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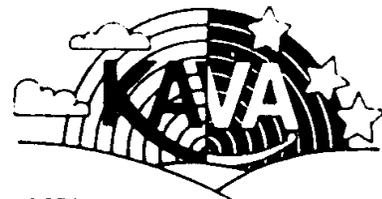
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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
920	KBNA	TX El Paso	KQBU
1230	WWKU	KY Glasgow	WCDS
		[new; has a CP for U1 750/750]	
1260	KOIT	CA San Francisco	KSFB
1440	WCDS	KY Glasgow	WWKU
1490	WLRT	VA Hampton	WXTG



## CPs ON THE AIR

890	KTXV	TX Mabank - CP for U4 20000/250 is on the air from three towers at N32-17-13 W95-58-39.
1070	WNVY	FL Cantonment - CP for U1 15000/28 CH 2300 is on the air, ex: 1090.
1230	WCDS	KY Glasgow - CP for U1 750/750 is on the air. [heard by Pete Taylor while on the road]

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1600	NEW	WY Casper - CP granted for U2 5000/1500 from four towers at N42-47-30 W106-21-50. The balloon-shaped night pattern shoots the signal toward the northeast.
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## ACTIONS

620	WDAE	FL St. Petersburg - License granted for U2 5600/5500. Remember, WDAE operates under an STA with U2 10000/10000 due to interference from Cuba. [Frequency correction from Issue 8]
1320	CKEC	NS Glasgow - After 54 years on the AM band, CKEC Radio New Glasgow has made the flip to FM. The new East Coast FM was launched Wednesday, 12 December at 9:41 am, to mark the new frequency: 94.1 FM. The station is broadcasting at 80 kW from a transmitter at Mount Thom, Pictou County, reaching most of Northern Mainland Nova Scotia, as well as sections of Cape Breton and PEI. CKEC Radio began its career on December 23rd, 1953, with a power output of 250 Watts on 1270 kHz. In 1958 the frequency was changed to 1320 kHz, and the power increased to 1 kW, with power later being increased to 5 kW on 1320 kHz. In 1989 the transmitter site was moved from Frasers Mountain, near New Glasgow, Pictou County, to Frasers Road in Abercrombie, Pictou County (about 7 km from New Glasgow). Before switching to FM, CKEC was transmitting at 25 kW on the AM band. CKEC will now simulcast for three months on both AM and FM, before making a complete transition to FM. [via Shawn Axelrod]
1550	WMSK	KY Morganfield - CP granted for U1 145/6.

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

880	NEW	TX Sweetwater - New station has a CP for U4 4000/1500. This amendment requests U4 4000/5000.
1590	WHGT	PA Chambersburg - Licensed for U2 5000/1000, WHGT has a CP for U4 15000/15. This amendment requests U4 15000/28 and a change in City-of-License (CoL) to Maugensville, Pennsylvania.

## APPLICATIONS

1170	WWTR	NJ Bridgewater - Applies for D1 600/0.
1420	KJDL	TX Lubbock - Applies for U1 500/250.
1470	WCLA	GA Claxton - Applies for U1 5000/170.

## AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

670	KBTB	NV Las Vegas - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 10000/600. This amendment requests U4 30000/600.
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1210 KEBR CA Rocklin - Licensed for U5 5000/500, station applied for U4 5000/1800 with a CoL change to Arden-Arcade, California. This amendment requests U4 5000/1500 at Arden-Arcade.

#### APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

620 WKHB PA Irwin - Application to move to Brentwood, Pennsylvania with U1 5500/50.  
 800 WPLK FL Palatka - Application to move to Bunnell, Florida with U1 700/330.  
 1450 CFAB NS Windsor - The application of CFAB-1450 to move to FM was approved some time ago under the condition that they find an alternative to the technical parameters they had applied for (92.9 MHz, 47.1 kW). They then proposed 92.9 at 23.8 kW, which has now been denied by the CRTC. So this Graveyarder will be around for a while longer at least. Perhaps with CHUC-1450 gone, CFAB will be easier to log for those in the northeast. [via Deane McIntyre]

#### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

700 NEW NM Peralta - Applies for U2 430/220.  
 1120 NEW WA Yelm - Applies for U7 10000/6000 CH 5000.  
 1320 NEW CO Keystone - Applies for U4 1000/500.  
 1340 NEW HI Honaunau - Applies for U1 10000/10000 (correct number of zeroes!)  
 1340 NEW ID Wendell - Applies for U1 250/250.  
 1450 NEW GA Brooklet - Applies for U1 1000/1000.

#### LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1390 WMER MS Meridian  
 1430 KMRB CA San Gabriel  
 1500 KABR NM Alamo Community  
 1600 KAHZ CA Pomona

#### HEAR AND THAR

- Reported as SILENT: WXKO-1150 Fort Valley, Georgia; KUPA-1370 Pearl City, Hawaii,
- The on-again, off-again WALE-990 Greenville, Rhode Island is . . . on again, with Spanish CHR.
- FINES: \$7000 to KABR-1500 Alamo Community, New Mexico for failure to file for renewal in an timely manner and subsequent unauthorized operation.
- Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill and Wayne Heinen.
- And to one and all . . . a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see you in 2008!

#### GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

\* indicates record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)

1450 kHz:

WSNO VT Barre

Jeff Falconer

Clinton, ON

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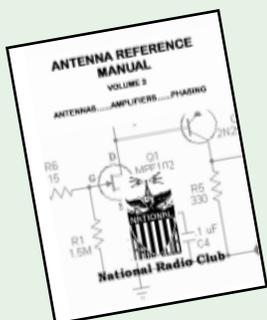
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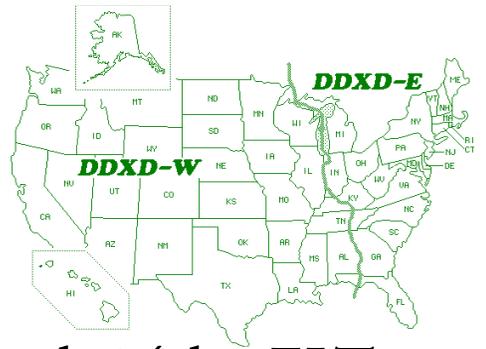
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# Domestic DX Digest

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## DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

### DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

© Unfortunately with another December has come another severe ice storm crippling parts of the Plains states and Midwest, beginning on the morning of 12/10. This one had a direct impact on some DDXD-West reporters. **Bruce Winkelman** from Tulsa in extremely hard hit Oklahoma reported on 12/10: "Locals KCFO 970, KGTO 1050, KAKC 1300 and KMUS 1380 currently off the air. KTBZ 1430 has IBOC turned off. Presumably all due to the major ice storm. My antenna mast has been bent at 90 degrees and the wires are all tangled up in my mangled willow tree in the backyard. Fortunately we still have power, unlike many others here in Northeast Oklahoma. Major tree damage and power outages in the Tulsa area...." Two days later Bruce followed up with this report: "The wires that came down with the willow tree in the backyard are still useable but phasing is difficult and unpredictable. One of the wires is mostly on the ground, the other is still "kind-of" in the air, draped over, through and around broken limbs. A lot of Tulsa is still without power this evening. We still have power here at the house but one of my stores is still power-less. We operated a few hours today using a borrowed generator, enough power to operate one computer and printer. KRMG 740 was giving away firewood today for folks without power that have fireplaces. They got a lot of good publicity on local TV news programs this evening! Tragically, there have been 36 hospitalizations and two deaths here in Tulsa due to carbon monoxide poisoning from gasoline-powered generators being used indoors." On 12/13 Bruce updated us on the status of Tulsa stations and the city itself: "KAKC 1300 returned to the air yesterday. KCFO 970 and KMUS 1380 both back on the air today, KGTO 1050 and KRVT 1270 still off. KTBZ 1430 has IBOC back on tonight as does KMUS. Big sections of Tulsa are still without electricity, including one of my stores. More tragedies as two people died in fires, one started by an unattended candle, the other started by an electrical short from a generator." **J.E. Lewis** from Kansas City sent us this on 12/11: "810 WHB Kansas City MO and 1550 KSFT Saint Joseph MO both noted off the air 12/11 1315+, probably due to severe ice storm. Nothing noted on 810/800/820 and only got KLFJ Springfield on 1550, a regular here around sunrise and sunset. All our local AMers were still on as was 560 Springfield and 580 Topeka." **Ernie Wesolowski** on 12/11 shed more light on the Saint Joseph situation: "City is without power and with low water pressure due to ice storm. KFEQ 680 is operating on a generator with only one kw. Generators and water pumps have been brought into the city." From **Paul Swearingen** on 12/11: "Topeka's stations have managed to stay on the air, but I spent most of the day in the dark-- no school, of course. There's quite a bit of ice on branches and power lines here, with thousands of Westar customers without electric power, but not as much as in previous storms, as the temperature stayed above freezing after 8 am or so. Jeff Lewis in Kansas City called me to tip that WHB 810 was off, around noon, but by 4 PM they were back on. At 4:10 PM I had the pleasure of hearing WBT 1110 hammering KFAB before WBT's pattern change via the Sony SRF-59. Fire trucks have been running almost constantly, and while the power is on I can hear transformers blowing up in this area, and of course lights flicker quite a bit. My ancient Coleman lantern got a workout this evening!" To all of this your Editor can only add that it is a tremendous relief to know that our fellow NRCers are safe! The best to you all!

© The date on this issue of *DXN* tells us it is Christmas Eve. I set aside two hours every Christmas eve or day to watch my favorite movie, "A Christmas Story," on TBS. This year's showing should hold a special treat for DXers. It seems that the film's makers had several products in mind for Ralphie to obsess over before settling on a Red Ryder BB gun, and several alternative scenes were shot. This year for the first time some previously unused footage is being inserted into the old movie, introducing one of these alternate products. In the scene where Ralphie, Schwartz, Flick and Randy stand with their faces pressed against the display window of Higbees Department Store, Jean Shepherd narrates what Ralphie *really* wants: "Ah, there it is, the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts, the S-19-R Sky Buddy!" (Later Ralphie will describe it in excited, almost unintelligible words: "I want a Hallicrafters S-19-R Sky Buddy shortwave radio with six tubes, a frequency coverage of 550 kilocycles to 46 Megacycles in four bands and an electric bandsread!") Ralphie soon finds opposition to his longing, as first his mom, then his teacher Miss Shields and finally even Santa himself tell him: "You'll bust an eardrum!" Still, Ralphie finds an ally in his Old Man, who after all the other presents are handed out on Christmas morning points to a box behind the corner desk. Lo and behold, in it is Ralphie's wished for radio! To a quizzical look from Ralphie's mom, the Old Man gingerly

