

# DX News

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*From the Publisher ...* This issue is packed as tight as a grape after a summer rain; in fact, I actually have material left for next week's issue.

A technical note to editors and other who submit copy and columns: if you use Microsoft Word, please avoid using any other style in your document than "Normal". I had to start this issue of DXN all over from scratch after nearly completing it, and I have a feeling that items submitted in "HTML Preformatted" style, etc., may be the culprit that caused the DXN Pagemaker document to crash and burn and end up as unopenable. Don't assume that when you open up a new document that it will default to "Normal", either - you probably will have to set the style to "Normal" before you start. More information for preparing articles can be found online at <<<http://nrcdxas.org/articles/PubGuide/index.html>>>. E-mail me if you need more information about the problem.

**KMMZ-1640 ...** More on this new X-bander in Enid, OK, from Glenn Hauser: "After a 4-week break, KMMZ, 1640 returned to the air Dec. 18, resuming the All Comedy Radio network format it had used briefly when initially testing. No legal IDs (or illegal IDs) were ever heard during the initial testing period, Nov. 14-21, but now it's KMMZ, 1640, Enid-Oklahoma City. Other IDs around the 20th and 40th minutes past the hours only mention OKC. I visited the transmitter site east of Hennessey on Nov. 21 and took a few (low-resolu-

tion) photos, including the STL dish pointing only at OKC, not Enid. These and a roundup of observations to date on this new X-band target are at <http://www.worldofradio.com/enid.html>."

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### DX Time Machine

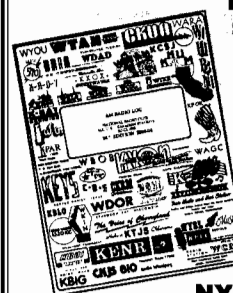
#### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 26, 1953 DXN: J. P. Alexander, St. Albans, WV, submitted a list of thirteen split-frequency 1A stations he had heard in addition to the nineteen reported previously, a total of 32 logged since 9/1/53.

25 years ago ... from the January 8, 1979 DXN: Bill Wurtzel, New York, NY opined that "The public is fed up with disco and 24-hour-a-day religion [broadcast on the air]."

10 years ago ... from the December 27, 1993 DXN: This first-ever 72-page DXN featured news of Swedish-Lappland, Newfoundland, and Scottish DXpeditions, not to mention 16 CPC tests.

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# 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>
1050	WFOG	VA Norfolk	WCMS (and now classic country)
1530	WOBS	FL Jacksonville	WYMM
1570	WGSR	FL Fernandina Beach	*WNNR ("The Winner, AM 1570")
1660	WBHE	NC Charlotte	WFNA ("WFNA, the Franchise")

\* = Reported as heard but hasn't shown up in the FCC database as of 12/24.

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

675 K GU Tamuning - Granted U1 10000/10000. Only 2000+ miles from the West Coast . . . hmmm. You never know, considering it's on a split frequency!

## CPs ON THE AIR

620	WGCV	SC Cayce	- On the air from new 324' tower at N33-57-34 W81-02-28. Remains U1 1000/126.
710	KMIA	AZ Black Canyon City	- On the air with U4 22000/3900.
770	WKTW	PA Jeanette	- Has been heard with "mention of KHB and religion, mention of Pittsburgh with 412 area code in announcements." Facilities are D1 750/0 CH 750. They are diplexed into the 400' tower of co-owned WKHB-620 in Irwin, Pennsylvania at N40-17-20 W79-42-04.
1150	KNRC	CO Englewood	- Now on with U4 10000/1000.
1150	KQQQ	WA Pullman	- Now on with U1 11000/27.
1280	KXTK	CA Arroyo Grande	- Now on with U4 10000/2500.
1320	WDMJ	MI Marquette	- Station goes from three towers at night to only one. Becomes U1 5000/135.
1340	KGFW	NE Kearney	- This CP covered a change in geographic coordinates of about 1/2 mile. I'm not sure if they did, indeed, build a new tower, or this is just a coordinate adjustment. At any rate, the new location is listed as: N40-40-05 W99-04-52.
1410	KNTX	TX Bowie	- Station has increased their night power and dropped the nighttime directional antenna operation. Now U5 500/150.
1650	KBIV	TX El Paso	- Now on-the-air with C&W programming.

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

740	WMIN	WI Hudson	- Granted D3 1100/0 using a new directional pattern from a new transmitter site, which is the former site of WDBG-630 at N44-58-05 W92-40-01.
850	KICY	AK Nome	- Granted U10 50000/50000 CH 50000. Antenna designator U10 means directional during CH operation.
910	WFDF	MI Flint	- Will be U4 50000/1000 from a two-site operation.
910	KXEB	TX Sherman	- Along with their CP to change the city-of-licence to Frisco with U4 1000/500, this change is for a relocation of the transmitter to a new 2-tower site at N33-12-55 W96-53-56.
960	WTCH	WI Shawano	- Coordinate adjustment to: N40-52-22 W123-49-52.
1030	WBZ	MA Boston	- Granted auxiliary facilities of U1 10000/1000 from a 257' tower at N42-21-52 W71-08-04.
1050	WIQB	SC Conway	- Granted U4 25000/1000 from new five tower site at N32-48-50 W80-04-44.
1130	KBMR	ND Bismarck	- Granted night service to become U1 10000/24.
1210	WILY	IL Centralia	- After having its application denied, station resubmitted and this time the FCC granted it. Will be D4 10000/0 CH 1100 from a new transmitter site.
1430	KCOH	TX Houston	- Station adds one tower for increased night coverage with new pattern. Will be U4 5000/1000.

1510 KMZT CA Piedmont - Station has a CP to move from San Rafael with added night service. This change ups the nighttime authorization from 200 to 230 Watts and alters the night pattern. New facilities will be U4 8000/230.

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

620	WGCV	SC Cayce	- Station wants to increase their day power to become U1 2500/126.
660	KGDP	CA Orcutt	- Application covers an increase to both day and night power levels plus add Critical Hours operation, and erect three new towers at a new location. If built, station would be U13 50000/7000 CH 50000.
980	WRNE	FL Gulf Breeze	- Application covers an increase in day power and dropping their day pattern. If granted, station would become U2 4000/1000.
1070	KILR	IA Estherville	- Seeks to add night service. Would be U4 250/37.
1150	WSPZ	AL Tuscaloosa	- Wants to increase day power. Would be U2 20000/1000.
1330	WEBY	FL Milton	- Station is licensed for U1 5000/79. This action proposes they add two towers and increase the day power to become U5 25000/79.
1540	KMPC	CA Los Angeles	- Application covers the following: add three towers to current array; increase nighttime power; and adjustments to both day and night patterns. If granted, station would become U4 50000/40000.
1560	WRSJ	PR Buyamon	- Station is licensed for U1 5000/750, and has a CP for U1 2500/750 from a new site. This application requests U3 5000/5000 from a third location.

## APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1140	KNEI	IA Waukon	- Wanted to move to 1160 kHz with U1 1700/30.
1150	KBIS	TX Highland Park	- Applied for U4 25000/1000 with a two-site setup.

## ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

890	KTXV	TX Frankston	- New station (not yet on the air) holds a CP for U4 2000/8. This amendments reduces both day and night power levels and changes the transmitter location to about 15 miles south of the current site. New facilities would be U1 250/8.
1190	WIXE	NC Monroe	- Has a CP for an upgrade from D1 1000/0 to D1 2500/0 CH 2000, but this application wants an even bigger increase in daytime power. Facilities would be D1 5000/0 CH 2000.
1240	KRDM	OR Redmond	- New station (not yet on the air) granted U1 1000/1000, up from 750/750.
1470	WAZN	MA Marlborough	- Has a CP for U4 7000/5000 from a new three tower site, but now wants to amend the CP to U4 1400/3400 from yet, a third site.

## ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

570	W	GA Garden City	- Application for new station is now amended to read U4 500/500. Garden City is on the northwest outskirts of Savannah. The antenna site is about 8 miles west-northwest of Savannah, with the patterns heading 103 degrees.
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## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1030	K	CA Elk Grove	- Amended application for this facility now states U4 50000/10000. [See Issue 10 for details]
1060	K	WA Union Gap	- Seeks U2 16000/1500. The night pattern is aimed at 295 degrees (toward Seattle). Union Gap is on the south edge of Yakima.

## APPLICATIONS FOR EXPERIMENTAL PERMIT ACCEPTED

1060	K	HI Captain Cook	- KHBC, Hilo has applied for an experimental synchronous station here. Antenna and power details are not available. Captain Cook is on the far west coast of the island of Hawaii.
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## STATION LICENSE RENEWAL DISMISSED

1470	DKKFO	CA Coalinga	- Application for license renewal dismissed at applicant's request. Call letters deleted.
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Radio Station **KVGB** NBC

### APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL ACCEPTED

540	WDAK	GA	Columbus	1050	WMNZ	GA	Montezuma	1370	WLOV	GA	Washington
550	WASG	AL	Atmore	1060	WKNG	GA	Tallapoosa	1380	WAOK	GA	Atlanta
570	WAAX	AL	Gadsden	1080	WKBY	VA	Chatham	1390	WHMA	AL	Anniston
550	WDUN	GA	Gainesville	1110	WBCA	AL	Bay Minette	1400	WXAL	AL	Demopolis
580	WBIL	AL	Tuskegee	1130	WLBA	GA	Gainesville	1400	WJLD	AL	Fairfield
580	WGAC	GA	Augusta	1140	WBXR	AL	Hazel Green	1400	WANI	AL	Opelika
590	WRAG	AL	Carrollton	1170	WACV	AL	Montgomery	1400	WNEX	GA	Macon
590	WDWD	GA	Atlanta	1180	WWWE	GA	Hapeville	1400	WCOH	GA	Newnan
610	WAGG	AL	Birmingham	1180	WZQZ	GA	Trion	1400	WHGM	GA	Savannah
610	WPLO	GA	Grayson	1190	WGKA	GA	Atlanta	1410	WLAQ	GA	Rome
610	WCEH	GA	Hawkinsville	1190	WWIO	GA	St. Marys	1420	WACT	AL	Tuscaloosa
630	WAVU	AL	Albertville	1210	WDGR	GA	Dahlonega	1420	WATB	GA	Decatur
630	WJDB	AL	Thomasville	1220	WAYE	AL	Birmingham	1420	WLET	GA	Toccoa
630	WBMQ	GA	Savannah	1220	WABF	AL	Fairhope	1420	WKWN	GA	Trenton
640	WGST	GA	Atlanta	1220	WZOT	GA	Rockmart	1430	WGFS	GA	Covington
700	WGZS	AL	Dothan	1230	WJBB	AL	Haleyville	1430	WDAL	GA	Dalton
710	WNTM	AL	Mobile	1230	WBHP	AL	Huntsville	1440	WGMI	GA	Bremen
710	WROM	GA	Rome	1230	WNUZ	AL	Talladega	1440	WVMG	GA	Cochran
720	WGSE	GA	Hogansville	1230	WKIM	GA	Augusta	1450	WWNT	AL	Dothan
730	WUMP	AL	Madison	1230	WBLJ	GA	Dalton	1450	WLAY	AL	Muscle Shoals
750	WSB	GA	Atlanta	1230	WSOK	GA	Savannah	1450	WGPC	GA	Albany
750	WAUG	NC	New Hope	1240	WULA	AL	Eufaula	1450	WCQN	GA	Cornelia
770	WVNN	AL	Athens	1240	WMGJ	GA	Gadsden	1450	WMVG	GA	Milledgeville
780	WZZX	AL	Lineville	1240	WTID	AL	Jasper	1450	WVLD	GA	Valdosta
790	WQXI	GA	Atlanta	1240	WBHB	GA	Fitzgerald	1450	DWTHU	MD	Thurmont
790	WFSN	GA	Brunswick	1240	WGGG	GA	Gainesville	1460	WHAL	AL	Phenix City/ Columbus
800	WHOS	AL	Decatur	1240	WLAG	GA	La Grange	1460	WXEM	GA	Buford
810	WNSI	AL	Jacksonville	1240	WDDO	GA	Macon	1470	WIJK	AL	Evergreen
810	WBIC	GA	Royston	1240	WTWA	GA	Thomson	1470	WRGA	GA	Rome
850	WCUG	GA	Cuthbert	1260	WTJH	GA	East Point	1480	WYMR	AL	Bridgeport
860	WAMI	AL	Opp	1270	WJJD	AL	Prichard	1480	WLPH	AL	Irondale
860	WAEC	GA	Atlanta	1270	WMLF	GA	Columbus	1480	WABB	AL	Mobile
860	WDMG	GA	Douglas	1280	WLCG	GA	Macon	1480	WGUS	GA	Augusta
870	WQRX	AL	Valley Head	1290	WCFI	FL	Ocala	1490	WAJF	AL	Decatur
900	WATV	AL	Birmingham	1290	WTKS	GA	Savannah	1490	WHBB	AL	Selma
900	WBML	GA	Macon	1300	WMTM	GA	Moultrie	1490	WYYZ	GA	Jasper
900	WJLG	GA	Savannah	1300	WIMO	GA	Winder	1500	WYSM	AL	Rainsville
930	WJBY	AL	Rainbow City	1310	WHPE	AL	Foley	1500	WKAX	AL	Russellville
930	WMGR	GA	Bainbridge	1310	WQAH	AL	Priceville	1500	WDEN	GA	Macon
940	WMAC	GA	Macon	1320	WZZK	AL	Birmingham	1500	WLOR	AL	Huntsville
960	WERC	AL	Birmingham	1340	WGAI	GA	Athens	1550	WAZX	GA	Smyrna
960	WJYZ	GA	Albany	1340	WINZ	GA	Augusta	1550	WKTG	GA	Vienna
960	WRFC	GA	Athens	1340	WTIF	GA	Tifton	1560	WTKN	AL	Daleville
970	WERH	AL	Hamilton	1340	WSSC	SC	Sumter	1580	WKUN	GA	Monroe
970	WNIV	GA	Atlanta	1340	DWBLB	VA	Pulaski	1590	WALG	GA	Albany
980	WDKLF	AL	Canton	1350	WFNS	GA	Blackshear	1590	WVNA	AL	Tusculumbia
980	WPGA	GA	Perry	1350	WRWH	GA	Cleveland	1590	WQCH	GA	Lafayette
980	WUUS	GA	Rossville	1350	WNNG	GA	Warner Robins	1590	WTGA	GA	Thomaston
980	DWMEK	VA	Chase City	1360	DWBLT	VA	Bedford	1600	WQOS	GA	Austell
1000	WDXZ	AL	Robertsdale	1360	WZPQ	AL	Jasper	1630	WRDW	GA	Augusta
1040	WPBS	GA	Conyers	1360	WELR	AL	Roanoke	1670	WMWR	GA	Dry Branch
1050	WFAM	GA	Augusta	1360	WHCG	GA	Metter	1690	WSWK	GA	Adel
				1370	WTSB	GA	Rome				
				1370	WFDR	GA	Manchester				

