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WKDK-1240 … P.O. Box 753 - Newberry, SC 29108 will conduct a DX test on February 11 from midnight – 12:30 a.m. ELT at 1,000 watts non-directional. The test, hosted by our own Powell E. Way III – W4OPW, will consist of phonetic voice IDs, Morse code, sweep tones and unique music. Powell will also take pre-paid telephone calls at (803) 276-2957. Reception reports may be sent to Powell at the station address above. The station will accept audio recordings on disk (.mp3 or .wav files), or cued up cassettes. E-mail reports to W4OPW@yahoo.com are OK but NO AUDIO FILES can be accepted via e-mail due to bandwidth restrictions.

NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to Powell and the management at WKDK for agreeing to conduct this test.

WBIX-1060 kHz Natick (Boston) MA (see below for QSL info) will conduct a DX test on February 24 from midnight - 2:00 a.m. ELT. The station will conduct the test at 40,000 watts power using their two-tower daytime antenna pattern. Programming will include a one-hour CD of Todd Rundgren Music with Morse code, sweep tones and announcements every 10 minutes or so. The Broadcast Test Committee will be handling all reception reports and verifications for this test. Both eQSL service and traditional paper QSLs will be offered. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format, audio files via e-mail or cassette recordings will be accepted as proof of reception. Send reception reports and recordings to: IRCA/NRC Joint BTC, Attn: WBIX DX Test, P.O. Box 3777, Memphis, TN 38173-0777 USA. E-mail reports and audio files may be sent to: KH2AR@comcast.net.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago … from the January 25, 1958 DXN: Maurice W. Nittler, Englewood, CO noticed numerous Mexican stations broadcasting early Sunday morning, 1/12, including XET-990, XEOK-920, XEOR-1390, XEBX-610, XEWB-760, XEWA-540, XEW-900, XEYC-1460, and XEFJ-970; XEBH-920 was AN on 1/12 and 1/13.


10 years ago … from the February 9, 1998 DXN: A new phenomenon on the AM band, the “talking house”, was profiled in an article from the Indianapolis Tribune-Star.
Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

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CPs ON THE AIR

- **1000** WXTN MS Benton - CP to change their City-of-License to here (from Lexington) is now licensed. Facilities remain D1 5000/0 at 33-06-39/90-02-21.
- **1050** WFED MD Silver Spring - CP for U1 3500/44.

ACTIONS

- **730** NEW TX Big Spring - CP granted for U4 230/300 at N32-13-04 W101-29-25.
- **930** WHLM PA Bloomsburg - CP granted for U1 2000/18.
- **1330** NEW AK Fairbanks - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N64-51-39 W147-48-36.
- **1540** WBCO OH Bucyrus - Coordinate correction to 40-45-51/82-56-05.
- **1560** WMRO TN Gallatin - CP granted for U1 250/3, reducing day power.

APPLICATIONS

- **890** KLFF CA Arroyo Grande - Applies for U2 12000/12000.
- **1140** WMMG KY Brandenburg - Coordinate correction to N37-59-09/86-11-04.
- **1340** WSOY IL Decatur - Applies to relocate their transmitter to a new tower at N39-48-54 W89-00-08.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- **890** NEW CA Olivehurst - Applies for U7 350/250 CH 350.
- **1190** NEW AR Pine Bluff - Applies for U2 10000/350.

LICENSE REVOCATIONS

☐ Another weak week for the Feds.
☐ Back on: **WVZN-1580** Columbia, Pennsylvania with SS programming.
☐ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre and Dave Schmidt.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)
+ record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage

**1230 kHz:**

- **WKBO** MD Cumberland Barry McLarnon Ottawa, ON 423
- **WKLK** MN Cloquet Barry McLarnon Ottawa, ON * 802
- **WECK** NY Cheektowaga John J. Rieger South Milwaukee, WI * 460
- **WKBO** PA Harrisburg Barry McLarnon Ottawa, ON + 356

**1240 kHz:**

- **WWWC** NC Wilkesboro Barry McLarnon Ottawa, ON * 696

**1400 kHz:**

- **WBTH** WV Williamson Barry McLarnon Ottawa, ON * 629

**1450 kHz:**

- **WLEC** OH Sandusky Barry McLarnon Ottawa, ON * 440
Public-radio news heads to FM

By Joanne Ostrow - The Denver Post January 17, 2008 (via Wayne Heinen)

Colorado Public Radio has found a home for news and information on the FM band.

CPR will purchase Christian-formatted 88.1 FM in Denver and this spring move KVOD, its classical-music station, there. Under an agreement announced Wednesday, CPR intends to move KCFR, currently at 1340 AM, to KVOD's old home at 90.1 FM. The 1340 AM frequency then will be offered for sale.

The deal represents the fulfillment of CPR's seven-year push to buy another FM station in Denver.

"It's great news for public-radio listeners," CPR president Max Wycisk said Wednesday.

Pending approval by the Federal Communications Commission, the transaction will locate CPR's news/information and music formats on FM in the metro area, expanding the coverage area and boosting the sound fidelity.

Many listeners were disappointed when the news-and-information channel ended up on AM in 2001 because some public-radio shows feature music and the sound fidelity is of lower quality on AM.

The purchase price for California-based EMF's 1,200-watt 88.1 FM, which currently simulcasts the "K-Love" Christian format, is $8.2 million. EMF's K-Love will continue on 91.1 FM.

The changes will be implemented in late April or early May.

CPR expanded from one station that shoehorned news and music into one unsatisfying format to two stations in 2001.

"The intent was always to have two FMs," Wycisk said.

Nonprofit Educational Media Foundation (EMF) has had 88.1 FM on the air for two years, broadcasting the Christian format from Mount Morrison and duplicating the main signal at 91.1 FM. That frequency is unaffected by the deal.

"It works out very nicely for us," Wycisk said.

Wycisk promised the purchase of the new station "will not involve a heavy on-air fundraising drive. We did not seven years ago; we won't now."

The challenge, he said, will be educating people to change their media habits. Wycisk said the switch could mean regaining some listeners who were lost when KCFR went to AM.

"Some people don't think of public-radio news being anywhere but at the left-hand side of the FM dial," he said.

CPR plans to continue to build news staff and add locally produced programming.

With two FM stations, CPR's primary coverage area will be 2.6 million listeners. While the two FM signals will cover metro Denver well, 90.1 FM is the stronger signal. The 88.1 FM signal will not reach very far north, for instance. Fort Collins classical-music lovers may be disappointed.

Various financing options are being pursued, said Marc Hand of Public Radio Capital, a nonprofit organization representing CPR in the transaction. The likeliest is "some form of tax-exempt bond funding, typical of public radio," Hand said.

CPR was one of the first public-radio outfits to receive investment-grade bond ratings several years ago.
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DDXD-West
FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

It was great to hear from long-time DDXD-W contributors Walt Breville of Wentzville MO and Gary Houdek of Munden KS this week. One of Gary’s loggings, 800 CKLW, closes this column’s logbook for the year 2007. In fact, with a logging time of 12/31 2359 ELT, it is truly the definition of the last log of the year!

With many things happening on the band this week, I spent a good deal of time at the dials. As a result I had several good loggings to report. Like the loyal Vast Westlander that I am, I dutifully sent them in to my DDXD editor. I thank myself for doing so, and thank the rest of this week’s contributors for your great reports. Please keep them coming! 73 Bill

Reporters

BW-OK Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa. R8, Quantum Phaser, two 50-foot wires.
DS-CA Dan Sheedy, Encinitas. R75 / Q-Loop.
FA-ID Frank Aden, Boise. FRG-7 with 4-foot Box loop.
GH-KS Gary Houdek, Munden. GE Superadio.
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
WW-MO Woz Wozniak, Saint Louise. Grundig Satellit 800 and Terk Advantage loop.
Ed.-WI Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B with Quantum QX Pro loop or Sony SRF-59 Walkman radio barefoot.

