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Station Test Calendar

WIGG	MS	1420	Nov. 4	0500-0530
WCXH	ME	780	Nov. 24	0400-0500
KLAA	CA	830	Dec. 15	0400-0500
KQMS	CA	1400	Dec. 16	0300-0400

KLAA-830 ... 2000 Gene Autry Way - Anaheim, CA 92806 will test Saturday, December 15 from 4-5 am EST at 20,000 watts using its nighttime directional antenna pattern. Morse code IDs will be inserted into regular programming. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Brian Clark, Director of Engineering. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk or via e-mail in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. Address for e-mails is bclark@am830klaa.com. NOTE: All requests for postal verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Brian says he would love to run the test using KLAAs daytime antenna pattern which would better favor the east but cannot because he must protect other stations on 830 kHz. It should be a good one for the folks to the west, and who knows how far east they may get if conditions are good.

WCXH-780 ... Due to a mix-up with times the Oct. 29 WCXH test ran an hour later than advertised. Allan Weiner has graciously agreed to conduct another test Saturday morning Nov. 24 from 4-5 a.m. EST at 5,000 watts using its non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, march and other special music, Morse code and sweep tones. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allan H. Weiner. WCXH Radio - 274 Britton Rd. - Monticello, ME 04760-3110. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Again, our sincere thanks to Allan Weiner for giving us a second chance to hear his station.

From the Publisher ... More oddities ... several envelopes containing renewal checks with NO return address showing, in the P. O. Box. To put it bluntly, you must be a lot more trusting than I am of the USPS, which for two weeks running hasn't been able to get my own DXN a couple of miles

across town to my P. O. Box in a timely manner. In fact, #5 didn't show up until Tuesday, and #6, as I write this, is also MIA.

However, Jim Paige, Sterling Heights, MI at least gets SOME mail, commenting in a note with his renewal check that *DX News* was the only good mail that he gets!

From Barry Finkel ... "I am collecting flagship, announcer, and radio network information for the National Hockey League (NHL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) 2007/08 seasons. Please send me any information and/or URLs to network lists that you may have. Thanks."

News from Jim Pogue ... The latest Broadcast Test Committee Podcast - Edition #3 - hosted by committee member J.D. Stephens is now available for downloading and listening. Here's the link: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_Podcast_3.mp3.

Unfilled positions ... We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions, as described in detail in V73, #27, the June '06 DXN: A person proficient with phpBB to maintain the e-DXN site; one or more additional moderators for e-DXN; one or more persons to edit future NRC publications; a "DX Targets" editor; a technical column editor; several editors to take over languished columns; finally, a DXN publisher, by June 2008.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the November 16, 1957 DXN: Hank Ward, Ponca City, OK, suggested that the pictures of NRC members be collected for publication in a club booklet, adding that if the majority of members supported it, the booklet could be presented at the 1958 convention, the close of NRC's Silver Anniversary year.

25 years ago ... from the November 22, 1982 DXN: Bill Hale, APO NY, noted that his British friends were awed when he showed them copies of the Domestic Log, not believing that almost any town of any size in America had some type of radio station.

10 years ago: ... from the November 17, 1997 DXN: Doug Smith, Pleasant View, TN bemoaned damage to his beverage antenna, noting that apparently a deer ran through it. However, he was able to put it right back into service by resetting the stake on which the wire was strung.



AM Switch

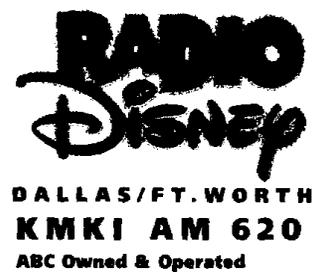
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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
920	NEW	VA	Quantico WURA
1080	WTPS	FL	Coral Gables WMCU
1260	KMZT	CA	Beverly Hills KGIL
1340	KLKI	WA	Anacortes KWLE



CPs ON THE AIR

1010	WJXL	FL	Jacksonville Beach - CP for U4 5000/30000 is on the air. They had trouble adjusting one of their daytime nulls and have filed an application to augment the pattern, but has received their license. Although both new patterns are highly directional to the southeast, give them a try. You never know what you'll hear.
1030	WUFL	MI	Sterling Heights - CP to add a tower, for a total of three, in order to change their directional pattern to balloon-shaped toward the southwest, while remaining D3 5000/0 is on the air. Adding the tower also adjusted their coordinates to N42-36-17 W82-54-40.
1250	KZDC	TX	San Antonio - CP for U4 25000/2000 is on the air (at least in the testing stages). The new day pattern is aimed northwest, while the night pattern goes primarily southeast.
1420	WKPR	MI	Kalamazoo - CP for U4 1000/15 is on the air. The night pattern is a duplicate of the day pattern, only smaller.
1430	WPNI	MA	Amherst - CP for U4 5000/11 is on the air. The night pattern is a 'mini' version of the day signal.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

800	NEW	AK	Knik-Fairview - CP granted for U4 45000/45000. Both patterns are directed to the southwest. Knik is about 20 miles northeast of Anchorage.
1320	NEW	HI	Ewa Beach - CP granted for U4 5000/5000.

ACTIONS

880	WPIP	NC	Winston-Salem - CP granted for U1 1800/0 from a new tower at N36-02-38 W80-10-55.
900	WUAM	NY	Watervliet - CP granted for U1 400/70, moving from Saratoga Springs.
1240	WLSC	SC	Loris - Coordinate correction to N34-03-28 W78-53-05.
1300	WQPM	MN	Princeton - Coordinate correction to N45-33-10 W93-34-54.
1360	KBUY	NM	Ruidoso - CP granted to upgrade to U1 9000/182.
1370	KWTL	ND	Grand Forks - CP granted for U1 12000/270.
1370	KAST	OR	Astoria - Coordinate correction to N46-10-31 W123-50-58.
1420	WRCG	GA	Columbus - CP granted to downgrade their nighttime facilities by reducing power and going non-DA as U1 5000/79.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1470	WEMM	WV	Huntington - Licensed for U1 5000/72, WEMM was granted a CP to move to 1200 kHz with U1 22000/9 CH 8000. This amendment requests U1 22000/9.
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APPLICATIONS

970	KFEL	CO	Pueblo - Applies for U5 15000/184.
1380	KAGE	MN	Winona - Applies to move the transmitter to a new tower and di-plex with co-owned KWNO-1230 with U1 2200/28. [Corrected power levels from Issue 7425]
1560	WPGY	GA	Ellijay - Applies to move to 1580 kHz with D1 500/0.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

690 LA WIST New Orleans - Licensed for U4 10000/5000, WIST recently applied for U4 10000/2000. This amendment requests U4 8000/2000.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1090 KNUZ TX Bellville - Application was to change their CoL to Katy, Texas.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1300 NEW AK Fairbanks - Applies for U1 1000/1000.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1000 WCMX MA Leominster

1300 WAMF NY Fulton

OTHER ACTIONS

940 KTON TX Belton - The CH portion (only!) of their application to move to Lancaster, Texas with D4 50000/0 CH 50000 has been dropped.

1020 KDKA PA Pittsburgh - Their application for an STA of U1 35000/35000 during antenna maintenance has been deleted. Maybe they finished the work before the snow flies in southwest Pennsylvania.

1050 KJPG CA Frazier Park - Their application for a slight increase in nighttime power has been dismissed, leaving them **licensed for U4 10000/7**.

1430 WRXO NC Roxboro - The FCC database has dropped their 65 Watt 'planned' nighttime operation, leaving them as **D1 1000/0**.

