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WRIB	RI	1220	daily	0255-0305
WNTP	PA	990	12/11	0001-0130
WFIL	PA	560	1/8	0001-0130

From the Publisher ... The position of DDXD-West editor remains open; please e-mail the publisher soon with your application for the position. Your publisher does NOT want to deal with another column, thank you very much.

We got hit again by a \$1.40 charge for two address updates from the USPS after the address was sent to me much too late by a member. However, I've found a loophole in USPS regs ... seems that "Address Service Requested" has to be printed only twice a year on the back of DXN for us to stay in compliance with USPS regs and retain our mailing discount, etc., so look for it only on #10, #20, and #30. And if you fail to send in accurate or updated addresses, your DXN will probably come back to Topeka, and I'll simply remove your name from the membership rolls until you wake up and send in your new address. And that's the way it will be ... until the USPS comes up with another scheme to make money off us.

Scott's Calendar ... The TOWER SITE CALEN-

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 72

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21.	Feb. 18	Feb. 28			

DAR 2005 is now shipping from Scott Fybush's NorthEast Radio Watch/Tower Site of the Week. This year's calendar again covers the continent, showcasing everything from the former CFNB 550 Fredericton NB to KTYD 99.9/KTMS 990 in Santa Barbara CA, with stops along the way ranging from Binghamton to Roanoke to Las Vegas to the roof of Chicago's John Hancock Center. And as always, the calendar features more than a dozen full-color 8.5x11" photos - plus hundreds of historic broadcasting dates and events. It's available for \$16 (\$17.32 to New York State addresses) postpaid from Scott Fybush, 92 Bonnie Brae Avenue - Rochester NY 14618, or order on-line at www.fybush.com. (And if you still need the 2004 edition, those are available, too - \$8 each postpaid, or \$20 for both the 2004 and 2005 editions, plus 8.25% sales tax in New York.)

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 11, 1954 DXN: In addition to logging the DX broadcast from ACA and ACB-20 on the morning of 11/22, Pete Taylor, Durham, NC heard Bordeaux-1-1205 "booming in", along with BBC-1151 and BFN-1214; also heard were TA's on 836, 863, 872, 908, 926, 1276, 1439, 1475, and 1554, all on a Motorola portable 67L11 with a 250-foot antenna.

25 years ago ... from the from the December 10, 1979 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO noted that those who claimed the worst DX location might consider his plight: Denver was soon to be inflicted with 13 AN'ers, seven of them "NSP'ers that only an act of God ever silences."

10 years ago ... from the December 12, 1994 DXN: Dave Schmidt, Wilmington, DE noted that he was able to get a new FM transmitter for WDSB up and running in two hours by himself, a job that years ago would have taken weeks to do and a number of people to do it.



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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call	New Call
790 WFIK NC Thomasville	WZXY [a two-week life span for WFIK]
840 WCEO SC Columbia	WSCQ
1050 WPLC MS Silver Spring	WFED
1060 WBTV NV Monroe	WXNC
1370 WELV NY Ellenville	WRWD
1490 WTVL ME Waterville	WODJ
1590 WJRO MD Glen Burnie	WFBK

CPs ON THE AIR

680 WAPA PR San Juan - CP for U2 10000/10000 is on the air.
870 KJMP CO Pierce - CP for U4 1200/320 is on the air.
870 KAIM HI Honolulu - CP for U3 50000/50000 is on the air.
1150 WGBR NC Goldsboro - CP for U4 5000/800 is on the air.
1400 WWNZ ME Veazie - New station is on the air with U1 1000/810 with a news/talk format.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

850 KHHO WA Tacoma - CP granted to slightly relax their nighttime pattern drawing in the sides of the lobe, now allowing a small amount of signal to go off the back and slightly more to the front (295 degrees).
930 WLSS FL Sarasota - CP granted to increase nighttime power to become U4 5000/3000.
1060 KTOZ MO Springfield - CP granted to move to a new 170' tower at N37-12-29 W93-17-50. Station remains D1 500/0.
1060 KNLV NE Ord - CP granted to lower daytime power, add nighttime service and double their tower height. When built, KNLV will become U1 650/23 from adjusted coordinates of N41-34-17 W98-55-21.
1240 KBLL MT Helena - CP granted for U1 1000/850 from a new 190' tower at N46-36-43 W112-03-13.
1290 WHKY NC Hickory - CP granted to raise daytime power to become U4 50000/1000 from adjusted coordinates of N35-43-35 W81-18-02.
1440 KUHL CA Santa Maria - Coordinate adjustment to N34-58-48 W120-27-12.
1500 WAKE IN Valparaiso - CP granted to add night service as U4 1000/25.
1540 KMPC CA Los Angeles - CP granted for U4 50000/2900. [See Applications below]

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

890 KQLX ND Lisbon - Applies to increase their power to become D1 1800/0. [Call letter correction from Issue 9'er]
990 WLEE VA Richmond - I know. WLEE is on 990 and the call assigned to 1320 is WVNZ. The FCC's Facility Number for the station (50401) as well as the frequency (990) on this application matches the station, but the application notice posted by the FCC says 1320. Oh, well, let's play their game and proceed... the application is to change the city-of-license to East Highland Park, move the transmitter site to that of WREJ-1540 (adding two towers) and become U4 4000/2000. Stay tuned on this one...
1010 KXEN MO Festus-St. Louis - Applies to drop Festus from the city-of-license. [See Application Dismissals later on - Ed.]
1020 KAXX AK Eagle River - Applies to increase their power to be U1 50000/50000.
1220 WZBK NH Keene - Applies to add nighttime service as U1 1000/146.
1280 KZNS UT Salt Lake City - Applies to increase daytime power and add CH designation as U7 50000/600 CH 50000.
1390 WEGP ME Presque Isle - Application is to increase in day power to be U2 50000/10000.
1440 WBLA NC Elizabethtown - Coordinate adjustment to N34-37-32 W78-37-28.
1510 KSPA CA Ontario - Application is for an increase in daytime power and the addition of CH operation as U7 50000/1000 CH 10000.

1530 KVDW AR England - Application requests an increase in daytime power and to add CH service. If granted, KVDW will become U1 25000 CH270.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

600 WSNL MI Flint - Licensed for U4 1000/500, WSNL has a CP to decrease both day and night power levels to become U4 250/192. This amendment requests U4 440/192.
800 KLDC CO Brighton - Licensed for U1 1000/7, KLDC has a CP for U4 2200/227, with a pending amendment for U4 2200/500. This amendment now asks for U4 2200/430.
850 WFTL FL West Palm Beach - Licensed for U4 5000/1000, WFTL has a CP for U4 50000/24000 from the six-tower site of WJNA-640 (CP) at N26-32-30 W80-44-30. This amendment alters some of the parameters to the joint site.
950 WPEN PA Philadelphia - WPEN has a CP to increase day and night power levels to become U4 50000/50000 from a new 5-tower site at N40-09-11 W75-25-53. This amendment asks to change the facilities to U4 50000/21000, with the day pattern emanating from the new site, but the night pattern being produced from the 4-tower site of WWDB-860 at N40-09-15 W75-22-10.
1170 KCBQ CA San Diego - Licensed for U4 50000/1500, KCBQ has a CP for U4 50000/4500 at a new 6-tower site at N32-54-29 W116-54-34. This amendment requests U4 50000/2900 at another site, which appears to be that of KECR-910. If approved, one tower would have to be added to the KECR array.
1170 KJPN HI Honolulu - Licensed for U1 5000/5000, station has a CP for U1 6000/4490 diplexed into the tower of KRUD-1130 and KFIF-1370 (listed as silent) at N21-26-18 W157-59-29. An amendment was later submitted asking for U1 6000/4490 along with a move to 1180 kHz.. This amendment requests U1 6000/4500 at 1180 kHz from the new site. [Update from Volume 71 - Issue 30]
1270 KFLC TX Fort Worth - Licensed for U4 5000/5000, KFLC has a CP to increase day power to become U4 50000/5000. This amendment alters the size and shape of the new day pattern.
1540 KMPC CA Los Angeles - Licensed for U4 50000/1000, KMPC has just been granted a CP for U4 50000/2900. This amendment to the CP requests U4 50000/40000.
1570 WSCO WI Appleton - Licensed for U1 1000/331, station has a CP for U1 490/246 from a new 392' tower at N44-15-37 W88-22-00. This amendment requests U5 2400/246, using the six towers of WHBY-1150 Kimberly, Wisconsin for the day operation with the night operation from the new site mentioned in the CP.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

