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Station Test Calendar

KKLF	TX	1700	Dec. 4	0106-0115
WFLI	PA	560	Dec. 11	0000-0100
WNTP	PA	990	Dec. 11	0000-0100
WNAR	PA	1620	daily	0300-0304

From the Publisher ... Those who experienced a few "rejections" when they tried to access www.nrcdxas.org, e-dxn.com, or wondered why they weren't receiving posts to [NRC-AM] or [DX-tips] over the November 18-19 weekend were caught during the time that Wayne was moving the domains to a server near him. Things should be back to normal by the time you read this.

Inquires received recently in Topeka indicate that I may not have been clear enough about what needs to be done by those who wish to access e-DXN and eventually subscribe to it. So: FAQ's!

How do I subscribe to e-DXN? Go to e-DXN.com; click on "obtain a subscription"; agree to the terms; enter the requested information (including your "real" name, or at least the same name on your DXN or DXAS address label); click on "submit". Until January 1 registration for NRC members is free; after that point in time you must have paid \$15 for a stand-alone subscription or added \$5 to your renewal check to DXN or DXAS.

Is my e-DXN subscription equal to a DXN or DXAS subscription? Yes; you'll receive the same rights and privileges of other DXN members.

I'm registered for e-DXN now, but what happens

on January 1 if I don't pay my subscription? Exactly the same thing that happens when folks don't pay their DXN/DXAS renewals; they are removed from the subscription lists. In addition, you'll no longer be able to get past the front page if you are not paid up?

Can I get a refund if I don't like e-DXN? Sorry; we feel that four months is long enough to make that decision. However, after January 1, we'll be reviewing our policies.

I like e-DXN, but I'd like to see ___ added. Can you do that? Currently, we are understaffed with volunteers, but we're adding new features as we have time. We welcome suggestions, but until we can get more volunteers to help out, we can only prioritize and add features one at a time.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

25 years ago ... from the December 1, 1980 DXN: Ernie Wesolowski, Omaha, NE bagged WMTS-810 after a fire destroyed KCMO-810's transmitter 10/22.

10 years ago ... from the November 27, 1995 DXN: Dennis Elya, Jefferson City, MO reported that KSD-550 was going all talk soon.

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
790 KWLY	NV Winchester	KBET [Station has had 4 different calls, and they aren't even on the air yet!! KPTO, KBET, KJUL, KWLY, and KBET again]
1240 NEW	MT Whitefish	KSAM [see below]

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1240 NEW	MT Whitefish - CP granted for U1 400/400.
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GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

630 WUNO	PR San Juan - CP granted for U4 5000/5000 (changing from U3) from a new two-tower site at N18-25-59 W66-16-22.
820 WAIT	IL Willow Springs - CP granted to change City-of-License (CoL) from Chicago.
890 KDJQ	ID Meridian - License issued for U2 50000/250.
1110 WTBO	NY Warwick - CP granted to increase power to become D1 500/0.
1220 KNTS	CA Palo Alto - CP granted to increase day and night power levels from a new 4-tower site. When operational, KNTS will be U4 50000/50000.
1250 WNEM	MI Bridgeport - CP granted to change City-of-License from Bay City and increase day and night power levels to become U4 5000/1100.
1310 WHEP	AL Foley - CP granted to add night service as U1 2500/43.
1350 CKDO	ON Oshawa - CP granted to move to 1580 kHz with U4 10000/10000. The move was possible when CHUC-1450 moved to FM instead of using their CP to move to 1580. Which, of course, was the frequency for 50 kW CBJ, before they moved to FM some years ago.
1370 KGEN	CA Tulare - CP granted for U1 710/72 from the antenna of KGEN-FM at N36-12-16 W119-33-53. Station has a pending application for U5 3800/111 from the transmitter site of KQEQ-1210 along with a CoL change to Sanger, California.
1420 WGAS	NC South Gastonia - CP granted to add nighttime service as U1 500/41 while moving to a new transmitter site at N35-10-58 W81-12-30.
1470 KUOL	TX San Marcos - CP granted for this silent station to increase day power and move to a new two-tower site. When built and operational, KUOL will become U4 500/250 at N29-52-49 W97-53-47. [FCC lists this station as silent]
1490 KRNR	OR Roseburg - CP granted to relocate the transmitter to N43-11-35 W123-21-39, which is the site of the KQEN-1240 tower. KRNR will remain U1 1000/1000.
1500 KBRN	TX Boerne - CP granted for U5 1900/15. If you remember, KBRN applied to increase day power and add night service, which was initially dismissed by the FCC. They appealed the ruling, which was again turned down. But they submitted another set of engineering data which has been accepted and approved. John Bowker relates that this station was once knocked off the air due to a snake mixing it up in their transmitter.
1540 WJJT	TN Jellico - CP granted to add night operation and adjust tower coordinates to N36-34-59 W84-08-10. New facilities will be U1 1000/1 CH 500.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

960 CHNS	NS Halifax - Applies to move to 89.9 MHz with 100 kW at 224 metres.
1150 KXMG	OR Portland - Applies to increase both day and night power levels to become U4 10000/63.
1150 KJBC	TX Midland - Applies to add night services as U1 1000/148.
1230 KPSA	NM Roswell - Applies for U1 620/1000 from a new tower. The applicant is requesting expedited action on the request as they are losing the land on which the current tower stands.
1260 KIMB	NE Kimball - Licensed for U1 1000/112, KIMB had a CP for U5 50000/112 with a change in CoL to Ogallala. They asked the CP to be rescinded, while applying for U5 50000/110 from Ogallala from a new 2-tower site. [Item corrected from last Issue]
1280 WWPG	AL Tuscaloosa - Licensed for U2 5000/500, WWPG applied to change CoL to Eutaw, Alabama with U2 7000/500 from a new 3-tower site. This amend-

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ment requests U1 7000/250 from Eutaw. [Previously reported as U1 7000/25]

- 1480 WKGC FL **Panama City Beach** - Applies for U1 5000/74 with a CoL change to Southport, Florida.
- 1490 KLGR SD **Redwood Falls** - Applies for U1 670/670.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

- 1600 WOKB FL **Winter Garden** - Licensed for U4 5000/5000, WOKB holds a CP for U1 2200/35. This amendment requests D3 4000/0 with a change in CoL change to Ocoee, Florida. It appears they have scrapped their plans for nighttime operation.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