Station News

920 WGNU IL Granite City. Has switched from talk to contemporary Christian music. Slogan is now “the New WGNU.” (WB-MO)
930 KMPT MT East Missoula. Per New West weekly newspaper, under new management KLCY flipped to liberal talk featuring Jones Radio and Air America Radio on 1/3, changing calls to KMPT. Station is one of 57 that Gap West of Denver purchased from Clear Channel. GM Dave Cowan helped out in a previous attempt at liberal radio in Missoula, which died after a year. (DP-HI)
1340 KCFR CO Denver. According to the Denver Business Journal of 1/16/08, Colorado Public Radio is purchasing FM outlet KFDN 88.1 Lakewood from EMF Inc. This will give CPR two FM outlets in Denver, one for each of its two services (In-Depth News and Classical Music). If the FCC approves the sale, KCFR and its news-oriented service will move to FM upon the sale’s completion (projected for the spring). At that point, CPR will put the 1340 facilities up for sale. Thanks to Patrick Griffith for drawing attention to this situation on the NRC listserv. (Ed.-WI)
1450 KMRY IA Cedar Rapids. Per e-mail from station manager Kevin Alexander, station is now using HD radio and he admits it can affect side channels and therefore reception in the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City area of KXNO 1460 Des Moines. On the other hand, he expects KMRY reception in Tama and western Iowa Counties to be affected by KXNO’s upcoming HD signal. KMRY website claims station is the first medium wave in Iowa with “a crystal-clear digital transmitter on the air!” It plays “Timeless Classics” plus airs polka Sundays
960  CFFX+  ON  Kingston. 1/15 0000. Fair to good signal with only slight unID QRM. Voice and Morse code IDs and sweep tones. This short-notice test was arranged by NRCer Saul Chernos in conjunction with the station’s last few hours before it was to go permanently off air (moved to 104.3 FM) at 0600 ELT. Test was to be done with 10 kw daytime power on day pattern. A few hours earlier in the evening Saul posted on the NRC list that the station was already on that power and pattern, and it was heard easily here with soft rock and “Lite 104.3” IDs. This signal was heard here not only on the R8B/QX Pro combo, but also with Sony SRF-59 and M37V ultralight receivers. (Ed.-WI)

960  CFFX+  ON  Kingston. 1/15 0001 and 0101. At 0001 there was a very faint but audible voice identification of CFFX and its FM counterpart in addition to the announcement of a “special DX test” and declaring that the station would shut down its transmitter later that morning. Immediately following the voice identification was the following series: CW identifications, sweep tones, a longer version of CW identifications, followed again by sweep tones and finally a last series of CW identifications. After the concluding Morse code identification CFFX continued with its regular programming. At 0101 CFFX was again heard with faint voice identification, announcement of a special DX test and followed once again by a series of CW identifications and sweep tones. Was not only able to log it with the Sat-8 but also with the SRF-59! My very first logging of CFFX, as it is also my last. Thanks Jim Pogue, Saul Chernos and Roger Cole of CFFX for putting together a terrific once-in-a-lifetime logging! New (WW-MO)

960  CFFX-  ON  Kingston. 1/15 0000, 0100 and 0200. I didn’t think I’d have much of a chance with KKFN 950 spewing The Horrible Hiss of IBOC right at me from just five miles down the road. I am directly in front of one of their minor lobes. But I gave it a shot for the first two hours of the test. I could detect some analog audio on 960 in the best null that I could create on KKFN. But it was too weak for me to determine who or what it was. Thanks anyway to all involved for arranging this test. (PG-CO)

960  CFFX-  ON  Kingston. 1/15 0000, 0100 and 0200. Nothing noted on my 0000 and 0100 ToH recordings. Had what *sounded like* Morse code from about 0159:00-0159:30 but it was garbled here and underneath the mush. I’ve reviewed my recording for the time periods that they used Morse code and sweep tones but nothing at all heard. So CFFX officially not heard in Tulsa. Thanks to all that arranged the test! (BW-OK)

960  CFFX-  ON  Kingston. 1/15 0000, 0100 and 0200. No sign of test, just KOVO in SS. (FA-ID)

1360  KKMO+  WA Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315. Got it here. Sweep tone, tones and voice IDs, solid signal. (FA-ID)


1360  KKMO+  WA Tacoma. 1/13 0301-0312. Tentative. No ID, but sweep tones, 1 kHz tone and college marching tunes heard weakly under KLSD (which is almost co-linear with KKMO and any nulling of KLSD pushed KKMO into the mud). Thanks to all who helped put this on. (DS-CA)

1360  KKMO-  WA Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315. After reviewing my overnight recording, no sign of KKMO here in Tulsa. Thanks to Jim Pogue and KKMO for arranging the test! (BW-OK)

1360  KKMO-  WA Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315. Tried for, did not hear on a very crowded band. Only station IDed during test period was KSCJ IA. (Ed.-WI)

Presumed, Tentative, UnId

960  UNID  1/15 0548. Had tuned to this frequency to try to record any final sign-off message from CFFX (see “DX Tests” section above). Could not, as frequency was dominated by WSBT: However, did hear a weak US National Anthem which faded before station could be IDed. Suspected KMA with sign-on until Steve Francis on the NRC list pointed out that KMA is now 24 hours. Other suggested possibilities: WHAK (although it may also be 24 hours now) KFLN (but
Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

550 CHLN QC Trois-Rivières. 1/16 2347. Heard playing a taped loop in FF concerning the station’s impending move to FM. Fair on a very crowded band. Although not new, hearing this station at night is very rare, and I am wondering if CHLN is running its 10 kw daytime power full time in its waning days on AM. Thanks to fellow DDXD editor Mike Brooker for posting word of this taped loop earlier on the NRC listserv. (Ed.-WI)

580 WCHS WV Charleston. 1/10 1740. Atop the mess for a minute with ID. (WB-MO)

580 CKUA AB Edmonton. 1/13 0840. Classical music program, occasional male announcer; program notes at 0858; ID by gal at 0859:52 “You’re listening to original radio on the CKUA Radio Network across Alberta at 580 AM, in Edson at 103.7 FM, and around the world at ckua.com”; news, weather, and road conditions followed to 0807, then more music. Fair signal with almost no QR or fading. (JW-CO)


730 WLIL TN Lenoir City. 1/10 0012. After a C&W song came “The legendary AM 7-30 WLIL,” then back into more country music. Overall reception was fair with a good signal quality and slight to moderate QR and QRN. New (WW-MO)

800 CKLW ON Windsor. 12/31 2359. End of “Healthy Talk” program. ID “CKLW welcomes in the New Year. The Information Station.” First time I have heard this station in a long time. (GH-KS)

800 WSHO LA New Orleans. 1/10 2259. “WSHO.” That’s about it, except it was accompanied by extreme QR and QRN. Reception and signal were barely audible. Not technically a verie, but a logging none the less. New (WW-MO)


910 KATH TX Frisco. 1/9 2300. Ending an EWTN program with network promo, “KATH AM 910” ID and promo about EWTN. New and taped. (WH-CO)

910 WAKO IL Lawrenceville. 1/10 0559. Ending Star Spangled Banner to full data sign-on for AM and FM. New and taped. KPOF phased. (WH-CO)

910 KINA KS Salina. 1/10 0700. Call ID in the noise to Fox news. Added to my tape collection. (WH-CO)

910 KBIM NM Roswell. 1/10 0900. Up briefly. “KBIM Roswell, it’s 7 o’clock” in the noise. (WH-CO)

920 WGKA GA Atlanta. 1/10 1745. Burying semi-local WGUN. “NewsTalk 920 WGKA,” mentions of Atlanta and Georgia. (WB-MO)

1040 WWBA FL Pinellas Park. 1/10 1756. ID, Dennis Miller show. Strong, way over WHO. (WB-MO)

1060 KYW PA Philadelphia. 1/14 2334. Newsradio format. “KYW newstime 11:34” by a male news anchor. Was listening on my Sony SRF-59 Walkman, a Christmas present from my wife Nina. Could hear this station with a fair signal through IBOC from local WTSO 1070, a tribute to that radio’s selectivity and sensitivity (can regularly hear KYW using the R8B/QX Pro combo). (Ed.-WI)

1150 KTLK CA Los Angeles. 1/4 0658. Ad for Progressive Funding; ID “K-Talk AM 11-50...KTLK Los Angeles...,” news brief, local ad. Poor to fair; QR from unID co-channel. (DP-HI)

1190 WLLI TN Humboldt. 1/9 2300. “Hour after hour, day after day, we play the better variety of today’s stars and legends. We’re Real Country 11-90 WLLI Humboldt.” Once again in a null of a local station (KRFT) with a fair overall reception and signal strength. QR was moderate as was the QRN. New (WW-MO)

1230 KFUN NM Las Vegas. 1/15 0100. Ending C&W music. “You’re listening to KFUN Las Vegas, New Mexico” to ABC news. (WH-CO)