### ODDS AND ENDS

- A few station's call letters in this issue are preceded by a "D". That means the station license has been revoked and the call letters deleted by the FCC. Most of these were because the station's management failed to submit renewal paperwork on time. Tch, tch, tch.
- CKYR-1450 Jasper, Alberta will be abandoning the AM band for 95.5 MHz with 95 Watts.
- Recent news about the 1670 station in Southern Georgia brought this note from Herb Newberry of Milledgeville: "I believe that CoL has always been Dry Branch (just east of Macon). Transmitter is located in Dry Branch and studios in Macon. The WMWR call sign was a former call for WMAC-940. I think the station was sold and these calls might indicate another Cumulus Broadcasting station (they dominate AM & FM in the Macon market)."
- Reports indicate that WSTN-1410, Somerville, Tennessee and KENT-1170 Honolulu, Hawaii have gone silent..
- 18-Wheeler 1; AM tower 0. The tower of WSLA-1560 Slidell, Louisiana was struck and killed by a big rig which was supposed to go past on I-10, but in the thick of rush hour, took an errant turn into the tower's acreage and struck the 407' beast. Word is, the station was off for more than week while temporary facilities were arranged. But now has returned.
- Thanks, and a doff of the old AM Switch ear muffs go to Saul Chernos, Perry Crabill, Russ Edmunds, Jeff Falconer, Wayne Heinen, John Malicky and Jerry Starr.

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**DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-br. ELT**

### DDXD-West

#### RANDOM STUFF

- What better way to ring in 2004 than a new X-bander?? KBIV-1650 is now on the air from El Paso. Read the details below!
- A terrific response this issue for the 840 frequency challenge! The next one is 890, and the deadline for your loggings is January 7. Listen and report your results!
- What a great turnout for this issue, including three new contributors! Why not join the fun? Please follow the format you see below, including *all* pertinent information—frequency, call, state, city, date and time of reception, and details of your catch. **And please use ELT for all times, no matter what your local time zone.**

#### REPORTERS.

- GH-OK** Glenn Hauser, Enid. Visit [www.worldofradio.com/](http://www.worldofradio.com/)
- JEL-MO** J. E. Lewis, Kansas City. Dodge 3500 van radio. (Welcome!-Ed.)
- JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R75, GE Superadio III, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B.
- JSM-BC** Steve McDonald, Mayne Island. Icom R75, 450-foot "minibeverage," 10-foot air core loop. (Welcome!-Ed.)
- JTR-OK** John Reed Shawnee. Modified JRC NRD-525/ESKA, homebrew ferrite loop. (Welcome!-Ed.)
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
- KR-AZ** Kevin Redding, Mesa. Kenwood R-1000, 60-foot wire, CC Radio.
- MG-ID** Mark Griffith, Boise. CC Radio Plus.
- PG-CO** Pat Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
- SA-MB** Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. Drake R8, Icom R75, Quantum loop, 4-foot box loop, two longwires, MFJ-1026 phaser, etc.
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S flag and a E/W flag, SuperPhaser II, a few random wires, and QuickRecorder on the PC.
- Ed.-NV** Ye Editor, Las Vegas. Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010 w/Kiwa filters, Quantum loop & phaser.

#### FREQUENCY CHALLENGE RESULTS—840 kHz

- 840 CKBX BC 100 Mile House. 12/23 0443 w/C&W and several "you are listening to Wild Country" references and weather for the Cariboo; 500 watts night power. (JSM-BC)
- 840 KKNX OR Eugene. 12/22 1937 w/oldies, into spots for Lane County, West Side Glass, then weather; ID "AM84 KKNX." (JSM-BC)
- 840 KMAX WA Colfax. 12/22 0300 w/spot for Cougars and into Coast-to-Coast. ID "AM-840 The Max." 280 watts night power. (JSM-BC) 12/17 0000. In a lull of WHAS a quick "KMAX Colfax 840 Real talk for Real People" and CNN News. New one for me. (WH-CO)
- 840 KSWB OR Seaside. 12/22 1007 w/spot for Columbia Pacific Imaging in Astoria; ID @ 1009. (JSM-BC)
- 840 KTIC NE West Point. 12/18 0900. Out of local farm announcements with quick legal ID to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 840 KXNT NV Las Vegas. 12/14 0100. "We don't just bring you the local events, we bring you the news!" ToH ID and into CBS News. (KR-AZ) 12/18/03 0130-0200 Listened to the Mike Gallagher Show. Strong signal every night here in Boise, Idaho. I tried to null the station out, but the other station that came in was too indefinite to ID and KXNT was still bleeding over the top. (MG-ID) 12/21 1952 w/several spots for LV shopping, ID "AM-840 KXNT,"/ usually heard well before sunset (JSM-BC)



840 **WHAS KY Louisville. 12/23 0455** w/tail-end of Coast-to-Coast into news & wx/ spots for local Christmas Festival/ missed TOH ID but full ID @ 0507; dominant for 30 mins w/ KXNT nulled (**JSM-BC**) 12/17 2200. Legal ID and the dominant station on the E/W Flag. N/S flag won't work with KOA-850 nine miles south. (**WH-CO**)

#### OFF-FREQUENCY LOGGINGS

960.05 **KNDN NM Farmington. 12/15 0915.** Announcements in Navajo language; 0917 Navajo chanting/drumming. Fair, mixing with KOVO and KKNT. (**JW-CO**)

960.08 **KOVO UT Provo. 12/15 0907.** Ad string; couple of non-IDs as "1280 the Sports Zone" (is parallel to KZNS-1280 and KSOS-800, which I can't hear here, due to local stations being on those frequencies.) 960 is kind of messy these days, with stations on 960, 960.05, and now 960.08. (**JW-CO**)

#### UNID & HELP REQUESTED

550 **UNID ????** ?? 12/14 0100. All SS announcers with modern EE C&W music. Good signal most of the time. Loops N-S. Caught partial ID as "La Super Estación." (**PG-CO**)

#### STATION NEWS, CHANGES, ETC.

1210 **KHAT WY Laramie. 12/23 0852.** Tunes by Fleetwood Mac and Carol King; call letter ID. Call change here, ex-KKHI. Very rough copy here, with KHAT, powerhouse KGYN, and local KLVZ-1220 all in the same loop direction. (**JW-CO**) 12/21 1058. Quick legal ID with these calls Thanks to Chris Knight for the tip. Fair with OLD format. (ex KKHI) (**WH-CO**)

1640 **KMMZ OK Enid.** After a 4-week break, KMMZ reappeared on 1640 the afternoon of 12/18, again with the comedy format, first noticed at 1545 (2045 UT). Now a legal ID finally appears at hourtop: "KMMZ, Enid-Oklahoma City, AM 1640, is All Comedy Radio—It's all about fun; it's all about funny; and it's about time!". Maybe they're back to stay; go get 'em. (**GH-OK**) Maybe we DXers need to keep that slogan—"it's all about funny!"—in mind during 2004 when we start to take this hobby and its conflicts a little too seriously. (**Ed.-NV**)

1650 **KBIV TX El Paso. 12/20 0030.** Poor signals under KNDZ with country music programming. **NEW. (SA-MB) 12/22 1842.** C&W classic songs; occasional slogan, i.e. "All your favorites on Classic Hit Country 1650"; legal ID at 1900 and into news. Rough with local KBJD only partially nulloable, but enough for a new one, TX #166 and overall station #1593. (**JW-CO**) 12/14 0500 in fight with KBJD but often over KBJD with ToH ID. Presumed logging; was unable to make out calls because KBJD and KBIV was IDing at the same time but did very clearly hear the COL, El Paso and then country music. Unable to tell if running AM stereo or not at this time. (**KR-AZ**)

#### DX TEST RESULTS

1010 **WMOX MS Meridian. 12/20 0132.** Poor w/code. No CFRB, WINS. Verified in e-mail by: Jim Myrick@WMOX. **NEW! (JJR-WI) 12/20 0104;** poor signals with Morse code IDs repeating "WMOX" under CFRB. **NEW. (SA-MB) 12/21 0104.** Heard with Morse code ID's from 0104-0106; no other programming discernible in the 1010 mix, consisting mainly of CBR, KSIR, and KXEN. New here, MS #8. (**JW-CO**)

#### REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

550 **KFYI AZ Phoenix. 12/14 0053.** "The Other Side" telephone psychic program. ID as "News-talk 5-50, KFYI, the Valley's talk station." Interference from UNID SS on 550 and heavy splatter from local KLZ-560. (**PG-CO**)

570 **WNAX SD Yankton. 12/14 0230.** Art Bell and Coast to Coast with interesting program about HAARP. ID as "The news, farm, and weather station, 5-70, WNAX, Yankton." Good signal under heavy splatter from local KLZ-560. (**PG-CO**)

620 **CKRM SK Regina. 12/22 0809.** Weather, farm implement ad, then call letter ID and C&W music. Fair. (**JW-CO**)

620 **KMKI TX Plano. 12/14 1856** complete legal ID with normal Radio Disney programming. (**WH-CO**)

630 **KJSL MO St. Louis. 12/21 2105.** Religious talk show from St. Louis area. (**JTR-OK**)

650 **KMTI UT Manti. 12/14 1835.** Country Countdown program over KGAB on the E/W wire. (**WH-CO**)

660 **KTNN AZ Window Rock. 12/22 0655.** Overdrive trucker's network with Overdrive's top ten, C/W of course. Number 1 was "I Love This Bar", then into call ID. (**JTR-OK**)

680 **KKYX TX San Antonio. 12/14 1829.** C&W music fair signal. (**WH-CO**)

720 **KDWN NV Las Vegas. 12/14 0523** with caller to show telling the host that Saddam Hussein had just been captured according to CNN. Off went the radio and I went to the TV. (**KR-AZ**) Fearless prediction: "Saddam Hussein's Arabian Nights Fantasy" will soon open at the Mirage, replacing the now-cancelled Siegfried & Roy show. And it will be a two drink minimum. (**Ed.-NV**)

730 **KBSU ID Boise. 12/17 0900.** Jazz music in and out most of the morning. Triple ID for AM/FM and AM 1450. ToH "Boise's Jazz station KBSU" First time for this one for me. (**WH-CO**)

730 **KDAZ NM Albuquerque. 12/16 0900.** Ending REL program. Multiple IDs for TV Channel 11 Albuquerque TV Channel 31 Santa Fe and KDAZ AM 73. (**WH-CO**)

