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From the Publisher . . . We bid welcome to Bruce Conti and farewell to Jim Renfrew with this issue, as Bruce takes over the reins as IDXD editor from Jim. And thanks for all your quality, hard work over the years, Jim.

Lima: NRC 2002 . . . Fred Vobbe has posted more information about this year's NRC convention: <<<http://www.nrcdxas.org/convention/02nrcccon>>>. Or just go to www.nrcdxas.org and follow the links, he says. He's adding features almost daily to the convention.

ODXA RadioFest 2002 . . . The Ontario DX Association's annual convention II will be held September 20, 21, and 22 at the Monte Carlo Inn - Oakville - 374 South Service Road E., Oakville,

Ontario, L6J 2X6 (Tel: (905) 849-9500, Fax: (905) 849-6405; <<reservation@montecarloinn.com>>). Weekend Registration: \$10.00, and the Friday Wine & Cheese is included in registration. For more information, contact Harold Sellers at 905-853-3518, FAX 905-853-3169, <<listeningin@rogers.com>>, or Brian Smith at 905-426-4510, <<am740@rogers.com>>, or by mail at: Ontario DX Association - Box 161 - Willowdale Str. A - Toronto, Ontario, Canada M2N 5S8.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the May 17, 1952 DXN: A retrospect of the 1951-1952 DX season listed 80 stations that had conducted special DX tests for the NRC. A list was published of 47 Latin American stations that were currently operating on split frequencies ... from the June 14 DXN: Ev Johnson, Mendota, IL reported that KGFL-1400, Roswell, NM, included a special numeral in its weekly frequency check Sundays 0400-0415, stating, "If you do not get the number, the C. E. said you get no verie!".

25 years ago ... from the May 15, 1977 DXN: Ted Fleischaker, Louisville, KY reported that the KCBQ test was in very well, "once somebody finally got KDLA to stop playing records" ... from the June 20 DXN: John Clements reviewed the McKay-Dymek DR-22 receiver, calling it worthy of consideration but still needing some adjustments.

10 years ago ... from the June 8, 1992 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO was offering his Kenwood R-2000 for sale for \$500, including the manual + from the July 6 DXN: LA-area stations were trying to take a leading role in the attempt to restore peace after wide-spread violence and rioting in Los Angeles.

NRC Publications Guide

Available online at <<<http://nrcdxas.org/articles/Pubguide/index.html>>>, the *Guide* is a must-study for editors or anyone wishing to publish an article in *DX News* or write a longer publication for sale via NRC Publications. Can't get online? Send an SASE (#10 envelope, please) to the Publisher (address on the back cover) and request the hard copy. Save yourself time and effort: study the Guide before submitting! We who publish will appreciate it.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old call</u>	<u>New call</u>
700	✓ WWTL MD Poolesville	WGOP
1250	KWSJ KS Kansas City	KKHK
1260	KTTF MO Springfield	KSGF
1420	KBBX NE Omaha	KHLP
1420	KPAR TX Granbury	KPIR
1480	WNCR NC Fair Bluff	WVXY
1500	KOMH OK Pawhuska	KPGM
1600	WNRK DE Dover	WKEN
1600	WKBJ TN Milan	WMQM
1700	KBGG IA Des Moines	WSJZ*
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WQXR

*Notes: The FCC in error assigned this "W" call to an area where it was not appropriate. The call was assigned on 6/6 and rescinded 6/18 so the station is again KBGG. We understand they actually used "WSJZ" on the air for a short time making a very rare reception for those who may have logged it.

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

680	WCBM MD Baltimore: 50000/20000 U4
850	KJON OK Anadarko: 5000 (5000 CH) D3
890	WBPS MA Dedham: 25000/3400 U4
890	KVOZ TX Del Mar Hills: 9000/1000 U4
950	WPET NC Greensboro: 600/42 U1
1000	WRAR VA Tappahannock: 300 D1
1210	KUBR TX San Juan: 10000/5000 U4
1270	WCGC NC Belmont: 10000/54 U4
1390	KZAR AR Rogers: 1000/49 U1
1520	KDYS LA Lafayette: 10000/500 (10000 CH) U8
1530	KQQA TX Creedmoor: 10000/12 (1000 CH) U7

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

580	KTMT OR Ashland: 1000/1000 U4
900	WLSI KY Pikeville: 2400/159 U1
1420	WLET GA Toccoa: 1000/65 U1
1540	WSIV NY East Syracuse: 1000/57 U1
1580	WNFT FL Bithlo: 10000 D3
1600	WOKB FL Winter Garden: 2200/35 U1

OTHERNESS

620	WWNR WV Beckley: CP for 5000/25 U1 is on
690	WNNT VA Warsaw: license CANCELLED, call DELETED at licensee's request
780	WTME ME Rumford: CP for 10000/18 U1 is on
810	KSWV NM Santa Fe: application for 5000/12 U1 dismissed, remains D1
830	*App FL Bunnell: application for new station DENIED
970	WVOP GA Vidalia: CP for 4000/60 U1 is on
980	WHSR FL Pompano Beach: shown in error last issue on 960 kHz
1070	WIWS WV Beckley: CP for 10000 (7700 CH) D1 is on
1120	WSMO NC Camp Lejeune: CP to move here from 1580 kHz with 6000 (4200 CH) D1 is on
1180	WGAB IN Newburgh: CP for 670/1 U1 is on

1360	KDJW TX Amarillo: silent station is ON THE AIR
1450	WSMG TN Greenville: CP for 670/670 U1 is on
1490	WFAD VT Middlebury: silent station is ON THE AIR
1510	KNRC CO Littleton: silent station is ON THE AIR
1520	WKBZ MI Muskegon Heights: this silent station's days are numbered. Their 9-tower studio/transmitter site will be razed in August to make way for a condo development, and in September they will reach the one-year silent deadline at which time the FCC cancels licenses. We'll let you know when it becomes official.
1550	WSHN MI Fremont: silent station is ON THE AIR
1610	"CPAM" PQ Montreal: the first Canadian X-band station is ON THE AIR with 1000/1000 U1; we don't believe this is the actual call since the "CP" series is assigned to Bolivia, but that is what is presently being shown.

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Networks**

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Network listings for team sports stations

Russ Edmunds reports that the Independent League Somerset (NJ) Patriots are also heard on 1040 WJHT-NJ. Please send me any Major/Minor League Baseball information that you have. There are still network lists that I do not have. Thanks.

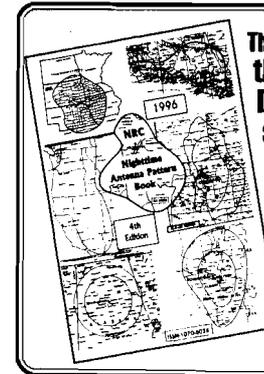
Here are some flagships for the WNBA from <www.wnba.com> (via Bob Pietsch).

Charlotte Sting	106.1	WNMX-NC
Houston Comets	610	KILT-TX
Miami Sol	610	WIOD-FL
Minnesota Lynx	1130	KFAN-MN
New York Liberty	1600	WWRL-NY
Orlando Miracle	580	WDBO-FL
Utah Starzz	1320	KFNZ-UT
Washington Mystics	1260	WWRC-DC



No mentions of broadcasts for the other teams, but that doesn't necessarily mean they don't exist.

Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone? Check the back page - it's all right there!



The NRC Nighttime Antenna Pattern Book, 5th Edition is the perfect mate to the NRC AM Log, as the NPB provides DX'ers with up-to-date maps of all (except Class IV) stations with nighttime operations. Convenient to use: 3-hole punched for standard binders. Still only \$16.95 to U. S. and Canadian members; \$22.95 to U. S. and Canadian non-NRC members. Airmail to members in Europe (except Italy): \$28.00. All others, please contact us for exact pricing.

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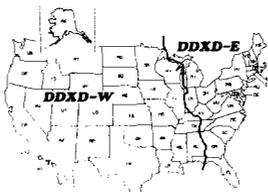
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- **Doug Smith** reports: "WSMV-4 reports (as does the Robertson County Times) that WDBL-1590 & WDBL-FM 94.3 will be going silent at midnight on July 1. The stations have been sold and will be returning with a new format. The newspaper cites poor advertising sales since last September as the reason for the sale. WDBL was one of the last of the small-town "everything" stations. Country, blues, oldies, urban, local church services & talks, farm reports, 'tradio' classifieds - this station will be badly missed. WDBL-FM has fair Nashville coverage; you can bet they will return to the air with a format aimed at a big-city audience. I would not be too surprised if the AM station simply remains silent."; and **Shawn**, after venturing out toward the big ocean, reports: "Had a great trip out west to see friends and family. Managed to sneak in some DX time using the stereos found in the house. Seem the OK network is no more with the Okanogan Valley stations all doing their own thing. Still can DX in the summer that's to dry weather and no T-storms for a few days." Shawn also reminds us that the AMANDX DX Info Site including the Canadian DX, AM Slogans and Expanded Band Pages are at <http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/index.htm>; **Tim Hall** checks in after his long haul into the desert: "I recently bought a new Toyota Prius (gas-electric hybrid), which we took on this trip. I love the gas mileage (48 MPG) but unfortunately Toyota still makes the weakest car radios around!"
- Unless someone decides to go to a wedding or something ... the deadline for Issue 29 is August 1, 2002 at 1800 hours CDT. See you here?

REPORTERS

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 TRH-UT2 **Tim Hall** Cedar City ICF-2010 + Kiwa Loop
 TRH-UT3 **Tim Hall** Teasdale ICF-2010, Kiwa Loop, 400 ft. long wire aimed west; 200 foot long wire aimed south; 575 foot long wire aimed SSE; 575 foot long wire aimed east-southeast
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STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 730 CJNW BC **Vancouver - 6/14 - Had been stunting** with a mix of modern rock plus Stanley Cup playoff hockey since dropping its All News format May 28, is off the air. On May 23rd **CE Mark Friesen** advised that the station would be undergoing a major technical upgrade in the near future. Will the stunting end and a new format be in place when the station returns? (**Northwest Broadcasters**)

