

# DX News

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**CPC Test Calendar**  
WRIB RI 1220 daily 0255-0305

**WRIB-1220 ...** According to Craig Healy: "We've arranged for WRIB-1220 in Providence, RI (tough state to hear!) to raise power to 1kw non-D every night at 2:55 to 3:05am. This will run through at least March and will have a recorded ID at 3am. Hopefully a special ID with Morse code can be added in the near future. There ought to be good propagation for a fair number of these nights, and it's late enough for the west coast folks to have a shot. Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to Craig Healy, NG1U - WRIB - 200 Water St. - East Providence, RI 02914 OR <http://www.wrrib.com>." Arranged by Craig Healy and AM-DX.COM.

**Betty Lord ...** The NRC lost a long-time NRC member this week with the death of Betty Lord, the widow of Carleton Lord, known to his RADEX readers in the '30's as "Count de Veries". Ken Chatterton commented: "It is with great sorrow that I note the passing of a great lady of the DX hobby. Betty Lord has passed away after a long illness. Betty rode to a number of conventions with me and we were friends for many years. She always referred to convention goers as "her boys". She was DX-knowledgeable and a great friend. Betty - R.I.P."

**From the Publisher ...** Yup, I stretched things as much as possible in this issue, but even I can't stretch 17 pages into 24 ... so two Musings from ever-faithful editor Dave Schmidt will have to wait until next week. And I bet even Dave took off his gloves to type them up, so sorry about that, Chief!

For those interested in CQWSN, mentioned in #14: Tony Smith's e-mail address is [swler@dodo.com.au](mailto:swler@dodo.com.au).

Get those new addresses to the publisher BEFORE you notify the USPS - we're still being charged 70¢ an update by the USPS.

**Kulpsville 2004 ...** Richard Cuff, co-chair of Kulpsville 2004 (properly known as the Winter SWL Fest), asks that anyone in the NRC interested in maintaining a table for the NRC to contact him at [richard@thecuffs.us](mailto:richard@thecuffs.us). However, interested NRC members should contact NRC BoD chairman Ken

Chatterton first to coordinate efforts.

**DXChange ...** R. J. Edmunds - 753 Valley Rd - Blue Bell, PA 19422-2052, [wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org](mailto:wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org), is offering the following for sale: Krohn Hite Model 330M Variable Band-Pass Audio Filter; .2 HZ to 20 kHz. In excellent condition, but is rather heavy. \$100 or make offer - plus shipping; Heathkit SB-620 "Scanalyzer" (Spectrum Analyzer) modified for BCB DX Mode by Bob Foxworth. Complete with all spare parts, manual and copy of the modification article. In excellent condition. \$100 or make offer - plus shipping; Rustrak Strip Chart Recorder / Recording Milliammeter. Good condition. Reconditioned 1983; hardly used since. Includes manual. \$ 60 or make offer - plus shipping.

**Welcome to these new members:** Thomas Wensel - Reston, VA; Bruce Collier - York, PA; Robert Thompson - Kanab, UT; Roger Barnard - Green Valley, AZ.

## DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 71

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17.	Jan. 23	Feb. 2	24.	April 2	April 12
18.	Jan. 30	Feb. 9	25.	April 16	April 26
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20.	Feb. 13	Feb. 23	27.	June 4	June 14
21.	Feb. 20	Mar. 1	28.	July 2	July 12
22.	Feb. 27	Mar. 8	29.	Aug. 6	Aug. 16
23.	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	30.	Sept. 10	Sept. 20

## DX Time Machine

### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 23, 1954 DXN: Stan Morss, Bradford, MA received a verie from Tangier International-1232 for his 44th country verified; reports were sent to R. Athlone-565, his 28th new TA this season, and to Melnik-1286 and R. Tangier-1079. There were 102 CP's for new stations outstanding as of 1/1/54.

25 years ago ... from the January 29, 1979 DXN: Stan Morss, Bradford, MA reported on 1/6: "I had a couple free hours so I ran out a couple hundred feet of wire and hooked into HQ-150 ... so @ 5:40 ... I went to new antenna and 1520 had a strong signal which shocked me by signing off @5:43 as WGNB, much needed."

10 years ago ... from the January 16, 1994 DXN: Ron Musco, Poquonock, CT reported 17 new stations heard and 16 veries received, including YWA-516, ZLS-526, WASB-1590, KBOE-740, and WDFB-1170, adding that he had to call both WDFB and KBOE to remind them to run the tests, arranged by someone else.

# AM Switch

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

**Editor's note:** The FCC announced a freeze on the acceptance of applications for what they term 'minor modifications' as of January 12 and extending to January 30, 2004. "Minor" changes include almost everything from coordinate corrections to frequency changes and power increases/decreases. The freeze was implemented as they've announced a filing window from January 26 to January 30, 2004 for what they term 'major improvements'. 'Major' means new station proposals as well as a myriad of other categories too detailed to go into here. This week we have those applications which made it past the FCC's 'IN' basket so far. I'm sure you'll agree there are some pretty interesting applications in the group. I can't wait to see what those engineering folks are brewing for the week of January 26!

### CALL LETTER CHANGES

*Old call*  
770 WKTW PA Jeannette

*New call*  
WKFB

COUNTRY  
1470 **WXKW**

### CPs ON THE AIR

1460 KTFW TX Burleson - Now on with U4 5000/700.  
1470 WAZN MA Watertown - Now on as of the weekend of 1/10/04-1/11/04 with U4 1400/3400. Station is now co-located with WTTT-1150 at 75 Concord Avenue in Lexington. The day pattern is directed northwest, while the night pattern goes southeast. (ex: Marlborough, MA)

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1060 KRCN CO Longmont - Is granted an increase in day power from a new transmitter location at N40-16-51 W104-56-25. Night operations remain at the original site. Will be U1 30000/111 from two sites when built.  
1080 WHOO FL Kissimmee - CP authorizes station to add two towers to their array, for a total of five, to increase the daytime power and to add CH operation. Will become D4 19000/0 CH 10000.  
1260 WSUA FL Miami - Granted U4 50000/20000.  
1280 WDNT TN Dayton - Granted CP to reduce night power and relocate the transmitter site to that of the former WREA-1520 Dayton, using that tower and ground system. When relocated, will be U1 1000/31 at N35-30-40 W85-0-36. This CP was initially granted on February 19, 2003. Why it is just showing up now . . . ???  
1560 WRSJ PR Bayamon - Granted U4 5000/5000 (The FCC says DA-2 but the specs are identical and the plots are the same).

### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS RESUBMITTED

1140 W FL Ensley - Applicant has resubmitted application for new station here with U2 10000/250. Would be a two-site operation.

### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING STATIONS

540 WRRD WI Jackson - Applies to add three towers to the existing three and increase daytime power. Would be U4 400/500.  
560 WNSR TN Brentwood - Licensed for U4 500/63, station has a CP to increase both day and power levels to become U5 1000/75 while locating the night transmitter at a second site. This amendment is for a further increase in day power. Assuming they plan to go with the two-site setup, they would become U5 4500/75.  
580 WLES VA Lawrenceville - Applies to add two additional towers to their single tower site and increase day power to become U5 1000/51.  
590 KSUB UT Cedar City - Coordinate adjustment to: N37-41-47 W113-10-59.  
610 WVBE VA Roanoke - Seeks to increase nighttime power to become U4 5000/2500.  
640 WMFN MI Zeeland - Applies to add one tower and raise their daytime power. If built

would become U5 2500/230.  
690 KRGS CO Rifle - Applies to raise both day and night power levels from a new site to become U1 2300/270.  
710 WEGG NC Rose Hill - Applies to increase daytime power to become D1 1000/0.  
740 WNOP KY Newport - Requests to raise day power to become U4 2500/30.  
770 WEW MO St. Louis - Station seeks to add one tower to their array, increase daytime power and add night service. If granted, station will be U4 10000/205.  
800 KLDC CO Brighton - Applies to raise both day and night power levels to become U4 2200/227 on 810 kHz.  
840 KPMP CA Modesto - New station has a CP for U4 4000/10000, but this amendment asks for U7 4000/5000 CH 4000.  
860 KTRB CA San Francisco - KTRB, originally licensed to Modesto with U4 50000/10000 received a CP to move to San Francisco with U4 50000/40000. This amendment now asks for U7 50000/50000 CH 50000.  
870 KAIM HI Honolulu - Station requests to move to 880 kHz, and reduce day and night power levels from a new site (shared with co-owned KHNR-650 and KHCM-940, as well as a new station on 1600). Would be U1 10000/10000.  
930 KIUP CO Durango - Applies to raise night power to become U1 5000/5000.  
940 KHCM HI Waipahu - Wants to move to 960 kHz with U1 10000/10000.  
960 WZRH NC Dallas - Applies to raise day power and become U4 2400/500.  
960 WFIR VA Roanoke - Applies to increase day power and decrease night power while moving to the site of WVBE-610 and use two of WVBE's five towers to become U2 10000/4650.  
980 KSVC UT Richfield - Applies to build a new tower at a new site and raise the daytime power to become U2 11000/1000. The night site would remain as is.  
1000 KCEO CA Vista - Seeks to add one tower to their array and raise their daytime power to become U4 5000/250.  
1020 KAXX AK Eagle River - Applies for an increase in day and night power to become U1 50000/50000.  
1030 WUFL MI Sterling Heights - Wants to add one tower to their array and alter the directional pattern. Would remain D3 5000/0.  
1040 WYSL NY Avon - Station has applied for an increase in the day power and add CH operation to become U7 20000/500 CH 13200.  
1050 KCHN TX Brookshire - Applies to add night service, becoming U4 410/2500.  
1060 WKRE NC Monroe - Applies to increase its day power and add CH operation to become D1 4000/0 CH 2400.  
1080 WOKU WV Hurricane - Seeks to move to 1110 kHz with D1 1000/0.  
1090 WBZB NC Selma - Applies to raise day power and add CH operation. Would become D1 9000/0 CH 1700.  
1130 WSDX IN Brazil - Applies to add night operation. If approved will be U1 500/20.  
1130 KTMR TX Edna - Applies to build three new towers at a location about 30 miles north of the current site. Would remain D3 10000/0.  
1150 WGEA AL Geneva - Applies to raise day power to become U1 5000/35.  
1170 WWLE NY Cornwall - Wants to add two towers to their array (for a total of four), increase daytime power and add night service, and move to 1150 kHz. If approved, they would become U4 2500/800.  
1180 WXLA MI Dimondale - Wants to increase day power and add CH operation to become D4 10000/0 CH 2000.  
1210 KPRZ CA San Marcos - Applies to raise nighttime power to become U4 20000/22000. This action will be made easier if the next application is approved.  
1210 KZOO HI Honolulu - Seeks to move to 1230 kHz with U1 1000/1000. If granted, station would become the first and only Graveyard station in Hawaii!  
1210 WSBI TN Static - Request is for a daytime power increase and to add CH operation. Would become D1 10000/0 CH 2500.  
1220 KSFB CA Palo Alto - Seeks to add two towers and raise nighttime power to become U2 5000/1500.  
1230 KYPA CA Los Angeles - Licensed for U1 1000/1000, station has a CP for U1 540/540. This amendment seeks U1 900/1000 from a new location.  
1240 KTHE WY Thermopolis - Coordinate correction to: N43-38-57 W108-12-17.  
1270 WTJZ VA Newport News - Seeks to increase both day and night power levels by adding one tower to their array. If approved, would be U4 15000/1800.

- 4 1290 KOUU ID **Pocatello** - Applies to add one tower (for a total of two) and increase day power. Would be U5 50000/24.
- 1320 KAWC AZ **Yuma** - Applies to lower day and power levels from a new, taller tower to become U1 730/106.
- 1350 DWBLT VA **Bedford** - The owners of this deleted facility have re-filed for a new license. If granted, they would be U1 2500/47.
- 1360 KDJW TX **Amarillo** - Station wants to add three new towers and increase day power. Would become U5 5000/137.
- 1400 KBCK MT **Deer Lodge** - Coordinate adjustment to: N46-24-52 W112-43-16.
- 1400 KHCH TX **Huntsville** - Applies to **move to 1410 kHz** with U1 250/87.
- 1420 WATB GA **Decatur** - Applies to add one tower to the current array of three, increase day power and add night service, to become U5 50000/160, while **moving to 1430 kHz**.
- 1430 WQOQ WI **Durand** - Applies to build two new towers at a new site, raise daytime power, and lower nighttime power to become U4 15000/138.
- 1450 KFSD CA **Escondido** - Coordinate adjustment to: N33-07-02 W117-07-09.
- 1450 KBMW MN **Breckenridge** - Coordinate adjustment to: N46-16-50 W96-35-17.
- 1460 WTKT PA **Harrisburg** - Station wants to erect three new towers at a new site and lower both day and night power levels. If approved, would become U2 2400/4200.
- 1470 WQXL SC **Columbia** - Requests to increase the day power while decreasing the night power with a relocation to the single tower of WCGV-620 Cayce. If approved, would become U1 11000/120. Seems WQXL has been relocated to the WCGV tower for almost a year, but this request just showed up.
- 1490 WWPR FL **Bradenton** - Applies to reduce day and night power to become U1 500/500 at a new transmitter location.
- 1490 WAFZ FL **Immokolee** - Requests power reduction to become U1 560/700.
- 1510 KCUV CO **Littleton** - Seat belts fastened? OK . . . KCUV is licensed for U4 10000/1300. They have one application for U4 9500/25000, and another for U4 10000/1300. This amendment is now asking for U4 10000/1500 from a new site about 20 miles north of the present site.
- 1510 WWBC FL **Cocoa** - Station wants to add one tower, increase day power and add CH operation. Would become D4 50000/0 CH 25000.
- 1520 WEXY FL **Wilton Manors** - Has applied to raise day and night power levels to become U2 5000/800.
- 1550 WRHC FL **Coral Gables** - This station, licensed on 1550 with U4 10000/500 from two sites has a CP to move to 1560 with U4 25000/5000 from an altogether new site. This amendment now asks for a change in city-of-license to Kendale Lakes (another Miami Suburb) with U4 25000/5000 from yet, another site.
- 1570 KBJT AR **Fordyce** - Station requests to **move to 1590 kHz** and increase both day and night power levels to become U1 4700/35.
- 1600 KLEB LA **Golden Meadow** - Seeks to increase day power by adding one tower. Would become U5 7500/250.
- 1600 WPDC PA **Elizabethtown** - Applies to increase day power and decrease night power from a new transmitter site using a top-loaded tower. If approved, would become U1 1000/35.
- 1600 WXYM VA **Saltville** - Has applied to build a second tower at its site and raise the daytime power level and add night service with U4 10000/100.

**APPLICATIONS DISMISSED**

- 1320 KSDT CA **Hemet** - Station wanted to increase both day and night power levels from a new 4-tower sight. It seems the city owns the land on which the towers are located and elected not to renew the lease in October 2000. Therefore KSDT was forced to find a new site. The combination of new site and pattern design did not give proper coverage to the city-of-license plus adequate protection to co-channel KKSM Oceanside, and even with a waiver request, the FCC said 'no'. KSDT is currently operating under an STA. Would have been U4 1000/400, but remains U4 500/300.

**ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED**

- 580 WTCM MI **Traverse City** - Has a CP to increase day and night power to become U4

- 35000/11100. This application seeks to further increase the daytime power, to be U4 50000/1100.
- 590 KTIE CA **San Bernardino** - Has a CP for U4 2000/1000. This amendment seeks to raise the day power level and reduce the night power level. Would become U4 2500/960.
- 730 WSCC SC **Charleston** - Has a CP to build three new towers at a new site using it only for an increase in day power to become U5 5300/103. This amendment lowers the daytime power request, so if granted, will become U5 5200/103.
- 820 KUTR UT **Taylorville** - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U14 50000/2500 CH 10000. This amendment asks to change to U10 50000/2500 CH 50000.
- 980 KICA NM **Clovis** - Station has a CP to raise day and night power to become U1 1400/172 from a new site. This amendment asks for a further increase in day power to become U5 50000/172 after building an additional two towers at that new site.
- 1170 KENT HI **Honolulu** - Station (reported to be silent) is licensed for U1 5000/5000 has a CP to raise day power and lower night power to become U1 6000/4490 CH 6000. This amendment requests a **move to 1180 kHz** with U1 6000/4490. If this move takes place, KCBQ-San Diego will be allowed to apply for a nighttime power increase.
- 1210 WILY IL **Centralia** - Station has a CP to increase day power and add CH service from a new site. This amendment asks to add night authorization from a second site. If approved, would become U11 10000/3 CH 1100 from two sites.
- 1250 WKNX MI **Bay City** - Currently has a CP to add night operations as U4 1000/129. This application seeks to add one tower to the daytime array and raise day power. If Granted, station would become U4 5000/129.

**ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED**

- 920 WMOK IL **Metropolis** - Licensed for U1 1000/73, station has an pending application to add three towers to become U2 1000/900. This amendment changes the alignment of the towers with a reduction in the night power. If granted, station would become U2 1000/750.
- 1150 KBIS TX **Highland Park** - After being turned down initially, the owner has resubmitted the application with CH added. They now seek U13 25000/1000 CH 25000 from two sites (one for daytime and CH, the other for nights).

**APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL ACCEPTED**

- |           |    |               |           |    |               |
|-----------|----|---------------|-----------|----|---------------|
| 950 KXJK  | AR | Forrest City  | 1340 WFEB | AL | Sylacauga     |
| 1110 WKRA | MS | Holly Springs | 1340 WALH | GA | Mountain City |
| 1290 WOPP | AL | Opp           | 1370 WMGO | MS | Canton        |
| 1290 WTYL | MS | Tylertown     | 1500 WQCR | AL | Alabaster     |
| 1310 KEZM | LA | Sulphur       | 1510 WSQD | PR | Lajas         |
| 1330 WENA | PR | Yauco         | 1540 WTBI | SC | Pickens       |

**CANADA THIS WEEK**

- 1570 C QC **Laval** - Word was filtering down this past week of the re-birth of a station here. The FCC web site has this new facility with U4 10000/10000 at N45-31-51 W73-50-31 which plots to a point east of two golf courses on the southwest side of Rue Principale in Laval. The lone pattern favors the northeast. Posts on the NRCDXAS AM board have indicated they were testing, with the announcement saying "This is Radio Nostalgia (Nostalgie, in French), testing on 1570 kHz. If you are receiving noise or interference, please contact our engineers at 514-497-1350. There are no call letters being given. The ID in French is 'Radio Nostalgie, AM quinze-soixante-dix' (Radio Nostalgia, AM fifteen-seventy)" and playing a mix of 50s to 80s music. Thanks to **Sheldon Harvey** for this news.

**ODDS AND ENDS**

- More fun next week. Be sure to be here.
- Stations reported to be silent: WLNK-1230 Kinston, North Carolina, WIRL-1270 Louisville, Mississippi and WISL-1480 Shamokin, Pennsylvania.
- Stations reported to be back on the air: WCST-1010 Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. With

C&W music, ABC News, and distorted audio.

□ Thanks, and a tip of the old AM Switch watch cap go to Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Dan Strassburg and Powell Way.

#### GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

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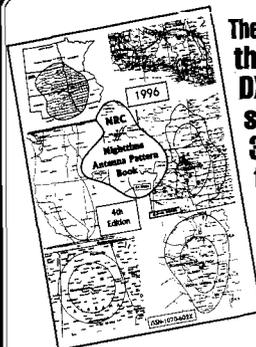
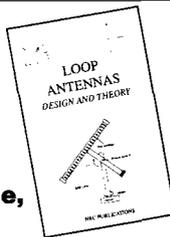
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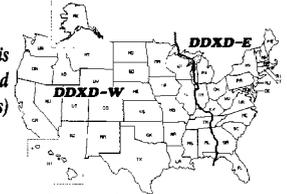
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**DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT**

## DDXD-West

### RANDOM STUFF

- Gerry Bishop has managed to snag some nice DX recently. . . . take a look at his catches on 660 and 1240 for proof.
- KCNS-740 has joined KTNQ-1020 in fulltime IBOC operation, no doubt delighting the three or four people out there with IBOC-capable receivers. . . . something tells me there's a bigger potential audience of Esperanto listeners. . . . but I digress. . . . why not give a listen to these channels around their sunrise/sunset to see if you can catch some of the IBOC "dighiss" on adjacent frequencies? These might be interesting sunset skip targets here in the west.
- The next frequency challenges are 1040 (due January 21), 1120 (due January 28), 1160 (due February 4), and 1180 (due February 11). Listen and report!
- Your non-frequency challenge loggings are also welcome! 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. Please use ELT for all times, regardless of your local time zone.

### REPORTERS

- GP-BL Gerry Bishop, Niceville. Drake R8, Sony ICF-2010, 20 meter wire, Palomar and Radio Shack loops.
- DS-TN Doug Smith, Pleasant View (Nashville). Receiver, antenna.
- JEL-MO Jefferson E. Lewis, Kansas City. Receiver, antenna.
- JFB-IL James Borek, Niles. Sony ICF-2010. (Welcome aboard! Ed.-NV)
- JJR-WI John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R75, GE Superadio III, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B.
- 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 Griffin, Boise. CC Radio Plus.
- MS-MB Morris Sorenson, Winnipeg. Grundig YB-400.
- PG-CO Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. Drake R8, Icom R75, 4-foot loop, Quantum loop, 155- and 100-foot wires, MFJ-1026 phasing unit.
- SP-WI Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. Sony ICF-2010, Select-a-Tenna.
- WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S flag, E/W flag, SuperPhaser, a few random wires.
- Ed.-NV The Editor, Las Vegas. Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010 w/Kiwa filters, Quantum loop & phaser.