- 550 WASG AL **Atmore** - Licensed for U1 10000/143, WASG has a pending application for D1 10000/0 with a CoL change to Daphne, Alabama. This amendment requests D3 1000/0 from Daphne, on 540 kHz.
- 810 WYRE MD **Annapolis** - Licensed for D1 250/0, WYRE's Auction 84 application was for D1 250/0 with a change in CoL to Essex, Maryland, moving the transmitter location to N39-18-44 W76-29-24. This amendment lowers the power to be D1 240/0 at Essex.
- 1080 NEW WI **Ashwaubenon** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 1000/2500 and was later amended to U4 250/3500. This amendment requests U4 250/1200.
- 1220 NEW CA **Desert Hot Springs** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000 on 1200 kHz. This amendment requests U4 2500/950 on 1220.
- 1230 NEW HI **Mililani Town** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
- 1330 NEW CA **Porterville** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000 on 1320 kHz. This amendment requests U4 1000/550 on 1330.
- 1360 NEW CA **Santa Maria** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000. This amendment requests U4 2000/2000.
- 1390 WLCM MI **Charlotte** - Licensed for U4 5000/70, WLCM's Auction 84 application was for U4 5000/1300 with a change in CoL to Holt, Michigan adding a second (night-only) transmitter site consisting of 4 towers. This amendment proposes U4 5000/4500 at a different 4-tower night site, once again from Holt.
- 1430 NEW ID **Boise** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000 on 1400 kHz. This amendment requests U4 50000/1000 on 1430.
- 1520 WRSL KY **Stanford** - Licensed for D1 500/0, WRSL's Auction 84 application was for D1 1000/0 on 1600 kHz along with a CoL change to Corbin, Kentucky from a new transmitter site. This amendment requests U1 2000/27 on 1600 from Corbin.
- 1520 NEW MS **Petal** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U2 3000/250 CH 3000. This amendment requests U7 50000/700 CH 40000 on 1520 kHz.
- 1590 NEW NV **Paradise** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 50000/1100. This amendment requests U2 6500/1100.
- 1590 NEW WY **Cheyenne** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U2 1000/500. This amendment requests U4 750/750.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 700 NEW FL **Gibsonia** - Applies for U4 2500/250.
- 1450 NEW MS **Jackson** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
- 1450 NEW NM **Ruidoso** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
- 1690 NEW ON **Toronto** - Applies for U1 1000/1000. Presumably, the programming will be largely Greek, given the name of the applicant, Canadian Hellenic Toronto Radio Inc. By condition of licence, the applicant proposes to direct ethnic programming to a minimum of five cultural groups in a minimum of five different languages per broadcast week.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

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|------|------|----|--------------|------|------|----|----------|------|------|----|----------|
| 1030 | WNVR | IL | Vernon Hills | 1380 | KJUA | WY | Cheyenne | 1550 | KZRK | TX | Canyon |
| 1080 | WKJK | KY | Louisville | 1440 | KPUR | TX | Amarillo | 1630 | KRND | WY | Fox Farm |

HEAR AND THAR

☐ Stations reported as having gone off: **WBSL-1190 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi**, **WNPZ-1580 Knoxville, Tennessee**. Returning to the airwaves: **KUHD-1150 Port Neches, Texas** with a Spanish CHR format.

☐ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen, and Deane McIntyre** for adding to this edition!

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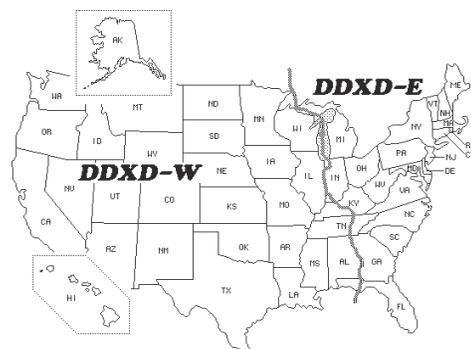
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FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, your Editor had to let last week's deadline lapse without submitting a column. This week's column includes all loggings received since the deadline two weeks ago.
- This from Shawn Axelrod on his and Wayne McRae's first DX session at Vallhalla Beach MB this season: "Well that was a Remembrance Day to remember at the DX site. First off no snow so we could drive across the field to the DX bus. First time in years for that in November. We put out the antennas in record time due to the easy walking conditions. Then we lit the wood stove and got ready to DX. And DX we did. As you can see above the conditions were great with the first TPs heard in 4 years or more! We were able to null out some locals or semi locals and get some good DX."
- Happy Thanksgiving to all NRC/DXAS/e-DXN members and their families! I for one plan to spend the day counting my blessings, and I hope that you do too. 73 Bill

Reporters

- CR-IL** Christos Rigas, Wood Dale. Jeep Cherokee built in radio.
- DP-CA1** Dale Park, DXing in Bay Area. Dodge car radio.
- DP-CA2** Dale Park, DXing in Cordelia. Sangean ATS-818CS.
- DP-CA3** Dale Park, DXing in Fairfield. Dodge car radio.
- GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B with Quantum Loop; DX-350 with internal ferrite rod; Grundig S350 with internal ferrite rod; or GE Superadio III with internal ferrite rod.
- 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).
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- KO-IL** Ken Onyschuk, Joliet. Sangean/C. Crane CC Radio,
- LK-SD** Lewis Kruger, Sioux Falls. GPX RDT4004CLR.
- MR-UT** Mike Riordan, Salt Lake City. Sony CRF-1, Radio West loop.
- RT-MN** Rick Turner, Bemidji. YB400PE with Select-A-Tenna 541, or car radio.
- VALDX-MB** Shawn Axelrod with Wayne McRae, DXing from Vallhalla Beach. Two ICOM ICR70s, various wires and beverages, two MFJ 1026 phasing units.
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, Super Phaser, E/W Flag N/S Flag Modified NRC Altazimuth loop.
- Ed.-WI** Your editor, Madison.

Station News

- 890 KDJQ ID Meridian.** From 11/6 to 11/7/05 was running 50kw non-directional day authorization all night. Station didn't power down after sunset. **(MR-UT)**
- 890 KDXU UT Saint George.** Since 11/1/05, station has been running 10kw non-directional day authorization all night. **(MR-UT)**
- 940 KVSH NE Valentine.** 11/5 2300. Full Data sign-off with SSB; announced to return at 6 AM CST. Schedule in LOG is 0700-2300. **(WH-CO)**
- 1290 KWLS KS Pratt.** 11/4 0900. "AM 1290 KWLS Pratt," into Fox News. Another Fox News convert. **(WH-CO)**
- 1320 WKAN IL Kankakee.** 11/6 1100. Now with AP news, slogan "Talk Radio 1320." I listen to it irregularly, once I found it carried satellite talk programs and Fox Sports Radio. It was a good local radio station. That changed a few months ago. May have changed management or something. **(KO-IL)**
- 1380 KTKZ CA Sacramento.** 10/24. Noted being simulcast on FM, now announcing as "1-Oh-5-Point-5 FM and 13-80 AM, Where Your Opinion Counts" (similar slo-



gan used by KHNR AM-FM in Honolulu). Apparently not always in parallel; per Sacramento Bee, AM and FM aired different college football games on 10/22. (DP-CA3)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

NOTE TO e-DXN USERS: If you can identify or verify stations listed in this section, please post a reply to this column with the relevant information/confirmation. We now have the capability of IDing these loggings with a speed only imagined in print-only DX News days. (Ed.-WI)

