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AM Switch

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

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CP ON THE AIR

740 WMIN WI Hudson - Granted Program Test Authority (meaning they are on the air) for the daytime and nighttime service.

APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

1110 KAGV AK Big Lake - CP issued for U1 10000/10000 at N63-38-05 with U2 90/4. This renews an OLD grant for this station from back in 3/2002.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1160 KZGO WI Marinette - Application is to move to a new 471' tower and reduce day and nighttime power levels to become U1 5000/5000.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

570 WMAM WI Marinette - Application is to move to a new 471' tower and reduce day and nighttime power levels in order to keep the same coverage. They have also applied for U1 197/78. This is a re-application from earlier in the year.

600 WQMV TN Water Valley - Application covers adding night service to be U1 1000/4, and to move the transmitter site to an existing 220' tower approximately I.1 miles from the existing site, using a folded unipole mounted on the side of the tower.

1260 WQMV TN Water Valley - Applies to move to a new tower site and decrease nighttime power to become U1 1000/500.

1280 KYRO MO Potosi - Applies to increase nighttime power (from 84 Watts) to become U1 500/52 from a new, taller tower at N37-58-26 W90-45-49. This supersedes their previous application for U1 500/70.

1400 KCLC WA Goldendeale - The application submitted is for a coordinate correction, but no mention of nighttime operation is made. This application is for 1000 Watts only. Since they already operate U1 1000/1000, I wonder if the applicant is aware the FCC might grant them daytime authority, and that's all!!! They had applied for 250 Watts nights about a year ago.

1440 WENY NY Gloversville - Application covers an increase in daytime power to become U2 1000/500.

1500 KBRN TX Boerne - Applies to increase daytime power and add nighttime service. If granted, KBRN will become U1 1000/500.

1560 KAAA CA San Francisco - This CP-listed silent station has applied to be classified as a non-commercial, educational station, as the pending new owner is a religious organization. A report had stated they were back on, but telephone attempts to contact them have failed. Do we have any readers in the Aberdeen vicinity who can verify one way or the other?

1570 WLBQ KY Morgantown - Coordinate correction to N37-13-09 with N86-41-21.

APPLICATIONS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1190 WAMT FL Pine Castle-Sky Lake - Licensed for U1 5000/0, WAMT has a CP for U1 2200/136. This amendment requests U1 2200/105.

1190 KRFT MO Topeka - Licensed for U1 10000/0, KRFT has a CP for U4 10000/22. They may have an agreement with the city for daytime power only at the new facility, and the nighttime facilities only from a new 6-tower site. This latest amendment requests to continue operating the 22 Watt night signal from the original site to cover the new facility.

1380 KMUL TX Muleshoe - Licensed for U1 10000/148, KMUL has a CP to move to 830 KHz and change the city-of-license to Farrell. This new transmitter site of N42-34-29 W105-23-36 with U1 3500/0 U4 2900/000 CH 1900. This amendment requests to move the transmitter site to an existing 220' tower approximately 1.1 miles from the existing site, using a folded unipole mounted on the side of the tower.

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580 WLES VA Lawrenceville - Licensed for U1 5000/51, WLES has a pending application for U1 5000/51. This amendment requests U1 201/27 with a change in city-of-license to Bon Air, Virginia.

1030 NEW CA Elk Grove - Original application was for U4 50000/5000. This amendment requests U4 50000/10000.

1140 KGOL TX Humble - Licensed for U4 50000/10000, KGOL has an application to increase nighttime power to become U4 10000/4700. This amendment requests to add Critical Hours operation to become U2 10000/4700 CH 10000.

1200 NEW TX Harriman - Original application was for U1 10000/1000 from a 200' tower. This amendment requests to change the location and new site specified the tower height as 194'. Possibly to avoid having to light the tower?

1550 KCYC CA San Francisco - Several applications have been rescinded or dismissed, leaving KCYC with only one application still on file: move to Campbell, CA with U1 12000/16000 from a new 4-tower site.

APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

770 KAAM TX Garland - Licensed for U4 10000/1000, KAAM applied to increase their nighttime power to 1100 Watts and skew the night pattern 5 degrees further west (from 185 to 190 degrees). Initially this application was denied by the FCC, but this action returns the application to pending status.