1290 KMMM KS Pratt. 1/14 0901. “News, weather, sports and information and the greatest hits of the 60’s and 70’s. AM 1290 KMMM Pratt” to Fox news. Taped the call change for my collection. (WH-CO)
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1290 KOUU ID Pocatello. 1/14 1000. “Country Cow KOUU Pocatello” and two other cities mentioned. Popped up over KMMM briefly. New for me and taped. (WH-CO)

1430 WFOB OH Fostoria. 1/12 0342. Bits and pieces of nostalgia, mixing with WIL and WXNT. Male announcer with “Timeless, WFOB” ID. Also heard after ToH with CBS news. This one is very rare here! Was listening on my Sony SRF-59 Walkman during a fit of insomnia. (Ed.-WI)

1540 KEDA TX San Antonio. 1/14 0830. EE traffic report, “Radio Jalapeño” slogan, then back to SS announcer. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)

1580 KBLA CA Santa Monica. 1/14 0900. Spanglish ID by male voice: “Está Usted escuchando KBLA Santa Monica-Los Angeles, 1580 AM,” then into SS program, religious I think. Generally fair in QRM. (JW-CO)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua – 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 Harold Frogde, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts (MARE) DXpedition, Brighton - Drake R8B + 65’ TTFD + 500’ NE unterminated beverage

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

DL-MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia - SDR-14 on a pair of DX engineering active verticals using a Quantum Phaser.

DL-ME Dave Larrabee, East Corinth - SDR-14 at feed point of dipole at 15 feet. Audio recovered postfacto from I/Q file.


LW-NY Leslie Wood, East Meadow – Sony 2010, Radio Shack loop

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundigs G5 & YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200

STATION NEWS

1280 CFBN ON Toronto – The Pearson International Airport TIS that tried to be a real station with an all-business format is now officially defunct. At the request of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, the CRTC revoked CFBN’s license. http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2008/db2008-8.htm (MKB-ON)

PRESUMED/TENTATIVE

950 WVTSp WV Charleston – 1/1 1635 – “on supertalk nine-fifty” popped out. Poor. (GL-NY)

1550 WNTNp MA Newton - 12/14 1300 - French language music program. Loud in central Maine 80% of the time. WNTN’s web site indicates Haitian programming during this period. (DL-ME)

UNIDs

1470 - 12/30 0142 – in with sports talk about Patriots 16-0 season. “AM 1470 Fox Sports” non-IDs. (LW-NY)

1700 MI Detroit – 1/12 1721 – relay NOAA White Lake MI 162.55 MHz with segments for cities in surrounding states plus weather for “Northern suburbs, Ann Arbor-Detroit vicinity” & mentioning Detroit metro. Man and woman alternating. No ID other than the VHF relay. (HF-MI)

DX TEST

960 CFFX ON Kingston – 1/15 0559* - didn’t try for the actual test from 0000 to 0200, but tuned in to hear them kill off the station: “this is Dave Holmes, it’s coming up to 5:59 and Oldies 960 AM is about to go off the air permanently. Don’t forget to switch your radio to 104.3 FM for more of your light favourites.” Carrier dropped off immediately at 0600. (MKB-ON)
LOGGINGS

550 CHLN PQ Trois-Rivières – 1/14 0014 – under WGR with constantly repeating loop, announcing the station’s impending demise: “la station CHLN de Trois-Rivières diffuse maintenant à la bande FM… pour continuer de nous écouter vous devez maintenant composer la fréquence cent six virgule neuf (106.9) FM, 89.5 sur le câble… merci de continuer d’écouter CHLN 106.9, le nouveau FM parlé de la Mauricie”. (MKB-ON)

KCRS TX Midland – 1/13 0559 – Sports-related “KCRS” ID into ABC News, then disappeared into slop. (GL-NY)

560 WIND IL Chicago – 1/11 2204 – Coming up to a fair level through lightning crashes. Slogan, “Your Choice for Intelligent Talk, WIND.” (HJJH-PA)

590 WMBS PA Uniontown – 12/31 1714 – “Volare” under FF talk, then “word scramble… on WMBS.” “City of Uniontown” mention, then “WMBS on your computer.” Poor reception. (GL-NY)

600 CKAT ON North Bay – 12/5 1750 – in with sports talk “on AM 600 CKAT”. Weak under WICC and Cuban. (LW-NY)

WICC CT Bridgeport – 12/31 2005 – McGruff the Crime Dog ad, then “Clark Howard on WICC.” Poor. (GL-NY)

640 WNNZ MA Westfield – 12/14 1500 - NPR: “Here on six forty AM WNNZ” Dominant with a weak unidentified co-channel underneath. (DL-ME)

WGST GA Atlanta – 12/31 1728 – Man talking about credit cards, then “Dave Ramsey Show” and “six-forty WGST dot com.” Centrum Silver and thermometer ads. (GL-NY)

WFNC NC Fayetteville – 12/31 1730 – “WFNC afternoon news” by woman faded in, then ‘WFNC news time is five thirty-one.” Faded out. (GL-NY)

690 WIST LA New Orleans – 1/11 2143 - Discussion on New Orleans restaurants; slogan “AM 6-90 WIST”. Mixing w/ FF, CINF, USB helps w/ IBOC hiss. (HF-MI)

WOKV FL Jacksonville – 12/5 1700 – in with news on the hour “on News-talk WOKV 690 and 106.5”. Then into Sean Hannity show. Good dominant signal. (LW-NY)

710 CJRN ON Niagara Falls – 1/6 0723 – Male voice with history of Niagara Falls. “This has been a Niagara Falls moment on Tourist Information Radio, CJRN.” Good reception. (GL-NY)

720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest – 1/5 1741* – Sign off including studio location by male, “…tomorrow morning at seven o’clock for another broadcast day… until then, God bless.” SSB at 1743. (GL-NY)

820 WGGMVA Chester - 1/17 2052 - Mixed with WNYC and R. Reloj Cuba; “10,000 watts of… power, WGGM,” lively urban contemporary gospel music, 2100 ID, “AM 820 WGGM Chester, Richmond, Petersburg.” (BC-NH)

830 WEEU PA Reading – 1/5 1706 – after many minutes of Seahawks v. Redskins game, “ten seconds for station identification” followed by “The Voice eight-thirty AM, WEEU… your news and information leader, WEEU Reading.” WTRU came up immediately following with preacher. (GL-NY)

WCCO MN Minneapolis – 1/13 0659 – Male announcer giving list of upcoming sports games. Then temperature of 19, “good Sunday morning to you… six o’clock… this is WCCO Minneapolis-Saint Paul” into CBS News. Strong reception. (GL-NY)


WREF CT Ridgefield – 1/13 1633 – “The oldies channel… eight-fifty WREF.” Misc. ad, then ad for Jewelry Designs in Danbury, a bridal show at the Amber Room Colonnade, Robins Eye Center with 203 area code phone number. Faded out, then OnStar ad and “Eight-fifty WREF…the true oldies channel.” Logged with Sony SRF-59. (GL-NY)

860 WOAY WV Oak Hill – 1/5 1642 – Christian Bowhunters of America ad, then Christian talk, “from God’s great outdoors.” Lots of fading, then “…ministry on WOAY… AM eight-sixty WOAY” @ 1654. (GL-NY)

WSBS MA Great Barrington – 1/13 1644 – “WSBS.com” by woman into “Black is Black” by Los Bravos. Lots of interference. (GL-NY)

930 WLLL VA Lynchburg – 12/30 0658 – GOS music, woman backed by choir. Applause

950 KOEL IA Oelwein – 1/14 1750 – creaming WWJ with C&W songs, promo for local advertisers: “it pays to advertise on 950 KOEL” into “KOEL weather facts” local forecast. (MKB-ON)

WROL MA Boston – 1/4 0638 – Lots of religious talk/preaching with much fading. Eventually confirmed by Internet stream. (GL-NY)

960 WELI CT New Haven – 12/30 0719 – “I’m Governor Jodi Rell… stopholidaystress. com…” Poor reception with much fading. (GL-NY)

WFIR VA Roanoke – 1/1 0706 – “I’m Robin Reed on news-talk nine-sixty WFIR.” Lynchburg news. (GL-NY)

