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From the Publisher ... We're obviously running a little light this issue, which in years past at this time once or twice ran to 72 page, but when you have enough only for about 21 pages ... well, the publishing breaks are at 16 or 24 pages, and that's that.

From John Bryant: "After due deliberation, the Ultralight MW DXing Awards Committee has established a new award category for Ultralight DXers: Stations Heard on the Graveyard Channels. Awards are given for each ten stations heard, beginning with 30 stations heard, on the six Graveyard Channels of 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450 and 1490. Applications for these awards are made in the usual way, directly to Rob Ross. I spent last winter DXing the Graveyard Channels from Oklahoma. I started out GY DXing primarily to test the Wellbrook Phased Array antenna that I have written about extensively; I surprised myself by really enjoying the GY experience and plan more time this winter in GY land, now with an ULR. By far the most useful reference to the unique world of GYing that I found last season was a compendium of tips from the experts that was put together by long-time DX maven, Lee Freshwater. This document, highly recommended for GY veterans and neophytes alike, is found at: <http://www.nrcdxas.org/articles/DXingtheGraveyardChannelsRev1.pdf>.

"And, of course, if you haven't been using the

Topaz site to search a single frequency by format, you really ought to try it out. Use the right-hand side of the Website, select the Frequency, select the Format and then hit the search button just to the right of the format selector... The whole Topaz site is a joy to use and very helpful: <http://topazdesigns.com/ambc/>

"So, it may be time for the Final Frontier.... add up the GY stations in your ULR log book and contact Rob when you cross the 30-station barrier."

John Bryant, for the Ultralight Awards Committee

Unfilled positions ... We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions: a DXN publisher, ASAP; replacement editors for languished columns ("DX'er's Notebook", "The Answerman" and "Memory Dredging"), and one or more persons to edit future NRC publications developed by contributors or the club.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

25 years ago ... from the January 9, 1984 DXN: This issue noted the deaths of three well-known DX'ers: Kenneth G. Brown, H. John Clements, and Larry Brookwell.

10 years ago ... from the January 11, 1999 DXN: Bob Pote reported getting his 1941 Zenith console radio working but added that his Drake probably wasn't in any danger of being replaced.

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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>
980	WUUQ	GA	Rossville	WUUS
1020	KOIL	NE	Omaha	KYDZ*
1180	KERI	CA	Wasco	KERN#
1180	KYDZ	NE	Bellevue	KOIL*
1410	KERN	CA	Bakersfield	KERI#



* - On or about 1 January

- An industry 'rumor'. If true, you'll see it here.

CPs ON THE AIR

910	WFDF	MI	Farmington Hills - CP for U4 50000/25000 is on the air.
1430	KMBQ	AK	Wasilla - New station is on the air with U1 1000/1000 at N61-37-09 W149-17-17 and // KMBQ-FM 99.7.
1450	KQYX	KS	Galena - CP for U1 940/940 at N37-04-10 W94-32-49 along with a change in City-of License from Joplin, Missouri is on the air.
1490	WXTG	VA	Hampton - CP for U1 970/970 is on the air.
1650	CINA	ON	Mississauga - New X-bander is on the air with U1 1000/680, heard with Hindi Bollywood songs and periodic IDs as "Seena Radio". The telephone number given was 416-777-1660 (Toronto area code). All the talk heard was in English, but all the music was South Asian.

ACTIONS

580	WYHM	TN	Rockwood - CP granted for U1 5000/49, increasing day power and adding the night service.
820	WGGM	VA	Chester - Granted extension of their STA to operate U4 1000/1000 while they replace/repair their phaser assembly.
850	CKBA	AB	Athabaska - A move to 94.1 MHz with 9 kW has been granted by the CRTC.
930	CJCA	AB	Edmonton - Granted a move of their transmitter site 11 miles to the south-east (to N53-18-24 W113-43-00) with an ever so slight change of their night pattern, as they remain U2 50000/50000.
1050	WTOP	MD	Silver Spring - CP granted for U1 10000/44, increasing their day power.
1120	KANN	UT	Roy - CP granted for U4 10000/1100, increasing the night power by a whole 100 Watts.
1220	WSRQ	FL	Sarasota - CP granted for U4 1000/39, decreasing the night power.
1230	KYPA	CA	Los Angeles - CP granted for U4 1000/1000.
1250	WTMA	SC	Charleston - STA extended for U1 1000/240 (licensed for U2 5000/1000) as repairs to their fire-damaged equipment progresses.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

540	WRGC	NC	Sylva - Having just been granted a CP for U2 5000/210, along with a move from 680 kHz, WRGC now has applied for U1 4300/142 on 540.
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APPLICATIONS

900	CKDH	NS	Amherst - Applies to move to 101.7 MHz.
930	WEZZ	AL	Monroeville - Applies to move to 920 kHz with D1 450/0 CH 450 while changing their City-of-License to Brantley.
980	KGLN	CO	Glenwood Springs - Applies for U1 2000/225.
1140	KCXL	MO	Liberty - Applies for U1 5000/6.
1160	KCTO	MO	Cleveland - Applies for U4 5000/230, maintaining the same patterns as with the presently licensed U4 500/230.
1260	WI3XSO	PR	Aguadilla - Applies for U4 2500/4800.
1270	WSPR	MA	Springfield - Applies for an auxiliary permit for U1 1000/350, sharing what

would be a newly-constructed tower at N42-06-06 W72-37-23 with co-owned WACM.

- 1400 NEW CA **Lemon Grove** - Initial application was for U1 1000/1000. This amended request is for U1 500/500 relocating to Santee, California. [reinstatement]
 1490 WACM MA **West Springfield** - Applies for an auxiliary permit for U1 1000/850.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

- 1180 NEW CO **Walsenburg** - Revises their application for a new station from U2 1700/350 to U2 20000/300.
 1550 NEW OR **Merlin** - Applies for U4 5000/1000 (amended from U2 5000/4000 on 1520).
 1570 NEW VA **Ettrick** - Revises their application for a new station from U2 10000/850 to U2 9000/700 CH 9000.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

- 1320 NEW CA **Santa Maria** - Application for a new station..

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 1210 NEW IN **Osceola** - Applies for U4 2500/219.
 1250 NEW AK **Ketchikan** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
 1400 NEW MT **Columbia Falls** - Applies for U1 1000/670.
 1460 NEW MA **Stanfield** - Applies for U4 2000/2000.

OTHERNEWS

- 1090 CKKW ON **Kitchener** - FM station slated to replace CKKW on 99.5 MHz is on the air, so the AM days are numbered. Catch 'em if you can.

