From the Publisher ... A bit of a slimmer edition this time around, so I'd guess that some NRC'ers have yet to hit the dials this season. Well, bucko, if you're planning to blow me away in the NRC Contest, you're going to have to turn the radio on and get busy – I've already started my list of stations heard for Wayne's contest (and you can bet that HE isn't using his radio as a bookend, either!).

NRC Contest ... amendments and clarifications from Contest Manager Wayne Heinen: “Log Criteria – You must hear the station call letters or a combination of Station Slogan and Location may be substituted for non-USA stations that are more prone to use these than any assigned call signs.

“As written above, many foreign stations would be virtually impossible especially Cuba were a location is never really given or for that matter known! Therefore amend foreign to “distinctive slogan” or slogan and location. That will allow stations like Radio Reloj Morse’s and others that rarely mention any location to be logged for contest purposes.

“I am going to make one domestic USA exception for affiliates of ABC’s Radio Disney network. “AM 1690 Radio Disney Denver” or “AM 1580 Radio Disney Phoenix”! Because of the nature of the “company-owned” network they are often heard but use calls only at the top of the hour as a matter of network protocol.

“Also 880 was inadvertently left out of the list of clear channel allocations and is a 1-point frequency.”

Welcome to these new members; John Hart - San Francisco, CA; Cynthia A. Canaday - Hyde Park, NY; William Herrington - Riverside, TX; Ponciano Macaso - Fulton, MS; Arthur Krugulak - Wilmington, MA (rejoins); Michael A. Carrol - Phoenix, AZ; Kenneth Jankowski - Jacksonvile, FL; Leslie H. Carpenter - Sandy, UT (rejoins); Peter Kemp - Wesley Chapel, FL (rejoins); Mel Miller, Jr. - Lancaster, PA; Albert Earnhardt - Sumter, SC (rejoins); Bill Koppelmann - Philadelphia, PA; Stephen R. Sozanski, D. M. D - East Boothbay, ME; William J. Bergadano - Freehold, NJ (rejoining); Joel Raymond - Palo Alto, CA; Kurt Collins - Madison, WI; Lee Freshwater - Ocala, FL; Anthony Grabowski - Clear Spring, MD; Neil Zank - Lincoln, NE (rejoining); Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN; Paul Sojka, Jr. - Middletown, NJ; John T. Ridge - Brooklyn, NY (rejoining); Ward Church - Gresham, OR. All members: kindly send in your address changes BEFORE you send them to the USPS, or the USPS will quickly charge us 70 cents to forward your DXN and send us your new address. And we don’t like that.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the October 22, 1954 DXN: Len Kruse, Dubuque, IA celebrated the receipt of verification No. 2,500; WNH, Laxons, NH was the station receiving that honor having been heard with an ET on their new frequency of 1350 kc.

25 years ago ... from the October 22, 1979 DXN: NRC dues were to increase to $17 per year, starting January 1, 1980 ... Neil Zank, Lincoln, NE was named to take over CPC chairmanship duties.

10 years ago ... from the October 10, 1994 DXN: Bob Harrison, Harrison, NY was delighted with his Sony AM Stereo SR42 Walkman ... Hank Holbrook, Dunkirk, MD listened on by ear as 215, 438 w2917 in 104 countries between 555 and 1700 kc.