850 WFTL FL West Palm Beach - Licensed for U4 5000/1000, WFTL applied to increase their nighttime power levels to become U4 10000/11000 from a new 4-tower site. Then
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**CPC Report**

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**To begin our report, a comment from René F. Tetro, Chief Engineer, WNTT-990 and WFIL-560. René writes, “Just wanted to drop you a note to thank you for turning me on to the tones on the NRC/CPC page. Those sweeps really did the trick. Most of the loggings we got on Friday night we made using those sweeps.” René is talking about some sweep tones that I put together for testing AM broadcast transmitters. These “sweep tones” consist of a low frequency tone changing in pitch to a high pitch tone over a period of as much as 6 seconds to as little as 4.5 seconds. The purpose of the tone is to check the linearity of an AM transmitter; however, the tones really stick out well if the signal is weak.

In other news, two unconfirmed tests were announced in IRCA’s DX Monitor. Stations testing include WXCT-990 Southington, CT from 0000-0200 on January 9, and KFBK-1530 Sacramento, CA from 0200-0600 on January 10. More details as they are confirmed. René F. Tetro, Chief Engineer of WNTT-990 and WFIL-560, also informed us, “Due to some scheduling conflicts that have arisen in the past week, I’m going to have to change the schedule for the WFIL DX Test on January 8, 2005. The test will now be conducted between 0200 and 0330 EST, rather than the originally scheduled 0100-0300. I should note, listen for those sweep tones as well as for Morse Code IDs.

Letters are going out to stations as I try to set up tests for the club. I’ll make my pitch here and ask all DXers to help if you can by sending some stamps to help with the costs of such a mailing. Perhaps you can just get a small book of (20) 37-cent stamps and send them to me along with a letter suggesting some DXers that might be good targets. If a good portion of the membership just send in a few stamps, we’ll be OK for this DX season. I’ve spent dam near all of October and November smoozing all some of the station Chiefs that I know.

In addition to asking for tests, I’m also asking for advance notice if a powerhouse goes off for some reason. I’ll use that notice to let the others know of those events.”

Best to you this holiday season. 73, good DX, and get out and support the radio hobby!
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DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- Remember that Bill Dvorak will be doing DDXD-West effective with the January 17 edition (deadline January 7). Bill’s e-mail is westlogs@aol.com and his snail mail is 301 Algoma Street, Madison WI 53704-4812. If you’ve already submitted some items to me instead of Bill, don’t worry; I’ll forward any late arriving items (e-mail or snail mail) to Bill.

- Your new DDXD-W editor has some words of wisdom this week! Here’s Bill: “It is with pleasure and a healthy dash of humility that I assume the post of DDXD-W editor. I first discovered DXing in 1956, when I was just 11 years old. Pursuit of this hobby has provided me with a lifetime of enjoyment. I try to give back what I receive, but it never is enough. It is the spirit of giving back that has led me to co-host the Madison-Wisconsin DX Get-together the last 11 years, and in doing so I have met many of you. Now I hope to work with many more of you, spreading vital log information to other NRC DXers. I have been an NRC member since October 1993, about the time when the current East and West zones for DDXD were drawn. In all this time, there have only been two DDXD-W editors: Bill Hale and Harry Helms. Talk about some big shoes to fill! I pledge to do everything in my power to maintain the high standards that they established. I ask for your support. If you currently contribute, please continue to do so. If you haven’t contributed, or if it has been a while, please consider doing so. The more we share station information, listening conditions, DX tips, the stronger our hobby is. Happy New Year to all NRC members!”

- And I welcome your loggings. . . well, actually, I don’t want your logs now. But Bill Dvorak sure does! Use the format you see here, and please include enough details to make your loggings useful to others trying to hear the station (such as how a station’s call letters were given instead of merely reporting “heard”). Use Eastern local time for all loggings, regardless of your local time zone. And please be sure to include your name and location from which you heard the station—I had to include one set of logs this time because the reporter didn’t give his location, and another set because the reporter didn’t include his name or location!

REPORTERS:


CR-IL Christos Rigas, Wood Dale. Drake R8, Quantum Pro loop.

DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu. Honda car radio (presumably a Honda car!).


JW-CO John Wilkens, Wheat Ridge. Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.

MS-MB Morris Sorenson, Winnipeg. Drake R8, DX-392, YB-400, Quantum loop.


El.-TX Your Editor, Wimberley. Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, Quantum loop.