- 650 UNID 10/23 0038. SS Romantica music, at times atop KSTE. Is this the same station I heard earlier in Southern CA on 7/18? (See DDXD-W #72-29 Ed.-WI). Fair; heard in San Jose. (DP-CA1)
- 700 KALLt UT North Salt Lake City. 10/22 2215. Sat on top of this frequency and heard a football game weakly above noise before fading underneath; later discerned it was the Utah-UNLV game with pro-Utah announcers, heard slogan at 2226 "AM 700." Per team website, station slogan is "Hot Ticket 700 AM." Very poor to poor. Heard in San Jose. (DP-CA1)
- 760 KKZnp CO Thornton. 11/4 0900. Heard Boulder CO mentioned a couple of times. (LK-SD)
- 850 WWJct MN Duluth. 11/4 0926. Strong over KOA. Between WRTH and www.amdx.com it is the only religious station within range. (LK-SD)
- 1160 UNID 11/3 1745. Heard nostalgia music while driving on the way home from work. Signal abruptly disappeared at 1745. Good at times. (RT-MN)
- 1230 UNID 10/22 2139. Up briefly with Arizona-Oregon college football. Probably from Oregon; team website goducks.com lists four network stations on 1230 in OR. Poor; heard in San Jose. (DP-CA1)
- 1250 CHSMt MB Steinbach. 11/13 0000. News, weather (snowfall or rainfall of 21 cm) and sports into classical music. No callsign ID, but several mentions of "AM 1250, Community Service Radio". Poor to fair. (RT-MN)
- 1610 CHHAp ON Toronto. 11/9 2015. Presumed this one as no actual ID heard, with Spanish language talk between 3 people in a studio. Was checking out for the test tones reported by others. (CR-IL)
- 1630 UNID 11/9 2030. Poor, mixing with others. Spanish language talk, Mexican vocals and slogan "Radiola" by a man. (CR-IL)
- 1690 KFSG CA Roseville. 10/25. Following up on last week's log, I'm pretty sure the station I heard from Honolulu on 1690 is KFSG, as I heard the station while in CA carrying programs in Portuguese and Vietnamese, so station is multi-ethnic. But there's no website to confirm this. (DP-CA3)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 540 KRXA CA Carmel Valley. 10/23 2120. Noted in passing with Barry Lynn program "Culture Shocks." Last heard in May while in the area as all-SS KXME. Poor; tentative KVIP underneath, QRN. Heard in Hercules. (DP-CA1)
- 570 KVI WA Seattle 11/8 2300. "On Seattle's Talk Radio AM 570 KVI." Fair over KLIF and WNAX. (WH-CO)
- 570 CKSW SK Swift Current. 11/8 2304. "Country Music Radio CKSW 570. It's time now for Night Watch with Papa John," and Country Gospel program. Finally bagged this one. Fair on the N/S Flag. (WH-CO)
- 570 KLIF TX Dallas. 11/9 0004. Newsradio KLIF Weather, mention of Fox News. (WH-CO)
- 570 WNAX SD Yankton. 11/9 0300. "AM 570 WNAX Yankton" to CBS News. (WH-CO)
- 580 WIBW KS Topeka. 11/5 1940. Jumble on 570; "WIBW" by a deep-voiced announcer rose out of the muck. QRM bad. (GH-IL)
- 590 WJMS MI Ironwood. 11/6 0728. Fair in the clear with calls, promo, "US59-WJMS." "Real Country" format. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 590 KQNT WA Spokane. 11/12 0835. Good signals with ID and talk. (VALDX-MB)
- 610 CHNL BC Kamloops. 11/12 0847. Good signals with Radio NL ID and oldies. (VALDX-MB)
- 620 CKRM SK Regina. 11/6 0655. Poor to fair in local WTMJ null. Calls, C&W. (JJR-WI)
- 630 CKOV BC Kelowna. 11/12 0845. Good signals with ID and into home repair program. (VALDX-MB)
- 640 WOI IA Ames. 11/7 0559. "Morning Edition on WOI 640 (went on to list many other

			Stations)" by a male announcer. Good signal but QRM from many stations including one with Arabic chanting and flute music. (GH-IL)
730	CHMJ	BC	Vancouver. 11/11 2015. Fair signals mixing with CKAC and a Mexican with Mojo ID and Vancouver talk. NEW (VALDX-MB)
750	WNDZ	IN	Portage. 11/11 1710. Good signals with WNDZ ID. (VALDX-MB)
770	KKOB	NM	Albuquerque. 11/5 0906. "News Radio 770 KKOB." Excellent, like a local. (LK-SD)
770	WABC	NY	New York. 11/11 1850. Good signals with clear ID. (VALDX-MB)
800	CHAB	SK	Moose Jaw. 11/6 0644. Poor to steady with calls. No CKLW at all. (JJR-WI)
830	WFNO	LA	Norco. 11/12 2000. ToH "La Fabulosa" ID by a male, then same ID at 1907. Peaked drowning out WCCO. Note: no trace of a callsign ID. SS female vocal music. (GH-IL)
850	WCPT	IL	Crystal Lake. 11/11 1630. Poor signals with ID and Chicago ads. NEW (VALDX-MB)
860	KTRB	CA	Modesto. 10/23 2020. Huge signal but very weak talk show, underneath another station playing classic C&W and calling itself "Country Legend 1-Oh-7-Point-5" (KKAT-UT?). Suddenly loud at 2030 with net ads, promo for "Gun Talk," slogan "KTRB AM 8-60 The Talk Station," announcement about sending PSAs to their Fresno address, then soft again with Clark Howard. Loud at 2104 recheck with CNN Radio news, back to Howard. Station also runs CNN Headline News at night. Heard en route from Mountain View to Oakland. (DP-CA1)
920	KFLB	TX	Odessa. 11/6 0300. "KFLB AM 920 Odessa" to SRN News. (WH-CO)
920	KBAD	NV	Las Vegas. 11/6 0800. "ESPN Radio AM 920 KBAD Las Vegas." Weak but readable for a needed call change. (WH-CO)
920	KLMR	CO	Lamar. 11/6 0805. Weather "on KLMR." Fair prior to KPOF 910 IBOC splash. (WH-CO)
920	KARN	AR	Little Rock. 11/8 2120. "News, Commentary (missed), KARN Newsradio" by a male announcer. Medium strength under WBAA. (GH-IL)
920	KDHL	MN	Faribault. 11/11 2005. Fair signals with local football game. (VALDX-MB)
920	WOKY	WI	Milwaukee. 11/11 2008. Good signals with Delila program and ID. (VALDX-MB)
930	KSEI	ID	Pocatello. 10/22 0056. Man hosting "Bengal Rewind" about ISU's first-ever football win at Sacramento State. Gave out local and toll-free call-in numbers, both ending with -5734 (KSEI). No TOH ID. Poor to fair, over/under KHJ (which gave its TOH ID in EE!) Heard in Mountain View. (DP-CA1)
930	KOGA	NE	Ogallala. 11/4 0931. "AM Nine-three-oh." Good with sports highlights from many Kearney and many other NE towns. (LK-SD)
950	KKFN	CO	Denver. 11/11 1940. Poor signals with The Fan IDs and sports. (VALDX-MB)
960	CFAC	AB	Calgary. 10/24 1004. "Fan 9-60 traffic" sponsored by Rogers Wireless, weather for Calgary and Southern Alberta, promo for "Sportsline." Fair to good atop semi-local KQKE and an unID. (DP-CA2)
1000	KOMO	WA	Seattle. 10/24 1101. ABC news; at 1102 man with "And we're Como AM One Thousand, First in News, Traffic and Weather," into local news. Mentioned website komonews.com and "Traffic on the Fours." Faded out at 1106. Fair then poor on SRS; sandwiched between sister stations KATD-990 and KIQI-1010. (DP-CA2)
1010	KSIR	CO	Brush. 11/11 1805. Good signals with news and ID. (VALDX-MB)
1010	WSPT	WI	Stevens Point. 11/11 1806. Good signal with ID. (VALDX-MB)
1020	KTNQ	CA	Los Angeles. 10/22 2155. ESPN Deportes coverage of World Series, long ad for Copa de Nextel (NASCAR?); at 2200 "...Kah-Teh-En-Kyu," jingle "Diez-Viente Ah-Em," network ID as R. Univision and back to game, mentioning "Canal de ESPN." Fair to good. Heard in San Jose. (DP-CA1)
1040	KCBR	CO	Monument. 11/11 1809. Good signals with Religious programming. (VALDX-MB)
1040	CKST	BC	Vancouver. 11/11 1950. Good signals with Team 10-40 ID Vancouver ads and traffic. (VALDX-MB)
1100	KQNM	NM	Milan. 11/4 0853. C&W tune; ID at 0855 "You're on Q Country, AM 1100 KQNM" and back to music. Ex-KRKE here. Always rough here with KNZZ usually blasting in. (JW-CO)
1130	CKWX	BC	Vancouver. 10/26 2300. "Vancouver's News Station CKWX 1130." Dominant

