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CPC Test Calendar
WCR NY 1300 Feb. 16 0000-0100

WCR-1300 - Nanuet Mall, Suite 2126 - 75 West Route 59 - Nanuet, New York 10954 (city of license Spring Valley, New York) will run an equipment test with 500-watt directional signal February 16 from 0000-0100 ELT. This is a Sunday morning, and the pattern is mostly NW protecting WAVZ New Haven, CT. Morse Code, station promos, and music (AC) will be included in the test. Arranged by the NRC CPC.

From the Publisher . . . Congrats to NRC CPC Chairman Ron Musco on arranging his first test (even if its one of his own most-wanted, hi).

We're a little short this issue - not enough for a 24-pager, and a couple of articles that won't squeeze into this 16-pager.

The rumors about 'KB are apparently true - WWK-1520 was to have begun a airing a "KB Classics Format" on January 27. From the Buffalo News: "Don't call it oldies, we don't use that word around here," said Greg Reed, who runs Entercom Radio, which owns KB. The playlist will feature music released from 1958 until 1974. The main attraction will be nostalgia - many of KB's old jingles and commercials will be played." Thanks to Tony Fitzherbert, Mark Huttan, and others for the heads-up on this one. And former member Peter Kemp sent this URL: <<www.kb1520.com/main.php>>.

The obvious comparison between CHWG-740 and WSAI-1530, also 50 kW stations making a go of music formats, arises, but in reverse, one has to consider KVOO/KFAG-1170's switch from traditional country to talk and, if rumors are true, KOMA-1520's imminent switch from oldies plus brokered time) to talk.

As far as programming goes, I think most NRC members would welcome "more music and less talk," at least here and there on the radio dial ... as long as we never had to hear the "Theme from Shaft" slopping over from an adjacent channel ever again. And if I never had to listen again to 45 minutes of half-baked opinions from talk show hosts, or really stupid commentary from sports talk show hosts AND their call-ins, in order to record a top-of-the-hour ID (if the board up remembered to air the legal ID), I'd be one happy DX'er. In other words, one important factor in the attraction of new members to the hobby is what he or she has to put up with in order to ID a DX'd station ... and how many of any of us can put up with current talk-show fare for more than an hour or so at a time, much less static? I say, encourage good programming, whatever your tastes may run to, or be ready for more stations going silent - and you can't DX a station that isn't on the air, right?

Welcome to the new members . . . Joe Nichols, Fruit, CO; Peter Hubchak, Philadelphia, PA; Robb Leamy W888BU, Granville, OH (rejoins); William Presby, Browns Mills, NJ; Brian Leyton, Valley Village, CA; Steven A. Odenbach, The Woodlands, TX; Vern Brownell, Chatham, MA (rejoins); Deane McIntyre, Calgary, Alberta (rejoins).

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago . . . from the February 7, 1953 DXN: The C. E. of WAZF-1230, Yazoo City, MS, wrote that 31 reports had been received after their DX broadcast of 1/5/53, including 3 from PA, OH, and IA; 3 each from NY and IL; and 1 each from CA, OR, and WA.

25 years ago . . . from the February 6, 1978 DXN: Mort Meehan, Twenty-Nine Palms, CA, said that he was retired again after a 6-week stint at the post office, and that he had missed some DX but was able to buy a Panasonic R8220 and a FRG-7 with the money he earned. He reported hearing KRVN-880 on January 13 at 1 pm, giving the temperature as 18 degrees.

10 years ago . . . from the February 8, 1993 DXN: Tom Bryant reported that R. Cayman was soon to cease broadcasting on 1205 and 1555 kHz and would move to FM.
**CALL LETTER CHANGES**

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*Note: This clears up the FCC snafus in issue #15*

**APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS**

None

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**THANKS:**

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

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**Broadcasters' Guides to DX and Reception Report Forms**

Four different tri-fold guides for use with reception reports explaining DXing, how the NRC was formed, and the importance of QSL's to DXers. AM editions in English (EOD), Spanish (SSR), and French (FPO); FM edition in English (FNG). Reception report forms (NRC members ONLY, please) with NRC logo: in English, 50 for $6.00 (EERF); in Spanish, 50 each (SSRF); in French, 50 each (FERF). Order from NRC Publications. (NY residents, add sales tax)
STATION NEWS & NOTES

910 KLKN AR Blytheville - 1/21 0539 - Poor, but alone, with Classic Country 910 AM. KLKN Blytheville into old C&W. Format change from AP News. (JJ-R-WI)

1200 WIVW IL Chicago - 1/21 0816 - Good signal, with Mexican music. Several slogs of Viva! Ex WLXX. New call sign, NEW! (SA-MB)

1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 1/18 - With basketball game at 2400 and music at 0810. Have they changed formats? (GJ-CA) Another report reveals.

