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From the Publisher ... According to Saul Chernos, NRC member Don Trelford passed away on January 16 of emphysema and related heart problems. Don had lived in both Toronto, Canada and Jamaica in recent years, and Saul characterized him as "a charming man, bitten by the DX bug like the rest of us, and with wonderful stories to tell about a life that was truly varied and interesting." Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Doreen and family.

We've received a couple of renewal checks made out for the "wrong" amount recently ... but have no fear; we'll merely adjust the expiration

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date to match if it's more than two dollars off. Welcome to these new members ... Greg Coniglio, Alden, NY (rejoins), Bernd Rouvel, Hamburg, Germany; Peggy Leifert, Woodridge, IL (rejoins); Donald Barnes, Golden, CO (rejoins).

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 5, 1955 DXN: Len Kruse, Dubuque, IA supplied a list of 93 Construction Permits for new stations that were outstanding as of 1/27/55. He reported that KGU-740 could be heard in the clear on Tuesdays until their 0415 sign-off.

25 years ago ... from the February 4, 1980 DXN: Yngve Mattsson, DX'ing from Northern Sweden, listed some of his active reports out to stations he'd heard recently: KLTC-1460, KOOK-970, KWIZ-1480, WEMP-1250, KGCC-1480, WKKR-1310, KSEN-1150, WTMJ-620, KHAR-590, WSAR-1480, KIML-1270, CKOC-1150, CHCM-550, CKGA-730, VOVM-590, CBNA-600, CBNM-740, CKDM-730, CFNB-550, CKLC-1380, CKKC-1390, CESM-1250, CJAR-1240, CBJ-1580, CJSL-1280, and CKST-1070.

10 years ago ... from the February 6, 1995 DXN: SPEEDX, active since 1971 joined the ranks of the former DX clubs ... Tony Fitzherbert's "Station Profile" featured WQBA-1140.

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!

ALL RADIO

National Radio Club, Inc. www.nrcradio.org

ALL RADIO Vol 2 is now available from NRC's Publication Center. This two-cassette tape set features the following: George Gimarc and Pat Reeder talk about their book, "Hollywood Hi-Fi!", (March 6, 1997) and play examples of songs that just don't cut it. How many of you remember KLIF-1190 in Dallas, Texas? Steve Eberhardt, owner of <historyofklif.com> tells us why this station was an icon of radio, due in part to Gordon McLendon, radio programming innovator and sportscaster. Following Steve is NRC member Ben Dangerfield talking about what it was like to DX during World War II. Bob Savage, owner of WYSL, worked at stations like WIBG, WKBW, and CLKW; Bob talks about his career and radio. Finally, the business meetings from the 2003 convention in Dallas and 2004 convention in Rochester NY are featured. This two-cassette package comes in a dual cassette case, @ \$6.00 post paid US (1st class mail). Other areas of the world, and persons requiring special delivery, contact the Pub Center at 315-387-3583, krazyken@tcenet.net, or P.O. Box 164 - Mannsville NY 13661 USA. Order Item ART-2. U.S.A Price \$5.00; Canada \$7.00; Overseas \$9.00. Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY residents, please add sales tax.

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call	New Call
1050 WCMS	VA Norfolk
1280 KILM	TX Pearsall
1310 WDXD	MI Dearborn
1350 KTXJ	TX Jasper
1400 KKTK	TX Texarkana
	WVXX
	KVWG
	WDTW
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CPs ON THE AIR

930 WLBL	WI Auburndale - CP for U1 5000/70 is on the air.
1060 WKNG	GA Tallapoosa - Granted Program Test Authority for D1 11000/0 CH 5000.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1310 WDOC	KY Prestonsburg - Granted U1 5000/25.
1340 KWBC	OK Midwest City - Granted CoL change from Oklahoma City. Station remains U1 1000/1000.
1390 KFFK	AR Rogers - Licensed for U1 1000/49, KFFK had a CP for U1 1000/30 from a new transmitter site at N36-23-18 W94-11-34. This amendment grants the U1 5000/30 from that new site.
1410 KKLO	KS Leavenworth - Coordinate correction to N39-16-24 W94-54-27.
1430 WDAL	GA Dalton - Granted U1 2500/72.
1450 KZNU	UT St. George - CP granted to relocate to a new 160' tower at N37-02-17 W113-38-12.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

970 KTRW	WA Spokane - Applies to go non-directional at night by reducing power. If granted, they will become U1 5000/35.
1040 WOKT	KY Cannonsburg - Applies to move to 1080 kHz with D1 1800/0.
1090 KNUZ	TX Bellville - Applies to change city-of-license (CoL) to Katy, Texas, remaining D1 250/0.
1380 KWJL	CA Lancaster - Applies to change the CoL to Rosamond, California. Station remains U4 1000/11 at their current location.
1430 WXAM	KY Buffalo - Applies to change CoL to Hodgenville, Kentucky and add night-time service as U1 1000/42.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