says, "I had a crystal set when I was eight years old," to which she replies, "I still think those things are dangerous!" Ralphie excitedly carries his gift to his room, soon has the electronic gem warm and glowing, puts on his headset, and quickly settles into blissful DX. Disaster strikes, however, when, straining to get an ID from a very distant station, Ralphie cranks up the volume and cups the headset tightly to his ears. Just then Ralphie's mom turns on the Mix Master, creating an electronic bedlam which races through the air, enters the radio, runs up the headset and into Ralphie's ears! "Oh my God," narrates Shepherd, "I busted an eardrum!" Luckily, the loud ruckus made by the Bumpus' dogs as they spoil the Parker family dinner proves a convenient, logical excuse for Ralphie's sudden hearing loss. Later at the Chop Suey Palace, while the family enjoys a concert of language-butchered Christmas carols and a dinner of suddenly-headless Chinese turkey, Ralphie's hearing returns. In the final scene, a very content Ralphie is shown tucked into bed as Shepherd says: "In the blackness on my nightstand next to me lay my steel-enclosed six-tube beauty, the greatest Christmas gift I had ever received or would ever receive. Gradually I drifted off to sleep, pulling signals from every corner of the world out of the ether and logging spectacular catches!"

© The two week break is upon us, and your next DXN comes early next year. Here's my wish to all fellow NRC members for a very happy Holiday season and a joyous New Year! See you in 2008!

73 Bill

#### Reporters

- DBJ-TN** David B. Jones, Nashville. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.  
**FO-OK** Forest Osborn, Hooker. Icom IC-R70, HQ-150, homemade 4 foot loop, 240-foot long-wire.  
**GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 / Quantum Loop.  
**JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.  
**JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.  
**KO-IL** Ken Onyschuk, Lockport. Station news.  
**RA-CA1** René Auvray, DXing in San Pedro. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria car radio.  
**RA-CA2** René Auvray, DXing in Oak Valley (north of Ventura). 2001 Ford Crown Victoria car radio.  
**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.  
**Ed.-WI** Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

#### Station News

- 850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake. 12/11.** I noticed today that this station, which was supposed to start a brokered programming format, is carrying the audio feed of CNN Headline News. According to *Chicago Sun Times* media columnist Robert Feder, the station's plans are still to be time-brokered, but CNN HN will be used to fill unsold hours. CNN Headline News has been carried in the Chicago area for years on WKIF 92.7 Kankakee. **(KO-IL)**
- 1260 KSFB CA San Francisco.** New calls, ex-KOIT. On 12/9 **Mike McKenna** on the IRCA list reported that this station and its new owner Immaculate Heart Radio would change format to Catholic religious programming, ex-adult contemporary, on the following day. This change has been confirmed. According to their website, KSFB is the 20<sup>th</sup> station in the Immaculate Heart Radio group. **(Ed.-WI)** ("KFSB" is familiar to me as the calls used for years by the 1310 Joplin, MO station -pls.)
- 1670 WTDY WI Madison. 12/7 2300.** "WTDY with an ABC News update" to ABC news, then at 2305 "weather from Madison's 1670 WTDY." Noted at 0400 with J.B. Hunt Spot and Midnight Trucker's Network programming. New overnight show for them. **(WH-CO)**

#### Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1490 UNID 11/25 0938.** Country music. Up then faded into the jumble. Any ideas? **(RA-CA1)**
- Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)
- 540 CBK SK Regina. 12/3 2159.** Ending weather for locations in Saskatchewan. "You're listening to CBC Radio One 540 AM across the province" to program promos and CBC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 550 KUZZ CA Bakersfield. 11/25 0938.** Call ID simulcasting on 107.9 FM. Country music. First time reception. Good, no IBOC carryover from KLAC 570. **(RA-CA1)**
- 550 KTSA TX San Antonio. 12/1 1849.** Popped up with call letter ID and ads for San Antonio