1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 1/18-ID at 0730 as: The Light at the top of the dial with Christian music. They appear to have changed format. (GJ-CA)

UNID and UNID HELP

650 UNID ?? - 1/6 2130-2135 - SS-speaking station for two minutes, then an EE-speaking station. Had some KFI QRM. Did not sound like KMTI. Gave up. Any clues? (RA-CA) (Possibly an XE?) - Ed.

850 UNID ?? - 1/5 1030 - C&W station, mentioning playback. (? - Ed.) Riverside and Inland Empire heard. QRM from KOA + others. New station?? (RA-CA) (Pretty certain this is KACD Thousand Oaks, CA, since they were literally in their back yard at the time - Ed.)

1170 UNID ?? - 1/6 2003-2006 - SS-speaking station on top of KCBO. Heard Numero Uno En Mexico. Where from? (RA-CA) (There are several possibilities considering your location - Ed.)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

1320 WPTJ686 WI Milwaukee - 1/18 0723 - Poor, but screaming up 1320 here. Reactivated TIS at Mitchell International Airport with a four-minute loop. (JJR-WI)

1640 WPLW619 FL Pensacola/Milton - 1/24 1030 - This call in use on (140), (160), and (160 for I-10/10 destruction plan on 1/24. No sign of previous WPVZ483 on 1690, noted 12/23. Highway signs point only to 1690, and message refers drivers to www.wplw110.com for information. And I bet we do have fully wireless internet before this little "highway improvement" is completed in 2006, and can check from our cars. But until then, it's not much use. (GB - FLP)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in EDT)

560 WHBQ TN Memphis - 1/11 1359 - With ad for Rebel in Memphis, the an ID at 1400: Sports Fifty-six, WHBQ Memphis, a Glenn Broadcasting Company. (VV-KY)

580 WIBW KS Topeka - 1/17 0705 - Fair, with weather, (snow and) nether. Pricey, but never. (JJ-R-WI)

590 WVLK KY Lexington - 1/12 1149 - Eleven forty-nine, NewsTalk Fifty-nine. WVLK, then weather. (VV-KY)

590 WJMS MI Ironwood - 1/17 0736 - Poor, with calls, then into long list of lost dogs/cats. Rare! (JJ-R-WI)

600 KCOL CO Wellington - 1/6 1849-1856 - Call ID, with lots of interference. Dr. Laura talk show. (RA-NY)

630 KPTT NV Reno - 1/18 2300 - Carrying Los Angeles Lakers vs Houston Rockets NBA game. Good signal, with little fading. (GJ-CA)


690 WTIX LA New Orleans - 12/25 2218 - Fair, with ad for local cigar shop, then ID: You're listening to Tulane football on WTIX, New Orleans, The Mighty 1550. (JJ-R-WI)

690 CBU BC Vancouver - 1/17 0300 - Weak, under XETRA, with CBC News. News with woman announcer, then into classical/easy music. My third Canadian heard this year. (KR-AZ)

710 WTPR TN Paris - 1/18 0746 - Poor, with Oldies 101.5 and 710 WTPR into ads in fade up. (JJ-R-WI)

710 WNFR VA Blacksburg - 1/18 0743 - Poor, with Sporting News Radio, ads, and calls. Looking for needed KXMK, which also carries SNR. (JJ-R-WI)

760 KCCV KS Overland Park - 1/16 1815 - Fair, and mixing with WJR. KCCV-ID followed by religious talk. (CR-IL)

760 WCIS NC Morgantown - 1/17 0730 - Poor, with very detailed sign-on (no SSB) and into a REL program. Power House 76 is NEW! (JJ-R-WI)

770 CHQR AB Calgary - 1/18 1841 - Local spot, then program note ... on CHQR AM 770 Calgary, then back to talk program on the subject of acupuncture. Quite a novelty bearing a full ID from a Canadian station, and it wasn't even ToH! (JJW-CO)

780 WBBM IL Chicago - 1/17 0310 - ID and time check, then PSA to contribute to people who can't afford heat in the winter. Rare. (KR-AZ)

790 KGHL MT Billings - 1/12 0209 - Fair, with Rocky Mountain High by John Denver, ID as 75th anniversary KGHL. (TT-IL)

890 KTLP OK Oklahoma City - 1/17 1005 - USA Network news, then ID as KTLP and you're listening to Daybreak USA on KTLP, Oklahoma City. Under KEDXU and new. (KR-AZ) (Nine AM local is a bit late for someone to be carrying a program called "Daybreak", hi - Ed.)