WSBT IN South Bend – 1/15 1732 – over WFIR/WHAK mix with local weather “from your weather station, news talk 960 WSBT” into “Sports beat” sports talk show, discussing Notre Dame basketball. (MKB-ON)

970 WBLF PA Bellefonte – 12/30 1624 – “Nine-seventy WBLF” by male popped out of slop and immediately disappeared. (GL-NY)

WJMX SC Florence – 1/1 1652 – “On newstalk nine-seventy WJMX” popped out from WCHN mess and promptly disappeared. (GL-NY)

990 WLGZ NY Rochester – 1/2 0619 – “Tomorrow”; DL gives phone number 222-2990 @ 0620, then “Delta Dawn” by Helen Reddy. “WLGZ” singing ID @ 0624. Better on 991 kHz, lots of static. (GL-NY)

1000 WIOO PA Carlisle – 12/30 1635 – “It’s Only Make Believe”, then “we reflect back on over fifty years with classic country… WIOO and WEEO, the country original.” Good until 1637, way over top of WMVP, then faded during “Stand By Me.” (GL-NY)

1010 CFRB ON Toronto – 12/30 1639 – mention of phone number ending in “CFRB”, then news. “… On CFRB.” Traffic report. Spotty reception with lots of fading. (GL-NY)

1040 WHO IA Des Moines – 12/31 0602 – “WHO has been Iowa’s weather… for… years… WHO… cloudy, 13 degrees in Des Moines.” Lots of static and fading. (GL-NY)

1070 WINA VA Charlottesville – 12/31 0607 – “… on WINA” by woman popped out over other talk, then disappeared. (GL-NY)

1120 KMOX MO St. Louis – 12/31 0613 – General Steel ad, Emergen-C ad, Zantac ad. Faded, then came back with sports news with mention of Missouri, then “right here on KMOX… KMOX news time five seventeen” by man. Lots of static and fading. (GL-NY)


WCCS PA Homer City – 12/31 0624 – “mid-day café… only on eleven-sixty WCSS.” Poor reception with WYLL and UNID sports. (GL-NY)

1220 WHKW OH Cleveland – 12/31 1640 – Dr. Bob Marshall’s “Health Line” show, seems to be focusing on “Invisivein” product and air-dried sea salt. At 1659, “on twelve-twenty on your dial” heard, then christianjobs.com ad, then “WHKW… AM twelve-twenty The Word” heard. Poor reception. (GL-NY)

WSTL RI Providence – 12/31 1700 – While listening for ID from WHKW, “WSTL” popped out. Then heard WHKW ID. (GL-NY)

1240 WSNJ NJ Bridgeton - 1/13 1900 - Briefly above jumble; “…WMVB Millville, Vineland, wsnjam.com.” New log. (BC-NH)

1250 WEAE PA Pittsburgh – 1/12 2246 – “ESPN Radio 12-50”, 1250ESPN.com spot; ads for Red River Steak House & Value City Shopping center, in/out with WGL. (HF-MI)

WGL IN Fort Wayne – 1/12 2246 - Fort Wayne (presumably Indiana Pacers) vs Utah basketball; in/out with WEAE. (HF-MI)

WARE MA Ware – 12/24 1705 – in with weather report for area on “Real Oldies 1250 WARE”, into Christmas music. (LI-NY)

1280 WJST PA New Castle – 1/18 1715 – creaming CFMB with slogan “just oldies, 1280 WJST”, promo for “Songwriter’s weekend, on the station playing the greatest hits”, “WJST” jingle into “Oh Carol” by Neil Sedaka. (MKB-ON)
1290  WJCV  NC  Jacksonville - 1/13 1700 - Under R. Disney WDZY; promo/ID, “...on 1290 WJCV Jacksonville, Sneads Ferry, Richlands,” and USA news. New log. (BC-NH)

1300  WKCY  VA  Harrisonburg - 1/13 1700 - Through ESPN Radio 1300 WAVZ; “...AM 1300 WKCY Harrisonburg... wckyam.com,” and Fox news. New log. (BC-NH)

1320  WBRT  KY  Bardstown – 1/11 2100 - Nelson County (Bardstown) HS girls’ Lady Knights basketball game coverage vs Marion County; later heard boy’s game; ad for Bardstown McDonald’s. Fair peaks mainly on top, but in/out. New. (HF-MI)

CKEC  NS  New Glasgow - 1/13 2000 - Over WDER; Irish music, “94.1 East Coast FM” and news from the national newscast of the Canadian press. (BC-NH)

1330  WFNN  PA  Erie – 12/24 1720 – ad for Harvey Davidson of Johnstown, PA on “ESPN 1330 and ESPN 1490”. (LW-NY)

1350  WGPL  VA  Portsmouth – 1/14 1803 – over all comers with gospel songs, “the number one gospel music, WGPL...taking you home” by amped-up announcer in stereotypical gospel huckster voice. (MKB-ON)

1390  WPLM  MA  Plymouth - 1/13 1800 - Good; “EZ 99.1, it’s 6 o’clock, and here we go with another hour of New England’s unique blend of light classics,” and EZ 99.1 jingle. (BC-NH)

WNIO  OH  Youngstown - 1/13 1700 - Over unID Westwood One NFL coverage; “America’s best music is here, 1390 WNIO Youngstown, and online at wnio.com,” and “1390 WNIO News.” New log. (BC-NH)

1420  WHK  OH  Cleveland – 12/30 0148 – in with Lars Larsen show on “News-talk 1420 WHK”, into Westwood One sports talk. (LW-NY)

1440  WNYG  NY  Babylon - 1/14 1800 - Briefly over WVEI; “This is WNYG Babylon, New York, and wnygspiritofny.com,” into Bible study program. (BC-NH)

1460  WXBR  MA  Brockton - 12/14 1300 - “Southern New England’s Best. WXBR Brockton” (DL-ME)

1470  WLAM  ME  Lewiston - 12/14 1300 - “ESPN Radio. “Live from the studio this is WLVP Gorham, and WLAM Lewiston-Auburn, eight seventy and fourteen seventy, Maine’s Sports Station.” (DL-ME)

1480  WADR  NY  Remsen - 12/13 1400 - “Central New York’s beautiful music, fourteen eighty, WADR, fifteen fifty WUTQ Utica” Looks like they left the sports format. (DL-ME)

WSDS  MI  Salem Township – 1/13 0716 – SS baladas; EE ID at 0717, “WSDS Plymouth-Salem”. Per Larry Russell, IDs are scarce. Good o/infomercial. (HF-MI)

1490  WOHI  OH  East Liverpool – 1/12 0800 – over WBTA Batavia, NY groundwave with Geico ad, ToH ID by woman: “WOHI East Liverpool, Ohio AM 1490”. (MKB-ON)

1530  WVBF  MA  Middleboro - 12/14 1300 - “You are listening to the Massachusetts Reading Network, fifteen thirty WVBF MA Middleboro, Taunton; ninety one point five WUML FM Lowell.” Faded into IBOC hiss from 1540. (DL-ME)

1540  WGIP  NH  Exeter - 12/14 1300 - This station popped in and out from under a dominant WDCD every few minutes. At the top of the hour: “This is WGIR, New Hampshire’s News Radio, live from Manchester.” (DL-ME)

WDCD  NY  Albany - 12/14 1300 – ToH ID amid religious programming: “WDCD Albany, WDCD HD, WPCR HD too, and on line fifteen forty wdcd dot com” Occasional co-channel form WGIP. (DL-ME)

KTGG  MI  Spring Arbor – 1/11 1833 – light religious music, ToH ID: “KTGG AM 15-40 Spring Arbor & 15-10 WJKN Jackson”. Good peaks, mixing with CHIN. (HF-MI)

1550  WITK  PA  Pittston - 12/14 1300 - In heavy co-channel from an ETH format station (probably WNTN who didn’t ID at the top of the hour): “fifteen fifty, WITK for tonight a winter storm watch is in effect...” (DL-ME)

WIGN  TN  Bristol - 1/14 1700 - Over R. Disney WDZK; “In God’s Name, 1550 WIGN Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City... WIGN,” and SRN news. New log. (BC-NH)

1560  WAGL  SC  Lancaster - 1/14 1700 - Under R. Disney WQE; end of radar weather forecast with call sign mention. New log. (BC-NH)

