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Station Test Calendar

WNTP	PA	990	Feb. 23	0000-0100
WBIX	MA	1060	Feb. 24	0000-0200

WNTP-990 ... c/o René Tetro, WNTP - 117 Ridge Pike - Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 will conduct a DX test Saturday morning, Feb. 23, from midnight -1 a.m. ELT. From midnight until 12:30 a.m. the station will test with their new daytime pattern and 50 KW power. From 12:30 until 1 a.m. they will test with their non-directional pattern and 12.5 KW power. Previous non-directional tests have been conducted at 5 KW, and this higher power should give more listeners a chance to hear this station. "We'll especially be running a lot of sweep tones since they seem to get the best results. Morse IDs, steady 2 kHz tones, and some oddball music - which I have yet to pick," says Chief Engineer and NRC member René Tetro. E-mail reception reports may also be submitted to rtetro@pobox.com. "If sending an audio recording, I prefer CD or mp3 (MP3s can be an attachment to an e-mail, provided the size doesn't exceed 3-4 mb)," René adds. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. This is the fourth year in a row that René will conduct a test over WNTP, but this higher transmitter power opens up lots of new possibilities. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Many thanks to René for his great support over the years to DXers and our hobby, and in particular for conducting this test - Jim Pogue.

CKEC 1320, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada is scheduled to permanently sign off its AM facilities and transition fully to 94.1 FM on March 11, 2008. Although the station is unable to conduct a special test with tones, Morse code or other special content, Chief Engineer Peter Lann (VE1LAN) invites reception reports from DXers during the last days of AM operation. He says this will be an extremely good time to hear the station, particularly the final week. The station ID is given at least four times per hour and there is a four-minute newscast at the top of the hour. Mr. Lann says he will reply to all DX reports sent. "I

have been a SWL/Ham since my early teens.... Good hunting!"

The format for CKEC is country music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Lann at 84 Provost Street, Box 519 - New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada, B2H 5E7. E-mail reception reports may also be submitted to plann@ckec.com. NOTE: All requests for written verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply - Jim Pogue and Saul Chernos.

From the Publisher ... BTC Podcast #9 has been uploaded and is now ready for listeners. Thanks to J.D. Stephens for another excellent program: http://www.dxtests.info/podcasts/BTC_Podcast_9.mp3 Also, note the details for the 2008 NRC convention on page 3 - see ya there!

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

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 75

21.	Feb. 15	Feb. 25	26.	Apr. 4	Apr. 14
22.	Feb. 22	Mar. 3	27.	May 2	May 12
23.	Feb. 29	Mar. 10	28.	June 6	June 16
24.	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	29.	July 11	July 21
25.	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	30.	Aug. 8	Aug. 18

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the February 15, 1958 DXN: Francis Nittler, Denver, CO reported good DX conditions on 2/3 with the NRC special from WMSJ-1480, Sylva, NC, "... A real powerhouse", so strong that he didn't pay attention to it for the first quarter hour, thinking that it was a nearby station testing.

25 years ago ... from the February 28, 1983 DXN: George Hakiel, West Islip, NY bagged HCBG1-735, Quito, Ecuador at 0313, 1/29.

10 years ago ... from the February 23, 1998 DXN: Finding its way to Jay Novello's receiver in Wake Forest, NC, was R. Pirata, XEQOO, Cancún, Mexico at 0050 February 12. Jay was surprised to hear it after hearing it in the Caribbean the previous month.



AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
1010	KMUZ	OR Milwaukie	KOOR
1240	WZTQ	AL Jasper	WJLX
1260	WMUU	SC Greenville	WPJF
1380	KWJL	CA Lancaster	KOSS
1470	KRJJ	MN Brooklyn Park	KMNQ



CPs ON THE AIR

1370	KWTL	ND Grand Forks - CP for U1	12000/270.
1420	WGAS	NC South Gastonia - CP for U1	500/41 is on the air, adding the night operation.

ACTIONS

1250	WVKY	KY Nicholasville - CP granted for U1	700/45.
1300	WQPM	MN Princeton - Coordinate correction to N45-33-10	W93-34-54.
1450	KOBO	CA Yuba City - STA granted to continue as U1	250/250 from the south

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

830	WFGM	GA Sandy Springs - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4	50000/2400. This amendment requests U4 50000/450.
1560	WCMA	AL Daleville - Licensed for D1	50000/0 CH 2500, WCMA has a CP for U1 50000/6 CH 2500. This amendment requests U1 46700/7 CH 2500.

APPLICATIONS

1120	WTWZ	MS Clinton - Applies for D1	10000/0 CH 2500.
1200	WGDL	PR Lares - Applies for U1	1000/1000.
1540	KGBC	TX Galveston - Applies for U7	5000/80 CH 3500, plus to change CoL to Dayton, Texas.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1150	WRUN	NY Utica - Licensed for U4	5000/1000, WRUN applied for U4 4000/400. This amendment requests U4 4000/370 along with a CoL change to New Hartford, New York.
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APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

1120	KANN	UT Roy - Application for U4	10000/1100.
1470	KLVL	TX Pasadena - Application for U4	5000/500.
1570	NEW	TX Fritch - Application for U4	12000/750.
1580	NEW	NM Santa Fe - Application for U1	250/250 CH 250.
1580	NEW	TX Panhandle - Application for U2	1000/500.

APPLICATIONS or CPs DISMISSED

730	WSTT	GA Thomasville - Their CP for U1	25000/27 has been deleted from the FCC's database. WSTT remains U1 5000/27.
1600	WCGO	IL Chicago Heights - Their CP for their move to Jenison, Michigan has been deleted from the FCC's database. I wish they'd make up their minds. Looks like Kenny Onyschuk was right!!	WCGO remains U4 1000/23.

REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION

970	WESO	MA Southbridge - For an STA to establish a low-powered FM station to rebroadcast their programming.
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LICENSE RENEWALS

1400 KSUN AZ Phoenix
 1490 WSCG CT Greenwich

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS

1200 WSNW ME Brewer

HEAR AND THAR

- FINES: None! No FCC AM party this month . . .
- Silent: WCIS-760 Morganton, North Carolina, KNFX-970 Austin, Minnesota, KDLA-1010 DeRidder, Louisiana and KMFX-1190 Wabasha, Minnesota. The Minnesota stations, owned by Clear Channel, were silenced due to poor financial results and are up for sale.
- Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Dvorak and Wayne Heinen and Upper Midwest Broadcasting.

IT'S PITTSBURGH IN 2008 !**Friday, August 29 - 31, 2008****Our 75th Anniversary - National Radio Club, founded in 1933**

What better way to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary than to get back together in the familiar surroundings of the birthplace of modern broadcasting. And can you believe it? The city of Pittsburgh is celebrating its 250 anniversary this year too!

Our host will be John Malicky, one of our most experienced convention leaders. Just look at what he's arranging for us. The Pirates baseball team will play for us on Sunday afternoon against Milwaukee - very appropriate for our 75th diamond anniversary - weather permitting.

Plan to arrive early enough on Friday to take part in studio tour that afternoon, with a pizza dinner being served in the meeting room that night. The grand opening will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday with a presentation about the history of Pittsburgh rounding out the evening.

Saturday morning will feature a tour of the Heinz History Center at 9 a.m. and you are invited to buy lunch at the Sports Rock Café if you wish. There will be transmitter tours in the afternoon for those who wish to get out and see what broadcasting in Pittsburgh is all about and then, at 5 p.m., the annual group photograph at the hotel. And, of course, there will be lots of time to sit and chat about dx'ing with other club members in the Hospitality Room.

The banquet this year will be in the Greenery Restaurant right there at the hotel. A business meeting will follow, and then the world-famous auction to round out the evening.

Sunday will open with the annual NRC DX Examination and then, at 11 a.m., we'll all depart for a ride to PNC Park, home field of the Pittsburgh Pirates, via the Gateway Clipper Fleet. The game that afternoon is against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Back at the hotel, the Hospitality Room will re-open around 5 o'clock -- WNRC should be on the air by then and we'll sit and chat until everyone is talked out. The convention will end on Sunday evening.

Now, here's what to do:

1. Reserve your room at the Greentree Holiday Inn, 401 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15220:

Call: 1-412-922-8100. Be sure to tell them you want the "NRC Rate"

2. Convention Registration is \$45 and that includes the pizza party, the banquet, soft drinks and munchies during the three days in the Hospitality Room and, weather permitting another event John Malicky is working out right now.

**Send your registration check, payable to "National Radio Club" to:
 National Radio Club, PO Box 5192, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5192**

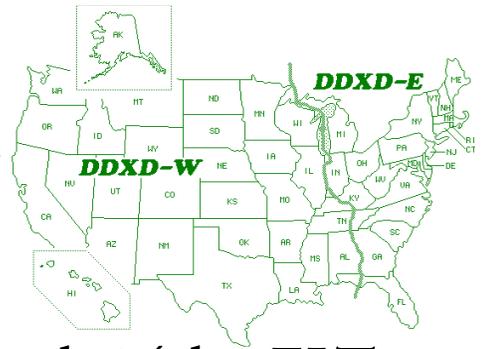
You can also register online using Pay Pal at: www.nrcdxas.org

3. Local Transportation: If you fly into Pittsburgh International Airport ("PIT"), there is a free complimentary shuttle service to the hotel. The train station in Pittsburgh is only 4 miles away from the hotel; the taxi fee is \$25.

Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Dvorak westlogs@aol.com (Division line
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and Central time
zones)

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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ The publication date for this *DX News* is 2/18, President's Day, which (ironically) means it is the one day that you will *not* find it in your mailbox. It has been a long time since we have had a **Vast Westland** trivia question, so to honor the Holiday we present one now. What four state capitals are named after U.S. Presidents, and what (besides being capitals) do these four cities have in common? The answer will be found at the end of this column.
- ▲ We love to publicize milestones in this column! This past week **John Wilkins** reports logging three new ones in a 3-day period, culminating in new station #1700 from his Wheat Ridge QTH. Congratulations John, both for #1700 and for the ability to still net them in that tough Denver IBOC environment!
- ▲ Groundhog's Day weekend was especially kind to DXers on the western shore of Lake Michigan, with **Sheryl Paszkiewicz**, **John Rieger** and **Greg Harris** all reporting new ones. Says John: "Finally! Two new logs within 27 minutes, but had to wait until 2/2 to log first new log of the year." Greg relates one of those sweet success stories that we DXers occasionally experience and that make this hobby so great. On 2/2 at sunset Greg heard weak SS on 770. Greg suspected WEW, but WABC's fade-in overcame the station before he could log it, so he vowed to try again the next day. No WEW Sunday 2/3 sunrise, but he did log a new one-- WAIS. No WEW Sunday sunset, but he netted another new one-- WKFB. Finally on 2/4 at sunrise Greg reported: "Success with WEW!! Now for the reception report. 770 kHz got big play this weekend here hi hi." Three new ones in a-day-and-a-half, all due to persistence in trying to log one. Congratulations, Greg!
- ▲ The amazing little ultralight Sony SRF-59 (under \$20) is creating a buzz among DXers, and we are already seeing some loggings using it. **John Tucker** checks in with some SRF-59 loggings this week, and sends along several compliments about the little radio. John concludes that "I have no doubt with a little patience, one could use this radio for "real" DXing." Quite a testimony, but from all the evidence that I have seen (including my own experience), no exaggeration.
- ▲ Whether you heard them on an ultralight, a boat anchor, or anything in between, we appreciate your loggings! Please keep them coming. 73 **Bill**