1450 CHUC ON Cobourg - Has been announcing every 30 minutes at approximately 8 and 38 past the hour that **November 7th is their last day** on 1450 as the FM simulcast period is up..

1480 WADR NY Remsen - The FCC database has dropped their 18 Watt nighttime authorization, leaving them as **D1 5000/0**.

1540 WOGR NC Charlotte - Their application for D3 2400/0 has been dismissed.

1560 WPGY GA Ellijay - Their application for D1 500/0 on 1580 has been dismissed.

1570 KMCD IA Fairfield - The FCC database has changed their 109 Watt 'planned' to licensed status, making **KMCD U1 250/109**.

HEAR AND THAR

☐ Silent: **WLYG-1170 Hanceville, Alabama; KJMU-1340 Sand Springs, Oklahoma; KELE-1360 Mountain Grove, Missouri;**

☐ Returning to the airwaves: **WALE-990 Greenville, Rhode Island; WEMR-1460 Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania; WBOK-1230 New Orleans, Louisiana** with talk;

☐ FINES: \$7000 to **WAMF-1300 Fulton, New York** for filing their renewal application in an untimely manner and subsequent unauthorized operation; \$1500 to **WCMX-1000 Leominster, Massachusetts** for filing their renewal application in an untimely manner;

☐ A recent AM Switch mentioned that CKMW-1570 Winkler was upset by an FM on the US border IDing as Canada. Elving's FM Atlas lists KYTZ-106.7 in Walhalla, North Dakota IDing as Z-106.7 *Walhalla-Winkler-Grafton*. There are only two other FMs in that border area. One in Langdon and the other in Cavalier, and both are farther south. The Atlas does not list any dual-ID for them. [From **(Krazy) Ken Chatterton**.]

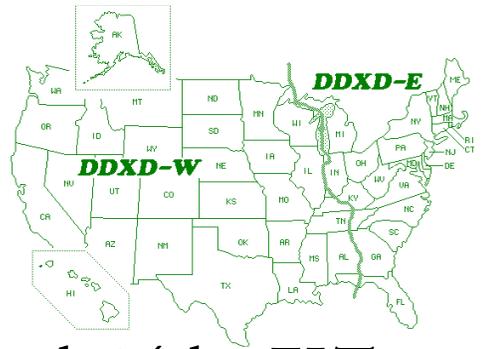
☐ In what may be the first AM nighttime IBOC interference complaint filed with the FCC, WYSL-1040 Avon, New York claims adjacent channel IBOC noise from WBZ-1030, Boston is interfering with WYSL's nighttime signal. WYSL operates U7 20000/500 CH 13200. In the complaint, WYSL is claiming adjacent-channel skywave to co-channel groundwave interference. The multi-page complaint includes an engineering affidavit from communications systems engineer, consultant, and NRCer **Barry McLarnon**. WYSL personnel spent more than 100 hours and drove more than 700 miles in field tests gathering data to back up its complaint, the station said. The complaint states, in part: "If allowed to continue unmitigated, the IBOC interference is likely to cause loss of advertising revenue and diminishment of WYSL's market value as a broadcast property." They claim the station could potentially lose about \$100,000 in nighttime ads for sports events this winter due to interference. Key to this case is whether the alleged interference is within WYSL's protected contour; WYSL says it is. This could be the first AM nighttime IBOC-related interference complaint the commission has received since stations were allowed to leave their digital transmitters on 24/7 beginning September 14. An 'Anti-IBOC' website is at: <http://www.stopiboc.com/>.

☐ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen, and Radio World Online**.

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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ Recently on the NRC and IRCA lists **Patrick Griffith** wrote about a profile of Denver's KPOF 910 that appeared in the weekly *Westminster Window*. The station, which will turn 80 next March, was the first in the Denver-Boulder market to adapt IBOC-- in February of 2004. The article states that, according to iBiquity, Denver-Boulder leads the country in highest percentage of stations (58%) that have adapted IBOC. An astounding piece of news to the rest of us maybe, but an only too well-known fact to Patrick, **John Wilkins**, **Wayne Heinen**, **Craig Barnes** and the other area DXers who struggle in this harsh listening environment.
- ▲ Not all is lost in this harsh environment, however. Both John and Wayne send us loggings of new stations this week, proving it can be done in Denver. John writes: "Two new ones here, one thanks to a DX test, and an old friend from rare Ontario is heard again. And the icing on the cake was a verification from JOAB 693, received last week. So it is possible to work around IBOC." Congratulations John, and congratulations Wayne!
- ▲ This week's column features another successful early-season DX test, WLPO 1220 run on 10/27. Unfortunately, however, the WCXH 780 test on 10/29 went off an hour late, and that was no doubt a big reason why no one in the **Vast Westland** (at least to my knowledge) heard it (several out East who hung around 780 after the scheduled time did). The good news-- the test has been rescheduled, and you are getting the word in time to try for it again (even if you are receiving this news via snail mail). Listen for it on 11/24 at 0400-0500 ELT, with the same test details as previously published.
- ▲ If you were listening for the WCXH DX test and hearing instead, as they proclaim at ToH, "WBBM AM and WBBM AM HD Chicago," I wonder if you picked up on the same irony that I did. At 0421 ELT they ran an ad for the CCRadio Plus, which as we all know is a radio designed to receive distant AM signals. Apparently the WBBM sales staff did not explain two IBOC philosophies to the C. Crane Company when it purchased this spot: that all radio is local and that advertisers do not care about out-of-market listeners!
- ▲ **Shawn Axelrod** is back this week, and as he has many times this fall, he reports a new one (see "Regular Loggings" 540 below)! Says Shawn: "Well after a lull of several days another new one on an unexpected frequency. You never know when or where you will find them so just keep listening." Great advice, Shawn! 73 **Bill**

Reporters

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| BW-OK | Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa. R8, 50-foot wire. |
| DS-CA | Dan Sheedy, Encinitas. R75 / Kiwa and Quantum loops. |
| EW-NE | Ernie Wesolowski, Omaha. Drake SW8, Quantum QX Pro loop. |
| GH-IL | Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 / Quantum Loop. |
| JT-AZ | John Tucker KG7RS, Mesa. Drake R8B, 4' varactor-tuned box loop, 10/50/10' EWE pointing North, DX Engineering NCC-1 Phaser. |
| JW-CO | John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop. |
| KDF-IL | Karl D. Forth, Chicago. Station news. |
| RA-CA1 | René Auvray, DXing in Nipton. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-CA2 | René Auvray, DXing in Apple Valley. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-NV | René Auvray, DXing in Primm. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| 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. |
| SP-WI | Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. Grundig Satellit 800 and Eavesdropper antenna. |
| WH-CO | Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S Flag, E/W Flag, Modified 4 foot NRC Altazimuth loop, 15 foot vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/2 BUF-F amplifiers, Mini-DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1. |
| WW-MO | Woz Wozniak, Saint Louis. Grundig Satellit 800 and Terk Advantage loop. |