STATION NEWS:

620 KIPA HI Hilo. 12/25 1755. Noted for first time since Oct. 2003, apparently testing with a relay of sister station KKOAFM-PM 1077 with its satellite country format hosted by a Chaz Nixon. Mentioned “The Best Country Around” several times and associated website (it’s an ABC Radio format); also local slogan “Hawaii’s Koa Country” (coa is a type of wood and is also Hawaiian for “warrior”). Top of hour ID only mentioned KKOA-FM Volcano. This is either via the main tower to an aircraft accident this morning. Station still getting out well for good. (JW-WI)

640 KFI CA Los Angeles. 12/19 2058. Captain Dale Dye answering telephone questions from listeners and into local news with the top story being the loss of the KFI main tower to an aircraft accident this morning. Station still getting out well on reduced power and the auxiliary antenna. (PG-CO)

1560 KKAA SD Aberdeen, 12/15 1718. REL music uninterrupted until 1728 when man says “We’re glad you’re listening to KKAA in Aberdeen, South Dakota, your place for Christian music and Bible teaching 24 hours a day.” So is ex-NexTalk. (JW-WI)

THE DX TEST THAT WASN’T HEARD

990 WNTF PA Philadelphia. 12/11 0001-0102. Not heard. No sires, Morse code, nothing. However, did hear KATD-CA (easily phased out), leaving SS station dominant with pop music that was not USA-inspired (only recognized “Bully” at 0014). Presumably on XEFC-BMN, which has been heard before. Between songs, just one word “Rah-co” is, although a short jingle was added occasionally. Very weak behind was EE talk show, presume KTMS-CA, also heard here before. (BK-CA)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

580 KIDO ID Boise. 12/13 0819. Typical wake-up fare on program “AM Idaho”; Boise and Meridian ads; traffic, weather, mentions of kido.com. Generally fair with QRM. (JJR-WI)

610 KONA WA Kennewick. 12/3 0859. PST time check; ads for a area bank and a factory outlet store; un-lega ID at 0859-53: “You’re listening to KATD-Kennewick-Richland, 610 AM, Information Radio”; the city of license is supposed to come first, in this case Kennewick; ABC news followed at 0900. Briefly dominant w/good signal. (JW-WI)


620 CKRM SK Regina. 12/4 0055. Fair in WTM log with C&G music and CKRM mention. (JW-WI)

620 WRJZ TN Knoxville. 12/4 0016. In WTMJ pull w/legal talk and mention of WRJZ. (CR-IL)

620 KTB LA Thibodaux. 12/19 2127. “6-40 AM, KTB ID” and into promo for Fox Sports Radio. “The Bayou region’s information authority” at 2154. (PG-CO)

680 WCNN GA North Atlanta. 12/17 1708. Fair with “880 the Fan, Atlanta’s Sports Station” into promo. NEW! (JJR-WI)

830 WTRU NC Kernersville. 12/17 0730. Poor, way w/WCCO. “AM 830 the Truth, calls, traffic, next check 1915, show: NEW! (JJR-WI)

880 WKBZ GA Jefferson. 12/18 0755. Poor but clear, very local chatter, “… old school… Dusty Daryl… WKBZ.” OLD R&B! NEW! (JJR-WI)

930 WBEN NY Buffalo. 12/17 0554. Poor but with others. Local news, calls. No sign of usual WAG. (JJR-WI)

930 CJCA AB Edmonton. 12/14 1812. GOS music; then at 1815 man says “tune in to the Dr. Morris show weekdays from 1-3 only on the New 9-30 CJCA,” then more music. Also heard next morning at 0907 ELT with call ID and “Five Day Weather Forecast” (predicted low -19 deg.). Fair signal both times. (JJR-WI) That temperature is likely Celsius. For the benefit of our American friends, please note that Canada even has its own flag and money! (Ed.-TX)

930 WLBL WI Wausau. 12/8 0705. Poor with WJ Public Radio, calls over others. Rare! (JJR-WI)

930 WRVC WV Huntington. 12/17 1805. Poor with calls, weather, one over two others. (JJR-WI)

930 CJEX SK Yorkton. 12/7 0553. Poor with “GX 94” and C&W music. No CIW all at (JJR-WI)

990 WWJ MI Detroit. 12/13 2100. Very poor in CFAM partial null with ID mentioning that they are Michigan’s only all news radio station. Only the second time I’ve heard them here. (MS-MB)

970 KFTA ID Rupert. 12/9 2201. Third period play-by-play of Minicos? vs. Natrona County (WY) basketball game in EE (KFTA is normally SS); local spots during breaks. Generally fair, mixing with KBUL and others. (JJR-WI)