- businesses, then gone. **(FO-OK)**
- 600 WCHT MI Escanaba. 12/2 0656. Very poor in WMT null. Sporting News, local news on "NewsTalk 600." Rare! **(JJR-WI)**
- 600 KOGO CA San Diego. 12/6 0838. "Kogo" ID, PST time check, then talk show about politics. **(FO-OK)**
- 620 CKRM SK Regina. 12/3 1820. ID as "Regina's 620 CKRM." This was followed by Regina weather. **(FO-OK)**
- 620 CKRM SK Regina. 12/10 0815. C&W music, call letter IDs, guy and gal with morning wake-up chat. Fair signal, up and down. **(JW-CO)**
- 650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley. 12/1 1755. ID as "Coast to Coast on AM 650 KGAB." Talk show about the British teacher and the teddy bear. At 1758 ad for "Ballet of the Year" at Cheyenne Civic Center, Moscow Ballet to perform Nutcracker Suite. "Cheyenne's Number One Newstalk Radio" on top of channel in WSM null. KGAB was in again on 12/11 at 1500 in the afternoon; pretty strong. **(FO-OK)**
- 680 KFEQ MO Saint Joseph. 12/6 0853. Popped up long enough for ID as "KFEQ in Saint Joe." **(FO-OK)**
- 690 KTSM TX El Paso. 12/2 2300. "This is Laura Ingraham. Join me for breakfast every weekday morning on NewsTalk 690 KTSM El Paso" to Fox news. **(WH-CO)**
- 690 KGGF KS Coffeyville. 12/3 0000. "AM 690 KGGF Coffeyville, Kansas" to ABC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 690 CBU BC Vancouver. 12/3 0059. "You're listening to CBC Radio One 690 AM in Vancouver and 89.9 FM in Perry Sound" to promo for CBC Radio3.com." **(WH-CO)**
- 710 KSPN CA Los Angeles. 11/25 1616. Noting an NFL game. Almost impossible to pull in due to the mountain range. **(RA-CA2)**
- 770 WLWL NC Rockingham. 12/7 0645. Spot for WLWL Birthday and Anniversary Club, oldies music. Fair reception. **(DBJ-TN)**
- 830 KLAA CA Orange. 12/10 0857. Infomercial just ending, followed by ads and program notes, including one for "Duck Call" (Anaheim Mighty Ducks); legal ID just before ToH: "You are listening to the new AM 830 KLAA AM 830, Independent and Right, KLAA AM 830 Orange-Los Angeles, southern California's 50,000-watt giant," and into NBC news. Good signal and pretty much alone - I'd have to guess that they were on day pattern already. **(JW-CO)**
- 910 WHSM WI Hayward. 12/9 1830. "On WHSM" by deep voiced male announcer. Surfaced above jumble for the ID then back into the mush. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1050 CJNB SK North Battleford. 12/8 0755. WHL, Saskatchewan, and NHL scores; faded briefly, then came back up at 0759 with dual CJNB/CJNS ID. Fair on peaks with fading and QRM from CKSB and others. **(JW-CO)**
- 1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction. 11/30 1531. Ad for auto service company on I-70 business loop, local weather at 1532 (41 degrees in Rifle), Remax ad and then into Sean Hannity show. Clear ID at 1535. **(FO-OK)**
- 1140 CHRFB AB High River. 12/9 0858. C&W music; non-ID at 07:59:59 by male voice: "With a specialty in Inspirational programming, we're Southern Alberta's Community Radio Station, AM 1140" and into program "Prophecy for Today." Strong signal; don't know that I've ever heard a call letter ID out of these folks. **(JW-CO)**
- 1140 KCLE TX Cleburne. 12/9 2300. Southern gospel music, ad with 817 Area Code. ID "Your home for classic country and Southern gospel AM 1140." Lousy reception. **(DBJ-TN)**
- 1180 KYDZ NE Bellevue. 12/8 1537. SS music and ads until 1600, ID at ToH. **(FO-OK)**
- 1210 KUBR TX San Juan. 12/10 0259. Usual multi-station Cadena Cristiana ToH ID; heard way under strong KGYN. **(JW-CO)**
- 1230 WSOO MI Sault Sainte Marie. 12/7 0700. Poor. Legal ID "since 1940..." ABC news in mess. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1230 WGRY MI Grayling. 12/8 1559. Ray Charles and Diana Krall "You Don't Know Me," ID "WGRY Grayling, a part of Gannon Broadcasting Systems" into AP news. Fair to good in WCLO null. NEW! **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1320 KELO SD Sioux Falls. 12/8 1524. Up for a short time with sports and call letter ID. **(FO-OK)**
- 1360 WKYO MI Caro. 12/7 0639. Poor but over usual WTAQ. Calls, ads. Classic country. **(JJR-**