910 WSUI IA Iowa City-Cedar Rapids - 1/18 0700 - Poor, with legal ID and NPR fare. Alone. (JJ-R-WI)

940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 1/12 0156 - Good, with music. IDs: GX 94 and CJGX AM Stereo Yorkton into local news. (TT-IL)

1080 KVNI ID Couer d'Alene - 1/18 1905 - Local spots (Couer d'Alene and St. Mary's), and call ID. Fair, in phase null of KRLD. Semi-rare here. (JJ-WCO)


1160 WKCM KY Hawesville - 1/18 0723 - Poor, with three Owensboro ads and Western Kentucky Weather. On top of frequency! (JJ-R-WI)

1180 WAMB TN Donelson - 1/19 0803 - Ovaline ad, then Hi, I'm Frank ?? and I want to thank you for listening to my music here on WAMB, great American music, weather for Nashville area, then Gospel announcements and a couple of GOS songs. Probably just a Sunday morning program, rather than a format change from NOS. Fair, in phase null of powerhouse KSL. Strange to hear WAMB alone on frequency! (JJ-WCO)

1270 KNWC SD Sioux Falls - 1/26 1559 - Weak, but readable, with local weather, then taped id: You're listening to WAMB, a Glenn Broadcasting Company, with a growing Christian, a ministry of Northwestern College Radio. I don't know what KNWC's busy pattern is like, but it can't be sending too much this way. (RD-NE)

1280 WDOT LA New Orleans - 1/19 0700 - Cajun music with Louisiana announcements. Fading over/under SS signals. (JJR-OK)

1340 KTFX OK Sand Springs - 1/20 1400 - UC gospel talk and music with call ID. Heard in loop null of KEK. New here. (JJ-R-WI)

1350 WLOU KY Louisville - 1/15 2135 - UC gospel music, call ID. Weak and fading. New here. (JJ-R-OK)

1390 WMER MS Meridian - 1/16 2021 - It's music for the entire family to enjoy, Solid Gospel Thirteen-ninety. WMER Meridian. Not bad for 101 Watts! (VV-KY)

1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 1/16 2025 - ... on your home for high school sports. News Talk Fourteen-thirty WXNT. Then mention of Southern Indiana. (VV-KY)

1430 KCOH TX Houston - 1/19 0700 - Call ID with UC talk. Weak in loop null of KGFF Splatter. New here. (JJ-R-OK)

1490 KBUR IA Burlington - 1/19 2118 - Fair, in fade-up, with lively jock (not off bird) with calls, and Steve Wunder's Superstation. (JJ-R-WI)

1490 KZZN TX Littlefield - 1/11 2048 - Program note for ??, Monday-Friday, . . . brought to you by World Supermarket . . . KZZN . . . report for Littlefield and Lamb City . . . heard call ID twice more before fading, Poor, in phase null of KCF. New one, for Texas #164. (JJ-WCO)

1490 KUGR WY Green River - 1/12 0917 - Fair-to-poor in KCFE phase null, with sports, bank ad, weather, program note, call IDs. (JJ-WCO)

Ye Olde 1550 kHz Challenge

1550 KUAZ AZ Tucson - 1/21 0930 - Sign-on message, then into NPR News. (MDW-NM)

1550 KADZ CO Denver - 1/21 0917 - Radio Disney on day power dominant. AM 1550 / AM 1690 slogan given. (MDW-NM)

1550 WPFC LA Baton Rouge - 1/19 2120 - Call ID, public service announcements. (JJ-R-OK)

1550 KSMT MO St. Joseph - 1/12 0110-0200 - Good, very rapid fading. 1550 Oldies Station and...
Good Times Oldies 1550, and local weather. Had to wait for top of the hour for legal ID. (TT-IL)

1550
KJNY NM Albuquerque - 1/21 1400 - Playing Sandi Patti version of Star Spangled Banner, then announcement that they play the national anthem every day at noon. (MDW-NM)

1550
KZRTX CT Canyon - 1/22 2300 - Tentative, with Fox Sports Radio. No ID heard at ToH. Fox Sports lists 2-1500s; this one seems most likely. (MDW-NM)

1550
WTUX W1 Madison - 1/19 1242 - Good, semi-local, with ID: AM 1550 WTUX Madison. (TT-IL)

1550
CBE ON Windsor - 1/23 0102 - Poor, with news, CBC-1 network. (TT-IL)

End of Survivor, er ah...The Challenge

1560
KHGG AR Van Buren - 1/21 2120 - Weak and fading, with Van Buren vs Southside basketball game with. New here. (JTR-OK)