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

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CANADIAN (Post-It) NOTES

1. A follow-up to last issue's report on the pending Toronto station 1610 from Mike Brooker, from a post on the website of Toronto's Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada: "Toronto's Spanish-speaking community will soon be able to hear local news in their own language. Voces Latinas AM 1610 Toronto's primary Spanish radio station, will soon hit the air waves from the sprawling grounds of the Toronto campus of St. Clair. The idea to develop a community-based radio station arrived with the Rev. Hernan Astudillo, who himself an immigrant from El Salvador. "It was seven years ago, and I was not yet an ordained priest," he says. "But I went to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRITC) to find out how to get a license for a radio station. I got this huge package from them. It was at least 600 pages and - I didn't speak enough English to get through it. But, I kept the papers. Eventually, his English improved and, with the help of a local Lutheran minister, he filled out the application. Mr. Astudillo also asked for letters of support from the archbishop of Toronto, Toronto city councillors and local MPs and MPPs. "I prayed a lot," says Mr. Astudillo. "I asked, 'Lord, this is not my project. This is your project for your people. I am just the messenger.' But I had hope that this would work, because this is a beautiful country with a tradition of multicultural radio and television. We just had to have patience." From a field of 20 applicants, Voces Latinas was among four licences awarded in 2002. After completing the 600-page application, Mr. Astudillo still had a number of hurdles to cross, not the least of which was getting the city's approval to set up the studio. In the course of finding funding for the equipment, including finding funds for the studio, Mr. Astudillo also found a radio producer and sound technician who was willing to lend their expertise to the fledging station. Church members worked tirelessly to not only help with fundraising, but also on a more practical level. One morning after services were over, a team gathered in the church's backyard to remove an old tree stump to make way for the transmission tower. This is not only about the parish of San Lorenzo. We are..."
looking for all denominations to find a voice and to let people know they have places to go and they will be welcomed," says Mr. Astudillo. "When people first come here, even though this is a very multicultural city, they don’t always hear what they need. It is sad to say, but sometimes people take advantage of them. We want this station to be full of hope for the community.' A team of 30 volunteers will be working to provide programming, including religious programs from various faith communities. ‘People are hungry for words of hope, love and compassion,’ says Mr. Astudillo. ‘If we open the doors of the church, they will come. They are hungry to cry on our shoulders, and to voice their frustration. The radio station is a tool to help us express those words of love and compassion.’ Above item from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto—the Anglican church is the same as Episcopalians stateside. Dufferin and St. Clair is one of the main intersections in Toronto’s Little Italy (goes crazy when Italy wins a World Cup or UEFA soccer game!) CFRP-620 Forestville, Quebec has received permission to convert to FM at 100.5 MHz with 3374 Watts ERP. The standard three month simulcast period will commence when the FM station goes on, at which time CFRP on 620 will go silent. And finally... this just in from Shawn Axelrod: This just in... the CRTC has revoked the license of CJFR-1490 Blaimey, Alberta, as their FM station is now on the air.

HEAR AND THAR

- A couple of issues back we reported on a fine levied against "WLEE-1320." But "WLEE isn’t on 1320," it’s on 900" wrote several of you. Gerry Conkin gives up some history on the station. "The first WLEE was on 1480 kHz with 5kw-U4 with a 4 tower in-line array on Virginia Route 250 (Broad Street) in Richmond. The signal pattern went NW-SE at all hours. This station went off the air many times. The transmitter towers were removed right away. The frequency remained vacated until WTOX recently went on the air. Meanwhile WPWC in Dumfries, Virginia was built and they are U4 1kw-U4, 500 watts nighttime from a 3-tower site and they are sending their signal NW-SE also. You can bet that the new WTOX is sending no signal due west to protect WTOY in Roanoke and no signal to the north at all to protect WPWC. The WLEE call letters were used on different frequencies in Richmond until they landed on 1320 kHz."

- Fines: WHB-810 Kansas City and KCTE-1510 Independence, Kansas have been fined $18,000 for failure to make the KCTE and WHB public inspection files available to the public. On November 14, 2002, the Kansas City Office received a complaint from a private citizen living in Independence, Missouri. The complainant stated that station KCTE frequently remained on the air at night, interfering with the complainant’s ability to receive adjacent channel AM stations. The complainant acknowledged speaking directly with personnel at KCTE regarding its nighttime operation but that had failed to resolve the problem.

- Patrick Griffith relays the news that "...Mexico is conducting IBOC tests on the 100 kW transmitter of XEN-690 in Mexico City. It (Radio Currents On-Line) says the IBOC generator was installed August 31 for several months of field testing."

- In addition to those mentioned prior to this item... we thank Phil Boersma, Perry Crabill (who deserves a big round of applause for efforts this week), Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, and Jerry Starr for help this week.

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RANDOM STUFF

- KKXT-840 still continues to be heard well into the middle of the United States. It's only a matter of time before whatever’s going with their night program is resolved, so if you need Nevada this big opportunity!

- As you can probably read elsewhere in this bulletin, I’ve informed Paul I will be stepping down as editor at the end of this year. It’s for a happy reason, though—my wife and I have just purchased a three year old Acura registered quarter horse named “Dalley” (registered name is “Elusive Catch”). I’m now going to training and riding sessions three times a week, and that has put a big crimp in my available time, especially during the weekly schedule. Thus, I’ve decided it’s best to let someone else have a crack at this. If you’re interested, look for Paul’s solicitation for a new editor elsewhere in this issue.