630 KTKK UT Sandy - Licensed for U4 1000/500, KTKK applied to move to a new three-tower site with a decrease in day power to become U4 500/500. This amendment requests U4 880/650 from that new site.
710 WPMI AL Mobile - WPMI (back when they were WNTM) applied to increase both day and night power levels from a new four-tower transmitter site, which was dismissed by the FCC. The FCC contended that the new facilities would cause nighttime interference to co-channel stations WAQI Miami, Florida and KGNC Amarillo, Texas, along with XEYK Conkal, Yucatan. The proposal has been resubmitted with some technical alterations. The application is for U4 6000/2100, which is indicated in the current NRC AM Radio Log.
870 KRLA CA Glendale - Licensed for U4 20000/3000, KRLA applied to increase both day and night power levels to become U4 50000/16000. This amendment requests U4 50000/3000.
900 KALI CA West Covina - Licensed for U4 500/79, KALI has a pending application for U4 6000/79. This amendment scales back the day power to be U4 5000/79.
910 WFVR GA Valdosta - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, WFVR has a pending application going way back to 1997 to build five new towers and increase the daytime power to 50000 Watts. This amendment requests to scale back the day power a bit, but from a third site using seven towers by day and six by night. If granted, they will become U4 35000/5000.
930 WHLM PA Bloomsburg - Licensed for U1 1000/18, WHLM applied to add a second tower in order to increase the nighttime power to become U2 1000/125,

- which was dismissed. This amendment requests U2 1000/100.
- 1150 KNRC CO **Englewood** - Licensed for U4 10000/1000, KNRC applied to change the city-of-license to Littleton. This amendment now asks to increase the daytime power to 50000 Watts and adjust the pattern, plus return the city-of-license to Englewood.
- 1400 WPAY OH **Portsmouth** - Licensed for U1 1000/1000, WPAY has a CP for U1 1000/1000 from a new tower site at N38-43-45 W82-57-11. This application is to reduce the power level to become U1 800/800 from a altogether different site.
- 1410 WRMN IL **Elgin** - WRMN requested to increase their night power to become U2 1000/1500, but the FCC commented that there would be too much nighttime interference to WEEF-1430. WRMN performed further tests and that report is the basis for this amendment.
- 1420 KPOC AR **Pocahontas** - Licensed for D1 1000/0, KPOC has an application on file for U1 1000/150. This amendment requests U1 1000/118.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 1060 NEW WA **Union Gap** - Application is for U2 16000/1500.
- 1590 NEW NV **Las Vegas** - Application is for U4 50000/1100.

APPLICATIONS FROM PENDING FACILITIES

- 1130 KRUD HI **Honolulu** - New station, not yet on the air, originally applied for U1 10000/10000, then amended the application to read U1 6000/5000. This Amendment requests U1 500/500 from the shared tower site of KORL-690, KGU-760, and KZOO-1210 at N21-17-41 W157-51-49.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS/MODIFICATIONS (Auction 84 bids)

- 600 NEW AL **Babbie** - Initial application was for U4 250/250. This amendment requests U4 500/300.
- 600 NEW NV **Elko** - Initial application was for U1 250/250 CH 250. This amendment requests U2 250/250.
- 640 NEW WI **Rhineland** - Initial application was for U2 500/300. This amendment requests U2 620/420.
- 670 NEW CA **Crescent City** - Initial application was for U1 250/250 CH 250. This amendment requests U2 250/250.
- 1220 NEW MI **Escanaba** - Initial application was for U4 500/1000. This amendment requests U4 2500/700.
- 1340 NEW MA **Westfield** - Initial application was for U4 500/1000. This amendment requests U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 200/200 CH 200.
- 1430 NEW MN **Hibbing** - Application is for U1 250/250 CH 250.
- 1450 NEW NM **Ruidoso** - Initial application was for U1 250/250 CH 250. This amendment requests U1 480/480.
- 1460 NEW NV **Elko** - Initial application was for U1 250/250 CH 250. This amendment requests U2 2500/250.
- 1490 NEW CT **Uncasville** - Initial application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U4 1000/250 on 1510 kHz.
- 1490 NEW MI **Houghton** - Application is for U1 1000/1000.
- 1490 NEW NH **Berlin** - Application is for U1 1000/1000.
- 1490 NEW MT **Malstrom AFB** - Original application was for U1 1000/570. This amendment requests U1 1000/575 from a different transmitter site.
- 1530 NEW ME **Orono** - Original application was for U13 50000/720 CH 5000. This amendment requests U7 50000/720 CH 5000.
- 1530 NEW MS **Petal** - Original application was for U12 3000/250 CH 3000. This amendment requests U7 50000/260 CH 5000.
- 1540 NEW AK **Anchorage** - Original application was for U1 50000/50000. This amendment requests U1 50000/50000 CH 50000. What this newfound love for CH is lately, I cannot figure out. Anybody want to guess?

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

- 1010 KXEN MO **Festus-St. Louis** - Application was to drop Festus from the city-of-license. [See Reconsideration Requests, later on - Ed.]
- 1070 WNCT NC **Greenville** - Application was for U7 50000/10000 CH 50000. However, WNCT has a pending amendment to that application for U7 50000/8500 CH 50000.

- 1140 WRMQ FL **Orlando** - Licensed for D1 5000/0, WRMQ had requested U12 4600/245 CH 4600, which has been dismissed. They have a later, and still pending, application for U2 5000/1500 at Goldenrod, which is northeast of Orlando, near Winter Park.
- 1150 WGEA AL **Geneva** - Application was for U1 1400/35.
- 1210 KPRZ CA **San Marcos-Poway** - Application was to increase nighttime power to 30000 Watts. KPRZ remains U4 20000/10000.
- 1460 WBCU SC **Union** - Last issue we detailed the list of applications and amendments submitted by WBCU. The FCC has acted on, and dismissed, the application to move to 820 kHz with U1 1700/93. The applications for U2 1700/80 on 820 kHz and D1 1000/0 on 690 kHz remain on file.

REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION

- 1010 KXEN MO **Festus-St. Louis** - Applicant requested to drop Festus from the city-of-license. This amendment goes into further detail concerning radio service available to Festus.
- 1260 NEW VA **Manti** - Applicant requested U1 250/250 CH 250. [This one causes a little scrutiny, as I have looked at the application and it does say Manti, VA, although searching two mapping programs plus the US Postal Service list of ZIP codes reveals no such city; just a Manti, Utah. And the coordinates are a little out of whack, too, as the longitude is given as 14 degrees, 38 minutes west. **Jerry Starr** has some thoughts on this: "On the FCC 301 form you type in the name of the city (Manti in this case) but for the state you get one of those pull down lists with the state abbreviations in alphabetical order. You scroll down and click on the one you want. The one right under UT is VA. Obviously somebody clicked incorrectly and nobody noticed it. Sloppy work. Otherwise this was a legit application. I should have thought of this earlier since I've prepared several 301s myself."]
- 1560 KILE TX **Bellaire** - Like we said in Issue 7, watch for more from this one. Licensed for D1 800/0, station has a CP to construct six new towers at N29-19-37 W95-33-00 in order to increase their power to be D3 50000/0, but were turned down on their proposal for nighttime service with 25000 Watts at a different site. Well, they've scaled things back a bit, as now they have applied for 2500 Watts at night from . . . TEN towers at, yet, another site.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

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| 540 WRRD WI Jackson | 920 WMOK IL Metropolis | 1130 WISN WI Milwaukee |
| 560 WIND IL Chicago | 920 WOKY WI Milwaukee | 1140 WVLE IL Pekin |
| 570 WMAM WI Marinette | 930 WTAD IL Quincy | 1150 WEAQ WI Chippewa Falls |
| 580 WILL IL Urbana | 930 WAUR IL Sandwich | 1150 WHBY WI Kimberly |
| 580 WKTY WI La Crosse | 940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon | 1170 WLNH IL Mattoon |
| 590 KBHS AR Hot Springs | 940 WGMY MI South Haven | 1170 WFDL WI Waupun |
| 620 WTMJ WI Milwaukee | 940 WFAW WI Fort Atkinson | 1180 WLDS WI Jacksonville |
| 630 WDBG WI Hudson | 940 WCSW WI Shell Lake | 1190 WNWC WI Sun Prairie |
| 680 WOGO WI Hallie | 950 WNTD IL Chicago | 1200 WRTO IL Chicago |
| 690 WVCY WI Oshkosh | 950 WERL WI Eagle River | 1210 WILY IL Centralia |
| 710 WDSM WI Superior | 950 WCLB WI Sheboygan | 1230 WJBC IL Bloomington |
| 730 WJMT WI Merrill | 960 WDLM IL East Moline | 1230 WCLO WI Janesville |
| 740 WVLN IL Olney | 960 WTCH WI Shawano | 1230 WXCO WI Wausau |
| 740 WRPQ WI Baraboo | 970 WMAY IL Springfield | 1240 WIBC IL Chicago |
| 740 WMIN WI Hudson | 970 WHA WI Madison | 1240 WEBQ IL Harrisburg |
| 750 WNTX IL Brookport | 970 WGEE WI Superior | 1240 WOMB WI Manitowoc |
| 780 WBBM IL Chicago | 980 WITY IL Danville | 1240 WOBT WI Rhineland |
| 790 WRMS IL Beardstown | 980 WNBI WI Park Falls | 1240 WJMC WI Rice Lake |
| 790 WWAY WI Eau Claire | 980 WPRE WI Prairie du Chien | 1240 WSDR IL Sterling |
| 800 WKZI IL Casey | 980 WCUB WI Two Rivers | 1240 WHFA WI Poynette |
| 800 WDUX WI Waupaca | 1020 WCIL IL Carbondale | 1250 WSPJ IL Streator |
| 810 WDDD IL Johnston City | 1020 WPEO IL Peoria | 1260 WXCE WI Amery |
| 810 WDMP WI Dodgeville | 1050 WDVN WI Eau Claire | 1260 WWIS WI Black River Falls |
| 820 WCSN IL Chicago | 1050 WLIP WI Kenosha | 1260 WOCO WI Oconto |
| 850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake | 1060 WMCL IL McLeansboro | 1270 WKBF IL Rock Island |
| 870 WINU IL Shelbyville | 1060 WRHL IL Rochelle | 1270 WRJC WI Mauston |
| 880 WCBW IL Highland | 1070 WTSO WI Madison | 1280 WBIG IL Aurora |
| 880 WMEQ WI Menomonie | 1080 WRYT IL Edwardsville | 1290 WWFS IL Peoria |
| 890 WLS IL Chicago | 1080 WNWJ IL Oak Lawn | 1290 WKLI WI Sparta |
| 900 WATK WI Antigo | 1090 WAQE WI Rice Lake | 1300 WRDZ IL La Grange |
| 910 WHSM WI Hayward | 1090 WCRA IL Effingham | 1300 WFRX IL West Frankfort |
| 910 WDOR WI Sturgeon Bay | 1110 WMBI IL Chicago | 1310 WIBA WI Madison |

1320	WKAN	IL	Kankakee	1430	WEEF	IL	Highland Park	1500	WGEN	IL	Geneseo
1330	WRAM	IL	Monmouth	1430	WBEV	WI	Beaver Dam	1500	WPJX	IL	Zion
1330	WNTA	IL	Rockford	1430	WQQQ	WI	Durand	1510	WPIX	IL	Highland
1330	WVHI	IN	Evansville	1430	WCMY	IL	Ottawa	1510	WLRB	IL	Macomb
1340	WJPF	IL	Herrin	1440	WIBH	IL	Anna	1520	WHOW	IL	Clinton
1340	WJOL	IL	Joliet	1440	WPRS	IL	Paris	1520	WLUV	IL	Loves Park
1340	WLDY	WI	Ladysmith	1440	WGEM	IL	Quincy	1530	WJG	IL	Elmhurst
1350	WJBD	IL	Salem	1450	WCEV	IL	Cicero	1530	WMBE	WI	Chilton
1350	WPDR	WI	Portage	1450	WVON	IL	Cicero	1540	WTKM	WI	Hartford
1350	WOAM	IL	Peoria	1450	WKEI	IL	Kewanee	1550	WJIL	IL	Jacksonville
1360	WVMC	IL	Mount Carmel	1450	KFIZ	WI	Fond du Lac	1550	WCSJ	IL	Morris
1360	WGFA	IL	Watseka	1450	WHRY	WI	Hurley	1550	WZRK	WI	Lake Geneva
1360	WTAQ	WI	Green Bay	1450	WDLB	WI	Marshfield	1550	WTUX	WI	Madison
1360	WVRQ	WI	Viroqua	1450	WRCO	WI	Richland Center	1550	WEVR	WI	River Falls
1370	WLLM	IL	Lincoln	1460	WROY	IL	Carmi	1560	WSQR	IL	Sycamore
1370	WCCN	WI	Neillsville	1460	WIXN	IL	Dixon	1560	WGLB	WI	Elm Grove
1380	WFCL	WI	Clintonville	1460	WJCI	IL	Rantoul	1570	WBGZ	IL	Alton
1380	WTJK	IL	South Beloit	1470	WCFJ	IL	Chicago Heights	1570	WTAY	IL	Harvey
1390	WGRB	IL	Chicago	1470	WBKV	WI	West Bend	1570	WTAY	IL	Robinson
1390	WFIW	IL	Fairfield	1470	WKCK	PR	Orocovis	1570	WSCO	WI	Appleton
1390	WRIG	WI	Schofield	1480	WSPY	IL	Geneva	1570	WKBH	WI	Holmen
1400	WDWS	IL	Champaign	1480	WJBM	IL	Jerseyville	1570	WLKD	WI	Minocqua
1400	WGIL	IL	Galesburg	1480	WLMV	WI	Madison	1580	WDQN	IL	Duquoin
1400	WATW	WI	Ashland	1490	WKRO	IL	Cairo	1580	WTTN	WI	Watertown
1400	WBIZ	WI	Eau Claire	1490	WDAN	IL	Danville	1590	WONX	IL	Evanston
1400	WRJN	WI	Racine	1490	WLFN	WI	La Crosse	1590	WIXK	WI	New Richmond
1400	WRDB	WI	Reedsburg	1490	WIGM	WI	Medford	1590	WTRW	WI	Two Rivers
1410	WRMN	IL	Elgin	1490	WPNA	IL	Oak Park	1600	WRPN	WI	Ripon
1410	WIHM	IL	Taylorville	1490	WZOE	IL	Princeton	1670	WTDY	WI	Madison
1410	WIZM	WI	La Crosse	1500	WPMB	IL	Vandalia				

CANADA THIS WEEK...