730 **KKDA TX Grand Prairie. 12/17 0200.** "Rhythm & Blues, Jazz Gospel and News AM 73 KKDA Grand Prairie-Fort Worth-Dallas" and program notes on "Soul 73." (**WH-CO**)

730 **KSVN UT Ogden. 12/17 0500** ending SS music. "Este es La Mexicana," KSVN La Rosa calls in EE and SS. (**WH-CO**)

740 **KCBS CA San Francisco. 12/19 0500.** Good with full ID. Not often noted here. (**WH-CO**)

740 **KIDR AZ Phoenix. 12/19 0300** out of SS Talk "AM 740 KIDR Phoenix, Radio Unica" and Unica promos. First time here with these calls. (**WH-CO**)

860 **KKOW KS Pittsburg. 12/10 0200.** Dominant tonight nice signal with SPT programming. (**WH-CO**)

860 **KMVP AZ Phoenix. 12/10 0800.** ESPN Radio 860 KMVP Phoenix. A new one for me. (**WH-CO**)

860 **KTRB CA Modesto. 12/10 0405.** Ending news with call ID. (**WH-CO**)

870 **KRLA CA Los Angeles. 12/18 0830** going from Laura Ingraham into BoH ID and into news. This the first time I have heard them since they were KIEV. (**KR-AZ**)

920 **KARN AR Little Rock. 12/11 0300.** Quick legal ID to ABC News. (**WH-CO**)

920 **KVEL UT Vernal. 12/11 0100.** OLD programming dominant most of the AM "AM 920 KVEL Vernal." (**WH-CO**)

920 **KXLY WA Spokane. 12/12 0400.** "No other radio station devotes as much air time to informing you, depend on it AM 920 KXLY Spokane" to ABC news. (**WH-CO**)

930 **KCCC NM Carlsbad. 12/14 0200.** "KCCC, Carlsbad" and then in a huge mess, Ranchera music, Oldies and news. This one just popped out of the mess. (That's what Mom said about me, Kev!-Ed.) It's new! (**KR-AZ**)

930 **KHJ CA Los Angeles. 12/11 2159.** SS music to a Quick KHJ 930 Los Angeles in EE and faded, first time here in years. (**WH-CO**)

930 **KIUP CO Durango. 12/12 0300.** "The Music of your Life AM 930 KIUP Durango," not heard near as often since they dropped power to 100 watts at night. (**WH-CO**)

930 **KSEI ID Pocatello. 12/12 0400.** "You're listening to Idaho's sports leader KSEI Pocatello and AM 1230 KRXX Rexburg" & SNR programming. (**WH-CO**)

960 **KKNT AZ Phoenix. 12/15 0930.** Area announcements, traffic, weather, call letter ID, then an ad or two before fading. Fair, mixing with others. (**JW-CO**)

970 **KVWM AZ Show Low. 12/18 1816.** Mortgage ad; ad for car dealer in Snowflake, then Simon & Garfunkel song; at 1820, "Your favorite Oldies on 970 KVWM are now on KSNN[?] 93.5 FM". Fair, mixing with others. (**JW-CO**)

980 **WITY IL Danville. 12/15 0306.** Poor; local ad, legal s/id onto Christmas music. On top of frequency. (**JJR-WI**)

1060 **KDUS AZ Tempe. 12/12 2119.** Quick ID with Cotote's Hockey with KRCN phased. (**WH-CO**)

1070 **KKHT TX Houston. 12/7 1800.** Good to excellent with ID; 1820 excellent, like a local, with REL and Christmas music. No sign of anyone else. Checked out their day pattern and it isn't especially strong this way. Heard this several summers ago from St. Louis but it was UNID then. (**JEL-MO**)

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1070	WEKT	KY	Elkton. 12/19 2126. Weak with call ID then lost in fade out. New here. (JTR-OK)
1130	KSDO	CA	San Diego. 12/14 0430. BoH slogan "Radio Nueva Vida" and in to SS version of "Joy to the World." REL programming and very rare here in AZ over KWKH. (KR-AZ)
1130	KWKH	LA	Shreveport. 12/5 1950. Pre-game hockey show, Bossier City-Shreveport Mud Bugs vs Amarillo Gorillas. Ice hockey in bayou country—now I've heard everything! Gotta love those names, though. (JW-CO)
1150	KNED	OK	McAlester. 12/19 1430. Call ID, gospel music, last heard in 1998. (JTR-OK)
1150	WLOC	KY	Munfordville. 12/19 0653. Poor w/calls into another oldie. Alone, no CKOC. (JJR-WI)
1240	WSDR	IL	Sterling. 12/15 0300. Poor w/legal id into CBS nx o/others. (JJR-WI)
1250	KNEU	UT	Roosevelt. 12/10 0816. Livestock report; big Hay Auction; 0818 guy says "All Country all the time, KNEU," then into "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree". (JW-CO)
1290	KWFS	TX	Wichita Falls. 12/14 2058. Quick break in NFL football with a legal ID. Not heard here in years. (WH-CO)
1300	KBRL	NE	McCook. 12/20 0700. OLD format to ToH ID under load XEP. (WH-CO)
1300	KGLO	IA	Mason City. 12/19 0000. ToH ID mixing with KGLO. (WH-CO)
1300	KKUB	TX	Brownfield. 12/19 2300. Legal ID just above the noise taped for a new one! (WH-CO)
1300	KOLY	SD	Mobridge. 12/19 0000. OLD music to ToH ID mixing with KGLO. (WH-CO)
1300	KROP	CA	Brawley. 12/19 2301. Call sign ID "Real Country" format. Tonight's 1300 run was due to XEP being off or on reduced power, they cranked it back up at 0100. (WH-CO)
1350	KCOR	TX	San Antonio. 12/13 0801. SS music to AM & FM call ID. New one for me. (WH-CO)
1350	KTIK	ID	Nampa. 12/13 0400. "Boise's Sports Leader KTIK Nampa-Boise." New for me! (WH-CO)
1360	KPXQ	AZ	Glendale. 12/13 1000. Ending an Infomercial with ToH ID still loud over KHNC. (WH-CO)
1470	KKTY	WY	Douglas. 12/10 0929. Weather for Douglas and Converse County. Fair, mixing with KEZZ and others. (JW-CO)
1480	KQAM	KS	Wichita. 12/21 2200. Rare Call sign ID from Radio Disney 1480. (WH-CO)
1480	KRXX	ID	Gooding. 12/21 2300. "KRXX 1480 Gooding Idaho La Mexicano." (WH-CO)
1480	WSDS	MI	Salem Township. 12/15. 0209 Poor w/calls & old C&W. (JJR-WI)
1490	WMRN	OH	Marion. 12/16 1929. Fair in fade up w/sporting event: "Devils vs. Blue Jackets." (JJR-WI)
1500	KJIM	TX	Sherman. 12/20 1413. Daytime logging with call ID "K-JIM," last heard in 1997. (JTR-OK)
1530	KXTD	OK	Wagoner. 12/20 1422. Weak in big sideband splatter from KOMA(1520). (JTR-OK)
1560	KOCY	OK	Del City. 12/22 1755. Radio Disney programming and ads; legal ID by brat at 1758:50 as "AM 1560 KOCY Del City-Oklahoma City" and back to RD. Generally fair. Last heard as KWCO Chickasha a few years back. (JW-CO)
1640	KMMZ	OK	Enid. 12/22 0833. Presumed with All Comedy Radio network programming, replete with 1-800 spots. No ID heard but undoubtedly them mixing with KBJA's Radio Unica. (JW-CO)
1650	KWHN	AR	Fort Smith. 12/22 0830. Call letter ID noted in partial null of local KBJD. First time here, AR #24. (JW-CO)
1670	KHPY	CA	Moreno Valley. 12/22 0650. Up and down with SS religious talk; singing legal ID at 0859:40 and into more religion. Fair, mixing with KNRO and WTDY. New here, CA #111. (JW-CO)
1690	WRLL	IL	Berwyn. 12/12 2252. Seemed to be a mix of OLD and NOS; legal ID at 2300:36 as "WRLL Berwyn-Chicago". Very rough with local KDDZ only partially nulled. A new one here, IL #31. (JW-CO)

## DDXD-East 1320 KLWN

Many thanks to all DDXD-East contributors for your participation in 2003, and a Happy 2004 to all!

### 2004 Clear Channel Challenge Schedule

890 kHz – Listen December 31 – January 6, due January 7  
 1030 kHz – Listen January 7 – 13, due January 14  
 1040 kHz – Listen January 14 – 20, due January 21  
 1120 kHz – Listen January 21 – 27, due January 28  
 1160 kHz – Listen January 28 – February 3, due February 4  
 1180 kHz – Listen February 4 – 10, due February 11  
 1200 kHz – Listen February 11 – 17, due February 18  
 1210 kHz – Listen February 18 – 24, due February 25

### REPORTERS

MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.
SC-ON	Saul Chernos, Burnt River – Sangean ATS909 with Radio Shack Loop and two 1000-foot longwires (ne/sw and e-w).
BC-QC	Bogdan Chiochiu, Montreal – Sanyo MCD-S830 AM/FM portable system and tape recorder.
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west and south Ewe antennas.
JF-ON	Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, 130' east EWE / 130' west EWE, MFJ-1026 phaser, etc.
MH-NC	Mike Hardester, Jacksonville - Toyota car radio.
MH*NC	Mike Hardester, on I-40 West, 30 miles east of Raleigh - Toyota car radio.
KL-NY	Kenneth Lyon, Lockport – Zenith console and long wire.
BDM-ON	Barry McLarnon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.
AO-FL	Al Ogrizovich, Jacksonville – Crane Radio Plus and Justice Loop.
JR-MD	Jim Renfrew, Crownsville – Drake R8, Radio West Loop.
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew, Byron – Drake R8, longwires, Quantum Phaser.
RR-NC	Rick Robinson, Hendersonville – Icom R75 with MWDX5 phasing controller, 3 BOG antennas, Quantum QX Pro loop and Quantum Phaser and Sony SW-7600GR. Don Trelford, Runaway Bay, Jamaica - Sangean AT5 818 and NS-EW long wire. Joe Vega, on Route 78 near Newark - Toyota Sienna with a loaded Coil Antenna.
DT-JM	John Vervoort, Brooklyn – Sony ICF-SW7600GR and Grundig YB 400PE.
JV-NJ	John Vervoort, Bronx – Sony ICF-SW7600GR.
JV-NY	John Vervoort, Bronx – Sony ICF-SW7600GR.
JV*NY	John Vervoort, Bronx – Sony ICF-SW7600GR.
PEW-SC	Powell E. Way, on the road near Gilbert – 88 Cutlass car radio.
NJW-ON	Niel Wolfish, Burnt River – AOR-7030+ and two longwire antennas.
LW-NY	Leslie Wood, East Meadow – Sony 2010, Radio Shack Loop.
DY-DC	David Yocis, Washington – R8B, Kiwa loop.