1560
KELP TX El Paso - 1/16 2100 - Religious talk, fading over/under KDAV. New here.

1570
KDAV TX Lubbock - 1/20 2050 - Oldies with call ID, fading over/under KELP. New here. (JTR-OK)

1580
WPTX MD Lexington Park - 1/20 2100 - Weak, fading with call ID and news. Heard in loop null of KDQZ. (JTR-OK)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

None this week, but remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

DDXD-East

Another big WOW this week for the Frequency Challenge on 1600 kHz! Reporters heard 33 stations in 20 states! Upcoming challenges and dates are:
- 1280 kHz - January 29 – February 4; 910 kHz – February 5 - 11; “K” stations – February 12-18; 630 kHz – February 12 - 25; 1480 kHz – February 26 - March 19; 960 kHz – March 20 - April 1; and 1370 kHz – April 2 – April 15.

Brent Taylor (BT-NB) writes: “With all the talk on the Internet about the great daytime DX I decided to see what was in fact a rare mid-week day off from teaching. With my wife off to work and my son at school, I was able to turn off every appliance, computer and other possible source of RE. I then fired up my recently refurbished FRG-7700 and connected it to my HF ham antennas through the FRA-7700 active antenna. I was able to copy all of the NE US and Eastern Canada on 1/21, with signals from six provinces and seven or eight states audible in the few hours either side of high noon. Can’t wait to get planning to erect either Kaz, EWE, WM-MD, JR-NY, RJ-NC, RJE-PA, DH-NJ, HJH-PA, RR-NC, or pennant antennas in the yard this summer.”

REPORTERS

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200, RFB-45.
SC-IN Steve Chappe11, Cordova - Bearcat DX-1000, 3 terminated loops.
BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R98, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4' amplified air core loop.
RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Car radio & whip.
JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7050+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
CH-FL Carl Hattan, Melbourne - Heathkit SW-7800 with Digital Signal Processor and R/S loop.
HJ-PB Barry Hayes, Willkes-Barre - HQ-180, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Superadio II.
DH-NJ Dave Hochfielder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum XQ Pro.
DL-MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Icom 8050 on random wire or loop.
DL-MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Ten Tec RX340 on a long wire operating unattended gathering 4-minute audio samples at the top of the hour.
WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.
BDM-ON Barry McLarnon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.
HN-GA Herbert Newberry, Newberry - Kenwood R-5000, Quantum Loop, monster longwire.
JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, 1000' E/W beverage.
RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville - Sony 7600GR, Radio Shack loop and Radio Plus Q-Stick, National NC-183D and 500' E/W long wire.

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE - 1600 kHz

1600
WKEN DE Dover - 1/15 1220 - Gospel music weak but steady under WWRL and WHOL. Often heard mixing with WHOL before WWRL’s increase. (RJE-PA)

WQOP FL Atlantic Beach - 1/15 1559 - “This is a faith based ministry and an important ministry. Queen Of Peace Radio is not commercial and...” (RJ-NC)

WKWF FL Key West - 1/21 2106 - “Sports Radio 16, WKWF” Heard here several nights before getting a good ID. (RR-NC)

WOKD FL Winter Garden - 1/18 2114 - Teenage religious program on prophet Elijah “call us at WOKD for prayer”. (RR-NC)

WAOS GA Austell - 1/15 1459 - “This is WAOS-Austell.” (RJ-NC)

WCCO IL Chicago Heights - 1/16 0100 - Very weak: “1600 AM WCCO Chicago Heights.” (SC-IN)

1/16 0733 - “Unforgettable music plus all the information you need...we’re 1600 AM, WCCO,” into Brubeck tune “Take Five”, good, nearly alone in sunshine enhancement to the west. (BDM-ON)

1/16 1826 - ID as “...right here on WCCO”, PSA for Big Brothers/Big Sisters noted under almost un-nu llable WAAM/WCCO one-two punch. (MKB-ON)

1/18 1953 - alone on west wire with NOS music, ID “thank you for listening to ‘Unforgettable 1600’, WCCO”, back to NOS. (JF-ON)

WMCW IL Harvard - 1/16 0706 - Very weak: “From 7 to 7, we’ve got you covered on 1600 AM WMCW.” (SC-IN)

KCRG IA Cedar Rapids - 1/20 2147 - Very weak: “Sports Radio 1600 KCRG.” (SC-IN)

KLEB LA Golden Meadow - 1/22 1949 - Fair: “For the best variety of Cajun Music, lock your radio on the Cajun” Cajun 1600 AM KLEB.” (SC-IN)

WKDM MD Rockville - 1/16 1600 - “AM sixteen hundred kilohertz, ...WKDM Rockville, Washington DC.” EE ID on the hour in Oriental language programming. (DL*MD)