□ **CJNS-1240 Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan** will soon be leaving the AM band, as the CRTC has approved their move to 102.3 MHz with 45000 kW ERP. The new station will originate 30 hours of local programming per week; the remainder of the broadcast time will continue to originate from CJNB-1050 North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

HEAR AND THAR

□ **Gerald Conkling, Jr.** writes: "If anyone is interested in finding the WTOX radio station towers near Richmond, Virginia, here are the directions to them. Coming down Route 1 or Interstate 95 South from Washington to Richmond you turn west on Interstate 295 towards Charlottesville and get off on Nuckolls Road going North. At the stop sign turn right and then make an immediate right on a road marked 'Landfill'. Follow this road all the way past the Landfill entrance and look to your left to some land behind the landfill and you can see their four in-line towers that are positioned parallel to I-295. I don't recommend anyone trying this at night or anytime the landfill is closed. You also have to hold your nose as you pass by the landfill. The towers look like they are under 200 feet tall and I did not notice that they were lighted at night. WTOX is operating on 1480 kHz-DA-2 and is licensed to Glen Allen, Virginia. I started hearing them in Fredericksburg, Virginia, which is about 45 miles north of their towers and they have a Talk format. Their main signal is beamed southeast with 6.3 KW-D, 1.5 KW-N. Watch the Arbitron ratings on this one as they held my attention every moment I was listening to them. They state that they are 'Richmond's Talk Radio'. Still no further news on WGOP-Pocomoke City on 540 kHz or WDMV on 700 kHz from Walkersville, Maryland. No new signals being heard yet."

□ **FINES** — WQAM License Limited Partnership, licensee of station **WQAM-560, Miami, Florida** has been fined \$55,000 for "... willfully and repeatedly airing indecent material on September 9 and 10, 2003".

□ Reported to be back on the air: **WSNW-1150 Seneca, South Carolina** with an oldies format, and **WJTT-1540 Jellico, Tennessee** with Southern Gospel. Reported off, and on again: **WBIX-1060 Natick, Massachusetts**. The station was recently sold, but it has been reported that the new owner has confessed to purchasing the station with funds stolen from clients.

□ Bad weather, in the form of high winds, toppled the 180' tower of **WNBZ-1240 Saranac Lake, NY** during the week of November 28th. Engineers are on the scene and working to get the station back on as soon as possible. In the meantime, they are utilizing a long wire to keep them on the air. DXing WNBZ during this period would be quite an accomplishment.

What? You missed another short-notice DX test because you forgot to sign up for the NRC/DXAS online reflector? Proceed directly to www.nrcdxas.org and follow the indicated links to join up. It's free!

□ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, and Jerry Starr**, whose efforts to keep us all up-to-date are appreciated.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)

1240 kHz:

WMMB	FL	Melbourne	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	Miles
WSDR	IL	Sterling	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	*1224 736

1450 kHz:

WHDL	NY	Olean	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	264
WNOS	NC	New Bern	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	713

Domestic DX Digest

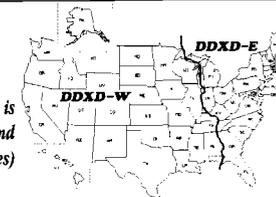
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DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- This is getting to be the time of the year where the D layer of the ionosphere can disappear in the daytime, allowing skywave propagation (mainly single hop) to be possible in the middle of the day. If you have some locally clear channels—especially above 1500 kHz 50—why not give a listen in the day during mid to late December? You may be surprised at what you hear!
- December 31 marks the end of DDXD-W unless someone steps forward to take over this column. Good grief, is there no one in the entire DDXD-W area who wants to give this column a shot? (Besides the publisher, that is -pls.)
- Your loggings are welcome here, at least for a little while longer. Please submit items in the format you see below, including enough details to help your fellow NRCers log the station. Please use Eastern standard time for all times, regardless of your local time zone.

REPORTERS:

DBJ-TN	David B. Jones, Springfield. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.
JEL-AR	Jefferson E. Lewis, Fayetteville. Sony ICF-2010 and Select-a-Tenna.
JH-AK	Jon Horen, Fairbanks. Drake R8B, 500-foot random wire.
JJR-MI	John J. Rieger, L'Anse. Drake R8, 100-foot longwire, terk loop.
JJR-WI	John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R-75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.
JV-KY	John Vervoort, Madisonville. Grundig VB400PE, Sony ICF-SW7600GR.
JW-CO	John Wilkens, Wheat Ridge. Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
KR-AZ	Kevin Redding, Mesa. C Crane CCR radio "nekkid." (Ooo la la! Ed-TX)
PG-CO	Pat Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwi loop.
pls-KS	Paul Swearingen, Topeka. Sony SRF A-100; this is reportedly something called a "receiver." (It's what I use to snarf up DX right before I drift away to dreamland ... -pls.)
SA-MB	Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. Icom R70, Drake R8, loops, longwires, phasers, etc., etc.
WH-CO	Wayne "Give the Gift of a NRC Log This Holiday Season!" Heinen, Aurora. Receivers and antennas of some sort, miscellaneous goodies, etc.
Ed.-TX	Your Editor, Wimberley. Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, Quantum loop.

STATION SNAFUS

- 550 **WASG AL Atmore, 11/26 1835.** "You're listening to WVTJ, 6-10 AM, Pensacola, FL." 850 area code was mentioned at 1833. WASG and WVTJ have the same address and phone number according to the NRC Log. Blasting in and completely dominating the frequency. Are they already abusing their new 10000 watt daytime power? Or did they "forget" to power down to 143 watts. Also, is their new city of license Enslay or Daphne, FL? (JV-KY)

1320 KRLW AR Walnut Ridge. 11/18 0101. OLD format, full ID at ToH. This is listed as D1 in the LOG and the FCC's AM database but noted by many as AN. They must know something that the FCC doesn't! (WH-CO) They know something the FCC doesn't? Wow, they must be really smart! (Ed.-TX)

UNID AND HELP REQUESTED

1000 ???? 11/26 1929. Same two or three ads over and over and over; several mentions of area code 325, and another mention of Brownwood. These, along with loop direction, indicate KSTA, listed as a daytimer; tuned out after 10 minutes of this. Obviously, somebody "left something running"; fair at best, mixing with XEFV. (JW-CO)

1400 ???? 11/23 0852. Program note for "Focus on the Family" and "Adventures in Odyssey... on AM 1400, Friendship Radio"; faded, then about two minutes later heard a program note for KJOL-620. Sounded like the same station both times, looped SW-NE. Possibly KDTA, which had been (still is?) simulcasting with another Grand Junction station, KTMM-1340. (JW-CO)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

600 WREC TN Memphis. 11/26 0711. Poor with calls under unID with preacher. (JJR-WI)

610 KILT TX Houston. 11/20 1822. Mention of 713 area code and then into Houston Rockets post game show. Good, consistent signal and no sign of KCSP. (JV-KY)

680 KKXX TX San Antonio. 11/22 1809. "San Antonio's Classic Country AM 680 KKXX," dominant in auroral (Au) conditions. (WH-CO)

780 KAZM AZ Sedona. 11/21 2249. Local spots and call ID in WW1 Sunday Night Football. Fair over WBBM. (WH-CO)

800 CKDR ON Dryden. 11/28 0525. Poor o/CKLW, ads, weather, calls. AdCon. (JJR-MI) What's an "AdCon"? (Ed.-TX)

900 CKBI SK Prince Albert. 11/28 0522. Poor o/CHML. Call, ads. C&W. (JJR-MI) Did they let him out of the can?? (Ed.-TX) (PLEASE tell me that the next DDXD-West editor is gonna have a sense of humor, hi -pls.)