740 WGSM	NY Huntington - Licensed for U4 25000/43, WGSM has a CP for U4 20000/50. This amendment requests D3 50000/0 with a CoL change to Mount Olive, New Jersey.
840 KPMP	CA Modesto - This new station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 4000/5000. This amendment requests U4 5000/5000.
960 WGGT	FL Golden Gate - This new station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 500/500 and an amendment to change the CoL to North Palm Beach, Florida with U1 250/215. This amendment requests U5 500/250.
1120 KLIM	CO Limon - Licensed for D1 250, KLIM has a CP to change the CoL to Security, Colorado, increase daytime power, and add night service as U4 17500/3. This amendment requests to revert the CoL to Limon with the new facilities.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

648 WVUV	AS Leone - Licensed for U1 10000/10000, WVUV has applied to move to 720 kHz with U1 5000/5000. This amendment changes the transmitter site coordinates.
660 KGDP	CA Orcutt - KGDP has submitted a number of amendments to its Auction 84 application to move to Oildale, California. This latest one requests U4 2500/

810 WYRE	MD Annapolis - Licensed for D1 250/0, WYRE applied to move to Essex, Maryland with D1 250/0. This amendment requests D1 240/0 CH 240.
900 WFIA	KY Louisville - Licensed for U1 1000/164, WFIA applied to move to Indian Hills, Kentucky with U2 1000/1000. This amendment requests U1 1000/164 from Indian Hills.
980 KKMS	MN Richfield - Licensed for U3 5000/5000, KKMS applied to move the CoL to Eagen, Minnesota with the same facilities. This amendment requests U3 3500/3500 from Eagen.
1110 KEOR	OK Atoka - Licensed for D3 5000/0, KEOR applied to move to Catoosa, Oklahoma with D4 1000/0 CH 1000 on 1120 kHz. This amendment requests D4 2000/0 CH 2000 on 1120.
1250 KQYN	CA Twentynine Palms - Licensed for U1 1000/105, KQYN applied to move to Yucca Valley, California with U1 1000/100. This amendment requests U1 800/77 from Yucca Valley.
1360 WPTT	PA McKeesport - Licensed for U2 5000/1000, WPTT applied to move to Apollo, Pennsylvania with D3 9000/0 on 910 kHz. This amendment requests D3 7000 from Mount Lebanon, PA on 910.
1370 WLTC	NC Gastonia - Licensed for U1 12000/30, WLTC was granted a CP for U1 20000/30. This amendment now requests U1 3000/45 with a CoL change to Pineville, North Carolina.
1380 WMJR	KY Winchester - Licensed for U1 2500/40, WMJR applied to move to Nicholasville, Kentucky with D1 2500/0 from a new transmitter site. This amendment requests D1 5000/0 from Nicholasville.
1390 WLCM	MI Charlotte - Licensed for U4 5000/70, WLCM applied for U4 5000/1300 with a change in CoL to Holt, Michigan. This amendment requests U1 5000/4500 from Holt.
1390 WBLL	OH Bellefontaine - Licensed for U1 500/81, WBLL applied for D1 500/0 with a CoL change to Grandview Heights, Ohio. This amendment requests D3 500/0 from Grandview Heights.
1520 WRSL	KY Stanford - Original application was for D1 1000/0 with a CoL change to Corbin, Kentucky on 1600 kHz. This amendment requests U1 2000/27 from Corbin at a new transmitter site.
1580 WTTN	WI Watertown - Licensed for U1 1000/6, WTTN applied to move to Columbus, Wisconsin with D1 470/0 CH 470. This amendment requests D1 1500/0 CH 460 from Columbus.
1590 KEAS	TX Eastland - Original application was for D1 1000/0 with a CoL change to Carlsbad, Texas CH 1000. This amendment requests the same facilities at a new transmitter site.
1600 WMCW	IL Harvard - Licensed for U1 500/18, WMCW applied to move to Weston, Wisconsin on 1180 with D1 10000/0 CH 3100. This amendment requests D1 6500/0 CH 2600 from Weston. This is another of those weird Auction 84 applications. Harvard, Illinois is just east of Rockford near the Wisconsin border. Weston is west of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, making it a 200+ mile move.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS FOR PENDING FACILITIES

750 NEW	ME Hampden - Original application was for U2 50000/1500. This amendment requests U2 50000/10000.
850 NEW	CA San Luis Obispo - Original application was for U4 250/250. This amendment requests U4 500/500.
870 NEW	NH Fitzwilliam Depot - Original application was for U2 250/250. This amendment requests U2 900/500.
1050 NEW	AK Chugiak - Original application was for U1 1000/400. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000.
1100 NEW	MN Albert Lea - Original application was for U4 1000/260. This amendment requests U4 850/230.
1120 NEW	ME Richmond - Original application was for U1 1000/1000. This amendment requests U2 1000/600.
1140 NEW	RI Greenville - Original application was for U1 1000/213. This amendment requests U4 280/670.
1160 NEW	AK Chugiak - Original application was for U1 50000/580. This amendment