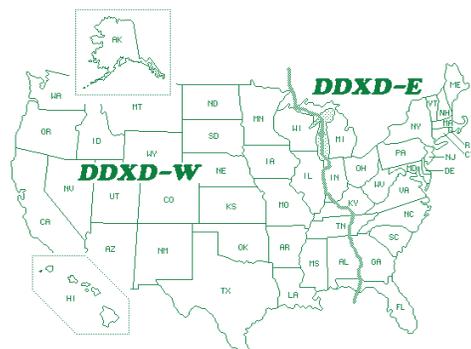
HEAR AND THAR

- Returning to the airwaves: **WVAR-600 Richwood, West Virginia** and is // **WSGB-1490 Sutton, West Virginia** with Classis Hits; **WSBX-1020 Ochlocknee, Georgia** with talk as "Active Talk";
- But reported to be OFF: **WHWH-1350 Princeton, New Jersey**; **KDXE-1380 North Little Rock, Arkansas**; **KCLA-1400 Pine Bluff, Arkansas**; **KPTO-1440 Pocatello, Idaho**; **KNFL-1470 Tremonton, Utah**; **KOTN-1490 Pine Bluff, Arkansas**;
- Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, Ernie Wesolowski**

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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ This is the first issue of *DXN* for 2009! Let me start off this issue with what has become a tradition: my New Year's wish to all my friends in the DX community. Happy New Year! May 2009 be filled with close friends and distant stations!
- ▲ If you are reading this column from your paper issue of *DXN*, the DDXD-West editor change has already taken place and all future loggings should be sent to **Greg Harris** (addresses in last issue). If you are reading this via e-dxn.com, a reminder that I will be taking your e-mail loggings through 1/2/09 (1300 ELT) for publication in #76-15 pub date 1/12/09. That issue, however, marks my swan song.
- ▲ The first half of Volume 76 has been a very good one for DDXD-West. One thing that has been missing, however, is the "DX Tests" section, and that continues to be true in this issue. Since our last deadline the group ABDX scheduled a hastily-arranged and not widely-publicized test of W00N 1240 Woonsocket RI for the morning of 12/21. Late word is that due to a scheduling error the test never went off. Look for this one to be rescheduled. In the meantime, NRC/IRCA Broadcast Test

Coordinator **Jim Pogue** continues to work hard trying to arrange tests. May the new year be blessed with many!

- ▲ You may recall the loggings and review that **John Tucker** sent us a few weeks back after he DXed with an RFSpace SDR-IQ. John has since moved on to another software defined receiver. Says John: "I traded in the SDR-IQ for a Perseus last week. It's quite a machine. One can now record nearly the entire AM broadcast band with it for later playback. In terms of weak signal audio recovery, either receiver is outstanding. The Perseus is top-notch in all respects. That little SDR-IQ does quite well for itself though, especially considering the comparatively low cost."
- ▲ During *DXN's* two-week Holiday break **John Wilkins** has been busy gathering loggings, but not busy twisting the dial. John sends us *eight* loggings on 930 kHz, all heard during week one of the break. Says John: "930 was the Fréquence de la Semaine. 930 is a nice island of peace and quiet between locals 910 and 950, both of whom run IBOC all night long." Oh, boy-- *one* DX-able frequency in the 900 to 960 range! To outdo himself, John follows up on his first week's effort with *ten* loggings on 1450 kHz, gathered during the second week. Says John: "Who said DXing was a non-contact sport? Just look at these 1450 loggings-- we have punching, fighting, trampling, smothering, and even slicing going on!" As the lyrics to "Monster Mash" say, "It was a graveyard smash"!
- ▲ Messrs John and John's loggings are among the many fine ones that can be found in this week's issue. Thank you, reporters, for your outstanding turnout, and as always thank you for your efforts on behalf of this column! One more issue for me-- CUN7! **73 Bill**

Reporters

DP-HI		Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
DS-TN		Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View. UnID help.
EW-NE		Ernie Wesolowski, Omaha. Drake SW8, Quantum QX Pro loop.
FO-OK		Forest Osborn, Hooker. IC-R70, HQ-150, 4 foot loop and 200 foot longwire.
GH-IL		Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 with Quantum loop or Terk Advantage AM loop.
JE-TN		Jerry Ervine KC5YRE, Clarksville. Sony 2010, AOR LA380 loop.
JEL-MO		J. E. Lewis, Kansas City. Station news, heard on a Honda Odyssey car radio on route from Kansas City to Fayetteville, Arkansas.
JJR-WI		John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.
JT-AZ		John Tucker KG7RS, Mesa. Microtelecom Perseus running on Dell Latitude E5400 Laptop, 10/50/10' NW EWE.
JW-CO		John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot loop.
SA-MB		Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
SS-KS		Steve Sprague, Coffeyville. DX-396, Select-a-Tenna.
WB-MO		Walt Breville, Wentzville. Grundig 700 with a Radio Shack #15-1853 loop.
WH-CO		Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo with DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp and Mini DXP5.
Ed.-WI		Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Station News

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| 560 | WEBC | MN | Duluth. Per <i>Duluth News Tribune</i> , station will drop relaying Minneapolis' KFAN 1130 programming 1/1/09 in favor of ESPN radio. Station slogan will be "ESPN Radio 5-60." ESPN had been on WGEE 970 until last September. The article said KFAN shows may move to KQDS 1490, which currently airs "Scott Shannon's True Oldies." (DP-HI) |
| 560 | KWTO | MO | Springfield. 12/24-25. Special programs during December in recognition of station's 75th birthday. Numerous programmers were at the studio or on the phone describing their role at this station which covered a large geographical area and also served as the flagship for network programs at a time when most originated from New York or Los Angeles. They were a leader in the field of country music and were known nationwide. Jim Bohannon was there in the mid '60s. Call letters stand for "Keep watching the Ozarks." (JEL-MO) |
| 570 | KQNG | HI | Lihue. 12/19 1923. Noted off the air instead of carrying Kim Komando (normally nearly // KAOI-1110). Noted later at 2205 with weak signal, maybe around 500 or 600 watts. Per station spokeswoman, the station (she did not specify the office building or tower) was struck by lightning twice during a winter storm that hit Kauai and Oahu the past two days. Station engineer has not replied to my inquiry about when KQNG will return to full power. Still at reduced power at 12/24 recheck. (DP-HI) |