### CLEAR CHANNEL CHALLENGE – 840 kHz

840	WHGH	GA	Thomasville – 12/23 1730 – Sign off: "Now we come the end of another broadcasting day at AM 8-40 WHGH Thomasville, GA." This was the first legal ID I heard in 2 weeks of on and off listening. No BOH or TOH IDs were ever logged, only mentions of Thomasville in ads and mentions of WHGH on the "Pastor Dorothy Brown Show". Religious and gospel programming. (RR-NC) + 12/23 1730 - Up-tempo urban music, then fast-talking DJ type, couldn't get most of the patter but heard WHGH mentioned, then disappeared, apparently signed off, poor under WHAS. New. (BDM-ON)
	WHAS	KY	Louisville – 12/10 2042 – "for a fresh new... depend on eighty-four WHAS." Fair to poor signal and alone on frequency. (JV*NY) 12/10 2123 – dominant as usual with University of Louisville v. Seton Hall basketball. (MKB-ON) + 12/23 0540 - Good; Bluegrass Stockyard cattle prices, talk, Extra Sports 790 promo, WAVE 3 Stormcenter weather, Skywatch 84 traffic, Sports 84 update, "Kentuciana's 24-hour news weather, and traffic," over WRYM Spanish and unID Christian preaching. (BC-NH) + 12/23 1731- Excellent signal after WHGHs/O. "News Radio 84 WHAS Traffic Report." Dominant night time signal. (RR-NC)
	WCEO	SC	Columbia – 12/10 1600 – "Now back to the Dave Ramsey show on 8-40 WCEO." Excellent signal during the day. Battles with WHGH for dominance. (RR-NC) + 12/21 1700 and 12/22 1701 – Location in missed ID the first night in sign-off,

then full legal ID the following night during regular programming. New. (SC-ON)

**DX TEST**

1010 WMOX MS **Meridian** - 12/20 0105 - Morse code ID of "WMOX" repeated at least 10 times. No audio noted. First MS other than 1640 WTNI logged here. (RR-NC)

**UNID AND PRESUMED**

560 WQAMp FL **Miami** - 11/27 2350 - presumed, fair with ESPN Sports. Mention of ESPN affiliate WING-1410 in Dayton. (LW-NY)

740 WQTMp FL **Orlando** - 12/2 1740 - Presumed with "The Team" slogan, mention of Florida Lottery, ad for TIX online for Capital One Bowl, Tangerine Bowl and Citrus Bowl. Good, atop frequency. Heard many times as WKIS. (LW-NY)

770 WLWlp NC **Rockingham** - 12/13 1711 - Commercial for Bobby's Furniture in Hamlet into oldie "Stand By Me". No ID heard. Over top of WABC. (NJW-ON)

780 CFDRp NS **Yarmouth** - 12/17 2012 - Presumed with country tune by a woman. Very good at tune-in, but by around 2014-2015 it faded down in strength to poor and WBBM faded up a bit and by 2019 there was nothing copy-able from CFDR anymore. This one would be a new one here. I hope to get it soon again. (BC-QC)

890 WEEZp MS **Laurel** - 12/13 2131 - noted several gospel music selections, including one at 2135 that sounded possibly like Stevie Wonder. No ID heard although others did ID this one later on. (NJW-ON)  
+ 12/13 2141 - Presumed with non-stop R&B. Others reported infrequent IDs. (SC-ON)

WBAJ SC **Blytheville** - 12/21 1717 - Full legal ID and bible reading by woman in sign-off. New. (SC-ON)

910 WABIp ME **Bangor** - 12/9 0934 - Presumed; Christmas songs interspersed with Ann Murray songs, "more memories coming right up, relax with AM 910." (KL-NY)

920 CJNB - - 12/2 1848 - I heard these call letters announced very clearly, along with a "Country 920" slogan. However the only Canadian station listed on 920 is CKNX. Hmmm. (JR-MD)

950 UNID - - 11/26 2247 - "six hundred word" heard twice, then WPEN took over. (JV-NY)

990 WMYMp FL **Miami** - 11/26 2101 - Radio Disney, very poor, interference from an UNID SS station. (DT-JM)

1010 CFRBp ON **Toronto** - 12/20 0115 - Female announcer during call-in talk show. "Newstalk 10-10 C..." IDs but I never got the full call. References to Toronto during ads. (RR-NC)

1040 WLVJp FL **Boynton Beach** - 11/27 1612 - long ad for vitamins. (DT-JM)

1120 UNID - - 12/2 1729 - Spanish music, "La Super X" ID. (JR-MD)

UNID - - 12/12 1930 - Patsy cline oldies under KMOX. (AO-FL)

1150 WRUNp NY **Utica** - 12/10 0022 - mention of iloveny.com. Mixing with UNID SS station. (JV\*NY)

1230 UNID - - 12/22 1903 - faded up over WECK groundwave with Pittsburgh Penguins v. Montreal Canadiens hockey: "join us as we take you to Montreal on the Penguins radio network." (MKB-ON)

1290 WDZYp VA **Colonial Heights** - 12/13 1212 - Presumed under CJBK-London with Radio Disney stuff (fortunately not "The Macarena" or "Who Let The Dogs Out"), parallel to 1560-WQEW. (NJW-ON)

1310 WDKDp SC **Kingstree** - 12/12/17 1910 - Presumed. Very strong for about 4 minutes with collage football then pestered by remains of nulled CIWW Oldies 13-10. (BC-QC)

1380 WNRip RI **Woonsocket** - 12/13 2104 - presumed the one with USA Radio News followed by an accented woman reading a list of local events in Woonsocket and then Christmas greetings from sponsors. Over top of CKLC-Kingston. Didn't sound like 18 watts to me! (NJW-ON)

1440 UNID - - 11/26 2227 - Music of your life format. WHKW barely audible. (JV-NY)

1450 CFABp NS **Windsor** - 12/19 1746 - Presumed, with "Up" by Shania Twain followed by another country tune. Initially good, then faded down to the mush. No sign of // 1350. (BC-QC)

WWCRp NY **Glens Falls** - 12/19 1755 - briefly in before CHUC faded up with NOS music. Presumed logging based on having heard it very regularly this spring. (BC-QC)

1470 UNID - - 12/1 1720 - ad for "Horatio Hornblower" movie on A & E, the into Sean Hannity Show. (LW-NY)

1480 KTHSp AR **Berryville** - 12/10 2136 - Country and western music, only ID as "1480 Big Bob", poor. (DT-JM)

1580 UNID - - 12/12 1108 - on east wire with SS on top at times. Maybe WVZN back on air? (JF-ON)

1590 UNID - - 12/10 0045 - sports update and slogans "the place to be when you want to know" and "the news station." (LW-NY)

1620 UNID - - 12/12 2207 - mysterious "CBS Radio Networks Channel 44" repeated over and over. Fair to good signal. (NJW-ON)

1670 UNID - - 12/14 1800 - "Three Rock" ID, hard rock and Box 1 Belfast NY address, followed by WBCQ ID. Indeed parallel to 7415. Into Jim Hightower show. Off one of my east-west wires. Could be an image but Jim Renfrew reported a rock pirate UNID a few days later. Signal had deep fades but fairly strong a few times. (SC-ON)

1690 WRLLp IL **Berwyn** - 12/10 0153 - "Big Girls Don't Cry". Mixing with WPTX. (JV\*NY)

**STATION LOGGINGS**

540 WGTH VA **Richlands** - 12/10 1004 "Now the forecast for the WGTH listening area." Religious programming. (RR-NC)

600 CKAT ON **North Bay** - 12/8 0643 - local contest to win bus tickets for Christmas Tour of Lights, C&W tunes, "AM 600 CKAT" ID. (KL-NY)

610 WIOD FL **Miami** - 11/28 0004 - ad for Men's Warehouse, with "nine Miami-area stores". Ad for Stop Hunger Foundation of South Florida, Dan Marino, spokesman. Then "Coast to Coast" with George Morris, on "South Florida's only 24 hour news/talk station, newsradio 610, WIOD, Miami." Good, dominant over WIP. (LW-NY)

670 WWFE FL **Miami** - 12/15 2112 - Very poor with Radio Rebelde at a slightly stronger (poor-fair) level. Man talking and mentioning "Radio Mambi" and "visión" (the other words were incomprehensible due to the rather weak signal, Radio Rebelde co-channel QRM and the very slight 20 kHz het from local CINF) followed by a woman who very, very briefly talked about "Radio Mambi" as well, then legal EE ID "This is WWFE 6-70 AM Miami" then SS non-ID "Esta es La Poderosa 6-70 AM, con... siempre porque el hombre..." (BC-QC)

680 WJCE TN **Memphis** - 12/18 0530 Christmas music "WJCE EZ 680" liners. (AO-FL)

690 WOKV FL **Jacksonville** - 12/2 1723 - good, over and under CINF with ad for Cracker Barrel Old Country food store. "Traffic and weather together", into Sean Hannity. Several "WOKV 690" IDs. (LW-NY)  
+ 12/13 1716 - ID: "News talk 6-90 WOKV" and a talk program; mixing with CINF-Montreal and a second station. (NJW-ON)  
+ 12/13 1718 - ID and QTH. New. (SC-ON)

700 WLW OH **Cincinnati** - 12/15 1418 - Very weak but audible with commercial break and WLW ID. (I wasn't driving.) Checked, no hint of WSAI on 1530. Rare at this time of day, but not that unusual. (PEW-SC)

730 WLIL TN **Lenoir City** - 12/11 2347 - briefly faded up with C&W music, ID "East Tennessee's Classic Country AM 730, WLIL". (JF-ON)

770 WKTW PA **Jeanette** - 12/21 1720 - "620 KHB" ID, Christian, announcements for Pittsburgh with 412 area code. Ex-1530 and very new to air. New. (SC-ON)

790 WSKO RI **Providence** - 12/14 2029 - Good with local ad, ID for AM and FM, call letters, "The Score," into ESPN talk, over WNIS, Cuba. (DY-DC)

800 CKLW ON **Windsor** - 12/9 0630 - News/talk on the Morning Drive program. "AM 800 A CHUM Company". (AO-FL)

WNNW MA **Lawrence** - 12/14 2015 - A surprise with Latin music, IDs as "800" and "Power 800" (yes, they say "Power" in English and "800" in Spanish) and mention of Massachusetts, good over CKLW in PJB null. (DY-DC)

830 **WCRN MA Worcester** - 12/23 0800 - fighting off CHAM-820 slop with "...here on 830 WCRN Worcester" ID amid instrumental version of "White Christmas" into AP Network news. (MKB-ON)  
 + 12/24 1557 - good over WKTX with NOS music, "Swing 830, WCRN" ID. (JF-ON)

850 **WYLF NY Penn Yan** - 11/28 0100 - NOS music, "WYLF 850 Penn Yan" ID. Good, over and under WEEI. (LW-NY)  
 + 11/28 0159 - "AM eight-fifty WYLF, Penn Yan, Geneva, Canandaigua." Strong signal and alone on frequency. (JV-NY)

**WTAR VA Norfolk** - 12/9 2326 - ad for Safe Propeller repair shop. "News/talk 850 WTAR, celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary." (LW-NY)

**WEEI MA Boston** - 12/24 1603 - good in WKNR phase null mixing with WREF with sports talk and "Sports Radio 850, WEEI" IDs. First time here since WHDH days. (JF-ON)

**WREF CT Ridgefield** - 12/24 1605 - good at times in WKNR phase null over WEEI with oldies and "Oldies 850, WREF" jingles between songs. Seldom heard, no sign of usual WYLF/WLYE. (JF-ON)

870 **WKAR MI East Lansing** - 12/19 1600 - Local weather, one local news item about the first flu-related death in Michigan, ID "you're listening to WKAR... Michigan State University radio", and back to NPR programming, alone on the channel. (BDM-ON)

880 **CKLQ MB Brandon** - 12/14 0706 - under WCBS with sports, weather, mention of the station's website and "highway hotline". (NJW-ON)

**WMDB TN Nashville** - 12/19 1631 - Gospel music, then "Nashville's favorite, the Big Mouth, with 2500 watts of clear channel awesome power, WMDB, Nashville", fair under WCBS. Gotta love that slogan! (BDM-ON)

890 **WBAJ SC Blythewood** - 12/13 1647 - Religion program, ID, "We Broadcast About Jesus," good with others. (DY-DC)

**WHNC NC Henderson** - 12/15 0600 - Apparent sign-on with "890 WHNC Henderson, 1340 WCBQ Oxford... the new Paradise Radio", into Christmas music, fair, mixing with WLS. New. (BDM-ON)

**WPBS MA Chatham** - 12/16 2043 - with "Mega" slogan after a bachata tune. New! (BC-QC)

900 **CKTS QC Sherbrooke** - 12/12 2225 - "Montreal's News Leader 800 CJAD." New. (SC-ON)

**WILC MD Laurel** - 12/22 1700 - Lively Spanish music, then legal ID in english, jingles and Viva slogans, good, nearly alone. (BDM-ON)

910 **WBRJ OH Marietta** - 12/22 1658 - ID for Marietta-Parkersburg, "Sports 910 WBRJ", new. (JR-NY)

920 **WHJJ RI Providence** - 11/29 2220 - "... on WHJJ nine-twenty." Mixing with presumed CKNX. (JV-NY)

**CKNX ON Wingham** - 12/6 2353 - C & W music, "Country 920 CKNX" IDs. Good, atop frequency. (LW-NY)

**WOKY WI Milwaukee** - 12/21 0200 - "Milwaukee's official and original Christmas music station, AM 920 WOKY Milwaukee", into ABC news. (BDM-ON)

**CJCH NS Halifax** - 12/21 0500 - Christmas music, then "happy holidays, this is CJCH playing yesterday's favorites" and into Broadcast News, good, nearly alone. (BDM-ON)

**KDHL MN Faribault** - 12/21 0705 - Out of ABC news with ad for local heating business (507-334-6408), several mentions of Faribault, fair signal, nearly alone. New. (BDM-ON)

930 **WGIN NH Rochester** - 12/6 1900 - good, under WPAT, with Manchester Monarchs hockey, from Verison Wireless Arena. "WGIR-610 and WGIP 1540" IDs. (LW-NY)

940 **WCPC MS Houston** - 12/19 1746 - wiping out CINW on 50 kw day power with Mississippi Network sports, into long string of local ads, e.g. Tri-County Steak and Fish House, and Diamond-O Western Outlet on Highway 8 West in Houston. These ads would make good material for a report if I hadn't QSLed 'em back in 1978. (MKB-ON)  
 + 12/22 1723 - I've wanted this one for years, and tonight it appeared with lots of local ads, Mississippi Network news at 1730, and several mentions of call letters. New! (JR-NY)

