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CPC Test Calendar

WRIB	RI	1220	daily	0255-0305
WTOP	DC	1500	March 14	0000-0100
KEVA	WY	1240	March 14	0200-0300
WXHL	MD	1550	March 29	0001-0100

WXHL-1550 ... Update: The station prefers that reception reports be e-mailed; send them to d_oetting@hotmail.com. The engineer (Dan Oetting) says he will respond to reception reports via e-mail but not via snail mail. However, in your e-mail, please CC: Les Rayburn at les@highnoonfilm.com. Les will respond to snail-mail reception reports with a special QSL card, printed just for the test. You can send your reports to Les at Les Rayburn, High Noon Film - 100 Centerview Drive, Suite 111 - Birmingham, AL 35216. Also, if you include your postal mailing address with your e-mail to Les, he will send you a card as well. PLEASE don't forget to include return postage!! (Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

KEVA-1240 ... P. O. Box 190 - Evanston, WY 82931 will conduct a DX test from 12:00-1 am MST Sunday, March 14. The test will consist of numerous Morse code IDs (many thanks to Doug Smith (W9WI) for creating the CD!). Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to Michael Richard. More details to follow. (Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.)

From the Publisher ... Please note that the next DXN will be in TWO weeks, published on March 22, allowing for the first "skip" week this year.

NRC member Gerald Conkling, Jr. forwarded more information about the forthcoming WTOP test: "I first want to thank Lynn Hollerman for arranging the WTOP test on Sunday, March 14 from midnight to 1 am. I really hope you'll be able to hear this station because it's one of the best news stations in the country.

"I thought you might appreciate more information on the station. WTOP's transmitter location is in Wheaton, Maryland and very close to Georgia Avenue (Maryland route 97) and University Boulevard west (Maryland Route 193). They have three 500-foot towers running from northwest to southeast. Wheaton, Maryland is located about six miles directly north of the Washington, DC line. Their

best signal both day and night travel mainly straight north and straight south of their towers, and their signal is pushed more to the East at night. They're running 50,000 watts with separate directional patterns day and night. Very little signal goes to the northwest.

"A couple of the regular news reporters are Dave McConnell and Neil Augustine. The mid-night shift is hosted by Dean Lane and Amy Morris. Dean has a very soft and pleasing voice, but he might be more difficult to hear if you're not receiving a good signal on the station, and they identify very often.

"WTOP does have a cute advertisement, and I hope they play it in the test. In a woman's voice you'll hear 'WTOP radio doesn't play songs ... (a pause). WTOP radio is Washington's News, Traffic, and Weather station.' They also identify with '1500 AM, 820 AM and 107.7 FM.' The station is owned by Bonneville International Corporation, and the Bonneville group acquired WXTR on 820 kHz. in Frederick, MD., and they also own WTOP-FM in Warrenton, Virginia on 107.7 MHz. All of these stations simulcast WTOP-AM."

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 71

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
23.	Mar. 12	Mar. 22	27.	June 4	June 14
24.	April 2	April 12	28.	July 2	July 12
25.	April 16	April 26	29.	Aug. 6	Aug. 16
26.	May 7	May 17	30.	Sept. 10	Sept. 20

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the March 6, 1954 DXN: Carroll Seth, the NRC's poet laureate from Buffalo, NY, reported receiving a letter verie from Bussells-928, addressed to Madame Carroll Seth, and he hoped that it would be admissible in the Foreign Contest.

25 years ago ... from the March 12, 1979 DXN: The LPC advocated "getting back to DX" rather than discussing verse in DXN ... Wayne Heinen reviewed the Radio Shack DX-300, concluding, "Once again a manufacturer has produced another receiver leaving the serious BCB DX'er out in the cold."

10 years ago ... from the March 7, 1994 DXN: John R. Malicky, Pittsburgh, PA reported starting out the new year very well with a verie from KATL-770, his first MT station heard and verified.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<i>New Call</i>		<i>Old Call</i>	
980	WDVH	FL Gainesville	WLUS	
1270	KFLC	TX Fort Worth	KESS	
1470	WEMM	WV Huntington	WHRD	
1570	WVTL	NY Amsterdam	WBUG	
1700	KVNS	TX Brownsville	KQXX	

CPs ON THE AIR

850	KJON	TX Carrollton	- Formerly of Anadarko, Oklahoma, station has been heard testing. Is D3 5000/0 with pattern oriented to the northeast.
1090	WFCV	IN Fort Wayne	- Now on the air with D4 2500/0 CH 1000.
1160	WMET	MD Gaithersburg	- Now on here (ex: 1150) with U4 50000/1500. Both patterns are oriented toward the southeast.
1210	WNMA	FL Miami Springs	- Now on with U4 47000/2500.
1270	KSCB	KS Liberal	- Now on with reduced nighttime power with U1 5000/25.
1280	WFYC	MI Alma	- Now on with a slight increase in nighttime power as U1 1000/56 from shortened tower (213' vs former 330').
1300	WQBN	FL Temple Terrace	- New facilities include an adjustment of their day pattern, a reduction in their nighttime power, and a relocation of the transmitter site to N27-56-21 W82-23-45 with U5 5000/160.
1430	KCOH	TX Houston	- Now on with U4 5000/1000.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

700	KGRV	OR Winston	- Granted slight reduction in power levels from new transmitter site. Will be U1 23000/470 at N43-08-40 W123-27-33.
1010	WOLB	MD Baltimore	- Station granted lower day and night power levels and relocation of the transmitter site. When built, will be U1 250/30.
960	WTCH	WI Shawano	- Coordinate correction to N44-46-51 W88-37-52.
1290	KPAY	CA Chico	- Coordinate correction to N39-42-38 W121-47-16.
1380	WFCL	WI Clintonville	- Coordinate correction to N44-34-01 W88-44-33.
1490	WWPR	FL Bradenton	- CP covers a reduction in power from a new 140' tower at a new transmitter location of N27-28-36 W82-32-09. Will be U1 500/500.