- 850 WYDE AL **Birmingham - Will be changing formats to religion**, maybe by the time you read this. Ex: talk. They are requesting new calls as WDJC. (**All Access**)
- 990 TX KXXL **Farmersville - 7/2 - Has returned to the air**, with syndicated talk format, at least the times I've heard it. Has **Ollie North's Common Sense** show afternoons, Information Radio Network news on the hour. First heard Monday, July 1 on car radio in Denton. IDs as Farmersville-Dallas-Fort Worth. If its night pattern puts signal this way, it'll hurt a good frequency for Mexican stations. (JC-TX) [I also heard this, but will give JC the finder's fee on this one, hi - Ed.]
- 1010 KTNZ TX **Amarillo - Switches to SS-language format** along with their FMer, KBZD 99.7. Ex: EE talk. (100000watts.com)
- 1270 CBRU BC **CBC Radio One Squamish** is already broadcasting on 1270, having changed frequency from 1260 and increased power, putting a strong daytime signal onto the east coast of Vancouver Island near Nanaimo. According to CRTC records, the hearing for the application isn't scheduled until August 12 at Gatineau, Quebec. (**Northwest Broadcasters**)
- 1290 WPCF FL **Panama City - Now programming sports**. Ex: religious/contemporary Christian. (100000watts.com)
- 1370 KJCE TX **Rollingwood - Switches to talk**. Ex: sports. (DX-midAmerica.com)
- 1420 KPIR TX **Granbury - Has returned to the air with a C&W format**. Ex: AOR. Very weak here at 43 miles as patterns do not favor this direction. [Ed.-TX]
- 1490 KMET CA **Banning - Changes to smooth jazz**. Ex: C&W. (100000watts.com)
- 1490 KPKE CO **Gunnison - Now simulcasts KEJL-98.3 The Edge**. (TH-UT)
- 1500 KDFN MO **Donifan - Format change to oldies** (Jones). Ex: soft AC/ABC. (DX-midAmerica.com)
- 1510 KNRC CO **Littleton - 6/24 2000 - First day of regular programming** under new call letters (ex: KDKO) after being dark for several weeks. Talk/sports/news format. Enid Goldstein (formerly of KGO) with live call-in show in afternoon rush hour slot with telephone number 303-297-1510. Slogans *Where Denver Talks* and *The New Station You Can Talk To*. Also live local news, weather, sports, and traffic. (PG-CO)
- 1590 WIXK WI **New Richmond - Has changed back to ABC's Real Country format**. When WIXK-FM/107.1 changed to a Female Talk format several weeks ago, AM 1590 had temporarily continued to rebroadcast the FM. (**Upper Midwest Broadcasting**)

**AM 800
CKLW**

STUMPERS

- 1030 UNID ?? - 7/4 0511-0523 - Fair, over WBZ. Some fades. Satellite oldies and *Oldies1030* non-IDs. Ads at :22 and nothing after ad, going info feed. Who izzit? (JJR-WI)
- 1230 UNID ?? UNID - 6/22 0557 - Noted a few times on this trip with Ray Lucia's *On the Money* program. Can't find a good affiliate list on the Internet. (TRH-UT2)
- 1250 KBRF? MN **Fergus Falls - 6/24 0618** - Dairyline Radio Network. KBRF-MN is the only listed affiliate (<http://www.dairyline.com/affiliates.htm>), and they run the Dairyline feature at 0618 per the website, so probably them. (TRH-UT3)
- 1260 UNID ?? - 6/23 0551 - Poor, though clear, with oldies. Jingle at :56. *W??F/S?* (last three were one syllable). No usual suspects. Help. (JJR-WI)
- 1340 UNID ?? UNID - 6/17 0023 - Ad for **John's Mobile Glass** 1-800-750-6900; logged from Overton, NV. (TRH-NV)
- 1400 UNID ?? UNID - 6/16 0818 - Ad for a registration and title service 243-7585. No match found on Internet. (TRH-UT1)
- 1450 UNID ?? UNID - 6/22 0034 - Noted a few times with *La Mera Mera* slogan. Domestic station? (TRH-UT2)
- 1490 UNID ?? UNID - 6/24 0514 - Noted with oldies and calling itself "the edge". Suspect a new slogan for KPKE-Co but not sure. (TRH-UT3)
- 1550 UNID ?? UNID - 6/22 0529 - Spanish *Que buena 15-50 AM*. Domestic? (TRH-UT2)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 WNBA814 WA **Fidalgo Island** - Is running a test message for the state of Washington. (FA-WA)
- 1610 KNEC996 CA **Yosemite National Parea (area) - 6/16 0737** - CalTrans HAR for Yosemite

(SW entrance?) noted still running winter message about drivers having to carry chains. Tape loop includes call letters. Had been listening to this station from Lone Pine, CA a few nights earlier. (TRH-UT1)

1610 TIS/Pirate?NV **Mesquite - 6/21 2205** - Noted a station here running oldies and pre-recorded IDs. *Mesquite's new solid gold oldies, AM 16-10, the Boss*. Noted again on return trip on 6/25 at 1500, saying they were broadcasting from the Riverside Commercial Center in Mesquite. (TRH-NV)

1610 WQO681 WY **Bosler - 6/22 2155** - Colorado DoT/Wyoming DoT station noted on east wire with usual tape loop, mixing with semi-local KOQ516. (TRH-UT3)

1700 WNCM749 CA **Burbank - 6/22 0310** - Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena airport TIS station is really getting out these days! Noted on top of channel at Lone Pine, CA, and putting a good signal into Cedar City tonight. (TRH-UT2)

EMERGENCY BROADCASTS

550 KFYI AZ **Phoenix - 6/22 2130** - With news of the activation of EBS in Show Low and Mogollon Rim area in the face of the Rodeo and Chedeski fires. Best coverage in the Phoenix area. (KR-AZ)

620 KTAR AZ **Phoenix - 6/22 2145** - With news of the fire on the Mogollon Rim and that the Diamondbacks baseball game was shifted to KMVP-860 to cover the emergency. (KR-AZ)

970 KVWM AZ **Show Low - 6/22 2105** - With EBS activation and announcement of evacuation of Show Low, Pinewood-Laketop, Heber, Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Pinetop, Linden and Aripine. Also announced the station would be on the air until the power failed or the station burned to the ground. On high power for the emergency. (KR-AZ)

1250 KDJI AZ **Holbrook - 6/22 2100** - With EBS activation and announcement of evacuation of Show Low, Pinewood-Laketop, Heber, Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Pinetop, Linden and Aripine. Announced broadcasting at 5 kW as allowed by the FCC during emergencies. (KR-AZ)

1270 KDJI AZ **Holbrook - 6/23 0147** - Good signal, with special coverage of the wildland fires in the area. Issued several warnings, lists of evacuation centers, and plea for donation of personal hygiene items. Mentioned that they were staying on full power 24 hours a day during the emergency. (PG-CO)

1450 KVSL AZ **Show Low - 6/22 2110** - With EBS activation and announcement of evacuation of Show Low, Pinewood-Laketop, Heber, Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Pinetop, Linden and Aripine. Also announced the station would be on the air until the power failed or the station burned to the ground. Announced that the station was linked to AMers KDJI and KVWM also KZUA 92.1 Holbrook and KRFM 96.5 on FM. (KR-AZ)



MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

580 CKXR BC **Salmon Arm - 6/24 2335** - Fair signal, with oldies and AC music. IDs as CKXR. (SA-BC1)

610 WDAF MO **Kansas City - 6/24 0029** - Country music, local ads, 61 Country slogans and IDs. On top of another station running *Good Time Oldies*. (TRH-UT3)

620 CKRM SK **Regina - 6/24 0028** - Saskatchewan's home of country music, CKRM. (TRH-UT3)

630 CKOV BC **Kelowna - 6/24 0943** - Fair signals with talk and news programming, local ads. ID's as CKOV 63. (SA-BC1)

800 KDFO CA **Bakersfield - 6/24 0130** - Sports call-in/talk show. No ID, but heard ad for . . . *the best golf course in Kern County, just ?? miles from Bakersfield*. Bad KGO slop except when their phone caller was speaking (telephone limits voice to 3 KHZ so there is little slopover.) First station heard on 800 KHZ while DXING from SF Bay Area. (BK-CA)

800 CKOR BC **Penticton - 6/24 0939** - Very good signal, with mix of new and old light rock favourites. IDs as *Easy Rock AM 800*. (SA-BC1)

840 CKBX BC **100 Mile House - 6/25 2330** - Poor signal, with local ads and country music. (SA-BC1)

860 KPAM OR **Trout Lake - 6/24 2358** - Poor signal, with legal ID on the hour. (SA-BC1)

860 CBRJ BC **Grand Forks - 6/24 2346** - Poor signal, with CBC Radio One programming. (SA-BC1)

900 CKMO BC **Victoria - 6/17 0855** - Very good signal, with multi-ethnic music programming. Slogan is now *Village 900*. (SA-BC2)

900 CKBI SK **St. Albert - 6/24 0640** - *Your favourite music all night long, Country 900, CKBI*. (TRH-UT3)

940 WGMY MI **South Haven - 6/11 2127** - Fair, over WFAW, with Tigers baseball, ads, and ID. Rare! (JJR-WI)

940 CJGX SK **Yorkton - 7/4 0532** - Good, with very detailed weather and GX94 slogans and C&W. (JJR-WI)

990 CBKN BC **Shalalth - 6/24 2341** - Poor signal, with CBC Radio One programming. (SA-BC1)

1020 KKSC NE **Plattsmouth - 6/24 0646** - Country music, promo for ag news on *AM 1020, KKSC, The Source*. (TRH-UT3)

1040 CKST BC **Vancouver - 6/17 0930** - Very good signal, with sports programming. *Team 10-40* IDs. (SA-BC2)

1080 KRXP? UT **Price - 6/24 1106** - This one was running long sets of oldies each day, and the only ID we caught was *KWSM-KSLL(?)*, *your hit music stations*. (TRH-UT)

1080 CKSA AB **Lloydminster - 6/24 0644** - Country music, local ad, and *Your community-minded station, 1080, CKSA*. (TRH-UT3)

1100 KFAX CA **San Francisco - 6/13 0050-0401** - Mentioning a 19-year-old from the Philippines finding faith in God. Announcement saying that Billy Graham to appear in three central states, and other religious ads. Call ID. Fading in and out. Lots of XERPS-1090 QRM. (RA-NV) [These are correct calls - Ed.]

1150 CKBL BC **Kelowna - 6/24 0930** - Good signal, with C&W music. ID as *The Bullet AM 11-50*. (SA-BC1)

1170 WMRH WI **Waupun - 6/11 2205** - Fair. Have been hearing them quite a lot at night lately. I thought it was a daytimer. (JJR-WI) [They are. But forgetful, too :-) - Ed.]

1210 KGYN OK **Guymon - 6/21 0513** - Good, @ 20/9, totally wiping out WPHT! Calls and C&W. (JJR-WI)

1210 KBSG WA **Auburn - 06/25 0724** - Good signals with oldies and ID as KBSG. (SA-BC1)

1210 KZTS WA **Sunnyside - 06/25 0727** - Fading in and out of KBSG with SS talk. (SA-BC1)

1220 CJRB MB **Boissevain - 6/24 0527** - *Playing all your favourites all night long, this is 12-20 CJRB*. (TRH-UT3)

1230 KGEO CA **Bakersfield - 6/15 0604** - Caught ID on tape for GYDX record. Logged 12 stations on 1230 from this very nice location! (TRH-UT1)

1230 KYPA CA **Los Angeles - 6/15 0500** - Faded up for ID *Radio Korea, KYPA, Los Angeles*. (TRH-UT1)

1230 KVOC WY **Casper - 6/23 2252** - KVOC, *The Voice of Casper* into NOS. (TRH-UT3)

1230 KWYZ WA **Everett - 6/25 0648** - Poor signal, with Korean programming. (SA-BC1)

1230 KSBN WA **Spokane - 6/25 0600** - Poor signal, with ID in a mess. (SA-BC1)

1230 CJNL BC **Merritt - 6/26 0545** - Poor signal, with light rock music and ID as *NL*. (SA-BC1)

1240 WTAX IL **Springfield - 6/23 0500** - Poor, but clear ID into CBS news. (JJR-WI)

1240 WATT MI **Cadillac - 6/28 2141** - Poor, though clear, with Tigers baseball and local ad in break. (JJR-WI)

1240 WATT MI **Cadillac - 7/1 0406** - Poor, clear *News Talk 1240 WATT* into Sports Overnight America. (JJR-WI) [Getting to be regular, hi - Ed.]

