFPI 21815-USB
Sun 1400 WOR RFPI 21815-USB
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[often as substitute]
Mon 0300 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040
[often as substitute]
Mon 0430 WOR WSCI Iowa City IA 910 (week delay)
Mon 0600 WOR WWCR 3210

DX Time Machine
From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 2, 1952 DXN: Sid Rosenbaum, Wheeling, WV, reported that all radio stations along the Ohio River were on flood alert on January 28, with a flood stage predicted to crest at 47 feet.

25 years ago ... from the February 7, 1977 DXN: The Autek Q4-1 Audio Filter was reviewed by Chuck Batten, and the McKay Dymong DR22 Receiver was reviewed by Bob Foxworth.

10 years ago ... from the February 3, 1992 DXN: Bill Hale, DDXD-E editor (living out a hotel room in Victoria, CA) warned contributing radio amateurs DO NOT cut their logos into individual strips: "As soon as I see these coming out of the envelope, I throw them into the air in disgust," he grumbled.

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AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call New call
620 KDBZ OR Portland KTLK
760 KTLK CO Thornton KKZN
1290 WCCC CT West Hartford WMJ
1400 WDLL AL Fort Payne WFFA
1460 WVVK KS Mission KCZZ
1510 WTBC PR Lagos WSQD
1580 WMTT PR Morovis WTCV
1600 WKXF KY Eminence WTSZ

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

| 720 | NYDewitt | 2500/390 U2 |
| 1440 | IDFoccelto | 2500/350 U4 |

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

630 WDGY WI Hudson: 2300/320 U4
640 WWJZ NJ Mount Holly: 8000/950 U4
740 RGS NY Huntington: 20000/50 U4
1220 KOMC MO - Branson: 10000/44 U1
1450 WDKA TN Madison: 10000/1000 U2
1500 WTNE TN Trenton: 250/6 U1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1190 KDAO IA Marshalltown: 250/21 U1
1460 KKT KTX TX Waco: 4000/700 U4

OTHERNESS

580 KMJ CA Fresno: CP for 5000/5000 U3 is on
560 WKKK NC West Jefferson: CP for 5000/34 U3 is on
980 CJME SK - Saskatoon: station has moved here from 1300 kHz
1340 WJNA PR Aguadilla: CP for 950/950 U1 is on
1390 KISO IA Des Moines: license CANCELLED, call DELETED (will continue to operate their 1700 kHz X-band facility KBG)

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Patrick Griffith, Fred Vobbe & Wayne Heinen 73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

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DDX West

Medium Wave Ramblings

You’ll find we’ve slimmed down from the past two or three columns, but still some mighty fine DX loggings. Keep up the good work, gang!

Words from the wise: “Sure wish I had the big Kiwa loop, or at least the Quantum QX, on this trip instead of just the Kiwa pocket loop. When it comes to GYDX, there’s an order-of-magnitude difference between those 3 antennas...” - Tim Hall on his recent DXing from Florida.

Only one week until next issue! CU then.

REPORTERS

RA-CB René Auvray 1-195 in Ontario 2002 Ford Taurus caradio
RA-CB René Auvray Los Angeles Yacht Boat 400
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STATION NEWS & NOTES

630 WDGY WI Hudson: Has applied for a facility change that could restore a strong signal on 630 to the entire Twin Cities area. From 1959 to 1994, the facility transmitted from Woodbury, providing a strong signal across most of the metro day and night. In 1994, the land on which the transmitter sat was sold, and the station went off the air. They returned to the air in 1997 at lower power from a site east of Hudson, and even with an upgrade last year, the station still does not provide coverage of the Twin Cities like it did from the old Woodbury site. Now, the station has applied to move its transmitter to a site along County Road 71 near the Koch Refinery in northern Rosemount. The station would operate with 8.2 kW day and night. A three-tower array would put out a signal strong enough to reach the Twin Cities.

700 KMBX CA Soledad - 1/19 0005 - Now on the air. Strong signal here. (GJ-CA)
720 KDWN NV Las Vegas - 1/6 - Has abandoned their long-standing MM silent period. (RT-CA)
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760 (CKQR) BC Castlegar - Info I received from a DXER in BC says that CKQR has moved to 98.3. (RT-CA)

850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake - 1/28 - Will have changed formats (by the time you read this) to a new line-up of talk shows replacing their Westwood One feed of NOS music. The three current talk hosts, Wally Phillips, Clark Weber, and Karen Ross will continue. A couple of the new talkers will be Clark Howard and Neil Rootz. New slogan is slated to be ChicagoLand’s Voice. (Chicago Sunday Times on line)

1190 KMYL AZ Tolleson - 1/17 - Has changed their format to talk. (KR-AZ)

570 UNID ?? - 1/19 0155-130 - Art Bell in the background of KLIF-570, who was also carrying Art Bell but on a seven-day delay. Heard in the KLIF null, but still too much audio and carrier from them to make an ID possible at the 30 second break. Both WNAX and WVMJ are listed as Bell affiliates. Oddly, no Mexican/Cuban interference. (WW-TX)

1110 UNID ?? - 1/15 0712 - Pair, with Ope Come Va by Santana and slogan The Law; AM 1110. Pretty clear. Who is this? (JJR-WI)

1580 UNID ?? - 1/13 1832 - Strong signal at times, with an ID for U-Save Auto Rentals, during which there was a mention of KLMO-1060. After the ad, I heard a simulcast ID. Ross Music. The three current talk hosts, Neil Boortz. New slogan is slated to be ChicagoLand’s Voice. (Chicago Sunday Times on line)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

1650 WPMZ659 TX Friendswood - 1/18 2040 - Clear ID by female announcer. This is WPMZ-659, Friendswood Information Radio, operating at 1650 AM (pause) on your radio dial. Rebroadcast NOAA weather radio from the League City, TX, office. ID repeated every minute. (SHP-TX)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT EDITION

540 CBK SK Regina - 1/24 2100 - No top-of-hour ID, just dead air after last CBC program ended, into CBC News. Then at 2015 regional weather intro’d by This is CBC Radio One Saskatchewan. Fair, in XEWA null. Not rare, but not heard that often anymore. Certainly much less regular than CBW 990 or the Toronto’s 1050. (RA-CA)

570 KNRS UT Salt Lake City - 1/19 1718-1801 - Dr. Dean Edell show, various ads including Larry E.Miller Ford. Clear reception. then faded into jumble. Competing ABC News at 1800. Slogan: Family Talk Radio. (RA-NV)

600 KERB TX Kermit - 1/21 2345-0002 - Fair-to-poor, with Mexican ballads (not religious-sounding). No announcements between songs, but an EXCRUCIATINGLY detailed legal ID for the entire Radio Cristiana network, that must have taken at least two minutes to get through. ... From the beautiful Rio Grande Valley in South Texas, this is KUBR-1210 AM, San Juan Texas (the flagship), followed by what must have been about 20 AMs and FM stations from Texas to California, including this one, KERB, as well as KBRN-1500 Boerne (“Bernie”), TX; KJBL-1490 Beeville, TX; KUOL-1470 San Marcos, TX; and KVGY-890 Laredo; La Radio Cristiana, Christian Radio Network. New log for me. (RS-MO)

620 KEAR AZ Phoenix - 1/15 1835 - Weather report, call ID. Some QRM. (RA-CA)


680 KKGR MT East Helena - 1/24 0845-0851 - Oldies tune, six ad cluster. Is it the sound track of your life? great times, great oldies, 68 KGR, and another oldies tune. Strong signal dominating frequency at 885 miles. Reception reported. (BM-SD)