- requests U1 3000/400.
- 1290 NEW AK Sitka - Original application was for U1 1000/1000. This amendment requests U1 2500/1250.
 - 1330 NEW NY Ontario - Original application was for U4 1000/2000. This amendment requests a change in transmitter site with the same facilities.
 - 1350 NEW WA Raymond - Original application was for U2 1000/300. This amendment requests U4 1000/300.
 - 1400 NEW OR Bend - Original application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000.
 - 1400 NEW WA Newport - Original application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U2 5000/350 on 1370 kHz.
 - 1430 NEW AK Wasilla - Original application was for U1 1000/1000 CH 1000. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000 (no CH).
 - 1490 NEW CO Del Norte - Original application was for U1 250/250. This application requests U1 1000/1000. Del Norte is in south-central Colorado just up the road from the 'famous' Pagosa Springs. [Note: this corrects the FCC's typo which appeared in last issue's AMS]
 - 1590 NEW AL Opp - Original application was for U4 500/250. This amendment requests U4 330/300.
 - 1600 NEW WY Casper - Original application was for U1 1000/250. This amendment requests U2 5000/1000.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 700 NEW FL Gibsonsia - Applies for U4 2500/250. Gibsonsia is a Lakeland suburb.
- 840 NEW AK Kenai - Applies for U1 10000/1900.
- 870 NEW PA Reading - Applies for U4 850/225 from two transmitter sites.
- 900 NEW AS Leone - Applies for U1 5000/5000.
- 1070 NEW MD Pokomoke City - Applies for U4 500/250.
- 1120 NEW ME Richmond - Applies for U4 1000/600.
- 1170 NEW GU Agana - Applies for U1 250/250.
- 1230 NEW GA Hiawassee - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
- 1250 NEW CO Johnstown - Applies for U4 250/350.
- 1280 NEW NY Rotterdam - Applies for U4 5000/400.
- 1310 NEW TX Moore - Applies for U4 250/200.
- 1340 NEW CO Steamboat Springs - Applies for U1 175/175.
- 1400 NEW SD Pierre - Applies for U1 1000/1000.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

- 740 WI2XAC PR Ponce - Application for this synchronous station of WIAC San Juan with U1 500/100 has been dismissed.

APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

- 1030 KBUF KS Holcomb - Application for U12 2500/1200 CH 2500 has been returned to 'pending' status.
- 1460 WRVK KY Mount Vernon - Application for U1 1200/93 has been returned to 'pending' status.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

- 780 WREY FL Mulberry

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

710 WTPR TN Paris	1240 KDEC IA Decorah	1410 KGRN IA Grinnell
740 KBOE IA Oskaloosa	1240 KBIZ IA Ottumwa	1410 KLEM IA LeMars
850 KWOF IA Waterloo	1240 WENK TN Union City	1400 KADR IA Elkader
910 WSUI IA Iowa City	1280 KCOB IA Newton	1440 KCHE IA Cherokee
920 KYFR IA Shenandoah	1290 WMCS WI Greenfield	1440 WNFL WI Green Bay
960 KMA IA Shenandoah	1320 KMAQ IA Maquoketa	1450 KMRY IA Cedar Rapids
990 KAYL IA Storm Lake	1340 KROS IA Clinton	1470 KWAY IA Waverly
1010 KRNI IA Mason City	1340 WBAC TN Cleveland	1480 KLEE IA Ottumwa
1070 KILR IA Estherville	1340 WJYI WI Milwaukee	1490 WESL IL East St. Louis
1080 KOAK IA Red Oak	1360 KMJM IA Cedar Rapids	1490 KXLQ IA Indianola
1090 KSOU IA Sioux Center	1360 KSCJ IA Sioux City	1490 KRIB IA Mason City
1090 KNWS IA Waterloo	1370 KDTM IA Dubuque	1520 KSBP IA Creston
1190 KDAO IA Marshalltown	1380 KCIM IA Carroll	1530 KDSN IA Denison
1220 KJAN IA Atlantic	1400 KCOG IA Centerville	1550 KIWA IA Sheldon
1230 KFJB IA Marshalltown	1400 KVFD IA Fort Dodge	1570 KMCD IA Fairfield

- 1580 WKKD IL Aurora
- 1600 WMCW IL Harvard
- 1700 KBGG IA Des Moines
- 1600 WCGO IL Chicago Heights
- 1600 KCRG IA Cedar Rapids

-- Next week, "All Missouri, All the Time..." --

HEAR AND THAR

- ☐ Reported as silent this past week: **KQYN-1250 Twentynine Palms, California**; Formerly silent **WCST, 1010 kHz, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia** has been heard back on the air with C&W programming and ABC News on 1/27/2004. ID's most often as "93.5 WDHC", with occasional announcements as "WCST".
- ☐ For those of you who attended the NRC's 2003 convention and visited the KRLD-1080 studios at the Ballpark in Arlington, hold on to your pictures and memories. Infinity has announced that KRLD will be moving from The Ballpark to a Dallas office building along with Infinity's other five local stations.
- ☐ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, John Bowker, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, and YOU.**

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

TOTALS:	<u>1230</u>	<u>1240</u>	<u>1340</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>1450</u>	<u>1490</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Wayne Heinen Aurora, CO	14	16	8	15	21	23	77