970 WDAY ND Fargo. 12/12 0800. Very poor but very clear “Fargo-Moorhead” and that was it. Very rare! (JJR-WI) Why assume it’s WDAY? What is “Fargo-Moorhead”? That could be the name of a country and western singer, a NASCAR racing champion, or the hero quarterback at a local high school. (Ed.-TX)

970 WMAY IL Springfield. 12/9 0605. Poor with two local ads, calls, TALK format. (JJR-WI)

970 WOXL NC Canton. 12/11 0607. Poor but along with jingles. OLD / FM. (JJR-WI)

990 WNTF PA Philadelphia. 12/11 0046. Very poor with sweep tones, test announcements, tones @50. CBW null. NEW! (JW-WI)

1120 WKCE TN Nashville. 12/8 0700. Very poor in KMOX null. ESP, legal ID. Second time heard. (JJR-WI)
Our local on 1280, KBNO, was having technical problems and ran OC only. This was between periods of the Medicine Hat Tigers hockey game, with the Tigers trailing 6-3; back to third period play-by-play at 2219. Good signal on faded under KSSL. (JW-CO)

due to the noise at 2125. (RJS-OH)

JLE - 12/17 2100 - French with religion. Lubavitcher pirate off (open carrier) for Sabbath. Heard very weak programming the following day beneath Lubavitcher talk. Definitely not an image, could this be a pirate near Boston? Heard again on 12/18 1900, with soft, instrumental hymns. Sounds Christian. Seems strongest to the east. Lubavitcher pirate running usual open carrier for Sabbath. Oddly, Lubavitcher returns later that evening, despite Jewish Sabbath laws which should forbid them from operating. Later in the weekend both could be heard here, the Lubavitcher station much stronger but definitely QRMed at times. (SC-ON)

SUPERWAVE 790 AM

WORp NY New York - 12/15 2150 - presumed, fading in and out of WLW slop. Stock market investment show with Jim Cramer. (RJS-OH)

WAUCp NC Charlotte - 12/10 1647 - presumed, saying they were playing "gospel music for the next generation." (JLB-NY)

WCTPp KY Covington - 12/15 2104 - presumed, poor, over and under WPTE, mostly under, with oldfashioned Christmas. (RJS-OH)


WPSp PA Doylestown - 11/29 1800 - presumed with brief message from Mother Angelica, on "EWTN Radio", into news on the hour. (LW-NY)


UNID — 12/4 1700 - French with religion. Lubavitcher pirate off (open carrier) for Sabbath. Heard very weak programming the following day beneath Lubavitcher talk. Definitely not an image, could this be a pirate near Boston? Heard again on 12/18 1900, with soft, instrumental hymns. Sounds Christian. Seems strongest to the east. Lubavitcher pirate running usual open carrier for Sabbath. Oddly, Lubavitcher returns later that evening, despite Jewish Sabbath laws which should forbid them from operating. Later in the weekend both could be heard here, the Lubavitcher station much stronger but definitely QRMed at times. (SC-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

540 WRDR WI Jackson - 12/12 2059 - clear ID, into talk show called “D.M. Live” with Dawson McCallister and Dave Kirby. Listeners asked to call the “Hope Line.” (RJS-OH)

550 WGOF MD Pocomoke City - 12/15 0646 - orchestral version of “Deck the Halls”, then “Good morning, I’m Greg Smith with timesaver WCBS.” “... Timesaver traffic on... 58 WCHS, the voice of Charleston.” (JLB-NY)

580 WCHS WV Charleston - 12/15 0645 - “Good morning, I’m Greg Smith with timesaver WCBS.” “... Timesaver traffic on... 58 WCHS, the voice of Charleston.” (JLB-NY)

620 WVMT VT Burlington - 12/4 1828 - Over and under WSNR with weather for area; “ESPN Sports” line. Mention of Tenn. V. Auburn football game coming up. (LW-NY)

690 WXAA KY Louisville - 12/17 1525 - Fox Sports Network. “Extra 7-90”, “Extra weather
WAMO PA Pittsburgh - 12/19 0340 - "WJ" and mention of both 860 and 107.1, and Pittsburg, in ID. 860 WAMO relays 107.1 WJJJ per November Pittsburgh


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WFLO VA - 12/9 1700 - Heard with formal sign off saying "WFLO-AM has come to the end of its broadcast day... we will return at 7:15am." (JLB-NY)

