

DX News

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Station Test Calendar

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From the Publisher ... Croatia heard in Tulsa? It's true! See inside for details!

Don't forget to update your address before the December 5 DXN goes out, as it will cost your club 70¢ per bad address to meet postal regulations. We have to print "Address Correction Requested" and pay for the corrections at least twice a year, and just to be sure we send out #'s 10, 20, and 30 with that imprint on them. And as always, replacement copies of mail-mangled or defect DXN's are free.

Cape Cod GTG ... From former NRC member Chris Black: "Announcing a Cape Cod DX get-together Saturday, Nov 19th. Due to the cancellation this year of the well-known Ray Arruda event, we will be keeping the tradition of DX and fellowship alive. The address is Chris Black - 12 Cypress Point Way - S Yarmouth MA 02664, 508-394-0528, n1cp@comcast.net. For those with 2-meter VHF, 146.955 (88.5) will be monitored for talk-in. Although we are not directly at the water, if conditions are decent, there should be a lot of good DX heard. We are shooting for a real hands-on, interactive event so bring your radios and anything you think will be of interest. There will be a couple of "guest" stations available with noise reduced long wire antennas pointed to Europe. This will definitely be an "All Mode" event with an FM phaser demonstration by Keith McGinnis and some innovative MW loop designs by Craig Healy to try. For those who want to stay over, I have numbers of some motels within five minutes driving. The lowest rate I found was \$43 for your basic no frills motel to \$69 for a Quality Inn with an indoor pool, dining room, etc that looked quite nice. If anyone has a specific accommodation request or requirement they would like me to check on, just let me know. There will be drinks and snacks and a buffet type dinner to maximize our time in the prime DX window. This should be informative and fun,

and I am looking forward to learning a lot and making new friends. Try to RSVP if possible by early to mid November so we can get a rough count and contact me with any questions."

Welcome to these new members ... Thomas Gualtieri, Lancaster, OH; Lewis H. Druger, Sioux Falls, SD; David Lang, Waterford, CT (rejoins)

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 73

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
6.	Oct. 28	Nov. 7	19	Feb. 3	Feb. 13
7.	Nov. 4	Nov. 14	20.	Feb. 10	Feb. 20
8.	Nov. 11	Nov. 21	21.	Feb. 17	Feb. 27
9.	Nov. 18	Nov. 28	22.	Feb. 24	Mar. 6
10.	Nov. 25	Dec. 5	23.	Mar. 10	Mar. 20
11.	Dec. 2	Dec. 12	24.	Mar. 24	April 3
12.	Dec. 9	Dec. 19	25.	April 7	April 17
13.	Dec. 23	Jan. 2	26.	May 5	May 15
14.	Dec. 30	Jan. 9	27.	June 9	June 19
15.	Jan. 6	Jan. 16	28.	July 7	July 17
16.	Jan. 13	Jan. 23	29.	Aug. 4	Aug. 14
17.	Jan. 20	Jan. 30	30.	Sept. 8	Sept. 18
18.	Jan. 27	Feb. 6			

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 5, 1955 DXN: It was announced that Jim O'Brien, Brooklyn, NY would be the new editor of the "Verie Signers' column. The rules were published for submitting items to the column, which was scheduled to appear once a month in DX News.

25 years ago ... from the November 3, 1980 DXN: Earl Higgins won the first NRC Contest of the season, followed by Michael Jeziorski, Robert Curtis, Bruce Conti, and Paul Mount.

10 years ago ... from the October 30, 1995 DXN: Thirteen stations had already agreed to participate in CPC tests, including HCJB-690, Quito, Ecuador ... Jim Renfrew, Rochester, NY reported a 70% verie request response rate from MW stations, 74% from SW stations, 80% from FM stations, and 85% from TV stations, including follow-ups.



AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call	New Call
790 KBET	NV Winchester
910 WSPA	SC Spartanburg
970 KTRW	WA Spokane
1130 WQIS	SC Camden
1200 NEW	NY Highland
1230 KWAS	MO Joplin
1450 NEW	VA Charlottesville
1470 WLUV	FL Dunedin
1580 KWYD	CO Colorado Springs
	KJUL
	WOLI
	KTTO
	WEAF [Now, there's a set of historic calls!]
	WJGK
	KZYM
	WVAX
	WHBO [Finally, it's official!]
	KKKK [ID'ing as "This is Southern Colorado's 10,000 Watt Powerhouse, K4, KKKK 1580, Colorado Springs-Pueblo".]

CPs ON THE AIR

830 KMUL	TX Farwell - CP to move here from 1380 is on the air. Facilities are U1 1100/10. Station has a pending application for U13 50000/1000 CH 16000.
910 WFDF	MI Farmington Hills - Program Test Authority (PTA) granted for U4 50000/19000 from their new 8-tower site at N42-03-57 W83-23-39.
1010 KCPW	UT Tooele - PTA granted for U13 50000/194 CH 42000 from a new 2-tower site at N40-43-15 W112-02-29.
1130 KILJ	IA Mount Pleasant - CP to add night service as U1 250/22 is on the air.
1130 WPYB	NC Benson - CP for D1 6500/0 CH 1000 is on the air.
1170 KOWZ	MN Waseca - CP to decrease night power to become U1 2500/5 CH 1000 is on the air.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1330 NEW AK Juneau - CP granted for U1 10000/3500.



GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

920 WGKA	GA Atlanta - CP granted to increase day power to become U1 14000/490.
960 WZRH	NC Dallas - CP granted to increase day power to become U4 10000/500.
980 KKMS	MN Eagan - CP granted for a power decrease to become U4 3500/3500 along with City-of-License change from Richfield.
1260 WUFE	GA Baxley - Coordinate correction to N31-47-57 W82-24-43.

GRANTS TO PENDING FACILITIES

810 WEUS	FL Orlovista - New station, not yet on the air, originally had a CP for U4 1000/400, after which it was upgraded to U4 5000/400. This CP once again upgrades the daytime power to become U4 10000/400 from a new 4-tower site at N28-34-18 W81-26-02.
1130 KRUD	HI Honolulu - New station, not yet on the air, had a CP for U1 10000/5000, but this later action grants them U1 500/500. I find their new tower coordinates, N21-17-41 W157-51-49, to be home of four other stations: 690, 760, 1080, and 1210. Would be this the first cincoplex operation?

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1340 CKDR-5	ON Red Lake - Applies to move to 97.1 MHz with 430 Watts at 45.8 Metres. [Additional data from initial announcement in Issue 4]
1400 CKDR-2	ON Sioux Lookout - Applies to move to 97.1 MHz with 40 Watts. [See above]

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

710 WEGG	NC Rose Hill - Recently granted a CP to increase power to become D1 1000/0. WEGG has now applied to further increase that power level and add CH
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720 WQTH	NH Hanover - New station, not yet on the air; has a CP for U4 50000/500 with a pending amendment to change the City-of-License to Claremont, New Hampshire with U4 50000/1700. This latest in a series of amendments requests U7 50000/670 CH 50000 from Claremont.
1470 KNFL	UT Tremonton - New station, not yet on the air, had a CP for U4 10000/1000 and a later amendment for U2 1000/94, has now requested U2 1000/880 CH 880.
1530 KZNX	TX Creedmoor - Licensed for D4 10000/0 CH 1000, KZNX has a CP to add night service as U7 10000/12 CH 1000. This amendment requests to establish a second transmitter site for nighttime use only, closer to Austin which is their intended coverage area. If granted, KZNX will become U7 10000/220 CH 1000.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