1240 KCVL WA **Colville - 6/25 0658** - Good signal, with country music and IDs as KCVL. (SA-BC1)

1240 KRAL WY **Rawlings - 6/22 2159** - Legal ID into ABC News. (TRH-UT3)

1260 CFRN AB **Edmonton - 6/16 0654** - Local ads. *Edmonton's new Sports Radio 12-60*. (TRH-UT1)

1270 CHAT AB **Medicine Hat - 6/24 0556** - Promo for new *Country 1270 Chat* stickers. (TRH-UT3)

1280 KAQQ WA **Spokane - 6/26 0618** - Good signal, with local traffic ads and KAQQ ID. (SA-BC1)

1290 CFST MB **Winnipeg - 5/22 2259** - Atop, with ID and a mention of the *Canada Sports Radio Network*. Was all I could get on 1290, since all I heard when pointing the loop E-W was noise. (RD-NE)

1330 CJYM SK **Rosetown - 6/24 0610** - *Classic hits and today's favourites, 1330/1210*. (TRH-UT3)

1340 KAVC CA **Mojave - 6/16 0903** - Fair, with KAVC community calendar. (TRH-UT1)

8	1340	KSID	NE	Sidney - 6/15 2305 - ABC news, ad for <u>JNI Steamaway</u> carpet cleaning in Sidney at 254-2927. (TRH-UT1)
	1340	KLKI	WA	Anacortes - 6/25 0645 - Poor signal, with local sports and ads. (SA-BC1)
	1360	KKMO	WA	Tacoma - 6/25 0730 - Poor signal, with SS talk. (SA-BC1)
	1400	KDTA	CO	Delta - 6/23 2259 - Station now runs CNN News and talk. Heard IDs and Power Talk slogans. (TRH-UT3)
	1400	KBLJ	CO	La Junta - 6/15 2259 - Your home for Arkansas Valley oldies, KBLJ, La Junta. (TRH-UT1)
	1400	KITZ	WA	Silverdale - 6/24 2359 - Fair signal, with ID on the hour. (SA-BC1)
	1450	KTIP	CA	Porterville - 6/15 [no time] - Promo for pep rally for girls basketball team. Local ads and ID. (TRH-UT1)
	1450	KBFI	ID	Bonnars Ferry - 6/25 0006 - Fair signal, with ID as News Talk 14-50 KBFI. (SA-BC1)
	1450	KOKO	MO	Warrensburg - 6/11 0605 - With weather forecast, briefly on top, then . . . low of 60 and . . . best of . . . on 1450 CO-CO. (BW-OK)
	1450	KYNT	SD	Yankton - 6/19 0300 - Just barely above the "furball" with This is KYNT Yankton, then submerged in the muck. (BW-OK)
	1450	KEYG	WA	Grand Coulee - 6/25 0652 - Poor signal, with local ads and mentions of North Central Washington. (SA-BC1)
	1490	KZZN	TX	Littlefield - 6/22 2240 - You're listening to the great American music station, KZZN, Littlefield into oldies. This one sure gets out! (TRH-UT3)
	1490	KYNR	WA	Toppenish - 6/24 2335 - Fair-to-poor signal, with lots of native drumming, some native language, and English. (SA-BC1)
	1550	KCCF	WA	Ferndale - 6/25 0735 - Good signal, with religious programming and music. (SA-BC1)
	1590	WTVB	MI	Coldwater - 6/11 2142 - Fair - no WAKR. Never in this loud! (JJR-WI)
	1600	KVRI	WA	Blaine - 6/17 1726 - Good signal, with East Indian programming aimed at Vancouver audience. (SA-BC2)
	1620	KBLI	ID	Blackfoot - 5/23 0606 - Fair, in WTAW null, with Mexican music. KOZN returned to the air just before 0730 after having been off for over nine hours. (RD-NE)
	1620	WDND	IN	South Bend - 5/22 2255 - Fair, with ID as ESPN Radio 1620. (RD-NE)
	1630	KKWY	WY	Cheyenne - 6/14 0537 - Poor, under KCJJ, with old C&W and KWY slogans. (JJR-WI)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

indicates record held from Alaska or Hawaii

* indicates record held by DXER from North America (excluding Alaska)

1230 kHz:					Miles
KGEO	CA	Bakersfield	Tim Hall	US6 on UT side of NV/UT line	*375
KYPA	CA	Los Angeles	Tim Hall	US6 on UT side of NV/UT line	419
KOTS	NM	Deming	Bruce Winkelman	Tulsa, OK	721
KVOC	WY	Casper	Tim Hall	Teasdale, UT	*416

1400 kHz:					
KBLJ	CO	La Junta	Tim Hall	US6 on UT side of NV/UT line	572

1450 kHz:					
KTIP	CA	Porterville	Tim Hall	US6 on UT side of NV/UT line	*572
KYNT	SD	Yankton	Bruce Winkelman	Tulsa, OK	478

1490 kHz:					
KPKE	CO	Gunnison	Tim Hall	Teasdale, UT	247

Totals:		1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Tim Hall	US 6/50 @ NV/UT Border, UT 12		10	10	7	8	6	53
Tim Hall	Teasdale, UT		7	6	6	5	8	37
Bruce Winkelman	Tulsa, OK		9	7	1	5	7	35

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

DDXD-East

Please note that the surface mail address for DDXD-E has changed, effective immediately. The new address is: **PO Box 4014, Clifton Park, New York 12065.**

REPORTERS

MKB-ON	Mike Brooker , Toronto - Panasonics RF-2200; RFB-45.
SC-IN	Steve Chappell , McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
JF-ON	Jeff Falconer , Clinton - Drake R8B, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
SF-TN	Steve Francis , Alcoa - TRF, Select-A-Tenna, Intermatic DT17 Timer.
SH-QC	Sheldon Harvey , Greenfield Park - Station News.
BL-NC	Brian Lambe , Sunset Beach - SONY ICF 2010 Barefoot.
WM-MD	William McGuire , Cheverly - DX-398.
AR-ON	Andy Rugg , Route 34 near Lancaster - Car Radio.

STATION NEWS

Sheldon Harvey of Greenfield Park, Quebec writes that on July 1 he spoke with Maitre Jean Ernest Pierre, the owner of the new station currently testing on **1610 kHz. in Montreal.** Sheldon writes:

"He (Pierre) confirmed that it is in fact his station doing preliminary on-air tests on 1610 kHz. He was really appreciative to hear from someone who had heard the signal and was very pleased to hear about DXers in other locations having heard the signal. Here is the vital information, at least some of it, as passed along by Mr. Pierre."

"The call letters for the station are **CJWI-AM.** They are using 1000 watts, but the modulation is currently suppressed awaiting some additional equipment. I asked about the exact location of the antenna, but he seemed somewhat reluctant to give me a precise location at this point; perhaps not surprising considering that he didn't really know who I was and what exactly my interests in this information were. Also, given the friction in the Haitian community in Montreal at present, it may have been even more understandable."

"I asked him about the insertion of legal station IDs and information on contacting the station. He told me that they would be inserting IDs, most likely beginning tomorrow (July 2). I suggested that there will be DXers looking to send in reception reports, and that it would be a very good idea to have a mailing address and e-mail address included in the on-air announcements. He said he would do his best to make this happen."

"I spoke with him in French, so I do not know the level at which he would speak or understand English, but given that he is a lawyer, practicing here in Montreal, I would think that there is a very good chance that he would be bilingual, or at least have staff working with him who could assist him if not."

Thank you, Sheldon!

PRESUMED AND UNID

1290	WJBRp	DE	Wilmington - 6/3 2115 - mention of Blue Rocks baseball. (WM-MD)
1380	UNID	-	- 6/2 2205 - "The Singles Connection" with Ben Young. (WM-MD)
1610	CJWip	QC	Montreal - 6/28 2300 - presumed with non-stop Creole or Haitian music, and long periods of open carrier. Still on past 0000 on 6/29. Generally fair to poor signal, with fading and lousy modulation. No IDs or announcements heard; call letters thanks to Sheldon Harvey on NRC listserv. (MKB-ON)
		+	6/30 1030 & 1630 - Presumably the new multilingual Montreal station was the one here in test mode, running a continuous medley of Latin American and Caribbean vocal music. Heard for 30 min. each time on Ontario Route 34 between Lancaster and Alexandria, about 50 miles west of Montreal. Reception deteriorated north, and west, of this little strip of far-eastern Ontario. I did not hear any announcements or call-letters. Former NRCer Wayne Plunkett in Toronto also heard them the same date around 0100 ELT. His contact at the station advises they are tuning a used transmitter into a rooftop antenna in Montreal Nord. Reception at my home base in Cornwall, ON, is corrupted by intermittent activity from a Real Estate Agent's "Talking House" station on 1610. (AR-ON)