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- 1400 KUNX CA **Santa Paula. 11/25 1552-1600.** Christmas music. Long wait for ID: "1400 KUNX Santa Paula-Santa Barbara-Oxnard." Sounded remote due to the mountain range. (RA-CA2)
- 1490 WFKY KY **Frankfort. 12/7 0715.** Poor in mess. Calls, oldies. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 1490 WTIQ MI **Manistique. 12/7 0724.** Poor; "...in downtown Manistique" into sports "on Crusin' 1490." Also "here in the U.P." Live morning show. Oldies. (JJR-WI)
- 1510 KFNN AZ **Mesa. 12/5 1951.** Business news, "Two Guys and Money," ID at 1952, stock market reports, etc. (FO-OK)
- 1550 KYAL OK **Sapulpa. 12/3 2239.** Women's basketball game between Oral Roberts University and Boise State. ID for 1550 and 97.1 FM. Ads for Robertson Tire Company and Citizen's Security Bank in Tulsa. Possibly still on day power as very strong here. (FO-OK)
- 1570 CKMW MB **Winkler. 12/7 0722.** C&W music, "Country 1570" slogans; 0730 gal with news and weather (high of minus 19 forecast); news and call ID also noted at ToH. Heard almost every morning with generally fair signal and same format. (JW-CO)
- 1570 KBCV MO **Hollister. 12/7 0755.** Out of religious program and into ID by a man: "KBCV AM 1570 Hollister, Branson, and Neosho, a service of Bott Radio Network," followed by an ad for Salvation Army Red Kettle drive. Briefly fair. (JW-CO)
- 1600 KPNP MN **Watertown. 12/7 0800.** Poor to fair with Hmong chanting, singing. Loud at times. I've heard this station in L'Anse over the past few years and in South Milwaukee at least twice, never, never ever hearing a legal ID. Knowing it's not WWRL, WAAM, etc., based on program content I'm counting it as NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 1600 KGYM IA **Cedar Rapids. 12/10 2202.** Out of Westwood One football. "This is 1600 ESPN Radio KGYM Cedar Rapids, Iowa" and back to the game. KEPN phased. (WH-CO)
- 1600 KOKE TX **Pflugerville. 12/11 0100.** Out of SS music. "KOKE Pflugerville..." in echoey SS. New for me and taped. (WH-CO)
- 1600 KRKE NM **Albuquerque. 12/11 0200.** Out of Real Oldies promo. "Real Oldies 1600 KRKE Albuquerque." (WH-CO)
- 1620 KOZN NE **Bellevue. 12/9 2159.** Out of ESPN promos. "1620 the Zone KOZN Bellevue-Omaha-Council Bluffs" to spots. (WH-CO)
- 1620 WTAW TX **College Station. 12/10 0200.** Out of Coast to Coast. "10,000 watts of information on 1620 WTAW College Station-Bryan" into ABC news. (WH-CO)
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City. 12/8 2100.** Faded up with "...AM 1630 KCJJ Iowa City" to local news. (WH-CO)
- 1630 KRND WY **Fox Farm. 12/8 2102.** Out of SS music. "KRND AM 1630 Fox Farm-Cheyenne." Mixed with KCJJ. (WH-CO)
- 1630 KKGm TX **Fort Worth. 12/9 0104.** Ending contemporary Christian-type tune. Weak; KKGm poor third to KRND and KCJJ. (WH-CO)
- 1640 KBJA UT **Sandy. 12/4 2301.** Out of long ToH announcement. "Esta es KBJA 16-40 Super Radio" all in SS. (WH-CO)
- 1640 KFXy OK **Enid. 12/5 0000.** Out of PSA. "Your Sports Authority, the Score 1640 KFXy Enid-Oklahoma City" to SNR programming. (WH-CO)
- 1660 KXOL UT **Brigham City. 12/6 2202.** Out of SS music. Accented EE with echo "Brigham City KXOL 1660 Salt Lake City" to SS spots. (WH-CO)
- 1660 KQWB ND **West Fargo. 12/6 2300.** Ending string of spots with "The Red River Valley's home for ESPN radio, KQWB AM West Fargo-Fargo-Morehead, 1660 ESPN" to ESPN Sports. (WH-CO)
- 1660 KXTR KS **Kansas City. 12/7 1000.** Ending classical music. Weak KXTR call running a poor third to KXOL and KQWB. (WH-CO)
- 1670 KNRO CA **Redding. 12/8 0600.** "...on Redding's ESPN 1670 KNRO Redding" to ESPN programming. Fair with WTDY. (WH-CO)
- 1700 KKLf TX **Richardson. 12/11 0800.** Dual KLIF/KKLf ToH legal ID, then NBC news (NBC news seems to be making a comeback). Fair at best in QRM, with local KDDZ 1690's IBOC off this morning. (JW-CO) (John also reports that KDDZ's IBOC downtime was only for a few hours, and it is again back up. Ed.-WI)

# DDXD-East

## REPORTERS

BC-NH	<b>Bruce Conti, Nashua</b> – SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 50 x 75-ft SuperLoop antennas east with remote variable termination and south 1150-Ω terminated.
HF-MI	<b>Harold Frodge, Midland</b> – Drake R8B + 215' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie
HJH-PA	<b>Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre</b> - Eton S350DL
DL-MD	<b>Dave Larrabee, Columbia</b> - RF Space SDR-14, Quantum Phaser with a pair of DX Engineering active verticals spaced at 200 feet.
LW-NY	<b>Leslie Wood, East Meadow</b> – Sony 2010, Radio Shack loop
MKB-ON	<b>Mike Brooker, Toronto</b> – Grundigs G5 & YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200

## UNIDs

960 - 11/26 1955 – in with “94.1 & 94.7 FM” station ID. (LW-NY)