- As you can see below, some great DX is being heard this season and your loggings are welcome here! Please submit items in the format you see below, including enough details to help your fellow NRCers log the station. Please use Eastern local time (ELT) for all times, regardless of your local time zone. ELT is now Eastern daylight time, so you need to add the appropriate number of hours to your local time (one for Central daylight, two for Mountain daylight, and three for Pacific daylight) for all loggings submitted to this column.

REPORTERS:

DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean AT-818CS, Tark AM1000 loop.


JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake 88, box loop, Superadio II.


MS-AB Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg, Hammiland HQ-150, DX-392, Space Magnet 2.


RS-MO Randy Stewart, Springfield. Sony ICF-7600G.

SA-MB Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. Icom R70, Drake 88, 4-foot unamplified loop, Quantum loop, 155 and 100 foot wires, MFJ-1026 phasing unit.

WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R88, N/5 and E/W flags, SuperPhaser II, and a few random wires.

Ed-TX Your Editor, Wilmington. Sony ICF-290 with Kiwa filters, Quantum loop.

STATION CHANGES, LOG UPDATES, ETC.

870 KJMP CO Pierce. On the air now with regular sked, relaying KJAC-FM 105.5, "Lack 105.5", rock mix. Fair daytime signal, not much of a factor at night and easily erasable.

1010 KXTT AZ Tolleson. Switched 8/23 from conservative talk (Michael Savage, Tony Snow, etc.) to Air America (KR-AZ) Geez, that must’ve been a confused group of listeners the day they switched formats/ (Ed-TX)

1370 KUPA HI Pearl City/Honolulu. 9/13. Noted back on air relaying KHUI-FM 99.5’s Hawaiian AC oldies music, using slogan “Ka Makani” (the wind). Never mentioned AM during TOH IDs. Per local radio bulletin board, station was reactivated a few days ago, still under lease to Salem Radio. Station was relaying KJPN-1170 until going silent six months ago; in the interim the call sign was changed three times! (DP-HI)

1580 KAMI NE Cozad, 9/25 0826. “Focus on the ‘Family’ just ending, or maybe it was a program note, followed by Cozad ads. No ID so presumed. Has been silent for many months. (JW-CO)
840  KXNT  NV  North Las Vegas.  9/26  2325-0000.  Finally caught this one definitively—was able to get a good null on WHAS. Also carrying Drudge, but apparently different time-zone feed than WHAS as they weren’t / / / . Ran a couple of spots for Desert Audi of Las Vegas on Sahara as well as Nevada-based PSAs. Like Kaz said a few weeks ago, they always end local breaks with a “Radio 84-KXNT” mention before going back to network. Legal ID at 0000 into CBS news. Nevada #2 here. Wonder how long this is gonna last . . .  (RS-MO)

1319.97  KCLI  OK  Clinton.  9/22  0927.  Probably them with Clinton ads, area events. Led Zeppelin and other rock tunes; “99 Three The Zoo” slogans. Fair, well past their sunset. (JJ-R-CO)

1480  KICK?  TX  Dallas.  9/22  2149.  Dallas ads, Tejano music; one clear ID/slogan was “K-I-C-K Tejano 14-80”. Ex-KHCK or just using KICK as a slogan? No ToH ID heard; still listed as KHCK in FCC database. (JJ-R-CO)


1400  UNID??????  9/28  0827.  Spanish station here with Latino tunes, male announcer with “Radio WDGY WI Hudson. 9/23  2202.  Good in Spanish with music and English ID as “WDGY, KICK? TX Dallas. 9/22  2149.  Dallas ads, Tejano music; one clear ID/slogan was “K-I-C-K Tejano 14-80”. Ex-KHCK or just using KICK as a slogan? No ToH ID heard; still listed as KHCK in FCC database. (JJ-R-CO)

1500  UNID??????  9/28  0827.  Spanish station here with Latino tunes, male announcer with “Radio Mexico” slogans. Suspect KWRN, which is listed with this slogan. (JJ-R-CO)

580  KUBC  CO  Montrose.  9/23  2232.  Far with country music oldies, and -mention of “Radio Montana” slogans. Suspect KWRN, which is listed with this slogan. (JJ-R-CO)

630  WDGY  WI  Hudson.  9/23  2202.  Good in Spanish with music and English ID as “WDGY, Hudson-St. Paul- Minneapolis.” NEW! Had been one of my most wanted. (JS-MS)