Reporters

- CK-CO** **Chris Knight, Fort Lupton.** Drake R8 communications receiver, Sony ICF-SW7600GR portable receiver (internal loopstick antenna), 12' x 27' terminated loop antenna, south-facing, switchable, variable termination; 16' x 34' WNW flag antenna, terminated, switchable, fixed, 1k ohm termination; Quantum Phaser phasing unit.
- DS-CA** **Dan Sheedy, Encinitas.** Icom R75 / Par Electronics End-Fed 10-20-40m ham antenna.
- GH-IL** **Greg Harris, Park Forest.** Icom R75 / Quantum loop.
- JJR-WI** **John Rieger, South Milwaukee.** Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.
- JT-AZ** **John Tucker KG7RS, Mesa.** Sony SRF-59 "Ultralight" Portable, internal ferrite loop.
- JW-CO** **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- SP-WI** **Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc.** Grundig Satellit 800 and Eavesdropper antenna.
- WH-CO** **Wayne Heinen, Aurora.** Drake R8B, N/S Flag, E/W Flag, Modified 4 foot NRC Altazimuth loop, 15 foot vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/2 BUF-F amplifiers, Mini-DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1.
- Ed.-WI** **Your editor, Madison.** Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Station News

- 540 WRRD WI Jackson. 2/7 0100.** The promised change to ESPN (see last week's DDXD-W) has occurred. "WRRD Jackson-WMCS Greenfield, 540 ESPN" is the legal ID. Still using "1510 days, 1290 Nights" slogans, except for legal ID. Change occurred at local midnight; ex-Christian programming. (**JJR-WI**) (I listened

later on 2/7 at 8 AM local, and legal ID was then "WRRD Jackson-WAUK Waukesha, 540 ESPN." As outlined last week, present Milwaukee ESPN affiliates WAUK (daytime) and WMCS (6 PM-6 AM) will run // WRRD for a period of time, eventually undergoing format/program changes. **Ed.-WI**

- 1400 KMNV MN **Saint Paul and**
 1470 KMNQ MN **Brooklyn Park.** The 1470 station dropped its gospel format 2/1, changed calls (ex-KRJJ) and begun broadcasting the regional Mexican format of its 1400 sister station, according to Upper Midwest Broadcasting. The stations use the slogan "La Invasora." Upper Midwest points out that the // arrangement is not new for these two stations, as they ran a nostalgia format 1993-2005 before trying new separate formats. KMNV is strong in the Twin Cities itself while KMNQ does well in the northern metro area. **(Ed.-WI)**

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 800 UNID I have an SS station that runs SS religious programming. The only ID that I have heard is in EE: "AM 1590 KRSX Victorville." The only California station on 800 is KBFP which has been heard with "La Preciosa" SS AC // FM. Anybody got any ideas? **(WH-CO)**
- 1400 KODIp WY **Cody. 2/6 2258-2259.** Presumed. Good with ad string mentioning "US Bank" (phone #527-7753), ad for "Bank of Greybull," then "Pam Brewer with H&R Block in Powell"; ad for a dentist said: "Why drive to Billings?" That is quite a drive from here...hi. Faded just before ToH. **(CK-CO)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 670 KBOI ID **Boise. 2/3 2019-2022.** Fair to good signal with "Newstalk 6-70 KBOI" ID, into political talk program. Local KLTT phase-attenuated. **(CK-CO)**
- 700 KHSE TX **Wylie. 2/1 0800.** Subcontinental music to 0802, then legal ID by male voice: "This is KHSE AM 700 Wylie-Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, a station of ??..." followed by local ads in EE to 0807, then more music. Rough copy with KALL QRM and splatter from local KNUS 710. New here, TX #176. **(JW-CO)**
- 770 WAIS OH **Buchtel. 2/3 0709.** Local small-town Ohio obituaries read by a male announcer; one "WAIS" ID and one "770 WAIS" ID by the same announcer. In WABC null. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 770 WKFB PA **Jeannette. 2/3 1800.** Zocor ad and "770 KFB" ID by a male announcer. Fair signal. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 770 WEW MO **Saint Louis. 2/4 0800.** SS vocal and drums, then ToH ID in EE by a male announcer: "The Station with the best (missed), WEW Saint Louis." Weak QRM from two unidentified stations. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 810 KGO CA **San Francisco. 2/2 2135-2137.** Poor signal with traffic report mentioning "Bay Bridge," ID, weather forecast, current temperature 49 degrees. Local KLVZ phase-nulled. **(CK-CO)**
- 840 KMPH CA **Modesto. 2/6 1016-1022.** Fair signal, alone on frequency. ID: "...Paul Simon on KMPH," traffic report by Shell Reynolds "...on the new 8-40 KMPH," "...KMPH AM 8-40 playing music with class." Into '70's song "Too Late." Local KOA 850 IBOC phase-attenuated. **(CK-CO)**
- 840 KXNT NV **North Las Vegas. 2/5 0132-0135.** Good peak with local ad, two call letter IDs into "Coast to Coast AM." Local KOA 850 IBOC phase-attenuated. **(CK-CO)**
- 870 KLSQ NV **Whitney. 2/2 2355-2400.** Spanish, ranchera music, "Radio Variedades" slogans, legal ID by Spanish-accented man: "This is KLSQ Whitney-Las Vegas, Radio Variedades 8-70 AM...la familiar emision." Good signal well over semi-local KJMP. **(CK-CO)**
- 870 KLSQ NV **Whitney. 2/4 0358.** Killing semi-local KRLA with "Radio Variedades..8-70 A-M," "mas musica nortena, Radio Variedades" slogans, nortena music and "Whitney-Las Vegas" in ToH ID. Sounded like 5kW day power. **(DS-CA)**
- 890 KTXV TX **Mabank. 2/3 0812.** Popped on the air while I was parked on 890 waiting in ambush for them. A bit of music to 0814 was followed by a nice dual ID by male voice in EE: "This is Radio Saigon KREH 900 AM Pecan Grove-Houston and KTXV 890 AM Mabank-Dallas-Fort Worth." This was followed by IDs in Vietnamese and a few bars of what I believe was the National Anthem of Vietnam. Settled into chat segment at 0818 with one or two gals in Vietnam-

- ese. Fair / good signal topping our local TIS until 0828 when the signal started fading away. A new one here, TX #177. **(JW-CO)**
- 900 CHML ON **Hamilton. 2/2 1930.** "Maple Leafs on AM 900 CHML" by a male announcer. Good signal. **(GH-IL)**
- 920 KKLS SD **Rapid City. 2/3 1908-1912.** Excellent signal with oldies music, ID: "The greatest hits with Gary Clark, Cool 92 KKLS." **(CK-CO)**
- 990 CBW MB **Winnipeg. 2/5 0000.** Weak signal under dominant unidentified Mexican station. Easily heard local time and start of CBC news with usual "CBC tones." This one is difficult copy here even when phasing is used to clean up the co-channel mess-- amazing! **(JT-AZ)**
- 1000 KOMO WA **Seattle. 2/5 0045.** Very strong with sports news, numerous "KOMO-1000 News Time" checks. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1030 KTWO WY **Casper. 2/5 0100.** ToH announcement "50,000 watts of Traveling Power, this is 1030 K-2, KTWO Casper." Easy to peak with a good signal. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1100 KFAX CA **San Francisco. 2/2 2059-2103.** Good with ID: "AM 11 hundred KFAX San Francisco. The Spirit of the Bay," into preacher. **(CK-CO)**
- 1140 CHRB AB **High River. 2/5 0023.** Signal booming in with Faith Hill's "This Kiss," spot for local swap shop program "...on southern Alberta's community radio station, AM 1140." **(JT-AZ)**
- 1160 WDJO KY **Florence. 2/2 0707.** Poor, steady with "WDJO" jingle in null of others. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1180 KOFI MT **Kalispell. 2/5 0030.** Spots for Gardner RV in Kalispell, Rocky Mountain Extreme Bullriders Challenge at Majestic Valley Arena, Jagz Restaurant in Kalispell 755-5303. Musical ID "KOFI." Excellent signal, easy to null out co-channel KERI and La Romantica. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1190 KVSV KS **Beloit. 1/29 2100.** "KVSV Beloit" to ABC news. Fair with KVCU phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 1190 CFSL SK **Weyburn. 1/29 2303.** Out of Canada Press news. "Here is the official AM 1190 forecast for Weyburn." Fair with KVCU phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 1190 CFSL SK **Weyburn. 2/4 2345-2358.** Good peaks with country-western music, ID: "Your station for country music in Saskatchewan, AM 11-90," also used "Community Radio" slogan after local event announcement, weather forecast for "Weyburn and vicinity." Local KVCU phase-nulled. **(CK-CO)**
- 1200 WOAI TX **San Antonio. 2/2 0300.** Out of Coast-to-Coast. "NewsRadio 1200 WOAI" to Fox news. This is only noteworthy in the fact that for a 50 kw blowtorch the automation of Coast to Coast was terrible with segments of announcements running atop the Fox news and network cues being broadcast on the air. I was really surprised by this. **(WH-CO)**
- 1210 WJNL MI **Kingsley. 2/2 0747.** Very poor under unID. Local PSAs, "WJML" calls into talk format. Faded. **(JJR-WI)** (Italics mine. John has the calls correct; no typo. WJNL is / / WJML 1110, and except at ToH you will only hear WJML's calls. Ed.-WI)
- 1250 KYYS KS **Kansas City. 1/28 1901.** "KYYs Kansas City" heavy reverb legal ID. Now using these calls. Still has the same SS Mexican programming with "La Super Equis" slogans. **(WH-CO)**
- 1270 WCGC NC **Belmont. 2/3 1910.** Sunday Night Bluegrass Express show, "1270 AM WCGC" IDs. Was atop WXYT almost the whole time. NEW **(SP-WI)**
- 1290 KOUU ID **Pocatello. 2/3 1900.** Legal ID, readable through QRM: "The Country Cow, KOUU Pocatello-American Falls-??..." The next hour was filled with C&W music, with only two or three ads and a male announcer with occasional "Country Cow" slogans. Rough copy at first but built in strength as their sunset approached with very good peaks near 2000, in spite of their daytime signal going straight north. Cut power from 50000 watts to 24 (!) watts at 1959 and totally disappeared. New here and station #1700 logged from this location. **(JW-CO)**
- 1300 WKCY VA **Harrisonburg. 2/2 0700.** Poor over others, steady with clear legal ID, Fox news. NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1360 KPXQ AZ **Glendale. 2/3 1058-1102.** Very good signal; word from "Focus on the Family," legal ID: "KPXQ Glendale-Phoenix. The Christian station" into "Dare to Stand" program. Local KHNC phase-attenuated. **(CK-CO)**
- 1390 KRRZ ND **Minot. 2/3 2310-2317.** Good with oldies music, ID: "All oldies, 13-90 KRRZ."