KMOQ 107.1 FM
KJML 105.3 FM
KBGZ 104.3 FM
KQYX 1560 AM
WMBH 1450 AM
KBTN 1420 AM / 99.7 FM

STATION LOGGINGS

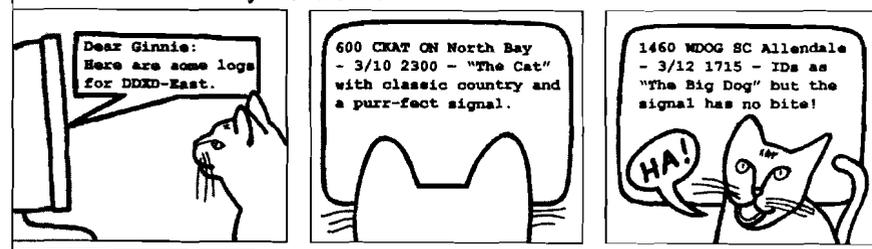
550	WAYR	FL	Orange Park - 6/5 1700 - heard while sitting on the beach, playing religious program, then TOH ID: "Way Radio, Orange Park, FL". (BL-NC)
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- 1030 **WEBS** GA **Calhoun** - 7/2 0800 - "Oldies 1030" solid with Buckingham's tune, legal ID and NBC news. (SF-TN)
- 1140 **KLTK** MO **South West City** - 6/27 0600 - Overboard daytimer fair with quick local ad and legal ID in 12-second TOH break from Sporting News Radio. Usual WRVA barely there. (SF-TN)
- 1160 **WCCS** PA **Homer City** - 6/3 2350 - ID after Joni Mitchell song. (WM-MD)
- 1170 **KOWO** MN **Waseca** - 6/14 0300 - Fair in WWVA fade with "This is AM 1170, KOWO, Waseca-Janesville-Waterville-New Richland." Huge surprise. (SF-TN)
- 1230 **WSBB** FL **New Smyrna Beach** - 6/7 1200 - weak via ground wave, playing NOS music from Carly Simon, jingle ID as "WSBB, memories 1230". (BL-NC)
- 1270 **WFLA** FL **Tallahassee** - 6/7 0530 - ID: "Tallahassee's Sport Station WFLA", loud right before local sunrise. (BL-NC)
- 1280 **WJAY** SC **Mullins** - 6/7 1830 - good with ID "Gospel at its very best on WJAY 1280", with News and weather at BOH. (BL-NC)
- 1290 **WHKY** NC **Hickory** - 6/7 0645 - strong, weather/news, mentions of Catawba County. ID: "WHKY Hickory". (BL-NC)
- 1360 **KMJM** IA **Cedar Rapids** - 6/12 0106 - Extremely weak: "KMJM Cedar Rapids, American Music Classics continue on 1360 AM." (SC-IN)
- 1370 **WTAB** NC **Tabor City** - 6/7 1800 - strong, with gospel format and commercial for "Plantation Seafood" in Tabor City, they signed off at exactly 1800. Gave info "WTAB has power output of 5000 watts" and location of transmitter, then announced they were signing off for the evening and would return in the morning. (BL-NC)
- 1030 **WFYR** ND **Bismarck** - 6/29 0005 - strong coming out of ABC News into Bismarck-Mandan Weather on "K-Fire", expecting 101 degree temps later in the day! (JF-ON)
- 570 **WNAX** SD **Yankton** - 6/29 0010 - strong with C&W music, ID "In your car or in your kitchen, at work or at home, we are your neighbour in 5 states, 570 WNAX". (JF-ON)
- 580 **CKY** MB **Winnipeg** - 6/17 0107 - Fair: "All oldies KY 58" into song. (SC-IN)
- 590 **KOMJ** NE **Omaha** - 6/28 2356 - alone with a reminder to listen for severe weather coverage for the Scotts Bluff-Omaha area on "KETV Newswatch 7" and "Magic 590". (JF-ON)
- 610 **WIOD** FL **Miami** - 6/4 0710 - strong, over an hour after local sunrise, ID "News/talk WIOD"; traffic/weather for Miami/Dade areas. (BL-NC)
- 620 **CKRM** SK **Regina** - 6/29 0019 - alone with ad cluster, promo for the "CKRM Chuck Wagon Races", into C&W music. (JF-ON)
- 630 **WMFD** NC **Wilmington** - 5/23 0000 - Poor with "WMFD Wilmington, home of the Carolina ..." (SF-TN)
- 730 **CKDM** MB **Dauphin** - 6/29 0108 - strong with C&W music, ID "The Parklands' best music, CKDM". (JF-ON)
- 780 **WCKB** NC **Dunn** - 6/8 0840 - strong with Swap Shop program and commercial for "Godwin Cafeteria" on HWY 421 and "J&J Plumbing supplies" on HWY 55 east of Dunn, nice signal! (BL-NC)
- 790 **WNIS** VA **Norfolk** - 6/7 2105 - News report and ID. (WM-MD)
- CIGM** ON **Sudbury** - 6/21 0100 - A very weak "CIGM" in the noise. (SC-IN)
- 840 **WCEO** SC **Columbia** - 6/4 0700 - strong; "where Columbia and the midlands come to talk", gave news/weather at TOH. (BL-NC)
- 880 **CKLQ** MB **Brandon** - 6-28 2315 - noted in passing with "armchair" type signals with C&W music, "Q-Country" slogan. (JF-ON)
- 900 **WNMB** SC **North Myrtle Beach** - 6/4 0658 - loud; gave ID as "Voice of North Myrtle Beach" with beach music format. (BL-NC)
- 910 **WABI** ME **Bangor** - 7/1 2235 - Good: "This is the CNN Radio Network" then "WABI weather update" and "this has been a WABI weather update, more news on the hour." Into music with James Taylor's "Handy Man". (SC-IN)
- WRNL** VA **Richmond** - 7/2 0500 - "Sports Radio 910 WRNL AM Richmond Virginia" followed by "This is a Fox Sports Update." (SC-IN)
- 960 **WFIR** VA **Roanoke** - 6/26 0000 - Ad for hair growth product; PSA about heart disease; "the Roanoke Valley's news and weather station... depend on it." ABC news. (WM-MD)
- 990 **WDYZ** FL **Orlando** - 6/4 0657 - heard well after local sunrise, Radio Disney format, with female announcer, strong. (BL-NC)

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GROUP RADIO

- WCCN** WI **Neillsville** - 6/11 0600 - Weak: "1370 AM WCCN Neillsville" then ABC News about Denver fires. (SC-IN)
- WLLM** IL **Lincoln** - 6/25 0300 - "Fair: "Great songs and wonderful memories 1370 WLLM Lincoln" and ABC News about AZ fires. (SC-IN)
- WDEF** TN **Chattanooga** - 6/25 0600 - Fair: "Take us along where ever you go ESPN Radio 1370 WDEF Chattanooga." (SC-IN)
- 1400 **WINC** VA **Winchester** - 6/2 2251 - ID heard in mess. (WM-MD)
- WGTN** SC **Georgetown** - 6/5 1845 - ID "WGTN, the Low Country's sport station" ESPN radio format, loud. (BL-NC)
- 1410 **WVCB** NC **Shalote** - 6/3 1300 - ID at TOH, with weather and news, gospel format. (BL-NC)
- 1420 **WAOC** FL **St. Augustine** - 6/3 1230 - logged while sitting on the beach, playing country music. ID: "Real Country 1420 WAOC". News at TOH. (BL-NC)
- WAMV** VA **Amherst** - 6/17 2357 - ID by male. (WM-MD)
- 1430 **WENE** NY **Endicott** - 6/11 0400 - Good with "Sports Radio 1430 The Team - WENE, Endicott ... Binghamton's All-Sports Station!" (SF-TN)
- 1440 **WHIS** WV **Bluefield** - 6/9 0000 - Extremely weak: "WHIS, this is Talk Radio AM 1440" then CNN. (SC-IN)
- WROK** IL **Rockford** - 6/10 0600 - "Every day WROK Newstalk 1440." (SC-IN)
- 1450 **KYLS** MO **Fredericktown** - 6/23 0600 - Atop with "KYLs Fredericktown. Oldies 1450, The Fox", then AP news. (SF-TN)
- 1460 **WBRN** MI **Big Rapids** - 6/20 0104 - Fair: "Highs in the lower to mid-eighties, this is ESPN Radio on AM 1460 WBRN Big Rapids Michigan." (SC-IN)
- WBNS** OH **Columbus** - 6/20 0600 - "Sports Radio 1460 The Fan" into Toronto hockey news. (SC-IN)
- 1500 **WLQV** MI **Detroit** - 6/22 2126 - Weak: "The 1500 Magazine Thursday evening at 10 PM only on Victory 1500 WLQV." (SC-IN)
- WTNE** TN **Trenton** - 6/22 2213 - Fair: "There is only one station in Trenton with all the great songs of your memories 1500 Memories WTNE." (SC-IN)
- 1540 **WTXY** NC **Whiteville** - 6/5 1630 - ID: "WTXY Whiteville, WNTR Fair Bluff", male announcer with local news and weather. (BL-NC)
- 1570 **WGSR** FL **Fernandina Beach** - 6/4 0720 - good, heard commercial for Tradewinds Island Resort in St. Pete Beach "1570 WGSR". (BL-NC)
- KQWC** IA **Webster City** - 6/6 0200 - Poor with legal ID poking through din. (SF-TN)
- 1580 **WKKD** IL **Aurora** - 6/8 0000 - Very weak: "Chicago AM 1580 WKKD." (SC-IN)
- 1620 **WDHP** VI **Frederiksted** - 6/3 2140 - new log for me, very strong! Playing pop music from Tina Turner and Boys 2 Men, gave ID as "you're listening to WRRR 1290 Coral Reef and Aux. Station AM 1620 WDHP, U.S. Virgin Islands", then into a jingle stating "Radio gets Results". (BL-NC)

LOCO THE DX CAT by Bruce Conti



What a Time-saver - the County Cross Reference

A complete list of counties, parishes, and similar political divisions in the U. S. and Canada. Two lists are included: alpha by county, and by state. Compiled by Bill Hale and designed and produced by Wayne and Joan Heinen. \$7.50 for members, \$10.95, non-member. Order "CCR" from the NRC Publications center; NY residents, please include sales tax.

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Inaugural Address

Please bear with me as this is my inaugural installment of the International DX Digest (IDX). If all goes well, print and online publishers Paul Swearingen and Fred Vobbe won't be pulling their hair out after this. Thanks to former editor Jim Renfrew for his service to the NRC and DX community over the past decade plus. It's through Jim's quest for excellence that IDX has become a standard by which others are measured. Jim has been outstanding in his field. (Actually it's his neighbor's cornfield, and Jim is probably standing out there right now trying to figure out what happened to his Beverage.) Hopefully he will find more time for DXing as I look forward to reports from Jim and all our DX friends.

By way of a quick introduction, I'm a former nightclub and roller disco DJ, former electrical engineer specializing in compliance engineering, former 5th grade teacher specializing in math and science, presently employed in transportation. I'm also a columnist for *Popular Communications* magazine, producer/editor of the DX Digest on the *DX Audio Service*, and creator of *Loco the DX Cat* based on DX experiences and the exploits of Loco my Siamese cat. I've been DXing since the early seventies when my first international medium wave catch was the BBC at 1088 kHz on a Heathkit SW-717 communications receiver. I enjoy domestic and international broadcast listening, especially the challenge of exotic DX and DXpeditioning. Enough about me.

A couple of notes for contributors: Please use <nrcidxd@aol.com> for e-mail submissions to IDX. My other address <BAConti@aol.com> will be for *Popular Communications* contributions. This will help me keep things organized. Of course you may contribute to both publications, but keep in mind that only selected logs are published in PopComm due to space limitations, while all the DX that's fit to print will appear here. Membership does have its privileges. Please include your entire report in the body of the e-mail. Unsolicited file attachments are trashed unopened for virus security. Attachments will only be accepted by prior arrangements. DXers that go postal (you know what I mean), please indicate somewhere in your report whether it's for IDX or PopComm. All reporters please try to follow the established format, limit the use of abbreviations. Thank you!

Those who believe that this is the wrong time of year for medium wave DXing are barking up the wrong tree. Welcome to the dog days of summer, and the hot reports from these DX hounds! (Sorry Loco!)