650  CISL  BC  Richmond.  9/11  0700 EDT (tent). Announcement “ . . . playing the greatest oldies of all time”; into “I’m Into Something Good” by Herman’s Hermits, “Can’t Get Enough of Your Love Babe” by Barry White and Love Unlimited Orchestra. Poor; over station airing ABC Entertainment News sounder. (JJ-R-CO)

730  KOAL  UT  Price.  9/27  0334.  Frequently equal to or over WSB with Coast to Coast AM. (JJ-R-CO)

790  CIGM  ON  Sudbury.  9/26  0624.  Poor; three day weather, jingles, calls into Sun morning program. (JJ-R-WI)

830  KUYO  WY  Evansville.  9/22  2110-2115.  Dominant with Christian Music and local spot until s/off. (WH-CO)


900  CKBI  SK  Prince Albert.  9/26  0630. Poor with CHML nulled. “Country 900-CKBI.” Nice to hear!  (JJ-R-WI)

910  KVIS  OK  Miami.  9/25  2236. Poor, Southern Gospel, calls. Alone on frequency. (JJ-R-WI)

940  WMIX  IL  Mount Vernon.  9/26  0742. Poor w/week WFAW w/calls & NOS. (JJ-R-WI)

950  WAKM  TN  Franklin.  9/26  0635. Poor s/ WNDT w/”AM 950 WAKM” & C&W. Releg. (JJ-R-WI)

950  WERL  WI  Eagle River.  9/26  0740. Poor with WNDT nulled. Calls, NOS: Rare! First heard in as Top 40 in 1967 w/jock calling himself the “Duke of EA!” I’m dating myself, huh? (JJ-R-WI)

1080  KYNM  MN  Northfield.  9/26  0728. Poor with WNWNI nulled. Station promo, NOS. (JJ-R-WI)

1160  WAMB  TN  Donelson.  9/19  0738. Sunday Gos program with music and announcer announcing area GOS events. Good signal, mixing with KSL. (JJ-R-CO)

1170  KWOW  MN  Wesaca.  9/19  0757. Call ID, weather, program note for 10:19 FM; covered by KJID s/on at 0859/30. Ex-KOWO here. (JJ-R-CO)

1190  WBOO  IN  Fort Wayne.  9/24  0171. “Wo-wo Time Saver traffic” and weather. “wo-wo” slogans; fair in KVCU null. (JJ-R-CO)

1210  KGYN  OK  Gynoyn.  9/26  2242. Poor (but not WPHT). Web promo for KGYNAM1210.com, weather, C&W. (JJ-R-WI)

1220  WHK  OH  Cleveland.  9/26  0459. ID with possible mention also of sister station WHKW; religious talk followed, just spottily heard here. Fair/poor in null of local KLZV. Needed for a call change, ex-WKRN. (JJ-R-CO)

1300  KNSS  KS  Wichita.  9/24  0100. Full legal ID to ABC News (ex-FKH). (JJ-R-CO)

1390  WNIO  OH  Youngstown, 9/25  0217. Poor to fair @900 w/calls, NOS. Alone. (JJ-R-WI)

1400  KSTN  CA  Stockton.  9/26  0859. Program from the California Ag Radio Network just ending; legal ID at 0900, followed by a Rolling Stones song. Poor in mess. (JJ-R-CO)

1450  KWBNE  NE  Beatrice.  9/13  0505. Station promo for Ag reports briefly over the mess. (WH-CO)

1450  KZNU  UT  Saint George.  9/12  0259. “The Talk Station” Slogan, legal ID to Fox network news. (WH-CO)

1510  KCTE  MO  Independence.  9/29  0705. Time check (“It’s 7:05 on Hot Talk 1510 KCTE”), followed by a 1-800 ad and a fade. Needed for a call change, ex-KIDZ. Fair in null of local KKCZ. (JJ-R-WI)

1560  KBVW  MN  Blue Earth.  9/26  0755. Program note, call ID, area weather forecast. Fair/poor in QRM. (JJ-R-CO)


1590  WAIK  HI  Galesburg, 9/15  0200. In and out with KVGB most of the morning with continuous NOS and ToH IDs. (WH-CO)

DXXD-East

REPORTERS

MKB-ON  Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.

BC-PA  Bruce Collier, York - Drake RD8B, BOG terminated degrees phased against 200’ E-W minibog with MPJ 1025.