700 KGRV OR Winston - 1/19 1100 - ID as: Roseburg-Winston, the Prairie Station in a religious program. Strong. Last week, KWLW was at this time. Now KGRV. (GJ-CA)

800 QKCV OK Oklahoma City - 1/19 0630 - Poor, but alone, with ID and REL teaching.

850 CHAM ON Hamilton - 1/24 1922-1926 - Comments by female announcer, auto dealer ad, PSA for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, combination promo/ID, and country tune I Want to Fall in Love. Strongest signal ever heard from them. 1027 miles. Reception reported. (BM-SD)

860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 1/18 1958 - With several mentions of “Pittsburg” then KKOW AM 1110 included in mention of their internet web site, www.kkowradio.com. Another ID at 1959: AM 880. KKOW then slogan dropped. (SHP-TX) [They are a nightly visitor here, as their night pattern favors us. You probably heard them with their day non-DA signal, then they went to night power/pattern. But ... according to the MW Viewer, their pattern change time for January should be 1700 (local) Ed.)

920 KVEL UT Vernal - 1/22 0842-0845 - Female announcer finishing sports news ad, and detailed weather. Strong signal at tune-in, but slow fading followed. Reception reported. (BM-SD)

920 KKXY WA Spokane - 1/24 1954 - With 920 KKXY several times. Somehow struggled thru the slop. (DKK-CA)

930 KSEI ID Pocatello - 1/13 0500 - ID while atop, with Sporting News Network. In often lately. (DKK-CA)

980 KMBZ MO Kansas City - 1/19 0740 - With a home repair show 576-7798 call-in about wallpaper and sandpapering the sheet rock after removing old wallpaper. Rare. (KR-AZ)

980 CJME SK Regina - 1/13 2055 - Poor signal, in a mess, with several mentions of the CJME 9-80 Morning Show and the new 9-80 CJME. Now with these calls and talk format. (SA-MB)

1050 KVPI LA Ville Platte - 1/24 2110-2210 - Weak-to-non-existent in XEWP null, battling with a near-graveyard channel level of QRM, but occasionally surfacing with oldies, mentions of Good Times and Great Oldies, Oldies ninety-two-five (no point). Very rough copy on calls when given. FINALLY at 2210 I got a clear Oldies 92.5, KVPI on tape. This is listed as / FM 92.5, as well as / 1950. Had to have been on day power. Anyway, new log for me. (RS-MO)

1060 WKMQ MS Tupelo - 1/24 2155 - Spot mentioning 1060 WKMQ, Tupelo’s talk station ... part of Clear Channel Worldwide, back to Michael Reagan Show. Rare here, needed for call change. (RS-MO)

1070 WDIA TN Memphis - 1/17 0049 - Poor, but on top of frequency, with old R&B. Calls, local ads, promos. (JJR-WI)

1080 KSCO CA Santa Cruz - 1/16 1835 - Weather report, call ID. Phil Hendrie Show. Good at times, with KRLD competing with ID behind. (RA-CA1) [Are you sure you’re reporting in Eastern Time (our standard)? I’m sure the KRLD CE would be unable to make a comparison]? (SA-MB)

1080 KRLD TX Dallas - 1/13 0503 - Popping up with Dallas News and ID through regular KOTK and KSCO. (DKK-CA)

1090 KKNX TX Plainview - 1/18 2132 - With Hale Center Owls basketball game, already in progress. Numerous mentions of Hale Center in local spots (Hale Center Food Yards, Hale Center ISD, etc.). Also mentioned Plainview Lady Dogs basketball team. Good ID at 2136, KKNX 1090 Plainview. Completely topped channel for five to six minutes over “pest” KAAY Little Rock, but lost the battle at 2137. (SHP-TX)

1100 KFNC AZ Cave Creek - 1/16 - Took over channel at 0701, with call ID and slogan: Hot Talk 1100, KFNC, then Imus in the Morning with news read by Charles McDard. (RA-NV)

1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 1/16 0700 - ABC News, suddenly faded out at 0701. Channel taken over by KFNC. (RA-NV)

1210 WKCE TN Maryville - 1/14 2200 - Listed as 1 kW daytime, but still on at 9 PM CST with standards, top-of-hour ID The Music of Your Life, WKCE Maryville, Tennessee, and into AP Network News. Don’t see any PSSA listed in NRC log. KMOX nulled. Really dirty and distorted, FMing audio on this one. New log for me. (RS-MO)

1150 CKBL BC Kelowna - 1/14 1959-30 - Tuned in to end of C&W song. Slogan: All Country ... The Bullet. Into regional British Columbia news. Kelowna sports items at
1190

on NETWORK

KDYA

1240

KCCW

CHAT

KDIX

1270

KTFI

1280

KGTV

1320

KGBT

1340

WTRB

1370

KRZX

1903 followed by local weather. Another ID at 2004 and more C&W music. Still atop through TVI at 2010. This in tight null of KAGO/KKGT, KXTA absent. Never heard before in 44 years in California. (DKK-CA)

CA

Vallejo - 1215 - After listening to Gospel music battle it out with KEX on my way home from work, I zipped in and turned on my R-7 to hear it on top at 1957. By ToH, KEX was dominant and I heard a faint mumble underneath... then back into Gospel music. At 2010, I phoned (thanks to NRC log phone #) and worked my way through their automated input... when I was finally put on "hold" pending the "operator", the hold audio was the same as I was hearing in my headphones. I verified with the gal that they were indeed using their "on air" as hold audio, so I asked to be put on hold again, and verified once again the same music as was airing. I then verified that they were signing off at 2015, then hung up and back to the headphones. The Gospel music lasted until 2012 when there was faint talk under KEX. No SSB, but the talk stopped at approx 2015. I have been hearing the music mixing with KEX for several weeks, so I was determined to get it this time! (pp - WA)

1230

KDIX

ND

Dickinson - 1/22 1956 - Fair, with ad for Miles Western Wear, then a KDIX jingle ID. (RD-NE)

1240

KEJO

OR

Corvallis - 1/35 0535-0330 - Atope Graveyard frequency with the days sports scores, then at 0537 into many 1240 Joe Radio slogans. Swallowed at 0330. (DKK-CA)

1270

KTFI

ID

Twin Falls - 1/23 0220 - Solidly atop, with AM 1270 slogan. Why don't stations use call letters anymore? Oldies format. Call ID at 0231: AM 1270 KTFI. KBIZ absent. (DKK-CA)

1270

CHAT

AB

Medicine Hat - 1/21 0710 - Weak, with a Reba McEntire song, then a 1270 chart ID and a local ad. (RD-NE)

1280

WODT

LA

New Orleans - 1/20 1942 - Fair, with promo for local event and a Blues 1280 ID. (RD-NE)

1320

KSVI

MO

Clayton - 1/17 0044 - Poor, with calls noted twice. Alone. Never heard this at night! (JJR-WI)

1390

KLGN

UT

Logan - 1/19 0824 - With NOS format and giving ads for Brigham City and Logan. Then the Brenda Lee version of I'm Sorry. New. (KR- AZ)

1400

KCCW

NE

Alliance - 1/25 0859-0906 - Two guys discussing the end of National Coffee Week, ID, ABC News, and weather. Fair signal, on top of the pile. 1000 watts at 200 miles. Second attempt to get a verification. (FM-SD)