- Local KGNU non-existent here at night. **(CK-CO)**
- 1400 KBLJ CO La Junta. 2/6 2235-2236. Fair peak over mess with end of '70's pop song, ID by a man "...on KBLJ." **(CK-CO)**
- 1400 KSRR UT Provo. 2/6 2301-2330. Poor, fair peaks with ID: "K-Star is KSRR..." into pop music from '60's-'80's. **(CK-CO)**
- 1400 KKTL WY Casper. 2/6 2324-2326. Fair-good with ID by man: "KKTL Casper" into sports scores, sports talk. **(CK-CO)**
- 1430 KLO UT Ogden. 2/4 2332-2334. Good over local KEZW with Boyd Harris and "KLO Weather Center" weather forecast, promo for Michael Medved, ID: "...on AM 14-30 KLO," into Rusty Humphreys show. **(CK-CO)**
- 1450 KVSL AZ Show Low. 2/5 0000. "AM 1450 KVSL Show Low, a broadcast service of Petracom" to a net news broadcast. **(WH-CO)**
- 1470 WVOL TN Berry Hill. 2/2 0633. Poor over others. Steady with calls over music. NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1490 KTOP KS Topeka. 1/24 0800. Sports promo, ID "ESPN 1490 KTOP Topeka." New and finishes pls's hometown on the AM dial for me. (A great incentive, I would say, for pls to start reporting his Denver stations loggings to DDXD-West. Ed.-WI) (All right, all right! -pls.)Taped for the collection. **(WH-CO)**
- 1500 KSTP MN Saint Paul. 2/5 0050. "Steve, you're on AM 1500" call-in talk show on high health insurance cost. Local Twin Cities commercials. Good signal in the clear. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1600 KGYM IA Cedar Rapids. 2/2 2255-2300. Fair mixing with KATZ and others, with "Iowa sports roundup," "16 hundred ESPN Radio" slogans, legal ID at ToH. Local KEPN phase-nulled. **(CK-CO)**

TIS, HAR, Etc.

530 UNID



2/4 0325-0332. Loop of man counting 1-15, followed by 1 kHz tone (roughly 20 seconds for the count and 16 seconds for the tone). Under Oceanside CA HAR, LAX TIS and maybe Radiovision Cristiana. In DXLD8-014 Harry Helms in TX had identical loop on 2/2 at 0757+. **(DS-CA)** (later, 2/6) That 530 signal has a cousin on the X-band. 1680 had same count/tone according to a guy in Carlsbad (next city north of me-- depending on where in town he's located, he could be 2-6 miles away). This also appeared in DXLD8-014. **(DS-CA)**

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER: Jackson MS, Jefferson City MO, Lincoln NE, Madison WI. What do they all have in common? Why, they are all located in the **Vast Westland**, of course. A not-asked but quite easy question: Which is the only US state named after a president? Answer: Washington-- and yes, it too is in the **Vast Westland**.

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.
- SC-TO **Saul Chernos, Toronto** - Sony SRF-59 Walkman, car radio where noted
- TF-NH **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** - Grundig S350
- EH-MA **Eric Hopkins, Ayer** - Sony SRF-M35FP Walkman
- DJ-PA **David Jansky, Sunbury** - CCRadio, Radio Shack loop
- DL-MD **Dave Larrabee, Columbia** - SDR-14 on a pair of DX Engineering Verticals through a Quantum Phaser. All recovery post-facto from I/Q file.
- JM-PA **John Malicky, Pittsburgh** - Superadio III
- DP-HI **Dale Park, Honolulu** - station news
- 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

- 1080 **WHOO** FL **Orlando** (also WIXC-1060 Melbourne, FL) - Per Premiere Radio Networks news release, stations added Jim Rome 1/07. **(DP-HI)**
- 1340 **WBAC** TN **Cleveland** (also WXQK-970 Spring City, TN, WDNT-1280 Dayton, TN) - Per Premiere Radio, added Fox Sports Radio 1/12, airing weekdays 0100-0700 and 1900-0100 plus additional coverage on weekends. **(DP-HI)**

1440	WDCO	GA	Cochran - Per Premiere Radio, station added Jim Rome 1/07. (DP-HI)
DX TEST			
960	CFFX	ON	Kingston – 1/15 0100 - very weak under WFIR & co-channel WBGG with code IDs and sweep tones, new, report sent, thanks Saul Chernos! (JM-PA)
PRESUMED/TENTATIVE			
600	KSJBt	ND	Jamestown - 2/2 0558 - Very tentative under WICC and <i>R. Rebelde</i> Cuba; CST time check, Bismarck news items, but not enough for positive ID. (BC-NH)
720	WGCRp	NC	Pisgah Forest – 1/31 0415 – Tried during pre-announced transmitter testing around 0000 but only heard weak RJR Jamaica. Awoke to hear mellow Christian music blasting in. Signal cut out suddenly at 0418 in the middle of a song. No ID heard but WGCR did test later this morning, is Christian-formatted, and therefore presumed. (SC-TO)
1170	WQVAp	SC	Lexington – 2/2 0000 – Presumed with Mexican music (lots with accordion) at times strong and mixing with WWVA Wheeling WV. Was heard by others in northeast, and heard here until well after local sunrise, looped south. (SC-TO)
LOGGINGS			
540	WLIE	NY	Islip – 2/1 0620 – unID with soft Christian hymns but no ID heard. On Feb 2 at 0700 managed “AM 540 WLIE” ID. (SC-TO)
	WWCS	PA	Canonsburg – 2/1 0725 – Radio Disney music and programming, PA ad. (SC-TO)
	CBGA-1	QC	New Carlisle – 1/27 0400 – FF talk by man and woman, with mentions of Quebec. Fair with fading; faded out after 2 minutes. (EH-MA)
550	WSVA	VA	Harrisonburg – 2/1 0625 – “NewsRadio 550 WSVB” ID, ads for Broadway Nursery and Harrisonburg Ramada, weather (28 degrees and freezing rain). Strong signal at times, mostly dominant, o/WKRC Cincinnati OH with WGR Buffalo NY noted off briefly. (SC-TO)
	WDEV	VT	Waterbury – 1/25 2100 – coming in clear, “you are listening to WDEV” followed by a list of other stations and locations, then a talk show with discussion of local sledding events, ad for Powershift Online Services webhosting. Signal dropped immediately after this ad at exactly 2130. (EH-MA)
560	WQAM	FL	Miami – 1/19 1727 – in with sports update on “560 WQAM”. Good over CFOS. (LW-NY)
	CFOS	ON	Owen Sound – 1/19 1722 – in with music on Donna Harvey show. Frequent “CFOS AM 560” IDs. (LW-NY)
590	CKRS	QC	Saguenay - 2/2 1900 - Good; “...le FM parlé de Saguenay-Lac St. Jean,” into network talk, “A CKAC Sport...” (BC-NH)
600	WICC	CT	Bridgeport – 1/5 0422 – weak, faded out quickly, “spend your day with news talk WICC 600”. (EH-MA)
	CKAT	ON	North Bay - 2/2 2000 - Good; Toronto Maple Leafs hockey, “...on North Bay’s sports leader, AM 600 CKAT.” (BC-NH)
640	WNNZ	MA	Westfield - 2/5 1700 - Jazz, NPR Radio News, ID for “WNNZ - Westfield, Springfield, Hartford, and mention of University of Massachusetts, which I believe owns the station now, was formerly all sports. (TF-NH)
	CFMJ	ON	Richmond Hill - 2/2 2000 - Fair, over CBN; promo/ID, “...AM 640 Toronto Radio.” (BC-NH)
730	WMNA	VA	Gretna - 1/28 1700 - Clear ID in mix with CKAC and another – each alternating for the top spot. Then into news (DJ-PA)
	WLIL	TN	Lenoir City – 1/28 1758 - clear ID at end of C&W music all in a mess with no trace of CKAC. Then quickly dropped out of sight. (DJ-PA)
760	WCIS	NC	Tarboro – 1/16 1730* - weak with sign off, “...thanks for listening to Christian Radio...WCIS.” WJR in null, new. (JM-PA)
	WETR	TN	Knoxville – 1/25 1723 - fair to good w/ fades with “Life Changing Talk Radio 760”, 760 Skywatch Traffic, weather, s/off faded at 1745, new. (JM-PA)
770	WLWL	NC	Rockingham - 1/17 1753 - good w/ fades in WABC null and o/u WYRV with R&B music, local ads, “The Wave 77”, and full s/off @1800 mentioning 5000 watts “stereo” & <i>Pink Panther</i> theme. (JM-PA)
	WYRV	VA	Rural Retreat - 1/17 1747 - good under/over WLWL with SRN news, Chris-

- 780 WCKB NC tian ads and music on "the All New Amen 770", cut power @1800. **(JM-PA)**
Dunn - 1/15 1730* - fair to good o/WWOL w/ full s/off mentioning operating at 7000 watts, owned and operated by "NC Central Broadcasters", w/ Christian program in WBBM null, other days u/WWOL. **(JM-PA)**
- WWOL NC **Forest City** - 1/18 1730 - good with Christian music, PSAs for churches in area, announcer's name, & full s/off @1745 beginning w/ choir singing SSB, "...as the sun sets in the golden west...", owned and operated by Holy Springs Baptist Church, no sign of WBBM. **(JM-PA)**
- 790 WBLO NC **Thomasville** - 1/26 1705 - Good ID near end of Liberty vs. High Point basketball game (won by Liberty). Signal weak but better than WAEB, Allentown, then faded into mess. **(DJ-PA)**
- WQXI GA **Atlanta** - 1/18 1742 - fair with "The Zone" and "Sports radio 790", "Prime Time Traffic", and "home of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets." **(JM-PA)**
- CIGM ON **Sudbury** - 1/15 1748 - fair to good with C&W songs, local ads, Ontario weather, and "Prime Time Sports" at 1805. **(JM-PA)**
- WAEB PA **Allentown** - 1/25 1646 - Lots of ID's for Newsradio 790, WAEB, Sean Hannity, Accuweather, Traffic, many commercials, lost at start of Fox News at 1700, friendly verie confirmed station went to night pattern at 1700, good signal, but left CIGM alone at 1700. **(TF-NH)**
- 920 WGHQ NY **Kingston** - 1/25 1624 - Oldies, ID by woman for "920, WGHQ - Sound of the Valley" by woman announcer, more oldies, format change sent to Wayne. **(TF-NH)**
- CJCH NS **Halifax** - 1/25 0515 - "You're listening to the greatest oldies of all time...92 CJCH" ID. **(EH-MA)**
- 930 WDLX NC **Washington** - 2/4 0600 - Under WGIN; "You're listening to the Voice of the Pirate Nation... WGHB Farmville, Greenville." **(BC-NH)**
- 940 CINW QC **Montreal** - 1/27 0530 - very clear, promo for "the Cannon show, every morning at 9:30 only on the New 9-40 Montreal", traffic report, ad for Fornello Pasta Grill and other local ads before re-joining Coast to Coast AM. **(EH-MA)**
- 960 WATS PA **Sayre** - 2/5 0715 - over WFIR/WHAK mix with Sayre True Value Hardware ad, local weather ("how about 42 degrees in downtown Sayre"), slogan "the best songs from your favorite artists, this is real music variety Choice 102". **(MKB-ON)**
- WERC AL **Birmingham** - 1/31 2104 - "from the WERC weather center" - while driving in Toronto, on car radio. **(SC-TO)**
- WHYL PA **Carlisle** - 1/25 1646 - Promo for the Ben Barker Show on WHYL weekdays from 6:00am to 10:00am, MYL type music, local commercials, good signal. **(TF-NH)**
- WELI CT **New Haven** - 1/25 1645 ID for WELI, Sean Hannity Show, commercial for United Office Furniture, before switch to night pattern which would occur at 1700. **(TF-NH)**
- 970 WKHM MI **Jackson** - 1/31 2250 - Two area ads. **(SC-TO)**
- WZAN ME **Portland** - 1/26 0500 - "Radio for men, WZAN Portland" ID, followed by news about Barack Obama. Fair signal. **(EH-MA)**
- 990 WLGZ NY **Rochester** - 1/25 0217 - "Broadcasting in high definition and streaming online at legends990.com, this is Legends 990 WLGZ" by man followed by Elvis song "Love Me Tender". Fair with some fading. **(EH-MA)**
- WNTP PA **Philadelphia** - 1/25 0200 - "WNTR News Radio 9-90 and wnntp.com" stated by male announcer followed by the Dennis Miller Show over SS audio from UNID station, then faded out. **(EH-MA)**
- 1020 WRHB FL **Kendall** - 2/3 2355 - Presumed with lively Haitian compas under KDKA and R. Relej Cuba, just couldn't pull up enough signal for ID. **(BC-NH)**
- 1030 WUFL MI **Sterling Heights** - 2/3 0829 - wiping out WBZ with promo for upcoming programs "...be listening on Family Life Radio for Metro Detroit" into gospel songs. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1040 WPBS GA **Conyers** - 1/22 1655 - very good at times and other days also with Indian music (India) and request # 770-242-1221 for Atlanta area listeners, EE speaking young woman, Sammy, very politely conversing with audience, weather & traffic updates, called, but PD would not give out street address if changed, only "spiceradioatlanta.com" & "info@.." seems to power down at 1900, ex SS/CHR. **(JM-PA)**