BC-PA  Bruce Collier, York - Mobile with 2004 Mitsubishi premium sound system.

HJH-PA  Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre – HQ-180, Kiwa Pocket Loop.


ILEG-PA  Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - AIWA CSD-FD89.


DP-HI  Dale Park, Honolulu – Station News.

JW-NC  John Vervoort, Brooklyn – Grundig Yacht Boy 400PE.

NNB-ON  Nebraska Broadcast News

NNCU-ON  Nebraska News

NND-ON  Nebraska News

NNP-ON  Nebraska News

NNW-ON  Nebraska News

NNX-ON  Nebraska News

NNY-ON  Nebraska News

NNZ-ON  Nebraska News

STATION NEWS

790  WNIS  VA  Norfolk – Per station operations manager Dave Morgan appearing on “The Ed Schulz Show” 9/24, station has replaced CBS Radio newscasts with ABC due to audience feedback after the Dan Rather scandal regarding the Bush National Guard memos. (DP-HI)

850  WPEE  NC  Fairview/Asheville – Per Ashevillian Citizen-Times, station flipped from adult standards to liberal-leaning talk on 9/13 featuring Air AmericaRadio, Stephanie Miller and Ed Schultz, and changed its slogan from “Easy 880” to “The Revolution.” This is the fourth format since March 2002, when it once aired Rush Limbaugh and other conservative hosts. (DP-HI)

950  WROC  NY  Rochester – Per its website, station has added on 9/17 Air America shows (Lizz Winstead, Al Franken, Randi Rhodes) and Ed Schultz while keeping WOR Network’s Lionel. Station also has added a new slogan, “Rochester’s Liberal Talk.” (DP-HI)

1340  WHAT  PA  Philadelphia – Per Philadelphia Inquirer, station has added Air America (A)
Franken, Randi (Rhodes) as of 8/30. (DP-HI)

1690 WWAA GA Avondale Estates/Atlanta - Per Atlanta Journal-Constitution, WSWK changed from classic country to liberal-leaning talk and its callsign to WWAA on 9/15. (DP-HI)

UNID AND PRESUMED


730 UNID - - 9/30 1900 - 2000 - Gospel music under WS8 in Atlanta. I’m about 60-miles east of there. It was very weak and I never heard an ID. It wasn’t Southern Gospel. Ideas? (IEN+GA)

1280 UNID - - 9/23 1906 - over CFYZ with Red Sox v. Orioles baseball. Among the usual suspects, Rochester, NY is a possibility, because of Rochester Red Wings long-time affiliation as the Orioles farm club, but game appeared to be on the Red Sox network, not / WBAL-1090. (MBK-ON)

1420 UNID - - 9/24 2344 - Mike Gallagher syndicated call in show. Fair signal with WNSW adjacent-channel QRM. (JV-NY)

1580 UNID - - 9/26 1835 - Gospel music. Good signal, but then it faded away. "Heaven 1580". (IEN+GA)

1590 UNID - - 9/26 2225 - No joke folks... I heard the first Christmas song of the season! I heard "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Andy Williams. The signal was pretty good as the song got going, but faded by song's end. I hung around there for a long time, but it never came back up. So... I have no idea who is playing Christmas music in... September. Anyone care to tackle this mystery? (IEN+GA)

STATION LOGGINGS

540 WDAK GA Columbus - 9/22 1905 - Dr. Laura Show. Decent signal with splitter from WDUN, AM550 up the road in Gainesville, GA. "Newsmaster 540, WDAK". (IEN+GA)

590 WVLK KY Lexington - 9/23 2318 - The Dr. Joy Browne Show. Slightly dominant signal in with a few others. "Newstalk 590, WVLK". (IEN+GA)

+ 9/24 0007 - With WHF phased. Heard a weather forecast followed by WVLK call letters, which sounded like WBLS, but they went into Dr. Joy Browne, which matches at 10000kwatts, as does the sound of the phonetics of the calls. So I’m counting it as NEW! 300 watts with null my way. (BC-PA)

610 WIOD FL Miami - 9/23 0015 - The Phil Hendrie Show. Decent signal on top of a few other stations. "Newsmaster, 610, WIOD". (IEN+GA)

630 WMAL DC Washington - 9/24 0000 - ABC News with Hurricane Joanne as the lead story. Very good signal on top of WNEG up the road in Toccoa, GA. "Newstalk 630, WMAL, Washington". (IEN+GA)