1460

WXRQ

TN

Mount Pleasant - 1/23 0704 - Weak, with sign-on including mention of a southern gospel format, and a station address. (RD-NE)

1470

KCTY

WY

Douglas - 1/30 0540 - ID, then into Elton John singing Crocodile Rock. (KR- AZ)

1480

KAVA

CO

Pueblo - 1/20 0530 - In a very tight null of KPHX, with ID then News from Radio Unica. (KR- AZ)

1530

KGBT

TX

Harlingen - 1/18 2007 - With Spanish-language programming, ID as KGBT 1530, La Primera Estacion... Topped channel for a few minutes, then gone! (SHP- TX)

1580

KDDO

CA


1590

KNZR

CA

Bakersfield - 1/16 0200 - AP Network News with Sandy Coccell. Call ID and into Act Bell. (RA-NV)

1970

WTRB

TN

Ripley - 1/21 1943-1946 - Two local ads, followed by network coverage of a University of Tennessee basketball game. Fair signal, with QRM from other stations. During a phone call to report reception, I asked what power they were using: 1000 or 53 watts. This reply followed: That piece of equipment broke a long time ago, so we broadcast with 1000 watts all the time! (BM-SD) [Gee, I'll bet the Feds would like to hear them say that! Any FCC operatives reading this? - Ed.]

1980

WKDD

IL

Aurora - 10/7 1939 - Fair, with ad mentioning a number in the 630 area code, then an ID as 99.9 The River, followed by Tom Petty song. Ad for North Aurora Auto Mall at 1950. (RD-NE)

1990

WHXL

MI

Marine City - 1/25 0716 - Poor, with AM 1450 WHLS and 1590 WHLX out of NOS song. Rare! (JJR-WI)

1660

KRZX

TX

Waco - 1/18 2003 - / KRZI 1580 with CBS News, spot for IBS E-Returns, then good ID in sports outro, The Home of the (Baylors) Bears. News Talk Radio KRZI. (SHF-TX)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

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1230 kHz

WONN

FL

Lakeland

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CKMP

ON

Midland

Tim Hall

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CA

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Tim Hall

Naples, FL

909

1240 kHz

WDFL

FL

Cross City

Tim Hall

Naples, FL

251

1230 kHz

WPBR

FL

Lantana

Tim Hall

Tampa, FL

176

KGST

WY

Jackson

Tim Hall

Elephant Head Lodge, WY

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Remember all the FY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

DDXD-East

This week's edition features loggings from the DX-pedition of Saul Chernos and Niel Wolfish in Burnt River, Ontario, about 100 miles north of Toronto. Lots of great catches!

Special thanks this week to our amazing, growing group of email reporters, for putting up with my format requests... you're all terrific!

REPORTERS

RA-MA

Ray Arruda, Acushnet - R8A, 80 Meter Dipole.

MB-ON

Mike Brooker, Toronto — Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.

SC-ON

Mark Burns, Terre Haute, R8, Kiwa Loop and 80’ RW

BC-ON

Saul Chernos, Burnt River - Realistic TRF655 and Sangean ATS-909 portable, Radio Shack loop and 1200-foot longwire pointed NE-SW. Located 100 miles NE of Toronto.

PG-MA

Bruce Comit, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/80-Ew antennae east and southwest.

B-RI

Niel Wolfish, Toronto - Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop.

RR-BC

Russ Johnson, Lexington - GE Superadio 2, Realistic TRF 12-656, Paladin R-3, Panasonic RF-568 phased longwires with Quantum Phaser.

DL-MA

David Larabee Columbia - Automated recording at the bottom and top of the hour using a random wire & a TenTec RX320 with KFSOJ software.

RA-MD

William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.

PRM-RI


HN-NC

Herbert Newberry, Newborn - UNID Help.

RCP-IN


BF-RI


DJT-NC

David J. Twigg, Bristol - FRG-7, Terk Loop.

FV-VA

Fred Vobbe, Lima - Car Radio.

NJW-MD

Niel Wolfish DXing in Burnt River, Ontario - AOR-7030+, Radio West Loop and longwire antenna.

NJW-ON

Niel Wolfish, Toronto - SONY ICF-2010 + Radio Shack Loop.

DX TEST

1290 kHz

WWNN

RI

Providence - 1/20 0000-0100 – Most of their pattern goes straight into the Atlantic, so my chances of hearing them would be virtually nil, tried nonetheless. Frequency dominated by usual pests WNBF and CBJR. (MKB-ON)

+ 1/20 0006 - Good over WNBF with ID mentioning conclusion of regular NPR schedule and would be off for transmitter maintenance. Then continuous Code IDs past 0020. (RA-MA)

+ 1/20 0009 - Presumed DX test for NRC. Fast CW noted for a couple of min-
2. William McGuire’s SS on 870 at that hour is most likely one of the “south of the border” pests.

5. Robert Pote’s 1120 Tom

6. William McGuire’s tentative

1.

7. Robert Pote’s presumed

many others, did play a lot of Christmas seasonal music.

William McGuire’s tentative of WMGG in Largo, FL is right on target. They come in well here and at 5 kw could sneak in under WMVP in Indiana. (NJW-BR)

Robert Pote’s presumed CIWW on 1310 is on target – their slogan is “Oldies 1310”.

This week’s UNIDs and presumed:

540 CBGA-1p PQ New Carlisle – 1/19 2242 – French CBC. Strong echo effect due to being parallel with CBEF-ON and the timing not being exact. New. (SC-ON)

1/20 2242 - presumed to be the second CBC French station here causing a slight echo effect with 540-CBEF (Windsor). Parallel to 860-CJBC. At top of the hour a CBEF ID was heard obliterating the second French signal. Could not hear CBGA1’s twin on 1250. (NJW-BR)

620 UNID _____ - 1/17 1715 – gospel music mixing with sports talk. (WM-MD)

700 UNID _____ - 1/19 2249 – Spanish talk show way underWLW. Poor signal, but steady. (RCP-IN)

710 UNID _____ - 1/17 1758 – Eagles song heard in WOR fade. (WM-MD)

730 UNID _____ - 1/16 2035 – “Tar Heel basketball on Learfield sports” heard in mess. (WM-MD)

810 UNID _____ - 1/20 1602 – what sounded like a church service under WGY. (NJW-ON)

960 UNID _____ - 1/16 2230 – Rolling Stones song over WFR; then Paul Simon song. (WM-MD)

1090 UNID _____ - 1/17 1726 – A man said “now back to some more great oldies” on what sounded like WCTB. I couldn’t find a reference to WCTB in 22nd. Log. But there is a WBBZ with a country format. Is this them with a new format? Fair signal under WBAL and KAAY mix. (RCP-IN)

1330 UNID _____ - 01/20 1727 - Boston College vs. Boston University hockey game. Out of 1-800-SIGANID ad @ 1728 and back to play between the “Terriers” and the “Eagles.” A scan of both college web sites and other sources yields no station from either college w/sports on 1330. Is WRCA still Spanish? (BT-NB)

1/20 0721 - in WGR null with local commercials and station promo mentioning Y-93 FM. (NJW-BR)

1/20 0700 - “All oldies KJ-87” with oldies by Santana, The Hollies, Rolling Stones, etc. Poor with CFRW, CXXW, etc. (NJW-BR)

550 KFZR ND Bismarck - 1/12 0749 – “K-Fire” and full ID. (SC-ON)
+ 1/21 1545 – ID and polka show promo, ads for Grand Rapids businesses.