970 **WZAN ME Portland** - 12/9 2345 - "970 WZAN" ID and local weather report. (LW-NY)

**WGTK KY Louisville** - 12/15 2308 - ID, into Mike Gallagher talk program, fair with WBGG in tight null of local WTEM-980 splash. (DY-DC)

**WDAY ND Fargo** - 12/21 0740 - Sports Talk Radio WDAY." (SC-ON)

1010 **WINS NY New York** - 12/20 0110 - "Weather and transit reports on the Tens at 10-10 WINS (pronounced wins)." Dominant during WMOX DX test. (RR-NC)

1040 **WHO IA Des Moines** - 12/18 2315 - "WHO" ID. Very good signal, mixing with remains of nulled local CJMS. My first DX log on a frequency with a local on it! (BC-QC)

1060 **WLNO LA New Orleans** - 12/22 1800 - preacher heard at tune-in, and call letters at top of the hour, poor under KYW. (JR-NY)

1110 **KGFL AR Clinton** - 11/27 1700 - Religious program, ads. Taken out at 1702 by WBT. "KGFL" ID, interference from WTIS, poor. (DT-JM)

**WBT NC Charlotte** - 12/18 2334 - "This is News Talk 11-10, WBT". Good and dominant over 2 Latins (YVQT and HJJP). (BC-QC)

1150 **CKOC ON Hamilton** - 11/29 2202 - "crank it up, we're the station you can sing along to, oldies eleven-fifty CKOC." Followed by "Stand By Me." Moderate to excellent signal and mainly alone on frequency. (JV-NY)

1160 **WYLL IL Chicago** - 12/4 0815 - Harvest radio program, WYLL Promo and Chicago traffic. (AO-FL)

**WMLB GA East Point** - 12/13 1615 - Ask Andrea program WMLB ID at TOH and weather report, into Big Band Program. Heard few days earlier with NOS music and AM 1160 liners. (AO-FL)

1170 **WLBH IL Mattoon** - 11/28 1842 - NOS music. "WLBH Unforgettable Memories" liners. (AO-FL)

1200 **WMIR SC Atlantic Beach** - 12/17 0610 - Urban gospel "WMIR Praise 1200" liners. (AO-FL)

1220 **WHK OH Cleveland** - 12/18 1902 - Signal very good. Slogan: "1220 WHK, talk radio with something to say." (JV-NJ)

1230 **WGRY MI Grayling** - 12/18 0734 - Several WGRY IDs, then into "Sleepwalk" (Santo & Johnny, 1959 - love that tune!), a bit over the rest of the pack. (BDM-ON)

1240 **WJTN NY Jamestown** - 12/14 0633 - "News Talk 12-40 WJTN is on line" and Christmas greetings from the Jamestown Savings Bank and also a mention of their FM "SE-93". (NJW-ON)

1250 **WAPZ AL Wetumpka** - 12/11 0612 - Urban gospel, plenty of program promos mentioning AM 1250 WAPZ and Montgomery AL. (AO-FL)

1260 **WMKI MA Boston** - 11/29 2159 - very faint "WMKI Boston" ID by kid through graveyard-type jumble. (JV-NY)

1270 **WUCO OH Marysville** - 12/3 2201 - "your station, twelve-seventy-AM, WUCO, Marysville." Rising and fading while mixing with at least two UNIDs. Log lists as 500 watts at night; heard only one other time, in 2001. (JV-NY)

1280 **WJAY SC Mullin** - 12/7 1700 - WJAY TOH ID into canned religion. (AO-FL)

1310 **WDOC KY Prestonburg** - 12/7 2130 - Weather and ID by woman, C&W music, good with UNID ESPN station in null of semi-local WDCT. (DY-DC)

**WRSB NY Canandaigua** - 12/15 1700 - alone on groundwave with gospel talk, three-pronged ID: "1590 AM WASB Brockport, 1310 AM WRSB Canandaigua, FM 105.5 WMJQ Brockport, the Sunshine Network". (MKB-ON)

1330 **WETZ WV New Martinsville** - 12/7 2207 - C&W music, "When the weather turns bad, turn to Power Country 104" ID, good with WYSN, WWRV. (DY-DC)

1370 **WVMR WV Frost** - 12/12 1700 - surprised to catch them at sign-off with call letters. Perhaps does not use 32 watt night power. New. For those interested in such things, this is the long-sought link in a string of counties heard that now stretches contiguously from Western New York to South Carolina. The next night, WVLY was heard here at this time. (JR-NY)  
 + 12/22 1654 - over WSPD with listing of local Christmas events, slogan "three counties, two states, one station, 1370 WVMR" into a rather schmaltzy version of "O Come All Ye Faithful". (MKB-ON)

**WLTC NC Gastonia** - 12/23 1910 - in dogfight over WSPD with country-gospel song, slogan "we deliver the word, 1370 WLTC, the Rejoice Network". (MKB-ON)

**WXXI NY Rochester** - 12/24 1632 - good with promos for NPR programs, Rochester weather. Rare. (JF-ON)

1380 WELE FL Ormond Beach - 12/7 2149 - ESPN sports program, ID as "WELE Ormond Beach, Florida", poor under WMNI, interference from Cuban station. (DT-JM)

KLIZ MN Brainerd - 12/21 0758 - ID, weather (very cold). (SC-ON)

1390 WFBL NY Syracuse - 12/9 2223 - Promo for Sean Hannity show "on Talk Radio 1390 WFBL," good in local WZHF null. (DY-DC)  
+ 12/11 1659 - resurrected old calls with promo for Laura Ingram, top of hour ID: "Talk radio WFBL AM 1390 Baldwinsville-Syracuse" into CNN news. (MKB-ON)

1400 WAMC NY Albany - 12/13 1959 - Didn't hear a WAMC ID, but I heard "WAMQ 105 point 1" mentioned just before the top-of-the hour. WAMQ is in Great Barrington, MA and part of WAMC's Northeast Public Radio Network. (NJW-ON)

WOND NJ Pleasanton - 12/13 2004 - ID: "The station you can depend on, news-talk 1400 WOND and WGYM-1580". Couldn't hear WGYM at this time, although I have heard it in the past. (NJW-ON)

WICK PA Scranton - 12/13 2301 - arose from the mud with Turtles oldie and an ID mentioning 1340 (WYCK) and 1550 (WITK) also. (NJW-ON)

1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh - 12/10 0110 - "and now back to the newswatch and the latest headlines from CNN, on KQV." (JV\*NY)

KGRN IA Grinnell - 12/21 0732 - ID, several news items about Grinnell. New. (SC-ON)

1450 WLKW RI Providence - 12/1 1644 - NOS music, ID: "great memories, WLKW 1340 and 1450." (LW-NY)

CHUC ON Cobourg - 12/19 1758 - Ads about how to make more money. One of the ads gave an Internet address ending in ".dot ca", then "14-50 CHUC" ID, into "CHUC News". Very good signal, but only slightly over the other signals present on this graveyard channel. New! (BC-QC)

1470 WTRR MD Westminster - 12/13 1125 - ID and mention of a Carroll County Christmas event. Several area code 410 phone numbers. Soon lost to WTKO-Ithaca and WKAP-Allentown both playing oldies. *Surprised to hear this at this hour, although I have heard WBTX in Virginia around this time.* (NJW-ON)

1480 WADR NY Remsen - 12/11 0800 - over nulled WHBC with quadruple-header top of hour ID: "AM 1230 WLFH Little Falls, 1350 WRNY Rome, 1480 WADR Remsen, and 1550 WUTQ Utica, the sports guys" into CNN news. (MKB-ON)

WRGA GA Rome - 12/12 0645 - local talk and quarter hour WRGA ID. (AO-FL)

WAOK GA Atlanta - 12/16 0530 - CNN News and WAOK ID at TOH into local Atlanta News and traffic. (AO-FL)

1500 WFIF CT Milford - 12/19 0730 - I noted this popping in over WTOP with some local announcements and call letters, but later checked the log book to find out this is a new one for me! (JR-NY)

1510 WLAC TN Nashville - 12/18 1721 - Good signal. ID: "News Talk 1510, WLAC Tennessee's trusted news source". Various news and weather updates. Temp 41 degrees. (JV-NJ)

1530 WVBF MA Middleboro - 12/2 1700 - "Massachusetts Reading Network" ID, Metro West area news, mixing with WSAI. New. (LW-NY)

1540 WRTK OH Niles - 12/16 1707 - faded up over CHIN with jingle ID into UC music. Ex WNIO/WNRB/WFNE. (JF-ON)

1570 WNNR FL Ferdinand Beach - 12/16 1628 - strong with stock market report, many "Winner AM 1570 WNNR" mentions. FCC Database still has this as WGSR. Ex WYHI/WGSR for me. (JF-ON)  
+ 12/21 1706 - "AM 1570 The Winner, Jacksonville's home for sports." 12/22 1645 - "Winner AM 1570". This one is easy here when conditions are auroral. (SC-ON)

1580 WRDD PA Ebensburg - 12/7 0058 - oldies music and ID. "Your station for news and information, WNCC-950, WRDD-1580." New. (LW-NY)

WPGC MD Morningside - 12/12 1044 - blasting in with GOS music, "Heaven 1580" slogan. (JF-ON)

WGYM NJ Hammonton - 12/12 1104 - good over WPGC / UNID SS with ID "News Talk 1400 WOND, radio you can depend on" into weather: "41 on the board-

walk in Atlantic City". Nice daytime DX. (JF-ON)

WLJ TN Shelbyville - 12/18 0707 - over usual pest WPGC with local weather, ad for Smitty's Tire and Auto Service at 514 North Main Street in Shelbyville, into C&W song. (MKB-ON)

1590 WTVB MI Coldwater - 12/11 0815 - wiping out usual pest WAKR with ad for Becker Eye Care, promo for high school sports: "all year long your voice for Coldwater Cardinals sports is AM 1590 WTVB." (MKB-ON)

1620 WDND IN South Bend - 12/12 0928 - ESPN talk show, talking to Whitey Ford. "ESPN radio 1620 South Bend." (KL-NY)

1630 WRDW GA Augusta - 12/9 1648 - telephone talk sports show, ABC News at 1700, "news, talk, sports 1630 WRDW Augusta." // 1480. (KL-NY)  
+ 12/16 2200 - noted with a return to these calls. (JR-NY)

1650 KWHN AR Ft. Smith - 12/5 2300 - Fairly good in the mess with "News Talk" slogan and ID, new. (JR-NY)

1660 WBHE NC Charlotte - 12/8 0730 - Got suddenly stronger at 0730 with sports call-in and local ads, ID'd as WFNZ, but I believe it is actually WBHE, new. (JR-NY)

WCNZ FL Naples - 12/16 1900 and 12/17 0645 - Looking for new NC station, WBHE, but have heard only WCNZ with local spots and reference to their website: newsradio1660.com. Evening reception poor with UNID station with instrumental music; AM reception dominant on frequency. (MH-NC)

1670 WMWR GA Dry Branch - 12/13 1813 - Fox sports news. Ask for opinions of program "... on WMWR, call ..." Poor. (DT-JM)  
+ 12/16 2300 - With Gallagher call-in show, ID as WMWR "for Middle Georgia", new with these calls. (JR-NY)

1690 WPTX MD Lexington Park - 11/28 2230 - "you're listening to AM sixteen-ninety WPTX Lexington Park, Maryland." Over/under WRL. (JV-NY)

1710 PIRATE NY Brooklyn - 12/11 2341 - Lubavitcher pirate, strongest I have ever heard them with Rabbi giving long talk in English. (JF-ON)

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530 WQ0571 NC Waynesville - 12/10 1454 - "This is Highway Advisory Radio WQ0571 operated by the NC Department of Transportation." Located in Haywood County 15 miles west of Asheville on I-40. This call does not fit the standard FCC TIS configuration. (RR-NC)

WSA571 NC Asheville - 12/11 0945 - "This is Highway Advisory Radio WSA517 operated by the NC Department of Transportation." Similar call but different TIS. This one is located at the intersection of I-40 and I-26 in Asheville, NC. (RR-NC)

WXL56 NC Buncombe County - 12/14 1245 - "This is NOAA Weather Radio WXL56 broadcasting located on the WLOS TV 13 tower on Mt. Pisgah." This is a simulcast of the 162.4MHz VHF transmission. The station nulls in the direction of Pisgah Mountain but is most likely not on the WLOS TV antenna. (RR-NC)

WXJ71 SC Paris Mountain - 12/20 1518 - "This is NOAA Weather Radio WXJ71 broadcasting from Paris Mountain and serving upstate South Carolina." This is a simulcast of the NOAA broadcast on 162.55MHz of weather data from the Greenville-Spartanburg airport. (RR-NC)

WPZA263 NC Hendersonville - 12/23 1740 - "This is Highway Advisory Radio WPZA264 operated by the NC Department of Transportation." This is another new TIS appearing since the completion of I-26 between Asheville, NC, and the Tennessee state line broadcasting construction delays and weather conditions for I-26 and I-40. (RR-NC)

1620 WBQE714 VA Richmond - 12/2 1733 - info loop for tourists. (JR-MD)

1640 WPXZ500 NC \_\_\_\_\_ - 12/14 1500 - NC Department of Transportation HAR with rebroadcast of National Weather Service Station weather for coastal and Piedmont areas of NC. ID by man as "This is station WPXZ500, broadcasting on frequency 16-40 for the North Carolina Department of Transportation." Good to fair level. Not routinely heard, so suspect it was on the air due to inclement weather in the area. (MH\*NC)

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# International DX Digest

Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.