GRANTS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING CPs

730	WSCC	SC Charleston	- CP amendment granted to reduce daytime power to become U5 5200/103.
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AUXILIARY FACILITY

1150	KXTA	CA Los Angeles	- Granted auxiliary facilities of U2 1000/1000 at their former transmitter site prior to their 2001 upgrade.
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APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1280	KWHI	TX Brenham	- Application is to increase daytime power by building four new towers at a second site. Nighttime operation would remain at current site. Would become U5 10000/72.
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APPLICATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING CPs

550	WSAU	WI Wausau	- Seeks a minor pattern adjustment to their CP for U4 15000/20000.
1210	KOKK	SD Huron	- Station has a CP to raise their nighttime power and change some of the phasing parameters, along with reducing the height of their Number 1 Tower from 200' to 140', making the height of all three of their towers equal. This amendment seeks to leave the nighttime power unchanged with the changed phase numbers and the shorter tower. If approved, station would remain U4 5000/900 with slightly different patterns.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

740	NEW	WA Redmond	- Applies for U2 50000/4500 from a four-tower array.
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APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL SUBMITTED

740	WIAC	PR San Juan	1230	WNIK	PR	Arecibo
770	KJCB	LA Lafayette	1260	WIYD	FL	Palatka
920	WBOX	LA Bogalusa	1340	WDSR	FL	Lake City
990	WMYM	FL Miami	1350	KZTD	AR	Cabot
990	WDYZ	FL Orlando	1370	WOCA	FL	Ocala
1000	WVVI	VI Charlotte Amalie	1380	KDXE	AR	North Little Rock
1030	WONQ	FL Oviedo	1380	WGYV	AL	Greenville
1060	WCGB	PR Juana Diaz	1380	WWRF	FL	Lake Worth
1070	WKII	FL Solana	1390	WISA	PR	Isabel
1070	WEKT	KY Elkton	1450	KNOC	LA	Natchitoches
1070	KBCL	LA Bossier City	1540	KGLA	LA	Gretna
1110	KGFL	AR Clinton	1590	WRXB	FL	St. Petersburg Beach
1150	WLOC	KY Munfordville	1600	WMNE	FL	Riviera Beach
1230	WBZT	FL West Palm Beach	1670	WMWR	GA	Dry Branch

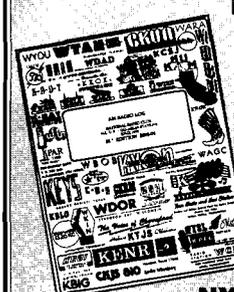
ODDS AND ENDS

- Word is that KIIS-850 Thousand Oaks, California is off and their entire facilities including the 4-tower array has been bulldozed. No word about this demise in any FCC notices. Stay tuned . . . Also off is WGIV-1600 Charlotte, North Carolina as the programming has moved to WFNA-1660. Returning to the airwaves, at least around Bithlo, Florida, is WNFT-1580, but with a SS format and no longer // WPGS-840.
- The FCC has fined KFNZ-1100 Cave Creek, Arizona the sum of \$4000 for failing to switch from their daytime power of 50,000 Watts to their nighttime antenna pattern and power of 1,000 Watts.
- Thanks to Wayne Heinen and Jerry Starr.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

1340 kHz:						Miles			
XELU	Pue	Ciudad Serdan	Tim Hall	Houston, TX		757			
XEMT	Tamp	Matamoros	Tim Hall	Houston, TX		299			
1450 kHz:									
KMHT	TX	Marshall	Tim Hall	Houston, TX		203			
XEJM	NL	Monterrey	Tim Hall	Houston, TX		414			
1490 kHz:									
WUBR	MI	Whitehall	Les Rayburn	Helena, AL		699			
KLNT	TX	Laredo	Tim Hall	Houston, TX		295			
KWUD	TX	Woodville	Tim Hall	Houston, TX		88			
GY Totals:									
			1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Tim Hall	Houston, TX		1	2	8	5	6	8	30

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RANDOM STUFF

- Please note my new e-mail address of w7hlh1@cox.net, effective immediately. My old Earthlink account will remain active (via dial-up) for another couple of months, but then I'm shutting it down.
- My apologies for missing the last issue! I think I got everything submitted via e-mail in this edition. If you submitted something via postal mail, it may not have been forwarded in time for this issue or may have been returned—an issue of the bulletin bounced back to Paul before the local post office figured out that I really do live here! Hopefully I'll be caught up on everything next issue.
- There are some very noteworthy catches this time. Gerry Bishop managed to log California from western Florida. John Wilkins logged station #1600. And there are some outstanding GY logs
- Speaking of GY catches, the coming spring and summer months can produce some interesting DX on those frequencies. The different skip angles and ionospheric absorption of the next few months can allow you to hear stations inaudible during the fall and winter. Give a listen; you might be pleasantly surprised by the results.
- As always, your loggings are welcome here. 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. There's no need to be cursory; include enough details to help your fellow NRCers add the station to their totals. Please use ELT for all times, regardless of your local time zone.

REPORTERS.