- 590 KSSK HI **Honolulu.** For the record, station flipped to Holiday AC music 11/17 instead of usual Thanksgiving Day, along with sister station KSSK-FM 92.3 (which airs different songs). Four FMs in Hawaii also went Holiday on Thanksgiving. Unlike other Holiday stations on the mainland, local stations play local Christmas tunes like "Numbah Won Day of Christmas (My Tutu Gave to Me)." **(DP-HI)**
- 1020 KOIL NE **Plattsmouth.** Will pick up the Regional Mexican format, "La Preciosa" slogan and calls of KYDZ 1180 Bellevue NE on 1/1/09. This will replace the current "Radio Disney" format. The current KOIL calls will move to 1180 (see below). Thanks to **Ernie Wesolowski** and **Carl Mann** for informing us about this. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1180 KYDZ NE **Bellevue.** When this station's Regional Mexican format moves to 1020 (above) and the KOIL calls move here, KOIL's current Radio Disney format will not follow the calls. The new format will be newstalk, the same format as co-owned KKAR 1290 Omaha. Thanks again to Ernie and Carl. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1210 KGYN OK **Guymon. 12/21 2300.** Out of C&W. "... US Country 1210 KGYN Guymon-Liberal..." to ABC News. "US Country" is a new slogan for this one. **(WH-CO)**
- 1550 KYCY CA **San Francisco.** Per *Radio Ink* and Radio-Info.com, KYCY will drop its unusual format of Podcasts/Variety 1/1/09 and flip to "Scott Shannon's True Oldies." Unlike the Classic Hits formats ('60s and '70s) on KFRC-FM 106.9's HD2 channel (the KFRC/Oldies association had been bouncing around from AM 610 to FM 99.7 to FM 106.9), True Oldies covers the '50s to the '80s. No word on if Oakland A's baseball will remain on 1550. **(DP-HI)**

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1240 KWAKt AR **Stuttgart. 12/15 0900.** Woman with singing ID. 29th edition of AM Log says silent. **(SS-KS)** (I haven't seen any news of this one returning. Can someone in the area please throw light on the status of this station? Regular AMS readers no doubt have noticed what I have-- that stations going silent lately are far outnumbering stations returning to the air. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1270 UNID **12/9 0630.** (see **John Rieger's** unID logging in last week's DDXD-W **Ed.-WI)** I strongly suspect WRJC Mauston. The 92.9 FM would be translator W224BM. WRJC recently purchased the translator from Madison's WNWC 102.5. They got a permit to change the frequency from 92.7 to 92.9 and increase power. (I suppose WNWC was plenty willing to sell as they had permits for ****three**** FM translators in Mauston. They've also got a license-to-cover for the one on 89.7, and I suspect that's the one they're going to keep. The third is on 100.5 and I strongly suspect that one is for sale.) **(DS-TN)** (Right on, Doug, on this station's ID. John also had this one figured out; see "Regular Loggings" 1270 below. **Ed.-WI)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 590 KSUB UT **Cedar City. 12/11 2300.** "Talkradio 590 KSUB Cedar City" to Fox news. **(WH-CO)**
- 590 KXSP NE **Omaha. 12/12 0600.** "Big Sports 590 KXSP Omaha" to FSR coverage. **(WH-CO)**
- 610 KVNU UT **Logan. 12/11 1908.** On top of the frequency for several minutes. Talk about pet birth control in Cache County. "KVNU newstime is 5:08," weather at 1909. **(FO-OK)**
- 620 CKRM SK **Regina. 12/12 0705.** In good and briefly all alone with ID and mentions of Regina. New here. **(WB-MO)**
- 620 KTAR AZ **Phoenix. 12/14 0058.** ESPN promos "... on Sports 620 KTAR..." to more ESPN programming. **(WH-CO)**
- 620 KMKI TX **Plano. 12/14 0100.** "Radio Disney 620 KMKI and KMKI HD1 Plano-Dallas-Fort Worth" to more Disney. **(WH-CO)**
- 670 WSCR IL **Chicago. 12/12 2301.** Out of sports promo. "WSCR The Score Chicago" to Dan Patrick show. KLTT phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 710 KEEL LA **Shreveport. 12/11 1936.** ID as "Newsradio 710 KEEL," then ad for Broadmoor Bank and then for a business that is "camper headquarters in Shreveport." This frequency is difficult here because of KGNC Amarillo. **(FO-OK)**

- 740 KRMG OK **Tulsa. 12/3 2205.** Announcements of TV shows or episodes and comedian programs. At 2217 two men's dialogue about landlords and tenants and "landlords.com." At 2222 ad for Napa Resolve Buick (?), then more dialogue about cell phone industry. Good. **(JE-TN)**
- 750 CKJH SK **Melfort. 12/15 0831.** Provincial news and weather (currently -30, with -42 wind chill); non-IDs as "CK750"; minor league hockey scores at 0835. Very good signal. **(JW-CO)**
- 790 WSGW MI **Saginaw. 12/20 1835.** Local news and Saginaw County weather-- 1-3" of snow and -16 degrees. "Your connection to the Saginaw Valley." New for me. WAYY was under WSGW-- new a couple of weeks ago (see DDXD-W #76-13 Ed.-WI). **(SS-KS)**
- 840 WHAS KY **Louisville. 11/26 1940.** Man interviewing football player and ID "84 WHAS"; "WTTL 1310" also mentioned. Pregame show. PSA by man with Metro United Way. At 1955 ID. "WKU Hilltoppers vs. SIU." Good. **(JE-TN)**
- 920 WOKY WI **Milwaukee. 12/13 1750.** Local ad for "Oliver" mentioning a playhouse in Milwaukee and a phone number with a 414 area code. Weak under WBAA. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 930 KSEI ID **Pocatello. 12/13 1844.** ESPN programming; ad string at 1851; legal ID at 1859:53: "ESPN for all of eastern Idaho is on AM 930 KSEI Pocatello and AM...;" the signal disappeared abruptly here, presumably the sunset power cut. The remainder of the ID was presumably for AM 1230 KRXK, which they simulcast. Generally fair up until then. **(JW-CO)**
- 930 WKY OK **Oklahoma City. 12/13 1944.** ESPN programming; legal ID exactly at ToH: "The people who bring you The Sports Animal; this is the new Jocks 930 WKY Oklahoma City" and into ESPN Sports Center. Fair to good. **(JW-CO)**
- 930 KROE WY **Sheridan. 12/14 0821.** Barely through QRM with program note "...on News-Talk 930 KROE..." **(JW-CO)**
- 930 KRKY CO **Granby. 12/14 0842.** C&W tunes; "Today's new country and the legends-- 930 AM and 101.9 FM KRKY, Colorado Country." Fair at best. **(JW-CO)**
- 930 KOGA NE **Ogallala. 12/15 0906.** Spot for Wagon Wheel Conoco in Julesburg; weather forecast ("brutally cold"); ad for Cheyenne Frontier Days reservations (taking place next July!). Fair with sunrise fading. **(JW-CO)**
- 930 KAFF AZ **Flagstaff. 12/16 2059.** Song "Mama Tried"; legal ID at 2101 by male voice: "AM 930 KAFF Flagstaff. ABC news now," which was true. Fair to poor and probably not on 31-watt night power. **(JW-CO)**
- 930 KSDN SD **Aberdeen. 12/17 0159.** Spot for New Years Eve event; legal ID at 0159:52 by male voice: "Sports, weather, and information-- Aberdeen's ...(??)... News 930 KSDN Aberdeen" and into ABC news. Fair to poor. **(JW-CO)**
- 930 KIUP CO **Durango. 12/17 0559.** Legal ID just prior to ToH: "...Mike and Mike in the Morning weekdays at 4 on Sports Talk 930 KIUP Durango," followed by ESPN Sports Center. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 940 KPSZ IA **Des Moines. 12/12 1600.** Poor in the null of semi-local WFAW before fading out. Message for or about womenoffaith.com, legal ID including slogan "Praise 940," fade. Long-needed call change, ex-KTXK, on a frequency dominated night and day by WFAW. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 940 WMIX IL **Mount Vernon. 12/17 1845.** Call letter ID, old Christmas music until 1857, announced "Great songs and great memories from WMIX." Full ID at 1900, over and under KPSZ preaching. **(FO-OK)**
- 970 KCFO OK **Tulsa. 12/17 1831.** Oklahoma business items, debt help ads, ad for Evergreen Hospice in Tulsa area. Station is in my home state, but over 300 miles away and seldom heard here. **(FO-OK)**
- 1000 KKIM NM **Albuquerque. 12/14 0901.** Out of Christmas music with legal ID at 0701:22: "KKIM AM 1000 Albuquerque, KKIM-FM 94.7 Santa Fe, your home for Christian news and talk," into another program hosted by gal. Excellent signal. **(JW-CO)**
- 1010 WMIN MN **Sauk Rapids. 12/13 0851.** Poor to fair signals in CBR null, with nostalgia big band and swing music. Non-ID as "10-10 AM your Uptown Radio." New **(SA-MB)**
- 1080 KSLL UT **Price. 12/21 0000.** "KSLL AM 1080 on that AM dial right here in Price Utah" at the ToH into ABC news. Good signal. This station is only listed as daytime and critical hours. Not sure why they were on at 10 PM local time. Any enlightenment? **(JT-AZ)**