1570  WNSH  MA  Beverly - 12/14 1300 - “…from Henry’s Fine Foods in North Beverly...”, “Stay tuned here on WNSH AM fifteen seventy Beverly...” (DL-ME)
WANR OH Warren – 1/11 2302 – Weak, ending song “Who’s That Lady” by the Isley Bros. Slogan, “The Hottest Hits of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s WANR, Warren, Niles…” (HJH-PA)

WECU NC Winterville - 1/14 1702 - Fair, over unID C&W music; promo/ID, “…and I listen to WECU 1570 AM,” and urban contemporary gospel music. (BC-NH)

1580 CKDO ON Oshawa - 12/14 1300 - “You are listening to Oshawa Oldies, on CKDO” Announced simulcast on 107.7 MHz. (DL-ME)

1590 WARV RI Warwick - 12/14 1400 - Weak with a weaker co-channel not recoverable. “…the WARV weather forecast…” (DL-ME)

1620 WNRP FL Gulf Breeze – 1/11 2120 – “News Radio 16-20” slogan; spot for Pensacola Christian College; “The new sound--the sound of Gulf Breeze; Pensacola’s hot news station”; Fox news. Fair on top. New. (HF-MI)

1630 WRDW GA Augusta – 1/11 2133 – “News-Talk-Sports, 16-30 WRDW Augusta”; stuff-for-sale program, including a ton of compost. Well over Sean Hannity on KCJJ. (HF-MI)

1640 WKSH WI Sussex - 1/6 - 1658 - Disney “AM sixteen forty, WKSH” Shows you how good clear channel real can be. Loud and clear at local sunset. (DL-MD)

1660 WWRU NJ Jersey City - 12/14 1400 - Ethnic program, sounded oriental. EE ID on the top of the hour: “WWRU Jersey City, New York, sixteen sixty AM, WWRU” (DL-ME)

1680 KKLF TX Richardson – 1/12 1550 – “Talk Radio 5-70 KLIF”; automotive call-in show with host Ed; ads for Texas Motors and Kwik Lube. Good on top of Detroit area TIS (HF-MI)

WEUP AL Huntsville – 1/11 1608 - Soul & Gospel tunes; “WEUP the people’s station, doing what you have in mind”. Very good with no sign of KBGG. (HF-MI)

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Transatlantic DX

162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis (47°10’N 02°12’E) JAN 12 0514 - Two women in French discussion; man in French with dramatic reading; Beatles’ Eleanor Rigby; 0528 program close, mentioned BBC; 0531 France Inter ID! First time I’ve heard that ID - only heard R.France IDs before. Good peaks in LSB. [Frodge-MI]

171 MOROCCO R.Mediterranne Internationale, Nador (35°03’N 2°55’W) JAN 12 0533 - Man and woman talk in French. Poor, cleanest in USB; parallel 9575 kHz. [Frodge-MI]

198 ENGLAND BBC Radio 4, Droitwich et al. JAN 12 0033-0042 - Man in English with BBC features. Fair, cleanest in LSB. [Frodge-MI]

783 MAURITANIA R.Mauritanie, Nouakchott (18°07’N 15°57’W) JAN 18 0100 - Talk in vernacular; a tight squeeze between 782 Syria het and WNNW-HD. [Conti-NH]

1386 LITHUANIA RBWI Sitkunai (55°02’N 23°49’E) JAN 12 0307 - Poor; end of presumed CRI program, brief open carrier, and off. New log! [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

530 TURKS & CAICOS R.Visión Cristiana, South Caicos (21°30’N 71°31’W) JAN 12 0301 - Man in Spanish with many IDs during promo ad, RVC, RVC Int’l, and a station ID; spot for American Bible Assoc.; into religious music at 0307. On top. [Frodge-MI]

550 JAMAICA R/R Llandilo, Westmoreland JAN 15 0329 - Parallel 720 and 700 kHz, weaker than parallels which surface every night, and first time heard. [Allen-SC]

555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ Basseterre (17°19’N 62°44’W) JAN 12 0308-0315 - Excited DJ possibly in English, with Spanish and French pop tunes. Poor as usual, but better than usual. [Frodge-MI]

680 CUBA CMHN R.Progreso, Cienfuegos JAN 14 0423 - Good; IDs and parallel 690 kHz, listed as 1 kW. [Allen-SC]

740 CUBA R.Angulo, Holguín JAN 18 2300 - Fair, over nulled CHWO; “Esta es CMKO Radio Angulo, transmitiendo... Cuba” with reverb over music bed, then an interval signal-like series of notes and time check into an urban contemporary Spanish vocal. [Conti-NH]

750 VENEZUELA YVKS RCR Caracas (10°29’N 67°00’W) JAN 18 2301 - Good; promo string with many RCR mentions. [Conti-NH]

770 CUBA R.Rebelde, Las Mercedes JAN 12 0241 - Spanish game call; fair with WABC (presumed) and IBOC interference. Parallel 5025 kHz strong; parallel 710 kHz fair also with IBOC interference. [Frodge-MI]

790 CUBA CMAQ R.Reloj, Pinar del Río (22°25’N 83°43’W) and unID JAN 18 2300 - Usual double minute markers and code IDs from two out of sync Reloj signals on this frequency, Pinar del Río and an unID location, the delayed signal the stronger of the two. [Conti-NH]

810 COLOMBIA HCY CARACOL Bogotá (4°40’N 74°11’W) JAN 14 2335 - On top; “Radio Colombia Caracol” IDs plus Datsun and other ads. [Allen-SC]

820 CUBA CMCA R.Ciudad de la Habana, Santa Catalina (23°04’N 82°23’W) JAN 18 0058 - Presumed, over R.Reloj; woman with many Cuba references, lost to WNYC and urban gospel WGGM at hour. [Conti-NH]

840 CUBA CMHW Doblevé, Santa Clara (22°24’N 79°56’W) JAN 15 0150 - Presumed “La Reina Radial del Central,” fast talking woman with “Villa Clara” mentioned. [Allen-SC]

840 CUBA CMKC R.Revolución, Santiago de Cuba JAN 16 0151 - Parallel 1590 and 1280 kHz, briefly on top with many IDs in mix of Cubans and other stations. [Allen-SC]

850 CUBA R.Reloj, Nueva Gerona JAN 18 0100 - Minute marker and code under WEEI. [Conti-NH]

860 CUBA CMDH R.Reloj, Baracoa (20°21’N 74°29’W) JAN 18 0100 - Noted under CJBC. 0200 on top; hour marker, “...
Radio Reloj desde Habana, Cuba.” [Conti-NH]

**CUBA**

870 CUBA CMDT R.Reloj, Sancti Spíritus (21°56’N 79°26’W) JAN 18 0100 - Noted under WLVP. [Conti-NH]

910 CUBA R.Cadena Agramonte, Camagüey JAN 12 1102 - Fair, over WABI; “...de Radio Cadena Agramonte,” man/woman with Camagüey news. [Conti-NH]

960 CUBA R.Reloj, multiple sites JAN 12 1100 - Fair, over WELI; woman with news, syncopated clock, etc. [Conti-NH]

1000 COLOMBIA HJAO RCN Cartagena (10°30’S 75°26’W) JAN 16 1046 - Under WMVP; “La radio de Colombia” jingle. Cartagena sunrise 1124. [Conti-NH]

1020 MEXICO XEOY R.Mil, Iztacalco, México DF (19°23’N 99°07’W) JAN 12 1100 - Fair; ranchera, “Vive México, Radio Mil” jingle, and choral anthem. (This was actually the anthem reported Jan 7 mixed with Colombia.) Then alternating man/woman in Spanish faded up over the anthem, UTC-5 time check; Colombia or Cuba. JAN 16 1149 - “Vive México, Radio Mil” jingle, ad string, and romantic nostalgia; under WMVP. México DF sunrise 1313. [Conti-NH]

Doug Allen: Cubans dominate many high end frequencies on my south-favoring KAZ just as they do on the lower frequencies. I spent the past week IDing or re-IDing some of them such as R.Bayamo, R.Revolución, and R.Sancti Spíritus which are reported for the first time. In addition, I found a new R.Rebelde and a new R.Progreso. However, Rebelde and Progreso are so often relayed, I need to check these out a few more times to confirm what they really are. On 530, R.Enciclopedia continues to mix with RVC. (They’re both strong and would often be armchair copy without the other.) This coming week, I’ll try to identify additional regional networks and also point out the strongest stations of each network here in an effort to help others.