Ed.-WI Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Station News

- 950 WNTD IL **Chicago. 10/30 0800.** I just noticed that 950 is now carrying Relevant Radio, but not // WAIT 820. **(KDF-IL)** (This is a follow-up to last week's "Station News" item, in which it was reported that, under its new ownership, WNTD would be carrying Relevant Radio (Catholic talk) programming M-F 6 AM-6PM, brokered SS the rest of the day. We reported at that time that the change had not yet taken place. **Ed.-WI)**
- 990 KFCD TX **Farmersville.** Has very recently undergone *another* format change, as confirmed by an e-mail exchange with **Bill Hale**. The station now is religious with the slogan "The Arc," ex-sports and talk. Says Bill: "**I never listen to them. They've had so many formats since signing on 3-4 years ago, it's pathetic.**" **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1250 KZDC TX **San Antonio. 11/1.** Continues to put in a very good signal here (John first reported on this in DDXD-W #75-3 **Ed.-WI**). I just noticed that they have a CP for U4 25000/2000. I suspect that they may be running the 25 kw at least part of the time judging by the signal that comes in here. KZDC used to not be very common here but now they are quite regular. I heard them this morning with a very good dominant signal. KKHK, which used to dominate, is puny by comparison. The 25 kw pattern puts a big lobe right in this direction. **(JW-CO)** (A check with Bill Hale confirms that this CP is on, or at least testing-- see this issue's AMS. Great observation and nice catch, John! **Ed.-WI)**
- 1560 KLTI MO **Macon. 10/26 0649.** "This is 15-60 AM and 92.5 FM, KLTI" followed by country tune "Just Give It Away" (KLTI not listed as having a parallel FM in the 28th NRC AM Log). Strong signal, good QRM and moderate QRN. New. **(WW-MO)** (It looks like you just stumbled across evidence of another of those FM translators carrying AM stations, Woz! There is no KLTI-FM 92.5 Macon MO in the FCC database, but there is a K223AS. According to KLTI's owner Best Broadcast Group on their website http://bestbroadcasting.com/about_us.htm, "K223AS is a translator station located at 92.5 on your FM dial which originates from our transmission facility located in Macon, Missouri. This station currently rebroadcasts the signal of KLTI Radio." **Ed.-WI)**

DX and Other Tests

- 780 WCXH- ME **Monticello. 10/29 0500-0505.** Like many others, I listened for this station's DX test at its scheduled time of 0400-0500 ELT. No test heard, with the frequency dominated by WBBM. However, I did keep the tape recorder rolling until 0505, and when later in the day I found out that the test had gone off an hour late I reviewed that section of the tape. No such luck-- nothing close to test material, so this one officially goes down as a "not heard." There was a reward, however, when during the scheduled time I managed to log XEMF, a new one (logging sent to IDXD). **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1220 WLPO+ IL **LaSalle. 10/27 0358-0435.** Flute instrumental into ToH with WLPO voice ID followed by Morse code ID then "Symphony for the Common Man." Sweep tones, polka number, more voice and CW IDs, march music, symphony music with heavy brass sections, "Pink Panther," and I could go on and on. Later copied voice ID at 0458 and at 0529-0531 call and numbers with weather forecast and "Voice of the Valley" at 0532. Overall good signal strength, fair to moderate QRM (suspected WHKW Cleveland, WAYE Birmingham, and others). This was the reception of my first DX test! Many thanks to **Steve Vogler** of WLPO, and to our own Broadcast Test Coordinator **Jim Pogue** for an excellent job. **(WW-MO)**
- 1220 WLPO+ IL **LaSalle. 10/27 0400.** Several Morse code IDs and sets of sweep tones punching through on DX test. Also made out a couple of voice IDs but they were barely readable; no other programming was discernible. Local KLDC's 11-watt signal was easily nulled. New here, IL #36. **(JW-CO)**
- 1220 WLPO+ IL **LaSalle. 10/27 0400-0416.** Loud and clear here in Tulsa on recording with voice ID, code IDs, classical music, sweep tones, polka and a march from 0400-0410. Faded somewhat between 0410 and 0416. Thanks to everyone involved in putting on the test! **(BW-OK)**

- 1560 **KGOW** TX **Bellaire. 10/25 2115-2205.** Testing their new night facilities, alternating between 50 kw (daytime power) and 1 kw U4. Sports programming, no ID. Programming going off and on as they change power back and forth. Hearing it at S-9 here when at full power. The following night 10/26 KGOW not heard; only WPAD. **(EW-NE)** (Bill Hale also mentioned this in last week's AMS-- see DXN #75-6 Ed.-WI)
- Presumed, Tentative, UnID
- 560 **KLZp** CO **Denver. 10/27 0043.** Contemporary Christian pop with "...of the Rockies, AM 560 the Light" through KSFO. **(DS-CA)**
- Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)
- 540 **KNMX** NM **Las Vegas. 10/22 0800.** Poor signals fading up under CBK with full ID and time check. NEW **(SA-MB)**
- 580 **WGAC** GA **Augusta. 10/27 0706.** Poor in with others. CBS news, ads, promos, "WGAC, WGAC-FM" ID, fishing show. **(JJR-WI)**
- 600 **KTBB** TX **Tyler. 10/29 0733.** Noted with area news and "NewsTalk 600 KTBB" IDs. Fair in QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 610 **KCSP** MO **Kansas City. 10/27 2320.** "KCSP 610 Sports" ID and Jayhawk scores. Good signal. **(GH-IL)**
- 660 **KTNN** AZ **Window Rock. 10/29 2235.** C&W blasting in; Navajo ads for Saint Michaels, EE ID "KTNN 6-60 The Voice of the Navajo Nation." Tribal music. **(SP-WI)**
- 740 **KVOX** ND **Fargo. 11/1 0757.** Local ads, a PSA, then legal ID at 0759:50 "Dan Hammer show weekdays from noon to two on your regional sports source, AM 740 KVOX Fargo"; Fox National Sports Report followed at 0800. Fair in QRM; still on night power. A new one here, ND #29. **(JW-CO)**
- 760 **WCIS** NC **Morgantown. 10/29 0630.** Poor in WJR null. Detailed sign-on. "Powerhouse 76" is rare! **(JJR-WI)**
- 770 **KTTH** WA **Seattle. 10/26 2123.** Promo/URL to subscribe to KTTH (ktth.com), "more informative, more right... 7-70 KTTH the Truth" and back to Savage Nation. Over KKOB ("New Mexico's Talk Monster 7-70 KKOB") and XEREV. **(DS-CA)**
- 790 **KFYO** TX **Lubbock. 10/20 0300.** "NewsTalk 790 KFYO Lubbock. It's 2 o'clock" into ABC news. Weak with lots of co-channel QRM. New TX. **(JT-AZ)**
- 800 **CKLW** ON **Windsor. 10/30 0745.** Man and woman announcers with morning drive time fare, i.e. area news, weather, "AM 800 traffic," EDT time checks, etc. Heard a call letter ID at 0747; otherwise most IDs were simply "AM 800." Fair at best in QRM when blowtorch XEROK faded. Not heard here in many years, due to the fact that we had a local on 800 (KLDC) in the same loop direction as CKLW. KLDC moved to 810 two years ago, opening up 800 once again. **(JW-CO)** (And as John reported in DDXD-W #75-1, KLDC and its sister station on 1220 recently swapped frequencies, with the calls on 810 becoming KLVZ Ed.-WI)
- 930 **WTAD** IL **Quincy. 10/11 2335.** Poor, with promo, calls. Local adjacent 920 WOKY's HD off tonight. **(JJR-WI)**
- 940 **KIXZ** TX **Amarillo. 10/27 0130.** Popped up over XEMMM and KWRU with "Left-right. left-right... Talk Radio 940 KIXZ" and popped back down. **(DS-CA)**
- 950 **WERL** WI **Eagle River. 10/22 0713.** Very poor in WNTD null. Calls, nostalgia. **(JJR-WI)**
- 960 **WFIR** VA **Roanoke. 10/26 0715.** Very poor way under two others. Female announcer with calls. Not common. **(JJR-WI)**
- 970 **KCFO** OK **Tulsa. 10/30 2105.** News, ad for American Bible Institute, calls. NEW **(SP-WI)**
- 980 **KSVC** UT **Richfield. 10/19 1205.** ABC news, "KVSC Richfield" into Dr. Laura. Good signal in the clear. **(JT-AZ)**
- 990 **KRMO** MO **Cassville. 10/30 2110.** C&W, "giving you the best country since 1950, we're KRMO Cassville...." Weather, "AM 9-90 KRMO." NEW **(SP-WI)**
- 1000 **KOMO** WA **Seattle. 10/30 2058.** Local spots; plug for "Como 1000 News"; legal ID at 2059:50 "KOMO Seattle, Fisher Communications. The Northwest's news, traffic and weather station. Good evening from Seattle, it's 6:00"; ABC news was next. Good signal dominating others. **(JW-CO)**