## LOGGINGS

550	WSVA	VA	<b>Harrisonburg</b> - 12/7 1700 - Good, over <i>R. Disney</i> WDDZ; “Newsradio 550 WSVA Harrisonburg, ABC news time is 5 o’clock.” (BC-NH)
560	WQAM	FL	<b>Miami</b> – 11/11 1940 – in with local weather forecast. Then station ID and into sports talk. (LW-NY)
	WEBC	MN	<b>Duluth</b> – 12/9 0059 – creaming CFOS groundwave with American Diabetes Association PSA, ToH ID: “The Northland’s home for Vikings football, the Fan 560 WEBC Duluth-Superior” into Fox National Sports Report. (MKB-ON)
590	WROW	NY	<b>Albany</b> - 12/7 1800 - Under <i>The Word</i> WEZE; “...at the top and bottom of every hour, News/Talk 590 WROW Albany.” (BC-NH)
610	WTVN	OH	<b>Columbus</b> - 12/7 1701 - Under WGIR; “...central Ohio’s home for Fox news, Newsradio 610 WTVN Columbus, and on-demand at 610wtvn.com,” and 5 O’clock Report local news. (BC-NH)
620	WZON	ME	<b>Bangor</b> – 12/11 1902 – fighting off WTMJ with promo for “the new and improved WZON website”. (MKB-ON)
640	WWJZ	NJ	<b>Mount Holly</b> - 12/7 1800 - Fair; <i>R. Disney</i> promos, “AM 640 WWJZ Mount Holly, Philadelphia.” (BC-NH)
	WHLO	OH	<b>Akron</b> - 12/7 1900 - Through <i>R. Progreso</i> Cuba; “...accurate up to the minute news and information, 640 WHLO,” and Fox news. (BC-NH)
850	WEEI	MA	<b>Boston</b> - 12/12 0700 - Good; “WEEI Boston, WEEI-FM Westerly, WVEI-FM and WVEI-FM-HD1 Easthampton, and WVEI Worcester.” (BC-NH)
870	WWL	LA	<b>New Orleans</b> - 12/12 0600 - Good, over <i>R. Reloj</i> Cuba; promo for Magic 101.9 FM, “The Big 870, WWL New Orleans, 105-3 WWL-FM Kenner, New Orleans, and wwl.com,” and CBS news. (BC-NH)
910	WSBA	PA	<b>York</b> - 12/13 0645 - Fair, over unID Mexican music; “Newsradio 910 WSBA, your news, traffic, and weather leader,” local sports, “Newsradio 910 WSBA” time check. (BC-NH)
930	WBEN	NY	<b>Buffalo</b> – 11/12 18400 – CBS News, traffic and weather report. “WBEN Global 930” station ID. (LW-NY)
	WFMD	MD	<b>Frederick</b> - 12/12 0558 - Mixed with WGIN; local ad with Frederick mentions, weather, Newsradio 930 WFMD ID and Fox news. (BC-NH)
950	WIBX	NY	<b>Utica</b> - 12/13 0600 - Good, over <i>R. Reloj</i> Cuba; “Newsradio 950 WIBX Utica, Rome, news first, news fast,” and CBS news. (BC-NH)
960	CFFX	ON	<b>Kingston</b> – 11/26 1958 – oldies music, frequent “Lite 104.3” IDs. Good over WEEI. (LW-NY)
	WHYL	PA	<b>Carlisle</b> - 12/13 0700 - Fair; “960 WHYL Carlisle” and callsign jingle into CBS news. (BC-NH)
	WFIR	VA	<b>Roanoke</b> - 12/12 0600 - Over <i>R. Reloj</i> Cuba; weather, “Local news and weather, Fox news, ABC news, and hard-hitting talk, we are News/Talk 960 WFIR Roanoke,” and ABC news. (BC-NH)
1000	WCMX	MA	<b>Lunenburg</b> – 11/30 0658 – “1000 WCMX Lunenburg” ID. Fair, with news and weather on the hour. (LW-NY)
	WRAR	VA	<b>Tappahannock</b> – 11/30 0700 – “WRAR Tappahannock, Lite Radio 1000” station ID into religious music. (LW-NY)
1070	CBA	NB	<b>Moncton</b> – 12/06 1857 - In the clear: “This is CBC Radio One, ninety seven

- point nine in Bathurst and Miramichi" (DL-MD)
- 1200 WTLA NY Syracuse – 11/11 1753 – in with Dean Martin song on the "Music of your life WTLA 1200 and WSGO 1440". (LW-NY)
- WSML NC Graham - 12/08 0156 – slogan "Triad's News Radio WSJS" (600 kHz). This station was in & out with the co-channel crowd. (DL-MD)
- 1250 WGHB NC Farmville - 12/08 0557 - Came up out of the co-channel for "Holiday Greetings from all of us here at Pirate Radio twelve fifty and nine thirty" followed by advertising and this announcement a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. (DL-HD) "Pirate Radio" is an unusual slogan, as they're legitimately FCC licensed, and a bit too far from Pittsburgh to be on the Pirates network. Mike.
- 1260 CIHI NB Fredericton - 12/08 0153 - I discovered that WWRC was on and off during the night. The power of the SDR-14 paid off with its digital files for detailed postfact study. Finally dug the best audio out with LSB. Caught the same ID at 0153 and 0253 EST. C&W format: "Twelve Sixty, Fredericton; ninety five point one FM, New Maryland; and one oh two point five FM Oromocto". Further study on the web indicated that the call signs for the FM is CIHI-FM1 and CIHI-FM2 respectively. Canada Gazette provided specifics. The CKHJ callsign went away in 1998 according to <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/1998/19980530/html/commis-e.html> (DL-MD)
- 1280 WGBF IN Evansville – 12/1 1830 – Peaking up to good signal atop WADO. "Newstalk 1280 WGBF". (HJH-PA)
- 1390 WEGP ME Presque Isle – 12/10 1659 – over WFBL with call letter jingle, promo for Rush Limbaugh on "the talk of the county, WEGP". (MKB-ON)
- 1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh – 12/14 1759 – over ESPN station (likely WELM Elmira, NY) with local weather, ToH ID: "this is your station for news, KQV Pittsburgh. KQV news time at the tone 6 o'clock" into CBS news. (MKB-ON) *For call letter geeks, this one's a double whammy: eastern K-call and three-letter to boot!*
- 1450 WLEC OH Sandusky – 12/12 1706 – potential new pest since the demise of CHUC in over graveyard mush with "and now another news update on Sports Radio 1450 WLEC" into local news. (MKB-ON)
- 1510 WAUK WI Waukesha – 12/13 1715 – creaming WLAC with Miller Lite ad, slogan "Milwaukee's ESPN Radio, 1510 days, 1290 nights" into NASCAR Today stock car racing report. (MKB-ON)
- 1570 WNST MD Baltimore – 11/23 0647 – in with traffic report for Baltimore and outlook for "Black Friday" shopping. Then into sports talk. (LW-NY)
- WFUR MI Grand Rapids – 12/10 1720 - Peaked up after WPTW peak; "WFUR playing Christmas music you recognize". (I didn't recognize the next tune. I doubt there's much chance of hearing the dog-bark Jingle Bells on this station.) One in the mix. (HF-MI)
- WNCA NC Siler City – 12/10 1759 - Caught a peak with call ID, time check & weather. NC #26. One in the mix. (HF-MI)
- WPTW OH Piqua – 12/10 1719 - Just caught a peak with an ID; "Miami County WPTW". One in the mix. (HF-MI)
- WWSZ IN New Albany – 12/10 1820 - ESPN w/502 area code & lots of IN & KY items. This one was the most frequent peak over the past hour in the mix. (HF-MI)
- 1580 CKDO ON Oshawa – 11/15 0342 – "Oshawa's oldies, CKDO 1580 and CKDO 107.7 FM" ID. Promo for *Let's get Growin'* garden show, Saturday mornings on CKDO. (LW-NY)