660 NEW	FL White Springs - Original Auction 84 application was for U4 4000/250. This amendment requests U4 50000/250 from a new transmitter site.
720 WQTH	NH Hanover - [Clarification for item in Issue 3] New station, not yet on the air, has applied for U4 50000/500 with a pending amendment to change the City-of-License to Claremont, New Hampshire with U4 50000/1700. This amendment requests U7 50000/670 CH 50000 from Claremont.
950 WCTN	MD Potomac-Cabin John - Licensed for U3 2500/47, WCTN has a pending application for U4 2200/43. This amendment requests U4 2500/39.
1130 NEW	OR Mount Angel - Original application was for U4 7500/250. This amendment increase the daytime power to be U4 15000/250.
1140 NEW	WA Aberdeen - New station had originally applied for U2 1000/1000. This amendment requests U2 5000/2500.
1240 NEW	MT Whitefish - Original Auction 84 application was for U1 460/460. This amendment requests U1 400/400.
1390 WBLL	OH Bellefontaine - Licensed for U1 500/81, WBLL has a pending application to change their City-of-License to Grandview Heights, Ohio. This amendment requests U1 1000/22 from Grandview Heights.
1470 WLQR	OH Toledo - Licensed for U4 1000/1000, WLQR has a pending application to change City-of-License to Walbridge, Ohio with U4 1000/750. This amendment requests U4 1000/700.
1540 NEW	AK Anchorage - Original Auction 84 application was for U4 50000/50000. This amendment requests U7 50000/10000 CH 50000.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1070 NEW	MD Pokomoke City - Applies for U4 500/250.
1440 NEW	CO Steamboat Springs - Applies for U1 500/270.
1450 NEW	NV Hawthorne - Applies for U1 760/760.
1450 NEW	TX Iola - Applies for U1 175/1000.



LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

660 KTNN	AZ Window Rock	830 KFLT	AZ Tucson	1400 WMFA	NC Raeford
700 KALL	UT North Salt Lake	1120 KANN	UT Roy	1450 KBFI	ID Bonners Ferry
City		1240 KCLV	NM Clovis	1450 KVCK	MT Wolf Point
710 KMIA	AZ Black Canyon	1270 KINN	NM Alamogordo	1470 KKTY	WY Douglas
City		1370 KSOP	UT South Salt Lake		

HEAR AND THAR

- ☐ Reported OFF the air: KZZB-990 Beaumont, Texas; WQMV-1060 Waverly, Tennessee, which is back playing oldies with AM 1060. *Playing The Soundtrack Of Your Life* slogans; Back ON: KMHS-1420 Coos Bay, Oregon, which had been off since their tower fell down, but is back on the air with a temporary wire antenna. KMHS may be the only high school AM station which is run by students; WSMN-1590 Nashua, New Hampshire // WSMN-900.
- ☐ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, and Wayne Heinen for contributions.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

TOTALS:	1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	TOTAL
Steve Francis Alcoa, Tennessee	52	44	43	51	62	70	322

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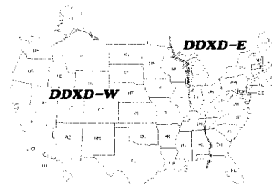
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(Division line is
between East and
Central time zones)



DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- Here is our twice-a-year reminder about Daylight Savings Time and reporting your loggings in ELT (to alleviate any confusion, please note that the recently passed changes in DST are not effective until 2007). Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday October 30 at 2 AM local time. At that hour, Eastern Local Time (ELT) changes from Eastern Daylight to Eastern Standard Time. If your locality switches back to standard time on 10/30, the time difference between your time and ELT remains the same. In those areas where standard time is observed all year long, the difference shrinks by one hour. All reports sent to DDXD must be made in ELT.
- Here is a "timely" riddle. DXer A lives in an East Coast state and DXer B lives in a West Coast state of the United States. One night they are talking to each other on the phone. "What Time is it there?" asks A, and B tells him the time. "Hmmm," says A, "it is the exact same time here!" How can this be? And just what does this have to do with the **Vast Westland** anyway? The answer can be found at the end of this column.
- 73 Bill

Reporters

- BW-OK** **Bruce Winkelman** AA5CO, Tulsa. R8, Quantum phaser, two 130-foot +/- wires.
CB-CO **Craig Barnes, Wondervu.** Drake R8A with 140-foot Kaz, or Lowe HF 150 Europa with 70-foot N EWE.
GH-IL **Greg Harris, Park Forest.** FRG100B, Quantum Loop or Grundig S350, internal ferrite loop.
JJR-WI **John Rieger, South Milwaukee.** Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp, GE Superadio III with Terk AM 1000 loop (for overnight graveyard taping).
JV-KY **John F. Vervoort, Madisonville.** YB 400PE.
JW-CO **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
RT-MN **Rick Turner, Bemidji.** YB400PE with Select-A-Tenna 541 or Grundig S350 barefoot.
SA-MB **Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg.** ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
WB-MO **Walt Breville, Wentzville.** Grundig 700 with a Radio Shack #15-1853 loop.
WH-CO **Wayne Heinen, Aurora.** Drake R8B, Super Phaser, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, modified NRC Altazimuth loop.
Ed.-WI **Your editor, Madison.** Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Station News

- 840 **KXNT NV** **North Las Vegas.** Ever since a year ago when DXers from the Midwest and East began widely reporting hearing this station, there has been speculation that it is having antenna pattern problems. DXer **Tim Noonan**, Oak Creek WI, recently received a QSL from the station, v/s Tracy Teagarden CE, which sheds some light on the problem. Part of the QSL states: "KXNT is operating on special temporary authority at a power reduction of approximately 3Db, because of power distribution towers built in the near field of the antenna array." What has probably happened is that these towers have in effect become part of the array, and in the process the nulls have been altered or disappeared. The power reduction is intended to reduce interference until the towers can be detuned. Thanks to Tim for passing this info along, and to **Doug Smith** for interpreting the situation for me. (Ed.-WI)
- 1420 **KJCK KS** **Junction City.** 10/17 0000. "The Talk of JC, KJCK 1420 Junction City" to ABC news. New slogan for your log. (WH-CO)
- 1490 **KKAN KS** **Phillipsburg.** 10/12 2059. Rough copy, but pulled out ID at ToH: "You're lis-



- tening to the Music of Your Life on KKAN Phillipsburg," into Big Band era vocal. Listed as AC/Talk. (JW-CO)
- 1580 **KKKK CO** **Colorado Springs.** 10/20 1700. "This is Southern Colorado's 10000 watt powerhouse "K4" KKKK 1580 Colorado Springs-Pueblo," to ABC News. Noted earlier with a "Radio Colorado Network" multi station ID so evidently not 100% // KRCN-1060. Call change (ex-KWYD). (WH-CO)
- 540 **KNMX NM** **Las Vegas.** 10/12 0824. "Don't Drink and Drive" PSA mentioning New Mexico, bank ad promoting identity theft precautions, bank phone number with same prefix (425) as is in KNMX's listing in log. (BW-OK)
- 540 **UNID** **10/15 0810.** Two separate Spanish stations under CBK, one playing music and one with talk. (SA-MB)
- Presumed, Tentative, UnID
- Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)
- 560 **WIND IL** **Chicago.** 10/9 0721. "Newstalk 560 WIND," strong at peaks. I awoke to the pleasant surprise of local KLZ off the air, to catch this and the next two logs. (CB-CO)
- 560 **KWTO MO** **Springfield.** 10/9 0759. "Only on 560 KWTO Springfield" with Asian earthquake news. Local KLZ off the air at the time. (CB-CO)
- 560 **KSFO CA** **San Francisco.** 10/9 0847. "AM 560 KSFO," ad for Santa Rosa Chevrolet. "You're listening to the best of Lee Rogers on Hot Talk 560 KSFO," with piece on upcoming polls. Local KLZ running an open carrier at the time. (CB-CO)
- 600 **KCOL CO** **Wellington.** 10/11 0820. News and traffic by a woman, quick call letter ID into sports report by a man. (BW-OK)
- 620 **KJOL CO** **Grand Junction.** 10/5 2358. On top with clear call letter ID, a programming note, MDT time check, mention of the station's non-commercial status. Nice dual ID at 0000 (KJOL and KDTA-1400). (BW-OK)
- 620 **KJOL CO** **Grand Junction.** 10/14 2200. Ending SRN News with dual ID "This is KJOL Grand Junction and KDTA Delta, 620 and 1400," and religious programming. (WH-CO)
- 620 **CKRM SK** **Regina.** 10/14 0801. Topping frequency with weather, "CKRM-620" ID, into news. Slogan "First with news, sports and weather, Saskatchewan's news leader 6-20 CKRM." (BW-OK)
- 620 **CKRM SK** **Regina.** 10/14 2147. Loud with Regina Pats Hockey "on 620 CKRM." (WH-CO)
- 620 **CKRM SK** **Regina.** 10/18 0506. Several "620-CKRM" IDs heard in between country songs. Surprisingly strong and all alone! (WB-MO)
- 680 **KNBR CA** **San Francisco.** 10/14 0826-0830. All alone with sports, SF traffic report and ID as "KNBR 6-80 the Sports Leader." (BW-OK)
- 730 **WKDL VA** **Alexandria.** 10/14 2201. Very poor but in the clear, with Mexican regional music, legal ID: (in EE) "WKDL Alexandria Virginia-Washington DC" (in SS) "La (?) Capital, (730?) A-M," back to music. Station is listed as 25 watts nights; judging from the weak signal, the fact that it was not in very long, and the fact that this frequency is pretty open here, I have no reason to doubt that this is what it was running. NEW! (Ed.-WI)
- 820 **WAIT IL** **Chicago.** 10/16 0757. Poor signals with Relevant Radio programming. NEW. (SA-MB)
- 950 **KOEL IA** **Oelwein.** 10/13 1900. C&W music ("I'm The Happiest Girl"), followed by "This is the information station for north [eastern?] Iowa, AM Nine Fifty KOEL Oelwein" into Air America Radio News. Faded out shortly thereafter. (RT-MN)
- 950 **KWAT SD** **Watertown.** 10/13 2101. "We will pause five seconds for station identification. This is Westwood One, your host for NCAA basketball... KWAT Watertown, South Dakota". Heard in pause of SS programming, probably from WNTD. (RT-MN)
- 960 **CFAC AB** **Calgary.** 10/14 2102. "The Fan Nine Sixty, your Calgary Flames radio station, this is CFAC 960 Calgary" into hockey game, possibly Calgary vs. Moose Jaw as there was a mention that the game was being played at the Moose Jaw Civic Center. In and out with WSBT. (RT-MN)
- 960 **CFAC AB** **Calgary.** 10/15 0718. Poor over/under WSBT. "This is CFAC, the Fan 960."