most of the morning with All News format. **(WH-CO)**

- 1130 KRDU CA **Dinuba. 10/27 0100.** "KRDU Dinuba" ID to Religious talk. Fair with CKWX. **(WH-CO)**
- 1130 WISN WI **Milwaukee. 10/27 0801.** "NewsTalk 1130 WISN Milwaukee." Must have been power up; dominant for the rest of the tape. **(WH-CO)**
- 1130 KBMR ND **Bismarck. 10/27 0900.** C&W music ending. "North Dakota's Country Legends, AM 1130 KBMR Bismarck-Mandan," to local news. On top. **(WH-CO)**
- 1130 KQNA AZ **Prescott Valley. 10/27 1000.** Local spots ending, "AM 1130 KQNA Prescott Valley-Prescott" to CNN News. Fair over CKWX. New for me. **(WH-CO)**
- 1160 KHPP IA **Waukon. 11/5 0735.** Poor under WYLL. Calls and promo into ads. NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1170 KFAQ OK **Tulsa. 11/4 0800.** "New on the hour, the half-hour, and in between the breaks, [News?] Radio 11-70 KFAQ" into Fox News. Heard on car radio in Bemidji. **(RT-MN)**
- 1200 KYAA CA **Soquel. 10/22 1740.** Noted in passing with bangra music (kind of like Hindu reggae), woman talking over music bed with quick ID "Radio Humsafar," giving out (510) phone number, Bay area temperatures; into Indian disco music. Mostly in probable Punjabi with some EE. Incidentally Soquel is an unincorporated neighborhood east of Capitola but per website Radio Humsafar's office is in Oakland. Fair to good. Heard in San Jose. **(DP-CA1)**
- 1220 KHTS CA **Canyon Country. 11/5 0823.** Political ad, weather, call ID. Not very strong but fair copy with local KLVZ off. **(JW-CO)**
- 1220 KDDR ND **Oakes. 11/5 0852.** "Dakota Country Radar Weather," followed by C&W hits; legal ID at 0859:52, naming the usual 3 Dakota Country affiliates (KDDR, KOVC, KDAK); ABC news at 0900. Good with local KLVZ off (they came back on at 0904). **(JW-CO)**
- 1220 CJRB MB **Boisevain. 11/9 1958.** "Join us for Focus on the Family with Dr. James Dobson weeknights on CJRB Radio 12-20", into local weather, followed by ID at 2000: "This is CJRB, Radio 12-20." Possible format change to religious? **(RT-MN)** (Probably brokered. Ed.-WI)
- 1230 KFJB IA **Marshalltown. 11/10 0100.** Up briefly with "...on News Talk 12-30 KFJB Marshalltown" into ABC news. Poor in jumble. Distance 386 miles. **(RT-MN)**
- 1230 WSOO MI **Sault Sainte Marie. 11/12 0700.** Good signals with clear ID. **(VALDX-MB)**
- 1250 WSSP WI **Milwaukee. 11/11 1915.** Fair signals with Sports Milwaukee ads and ID. NEW **(VALDX-MB)**
- 1250 KNEU UT **Roosevelt. 11/11 1925.** Poor signals with Real Country programming. **(VALDX-MB)**
- 1250 KWSU WA **Pullman. 11/11 1930.** Poor signals with NPR and ID. **(VALDX-MB)**
- 1290 WMCS WI **Greenfield. 11/11 1910.** Fair signals in CFRW null with talk programming. **(VALDX-MB)**
- 1290 WIRL IL **Peoria. 11/16 1800.** In briefly with "Your [station?] for Classic Country, W—L, Peoria" then lost to WHIO. Poor with QRM from WHIO and CFRW. Thank God that they mentioned the CoL, otherwise this would have been an UNID. **(RT-MN)**
- 1310 CIWW ON **Ottawa. 11/6 0740.** "Sentimental Journey on Oldies 1310." I heard no ToH ID at 0800, as station went right into Canadian news. Weak to fair signal, with bad QRM. **(GH-IL)**
- 1320 KCTC CA **Sacramento. 10/24 1210.** Noted still airing Jones Radio's "Music of Your Life" format, playing mostly modern versions of old big band tunes // KVIN 920 "Vintage 9-20." Used slogan "AM 13-20, The Music of Your Life" and carried AP Radio news. However, as reported in Sacramento Bee and mentioned on Air America Radio, station flipped to liberal talk 10/29. **(DP-CA3)** (See DDXD-W #73-8 Ed.-WI)
- 1350 WARF OH **Akron. 11/11 2030.** Fair signals with football game and ID. **(VALDX-MB)**
- 1360 KFIV CA **Modesto. 10/24 1946.** "Savage Nation" in progress, for some reason seven seconds ahead of the show's home station KNEW-910! During local break man mentioned slogans "The Valley's Home for Fox News" and "NewsTalk 13-60 K-Five." Good; unID rippling underneath. **(DP-CA3)**
- 1370 KXTL MT **Butte. 10/26 0500.** "AM 1370 KXTL Butte, Good Times Great Oldies." Fair, mixing with KSOP. **(WH-CO)**
- 1380 WKJV NC **Ashville. 11/6 0707.** Very poor in WKJG null, with calls by a woman. **(JJR-**