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**Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC**

## Transatlantic DX

- 1305 **SPAIN** RNE5 sychros DEC 14 2400 - Bumper music, time pips and fanfare into informativos with synchro echo; over an unID Mediterranean/Mideast signal - maybe Algeria. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 **SPAIN** RNE5 sychros DEC 14 2400 - Parallel 1305 kHz; over an unID sub-audible het. [Conti-NH]
- 1385.9 **GUINEA** R.Rurale, Labé DEC 10 2247 - Assumed them with woman singing in a foreign language with drums. Measured at 1385.95 kHz, apparent sign-off at 2259; fair. [Barstow-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules (43°47'N 6°09'E) DEC 14 2320 - Good; Bible teaching in English. 2330 "For more information about TransWorld Radio UK..." with postal and Internet addresses, one cycle of TWR interval signal, and off. [Conti-NH]
- 1512 **BELGIUM** R.Vlaanderen International, Wolvertem (50°59'N 4°18'E) DEC 14 2248 - Good; Billy Joel "In the Middle of the Night," man and woman in distinctive Flemish. [Conti-NH]

## Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** R.Cadena Habana, unknown location DEC 2 0705 - Out of news to R.Cadena Habana IDs and jingles; mixed with RVC. [Heinen-CO]
- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** R.Visión Cristiana, South Caicos (21°30'N 71°31'W) DEC 2 0204 - Out of Spanish sermon to multi-station ID in English; fair mixed with second Spanish presumed to be Cuba later confirmed. [Heinen-CO]
- 540 **MEXICO** XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih DEC 4 0803 - Out of ranchera music, "La Ranchera de Paquimé" jingle to more music. [Heinen-CO]
- 620 **MEXICO** XESS Ensenada BCN (32°29'N 117°01'W) DEC 10 1257 - Program note for Hugo Sanchez program; one-minute feature "Mementos de la Copa Mundial;" partially-readable ID at 0759:55 by male voice: "XESS Seis Veinte AM...;" faded shortly afterward. Rough in interference, but a new one here, XE #217. [Wilkins-CO]
- 660 **CUBA** CMHG R.Progreso, Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W) DEC 8 0000 - Under WFAN; Cuban big band instrumental, woman in Spanish, an exuberant "¡Hola!" parallel 640 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 690 **CUBA** R.Progreso, Jovellanos (22°49'N 81°10'W) DEC 8 0000 - Under CINF; Cuban big band instrumental, woman in Spanish, an exuberant "¡Hola!" parallel 640 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 690 **MEXICO** XERG Monterrey, NL DEC 3 0700 - Ending national anthem, XERG call ID; mixed with KTSM and CBU. [Heinen-CO]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEETCH Etchojoa, Son DEC 12 1321 - ID in Indian language, then rustic solo by gal, accompanied by guitar. Briefly good, then faded away. [Wilkins-CO]
- 800 **MEXICO** XEZR Zaragoza, Coah NOV 27 0402 - "You are listening to AM 800 XEZR Zaragoza, México, La Poderosa with a power of 2000 watts..." New one for me. [Heinen-CO]
- 820 **CUBA** CMDE R.Reloj, Contramaestre (20°18'N 76°15'W) DEC 12 1107 - Minute marker and code through WNYC, WWWB, and unID gospel music. [Conti-NH]
- 860 **CUBA** CMDB R.Reloj, Baracoa (20°21'N 74°29'W) DEC 14 1200 - Good; UTC-5 time check, "Radio Reloj," minute marker, "La siete de la mañana," and RR code. [Conti-NH]
- 910 **CUBA** R.Cadena Agramonte, Camagüey DEC 12 1100 - Fair; introduction of informativos by a woman, "Radio Cadena Agramonte en Camagüey... doce de diciembre... año 49 la revolución." [Conti-NH]
- 940 **MEXICO** XEYJ Nueva Rosita, Coah NOV 12 0600 - National anthem to full data ID over domestics. [Heinen-CO]
- 1000 **MEXICO** XEOY R.Mil, Iztacalco, México DF (19°23'N 99°07'W) DEC 13 1135 - Under WMVP; "Vive México Radio Mil" jingles in promo/ad string. [Conti-NH]
- 1000 unID DEC 12 1100 - Through WMVP; "Seis de la mañana" UTC-5 time check, three rooster crows, a theme song, then more rooster crows. Colombia, Cuba, Panama, and Peru are the only possibilities. RCN Colombia is doubtful without the familiar "la radio de Colombia" jingles or network IDs. The handful of low power stations from Peru are improbable. So that leaves R.Difusora Nacional-Colombia, R.Granma (thanks Henrik Klemetz) or R.Guamá-Cuba, and R.Poderosa-Panama as likely candidates. DEC 14 1102 - Rooster crows through WMVP. [Conti-NH]
- 1140 **MEXICO** XEMR Monterrey NL (25°46'N 100°15'W) NOV 6 0400 - Ending network ID, "Radio MR" briefly to news. [Heinen-CO]
- 1180 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, Villa María (23°07'N 82°22'W) DEC 14 0045 - Two R.Rebelde signals creating synchro echo, in WHAM null and unID 1181 het; talk parallel 5025 kHz. [Conti-NH]