1060	KRCN	CO	Longmont. 10/28 0302. Turnleft.com commercial, Radio Colorado network ID. Good signal with local KDUS phased. New CO. (JT-AZ)
1190	CFSL	SK	Weyburn. 10/28 0646. Poor-to-fair in mess. "AM 1190" non-IDs to BN news at ToH. C&W. (JJR-WI)
1220	WAYE	AL	Birmingham. 10/26 0058. "WAYE Birmingham. The station that cares about the future." Both QRM and QRN moderate but with a fair to moderate signal strength. New. (WW-MO)
1220	WSLM	IN	Salem. 10/26 0716. Fair, with end of Ag report. Calls, detailed weather. Never in this well. (JJR-WI)
1370	KWRM	CA	Corona. 10/21 1809. Announcer in Chinese. Weak through QRM. First time recorded in this location. (RA-CA2)
1420	WTCR	WV	Kenova. 10/22 0618. Poor with calls into song. (JJR-WI)
1420	WOC	IA	Davenport. 10/29 0530. From the depths of QRM emerged "WOC Talk Radio 14-20 Davenport-Quad-City" then devoured by the very place it came from. QRM fair, signal strength and QRN both moderate. (WW-MO)
1420	WVJS	KY	Owensboro. 10/29 0605. "This is 14-20 WVJS weather station forecast..." by a female voice in poor QRM with light static and fair to good signal strength. (WW-MO)
1430	WION	MI	Ionia. 10/29 0810. Poor in mess with weather. Calls and "I-1430" non-IDs. (JJR-WI)
1510	KCKK	CO	Littleton. 10/15 0000. "Mile High Sports Radio 1510 KCKK and 1570 KSXT Loveland, Sporting News Radio" at ToH. Very strong signal with badly distorted audio. Needed call change, my third recent one for this outlet, and new format. (JT-AZ)
1510	KSPA	CA	Ontario. 10/21 1656. Mentioning call ID (along with simulcast on 1450). Into big band music. Coming out of QRM. Furthest recorded in daytime. (RA-NV)
1520	KSIB	IA	Creston. 10/25 1900. "This is KSIB AM-FM Creston, Iowa" out of a pool of QRM, then gone as fast as it came in. Light QRN. New. (WW-MO)
1550	KSFT	MO	Saint Joseph. 10/11 0200. "Good Time Oldies 1550 KSFT Saint Joseph" to AP news. (WH-CO)
1550	KAPE	MO	Cape Girardeau. 10/11 0802. Ending Fox news. "Kape Radio Cape Girardeau news update." (WH-CO)
1550	KKJY	NM	Albuquerque. 10/11 0900. Out of nostalgia with "KQNM Milam, KKJY AM 1550 Albuquerque" dual ID. (WH-CO)
1550	KUAZ	AZ	Tucson. 10/11 1000. Out of NPR programming. "KUAZ AM and FM Tucson, University of Arizona" to NPR news. (WH-CO)
1550	KZRK	TX	Canyon. 10/11 2300. "ESPN 1550 AM" in SS, "KZRK Canyon-Amarillo" in EE to ESPN Deportes. Fair. (WH-CO)
1550	KMRI	UT	West Valley City. 10/12 0002. Out of SS music. "KMRI West Valley City, 1550 AM" then long SS ID to more music. (WH-CO)
1560	KKAA	SD	Aberdeen. 10/13 0559. Up briefly with "KKAA Aberdeen, South Dakota." Fair. (WH-CO)
1560	KTUI	MO	Sullivan. 10/13 0800. Ending spot with "AM 1560 KTUI Sullivan" to network news. Weak but readable. New for me and taped. (WH-CO)
1560	KNZR	CA	Bakersfield. 10/13 1000. "Heard only on AM 1560 KNZR Bakersfield" to AP news. (WH-CO)
1570	KPRO	CA	Riverside. 10/21 1658. A church pastor concluding service with call ID and info. Into CNN. Weak, slowly fading. First time. (RA-CA1)
1580	KWED	TX	Seguin. 10/15 0305. Out of C&W. "It's "After Midnight" on AM 1580 KWED Seguin." Weak but readable and alone on the channel. (WH-CO)
1580	WZKY	NC	Albemarle. 10/26 0645. Out of moderate interference and static came "15-80 WZKY" by male announcer, then back to the pool of slop. New. (WW-MO)
1590	KVGB	KS	Great Bend. 10/15 2359. Out of spot with "The Talk of the Town, 1590 AM KVGB Great Bend." (WH-CO)
1590	KYNG	AR	Springdale. 10/16 0102. Out of SS music. "KYNG Springdale in Western Arkansas, La Máquina Musical 1590." Weak under KVGB. New for me and taped. (WH-CO)
1590	KDAV	TX	Lubbock. 10/16 0302. Out of oldies rock ('50s and '60s) with "KDAV Lubbock." Weak under KVGB. (WH-CO)
1650	KCNZ	IA	Cedar Falls. 10/26 0430. "This is your weather-right forecast, I'm meteorologist,

Rob Norton, on 16-50 the Fan KCNZ." Moderate signal with fair to moderate QRM and QRN. **(WW-MO)**

1650 WHKT VA **Portsmouth. 10/26 0459.** "Bouncy-bouncy" music followed by "AM 16-50 Radio Disney Norfolk." Booming in for 30 minutes, then in and out with KWHN and KCNZ. Signal strength good to fair with slight fading, QRN light and QRM good to fair. New. **(WW-MO)**

1670 WVVM GA **Dry Branch. 10/25 0730-0805.** "WVVM Dry Branch-Macon-Warner Robins" in EE, then slogan ("Viva...") immediately afterwards in SS. A good signal with a reading of S5 with moderate QRM and QRN. Good music. New. **(WW-MO)**

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REPORTERS

HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** - Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop

IEN-GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - Daytime bandscan from Sapelo Island, GA - Sony ICF-2010

DP-HI **Dale Park, Honolulu** - station news

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

STATION NEWS

840 WVPO PA **Stroudsburg** (also 960 WPLY, Mount Pocono) - Adds unspecified Air America Radio programming per network news release 10/22. For some reason the website www.radio-locator.com still list their previous format, oldies. **(DP-HI)**

960 CFFX ON **Kingston** - Another Canadian AM broadcaster soon to bite the dust, until they go silent are simulcasting FM with slogan "Mike 104.3, Kingston's light rock" **(MKB-ON)**

1340 WTAN FL **Clearwater** (also 1350 WDCF, Dade City & 1400 WZHR, Zephyrhills, FL) - Adds Lionel per AAR news release 10/22 and stations' website. The stations carry the Tampa native's overnight replay at 0106-0300 and part of his live show at 0906-1000 four days a week. WTAN's website also says MOYL is used as filler. **(DP-HI)**