No transoceanic DX? Not for long, as "chatter" on the Internet indicates a rebound muy grande underway as I compile this week's logs. For now take this opportunity to continue practicing your Spanish. Next Frequency of the Week Challenge deadlines: 880 kHz - Jan 2, 890 kHz - Jan 8, and 1030 kHz - Jan 15.

## Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS AND CAICOS** *R. Visión Cristiana Int'l*, South Caicos DEC 13 0038 - Male preaching in Portuguese; the only word I could really understand was "coração" which means "heart" in English followed by usual male Spanish preacher. Very good signal level, but with quite some interference from computer in our neighborhood. No CIAO with this station nulled, just even stronger computer noise. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** ZIZ Basseterre DEC 19 0634-0659 - Presumed; Brit accented English DJ with folk tunes. Mentioned BBC, so maybe one of their programs. Good peaks and easily copiable 'til about 0657, then got messy and covered by 0659 (of course) with usual side splatter. Separate man and woman made announcements at 0658 but not copiable. AM better than SSB's. Haven't heard them this well in ages. [Frodge-MI]
- 570 **CUBA** *R. Reloj*, Santa Clara DEC 16 2320 - Clear "RR" code but weak monotone man in Spanish under WKBN. [Frodge-MI]
- 600 **CUBA** CMKV *R. Rebelde*, Urbano Norris DEC 13 0603-0611 - Talk about education in Cuba and Latin America, then romantic Cuban and Spanish music. Good with nothing underneath until WICC faded in at 0609 UTC. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **CUBA** *R. Progreso* DEC 16 0321 - Over the WNNZ/YVQO/R.Guadeloupe mess; radio drama about a 36 years old worker in Cartaña just after the *Ritmos* program. Then at 0342 the "Trios en la noche" program; very good signal and totally dominant with flamenco tune followed by woman announcer talking about borelo music. By the time the flamenco tune ended, the signal slightly faded down, but the interferences were much stronger. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **GUADELOUPE** *R. Guadeloupe*, Pointe-à-Pitre DEC 13 0614 - Man and woman in French. Poor-fair signal level in big mess with at least *R. Progreso*, WNNZ and *Mojo Radio*. Maybe YVQO *Unión Radio* was in as well, but I'm not sure at all. Very difficult to make anything out on this channel at this time; sounded pretty much like a domestic graveyard channel. DEC 18 0436 - News about snowstorms and ice storms in France that did lock the interstate A6, time-check, "Il est cinq heures quarante-deux sur France Inter," followed by news about George Bush and Saddam Hussein. When *R. Guadeloupe* doesn't air their own programs, they now relay *France Inter* instead of *France Info* like they did the past season. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **VENEZUELA** YVQO *Unión Radio*, Puerto La Cruz DEC 17 0205 - Man with mention of "Unión Radio." Poor, but briefly slightly over co-channel interference! [Chiochiu-QC]
- 670 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas DEC 16 0208 - Very good reception until about 0213 when WWFE faded in; with political speech parallel 1180 kHz. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 670 **VENEZUELA** YVLL *R. Rumbos*, Caracas DEC 16 0121 - *Notumbos* dorbells. Very poor signal with co-channel interference from *R. Rebelde* or WWFE. The voice was mostly inaudible, just the doorbells were able to pass well through the interference like a hot knife through butter. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 690 **MEXICO** XEN México DF DEC 8 0804 - Noted with full legal ID while trying for XEMA. [Merrill-IL]
- 720 **MEXICO** XEDE Saltillo, Coah NOV 30 0908 - Full legal ID (address, power, etc. - typical in Mexico). "Desde Saltillo, transmite... XEDE," atop KSAH with WGN off. Actually logged barefoot on GE Superadio. [Merrill-IL]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEX México DF DEC 16 0700 - Taped call sign ID. Loud over domestics. [Heinen-CO]
- 740 **MEXICO** XEGF *R. Fiesta*, Gutiérrez Zamora, Ver DEC 15 0216-0229 - Now 100% positively identified, thanks to an amazingly steady signal, nearly unnullable, with little domestic interference. The short singing jingle by female group I've been hearing turns out to be "Siete Cuarenta" and is used between musical selections, along with young-sounding lady DJ who refers to programming as "música romantica en la noche" and at 0219 gave time check "ocho

con veinte uno minutos exactamente aquí en Radio Fiesta" (still two minutes fast) and followed with a tune by an artist whose name sounded like Ricky Iglesias. Full ID at 0228 came after lady announcer broke into inadvertent segue for time check, then the "7-40" jingle, followed by production ID with two or more male voices and lots of echo: "Esta frecuencia es 7-40. Nuevo (whirring whistle sound) aquí... a traves madrugada como XEGF, Radio Fiesta (musical stinger drowns out number) mil wats de potencia, transmitiendo... 6 en Gutiérrez Zamora, Veracruz, teléfono 8-45-00-52 plus 8-45-00-20, Lada 7-66." (Lada is the area code.) This will probably be the last time I'll report this station, since it's no longer needed! [Callarman-TX]

- 750 **MEXICO** XERASA San Luís Potosí SLP DEC 1 0115 - Ad for free fair or festival in SLP, with local phone numbers given, quickly faded to nil. [Merrill-IL]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas DEC 16 0430 - Signing off at this late time, due to extended sport schedule as announced earlier in the evening after their jingles and liners. This one was audible all week long. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ RCN Barranquilla DEC 13 0051 - Live interview about a Christmas festivity in Santa Marta and talk about a trio, segments of llanera and salsa music, then ads; several mentions of "Radio Suceso RCN" were heard during the interview. Way over a really barely discernable salsa music station. I logged as tentative OAZ4X *R. Mar Plus* out of Lima, Peru the past season. Could it have really been them (the reports of South American stations from outside Venezuela and Colombia are extremely rare at inland locations)? It's the only salsa and tropical music station on 760 I'm aware of. What kind of music the Spanish-domestic WLCC in Florida on this channel carry? [Chiochiu-QC] Also Venezuela possible with two stations on the frequency.
- 770 **COLOMBIA** HJJX RCN *Cadena Basica*, Bogotá DEC 17 0419 - Weak through two minutes of WABC dead air; parallel 760 which was very good at the time. No sign of the much wanted YVKK which is the most reported Carabobo state station in North America and the best chance to log my 7th YV state on MW. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 780 **VENEZUELA** YVNM *R. Coro*, Coro DEC 16 0021 - Tentative with Spanish Christmas salsa tune from a male singer. Poor-fair signal in next-to-adjacent local 800 CJAD slop. Sometimes very weak remains of nulled WBBM. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 790 **MEXICO** XERC *Formato Veinte-Uno*, México DF DEC 14 0023-0100 - Talk program, several voices, frequent "Formato 21" drop-in slogans, up and down on a busy channel, but into mud at top of the hour. First time noted with this slogan, though I do have some tape from when "El Fonógrafo" was slogan here. Haven't yet taped a call letter ID, either slogan, for this one. [Callarman-TX]
- 890 **CUBA** CMDZ *R. Progreso*, Chambas DEC 13 0044 - Just above 880 WCBS and below a very weak computer wash on 900 in tuning with poor signal strength and salsa music. Interference from an apparent WLS though the co-channel signal was weak too and was equally present when the radio was aimed north-south like when the radio was aimed east-west. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 890 **MEXICO** XENZ *La Sinaloense*, Culiacán, Sin DEC 12 0245 - Good signal with commercial string following slogan, including Coca Cola spot and ad for "Semblansa" (it sounded like), the title of a new history of Sinaloa. Heard here a couple of years ago. [Callarman-TX]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEWB Veracruz, Ver DEC 8 0300 - Strong "synchro echo" on XEW noted now and for much of the next few hours, over an unID station with ranchera, domestic or XEOK. Try for this echo, probably widely loggable. [Merrill-IL]
- 970 **MEXICO** XEEZ Caborca, Son DEC 15 1437 - Local ads, "La Super Zeta" slogans, MST time check. Also mentioned "Grupo Radio Palacio." Fair, mixing with US stations. [Wilkins-CO]
- 980 **MEXICO** XETU *R. Tampico*, Tampico, Tam DEC 17 2358 = This one came up, barely, out of the mud, and after slow female dominated choral jingle, I pulled out of tape, "...un de la gran ...emisora ...XETU (and could not drag out anything until) ...Tampico, Tamaulipas, México. (Female choral jingle again) ...la gran familia." I did not pull out "Radio Tampico" slogan from tape. First time heard here. I've had traces of the Nueva Rosita, COAH station on 980, but this is the first specific ID I've taped on either one. [Callarman-TX]
- 1020 **MEXICO** XEKH *R. Centro*, Querétaro Qro DEC 15 0255 - Baritone vocal on love song ended, followed by the "Radio Centro" jingle, weak, while thinking with Veracruz so strong on 740 I might get the Veracruz station here. Querétaro is still available. [Callarman-TX]
- 1060 **MEXICO** XEEP *R. Educación*, México DF DEC 18 2358 - Big band tune ended and very laid back, soft-voiced female announcer gives lengthy closing announcement for programming, with minor interference from a domestic gospel station. She gave slogan, address, city, and Internet address where station can be heard. Then different woman with echoed production