- 1190 **MEXICO** XEMBC Mexicali, BCN NOV 14 0400 - Up briefly, "Radio Hablado en Mexicali, Baja California," fair with domestics and a new one for me. [Heinen-CO]
- 1250 **MEXICO** XESC Sabinas, Coah OCT 24 0300 - XESC call ID under KKHK, mentions 1000 watts, Sabinas, Coahuila. [Heinen-CO]
- 1320 **MEXICO** XECPN Piedras Negras, Coah OCT 3 0201 - Over KXYZ with full ID; fair. [Heinen-CO]
- 1370 **MEXICO** XEGNK Nuevo Laredo, Tama OCT 5 1100 - Ending national anthem with full data sign on; fair over domestics. [Heinen-CO]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XERCN Tijuana, BCN (32°30'N 116°58'W) OCT 6 1000 - Fair over domestics. [Heinen-CO]
- 1540 **BAHAMAS** ZNS1 Nassau (25°00'N 77°21'W) DEC 9 0055 - Bahamas weather. Station frequently in mix with CHIN and KXEL. [Allen-SC]
- 1550 **MEXICO** XENU Nuevo Laredo, Tama OCT 12 0959 - Out of Spanish music, "Este es La Rancherita 1550 AM." [Heinen-CO]
- 1580 **MEXICO** XEDM Hermosillo, Son DEC 12 1303 - Mexican anthem; full ID at 1305:45, only partially readable, then some music. Fair in interference. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1620 **US VIRGIN ISLANDS** WDHP Frederiksted, St.Croix (17°43'N 64°53'W) DEC 13 0300 - Female at hour "WDHP 1620 and 103.5 FM," earlier male "second hour in the morning." [Allen-SC]
- 1700 **MEXICO** XEPE Tecate (32°32'N 116°49'W) DEC 11 1324 - Local talk show in English, including an item about an upcoming event aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, anchored in San Diego harbor; Guadalajara tourism ad; slogans "San Diego's 1700 AM" and "The Talk of San Diego"; quick Spanish legal ID noted at 1405 UTC. Always good here - doubt if they ever switch to 'night power'. [Wilkins-CO]

Welcome to Doug W0AH, reporting from South Carolina: *R. Visión Cristiana*, Turks & Caicos, dominates 530 nightly with good IDs on hour. *R. Reloj* Cuba usually dominates 570 kHz. *R. Reloj* noted DEC 12 & 13 at various times; 790, 820, 850, 860, 870, 930, 950 (pips and code heard under my strongest local WORD 59+30 dB! on Flag antenna), 960, 1020, and 1610 kHz. *R. Reloj* heard in August on **1000 kHz**, but not since. *R. Progreso* and *R. Rebelde* report next week. I'm having trouble IDing the Mexicans. Are 540 XEWA and 900 XEW parallel? Once powerful XERF only occasionally rises above the din. Best night for transatlantic signals DEC 9 2340-2400, many carriers noted and 549, 756, 837, 1206, 1377, 1512, 1521 occasional very poor audio. Not even close to an ID.

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6880*	1566 AIR Nagpur, India - Bruce Conti, Cappahayden NL (1993)	2487	800 PJB Bonaire, Neth. Antilles - Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI
6868	1431 R.Sawa, Arta, Djibouti - Bruce Conti, Nashua NH	2051	870 WWL New Orleans LA - Russell Curry, Eugene OR
6581*	1575 VOA Thailand - Dale Park, Honolulu HI (2004)	1871	530 RVC Turks & Caicos - Paul Swearingen, Topeka KS
6417	1566 HLAZ Cheju, S.Korea - John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO	1134	1160 KSL Salt Lake City UT - Walt Breville, Wentzville MO
5403	747 JOIB Sapporo, Japan - Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO	1081	830 WCCO Minneapolis MN - Walt Breville, Ft. Walton Beach FL
4617	1332 4BU Bundaberg, Australia - Dale Park, Honolulu HI		
2835*	735 R.Melodía, Quito, Ecuador - Paul Swearingen, Moran KS (1979)		73 and Good Luck!

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