+ 9/25 0016 - "when you need to know trust newstalk six-thirty WMAL." Poor signal. New. (JV-NY)

780 WWOL NC Forest City - 9/22 1927 - Gospel music at sign off. Decent signal. "This is WWOL Radio in Forest City, North Carolina". (IEN+GA)

WCKB NC Dunn - 9/22 1929 - Sign off message after WWOL left the air. Weak signal, but steady. "WCKB, Dunn, North Carolina". (IEN+GA)


940 WINZ FL Miami - 9/26 0945 - Coverage of Hurricane Joanne by the StormNet Team. Local like signal, but then faded to near nothing by 0955. The signal returned to the strength of a local at 0055. This was a rebroadcast of 610 WIOD in Miami. "WINZ, Miami". (IEN+GA)

1150 WNLK VA Churchville - 9/26 1800 - ID as, "WNLK Churchville, Staunton... " Beginning program called "In The Studio" I believe. Reception was rather weak with a talk station interfering. New. (IEN+GA)

1170 WWTR NJ Bridgewater Township - 9/29 1712 - Parked to chew down a boloney sandwich by the Susquehanna River in Delta before bowling, tuning around, and heard very weak oldies on 1170. Unusual! Heard what sound like WNDR, turns out to be WWTR/WMTM (similar to the phonetics) – also heard what sounded like 1260, and WMTR is 1250. Classic Oldies slogan also matches.

1300 WJFK MD Baltimore - 9/24 1903 - over WXR with slogan "Baltimore’s ESPN Radio 1300, the sports guys" into talk on this Sunday’s NFL games. (MBK-ON)

1330 WYSN PA Somerset - 9/24 2126 - presumably running on day power, screaming usual Erie, PA pest with country gospel songs, slogan "we’re the new Sunny 1330". Would have been UNID if I hadn’t seen (BC-PA)’s logging in DUX-D E 71-30. (MBK-ON)

1350 WTOU OH Akron - 9/24 2326 - "Northeast Ohio’s only twenty-four hours sports station, Fox Sports thirteen-fifty." Fair to moderate signal mixing with one or two UNIDS. (JV-NY)


1370 WHEE VA Martinsville - 9/26 1901 - Sign off. "...operates on a frequency of one thousand three hundred and seventy kHz... this is WHEE Martinsville VA." Weak signal. (HJH-PA)

1390 WRKP VA Lynchburg - 9/25 1919 - Had "Southern Gospel Countdown" at this time. ID as "The Ministry and Music Station, WKPX." Fair signal. (HJH-PA)

1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh - 9/25 0000 - "KQV Pittsburgh" followed by CNN Headline News. Fair- variable signal mixing with multiple UNIDS. (JV-NY)

1430 WDIC VA Clinchco - 9/25 1940 - Ad for the "Midday Request Show" with Chris Wilson from 2 until 3. ID as "WDIC Stereo 1430." Good signal. (HJH-PA)

1450 WREL VA Lexington - 9/25 2000 - Fair in this at this time with ID, "Newstalk Radio 1450 WREL Lexington." ABC News. (HJH-PA)

1460 WRAD VA Radford - 9/25 2060 - In loudly at this time with ID, "Sports Radio 1460 WRAD." Has Sporting News Radio programming. (HJH-PA)

1590 WAIK IL Galesburg - 9/20 2229 - Ending a Gary Puckett and the Union Gap tune then promotion for "The Morning Show on WAIK." Weak signal. (HJH-PA)

1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth - 9/24 2344 - Typical satellite-fed Radio Disney fare. / 1560 WQOE. Fair but steady signal with slight WWRU QRM. (JV-NY)

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Transatlantic DX

ALGERIA  RTA Chaine 1, Bechar SEP 23 0156 - Rock influenced Arab Mideast music, female singer; signal strong on channel. + SEP 26 0005 - Radio play in Arabic with Beethoven symphonic interludes; loud signal parallel 531 (poor) and 549 (strong). [Stromsted-MA] 153

GERMANY DLF Donebach SEP 26 2234 - German talk by man and women, possibly political. Signal poor to good, still daylight. + SEP 27 0202 - News in German, male news speaker; also parallel 177 and 207 (both poor to fair). [Stromsted-MA] 162

FRANCE France-Inter, Alouès SEP 25 0327 - English folk vocal, male French talk host and male call-in; loud signal with noise. [Stromsted-MA] 197