DX TEST

780 WCXH ME **Monticello** - 10/29 0500 - at least two WCXH code IDs (.-. -. -. -.) noted poking through partially nulled WBBM. Fortunately, WABC-770 was not spewing out IBOC hiss. **(MKB-ON)**

LOGGINGS

560 WQAM FL **Miami** - 10/15 1419 - Sports Talk Show. Decent signal mixed with splatter from WAYR in Jacksonville, FL on 550. "...at WQAM..." **(IEN-GA)**

580 WDBO FL **Orlando** - 10/15 1422 - The Clark Howard Show. Good signal. "Details in 6 minutes on WDBO". **(IEN-GA)**

610 WIOD FL **Miami** - 10/15 1306 - Sean Hannity Show promo into The Rush Limbaugh Show. Decent, steady signal. "News Radio 610, WIOD". **(IEN-GA)**

730 WLTQ SC **Charleston** - 10/15 1351 - Art Linkletter station promo into I Can't Stop Loving You by Ray Charles. Good signal. "...in Charleston on AM 730". **(IEN-GA)**

770 WYRV VA **Cedar Bluff** - 10/28 1955 - Loud, equaling WABC at times. Had new type music, couldn't tell if Christian. Dropped abruptly at 2000. **(HJH-PA)**

790 WSNF GA **Brunswick** - 10/15 1432 - The Jim Rome Show. Very good signal. "Sports Radio for Southeast Georgia, AM 790 and 1350". **(IEN-GA)**

WLSV NY **Wellsville** - 10/28 1946 - Heard w/IDs and "Real Country" mentions. Ad for Rub-A-Dub Laundromat in Wellsville. Good signal, mostly alone. **(HJH-PA)**

900 WJLG GA **Savannah** - 10/15 1436 - The Jim Rome Show. Good signal. "Savannah's sports station, AM 900 The Ticket". **(IEN-GA)**

940 WCPC MS **Houston** - 10/30 0602 - creaming CINW (going to 50 kw day rig a little early, or left it on all night?) with country gospel songs, promo for local church events, "this has been a community reminder from clear channel 940 WCPC

			Houston, Mississippi". (MKB-ON)
1060	WIXC	FL	Titusville – 10/15 1400 – TOH ID, ESPN Radio. Good, steady signal. "WIXC Titusville". (IEN-GA)
1100	WCGA	GA	Woodbine – 10/15 1405 – USA Radio Network news, local weather forecast and The Dave Ramsey Show. Very good signal. "WCGA Weather Desk". (IEN-GA)
1220	WJAX	FL	Jacksonville – 10/15/07 1323 – Theme From A Summer Place by The Lettermen. Good, steady signal. "The Music of Your Life on 1220 AM". (IEN-GA)
1230	WSBB	FL	New Smyrna Beach – 10/15 1325 – Station promo into Takin' Care of Business by Bachman-Turner Overdrive. Decent, steady signal. "Tell your friends about 1230, The Beach". (IEN-GA)
1270	WMPM	NC	Smithfield – 10/28 1845 – Fair signal then dipped during fairly extensive sign off announcement at this time. (HJH-PA)
1340	WROD	FL	Daytona Beach – 10/15 1328 – This Girl Is A Woman Now by Gary Puckett and The Union Gap. Good, steady signal. "1340, WROD". (IEN-GA)
1440	WGIG	GA	Brunswick – 10/15 1333 – The Rush Limbaugh Show. Very good signal. "Rush Limbaugh on AM 1440, WGIG". (IEN-GA)
1490	WBCB	PA	Levittown – 10/30 1835 – on top of graveyard pile with Bud Light ad, promo for "Afternoon pick-me-up" program "only on 1490 WBCB". (MKB-ON)

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Transatlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis (47°10'N 02°12'E) NOV 1 0455 - French talk at the Sangean's barefoot threshold sensitivity, occasional words readable such as "amateurs du cinéma" and political-related stuff I could barely make out, several mentions of "France Inter," but audio was really distorted at threshold strength. "The Logical Song" by Supertramp around 0105, then more talk. New! It's a shame the Sangean is the only receiver I have with LW. Some of my locals such as the 201 kHz beacon are barely audible. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 198 unID NOV 1 0407 - Likely *BBC Droitwich* here, with barely discernable talk, at almost imaginary level. Nothing readable here unlike 162 France. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 558 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 1 0200 - Fair; "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos." [Conti-NH]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ 1*, Tullamore (53°17'N 7°22'W) NOV 1 0200 - Good; fanfare, "RTE News, it's 2 o'clock..." Splatter from 570 *R.Reloj* Cuba minute marker and Morse code. [Conti-NH]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) OCT 30 0100 - Excellent; "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos" with fanfare, "Son las dos, la una Canarias" time check into news by a woman. [Conti-NH] NOV 1 0411 - Woman, talk, and music. Very weak, and unreadable, although trace of it could be heard on the Sangean barefoot probably "stronger" but as my Sanyo MCD-S830 does a better job 530-780 and 1000-1720 than my Sangean, it is hard to say. The opening probably favored longwave. On the higher frequencies, one had average conditions toward Latin America. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 603 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 30 0340 - Good; discussion between a man and woman parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. OCT 30 0100 - Fair; fanfare into news by a woman, parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 657 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) OCT 30 0100 - Good; fanfare into news by a woman, parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 702 **FRANCE** *RMC* Col de la Madone (43°47'N 7°25'E) OCT 28 2258 - Sounded French with woman with apparent news. Sounded like the same woman's voice as from *France Info* stations. When I tuned back later around 2305 either faded out or signed off. [Barstow-MA]
- 738 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Barcelona (41°23'N 2°12'E) NOV 2 0300 - Fair; fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos." [Conti-NH]
- 747 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 30 0200 - Good, with synchro echo; fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos" into news. [Conti-NH]