			(JJR-WI)	
990	CBW	MB	Winnipeg. 10/15 0200. "You're listening to CBC Radio 1" by a male announcer for the ToH ID. Listened for more than one hour and no call signs used at all. Good signal, with some WMVP 1000 slop. (GH-IL)	
1000	KTOK	OK	Oklahoma City. 10/18 0102. Fox news, local weather, "News Radio One Thousand KTOK" ID, into Coast-To-Coast with George Noory. (RT-MN)	
1000	KOMO	WA	Seattle. 10/18 2100. "It's 5:59, time for the Komo One Thousand news", into ABC and local Washington state news with a traffic report for "the valley." Slow fades, and fluttery at times. Mixing and in and out with WMVP. A new state. (RT-MN)	
1020	KOIL	NE	Plattsmouth. 10/6 2329. C&W music mixing with KDKA. At 2344 "Coil Country 10-20" ID into a classic Johnny Cash song. (BW-OK)	
1020	KJJK	MN	Fergus Falls. 10/9 0010. Oldies and "Groovy 10-20" slogan in KDKA phase null, no sign of KOIL. (BW-OK)	
1040	CKST	BC	Vancouver. 10/18 0020. "Fox Sports Vancouver," MLB news. WHO partially phased. (CB-CO)	
1050	KJBN	AR	Little Rock. 10/18 0040 (and again at 0059). In the clear. "All of your favorites on 1040 KJBN," PSA for www.arkansas.com. Per the new NRC log - 19 watts. I think they forgot to turn the power down. Easy listening music. I left the phased settings where I had them on 1040 and tried 1050 (see 1040 above Ed.-WI), new for me! What a nice surprise. (CB-CO)	
1060	KNLV	NE	Ord. 10/17 0714. Neil Young's "Heart of Gold," call letter ID, then more music. Poor on presumed 23 watt night power in KRCN null. (JW-CO)	
1130	WISN	WI	Milwaukee 10/17 0800. Business news, a couple of ads, then legal ID at 0802: "Every hour, every day, news that's factual, fair, and balanced. This is continuous coverage on NewsTalk 1130 WISN Milwaukee," followed by Tom Moore and news; "WISN Rapid Traffic" at 0805; frequent "NewsTalk 1130 WISN" IDs. Good, dominant signal, best ever here. (JW-CO)	
1140	KSOO	SD	Sioux Falls. 10/16 1933. Local weather report. Poor to fair signal with no WRVA. SD #2, 1140 kHz #2. (JV-KY)	
1160	KHPP	IA	Waukon. 10/16 0838. Poor signals mixing with KSL and WYLL, with ID and local ads. NEW. (SA-MB)	
1200	KFNW	ND	West Fargo. 10/13 1930. Religious programming, ID "We're growing together, KFNW AM 1200." No sign of WOAI. (BW-OK)	
1200	CFGO	ON	Ottawa. 10/13 2245. Cardinals vs. Astros baseball in WOAI phase null, IDed with the help of Barry in the #mwdx chat room. Thanks, Barry! (BW-OK)	
1210	KUNF	UT	Washington. 10/14 2119. Local spots and nostalgia music; "Unforgettable 1210 KUNF." (WH-CO)	
1240	WHFA	WI	Poynette. 10/15 0530. Poor; "1240 WHFA" in between religious shows. (JJR-WI)	
1250	WEAE	PA	Pittsburgh. 10/15 2220. "You're listening to Pittsburgh's ESPN Radio AM Twelve-fifty." Poor signal. (JV-KY)	
1250	WSSP	WI	Milwaukee. 10/16 2259. "Sportsradio Twelve-fifty WSSP Milwaukee." Poor to fair signal. (JV-KY)	
1290	KIVY	TX	Crockett. 10/19 0006. "Timeless Classics... KIVY." End of Anne Murray song at 0040 and mixing with an unID carrying Coast To Coast. AM. Log lists as 175 watts night power. 1290kHz #4, TX #17. (JV-KY)	
1300	KROP	CA	Brawley. 10/14 2358. HSFB at halftime. "Brawley Wildcats football on Classic Country KROP." Dominant. (WH-CO)	
1300	KGLO	IA	Mason City. 10/15 0700. Popped up over KROP with ToH ID. Fair. (WH-CO)	
1320	KOLT	NE	Scottsbluff. 10/14 0805. Power up with Goshen County (WY) promo and Wyobaska weather "on AM 1320 KOLT." Fair. (WH-CO)	
1330	KLBO	TX	Monahans. 10/18 2200. Out of oldies with ID "Radio Texas, AM 1330 KLBO" and CNN News. (WH-CO)	
1330	KWLO	IA	Waterloo. 10/18 2300. Fair. "Stars 1330 KWLO Waterloo-Sioux Falls" into CNN News. (WH-CO)	
1330	KOVE	WY	Lander. 10/19 0105. Full ID sign-off with Star Spangled Banner. Not often heard here. (WH-CO)	
1340	KTMM	CO	Grand Junction. 10/15 0359. Legal ID at 0359:53: "Your new home of ESPN Radio, The Team, on Sports Talk 1340 KTMM Grand Junction," into more sports. Punching through QRM in null of local KCFR. A long-needed call	