WHNC NC Hendersonson - 12/8 1754 - Heard as "Paradise Radio 1340 - WCBQ and 890-WHNC." (ILB-NY)

WDOR WI Sturgeon Bay - 12/17 0705 - over nothing in particular with ABC news, ID at end of local weather. "16 degrees at WDOR, your local station for sports and more" in ABC Newcast. (MKB-ON)

CFRY MB Portage la Prairie - 12/10 0741 - over nulled CKNX with promo for Made in Manitoba program. 10:30 to 11 Sunday mornings on "real country radio CFRY," local weather, ad for Interlake Auto and Tractor Parts, promo for contest to win tickets to Manitoba Moose hockey games. (MKB-ON)


WESO MA Southbridge - 11/22 1805 - Local weather report and "Country 970" non-ID, fair under WWDJ. (LW-NY)

CKGM ON Montreal - 11/22 1650 - Ad for Paramount Financial Services and ID. "Montreal's Sports Leader, Team 990." (LW-NY)

WNTP PA Philadelphia - 12/11 0046 - "WNTP" code ID. (--.--) and bits of tone noted under dominant CBW and Montreal's Team 990. QSL'd as WZZD in 1977, so not needed. (MKB-ON)

WXCT CT Southington - 12/11 0110 - Good with WNTP off for coordinated DX test. DX test with fast code and voice IDs, matching music, phone number to call, etc. New. (DH-NJ)

WALE RI Greenville - 12/11 0115 - Good with WNTP off for coordinated DX test. Call ID. New. (DH-NJ)

WIOO PA Carlisle - 12/12 1623 - Heard with motor sports racing news, ID and C/W in local WLWZ-990 splitter. (JLB-NY)

WILD MA Boston - 12/5 1533 - Phone-in show with health topic and 617-???-I090 phone number to call in. New. (SC-ON)

WNLR VA Churchville - 12/9 1621 - Caught them briefly saying "Merry Christmas from 1150-WNLR." (IILB-NY)

WXCN NC Claremont - 12/4 1143 - Mexican music and "Fiesta Mexicana" IDs. Rare daytime DX. New. (SC-ON)

WAGE VA Leesburg - 12/20 1924 - over CFGO, WCHB, et al with ad for Leesburg Chrysler-Dodge, slogan "news, talk, sports... WAGE 1200 Leesburg." (MKB-ON)

KGYN OK Guymon - 12/19 0240 - "Your Nascar Country Station, KGYN" and possible mention of Guymon. WHTT on open carrier. New. (SC-ON)

WEEX PA Easton - 12/15 1957 - Strong "ESPN Radio 1230 & 1220" with local sports match that mentioned Lehigh and Easton. New. (SC-ON)

WENY NY Elmira - 12/18 2100 - NY State tourism promo, ID with calls as "1230 and 1450." New. (SC-ON)

WHUC NY Hudson - 12/18 2022 - ID, Community Calendar, nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)

WKBQ PA Harrisburg - 12/19 1008 - "WTTK.com" web site given, WTTK is co-owned. New. (SC-ON)

WLEM PA Emporium - 12/10 1737 - Strong saying "WLEM, Emporium's country radio station." (JLB-NY)

WHKY NC Hickory - 12/20 1400 - TOH ID into news from the North Carolina News Network. Good signal. "... this is AM 1290, Hickory." (IEN-GA)

WDER NH Derry - 12/9 1557 - Heard with promo for WDER crossword puzzle game and "Life changing radio" slogan. (JLB-NY)
Radio 16-40 WTI. (RJS-OH)

WKSH WI Sussex - 12/18 2230 - Radio Disney fare. Good signal fading in and out with WTIN in Biloxi, MS. "Radio your way, Radio Disney, AM 1640, WKSH.

1650 KDZD IA Cedar Falls - 12/17 1733 - ID as KCNZ. Fox National Sports report at 1740, announcement of Iowa State in the Independence Bowl. (RJS-OH)

1670 WMWQ GA Dry Branch - 12/15 0637 - "Talkradio sixteen-seventy, WMWR" faded up briefly amid lots of static. (GL-NY)

1680 WDSS MI Ada - 12/17 1770 - song "We Will Rock You" by Queen. Alone and strong on frequency. "16-80 WDSS, Ada-Grand Rapids." (RJS-OH)


1700 WEUV AL Huntsville - 12/17 1729 - ID as WEUP; into Contemporary Gospel Christmas Music. (RJS-OH)

1610 WPIJ69 NJ Union Beach - 12/9 0830 - Good with closer Woodbridge TIS phased. Loop of winter storm safety and planning tips. New. (DH-NJ)

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

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From the "Did you know?" department: Although the first day of winter in December is the shortest day of the year, the shortest distance to the sun is actually in January. Set the alarm clock to sound before the rooster crows for some predawn DX while time is on your side. Consider this your official invitation to the hot party at 920 kHz, bring your own receiver.