- WI)
- 1440 WJL NY Niagara Falls. 11/5 0620. Poor under WNFL with calls, oldies. (JJR-WI) (We have not seen too many loggings of this once widely reported station lately. Ed.-WI)
- 1510 KPIG CA Piedmont. 10/25 1358. Adult Alternative music including Warren Zevon's "Send Lawyers Guns 'n Money," no TOH ID, "Hog Call" PSA for blood drive at Santa Cruz Presbyterian Hospital. Later noted at 1459 with triple ID for KPIG-FM Freedom (actually part of Watsonville), KPIG-AM Piedmont-San Francisco and KPYG-FM Cambria so apparently simulcasting. Very good. Heard in Oakland. (DP-CA1)
- 1510 KFNN AZ Mesa. 10/23 2133. Man hosting "Platinum Real Estate" program via phone, gave phone numbers in 602 and 480 area codes, mentioned KFNN and Arizona. Poor to fair, mixing with KGA running yesterday's Laura Ingraham show. Heard in Crockett. (DP-CA1)
- 1520 KVTA CA Port Hueneme. 10/23 2118. "Kim Kommando Show" two seconds ahead of KSTE-650, ID at 2129 "Ventura's Talk (?), KVTA." Fair, over/under SS station (KMFG?). Heard in Hercules (DP-CA1)
- 1560 WGLB WI Elm Grove. 11/11 1900. Fair signals with Milwaukee talk and ID. NEW (VALDX-MB)
- 1560 WQEW NY New York. 11/11 1904. Fair signals with Radio Disney. (VALDX-MB)
- 1570 KGTK SD Vermillion. 11/11 1600. Poor signals with ID on the hour. (VALDX-MB)
- 1570 WBGX IL Harvey. 11/11 1610. Fair signals with ads for Chicago and area Gospel programming. NEW (VALDX-MB)
- 1570 WFRL IL Freeport. 11/11 1640. Good signals all night long with IDs and NOS music. (VALDX-MB)
- 1610 CHHA ON Toronto. 11/11 1532. Poor to fair signals with Spanish talk and music ads with 416 phone number. (VALDX-MB)
- 1640 KDZR OR Lake Oswego. 11/7 0757. Radio Disney promos; legal ID at 0758 by kid "AM 1640 KDZR Lake Oswego - Portland" and back to Disney program. Fair at best; a new one here, OR #16. (JW-CO)
- 1650 KWHN AR Fort Smith. 11/2 1859. Legal ID "The one you depend on for Rush Limbaugh weekday mornings at 11 on NewsTalk 1650 KWHN-KYHN Fort Smith, USA," followed by an ad; ABC news was next at 1900. Fair under partially-nulled local KBJD. Always rough since Fort Smith and KBJD transmitter are roughly in the same loop direction. (JW-CO)
- 1650 KWHN AR Fort Smith. 11/12 0731. "1650 KWHN" said very fast by a male announcer. Decent signal, QRM from an unID Disney station (suspect WHKT). (GH-IL)
- 1650 KBJD CO Denver. 11/7 1833. "1650 KNUS-2 News" with "spaceship like sounds." Good signal for roughly 2 minutes, then buried by KCNZ. (GH-IL)
- 1680 WDSS MI Ada. 11/10 2215. "AM 1680 WDSS (missed) Grand Rapids" by a young female. Varied from strong to in the mud. WRL 1690 slop. (GH-IL)
- TIS, HAR, Mixing Products, Etc.
- 530 UNID WA? 11/12 0820. Fading in and out with woman with info from the Washington State Highway DOT Advisory Radio on road conditions through the (???) Pass. She gave a snowfall travel advisory. (VALDX-MB)
- 1610 WNZV591 CA Berkeley. 10/25 1328. Loop of four messages by woman, including emergency procedures, fire season warning, 5-1-1 phone number for CALTRANS traffic updates, city closures for Indigenous Peoples Day Oct. 10 (now that's politically correct!). Heard in Berkeley. Good. (DP-CA1)
- 1700 WPTZ516 CA Oakland. 10/25 1430. Airport traffic info, including today's road construction delays. Male announcer gave callsign as "WPTZ-Five-Sixteen." Fair; heard in San Mateo. (DP-CA1)
- 1710 KFRC/KFAXCA San Francisco. 10/23 2042. Was driving near Oakland International Airport when I saw a sign for its TIS on 1700. But I tuned past to 1710 where I heard choral singing with a black preacher. Reception was sometimes clipped and spotty but mostly strong. Finally at 2101 heard mentions of "Family Radio" and KFAX, indicating a mixing product (610 + 1100 = 1710). Not noted 10/25 on the other side of the Bay Area. (DP-CA1)

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

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REPORTERS

JLB-NY	Jerry Bond, Rochester – Hammarlund HQ-140XA, 3 foot loop.
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua - Station News.
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Zenith Trans Oceanic, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Bose Wave Radio.
IEN-GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Drake R8B, 135' N/S Wire.
IEN*GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Sony ICF-2010.
IEN+GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE In-Dash Audio System CY310.

STATION NEWS

1590	WSMN NH	Nashua - 11/10 1900 - Noted back on the air with simulcast of "ESPN 900" WSNH. Long top of the hour ID mentions how news of the unannounced return of WSMN spread quickly over the Internet, "...Absolute Broadcasting is committed to revitalizing radio in Nashua. We're new to broadcasting but not new to Nashua. We remember Al Ross... and many others who served the WSMN listeners for decades with news, talk, and entertainment programming. Now if you're too young to have heard them on the radio or lived somewhere else, just ask your neighbor what it was like to grow up around here. These talented local broadcasters were superb examples of the quality of life that has earned Nashua the title of 'Best Place to Live in America.' It is with this history in mind that we mold the new local radio station of the future. Now it will take time and we might not get everything right the first time, but since you asked, we wanted to let you know that that is our goal. That's what's happening at 1590. Thanks for listening, and for now back to the simulcast of ESPN 900, here on WSMN Nashua." Signal is rather weak, so probably still a low power multiplex with the omnidirectional 900 WSNH antenna. (BC-NH)
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STATION LOGGINGS

550	KFYR ND	Bismarck - 11/11 2110 - poor, with ID as "AM 550 KFYR Bismarck" after local weather forecast, then oldies and K-Fire slogan. (JLB-NY)
560	WGAN ME	Portland - 11/2 1604 - good with ID during newscast as "Newsradio 560 - WGAN." (JLB-NY)
640	WVLG FL	Wildwood - 11/13 0052 - Standards and Oldies. Decent, steady signal above the mix. "Music through the night on AM 640, WVLG". (IEN*GA)
690	WELD WV	Fisher – 10/30 1828 – Fair with CINF. ID and oldies format with slogan, "Grant County's Oldies Station, WELD. (HJH-PA)
910	WLTP OH	Marietta - 11/12 1640 - NASCAR Busch Series Race on MRN. Dominant signal in a mix of a few other stations. "...910, WLTP, Marietta". (IEN-GA)
950	WIBX NY	Utica - 11/10 1718 - heard briefly in local WROC-950 null with ID as "Newsradio 950-WIBX." Rare. (JLB-NY)
970	WZAM MI	Ishpeming - 11/11 2036 - Very strong with high school football game between Ishpeming Hematites and Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators per online tip from Saul Chernos. (JLB-NY)
980	WONE OH	Dayton – 11/11 0830 – wiping out London/Peterborough, ON groundwaves with talk on college football, "Sports Animal 980" slogan, promo for Dayton Bombers hockey, ad for Elizabeth Station toy train shop on East Third Street in Dayton. (MKB-ON)
	WYFN TN	Nashville - 11/11 2159 - fair signal with religious music and then "... all the time - WYFN Nashville." (JLB-NY)
1030	WUFL MI	Sterling Heights – 11/13 0803 – creaming WBZ with SRN news, "AM1030 WUFL" jingle, promo for Focus on the Family show on "AM 1030 Family Life Radio WUFL". (MKB-ON)
1050	WMSG MD	Oakland -11/12 2030 - strong over CHUM and WEPN with an ID and then a Tony Bennett tune, probably still on day power. (JLB-NY)
1070	WAPI AL	Birmingham - 11/14 1722 - Sean Hannity show buried in the mix. "... on 1070, WAPI". (IEN*GA)
1140	WXLZ VA	Saint Paul - 11/14 1618 - Country music. Decent signal. "Another country classic on 107.3, WXLZ". (IEN+GA)