920 WYMB SC Manning. 11/13 2000. South Carolina vs. Florida college football, ID as "The Fan." Quite strong. (DBJ-TN)

960 KGKL TX San Angelo. 11/20 1828. Popped up with promo on "NewsTalk 960 KGKL." (WH-CO)

970 WDAY ND Fargo. 11/26 0738. Poor w/WHA, WGTK. Tons of local ads, call, into fishing report. (JJR-WI)

970 WMAY IL Springfield. 11/25 2244 "... only on hot talk 9-70 WMAY." Fair to poor signal. (JV-KY) I guess if you heard this station and the one before it ID on the channel in the order they appear in this month's column, you might think you had intercepted a distress call from a dyslexic. (Ed.-TX)

1010 WFGW NC Black Mountain. 11/26 0700. Poor with legal ID into news over others. (JJR-WI)

1020 KOKP OK Perry. 12/1 1859. Spot for Ponca City car dealer; ID at 18:59:50 "Double Play Sports Radio, AM 1020 KOKP and AM 1580 KOKB." Fair in KOIL null; no sign of KINF. (JW-CO)

1040 KCBR CO Monument. 11/26 1805. "KCBR" ID, then signal weakened; hardly a trace of WHO. (JV-KY)

1060 WLNO LA New Orleans. 11/26 1757. "... www.wlno.com" mention and good signal until KYW gained strength. (JV-KY)

1070 KNX CA Los Angeles. 11/25 2104. Excellent, alone on channel, with CBS News, then into local news, mention of homeless from Santa Clarita in LA shelters. (JEL-AR)

1130 CKWX BC Vancouver. 11/27 0300. In and out with feature news from 0225 on with KWKH (and unID station with Mexican music format in Spanish); numerous mentions of Vancouver and Chilliwack; "Newsradio eleven-thirty"; ID at top of hour as "CKWX Newsradio 1130 Vancouver", back into news. (pls-KS) Who is this "pls"? What the hell is he doing in my column??? (Ed.-TX) (Reporting tricky DX, ya soon-to-be-ex-editor -pls.)

1180 KOFI MT Kalispell. 11/18 0805. Ad for Kalispell Auto Parts, "Newstalk Oldies KOFI," then "30 degrees in downtown Kalispell." Fading in and out, loud and clear at times. (JH-AK)

1210 KQTL AZ Sahuarita. 11/26 1854. University of Arizona football program; call ID and "Radio Vision" slogan; ID at 1900 as "KQTL Doce Diez AM, La Nueva Vision para Tucson" and into REL program, with a quote from Primero Corintios. (JW-CO) Folks, this is what you call "variety programming!" (Ed.-TX) I mean, how many Arizona Wildcats fans are also avid listeners to Spanish religion?? (Ed.-TX)

1210 KRSV WY Afton. 11/24 2232. "We're spending the workday with you, fresh new music and all your favorites, KRSV, Star Country USA" and C&W music" o/u KGYN. (WH-CO)

1210 KUNF UT Washington. 11/22 1854. NOS format, brief ID over KGYN. (WH-CO)

1220 CJRB MB Boisserain. 11/29 0645. "The voice of southern Manitoba" preceded by weather forecasts and results from Manitoba AAA hockey league. (JH-AK)

1230 KTRF MN Thief River Falls. 11/28 0805. Poor w/UNID NOS station w/"from the KTRF newsroom..." NEW! (JJR-MI)

1240 KIUL KS Garden City. 11/29 0918. Noted with G.C. ads; obituaries at 0919; lost to KXIT at 0920. Briefly fair in the jumble. (JW-CO)

1250 WEMP WI Milwaukee. 11/25 2259. "WEMP Milwaukee" ID, then into "Life Perspectives Radio." Mixing with others but mainly atop frequency. (JV-KY)

1300 KGLO IA Mason City. 12/1 1828. "KGLO is an Equal Opportunity employer" announcement, ending with call letters and address; area weather was followed by state news at 1830. Fine signal, absolutely owning the frequency, with good northern conditions. (JW-CO)

1300 KYNO CA Fresno. 11/28 2208 with the Oakland Raiders post game show. (KR-AZ)

1330 KOVE WY Lander. 11/21 1827. Out of REL to more REL. Usually C&W but I think this might be Sunday only programming. (WH-CO)

1380 KTKZ CA Sacramento. 11/24 2155. Local Spots and Dennis Prager Show. Call change for me. (WH-CO)

1390 KGNU CO Denver. 11/28 1750. Poor signals in a mess with Native American programming. This is the first station I have IDed by hearing their live broadcast on my computer while hearing them on the radio to match up the signal. NEW! (SA-MB)

1400 KXGN MT Glendive. 12/1 2059. Partially readable ID emerges out of the zoo "...the Glendive...?...KXGN Radio, the ???" and soon faded. A new one here, MT #28. (JW-CO)

1490 KRIB IA Mason City. 11/23 0504. Faded up with "Eagle Country AM 1490 KRIB" and C&W music. New for me! (WH-CO)

1490 KRUI NM Ruidoso Downs. 11/24 0805. Ending news and weather with local Toyota dealer spot. "News Talk 1490 KRUI." New for me. (WH-CO)

1530 KDSN IA Denison. 12/1 1727. Fair at best with markets, bank ad, and a C&W tune; at 1732 guy says "You're listening to...Voice of the Iowa Hawkeys for western Iowa, on KDSN AM 1530 Denison," then more C&W. Only second time heard here. (JW-CO)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

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

MKB-MI Mike Brooker, Ypsilanti - YB-400PE.

WJH-MD Bill Harms, Elkridge - Drake R8B, homebrew K9AY antenna.

HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Zenith Trans Oceanic, Kiwa Pocket Loop.

IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - Drake R8B, 200' Longwire.

IEN*GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - AIWA CSD-FD89.

IEN+GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - 1996 Isuzu Rodeo Premium Audio System 8200.

JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8B, Longwires, Quantum Phaser.

DT-ON Don Trelford, Toronto - Sangean ATS 818.

FV-PA Fred Vobbe, Lima - GM/Delco Radio in 1992 Buick.

UNID AND PRESUMED

630 UNID _____ - 11/26 2140 - Strange sounding religious preacher. Had voice and accent like Woody Allen, and was talking about Christ and the Jews. Could not determine what religion he was preaching. WLAP? Firefall song "You Are The Woman" underneath, which I presumed to be CFCC. (FV-OH)

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1170 WAVSp FL Davie - 11/27 0012 - String of local ads, including car rental, and Air Jamaica, Western Union Gold Card 1-888-825—, Car Rental anywhere in Jamaica (Montego Bay), possible local announcements, Caribbean Voice Newspaper 954-749-5112, Highway 441 and Broward Blvd. - listed prices. Solid in a nulled WWVA. I thought I had a new Jamaican outlet until I located the 954 area code. (WJH-MD)

1280 UNID — — - 11/26 0610 - "The Logical Song" by Supertramp and some Christmas songs during a morning show. They gave a website that sounded like WPAC.com, but there's no such animal. Good signal with fading. (IEN*GA)

1440 UNID — — - 11/26 2155 - Sounded like, "Your best music on WJ..." then deep, quick fade. (FV-OH)

1460 WKDVp VA Manassas - 11/22 2019 - Popular Latin American music, poor to fair, interference CJOY. (DT-ON)

1480 WSDSp MI Salem - 11/28 1729 - Reminiscing about Christmas past into a Blue Grass Christmas song. Over all. (WJH-MD)

1560 UNID — — - 11/26 0620 - Sports scores that emphasized teams from Texas and a couple of ads from stores in Texas. While the signal was good, it would often drop out and be replaced by WPAD in Paducah, KY. WPAD eventually won. (IEN*GA)

1590 KZRAp AR Springdale - 11/24 2005 - Talk show in Spanish, interference WAIK, WAKR, poor. (DT-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

590 WVLK KY Lexington - 11/25 0159 - TOH ID into network news. CBS? Good over all. (WJH-MD)

610 KCSP MO Kansas City - 11/26 0633 - through nulled WTVN with non-ID: "it's the D.A. show, live on 610 Sports", ad for Verizon wireless, talk by host "D.A." about what Kansas City should be thankful for sports-wise. (MKB-MI) (Certainly not KCSP -pls.)