- WYSL NY **Avon** - 1/25 1533 - "A" index must have been up as this was strong at times with fades over/under WSGH with local ads, "The Dennis Miller Show" who is a comedian by trade, and slogans, "News Power 1040", "The News Station", and wysl1040.com. IDs "Avon-Rochester", visited 3½ years ago en route to Batavia '04 and Robert Savage (owner) was speaker. **(JM-PA)**
- WSGH NC **Lewisville** - 1/28 1558 - good and finally IDed at break, "WSGH-Lewisville" and lively SS DJ with ads and SS music, new. **(JM-PA)**
- WQBB TN **Powell** - 1/23 1732 - fair to good over/under WSGH and WPBS with Big Band/EZL music "the greatest music ever made, Knoxville's Studio 1040 WQBB", local ads, then fades by 1745, veried in 1984 as WBZW. **(JM-PA)**
- 1060 WKNG GA **Tallapoosa** - 1/25 1800* - fair under WLNO with quick s/off & SSB. **(JM-PA)**
- WLNO LA **New Orleans** - 1/25 1757 - blasting in at times in KYW null with Christian ministry programs, PSAs, many WLNO mentions, ID fading, but "serving the Gulf Town(?) with 50,000 watts..", new with call letter change, veried 33 years ago as WNOE! **(JM-PA)**
- 1070 WFNI IN **Indianapolis** - 1/25 1725 - good until power cut, over/under WFLI with sports and "The Fan" mentions, previously the long honored WIBC. **(JM-PA)**
- WFLI TN **Lookout Mountain** - 1/25 1723 - blasting in, in WFNI null with southern Gospel music and WFLI mentions. **(JM-PA)**
- WKOK PA **Sunbury** - 1/25 1635 - "Newsradio 1070" ID, local news from the Sunbury, Susquehanna area, promo for a Health Fair at Susquehanna Mall, very clear signal. **(TF-NH)**
- CBA NB **Moncton** - 1/18 1457 - clear with "This is CBC Radio One, 106.1 Moncton" announced by female, followed by CBC News. **(EH-MA)**
- 1080 KRLD TX **Dallas** - 1/25 1821 - good with weather, traffic, and news updates on "Newsradio 10-80 KRLD", over/under WTIC. Visited twice in '98 and Dallas '03 at Texas Rangers ballpark location, have since moved. **(JM-PA)**
- 1120 WKQW PA **Oil City** - 2/2 0757 - under nulled KMOX with C&W songs, "you've got it...right here on 1120 WKQW". **(MKB-ON)**
- WUST DC **Washington** - 2/5 1712 - Fire and brimstone Hispanic preacher, yelling with a good set of lungs, good steady signal for a station over 500 miles away with a 3000 watt critical hours signal, lost to KMOX at 1730. **(TF-NH)**
- 1220 WSTL RI **Providence** - 1/7 1734 - in with "Family friendly radio" slogan, "Shine Radio 1220 WSTL" ID into religious program. **(LW-NY)**
- 1250 WGAM NH **Manchester** - 1/7 1802 - news on the hour, followed by "WGAM weather break", "WGAM the Game" station ID, into sports talk. Fair, over & under WMTR. **(LW-NY)**
- 1260 WWRC DC **Washington** - 1/13 2100 - CNN news on the hour, on "Progressive talk radio 1260 WWRC", into political talk show "Ring of Fire". **(LW-NY)**
- 1280 WGBF IN **Evansville** - 1/31 1030 - Mention of newstalk1280.com web site. **(SC-TO)**
- WEIM MA **Fitchburg** - 1/26 0542 - noted playing a new night time SS format, IDing as "Mega doce ochenta". In clear with SS audio beneath, presumable WADO. **(EH-MA)**
- 1300 WJMO OH **Cleveland** - 2/6 1800 - fighting pest WOOD with high-octane black gospel song, "WJMO Cleveland, a Radio One station" ToH ID. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1390 WEGP ME **Presque Isle** - 1/29 1655 - ID for "Talk of the County, 1390, WEGP", local news and info for Aroostook County, promos for talk shows to be aired over the weekend on WEGP, way atop the frequency. **(TF-NH)**
- 1400 WHMP MA **Northampton** - 1/29 1700 - CBS News, WHMP local news, weather, sports, promo for Randi Rhodes Show at 8:00pm, way atop this graveyard freq for about ten minutes. **(TF-NH)**
- 1410 WHAG MD **Halfway** - 2/1 1449 - poor signal with ID by male, ad for 10th Avenue Meats in Hagerstown. Nostalgia music such as Sinatra's "Love & Marriage", "You are my Special Angel" **(DJ-PA)**
- 1440 WFNY NY **Gloversville** - 2/3 1700 - Fair, over WVEI; "1440 WFNY Gloversville, Johnstown, New York," and USA news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1450 WREL VA **Lexington** - 2/6 1800 - "...you are listening to fourteen fifty, WREL Lexington" faded up in the co-channel. **(DL-MD)**
- WCTC NJ **New Brunswick** - 2/6 1802 - In heavy co-channel: "WCTC" several times

during news broadcast of New Jersey area events. **(DL-MD)**

- 1460 WENI NY **Corning** - 2/8 1754 - poking through graveyard jumble with "news talk 1230 and 1450 WENY" ID and American Heart Association PSA. Not sure if they actually said "WENI" or "WENY", but WENI and WENY-1230 in Elmira, NY are twins. **(MKB-ON)**
- CFAB NS **Windsor** - 2/3 0600 - Fair; Sunday morning religious programs, "From Windsor at 1450, this is CFAB..." and "The Voice of Prophecy." **(BC-NH)**
- 1460 WKDV VA **Manassas** - 2/8 1755 - creaming CJOY with Mexican hot hits, "La Caliente" slogan, EE ToH ID at 1801: "1460 WKDV Manassas, Washington, Silver Springs and 1250 WDKV Warrenton, Fredericksburg, Winchester", followed by the same ID in SS. **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 2/2 2300 - Fair; multiple station ID, "...WKDV Manassas, Washington, Silver Springs, and 1250 WKDL Warrenton... Winchester... La Kaliente!" and Mexican music. **(BC-NH)**
- WMBA PA **Ambridge** - 1/27 0854 - "...contest will be announced on WBVP and WMBA..." Faded up weak in minimal co-channel for a contest promo. WKDV came up at 0857 is Spanish and dominated the frequency. **(DL-MD)**
- 1470 WEMM WV **Huntington** - 2/7 1901 - over Air America talker (likely WNYY) with country gospel songs, "your home away from home, AM 1470 WEMM" ToH ID. **(MKB-ON)**
- WLMC SC **Georgetown** - 1/27 2245 - "fourteen seventy WLMC Georgetown" caught this ID twice on fades up out of the co-channel over a ½ hour period. **(DL-MD)**
- 1480 WYRN NC **Louisburg** - 2/6 1800 - Faded up at the right moment just after sunset: "fourteen eight, WYRN Louisburg" followed by ABC News. **(DL-MD)**
- 1490 WBCB PA **Levittown** - 2/1 1554 - Good ID by a woman. Insurance ad, poor signal but ID was clear. Weather forecast at 1605 followed news. **(DJ-PA)**
- 1500 WGHT NJ **Pompton Lakes** - 2/2 1700 - Under WFIF; Billy Preston instrumental leading up to ID, "Great Oldies WGHT Pompton Lakes, Paterson, the Lakelands (?)" and network news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1510 WWSM PA **Annville-Cleona** - 1/29 1639 - Country music, taped weather from weather bureau in State College, commercial for a used car dealership at 273-1234, ID for "AM-1510", lost to usual WWZN, weak signal. **(TF-NH)**
- WLAC TN **Nashville** - 2/3 0559 - Under WWZN; promo, "...on Nashville's home of the Vols." **(BC-NH)**
- 1520 WARR NC **Warrenton** - 2/6 1803* - "This is Radio Station WARR ... in Warrenton, North Carolina signing off the air for another broadcast day...." Followed by an excellent sign off announcement. **(DL-MD)**
- WTRI MD **Brunswick** - 2/5 2355 - Daytimer operating 24 hours past couple nights. Under WWKB; Mexican music, primarily banda and ranchera, heard ad with phone numbers including "...en Maryland." Slogan, "La Sabrosa 1520, la onda grupera." (Thanks Henrik Klemetz, *RealDX*.) Per Internet reports, changed to Spanish format October 2007. **(BC-NH)**
- 1530 WLCO MI **Lapeer** - 2/8 1749 - over CHIN-1540 slop with traditional twangy C&W, slogan "if you're looking for country legends, you've found them - the new 1530 AM, Lapeer's real country". **(MKB-ON)**
- WVBF MA **Middleborough Center** - 2/3 1600 - ID fair by male at 1600. Almost nothing else readable. WCKY taking over. **(DJ-PA)**
- 1550 CBE ON **Windsor** - 1/13 1603 - Environment Canada weather forecast, "This is CBC Radio One in Windsor" followed by jazz program which was also being simulcast on CBA-1070. **(EH-MA)**
- WAZX GA **Smyrna** - 2/2 1801 - Fair; Mexican music, AM/FM and shouting "La Que Buena" IDs. **(BC-NH)**
- 1560 WQEW NY **New York** - 2/2 1800 - Noted not splattering as bad as usual, on the spectrum analyzer looking like analog bandwidth is limited to +/- 5 kHz in preparation for HD digital. **(BC-NH)**
- 1570 WPGM PA **Danville** - 2/6 1732 - on top of frequency with Community Calendar announcements of local church-related events, promo for www.wpgmfm.org web site into "Adventures in Odyssey" gospel program. **(MKB-ON)**
- WNCA NC **Siler City** - 1/30 1818 - in with weather report for rear and "1570 WNCA" station ID. **(LW-NY)**
- WECU NC **Winterville** - 1/23 1723 - noted with gospel format along with station ID