- 1130 WISN WI **Milwaukee. 12/15 0925-0936.** News, commercials and ID. Never have I heard WISN in all my years of DXing. Guess the snow and ice there messed up the array. Had to be on day pattern. **(EW-NE)**
- 1180 KYDZ NE **Bellevue. 12/14 2103.** Out of SS music. "KYDZ Bellevue-Omaha, 1180 AM La Preciosa" to more SS music. **(WH-CO)** (See "Station News" 1180 above for changes going on at this station. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1210 KOKK SD **Huron. 12/22 0002.** Up briefly over KGYN, ending C&W music with KOKK ID. **(WH-CO)**
- 1210 KUNF UT **Washington. 12/22 0100.** Out of ESPN promo. "SportsRadio 1210 KUNF Washington-Saint George." Finally a legal ID for the tape collection. **(WH-CO)**
- 1230 WCLO WI **Janesville. 12/19 0829.** "Christmas Programs (missed) on WCLO" by male announcer. Also local ads and local news item. Weak but copiable. Local WJOB off the air. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1230 KYVA NM **Gallup. 12/24 0000.** "...KYVA Gallup, New Mexico, a Millennium Media radio station" to ABC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 1250 KWSU WA **Pullman. 12/13 2300.** ToH ID: "You're listening to Public Radio KWSU 1250 AM Pullman, Washington and Moscow, Idaho, bringing NPR news to people in the Palouse and Lewis and Clark Valleys. Northwest Public Radio is a community service of Washington State University, online at nwpr.org." Fair signal and new WA. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1260 KTRC NM **Santa Fe. 12/21 0000.** "KTRC Talk 1260 Santa Fe, progressive talk for Santa Fe and northern New Mexico." **(WH-CO)**
- 1260 KWYR SD **Winner. 12/21 0600.** "Country 1260, KWYR Winner" to ABC news. This has become much rarer here. **(WH-CO)** (I've noticed the same thing here in Madison, Wayne. This one used to be in on most nights a few years back, but now is heard only very occasionally. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1270 WRJC WI **Mauston. 12/9 0630.** Poor. "AM 12-7-Oh, FM 92-9. Sounds of the Season" to fade. Satellite fed. Using translator W224BM on 92.9. Thanks to **Eric Berger** for help on this former unID! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1290 WHIO OH **Dayton. 12/12 2138.** Man talking economics and politics. "Newstalkradio.com. At 2201 voice ID "Fox news radio." Unknown QRM. Fair. **(JE-TN)**
- 1300 KCSF CO **Colorado Springs. 12/13 2200.** Crystal Gayle "Wrong Road Again" into ToH ID: "KCSF Colorado Springs, KCSF-HD1 Colorado Springs, KCS 1300" into Ricky Skaggs "Honey." Weak at ID but fair afterward. New CO. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1310 WDOD TN **Chattanooga. 12/11 2250.** News, "CNN Radio, come see Rock City." At 2256 legal ID "WDOD Chattanooga." Oldies "Let It Be" and "Somebody to Love." Poor to fair. **(JE-TN)**
- 1310 WDOD TN **Chattanooga. 12/21 0001.** "WDOD" sung jingle ID and "Chattanooga's True Oldies Channel" slogan-type ID. Fair. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1320 KOLT NE **Scottsbluff. 12/21 0000.** "WyoNebraska's News and Talk, 13-20 KOLT Scottsbluff" at ToH into ESPN Sports Center. Good signal and new NE! **(JT-AZ)**
- 1330 WVHI IN **Evansville. 12/15 2230.** Man with religious schedule and message. Lots of QRM. Fair. **(JE-TN)**
- 1350 KABQ NM **Albuquerque. 12/13 2200.** "You're listening to KABQ, Albuquerque's all new Progressive Talk AM 1350" into CNN news. Good signal and new NM. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1380 KXCA OK **Lawton. 12/13 2300.** Clear ToH ID "The Ticket, AM 1380 KXCA Lawton-Fort Sill-Duncan. A Perry Broadcasting Communication station" into ESPN Sports Center. Good signal and new OK. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1410 WIQR AL **Prattville. 11/27 2030.** Man mentioning "Edgewood Wildcat Radio Network" and voice ID. Player and game rundown, Troy and Prattville, Alabama mentions. Ads for furniture and women's apparel stores. Heavy QRN and QRM. Fair. **(JE-TN)**
- 1410 KLFD MN **Litchfield. 12/20 0110.** "AM 1410 KLFD Litchfield" by male announcer and local ads. Fair strength. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1440 KDIZ MN **Golden Valley. 12/16 1659.** Local promo or ad; legal ID by kid at 1700: "AM 1440 KDIZ Golden Valley-Minneapolis" and back to Radio Disney. Soon faded; spotty after that. Poor but not much QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1440 KINF CA **Santa Maria. 12/21 0000.** "The Information Station, AM 1440 KINF Santa Maria, AM 1410 KUHL Lompoc. It's 9 o'clock" at ToH into ABC news. Strong signal, then gone. **(JT-AZ)**