660 KSKY TX Balch Springs - 1/15 1828 - “660 K-Sky” and local references and phone numbers. Deejay signal alone without usual post WFAN. New. (SC-ON)

WBHR MN Sauk Rapids - 1/20 1528 - various Fox Sports promos and ID as “The mighty 6-60 WBHR”; fair with WFAN. QSL back in 1988 as WVWL. (NJW-BR)

+ 1/21 1546 – “Fox Sports Radio” o/WFAN-NY. (SC-ON)

WLFJ SC Greenville - 1/23 1000 – “Pointing you in the right direction, AM 660, Christian talk for the Carolinas.” In for several hours, solid o/WFAN-NY. New. (SC-ON)

WXIC OH Waverly - 1/24 1730 - Signing off for day. ID. Mention of Ohio and Crystal Communications. Under WFAN. First time anything other than WFAN heard here. (PG-MA)


710 WDSM WI Superior - 1/20 1540 - in CJRN null with Westwood One feed of Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh NFL playoff football; heard later at 1744 with mention of Green Bay Packers radio network. (NJW-BR)

+ 1/21 1550 – “All-sports 710 WDSM” Strong o/WOR-NY and CJRN-ON. New. (SC-ON)

720 WWWW PA Shiremanstown - 1/17 0720 - Fair; light Christian music, report on road conditions, “AM 720 The Rock” ID, in CJRN null. (BC-NH)

CHTN PEI Charlottetown - 1/17 1595 – after Bachman Turner Overdrive song: “All great oldies all the time”; “good time oldies”; ID. (WM-MD)

WGSE GA Hogansville - 1/20 1749 - under WCN with Fox Sports Radio programming. Quick sign off at 1757 by a woman mentioning station’s power, transmitter location and owners. (NJW-BR)

730 WJMT WI Merrill - 1/21 1621 – ID o/WACE-MA. (SC-ON)

CHCM NC Marystown - 01/20 1603 - Fair w/ Beginning of a traditional music program with host Dennis Snowdon, then ID of “AM 740.” Weaker than usual and fluttery – perhaps a warning of Auroral conditions. (BT-NB)

750 WAAT PA Olyphant - 1/17 0800 - Fair; “This is Hot Waat Radio, WAA[T Olyphant, Scranton, Wilkes Barre, the Poconos, your Dr. Laura station,” “Pointing you in the right direction, AM 660, Christian talk for the Carolinas.” In for several hours, solid o/WFAN-NY. New. (SC-ON)

770 WLWL NC Rockingham - 1/14 1800 - Blues, “77 Big Wave” and full s-off. New. (SC-ON)

WVNN AL Athens - 1/15 1802 - Full ID and sudden power cut. (SC-ON)

+ 1/16 1746 - fair in WABC null with “News Talk 770 WVNN” slogan, into “WVNN Exclusive Accu-weather.” (MBK-ON)

WEW MO St. Louis - 1/20 1815 - “The Polka Club”, checks with web site that lists “Polish Polka Program, Polka Plus.” A top WABC. (SC-ON)

+ 1/20 1820 - “Polka Club” program with polka music. Man and woman talking about a polka event in Springfield IL. Poor in WABC null. (NJW-BR)

780 WZXX AL Lineville - 12/22 1920 - C&W music. Hooked on Phonics ad. Syndicated “Real Country ID.” Local weather with mention of Alabama. (RJ-NC)

CIGM ON Soudbury - 11/01 0614 - “You’re listening to today’s country, 790-CIGM.” (RJ-NC)

CFAN NB Miramichi – 1/19 2030- under CIGM (with Sudbury Wolves hockey) and a second station with NFL playoff football. With pop music by John Mellencamp, Jewel, Incubus and The Cranberries. ID by man. Would have not been possible to pull this one out had CIGM been playing their usual C&W (NJW-BR)

790 WSKO RI Providence - 1/20 1600 - top of the hour ID heard under CIGM mentioning that it was a Citadel Broadcasting station. (NJW-BR)

800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City - 1/19 2244 - male voice: “we now return to Point of View here on KQCV 800.” Not QSL back in 1988 as KVOL. (RCP-IN)

WVHU WV Huntington - 1/22 0828 - ID in mess. New. (SC-ON)

CJAD QC Montreal - 1/23 1918 - Rare bare peaking well up over top of regular CHRC. Interestingly, both stations audible at the same time with coverage of the same NHL game between the Canadians and the Capitals. CJAD loud in English and CHRC underneath in French. Both taking commercial breaks at the same time during stoppages in play. No sign of usual Sherbrooke w/ at CJAD broadcast on 900. (BT-NB)


WMJH MI Rockford - 1/20 1712 – “Magic 810 WMJH” with Dean Martin’s “Volare” and Christopher Cross’ “Sailing”. Local spot for a Grand Rapids business at 1711. with fair with WGY. (NJW-BR)

+ 1/20 1718 – “Magic 810 WMJH” with Dean Martin, Christopher Cross mix. New. (SC-ON)

WHB MO Kansas City - 1/22 1800 – “Kansas City.” (SC-ON)

820 WMMG FL Largo - 1/11 0611 - SS Music. ID as “La Mega – Ocho Vente”. (RJ-NC)

WVLZ NY Horseheads - 1/21 1020 - ID, sports, mentions TV channel 36 in Elmira. New. (SC-ON)

830 WTRU NC Kernersville - 1/13 1705 - Dr. R.C. Sproule’s ReNewing Your Mind. New. (SC-ON)

KOTC MO - “The greatest country stars of yesterday and today... real country... pure country.” (WM-MD)

WCRN MA Worcester - 01/20 1605 - Loud w/ Boston University hockey game. Terrible audio, play-by-play and even commercials sounded like they were being fed by telephone. Ad for B&M meats and brown bread and back into game call at 1606. (New. (BT-NB)

840 WHAS KY Louisville - 1/23 1920 - Pounding in here far stronger than usual, with ad for 1-800-NEXTEL-9, full ID and back into college basketball. (BT-NB)

850 WWJC MN Duluth - 1/13 0905 - “Information with a Christian perspective 850 WWJC.”

860 WYLF NY Penn Yan - 1/16 1745 - “Nostalgia music; “timeless classics on 850 WYLF”. New. (SC-ON)

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870 WMTW ME Gorham - 01/20 1607 - Fair out of ABC Sports then ad for XM Radio, followed by “News 8 WMTW” ID, then “Maine’s most accurate forecast” @ 1610. Not hard, but not in the log before either. New. (BT-NB)

880 WMEQ WI Menomonie - 1/12 0735 - “News-talk 880 WMEQ.” New. (SC-ON)

+ 1/17 0856 – overcoming nulled WCBS with PSA for Organ Donation Society of Wisconsin, ID as “News Talk 880 WMEQ.” (MBK-ON)

890 WMDB TN Nashville - 1/20 1741 – gospel music. Caught sign off at 1800, which mentioned 2.5 kilowatts sunrise to sunset; in WCBS null. (NJW-BR)

900 WLSI KY Pikeville - 1/11 0638 – “You’re listening to your only station in Eastern Kentucky for... your old friend, WLSI.” (RJ-NC)

+ 1/14 0540 - “Your unforgettable country music, WLSI”. New. (SC-ON)

+ 1/16 1915 – C & W music; “unforgettable country”; ID. (WM-MD)

CKDH NS Amherst – 1/18 1445 – after “Green Onions”. Over talk. (WM-MD)