- 756 **SPAIN** *R.Euskadi*, Ganguren OCT 26 2310 - Playing popular American songs. In good over Germany. [Barstow-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 6°44'E) NOV 2 0300 - Good; *Option Musique* jingle, then through a burst of adjacent interference what sounded like a time check and *RSR ID* into news by a man in French. [Conti-NH]
- 783 **SYRIA** *R.Syria 1*, Tartus (34°55'N 35°52'E) OCT 30 0200 - Poor; stringed instrument interval signal, continued through the top of the hour. A couple cycles uploaded to dxclipjoint.com. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy (48°53'N 6°14'E) NOV 2 2300 - Good; fanfare and news in French, parallel 792 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 846 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno*, Rome NOV 2 2230 - Poor, s3 barely over the noise floor; pop/rock music, then a woman in distinctive Italian. 2300 buried in 850 WEEI slop; time pips leading to news, man and woman in Italian. [Conti-NH]
- 846 unID OCT 28 2320 - Music heard weak to fair on this channel the past week. Too much slop from Boston to pin it down or to determine language. [Barstow-MA] Likely *Rai Italy* which at one time operated with as much as 1200 kW, now only 50 kW due to concerns about health effects of RF "electrosmog" exposure.
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros OCT 30 0400 - Good; fanfare, network ID, and news, parallel 864 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 2°14'E) NOV 2 2300 - Good, over Spain time pips; *France Bleu* jingle, fanfare and news in French. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Socuellamos (39°18'N 2°47'W) OCT 30 0400 - Fair; time pips, fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos," and woman with news. New log, surprised to find this instead of *France Bleu*. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia*, Grigoriopol, Maiac (47°14'N 29°24'E) OCT 28 2359 - Good; a bunch of time pips leading to 0000, a pre-recorded ID by a man, then a woman with news. Audio uploaded to dxclipjoint.com. Translation by Mika Mäkeläinen at *RealDX*: "The station ID goes as follows, 'Vy efire Golos Rossii. Novosti.' (This is the Voice of Russia. News.) Then introducing the anchor, followed by the first news item about Georgia." [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros OCT 31 0000 - Good; "TalkSport News... from the Sky News Center..." [Conti-NH]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros OCT 31 0000 - Fair, synchro echo; double time pips from delay between two stations, fanfare and informativos. NOV 1 2200 - Good; "Radio Cinco, todo noticias" parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 1 2200 - Good; "Radio Cinco, todo noticias. Informativos de Radio Cinco." [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **BELGIUM** *RTBF VivaCité*, Houdeng OCT 30 2359 - Fair; pop/rock music, man and woman in French, time pips, and news. [Conti-NH]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden International*, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) NOV 1 2130 - Good; "Radio Sweden, Stockholm," then "You're listening to Radio Sweden broadcasting to Europe on mediumwave 1179 and shortwave..." into English program. [Conti-NH]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 0°11'W) OCT 31 2200 - Good; fanfare into news, "Bon soir..." [Conti-NH]
- 1214.79 **ALBANIA** Fllakë OCT 31 2155 - Carrier suddenly popped up while listening to *Virgin Radio*, measured to the nearest Hz at 1214.787 kHz on the SDR IQ with *Virgin* measured at 1215.000 kHz, so Albania is definitely off frequency by more than the listed 1214.85 kHz. 2200 *CRI* program, 2300 off leaving *Virgin* in clear with Halloween ghost stories. [Conti-NH]
- 1287 **ISRAEL** *Galei Zahal*, Ramle (31°50'N 34°50'E) OCT 27 0030 - In fair; woman singing in a foreign language to fast paced rhythmic music. This disco type music in over Spain for some 10 minutes then faded out, parallel a stronger 6973 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 1295.54 **SPAIN** *COPE* Valencia OCT 28 2310 - Have been hearing a tone on this frequency past few nights. [Barstow-MA] OCT 30 0448 - Still off frequency at 1295.54 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** *R.Sawa*, Arta (11°31'N 42°50'E) OCT 28 2245 - Playing modern Arabic music at the time. In fair to good. Conditions good more south past two nights. [Barstow-MA]
- 1530 **SAO TOME E PRINCIPE** *VOA* Pinheira (0°18'N 6°46'E) NOV 2 0258 - Yankee Doodle interval signal into world news by a man with a British accent in English, mention of Africa, Angola, and other news. Before 0330 a musical interlude into more news by a woman and another man. In fair to good at times. Parallel 6080 and weaker 9885 kHz. After this one last two months. New country. [Barstow-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 540 **MEXICO** XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih OCT 27 0455-0505 - Ranchera music and big jingle/ID at 0500, "En Nuevo Casas Grandes... XETX, La Ranchera de ???, La Radio de Chihuahua," mixed with XESURF (C&W music, now their slogan is "The Zoo"), and possible XEHS (deportes). [Sheedy-CA]
- 550 **VENEZUELA** YVKE Caracas (10°32'N 66°55'W) NOV 1 0512 - Man in Spanish; very poor, not strong enough to have the slightest effect upon 555 ZIZ. Definitely not the 20 kW *R.Rebelde* outlet, as it wasn't parallel 600. SINPO 25512-1. Is CHLN off the air? They never seemed to be audible. Nothing else, conditions weren't extra-good for North American domestic DXing either. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** ZIZ Basseterre (17°19'N 62°44'W) OCT 27 2345 - Reggae, salsa type vocals, Carib accented DJ mentioned Basseterre, time check, mention of St. Kitts & Nevis. New. [Paszkievicz-WI] NOV 1 0513 - BBC World Service with lots of geopolitical issues in British-accented English. SINPO 33543, some very minor splatter from an unID oldies domestic on 560. Usually, these guys are slopped by 550 CHLN here in the Montreal area. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 590 **MEXICO** XEFD Reynosa, Tama OCT 24 1159 - Program note, CDT time check, temperature check ("catorce grados"), ad for building materials store ("maderas y materiales"); full ID at 1202:45 following a few more ads: "XEFD 590 AM La Consentida, 5000 wats de potencia... todo el estado de Tamaulipas..."; music followed, with a male announcer between songs chatting and taking phone calls. Fair signal but rough copy in interference. [Wilkins-CO]
- 600 **CUBA** CMKV *R.Rebelde*, Urbano Noris (20°35'N 76°08'W) NOV 1 0518 - Spanish adult contemporary ballads, etc. parallel 5025 on the Sangean with its longwire. Not parallel 550 which had suspected YVKE at that time. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEGD Hidalgo del Parral, Chih OCT 24 1242 - Popped on suddenly with XE anthem, followed by opening announcement: "XEGD La Poderosa de Parral en el 700 de amplitud modulada, transmitiendo con 5000 wats de potencia desde Maclovio Herrera No. 79 Colonia Centro, Apartado Postal 190, en Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua..."; a religious program followed at 1245. Good signal for about three minutes, topping the interference, but faded back down at 1246. [Wilkins-CO]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEX *Sports Ya*, Colonia el Vergel, México (19°19'N 99°05'W) OCT 27 2310 - World Series, ID. [Paszkievicz-WI]
- 770 **MEXICO** XEREV Los Mochis, Sin OCT 27 0128-0202 - Mix of 70s/80s/English pop-rock (Stray Cats, etc.) through KKOB and KTTH, "Radiovolución (por ti?)," jingles and MDT time checks after every couple or three songs. 0139 heard, "Lo mejor de los 70s, 80s, 90s, y el nuevo milenio... Radiovolución 770." Missed top of the hour callsign ID but caught "Lo mejor de lo mejor en Radiovolución." Recheck at 0358 had Mexican Pacific League baseball (Guasave v. ??), ads for businesses in Los Mochis and "Radiovolución 770" jingles. [Sheedy-CA] Ex-XEJJR.
- 780 **MEXICO** XEMF *R.Nostalgia*, Monclova (26°56'N 101°27'W) OCT 29 0802 - Weak top of the hour ID, mostly unreadable but with "Radio Nostalgia" clearly mentioned in it and a message that followed. Better "Radio Nostalgia" IDs heard at 0816 and 0820. Mostly weak, but faded up at times to a strength above dominant WBBM. Heard while listening for the WCXH DX test. [Dvorak-WI]
- 780 **VENEZUELA** YVMN *R.Coro*, Coro (11°23'N 69°40'W) NOV 1 0525 - Gaitas, salsas (Gilberto Santa Rosa, Eddie Santiago, and/or Frankie Ruiz among them), and tecnocumbias. At 0551 "Recorriendo A Venezuela" which is paradoxically a classical Colombian tecnocumbia by the legendary El Binomio de Oro, followed by "El Merecumbe" by Los Melodicos. At 0558, "La publicidad radial es más efectiva, más economica y con mejores precios... cambiar Radio Coro, Siete Ochenta AM, patrimonio de la comunidad... Usted han sintonizado la mejor garantía... por Radio Coro Siete Ochenta AM, patrimonio de la comunidad," a quick "Ruta Musical Siete Ochenta alegrando tú madrugada por Radio Coro," into a gaita. Nice signal, mostly at a good level, most splatter from 770 WABC rather than local 800 CJAD, illustrating typical dominance of this YV powerhouse in the Montreal area. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1060 **MEXICO** XEEP *R.Educación*, México DF (19°22'N 99°02'W) OCT 27 2320 - Woman discussed recordings and upcoming concerts, IDs. [Paszkievicz-WI]
- 1140 **MEXICO** XEMR Monterrey NL OCT 30 2127 - Rock, sports announcements, "Deportes... M-R... XEMR." New. [Paszkievicz-WI]

Dan diverges: A couple comments on the above: My October 26 log of XEACH might have been a mis-hearing of the "Radiovolución 770" drop-in, but I'm nearly positive on the 26th I heard

“Radio Fórmula 77” with no city, and although it’s sketchy at best to rely on programming, I’ve heard other *R.Fórmula* net stations running brokered health programs and John Callarman’s awesome NRC XE log has ‘REV with “fusion rock-pop.” So... I’m open to the possibility that I misheard “Radiovolución” as “Radio Fórmula” (but, I hope not, hi). Oh, the XEREV website, though lacking a bit in information, has a great logo. More DX as it occurs.