1/19 1659 - “Onward Christian Soldiers”, sung in unknown language, interrupted by odd multi-lingual ID by accented announcer, which included “WKDM, Rockville-Washington”, along with other words I couldn’t decipher, then into news 30 seconds after TOH, again in unknown language. Good, well over WWRL and others, New. (BDM-ON)

WUNR MA Brookline - 1/6 0100 - Just caught the “WUNR Brookline” ID in pre-TOH jungle. Likely them at other times as well, with other things, FF talk. Not the pest they once were here. (BDM-ON)

1/17 0800 - Excellent; “Radio Internacional, mil seiscientos AM” with telephone talk in Spanish and an Hispanic pop music mix. (IBC-NH)

1/20 2131 - Presumed with French language program heard several nights through WTZQ. (RR-NC)

WHNP MA East Longmeadow - 1/19 1600 - Triple ID for WHQ/MWH/WHNP (the latter as “WHNP East Longmeadow - Springfield”), then “the Pioneer Valley’s Newsradio, WHNP”, into CBS news, good, slightly over WWRL and others. (BDM-ON)

1/19 1630 - Fair; money talk, “The Pioneer Valley’s Newsradio, WHNP. News and talk, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,” then at 1645 sign-off announcement, “WHNP AM 1600 in East Longmeadow will be leaving the airwaves now,” and mention of 1240, mostly under WUNR. (BC-NH)

WAAM MA Ann Arbor - 1/15 1707 - the #2 pest on 1600 over my #1 pest (WWRL) with local traffic report. ID at end of weather: “it’s mostly cloudy and 20 degrees at WAAM”. (MKB-ON)

1/15 2006 - rose above the jungle with news, weather and ID. (AR-ON)

1/16 0000 - “Radio 16, WAAM Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti”, into CNN news. Frequently heard, with talk and “Your Information Station” slogans. (BDM-ON)

1/18 0700 - Weak: “From your Information Station, I’m Laurie?” in the WAAM
Newsroom.” (SC-IN)

+ 1/18 0828 - fair with NOS music, weather sponsored by “Big Daddy’s Car Wash”. Daytime regular here. (JF-ON)

KWOM MN Watertown - 1/17 1900 - “KWOM Watertown” ID, poor in mess. Very likely they were later in the evening with UMN-Mankato Mavericks Hockey. (BDM-ON)

KATZ MO Saint Louis - 1/18 0600 - Very weak: “Gospel 1600 plays the best variety of Gospel Music” and “Gospel 1600 KATZ.” (SC-IN)

+ 1/18 0830 - faded up over WAAM on west wire with end of REL program with ID “we’re number one, KATZ. ‘Gospel 1600’, all gospel all the time” into another REL program. (JF-ON)

WEHH NY Elmira Heights - 1/15 1935 - Public safety announcement, ID, local ad into “Cod Bless the USA”. New on this frequency. Noted most evenings after sunset and mornings before. I’m guessing app for night ops is on. (RJE-PA)

+ 1/16 0600 - “AM 1600 WEHH, Elmira Heights - Horseheads”, then back to music (Buddy Knox, “Party Doll”), over WWRL and others. (BDM-ON)

+ 1/16 2005 - Asked for listeners to please write in and give address, on “Elmira’s WEHH”. Hearable just after sunset and just before sunrise on the 16th/17th. (DL-MD)

+ 1/18 0823 - surprisingly over WWRL with Dream Lover by Bobby Darin, slogan “this is one incredible radio station, Elmira’s WEHH”, then faded into muck. (MKB-ON)

+ 1/18 1946 - faded up briefly with NOS music and quick ID “Elmira’s WEHH”. Only 2nd time heard. Believe this is now W14 5000/170. (JF-ON)

WWRL NY New York - 1/15 1215 - With local pseudo-medical call-in show, with frequent mentions of calls. Since power increase and pattern change, has become a major pest. (RJE-PA)

+ 1/16 1745 - Good; promo, “…right here at New York’s Urban Mix, WWRL,” R&B and soca music, broadcasting live from Barbados. (BC-NH)

+ 1/16 1900 - “New York’s Urban Mix, WWRL.” Copied this station all night at the top of each hour. (DL-MD)

+ 1/18 0958 - good on east wire most of the day ID “Welcome to 1600, WWRL, Gospel Music” and “Gospel 1600 KATZ.” (SC-IN)

1/16 2005 - ...standards, though I couldn’t name the tunes, and nice clear WHJB "This was "dashboard DX", heard about 5 minutes from home on my way to work. Inspirational music, then announcer with "we are Joy Radio, at 1600". Probably the result of not throwing the switch some nights. (RJE-PA)