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DDXD-West

From the Vast Westland

- By popular demand (or more accurately, because of my own curiosity), this week we present a few facts about the Vast Westland. Twenty-eight U.S. states plus parts of five others, four Canadian provinces plus part of one other, and three Canadian territories are contained within its boundary. Total land area is 5,579,445 square miles, or 14,450,763 square kilometers. The population (2002 est.) is 158,961,056. Hey, folks, I'm not makin' this stuff up— it's too good!
- Because of various glitches that Paul was experiencing, parts of both DDXD-W and DDXD-E went AWOL from issue 72-16. Those missing loggings have returned to base, and the West ones will be found in the "Regular Loggings" section below. (And thanks to those sharp-eyed DX'ers who told me about this gaff -pls.)
- There is some great stuff in DDXD-W this week— Los Angeles station news, news of a DX test that did not happen, plenty of great loggings. Enjoy! 73 Bill

Reporters

- BK-CA** Bob Karchevski, Sunnyvale. DX-398 barefoot.
- CR-IL** Christos Rigas, Wood Dale. Drake R8, Quantum QX Pro loop.
- DBJ-TN** David B. Jones, Springfield. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.
- DP-HI** Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- FA-ID** Frank Aden, Boise. FRG-7 with 4-foot box loop, R8 with 110 N-S longwire.
- JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp or GE Superadio III, Radio West ferrite rod.
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- MR-UT** Mike Riordan, Salt Lake City. Sony CF-1 Radio West modified, Radio West loop.
- RT-MN** Rick Turner, Bemidji. Radio Shack TRF 12-655.
- SP-WI** Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. NRD-515, AOR LA350 loop.
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen, Aurora <amradiologbook@aol.com>. Drake R8B N/S flag and a E/W flag (Between the Honey Locust & Aspen trees) SuperPhaser II and a few random wires & QuickRecorder on the PC.
- Ed.-WI** Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone or join the listserv? Check the back page - it's all right there!

Station News

570 **KLAC CA Los Angeles** and...
 690 **XETRA BCN Tijuana** and...
 1150 **KXTA CA Los Angeles**. Per Los Angeles Times and North County Times of Escondido, these Clear Channel stations will engage in a three-way format swap from 2/03. On that day "Xtra Sports" will move from the 1150/690 simulcast to 570, including UCLA play-by-play, while the "Fabulous 5-70" adult standards goes to 690. Also, 1150 will go progressive talk featuring Ed Schultz and Air America and will change its callsign to KTLK, but will keep Clippers play-by-play. No word on whether KLAC will change its longtime callsign. (DP-HI) (The calls KTLK currently belong to 1340 Santa Barbara CA, and it is a Clear Channel station. So, look for a call change for this station, too. Ed.-WI)

1180 **KERI CA Wasco-Greenacres**. From 12/29/04 until now, station has not been powering down after sunset. I called the Chief Engineer of the station about the problem. He says I am wrong in my assertion!!! (MR-UT) (This one has been widely reported on DX Internet lists as being heard; something must be awry. Ed.-WI) (See more in "Musings of the Memories" on KERI -pls.)

DX Tests

1530 **KFBK- CA Sacramento**. 1/24 0200-0600. Listened for, but did not hear. Was also following the station on its internet stream, but they gave no code IDs, tones or anything else that would indicate that a test was ongoing. At 0305, an announcer said that the station was going off for maintenance. This was followed by about 30 seconds of dead air, and then internet programming resumed. According to IRCA CPC chair Les Rayburn, the station had to go off air to fix switching issues, and as a result could not conduct the test. It will be rescheduled at a later date. (Ed.-WI)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

620 **UNID** 1/26 0721. NOS and Lite Oldies, looped approx. NE-SW. At 0721, man says "You're listening to the home of America's best ?? ...", followed by songs by Skeeter Davis and Johnny Mathis; faded under KTAR at 0727. Very spotty after that, with no TOH break at 0800. Then at 0801, KHOW-630 turned on their IBOC, obliterating everything from 610-650 kHz. (JW-CO)

730 **CKACt QC Montreal**. 1/21 2215. FF talk fading in and out. Unable to get an ID. Not counted as heard. (RT-MN)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

580 **KJMG LA Alexandria**. 1/15 0210. EWTN religious programming, QRM from WGAC. (DBJ-TN)

640 **WWLS OK Moore**. 1/13 0045. ESPN programming, a mention of someone named Shawn appearing on WKY 930 as the voice of the Oklahoma —, callsign ID and slogan "The Sports Animal." Deep fades. Static crashes noted. (RT-MN)

660 **KCRO NE Omaha**. 1/2 0752. Contemporary Christian songs, "24 hour Christian... AM 660 KCRO." USA news. (SP-WI)

660 **WDLT AL Fairhope**. 1/9 0732. Very poor in WFAN null, WSCR splatter. ID "WDLT 660AM, nothin' but the best in blues!" NEW! (JJR-WI)