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 Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI; Grundig Sat 800 and Eavesdropper.
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 John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4-ft loop.

QSL Information

972 **GERMANY** *NDR Hamburg* - I just received a QSL card from *NDR Hamburg*, Germany. Took about a month, with 1 IRC. They included a schedule and two sticky note pads. I find that German stations are the most reliable verifiers. [Jim Renfrew, Holley NY]

Grayland DXpedition 2007.10

October 25-28, 2007

By John H. Bryant

WinRadio 313e, Eton e1, 600 and 800-ft Beverages W & NW, Beta version Wellbrook Phased Array W & NW

Wednesday, October 24 was my travel day from Orcas Island to Grayland. Rain, some fog and numerous accidents in Seattle forced me to divert widely around the metropolitan area, and take an additional ferry to get to Grayland. A normal 6 hour trip became a low stress eight plus hours. The travel delay and early sunset meant that I only had time to get up the standard BOGs: westerly 600-ft and the NW 800 footer.

Thursday, October 25

Given the conditions that I found Thursday morning, I probably should have just waited until Thursday to hang any wire at all. Thursday morning was the least interesting, least productive morning of DX that I’ve had here in several years. From the way that the band was behaving, I’d guess that there was some kind of solar disturbance. I DXed periodically from 1130 until 1530... going back to bed twice in disgust.

A number of DUs were in most of the morning, at just above threshold levels... 531, 549, 612, 702, 1116, 1512 and 1548. None ever got to really listenable levels, but they hung around a long time. All of the usual Japanese were there, though usually at their late October poor levels. Once in a while, one of the big guns would pop up for 10 minutes or so, before dropping off to fair/poor levels. The Chinese were almost totally absent, with 963 and 1206 kHz being notable exceptions.

The only two bright spots were a really good log, early (1300 UTC) of 738 *Taiwan Fisheries*, parallel a much worse 1143 and 639 *CNR1*, very late (1500 UTC). I’ve heard them both a number of times before, but they were still the class of the field for Thursday morning, October 25.

Thursday, the 25th, was a beautiful sunny day at the beach and I had great fun putting up both Guy Atkins’ and my own beta Wellbrook Phased Arrays ready for some more serious beta testing on Friday morning and, I sincerely hoped, a load of great DX.

Friday, October 26

I DXed from 1130 until 1615 UTC with somewhat better results than Thursday and a pot full of antenna testing. Overall conditions still seemed sub-par, but a good deal better than the abysmal conditions of yesterday Thursday morning. The Aussie big guns were in at 1130 and more or less stayed in until things finally shut down after 1600 (sunrise = 1445 UTC). The larger Japanese were there, along with some of the second and third line stations, though levels were generally sub-par. The Koreans were back for the most part, though not too strong and there were quite a few more CCs around, though still quite low level. The more interesting loggings included:

648 The Russian transmitter near Vladivostok was in nicely this morning, running a VOA program until ToH at 1400, then they either slewed the antenna away from North America or left the air, as after 1400 there was only threshold audio on the frequency.

990 JORK in Kochi was dominating that frequency for a while. Also QSLed long ago, but a relatively rare visitor.

531 was a mix of at least two, maybe three DUs for quite a while before 4KZ dominated at dawn. Unneeded, again, but fun to listen to at a decent level. Crime Stoppers PSA, local Toyota dealer's commercial, nautical weather and sea conditions for the area.

783 8AL Alice Springs, very tentative this, late in max dawn at fair level, initially, fading to nothing just before 1500. Could be *Access Radio*, Wellington, but heard no other Kiwis on this DXpedition. I hung on every word and every note, like an idiot, rather than trying to parallel from 120 meters. I'll be looking tomorrow morning, but... Will send a tentative report with CD. I might add that the music program was several songs by a female "lounge singer," which doesn't sound that much like Alice Springs to me, but even less Wellington. Definite DU, both by DFing and by language. Hummmmm.

At noon on Friday, Patrick Martin and Dave Williams showed up for a delightful lunch and afternoon radio jam session. We had lunch at the Local Bar and Grill and I was able to upload the partial "Report #1" and download two days worth of messages. It was comforting to know that other DXers in the region were experiencing similar (semi-lousy but improving) conditions.

Saturday, October 27

If you look in the DXers' dictionary under "mediocre conditions," you'll see a picture of me at Grayland this weekend. The Japanese are clearly beginning to fade out about an hour or more before dawn enhancement kicks in, so they are "mere shadows of their former selves" at dawn. This morning, the few DUs that have been present the past two days were even more modest, though a few made it to poor levels of audio. The Chinese were beginning to reappear in some numbers, but there still were many "usual suspect" stations that were either still totally missing or were mired in the mud of unintelligibility (936, 927, for instance). The silver lining in this weekend for me was the fact that I was there primarily for final beta testing of the Wellbrook array and I wanted a lot of very low level audio for test purposes. "Be careful what you wish for..."

Sunday, October 28

Finally, decent, not great but decent, TP conditions. Most of the usual East Asian suspects were there and sometimes at excellent levels. Even 1548 4QD Emerald, Queensland was bombing in just after dawn. The Japanese continued to peak well before dawn and nowhere near their levels of mid and late September... but, they were there!

The still disturbed but improved conditions brought me two very nice catches:

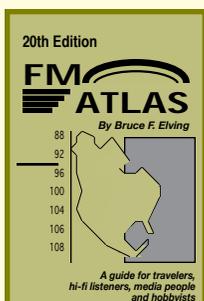
549 JOAP NHK1 Naha, Okinawa, Oct 28 1250 - Stumbled on this running a national sporting event soon after turning on the radio. Fair to good at first, rapidly fading back into the mumble mix. Happily, the play-by-play announcer was very distinctive and I could follow the signal until ToH. The parallel on 594 was ever so much better. Really happy with this one, after a minimum of 16 years of trying. Report going out tomorrow!

801 4QY Cairns (prob.), Australia, Oct 28 1520 - 30 minutes after dawn, caught an Aussie talk show just above threshold level. There are three Aussies listed. 2RF is *Radio Italia*; 5RM Berri appears to be an oldies station. 4QY would be my first guess, anyway, since Q'landers often dominate late at Grayland. However, this talk program was similar but not parallel to 1548 4QD. Subsequent Internet research indicates that the two stations are in different subgroups of *ABC Local Radio*, so this is certainly a possibility. New for me and worth a report with CD.

I DXed until 1545, an hour after sun-up and then had to roll 'em up and head back inland into the fourth nice sunny day in a row.