### FREQUENCY CHALLENGE RESULTS—1030 kHz

- 1030 KTWO WY Casper. 1/11 1756. Fair with country music. ID sounded like "Two Country (or Q-Country?), KTWO." (MS-MB)
- 1030 WCTS MN Minneapolis. 1/7 1700. Calls during fortitous break in audio on local WQSE. New. (DS-TN)
- 1030 WEBS GA Calhoun. 1/7 0600. Good w/ID "WEBS Calhoun, Oldies 1030", into NBC News. Finally got around to logging this one. (DS-TN)
- 1030 WGSF TN Memphis. 1/13 1800. Very good with Dish Network ad in Spanish, with Memphis phone number. (DS-TN)
- 1030 WNVR IL Vernon Hills. 1/7 2200. Poor under WHO splash; legal ID w/Chicago; after fade, calls for simulcast partner WRKL-910. New. (DS-TN)

### OMMIGAWD, IT'S IBOC!!!

- 740 KCBS CA San Francisco. Per several persons on the NRC and ABDX (American Broadcast DXers) e-mailing lists, this station is now running IBOC during the day. Tune to either side of 740 and join in the fun! (Ed.-NV)

879.8 KJJR MT **EGREGIOUS OFF-FREQUENCY OPERATION!!!**  
**Whitefish. 1/7 1758.** Legal ID at 1759:53 "It's the new NewsTalk 880 KJJR Whitefish-Kalispell-Columbia Falls" and into CBS news. Easily separable on LSB. Umpteenth year in a row on this frequency. "WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' RULES!" (JW-CO) This sort of stuff wouldn't be happening if Michael Powell were alive. (Ed.-NV)

#### STATION NEWS, CHANGES, ETC.

720 WGN IL **Chicago.** According to Glenn Hauser's "World of Radio", has turned off its stereo and dumped its mid-day farm broadcast. (They also block their Cubs broadcasts on the internet, much to the disappointment of us who try to listen, especially when TV isn't carrying). (JEL-MO) I think the decision to block games on the internet is the doing of Major League Baseball, not the individual stations. (Ed.-NV)

#### DX TEST RESULT

1240 WKDK SC **Newberry. 1/11 0559.** Code ID for WKDK just before the top of the hour. Many, many thanks to Powell for setting up this test for us. Final good catch on 1240 for the morning of 1/11. (GB-FL)

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

550 KFYR ND **Bismarck. 1/12 0819.** Ad for a Bismarck dentist; time and temperature check on "K-Fire 550 KFYR"; then the Question of the Day: "When was the last time you used a pay phone?" with listeners invited to call in and reply. Good signal over others. (JW-CO)

560 CFOS ON **Owen Sound. 1/10 2326.** Weather w/snow in cm, IDs, NOS, "Remember When" program, Pete's Auto Body ad. NEW. (SP-WI)

580 WELO MS **Tupelo. 1/12 0417.** NOS, "AM 580 WELO," Ultracarb ad. NEW. (SP-WI)

590 KLBJ TX **Austin. 1/15 0310** with ID, "Newsradio KLBJ" into a GEICO ad then back into the mud on a poor CX day with most frequencies mimicking graveyards. Rare here. (KR-AZ) I enjoyed KLBJ's "Hey, hey, how many kids did we kill today?" promotional contest back in the 1960s. (Ed.-NV)

610 KVNU UT **Logan. 1/6 1859.** Program lineup; legal ID at 1859:55 "The Voice of Northern Utah, NewsTalk 610 KVNU Logan"; ABC news was next, followed by "KVNU Afternoon News" at 1905. Fair/good w/others. (JW-CO)

640 KTIB LA **Thibodaux. 1/9 1915.** OLD tune; program note for "Bayou Sports Talk" "...on Oldies 640 KTIB"; ads for Thibodaux car dealer and furniture store. Fair until fading out at 1919. (JW-CO)

650 CKOM SK **Saskatoon. 1/9 0749.** Fair in WSM null w/t/c, SK wx (cold!!!), calls, phone number. (JJR-WI)

660 KTNN AZ **Window Rock. 1/11 2255.** Huge S+25 signal with Navajo chants. At 2259 "Now CNN news on KTNN, AM 6-60, Window Rock" followed by a sharp decrease in signal strength to S+10 and 5 minutes of dead air as CNN did not come up. At 2304 Navajo chants resumed at lower signal strength. (PG-CO) I bet Neil Young listens to this station while eating mushrooms and reading Carlos Castaneda. (Ed.-NV) 1/8 2258 ASU-Stanford basketball audible on fade-ins. Game/post-game wrapped up at 0026, C&W/trucker music faded up 0040. XE station was have its way most of the time, but finally got the ID at 0059 "Now CNN news on KTNN (garbled) Window Rock." To CNN. Out of CNN to a syndicated trucker's show. I'd been hearing CNN news at TOH on 660 off and on for a week, but never could pull an ID from them before the news. (GB-FL) Great catch, Gerry! (Ed.-NV)

680 CJOB MB **Winnipeg. 1/8 0400.** Taped; "Coast to Coast on your Superstation CJOB Sixty eight Winnipeg." Dominant on the E/W Flag. (WH-CO)

760 KCCV KS **Overland Park. 1/8 1753.** Fair with Christian talk hosted by a Dr. Andrews ending, Several mentions of Bott radio Network, then into USA Radio Network news. Mixing with WJR at times. NEW! (MS-MB)

770 WLWL NC **Rockingham. 1/9 0640.** Poor o/WABC. "77-WLWL" and UC mx. (JJR-WI)

810 CKJS MB **Winnipeg. 1/9 0505.** Call ID and mention of Filipino Music until 0600 (Central) followed by up-tempo SS music. Maybe all Ethnic all the time? (WH-CO)



810 WHB MO **Kansas City. 1/8 2300.** Taped full ID mixing with KGO and return to SPT. (WH-CO)

980 KUPI ID **Ammon. 1/6 0927.** PP&M song "Blowin' in the Wind"; 0930 M announcer says "Kewpie 98 Gold plays your favorite music" and gave last three song titles; "Kewpie Community Calendar" was next, with all Idaho Falls items. Generally fair. (JW-CO)

1070 CHOK ON **Sarnia. 1/9 0728.** Fair @20/9 w/jx, wx, OLD: "Hey Virginia" /Bill Amesbury. Haven't heard that in years! (JJR-WI)

1070 WINA VA **Charlottesville. 1/11 0531.** PBCC ad, ID, TLK. (SP-WI)

1130 WISN WI **Milwaukee. 1/8 0836.** Making its annual appearance with traffic, call letter IDs, and weather by M announcer. Fair/poor mixing with XEETCH and others. (JW-CO)

1150 CJRC QC **Gatineau. 1/9 0724.** Poor in fade up & out w/wx, FF. (JJR-WI)

1160 WAMB TN **Donelson. 1/6 1756.** NOS, WAMB Nx Headlines, Nashville wx. (SP-WI)

1240 WDNE WV **Elkins. 1/11 0300** "on WDNE" for the top of the hour, conveniently timed fade in, second good catch on 1240 this night. (GB-FL) The next one is better IMO, hi! (Ed.-NV)

1240 WHFA WI **Poynet. 1/11 0200.** "AM 1240 WHFA...radio for the Madison area..." beautifully timed fade in for this one, and probably the furthest graveyard I've ever logged. (GB-FL)

1260 KSGF MO **Springfield. 1/9 0703.** Poor signals with weather and news report and several KSGF IDs. My first NEW one of 2004. (SA-MB)

1310 KIQQ CA **Barstow. 1/13 0859.** Ranchera tune; legal ID at 0900:15 "La Maquina Musical, KAEA(?) Boron, KIQQ Barstow, KIUQ Newberry Springs" and into more music. Fair in KFKA null. (JW-CO)

1350 KBRX NE **O'Neill. 1/9 0914.** End of outdoor program; 0916 obituaries with detailed funeral arrangements; 0919 community bulletin board, sponsored by a local restaurant. Fair under KGHF. (JW-CO)

1400 KBRB NE **Ainsworth. 1/4 0445.** Fair signals with weather report and dual ID KBRB 1400 and 92.7. Into oldies. Must be NSP now. (SA-MB)

1400 KLBB MN **St. Paul. 01/03 0144.** Fair signals with Nostalgia or adult standards music. ID as "Star 1400." (SA-MB)

1410 KWYO WY **Sheridan. 1/3 0748.** "More music and memories...KWYO" and into old Stevie Wonder hit. Fair signal. (JW-CO)

1440 WROK IL **Rockford. 1/7 2100** fair with ID by man as "1440 WROK, Rockford, a (?) broadcast service." NEW! (MS-MB)

1450 KSEL NM **Portales. 1/13 1924.** Ad for HighPlainsHelpWanted.com; then area news, weather, sports, markets, and "News Channel 1450" slogans; call ID finally at 1929. Fair atop the jumble. (JW-CO)