1/17 1654 - presumed, with religious talk show, local ads and PSAs (e.g., Bloch Business Machines in Allentown, Salvation Army in Pottsville), briefly on top and then faded under WWRL. (BDM-ON)

WHJB PA Bedford - 1/15 1714 - Pop standards, ID: moderate signal mixing with others. Very inconsistent night to night. (RJ-PA)

+ 1/19 1000 - over another gospel station (likely WWRL) with “AM 1600 WHJB Bedford” ID into Wonderful Words of Light gospel program. (MKB-ON)

+ 1/19 1630 - Standards, though I couldn’t name the tunes, and nice clear WHJB ID amidst a jumble of stations. (BDM-ON)

+ 1/19 1700 - Fair; Sheena Easton’s “Morning Train.” then “Great songs…information...WHJB Pittsburgh,” or at least it sure sounded like Pittsburgh. To add to the confusion, I went to investigate on the Internet and found “Pittsburgh’s favorite music on 620 WHJB.” Bedford seems too far away to be Pittsburgh. (JF-ON)

+ 1/20 1838 - strong at times with NOS music, weather report, ID “great songs and great memories here on AM 1600, WHJB” into “A Rainy Night in Georgia.” (JF-ON)

WPDC PA Elizabethtown - 1/15 1732 - Spanish music and talk, local ad for business in Lebanon PA. Very few ads. Surprisingly strong several evenings, totally absent others - probably the result of not throwing the switch some nights. (RJ-PA)

WJSA PA Jersey Shore - 1/16 1658 - Poor; call sign and Jersey Shore mentions into local weather, then something about worldwide church, heard through WUNR. (BC-NH)

+ 1/21 1305 - Faded up out of the mess with an ad for Phil’s (?) Appliance Center (“next to Harder’s”) in Williamsport, then into “Stories of Great Christians” from the Moody Bible Institute. New. (BDM-ON)

WFIS SC Fountain Inn - 1/21 0736 - Very weak: “1600 AM WFIS.” (SC-IN)

KRVA VA Cockrell Hill - 1/19 0301 - Fair with female ID: “KKVA Cockrell Hill Radio Romantica.” (SC-IN)

WCPK VA Chesapeake - 1/16 0630 - “WCPK, Gospel for the Hampton Roads” and into a Gospel/rock version of “This Little Light”. (RJE-PA)

WXMY VA Salisbury - 1/15 1710 - Presumed with C&W steadily under the mix. Really no one else likely at this time with C&W. (RJ-PA)

+ 1/17 0813 - under partially nullled WWRL with C&W oldies, slogan “the music America grew up with, 1600 AM WXMY”. (MKB-ON)

+ 1/19 1520 - Poor with WWRL under weather report. (JF-ON)

+ 1/21 1732 - More dashboard DX, this time on the home wave. C&W music occasionally surfacing over dominant WEHH, then “WXMY” heard a little after 8OH, possibly with s/o. (BDM-ON)

WZZW WV Milton - 1/17 0659 - “WTCCR-777” and WZZW-Milton. (RJ-NC)

+ 1/20 0825 - This was “dashboard DX”, heard about 5 minutes from home on the way to work. Inspirational music, then announcer with “we are Joy Radio, at 304…” I wasn’t in a position to make notes, so I missed the rest. On top for a minute or two, then overtaken by WKKX and WWRL. (BDM-ON)

WKKX WV Wheeling - 1/15 1459 - “ESPN Radio 1600, WKKX Wheeling,” (RJ-NC)

+ 1/18 0857 - “This is ESPN Radio AM 1600 WKKX.” (SC-IN)

+ 1/18 0800 - “The Ohio Valley’s sports authority, ESPN radio 1600, WKKX Wheeling”, into ESPN Sports Center, over UNID SS and others. (BDM-ON)

+ 1/18 1000 - poor under WWRL with ID “Ohio Valley’s Sports Leader, "ESPN 1600", WKKX, Wheeling”, into NBA scores. (JF-ON)

+ 1/19 1027 - presumed with ESPN sports talk, slogan “The Ohio Valley’s leader in sports, the all new ESPN radio 1600”, in fading daytime jumble. (MKB-ON)

WRPN WI Ripon - 1/18 0400 - Extremely weak “WRPN” then covered by UNID station. (SC-IN)

STATION NEWS

680

WCNN GA Atlanta - 1/6 1330 – has added non-sports talk - Bill O’Reilly - to its
afternoon lineup. Also carries CBS news. (HN-GA)