910 WADOR WI Sturgeon Bay - 1/14 0715 - weather, ID, AC music. New. (SC-ON)

920 WEFG TN South Pittsburg - 1/15 1736 - Local references. WJW-CN also in. New (SC-ON)

930 WMHV VT White River - 1/20 0012 – spot for River Valley Credit Union and business in Claremont NH; ID as AM 910/1230 ESPN Radio-The Score” with local weather dropped-in and into ESPN stuff (NJW-BR)

940 CJCH NS Halifax - 1/20 0058 - Sports, “The Team 920 Halifax.” New. (SC-ON)

WBAA IN West Lafayette - 1/20 1900 – totally obliterating CKNX with “Available on the web at wbaa.org, this listener-supported public radio from Purdue University, AM 920 and 101.3 FM WBAA West Lafayette.” I’m Asher Byron, it’s 48 degrees at 7 o’clock”, into Town Forum NPR program. (MBK-ON)

950 WAUR IL Sandwich - 1/13 1702 - ID, Christian. New. (SC-ON)

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WBIS Baltimore.” This identification was part of the English Language program from CRI. (DL-MD)

Minneapolis - 1/20 1518 - “The Fan Outdoors” promo, “AM 1130 KFAN.” (SC-ON)


Sydney - 1/20 0605 - CBC news, CBC jingle, NS wx. (SC-ON)

Middleton - 1/16 1750 - Doobie Brothers song; ID. // WLIS. (WM-MD)

Goldboro - 1/18 1202 - Pregame show on “North Carolina Sports Network”; air conditioning ad. (WM-MD)

Gaithersburg - 1/17 1200 - “...Washington’s Financial News Source...” WMET Gaithersburg, Maryland, and Washington DC.” Information Radio Network news feed. Weak but readable. (DL-MD)

Hamilton - 1/17 1900 - “...Oldies eleven fifty, CKOC and...” “Oldies eleven-fifty CKOC, the station that played them then, plays them again. The great-est oldies ever made.” (DL-MD)

Memphis - 1/18 0700 - in heavy co-channel: “... in the hottest in country from AM eleven-fifty WLOC is out of the box from Nashville...” (DL-MD)

WTAM Nashville - 1/7 1300 - Ad for Bush Dental Center in Nashville. “Music Radio 1160,” with 50,000 watts.” (RJ-NJ)

Trumsburg - 1/12 1600 - Local sports promo and references. Also heard overnight. New. (SC-ON)

Mechanicville - 1/13 0533 - “Moon Radio” and nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)

Florence - 1/16 1700 - Area references and phone numbers. New. (SC-ON)

Fenton - 1/20 1638 - In mess with WCWS and WYLL with C&H by Hank Williams and talk about the Davison Shriners Club and a Shriners event in Flint. (NJW-BR)

Tulsa - 1/15 1814 - ID and country. (SC-ON)

Wheeling - 1/19 1900 - “...This is the 2nd longest running live radio show in existence which means in the hour of the show we’ll have...” Radio Jambo-ree USA has been broadcast live on eleven-seventy, WWVA since January 7th 1933, complete with regional talent...” (DL-MD)

With WMET "the Score" ID and talk of fair. (RJ-MB)

Vanderbilt "Seabird" and nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)

"This is the station, AM thirteen hundred, WJFK, and "Country twelve-fifty, WLEM Emporium." (DL-MD)

"...Number one if you’re a sports fan..." WEAQ, Cape Girardeau. (SC-ON)

"The Fair 12-90, WKNE," then ad for the Family Ties Restaurant and the Keene Chamber of Commerce. (BT-NB)

"News Talk eleven-forty-five, WGH. Song “Harper Valley PTA”. "Great oldies on AM 1130"-AM 1190 and WPLM 1390, your source for..." (NJW-BR)

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1320 WMSR TN Manchester - 12/31 0806 - Promo for classic country WXYM-1600 after the newss. (RJ-NC)

1321 WILS MI Lansing - 1/14 1945 - "Unforgettable 1320" into Englebert Humperdinck song. Very tough to hear in local WTLT 1310 splash. New. (RCP-IN)


1340 WHBG VA Harrisonburg - 1/14 1527 - ID in mess. New. (SC-ON)

1350 WOWW OH Conneaut - 1/14 1528 - "Bringing on those good memories, WOWW." New. (SC-ON)

1360 WVLG MD Baltimore - 1/16 1600 - "...the music of your life WVLG Baltimore." ABC News. (DL-MD)

1370 CKBK NB Bathurst - 1/22 1740 - Legal ID. (SC-ON)

1380 WFEA NH Manchester - 01/20 1632 - Up out of the pile with several mentions of 1-93 and then into an ad for the New Hampshire Technical College in Manchester. New. (BT-NB)

1390 WMMI FL St. Petersburg - 12/31 0801 - Kid ID "Radio Disney 1380 WMMI-St. Petersburg." (RJ-NC)

1400 WMJR KY Winchester - 1/14 1701 - Weak ID in mess. Heard following night with solid ID. New. (SC-ON)

1410 WNRI RI Woonsocket - 1/19 2200 - Top-of-the-hour ID after syndicated talk show: into USA Radio News; out of news at 2205 with local spots for Mailloux Furniture on Clinton Street and a beauty salon on Old Victory Highway. Ran identical spots one hour later too. Mixing with WPHM and CKLC. Didn't sound like they were running on their 18 watts night power. (NJW-BR)

1420 WSYB VT Rutland - 01/20 1633 - Ad for the Vermont National Guard, followed by another ad for "freecreditreport.com," then into a financial talk show. New. (BT-NB)

1430 WENE NY Endicott - 1/19 2133 - "The Team" carrying Knoxville Speed vs. Binghamton (Broome County) Icemen UHL hockey. Over top of CHKT. (NJW-BR)

1440 WXKS MA Everett - 01/20 1632 - Up out of the pile with full ID. "Start your day off on the right foot with AM 14-30 WXKS," then into oldies ballad. New. (BT-NB)

1450 KDIZ MN Golden Valley - 1/13 0919 - Radio Disney. Other MN in on SRS greyline. (SC-ON)

1460 WZXY TN Cowan - 1/15 1728 - Local references. New. (SC-ON)

1470 WDKV VA Manassas - 1/13 1000 - Very weak, in music. "WDKV Manassas" at the top of the hour. (DL-MD)

1480 WDNA NY Albany - 01/20 1643 - Poor, w/ ad for Perdue Short-Cuts roasted chicken, followed by an ad about Albany sales tax refunds. New. (BT-NB)

1490 WSDS MI Ypsilanti - 1/18 0805 - Wiping out usually dominant WHBC with slogan "classic country for eastern Michigan, AM 1480 WSDS" into C&W song. (MKB-ON)

1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 1/20 1514 - All alone with "AM-1500 KSTP" and ID and talk program about Martin Luther King. KSTP was still all alone (no sign of WTOP-Washington or WLOQ-Detroit) at 1500 recheck. (NJW-BR)

1510 WLAC TN Nashville - 1/16 2239 - U of TN basketball post game show, ID. (DJT-CT)

1520 WRTP NC Chapel Hill - 1/16 1730 - Religious music; ID; sign-off. Mentions of FM and internet. Very good signal. (WM-MD)

1530 WSAI OH Cincinnati - 1/23 1955 - Poor/fair with the Association's "Windy" and a deep "Murphy" fade just at song's end. Then on with the theme from "the Sting" and, finally, two nice IDs and an ad for "your Cincinnati-area Chrysler dealers." Not heard here lately. (BT-NB)

1540 WNWR PA Bala Cynwyd - 1/17 1700 - Sign off announcement, "Multicultural radio for the Delaware Valley." Off with national anthem. (DJT-CT)

1550 WVAB VA Virginia Beach - 1/16 2254 - Ad for a Hampton Roads restaurant, CNN headline news audio, ad for Ben Franklin crafts store in Yorktown, ID. Off suddenly at 2255. (DJT-CT)
Not much time to DX this week, and very little time to edit the column. The reason is that this
weekend I'm being formally installed as the pastor of the Byron Presbyterian Church where I've
been serving on a temporary basis since October 2000, so there is a lot of activity, including the visit
of my parents. Some have remarked that securing my first permanent job since 1978 is worthy of celebration.