MOROCCO BMI Nador SEP 23 0530 - Fast paced modern Arabic dance music tenor vocal, drums and brass; big signal. [Stromsted-MA] 171

ICELAND RUV Cufuðskilur SEP 23 0206 - Icelandic talk, male/female; good signal. + SEP 24 0743 - Icelandic talk, male/female, possibly teletalk, only LW signal after sunrise. At 0834, country western music; fair. + SEP 27 0413 - Rock music, English male vocal, percussion and organ instrumentation; loud. [Stromsted-MA] 189

MOROCCO RTM Axial SEP 23 0206 - Arabic newscaster; poor to fair signal. + SEP 25 0256 - Religious music, Arabic male singer; loudest TA signal. [Stromsted-MA] 207

GERMANY DLF Abholing SEP 27 0202 - News in German, male news speaker, also parallel 177 and 153 (both poor to fair); good. [Stromsted-MA] 216

FRANCE RMC Info, Roumoules SEP 25 0303 - Male talk host, female caller; big signal. [Stromsted-MA] 216

POLAND PR-1 Socle Kujawski SEP 25 0335 - Morning show male/female talk hosts, Polish talk; poor/fair signal, noise, beacon under. [Stromsted-MA] 225


IRELAND RTE Radio 1, Clarksenown SEP 25 0339 - Ireland and Algeria mixed in/out; loud. + SEP 27 1226 - Female English talk; poor. [Stromsted-MA] 252

SPAIN RNE1 Madrid SEP 22 0018 - Man and woman with Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly-MA] 194

GERMANY Rodgau SEP 28 0320 - Fair with a man in German. Someone below. [Dangerfield-PA] 612

MOROCCO RTM Saebaa-Aioun SEP 22 0016 - Arabic talk by woman; good. [Connelly-MA] 621

CAYMAN ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. SEP 21 2255 - Parallel 855 with man and woman with Spanish talk, teletalk; excellent. [Connelly-MA] 639

SPAIN RNE1 La Coruña SEP 21 2207 - Parallel 621 with interlude of '60s spy-movie style instrumentation, then man and woman in Spanish; through CBN slop. [Connelly-MA] 684

SPAIN RNE1 Sevilla SEP 21 2205 - Spanish news; good with WRKO phoned. [Connelly-MA] 702

MOROCCO RTM Sebaa-Aioun SEP 21 2304 - Female Arabic vocal; fair, over unID talker. [Connelly-MA] 711

FRANCE Rennes SEP 26 0030 - Good; woman in French, parallel to 1377 and 1557. [Dangerfield-PA] 871.04

WESTERN SAHARA RTM Layoune SEP 21 2302 - Arabic vocal at low audio level; over low glow from France-171.0 kHz. [Connelly-MA] 738

SPAIN RNE1 Barcelona SEP 22 0018 - Spanish parallel 585; poor, in CHCM slop. [Connelly-MA] 738
CROATIA Hrvojki R., Zadar SEP 21 2331 - Slavic talk by man and woman; good, over Spain. [Connelly-MA] SEP 28 0202 - Very good with baritone male singer singing a semi-classical number. This has been the strongest TA almost nightly for a long while. Usually well over Spain. [Dangerfield-PA]

SPAIN COPE synchron SEP 21 2230 - Echo version of the teletalk on parallel 999. [Connelly-MA]

SPAIN RNE5 synchron SEP 21 2332 - Parallel 1098 with Spanish talk by woman, the 1960s-era Cuban big-band music; strong signal with punchy audio, overwhelming 1150 CHGM/WTIT. [Connelly-MA]

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES R.Farda, Dabyia SEP 21 2340 - Farsi talk, R.Farda ID; loud, over second station that had music (likely also a TA) and WWVA. + SEP 22 0005 - End of US boyband pop hit, then Farsi talk, phone pushbutton beeps, Radio Farda ID, teletalk with beeps; to good peak with WWVA phased. [Connelly-MA]

CANARY ISLANDS / SPAIN SER synchron SEP 21 2342 - Parallel 1116 with fast Spanish talk, phone numbers given; loud. [Connelly-MA]

SPAIN Lusitana, Vitoria SEP 21 2344 - Woman in Spanish; over Mideast music station. [Connelly-MA]

unID SEP 21 2344 - Probably Morocco here with Arabic-sounding music; under Spain. [Connelly-MA]