Pan-American DX

535 GRENADA St.George's DEC 20015 - Fair to good at occasional peaks. Running NBC news and clearly parallel 555 kHz. New. [Highfielder-NJ]

550 JAMAICA R/R Llandilo DEC 12 1520 - Male preacher heard parallel to 700 and 720 kHz, pouring through the domestics. [Harms-MD]

610 CUBA R/Relude, Bahia Honda DEC 19 1045 - Fair with WGR nulling out; nostalgic vocals parallel 600, 620, 670, and 710 kHz. First time logged on this frequency. [Conti-NH]

690 ANGUILLA The Caribbean Beacon, The Valley DEC 13 0830 - Dr. Scott's sermon noted parallel 6090 kHz. On top. [Harms-MD] DEC 14 0330 - Good over under R.Revuelos Cuba with Dr.Gene Scott preaching; divine intervention with building of pyramids. Gave phone number and website (drgenescott.com). [Black-MA]

700 COLOMBIA HJCZ R.Reviewed, Bogota DEC 11 0003 - Fair to good with Latin music, ad string and telephone callers over Caribbean Beacon preaching with CINP phase-nullled. Full jingle and ID. [Black-MA]

700 JAMAICA R/R Hague DEC 15 0330 - Parallel 550 and 720, female announcer, jingle, into black preacher. Heard on all three frequencies, 700 kHz best. Thanks to the gang at mwdx for the ID help. All three frequencies are new here. If you haven't tried the mwdx chat room, you should, it's like a virtual DXpedition! It's on Starchat, easy to use! [Collier-PA]

750 CUBA CMHV R.Progreso. Trinidad DEC 13 1000 - Fair to good at peaks under WSB. Speechifying by Fidel; no top of the hour ID. Thanks to Willis Monk for spotting this. Weaker Spanish also heard but unidentified. New. [Highfielder-NJ]

840 HAITI 4VEH Cap Haitien DEC 14 0300 - Heard several religious songs and male announcer through WHAS and assumed Cuba. I'ddee by comparing their audio stream at http:// 4veh.com/listenlive.ass. [Harms-MD]

919.87 MEXICO XEMJI Piedras Negras, COAH DEC 17 1253 - Navidad song; male announcer with "La M-J... 920" slogan, time and temperature (6.53, 1 degree C.), then possible ads; in and out with music, male announcer separable on LSB from the 920 group. Been hearing this hot for a long time, wondering who it was. [Wilkins.CO]

920.55 COLOMBIA HJAA Emisora Fuentes, Cartagena DEC 14 0325 - Presumed with Latin music. No ID but zero-beat to previously reported "off" frequency. [Black-MA]

1000 COLOMBIA HJAB Cartagena DEC 16 0400 - Heard end of a Nokia ad, followed by sound effects, then an ID as "Radio Sucesos, RCN, Director: Juan Gossain." Thanks to Alf Aardal of #MDWX, Jean Burnell and Jay Novela for the ID confirmation. [Harms-MD]

1220 MEXICO XEB Mexico DF DEC 16 1200 - XE anthem; faded before anthem was over, but came up a few minutes later with male announcer and "XEB, La Grande" slogan; up and down. Faded into the next 20 minutes with talk, PSA's, IDs, and possibly music; fair at best in KLVZ null, mixing with KDDR. [Wilkins-CO]

1319.87 MEXICO XECIN Piedras Negras, COAH DEC 16 0300 - Still on this frequency with XE music, "La Mexicana" slogans. Fades in as early as 2230 UTC (3:30 PM local time). [Wilkins-CO]

1570 unID NOV 13 0809 - Spanish up briefly with oompah music in 3/4 time; poor. Could be California but I've heard the Caribbean here so XERF is always a possibility. [Park-HI]

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International News

**BENIN:** TransWorld Radio is building a new relay station, to be constructed near Parakoue during 2005. The transmitter will be operating on 1566 kHz with 100 kW. Visit www.twradioafrica.org/0055.asp for further details about this project. [Bernd Trutnau-LTU, ARC Information Desk]