			change here, last heard as KQIL a few years ago. (JW-CO)
1410	KWYO	WY	Sheridan. 10/17 1900. Fair with full ID to ABC news, over semi-local KIIX. (WH-CO)
1420	WHK	OH	Cleveland. 10/15 0700. Poor but alone and steady, with PSA, legal ID, SRN news. Rare! (JJR-WI)
1420	WOC	IA	Davenport. 10/17 0200. Fair. "Newstalk for the Quad Cities. 1420 WOC Davenport" mixed with KJCK and KULY. (WH-CO)
1440	KPUR	TX	Amarillo. 10/18 0358. "ESPN 1440 Amarillo KPUR," mixed with KMAJ. (WH-CO)
1440	KRDZ	CO	Wray. 10/18 0900. Rare SRS appearance, with legal ID "Oldies for Colorado's Eastern Plains, KRZD Wray" to ABC News. (WH-CO)
1470	KGND	OK	Vinita. 10/13 0359. Call letter ID at ToH; probably was a legal ID but did not hear city mentioned, just "Good Time Oldies 1470 KGND..." with possible network news at 0400. Fair to poor with loop in wrong direction. Ex-KITQ. (JW-CO)
1480	KNIT	TX	Dallas. 10/12 2221. Southern Gospel tunes, many dot.com ads; legal ID at 2259:54 "1480 KNIT Dallas - Fort Worth; Southern Gospel 1480 KNIT"; SRN news was next at 2300. Fair at best; ex-KHCK. (JW-CO)
1520	KOKC	OK	Oklahoma City. 10/16 0100. "Sports 1520 KOKC" by a male announcer. Listenable - but in my opinion not as strong as they should have been. QRM from two unID stations. (GH-IL)
1530	KXTD	OK	Wagoner. 10/18 2005. SS ID "KXTD Wagoner 'La Que Buena.'" Dominant with WCKY underneath. (WH-CO)
1580	KGAL	OR	Lebanon. 10/19 0459. ID heard poorly in QRM at 0459:54. "This is Newstalk 1580 KGAL, Lebanon's only..." and faded into the noise. A log lasting just six seconds, but a new one here, OR #15. (JW-CO)
1600	KATZ	MO	Saint Louis. 10/15 2101. Ending urban gospel. "Gospel 1600 KATZ Saint Louis. All Gospel all the time." Local KCKK nulled. (WH-CO)
1600	KRVA	TX	Cockrell Hill. 10/16 0600. Ending Oriental flute music. "KRVA Cockrell Hill-Dallas-Fort Worth, an Asian Broadcasting station," into more music. Nice tape for the collection and needed for a call change. (WH-CO)
1600	KCRG	IA	Cedar Rapids. 10/16 0300. Dominant with local KCKK nulled most of the morning. "ESPN 1600 KCRG Cedar Rapids." (WH-CO)
1670	WMWR	GA	Dry Branch. 10/19 0030. "Glenn Beck only on Newsradio Sixteen-seventy WMWR." Mainly on top of the frequency. (JV-KY)

Answer to the Riddle

DXer A lives in Florida, an East Coast state. DXer B lives in Oregon, a West Coast state. DXer A lives in the panhandle part of Florida west of the Apalachicola River, in the Central Time Zone. DXer B lives in Malheur County, the only part of OR, CA or WA in the Mountain Time Zone. It is Sunday, October 30, 2005, and it is some time between 2 and 3 AM ELT. The Central Time Zone has flipped to CST, while the Mountain Time Zone will remain on MDT until the top of the hour. So, for one brief hour a year, the time is the same for DXers A and B. What does this have to do with the **Vast Westland**? Both DXers are **Vast Westlanders**, and both faithfully report their loggings to DDXD-W using ELT!

DDXD-East

DDXD-EAST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **The deadline for column submissions is 9:00 AM the Wednesday before Paul's deadline.**
- Please follow the format you see in the printed column. *I can't stress this strongly enough!* The format is: **FREQ CALL STATE / PROV CITY - date time - programming.** (YOUR INITIALS-STATE / PROV)
- Those submitting in MS Word should ask for a template, which will help you with your formatting.
- Please **proofread and correct** your logs before you send them to me. I am often trying to beat the clock in submitting the column to Paul, and need to be able to trust what you send me.
- Please **make sure handwritten logs are legible.** I reserve the right to reject anything I can't read.
- If you don't report hearing a clear call ID or local identifying information, your log will be placed in the UNID/PRESUMED area of the column. **Quote what you heard.**
- Please **do not use abbreviations.**
- Please **do not report a station more than once per season.** *If you're a seasoned DXer, please consider*

only reporting stations that are new for you.

- Readers are very interested in **reception quality**. Include it in your logs!
- A station has to be **at least 50 miles away from your listening location** to be considered DX.

REPORTERS

JLB-NY Jerry Bond, Rochester – Hammarlund HQ-140XA, 3 foot loop.
MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
MD-MA Marc DeLorenzo, So Dennis – JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced wires, Mini DXP-3 phasing unit.
DG-PA Dave Gardiner, Orelund – Stock 1999 Dodge Neon radio.
HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre – Zenith Trans Oceanic, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Bose Wave Radio.
DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu – Station News.
JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron – Drake R8B, 1000', 100' wires, Quantum Phaser.
BT-NB Brent Taylor, Doaktown – Icom R75 (Kiwa mods), NE Pennant, NE sloper, Quantum Phaser.

STATION NEWS

570 **WSYR NY** Syracuse - Adds Jones Radio Network's "Ed Schultz Show" 10/10 per program, weeknights at 1907-2200. Station slogan is "Newsradio 5-70." (DP-HI)
 1310 **WDOB TN** Chattanooga - Per *The Chattanooga* newspaper, station switched from adult standards to liberal talk 10/3 featuring Air America Radio plus Jones Radio's Bill Press and Stephanie Miller. Station will continue to air Vanderbilt U. sports and Lookouts baseball. Station slogan is "The Voice, Modern Talk for Modern Times." (DP-HI)
 1340 **WHAT PA** Philadelphia - Per *Philadelphia Inquirer*, station dropped Air America Radio's Al Franken and Randi Rhodes 10/1 and went back to all-black talk. Station features Bev Smith and Tavis Smiley. (DP-HI)
 1390 **WVAA VT** Burlington - Adds Air America Radio 10/3 per website <http://www.geocities.com/liberalprogressivetalk> after being dropped by nearby 1070 WTWK-NY when it switched to country music. Station slogan is "Talk 13-90." Per station website, its chief engineer is Mike Raymond. (DP-HI)

STATION LOGGINGS

550 **WSVA VA** Harrisonburg - 10/16 0000 - Good atop channel with local weather forecast and ID "This is News Radio 550 WSVa Harrisonburg" followed by ABC news. Semi-local WDDZ off the air due to flooding at transmitter. (MD-MA)
WIOZ NC Pinehurst - 10/16 0100 - Fair under WSVa with ID "It's one o'clock and time for the news on WIOZ-AM in Pinehurst." (MD-MA)
 730 **WACE MA** Chicopee - 10/14 1759 - Strong over CKAC saying "more fine programming ahead on WACE - Chicopee-Springfield", then news. (JLB-NY)
WNAK PA Nanticoke - 10/15 1945 - In strong over CKAC with ID and playing "big band classics". This one had to be still using their 1kw daytime power and not their 12 watts night power. (JLB-NY)
 860 **WWDB PA** Philadelphia - 10/18 1800 - Strong signal over CJBC saying "the Delaware Valley's only money talk station is WWDB-Philadelphia." (JLB-NY)
 910 **WLTP OH** Marietta - 10/12 0705 - over usual WAYL pest with local weather, slogan "the Valley's official weather station, talk radio WLTP", into "The Valley's morning news" local news. (Just "the valley" - they never said which one!) (MKB-ON)
 950 **CFAM MB** Altona - 10/16 0135 - classical music through WWJ with WROC phased, weather and ID at 0135, new. (JR-NY)
 970 **WATH OH** Athens - 10/14 1918 - Good signal with local spots and WATH jingle during break in pre game show of a local high school football game. (JLB-NY)
WCHN NY Norwich - 10/16 0143 - In well with "Unforgettable 970-WCHN" slogan between musical selections "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" and "26 Miles." (JLB-NY)
 1000 **KOMO WA** Seattle - 10/16 0156 - WMVP undergoing antenna work, first noted around 0140, flip-flopping between no signal and open carrier. Finally matched fragments of English under XEOY with KOMO's delayed web audio. And then by 0156 the on-air signal was steady enough, with phasing, to catch multiple KOMO IDs and time checks. Last heard 2/22/78, but I wasn't QSLing at the