**Transpacific DX**

612 AUSTRALIA 4QR Brisbane (27°19’S 153°01’E) JAN 14 1704 - Woman with Queensland weather, outro, “And that’s the weather forecast from 612 ABC Queensland,” into ABC Local Radio program. Poor. [Park-HI]

738 AUSTRALIA 2NR Grafton (xmtr in Lawrence) JAN 14 2008 1700 - ABC / R.Australia news theme in key of C#, woman with news parallel 612; faded out by 1704. Poor to very poor,
760 KGU interference. [Park-HI]

1098 MARSHALL ISLANDS V7AB MIBC, Majuro JAN 08 1120 - Island contemporary music with reggae beat, traditional island music; at 1126 man in Marshallese, fade-out then fade-in (ID missed); at 1128 national anthem, followed by dead air. Fair to very poor; 1110 KAOI interference. [Park-HI]

1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ Cheju Island (33°28'N 126°23'E) JAN 15 1231 - LSR here is 1218 from JAN 10 to JAN 15 when it reverses. 1566 Korea is listed in Chinese until 1230 and presumably switch their beam to a more favorable direction for us. West coast DXers report them long after west coast LSR. So I have been parked on 1566 at 1230 with zero results until this morning. Tuned in at 1231 to find a fair carrier. It continued at this level thru 1235 dropping to very weak at 1239 and fading out. This station probably not possible in northeast with a LSR around 1208 in Boston. However, should be real possibility in midwest where LSR is listed as 1312 in Chicago. Can west coast DXers confirm that they do switch their beam at 1230? JAN 17 1230 - Noted again this morning weak to fair carrier 1230 well after my LSR of 1217 UTC. I assume Korea changes their beam when they switch from Chinese to Japanese at 1230. [Moore-FL]

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Harold Frodge, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI; Drake R8B, 65-ft TTFD, 500-ft northeast unterminated Bev.
Ray Moore, Ft. Myers FL; Modified R1000, Super SCAF audio filter, passive 23-inch spiral loop.
Dale Park, Honolulu HI - Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.

International News
BENIN: After several years of preparation, TransWorld Radio will begin broadcasting programs from their new transmitting station in Benin (1566 kHz) on 1 February 2008. TWR was working hard to solve several technical issues with the new equipment before the transmitter could be officially switched on by Nautel’s commissioning engineer, Tim Oaks. TWR-Africa’s Regional Engineer, James Burnett, says, “The testing and commissioning of the transmitter hasn’t gone entirely smoothly. There have been technical challenges, but these have not been of a nature that will prevent us from going on air.” Following the initial switching on of the transmitter, further testing has been carried out. The transmitting station will be used to broadcast programs that have been produced by pastors, Christian organizations and church leaders in West Africa and has the potential to reach up to 63 million people. [www.twrafrica.org via Jim Renfrew, MWC]

CUBA: R.Musical Nacional  website www.cmbfjazz.cu lists 1040 Villa Clara as the only AM station, plus 12 FM frequencies, with the qualifying statement, “Todas nuestras frecuencias estan sujetas a cambios, para sustitucion a FM a mejoras en la potencia de nuestros transmisores.” [Conti]

ITALY: Rai started to broadcast in DRM on 846 kHz from Santa Palomba. According to Andrea Borgnino it is on air with 25 kW. On his blog you can find several images of Rai Santa Palomba; www.mediasuk.org/archive/palomba.html. [Giampiero Bernardini]

73 and Good DX!
We are currently at approximately the mid-point of the 2007-2008 medium wave DX season, and it seems like a good time to give you an interim report on the work of your Broadcast Test Committee. As you can probably guess, many hours of work goes into contacting stations, scheduling and arranging tests, and making sure all the loose ends get tied up after the test actually runs. So far this season, the committee has contacted roughly 188 different stations in the United States and Canada with requests for DX tests. The majority of these stations were approached by sending a request package to a specific individual there, and included a detailed letter, a brochure about our hobby, a couple of maps showing the coverage success of some previous tests, copies of the two stories that ran in the local press about the WLPO test and an SASE. The list of stations, compiled by committee member J.D. Stephens, was taken primarily from club bulletins reporting individuals who were good verifiers or who had otherwise demonstrated a friendly attitude toward DXers. From these nearly 200 stations contacted, we received positive responses from 11 stations. Admittedly, not a particularly great return rate, but as most of us know, we are up against a lot of challenges in trying to get stations to test in the current broadcasting environment. In any case, we are very thankful to those stations who have agreed to test for us. One of the goals I set when I took over the position as BTC Coordinator was to use current technology as much as possible to improve the delivery of information to DXers. Committee member Brandon Jordan already had the highly successful and useful DXTests.info Web site up and running, and we have continued to use it to deliver timely and accurate information on tests. Another of our committee members and a decorated veteran of the CPC/BTC arena, J.D. Stephens, has broken new ground with the BTC Podcast. J.D. has done seven of these very informative presentations so far, all in an extremely professional and entertaining manner. Looking ahead to the rest of the season, I am preparing request packages for about another 40 stations. Additionally, a couple of our committee members are working on direct contacts with stations in hopes of scheduling tests by them in the near future. And we are still trying to nail down dates and times with a few other stations who have agreed in principle to test. We’ll announce details on all these just as soon as we are able to firm them up. This brings me to a couple of requests I’d like to make of you in the DX community. First, “cold call” requests for DX tests is just one part of this process. Although we have “official” members of our committee, I like to think of everyone who listens for the tests as potential ex officio members. So, if you work at a station, if you have a friend or acquaintance who works at a station in your area, or would just like an excuse to meet your local chief engineer or station manager, why not approach them about the possibility of a test? Since station engineering personnel are often hams, if you are also a ham, this may be an area of common interest where your paths cross. If you make an initial contact with a station and they seem interested, please pass the info along to me. I’ll be happy to make an official contact with the station and send them a request package. Second, as you can probably imagine, mailing out requests to stations is a somewhat costly enterprise. Each package requires about $1 in postage plus the cost of the stamp for the SASE. In addition to this is the cost of the envelopes used, and paper for printing letters and other items. Contributions of stamps or cash to aid in this work would be very helpful. I’ll be happy to send a receipt to anyone who needs one, and will make a full accounting of all contributions and expenditures in my end of the season report. Thanks in advance for any such financial assistance you can provide. The DX test season is now roughly half over. Although we currently only have one additional test on the calendar, please rest assured that your committee is still hard at work. But with numbers comes strength. If you can help get the ball rolling on a test from a station in your area, we gratefully welcome your help. In conclusion, I send my sincere thanks to fellow committee members: J.D. Stephens, Brandon Jordan, Joe Miller, Paul Walker and our newest member Saul Chernos. They each bring special talents and capabilities to our efforts, and I am very honored to work with all of them. Please consider doing your part to open the doors for a test from a station in your area. Working together, I believe we can get many more tests on the calendar, stations in our logbooks and QSLs in our collections. Thanks and 73s - Jim Pogue/KH2AR
done in by mediocre conditions, not to mention the zillions of other stations on 1360.” Still, quite a few folks on the west coast and as far east as the Rockies heard the test quite well. Here’s the roll call of lucky listeners who put KKMO in their logs: Frank Aden - Boise, ID; Bruce Bacon - Boise, ID; Martin Foltz - Mission Viejo, CA; Mike Hawkins - Campbell, CA; Wayne Heinen - Aurora, CO; Patrick Martin - Seaside, OR; Nick Hall-Patch - Victoria, BC; Canada Art Peterson - Richmond, CA; Nigel Pimblett - Lamont, AB; Canada Bruce Portzer - Seattle, WA; Steve Ratzlaff - NE Oregon Dan Riordan - Sherwood, OR; Walt Salamniw - Victoria, BC; Canada Dennis Vroom - Salmon Creek, WA (on a trusty SRF-59) Special congratulations to Bjarne Mjelde in Berlevag, Norway, on hearing the test. Although a relog for him, I was delighted to see this international participation from outside North America in our test efforts. Thanks Bjarne. Thank also to all the “east of the Rockies” bunch who tried their best to hear the test, including Willis Monk-TN, Steve Francis-TN, Curtis Sadowski-IL, Doug Smith-TN, Paul LaFreniere-MN, Bill Dvorak-WI, Saul Chernos-ON, Bruce Winkelman-OK, Marc DeLorenzo-MA, J.D. Stephens in AL and yours truly also in TN. And although Barry McLarnon didn’t manage to log KKMO, he says he did catch another “KK” station - namely KKBJ in Bemidji, MN - a new one for him. Remember to keep checking the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