However, most of my temporary positions have lasted longer than most of the permanent positions
in our district! My other church position in the next town over, for instance, is still temporary, but is
more permanent. When a player lands on Boardwalk with a hotel? (a) $200 (b) $1000 (c) $2000
(d) $4000 (e) $10,000. (2) In the game of Uno, what is the greatest number of cards that a player
may be required to draw in a given turn? (a) one (b) two (c) four (d) six (e) seven. (3) In the game of
Jenga, what is the highest level that could be achieved by steady-handed players? (a) twelve (b) twenty
four (c) thirty eight (d) fifty four (e) eighty one. (4) In the game of Monopoly, what is the rent owed
for Yucatan peninsula.

Trans-Atlantic DX

153 ALGERIA Rdf Sonore, Bechar (p), JAN 11 2310-2318 -2 men in AA with music, sounds like a
drama. Fair. [Frodge-MIL]

549 GERMANY DLF, JAN 20 0610 - Fair; classical music and man in German parallel 6190 kHz.
[Conti-NH]

621 CANARY I. Santa Cruz, JAN 21 0314 - Good, RNE-1 program with man in SS. But now I
wonder if it should be reported as a synchronized channel because the Euro MW Guide
show this transmitter as only 10 kW. For years it was listed as 100 kW. [Dangerfield-PA]

684 SPAIN Seville, JAN 24 0206 - Very good. RNE-1 with man and woman in SS, followed by pop
music and vocals. This, of course, has always been one of my regulars, but lately has been
hampered by a wandering signal from our computer which at the time of this logging was
sitting right on 684 kHz. I could turn off the computer, but why bother? [Dangerfield-PA]

756 GERMANY DLF, JAN 20 0625 - Poor; classical music parallel good signals on 153 and 6190
kHz. [Conti-NH]

765 SWITZERLAND BSR Sottens JAN 20 0630 - Poor; presumed this with light music on transmitter
site dawn enhancement. [Conti-NH]

774 SPAIN RNE sincronos JAN 20 0640 - Good; man in Spanish with synchro echo, I believe it's the
first time I've ever noted echo on this frequency as the Valencia 100 kW is presumed the
one usually dominant which makes me wonder if one of the other increased power. [Conti-
NH]

837 AZORES Barrosa, JAN 21 2028 - Fair, with pop music, then a man in PP with, I think, the
news. Was // to a much weaker 837. No BBC 0302 - Just above noise level, with man in PP
and the News, and // to a stronger 693. Apparently now set on 837 instead of 836. [Dangerfield-
PA]

945 FRANCE Le Mouv, Toulouse JAN 17 0050 - Fair; presumed this with rockop music. [Conti-
NH]

981 PORTUGAL Coimbra et al, JAN 21 0128 - Weak, with soft pop music and announcements by
a man in PP. Separable with difficulty from 980. [Dangerfield-PA]

1035 PORTUGAL Lisbon, JAN 21 0053 - Weak, with soft pop music and announcements by
a man and a woman. [Dangerfield-PA]

1044 MOROCCO Sebaa Aloum, JAN 18 0249 - Fair, with woman and man in AA, and seemed to be // to 207
[which wasn’t too hefty]. The transmitter is pretty far inland so it isn’t surprising that the signal doesn’t
get out too often. Spain was way behind. [Dangerfield-PA]

1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba JAN 15 2300 - Good; Middle

Eastern music, time pipes marking the top of the hour, man in Arabic with Saudiyyah Arabiyan
mention, must have signed off shortly after as the signal was gone upon recheck just a few
minutes later while searching for SW parallels. [Conti-NH]

Ben speaks: “There really isn’t much to talk about here, but I just want you all to know that I still try every
day, hoping for something new or a good opening. At this point, this season will go down as one of the all-time
worst, not only for TXs but also for LAs, undoubtedly because of the ongoing solar disturbance, or it seems as
though even one solar flare or whatever ends, another starts up. There have been recently a few periods when I
could count 40 or so TA signals on a night, but then, almost all of those were barely above the noise level.
Only Saudi-1521 and Mauretanina-783 have been regulars, but weaker than in the past. Croatia-1134, Slovakias-1098
and UK-1089 have made a few appearances, but also much weaker. I haven’t heard from Norway-1314 this year,
so I can’t prove it by me that they are still on the air. A few days ago there was some low end activity and even some
LW activity, but to make things even, the high end has been poor. Cubans seem to be the most dominant
LAs, and I find them rather boring. I have had Grenada-535 a few times, but very weakly. And to think that
around a year ago I actually heard Surinam-670! Well, I’m always the optimist, so will predict that conditions
will be a lot better come February and March!”

Pan-American DX

535 GRENADA St. George, JAN 8 0320 - Weak to fair. Woman and man in EE discussing the
economy. Rarely heard any more. Conditions or power decrease? [Dangerfield-PA]

540 MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH, JAN 20 0500 - heard weakly under XEWA, but
still a very clear ID “...quintinientos-quarenta (540), X-E-TX, La Ranchera de Paquime”,
followed by woman talking. New log for me. [Stewart-MO]

560 MEXICO XEQA QA Chetumal JAN 12 0255 - “Lo Pocas” fighting with WQAM. Mexican
City station also noted here some mornings. [Hall-FL3]

566 NIGERIAI. Jan 21 1115 - Man with news about Nicaragua, GMT-6 TCs. Is there a Nica-
raguan on 560 now? [Hall-FL3]

590 HONDURAS HRLP3 San Pedro Sula JAN 7 1151 - Man with time check and ID “Radio
America, la primera cadena radial de Honduras... siempre importante, siempre independiente,
siempre para el pueblo”. [Dangerfield-PA]

590 MEXICO UNID JAN 11 1200 - XE anthem way under the Cuban classical music station.
[Hall-FL3]

630 HONDURAS HRLP7 La Ceiba JAN 7 1102 - ID and Honduras news. Mixing with XEFU later.
Noted several subsequent mornings from Tampa and Naples. [Hall-FL1]

630 MEXICO XERF La Ceiba JAN 7 1208 - Poor with noticeable, multiple mentions of
Monterrey and slogan “Notiradio” fighting with WQAM. Probably the US pattern
phasing. This 50 KW biowtow is directional. It must be protecting the USA. First time log
here. [Bryant-OK]

660 HONDURAS HRNN18 La Ceiba JAN 7 1151 - Very good with ad for Cafe El Indio, ID “RCR,
La Voz de Honduras.” [Hall-FL1]

660 MEXICO XEIZ Montevideo, N.L., JAN 25 0131 - was atop channel with “Grupo Radio
Alegria” and “Notiradio” mentions during a sportscast. [Stewart-MO]