- BD-WI** Bill Dvorak, Madison. Drake R8, Quantum QX Pro loop.
- BK-CA** Bob Karchevski, Sunnyvale. Drake R8A, two longwires, MFJ-1026.
- DP-HI** Dale Park, Honolulu. Receiver, antenna, coral reefs.
- GB-FL** Gerry Bishop, Niceville. Drake R8, Sony ICF-2010, 20-meter outdoor wire, Palomar and Radio Shack loops.
- 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 NW-SE "mini-Beverage."
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
- KR-AZ** Kevin Redding, Mesa. Kenwood R-1000, 60-foot wire, Sony ICF-2010, C Crane CCR.
- MS-MB** Morris Sorenson, Winnipeg. Realistic DX-392
- PG-CO** Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
- SA-MB** Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. Drake R8, Icom R70, 4-foot loop, Quantum loop.
- SP-WI** Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. Sony ICF-2010.
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S flag, E/W flag, SuperPhaser, a few random wires.
- Ed.-NV** Your Editor, Las Vegas. Receivers and antennas yet to be unpacked!

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE RESULTS—1200, 1210, and 1220 kHz

- 1200 **KFNW ND** West Fargo. 2/11 1559. Fair with Christian talk and ID as "AM 1200 KFNW West Fargo." Daytime regular here. (MS-MB)
- 1200 **WOAI TX** San Antonio. 2/12 2300. Fair with ID "Your News and Weather Station-1200, WOAI San Antonio." Not as common as it used to be years ago. (MS-MB)
- 1210 **CFYM SK** Kindersley. 2/22 2034. Way on top of KNWX on loop E-W w/KNWX in rare fade; contemporary music into local weather for Saskatchewan cities, "classic hits on 1330-1210"; IDs at TOH. (JSM-BC)
- 1210 **KGYN OK** Guymon. 2/21 0735 with weather and into "All My Exes Live In Texas" by George Strait. (KR-AZ)
- 1210 **KNWX WA** Auburn. 2/22 0400. Dominant and strong during day and night; unID SS under. (JSM-BC)

- 1210 **KPRZ CA** San Marcos-Poway. 2/21 0737 running an infomercial for "Photoreading." (KR-AZ)
- 1210 **KQTL AZ** Sahuarita. 2/21 0800 with ToH ID first from R. Formula station in Mexico which sounded like XEDI or XETI and then ID for KQTL but not in EE but SS. Had Call and CoL right, just wrong language. No longer running R. Unica. (KR-AZ)
- 1220 **KCCS OR** Salem. 2/22 0000 w/ID into news / 171 watts night power. (JSM-BC) As I always like to rant, I am highly skeptical of whether a U.S. station is actually running its authorized night power, especially at "micropower" levels. (Ed.-NV)
- 1220 **KSFB CA** Palo Alto. 2/20 2030 w/ spots for CA businesses and references to "here at KSFB." Faded or switched to night power as logged during SSS. (JSM-BC)

STATION NEWS, LOG UPDATES, ETC.

- 1060 **KDYL UT** South Salt Lake. 2/23 0930. Louis Armstrong's "Wonderful World," then M ancr with MST time check, temperature, ads, then traffic at 0935; more NOS tunes and typical wake-up fare followed, with KDYL call letters given occasionally. Fair after 0930 power-up in null of KRCN. Ex-KKDS. (JW-CO)
- 1080 **KSLT UT** Price. 2/6 0811. Turtles song; then non-ID as "Castle Country's Oldies Station KASL", followed by more music. New format, ex-C&W; continues with the same slogan, including the "KASL" call. See 1240 for a log of the *real* KASL. (JW-CO)
- 1140 **KCLE TX** Cleburne. 2/17 0200. Out of C&W music "1140 KCLE Cleburne, Rangley, Hillsboro." Earlier noted with KFTW-1460 IDs so evidently // KFTW-1460 only part time. (WH-CO)
- 1170 **KJPN HI** Honolulu. 1/30 (forgot the time). Heard Christian contemporary mx weakly, then slogan "95.5 FM The Fish." Station was in parallel to KAIM-FM. Per Honolulu Star-Bulletin Dec. 18, Salem Communications, owners of KAIM-AM/FM, bought the license of then-silent KENT. A local radio website then mentioned 1170 and 1370 switched call signs (the old owners of 1170 indirectly own 1370). Called Salem on Monday to confirm but they denied The Fish was now on AM. But see 1370 below. (DP-HI)
- 1220 **KHTS CA** Canyon Country. 2/11 0723. Program notes, ads, pop music (CHR, I guess); "AM 1220 KHTS" ID's, no mentions of FM. Heard this in January in the evening with just AM IDs, so apparently no longer // FM. Also uses slogan "Santa Clarita's Hometown Station." Fair at best in null of local KLVZ. Got enough for a reception report. (JW-CO)
- 1270 **WKBF IL** Rock Island. 2/12 1857-1902. Older C&W, legal ID "You want 'em, we've got 'em. The Quad Cities' Country favorites from the '70's, '80's and '90's, the new 1270 WKBF Rock Island." Fair signal. New format, ex-standards. (BD-WI)
- 1370 **KENT HI** Pearl City/Honolulu. 2/6 2247. Back on the air after a month with relay of KAIM-FM, using slogan "95.5 FM The Fish" and airing Christian contemporary music. However, the station ID at 2256 mentioned "KJPN AM 11-70." So KAIM-FM is being heard on two MW channels, neither of them being KAIM-870. Called station owner Salem Communications for more details but they referred questions to the GM, who was out of town. (DP-HI)
- 1380 **KPTK OK** Lawton. 2/21 0300. Ending ESPN SPT and "AM 1380 KPTK a Perry Broadcasting station." Evidently not just TLK format as reported in MSJ. (Ex-KXTA). (WH-CO)