- WBXR AL Hazel Green** - 11/14 1629 - Religious programming. Decent signal. "...the Family Altar here on WBXR". **(IEN+GA)**
- 1160 WSKW ME Skowhegan** - 11/11 2043 - good during break in high school football game with ID and many local spots. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1220 WFWL TN Camden** - 11/14 2335 - Country music fading in and out of the mix along with a 1/4-hour drop. "1220, WFWL". **(IEN*GA)**
- WCPH TN Etowah** - 11/15 0735 - Standards. Decent, steady signal. "The Music of Your Life on AM 1220, WCPH, Etowah, Tennessee". **(IEN+GA)**
- 1230 WHUC NY Hudson** - 11/3 1745 - faded up briefly with an ID followed by a Carpenters song. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1270 WTSN NH Dover** - 11/9 0710 - over WXYT and WHLD groundwave with ad for Gary's Trading Post, promo for upcoming Celtics game on "news talk 1270 WTSN", into local sports. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1280 WHVR PA Hanover** - 11/12 1635 - Classic country. Dominant signal (S9) in the mix. "...on 1280, WHVR". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1320 WDER NH Derry** - 11/3 1402 - good signal over WHHO saying "You can hear 'Insight For Living' each day on Life Changing Radio-WDER", on a day featuring excellent daytime conditions. **(JLB-NY)**
- WAGY NC Forest City** - 11/11 2200 - Snuck through briefly with full ID and slogan "Your County". In with many others. New. **(HJH-PA)**
- WWVT VT Randolph** - 11/12 1800 - good signal with "This is WSYB-1380 Rutland and WWVT-1320 Randolph" followed by news. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1340 WIRY NY Plattsburgh** - 11/12 1757 - faded in over the jumble with an ID. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1420 WASR NH Wolfeboro** - 11/12 1737 - faded up over WACK with local weather forecast and inviting listeners to call the WASR weatherphone. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1430 WDIC VA Clinchco** - 11/12 1752 - Country music. Good, steady signal on top of the evening static. "Stereo 1430, WDIC". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1470 WJDY MD Salisbury** - 11/13 1635 - ID inserted in canned Gospel format. "Rejoice Musical Soul Food" programming. In loud until this time when it dropped out abruptly. **(HJH-PA)**
- WWNN FL Pompano Beach** - 11/13 1803 - Fair signal with start of American Health Radio Show with Ron Turner. Full ID on hour. New. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1480 WHBC OH Canton** - 11/12 1627 - Ohio State football post game show. Good, steady signal (10 over S9). "...Ohio State Football on 1480, WHBC". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1540 WABQ OH Cleveland** - 11/6 1715 - heard very briefly with ID. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1560 WTNS OH Coshocton** - 11/9 0849 - very strong in WQEW null with country and western music and mention of the WTNS Expo. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1590 WZRX MS Jackson** - 11/15 2314 - Gospel music buried in the mix along with a 1/4-drop that came through nicely. "1590, WZRX". **(IEN*GA)**

PRESUMED/UNID

- 850 WREFp CT Ridgefield** - 11/2 1613 - presumed with "true oldies" and parallel to WCRN-830. **(JLB-NY)**
- 950 WROLp MA Boston** - 11/12 1629 - presumed with mention of Boston Globe and spots for businesses in Quincy. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1150 UNID** - 11/5 2104 - fading in and out with unusually strong WMRD, with Family Radio programming and mention of familyradio.org. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1220 CJULp ON Cornwall** - 11/12 1750 - Oldies format with slogan "The Jewel". Loud and mostly alone. **(HJH-PA)**
- WENCp NC Whiteville** - 11/14 1701 - Religious programming (Prayer Line). Decent, steady signal. "Power 1220" slogan. **(IEN*GA)**

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL: National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

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Midwinter anomaly already here? Chatter over the Internet indicates that transoceanic DX seems to be settling down to midwinter-like reception, a significant change from the remarkable logs over the past few weeks. France and Spain have been dominant at my listening post, typical for midwinter.

Transatlantic DX

- 531 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Ain-el-Beida NOV 7 2157 - Parallel 549, 890.95 with Arabic male vocal, flutes; fair in mix with two others (likely Spain, Madeira). [Connelly*R-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. NOV 5 0453 - Talk by man in Spanish followed by song then back to talk format; good signal; frequently audible since mid October, often at good to excellent level. [Beu-TX]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.5 Live* synchros NOV 18 0125 - Excellent; telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 18 0145 - Poor to fair; talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E) NOV 18 0148 - Good; man and woman in French parallel 1206, apparent departure from usual music programming at this time, perhaps a special news report as pop music returned at 0154. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) NOV 18 0205 - Man in Spanish well over seemingly Middle Eastern music maybe from Morocco, loud het against 1000 WMVP. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR Cont. R.*, Wolfsburg (49°53'N 08°03'E) NOV 18 0210 - Fair to good; two men with discussion in German, then a woman in German, splatter from 1020 *R.Reloj* Cuba code and minute marker with *Newstalk 1020* KDKA nulled. [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros NOV 18 0218 - Good; woman host with telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros NOV 7 2308 - Spanish talk slightly delayed from parallel 999; over Croatia. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) OCT 29 0548 - Talk by man and woman in French; good signal. [Beu-TX]
- 1394.82 **ALBANIA** *TWR* Filakë (40°57'N 19°40'E) NOV 5 2009 - Religious-sounding classical music, chorus; excellent! NOV 6 2131 - Slavic-sounding female talk and lush instrumental music; to good peak. NOV 8 2050 - Chanting; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sarwa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) NOV 14 0034 - *R.Sarwa* Kuwait confirmed via Internet simulcast. Female pop vocal, into ID and more music at 0036. Identical to *R.Sarwa* web feed for the "Iraq" stream. TA conditions were deeply depressed just a few minutes ago. K-index now at 3, and R1 blackout reported by WWV. [Taylor-NB]

Pan-American DX

- 860 unID NOV 18 1025 - Mexican music, ID sounded like "Radio Cadena Sera," over *R.Reloj* Cuba with CJBC nulled out. [Conti-NH]
- 1500.26 unID NOV 7 2337 - Het growl against WTOP/YVRZ. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1610 unID NOV 7 2353 - 1 kHz test tone possibly of domestic origin. [Connelly*R-MA]

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Newfoundland DXpedition #15, November 4-14, 2005

Summary by Jim Renfrew

Since it usually takes many months to complete a full and detailed report (necessitated by the need to review dozens of cassette tapes), we offer this initial summary to whet the appetite of those who

would like to get an early report on our doings in Newfoundland the week of November 4 to 14. Please note that the items reported below are subject to correction following review of tapes.

The 2005 Newfoundland DXpedition is now completed, with Jean Burnell of Halifax NS (NOV 4-14), John Fisher of Kingston ON (NOV 8-14) and Jim Renfrew of Byron NY (NOV 7-14) having been the participants. As many as five radios were in use: Drakes R8, R8A, R8B, and an ICOM R71A. For the second year the location was the Round Cove Bed and Breakfast in Cappahayden, a short distance from the location that had been used until 2002. Cappahayden is about an hour's drive south of St. John's. The proprietors are very friendly, and we have the full use of a finished basement for DXing. One serious problem was some sort of power line buzz that would strike for a few minutes or even hours at a time. We suspect that this is related to salt spray on the lines and connectors. A day of rain seemed to cure the worst of it. At our previous Cappahayden location the local power lines were further from the house, but here the power lines run between the house and the shoreline where the antenna wires run. There were two wires, the "northern wire" aimed at Europe, and the "southern wire" aimed at South America, along with splitters and amplifiers.

Reception conditions were dramatically different from 2004 when major auroral conditions prevailed. In 2004 conditions were excellent to Africa and South America because Europe was almost completely blocked. In 2005 nearly the opposite conditions were experienced, with good east-west propagation throughout the week. Please note that the word "good" needs some interpretation. At Cappahayden there are typically TA signals on nearly every frequency from around 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Newfoundland time, so "good" means that all of the signals that can normally be heard were heard. But it was not "excellent" in that there were only a few far eastern receptions and sub-Saharan Africa was almost completely absent. What was most striking was the absence of deep south receptions. Even with quiet atmospheric conditions, just a few of the Brazilian and Argentine regulars were in evidence, unlike previous years when a slew of signals are available from sunset in Brazil until dawn in Colombia. Jean noted that this was the first DXpedition in which he was unable to log at least one new Brazilian station.