1450 WBHF GA **Cartersville. 1/13 0100.** "Here's the station with the unforgettable...AM 1450 WBHF Cartersville." (GB-FL)

1450 WDNG AL **Anniston. 1/12 2322.** Ad for the Oxford Tire Center, 1609 Snow, "WDNG wants you..." (GB-FL)

1450 WGNS TN **Murfreesboro. 1/13 0158.** Out of ESPN to jingle "Talk radio 1450 WGNS Murfreesboro", local weather at 0159. (GB-FL)

1450 KWHW OK **Altus. 1/13 1915.** Play-by-play of the Lady Bulldogs basketball; bank ad at 1918 at the end of the 1st Quarter; faded into the QRM but surfaced again at 1937 with the same bank ad and call letter ID during halftime. (JW-CO)

1550 KAPE MO **Cape Girardeau. 1/8 2059.** Legal ID at 2059:53 "...Jim Bohannon show from 9 to midnight on Cape Radio, KAPE Cape Girardeau," followed by CNN news. Fair. (JW-CO)

1560 KNZR CA **Bakersfield. 01/13/04 2300-2308.** "AP Network News." "5 minutes past the hour on the News Station." National weather given at 6 minutes after the hour. This was followed by Dianna Jordon doing presenting: "Between the Lines," a book review. Signal was very strong with very little fading. (MG-ID)

1560 KOCY OK **Del City. 1/12 2358.** "AM 1560 KOCY Del City Oklahoma City" and more Radio Disney. New for me. (WH-CO)

1560 KZQQ TX **Abilene. 1/13 0059.** Light NOS Music to ID "AM 1560 is KZQQ, KZQQ Abilene" and gone. I wonder if the AP U1 500/45 is now a CP and on. (WH-CO)

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1570 **KNDY KS Marysville.** 1/8 0259. Out of C&W mx (I think) with AM/FM ID at 0259:53, partially readable; 0300 ABC news. Poor, mixing with KVTK. Listed as a D1 daytimer. Last heard here many years ago. (JW-CO)

1580 **KHGG AR Van Buren.** 1/10 1831 "...on CNN 1580 KHGG Van Buren another Pharis Broadcast Station" and more CNN Headline News. New for me. (WH-CO)

1580 **KOKB OK Blackwell.** 1/10 2105 "... your forecast on Double play Double Sports radio KOKP and KOKB." Wonder how much Talk is left with this new slogan? (WH-CO)

1630 **KKWY WY Fox Farm.** 1/9 0000. ID with AP network news and country music. First time I picked up, usually KCJJ from Iowa City IA comes in. (JFB-IL)

1650 **KWHN AR Fort Smith.** 1/7 1800 good. On top with ID as "Newstalk 1650, KWHN." No KDNZ for a change. NEW! (MS-MB) 1/11 2306 with "Arklahoma weather" and later "KWHN reminds you..." About equal with somebody playing oldies, but didn't get an ID on the other station. (GB-FL)

1680 **KRJO LA Monroe.** 1/7 0425. PSA for upcoming church service, GOS, jazz, "KRJO 1680" IDs, "Rejoice" slogan, Musical Soul Food message. NEW. (SP-WI)

**DDXD-East**

**REPORTERS**

**MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto** - Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.  
**BC-PA Bruce Collier, York** - Sony 2010 with KIWA narrow and audio mods, 200 ft BOG at 220 degrees phased against 250 ft N/S unterminated BOG with MFJ 1025 phaser.  
**TRH-GA Tim Hall (Chula Vista, CA), Norcross** - ICF-2010, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Delco car radio.  
**DH-NJ Dave Hochfelder, Highland Park** - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro loop.  
**JK-NJ Jason Koralja, Surf City** - Sony ICF-SW7600GR with Terk Loop.  
**MM-DE Michael Manning, Newark** - RX-340, Quantum Phaser, K9AY Loop, RF Systems DX-Pro.  
**IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville** - 1996 Isuzu Rodeo Premium Audio System 8200.  
**RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville** - Icom R75 with MWDX5 phasing controller, 3 BOG antennas, Sony SW-7600GR, Sangean ATS-909 and Radio Shack loop antenna.  
**JV-NY John Vervoort, Bronx** - Grundig YB-400PE.  
**NJW-ON Niel Wolfish, Burnt River** - AOR-7030+ and two longwire antennas.  
**NJW\*ON Niel Wolfish, Toronto** - Honda Accord car stereo.

**CLEAR CHANNEL CHALLENGE - 1030 kHz**

1030 **WEBS GA Calhoun** - 1/9 1734 - Oldies programming, excellent after WNOW signoff. "Oldies 10-30 WEBS." Frequent IDs. Heard at night running Calhoun high school basketball. Cheating? (RR-NC)

**WBZ MA Boston** - 1/7 1915 - dominant as usual with Bruins v. Red Wings hockey on "the WBZ Bruins radio network". (MKB-ON)  
 + 1/7 2218 - "The home of the Boston Bruins and the Paul Sullivan Show, WBZ, Boston." Good peaks at times, however often falls victim to horrendous second-adjacent channel QRM from WEPN-1050. (JV-NY)



+ 1/13 2105 - "WBZ New Radio 10-30. Now the 10-30 WBZ AccuWeather forecast with Bob Larson." Dominant night time signal. (RR-NC)

**WWGB MD Indian Head** - 1/7 1658 - chewing up nulled WBZ with SS listing of local (i.e. greater Washington, DC area) gospel events, bilingual top of hour ID by woman with Latino accent: "this is WWGB 1030 AM Indian Head, Maryland". (MKB-ON)

+ 1/10 1700 - extremely weak under WBZ, in USB mode (minimizing local WBG). Female reading ID: "this is WWGB, Indian Head." (JK-NJ)

**WNOW NC Charlotte** - 1/9 1600 - excellent, SS programming. "Radio Lider." TOH EE ID heavy Spanish accented male "WNOW 10-30 AM". Dominant daytime signal until sign off at 1730. (RR-NC)

**UNID** - 1/13 2103 - Male and female SS announcers, apparently a newscast. Musical 3 tone note at TOH. Good in null of WBZ. (RR-NC)

**UNID** - 1/13 2103 - Spanish music Fair in WBZ null and underneath other unidentified SS station. (RR-NC)

**DX TEST**

1240 **WKDK SC Newberry** - 1/11 0559 - "TEST THIS IS WKDK. WKDK WKDK" in Morse

code. No audio heard but very clear Morse code ID. (RR-NC)

**UNID AND PRESUMED**

620 **UNID** - 1/10 0708 - C&W music. Lost to WHEN-Syracuse and WKHB-Irwin. Hoping for CKCK in Regina as CKY-Winnipeg and CKDM-Dauphin MB were both strong at this time. (NJW-ON)

690 **WZAP VA Bristol** - 1/10 1155 - presumed with gospel music. WPHE phased. (BC-PA)

730 **WNAK PA Nanticoke** - 1/10 1205 - presumed with NOS music. (BC-PA)

750 **WAAT PA Olyphant** - 1/10 1208 - presumed with church service, WBMD phased. Format fits along with bearing. (BC-PA)

1280 **UNID** - 1/10 0920 - Country/Bluegrass program with music by Quicksilver and a female announcer. Mixing with WRTK-Rochester. (NJW-ON)

**UNID** - 1/10 1930 - English language religious program heard under WRTK-Rochester. (NJW-ON)

1500 **UNID** - 1/11 2145 - Ethnic (possibly Greek) music mixing with WTOP-Washington and a Latin American. Daytimer WPPO in New Port Richey, FL has been suggested as they apparently run past sunset frequency. (NJW\*ON)