660 WLFJ SC Greenville - 11/22 1125 - End of program, program break with ID by man as "You are listening to AM 6-60 WLFJ", into another program. There was a possible mention of "Tradio." About equal to a nulled WFAN. (WJH-MD)

850 KOA CO Denver - 11/26 0604 - fighting WKNR with promo for "Colorado's morning news on news radio 850 KOA" into long talk by overnight host on the election in Ukraine, the movie *Alexander*, etc., before taking listeners' calls. Lost to WKNR by 0620. (MKB-MI)

890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 11/29 1532 - "Today's Southern Gospel", ID. (JR-NY)

980 WPGA GA Perry - 11/26 0600 - Radio Disney fare. Decent signal on top of a few others that would fade from time-to-time. "AM 980, WPGA, Perry". (IEN-GA)

1050 CHUM ON Toronto - 11/26 2145 - Loud into Lima with music, frequent mentions of "10-50 CHUM". (FV-OH)

1060 WHFB MI Benton Harbor - 11/23 1700 - "All Talk" slogan, ID, ABC News. WMCL also heard in the mix with KYW. (JR-NY)

1070 WIBC IN Indianapolis - 11/28 0828 - in CHOK null with American Red Cross PSA, ID as "the radio home of your Indiana Pacers, this is Radio Indiana, WIBC Indianapolis" into local news. (MKB-MI)

1110 KFAB NE Omaha - 11/26 0705 - in like ton of bricks with "Husker Gameday" pregame show for Nebraska v. Colorado game, ID as "the Pinnacle Sports Network is on the air with University of Nebraska football on KFAB". (MKB-MI)

1130 WBBR NY New York - 11/26 2150 - After hearing CHUM, I turned up the dial and found WBBR quite strong with mentions of "the tunnel", and various highways, and the amount of traffic due to shoppers. (FV-OH)

1200 WOAI TX San Antonio - 11/23 2108 - Several ID's heard under WKST-PA and WAGE-VA. Seemed to have sports coverage but not sure what. (HJH-PA)

1240 WGBB NY West Babylon - 11/24 1810 - Broke in with ID as "I am Larry Davidson. You are listening to... WGBB AM 12-40. We'll be right back." This was followed by country music. On their web site (am1240wgb.com) Larry Davidson's program called "WGBB Tonight" is at this time and fits my reception. Only good for a few seconds. (WJH-MD)

WDNE WV Elkins - 11/24 1930 - Southern Nights by Glen Campbell and ID by man as

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1260 WPHB PA Philipsburg - 11/24 1659 - over Disney station (Boston or Cleveland) with twangy C&W oldies, rather doddering DJ said "and I guess it's time to run up the news cart...", then top of hour ID cart: "AM 1260 WPHB Philipsburg, Clearfield, State College, it's radio worth listening to", into CNN news. (MKB-ON)

WJTH GA East Point - 11/26 1215 - Gospel music and religious programming. Decent signal in the afternoon static. "Power 1260". (IEN-GA)

1280 WGBF IN Evansville - 11/27 2345 - Sports scores with an emphasis on scores from Indiana, including the Indiana state High School Football Playoffs and Notre Dame. Decent signal on top of the mix. Heard 1/4 drop. "WGBF". (IEN-GA)

WANS SC Anderson - 11/28 2325 - ID as "... every Wednesday at 3 PM right here on WANS..." by man, into a Hawaiian steel guitar song. Good for a few moments in the mess. (WJH-MD)

1320 CJMR ON Mississauga - 11/26 0647 - there's no escaping another local pest, with talk in Russian or Ukrainian, numerous mentions of Toronto and Mississauga in ads. (MKB-MI)

1350 WTOU OH Akron - 11/28 0005 - Sports news and scores from Fox Sports. Decent signal in the mix. "Northeast Ohio's only 24-hour sports station, AM 1350, Fox Sports, WTOU". (IEN-GA)

1360 WKYO MI Caro - 11/23 2005 - ID as "Real Country for the... WKYO." (HJH-PA)

WNJC NJ Washington Township - 11/25 1808 - over Michigan stations WKYO and/or WKMI with listing of gospel events such as the Breath of Life TV ministry in Glassboro, NJ, presented as "a public service of WNJC's Community Calendar". (MKB-MI)

1430 WGFS GA Covington - 11/29 1848 - Popped in and out with ID by male as "14-30 WGFS". Immediately after the ID, heard a mention about something that happened in 1964. No details. Good and solid in a nulled WNAV. (WJH-MD)

1450 WCON GA Cornelia - 11/26 1210 - Local news from Habersham County, GA and northeast Georgia. Decent signal in the afternoon static. "WCON, Cornelia". (IEN-GA)

1470 WMBD IL Peoria - 11/21 2202 - ABC News, ad for satellites and "WMBD weather", fair. (DT-ON)

WJPI NC Plymouth - 11/28 1734 - Loud with extensive list of community announcements. Sign off with mention of 5000 watts and that it is owned by Freedom Broadcasting Inc. (HJH-PA)

1480 WCNS PA Latrobe - 11/25 1705 - Popped in with local ID between a song by the Righteous Brothers and a song by CCR with an ID by a man as "Oldies 14-80, WCNS, playin' all your favorites, greatest hits of all time." Over all for a couple of minutes. I listened for about 15 more minutes. The music seemed to be // to WTTR on adjacent 1470. What is the network name to this feed? The channel was dominant. I don't know why I have not logged them before. (WJH-MD)

1490 WBTA NY Batavia - 11/21 2000 - Call ID then ABC News. Heard with an AC format just before this. (HJH-PA)

+ 11/29 1748 - Popped in with ad for First Choice Travel, meeting at 4 on Wednesday, and phone number as 762-6080. Also, full ID at 1800 into network news. Fair reception while it lasted. (WJH-MD)

WGCH CT Greenwich - 11/21 2136 - Ad for "Polka Party" with ID, then back into unknown programming. New. (HJH-PA)

+ 11/29 1557 - The Ray Lucia Show, Give Blood - Norwalk Mattress Company, WGCH Weather Center Forecast - PAX TV, clear - upper 20's, upper 40's, ID by man as "Celebrating 40 years of community service, this is WGCH Greenwich." Heard at least three times subsequently. Good signal. I hope this doesn't become a pest. (WJH-MD)

WBAE ME Portland - 11/30 1600 - ID by man as "WVAE WBAE Portland" into network news. That is all I heard on the clip! (WJH-MD)

WCCM MA Haverhill - 11/30 1600 - Possibly heard male with legal ID, and then definitely heard with traffic report listed numerous locations - including several to Merrimack Valley, weather, ad, parents - the anti-drug, heating oil, and