- ID for program that sounded like "Quantas en Tu Propia Voz." Nice tropical vocal by woman. This one is usually dominant here, but as I went over my records for the past three years, I noted that I've never logged nor taped this one. Call letters not given during this top of the hour break. [Callarman-TX]
- 1080 **CUBA** R.Cadena Habana, Güines DEC 12 2311-2319 - Man and woman in Spanish with remote news and sports reports, ID at 2316. Good, parallels all covered. [Frodge-MI]
- 1090 **MEXICO** XEMCA Pánuco, Ver DEC 8 0220 - No slogan heard, only "10-90 MCA" between canciones. Quite strong but amazingly fast fade. Aurora ate mega-pest KAAY. [Merrill-IL]
- 1110 **COLOMBIA** HJJP RCN Cadena Basica, Villavicencio DEC 18 2335 - Man with mention of RCN very briefly over WBT and YVQT R.Carúpano. New, Colombia #7! Spanish was heard on 1110 all evening long, usually under WBT. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1110 **VENEZUELA** YVQT R.Carúpano, Carúpano DEC 18 2312 - Venezuelan sports talk mostly under WBT, then at 2332 end of talk, segment of llanera music followed by ads for "Su (perdata?) salsa" (not sure if the name of a CD or the name of a program), then back to talk. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1130 **MEXICO** XETOL R.Lobo, Toluca, Mex DEC 1 0310 - Quite strong with "Radio Lobo" jingle. This one, from a fairly rare Mexican state, should be widely heard where 1130 is available. Tonight KWKH totally eaten by aurora. [Merrill-IL]
- 1160 **MEXICO** unID DEC 13 0259 - Choral version of Mexican national anthem noted weak here with XEVW interference in KSL null. (XEVW signs off an hour later.) This is probably Perote, Veracruz, logged by Winkelman at this sign-off time a few months ago. Needed here. [Callarman-TX]
- 1170 **MEXICO** XERT Reynosa, Tam DEC 8 0150 - Very strong, McAllen ad in English, full XERT legal ID in Spanish, "Radio Rama Tamaulipas," then back to Killer Bees hockey in English. Yes, hockey on a Mexican daytimer in English! I'm not making this up! [Merrill-IL]
- 1180 **CUBA** CMBA R.Rebelde, Villa María DEC 16 0209 - Very good reception with political sermon by a man (Fidel?), parallel 670 which was almost as strong as this one. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1180 **MEXICO** XEDCH *Romantica 11-80*, Cd. Delicias, Chih DEC 12 0049-0101 - Finally got a strong, steady signal here with a couple of good commercial strings taped amid the love songs. If she'd ID'd right at the top of the hour, I'd have got a good tape, but at 0101 female announcer says, "Esta es XEDCH," and nosedived. At least I have call letters on tape for this one now. [Callarman-TX]
- 1190 **MEXICO** XEPZ Cd. Juárez, Chih DEC 12 0230 - Dominant with ranchera music and call sign ID. [Heinen-CO]
- 1280 **MEXICO** XEAW *Doce-Ochenta AM*, Monterrey NL DEC 14 0002 - ID partially taped (didn't pull switch in time to get "Esta es X-" but did capture the remainder: "EAW AM transmitiendo en amplitud modulada mil doscientos ochenta kilohertz de amplitud modulada con diez mil wats de potencia. Estudios y oficinas en... Monterrey, Nuevo León." This one carries mostly news and information during early evening CST hours, but later I've heard music with "Doce-Ochenta AM" slogan. First specific ID on this one I've been chasing a while through very bad heterodyne buzz. [Callarman-TX]
- 1250 **MEXICO** XESJ Saltillo, Coah DEC 1 0052 - A mere "XESJ" in Spanish between two tropical songs, slogan not given. Not in for very long. I never logged anything from Saltillo in 43 years of DXing (except on FM/TV), then I hear two of them on the same night, in Macomb! [Merrill-IL]
- 1290 **MEXICO** XEDA México DF DEC 8 0339 - R.Trece slogan and phone number. First time ever logged from anywhere, though it may actually be my night 1290 dominant on the 205° wire. One to look for if your 1290 is available, even up north. (Is Winnipeg off?) [Merrill-IL]
- 1290 **MEXICO** XEAP Cd. Obregón, Son DEC 14 0200 - Well over the domestics with full callsign ID. [Heinen-CO]
- 1300 **MEXICO** XEXV R.Capital, La Estrella Gruper, León, Gto DEC 14 0258 - XEXV remains the call letters for this station. Full ID taped at this time, though production echoes and sounders plus choppy reception made parts unclear: "...Radio Capital, XEXV-AM trece cientos kilohertz, diez mil wats, y XHXV-FM ochento ocho punto nueve megahertz, seis mil wats, Organización... Oficinas Avenida 5 de Mayo 126, Centro de León, Guanajuato, Radio Capital, cubriendo con su... (several words I couldn't transcribe) en cuatro estados de la Republica Mexicana. Radio Capital, La Estrella Gruper, Grupo Radiodifusora Capital." This absolutely nails this one down. [Callarman-TX]
- 1310 **MEXICO** XEBV R.Trece, Monterrey NL DEC 16 0359 - Tentative only; KTCK is tough to null at 28 air miles, and I thought I heard XEBV R.Trece call and slogan top of the hour ID after odd rhythm accordion-based music, but when I monitored the tape, all I could pull out was

- "frecuencica... Trece Diez AM... wats do potencia." I've had traces of Trece before, but it's still needed. [Callarman-TX]
- 1310 **MEXICO** XEAM Matamoros, Tam DEC 1 0002 - Jingle that sounded like, "XEAM La Moderna." (Likely Norteña, I'm sure, as listed.) Well atop frequency all night in deep aurora. One of the easiest Mexicans to ID, uses call letters liberally. [Merrill-IL]
- 1330 **MEXICO** XEWQ WQ Monclova, Coah DEC 8 0155 - Weak in auroral mix but just enough to hear spoken "WQ" before norteña song. Sweet! [Merrill-IL] DEC 14 0214 - This one dominates 1330, but I've never yet got a full call ID. Lots of commercials, including one for a shopping trip to Monterrey, call 6-33-22-27 or 6-32-24-44. The fare is "solo cientosesenta pesos por persona." [Callarman-TX]
- 1340 **MEXICO** unID DEC 8 0247 - Twice heard station ID between Christmas songs, "(2-syllable word) 13-40" in Spanish. Too short a jingle for XESL *Cancionera 13-40*, and my cassette recorder wouldn't work! Ouch. [Merrill-IL]
- 1350 **MEXICO** XETB R.Laguna, Torreón, Coah DEC 16 0405 - Rarely heard, this one came atop with full ID intro'd by two notes from a big orchestra, then man gives call letters slowly and distinctly: "XETB Radio Laguna... está fraturaté(?) en el trece cincuenta de amplitud modulada, cinco mil wats de potencia, estudios y oficinas en el... Tamnes(?)... Torreón, Coahuila, México... con marco la XETB Radio Laguna, veinte cuatro horas continuos del música naturalmente(?)..." Continued with "esta navidad" XETB promo over music. (This was one of the stations, I think, that was mentioned in 1010 XEVK list of stations in reorganized Torreón-area group.) I squeezed "Tamanes" out of tape, but the address, according to MPM, is Pamanes y Eulogio Ortiz, Col. Ampl. Los Angeles. [Callarman-TX]
- 1380 **MEXICO** XECO *Romantica 13-80*, México DF DEC 12 0029 - Surged atop with woman announcer, one of the ubiquitous Secretaría PSAs, then man with production full ID, best ever heard here, but just briefly before dropping into the mud. There's another "Romantica 13-80" slogan listed on this frequency, so caution is required here. [Callarman-TX]
- 1420 **MEXICO** XEH *Catorce Veinte*, Monterrey NL DEC 18 2320 - Nice female vocal atop, and when it ends, production ID with call given slowly and distinctly: "X-E-H, Catorce Veinte (laser splats) X-E-H, se va la hora: (Live announcer's voice): cinco treinta dos... (Production voice): Temperatura: (Live announcer's voice): Tenemos los veinte tres grados. (Production voice): La blas(?) grande por zonas(?)," ending the production ID. Then the local announcer introduced a "reporte" from Monterrey, newsman, apparently, on carbon mike or telephone followed. Logged before, but never this well. [Callarman-TX]
- 1430 **MEXICO** XEWD Cd. Miguel Alemán, Tam DEC 1 0204 - "Música... en la WD," and another "WD" heard later, format more youthful (dance music, etc.), nearly ruled 1430 all night. This and XEAM were my first non-domestics ever logged on 1310 and 1430 in my 43 years of DXing, and both heard since! [Merrill-IL]
- 1460 **MEXICO** XECB San Luis Colorado DEC 24 1403 - Lots of banda and more banda leading up to the top of the hour. One banda song, "Rancho Grande" was particularly obnoxious. I like "Rancho Grande" just not this banda version. ID as R.*Ranchito*, San Luis with no call ID. Ads for a supermarket in San Luis Colorado, Sonora. [Redding-AZ]
- 1470 **MEXICO** unID DEC 1 - Who is the tropical music format here? Heard DEC 1 and since, a near-dominant on the frequency, but I have yet to ever catch them talking, or advertising, no dice even near the top of the hour. [Merrill-IL]
- 1520 **COLOMBIA** *Ecos del Palmar*, Bogotá DEC 15 0430-0511 - Tropical music with "Ecos del Palmar" IDs, good signal in KOMA null. Sign off at 0511 with national anthem. [Beu-TX]
- 1520 **MEXICO** XEJCC Cd. Juárez CHIH DEC 14 0125-0133 - Heavy metal English rock music to full call sign ID, KOMA phased. First new one on 1520 in years! [Heinen-CO]
- 1530 **MEXICO** XEUR *Frecuencia Positiva*, México DF DEC 15 0125-0200 - Off and on. Noting Fred Cantú's website showing still another new slogan, "La Positiva," for XEUR, and finding three Spanish signals on this frequency, I tried to unsnarl them. One, of course, is that notorious non-identifying "Radio Cristiana" relay and the third is a "La Mexicana" (a former slogan of XEUR) that probably is the Austin area station. XEUR now plays classic Mexican vocals from half a century or more ago, while "La Mexicana" plays more modern Mexican songs in cumbia/gruper style. XEUR has frequent "Frecuencia Positiva" drop-in IDs, and at 0158 had full ID by woman with electronic drum rhythm in background: "XEUR, Quince Treinta, Frecuencia Positiva, Quince Treinta, Frecuencia Positiva, transmitiendo con cincuenta mil wats de potencia desde Reforma 506, Colonia Parras, en México, Distrito Federal. Radio Rama, Radio Rama, Radio Rama." [Callarman-TX]

Callarman dice: Conditions have not been quite so good for South of the Border stations these past couple of weeks, but there are still some surprises. Most of my log notes consist of times and

tape index numbers beside fragmentary program details as bits and pieces of audio break through. DXing on the regional channels is like DXing meteor scatter on 2 meters or FM, except on the latter two, the fragments come up out of nothingness. Glad to see Señor Heinen join the hunt for XE signals. There are a lot of them there for those with the patience to pull them out.

Esa Hanninen on the NRC reflector adds some light to my 1450 "XEOLF" heard in Chandler, Arizona last week, writing, "John Callarman has heard XEOLF R.Rancherita on 1450. 950 XEORF relays 1450 XECU and it's possible that also XECU relays XEORF." I've added some speculation: "I tried to tape at other TOH times while I was in Chandler because I couldn't be sure, with just one shot with these old ears, that I had OLF absolutely right. R and L are easily mistakeable. It's also possible, I suppose, that XEORF and XECU have traded frequencies which the combination "XEORF Radio Rancherita" could imply. So far, though, what I've heard in Krum (merely the "Radio Rancherita" slogan, isn't enough to put this one in the log as ID'd. Perhaps our Mountain States DXers can check both frequencies to see what's happening in Los Mochis. It would be nice to get a full ID with call, slogan and frequency on each."

*Merrill dice:* In the past few days, Mexicans have been noted on odd frequencies like 600, 610, 700, 1050 (under XEG), 1080 (!), 1100, 1120, 1150, 1280, 1350, 1390, and 1460; all have gotten away. I don't think 1350 and 1460 are the Texans.

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#### International News

**IRELAND:** RTÉ's 2FM 1278 kHz medium wave transmitter situated at Beaumont in north Dublin ceased transmission on Monday, 15th December. Speaking to *Radiowaves News*, an RTÉ spokesman said that research indicates that 2FM listeners prefer the superior sound quality on FM. "The number of people actually tuned to 1278 kHz has declined considerably over the years," he said. "However, transmission of 2FM on medium wave will continue for the foreseeable future from our Athlone transmitter on 612 kHz." [Mike Terry, BDXC, via Mike Barraclough, MWC E-Mail News]

73 and Good DX!

## Second Annual Long Beach Island DXpedition Assembled by R. J. Edmunds

*Dave speaks:*

A group of six of us had been planning a two-night outing to the Jersey shore to try to snag some of the fantastic beach DX reported by our New England and Washington colleagues. Unfortunately Mark Clark had to drop out, leaving five of us. We all had high hopes for decent reception conditions, but the sun didn't cooperate. Conditions were mediocre and yielded no surprises except in a couple cases. We had window-rattling copy of ZIZ on 555, and excellent reception of Jamaica on 550; our most noteworthy domestic catch was WZZJ, Pascagoula, MS.

Brett Saylor, Bruce Collier, Russ Edmunds and I (Dave Hochfelder) arrived at the Drifting Sands Motel at about 3 on Friday afternoon; a very tired, hungry and thirsty Bob Galerstein arrived on little sleep Saturday evening. After getting acquainted Brett, Bruce, Russ and I headed out to the beach to run two 500 foot wires, one aimed at 40 degrees, the other at 220; we hoped to hear some TA's off the north wire but we had nary a peep except for a het on 1215 which Bruce assumes is Virgin Radio. The south wire performed better, if you count hearing "RR" in Morse everywhere. I took to calling it "R. Relog" after awhile. Since we had a bad experience last year with copper ground rods, we decided to run radials. Although we couldn't tune the terminations that well, we still had decent directivity from the wires. We also had a shorter wire for phasing.

Outside of good copy of RJR, ZIZ, and WZZJ, the remarkable events on Friday evening were watching Bruce resurrect his MFJ phaser and a brownout apparently affecting the entire motel. Apparently MFJ

is too cheap to put in a ten-cent blocking diode just downstream of the power jack. The voltage drop caused Brett's R8 to drop out. We stuck a meter into the outlet and found that the voltage was about 80 volts; oddly enough, when we turned on the thermostat to start the heat, the voltage went up to about 90. Another technical glitch was that our ICE active 4-way splitters didn't provide good isolation; every time I switched antennas on my Quantum phaser, Bruce had to reset his phaser settings.