Totals for the 4-day weekend: Japan 31 stations, China 21, Australia 11, South Korea 6, North Korea 4 and one station each in Okinawa, Taiwan, Thailand, Russia and the Philippines.

With our annual migration back to our winter home in Oklahoma coming up in two weeks, that closes out my DXpeditioning out here for another year... and what a great one it has been!



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Broadcast Test Report

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A periodic update of station testing activities

Well, folks, the DX Test season seems to be off to a great start. In spite of some less-than-ideal indices, the WIRL DX Test got out really well. Coast to coast and border to border describes it best. Here is a list of reports I've received so far. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Frank	Aden	Boise, ID	Tim	Noonan	Oak Creek, WI
Gerry	Bishop	Niceville, FL	Art	Peterson	Richmond, CA
Rich	Brock	Bridgewater, PA	Nigel	Pimblett	Dunmore, AB, Canada
Mike	Diers	Huntington Station, NY	Jim	Pogue	Memphis, TN
Steve	Francis	Alcoa, TN	Dave	Pyatt	Burlington, ON, Canada
Jim	Gill	Bradenton, FL	Steve	Ratzlaff	Elgin, OR
Greg	Hall	Dallas, TX	Les	Rayburn	Birmingham, AL
Wayne	Heinen	Aurora, CO	Konnie	Rychalsky	Connecticut
Chris	Johnson	Taylors, SC	Curtis	Sadowski	Paxton, IL
Barry	McLarnon	Ottawa, ON, Canada	Walt	Salmani	Victoria, BC, Canada
Joe	Miller	Troy, MI	Brett	Saylor	Central PA
Willis	Monk	Old Fort, TN	Alan	Schreier	Austin, TX
Adam	Myrow	Memphis, TN	J.D.	Stephens	Hampton Cove, AL
James	Niven	Cedar Creek, TX	Bruce	Winkelman	Tulsa, OK

WIRL Chief Engineer Wayne Miller was also very pleased with the results. Here are his comments, received Sunday evening:

"Hi Jim ... The list just keeps getting longer and longer....The Mighty 1290 indeed.... My 'CQ DX Good Buddy' remark was a hit as well.... I hope to design a special IRCA QSL and customize it for every report. This may take some time. Please advise all that I will get them out...but it may take me a week or so to get them all out via Email as PDF or US Mail. I'm glad this was a success.... Thanks!"

So there you have it. Thanks to everyone who listened, and thanks to the other members of the BTC. And to those who weren't able to catch WIRL, I wish you better luck on some of the tests still coming.

The dust has settled from the WLPO DX Test, and it looks like we had another quite successful event. As with last weekend's test, WLPO was heard coast to coast and from Canada to Texas. Here's the list of DXers so far having reported hearing their 1,000-watt signal:

Jim	Bagge	Springfield, MA	Walt	Salmani	(tent.) Victoria, BC
Gerry	Bishop	Niceville, FL	Brett	Saylor	State College, PA
Steve	Francis	Alcoa, TN	Mark	Schiefelbein	Springfield, MO
Tom	Jasinski	Shorewood, IL	Alan	Schreier	Austin, TX
Patrick	Martin	Seaside, OR	J.D.	Stephens	Hampton Cove, AL
Barry	McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	Bruce	Winkelman	Tulsa, OK
Jim	Pogue	from Little Rock, AR	Joe	Wozniak	St. Louis, MO
Dave	Pyatt	Burlington, ON			

Tom Jasinski was actually on hand at the station for part of the test and writes, "Chatted with Steve Vogler, the CE who has been at WLPO for 40 years! Steve mentioned that while the power for this DX Test was at 1kw daytime level, the pattern was nighttime (even more amazing in my book-Pogue). WLPO has a sharp null at 79 degrees aimed at Waukegan, IL to protect WKRS 1220 kHz. While there at WLPO during the test only one e-mail was received, from Pat in Seaside. Only one call came in a few minutes after the end of test from California. Took a photo of Steve Vogler sitting at his computer with the E-mail from Pat Martin on the monitor."

I hope to get a copy of Tom's photo and will post it to the DXTests.info Web site. Many thanks to Tom for stopping by the station, spreading some good will and for extending a person "thank you" to Steve.

And finally from Steve Vogler himself, "I've sent out some e-mail verifications and when we get

the new batch of cards I'll be sending them out," he e-mailed Sunday evening. "Management here was pleased with the test. The story in the paper (paper and WLPO are owned by the same family) gave us some good coverage and the follow up should be nice. If you ever want to do another test in the future I'm sure it wouldn't be any problem."

I hope we can arrange another test from WLPO – perhaps in February or March – for those who missed this one. And when I get the newspaper article(s) I'll post them as well.

Thanks again to everyone who made the test a success.

Jim Pogue - IRCA/NRC Joint Broadcast Test Committee Coordinator - Memphis, TN

One final note received from Steve Vogler on Sunday evening:

"Jim: Just to correct something. We were running 1kw but with the normal day pattern. It's an East-West figure 8 pattern with some null at 33 degrees to the East and the same size null on the West at 327 and the same to the South. Anyway, If we run another we could use the 500 night pattern . Or a non-directional with 250 watts.

Steve"

So it turns out that there were indeed using their day pattern. Thanks again to everyone for listening for the test

73s and good listening,

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This is the only Musing I can remember writing since the NRC/IRCA split that occurred soon after the 1962 Indianapolis NRC convention. That would be 40 YEARS since I last mused. Damned lazy southerners! Anyway, There are quite a few folks in the NRC who will recognize me. I was in the NRC when the split occurred and was 15 years old. Does anyone remember David E Roys or Donald Roller? I'm in contact with Don, but he's no longer DXing. Since the 1962 Indianapolis Convention, I enlisted in the Navy (in 1966) and have been to Vietnam, Singapore, Japan, Bermuda, Philippines, Washington State, and here. I retired from VOA Greenville (NC) because of cancer, possibly due to exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam, and am now disabled. I have DX clips of all DX that I've done since we went to Bermuda (in the employ of the Navy). Anyway, I'm glad to be back amongst friends. Some of you may be interested to note that I have become disabled. Developed cancer during my tour at VOA Delano. Now I can no longer talk. Retired on federal annuity and SSA. Have started a radio repair/refurbishment operation, and have put a lot of time and effort into locating quality DX machines, fixing them up, and reselling them. One thing I'm trying is selling them on a one-year installment basis. That means taking a base rate of a receiver and adding 20% interest to the base price (the typical interest) and subdividing that into 12 payments. That way, instead of a large price on a quality communications receiver, a much smaller installment payment every month. I have R-390As, an HQ-180, an R-390, a Collins 51J-4 (R-388/URR) and some R-392/URRs. The R-392 is really a miniaturized 24-V version of the R-390. The only drawback is that it needs a 24-V DC power supply. But there are some available at a reasonable price. My own DX receiver is a Drake R8B, and I have an old Worcester SM-2 Space Magnet plus a EWE antenna and a 600-foot mini-beverage into the woods in our south property line. My specialization is (trying) to log all active NC counties. I used to use a cassette deck, but now have a little Optimus DS-30 digital voice recorder with a direct input jack. Area DXers, and there are a bunch of you, are invited to exchange e-mail with me at MWDXer@isp.com or WD4INP@isp.com. 73 de Chaz. (Dave couldn't open your e-mailed attachment, Charles, as it was a Word Perfect wpd [Bill Hale's favorite WP], but my Mac translated it, so he's reading this for the first time in DXN. I'm sure he'd write, "Welcome, Charlie, and muse often, but convert your muses to rtf files before sending, please." Or something like that! -pls.)

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