730 MEXICO XETEB, Tenabo, Campeche, JAN 20 0435-0300 - frequent male on cart with callign
and IDs as La Voz de los Mayas and mentioning “6 mil vantos de potencia” and “emisora
cultural para toda la peninsula Yucatan” or similar. 1049 had strange 51 metalhead program,
otherwise difficult to distinguish from XEX “La Nueva X” on same frequency from Mexico
DF, which gradually took over the frequency. The gob.mx site lists this one on 920 with 1.5
kw by Instituto Mejicano de la Radio. False readable peaks but mostly buried under WJL,
TN. [Crawford-FL]

740 MEXICO XEFP Peto JAN 7 1014 - Fair over WQTM with local features. [Hall-FL1]

750 MEXICO XETI Templool JAN 12 0230 - Slogan “Radio Fiesta, Jalapa, Veracruz.” [Hall-FL3]

780 MEXICO XEPI San Fernando JAN 9 1728 - Ads for Camiceria La Unica, and Farmacia
Favon de Paquime”, followed by Ad "RCR, Farmacia -

981 VENEZUELA KCoro, Coro JAN 20 0755 - Good.; “fin de semana” UTC-4 time check, “Radio
Coro 780- primer lugar de sintonia” and “Radio Coro 780” jingle, romantic and tropical
music. [Conti-NH]

980 MEXICO XERC Mexico JAN 13 0317 - Fair with “Formato 21” slogans, mixing with other XE
which was possibly XEU. [Hall-FL3]

980 MEXICO XEU. Tizimin JAN 10 1224 - Fair under Reloj and WAXY. Male announcer giving
local weather for Yucatan peninsula. [Hall-FL3]

1040 BAHAMAS ZNSS Freeport JAN 11 1720 - Fair my day signal with sports talk about an
upcoming soccer game in New Providence.
890, which was creaming nulled WLS. These MEXICO XEFW Tampico JAN 10 1218 - OC appeared suddenly at 1218 drowning out another XE that was here earlier. "Radio Estrella, Grupo Pe y Esperanza." [Hall-FL3]

890 CUBA CMAF Pinar del Rio, JAN 23 0615 UTC - fair-poor during WCB5 silent period with long-winded, monotone commentary by woman, no Radio Progreso ID heard but was / 890, which was creaming nulled WLS. These WCB5-880/WFAN-660 silent periods are getting too old hat. They were both off this morning, from 0100 EST/0600 UTC. [Brooker-ON]

890 MEXICO XEBY Tuxpan JAN 10 1210 - Fair-good "La Consentida" female announcer with call-in program. [Hall-FL3]

900 NEVIS (f) Vof Nevis, JAN 25 0139 - briefly fair to good in bad domestic slop with what sounded like rock music (a steady 2/4 beat anyway, didn't sound "Caribbean"). No announced ID or station name; audio level seems pretty low. Signal soon faded to just a weak het. Is 0200 the official s/off for this? No time listed in 2002 WRTL, but carrier definitely gone after 0200. Long time since I've heard this one with audio coming through. [Stewart-MO]

900 MEXICO XEW Mexico / XEB Veracruz JAN 12 0208 - Both stations together with noticeable delay between them. Lengthy discussion of food product awards. [Hall-FL3]

900 MEXICO XEU Veracruz JAN 10 1203 - Good with ID, reported O500pm news-cast "E l noticias de la una", possible slogan "lider en informacion local." [Hall-FL3]

900 MEXICO XEFM Veracruz JAN 11 0228 - Time checks, ad for Superfarmacia Mexicana slogans. A nice surprise. [900]

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900 MEXICO XEQO XEQOO Nevis, JAN 25 0139 - Very clear with song, "laser blast" [Hall-FL3]

900 MEXICO XEMCA Panuco JAN 10 1232 - Good with ID, slogan "MCA 10-90". Noted several TdF stations previously used by Radio France or simply make the frequencies available for stations to set up their own LP transmitters. [Moore-FL]

910 MEXICO XEFM Veracruz JAN 11 0225 - Male announcers with call-in show, "somos La Maquina Musical." [Hall-FL3]

910 MEXICO XEQO XECQO Cancun JAN 7 1058 - Big signal with Radio Pirata slogans [Hall-FL1]. JAN 9 1700 Further south, this one can be logged midday. [Hall-FL2]

910 MEXICO XEEP Mexico, DF, JAN 20 0450 - somewhat of a surprise to find Radio Universidad Veracruzana... 15950 kHz... desde Jalapa, capital del estado de Veracruz." [Hall-FL3]

910 ANGUILLA? JAN 8 0255 - Sermon noted here. Signal lost at 0300. Is Anguilla still active? Haven't thought about these guys about the days when we could hear them on my car radio in California! [Hall-FL1]

Tim speaks: "This was fun. I didn't have as much time to DX as I would have liked (this was mostly a business trip, and our hotel room in Naples was drowning in electrical noise). I did manage to DX at sunrise on the beach on the 12th but conditions weren't very good that morning. I had better reception sitting in the car outside the hotel with my '10 and the Kiswa pocket loop sitting up on the dashboard. This was a very nice trip (my wife enjoyed it too) so we'll be back again, probably in the month of January."

Trans-Pacific DX

1575 THAILAND, JAN 20 1150-1207 - peaked 1159-1201, parallel 9890 kHz with VOA Burmese program, mostly weak in the noise. At 1200 Burmese program ended with usual musical selection. After a brief pause a man said what sounded like "good morning", although it was just after sunset in Thailand, then into new program. Also JAN 22 1147-1158 at threshold level parallel 9890 kHz. [Moore-FL]

Ray says: "TP DXing is rather boring during the winter but Thailand keeps popping up along with an occasional good carrier on 1475 kHz, to sustain my interest."

International News

FRANCE: The CSA, the French radio authority, have announced that they will soon make a number of MW frequencies available to the private sector. The first batch of five licences are expected next month. Interestingly, they call these AM licences. The term "ondes moyennes" (mediumwave) is no longer used. Meanwhile Radio France have relinquished two of their unused channels, 585 kHz in Marseille and 963 kHz in Paris. What is still unclear, is whether the CSA wants to let the private sector use the high power TdF stations previously used by Radio France or simply make the frequencies available for stations to set up their own LP transmitters. [Hall-FL1]

You can download the log in Frequency or County order. It now has over 69-16: ARC asked, "Changes reported by Venezuela en la Onda, can anyone confirm?" 610 kHz. [Hall-FL3]

VENEZUELA: Some notes regarding the ARC Central and South America Desk reports in the e-DX report for a major update to the Taiwan listings. The Log is available for free from the TPDX website: www.spl.net/~dxid. You can download the log in Frequency or Country order. It now has over 3500 listings. As always, your

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RUSSIA: Radioostantsiya Tikhiy Okean has eliminated its SW 7175, LW 234-Magadan & 243-Vladivostok from this year. Only 810 kHz: Vladivostok has been used. Opening announcement is not changed and describes itself as " program for fishermen, seamen & all the people living in Far East Russia", but now, as a matter of fact, the program seems only for Vladivostok (OGUMA Hironao, Tokyo, Japan: Premium Jan 24 via DX Listeners Digest)

VENUEZUELA: Some notes regarding the ARC Central and South America Desk reports in the e-mail IDXO 69-16: ARC asked, "Changes reported by Venezuela en la Onda, can anyone confirm?" 610 VYM Radio Coro, Coro, ex 780 kHz. - As of JAN 20, R Coro is still being received on 780 with Radio Coro 780 IDs and jingles. 880 VYM Venezuela 880, Puerto Ordaz, ex Mundial 8-80. - I've been reporting this since at least September, IDs as Radio Venezuela (IDXO, DX News V69 #1). [Conti-NH]

Publications

"I've just updated the Pacific Asian Log. This was the first update since it was issued last August. I've added central Russia and the Asian CIS countries to the log, so the PAL and the EMW log now have complete coverage of Asia and Europe. The country version is now sorted in country, frequency, location order, making it a bit easier to use. I've also incorporated several suggestions, and updated many of the listings. Special thanks to Miller Liu for a major update to the Taiwan listings. The Log is available for free from the TPDX website: www.spl.net/~dxid. You can download the log in Frequency or Country order. It now has over 3500 listings. As always, your
Here are two National Hockey League (NHL) networks, which I had misplaced because they had arrived before I had received/found a flagship list. The announcer names are from last season. Please send me any professional hockey or basketball network lists that you may have.