On Saturday we decided to lengthen our BOGs out to about 700 feet and to beef up the ground radials. Although this improved the performance on the low side of the band, conditions prevented any remarkable catches. We all hacked around a bit; Bruce went down to LW, and I trolled around 60 meters. I had clean copy of Zambia on 4910

Well, at least we had excellent companionship, good beer (Bruce brought Yuengling; I brought Hacker-Pschorr Oktoberfest), scotch (Bruce), and cigars (Bruce again). As several of us commented, a bad day DXing beats a good day at work. Despite the poor conditions, we all enjoyed good beer and company. When we do this next time, we'll be smarter about projecting solar conditions 28 days before our target date. We also learned a great deal about the technical aspects of DXing, and we should be able to beat our 3-hour setup time easily next time.

We also would like to thank Rick Kenneally for shipping us two boxes full of long coax runs, splitters, connectors, adapters, and other useful equipment. We couldn't have done it without him.

*Bruce speaks:*

When Dave Hochfelder posted a notice on the email list about a DXpedition to Long Beach Island in NJ for November, I emailed him back right away and said "if you have room for a newbie, count me in!", which he did. After reading about Newfie, Miscou, Grayland, and others, plus Mark Connelly and Patrick Martin's amazing catches, I wanted to see what it was like to DX on a beverage by the sea (on a smaller scale, of course). The weeks that followed eventually built up to a crescendo of emails the week of the event—"Do we have enough cable and wire—what about splitters—how about an Africa wire—what connectors are we using again?" A BIG thank you to Rick Kenneally for his "care package" of looong runs of RG58, patch cords, and splitters—he saved us a lot of money and headache! Thursday night while packing, I turned the Sony 2010 on before I packed it, and it was dead! Oh God, that's the main radio! It had been acting squirrely ever since I did the KIWA mods. Strike one up for Murphy! I pulled all the batteries out, set it aside, and sent an emergency email out to the gang to bring an extra radio—Brett replied and said he was bringing several. Later that night, I put all fresh batteries in, and it came back to life! We decided to add Friday night for a 2-nighter this year, so the four of us rolled in within minutes of each other about 2:30 Friday. After carting the entire contents of all our ham shacks into the "radio room", we hit the beach with the wire, running 500 ft each on 40 and 220-degree bearings, hugging the dune fence. A shorter 175-foot wire was strung south as a "phasing wire". In 40mph winds, thank you—I'm still picking sand out of my teeth! By 6pm, it was radios on and let's see what we have. Murphy rode along with me. We knew going in that the sun was not going to cooperate, and sure enough, it was like the DX gods bought the old iron curtain from the USSR and plopped it down right in front of the Drifting Sands resort—no TA's at all! Only a weak het on 1215. I had brought my MFJ 1025 phaser, and promptly hooked the power up reversed and poof! As Dave noted, "it won't work now, you've let the magic smoke out!" Murphy strikes again! You'd think for a \$125 unit, MFJ could've put a 25-cent blocking diode in there, but nooooo! So it was dead for the night. After much discussion of what M.F.J. stood for, and the ancestry, mating habits, and intelligence level of its founder, I tossed (threw?) it aside and got into the radio. Finally, a weak Virgin 1215 appeared just above the noise floor around 8pm, enough to discern a

British-accented male announcer, and that was the only sniff of TA we'd get all weekend! We'd even brought Scotch and imported beer in an attempt to attract Euro signals, but apparently we got the wrong brands. We did get some decent stuff from the south like Colombia and Venezuela, and a couple of stations using their "high school football power" authorization, including 1580 WZZJ from MS. Late Friday night, the lights suddenly dimmed and Brett's R-8 began to complain. A quick look around revealed the entire building and the one next to it were browning out! We hooked up my voltmeter to the AC and had 82 volts! Now here's the scary part—if you turned the heat on, it went up to 91 volts! Exactly the opposite of what'd you'd expect! It never recovered until after we came back from breakfast Saturday morning, and stayed at 122 the rest of the weekend. Funny, in all the helpful advice given by Kaz, Mark C, and others, I don't remember anyone saying "bring a multimeter so you can monitor the line voltage."! We never did find out what was wrong. Saturday morning it was back to the beach, as we added 250' more to the north wire (750 total) and 350' to the south (850 total), and lengthened the south radials as well. Then a great breakfast at the Greenhouse Cafe. Saturday afternoon, it was off to Radio Shack 6 miles away for more adaptors and parts to try to resurrect the phaser. Got what I thought was blown and returned. The MFJ is all surface mount, RS parts aren't. But I replaced the 1n4001 diode and jumpered the two filter coils on the DC input, plus replaced the two caps in the power circuitry (tacking the regular components to the SMT pads!—scary!), and after 2 hours, up she came! And it was worth it, phasing out WABC to get WLWL, Rockingham, NC, on late Saturday—Dave got them w/his 2010 and Quantum phaser as well. Bob Galerstein rolled in around 6ish after getting stuck in the Lincoln Tunnel due to an overturned dump truck (Murphy?), we had a spot ready for him to hook up

and go. After last year's apparently awful pizza, we played it safe this year and went w/Pizza Hut both nights! Meatlovers pizza—a heart attack on a plate—now that's good eatin! We wrapped up Sunday morning with another good breakfast at the Greenhouse, said our goodbyes, and hit the pike. As we said throughout the weekend, a bad night of DXing beats a good day at the office. We're already talking about a possible spring replay, or next fall. Hopefully, ol' Sol will settle down by then! Thanks to Russ and Dave who did most of the planning and such that goes into this type of thing, and to Brett for building the matching units (and giving Russ and I each one to keep!). The BOGS worked—definitely different stations on many freqs on an A/B switch. It was a great learning experience, and I'll be there if at all possible next time!

*Brett speaks:*

As with Bruce, this was my first experience with a beachside DXpedition, and my first chance to DX with beverage antennas. I seriously overpacked my car with just about every radio- and electronics-related item I had, and headed off Friday on a five-hour drive to LBI.

The setup of antennas went fairly smoothly, thanks to Russ' and David's prior experience at the site, although we seemed to have trouble establishing termination on both beverages. We also had some trouble keeping the antennas buried as they crossed the beach entrances on the first night, one antenna wire was broken by an SUV at a dune crossing. I was surprised at the number of people (mostly fishermen) who are still at the beach in November (now there's a hobby I just can't quite figure out :-)

Another area of difficulty was with the active 4-way ICE antenna splitters that we bought from Array Solutions. While they were advertised as being good from 500 kHz to 30 MHz, we discovered they included a high-pass BCB filter (presumably to prevent intermod at shortwave frequencies.) Although we modified them per instructions from the vendor, we were not happy with their performance. We ended up using passive splitters provided by Chuck Hutton and Rick Kenneally (thanks, guys!) and still had plenty of signal strength to the radios.

While I was disappointed with the lack of any TA action, it was fun playing with phasing of the beverage antennas and receiving the occasional South American station. It was especially entertaining listening to Bruce's "colorful" language as he spent several hours Saturday troubleshooting and repairing his MFJ phaser. Conditions on the second night were so bad that Russ resorted to seeing how many Radio Reloj's he could re-log (what was the final count - over 20?) and several of us resorted to shortwave DXing (until local noise drowned out even that) where we had nearly armchair copy of the 800 watt Guatemalan on 4052 kHz, Radio Verdad, among other Latin American stations.

The highlight of the weekend for me, besides the three Jamaican stations logged, was the fun and fellowship with the other DXers; I learned a great deal from them, and look forward to future opportunities to attend a DXpedition in the area.

*Bob speaks:*

LBI 2002 made me feel like the "wide-eyed-intern," plugging a beverage into my radio, not knowing where to start and gawking at the DX we received. A DX Pedition of this sort can also allow maximum use of my Drake R8B. While the radio's features can help with some loggings at my inland New Jersey home, the immense noise at times in my condo complex can negate the radio's ability.

In prepping for LBI 2003, I wanted to run circles around the previous year's loggings. I familiarized myself more with what is potentially out there and formed a game plan in my head. This and the extensive planning emails among the participants had all of us frothing at the mouth. India 1566, here we come!

However, Murphy's law struck before I even got there. I had a work commitment in Manhattan Saturday morning. There's usually little traffic when I leave, but not this day. An overturned dump truck on the route that leaves the Lincoln Tunnel held me up for over an hour. (Ironically, a similar incident delayed my arrival for last year's DX Pedition.)

Murphy's law, part two, occurred when I got within two-meter range of the LBI participants. Dave informed me that conditions were so bad, they could not log RVC-530. I turned my car radio to 530, and there it was, weakly. Not a good sign when the car radio is pulling in garden variety DX that the beverages were struggling to do.

It was then that I made my biggest contribution of the weekend. Via the two-meter radio, Dave and Bruce told me that they placed an order at Pizza Hut, and asked if I could pick it up. Gladly!

After arriving, then inhaling the pizza and some great beer, we tested conditions again. Little improvement. So, we essentially gave up on much international DX, and focused on the flea powered southern stations. At one point, we had what was ID'ing as "The Hub Cap Radio Network" on 1540. Very southern sounding, playing bluegrass. Then came ID time at the top of the hour.....Flashback to LBI 2002. When we logged the highlight of the night, Radio Reforma from Panama, we let out a big cheer. It capped what, lack of TA's aside, was a great weekend. ...Back to 2003. The ID came on 1540 - "WPTN, Albany." A pronounced groan from the five of us.

Still, as Bruce said, "A bad session of DX'ing beats a good day at the office." A great bunch of guys is looking forward to doing this again.

*Russ speaks:*

There's really not much more to say that hasn't been said already. Certainly being pretty much 'on our own' this year without having Rick's beverage antenna and splitters experiences on hand, this year presented the rest of us with valuable experiences which will serve us well in the future, both for future DXpeditions and for individual ones as well. Most of us have also now accumulated splitters, wire, cable and adaptors we'd not had before which will prove equally valuable. I also want to acknowledge my/our gratitude to Chuck Hutton for at the last minute selling me and quickly shipping two passive 6-way splitters at the point where we were questioning the usefulness of any of the ICE splitters some had bought. In the event, these were the center of our operations, as the amplified splitters proved to create spurious signals and also to amplify and re-transmit interference. They also managed to cause significant signal level fluctuations for the rest of us every time Dave flipped the phase switch on his Quantum Phaser.

We also learned that while perhaps last years 1000 and 1400' wires might have been more than we needed, 500' wires weren't long enough on the sand. We may even go back to 1000' next time. We'll also have to work on an earlier arrival time to complete the setup in time for pre-sunset DX. While we'd hoped we could rig up some sort of a sloper, we quickly discovered that we really didn't have appropriate height and length to make it work, although there may yet be a way to do a shorter wire toward Brazil or Africa.

And, once again, I discovered how great the Sony ICF2010 is. Last year I used one of Rick Kenneally's, and this year, for Saturday at least, I used Bob Galerstein's ( while he used the Drake ). For Friday, I got to try out Brett's Yaesu FRG7700 - not a bad radio, but it takes a lot of getting used to, and I never quite did, hi.

*(To be continued next week)*

## Musings of the Members

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Welcome to still yet another Musings column! When sending your items along, we ask that they be radio and DX related. We're back to the weeklies after our Christmas break so your support would be appreciated. Here we go:

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I haven't reported to this column in some time. As a re-intro, I've been in the hobby for just over 40 years, having begun DXing in 1962. I've been active most of those years. This past November, I recalled receiving my very first verification, in 1963, WBT sent me an oversized card. At the time, I had known very little about veries, just a little information from an edition of a magazine, *Communications Handbook*, and thought and thought all verifications were like WBT. I soon sent out reports to WWVA, WRVA and CKLW in December of that year, and strangely, not one of them ever responded, so I got discouraged (I have since certainly verified them) and gave up on verifying stations, but kept listening. A year or so later, I even lost some interest in DXing and only DX'ed occasionally. Then in the summer of 1968, I came across an edition of *Radio-TV Experimenter* (Whites Radio Log) at a local store, which rekindled my interest. I found out about radio clubs and joined IRCA. I soon became regularly active in DXing once again and pursued verifications with good results. Some of my best veries over the years are: WDAK, WROK (during test), WSAO (test), WBAY, KRMG, KWJN & KFAB (when WBT was off for about a week, this one was taped, too). Also: HILR, XEOY and YVLL. My latest veries include WXYT (verified at WXYZ in '69) and a WWJ card and assorted odds and ends for a report dated in March of this year. Looking to be quite active this season DX'ing and sending reports! 73s to all! (Thanks for the report, Leslie; good to hear from you; keep us posted on your DX doings also!-DWS)

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Hope all had a nice holiday and hope your 2004 log book gets a few new additions this season. We have a couple of reports on hand; they'll show up in your DX NEWS next issue. Our work schedule has a habit of going a little nuts around this time of the year and held true again this year. I spent a week at WGCH-1490, mainly thanks to a snow storm. Welcome back to BRUCE COLLIER who I worked with in the building of WXCX a few years ago. Your support to the column keeps it going, so all are invited to send along a MUSING! 73

*Dave*