time, so this is a fresh opportunity to do that. (JR-NY)
 1020 **WPEO IL** Peoria - 10/15 1830 - Focus on the Family, local announcements, ID at 1900 before SRN news. (JR-NY)
 1100 **KNZZ CO** Grand Junction - 10/15 0150 - this one has taken a lot of work to ID, due to WTAM of course. I have previously heard this with the same programs listed on KNZZ's web site, but finally a clear call letter ID during the Laura Ingraham call-in show. KXNT 840, however, is still being heard without any ID yet. (JR-NY)
 1110 **KFAB NE** Omaha - 10/9 2355 - Well under WBT, both carrying the Matt Drudge program, KFAB's audio 3 seconds behind WBT. "KFAB Omaha" ID at 2400. (MD-MA)
 1140 **KHTK CA** Sacramento - 10/13 0208 - weak English talk under WRVA, finally got a clear KHTK ID at 0208. Talk seemed to be sports-oriented. New, and a rare Californian. (JR-NY)
CHRB AB High River - 10/16 0038 - Good in WRVA phase null with country and western music and liner "Mike In The Morning on Southern Alberta's community radio station, AM-1140." (MD-MA)
 1170 **WWTR NJ** Bridgewater Township - 10/16 1750 - Very good for a while. ID as, "Classic Oldies AM 1250 and AM 1170 WMTR". (HJH-PA)
 1260 **WPNW MI** Zeeland - 10/14 2003 - Very good on the Bose Wave. Had Holland Christian v. Sailors football coverage. Ad for Pine Creek Construction. (HJH-PA)
 1280 **WGBF IN** Evansville - 10/14 2235 - high school football, local ads, and ID. (JR-NY)
 1310 **WIBA WI** Madison - 10/18 0708 - over nulled CIWW with ad for SBC Internet, "WIBA news time is 6:08" into talk about Wisconsin's Smoke-Free Dining Act and local anti-smoking laws. (MKB-ON)
 1320 **WFHR WI** Wisconsin Rapids - 10/14 1916 - high school football coverage, lots of IDs. (JR-NY)
 1340 **WMID NJ** Atlantic City - 10/13 0003 - Very clear above the mess with ID and oldies, proclaiming "we play all the classic oldies the other stations forgot." (JLB-NY)
 1370 **WXXI NY** Rochester - 10/14 2220 - with segment of what seemed to be a panel discussion on Rochester's mayor. Topping the frequency at times, almost local-like. (DG-PA)
 1380 **CKLC ON** Kingston - 10/16 1852 - Fair with ID and "All Time Favorites" slogan. Song "Make Someone Happy" by Jimmy Durante. (HJH-PA)
 1470 **WKAP PA** Allentown - 10/18 1735 - Good with local spots and "oldies 1470-WKAP" slogan. (JLB-NY)
 1580 **WLIJ TN** Shelbyville - 10/14 0707 - over WPGC with high school football promo, local weather: "57 degrees at WLIJ radio park right now" into twangy C&W version of "Casey Jones". (MKB-ON)
 1590 **WAUB NY** Auburn - 10/18 0402 - Fair, in jumble that included WAKR and WARV, with news, into Finger Lakes area weather @ 0404, and full ID, "WAUB, a member of the Finger Lakes News Network..". Then into a reminder to support the station's advertisers in the market area. New. (BT-NB)

PRESUMED/UNID

560 **WEBCp MN** Duluth - 10/15 0221 - On top proclaiming "Fox Sports radio on the Fan." (JLB-NY)
 580 **CKRPr ON** Thunder Bay - 10/14 2116 - Minnesota Wild NHL play-by-play. Saul Chernos tipped me on this, unneeded. (JR-NY)
 650 **WSROp MA** Ashland - 10/13 1816 - Brazilian religious program strong before WSM arrives matches WSRO schedule on its website. (JR-NY)
 810 **WDDDp IL** Johnston City - 10/13 0423 - Fox Sports Network break in a sports talk show. Doesn't appear to be WHB. Likely WDDD. (JR-NY)
 890 **KDXUp UT** St. George - 10/16 0250 - with WLS off at the same time as WMVP-1000 I was getting a strong signal from Cuba, but with some phasing I was getting fragments of Coast to Coast, which might be KDXU. (JR-NY)
 1030 **WUFLp MI** Sterling Heights - 10/7 0840 - "Family Life Radio" slogan, new. (JR-NY)
 1140 **KSOOp SD** Sioux Falls - 10/15 1931 - Nebraska Cornhuskers v. Baylor, destroying WRVA. (JR-NY)
 1370 **WGHNp MI** Grand Haven - 10/14 1940 - high school football coverage, new. (JR-NY)

International DX Digest

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

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Croatia received in Oklahoma! Internet chatter of transatlantic signals received on the Pacific coast! Turn your radio on!

Transatlantic DX

- 153 GERMANY DLF Donebach OCT 13 0310 - German talk parallel 207 kHz. [Renfrew-NY]
162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis (47°10'N 02°12'E) OCT 14 2325 - Man and woman talk in French. Weak. OCT 15 0324 - Woman in French talking over music; weak. [Frodge-MI]
171 MOROCCO R.Mediterranee Internationale, Nador (35°03'N 02°55'W) OCT 16 0208 - Woman in Arabic with Arabic pop music. Fair over weak beacon and better than parallel 9575 kHz. Not heard at all previous night. [Frodge-MI]
183 GERMANY Europe No. 1, Felsberg (49°17'N 06°41'E) OCT 15 0326 - French pop tune. Fair for two minutes then gone. OCT 16 0214 - Arm chair signal! Man and woman talking in French, man doing most of the talking, English pop tune, "Europe Un" ID at 0228. [Frodge-MI]
189 ICELAND Ríkisúvarpid, Gufuskálar (64°54'N 23°55'W) OCT 14 2326 - Man and woman talking in Nordic language. Good and best in LSB. Talk also on 207, but too weak to tell if parallel. OCT 15 0330 - Pop tunes in English and language. [Frodge-MI]
198 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R.4, Droitwich et al. (52°18'N 02°06'W) OCT 13 0315 - English talk, good signal through beacon interference. [Renfrew-NY] OCT 14 2331 - Man and woman talking in English, lite piano music. Fair in interference from beacon DIW. [Frodge-MI]
225 POLAND Polskie Radio, Solec Kujawski (52°22'N 19°48'E) OCT 13 0311 - Very strong with music, faded quickly while I looked for a web stream. Could have been Turkey, I suppose. Poland has been QSL'ed here. Turkey has not been logged on 225, although I managed to get a QSL for 180 kHz a few years ago. [Renfrew-NY] OCT 15 0338 - Presumed; Slavic vocal then English pop tune. Fair, interference from GW beacon on 227 kHz. Have heard Polskie before, but rare. [Frodge-MI]
243 DENMARK DR4 Kalundborg OCT 13 0431 - WRTH says this one signs on at 0433, but it was already on when I checked a few minutes before. Unneeded, but looking for help in logging 1062 which refused to do anything but whistle! The 243 signal was delayed by 15 seconds on the webcast. [Renfrew-NY]
252 IRELAND RTÉ R.1, Clarkstown OCT 13 0500 - English talk (news?) fighting through beacons and Algeria. [Renfrew-NY]
270 CZECH REPUBLIC CR1 Uherske Hradiste OCT 13 0400-0430 - Talk program, strong signal but bad beacon interference. Not enough to be able to ID the language. Only the second time I've heard this one, still tentative. [Renfrew-NY]
549 IRELAND Irish Christian Broadcasters, Monaghan (54°22'N 07°01'W) OCT 15 0610 - Good; contemporary Christian vocal, loud het against 550 YVKE. [Conti-ME]
567 IRELAND RTÉ Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) OCT 15 0622 - Good; pop/folk music including Bill Withers "Lean On Me" parallel 252 kHz. [Conti-ME]
612 MOROCCO RTM A, Sebââ-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) OCT 14 2250 - Excellent; string music parallel a weak 594 kHz. OCT 15 0035 - Good; interview parallel 207 kHz. At 0634 still blasting away with a rustic vocal and drums. [Conti-ME]
648 SLOVENIA R.Murski Val, Nemcavci (46°41'N 16°10'E) OCT 15 0037 - Presumed; weak with pop music not parallel BBC frequencies. [Conti-ME]
666 PORTUGAL RDP synchros OCT 14 2234 - Good; news/talk in Portuguese, over unID Koran - Iran? [Conti-ME]
675 LIBYA R.Jamahiriyyah, Benghazi (32°54'N 20°04'E) OCT 14 2255 - Good over Netherlands; Koranic verse followed by choral response. [Conti-ME]
693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R. 5 Live, Droitwich et al. OCT 18 0427 - Weather report, news at 0430; parallel Real Audio feed at www.bbc.co.uk/fivelive, but very poor and largely unintelligible, fading to nothing at times [Brandt-NJ]
711.06 WESTERN SAHARA RTM Addakhla (23°42'N 15°56'W) OCT 11 2316 - Fair with Moroccan music and announcements in Arabic. I have been presuming that this transmitter is still in Western Sahara although the 2005 WRTH includes it with the other stations in Morocco. This has been on the country list for years as Western Sahara. Still so? [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 15 0040 - Loudest in the het party with WOR New York, R.Rebelde Cuba, and France Info; weak audio parallel 612 kHz. [Conti-ME]
747 NETHERLANDS 747AM Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) OCT 11 0223 - Good with pop song and male vocal. [Dangerfield-PA]