WMOXp MS Meridian - 1/10 1805 - “Southeastern sports talk” with references to central time zone. Sports items from MS, AL, GA with emphasis on MS. New. (HN-GA)

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WBCAp Al Bay Minette - 1/13 0145 - on after hours over and under WBT with AO format. No calls given but a “Gulf Coast weather” segment and SW loop orientation indicates WBCA. (HN-GA)

KTBKp TX Sherman - 1/18 1800 - In dead air just before the WEUV ID. “Sports thirteen ten...” tentative ID based on NC Radio Log entry. (DL-MD)

STATION LOGGINGS

580 CKKW ON Windsor - 1/17 1605 - Extremely weak signal under WCHS: “This is AM 580 CKKW, the best hits of all time” then song “Walk Right In”. First positive ID from this location. (SC-IN)

600 WSNL MI Flint - 1/13 2317 - ID and religious music, poor in mess that included WICC and WMT. “Your news and information station”, new with these calls. (JR-NY)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 1/12 1630 - poor in mess with traffic info from “News Radio 640, WGST.” (JF-ON) + 1/15 1740 - Local talk and Atlanta traffic report over everything... Time check “5:42 at the Dorky 640.” (PEW-SC)

WHLO OH Akron - 1/17 0750 - woman with news then “ons-news-talk 640, WHLO.” On top of WGST, surprisingly strong for first time heard here! (RB-NC)

670 WSCR IL Chicago - 1/17 1355 - Local Chicago commercial for IDS (a mortgage company) and back to local sports talk. (PEW-SC)

700 KSEV TX Tomball - 1/12 0830 - with WLU totally nulled, KSEV with armchair signal. Promo for advertising call-in show on “700 KSEV, The Voice.” Into “The Lutheran Hour.” New. (HN-GA)

710 WUFF GA Eastman - 1/9 2005 - strong with GOS music, ID “Stay tuned to clear channel ‘Big Wof Fool Radio’ for more of the best gospel music”. Forgot to shut AM off at LSS. (JF-ON)

720 WGRC NC Pisgah Forest - 1/23 2335 - good; dominant at times over WGN and way over CHTN. On emergency facilities because of severe cold weather; giving shelter announcements and offers of rides for people to get to shelters. New. (DH-NJ)


760 WCHP NY Chappaqua - 1/21 0558 - Well after sunrise with end of religious program, some phone numbers and then the announcer saying “make sure you mention WCHP when you call.” Station was in all day here, with many mentions of Montreal bookstores, phone numbers, etc. Checked back at 1523 to hear FF religious programming and talk. New. (BT-NB)

810 WNSI AL Jacksonville - 1/6 1507 - “Mike Malloy talk show on WNSI.” A rarity - a liberal hosting a liberal show). New. (HN-GA)

820 WSOU OH Columbus - 1/5 1755 - w/“World of Wheels” promo. “Columbus Public Radio”. Continuation of Buckeyes coverage. Very strong. (JHH-PN)


WFVR G4 Valdosta - 1/11 0445 - alone with I-75 traffic info, ad for hotel in Lake City. (JF-ON)

KVJS OK Miami - 1/15 1930 - alone with GOS music, ID “it’s 40 degrees at KVJS”. (JF-ON) + 1/17 2250 - Country Gospel music program. calls. (JR-NY)


CJCH NS Halifax - 12/22 1705 - Weather report, jingle then Christmas music. Weak thru WHJJ. (JHH-PA)

WYMB SC Manning - 1/5 2257 - Frequent “Wheels 101.5” IDs (not 92.5 as in NRC AM Log). C & W music. Good signal on loop with WAFS nulled. New. (HN-GA)

WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 1/5 1837 - Fair w/a weak signal from Montreal station. Song: “Your station for the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s.” ID. (JHH-PA)

CJGK SK Yorkton - 1/13 1858 - fair with C&W music, local obituaries, ID “we are CJGK 940, Yorkton, ‘7X-94 AM stereo’, weather report. Not usually heard this time of day. (JF-ON)


WERC AL Birmingham - 1/9 1913 - poor with local ad into talk about Alabama State football. (JF-ON)

KMA IA Shenandoah - 1/13 1907 - fair with Iowa farm news and market info, report on Iowa Pork Congress Meeting. (JF-ON)

WJNQ MA Holyoke - 1/15 1815 - Religious format. New. (HN-GA)

WEBs GA Calhoun - 1/9 1846 - weak but alone with oldies music, ID at top of hour “your home for good times and great oldies, WBS, Calhoun”, CNN News. Obviously not R30. New! (JF-ON)

WPBS GA Conyers - 1/13 1745 - Mixing with WWVA, man with sign off after gospel music, WPBS Conyers, Georgia ending another broadcast day.” Continues move from 1050. (RB-NC)