Transatlantic DX

- 153 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Donebach JUN 20 0207 - Parallel 756 with piano music; fair over others. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis JUN 20 0208 - jazz ensemble, then a man in French; excellent. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 171 MOROCCO R.Mediterranee Internationale, Nador JUN 20 0208 - fusion of Middle Eastern and techno-dance music; fair. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 177 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio Berlin, Oranienburg JUN 20 0209 - fair with Jimmy Buffett's "Cheeseburger in Paradise." [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 183 GERMANY Europe Number One, Saarlouis JUN 14 0208-0230 - fair with woman presenter in French and French pop vocals. At 0230 into news by a man in French. Considerable electrical interference. [DeLorenzo-MA] Europe No. 1, Felsberg JUN 20 0210 - man in French; excellent. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 189 ICELAND Rikisutvarpid, Gufuskalar JUN 20 0211 - Jethro Tull style rock music; poor to fair. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 198 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R.4, Droitwich et al. JUN 20 0211 - English interview; mixed with second station (Algeria?) [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 207 MOROCCO RTM Azilal JUN 20 0134 - Parallel 819 with flute music, Arabic talk; loud. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 234 LUXEMBOURG R.Luxembourg, Junglinster JUN 20 0212 - French pop-rock group vocal; very good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 252 IRELAND Teamtalk, Clarkestown JUN 20 0213 - World Cup coverage promotion, "England versus Brazil, followed by Germany versus USA at 12.30"; excellent. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 531 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0206 - fast Spanish talk by a man & woman; excellent,

- slightly over Algeria. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA Chaîne 1, Les Trembles JUN 20 0205 - flute music, Arabic talk; over/under Ireland; both signals were huge. [Connelly*rw-MA] JUN 21 0038 - North African string music, strong het against 550 WDEV. [Conti-ME]
- 549 IRELAND United Christian Broadcasters, Monaghan JUN 20 0205 - religious folk female vocal in a style much like that of Maddy Prior's "Gaudete"; over/under Algeria, completely wiping out the domestics on 550. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 558 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0204 - Parallel 585 with fast Spanish talk by woman; to fair peak over WGAN slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 567 IRELAND RTE R.1, Tullamore JUN 20 0102 - woman read news about a demonstration, "...one was injured," then weather followed by comical swing-type vocal "The Irish Mambo." Huge S9+40 signal; way over Spain. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 567 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0102 - Parallel 585 with Spanish news; audible during pauses in audio on much-stronger Ireland. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 576 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0103 - Parallel 585 with a woman reading news in Spanish; poor to fair over others. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 585 SPAIN RNE R.1, Madrid JUN 20 0159-0200 - Parallel 855 with Stan Getz style samba jazz, then 5 short pips and 1 slightly longer one, ID by a woman, "Radio Nacional España"; huge, comparable in strength to adjacent WEZE/VOCM-590. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 594 PORTUGAL R.Renascença, Muge JUN 20 0159 - Parallel 963 with a Portuguese male vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 603 FRANCE France Bleu, Lyon JUN 20 0157 - Parallel 1206 with slow Bruce Springsteen vocal; fair. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 612 IRELAND RTE 2FM Athlone JUN 20 0135 - pop music; over Morocco. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO RTM A, Sebaa-Aioune JUN 20 0136 - Arabic talk; under Ireland. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. JUN 20 0156 - Parallel 684 with Spanish talk; over an unID station with a female vocal. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 639 SPAIN RNE R.1, La Coruna JUN 20 0156 - Parallel 855 with Spanish teletalk; strong carrier, light audio. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 648 SPAIN RNE R.1, Badajoz et al. JUN 20 0155 - Parallel 855 with Spanish talk; barely over jumble. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 657 SPAIN RNE R.5, Madrid JUN 20 0155 - Parallel 855 with a man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 666 SPAIN SER R. Barcelona, Barcelona JUN 20 0154 - Spanish talk; in messy multi-station mix. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 666 unID JUN 20 0154 - maybe Portugal with "True" by Spandau Ballet from 1983; briefly good, then under Spain and others in jumble. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS R. 10, Lopik JUN 20 0151 - "Teach Your Children" by Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young; excellent, blasting in. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 684 SPAIN RNE R.1, Sevilla JUN 20 0150 - Parallel 855 with Spanish news & telephone conversation with field correspondent; good, over WRKO slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R. 5, Droitwich et al. JUN 20 0148 - talk, "You're listening to a blues programme." No het noted, so Azores is probably back on channel. + JUN 20 0152 - talk with US reporter mentioned slavery in some countries. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 702 unID's JUN 20 0147 - two stations, one sounded Arabic (probably Morocco); poor. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 711 FRANCE France Bleu, Rennes JUN 20 0146 - Parallel 1206 with a soul vocal; taking turns with W. Sahara for channel dominance. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA RTM Laayoune JUN 20 0146 - Arabic vocal; pushing France aside for a while. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 738 SPAIN RNE R.1, Barcelona JUN 20 0145 - Parallel 855 with fast Spanish talk; fair over slop from CHCM/WJIB/CHWO blob on 740. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0142 - man with Spanish talk; very good, over presumed Netherlands. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 756 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Braunschweig & Ravensburg JUN 20 0141 - classical piano music and female operatic vocal; huge local-like signal! [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND RSR Sottens JUN 20 0139 - female pop vocal; good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros JUN 20 0138 - Parallel 855 with a man in Spanish; through WABC

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- slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 783 PORTUGAL R.Nacional, Afurada JUN 20 0144 - Portuguese talk mixing with 2 others (one seemed to be Germany, the other probably Mauritania). [Connelly*rw-MA]
 819 MOROCCO RTM Rabat JUN 20 0134 - Parallel 207 with flute music; poor to fair, slightly over Spain. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 837 FRANCE France Bleu, Nancy JUN 20 0132 - Parallel 1206 with a Broadway showtune male vocal; slightly over COPE Canaries-Spain and RDP Azores. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 855 SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros JUN 20 0129 - part of political speech, then a panel discussion; fair with WEEI phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 864 FRANCE France Bleu, Paris JUN 20 0126 - Parallel 1206 with a female vocal; poor. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 873 SPAIN SER synchros JUN 20 0125 - Spanish teletalk; fair, over rumble. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros JUN 20 0123 - Parallel 1215 with Spanish teletalk; slightly over UK. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 891 ALGERIA Chaîne 1, Algiers JUN 20 0120 - Arabic interview & teletalk show; huge signal, light modulation. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 945 FRANCE France Bleu, Toulouse JUN 20 0117 - Parallel 1206 with a Motown-style female vocal; good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 954 SPAIN Onda Cero, Madrid JUN 20 0117 - man & woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 963 PORTUGAL R.Renascenca, Seixal JUN 20 0159 - Parallel 594 with a Portuguese male vocal; poor, in CHNS slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 981 IRELAND (t) R.Star Country, Emmyvale JUN 20 0115 - this one strongly suspected here with US-style country music and bits of English talk; through WCAP/WOFX slop. First reception of this in USA? [Connelly*rw-MA]
 999 SPAIN COPE Madrid JUN 20 0020 - Spanish talk by man & woman; good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1008 CANARY ISLANDS Onda Cero, Las Palmas JUN 20 0025 - non-SER Spanish talk by man; poor. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1017 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0111 - Parallel 1107 with a dramatic vocal, then Spanish talk; briefly good, then into jumble with others. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1026 SPAIN SER synchros JUN 20 0110 - Parallel 1116 with piano music interlude; to good peak with WBZ phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1035 PORTUGAL R.Nacional, Porto Alto JUN 20 0109 - Portuguese female pop vocal; to fair peak with WBZ phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1044 SPAIN SER synchros JUN 20 0107 - Parallel 1116 with Spanish talk; fair to good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1080 SPAIN SER synchros JUN 20 0105 - Parallel 1116 with scratchy Spanish teletalk; under nullified WTIC. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1089 UNITED KINGDOM TalkSport synchros JUN 20 0104 - World Cup results with mentions of the Israeli team; to good peak with WBAL phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1098 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros MAY 27 0420 - monotone male announcer parallel 1107; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1107 EGYPT (t) Batrah JUN 20 0102 - possibly this with segment of Koranic-sounding vocal, then Arabic talk; slightly under Spain. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1107 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros MAY 27 0416 - Parallel 1305 with teletalk; good. [Connelly*B-MA] + JUN 20 0024 - woman in Spanish, then teletalk; good, over others. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1116 SPAIN SER synchros MAY 27 0415 - Parallel 1575 with Spanish talk by a man and woman mentioning various street addresses. Huge signal. [Connelly*B-MA] + JUN 20 0025 - woman with teletalk show. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1125 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros JUN 20 0026 - Parallel 1107 with a woman in Spanish; to fair peak. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1134 CROATIA Hrvatski R., Zadar JUN 20 0027 - Slavic polka music; over Spain. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros MAY 27 0414 - Spanish roundtable discussion with some echo or reverb; good; totally dominant with WBBR slop phased. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1143 SPAIN COPE synchros JUN 20 0029 - Parallel 1215 with Spanish talk, jokes, laughter. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros JUN 20 0032 - Parallel 1116 with fast-talk Spanish news; good, slight echo noted. [Connelly*rw-MA]



- 1206 FRANCE France Bleu, Bordeaux JUN 20 0030 - techno-disco, Bleu jingle, woman gave time check, then into a slow romantic vocal; huge local-like signal. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1215 UNITED KINGDOM Virgin R. synchros JUN 5 0314 - "Blurry" by Puddle of Mudd; fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1215 SPAIN COPE synchros JUN 20 0029 - Parallel 1143 with Spanish joking and laughing; good, over UK. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1242 FRANCE France Bleu, Marseille JUN 20 0036 - Parallel 1206 with "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Bros.; over the WBUR slop most of the time. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1251 LIBYA Libyan Jamahiriya, Tripoli JUN 20 0036 - Arabic group vocal; poor. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1296 SPAIN COPE Valencia JUN 20 0038 - Parallel 1215 with Spanish discussion program with a man and woman; strong and on-channel (had been 1296.05). Apparent R. XL (UK) under. WJDA phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1305 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros MAY 27 0408 - echoey Spanish talk; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1332 ITALY RAI R.Uno synchros JUN 20 0101 - Italian news; poor to fair. WRCA in cardioid null. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1359 SPAIN Arganda MAY 27 0407 - Spanish phone interview; through WLYN/CKBC/WDRG slop. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1377 FRANCE France Bleu, Lille JUN 20 0042 - Parallel 1206 with '70s Barry White song "I Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Baby"; good. [Connelly*rw-MA] JUN 21 0105 - Adult contemporary music parallel an equally impressive 1206 kHz signal. [Conti-ME]
 1404 FRANCE France Bleu, multiple sites JUN 20 0059 - Parallel 1206 with "Proud Mary" by Creedence Clearwater Revival; just over others and tough WIDE slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1413 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros MAY 27 0417 - bits of audio parallel 1107; in dogfight with second station. [Connelly*B-MA] + JUN 20 0044 - Parallel 1107 with teletalk, then into segment of romantic vocal; good. WPOP easily nulled with 2-whip cardioid array. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1422 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Heusweiler JUN 20 0046 - modern classical violin music; to good peak. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1485 SPAIN SER synchros MAY 27 0404 - Parallel 1575 with news read by two men; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1521 SPAIN SER Castellón MAY 27 0403 - Parallel 1575 with Spanish news; fair through WWKB slop. [Connelly*B-MA] + JUN 20 0053 - Parallel 1116 with Spanish teletalk; through slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1530 SAO TOME E PRINCIPE VOA Relay, Pinheira MAY 13 0407 - Parallel 7290 with English talk about a meeting between Fidel Castro and former US president Jimmy Carter; poor, in mix with second station with WSAI phased. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1548 KUWAIT VOA Relay, Kabd-Kuwait City JUN 20 0055 - VOA newstalk; mixed with one or more UK music stations. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1548 UNITED KINGDOM unID city, MAY 13 0029 - "Standing Still" by Jewel, then "Pop" by N'Sync followed by British-accented talk by a woman, then into a cover version of "La Bamba." Played "I'm Not a Girl" by Britney Spears a bit later. Pretty good strength, but the spoken part was a bit rough due to static crashes. Another station underneath with Middle Eastern or Indian music, probably another UK station. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1557 FRANCE France Bleu, Nice JUN 4 0315 - French teletalk. [Connelly*B-MA] + JUN 20 0056 - Parallel 1206 with Caribbean reggae style vocal; in WQEW slop. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1575 SPAIN SER synchros MAY 27 0358 - excited Spanish talk (replay of a sporting event), then calmer talk and bad singing; fair to good. [Connelly*B-MA] JUN 21 0025 - Telephone talk in Spanish, some synchro echo, over an unID music station perhaps Italy. [Conti-ME]
 1584 CEUTA RadiOlé, Ceuta JUN 21 0018 - The first transatlantic signal to show up on the first day of summer, with Spanish romantic and R&B vocals. [Conti-ME]
 1584 SPAIN SER synchros MAY 27 0400 - Parallel 1575 with time pips, SER net news; over music from presumed Ceuta. [Connelly*B-MA]
 1602 SPAIN SER synchros MAY 27 0401 - Parallel 1575 with Spanish news; over presumed EI Vitoria. [Connelly*B-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 760 COLOMBIA HJAJ RCN Barranquilla JUN 15 0111-01115 - loud with block of ads in Spanish (one for Panasonic) then into sports event. Many "RCN" IDs. R.Relej de Cuba noted weakly in background. No trace of WJR at this time. [DeLorenzo-MA]
 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI Road Town, Tortola JUN 15 0128-0134 - good with ad, ID, baseball game well over unID Spanish (probably Venezuelan). No trace of WBBM or CFDR.