- 1450 KZZJ ND **Rugby. 12/14 0259.** Legal ID at 0259:55, simply "1450 KZZJ Rugby;" not sure what followed, as they were roughed up by about ten (or seven) other stations. New here, ND #30. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KWBW KS **Hutchinson. 12/17 0959.** Legal ID by male voice at 0959:52. Poor and soon trampled by others. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KLMX NM **Clayton. 12/18 0959.** Legal ID at 0959:50 by man: "You're in tune with...KLMX Clayton, New Mexico," followed by ABC news. Poor, with the loop in the wrong direction. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KSEL NM **Portales. 12/19 2043.** Post-game show of Lady Rams basketball; local spots; one ID as "AM 1450 Gold KSEL Portales;" fair peaks but lots of fading. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KVSL AZ **Show Low. 12/20 0459.** "Unforgettable KVSL...." heard at 0459:53, probably a legal ID, but the rest was smothered by KGIW et al. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KRZY NM **Albuquerque. 12/20 0602.** Out of SS music. "KRZY 1450 AM Albuquerque...." Heavy reverb ID. **(WH-CO)**
- 1450 KRZY NM **Albuquerque 12/20 0702.** "La Tricolor Catorce Cincuenta AM" and Mexican tunes slicing through the pileup. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KIOV ID **Notus. 12/20 0859.** Legal ID at 0859:53: "Shop till you drop...[pause]...The Source, KIOV Notus-Nampa-Caldwell;" ABC news followed, I think-- hard to tell with many signals fighting it out. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KBBS WY **Buffalo. 12/22 0706.** Call letter ID, then more Christmas music. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KGIW CO **Alamosa. 12/24 0857.** Christmas music; "Happy Holiday" greetings from "your friends at Motor Park" (a local business) at 0859, followed by FM/ AM legal ID: "You're listening to 93.5 FM KALQ and 1450 AM KGIW Alamosa;" ABC news was next at ToH. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 1450 KGRE CO **Greeley. 12/24 0957.** Mexican music; legal ID at 1001:20 by male voice: "Nosotros somos KGRE Greeley... Tigre Catorce Cincuenta," then back to music. Fair at best, punching through the QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1460 KXNO IA **Des Moines. 12/19 0000.** "... on Des Moines' sports station 1460 KXNO..." to FSR programming. **(WH-CO)**
- 1470 KGND OK **Vinita. 12/17 0500.** "... AM 1470 KGND...." Up briefly with ID. **(WH-CO)**
- 1470 WRWB WV **Huntington. 12/17 1702.** Fair with local WLMV 1480 splatter subdued. Inspirational and Christmas music, ID at 1702: "Broadcasting from the Heartland of America, WRWB Huntington, West Virginia." Needed call change here, ex-WEMM. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1470 KKTY WY **Douglas. 12/18 0103.** Out of CNN news. "... I'm Dennis Switzer KKTY News...." Up briefly. **(WH-CO)**
- 1490 KCID ID **Caldwell. 12/13 2200.** Weak ID "1490 KCID Caldwell" clearly heard in the mix on recording. New ID. **(JT-AZ)**
- 1540 KZMP TX **University Park. 12/14 1810.** SS music with "La Ranchera" ID at 1812. **(FO-OK)**
- 1550 WLOR AL **Huntsville. 12/13 1800.** Poor to fair in fade up. Legal ID, "True Oldies." **(JJR-WI)**
- 1550 WAZX GA **Smyrna. 12/13 1806.** Fair at 60/9!!! "K-Buena, K-Buena, K-Buena." Slogan matched. Chatter in SS at 1806. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1560 KGOW TX **Bellaire. 12/23 0930.** Local ads with 281 area code and phone-in sports discussion program. Fair. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1580 WVKO OH **Columbus. 12/14 0711.** "(missed) of Praise on 1580 WVKO" by male announcer. Surfaced very briefly out of the babble then vanished. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1580 KKKK CO **Colorado Springs. 12/14 1802.** Fox News Radio, ad for Superior Gold Group at 1805. At 1806 "Rocky Mountain Radio," radio shopping show. **(FO-OK)**
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City. 12/10 2100.** Out of AC music. "1630 KCJJ Yea Yea" jingle to "Broadcasting from Coralville's Iowa River Landing, this is Coralville 1630 KCJJ Iowa City and Coralville" to local news. No dual ID. At the FCC still Iowa City, though they really like Coralville! **(WH-CO)**
- 1630 KKGM TX **Fort Worth. 12/10 2101.** Out of Gospel. "AM 1630 KKGM, 10000 watts of Southern Gospel 24 hours a day" to more Gospel music. **(WH-CO)**
- 1660 KXTR KS **Kansas City. 12/8 2259.** "... on KXTR and kxtr.com...." Mixed with KQWB. **(WH-CO)**

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REPORTERS

BC-QC	Bogdan Chiochiu, Pierrefonds – Sanyo MCD-S830
DJ-PA	David Janksy, Sunbury – CCRadio, Radio Shack loop
KK-VA	Kraig Krist, Manassas - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE, homemade 12 foot vertical antenna
DL-MD	Dave Larrabee, Columbia - RF Space SDR-14, Quantum Phaser on a DX Engineering active vertical
IEN-GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Sony SRF-M37
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

DX TEST

1240	WOON	RI	Woonsocket – 12/21 0200 – tried, but no sign of code IDs or tones. Gave up at 0235. It seems that this test did not air as scheduled. (MKB-ON) +++ - 12/21 0205 - Hearing talk, songs, “ABC News”, OM with mention of “Red Sox” and Christmas songs, but not the WOON DX Test. (KK-VA)
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COMING SOON TO A RADIO NEAR YOU

1650	CINA	ON	Mississauga – 12/21 2030 – new ethnic-format station noted testing with non-stop Hindi Bollywood songs, “Seena Radio 1650” jingles, and announcements in EE with calls pronounced “Seena”: “Seena radio...for thinking people who are proud to be South Asians...you are listening to a test broadcast of CINA radio, broadcasting on a frequency of 1650 kilohertz as authorized by the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission. If you are experiencing any difficulty with our signal please call 416-777-1660...on 1650 AM dial, this is Seena radio...” (MKB-ON)
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LOGGINGS