690 **WZAP VA Bristol**. 1/10 1700. Syndicated religious programming. ID "690 WZAP Bristol." (DBJ-TN)

720 **WGN IL Chicago**. 1/20 2200. ID at TOH, "This is Chicago's news and talk, 720 WGN Chicago, a Tribune Broadcasting station" into news. Subject to long fades. (RT-MN)

730 **CKDM MB Dauphin**. 1/21 1130. Weather forecast for the Dauphin area, followed by "730 CKDM." Weak, but audible. (RT-MN)

730 **CKDM MB Dauphin**. 1/26 0704. Weather (currently -24 C), then area hockey scores; call ID and C&W music at 0706. Generally fair, not much interference. (JW-CO)

740 **CHWO ON Toronto**. 1/22 0100. Oldies/NOS style music ("Go Away Little Girl" and "I Can See Clearly Now"), ID at 0120 "All time favorites, AM 740, Toronto." Strong at times. (RT-MN)

750 **WSB GA Atlanta**. 1/23 0100. Weak with some fading; "It's one o'clock and this is Charlie O'Brien in the WSB newsroom." At 0105, "Atlanta's news, weather and traf-

fic station, AM 750 WSB." (RT-MN)

760 **WJR MI Detroit**. 1/24 0100. News, traffic and weather reports, numerous mentions of WJR; "Newstalk 760, WJR." (RT-MN)

780 **WBBM IL Chicago**. 1/26 2155. Good signal. Seems to give time checks every minute, prefaced by, "The WBBM newstime is..." (RT-MN)

910 **WWWR VA Roanoke**. 1/25 0659. Fair and in the clear. Southern Gospel music, legal ID "3WR Radio. WWWR 910 Roanoke, WNRV 990 Narrows", into SRN news. NEW! (Ed.-WI)

880 **CHQT AB Edmonton**. 1/4 2214. Loud over KRVN with OLD, Edmonton mentions and "Cool Oldies 880" slogans. Rolling in with an Artic cold front. (WH-CO)

910 **KLCN AR Blytheville**. 1/1 0715. Poor over others. New Years greetings, calls. (JJR-WI)

980 **KVLV NV Fallon**. 1/9 0859. Fair with sign-on announcement mentioning power, address, frequency; "Join KVLV Radio for the best in Country and the latest news, sports, weather, livestock, and Ag reports...as we start another Country day on KVLV Fallon". (JW-CO)

1000 **KFLG AZ Bullhead City**. 1/6 1921. "K-Star AM 1000 forecast... for Colorado River Valley," followed by an ad, a PSA, and a program note for "When Radio Was" "...on 14-90 K-Triple Z" (sister station); back to EZL/NOS songs at 1924. Not very strong but in the clear for several minutes. (JW-CO)

1070 **KNX CA Los Angeles**. 12/26 2347. NFL review; man saying "KNX newstime..." and traffic update; weather on "KNX 10-70"; "KNX newstime 8:51," business feature on baby boomers. Poor to fair, KWAI 1080 QRM. (DP-HI)

1070 **KATQ MT Plentywood**. 1/7 1807. Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" in progress; local bank ad at 1810 was followed by regional news on the Northern News Network; call letter ID at 1814; program note for "Coaches' Corner" on Saturdays. Fair at best. (JW-CO)

1110 **WBCA AL Bay Minette**. 1/9 0710. Fair. Local ads, calls and "Joy 1110" slogan. (JJR-WI)

1120 **KPNW OR Eugene**. 12/28 2325. Talk, ABC Talk Radio, computer call-in. "News Radio 1120 KPNW" ID. NEW STATE. (SP WI) (Congratulations, Shery! Ed.-WI)

1190 **KHPN MO Kansas City**. 1/1 1753. Poor, with no WOWO at all! ID "1190 Radio Disney Kansas City." (JJR-WI)

1220 **KNTS CA Palo Alto**. 1/6 1953. Traffic, non-local dot.com spot, then back to Hugh Hewitt after call letter ID; faded and missed TOH ID, but came up again at 2001 with SRN news in progress. A needed call change here, last heard as KBZS. Fair at best in KLVZ null. (JW-CO)

1240 **WATT MI Cadillac**. 1/2 0400. Poor in nice fade up over mess. Fox Sports, legal ID, CBS news. (JJR-WI)

1300 **KAPL OR Phoenix**. 1/13 0930. Promo for Applegate Fellowship, IDed as "Phoenix-Jacksonville." (FA-ID)

1300 **KLER ID Orofino**. 1/13 0940. Came up briefly under KAPL, "KLER greatest music." (FA-ID)

1320 **KLWN KS Lawrence**. 1/26 0745. "KLWN Sports Update" with detailed KU basketball summary, followed by other conference results; gal with weather at 0749. Fair overall. (JW-CO)

1340 **KIJV SD Huron**. 12/30 1922. Ad for KIJV Park 'n' Ride passes to Sioux Falls airport; faded away after another call letter ID. Poor in null of local KCFR. A new one here, SD #33. (JW-CO)