1520 **UNID** - 1/4 0140 - Steve Perry's "Oh Sherrie"; Stevie Nicks' "Leather and Lace"; and Jim Croce's "I'll Have to say I Love You in a Song". TOH ID sounded like "1520 WKEX". (BC-PA)

1660 **Pirate GA** - 1/8 1308 - Presumed Haitian (?) pirate noted with nice program of light music, IDs "Radio Citadelle..."; the number after "Citadelle" seemed to be a frequency but I don't think it was 1660 (I think it ended in 40). Only noted on car radio mid-days from Norcross, so I assume it's located fairly close. (TRH-GA)

**STATION LOGGINGS**

540 **WRRD WI Jackson** - 1/7 2157 - End of religious program (www.livingwater.com), promos and IDs "AM 5-40, the Word, WRRD, Jackson-Milwaukee." Good stable signal for 400 watts! (TRH-GA)

**WDAK GA Columbus** - 1/12 1725 - Local news "News Radio 5-40 WDAK". Excellent. (RR-NC)

580 **CKY MB Winnipeg** - 1/10 0713 - On top with "KY-58" jingle and Canadian oldie by Trooper. (NJW-ON)

680 **WINR NY Binghamton** - 1/10 1152 - NOS music, call sign ID. WCBM phased. (BC-PA)

690 **WELD WV Fisher** - 1/10 0758 - C&W song by Jerry Reed, AP network news at 0800, commercial for Grant County Bank. ID by woman at 0831; mixing with CINF-Montreal and WZAP-Bristol. (NJW-ON)

**WOKV FL Jacksonville** - 1/12 0915 - ad for Super Bowl party in Metropolitan Park (?). ID: "News Talk radio WOKV", then Neil Boortz call-in talk show. Excellent signal (-80dBm) with Phoenixville, PA (WPHE) phased out. Emailed reception report and received email confirmation in 90 minutes! (MM-DE)

730 **CKDM MB Dauphin** - 1/10 0720 - over top of CKAC-Montreal with C&W music and ID.

**WOMC NC Goldsboro** - 1/10 1818 - over top of CKAC-Montreal with ID by female announcer and gospel music. (NJW-ON)

740 **CHWO ON Toronto** - 1/7 2151 - Local ads for Toronto and North York, "AM 7-40" jingles, NOS music. (TRH-GA)

760 **WJRI MI Detroit** - 1/10 1214 - spots with 248 area code. Once in a while, this makes the daytime trip - it's a good gauge for groundwave. (BC-PA)

770 **WLWL NC Rockingham** - 1/10 0726 - "Big Wave 77 AM on your radio dial" ID by a Reverend during a local religious broadcast. Under WABC-New York. (NJW-ON)

800 **WPLK FL Palatka** - 1/7 0052 - OLD/NOS, ID "WPLK stereo 800." (TRH-GA)

**WLAD CT Danbury** - 1/13 2300 - good with local WTMR nulled; under/over CKLW. Carrying sports-talk and ID'ing as "Radio 80." New. (DH-NJ)

840 **WVPO PA Stroudsburg** - 1/10 0921 - Commercial for Vinnie D's Deli in East Stroudsburg, ID: "The Greatest hits of all time: oldies 840 and 960". Under WHAS and third station doing religion. (NJW-ON)

930 **CFBC NB St. John** - 1/10 0637 - Over WBEN-Buffalo with Canadian oldie by Five Man

- 1000 **WKDE VA** Electrical Band and ID as "good time oldies 93 CFAC" (NJW-ON)  
**Altavista** - 1/10 2125 - Under WMVP-Chicago with CNN Headline news. At 2127 heard a tape recorded message sounding like a sign off announcement telling listeners to tune to their sister station on 105.5. Silence followed and then three minutes later there was an "AM 1000 WKDE Altavista" ID, followed by more CNN Headline news. I guess they forgot to pull the plug on the transmitter? (NJW\*ON)
- 1010 **WNTK NH** **Newport** - 1/10 0942 - in CFRB null with WINS-New York playing Linda Ronstadt's version of "Desperado" and other C&W tunes. ID by man as "10-10 WNTK". Ex-1020. (NJW-ON)
- 1030 **WEBS GA** **Calhoun** - 1/7 0647 - Semi-local "Oldies 10-30" was clearly using day power about an hour before sunrise. This one may be worth trying for just after 6am EST. (TRH-GA)
- 1050 **WSMT TN** **Sparta** - 1/7 2340 - "It's the music that sets us apart... Gospel music, WSMT." (TRH-GA)
- 1090 **WWGC AL** **Albertville** - 1/8 1814 - Spanish language ad for EZ-Terms mentioned phone number 878-6000 and an address on highway 431. (TRH-GA)
- 1110 **WSLV TN** **Ardmore** - 1/5 1824 - Mix of country and rock oldies music, DJ "Double D" and ID. (TRH-GA)
- 1160 **WBOB KY** **Florence** - 1/8 1620 - over WCCS/WYLL mix with local "WBOB dependable traffic" report, ad for Auto Zone, slogan "news talk 1160 WBOB". (MKB-ON)
- 1170 **WLBH IL** **Mattoon** - 1/5 1829 - NOS music, "Unforgettable 11-70 WLBH, home of America's best music." (TRH-GA)
- WWLE NY** **Cornwall-on-Hudson** - 1/8 0858 - over nulled WWVA with CNN news, ID by woman: "WWLE 1170 AM, your source for news and information". (MKB-ON)
- 1190 **WSDQ TN** **Dunlap** - 12/27 2010 - Classic country hits. Strong signal that faded into the slop at 2020. "The New "Q" WSDQ Dunlap, Tennessee." (IEN-GA)
- 1210 **KOKK SD** **Huron** - 1/11 0735 - Poor but alone with C&W music and ID: "This is Dakota Country on KOKK". Unfortunately, nothing else from this direction audible this morning. (NJW-ON)
- 1230 **WONN FL** **Lakeland** - 1/5 1710 - Ads for insurance seminar and concert, WONN weather and ID. (TRH-GA)
- WHOP KY** **Hopkinsville** - 1/6 2359 - "News talk 12-30, WHOP, Hopkinsville." Mixing with another station that might have been WSBF-FL. (TRH-GA)
- WEEX PA** **Easton** - 1/10 1117 - "The Red Zone" NFL program, ID, and spot for Bear Creek Ski Resort and an event at the Stabler Arena. Also heard earlier with ESPN stuff. (NJW-ON)
- WBVP PA** **Beaver Falls** - 1/13 0711 - "WBVP-WMBA (1460)" IDs and commercial for a place on Route 51 in Bridgewater. Mixing with WECK-Cheektowaga and WCRO-Johnstown. (NJW\*ON)
- 1240 **WWCO CT** **Waterbury** - 1/9 2300 - ID: "You're listening to the Talk of Connecticut, AM 1240 WWCO Waterbury". Fair with a second station playing Latin American style music. (NJW-ON)
- 1280 **WEIM MA** **Fitchburg** - 1/10 0933 - "Yankee Trader" phone-in program with female host. Mixing with WADO-New York and WRTK-Rochester. (NJW-ON)
- 1300 **WOOD MI** **Grand Rapids** - 1/9 0824 - fighting groundwaver WXRL with PSA for Michigan Community Blood Center, ID as "8:25 on WOOD 1300" (calls pronounced 'wood', not spelled out), into Wall Street Journal report. (MKB-ON)
- 1310 **WYND FL** **Deland** - 1/5 2318 - "You're listening to Florida's Christian Voice, WYND Deland." Fighting with WDOD but noted two or three times on this trip. (TRH-GA)
- 1320 **WJGR FL** **Jacksonville** - 1/6 0653 - Promo for Career Clinic, 7:55am on "13-20 the patriot." (TRH-GA)
- 1340 **WMID NJ** **Atlantic City** - 1/10 1555 - On top with commercial for D'Arcy Law Firm and the Trump Taj Mahal. ID: "Your home for the new variety of America's Best music on 1340 WMID" into Carpenters oldies. (NJW-ON)
- WWLF NY** **Auburn** - 1/11 0720 - Radio Disney program with "AM-1490" (WOLF-Syracuse) IDs; good with WLVL-Lockport. (NJW-ON)
- 1370 **WVLY WV** **Moundsville** - 1/10 0925 - Over top of WRTK-Rochester with spot for Gary's Body Shop in Triadelphia and ID. (NJW-ON)