- 765 SWITZERLAND RSR Option Musique, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) OCT 10 0217 - Good with woman in French and pop songs with fem vocals. Sorry, I can't ID the song titles like Mark and others can. Not my music era. [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 14 2221 - Good French pop vocals. [Conti-ME]
783 MAURITANIA R.Mauritanie, Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) OCT 11 2330 - Very good with man chanting and announcements in Arabic. Was good all evening and at times in evenings since with Ramadan programs. [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 14 2237 - Excellent; string music, woman in Arabic, parallel 4845 kHz. [Conti-ME]
819 EGYPT ERTU Batra (31°09'N 31°27'E) OCT 14 2340 - Fair in multiple hets; woman in Arabic parallel 12050 kHz. [Conti-ME]
855 ROMANIA România Actualitate, Tarcabesti (44°28'N 26°06'E) OCT 10 2234 - Fair with man in Romanian and frequent mentions of Bucharest. The Spain stations were not evident at that time but later topped the frequency. [Dangerfield-PA]
972 GERMANY NDR Info, Hamburg (53°31'N 10°07'E) OCT 14 2135 - Good signal, low audio; news/talk in German. [Conti-ME]
1008 CANARY ISLANDS Punto Radio, Las Palmas OCT 12 0050 - Fair; man and woman in Spanish and mentions of Punto Radio. No sign of the Dutch station at that time. [Dangerfield-PA]
1017 TURKEY TRT Radyo 1, Mundanya (40°21'N 28°41'E) OCT 10 0140 - Good with Turkish music and chanting. [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 14 0052 - Good over Germany; Middle Eastern music. [Conti-ME]
1035 PORTUGAL R.Clube Português, Benavente OCT 14 0045 - News/talk in Portuguese, fluttering over an unID station playing a Bob Dylan song. [Conti-ME]
1044 MOROCCO RTM Sebââ-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) OCT 11 2314 - Good; Berber music and man in Arabic. [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 14 0040 - Flute and string music under SER Spain. [Conti-ME]
1053 MOROCCO RTM A, Beni Makada OCT 14 2245 - Presumed; good over TalkSport with Arabic vocal and strings, not parallel Libya frequencies which would've been the other possibility. [Conti-ME]
1062 DENMARK Danmarks Radio, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) OCT 13 0203 - Fair; woman in Danish and soft pop music. Lots of KYW splatter makes reception difficult. Look for this station when 1314 Norway is in well. [Dangerfield-PA]
1089 UNITED KINGDOM TalkSport synchros OCT 13 0436 - The only TA audio on a super LW night, and very weak at best. Not even 1134 Croatia was in. [Renfrew-NY]
1107 SPAIN RNE5 synchros OCT 14 2146 - Excellent; talk with synchro echo. [Conti-ME]
1125 CROATIA Glas Hrvatske, Deanovec (45°42'N 16°29'E) OCT 21 0255 - Fair; wrap up of Spanish program and music parallel 1134 kHz. [Conti-NH]
1134 CROATIA Glas Hrvatske, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) OCT 10 2325 - Super as usual. This time had news including sports in English and mentions of events in Croatia. Program seemed to run until 2330. [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 16 0100-0120 - Man and woman with talk in an unID language, occasional music as well, both instrumental and vocal, best at 0105 with woman talking, occasional deep fades that caused the sync to unlock but overall at a fair level. 2nd TA audio from Tulsa, heard 1314 Norway audio back in the late '90s. [Winkelman-OK] OCT 21 0250 - Excellent; "programa de titulare" in Spanish, ID as "La Voz de Croatia," wrap-up with frequencies and web address. [Conti-NH]
1143 SPAIN COPE synchros OCT 21 0245 - Spanish motorboating over an unID signal. [Conti-NH]
1152 SPAIN RNE5 synchros OCT 21 0240 - Telephone talk in Spanish with synchro echo, over likely Romania. [Conti-NH]
1161 UNITED KINGDOM unIDs OCT 14 0023 - The UK dogpiles here and on 1458 and 1548 dogged me throughout the DXpedition. Trying to sort these out was like barking up the wrong tree. [Conti-ME]
1188 BELGIUM VRT Radio 2, Kuurne (50°52'N 03°16'E) OCT 14 2247 - Presumed; pop music over/under Morocco. [Conti-ME]
1188 MOROCCO RTM Casablanca (33°36'N 07°40'W) OCT 14 0009 - Good; Koranic recitations and string music. 1044 kHz seemed parallel but was too far under SER Spain to be sure. [Conti-ME]
1215 UNITED KINGDOM Virgin R. synchros OCT 14 0002 - Good; Sky News through what seemed to be an unID strong open carrier. [Conti-ME] OCT 18 0325 - Rock music, including Joan Jett "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" at 0336, Bob Marley "No Woman No Cry" at 0343; parallel streaming feed at www.virginradio.co.uk (only about five seconds behind). [Brandt-NJ] OCT 21 0227 - Good to excellent; rock music, "27 minutes past 3, it's Friday morning..." into ad/promo string. [Conti-NH]
1224 BULGARIA R.Horizont, Vidin (43°39'N 22°40'E) OCT 15 0024 - Presumed; weak with pop music including The Beatles "Let It Be" over/under Spain. [Conti-ME]
1224 SPAIN COPE synchros OCT 21 0205 - Fair; Spanish parallel 1296 over an unID signal, Bulgaria or R.Popular Spain. [Conti-NH]