DX TEST RESULTS

- 1520 **WQMA MS** Marks. 2/15 0059-0106. Poor with Morse code IDs. Severe QRM from KRHW and to a lesser extent KOMA, but code was readable with little difficulty. New. (BD-WI) 0104-0245. Several stations heard; I identified KOMA and KVTA-So. CA. I heard oldies music which I presume was KKSJ-OR. But no Morse code, weird noises, etc. (BK-CA) 0053-0307. Heard the CIDs (CQ CQ WQMA MARKS MS) beginning 7 minutes before the hour. Through the 2+ hours of the test, also noted sound effects (chainsaw, dog barking, siren, phone ringing), voice IDs, including the address for reports, and music. Exceptionally well received here, and glad of it. NEW! (GB-FL)

A REAL, "HONEST" EQUIPMENT TEST!!
 1690 WSWK GA Avondale Estates. 2/11 1745. Dashboard log on the drive home, just coming into Niceville this one popped up with classical mx and frequent IDs announcing equipment tests. Also heard on 2/7 1700 while driving up the west coast of Florida, but that would be a DXDD-E log. (GB-FL)

UNID AND HELP REQUESTED

620 UNID ?? ??? 2/15 0330. Poor with "You Were on My Mind"-Vogues, "Dust in the Wind"-Kansas and possible calls "CKTT" or similar followed by ???town? Male annncr. I believe it was French. Local WTMJ was off and the signal was steady for a few minutes in w/WRJZ. No idea. I've listened to tape over & over and I'm lost on this one. (JJR-WI) (I'd vote for CKCK Regina - the format fits, according to what I heard last fall, although it was in EE -pls.)
 1520 UNID ?? ??? 2/15 0100. Slow code heard very weak under blowtorch signal from KOMA from 0100 to 0106, 0125 to 0127, and 0200 to 0205. Presumed WQMA Marks MS DX test scheduled for this date and time. (PG-CO) Ah, just go ahead and claim WQMA, Patrick; I would. (Ed.-NV) Oh, relax. It's a joke! (Ed.-NV)
 1650 UNID ?? ??? 2/5 0045 and other times. I'm hearing C&W fade up on 1650 at various times when monitoring, but never catch an ID on the station. Strongest suspect is KBIV El Paso, but would like to know if there is another station on 1650 with the same format. (GB-FL)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

530 CIAO ON Brampton. 2/22 0301. Tentative, poor "You're listening to Foxy 88-5. There's no other like it." Showtunes at the time. (JJR-WI)
 580 WCHS WV Charleston. 2/17 0625. Poor o/others w/news, "580-WCHS." (JJR-WI)
 600 KROD TX El Paso. 2/20 0705 with the intor to "The Big 600 Morning Show" and uses slogan "Texas Best Talk." (KR-AZ)
 620 WRJZ TN Knoxville. 2/15 0330. Poor but clear legal ID w/local WTMJ totally off! REL. (JJR-WI)
 630 KPTT NV Reno. 2/13 0705 with news of Nevada Wolfpack and Mizzou Tigers basketball then into ESPN Radio. Heavy splash from local KTAR. Rare. (KR-AZ)
 690 KTSM TX El Paso. 2/20 0711 with a call in talk show about political stuff and then ID. (KR-AZ)
 840 WHGH GA Thomasville. 2/2 0729. Dashboard catch of this one, with hip-hop and a morning DJ "calling out to Quitman" "calling out to Thomasville." Unheard here before this catch, made about 300 yards from the driveway. (GB-FL)
 880 KRVN NE Lexington. 2/18 0706. Farm Radio Market Update, Farm Radio IDs, farm news, C&W, lost to CKLQ at 0720. Not heard in ages. (SP-WI)
 910 WJCW TN Johnson City. 2/16 0000. Poor with legal ID, CBS news. Talk format. (JJR-WI) What did the legal ID sound like? Was the talk local or syndicated? Such details would be of interest to other DXers. (Ed.-NV)
 920 CFRY MB Portage la Prairie. 2/18 0723. Local ads, farm news, time checks, calls, weather, C&W, "C-Fry" ID, local sports, "Real Country Radio." NEW. (SP-WI)
 930 KOGA NE Ogallala. 2/23 0617. Poor; "K-O-G-A" in satellite fed NOS (WW1). No WAUR. Thanks to Neil Kazaross, this is NEW! (JJR-WI) 2/20 2105. Good signal with play-by-play of Nebraska vs. Oklahoma State basketball game; local spots for an insurance agency and a feed lot. Obviously operating with FNBKB (Friday night basketball) power. (JW-CO)
 930 WRVC WV Huntington. 2/23 0618. Poor; "News-Sports-Talk WRVC." No WAUR. (JJR-WI)
 950 WORD SC Spartanburg. 2/17 0751. Caught on the dashboard with nice fade up over the Cuban, ID as "Word radio 1330 and 950." (GB-FL)
 950 WTLN FL Orlando. 2/17 0757. Also on the dashboard, wrapping up an in-studio Christian evangelical program with a nice TOH for "WTLN Orlando." Surprised to report, I've never logged this one before. (GB-FL)
 960 KFLN MT Baker. 2/7 1927. Pregame of the Forsyth vs Baker boys HS basketball game; many local spots to use in a reception report. KFLN's "91 watts" nighttime power giving 50,000-watt CFAC a run for their money. With such a good signal, KFLN was undoubtedly using their newly (un)authorized Friday