- WELV NY** **Ellenville** - 1/10 1551 - over WXXI-Rochester with "WELV-Music of Your Life" jingle into The Mamas & The Papas oldie. (NJW-ON)
- 1390 **WTJS TN** **Jackson** - 1/6 0045 - Back on the air with talk (ex-NOS), promo for Phil Hendrie show. 0606 noted again with promo for careers in radio at "Clear channel radio 13-90 WTJS." (TRH-GA)
- 1400 **WKAV VA** **Charlottesville** - 1/10 0858 - Fox Sports programming. Commercials for Video Club of Charlottesville and Jim Price Chevrolet-Isuzu. ID at top of the hour "WKAV Charlottesville: We're Sports Radio 1400". (NJW-ON)
- WILI CT** **Wilimantic** - 1/10 0956 - Jingle: "yesterday's favorites WILI" into a 1960s oldie. Fair with WEST-Easton. (NJW-ON)
- WEST PA** **Easton** - 1/10 0959 - end of "WEST Saturday Morning Flea Market" program, into ABC news. Mixing with WILI and a third station in Spanish (WLLH maybe?). (NJW-ON)
- 1410 **WHLN KY** **Harlan** - 1/5 1845 - "The station specializing in 60s music is the oldies station." (TRH-GA)
- WDOV DE** **Dover** - 1/10 1710 - Over WNER-Watertown with Delaware Blue Hens basketball vs. the Towson Tigers on Blue Hens Sports Network. Local commercials at 1713. (NJW-ON)
- 1420 **WKSJ TN** **Pulaski** - 1/7 0618 - Noted simulcasting WKSJ-FM "Country 98.3" this morning. Not sure if this is a full-time or part-time simulcast. (TRH-GA)
- WOC IA** **Davenport** - 1/7 1906 - over top of WRMR-Cleveland with end of newscast and weather forecast. (NJW\*ON)
- 1430 **WGFS GA** **Covington** - 12/30 1343 - Oldies. "Your official goodtimes oldies station, Hometown Radio 1430 Covington." (IEN-GA)
- 1440 **WMKM MI** **Inkster** - 1/8 1800 - top of hour ID: "AM 1440 WMKM Inkster-Detroit" into black gospel song, then lost to WHKW and CHKT-1430 slop. (MKB-ON)
- 1480 **WGUS GA** **Augusta** - 1/7 2029 - Now running a classic country format, slogans "Classic country 14-80, your very favorite country classics." (TRH-GA)
- WPWC VA** **Dumfries-Triangle** - 1/10 0908 - Mixing with WZRC New York playing what sounded like a cross between rap and rancho music. ID: "Esta es Radio Fiesta..." (NJW-ON)
- 1490 **WCLU KY** **Glasgow** - 1/7 2359 - "Glasgow and Barren County's hometown radio station is WCLU, Glasgow." (TRH-GA)
- WBCB PA** **Levittown** - 1/10 1657 - C&W music, ID, USA Network News and promo for "Inside The Lanes: Delaware Valley's premier bowling show". Mixing with WOLF-Syracuse. (NJW-ON)
- WMBT PA** **Wellsboro** - 1/10 1900 - "Original Hits 1490 WMBT Wellsboro" ID after Paul McCartney's "My Love". Fair signal. I assume the music was a satellite feed as I heard the same song on 1590 at the same time (maybe WGGO-Salamanca?). (NJW-ON)
- 1500 **WGHT NJ** **Pompton Lakes** - 1/10 1536 - ID as "15 Hundred WGHT" and 1972 oldie "Telegram Sam" by T-Rex. Fair with WTOP-Washington. (NJW-ON)
- 1530 **WSAI OH** **Cincinnati** - 1/8 1334 - Surprised to find them coming in quite well at midday, with jingle and ID. (TRH-GA)
- 1570 **WPEP MA** **Taunton** - 1/9 2359 - ID "News talk 15-70 WPEP". Mixing with WBUG-Amsterdam. (NJW-ON)
- 1580 **WLIM NY** **Patchogue** - 1/10 1010 - Polish broadcast with ID that mentioned WRKL-910 and WNVN-1030. Poor signal. (NJW-ON)
- 1600 **WWRL NY** **New York** - 1/8 0659 - Faded up for ID on car radio. (TRH-GA)
- 1630 **KCJJ IA** **Iowa City** - 1/6 0745 - Good with new slogan "the mighty 16-30". This station was beating up WRDW every night this time around. (TRH-GA)
- 1660 **KQWB ND** **West Fargo** - 1/11 1640 - surprised to hear this all alone on 1660 (e.g. no WWRU) with CNN Headline news and local commercials as the rest of the X-Band was dead at this time. (NJW-ON)
- 1670 **WMWR GA** **Warner Robins** - 12/30 1330 - Dr. Laura Show. Good signal. "This is the news on Talkradio 1670 WMWR." (IEN-GA)
- WTDY WI** **Madison** - 1/5 2205 - On top of WMWR with "Talk radio 16-70" slogans and weather for southern Wisconsin. (TRH-GA)
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- 1610 **WPWC517 NY** **Rochester** - 1/10 1753 - "This is WPWC517 highway advisory radio station, 1610 kiloHertz on the AM Band". Also mentions of Rochester. (NJW-ON)

# International DX Digest

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

How cold is it? It's so cold, as I'm preparing this week's column, the midday temperature atop Mount Washington, New Hampshire, is 20 below zero Fahrenheit with winds from the west at 101 miles per hour gusting to 125. Let's warm up with some DX loggings from tropical climates.