- “WECU”. (EH-MA)
- 1610 CHHA ON Toronto – 1/19 0242 – bilingual EE/SS program with man saying “you know what I’m saying...I started doing shows when I was fourteen...” Mentioned there are no computers on the streets and mention of “here in Toronto”. In with QRM from CJWI. (EH-MA)
+++ -2/2 1800 - Good; “...aquí en Voces Latinas, 1610 AM, desde Toronto, Canada, la ciudad más cosmopolito del mundo,” into a bachata vocal by Aventura. (BC-NH)
- 1650 WHKT VA Portsmouth – 1/24 0131 – good signal and clear audio with “AM 1650 Radio Disney Norfolk” followed by “What time is it” song. (EH-MA)
- 1690 CHTO ON Toronto – 1/19 0420 – good signal playing traditional Greek music, then at 0438 Greek techno music. (EH-MA)
WPTX MD Lexington Park – 1/19 0443 – under CHTO with child saying “Hi, I’m ... and I invented the lost cat magnet” from an inventnow.org ad, followed by announcement “you’re listening to WPTX Lexington Park”. (EH-MA)
- 1700 WEUP AL Huntsville – 1/26 0549 – faint and choppy with slogan “Running low on battery power? Get your recharge on the People’s Station” into a gospel song. (EH-MA)

Finally, a reminder, particularly for those who submit loggings by snail-mail: Please send recent DX catches only. Avoid sending loggings that are more than 30 days old. This week I even received a few loggings from before Christmas! Remember also that it takes a week or more between the time when I compose this column and when it actually appears in your mailbox.

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Transatlantic DX

- 531 SPAIN RNE5 synchros FEB 3 0100 - Over unID time pips; bumper music, time marker, fanfare into news, parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 558 SPAIN RNE5 synchros FEB 3 0100 - Fair; echoing time pips, fanfare into news parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 585 SPAIN RNE1 Madrid (40°28’N 3°52’W) JAN 31 0300 - Parallel 621; good audio. [Allen-SC]
FEB 3 0100 - Excellent; “Radio Nacional de España, Informativos” with fanfare, then time check, “Las dos, la una en Canarias,” and news. [Conti-NH]
- 603 SPAIN RNE5 Monte Viejo (42°01’N 4°33’W) and La Corchuela (37°20’N 6°00’W) FEB 3 0000 - Good; both synchros received with double time markers and echoed news due to delay between stations. [Conti-NH]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. FEB 4 0253 - Spanish news talk with man and woman announcers. Audible for much of the evening. Peaking to very good level. [Beu-TX]
- 639 SPAIN RNE1 La Coruña et al. FEB 3 0100 - Fair; bumper music, time marker, fanfare into news, parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 639 unID FEB 4 0345 - Easy listening instrumental music; very good and only TA audio, but faded before hour. [Allen-SC]
- 675 NETHERLANDS R.Maria, Lopik (52°01’N 5°03’E) FEB 2 0200 - New R.Maria with religious songs or classic music non-stop. Good signal; ID in Dutch and English on the hour at 0200. I think it is possible to listen to also from USA. [Bernardini-Italy]
- 774 unID FEB 5 0405 - Briefly caught audio of talk by man and woman - most likely RNE Spain. Fair signal peak. [Beu-TX]
- 1206 FRANCE France Info, Bordeaux (44°57’N 0°11’W) FEB 4 0510 - French news talk by male announcer. Briefly audible with fair/good signal peaks. [Beu-TX]
- 1512 BELGIUM R.Vlaanderen International, Wolveterm (50°59’N 4°18’E) FEB 8 0458 - Fair; open carrier, then news in Flemish on the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1557 FRANCE France Info, Fontbonne (43°46’N 7°25’E) FEB 2 2159 - Fair; woman in French, a quick “France Info...” and fanfare into news on the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1566 BENIN TWR Parakou FEB 3 0400 - Church choir music through the hour. A rather unim-

pressive signal by comparison with 1557 *France Info* a good 20 dB stronger. At least 1566 has a clear shot with 1570 *CFAV R.Boomer* nulled, now that 1560 *WQEW R.Disney* has reduced analog bandwidth to +/- 5 kHz in preparation for HD digital. [Conti-NH] FEB 5 1900 - Talks African language, good signal but strong interference from Greek pirate on 1566.7 kHz and "large bad breaking modulation." [Bernardini-Italy] FEB 6 0300 - Good at sign-on with man saying, "You are tuned to a service of TransWorld Radio," then chimes into a soul-influenced Christian vocal. Blank carrier started up at about 0258. Stronger tonight than on previous evenings. [Connelly-MA] FEB 6 0439-0500 - Religious program in English with a woman announcer. Playing religious songs and just before 0500 mentioned, "The bible says..." After 0500 talk by a man and woman. Very variable signal with static. In weak, fair to good at times. [Barstow-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 570 **CUBA** *CMDC R.Reloj*, Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W) FEB 3 0615-0616 - Poor signal, time ticks, beep on minute, "RR" in Morse code. [Knight-CO]
- 610 **MEXICO** *XEGS La Ley*, Guasave, Sin JAN 31 0459-0505 - Good signal and almost alone with full ID by man, "XEGS... Guasave, Sinaloa en 610 kilohertz frecuencia libre internacional en la banda de amplitud modulada. 6 mil wats de potencia. Oficinas y estudios en... (gave address and phone number). XEGS 610 es la ley y la madre de todas las... Transmite del (nuestra, nueva?) corazon a tricolor del México, Guasave, Sinaloa en prestido. No hay otra equal." [Knight-CO]
- 650 **MEXICO** *XETNT Radio 65*, Los Mochis, Sin FEB 4 0355-0402 - Fair peaks at best mixed with WSM at times; oompah-style Mexican music, full ID by man with call sign given twice, mentioned "Promored" and "Radio 65" slogan. [Knight-CO]
- 670 **MEXICO** *XESOS R.Uno*, Agua Prieta, Son FEB 3 0415-0426 - Fair-good over local KLTT with Mexican vocals, "Radio Uno, La Número Uno" jingles, MST time check. [Knight-CO]
- 690 **MEXICO** *XEN Barrio S.Miguel Izta*, México (19°20'N 99°08'W) FEB 5 0305 - "Eso es XEN, La 69 de AM... México... colonias y montañas... grupo radio centro." [Allen-SC]
- 750 **CUBA** *CMHV R.Progreso*, Trinidad (21°48'N 79°59'W) FEB 8 1100 - Good; chime with time check, then "La Primera Hora" program. [Conti-NH]
- 760 **MEXICO** *XEES Antena Musical*, Chihuahua, Chih FEB 3 0300-0309 - Good peaks even with WJR; smooth Mexican music, "Antena Musical" slogans, call letter ID by man at 0302. Local KKZN phase nulled. [Knight-CO]
- 770 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Las Mercedes FEB 8 1058 - Fair with WABC interference; rustic folk vocal leading up to the hour, parallel 710 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 860 **MEXICO** *XEMO La Poderosa*, Tijuana, BCN FEB 6 0401-0405 - Fair peak with ranchera music, "La Poderosa" slogans, full ID including call sign, slogan, power and location. [Knight-CO]
- 895 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *Voice of Nevis*, Bath Village (17°07'N 62°37'W) FEB 2 0030 - Good audio (first time better than ZIZ) with mention of Charlestown and Nevis. [Allen-SC]
- 930 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple locations FEB 4 0402 - Under WGIN and WPAT; minute marker and RR code ID, Sunday chimes instead of RR heard before top of the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 940 **MEXICO** *XEQ Besame*, Iztapalapa, México (19°19'N 99°05'W) FEB 4 0355 - Under CINW; romántica, "Esta es La Hora Nacional, en vivo" on the hour. [Conti-NH] FEB 5 0330 - Very good, stronger than 690 and parallel internet streaming. [Allen-SC]
- 950 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, La Habana and Mayarí Arriba FEB 4 0345 - Good; in Sunday mode with RR code replaced by chimes during bottom half hour, double minute markers and echo due to delay between stations. [Conti-NH]
- 960 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple locations FEB 4 0350 - Clock, minute marker, and chimes under WELI. [Conti-NH]
- 1000 **CUBA** *R.Granma*, Manzanillo FEB 6 1100 - Over HJAQ "la radio de Colombia" theme, under WMVP; usual rooster wake-up calls. [Conti-NH]
- 1000 **MEXICO** *XEOY R.Mil*, Iztacalco, México DF (19°23'N 99°07'W) FEB 4 0400 - Under WMVP; La Hora Nacional parallel 940 XEQ. [Conti-NH]
- 1020 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, unknown location FEB 4 0445 - About even with KDKA, over unID compass music (WRHB or Haiti?); in Sunday mode with chimes replacing RR code during bottom half hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1060 **MEXICO** *XEEP R.Educación*, México DF (19°22'N 99°02'W) FEB 5 0400 - "Radio Educación... música de México," over Cuban "Veinte Seis." [Allen-SC]
- 1110 **MEXICO** *XEWR R.Guadalupana*, Cd. Juárez, Chih FEB 3 0655-0705 - Good signal, alone with KFAB phase nulled; end of Catholic program, "Radio Guadalupana" slogans, call letter ID, into Spanish praises. [Knight-CO]

Transpacific DX

- 630 **AUSTRALIA** 4QN Townsville/Brandon QLD JAN 21 1503 - Woman with Oz and world news; at 1505 man with "The weather for Queensland...", outro, "And that's the update for ABC Local Radio Queensland"; theme song "I Want Talk," back to "Overnights on ABC Local Radio" with three time checks (one for each eastern time zone), discussing resumption of school year, "I Only Want To Be With You" by Dusty Springfield. Poor to good. [Park-HI]
- 1089 unID FEB 3 1114 - Heard what sounded like audio from movie or TV show in Mandarin with dialogue and crying, at low level but almost local-like. Interference from 1080 KWAI running open carrier, 1098 Marshall Islands inaudible. FEB 4 1056 - Woman with Chinese singing but smothered by Samoan pop from KWAI. [Park-HI]

Contributors

- Doug Allen K4LY, Inman SC; Kenwood TS-850, Flag antennas, 53-ft vertical, 80 meter dipole, 130-ft inverted V, 90-ft east Kaz antenna.
- Roy Barstow, Teaticket MA; SDR-IQ, 50-ft Flag.
- Giampiero Bernardini, Pescia (Pistoia), Tuscany, Italy; Perseus SDR, 30-m long wire.
- Mike Beu KD5DSQ, Austin TX; Drake R8B, terminated Delta Loop (17 x 28-ft).
- Mark Connelly WA1ION, Billerica MA; Drake R8A, SuperLoop, peak northeast / null southwest, 10 m vertical by 16 m horizontal, base height 1.5 m.
- Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m SuperLoop antennas east with remote variable termination and south 1150-Ω terminated.
- Chris Knight, Fort Lupton CO; Drake R8, Sony ICF-SW7600GR (internal loopstick antenna), 12 x 27-ft terminated loop antenna, south-facing, switchable, variable termination; 16 x 34-ft west/north-west Flag antenna, terminated, switchable, fixed, 1k ohm termination, Quantum Phaser.
- Dale Park, Honolulu HI; Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.