Night Basketball Power. (JW-CO) These night power level violations wouldn't be happening if Michael Powell were alive. (Ed.-NV)
 970 WZAM MI Ishpeming. 2/22 0700. Poor in w/two others. Legal ID into AP NEWS format. (JJR-WI)
 980 CJME SK Regina. 2/6 0821. Spot for electronics store in Estevan; other ads; program note for "Saskatchewan Today"; 0824 continued with area news. Good signal. (JW-CO)
 980 WITY IL Danville. 2/21 0237. Poor in WONE null w/NOS, calls. (JJR-WI)
 990 CKGM PQ Montreal. 2/22 0644. Poor in CBW null. "From Montreal, The Team 990." ESPN. (JJR-WI)
 1000 KXRB SD Sioux Falls. 2/23 0753. Dominant this AM with a string of local spots "Country 1000 KXRB" & C&W music. (WH-CO)
 1050 KTBL NM Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. 2/23 0630. Break in TLK, "We're the Other Talk Station 1050 KTBL Los Ranchos de Albuquerque." Good over XEs. (WH-CO)
 1090 WHGG TN Kingsport. 2/22 0637. Poor with KAAY nulled. "Wow 1090" non-ID. (JJR-WI)
 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver. 2/18 0700. Briefly over KWKH with "This is CKWX News Radio 1130" and Vancouver news items. (WH-CO) This is the best bet for BC for many of us in the lower 48. (Ed.-NV)
 1130 KBMR ND Bismarck. 2/18 0900. Out of C&W music "Now get local and National News from KBMR and CNN News at the top of every hour weekdays from 6AM to 6PM KBMR Bismarck-Mandan" to CNN News. (WH-CO)
 1130 WISN WI Milwaukee. 2/18 0803. "WISN News time is 7:03" briefly over KWKH. (WH-CO)
 1180 KOFI MT Kalispell. 2/15 0400. Out of OLD music "AM 1180 KOFI" then "Oldies KOFI Kalispell" jingle to ABC News. (WH-CO)
 1180 KYDZ NE Bellevue. 2/14 2159. Out of Radio Disney "AM 1180 KYDZ Bellevue-Omaha" and more Disney. Finally a call sign ID! (WH-CO)
 1190 CFSL SK Weyburn. 2/23 0647. Out of C&W music "CFSL AM 1190 Weather." Rare and over semi-local KVCU. (WH-CO)
 1220 WAXO TN Lewisburg. 2/13 0304. Seeking WRIB, but pleased to add this one to the log-book. Ad for "Peacock Janitorial Service" at 359-4370. I googled the business, and got a match on the phone number in Lewisburg, TN. Yeah, they had fewer stations and less interference in the golden days of DX, but they didn't have the internet to help with the identification! (GB-FL) What's that "internet," Gerry? (Ed.-NV)
 1240 CJAV BC Port Alberni. 2/22 1000 w/ID into paid 30 minute spot on heart care. DT-17 capture. (JSM-BC) "DT-17 capture"? You mean digital TV channel 17?? Huh?? (Ed.-NV)
 1240 CJNS SK Meadow Lake. 2/22 0905 w/ID and "hottest C&W in Saskatchewan." DT-17 capture. (JSM-BC) When you capture a DT-17, do you let a zoo have it? (Ed.-NV)
 1240 KASL WY Newcastle. 2/6 0359. Man with ID at 0359:52 "Serving northeast Wyoming, we're KASL Newcastle"; ABC news followed at 0400. Poor in jumble; first time this season. (JW-CO)
 1240 KMHI ID Mountain Home. 2/6 0559. Legal ID barely discernible in pileup: "AM 1240 KMHI Mountain Home," and into ABC news, I think—several stations mixing so could not tell for sure. At any rate, a new one here, ID #33. (JW-CO)
 1240 KQEN OR Roseburg. 2/22 0800 w/ID into news and then into the jumble. DT-17 capture. (JSM-BC) This issue's DDXD-West is rated DT-17. Parental guidance suggested. (Ed.-NV)
 1240 KXLE WA Ellensburg. 2/22 0805 w/ID "Newstalk 1240 KXLE" and into jumble. DT-17 capture. (JSM-BC) Must not make wisecracks, must not make wisecracks... (Ed.-NV)
 1240 WBCF AL Florence. 2/1 0400. "You're listening to the talk of north Alabama, WBCF Florence-Muscle Shoals" then CBS news. Also logged with identical details on 2/10 at 2259. (GB-FL) Or they could use the slogan "WBCF—the station so nice Gerry logged it twice!" (Ed.-NV)
 1240 WDDO GA Macon. 2/1 0258. "Macon's...gospel voice...WDDO..." and into ABC news at 0258:30. (GB-FL)

CLEAR CHANNEL CHALLENGE – 1210 kHz

- 1210 **WPHT PA Philadelphia** – 2/19 0830 – usual 800-lb gorilla pest with talk on the latest poll showing either Kerry or Edwards would beat Dubya by up to 10% in Pennsylvania, promo for Rush Limbaugh “exclusively on the Big Talker 1210”, into local news. As WCAU, I have fond memories of Phillies and Flyers games, and the Bill Corsair Rascal show circa 1973-74, but they haven’t been much of a station since burning through several call letter incarnations. (MKB-ON)
 + 2/23 2119 - ID. Ad from Attorney James Sokolove, 800-330-3135. Ad for Quicken loans (mortgage refinances). PSA regarding public abductions. Promo for “The Late Show”. Promo for Bill O’Reilly. Strong, like local here. (PG-MA)
VOARp NL Mount Pearl – 2/23 2115 - Under WPHT. EE. Presumed, with continuous religious music. Women’s voice. (PG-MA)
UNID — — - 2/22 2215 - Under WPHT. SS. Male voice. No music. (PG-MA)

CORRECTION

From Issue #20 – Originally reported as 970-KFNX Austin, MN, Saul Chernos actually heard WDAY, Fargo, ND. Saul writes that he “assumed Moorhead was near Austin MN, without checking a map. Thanks to Bill Dvorak in WI for catching that one... Indeed Moorhead is just across the Red River from Fargo, and Austin is about 470 km from the Fargo-Moorhead area. I heard WDAY Fargo, ND. Further but actually easier. That’s one good thing about the NRC. The members are watchful!”