## Pan-American DX

- 750 VENEZUELA YVKS RCR Caracas JAN 10 0148 - Over WSB Atlanta with a man and woman talking in Spanish. "RCR" ID by woman and station promo at 0152. [Wolfish-ON]
- 760 COLOMBIA HJAJ RCN Barranquilla JAN 10 2348 - Over WJR Detroit with RCN station promo using clock sounds and news report of a car accident read by a woman, time check at 2351. Parallel to 1000 kHz. [Wolfish-ON]
- 780 VENEZUELA YVMN R. Coro, Coro JAN 10 2243 - Over WBBM Chicago with romantic Latin American vocals and ID by a man in between songs. [Wolfish-ON]
- 790 VENEZUELA YVKC R. Venezuela, Caracas JAN 12 0302 - Over top of mess with Latin American music and several "Radio Venezuela" IDs. Heard on car radio. [Wolfish-ON]
- 830 CUBA R. Reloj, Holguin JAN 11 0208 - Mixing with WCCO/WEEU; usual news and time pips format. [Wolfish-ON]
- 1000 COLOMBIA HJAJ RCN Cartagena JAN 11 0247 - Soccer match mixing with WMVP and a second Latin American station playing music (Venezuela?). The play-by-play announcer went ballistic at 0256 when Colombia scored. [Wolfish-ON]
- 1020 CUBA R. Reloj JAN 9 2314 - RR code IDs through unID Spanish (likely *Mundial Venezuela*) and KDKA, no sign of bubble jammer. + JAN 10 0035 - Signal becoming stronger, RR code IDs and syncopated clock over unID French (Florida?) and KDKA. New, unlisted. [CONTI-NH] When the jamming first began on 1020 kHz, summer 2003, the audio for *R. Reloj* was added to the (upper?) sideband of the bubble jammer. When checking 1020 on Jan 8, it seemed to me that the *R. Reloj* audio was fed on both channels, along with the bubble jammer. *Reloj* was, consequently, much easier to copy on 1020 kHz. [Bishop-FL]
- 1060 unID JAN 10 2325 - Ranchero music heard mixing with KYW. Male announcer at 2330, but could not pick out any ID if there was one, just mentions of "buena vida." [Wolfish-ON]
- 1070 COLOMBIA HJAJ *Emisora Atlantico*, Barranquilla JAN 10 2342 - ID mixing with an unID Latin American station. [Wolfish-ON]
- 1070 unID JAN 10 2333 - Man in Spanish talking at great lengths about health and the economy. Also heard a mention of "Radio Correo" at one point. Would that be a "mailbag" program? [Wolfish-ON]
- 1130 VENEZUELA YVRL R. Ideal, Macuto JAN 11 0041 - Under WBBR with ID and Latin American vocal sung by a woman. [Wolfish-ON]
- 1160 MEXICO XEBE Perote, Ver JAN 10 0212-0300 - Dominant over another weak signal (probably previously identified XEVW) but it is difficult to get good copy when this one talks. It plays romantic vocals, full orchestra in most cases, with production announcements by a soft, deep-voiced man and (presumably) live announcements by a sultry-voiced woman. Sign-off time varies slightly. This night, had some electronic sounds with station ID beginning 0256. Orchestral version of Rachmaninoff's First Piano Concerto ("Tonight We Love") begins nightly sign-off announcement, the last words of which are "XEBE, Perote, Veracruz." I've not yet been able to confirm slogan. Female choral version of national anthem began this night at 0258:30. (On JAN 8, it began at 0256:15; I have heard it begin as late as 0300:+) XEVW R. Sensación, Acamabaro GTO presumably is the other station that continued. XEVW signs off an hour later. It plays, generally, Mexican pop music, and I've heard it, during some segments, alternate Spanish with obscure (to me) English rock tunes. In other words, it's easy to distinguish between XEBE and XEVW programming. [Callarman-TX]
- 1230 MEXICO unID JAN 10 0139-0200 - Definite *R. Fórmula* network programming skimmed in and out of a thinner than usual jumble and at 0157:50 I pulled a definite call letter ID out of the mess. Unfortunately, it was for XEAL, which on 1470 is the key station for one of the three *Fórmula* AM nets. The only known ORF station on 1230 is XEEX Culiacán SIN, but I have nothing local on which to base a claim. Power for XEEX is listed at 1000/250, but a couple of western Mexican graveyarders have listed higher powers, up to 10,000 watts for the one on 1450 that's probably what I've heard there. [Callarman-TX]
- 1500 unID JAN 12 0240 - Two stations heard on car radio mixing with WTOP Washington. One had typical sounding Latin American music. The second one had music that sounded almost Middle Eastern, certainly not something I'd expect to hear from somewhere like Colombia or Venezuela. I don't think this was a domestic station as Venezuela on 790 and 910 were also

- audible at this time. [Wolfish-ON]
- 1520 MEXICO unID JAN 7 0306 - I've been tracking a station here on the rare occasions when I can get a partial null on KOMA. At 0306, Mexican national anthem squeezed through, and I suspect this is from a station later heard JAN 8 0107-0201 while KOMA was broadcasting Oklahoma-Nebraska girls' basketball. This station plays full orchestra romantic music, has woman announcer; occasional male announcer with light production with a smooth guitar theme. A couple of commercial strings noted during this time period. The format is something one would expect from a station whose slogan is "Bonita," but it's definitely not XEJCC in Juárez, which played really wild, heavy rock when I heard it while in El Paso last month. The 2004 WRTH shows two stations signing off at 0100, another at 0400, a third at 0600, and lists XEJCC as 24 hours. The *IRCA Mexican Log* shows three XE stations with 0300 sign-offs, and XEJCC with 0200 closedown. [Callarman-TX]
- 1560 MEXICO XEJPV *Nueva R. Viva*, Cd. Juárez, Chih JAN 11 0229-0233 - This one has been more consistently heard recently, perhaps a power increase. I did not have the tape on a few nights ago when I heard full ID at 0600 (well after listed sign-off in WRTH; IRCA log has 0700 sign-off). This night, after a production ID that began "Desde la primera frontera de México," and included slogan but not call letters, began a program that appeared to be called "Religión Poética," in which a "declamadora" whose name sounded like Hermandad Aragon Marianarez read a poem by (it sounded like) Francisco Villa Espeza. It's interesting what can be heard on the smaller Mexican stations. [Callarman-TX]

*Callarman's concordance:* I've been busy analyzing the Mexican station listings in the 2004 WRTH, which arrived this past week, and I note they have made some changes. I'll try to get a detailed report worked up for Corazón website and others, if desired. There have been several frequency changes that coincide with the 2002 CIRT list, which hasn't been updated (by CIRT, much less by me) in two years. There have been a large number of power changes (which may be at least in part arbitrary, based upon listings from other sources) and many slogan changes as well. (But they don't have, for example, the "Radio Capital" slogan change for 1300 XEXV.) One frequency change that makes me wonder how well WRTH checks its information has XEQ in Fresnillo, Zac, moved from 640 to 890, but (1) I have solid tapes of XEQ on 640 from November and December, and (2) XEPC in Zacatecas, Zac, shown in every list as on 890, is only 66 kilometers away from Fresnillo. I think most of us who spend a good amount of time chasing these elusive Mexican signals realize there is no single source of accurate information, particularly since (1) it's been at least two years since CIRT has updated its list; (2) it's been at least three years since the government list on the SCT website has changed; and (3) we can't depend on the station power announcements to be accurate. I heard an ID the other night from XERF that was still giving its power as 250,000 watts! Dave Gleason reported it was 30,000 and Ernie Wesolowski said a station official during a visit there this summer indicated it was more like 17,000. (John, the WRTH is supposed to be working with the NRC for USA and Canadian listings; I would assume that non-domestic loggings from DXN are NOT used. Too bad -pls.)

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## Las Noticias Internacionales

- CUBA:** The distinctive theme song in the *R. Progreso* "la onda de la alegría" canned top of the hour ID is Isao Tomita's version of Debussy's Arabesque No. 1, on Snowflakes Are Dancing, also the theme of *Stargazer*, Jack Horkheimer's weekly astronomy show on PBS television. [Juan Gualda, via am@nrcdxas.org]
- NORWAY:** Shortwave transmitters are closed but still powered in a mode dubbed "black heating." This way they can be kept operational without further maintenance for some time, contrary to a complete shut-down that would result in the transmitters becoming unusable. The staff at Kvitsoy and Sveio will be reduced from 13 to 5 until February. Not affected by the closure of the shortwave service is the 1314 mediumwave operation at Kvitsoy, at present again using only half power between 1630 and 0430 UTC, not by switching one transmitter off but instead by running both transmitters at half power (i.e. 300 kW each). For late January or early February DRM tests are scheduled, primarily to determine if the Telefunken S4006 transmitters are DRM-capable, something Telefunken was not able to confirm although the design is very similar to the S4005 500 kW shortwave transmitters. This time pure DRM will be used, so these tests will of course disrupt the AM service. During earlier tests on 153 and 675 kHz the disputed simulcast (analog/digital hybrid) mode was used. [Kai Ludwig, Jan 6, *DX Listening Digest*]