CJMS QC Saint-Constant - 1/21 1538 - Talk in FF about snowmobiles (“les motoneiges”), then into male ID “CJMS”, and C&W song by Charlie Major. (BT-NB)

WUFO NY Amherst - 12/23 0830 - Very strong and alone. Ad for Malchuski’s Chicken Shop and Sean Dunn Sportsware. Promo for “From The Father’s Heart” program on WUFO”. (JHH-PA)

WWNL PA Pittsburgh - 1/6 1641 - “WWNL - we’re new life radio.” Religious format. New. (HN-GA)

WFCV IN Fort Wayne - 1/11 1019 - Religious talk, ad for Hudson Investment Realty at 260-744-9200, then back to program called “Think on These Things”, ID at 1030, weak but all alone on the channel. Good daytime DX (552 miles) for only 970 Watts! New. (BDM-ON)

WSMO NC Camp Lejeune - 1/19 0810 - two men in conversation, then “WSMO Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the home of American music.” Continues move here from 1340. (RB-NC)

KWKH LA Shreveport - 1/6 021 - interference from het in past DX sessions grow, now with the clear armchair signal a 50KW should have. Fox sports talk, “The Fan” slogan. New. (HN-GA)
WNAM 1360-WCJW NY Warsaw
WZQZ GA 1-16 2100 - Daytimer on after hours with Oldies program “The Music of Your Life”. Heard for several hours under WHAM-NY until finally ID’d as “WZQZ, Trion-Summerville” at TOH, followed by USA Radio Network News.

WBJO LA Baton Rouge 1-16 1700 – news, local promo with “WBJO”, into local sports.

1180 WFBG PA Altoona 1-18 1524 - poor with NOS music, call ID, weather report.

1190 WFBG PA Altoona 1-18 1528 - poor with local CJBK with NOS music, ID at top of hour, and into Pittsburgh Penguins hockey. (JJ-ON)

1200 WEZS NH Laconia 1-18 1542 – over WTOW and/or WOYK’s ESPN sports with EZL (including some downright sappy elevator music such as an instrumental version of the Stones’ As Time Goes By), slogan “we’re the one station that’s always easy to listen to. WEZS, Easy 1530 AM.” (MKB-ON)

1230 WWLG MD Pikesville 1-17 0729 - Man with ad for hearing aids then woman with report and “WLG, music of your life.” New. (RB-NC)

WCCN WI Neillsville 1-20 0855 – over WPSDL with local sports report containing several references to the Brewers, Packers, and U of W Badgers. 0900 top of hour ID by woman: “1370 AM WCCN Neillsville” into ABC news. (MKB-ON)

1380 WRNI RI Woonsocket 1-15 2400 – “WRNI” sung ID in the clear following an auto insurance commercial. Faded into co-channel. (DL/MH)

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1370 WEUW AL Huntsville 1-18 1800 – “This is WEUW. WEUW... and WHYY...” into GOS channel. Interference from SPT format (KTBK) and WJCC in SS. (ID/MD)

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Harold

1575 THAILAND

Jim speaks:

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Radio Monte

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Info

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GERMANY

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FRANCE

SPAIN

Nashville. [Ponder-TX]

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an electronic organ in the background. [Ponder-TX]

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I'm 82 years old, I don't claim to be the oldest NRC member, but I wonder how many might be older than that. Perhaps people who go to Kulpville or local GTGs may have some idea. I have surprised myself by adding 13 new stations to my log since January 1: Some were "cheaters", daytimers operating after hours. High school basketball on Friday night was apparently responsible for one of these. Another "cheater" was a Gospel station in Georgia that couldn't have been using its authorized night power of 63 watts. Is it a sin when a religious station operates illegally? Some of my new catches were the result of happening to be on the right frequency at the right time for unusual propagation. I have a notion that stations to the west come through in better shape when there is a high pressure weather system out that way. I found this to be true when I used to DX navigational beacons in the 190-330 kHz band, and believe that it's also true for the AM broadcast band. I get upset when I'm trying to use the Kiwa loop to null a station to my east or west under auroral conditions and Cubans come barreling in, blocking my reception of stations north of me. I'm more interested in logging Canadians than the Caribbean. At this time of year I can't take advantage of DX opportunities around LSS because I'm the one who cooks dinner. I have to wait until the seasons advance and we shift to Daylight Saving Time, when dinner is over before it gets dark. Also, after dinner my wife watches TV, which QRMs of a number of channels. I do get a break at 7 o'clock Tuesday evenings, when a ladies' Bible study meets at our house and the TV is off.

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