International News

- BENIN:** 1566 TWR daily broadcast schedule 0300-0535 and 1700-2130/2145 UTC. English 0300-0345, 0430-0500, 0530-0535 UTC. Complete schedule at www.twrafrica.org/Programmes-2/benin.asp.
- IRELAND:** UCB hopes to take over the 567 site after RTÉ signs off in March. It's also possible that the frequency would be changed to 612 kHz, the former Athlone dial position. More info at www.bci.ie/documents/ucb_7.pdf. [Cumbre DX]

73 and Good DX!

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Participants, Receivers, Antennas, Location
 Jean Burnell, Drake R-8A, Icom R-71A (OCT 13-21)
 Jim Renfrew, Drake R8B (OCT 22-29).
 Saul Chernos, Drake R8 (OCT 22-29)

Antennas: "North Wire", "South Wire" (actually a little further east than we would like)

Location: Round Cove B&B, Cappahayden, Newfoundland, Canada (on the Avalon Peninsula, facing the Atlantic Ocean)

Loggings – Eastern Hemisphere

- 1180 **USA** WHAM NY Rochester, OCT 24 1016 – "The WHAM Morning News." [SC]
- 1190 **USA** WLIB NY New York City, OCT 28 1037 – "1190 WLIB," light black gospel or soul. [SC]
- 1210 **CANADA** VOAR NL St. John's, OCT 29 1015 – Your positive Radio Alternative VOAR," Canadian PSA. [SC]
- 1240 **CANADA** CKIM NL Baie Verte, OCT 29 1014 – VOXM Cares, casinoNS.com, // 620. [SC]
- 1260 **CANADA** CKHJ NB Fredericton, OCT 24 0856 – Fredericton QTH, country, ID includes 1260, 95.1 and 103.5, later "the news on KHJ." [SC]
- 1260 **USA** WMKI MA Boston, OCT 29 1028 – Radio Disney // 1560 with music. [SC]
- 1270 **CANADA** CJCBS NS Sydney, OCT 25 1600 – Sydney and Cape Breton ads, CJCBS jingle, country music. [SC]

- 1280 **USA** WFAU ME Gardiner, OCT 24 1004 – Dual ID mentions 1450, Fox Sports Radio. [SC]
- 1280 **CANADA** CFMB QC Montreal, OCT 28 1055 – French. [SC]
- 1290 **USA** WTKS GA Savannah, OCT 26 1006 – Savannah PSAs, Sunrise Rotary Club PSA. [SC]
- 1290 **CANADA** CFRW MB Winnipeg, OCT 25 0830 – “1290 CFRW, the greatest oldies of all time,” then jingle with calls. [SC] OCT 25 0854 – oldies music, “*you’re listening to CFRW, a CHUM radio station*”. [JR]
- 1290 **USA** WRNI RI Providence, OCT 25 0851 – BBC, calls later on. [SC] OCT 28 1006 – no ID, but I suspect WRNI, with NPR News, then WNYC’s “On the Media”. However, the program is not listed at this time on WRNI’s web site, so maybe I heard a promo not the program itself. [JR]
- 1300 **USA** WOOD MI Grand Rapids, OCT 24 0920 – Hotline for motorists who hit deer: 454-1300; weather and location. [SC]
- 1320 **CANADA** CKEC NS New Glasgow, OCT 28 1103 – Local announcer reads Canadian, NS and New Glasgow news, then “CKEC Sports.” [SC]
- 1330 **USA** WRCA MA Waltham, OCT 28 1031 – Ethnic programming. [SC]
- 1340 **CANADA** CKHV NL Happy Valley-Goose Bay, OCT 27 0230 – indigenous speaker, had me mystified (Bolivia, Greenland?) until CBC News at 0300, ID as CBC North, followed by Peter Hope music program. The first Labrador MW station I have ever heard from anywhere! [JR, also SC]
- 1350 **CANADA** CKAD NS Middleton, OCT 24 2125 – “AVR Today’s best country.” [SC]
- 1370 **USA** WDEA ME Ellsworth, OCT 24 0403 – “AM 1370 WDEA,” nostalgia music, later Bar Harbor ad. [SC]
- 1380 **CANADA** CKPC ON Brantford, OCT 25 0936 – Calls, mention Ed McMahon announcer. [SC]
- 1390 **USA** WEGP ME Presque Isle, OCT 24 0130 – Calls, news includes California wildfires. National Weather Service weather, announcement about signing off soon for transmitter maintenance, but this was not noted. [SC]
- 1400 **CANADA** CBG NL Gander, OCT 22 2205 – CBC mentions new 104.3 repeater on air in Fermeuse (which we heard at Cape Race). // 750, 990. [SC]
- 1420 **USA** WASR NH Wolfeboro, OCT 24 0325 – ASR ID, pop-rock. [SC]
- 1420 **CANADA** CKDY NS Digby, OCT 28 1101 – AVR ID, Centreville announcement. [SC]
- 1430 **USA** WENE NY Endicott, OCT 25 0940 – Fox Sports Radio, Sports radio 1430. [SC] OCT 25 1026 – mention of Binghamton in a local ad. I remember WENE doing a remote at a nearby gas station where I grew up in Endwell NY, and they gave me a play list. [JR]
- 1470 **CANADA** WLAM ME Lewiston, OCT 24 0401 – “1470 ESPN,” sports, Maniacs versus Whalers hockey a few nights later, PSA for Maine Association of Broadcasters. [SC]
- 1470 **USA** WLAM ME Lewiston, OCT 27 0117 – Maniacs hockey. [JR]
- 1480 **USA** WSAR MA Fall River, OCT 24 0925 – ID, ad, Red Sox World Series promo. [SC]
- 1490 **CANADA** WBAE ME Portland, OCT 25 0950 – “1400 & 1490 The Bay” dual ID. [SC]
- 1500 **USA** WWWT DC Washington, OCT 26 2310 – Washington Capitals versus Vancouver Canucks NHL hockey, with unID Brazil mostly on top. [SC]
- 1510 **USA** WWZN MA Boston, OCT 29 1000 – Local sports: Red Sox sweep World Series, Patriots NFL. Mention WRKO. [SC]
- 1520 **USA** WWKB NY Buffalo, OCT 25 0951 – “The Voice of the new majority, AM 1520.” [SC]
- 1550 **CANADA** CBE ON Windsor, OCT 25 0955 – “CBC Radio One in Windsor,” 5:55 time-check, 7 degrees, Bill Baker announcer. [SC]
- 1560 **USA** WQEW NY New York City, OCT 26 0930 – Radio Disney. [SC]
- 1570 **CANADA** CFAV QC Laval, OCT 25 1026 – French. [SC]
- 1580 **CANADA** CKDO ON Oshawa, OCT 24 1018 – Whitby ad. [SC]
- 1620 **USA** WTAW TX College Station, OCT 24 0505 – Calls in Rush Limbaugh promo. [SC]
- 1640 **USA** WTNI MS Biloxi, OCT 24 0857 – ESPN Radio. [SC]
- 1650 **CANADA** CJRS QC Montreal, OCT 25 0823 – French. [SC]
- 1660 **USA** WWRU NJ Jersey City, OCT 26 0305 – Korean. [SC]
- 1670 **USA** WVVM GA Dry Branch, OCT 25 0958 – Spanish, mentions Warner-Robbins in ID. [SC]
- 1680 **USA** WTTM NJ Lindenwold, OCT 27 0810 – Asian music. [SC]
- 1690 **USA** WPTX MD Lexington Park, OCT 27 2335 – Maryland football game live. [SC]
- 1700 **USA** WJCC FL Miami Springs, OCT 27 2200 – Spanish religion, La Voz de Salvacion gives Orlando address, Miami in ID. [SC]
- 1609.99 **CANADA** CHHA ON Toronto, OCT 24 0912 – “*La Voz Latina desde Toronto*”. [JR]
- 1700 **USA** WJCC FL Miami Springs, OCT 27 2245 – “*La Voz de Salvación*” program, Orlando address, www.lavozdesalvacion.org web address. [JR]

Pirates, Etc.



- 1629 **UNID** Pirate, OCT 27 2331 – Greek music. [SC & JR]
 1643 **UNID**, OCT 22 2215 – Greek music. [JR]
 1645 **NETHERLANDS** R. Barones, OCT 27 2110 – Radio Barones ID, beer hall music interspersed with Dutch talk. Good signal at times. [SC] OCT 27 2211 – good signal, “accordion pop” music, IDs. [JR]
 1655.8**UNID**, OCT 27 2336 – man speaking, perhaps a Serbian pirate. [JR]
 1677 **IRELAND** EJM Atlantic Coastal Radio, OCT 27 2235 – with reports in various languages for English Channel, Portugal, etc. [JR & SC]

Medium Wave UNIDS

- 1670 **UNID**, OCT 24 0510 – Foreign language music on north wire. Pirate? Not // 1700 but somewhat similar. [SC]
 1690 **UNID**, OCT 24 0507 – Clearly Christian music includes a version of Will the circle be unbroken, with possible different wording. On both wires. Pirate? [SC]
 1700 **UNID**, OCT 24 0515 – Foreign language music on north wire. Pirate? Not // 1670 but somewhat similar. [SC]

Non-Directional Beacons

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| 216 | CANADA | ME | Matane (100w), OCT 23 0209. [JR] |
| 274 | CAPE VERDE | SAL | Sal Island (3 kW), OCT 23 0225. [JR] |
| 327 | PORTUGAL | POR | Porto, OCT 28 2222. [JR] |
| 350 | CANADA | F2 | Searose FPSO Grand Banks, OCT 25 1608 – some kind of buoy?
[JR] |
| 351 | AZORES | PD | Ponta Delgado, OCT 28 0424. [JR] |
| 370 | CANADA | GR | Grindstone QC, OCT 28 0415. JR] |
| 372 | GREENLAND | OZN | Prins Christian Sund, OCT 28 0406. [JR] |
| 371 | AZORES | MGL | Ponta Delgada, OCT 28 0410. [JR] |
| 378 | CANADA | RJ | Roberval (500w), OCT 27 0406. [JR] |
| 380 | AZORES | FIL | Horta, OCT 27 0349. [JR] |
| 382 | PORTUGAL | LAR | Arruda, OCT 27 0348. [JR] |
| 386 | GREENLAND | CP | Constable Pynt, OCT 27 0348. [JR] |
| 408 | CANADA | C5 | Global Sante Fe, Offshore Platform, OCT 25 1612. |
| 410 | BRAZIL | PEL | Punta Pelada, OCT 27 0336. [JR] |
| 421 | SPAIN | GE | Madrid, OCT 27 2042. |
| 492 | CANADA | E8 | NL Natuashish, OCT 23 2324. [JR] |
| 1730 | BRAZIL | FRA | OCT 26 0328 |

Comment - Saul Chernos

I was rapidly losing interest in DXing AM. A crowded band made almost unbearably noisy by IBOC held little appeal. Back in the 1970's and early '80's, the west coast, South and Central Americans, and trans-Atlantics were commonplace, and the challenge was logging low-power or otherwise obscure stations. More than 20 years later, I feel lucky to log a new station that's recently signed on the air within 500 miles.