PRESUMED AND UNID

- 1300 **WNQMp TN Nashville** – 2/16 0116 - Spanish language program with male announcer. Might have been syndicated - all announcements seemed canned. Pop music; rap music (with parts bleeped out); and easy listening instrumentals. Several IDs, by male, as “Radio Melodia.” ID at 0157 by male: “Radio ... y Radio Melodia,” some talk which wasn’t clear, and then a pause, and a male in English with what could have been: “1300 WNQM,” a brief pause, and back to music. Loop E/W. (MH-NC)
 1470 **UNID — —** - 2/20 1855 - Oriental language heard mixing with WHRD. (NJW-ON)
 1520 **WQMAp MS Marks** – 2/19 0115 – Heard America’s “Sister Goldenhair”. Station did play this and am awaiting confirmation that the song was played at this precise time. Would be new. (SC-ON)
 1610 **WPAS — —** - 2/20 0610 - male announcer “you have tuned in to WPAS, 16-10 AM, the emergency broadcast station for ... (sounded like 2 words) employees ... tune in to our latest ... may affect your commuting to and from work. This message will repeat.” Loop is 23-25 seconds in length, with a 3-5 second pause between announcements. Loop is slightly NW/SE. Noted UNID National Weather Service rebroadcast of weather for “... the Washington, DC area and ... listening area ...” under WPAS, and with seemingly the same loop bearing. (MH-NC)

EXPERIMENTAL

- 1670 **WD2XXM MD Frederick** – 2/18 1705 – Loop tape with “This is WD2XM Frederick” and various bits of music and noise. This is Ibiqity testing IBOC, and I could hear this strongly on adjacent 1660 and 1680. Probably solves what I reported as a possible pirate in 2/23 DX News. New. (SC-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 590 **CJCL ON Toronto** – 2/24 2345 – Good with local sports talk about hockey. ID’d as “Toronto’s Sports Radio.” New. (DH-NJ)
 600 **WSJS NC Winston-Salem** - 2/20 1805- Excellent. Local news with mention of WSJS and local phone numbers with 722 exchange. Holding the frequency alone. (PEW-SC)
 740 **WVCH PA Chester** – 2/21 1335 – Good with very strong WGSM phased. Christian music, local announcements for Delaware valley, call ID. New. (DH-NJ)
 790 **WSKO RI Providence** - 2/18 2300 - Couldn’t find anything solid for TOH, so stopped on 790 with 15 seconds to go and was rewarded a clear ID for “WSKO Provi-

- dence” followed by an ID for a // station that I couldn’t catch. (BC-PA)
 800 **CJBQ ON Belleville** - 2/18 2257 - Clear calls on end of promo, no sign of CKLW. Not exotic, but new! (BC-PA)
 850 **KOA CO Denver** - 2/8 0143 - wasn’t even trying, had stopped by 850 for a quick check, it’s been very productive for me lately – and was surprised by a very clear “on 850 KOA” on end of a promo. Had tentatively logged this on my old DX-390/Spacemagnet 2 setup a couple summers ago as “Newsradio 850”, but couldn’t count it – can now! At 1490 miles, is probably a domestic DX record for me. Hadn’t even bothered to adjust the phaser! (BC-PA)
 910 **WRNL VA Richmond** - 2/9 1739 - ID’ing as “WRVA” in the pile-up. (JR-NY)
WPFB OH Middletown – 2/18 1750 – Middletown, Cincinnati and area news. New. (SC-ON)
WGBI PA Scranton – 2/19 1907 – simulcasting WILK-980 with local weather and slogan “in Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, when you need to know...980 WILK”. (MKB-ON)
 920 **WOKY WI Milwaukee** – 2/23 0753 – over CKNX with promo for Ho-Chunk (Indian tribe) Casino cold cash giveaway, ID as “AM 920 WOKY” into local traffic report. (MKB-ON)
 940 **WADV PA Lebanon** - 2/11 1745 - sign off announcement. (JR-NY)
 960 **WRNS NC Kinston** - 2/10 1800 - “North Carolina’s Gospel” slogan, then power cut. Interference from WELI. (JR-NY)
 1060 **WBIX MA Natick** - 2/17 0650 - all kinds of business promos, and local ads. Good under KYW. (JR-NY)
 1140 **CHRB AB High River** - 2/10 0210 - With the Kiwa loop pointed northwest, CHRB was sometimes topping WRVA with armchair copy. C&W music, usually two songs segued, then apparently a rotating recorded male or female announcer saying liners such as, “Southern Alberta’s community radio station, AM 11-40,” or “Southern Alberta’s best radio station, AM 11-40.” Faded up at the usual time Alberta stations peak here in the northeast. Used the upper sideband on the sync detector to avoid the mild splatter from WBBR. Edited taped report sent. (BG-NJ)
 + 2/24 0100 – Good to excellent at peaks with WRVA phased as much as possible. Slow country and western music; ID’d at top of hour as “Southern Alberta’s Family Radio Station.” Thanks to Bob Galerstein for alerting us to this one last week. New. (DH-NJ)
 + 2/24 0133 - C/W music program distinctive under WRVA talk, then several IDs as “Southern Alberta’s Family Station”. New. Thanks to Dave Hochfelder’s internet tip. (JR-NY)
 1260 **WNDE IN Indianapolis** – 2/23 0807 – fighting CJYE-1250 slop with ad for Circle City Tickets, slogan “Sports radio 1260 WNDE”. (MKB-ON)
 1450 **WXKW NJ Atlantic City** – 2/20 1910 – On top of the mess with Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies vs. Reading Royals ECHL hockey from the Sovereign Center in Reading. (NJW-ON)
 1470 **WHRD WV Huntington** – 2/20 1944 – Presumably “forgot” to power down to 72 watts at local sunset. Very strong with the usual southern gospel music, commercial for a Kentucky congressman and promoting upcoming basketball game between Chesapeake and Rock Hill. (NJW-ON)
 1510 **WLKR OH Norwalk** – 2/19 1600 – “We are WLKR” heard while trying to ID another station playing black gospel music. New. (SC-ON)
 1600 **WBTO IN Linton** – 2/19 1713 – Call letters in ID. New. (SC-ON)
 1690 **WRLL IL Berwyn** - 2/20 0431 - male announcer, “Oldies 16-90” slogan, music of the 60’s, promo for upcoming rock concert, ID at 0403 by male “WRLL Berwyn,” and website address given: Oldies1690.com. Poor to fair with severe QRM from WPTX in MD. (MH-NC)