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1242 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Marseille (43°16'N 05°18'E) OCT 15 0026 - Good; jazz instrumental parallel 1206 and 1377 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1251 **LIBYA** *Voice of Africa*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) OCT 14 2300 - Excellent; Arabic vocal with strings, then a man in Arabic. [Conti-ME]
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE Valencia* OCT 21 0140 - Good over unID Koranic recitations; telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* *synchros* OCT 21 0135 - Good over rumble of subaudible het; in-studio discussion in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitsøy* (59°03'N 05°26'E) OCT 13 0212 - Big signal. Soft pop songs, woman in Norwegian. When this station is coming in well you just know TA conditions are better than average. [Dangerfield-PA] OCT 13 2334 - Excellent; Willie Nelson "On the Road Again," woman and man in Norwegian. [Conti-ME] OCT 21 0120 - Excellent; telephone talk with woman host in distinctive Norwegian. [Conti-NH]
- 1332 **IRAN** *R. Tehran*, Tehran OCT 14 2204 - Good over unID; string/oud music. [Conti-ME]
- 1332 **ROMANIA** *România Actualitate*, Galati (45°25'N 27°54'E) OCT 13 2345 - Presumed; woman in an unID language over/under what was later determined to be Iran. [Conti-ME]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) OCT 13 2315 - Excellent; adult contemporary vocal parallel 1206 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1404 **FRANCE** *France Info* *synchros* OCT 14 2209 - Good; news/talk in French parallel 1377 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* *synchros* OCT 14 2310 - Good; talk parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) OCT 13 2320 - Good; lounge-style jazz vocal. [Conti-ME]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** *R.Sawa*, Arta (11°31'N 42°50'E) OCT 13 2206 - Good; Middle Eastern pop vocal. [Conti-ME]
- 1449 **LIBYA** *R.Jamahiriya/Voice of Africa*, Misurata (32°46'N 15°05'E) OCT 15 0030 - Good; man in Arabic parallel 675 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1494 **FRANCE** *France Info* *synchros* OCT 14 2150 - Good; news/talk in French parallel 1557 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1494 unID OCT 14 2325 - Fair; pop music not parallel 864 *France Bleu* or any *Info* frequencies. At 2342 "Theme from Shaft" not parallel *France Bleu* or *Info*. [Conti-ME]
- 1503 **IRAN** *IRIB Sarasary*, Bushehr (28°58'N 50°51'E) OCT 13 2225 - Good; woman in Arabic parallel 1169 kHz also good. [Conti-ME] OCT 21 0110 - Good; Koran and man in Arabic, loud het against phase-nulled 1500 WTOP. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Piñeira and La Línea de la Concepción OCT 14 2145 - Good; man and woman in Spanish parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1512 **BELGIUM** *R.Vlaanderen Int'l*, Wolvertem (50°59'N 04°18'E) OCT 14 2040 - Good; disco oldies including Bill Summers "Take that to the Bank." Carrying DAB Klassiek at this time? [Conti-ME]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) OCT 13 2020 - Good; news/talk in Arabic with flute instrumental bumper parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz, loud het against 1520 WIZZ and WTHE. Still daylight here! [Conti-ME]
- 1530 unID OCT 14 2334 - Weak but steady het against WVBF and WCKY, strongest on east wire, Azerbaijan? [Conti-ME]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) OCT 13 2234 - Urban contemporary and Middle Eastern vocals, just barely over unID UK signals. [Conti-ME]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne OCT 13 2240 - Good; woman with all-news in French parallel 1377 kHz. 1570 CFAV *R.Boomer* splatter +/- 20 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) OCT 20 2355 - Loud and clear straight off the east wire; Middle Eastern pop music. OCT 21 0015 - Continued excellent; disco music, 0030 news, *Radio Farda* IDs. [Conti-NH]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé*, Ceuta (35°53'N 05°17'W) OCT 14 2120 - Trading places with *SER*, now on top with a Middle East influenced flamenco-style vocal. [Conti-ME]
- 1584 **SPAIN** *SER* *synchros* OCT 14 2115 - Good over *RadiOlé*; talk parallel 1602 kHz. [Conti-ME]

Jim speaks: In addition to the stations noted above, I also heard 171, 183, 189, 216, and 234 kHz. There was also a slight hint (maybe wishful thinking?) of audio on 261 kHz.

Ralph speaks: Logs are my first in probably 10 years for NRC. I had a couple of years around 1994-95 where I was able to hear TA MW DX with my then-new Drake R8 and Kiwa loop, but when I moved from where I was living back then, I found myself in a series of locations that were terrible for medium wave DXing, even if one of them was excellent for shortwave. Ten years later, I find myself having bought the house I lived in in 1994 and finally with my shack set up and the Kiwa connected. Haven't heard nearly as much as I did ten years ago, but I'm just getting started at this again. I've enjoyed reading the column over the years. Hopefully this is just the first of many contributions.

Ben speaks: My, how nice it is to have such continuous reception of TAs as there has been here the last several days. My daily count of frequencies heard (which doesn't include how many on a frequency) beginning Oct 9 has been 49, 70, 59 and 52. Just think how many more frequencies and sta-

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tions would be heard from 20 and more years ago before so many European stations closed down. And now the status of remaining stations like the Danish and Spain's RNE5 is doubtful. Monday Oct 10/11 was particularly interesting. When NRCer Rene Tetro posted a logging of *Magic AM* Sheffield, England on 1548 at around sunset I went after it too. No, I didn't log that station but did hear a mix of UK stations so there was that possibility. I then decided to check 855 to see if RNE Spain was coming in but found instead a man in another language with many mentions of Bucharest - obviously Romania. Many more from all parts of Europe as well as Northern Africa that night. The next night the trend was to North Africa with 783 Mauritania better than usual with late night Ramadan programming. 1134 Croatia as usual has been the strongest TA but Oct 12/13 1314 Norway gave it a run for the money. 1062 Denmark was also heard from. LA activity just about nil.

Pan-American DX

- 535 **GRENADA** *GBC* St. George's (12°04'N 61°45'W) OCT 15 0605 - Good; local ad string, soca music and Caribbean talk. [Conti-ME]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *ZIZ* Basseterre (17°19'N 62°44'W) OCT 15 0618 - Good; *BBC World Service* with feature news about bird flu. [Conti-ME]
- 600 **NICARAGUA** *YNLD Radio Ya*, Managua OCT 14 1030 - Fair to good; rustic vocal, promo/ad string, "...en todo Nicaragua" and "Radio Ya," many more Nicaragua mentions, and theme song with repeated "Ya ya ya ya..." vocal. [Conti-ME]
- 610 **CUBA** *CMAN R.Rebelde*, Bahía Honda (22°53'N 83°09'W) OCT 15 1020 - Good; feature news story about "congreso nacional" parallel 600, 670, etc. [Conti-ME]
- 620 **NICARAGUA** *YNN R.Nicaragua*, Managua (12°07'N 86°17'W) OCT 14 0950 - Presumed; rustic vocals, Nicaragua mentions, over/under WZON. [Conti-ME]
- 650 **COLOMBIA** *HJKH RCN Antena Dos*, Bogotá (04°34'N 74°04'W) OCT 15 1003 - Good; "RCN la radio de Colombia" and "Antena Dos, mucha informativa, mucho deportes" in promo/ad string. [Conti-ME]
- 670 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas (23°00'N 82°30'W) OCT 15 0356 - Easy listening Spanish music, ID at 0401. Over/under WSCR Chicago. Parallel 5025 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
- 670 **MEXICO** *XESOS* Agua Prieta, SON (31°17'N 109°40'W) OCT 13 1211 - Mexican songs, "Radio Uno" slogans after each song, no other announcements. Local KLTT was running open carrier at this time, but came back on at 1227 UTC. New here, XE #210, Sonora #35. [Wilkins-CO]
- 740 **MEXICO** *XECW* Los Mochis, SIN (25°50'N 109°04'W) OCT 13 1233 - Ads, program notes, "Radio Variedades" slogans, mentions of Sinaloa, MDT time checks; back to apparent news at 1238; spotty reception after that. Generally fair, mixing with KVOR. The station that I reported on 740 last week at exactly the same time with "W Radio" syndicated programming must have been another station, XEQN maybe. [Wilkins-CO]
- 760 **BRAZIL** *ZYH588 R.Urapuru*, Fortaleza (03°45'S 38°31'W) OCT 14 2223 - Good over unID domestics; news/talk in Portuguese. [Conti-ME]
- 820 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *TBN / R.Paradise*, Charlestown (17°08'N 62°37'W) OCT 14 2355 - Good over *R.Revol* Cuba in WNYC null; piano instrumental parallel 15590 kHz, then ID, "This is the Trinity Broadcasting Network, reaching our world for 32 years." [Conti-ME]
- 900 **CUBA** *CMKP R.Progreso*, Cacoamo (20°44'N 76°20'W) OCT 15 1015 - Good; UTC-4 time check and news parallel 890 kHz. [Conti-ME]
- 900 **VENEZUELA** *YVMD Ritmo 900*, Maracaibo (10°39'N 71°44'W) OCT 14 0957 - National anthem over *R.Progreso* Cuba. [Conti-ME]
- 1000 **VENEZUELA** *YVNM La Caribeña*, Morón (10°30'N 68°10'W) OCT 14 0104 - Fair over Brazil; Caribeña and estado Falcón mentions in sports report. [Conti-ME]

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- 890 **BRAZIL** *ZYK690 R.Gazeta*, São Paulo (23°32'S 46°37'W) - Personal verification letter received in nine days, signed Benedito Leite de Costa (Fuba), Supervisor de Operações Rádio Gazeta. E-mail: fuba@radiogazeta.com.br. Also lists FM 88.1 MHz, shortwave ZYE962 5955 kHz, ZYE963 9685 kHz, and ZYE964 15325 kHz. [Farnell-MD]

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Bruce Conti, Camden ME (44°14'N 69°03'W); Drake R8B, MWDX-5, 150-m wires at 90°, 170°, and 350°.
Bruce Conti, Nashua NH (42°43'N 71°31'W); R8B, MWDX-5, 15/23/15-m Ewe antennas east and south.
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Jim Renfrew, Byron NY (43°05'N 78°04'W); Drake R8B, Quantum Phaser, 1000-ft and 100-ft wires.
John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO (39°47'N 105°06'W); Drake R8, 4-ft box loop.