WIMA DX Test Final Report

After a weekend of tests from a trio of “West of the Rockies” stations, we returned to the Midwest for a test from the ever-popular WIMA in Lima, Ohio. Their fine rig got out quite well and but them in logbooks from Oregon to Vermont. Here’s the list of those who have thus far reported or tentatively reported hearing the test:

Roy Barstow - Old Cape Cod, MA; Saul Chernos - Toronto, ON; Steve Francis - Alcoa, TN; Scott Fybush - Rochester, NY; Dave Hochfelder - Albany, NY; Steve Howe - Saint Albans, VT; Tom Jasinski - Shorewood, IL; Joe Miller - Troy, MI; Willis Monk - Old Fort, TN; Nigel Pimblett - Dunmore, AB; Steve Ratzlaff - NE Oregon; Curtis Sadowski - Paxton, IL; Brett Saylor - State College, PA; George Sherman - Minnesota; J.D. Stephens - Hampton Cove, AL; Joe Wozniak - St. Louis, MO; Mark ? - Markham, ON; Herb ? - Hudson Valley, NY; Shawn Axelrod - Winnipeg, MB

In keeping with the latest craze to take over our hobby, quite a few veteran DXers heard the test on their new “Ultra-Light Radios,” thus presenting a new challenge and achievement for them.

Thanks to everyone who tried for the test, and congratulations to those who logged it.

And a very special thank you to Fred Vobbe and the engineering crew at WIMA for their special efforts on behalf of DXers and radio hobbyists. You’ve gone the extra mile and we are indeed grateful. Remember to keep checking the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

Jim Pogue IRCA/NRC Joint Broadcast Test Committee Coordinator

Memphis, TN

Western Weekend DX Test Final Report

The long-delayed final report on the three DX Tests aired Dec. 15-17 is finally ready. My sincere apologies for taking so long to put this together, but work, family, travel, the holidays and life in general have all conspired to keep me away from much hobby activity. Hopefully things have now returned to something close to normal – whatever THAT is. In any case, on to the results. Not surprisingly, very few DXers on the eastern side of the Rockies heard much from these tests. As a matter of fact, it was just plain tough for some listeners right on the coast to hear them.

The first test of the weekend was Saturday morning the 15th from KLAA-830 kHz in Anaheim, Calif. Those definitely hearing the test include Martin Foltz in Mission Viejo, Calif.; Walt Salmaniw in Victoria, British Colombia; and Art Peterson in Richmond, Calif., who reports hearing only the Morse code IDs. Wayne Heinen in Aurora, Colo., reports hearing some tentative Morse code, Mike Stonebridge in St. Isidore, Alberta, says he had some “iffy” sweep tones and possible Morse code. Dave Hascall in Indianapolis reports a very tentative ID on KLAA Morse code, but a definite ID on new logging WEEU in Reading, Penn. The list of those who tried without success to hear the test include Frank Aden in Boise, Idaho; Paul LaFreniere in Grand Marais, Minn.; Phil Bytheway in Seattle; Pete Taylor in Tacoma, Wash., with QR from KIRO and CKKY; Patrick Martin in Seaside, Ore.; J.D. Stephens in Hampton Cove, Ala.; Saul Chernos in Burnt River, Ontario; Jim Gill inBradenton, Fla., with QR from Radio Capital in México City; Marc DeLorenzo in South Dennis, Mass., with QR from WCRN in Worcester; Steve Francis in Alcoa, Tenn.; Les Rayburn in Birmingham, Ala.; Bill Dvorak in Madison, Wis.; and Nigel Pimblett in Dunmore, Alberta.

Sunday morning presented DXers with a real challenge when graveyarde KQMS-1400 kHz in Redding, Calif., conducted a test. This “heard” list is pretty short, but I think most of us agree that any graveyard test heard by anyone is a good one. Those lucky enough to add KQMS to their logs include
Martin Foltz in Mission Viejo, Calif.; Bob Coomler in Cloverdale, Calif., who reports hearing both Morse code and voice IDs; Walt Salmaniw in Victoria, British Colombia, who heard only the Morse code; Bruce Portzer in Seattle and Mike Sanburn in Bellflower, Calif., who also managed to add KENT in Utah to his log at the same time. Quite a few other DXers tried without luck for the test, including Curtis Sadowski in Paxton, Ill.; Willis Monk in Old Fort, Tenn.; Mike Stonebridge in Alberta; Barry McLarnon in Ottawa, Ontario; J.D. Stephens in Alabama and Wayne Heinen in Colorado who reports IBOC QRM from KGUN. Tim Hall said he’d planned to try for the test but a changing work schedule messed him up and he forgot to try for it. Believe me Tim, you aren’t the first person this sort of thing has happened to!

Finally, Monday morning brought what looks to be the most widely heard of the three tests with KEVT-1210 in Sahuarita (Tucson), Arizona. Although no special tones or Morse code were used, the list of loggings is impressive. They include: Martin Foltz (3 for 3 for the weekend), Bill Block in Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Patrick Griffith in Westminster, Colo., who heard them under KGYN; John Wilkins in Denver; a very tentative from Barry McLarnon in Ottawa, Ontario; John Sampson in northwest Phoenix who had them mixing with KGY. Curtis Sadowski in Paxton, Ill., reports lively Mexican music for a tentative reception; George Sherman in Minnesota; Art Peterson in Richmond, Calif.; another tentative by Bill Dvorak in Wisconsin with IBOC QRM from presumed WOAI; Wayne Heinen in Colorado with QRM from KHAT and KGYN; a very tentative report from Konnie Rychalsky in southwest Connecticut; Bill Nittler in Belen, New Mexico; another tentative from Saul Chernos in Burnt River, Ontario; and Glenn Hauser in Enid, Okla. I’ve also received postal reports from Curtis McMenamin in Vacaville, Calif.; Philip Chiello Jr. in Elm Grove, Wis.; and James Wallace in Charleston, W. Va. Perhaps one of the most interesting reports received was from Frank Schuettig in Bali, Indonesia, who tuned in the test remotely via the DX Tuner in Tucson. The list of those who tried for this one is about the same length as the other two, and includes largely the same cast of characters. Most of the QRM appears to have originated with KGYN, IBOC from presumed WOAI, CFYM, KTBK and WPHT. Joe Miller has produced a beautiful QSL card for the test so as soon as I can get to it I’ll begin sending them out – including a special one for Frank in Indonesia. Please give me just a little breathing room as I have some other BTC tasks that need to take priority over the QSL duties – including ensuring that all is in order for the upcoming CFFX test.  Thanks for your patience everyone, and I hope DX continues to be good for you. And by the way, I was 0 for 3 all weekend! Rats.

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NRC Contest

An annual DX contest which encourages DX’ing and offers prizes

Sea Gain Contest Is On!

Now for something completely different, we have a contest in the 2000+ miles “sea gain” category thanks to Mark Connelly issuing a challenge from his Rockport, Massachusetts, DXpedition site. I’ve responded with my own logs compiled from IDXD since September 17. Both entries are a testament to the power of sea gain, whether on the shore or 35 miles inland.

A note about synchro scoring: Logs identified as synchros without a specific location are worth a minimum one point, because at least one station was received. Logs where obvious synchro echo was heard are worth two points, because at least two stations had to be received to produce the echo caused by a delay between stations. Mark’s initial entry didn’t include many of the Spain synchros, anticipated to add some 20 stations in follow-up entries. Why 2000 miles for the sea gain contest? Looking at the distances logged here, transatlantic reception in the 2000 to 4000 mile range is quite common. The minimum distance could’ve been set at 4000, except that if a transpacific DXer entered the contest then it would’ve been much more difficult for transatlantic contestants to compete because typical distances across the Pacific are so much greater. At the same time, the 2000 mile minimum prevents the transatlantic DXers from loading up on Cuban signals. Are there any transpacific DXers out there willing to take on the transatlantic contestants? Next week, a 1000 miler update.

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International DX Achievements

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This IDXA is tabulated by European veries/tapes, with total veries as the tie-breaker. Thanks to Roger Anderson and Ernie Wesolowski for sending in updates, although I managed to “hide” them for quite a few months. Although non-renewing members are routinely deleted from this list, if you’ve rejoined and don’t see YOUR name in the listing above, send in your totals so we see YOU here next time!

Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXA; you probably have a month or more. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadian catches should not be included in NA totals for either U. S. or Canadian DX’ers. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. And please update only from what you see above. Our next column will feature European totals.

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Double your pleasure, double your fun; at KPBS, there’s 2 stations for one! On another beautiful morning in the northwest U. S., it’s Day 5, Thursday, August 30, 2007, of the Boise, Idaho and Oregon Passage Tour. Amazingly, while arriving in Boise on the first day, August 26, a 30-year anniversary from 1977 coincided exactly to returning to Idaho! While the Boise 2007 convention begins tomorrow, on our second day and last stop in the Rose City, “P-Town”, or Portland, we find on-air 24 hours the homes of KPBS-1450 is Oregon’s second-oldest station, behind KPOJ-620, coming on March 23, 1923, and is owned and operated by the Benson Polytechnic (High) School. Automated late evenings and nights, with oldies and rock on weekends, their main programming is variety. It’s a “tweak” of the Disney format termed “Kid Rhythm Radio”: mainly from 7 am to 3 pm weekday and “live” student interaction like the “Justine & Jay Show” Today! Also, as part of the elective “Radio Broadcasting” curriculum, 90 students are enrolled. Given a sporting chance, their and other Portland high school games are aired, too. On the flip side, at 3700 watts, and conducting at the highest level is KPBS-89.9, Portland’s classical station. Owned by the KPBS Public Radio Foundation, 89.9 FM has local hosts during the day, BBC World Service news on the hour six times weekdays, and programs from PRI (Public Radio International). They also have two repeater stations at 90.1, Hood River, KQHR, and 96.3, The Dalles, K242AX. As this story originally began, KPBS-89.9 Program Director John Dodge first responded for a visit made today. With an excellent review for the FM, my interest then commenced towards the AM meeting with Instructor Steve Naganuma first, then General Manager Bill Cooper. Successfully grading well as the “Voice of the Portland Public Schools”, 1450 AM boasts that “We thought of being Disney before the real Disney started!” Even Phil Nike of Oregon and Nike running shoe fame is involved, donating a personal $10,000 check each summer to fund an internship which includes Portland State students. Nike himself is a graduate of the Portland public schools. “Ironically”, a pair of Nike shoes hang from the wires in front of KPBS! Behind the studios, in a warehouse-type setting, is the AM’s 1946 200-foot Blaw-Knox tower, self-supporting, and a Nautel transmitter with a new, digitally-ready and ¼ the size, one arriving in less than a year. With the school’s address at the main entrance on 12th Street, on one side of KPBS is the football field with the ground radials from the antenna underneath! So, when students yel “charge” at a game, they really mean it! Unfortunately no encore here, as 89.9 FM will soon dismiss itself from “class”, moving to another “district”. However, now through September, make it a note to remember, from Bach to Brittany, Strauss to Sting, and Mozart to Michael, leave KPBS on while you sing!
Greetings, everyone, as I begin my 27th year in the NRC with thanks to our Musings Editor. Also, thanks to Frank Aden again for hosting Boise 2007 as I hope all of you enjoyed the convention story from Volume 75, Issue 2. However, I do apologize for the spellings of “1884” and “Grace Kelly” on page 18 (John – probably my errors, resulting from not checking the scan of the copy you sent – pls.). They should have read, respectively, “1-84”, or Interstate 84, the highway which was the dividing line for lower sites north and south of Boise, and, as my friend Jim clarified, on page 18, George Burns teamed with Gracie “Allen”, not the former princess of Monaco! Thanks again to NRC Publisher Paul Swearingen, or in a few months FORMER publisher, for publishing my report. Regarding Boise, I had a great time seeing our members, plus those from WTFDA, and I thought the merging of the two clubs’ conventions was a great idea and look forward to that again. Of note, from Boise I learned from 3 members who are working at positions in their local markets. From Mark and Lina Jones, Mark is now General Manager and Program Director at talk station WVBG-1490 in Vicksburg, MS. Then from “Rocky W. Shore”, or Ron Gitschier, Rocky now “rocks” every Friday afternoon on “The Blizzard” with oldies on a low-power FM, WFBO-93.3 Flager Beach, FL. Ron also performs engineering for them. This trip, which lasted 8 days, included a great time visiting the Boise and Portland radio markets, with 26 stops and 4 visits duplicated, two state capitals in Idaho (Boise), even though access to the building was closed, and Oregon (Salem), and 3 college football stations, Boise State, Oregon State, and Oregon.

The last stop on Thursday, August 30, at 5:30 pm PDT was at KPNW-1120 in Eugene just after business hours while earlier passing the brush fires on both sides of Interstate 5 heading south out of Corvallis! The brief stop to KPNW clichéd my second visit in 2007n to the two dominant stations on 1120. The other, on Monday, April 2, was at “The Voice of St. Louis”, KMOX! Of interest, while “Newsradio 1120 KPNW” may stand for “Pacific Northwest”, KMOX means “K(west of the Mississippi River), MO for Missouri, and the X for Christmas Ever when they signed on in 1925! finally a huge thanks during NRC-Boise to my “pilots’ or drivers Ernie Wesolowski and George Greene. And that’s your drivetime news at 5! Now to the local scene. On Saturday night, November 10, a tribute and benefit (for MDA) show saluted 50 years of broadcasting in radio and TV, given in honor of WJAS-1320 personality Bill “Chilly Billy” Cardille at the Byham Theatre, downtown. Produced by WJAS personality Mike Mc-Gann, the show included speeches, new talent entertainment, and oldie groups singing their past hits. A member of the PA Broadcast Hall of Fame and WJAS personality since 1993, Bill has won numerous awards, but his “claim to fame” was his TV work at then WIC (now WPXI)-11. For 23 years, Bill was host to two very popular Saturday shows, “Studio Wrestling” in the afternoon for 15 years until 1975 and at night for 21 years until 1983, “Chiller Theatre”, featuring one or two horror movies, sights, gags, and a cast of characters. Previously, my “casting call” was a visit again, after 20 years, to tour and pick up a prize at WEAE-1250 ESPN, meeting some of the staff on Wednesday, September 12. Now it appears WEAR is using IBOC, as the hiss is there on adjacent channels. Also, kudos to Wayne Ryan in Ontario for being a frequent caller overnight on the weekends to the ESPN national show with “Bobby V” (Valiano). After the WEAE visit, I stopped at 4736 Penn Avenue in the city to find WPYT-660 and WLFP-1550 (ex-WURP). With a pending change of ownership, both stations run satellite programming from the Business Talkradio Network out of Connecticut. As explained, WLFP, now licensed to Reserve Township, still has its single tower in Braddock, PA, but will eventually move to the hill across the Allegheny River with the 660 tower which is licensed to Wilkinsburg. Plus, though the small staff was cordial, getting a QSL will be a tough task. After 4 months, a tough task was convincing and failing the local market to accept the “Man Station” format on WTZN-93.7 over one month ago. Having fired the personalities, they’ve returned, temporarily, to a “DJ-Less” Top-40 and formerly successful “B-94” format, though the old WBZZ calls belong to 105.7 in Malta, NY. Interestingly, Tester Broadcasting’s KTMB-99.1 (ex-KTPD) on the trip in Idaho was just starting to run “The Man” format! Finally, and I guess a sign of the times when stations move and/or are bought out. From my NRC Kulpsville and a November 2005 trip, three stations have changed addresses and/or formats. First, still with sports, but having their address about 60 miles north of Williamsport, PA is WLYC-1050 (standing for L-Ycom-
ing county) in Mainseburg, PA. The second is WFBS-1280, licensed to Berwick PA; then was oldies; now is a satellite station for WICK-1400 with sports in Scranton, PA. It was there I met an interesting person and then owner, plus a fried of our Editor, Kevin Fennessy, with WFBS standing for Fennessy Broadcasting System. The third, along with Kermit Geary, was a visit to legendary WEST-1400, still licensed to Easton, but no a satellite station with President, el President, Mathew Braccili’s Hispanic WHOL-1600 Allentown. Having met Mr. B., congrats to him, but sad to see WEST move out, oh, well! Anyway, a very belated Happy Thanksgiving (WHTG) which was also my WBDY (birthday!) and happy holidays to all, especially to members Chris Cuomo, Clarke Ingram, Cary Simpson, of WTRN, and Curt White! 73’s and good DX!

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