Even so, with lots of patience and observation there were a number of real gems noted:

- 810 **MACEDONIA** *Makedonska Radio*, Skopje NOV 10 1900 - Strong signal with Balkan music, then a full ID at the top of the hour, "Makedonska Radio - Radio Makedonia."
- 846 **RUSSIA** *R.Radonezh*, Noginsk NOV 10 1942 - Long talk in Russian, struggling to get through Ireland 846, at 1950 bells between news items, faded before the top of the hour. Tentative.
- 860 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, Baracoa NOV 14 0328 - Not a new station for us, but unusual because instead of the normal "RR" in code, there were chimes instead. All the other Relej outlets heard used code. (Code is usually replaced by chimes on Sundays into Monday mornings. - Conti)
- 1000 **UNITED STATES** *KOMO* Seattle NOV 12 1019 - Nice "KOMO Radio 1000" heard through WMVP. We've never heard anything this far west before.
- 1020 **VENEZUELA** *R.Continente Calendario*, Maracaibo NOV 14 0257 - A DXer's dream of a full five minutes of IDs, following a classical music program.
- 1035 **ESTONIA** *Tartu Family Radio*, Tartu NOV 10 2135 - Light music program.
- 1125 **RUSSIA** *R.Orfey*, St. Petersburg NOV 10 1937 - Russian language with classical music, parallel to 1161 kHz. This represented the beginning of a good run on Russian stations during the next two hours.
- 1161 **RUSSIA** *R.Orfey*, Volograd NOV 10 1937 - Russian language with classical music, parallel to 1125 kHz.
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Sawa*, al-Dhabbaya NOV 8 2018 - Easily heard through *Voice of Russia*.
- 1188 **RUSSIA** *Deutsche Welle*, St. Petersburg NOV 10 2018 - "Hier ist Volna" ID heard at 2030, parallel 6180 kHz German program. Listed at 10 kW.
- 1197 **LESOTHO** *Family Radio*, Maseru NOV 7 2234 - The unmistakable voice of Harold Camping.
- 1341 **HUNGARY** *Magyar Katolikus Radio*, Szolnok NOV 10 0352 - Music program, led into a program from *Vatican Radio* at 0410.
- 1350 **LATVIA** *R.Tatras International*, Kuldiga NOV 8 2028 - Strong dance music, a few IDs as "Tatras" or "RTI."
- 1377 **ARMENIA** *TWR Gavar* NOV 10 1910 - Noted with a TWR interval signal, parallel to the previously logged TWR 864 from Armenia.
- 1385.9 **GUINEA** *R.Rurale*, Labé NOV 8 2115 - Stood out as one of the few heard from Africa, a strong signal.
- 1386 **KENYA** *KBC Maralal* NOV 12 0215 - Steady signal with music and announcements.
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** *R.Baltic Waves*, Sitkunai NOV 10 2155 - Chinese lessons for a Russian audience.

- 1413 unID site *Voice of Russia* NOV 10 2001 - Very strong in Bulgarian, parallel to 6000 kHz. This seems to have replaced the 1467 Grigoriopol transmission. We wondered if this might be Pristina in Kosovo?
- 1440 **RUSSIA** *R.France International*, St. Petersburg NOV 10 2035 - French program parallel to 7315 kHz, weak under Luxembourg which was not using DRM at the time. This one listed as 10 kW.
- 1494 **CORSICA** *France Bleu*, Bastia NOV 7 2131 - *France-Inter* was once the sole program heard on this frequency, but now there are two programs here: *France Bleu* and *France Info*. *France Bleu* is from Corsica.
- 1494 **RUSSIA** TWR St. Petersburg NOV 10 2042 - Program in Norwegian, interval signal heard at 2058.
- 1539 **DJIBOUTI** RTVD Djibouti NOV 7 1942 - Parallel 4780 shortwave.
- 1548 **SRI LANKA** *Deutsche Welle*, Trincomalee NOV 12 1730 - At this early hour German language was quickly paralleled to 9545 shortwave. The signal was gone around 1750. This may be the highlight of the DXpedition, as Sri Lanka has not been heard here before.
- 1557 **LITHUANIA** *R.Baltic Waves*, Kaunas/Sitkunai NOV 8 1815 - *China Radio International* in Russian.
- 1557 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Asia*, Ras al Khaimah NOV 13 1842 - Heard though out the week with Middle Eastern music under France and *R.Baltic Waves*, an ID announcement was finally heard at this time.
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, al-Dhabbiya NOV 7 2028.
- 1700 **MEXICO** XEKT Tecate BCN NOV 12 1034 - In the post sunrise hour we found a series of English ads and announcements for the San Diego area, along with a muffled mention of call letters. This occurred shortly after the KOMO 1000 reception noted above.

The most fruitful times for MW DXing were afternoon and early evening, and then again in the hour before and after sunrise.

Some suspected Greek and Serbian pirates were noted on 1627 and 1639.87 on November 13 between 2045 and 2145.

DRM signals were noted on 1440 and 1530 kHz, producing a heavy buzz. Fortunately, from such a far distance, there was not much interference to adjacent channels.

After about 2000 UTC, with the absence of any new targets, we usually shifted to shortwave. We found Greenland 3815 on NOV 8 2133-2212, with Greenlandic and Danish talk. As far as we know this is the first North American reception of this station. We also noted nearly all the Indian regional stations on the 90 and 60 meter band, with the exception of *AIR Gangtok*. All of these sign on between 2355- and 0100. They were in every night we looked for them. An *RRI* station on 4925 from Sumatra was noted, too. *Coalition Forces Radio* operates in International Waters on 9133 usb, with Middle Eastern music and announcements, but an ID could not be found when we listened to this station on November 11th, 0127-0300. John and Jean enjoyed spotting various European pirates, while Jim dug around in the longwave band looking for beacons. During the sunrise listening period there were numerous domestic stations logged for the first time.

Watch for our complete report in months to come.

International News

GERMANY: 1179 *SR Info* (Saarländischer Rundfunk Infoprogramm) is now testing. The test program is a relay of *SR3 Saarlandwelle* (FM). Power 10 kW. Official start is expected in December 2005. [Saarländischer Rundfunk via BE, *ARC Information Desk*]

IRAN: 1170 *IRIB* Abadan has returned to nominal 1170 from 1169 kHz as of November 1st. [Mauno Ritola, *ARC Information Desk*]

MACEDONIA: 810 Ovche Pole has its own status broadcasting *MR1*, *Radio Skopje* and *Deutsche Welle*. [WRTH 2006, via *ARC Information Desk*]

73 and Good DX!

Flash Alert Postcard System

Can't access the Internet to find out about last-minute DX tests? Join Les Rayburn's Flash Alert System to receive notice about late-notice tests and special events. Just send Les 10 or more self-addressed postcards, and he'll be sure to keep you up-to-date and even notify you when you're down to five cards. Send your cards to Les Rayburn - 100 Centerview Drive, Suite 11 - Birmingham, AL 35216-3748. It's almost as good as being wired!