International News

PORTUGAL: The 1035 Porto Alto MW site was dismantled and a brand new 100 kW (presumably DRM capable) was installed in a new site at Belmonte, very near Benavente, approximately 9 km northeast from the previous site... So in sum the station is currently just via Canidelo 783 kHz 10 kW, near Miramar, and Benavente 1035 kHz 100 kW, northeast of the capital. [Carlos Gonçalves, *DX Listening Digest*, *ARC Information Desk*]

SWEDEN: After a month with reduced power because of a short circuit, the medium wave transmitter in Sölvesborg on 1179 kHz is once again broadcasting with a full 600 kW. [George Wood, *Mediascan* blog via Bengt Ericson, *ARC Information Desk*]

73 and Good DX!

From the Broadcast Test Coordinator

News about the Broadcast Test Program

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The past DX season marked many important milestones in regards to DX Tests. The International Radio Club of America decided to merge its CPC position with that of the National Radio Club, effectively giving one point of contact to the broadcast industry for DX Tests.

It was also decided to rename the position to better reflect its mission. We now refer to this position as the "Broadcast Test Coordinator". The IRCA generously provided new stationary and business cards that reflect the new position and help to establish a professional appearance.

Other important changes included a greater reliance on personal contacts through the membership, with the BTC filling more of a supporting role. Now instead of concentrating on sending out requests for tests blindly, we start by asking members to put us in touch with their contacts at local stations, or we assist them in their own efforts to schedule tests.

Assistance from the club comes in the form of providing Morse Code ID's, Sweep tones, and other test materials. In some cases, we have also taken on the responsibility of printing and sending out QSL cards. Our efforts are now directed at making the tests as easy as possible for stations, requiring minimal effort on their part.

This past DX season saw 15 DX tests conducted, including an international test by CCR 1020 khz in Grand Turk, which was heard well on the East Coast, and one night that saw four stations testing on the same evening! A graveyard frequency test by KEVA 1240 khz was heard across the country, despite the jumbled conditions of this frequency, which speaks to what a difference Morse Code can make in pulling a station out of the noise.

But challenges also face us, with many tests this year coming on short notice, making it more difficult for members without access to the e-mail lists to participate. To combat this problem, the BTC also operates a "flash notification" system where postcards are mailed to members who request short term notification, but only three members have availed themselves of this service.

It seems clear that we will have to continue to adapt to changes in the broadcasting industry that make it ever more difficult to schedule tests. More and more tests will be conducted on short notice, making it essential that DX'ers use all the tools available, especially e-mail lists to stay informed. Some stations also cited legal concerns, wanting to avoid even the appearance of causing interference to other stations by conducting tests at daytime power levels, despite our pointing out that such tests are legal.

Both engineers and management are less likely to be amateur radio operators or even radio hobbyists themselves, making them less sympathetic to our requests. To combat these problems, we've taken several steps:

1. Our broadcast test coordinator has spoken at two meetings of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, playing clips of rare DX tests, explaining the hobby, and asking for future tests. As a result of these meetings we already have commitments for two new tests in the coming season. We've encouraged other members to reach out to their local chapters as well and have offered to supply materials for their use.

2. We have begun to approach stations with the idea of a :60 second "mini-test" format, basically a commercial that can be inserted into the station's overnight inventory that would run Morse Code ID's and sweep tones near the top of the hour. Some stations have expressed interest in this format, since it does not require engineering support: nor does it affect their commitment to overnight programming.

3. Members in both clubs are now encouraged to exploit their own contacts with local engineers and station managers to request tests. We supply guidance and advice and will interface directly where needed. These types of contacts accounted for perhaps half of all the tests conducted last season.

4. BTC has spoken widely in print publications and on the e-mail lists about the need to treat stations with greater respect: not demanding QSL's, reporting "cheaters" to the FCC, or other actions that might negatively affect the image of hobbyists with the broadcast community. DX'ers have to adapt to the changing nature of broadcasting and strive to create a positive image with stations.

Suggestions for improvement are always welcome. I look forward to the coming DX season and contributing to both clubs.

73, Les Rayburn, N1LF
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Musings of the Members

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Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only.

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 matches the excitement of an RG971/U connector (anyone know what it's for?) When sending along your items, please keep them radio- and DX-related; that's all we ask, such a deal! And here we go:

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I agree with dave, many more of us should submit Musings to keep this column alive. After 6 years of year-round residency in central FL, I moved back to the St. Louis area early this year. Got tired of coping with hurricanes after 3 long trips running away from them, wondering if I had a home left to return to. Luckily my house in FL sustained less damage than my nerves did. Wentzville is 40 miles / 64 km west of the gateway Arch. I bought a new townhouse separated from the neighbor's unit, except for the garages. The downside is no outside antennas allowed (until I can sneak a fine wire to a young tree 85 feet from my DX den window). However, I have very little or no electrical noise. Since I'm single and live alone, when AM dial tuning, I can unplug or turn off stuff like the TV, powered subwoofer and compact fluorescent bulbs. I am retired after 11 years now. My young neighbors aren't around much, and I get very little electrical noise from them. Living in FL was the second time in my life I lived in a part of the USA far from MO; the first was during my Air Force hitch in Watertown, NY in 1963-64. It is good to be back in the Midwest with not so many Spanish and other language stations cluttering up the dial, as it was returning to St. Louis from northern NY where there were many French Canadians on the dial. Downside here is far more crowded graveyard channels than in FL. Since my new home is only 10 miles from my former Wright City home, I can resume adding to the log from that one but not the Afton one, 36 miles from where I grew up and started DXing in the 50's. Discovered and first joined the NRC in 1964. Radios here include a Grundig 700 portable, a Kenwood R1000, a GE superadio purchased new in 1980 plus 19 others more than 25 years old including a circa 1935 Grunow 7 tube tumbstone set that works very nice. (Great hearing from you again, Walt, let us know of your DX when you get the 'invisible' wire up!-DWS

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A couple of Emails and notes have crossed the desk here, and it appears that some are interested in the theme-type Musings we run from time to time. So we're open to suggestions from you of what may be a good theme subject for the column. Best catches? Tricks you've used for hearing stations? Recording what you've heard? Let us know and share with your fellow members. One of my latest projects is the restoration of the console used at WSBA-910 from its heyday. The console had been in storage for well over 20 years but, amazingly, it was clean inside and not in bad condition. It's an RCA BC3C, full of tubes!

In cruising Ebay lately, I've noticed that a lot of tube receivers are being listed, such as HQ-180's and R390's, and going in the \$275-\$300 range, which isn't bad (they were double that last year). Just be careful on shipping; that's the kicker on buying it that way as it can get expensive. Has anyone bought a receiver from Ebay and had good luck with it? It appears that the FNHSFP (Friday Night High School Football Power) used by some stations has fallen off somewhat, but a few still pop up from time to time. Have you had any luck hearing them and/or collecting a verification from them? We look forward to hearing from you and keeping the column alive! 73