- finally ID as "Your hometown tradition is on WCCM." (WJH-MD)
- 1140 WBCB PA **Levittown** - 12/1 1644 - Max-Well Pharmacy in Warminster, Toys for Tots, ID, and time check. (WJH-MD)
- 1520 KSIB IA **Creston** - 11/26 2158 - Country music into ID "KSIB Creston", then news. Female announcing weather at 2205 sponsored by the Creston Walmart. Into Country music at 2207. When it was strong, there was no sign of Oklahoma City or Buffalo. Isn't KSIB a daytimer? (FV-OH)
- 1540 KXEL IA **Waterloo** - 11/27 0800 - over what I would have expected (i.e. CHIN) with top of hour ID: "KXEL Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids" into ABC news. (MKB-MI)
- 1550 WMRE WV **Charlestown** - 11/17 0006 - Heard with "Memories 1550" slogan, mention of West Virginia. (JR-NY)
- WXOL OH **Delaware** - 11/17 0036 - really tearing up CBE with Spanish programming, ID as "Radio XOL, La Favorita". New, and heard several times since. (JR-NY)
- 1570 WFUR MI **Grand Rapids** - 11/29 0228 - on top of frequency, probably on groundwave, with instrumental religious music, ID as "thank you for sharing part of your day with the family station, WFUR Grand Rapids". (MKB-MI)
- 1580 WXRA KY **Georgetown** - 11/22 1705 - Fox Sports, KY Thoroughbred Racing Association PSA, new with these calls. (JR-NY)
- 1590 WAIK IL **Galesburg** - 11/24 2005 - Popular and religious Christmas music ID as "AM WAIK", fair to poor. (DT-ON)
- 1700 KVNS TX **Brownsville** - 11/28 1900 - Newscast into the Tom Martino Show. Decent signal on top of another. "Newstalk 1700 KVNS, the valley's place to talk". (IEN+GA)
- WEUV AL **Huntsville** - 11/29 1545 - after seeing an e-mail wondering about an R&B station I found this well before sunset, finally hearing the ID around 1635. (JR-NY)
- 1710 Pirate NY **Brooklyn** - 11/30 1925 - Lubavitcher bootlegger in with poor modulation, with EE talk by man with heavy Eastern European accent. Mentioned "in the houses of the holy", and I don't think he was talking about the classic Led Zeppelin album! (MKB-ON)

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELI, subtract 5 hrs (summer: 4).

Transatlantic DX

- 549 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles DEC 3 2250 - Presumed; briefly strong with talk in Arabic but couldn't find any parallels to confirm, however it wasn't parallel 9555 Saudi Arabia. [Conti-NH]
- 585 SPAIN *RNE1 Madrid* DEC 3 2245 - Good, the best TA signal at this time; teletalk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 639 SPAIN *RNE1 synchros* DEC 3 2240 - Talk in Spanish, then at 2305 retune heard "Radio Nacional de España" with fanfare after news; a loud and strong het against 640 domestics. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 NORWAY *NRK Kvitsøy* DEC 3 2235 - Poor but an indication that northern latitude transatlantic DX conditions are on the rebound; bits of distinctive Norwegian talk heard through adjacent domestic splatter. [Conti-NH]
- 1431 DJIBOUTI *R.Sawa*, Arta NOV 30 2220 - Good and separable from 1430 with the usual *Sawa* fare of pop music, male and female vocals, and Arabic announcers. Best since early October. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE *TWR Roumoules* DEC 2 2220 - Fair; preaching in English with many mentions of the Bible, then an inspirational vocal leading to the bottom of the hour and announcement of web address. + DEC 3 2230 - A better signal with the same program. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 IRAN *IRIB Bushehr* NOV 30 2254 - Good with orchestra music that sounded somewhat classical, one time with a piano solo, but also Iranian music with a chanter. Male and female announcers in what should have been Farsi. Bushehr, by the way, is where Iran is building a

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- nuclear plant. And as when this station was last heard, there was a fairly strong het on 1169, the Iran jammer. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1548 KUWAIT *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City NOV 30 2309 - Strong with pop songs and vocals and announcements by men and women in Arabic. This one often good when 1431 is also good. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1566 IRAN *Bandar Abbas* NOV 30 2314 - Presumed as others in Iran were coming in. Had some sort of Middle East music but not enough to describe in detail. Doubt India. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 CLANDESTINE NOV 30 2333 - Pop music and vocals. Iraq from Kuwait still? [Dangerfield-PA]

Ben speaks: Things seemed to have calmed down some from the earlier auroral conditions but we don't seem to be back to normal, or what I consider normal. Northern route TAs are absent, the low end of the band is poor and noisy, and the LW band has been a blank. But on November 30 there was a nice opening to the Middle East for about two hours after local sunset. Stations on 1431, 1503 and 1548 were quite good and signals were heard from others in that part of the world.

Pan-American DX

- 526 BAHAMAS *ZLS Stella Maris* NOV - Aeronautical beacon 23:34.8N 75:15.8W. [Black-MA]
- 540 MEXICO *XEHS Los Mochis* SIN NOV 27 0201 - Over/under XEWA; out of song; male: "(?) música norteña." Female: "Equis -e-hache-ese, cinco-cuarenta..." the rest lost under XEWA announcer. A surprise, and new here. [Swearingen-KS]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS *ZIZ Basseterre* DEC 3 2300 - Good with adjacent domestic interference phase nulled for a clear signal; BBC news. No sign of 535 Grenada though. [Conti-NH]
- 750 MEXICO unID NOV 24 0559 - Partially heard ID: "Esta es XE(??)... 750 kilohertz con mil watts de potencia... Radio Grupo (??)," then "Himno Nacional" and sign off at 0602. [Ponder-LA]
- 770 MEXICO *XEACH Monterrey* NL NOV 24 0126 - ID, "Radio Fórmula... Escuche XEACH... 770 kilohertz... en Monterrey, Nuevo León... Radio Fórmula." [Ponder-LA]
- 810 MEXICO *XEFW R.Estrella*, Tampico NOV 30 0440 - Time check: "Las nueve cuarenta," one news headline, and then complete ID: "...Tenemos la cobertura; cincuenta mil watts de potencia; XEFW, ochocientos diez AM; tenemos coberatura (We have the coverage)." Into light rock tune. Very loud and clear with WHB nulled; new here. [Swearingen-KS]
- 1040 MEXICO *XEHES Chihuahua* CHIH NOV 25 0630 - ID, "Esta es XEHES Chihuahua... once y treinta minutos," and numerous "Extasis Digital" slogans and American disco songs. Signal completely disappeared at 0700. Pattern change? I didn't hear anything that sounded like a sign-off statement, nor did I hear the "Himno Nacional." [Ponder-LA]
- 1100 COLOMBIA *HJCN Emisora Musical*, Bogotá NOV 21 2355 - Fair with man in Spanish, apparently religious, gave address in US, then religious music instrumental and vocal. Fanfare and ID at 0002 (NOV 22 UTC), "Transmite radio mil... HJCN... SF Bogotá, Colombia." [Black-MA]
- 1190 MEXICO *XECT Monterrey* NL NOV 25 0137 - Sports program "La Fuerza del Deporte" and many mentions of "Producciones Diamante;" into program "Cafe Politico" and good ID at 0201, "Nuevo León, México... XECT Moreno... Nucleo Radio Monterrey." [Ponder-LA]
- 1500 VENEZUELA *YVRZ R.Dos Mil*, Cumaná NOV 24 0058 - Fair to good over WTOP with Latin pop music. ID at 0102, "Radio Dos Mil..." The WRTH shows the station as "Radio 2000." [Black-MA] "2000" in Spanish is "dos mil."

Steve speaks: While visiting relatives in northwest Louisiana over the Thanksgiving break, I "managed" to get some good catches (Good to me, at least!) using just my Kaito KA-1101. Alas, no cassette recorder and no Radio Shack AM Loop. Definitely on my list of items to bring along next time!