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- [DeLorenzo-MA]
 780 VENEZUELA R.Coro, Coro JUN 21 0445 - Good; "Radio Coro 780, primer lugar de sintonía" time check, tropical music. [Conti-ME]
 780 unID JUN 21 0440 - Man in French and French Caribbean music, over R.Coro, could be Haiti or of domestic origin. [Conti-ME]
 1090 VENEZUELA Unión R., Caracas JUN 21 0045 - Good; Unión Radio Noticias IDs, strong het from 1089 kHz. [Conti-ME]
 1100 ANTIGUA ZDK St. John's JUN 22 0420 - Good through extreme thunderstorm noise; "Gravity Music, every Friday night, 97.1 FM" promo in string of local ads. [Conti-ME]
 1249.5 USA WKBR Manchester NH, JUN 20 0036 - still on split freq., should be widely heard. [Connelly*rw-MA] Has dropped Real Country, now news/talk. [Conti-NH]
 1270 MEXICO XEAZ Tijuana BCN, JUN 10 0429 - playing nice Mexican big band music from the early 50's. There were some fantastic Latin harmonies being played. #650 New. [Redding-AZ]
 1375.02 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO St. Pierre JUN 5 0254 - "Stray Cat Strut" by Stray Cats; excellent signal (and better modulation than usual as well). [Connelly*B-MA]
 1610 unID Latin American JUN 24 1002 - brief fair peak with lively Spanish vocal music, YVish sounding, then mostly down in the mud through Anastasia State Park TIS (San Agustin FL). Definitely not there at 0930, so may have caught it right after a 1000ish sign on. No announcements, etc. noted. The rumored TG maybe? [Crawford-FL]

Transpacific DX

- 1475 unID - Suspect Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. Recapping my experience with this station during the 2001-2002 season, their signal has been very consistent here, producing at least a trace of carrier on 54 different mornings from AUG 26 when it first appeared to its last appearance on APR 19. Best signals was MAR 12, 1128-1130, with a good carrier on the verge of audio. At first I thought this could be a deep South American, but it can't be since all of South America was in sunlight during December and January when I often heard this carrier. The average of six direction-finding bearings which I was able to make was 335°, close to the true bearing of 330°. The path may be skewed since it skirts the auroral zone on almost the same bearing as Japan (327°). I believe the consistency of this signal is because the station is beamed toward the Philippines from 1030 to 1300, exactly the bearing for Florida from Sabah, meaning they are effectively pumping two or three megawatts in this direction. I'm confident that I will be able to pull audio from them next season as the sunspot cycle wanes and conditions improve. I hope others will try for this on a consistent basis around 1030 come September. I'm sure most of us need Sabah and at 10,000 miles it would make a nice addition to our logs. [Moore-FL]
 1503 AUSTRALIA unID JUN 9 1015-1024 - Produced audio for the third time this month with a good three-minute peak; two men discussing a sporting event, a brief burst of music and a short comment by a woman, then a third man introduced as the "director of (liverlight?) boxing here," who spoke for a short time. All in Aussie-accented English. A little further on, as the station was fading back into the noise, music could be heard in the background sounding like it was played in a stadium, and then perhaps an announcer starting to describe the action. Local sunrise 1034 this morning. This is by far the best "down under" signal this spring. 1512, 1629, and 1638 produced traces of audio back on APR 29 but nothing intelligible. [Moore-FL]

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QSL de Grayland

I've really been feeling sorry for myself since sending out a flurry of MW reception reports after our late-March 2002 Grayland DXpedition. I had only a 50% reply rate, with NONE of my three new Alaskans coming through (KENI-650, KFQD-750, KRSA-580). I was also missing CNR 1 on 1377 (though a separate report for 639 came through promptly) and RRI Sorong. Well, today the PO box had this lovely letter in it from RRI Sorong. The letter is so interesting that I thought that you might enjoy it. Here is the text:

Dear Sir,

We say thank you very much for your letter, Mr. Professor John H. Bryant. We are very happy and glad to receive your letter in Sorong. You wrote in your letter that "none of these experiences was as thrilling as listening to RRI Sorong on 909 kHz medium wave from the Pacific Coast of the state of Washington." I also reply your letter on the air. I called your name and read your letter.

About your reception report, that was right (correct), because you are pleased to hear RRI Station Sorong and to catch my wave, I am going to tell you [about] the station of Radio Republic Indonesia

Stasiun Sorong (RRI Station Sorong).

Transmitter: SW Harris BC 10 HT
 Wave: 61,53 metres
 Power: 10 kilowatt
 Frequency: 4785 kHz
 Antenna: Broadband Dipole - 18 metres

Transmitter: NEC.MET, 4080E, MW
 Wave: 330 metres
 Power: 10 kilowatt
 Frequency: 909 kHz
 Antenna: 80 metres

Transmitter: NEC FM 100 WIT
 Power: 100 watt
 Frequency: 96.7 MHz
 Antenna: 40 metres



Well, that's all for now, Greetings from Station Manager and Staffs of RRI Station Sorong to all of you and I hope you send me some other reports in the future.

Yours Sincerely,
 Station Manager Umar Solle

Very interesting letter. First, it appears to have been typed by Mr. Solle himself on a typewriter (not a printer) that needed cleaning. Secondly, Mr. Solle's English might be a bit rusty, but it is very good, under the circumstances. So, as long as he is station manager, there appears to be no need to send reports in Bahasa Indonesian. The postage on the letter was 9,500 rupiyah, a huge amount (more than double the cost from a few years ago). The correct station address is Radio Republic Indonesia Stasiun Sorong, Jl. Jend. A. Yani No. 44, Sorong 98414 Indonesia. I sent the report with \$2.00 USD, an English-language report, an Indonesian language report, an audio CD and several postcards of the Washington Coast. I also included copies of my QSL card and letter from RRI Sorong on shortwave which I received in the mid-1980s. I'm really overjoyed with this QSL, to put it mildly. I specialized in Indonesian shortwave broadcasting for many years and even wrote two small books about it. This Spring 2002 reception of Sorong on 909 kHz from Grayland, WA was a real team effort between three or four of us on that DXpedition and was my first-ever reception of Indonesia on medium wave, after trying for a goodly number of years. I'll be sending Mr. Solle a very nice "thank you" letter and a small gift. It's things like this that keep me sending out reception reports, despite the declining response rates and escalating costs. [Bryant-WA]

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International News

- AFGHANISTAN: A new station, Radio Khost, is operating on 1300 kHz with a power of 500 watts. On-air times are 1200-1400 and 1800-2000 (Kabul time) each day. All broadcasts are in Pashto. Khost is several hundred kilometers south of Kabul. [Martin Hadlow in *New Zealand DX Times*, June 2002, NZRDXL]
 INDIA: Here is some interesting information received from Alok Das Gupta in Kolkata. AIR introduced a SW channel for their National Program parallel to 1566 and 1134 kHz. This service is heard at 1325-0040 hours on 9425 kHz. [Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, June 29, dx_india@yahoo.com]

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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

660	SLBC	St. Lucia, letter, station promo info. Said operating with 3 kw. Heard during WFAN silent period. V/s Garfield Alexander. (Kenneally—CT)
740	CHWO	Toronto ON, card, bookmarks, CHWO info in 19 days for taped report and \$1.00. V/s Brian Smith, QSL Mgr. (Martin—OR)
840	4VEH	Cap-Haitien HAITI, f/d prepared card, stickers, newsletters in 13 days. V/s Marilyn Shaferly, Mgr. Addr.: PO Box 24638-OMS, West Palm Beach, FL 33416. (Myers—FL)
950	WGOV	Valdosta GA, p/d letter in 7 days. Heard with 56 watts. V/s Clyde Scott, EME Communications. (Kenneally—CT)
1170	KFAQ	Tulsa OK, letter in 6 days. V/s Michael DelGiorno, PD/Afternoon Host. (Martin—OR)
1270	WTSN	Dover NH, p/d letter in 5 days. V/s Paul LeBlanc, WTSN Morning Info. Center. (Kenneally—CT)
1340	WSTV	Stuebenville OH, letter, pen, coverage map, ice scraper in 4 days. Mine was the most distant report they have received. V/s Joyce Nicholson, PD. (Kenneally—CT)
1400	WJLD	Fairfield AL, n/d folding card in 14 days after 2 nd follow-up. V/s Gary Richardson, Owner. (Myers—FL)
1430	KTBZ	Tulsa OK, f/d e-mail in 5 days after 3 rd written follow-up. Promised letter via postal mail. V/s Chris Plank, Dir. Of Programming/MP Buzz Host. (Myers—FL)
1570	TGVE	Guatemala City, GUAT, Radio VEA, p/d letter, f/d prepared card in 1 mo. after a Spanish follow-up and \$1.00. V/s Jose Adonias Corado, Gerente de Produccion y Programacion. (Myers—FL)
1610	KIE634	Chincoteague VA, confirmation on report, business card in 16 days. V/s John D. Schroer, Refuge Mgr. (Kenneally—CT)
1630	KKWY	Fox Farm WY, f/d card in 16 days. V/s Bruce Ringen. (Kenneally—CT)
1660	WQSN	Kalamazoo MI, f/d letter, t-shirt, pen, excerpts from their log in 7 days. V/s Robert Tortenson, CE/MIS. (Kenneally—CT)
1680	KRJO	Monroe LA, p/d form letter, sticker. Had received a f/d prepared QSL sheet a week before. V/s Russell Kendrick, CE. (Myers—FL) same. (Martin—OR). Same in 18 days. (Ponder—TX)
1700	WSJZ	Des Moines IA, letter in 11 days for taped report. V/s Jack O'Brien, OM. (Martin—OR)
1710	—	Brooklyn NY, Chabad-Lubavitch Radio, verie letter, info sheet in 197 days for log in DX News! (Conti—NH) Confirmation on info sheet. (Renfrew—NY). Same f/d info (Brandi—NJ). Addr.: Lubavitch World HQ, 770 Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11213. <i>You see, it pays to be a NRC member!! GM</i>

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SW Utah TIS Stations

By Tim Hall

KSL 1160
NEWSRADIO

Many DXers from all over the west have logged TIS stations from SW Utah and the surrounding areas over the past 10 years. This month, Karen and I took a few days before and after a business trip to drive through some of the areas where these TIS stations are located, to check on their current status. Here is what we found:

530 Hoover Dam, NV (KJ876) — Signal is improved, but still not great. Seems stronger in Boulder City than at the actual dam site, possibly due to all of the electrical noise around the dam. Male announcer. Tape loop mostly talks about the new security checkpoint and regulations. Gets out fairly

well to the west but not very well in the other directions.