1340 **KOLE TX Port Arthur**. 1/6 1959. Fair; Michael Medved, legal ID "Talk radio fair and balanced, KOLE Port Arthur, News Radio Fox 1340. It's 7 o'clock," into Fox Radio news. NEW, at 945 miles! (Ed.-WI)

1350 **KTIK ID Nampa**. 12/30 1831. Sports roundup; local spots; ID's as "Idaho's Sports Leader, 1350 KTIK, The Ticket"; back to the Randy Rhodes show at 1833. Fair, mixing with KABQ. (JW-CO)

1360 **KAHS KS Eldorado**. 1/26 0809. Song "Ramblin' Rose"; at 0812 man says "...America's best music, Sunny 13-60 KAHS", followed by another song. Soon faded under KRKK; noted again briefly at 0818 with mention of www.1360kahs.com. (JW-CO)

1360 **WGFA IL Watseka**. 1/26 1859. Poor. NOS music, legal ID "WGFA Watseka Illinois." Listed as a daytimer; PSSA? (Ed.-WI)

1370 **KCRV MO Carouthersville**. 1/21 1759. Fair with QRM from KDTH. Classic Country music, legal ID "Serving the Region for more than fifty years, KCRV

- Carouthersville (unreadable, possibly second city) Missouri", into CNN news at TOH. NEW! (Ed.-WI)
- 1370 KJCE TX **Rollingwood. 1/7 1832.** Local (Austin) spot; mention of "TalkRadio1370AM.com" (which is KJCE's website); back to Michael Savage at 1833. Still need to ID this for a call change. (JW-CO)
- 1380 WLRM TN **Millington. 1/2 0120.** Poor in fade-up. Slogan "Love 1380" heard two times. (JJR-WI)
- 1460 KUTI WA **Yakima. 1/6 0835.** Older C&W hits; "Country Cutie" slogans; local spots; legal ID at 0901 as "Classic Country favorites, KUTI Yakima, a Clear Channel station." Generally fair, mixing with one or two SS stations. First new catch of 2005, WA #22. (JW-CO)
- 1470 WCFJ IL **Chicago Heights. 1/1 1848.** Poor, alone until it faded out, with no usual WMBD. Legal ID. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 1490 KTTR MO **Rolla. 1/7 0259.** Legal ID surfacing above the muck at 0259:50: "Serving Maries, Texas, Gasconade, and Osage Counties, this is NewsRadio KTTR-FM St. James-Rolla, KTTR-AM Rolla" and into ABC news. A new one here, MO #51. (JW-CO)
- 1520 KOKC OK **Oklahoma City. 12/21 0611.** Liner "on News Talk 15-20 KOKC," back to "America in The Morning" with national weather. Very poor. (DP-HI)
- 1540 KXEL IA **Waterloo. 1/10 1000.** Talk show, local weather and school closings. (Rare for this time of day.) (DBJ-TN)
- 1550 KXEX CA **Fresno. 1/23 0909.** Mexican tunes; "Radio Cañón" slogans after each song, including one that mentioned "Ciento punto dos FM y Doce Diez AM, Radio Cañón" (relays KQEJ-1200); ads at 0920. Good on peaks; guess one has to wait until TOH to hear KXEX call letters. (JW-CO)
- 1560 KBEW MN **Blue Earth. 1/5 0659.** Taped a full data sign-on to ABC news. More Artic cold front DX. (WH-CO)
- TIS, HAR, Etc.
- 1650 WPZZ656 IL **Aurora. 1/21 2106.** Fair w/Chicago area weather forecast. (CR-IL)
- 1660 WQBW823 IL **Lisle. 1/21 2103.** Fair w/Village of Lisle municipal information. Conditions very auroral this evening. NEW. (CR-IL)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- WB-FL Walt Breville, Indian Lake Estates - Grundig 700.
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
- JLB-NY Jerry Bond, Rochester - HQ - 140 - XA, 3 foot loop antenna.
- PG-MD Pat Griffith, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg - Kenwood R-600 and Palomar loop.
- WJH-MD Bill Harms, Elkridge - R8B, Homebrew K9AY.
- GL-NY Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park - DX-398 and Select-A-Tenna.
- IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE In-Dash Audio System CY310.
- JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8B, beverages, Quantum Phaser.
- FV-OH Fred Vobbe, Lima - FT-857D with Doublette Antenna.