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580 WTCM-MI 970 WKHM-MI b 1290 CJBK-ON c 1400 WSJM-MI c
950 WJMS-MI c 980 CPLL-ON bd 1330 WTRX-MI c 1450 WHTC-MI c
1270 LPTD-MI b 1450 WLLI-ON c
1550 WJMS-MI d
600 WCHT-MI 1230 WSOO-MI
630 CFCC-ON 1240 WATT-MI c 1380 WPHM-MI c 1500 WDEE-MI c
790 WSGW-ON 1240 WCBY-MI
910 WDFD-MI b 1270 WJMK-MI c 1400 WCCY-MI 92.7 WQXY-MI
940 WIDG-MI 950 WXYZ-MI b 1490 WRCC-MI 97.3 WDER-MI b

**San Jose Sharks 2001/2002**


950 KAHI-CA 1340 KATA-CA 1400 KVBL-CA 1640 KDIA-CA
970 KESP-CA 1460 KTXX-CA 98.5 KUXF-CA *
1270 KXBX-CA 1380 KTMJ-CA 1490 KRKC-CA
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**Review of 2002 World Radio TV Handbook**

I have compiled an incisive INFOVIEW of the World Radio TV Handbook 2002, which has been posted in the public domain. It may be viewed at: <http://clix.to/edxp>. The Publisher, Nicholas Hardiman, said this about the INFOVIEW: “I have just read your review of WRTH 2002. It is a very good review and sums up admirably where we are and where we need to go. I like your idea of an index for multi-national broadcasters”. [Bob Padula, Melbourne, Australia, <bobpadula@bigpond.com>, in hard-core-dx e-mail]
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Tom Bryant - Nashville, TN (retired WSM Production manager)

I've known, it's been about 15 years since I dumped, so I guess a brief re-intro would be in order. Actually, if you go to my web site <http://members.home.net/tjbdx/> you can learn a lot about me and my 42-year broadcast career. For those who don't have internet access, or could care less, suffice to say that I spent over 30 years at WSM in Nashville.

I'm writing this in response to a lot of inquiries regarding my personal opinion about the recent firestorm which resulted with the announcement that WSM was contemplating a format switch from classic country to sports-talk.

Well, since I'm retired and have no major ties with WSM's owners, Gaylord Entertainment Company, I can and will speak freely.

In an age when formats get changed as frequently as diapers and the content are often similar) WSM's proposed switch was a shocker that garnered national...even worldwide attention. For a one-of-a-kind establishment which is virtually the broadcast version of the Smithsonian Institution to throw out 75+ years of history would be unconscionable.

Or would it?

If the claim is true that WSM $1.5 million last year, perhaps a change is in order. But would it be necessary to toss the baby out with the bath water? Take a look at the 'big picture' and draw your own conclusions.

We must understand that the overall situation is quite complex. Not only is WSM-AM's heritage as a pioneer and promoter of country music involved; so are two other co-owned Nashville FM stations. Also involved: public opinion, bean counters, changing times, demographics, bottom lines, emotions, traditions, and probably a dozen other factors I've either overlooked or don't know about. My initial reaction was one of shock. They're thinking about doing WHAT? "IDIOTS," I thought to myself.

After the numbness had subsided, I thought back over the last 10 years, and realized that the Gaylord people have done a horrid job of preserving the country music institutions and heritage established by their predecessors.

Regardless of how volatile the subject might be, a proposed format change really shouldn't have been a surprise. After all, this same ownership that shut down the Opryland USA Theme Park (making money, just not enough) and replaced it with a shopping mall. Disposing of the successful TNN and CMT cable channels to outsiders also eroded Gaylord's image, and was considered a commitment sellout by country music devotees.

Not only have many of their corporate moves...particular since the retirement of former National Life VP/Opryland CEO Bud Wendell...been unprofitable; some have created bad vibes with Nashville residents, and others simply have appeared to be money grabs with little or no justification.

Of course Gaylord is entitled to do as it wishes with any properties in owns, including the programming on WSM...and in the long run probably will. This time, however, their CEO himself an "outsider") seemed to be caught completely off guard by public outcry against the possible change. I can only speculate as to why the proposed change was called off and a promise made to cease meddling with WSM's vintage country format; and I don't care to express all of my opinions in that area. I do believe that it would be safe to say that for at least one very rare occasion, public opinion and sentiment played a part in a Gaylord corporate edict. While WSM and its continued devotion to the content that made it (and Nashville) famous are in a safe haven for the moment, I don't expect the bottomliners to go away.

CEO Colin Reed made it clear that it will NOT be business as usual. There MUST be improved profits. Considering the continually declining state of AM radio...unique formats included...fulfilling that demand is not going to be an easy task. Syndication of the Grand Ole Opry has been mentioned as a means to increase listenership and revenue. That sort of effort hasn't done well in the past. Is there any reason to think it would now? They seem to think so, I don't.

Then, there's the sad fact that, no thanks to the FCC, the "clear channel 680" AM signal ain't what it used to be; and as each year passes it reaches fewer potential listeners. The Opry (Gaylord considers it the "crown jewel" of its properties...or at least that's what they say) is available on the internet...but no one seems to believe that's where its future lies. XL, Sirius, or another satellite delivery system? Could be. The bongos say they're looking into everything and don't care to discuss specifics. If they can get the beloved Grand Ole Opry (and maybe even the unique WSM programming) on a bird, perhaps the beat will disappear for the AM operation.

Bottom line? I don't know if sure there is one. For the present WSM and the Grand Ole Opry are intertwined to the point where one without the other is unthinkable. WSM with a non-country format is, suppose, an option; but I'll have to borrow an opinion from country entertainer Charlie Daniels to make my comments. I concur with his analogy that switching WSM-AM from classic country/Grand Ole Opry to ANYTHING else would be akin to tearing down the Washington Monument to make way for a 7-11 store.

Will there be changes? Sure. What will they be? That's anyone's guess. Are there any right answers? Probably, but I doubt, considering their track record, that in the long run the Gaylord people will find them.

Two probabilities loom large in my mind...one is to donate the station, the Grand Ole Opry, and the Ryman Auditorium to the Country Music Foundation which would in turn run it in conjunction with the Country Music Hall of Fame. I am a number cruncher and would let the experts figure out how to fund operation under that plan. The other is simply for Gaylord to leave WSM-AM and the Opry alone and use them as tax write-offs. While I'm not sure how that works, I hear about them all the time...and am aware that big corporations commonly use "loss leaders" as a tax dodge.

If any company ever needed an image improvement, Gaylord does. I hope they act sensibly.

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