540	KWMT	IA	Fort Dodge - 12/23 1839 - Convoy by C.W. McCall. Decent signal above the static. “Five Decades of your Country Favorites, AM 540, KWMT”. (IEN-GA)
550	WGR	NY	Buffalo – 12/20 1814 - out of the poor-strength domestic caught a live sports announcer with the mention of a team “in Buffalo”; very briefly alone for less than 1 minute before fading back under the rather weak domestic mess. NEW! I’m lucky CHLN has moved to 106.9 FM rendering both 549 and 550 free for DX! (BC-QC)
580	WTAG	MA	Worcester – 12/16 1704 – over CJCL-590 slop with ad for Price Chopper, ID as “580 WTAG news time is 5:04” into local news report on continuing power outages caused by ice storm. (MKB-ON)
800	WJAT	GA	Swainsboro - 12/23 1806 - Newscast and local spots. Decent signal above the evening static. “AM 800, WJAT”. (IEN-GA)
900	WJTH	GA	Calhoun - 12/22 1735 - Weather forecast and then country music. Decent signal fading in and out of the mix of stations on the frequency. “...WJTH”. (IEN-GA)
910	WLAT	CT	New Britain – 11/28 1800 – ToH ID in EE, everything else in SS, on top of UNID station with LSU vs. Arkansas football game. (DJ-PA)
930	WGAD	AL	Rainbow City - 12/22 1700 - Oldies. Decent signal fading in and out of the mix of stations on the frequency. “WGAD...Oldies”. (IEN-GA)
950	WROL	MA	Boston – 12/20 1550 – alone on frequency with ID after schmaltzy choral version of “The Little Drummer Boy”: “...on AM WROL 950 in Boston, celebrating our annual Christmas program...thanks for tuning in”. (MKB-ON)
960	WELI	CT	New Haven – 12/25 0831 – over usual “Thunder Country” (WHAK) pest with Wall Street Journal report, local weather, “...and now your 960 WELI forecast for Christmas day...” (MKB-ON)
1220	WHKW	OH	Cleveland - 12/25 1700 - mixing with different station with religious talk and songs, ToH “WHKW Cleveland” ID by woman, into SRN news, then “Focus on the Family”. (KK-VA)
1230	WFVA	VA	Fredericksburg - 12/22 1640 - mixing with WJBC, sports talk about Eastern Carolina football and songs. “Shawn Hennity Show”. 1646 ad for “Pro Flowers”. 1648 YL “... Coleman homes in Fredericksburg...”. (KK-VA)

- WJBC IL **Bloomington** - 12/22 1650 – mixing with WFVA, “When weather hits hard AM twelve thirty WJBC Bloomington...” (KK-VA)
- WGRY MI **Grayling** - 12/24 1703 - mixing with sports talker, ID as “...twelve thirty WGRY”. 1722 OM “... Happy Holidays from AM twelve thirty WGRY” into song. (KK-VA)
- 1240 WRTA PA **Altoona** - 12/19 1649 - mixing with WGVA and sports talker with ad, then “... news... twelve forty WRTA...” into ABC News. (KK-VA)
- WGVA NY **Geneva** - 12/19 1705 – in mix with WRTA, OM “...talking about. We’re WGVA”. (KK-VA)
- 1250 WEAE PA **Pittsburgh** - 12/18 1659 - mixing with CJYE with ESPN Radio, ToH ID: “... on twelve fifty ESPN...WEAE Pittsburgh” into “ESPN Sports Center”. (KK-VA)
- CJYE ON **Oakville** - 12/18 1703 – Christmas songs mixing with WEAE. “... weather...we have a winter storm warning tonight for all Ontario overnight. Friday snow, heavy at times... You’re listening to Joy Radio... Southern Ontario. It’s 5 oh 4 let’s check traffic...Right now it is minus 2. That is 27 degrees Fahrenheit at Joy twelve fifty”. (KK-VA)
- 1260 WRIE PA **Erie** - 12/17 1645 - mixing with WSHU, Radio Disney and C&W station with sports scores, slogan “ESPN radio twelve sixty ‘The Score’...”. (KK-VA)
- WSHU CT **Westport** - 12/17 1721 – presumed in WRIE/Radio Disney mix with BBC World Service programs. NPR affiliate per NRC log, so likely has BBC WS programming as well. (KK-VA)
- 1270 WMKT MI **Charlevoix** – 12/16 1633 – over usual WXYT/WHLD groundwave mix with ID as “the talk station...1270 AM, 92.1 FM WMKT”, then back to Dr. Laura show. (MKB-ON)
- +++ - 12/16 1723 - mixing with WCBC with ads for Michigan healthcare and Michigan lottery, call in show about University of Michigan. (KK-VA)
- WCBC MD **Cumberland** - 12/16 1640 - mixing with WMKT, gospel and C&W stations with Shawn Hannity show, “. ID after news at 1705: “... I’m... for the WCBC news room... twelve seventy AM... “. (KK-VA)
- 1280 WHVR PA **Hanover** - 12/15 1640 - mixing with WJST, talk and gospel stations, ID as “Real country AM twelve eighty”. (KK-VA)
- WJST PA **New Castle** - 12/15 1700 – in mix with the Eagles’ “Please Come Home for Christmas”, ToH ID: “Back to back holiday favorites on oldies... twelve eighty WJST New Castle”. (KK-VA)
- 1290 WDZY VA **Colonial Heights** - 12/14 1640 - mixing with WHIO, country music and ESPN radio with Disney’s usual teen songs. Child “...with Radio Disney...”. (KK-VA)
- WHIO OH **Dayton** - 12/14 1704 – in mix with WDZY, C&W and ESPN stations, with discussion of wellness and stress management. “... on twelve ninety WHIO...”. Call in show, “Dave Ramsey ‘Money Talk’”. (KK-VA)
- 1300 WNQM TN **Nashville** - 12/13 1700 - mixing with sports talk, songs and Gospel type singing, ToH ID: “We’re AM thirteen hundred WNQM Nashville Tennessee. Nashville Quality Ministry” into “Bible for Today Hour”. (KK-VA)
- 1310 WHEP AL **Foley** - 12/12 1647 - mixing with Chinese and SS talk, “Thirteen Ten WHEP” ID by woman, jingle with ID. Into “Feliz Navidad”, then song “My Favorite Things”. (KK-VA)
- 1350 WPDR WI **Portage** – 12/16 0907 – dominant well past local sunrise with “The Boys are Back in Town” by Thin Lizzy, station promo “great Christmas songs, great oldies, and all the news, weather and information...Oldies 1350 WPDR”. (MKB-ON)
- WHWH NJ **Princeton** – 12/26 1733 – over WOYK’s sports talk with ID as “...on AM 1350 WHWH...Princeton-Trenton” into flute version of “Good King Wenceslas”. (MKB-ON)
- 1410 WING OH **Dayton** – 12/14 0857 – over WDOE groundwave with discussion of college football and Heisman trophy voting, ToH ID: “1410 WING, ‘wing-AM’ ...home of Dayton’s ESPN radio” into ESPN Sports Center. (MKB-ON)
- 1470 WTOE NC **Spruce Pine** - 12/1 1700 - ToH ID into brief news item about Plaxico Burress, into nostalgia music, Mambo Italiano at 1703. Another ID at 1705. This catch is a victory for perseverance. Every night when WBTX signs off you can hear a nostalgia station faintly. Finally, I caught WTOE in better conditions. (DJ-