**CUBA:** "This is good news for AM band DXers! Just came back from the start-up of the new 10 kW output Radio Progreso relay at the Isle of Youth, south of Cuba. The frequency is 730 kHz and the transmitter is rather close to the Caribbean Sea, so the 100 meter high Tunipole antenna with 120 radials should be well heard via sky wave during the evenings. The transmitter is pulse with modulated positive peak power of 125 percent possible. Send your QSL requests if you are able to pick up the new R.Progreso relay to: arnie@chc.u. I will relay them to the Progreso deputy chief engineer, as we both work in the same building. Other R.Progreso relays are 900 kHz now in San German with 25 kW PWM transmitter, 660 kHz in Santa Clara with 10 kW PWM transmitter, and 690 kHz jovelanos with 12.5 kW PWM also." [Arnie Core, R.Habana Cuba, via Mike Terry, HCXD, ARC News Desk]

**FRANCE:** Radio Livres Télérama, or Télérama for short, has begun test broadcasts on 1062 kHz mediumwave. The station is transmitting from Meudon near Paris, France, with 2 kW of power. Télérama was first reported heard by Thierry Vignaud on October 29. Currently programming consists of a test loop, but in the future the station will air music as well as cultural talk programming. More details at www.dxing.info/news/index.dx#telerama.

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**FRENCH GUIANA:** RFO Guyane, Matoury, is definitely off the air on SW as well as on MW (1070 kHz). I checked these two frequencies several times from Cayenne and Sinnamary (110 km to the west) without hearing anything. Furthermore I passed five times Matoury which is located 9 km south of Cayenne and saw only the RFO FM and TV transmitter mast on a hilltop. When departing by aircraft after sunset I noticed that this mast was clearly lit with a red light whereas no other masts were seen lit within several kilometers. Furthermore local people confirmed to me that only FM and TV is transmitted from Matoury. 1000 RFO Guyane, St. Laurent du Maroni, at the western border was checked from Sinnamary 150 km away, but never heard. Previously it only used 50 watts of power, thus I cannot say for sure that it also was off the air. During daytime the MW band was completely empty in both cities even when listening away from buildings! [Anker Petersen visiting French Guiana, DSWX DX Window Dec 14, DXLD / MWC, via Jim Renfew]

73 and Good DX!
Musings of the Members

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Here is the NRC column which welcomes you into another great year! When sending your items along, please keep them radio and DX related. And away we go:

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Greetings from central GA! As I write this on the evening of 11/22 the auroral conditions are still playing havoc here. Seems stations to the N are gone or greatly weakened, even such powerhouse stations as WLB and WSAT. I’m 75 miles SE of Atlanta and WSAT is really suffering, very good mix of WSB/radio Progresso/YVKS with Radio Progresso dominating during WSAT fades. Thanks to Bruce’s column, it was easily ID’ed. I usually don’t report these since my Spanish is paltry and they’re big power stations so I usually don’t bother. The only real problem the aurora causes is that I listen to WSAT at night on an older Magnavox boom box and Radio Progresso booms in on the boom box! With my kidney condition (I am on dialysis), I go to bed with the Savage Nation and wake up with the morning news show. Hopefully, conditions will start to calm down (after everyone catches some rare DX, of course). I’m also hearing more Radio Reloj than I can admit! 73’s

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I have been a member of the NRC since 1970 but I haven’t mused since 1971 so a brief reintroduction is probably in order. I began DXing in 1963 when I was a sophomore in high school. I didn’t even know about radio clubs until 1970 when a DX NEWS was included in a reception report response. Back then with very modest radio equipment, one could DX coast to coast. It was the beginning of my interest in radio which continues to the present day. I have an amateur extra ham radio ticket (KH6MO) but there remains a soft spot for MW DXing. I am 55 and married; our daughter graduated from college last May. By profession I am a surgeon and I’ve practiced in Honolulu for 24 years. A review of my old Springfield, MA logs while visiting my parents prompted me to write. Honolulu, which should be a DXing paradise, is actually a DX hell if you live in the city. There are 17 AM radio stations between 5 to 10 KW, often sharing towers on shoestring budgets and all within line of sight from my house. This precluded serious MW DXing from the house in that antennas capable of picking up weak signals would overload just about any receiver including an R360A or an IC-756 ProII. DXing on Oahu was best done on the windward side away from the city. I haven’t had a lot of time for that. What I needed for the home station was a good preselector. I discovered the Palstar MWS50p and I sent away for one ($275). When I tried it, I was very disappointed. There was 90+ noise all over the band; it was worse than nothing. I called Paul at Palstar to make arrangements for the return of the unit. He was interested in the problem but was willing to take back the unit for a full refund without an argument. I described the very high RF environment and he concluded that the switching diodes in the unit were noise and worked beyond my expectation. As for improving selectivity, I was able to peak with usable audio 1098 Majuro (Marshall Islands) against San Francisco on 1100 and 792 Brisbane (Australia) from KONA-790. I was pleasantly surprised by the responsiveness of Paul at Palstar. Prior to sending this Muse, I called Paul and he confirmed all the units are now using switching relays instead of diodes. (and thanks for checking in with us Al! DWS)