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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

Freq	Call	Location	New Format
570	WDNZ	Raleigh, NC	NWS/TLK/SPT
600	WVOG	New Orleans, LA	REL/GOS
600	CKAT	North Bay, ON	C&Wd/SPTn
620	WDNC	Durham, NC	NWS/TLK/SPT
710	WPOG	Saint Matthews, SC	REL
850	WXJC	Birmingham, AL	GOS
980	WAAA	Winston-Salem, NC	C&W
990	KAYL	Storm Lake, IA	SPT
1060	WQMV	Waverly, TN	OLD
1070	WTWK	Plattsburgh, NY	SPT
1090	KMXA	Aurora, CO	SS:AC
1090	WILD	Boston, MA	UC:GOS
1170	WWTR	Bridgewater Twshp, NJ	Asian
1190	KNEK	Washington, LA	UC:AC
1200	WPTK	Pine Island Center, FL	SS:Tropical
1230	KVOC	Casper, WY	SPT
1240	WKIQ	Eustis, FL	UC:AC
1250	KPJC	Paris, TX	UC
1260	KIMB	Kimball, NE	TLK
1270	WMLC	Monticello, MS	GOS
1270	WNLS	Tallahassee, FL	NWS/TLK/SPT
1290	WOMP	Bellaire, OH	SPT
1300	WIBR	Baton Rouge, LA	AC
1300	WTIR	Cocoa Beach, FL	SS:NWS/TLK
1300	WKXM	Winfield, AL	SPT
1320	WARL	Attleboro, MA	SPT
1320	KCTC	Sacramento, CA	TLK
1340	WMDR	Augusta, ME	GOS
1340	WVCV	Orange, VA	NOS
1340	KTFX	Sand Springs, OK	SS:MEX
1340	WSTV	Steubenville, OH	SPT
1340	KVOT#	Taos, NM	NWS/TLK
1340	KVSN	Tumwater, WA	NWS/TLK
1350	WBLT	Bedford, VA	NWS/TLK
1350	KCOX	Jasper, TX	C&W
1380	WPHM	Port Huron, MI	NWS/TLK
1400	KXGF	Great Falls, MT	SPT
1400	KLBB	Saint Paul, MN	SS:MEX
1400	KVRP	Stamford, TX	REL:AC
1410	WQBQ	Leesburg, FL	SS:MEX
1450	KRZY	Albuquerque, NM	SS:AC
1450	WELY	Ely, MN	TLK
1450	WMVA	Martinsville, VA	NWS/TLK
1450	WMAS	Springfield, MA	OLD
1460	KHFX	Burleson, TX	SPT
1490	WCVA	Culpeper, VA	NOS
1490	WOHI	East Liverpool, OH	SPT
1490	WEMJ	Laconia, NH	Tourist
1490	KKAN	Phillipsburg, KS	NOS/TLK
1570	WNSH	Beverly, MA	OLD
1570	KCVR	Lodi, CA	SS:AC
1580	KXZZ	Lake Charles, LA	UC:OLD
1590	WNTS	Beech Grove, IN	SS:MEX
1590	WHLX	Marine City, MI	NOS
1590	WSMN	Nashua, NH	SPT
1600	WKKX	Wheeling, WV	NWS/TLK
1680	WTTM	Princeton, NJ	SS

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NRC 73 DX Contest: Going the Distance It's all about distance

What is DX? Simply stated, it's the art and science of long distance radio communications. This contest is all about distance, going as far as you can go with mediumwave broadcast reception. To get ahead quickly, don't bother with logging your local radio stations. Go for the distant "clear channel" and international frequencies first, and save the short distance signals for last to accumulate the most miles early in the contest. You may not even need your locals in the logbook to be a winner in one of the accumulated miles categories. If you're considering joining the contest, it's never too late to get started. Complete rules are in the September 19 *DX News* magazine and online at www.e-dxn.com.

The distance theme was initially inspired by Wayne Heinen with the development of last year's distance contest, leading to a general interest in mediumwave reception distances. Coordinates were added to the **International DX Digest** logs for distance calculations. Bill Hale has been keeping distance records for graveyard frequencies, another fascinating aspect of mediumwave broadcast DXing. While Paul Swearingen has been maintaining the **International DX Achievements** database that tracks

countries verified, presently there's no tracking of international reception distances. Could that be a spin-off from this contest? I'm thinking about it. In the meantime, get your most distant receptions from September through January entered before January 20 when a 2006 World Radio TV Handbook will be awarded to one dedicated DXer.

North American Supremacy - Total Accumulated Air Miles

- Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO (39°39'N 104°46'W) 36386 miles
- Russell Curry, Springfield OR (44°04'N 122°55'W) 21065 miles
- Nancy Johnson, Billings MT (45°46'N 108°37'W) 12667 miles

Pan American Supremacy - Total Accumulated Air Miles

- Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO (39°39'N 104°46'W) 7544 miles

Longest Distance Records

- Bruce Conti, Nashua NH (42°43'N 71°31'W) 1431 R.Sawa, Djbouti 6854 miles
- Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO (39°39'N 104°46'W) 1020 R.Rejoj, Cuba 1738 miles (est.)
- Nancy Johnson, Billings MT (45°46'N 108°37'W) 840 WHAS Louisville KY 1295 miles
- Russell Curry, Springfield OR (44°04'N 122°55'W) 850 KOA Denver CO 987 miles

73 and Good Luck!

Musings

of the Members

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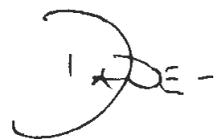
Here is the NRC column which asks the musical question "Where Have All The Musers Gone?" When sending in your reports, please keep them radio and DX related, thats all we ask. And here we go:

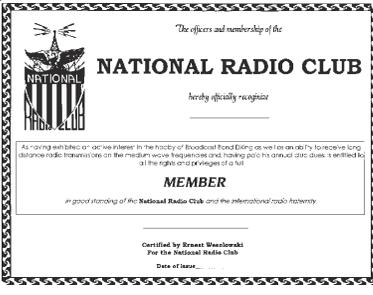
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The fall Midwest GTG is history. This year's event was held in Lebanon MO; we could have picked a better weekend as several DXers that would have liked to attend were unable to. Nevertheless those that came had a great time. Those in attendance were FRANK MERRILL, WALTER BREVILLE, GIL MORGAN, myself, and wife Betty. The weather was mild in the 60's with a thunderstorm Saturday night, but it didn't interfere with our activities. The group especially enjoyed seeing the new Rt. 66 Museum and also convention center in Lebanon. Our Motel was also located on W Elm street which is old highway 66. We were disappointed however that Mr. Mike Edwards, general manager of KBNN AM KJEL FM Radio, was out of town and unable to give us a tour of his station. As usual much DX talk, Frank Merrill and Gil Morgan mostly FM, DXer Walter Breville AM, and myself AM and FM. Of course my wife Betty always tolerates our DX talk, not interested, but she watched a lot of TV. Also a DX quiz, but this time most of us were able to compete with Frank Merrill which is very unusual. While radio conditions were not as good as expected, AM or FM, we still enjoyed the GTG and especially the food. Couldn't beat the motel price of \$33 a night with tax I was able to obtain at the Historic Rt 66 Motel. For those not familiar, Lebanon MO is located at exit 127 on I-44 about 160 miles SW of St Louis.

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Not much to report over the past few issues; have had another round of eye surgery to clear up a retina problem in my left eye. Still keeping an EYE out for YOUR reports though, and we hope we'll be SEEING your contributions! 73's





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