PA)

- 1550 WIGN TN **Bristol** – 12/17 1703 – in fight with CBE and CHIN-1540 slop with “The Bible Experience” produced by Liberty Baptist Church, on Walnut Hill Road in Bristol, TN. No ID heard, but program confirmed by visiting . My first new station on 1550 sunset skip in many years. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1570 WWCK MI **Flint** – 12/20 0758 – over gospel talker (likely WPGM) with Kroger’s ad, ToH ID: “WWCK AM 1570 Flint...now streaming online...” but faded out before I could catch the web link. **(MKB-ON)**
- WNSH MA **Beverly** – 12/26 0704 – over ESPN sports talker with Petsmart ad, “WNSH AM 1570 Beverly” ID by woman, into local weather, also not surprisingly read by woman. (Per NRC log, this station has a female-oriented talk format) **(MKB-ON)**
- 1630 WRDW GA **Augusta** - 12/11 2000 - “News, Talk, Sports at WRDW Augusta” at the top of the hour then into ABC News. **(DL-MD)**
- 1650 CJRS QC **Montreal** - 12/11 1932 - “Radio Shalom sixteen fifty AM is a radio station designed for the broad Jewish community of Montreal. We broadcast specific programs in French English and Hebrew and offer all types of Jewish music to suit a verity of tastes at different times during the day. That’s Radio Shalom sixteen fifty Montreal.” Over Radio Disney on the bottom of the hour. **(DL-MD)**
- 1660 WFNA NC **Charlotte** - 12/09 2000 - “sixteen sixty AM WFNA” running ESPN. Copied again at 1430 the afternoon of the 13th running IBOC in between deep fades with presumed WWRU. Never caught this station during daylight hours before. **(DL-MD)**
- 1680 WTTM NJ **Lindenwold** – 12/26 0659 – over WPRR’s NPR (or Pacifica) programming with ToH EE ID: “1680 WTTM Lindenwold-Philadelphia” amid SS talk with many shouts of “Feliz Navidad!” **(MKB-ON)**

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

An ice storm caused an unprecedented power outage to half the New Hampshire population in December. I lost power and phone for three nights, and Internet connections were intermittent for several more days. Both antennas were downed so I wasn’t able to take advantage of the low noise floor while power was out. Besides with nighttime temperatures well below freezing, survival was more important, keeping warm and preventing water pipes from freezing. Though the International DX Digest was also interrupted by the ice storm, outstanding mediumwave DX continued with logs of Botswana, Greenland, Japan... but first Bogdan Chiochiu reports “best ever” longwave broadcast reception while Marc DeLorenzo enjoys “Breakfast with Iceland.”

Transatlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis (47°10’N 02°12’E) DEC 7 0110 - Man and woman talking in French (standard log for this station), chit-chat and laughter to French ballad at 0113. Fair in LSB. [Frodge-MI] DEC 22 0205 - Woman reading poems with a dramatic voice, one or two French electropop numbers, a feature about an African immigrant coming to Paris, corny African jazz-ethno music, then talk about true nature of coupé-décallé (contemporary rhythmic music originating from Ivory Coast). Very good, but local computer-like interference. Best ever reception of this station! [Chiochiu-QC]
- 171 **MOROCCO** *Medi Un*, Nador (35°03’N 2°55’W) DEC 7 0207 - Man in Arabic with peppy Arabic music; good. Parallel 9575 kHz, 171 better - not unusual. [Frodge-MI] DEC 22 0407 - About one hour later after getting 162 France, I had my best reception with broadcast announcement in French (station’s identity, frequency, etc.), probably talking about the upcoming French language program (this station is bilingual), but it was so chopped. Poor to fair with severe computer-like interference. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg (49°17’N 6°41’E) DEC 22 0330 - Fired transmitter on about this time, first heard with a half electropop half acoustic Afropop tune by Amadou et Mariam, then the announcer was complementing their work saying in French they found the right balance between African and Occidental music. Huge with very little in the way of deep

fading and absolutely no local computer or beacon interference. The PK's Magnetic Loop seems unsensitive to overload from strong pests such as 690 CINF or 1570 CFAV. This and 189 Iceland were the best LWers the past evening. [Chiochiu-QC]

189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar (64°54'N 23°55'W) DEC 16 1107-1130 - Good at this late hour with man and woman in Icelandic and a couple of tunes including Christmas song "Deck the Halls" in Icelandic. Heard most mornings in December, I call it "Breakfast with Iceland." Signal lost to Iceland sunrise at 1130 UTC. [DeLorenzo-MA] DEC 22 0225 - Comments in Icelandic between obscure musical selections that sounded like a gothic version of mid-1950s rockabilly with Icelandic lyrics. Good, slightly weaker than 183 *Europe 1* which was very good, but the best was yet to come. 0800 excellent, semi-local-like and unbelievable; two men and occasionally a woman in Icelandic with songs squeezed in between talk segments. Heard what resembled English "Thank You" and German "Danke!" Icelandic is a Germanic language and has small resemblance with both English and, especially, German. [Chiochiu-QC]

198 **ENGLAND** *BBC Radio 4*, Droitwich et al. DEC 7 0203 - BBC World Service news in English. Fair in LSB; interference from DIW beacon. [Frodge-MI] DEC 22 0258 - Man in British-accented English with a fair accent; interference from a fairly strong local beacon on 201 kHz and from a weaker skywave-propagated one that was right on 198 and a bit weaker than the BBC signal. [Chiochiu-QC]

225 **POLAND** *R.Polonia*, Solec Kujawski (52°22'N 19°48'E) DEC 22 0325 - Tentative; music at a threshold level briefly noted here but faded away at 0331 recheck. If I get this, then my home country Antena Satelor on 153 kHz out of Bod should be, at least, remotely possible. [Chiochiu-QC]