Las Vegas, NV (WNRM758) — Silent, not noted on my last 2 trips here. ex-1610 and has not resurfaced there either. HAR station once listed on this frequency has moved to 1610.

St. George, UT (WPBF898) — Washington County "Color Country" TIS at the Utah Welcome Center south of St. George is currently silent. Signs are still up on I-15 North. This one used to make it to southern California.

1490/1520/1540 Capitol Reef NP, UT (KJ738) — These 0.1-watt stations are gone for good. See main listing on 1610.

1590 Bryce Canyon NP, UT (KOP798?) — New station here with general park information. The 1610 station now carries information about the park's new shuttle service (signs around the park, and the messages themselves, make this distinction). Both the 1590 and 1610 stations appear to be fairly near the park entrance. The 1590 station is either slightly farther north, or slightly stronger than the 1610 station. Both are barely audible middays in Panguitch.

1610 Glen Canyon NRA, AZ (KJ778) — Frequently mis-reported as Utah, this station is actually just north of Page, AZ at the Carl Hayden visitor center. This has got to be the single biggest TIS pest in the west these days, as it is routinely heard all over the Southwest. Tape loop with female announcer emphasizes the Wahweap Marina and the visitor center, and includes call letters.

Blue Diamond, NV (HAR) — No sign of the NV DoT station that was supposed to be here.

Jean, NV (HAR) — No sign of the NV DoT station that was supposed to be here.

Lake Mead NRA, NV (KJ751) — This one seems strongest at the Administration offices in Boulder City, not at the Lake Mead NRA area. Gets out fairly well to the west but poorly in other directions. Female announcer.

Las Vegas, NV (Airport) — Carrier-current station with control tower audio has reportedly moved to 1200, but I haven't been close enough to the airport to confirm this.

Las Vegas, NV (KJ446) — Delete this listing. Have never noted this station on numerous trips.

North Las Vegas, NV (HAR) — NV DoT covers road construction and Hoover Dam security information. Gets out pretty well.

Mesquite, NV (TIS or Pirate?) — There is a new station located in the Riverside Commercial Center, broadcasting oldies and calling itself "Mesquite's new solid gold oldies, the greatest hits of all time, AM 16-10, the Boss." It sounds like it's running 5 to 10 watts.

Bryce Canyon NP, UT (KOP798) — This station's message is now limited to information about the park's shuttle system. General park information is now found on the new station on 1590 kHz (see listing above). This station currently gets out pretty well at night, as it was recently logged in Alberta, but not particularly well during the day. A few years ago however, many DXers mistakenly assumed they had this station when it was actually the Panguitch station (WPBE828) that was getting out well at that time with its "Welcome to Bryce Canyon Country" message.

Capitol Reef National Park, UT (KJ738) — This station is gone for good, due to apathy of the current ranger staff. A previous ranger had maintained this station and set up 0.1-watt stations on 1490, 1520, and 1540. Once he left, they took everything down. If you hear a tape loop about Capitol Reef, you are hearing KCP260, Salina Canyon.

Cedar Breaks NM, UT (KOE719) — This station does not appear to exist. There are no signs for it, and I did not log it while passing through this area in 1986 or 2002.

Fish Lake NF - Ivie Creek / Salina Canyon, UT (KCP260) — This is a very interesting station, located at a rest area near the junction of I-70 and Utah highway 72. It runs a very long tape loop (3 male voices, 2 female, each representing a different county or agency in central Utah). One of the taped messages is all about Capitol Reef National Park, which could cause a DXer to mistake this station for the defunct KJ738. Other messages mention Fremont Indian State Park and Sevier County, which may explain the listings for stations at these locations that don't seem to exist. (Note that Salina Canyon is pronounced with a short "I" like Salinas, CA, not a long "I" like Salina, KS).

Fish Lake NF - Mackinaw / Fish Lake Scenic Drive, UT (KQ516) — This station, which uses the slogan "Mackinaw Radio", provides visitor information for people driving along the west shore of Fish Lake. It is probably located around Fish Lake Lodge halfway down the lake. Female announcer, mentions the Fish Lake Discovery Association.

Fremont Indian State Park, UT — Delete this listing. Either this station is gone, or someone heard the Fish Lake NF station (KCP260) whose message includes a section on Fremont Indian SP.

Panguitch-Red Canyon, UT (WPBE828) — This station got out like gangbusters in the late 1990s with its "Welcome to Bryce Canyon Country" message; for a while, it was a nightly catch on car radios in San Diego. The Garfield County tourism office runs this station, which is actually located in the Red Canyon area just east of the junction of US 89 and Utah highway 12. The station is nowhere near as strong as it used to be. It is barely audible in Panguitch middays, and its tape loop currently consists of the sentence "This is the Garfield County radio station at Red Canyon, Utah" read by a male an-

nouncer, followed by a long pause.

Sevier, UT — Delete this listing. There does not appear to be a station in Sevier. The Fish Lake NF station (KCP260) includes a section about Sevier in their messafe.

Zion National Park, UT (KOJ761) — There are currently 4 stations active in the park along Utah highway 9. There is/was a fifth station at the Northwest end of the park near Kanarraville (I-15 exit 40); although the signs are still up for this station on I-15 north at exit 36, I did not log this station while passing through in 1986, 1987, or 2002. The 4 active stations in Zion NP are as follows, moving from east to west on highway 9 (all use a female announcer):

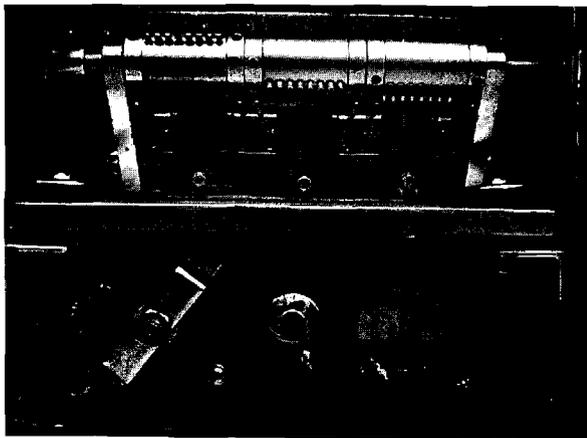
1. Mt. Carmel Junction: Short tape loop for drivers heading west on Utah highway 9; mentions the \$20 entrance fee, tunnel, scenic drive shuttle, and tells listeners to tune in again about 13 miles to the west (station #2). No call sign mentioned in tape loop. Gets out relatively poorly. Not audible in Kanab 17 miles to the south.

2. East Entrance: This tape loop has more detailed information about the shuttle schedule, wildlife, camping, and fire danger. It ends with a MALE phone operator saying "If you want to make a call, please hang up" followed by telephone error signals. It gets out relatively poorly, and the KOJ786 call sign is not currently mentioned in the tape loop.

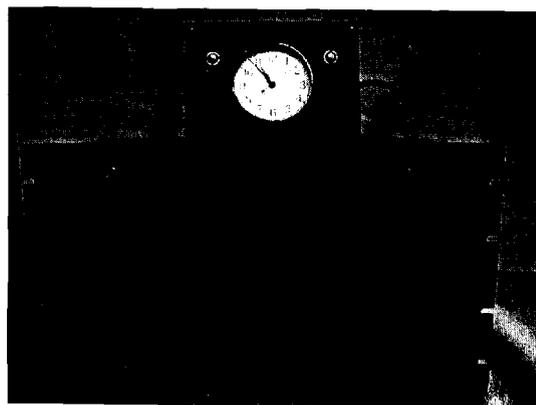
3. Springdale/Watchman Visitor Center (KOJ761): This one begins with "Welcome to the gateway town of Springdale", and emphasizes the shuttle, visitor center, backcountry hiking permits, Watchman campsite, the Zion Lodge, and a bit about the tunnel farther east. This is the only Zion station that mentions call letters in its tape loop ("KOJ.....761" mumbled at the end of the loop). It gets out fairly well, but nowhere near as well as station #4. This one ends with a FEMALE phone operator giving the same error as station #2.

4. Virgin: This is the one that really gets out. It appears to be located just west of Virgin, UT, atop a high bluff. It covers a long stretch of I-15 middays and has often been heard in California and Nevada at night. The tape loop is oriented to visitors traveling east-bound on Utah highway 9. The tape loop begins with "This station provides important information about the Zion National Park Tunnel and Zion Canyon Scenic Drive shuttle. It refers to the town of Springdale as being "17 miles north on Highway 9", and says to tune in again about 13 miles north on Highway 9 for more information (station #3). There is no gap at the end of the tape loop on this one.

There you have it! I hope this helps DXers in the west figure out what stations you are hearing.



Ever wonder what the NBC chimes really "looked" like? These three photos are of the actual device that broadcast the sound of the chimes over the NBC network. (Courtesy of an anonymous NRC member)



We get letters ...

Two letters and a pertinent e-mail were recently directed our way. If you have information that can help the letter writers, kindly reply to them directly. And beware the e-mail scams!

From Jerry Rothstein:

I found your name on your NRC website. I was wondering if you or someone in your organization can supply me with any biographical information on bandleader "Tommy Christian"?

"Tommy Christian and His Orchestra" played over radio station WPAP (Palisade Amusement Park) from 1929 to about 1933. By 1933 the Christian band's broadcasts from the Palisades Amusement Park were over CBS. In Nov. of 1929 the Christian band was broadcasting over KMOX from St. Louis, Missouri.

I have been unable to find any bio on Tommy Christian in any book on dance bands. The Library of Congress had no information on him.

Inquiries to various public libraries were to no avail.

I am hoping your vast resources as well as your expertise in radio history will supply me with at least a capsule biography on Tommy Christian. Thanks you.