So, when Cappahayden veteran Jim Renfrew warned me that I would come home from my first-ever Newfoundland DXpedition and suffer from immediate withdrawal, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Because, in a sense, I was already feeling withdrawn from the AM side of the hobby.

Regardless, a Newfoundland DXpedition held immediate appeal, if only that it might offer an op-

portunity to leave the AM hobby on a high note. I immediately busied myself planning every possible aspect of the trip – from the DX that would dominate my time there, to extra-curricular activities such as hiking, visiting friends in St. John’s and checking out FM DX opportunities.

First, there was the question of equipment. I’ve always made do with portable receivers, finding that the relative isolation of my Burnt River ON DX site allows me to use relatively simple set-ups with fairly decent results. But, a DXpedition like Newfoundland is different, requiring top-notch equipment to land the most exotic stuff. I owe a big thank-you to Jim for loaning me his Drake R8, and to Jean Burnell, who was there a week ahead of us and left the longwires there for our use after he had returned home (his visit unfortunately did not overlap with ours), and to both Jim and Jean for supplying the various bits of hardware needed to make the radios and antennae function optimally.



That they did! The late-afternoon drive from the St. John’s airport to our Cappahayden site should have yielded solid signals on the AM band, but we could barely get powerhouses such as Belgium 1512 and Saudi Arabia 1521 on the car radio. That’s what a bad radio will do, even in a prime location! Still, it was with some trepidation that we hooked our radios to the two wires – one southeast, the other northwest.

Gratification was almost immediate. The band was loaded with ear candy, and only an ocean and language barriers kept me from ransacking the shop. Right off the top, Jim logged the new VOA station in Afghanistan. A new country for him. I heard English there, and the kind of programming I’d expect from VOA, but it took me a little longer to work through the jumble of stations to get a VOA ID and log it officially. But that didn’t matter to me – not with Luxembourg dominating 1440 stronger than any domestic station has ever done to the channel at Burnt River, or with France Info 1377, recorded as my first official DXpedition logging. The house, as they say, was in session!

Of course, an army travels on its stomach, and one of the toughest DX challenges was maintaining a relatively healthy diet. Glad to say I lost, though there were some compromises. First, we stocked up on moderately healthy snacks – fruit, crackers, pretzels, granola bars, whole wheat bread, peanut butter and honey. Our site is a bed-and-breakfast, and the arrangement included breakfast and dinner. B&B owners Ollie and Ken served up Newfoundland specialties such as a Jiggs Dinner, a Sunday tradition with prerequisite salted corned beef ribs, cooked carrots and turnip, roast turkey and all the trimmings.

DX highlights include the new Afghanistan station (a country new to the overall Cappahayden logbook), India 1566 in the early afternoon, Greenland before sunrise, Argentina and Brazil on many channels, and Brits less than a kilowatt. Conditions mostly favoured what might be considered the usual places – Europe, western Asia, northern Africa, and Latin America. A couple evenings were slightly auroral and above-average for Brazil and Argentina, with possible reception of Paraguay a fraction above 1020.

In conclusion – yes, I am in withdrawal. But more to the point, the experience on Canada’s easternmost coast has left me with renewed enthusiasm for medium wave DX. Already, since my return, I have managed a couple successful trips to my Burnt River site and logged one of the best domestics I managed in NL – 1050 CKSB in Winnipeg MB, which I’d never really paid attention to beforehand as a potential target but nabbed three times at Burnt River post-Cappahayden. I’ve also had some decent TA signals from Albania, Croatia and France. I’ve added two ground-based beverage longwires, and I’m considering a new higher-end receiver.

I would like to thank Jim and Jean for the experience! My only regret in all of this is that Jean’s visit, and my week there with Jim, did not overlap. One week for all, next year – no, make that two weeks! Hey, maybe I’ll just move there!

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Jim Renfrew

Just getting away to Cappahayden can be a story in itself. This time the Toronto airport surprise was learning that the 20 kg weight limit was for total luggage, not each bag. The airline counter person's eyes lit up when she saw that I was 13 kg over, and that there was more money to be made. Ouch. Fortunately, we were able to downsize enough to avoid a similar legal heist on the return trip.

It was very nice to arrive in Cappahayden, quickly plug into the antenna coaxes left by Jean, and immediately tune in Afghanistan. DX on demand, I like it! And then a few minutes later, the first of many fine meals was served up by our hosts Ollie and Ken Perry.

My overall impression of the week was positive. We had steady TA reception all week, at no point did we have nothing to work on. I was trying to ID signals buried beneath the more common stations that I've missed in my previous eight visits to Newfoundland, while Saul was like a kid loose in a candy shop with a big bag and someone else's credit card – his first visit to Cappahayden meant that everything was new.

The South American experience in the past two years had been dismal, so it was very nice to see much more action from that direction, though still a far cry from the incredible conditions we had experienced back at the old DX Inn south of here. As a comparison: the best night to Brazil and Argentina gave one or two signals on many channels to work with, while years ago we had 2 or 3 deep on most channels. Plus, Paraguay and Uruguay were elusive this time. I noticed that the north wire worked better the southern wire for Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico, off the back end.

As for exotic receptions, besides Afghanistan we noted India 1566 most days, once as early as 3:15 PM local time. But nothing from China, Taiwan, or South Korea, the targets we hope to hear some day. There were no hets from Japan in the mornings, either, but our antennas are not aimed that way. Not all was lost to the east, because I managed to ID a bunch of Iranians using parallel channels.

Our thanks to the European Medium Wave Guide – again – for detailed information about stations on the air from Europe, Africa and Asia. The 2007 World Radio TV Handbook is a very useful adjunct.

I enjoy longwave, too, but didn't spend a lot of time there this time. Only a few of the stations heard were new.

Finally, we took some day trips to Trepassey (climbed the hill where guns were placed at the time of the Revolutionary War to protect the harbor from American privateers, Saul fought the wind to see if he could get Cape Breton or St. Pierre on an FM portable, and, from the photo, he's apparently eager to chase off invaders again!), Ferryland (Cabot's first North American settlement, with Baltimore High School nearby!), Cape Race (19 km gravel road to see a lighthouse, and the wireless building where the Titanic distress call was first received), the Renews light house (also a long gravel road), and St. John's (lunch at the only vegetarian restaurant in Newfoundland, and a tour of the old town and harbor with the Newfoundland Deputy Minister for Intergovernmental Relations as tour guide).

The flight home was routine, except that "Ocean's Thirteen" was cut off before the film ended during Toronto approach ... did they get away with it?

-- Jim Renfrew

Photo credits: 1-Jim Renfrew (actually from an earlier visit), 2,3,4 – Saul Chernos

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Ultralight DXing... more FUN than we have had in ...

By Rob Ross, London, Ontario; John Bryant, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Introduction: John Bryant

For many of us, the DXing hobbies have been in the doldrums for the past decade. In the SWBC DXing hobby, so many of our favorite stations have left shortwave that tuning 60 meters takes on more the character of a chore than a fun DX experience. On MW, in North America at least, the doldrums have been quite thick, what with thousands more all night stations, many Canadians leaving for FM and, worst of all, the long-feared IBOC hiss has finally arrived. It's sometimes a very depressing scene. In our sister club ODXA's, Listening In, columnist Joe Robinson published a very thoughtful piece in January concerning the hobby doldrums that so many of us have experienced. He concluded with:

"We need to take advantage of what radio has to offer now; we cannot bring back the past... Maybe we also need to branch out in our radio/TV interests in our multi-faceted hobby..."

We couldn't agree more and we want you to know that HELP HAS ARRIVED! A DX tonic, maybe the Fountain of Youth, has been discovered in the past two months and its spreading like wildfire through the Listening/DXing hobbies: ULTRALIGHT DXing! The two of us and at least a hundred more North American listener/DXers have been DXing up a storm using small, cheap shirt pocket portable AM radios.

In late November 2007, MW DXer Gary DeBock of suburban Seattle went out and bought a small Sony SRF-59 Walkman for the sum total of \$14.95. It was planned as a gift for his son. Little did he know that there was a family of cheap analog Sony's based on the CXA1129N proprietary IC chip ("radio on a single chip") which has been found to be unusually selective and sensitive. Although Gary's son was not interested in DXing AT ALL, Dad soon discovered what a superb DXing machine this little pocket wonder was... within days, he had heard lots of North American stations and THEN he caught JOIB-747 Sapporo, Japan. The Japanese Big Guns are usually easy to hear from the beaches on the West Coast, but they are darn rare in suburban Seattle, even

with sophisticated antennas and VERY expensive DX receivers. Gary heard JOIB well, at home in his Lazy Boy Rocking Recliner on a radio that he was holding in his hand, using the tiny internal ferrite bar antenna!!!

Word quickly got out over internet; there was a run on SRF-59s at various retail and internet stores. Ultralight DXing was born, based on shirt pocket radios and, initially, woven together by the power of the internet. Soon, some of us wanted to move away from analog to digital dials and we began to explore what digitally-dialed shirt pocket radios might offer as DX machines. We were pleased to find that some of them almost measure up to the awesome SRF-59 family. What really fueled our activities in December was the fact that we were having so much FUN DXing again. That has continued to be the case.

In the past several weeks, we have established a Technical Committee to assist the rest of us Ultralight DXers with the innards of these little wonders and also a Definitions Committee to review all small shirt pocket portable sets and determine just which of these would qualify as "Ultralight Radios" for inclusion in any records or awards programs that might be established. This latter activity was necessary because there are some VERY expensive, very sophisticated communications receivers on the market that can fit in a shirt pocket. That is not the concept behind the new Ultralight MW Radio DXing effort; rather, the intent is to utilize *modestly-priced*, simple shirt pocket portables commonly used as entertainment radios by the general public. In other words, we are artificially limiting the sophistication of the receivers used, much like radio amateurs have limited transmitter power in the QRP niche of the amateur radio hobby. Never the less, those DXers not yet aware of Ultralight DXing will be shocked at the DX achievements that are possible with these little "pocket rockets."

Below is a partial list of receivers that have been recognized by the Definitions Committee for inclusion in the Ultralight Firsts and Records and any DXing events or contests. A complete list along with photos, reviews, articles, etc. can be found in the Ultralight Files section of www.dxer.ca on the web.

Sony: SRF-T615-JE, SRF-59, SRF-M37V, SRF-M85V

Sangean: DT-120, DT-180V, DT-200VX, DT-210V, DT-220V, DT-300VW

Eton e100/Teccsun PL-200

CCrane SWP/Redsun RP300

The least expensive recognized Ultralight radio is also the currently most popular: the original SRF-



SONY SRF-T615 JE

59, at around \$15 USD. If you own a shirt pocket portable that you would like to utilize in Ultralight DXing, one that is not yet recognized by the Committee, you should contact Gary DeBock (D1028Gary@aol.com) and ask for that model radio to be considered by the Definitions Committee.