FRANCE Bordeaux SEP 21 2218 - Parallel 1557 with discussion program, joking with two men in French; good. [Connelly-MA]

UNITED KINGDOM Virgin K. synchron SEP 21 2327 - "Lola" by the Kinks from '70; loud, over Spain. [Connelly-MA]

LIBYA Libyaan Janahiriya, Tripoli SEP 21 2345 - Arabic talk; to fair peak through CBGA slop. [Connelly-MA]

SPAIN SER synchron SEP 21 2330 - Parallel 1116 with fast talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]

SPAIN COPE Valencia SEP 21 2256 - Spanish talk parallel 837; fair. [Connelly-MA]

UNITED KINGDOM Virgin K. synchron SEP 21 2327 - "Lola" by the Kinks from '70; loud, over Spain. [Connelly-MA]

SPAIN Arganda SEP 21 2230 - Man and woman in Spanish talking about entertainment and sports; good. [Connelly-MA]

UNITED KINGDOM unID SEP 21 2347 - Parallel 1116 with fast Spanish talk; good, over others. Early in the evening it looked other-wise with 783 Mauritian making an appearance but after 0200 I began to get signals from such as 1089 UK and 1134 Croatia but when 1314 Norway came in and got better I knew conditions were improving. Before I turned off the set around 0430 I had received several from Germany including 994, 756, 783, 873 and 1017, and France on 711, 1377 and 1557. Spain was in on 585, 664, 738, 855 and 1044. All in all I counted TA signals from 65 frequencies. But LAs didn’t do much. We are taking a river cruise in Europe beginning October 8 and this year will travel from Budapest through Austria and Germany to Amsterdam. I expect to DX along the way from our cabin as I did last year on the trip from Budapest to the Black Sea. I’ll report on this trip next month.

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73 and Good DX!
KWOS-1240 which was affiliated with Mutual. At that time, the best shows were on NBC and CBS, and in daylight, the Kansas City and St. Louis stations served us well in the center of the state. But at night, John asked if I would like to return to the studio the next day during his shift, and I sat in the announcer's booth with him and the other staff announcer all afternoon. This became the major highlight of an 18-year-old's dress vacation, who at the time was interested in a radio career. Happily enough, considering the sad state of AM radio today, I later chose another career path. Retired now and living in an apartment home, my antenna capabilities are limited. I have DXed with a Drake SPCR, an RFA and currently an R8B. My most recent startling catch was about 3 AM when looking for WKY-830, I ended up getting a crystal clear signal from WBN-930. I thought 800 miles on a cluttered regional channel wasn't bad, just like the old days! I am indebted to all the other NRC members for the fine reading in DX News which it provides. (And thank you for your very fine report Peter; glad to have you along with us-DWS)

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How many others in the membership share a hobby along with DX'ing that has led into a career for them? One of my other 'sports' is model railroading, which also turned into a 14-year career with Penn Central/Conrail between 1973 and 1987 (the days I edited DXDX for the whole USA). My DX'ing hobby got me interested in the radio field which I started in 1967 and have been doing since (having done engineering work while at the railroad job). If anyone else has had that happen with them, send that along as a report and we'll share it with the membership, right here! Still no sign on the return of WCDL-1440, even though a September start up date was mentioned. WNBP-1440 has a fairly good signal here daytime with them off. That's it; your reports are welcome! Deadline: every FRIDAYS.

WCCO Radio celebrates 80 years

The ? Journal via George Glotzbach

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — For 80 years, WCCO Radio has been the station Minnesota’s kids and parents tune in to find out whether their school has been closed by a blizzard, to catch up on the news, or to listen to the Saturday morning show on WCCO, the station's core audience is adults age 35 to 44, but the station also attracts younger advertisers, Carlson says WCCO's core audience is adults age 35 to 44, but the station also attracts younger listeners. But when it comes ratings time, it ain't cool to say it, he says.

WCCO also has a heavy sports load, carrying the Minnesota Twins, University of Minnesota football, men's basketball and hockey, the Minnesota Wild and, previously, the Minnesota Vikings. The station has carried virtually every Twins game since the franchise moved to Minnesota in 1961 and has broadcast Gopher games for about 60 years, Carlson says. But farm reports on WCCO have gone the way of radio lost-and-found shows. Farmers could get market information from the Internet, and metro listeners weren't as interested in agriculture as they used to be, Carlson says.

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