Transpacific DX

- 540 JAPAN *NHK1*, various stations (1 to 5 kW) NOV 27 1539 - Finally enough to get a poor parallel with 594. The little British Columbia station is the only interference at this hour. [Hutton-WA]
- 540 WESTERN SAMOA *2AP Apia* NOV 27 1428 - Mixing with the little BC Canadian - man with what sounded like a sports game although it's an odd time of day for that. The rest of the island stations were poor. [Hutton-WA]
- 585 JAPAN *JOPG Kushiro* NOV 27 1455 - This 10 kW station was the equal of mighty 300 kW 594 many times, with *NHK1* program. [Hutton-WA]

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612 JAPAN JOLK Fukuoka NOV 27 1525 - Fair and parallel 594. First thing to do when DXing Japan: set memory #1 to 594 for NHK1 and memory #2 to 774 for NHK2. [Hutton-WA]
630 ALASKA KJNO Juneau NOV 27 1523 - Ads and ID, on top of the frequency with the continental US largely in daylight. Winter is good for DXing Alaskans at sunrise as only the northwest corner of Washington is still in darkness. [Hutton-WA]
639 CHINA CNR1 various locations NOV 27 1433 - Quite nice light pop music, Music Box Dancer type sounder, "...guangbo dientai" ID. [Hutton-WA]
639 FIJI R.One, Drasa NOV 27 1432 - Assumed; fair with choral religious sounding music. Vastly overpowered later by China. [Hutton-WA]
639 JAPAN JOIP Oita NOV 28 1332 - In a mix and I picked the mix apart; one was parallel NHK1 so is JOIP. [Hutton-WA]
639 JAPAN JOBP Shizuoka NOV 28 1332 - The second part of the mix on 639 which also contained China. I'd never heard either of the Japanese stations before and there they both were. [Hutton-WA]
648 JAPAN JOIG Toyama NOV 27 1521 - Just barely parallelable to 594 NHK1 program. Only 5 kW and first time for me. [Hutton-WA]
656 NORTH KOREA Pyongyang NOV 27 1516 - One of the better performers with slow paced middle of the road music of a decidedly non-exciting nature. Followed up by a dour instrumental. [Hutton-WA]
666 JAPAN JOBK NHK1 Osaka NOV 27 1400 - Fair mixing with pop music that sounded like French standards so could be New Caledonia. [Hutton-WA]
675 VIETNAM Hanoi NOV 27 1610 - Fair with Vietnamese talk. This is a station that runs enough power to have a fair signal when propagation is OK to that area, but oddly is only heard at sunrise even when Thailand and Malaysia are heard earlier. [Hutton-WA]
684 unID NOV 28 1348 - Fair-poor with classical music. I wasn't about to hang around until the symphony was over. No parallel found on 1062 or 1557 but the chances of hearing those low power repeaters of JODF are really slim. [Hutton-WA]
702 JAPAN JOFB / JOKD NOV 28 1354 - Poor but parallel NHK2 on 774. [Hutton-WA]
729 JAPAN JOCK Nagoya NOV 27 1617 - With the sun up for almost an hour but still fair and parallel 594. [Hutton-WA]
780 ALASKA KNOM Nome NOV 28 1529 - Assumed with religious music on top of the channel that held only a weakened Reno. [Hutton-WA]
801 GUAM NOV 28 1546 - Assumed with poor-fair English religious program. Not as good a signal as in October, and conditions overall not as good either. [Hutton-WA]
890 ALASKA KBBH Homer NOV 27 1558 - All alone and good with NPR program and ID. This is a station heard every so often at sunrise when the only interference is likely the tremendous racket from Japan and South Korea on 891! [Hutton-WA]
936 CHINA NOV 27 1553 - Fair but nothing to say which this was. [Hutton-WA]
945 CHINA CNR1 multiple stations NOV 27 1550 - Good and best ever parallel to 639 which was also good. A bit surprising to hear this so well when there were few Chinese stations overall. [Hutton-WA]

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Here is the NRC column which wishes you a very Happy Easter! When sending your items along, please keep them DX and radio related, something of interest to all our readers. We're busy as bees lately, and don't even have time to get a good buzz on! Here we go:

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Our fall Midwest GTG held in Springfield MO was a great success. Though our attendance was small, we had DXers from as far away as Nebraska and Texas attend. Also want to thank Universal Radio for sending us a box of giveaways. Had a DX quiz which was lots of fun; if Frank Merrill had been there he would have won easily. Especially enjoyed visiting Randy Stewart's station KSMU 91.1 and also the PBS TV station, KOZK CH 21. Randy is a very active DXer, so lots to talk about. Weather was nice but a little cool with day temps in the mid-50's. Perhaps the most exciting thing that happened was getting locked in the KYTV CH 3 studio building. It seemed we entered a one-way door. Being Saturday, the main entrance was closed. Lucky we didn't quite have to call 911; we kept trying various extension numbers till we finally found someone in the weather department to unlock the door. After Sunday morning breakfast, we all headed home. We have had Midwest get-togethers almost every year since 1993, mostly in MO, but also in IL and OK 73

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In early October I took a long-awaited trip to Newfoundland. I didn't do any hard-core DXing, but did enjoy listening to the local stations and a fair number of TAs. I explored St. John's, Marystown, Corner Brook and also visited Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor, and went hiking in Terra Nova and Gros Morne national parks and other places I stopped for a look around Cappyhayden on Oct. 3, but there was no DXpedition in progress. The following night I was in Marystown, where I first heard Newfoundland 30 years ago (CBNM-740 after spending many mornings at the radio at 3:30 a.m. CST in the early 1970s). In Marystown, I spent much of the evening DXing with the Sony ICF-S5W. Heard this evening were RNE-684 from Spain, BBC R. Five-693, unID Arabic station on 819 (Egypt or Morocco?) UK Talksport on 1089, Also heard a Spanish station on 890 that I couldn't figure out until two weeks later when I heard them in Maine (I think it was Dedham, Mass). There were few stations in Canada heard west of Montreal this week, and only a few U.S. clears west of the Hudson River. I did hear WMVP-1000 well after midnight. I also looked at the CHCM-740 transmitter site on a rainy morning, I'm not sure if this is the same location as CBNM. Three nights later, I also did some listening with the Sony in Corner Brook, and heard a few TAs, not as strong as on the 4th, and heard strong WDEA-1370, and WSAR-1480 and WLAM-1470. On the evening of October 8, I was on the Trans Canada Highway on the way to Grand Falls-Windsor in the early evening and heard Radio Sweden-1179 in English, Kvitsoy-1314 (even though the car radio tuned in 10 kHz increments.) I accidentally pressed the "scan" button in the dark, and the radio stopped at 1520 for a strong Saudi Arabia-1521 signal. Also heard during this time was CKEC-1320, CKDY-1420, BBC-693, And BBC R.5-909 The next evening I was headed for St. John's and heard many of the same TAs, such as Sweden-1179, Saudi Arabia-1521, BBC on 693 and several others. I checked into the Battery Hotel that evening and then scrambled up the top of Signal Hill in the dark. (I had returned the rental car) I was able to listen to BBC R. Five-693 with the Sony from the spot on which Marconi supposedly heard the first trans-Atlantic radio signal in 1901. This was a real highlight! I also heard other TAs while leaning against Cabot Tower, including RNE-774, unID German on 756, French (Switzerland?) on 765, R. Five on 909, Arabic (Algeria?) heard on 891, and several others I couldn't ID. (Good tp hear on you Karl-DWS)

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When you stop and think about it, the DX season is just about half way complete. Hearing anything that you'd like to share with the membership? Still getting situated in the new locale, should have the receivers set up by the time this hits print (I've said that before!). With that, may everyone have a very HAPPY HOLIDAY and the BEST TO ALL in 2005!

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