Sincerely, Jerald A. Rothstein - 15823 Bassett St. - Van Nuys, CA 91406 <<hamburgerjer@aol.com>>

From Mrs. Alice M. Banta:

Gentlemen:

I have a Zenith radio that I got in December 1934: Serial K 126447, Model 827, Volts 117, cycles 50-60, Watts 65 57, Superheterodyne Receiver. Licensed under patents of Hazeltine, RCA, and affiliated companies. Zenith Radio Corp, Chicago, Ill., Made in USA.

I got it out recently and plugged it in and it is still working. If I remember correctly, you can get Police calls on it also.

It is wood and in good condition.

Can you give me any idea as to what it is worth today and when bought?

Thanking you in advance, sincerely,

Mrs. Stuart Banta - P. O. Box 475 - Hagaman, NY 12086



From Larry Godwin:

I received a virus that is surely DX-related and I thought you might want to insert a short note in DX NEWS in case others received it. Norton AntiVirus spotted it as the Klez virus. It was carried as an audio attachment to a message titled "Experiment Station" and was sent 6/8/02 by "knmt" (no return address). The insidious thing about this virus message is that I later received it on my home computer as well, although I've configured Eudora at work to remove all incoming mail from the server. Maybe this is a case of locking the barn door after the horse was stolen, but I think it's news and might help the folks who track DX-related viruses.

From the Publisher: A Google search on the Internet yielded 237 hits for "Tommy Christian" (although some of them apparently are listings for a basketball player), and a search for Zenith 827 Radio yielded photos and quite a few listings for repair literature, but no values.

The virus attachment is serious business ... at least for those of you who are unfortunate enough to own Windows-equipped PC's, which are particularly vulnerable to viruses sent via the Internet. I've been receiving odd e-mails almost daily with similar attachments as those Larry described, from (forged) e-mail addresses that, if I'm not paying attention, make me think that they're from legit senders, like Larry's "knmt". I delete them all after I forward them to AOL's TOS brigade, along with the daily dose of spam I receive. (I've had limited success with forwarding spam to the appropriate domain webmaster, as, <<abuse@earthlink.net>>, if I can tell that the message actually did originate with the domain and the headers are not forged, as 99% are. Occasionally I actually get messages back that state that the offending sender has been barred from the domain, although I'm sure they find another domain from which to send spam within cyberseconds of being nuked.)

Mac users only have to rebuild their desktop to remove Mac viruses (which I should note are ALWAYS non-destructive, and I can't say that I've EVER received a Mac virus via the Internet, and only one, the WDEF virus, on an old infected floppy several years ago).

The rule of thumb is simply NEVER download an attachment from someone you don't know. And - don't respond to a so-called "AOL Instakiss". It's bogus - the linked site is non-AOL, and to receive the purported "Instakiss" you have to input your user name and your password. Yeah, right! -pls.

Results of the "How Far" Contest

Who Won the Six Prizes in the Two Contests and How Far They Heard

DECIDING one of RADIO BROADCAST's distance receiving contests is only a shade less difficult than the biblical difficulty that wise King Solomon had in deciding the ownership of the infant. The decision in both the divisions of the contest—that for home built sets and that for bought or ready made receivers—was not altogether based on the total mileage, but on the entire character of the contest entry, of which the requested photographs, description, and diagram, as well as the log, were a part.

Entries there were of all sorts, some of which admittedly did not comply with the terms of the contest but were sent in as a bit of sport—most of these were fine. For instance, there was R. Bartholomew, of Garrochales, Porto Rico, who won our last "How Far Have You Heard?" contest, who sent us in a carefully typewritten log of stations he heard on his prize set, the De Forest D-10 which he received last May. And from Apia, Samoa, came a long-delayed letter from Mr. Quincy F. Roberts, the American vice-consul, with his entry, which contained some phenomenal "longest single jumps." And, it must be confessed, there were some entrants whose riotous imagination led to ridiculous entries on their logs. Those few got scant attention.

THE WINNERS

READY MADE RECEIVERS		PRIZE WON
FIRST PRIZE.....	Mrs. Eva L. Rhodes Utica, N. Y.	Mu-Rad, type MA-15 receiver Fada Neutrodyne "160"
SECOND PRIZE.....	O. B. Evans, Mount Pleasant, Michigan	Sonochorde Loudspeaker
THIRD PRIZE.....	Alex. B. Nicol, Bogota, New Jersey	
HOME BUILT RECEIVERS		
FIRST PRIZE.....	Dr. W. C. Wolverton, Linton, North Dakota	Complete set of parts for Haynes super-heterodyne
SECOND PRIZE.....	M. F. Winne, Webster Groves, Missouri	Complete set of parts for a "Knock-Out 3-Tube Set" described in February RADIO BROADCAST
THIRD PRIZE.....	Kenneth Danielson, Thermopolis, Wyoming.	Complete set of parts for "Knock-Out 3-Tube Reflex Set" with Sodiion detector tube.

A FEW REMARKS

IN OUR distance receiving contests, the first prize has been won by a woman. It was accomplished by Mrs. Eva L. Rhodes of Utica, New York, who logged a total distance of 85,510 miles, with best single jump of 2,480 miles, and a total of 140 stations heard. The second prize winner in the first group, Mr. O. B. Evans, of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan logged 84,620 miles, his best single jump was 2,345 miles, and he heard a total of 129 stations. Mr. Alex. B. Nicol, of Bogota, New Jersey was the third prize winner. He heard 93 stations totalling 68,520 miles with best single jump of 3,149 miles.

ABOUT THE HOME BUILT SETS

ONE of the best and most complete logs of reception we have ever seen came in with the winning contest entry of Dr. W. C. Wolverton, of Linton, North Dakota who received 148 stations during the contest period totalling a distance of 121,535 miles with the longest single jump 3,000 miles. The second prize winner, Mr. M. F. Winne, of Webster Groves, Missouri heard 175 stations with a total distance of 115,088 miles, and his best single jump was 2,070 miles. Kenneth Danielson of Thermopolis, Wyoming, won the third prize in the home built sets division with 149 stations totalling a distance of 135,190 miles. His best distance jump was 2,180 miles.

WHAT THE CONTEST PROVES

IN AN early number, we shall publish a list of the entrants in the contest, the distance they succeeded in attaining, and the type of receiver they employed. These facts, taken together with the location of the contest entrant should provide some very interesting reading for those who are curious to know what a given type of receiver with ordinary intelligent handling will do in a given locality. Many receivers were ruled out of this contest because they were radiating. RADIO BROADCAST is firmly opposed to radiating receivers. If radio receiving is to be made pleasantly for everyone, radiating receivers cannot continue in use. And in this connection, it is interesting to note how generally interference from radiating receivers was recorded on the logs of the contestants. So, every receiver whose performance was considered in this contest was a non-radiating receiver. See what they did!

Canadian Radio Law

John Bowker ran across the following tidbit in the Edmonton, AB library in 1996 and recently unearthed his notes, which revealed ...

Canadian Broadcasting Act:

"AM Frequency Band" is 525 - 1605 kHz .. (whereas, in the US at that time the band ran from 535 - 1605 kHz.) That really meant stations could have their operating carrier frequencies as low as 530 in Canada, 540 in the US .. and as high as 1600 in either country.

Further, The Canadian Broadcasting Act reads:

Each day:

8(1)cii: A licensee shall cause to be entered in the log the call letters, location and frequency of the licensee's station.

ciii: The time at which each station identification announcement is made.

And John adds that Canadian stations must ID once a day ... at a time of their choosing. That's because the "log" is a record of what goes on the air.

Musings

of the Members

Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only.

Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

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Like everyone else I was saddened to hear of Ernie Cooper's passing. I met him and many other good DX'ers for the first time at the Harley Hotel in Enfield in 1983. I also saw him later that year at Ray Arruda's Thanksgiving's GTG. I've seen him at the WFTDA convention in Jamestown NY as he DX'ed FM too. A few years later he told me to go to Ray's again, and since not much was going on I did go to Ray's sometime in the late 80's. Like everyone has said he was a very nice man; when you first met him it was like you'd known him for years. He'd send a Christmas card each year, with a sheet reviewing what happened the past year. To do Musings for 40 years, what great service to the club. It was nice to know someone who went way back to almost the beginning of the NRC. RIP my friend.

César Objío

Just today I received my DX NEWS No. 26 dated May 20, 2001 (on the letterhead, or I am wrong?) (You're the first to note my goof on the year -pls.); because of a stupid postal messengers strike here because the government did not pay them their salaries for about two months. Because of that I did not hear about the passing of my dear friend Ernie Cooper, and nobody told me, and I felt very bad when a Musing of mine appeared in the page when everybody was mentioning him and I was speaking about something else. The first time I attended a Convention, I informed him that I intended to be there, so he was willing to go to the Airport in order to receive me at the gate. That was the 1968 Convention. He was accompanied with our friend Bob Foxworth, first time I met him. Ernie took me to his home and gave me supper; we had a good chat, and then he took me to a house where I was to spend the night. Early in the morning he went to pick me up, back to his home, and after breakfast we started out for Boston. We spent the whole morning in the road; there was a friend of his driving the car who I did not know, till we got to the Fenway Hotel where the Convention was to be held. I met there John Callarman, Gordon Nelson, Russ Edmunds, Tom Holmes and several other friends. I was very well received by the whole gang, and we chatted a lot about everything concerning radio. Then I met him again in New Jersey in the 1970 Convention at Hasbrouk Heights, then Miami 1972, and my last that happened at Atlanta in 1978. He was also there. He was very kind always; he usually sent me a Christmas card every year and a letter explaining in the back his latest experiences in DXing. He even sent me a picture of him seated on a table, which I still keep. He was always enthusiastic about everything regarding radio, he had an HQ150, I think, very good receiver. Mine was just a Lafayette HE-30 which I still have and don't use, due to other occupations. But really that news has been a terrible shock for me, I never thought that this could happen. Yes, we have to die, but I thought that Ernie was immortal, and could not depart. But we have to wake up and give him our most saddest goodbye, even though I think that he will be present at the next Convention, as he always was. Ernie was a great guy and was and is still loved by everyone of us. His place must be reserved at the Convention as if he were present. My deepest sympathy to his companion Bob Stenger.

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Its a shame that a loss forces me to send in a Musing, but the loss of ERC warrants it. I knew Ernie quite well and will surely miss him as will everyone else who knew him. He was an inspiration to all of older members (we were younger then) and truly one of a kind. The club will never be the same and hopefully he'll find those elusive catches at last! 73's Ernie! (Sorry this didn't get in with the last reports, Bill, I put it on the wrong 'desk' here; good hearing from you too-DWS)

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Small favor to ask of those sending in Musings via Email, please make sure that your name and location is someplace in the Email. I get a few reports that are UNID'ed, and Paul and myself have to figure out who they came from (most of the time we can through the ID on the EMail address) but we still get a few stumbers. If anyone is in need of TUBES, let me know, I have a small inventory left plus also have a few places where some of the tougher ones can be hiding out. It's interesting to note that most of the tubes I have purchased lately have been military type with mid/late 80 date codes. We still have a lot of tube gear out there, but mostly now as backup. Don't forget, August is a good time to start looking at your outside equipment (longwire antennas, feed lines, etc), a good sign that the DX season is about to start.