DX TEST

- 990 WXCT CT **Southington - 1/9 0004 -** Scheduled test heard with sweep tones, code, and voice ID, through WLGZ. Also heard back in December. (JR-NY)
+ DX test not heard here in Lima OH. Only heard Winnipeg and Knoxville. (FV-OH)

PRESUMED AND UNID

- 620 WTMJp WI **Milwaukee - 1/7 1728 -** "... 21 locations - they're in Milwaukee..." by male voice, local TV ad and ad mentioning the Green Bay Packers, then faded into the mush. (GL-NY)
- 810 WEDOp PA **McKeesport - 1/2 1643 -** All alone with a great signal and polka music and mention of phone number in 412 area code. (JLB-NY)
- 1240 UNID _____ - 1/6 1800 - NPR All Things Considered, who? (JR-NY)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 620 WVMT VT **Burlington - 1/7 1734 -** stock report "for news/talk six-twenty, WVMT." "Burlington and Plattsburgh's number one news/talk, six-twenty WVMT." (GL-NY)
- WZON ME **Bangor - 1/7 1738 -** "You can hear it right here on WZON" popped out of the mush, followed by a male voice with sports news. Didn't last long - faded out as quickly as it came in. (GL-NY)
- 640 WFNC NC **Fayetteville - 1/7 1749 -** Sean Hannity show, "news/talk radio WFNC" ID. Lots of fading. (GL-NY)
- 790 WQXI GA **Atlanta - 1/9 0159 -** nice ID heard on an auroral night. (JR-NY)
- 800 CKLW ON **Windsor - 1/7 2156 -** Larry King interviewing Beach Boy Brian Wilson about his Grammy-nominated album. Then ads for Posture D supplement, Medicine Shoppe pharmacies, loans, and Dyno-Carb supplement. "Always reliable... always CKLW... it's ten o'clock." (GL-NY)
- 820 WCSN IL **Chicago - 12/29 1703 -** "You are listening to relevant radio in Chicago - 820 AM and 1270 AM" and also saying they are "listener supported radio." (JLB-NY)
- 830 WCRN MA **Worcester - 1/7 2204 -** "California Girls" by the Beach Boys, "the true oldies channel" slogan, Rolling Stones' "Jumpin' Jack Flash", then ID: "Oldies AM eight-thirty, WCRN." (GL-NY)
- 850 WEEI MA **Boston - 12/31 1601 -** Heard with coverage of Sun Bowl and slogan "Your sports station - WEEI." (JLB-NY)
- 900.05 WCER OH **Canton - 1/12 2057 -** Barry McLarnon tipped off the NRC list about this station broadcasting HS basketball slightly off-frequency, and I was able to hear it upon phasing CHML. Soon after, XEW took over the null. (JR-NY)
- 960 WELI CT **New Haven - 1/5 0759 -** over CFFX groundwave with ad for Liberty Bank, top of hour ID as "36 degrees in New Haven, this is your information station WELI". (MKB-ON) (And here ends the missing DDXD-E entries from #16-pls.)



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International DX Digest

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

All's quiet on the DX front, perhaps due to the so-called "mid-winter anomaly." This is the time of year when reception seems to typically bottom out between autumn and spring peaks.

Transatlantic DX

549 unIDs JAN 22 0105 - Two distinct hets against 550 domestics, one likely from Algeria, the other an unID off-frequency station. With nothing reported in the international DX press regarding an off-frequency signal it may be of domestic origin. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

690 MEXICO XEN México JAN 23 0730-0800 - Presumed; melancholic mariachi and ranchera vocals, top of the hour ID by a man with México mention followed by a mariachi-style jingle and a woman with presumed slogan into more music. The signal was well over *Caribbean Beacon* Anguilla at times, but of course faded at the top of the hour. [Conti-NH]

710 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites JAN 22 0437 - Good, well over WOR; "La novedad deportiva" parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-NH]

730 CUBA *R.Progreso*, Nueva Gerona JAN 22 0435 - Good with CKAC nulled out; romantic ballads parallel 640 kHz. [Conti-NH]

750 CUBA *R.Progreso*, Trinidad JAN 22 0430 - Fair over WSB; romantic ballads and announcer speaking in a calm tone of voice, parallel a strong 640 signal. [Conti-NH]

760 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, Las Mercedes JAN 22 0425 - Off the air? No sign of *R.Rebelde* on this frequency despite easy reception of *R.Rebelde* on 790, 820, 850, etc. Only weak talk in Spanish from presumed RCN Colombia with WJR nulled out. [Conti-NH]

770 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, unknown location JAN 22 0410 - Fair in WABC null; telephone discussion about Cuban music, parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-NH]

790 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, Pinar del Río JAN 22 0405 - Minute marker and RR code ID under WSKO "99.7 and 790, The Score." [Conti-NH]

820 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, unknown location JAN 22 0350 - Fair through WNYC and *R.Paradise*; woman with news items, syncopated clock, etc. [Conti-NH]

820 ST.KITTS & NEVIS *TBN/R.Paradise*, Charlestown JAN 22 0400 - Fair signal about equal with WNYC; preaching through the top of the hour without an ID, parallel 7505 KTBN. The 2005 WRTH indicates that the closure of KTBN shortwave is being considered. [Conti-NH]

850 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, Nueva Gerona JAN 22 0342 - Minute marker and RR code ID in WEEI null. [Conti-NH]

860 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, Baracoa JAN 22 0335 - Good in CIBC null; woman with news items, plus the usual syncopated clock, minute marker and RR code ID. [Conti-NH]

870 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, Sancti Spiritus JAN 22 0340 - Fair over WWL; woman with news items, clock, etc. [Conti-NH]