TIS/HAR

- 590 **WPPF980 NJ Jersey City** – 2/21 1355 – Good with dominant WARM phased. Operated by NJ Turnpike Authority. New. (DH-NJ)
 1610 **WPQX600 GA Watkinsville** - 2/20 0645 - female announcer with emergency services information, points of contact and phone numbers. All I could copy were the last 4-digits of 2 numbers, and one clear ID. 348 miles. Poor to fair. By 0700, covered by local Camp Lejeune station. (MH-NC)

International DX Digest

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

Did you hear that sucking sound? That was the DX vacuum of February. Ben Dangerfield sums it up:

"Here we are at the end of February and nothing new of real interest. Same old LAs and you could say the same for the TAs although there have been quite a few signals the past several nights, but as is usual, most down in the noise and few with any kind of audio worth mentioning. February 25/26 was rather good at all parts of the band led by 1089 UK. I see by the recent list postings (am@nrctxas.org) that conditions have been good to the northwest and I concur, so perhaps we are in for a period of decent signals from the northern latitudes. In past years, March has been an interesting TA month."

Goodbye fickle February. Hello March madness!

Transatlantic DX

- 234 LUXEMBOURG RTL Junglinster FEB 22 0444 - Fair with pop music and female vocal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 585 SPAIN RNE-1 Madrid FEB 26 0236 - Fair with man and woman in Spanish. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM BBC Wales FEB 23 0124 - Poor signal; discussion in English. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL Lisbon FEB 26 0321 - Fair, pop song, female vocal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1044 SPAIN SER San Sebastián FEB 26 0414 - Fair, man and woman in Spanish. Morocco behind. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM TalkSport synchros FEB 26 0130 - Good and separable from WBAL most of the evening; men and a woman discussing some team in one of their leagues. [Dangerfield-PA] FEB 28 0040 - Fair; telephone talk about auto racing, TalkSport promo. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 NORWAY NRK Kvitsøy FEB 28 0025 - Fair; pop/folk music. [Conti-NH]
- 1377 FRANCE Lille FEB 26 0132 - Fair; woman in French, then music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR Roumoules FEB 23 2323 - Good; hymns, then a man in English who gave a religious talk. Earlier the program seemed to be in Arabic. Sign-off is around 2345. [Dangerfield-PA]

Pan-American DX

- 670 CUBA R.Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas FEB 22 0518-0539 - Man in Spanish with *Ritmos Cubanos* parallel 5025 and 1180 (under WHAM), under WSCR "Sports Radio 670, the Score." A second Spanish station also there under WSCR. [Frodge-MI]
- 670 VENEZUELA YVLL R.Rumbos, Caracas FEB 15 1000 - Lengthy Spanish talk regarding Venezuela. New. [Chernos-ON]
- 770 unID FEB 23 0413-0500 - UnID Spanish talk and oldies stations, but way too much WABC carrying *The Drudge Report*. [Frodge-MI]
- 1350 MEXICO XELBL R.Centro, San Luis Colorado FEB 23 0245 - Station ID, "San Luis Colorado, Radio Centro," and into baladas. Primera vez para me! [Redding-AZ]

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International News

NETHERLANDS: Dutch transmission services provider Nozema has issued a statement on its Web site ensuring listeners that *Arrow Classic Rock* will continue to be received throughout the Netherlands on 675 kHz. Following a meeting which agreed how the Lopik transmitter site

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will be used in the future, Nozema says: "With the local authorities, the Province of Utrecht and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Nozema signed a declaration of intent over the lowering of the total power output from the mediumwave masts at Lopik from 240 to 140 kW. This lower power will not affect the reception of Arrow Classic Rock's transmissions. The so-called 'power budget' even provides room for back-up transmissions of 747 AM. But the lower total power means that in the future it will not be possible to operate any other backup transmitters at Lopik." This statement was necessary as Nozema's original press release had specifically stated that the plan "had consequences for listeners of the current client as the coverage area is reduced." In fact, both statements are true. Reducing the power on 675 kHz will reduce the signal by a couple of dB, which in practice will not be noticeable within the Netherlands. *Quality Radio*, which holds the license for the former Lopik frequency of 1395 kHz, has already indicated that it will contest the decision. [Mike Terry, MWDX, 16 FEB ARC Information Desk]

73 and Good DX!