The Ultralight crowd has also established an official website within Colin Newell's (www.dxr.ca) website for files of interest in Ultralight DXing and we have founded an official List of Firsts and Records under the aegis of John Bryant (bjohnorcas@rockisland.com) The current Firsts and Records would have been totally unbelievable to most of us just two months ago. North American Ultralighters, primarily Allen Willie in St. Johns, NF, have heard stations in well over a dozen European countries; several Ultralighters have contributed to our 6 Asian countries, dozen North American countries and four in South America; all with radios that you can hold in the palm of your hand.

Ultralight DXing got its start as a movement on the IRCA e-mail group. Gary DeBock and several other NW DXers are active in that group and the rest of the denizens of that list put up with our Ultrachatter. Others should note, though, that Ultralighting and the Committees and programs discussed here are a pan-organizations effort and are not in any way limited to or official functions of IRCA.

The most difficult thing to communicate to DXers unfamiliar with Ultralighting is the flat out delight and fun that we have been experiencing. One of the most celebrated Ultralight events so far was Rob Ross' adventure in the month of January, where he logged over 300 stations on his trusty Ultralight radios. Rob's description of that experience is a historical document, but more importantly, it addresses the fun of Ultralighting better than anything else written so far:

HEAVY DUTY DX ... On an Ultralight Radio: Rob Ross

On Dec/31/2007, I received a package in the mail. Little did I know, that the contents of that package would change the way I viewed and participated in AM BCB DXing forever!! That little package sent to me by Gary DeBock of Puyallup, Washington, contained a (somewhat unknown at the time) little Pocket Radio made by SONY ... the SRF-59 Walkman. This radio was sent to me as a gift ... but the real gift received that day was not the radio ... but rather a renewed interest in AM BCB DXing!

I have been an AM BCB DXer since 1976, and have logged over 1,000 stations throughout the past 30 plus years on a myriad of cheap and high-end radios. Thousands of hours have been spent during that time, listening to static crashes, buzzes, whistles and other assorted squawks ... trying to pull out that elusive ID from a station far away. However, over the past 5 or more years, I have been discouraged by the proliferation of stations leaving the AM Band, the clutter on many of the Old "Clear Frequencies" and the frustration of the newly invented brainchild called IBOC!! It just wasn't the same, it seemed. I was not sure if anything was going to bring back the "Glory Days" of AM DXing.

Well my friends, I am here to tell you that in spite of all the challenges facing the modern day AM DXer, it is still possible to hear the stations we listened to back when we first got into the hobby. They are still out there buried under all of the static crashes, buzzes, whistles, and other assorted squawks ... all we needed was something that could dig 'em out, and now we have it!!

Enter the contents of that package ... the SONY SRF-59 Walkman. When Gary first offered these radios to anyone who wanted one, I have to admit, I didn't even know what they were. I had never seen one, and most likely wouldn't have bought one, even if I saw one in the store. I remember opening the package to reveal a "tiny" plastic radio, with an analog dial, no speaker, (headphones only), a volume control and an on/off switch. I sorta chuckled and thought to myself, "OK ... what the heck am I gonna hear with this aside from my 3 Local Stations?"

Well ... the answer to that question is ... "what can't I hear on this little radio?" After everyone else had gone to bed on New Years Eve of 2008, I decided to turn the SRF-59 on, and see what it could do. Flipping that switch has changed my DXing hobby into a passion again and here's why.

When I first started logging stations, I thought to myself, wouldn't it be neat to log 100 stations on a little radio like this? As the stations heard started to pile up in my logbook after a few days of listen-



Eton E100



Sangean DT-200VX

ing, I thought, "Just how many stations could be logged in one month?" I thought if I got the 100, I would be happy, but I soon realized that 100 would be a very easy feat, so after a week of DXing with this mighty mite, I set a goal of 300 stations in 30 days.

Along the way I listened at various times of the day and night. I listened in the morning at sunrise, I listened in the evening at sunset, I listened during the daylight hours and listened late into the evening. Something strange was happening ... I was hearing stations that I hadn't heard in years. I was also hearing lots of "NEW STATIONS", stations I had never heard in 30 Years, even on my high-end DRAKES, and COLLINS Receivers. What the heck ... how could this be? How could a single AA Battery pull in this kind of DX? Why did it take so long for anyone to realize that the future of AM DXing was right there in front of us ... in a little plastic case, smaller than a deck of cards.

So, my mission was outlined; now to see what I could hear!! Early on I discovered that this tiny marvel had "Excellent Sensitivity," "Excellent Selectivity", and could null out pretty much anything to an amazing degree. I began hearing stations parked right beside my strong local stations. I was able to hear stations "under" other strong stations, and I was able to dig out 2 or 3 stations on the same frequency at the same time!! Wow!! This can't be so!!!

During that first week of DXing, I logged 3 countries ... Canada, USA and Cuba. Then one evening I logged PJB on 800 kHz from Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, and then Turks and Caicos on 530 Khz. Then came Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Jamaica. This was starting to be fun again!! Along the way, the States Heard started to climb, 5, then 10, then 25, and today stands at 32 States heard in 30 days. Also heard are 5 Provinces.

One thing that stands out with SRF-59, is it's ability to dig out "Low Powered" stations, especially during Daylight Hours. I am amazed by the number of "Day-time Only" stations I have heard, using powers ranging from 5 Watts to 1 KW. Stations that are relatively close to me, but had never been heard before; they were suddenly there!

What is more important than what I was actually hearing, is that I was actually having fun again on the BCB Band. I was feeling like a teen back in the 60's & 70's ... listening to stations like CKLW so I could hear the latest # 1 hit record! Long before Cable TV, VCR's, Computers and the Internet, listening to those stations had



SONY SRF-M37V

brought me many hours of memorable receptions. Something strange was happening. I was being taken back to those days again, thanks to the champion of AM Pocket Radios ... the SONY SRF-59.

As the days and weeks went by ... my logbook grew, I was past 100 stations in no time. Then 200 came and went. Things started to get a little harder to log after 200 stations were heard ... but I continued on in my quest for 300 stations in 30 days! I have to admit, I spent a lot of hours DXing over the past 30 days, but all of them were enjoyable, even though I was a little tired a few days after Marathon sessions at the dials, I pressed on to see if 300 was possible.

Today is the 30th day of my DX Challenge, and I am happy to report that last night I logged # 300 after exactly 30 days of DXing. The Prize Station was "730 WLIL LENOIR CITY, TENNESSEE". The question was finally answered ... Can 300 stations be logged in 30 days on a single AA battery??? Most certainly it can! As I sit here typing, I now have 304 Stations logged, and I ask myself ... "Is 500 possible? ... "How about 1,000?" ... "How many Countries" can I hear on this radio?? How far away will the most distant station be??? DXers have already proven that 4,000 Mile Plus receptions are possible ... so I guess that pretty much opens up the world to Ultralight DXers.

I have to wonder: just how many stations I would have logged by now, if only I had known about these little radios 5 years ago? It scares me to think what I may have already missed by not having an Ultralight Pocket Radio! *But what thrills me is the fact that I don't know just what else I am going to hear in the future!!*

I now have 3 of these "Ultralight" radios: 2 SONY SRF-59's and a digital readout Model by SONY, called the SRF-T615. Both are amazing little DX Machines. I am anxiously awaiting my next DX Wonder to try out, the SONY SRF-39FP, clear plastic cased model more commonly known as the "Prison Radio" due to its clear case was designed for Prisoners of DX!!!

I know that there are still a lot of DXers out there who may not have tried one of these little sets, and maybe a few who have but haven't given them a chance. My advice is ... TRY ONE OUT!! Give it some time and you too will see what many of us have already discovered ... These Radios are for real. It looks crazy ... it seems crazy ... and heck ... it is crazy, but these are "Real DX Machines".

Musings of the Members

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Greetings to all. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm 36 years old and originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I've been involved with radio in one respect or another for nearly 25 years, including scanning, commercial two-way radio, and even pirate FM broadcast. I was licensed as amateur operator "KC4WYM" in 1991 (now expired). I also worked for Motorola's now-defunct paging products group between 1995 and 1996. In the past, my interests were primarily based above 30 MHz, with generally little SW and even less MW. At this stage in my life I am currently incarcerated at the Federal Medical Center Devens located in Ayer, MA. It's a definitely a much colder climate than I'm accustomed to and far more restrictive with respect to the hobby as well as pretty much everything else in general. I'm not permitted to take any equipment sent in. Nor do I have Internet access or even the availability of a three-ring binder. Fortunately for me this institution currently offers SONY Walkman Model #SRF-M35FP for purchase, the only receiver they offer, which of course I purchased. That being said, MW DX from this QTH has become my latest undertaking. I've already found it to be quite enjoyable with its own unique challenges and rewards, like top-of-the-hour fading during a call sign ID. It can't be just me. What's up with that, anyway? (laugh). (You're right, Eric – we're all afflicted with the same malady –pls.) Logging new and more distant stations is fun. The QSL's are rewarding. Being a part of the NRC family, priceless. Without all of you I would basically be flying blind while scanning the AM dial. I would also like to take this opportunity to also thank club members Doug Smith and Bruce Conti for patiently and exhaustively assisting me with answers to many of my initial questions regarding the hobby, as well to extend thanks to Paul Swearingen and Dave Schmidt for posting the words you are reading right now (My pleasure –pls.) Finally, if anyone has any DX tips (especially with respect to my location), insights on the SONY SRF-M35FP, or would like to contact me about anything in general, please feel free to do so. I'd love to hear from you. 73, Eric.

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It's been a while since I've even been in here, let alone even sending any Musings in for publication; where has everyone gone? With the number of Musings I've received so far this year, it would even make one good column from even 20 years ago! Guess times have changed. My apologies to those who have sent written Musings in; I've had to forward them to Paul. I have gone through some very extensive eye operations to be able to keep my vision due to diabetis and having laser surgery. On 1/16 I had an actual operation on my left eye to 'fix' it; the vision isn't 100% but it will get better with time. I'm still able to drive and work, thankfully. I've been following the stations that have been coming on as "Community Stations", those operating at 100 milliwatts with a free-radiating signal. There are 2 that I'm still trying to find info on, a group operating in the Atlanta area and in South Carolina (Surfside 1640); both have websites and stream their audio, but I haven't seen any mention of transmitter locations. WNAR-AM in Lansdale PA continues to offer its old time radio programs and is looking to expand its transmitter locations. Oldies Radio 1650 in Dallas continues to go with its KLIF days sound. And the one that amazed me was Ligonier Radio near Pittsburgh, which was running local high school football this past fall and has a good share of local paid commercials on it, local weather, local news and even personalities! The advent of computers and the ability to use them helps make all this possible these days, but it's nice to see someone is actually doing this. And these stations are streaming their programming on the computer, making it available to a wider audience. I've picked up some additional engineering work (part time) with WHFC 91.1 Bel Air, MD and have been put in the post of vice president of the Keystone Record Collectors in Lancaster, PA. No real DX; a few tests were tried for earlier in the season. I'm also putting together an official complaint to the FCC on the AM IBOC with the interference it creates. We have no real local AM service here at night; the closest is WBAL-1090, and with WTAM-1100 boiling in, it's not listenable. Local service on FM? Nothing at all; who offers full service on FM around here, especially after 6 PM? Nobody! In a nutshell, AM IBOC is a 'flawed' system regardless. Let's hear from YOU! "Uncle Dave Wants YOU" to report to Musings!

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