1560 MEXICO unID JAN 27 0605 - Managed to catch an ID for XE?? (two more letters but muffled, like hay say, but that could be almost any Spanish letters), what was distinct was the *IMER* network ID, and then programming continued, so not a sign-off. John Callarman's list shows two stations on 1560 with *IMER*. I wish I had been more alert on this, e.g., run some tape, but I made the mistake of assuming it was Mexico City again. The two listed are Michoacán or Chiapas, either of which would be a new estado for me. However, each of those has five call letters, not four. I think that the Mexican national anthem preceded what I heard, but the two stations are in the main Mexican UTC-6 time zone, so that doesn't help narrow it down. [Renfrew-NY]

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International News

ITALY: *Radio 1* from the Bologna/Budrio transmitter switched from 1116 to 567 kHz. Both frequencies were on the air in parallel, but 1116 is now closed down. [Stefano Valianti, MWC e-mail news via ARC Information Desk]

PUERTO RICO: *Cadena Radio Voz* affiliated stations according to a QSL: 1300 WTLI Mayagüez, 1360 WCHQ Camuy, 1520 WVOZ San Juan, 1540 WIBS Guayama, 1580 WMTI Morovis, 1590 WXRJ Guayama, and 1660 WGIT Canóvanas. [Hasse Mattisson, Jan Edh, ARC LA News Desk]

SPAIN: *R.Nacional de España* (RNE) has begun regular digital radio transmissions on mediumwave,

with which it becomes a pioneer of the DRM system. RNE explained that from now on digital and analogue transmissions will share the same frequency, "until we migrate definitively to digital technology, giving the capacity for a greater number of quality programmes on mediumwave, similar to FM, with additional multimedia services and the possibility of automatic tuning." DRM transmissions are presently only via the Arganda transmitting centre, with 10 kW power on 1359 kHz. [Media Network blog via DX Listening Digest]

73 and Good DX!

Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Here is the NRC column which is almost as much fun as walking up a hill in 2 feet of snow to service a radio station! Nothing more on that! When sending your items along, please keep them radio and DXing related; sorry but recipes for Neon Flavored Grits won't be accepted. Here we go:

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Hello folks! It is certainly a nuisance when radio stations habitually don't power down at sunset. When this occurs, I approach chief engineers at radio stations in a polite, tactful and knowledgeable demeanor. Ninety percent of the time this works with the CE. At KERI-1180, they have not been powering down after sunset since 12/29/04. I called the CE about this problem, he said I was incorrect, saying that he checked everything and he is running 10000 watts with the proper pattern at night. I told him the facts, KERI is not suppose to have a strong local like signal at night in the Salt Lake City area. When KERI is on its proper 10000-watt night pattern, its signal is not heard. The S meter on the radio will read a low S-3 at sunset PST. I didn't observe a sudden quick drop and/or disappearance of KERI's signal. The CE then told me that the rain ravaged area of Bakersfield has a wet ground which causes better propagation in the ionosphere at night. The CE also told me that I am experiencing adjacent channel interference problems. I then proved to him that his statements were just wrong and which point he got defensive with me. I calmly told him that something was wrong and then ended the conversation. Readers, judge for yourself as to what is really going on here. 73's

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In answer to Mike's report, having been in the 'been there, done that' status for many years in the broadcast engineering business, we can offer some insight. The station may indeed be having a problem. While I was away on vacation (yes, I actually got some time off once!), I was in North Carolina in the western part of the state. Just out of curiosity, I actually had a Superadio with me and was then trying to tune in WSAI-1360 (it was that long ago!). I came upon a station on 1380 that was putting in a pretty decent signal and was shocked to hear it was WAMS-Wilmington, DE. And being CE at the station, I knew something was wrong. I called the operator on duty, and he mentioned that the night pattern was not reading right; I said I realized that when I was hearing it in NC! I then instructed him to put it on day pattern but cut the power back to 1000 watts (it was similar to the day pattern, the night pattern was pulled in more off the back). He had mentioned also that they were getting complaints the station couldn't be heard in Wilmington at night. Basically what had happened was a part failure in one of the four towers used in the night pattern which caused the signal to basically 'flip', pushing all the signal west instead of east. They operated for a few days on the day pattern at night, until I got back and made the repairs. I've also run into situations where station management insisted on staying on day power at night so they could broadcast a high school football game on Friday or Saturday night, at which point I made them sign a paper saying I was not responsible for them doing something illegal. And with many stations using 'contract' engineers, it may be days or weeks before the engineer finds out about a problem. It's just the nature of the business any more. I noted some GREAT conditions on the AM band while on my 74 miles semi-daily return drive home on 1/28 with KCZN atop 1650 at 11PM, and someone with oldies under WPHT-1210. I thought maybe 1140 may be of interest but it was a solid WRVA so nothing there. I was sorry to hear of the changes with WSAI-1530 and hearing the WCKY is now back at 1530. But I believe the IBOC testing as stopped; 1520 has actually been listenable again (1530 shut off their IBOC noise generator when they switched to night pattern at KFBK's sunset, 3 hours after EST normal sunset times). Thanks to all for their continued support to the column, but we could sure hear from more of you! 73