Argentine x-bander split

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An item from Glenn Hauser's *DX Listening Digest* 4-031

** ARGENTINA. 1654v, 20/02 0439-0500 R. Contemporánea, Buenos Aires, español, IDs como: "Desde la ciudad autónoma de Buenos Aires, transmite Contemporánea" e "Usted sintoniza Radio Contemporánea, emisora de Buenos Aires que transmite em amplitud modulada". 34443 Nova emissora? (Samuel Cássio Martins, São Carlos SP, Sony 7600GR, loop DZ 45, radioescutas via DXLD) North Americans might have a shot at this split pirate (gh, DXLD)

Amigo Samuel: Es nueva en la frecuencia (nominal 1660 KHz; hacía un tiempo que estaba fuera del aire. Anteriormente lo hacía por los 1370 kHz y emite desde Lomas de Zamora en el Gran Buenos Aires, aunque dice emitir desde la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires. Un abrazo, (Nicolás Eramo, ibid.)

From Glenn: "May I remind you that there is quite a lot of MW news, both domestic and international in DXLD. A new issue comes out on average every two days —sometimes one day, sometimes three. You might want to bookmark

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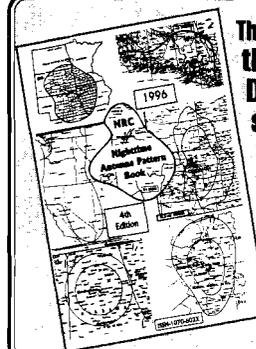
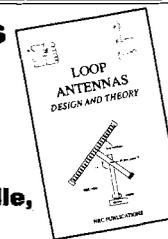
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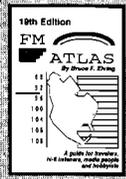
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Geomagnetic Summary January 28 2004 through February 7 2004

SWF - Space Weather Forecast
maf - major flare
mas - major storm
mis - minor storm
pca - polar cap absorption
SWT - Space Weather today
spe - satellite proton event
ss - severe storm

Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	SA	Forecast	GM
1/28	94	14	5	no storms	no storms	8
29	89	23	2	minor	no storms	6
30	87	7	1	no storms	no storms	6
1/31	93	18	3	minor	no storms	5
2/1	94	12	2	minor	no storms	8
2	97	8	2	no storms	no storms	5
3	102	27	3	minor	no storms	9
4	99	15	3	no storms	no storms	5
5	101	13	2	no storms	no storms	6
6	106	17	3	no storms	no storms	7
7	107	21	4	minor	no storms	8
8	111	9	2	no storms	no storms	9
9	116	5	1	minor	minor	3
10	118	7	3	no storms	minor	9
11	117	7	1	no storms	no storms	6
12	114	16	5	moderate	minor	8
13	112	21	4	minor	minor	10
14	108	25	3	no storms	no storms	8
15	104	17	3	no storms	no storms	8
16	102	22	2	minor	no storms	7
2/17	99	7	2	no storms	no storms	5



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Here is the NRC column which asked the musical question, "Where Has The Season Gone?" It's available by Cab Calloway on 45/78/33/16 and Edison Cylinder. When sending your items in, please keep them related to radio, DX'ing and what may help others hear that great catch, such as the BVD Island (part of the West Undies). Here we go:

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In the 30+ years since I started DX'ing, I have witnessed the Federal Communications Commission devolve from a fairly competent, technically savvy, and mostly public-minded body to a collection of political hacks who technically don't know a thing about issues such as interference. The results, egregious as the currently are, what with massive levels of interference (as well as outright massive falunting of the rules by licensees), are about to get a lot worse. As reported by JERRY STARR in his MUSING in Issue 19, The National Association of Broadcasters has recommended that the FCC allow night time transmission of the IBOC digital system on the AM band, even though this will result in massive adjacent-channel interference for many stations. The NAB, in asking this recommendation, is simply being true to its character as the mouthpiece for the large broadcast conglomerates (who own high powered stations more likely to benefit from IBOC, and, don't forget, that the iBiquity system is also partly owned by some of those companies, who will collect license fees from stations that use it) at the expense of the smaller broadcasters (mostly who operate with smaller powers at night and are most likely to be wiped out by the IBOC "fuzz" from adjacent channel stations). The FCC, being the bunch of political flacks it is, is very likely to approve this disastrous proposal. Iomerates (who own high powered stations more likely to benefit from IBOC, and, don't forget, that the iBiquity system is also partly owned by some (some text missing -pls.) largely be a complete fantasy. The irony is that there is no evidence that the general public cares about digital transmissions on AM or FM. At some point, there will probably be a 180-degree shift and the same people who are currently busy shoving digital TV down American public's throat will decide to go to the Eureka digital system on radio (as has Canada and the rest of the world). This will require a new band (but also require the public to buy all new receivers, meaning hefty profits for the electronic industry) and that new band will likely not be as amenable to DX as MW is. In short: the days of AM DX'ing are probably very numbered, one way or another. It may be time for the NRC to ponder ways of surviving the upcoming demise of BCB DX.

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My thoughts on IBOC (and knowing what's out there): the trend so far has been for many FM stations to install the system; only a few AM stations have done it thus far, and I doubt it's going to take off like everyone thinks it will. Yes, I'd like to see it happen (more work for me!) but I think its going to take the route of AM Stereo. There is a lot more to do BEHIND the speaker that makes the system work, such as replacing transmitters and broadbanding antenna systems. An experiment that I did once, to see just what a station's antenna system was doing: I took the antenna off a vehicle the station had and decided to drive up close to said station's 5 tower system. When I was going past each tower, the station audibly sounded different from a boomy low end signal to a very thin sound! A system like that would cost thousand of dollars to correct, but I doubt very much the money would be spend to upgrade it. Plus, modulation transformers and IBOC don't work together; solid state transmitters are needed. In my travels around the Albany area, it's GREAT to hear WENT-1340 is still doing LIVE programming (what a concept!) with LIVE DJ's and an enjoyable contemporary music format, and LIVE ads! Their ID says they've been around for 60 years; I can see why. Send along your reports "How I Got Started In DX'ing"; we'll use them in March and April. 73

For Beginners ...

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