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IBOC - the BPL of AM DXers. In WOI Radio Group’s program schedule last spring, General Manager Bill McGlinney painted a cautionary picture of AM IBOC. He had just returned from a conference. “There are claims that only AM stations are operating HD transmitters, daytime interference from adjacent stations will significantly reduce each station’s coverage area.” In subsequent correspondence with WOI’s CE, another claim made was that the average DI (thus Industry standard) for Class Cs (locals) does better than that. WSUI-910 was playing with their IBOC 12-21. Towers are 37 miles from here. No matter how I oriented my DX machine (my wife’s 1989 Motorola portable), I could not null out the hash under WLS-890 without detuning WLS a couple of KHz. I must be contributing too much to WSUI. On a happier note, CKPR-580 has made it here three times this season. Just after midnight 12-19, it dominated 580 for over half an hour, sometimes at armchair level (reported). Used to be rare, hi. Does anyone know a source for a ground conductivity map of Canada, similar to the FCC? I don’t have any recent news about Industry Canada’s intention to raise the FCC power output on AM IBOC? As if our government would ever listen to Canadians or anybody else. I hope for a pleasant 2005 for all.

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We need some clean recordings of stations operating at 920 on the AM dial. The Travellog program on our web site will feature some of these. I will begin editing the IDs already in the collection in April, 2005 — but the following stations are not in the collection. We only need a minute that includes the legal ID (call letters and city of license). The best ones have a hint of the format leading up to the hourly ID and just the first item of news at the top of the hour — if that is what the station does. Here are the stations at 920 I’m missing: WOFL - Hazlehurst, GA; WGOJ - Russellville, LA; KLF - Odessa, TX; KSVA - Albuquerque, NM; KIHM - Reno, NV; KVIN - Ceres, CA; KESI - Palm Springs, CA; KVEC - San Luis Obispo, CA (The asterisk means we have recording of stations at 920 in that city, but with former call letters.) I can accept anything from cassettes to CDs, e-mail messages using mp3 and I can download from websites, of course. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

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Hi everyone. I have just rejoined the NRC after a hiatus of several years and thought to do a re-intro. I’m 50, married, and work for Wal-Mart. I was a member of the NRC some years ago and used to attend Ray Arruda’s Thanksgiving GTGs in Acushnet MA where I spent many a happy hour. I dropped out of the club for awhile because DXing was becoming stale...same old stations on the same old frequencies. But now that I have moved from MA to MN, I feel re-energized again, and I hope to start a new logbook. Equipment here is an old Radio Shack TRF from when they first came out in the 70’s (and which still works pretty well), the car radio, a Grundig 5350 and an old York radio from the 80’s that my mother-in-law gave me which I hope to try out. 73’s to all. (Thanks for checking in Rick! DWS)

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The first full day of operation for WBSXNN-16 was recorded on Thursday 12/23 from approx. 0930 til 2130 EST and the measurements were started. This is being done to see what the actually field intensity measurements are from the ground conductivity in the area. Right now it is BILL ALISAUSKAS closest station, the next would be the TIS station on 530 in Matamoras, PA, then WLDC-1490. The reception reports will be of interest since we’re interested to see if any daytime skywave conditions show up at the higher frequency and that were are only using a 50-foot top loaded antenna. Measurements will have to go out to a distance of 60+ miles and the station can only be operated during ‘non critical” hours (2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset). We’ll verify reports too! As we get the new year under way, let us all make a big effort to keep the DX going, reporting to your column of choice and keeping the NRC at the top! 73

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