234 **LUXEMBOURG** *R.Luxembourg*, Junglinster (49°40'N 6°19'E) DEC 22 0146 - Partially readable sandwiched between two beacons, rotating the PK antenna frequency amplifier I could either amplify a 232 kHz beacon, RTL, or a 237 kHz beacon. Using the Sangean CST-818 barefoot, this one was threshold and the beacons slightly weaker. 0341 good with the amplifier right in the center of the wanted frequency to somewhat attenuate 232 and 237; "Musique" by France Gall from 1975, then RTL ID and time-check, "4 heures quarante-et-une." [Chiochiu-QC]

252 **ALGERIA** *R.Algérienne*, Tipaza (36°35'N 2°27'E) DEC 22 0211 - With the receiver tuned to 253 kHz in AM narrow mode and the antenna set to favor reception around 252 kHz while reducing the local UL beacon on 248 kHz, heard at a poor level a plaintive male Arabic vocal (not raï, sounded more traditionnal than raï does) through the still not completely nulled 248 UL interference. 0410 French talk, very weak and unreadable, weaker than earlier. [Chiochiu-QC]

531 **SWITZERLAND** *DRS Beromünster* (47°12'N 8°10'E) DEC 17 2039 - German folk music as per EMWG this time. Recorded. Fair. Also note per EMWG that transmitter to be switched off end 2008. [Black-MA]

585 **SPAIN** *RNE1 Madrid* (40°28'N 3°52'W) DEC 22 0046 - Briefly fading up at a poor and partially readable level with radio drama in Spanish, otherwise mostly threshold at best. MW TAs were almost inexistent the past night. Even this one (the only one heard) was very unimpressive. [Chiochiu-QC]

612 **MOROCCO** *RTM A, Sebaa-Aioun* (33°54'N 5°23'W) DEC 10 2036 - Arabic chanting, then man and woman in Arabic and short Mid-East musical segments; fair to good. [Black-MA] unID DEC 23 0400 - Time marker and fanfare into news/talk barely above noise floor, definitely not parallel the familiar RNE fanfare into news on 585 and 621 kHz. [Conti-NH]

711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes (47°51'N 1°30'W) DEC 20 2132 - Excellent, 10 dB better than adjacent 710 WOR; news in French. [Conti-NH]

711.1 **WESTERN SAHARA** *RTM Laâyoune* (27°10'N 13°12'W) DEC 23 2135 - Fair; Arabic music under a huge carrier. [Barstow-MA]

720 **CANARY ISLANDS** *RNE5 Finca España* DEC 10 2029 - Soccer match parallel other RNE, COPE, and SER stations carrying the match. Poor to fair. [Black-MA] DEC 23 2100 - Music then 5 pips heard into news with man and woman in Spanish. Weak to fair and all alone on channel. Parallel 621 kHz. [Barstow-MA]

720 **GREENLAND** *KNR Simiutaq* DEC 19 2207 - Man in Danish with mention of "some political agreements." There has been news of late concerning Greenland severing some ties with Denmark. Recorded. Poor to fair in Latin mix. Language verified Henrik Klemetz via RealDX. [Black-MA]

756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg DEC 20 2145 - Excellent; cultural program with classical music and discussions in German. 2200 "Deutschlandfunk," time marker, and news. [Conti-NH]

819 **EGYPT** *ERTU Batra* (31°09'N 31°27'E) DEC 20 2200 - Fair; news music bed, "...min al qahira" ID into news. [Conti-NH]



- 909 **BOTSWANA** *Voice of America*, Sebele Pikwe DEC 12 2049 - Lively African sounding group singing and instrumentation. At 2055 more African rhythms and singing. Recorded. Poor to fair under BBC. Top of the hour ID covered by BBC fade-up but Mauno Ritola via RealDX located a VOA recording at 2046 with confirming music from the IBB monitoring system at <http://monitor.ibb.gov/rms/>. [Black-MA]
- 927 **BELGIUM** *VRT Radio Een*, Wolvertem (50°59'N 4°18'E) DEC 19 2201 - Fair; signed off abruptly while in the middle of apparent newscast in Flemish. [Conti-NH]
- 954 **CZECH REPUBLIC** *Cesky Rozhlas* synchros DEC 21 2259 - Sign-off with instrumental national anthem; under Spain. [Conti-NH]
- 963 **TUNISIA** *RTT Tunis* (36°48'N 10°10'E) DEC 21 2250 - Huge signal; contemporary Arabic vocal with strings, announcement by a woman, then a Koranic vocal. 2257 choral national anthem, then signed off leaving Portugal in clear. [Conti-NH]
- 972 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Sirte DEC 6 2345 - Excellent; Koranic vocal parallel 1053.10 kHz. 2349 national anthem, 2352 carrier off. [Conti-NH]
- 981 **ALGERIA** *RTVA Chaîne 2*, Algiers (36°40'N 3°09'E) DEC 10 2020 - Popular sounding vocals in Arabic; good. [Black-MA]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia*, Grigoriopol, Maiac (47°14'N 29°24'E) DEC 21 2200 - Fair; the now familiar ID, "Vy efire Golos Rossii, Novosti," into news. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE Madrid* (40°28'N 3°52'W) DEC 7 0100 - Good, over 1010 WINS-HD noise; time marker, "Las dos, la una en Canarias," into news. [Conti-NH] DEC 10 2013 - Soccer match announcing in Spanish. Parallel COPE 1053, COPE 1134, and SER 1180. Fair to good. [Black-MA]
- 1053.10 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) DEC 6 2345 - Good; Koranic vocal, 2349 national anthem, parallel 972 kHz. Measured 1053.10 kHz. Reported drifting between 1052.999 - 1053.102 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1053 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros DEC 10 2013 - Soccer match parallel COPE 1134, COPE Madrid 999, and SER 1080. Fair to good. [Black-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros DEC 19 2100 - Good, over Libya het; "From the Sky News Center, TalkSport News at Nine," parallel 1089 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros DEC 6 2300 - Fair; sign-off with a tone marking top of the hour, off at 2301. [Conti-NH]
- 1071.29 unID DEC 7 0010 - Loud het against 1071 Spain. Probably the same as Mark Connelly reported OCT 29 2246 on 1071.2 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1080 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros DEC 10 2013 - Soccer match parallel COPE 1053, COPE Madrid 999, and COPE 1134. Fair to good. [Black-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros DEC 19 2200 - Excellent, over an unID; "From the Sky News Center, TalkSport News at Ten." [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **BELGIUM** *RTBF VivaCité*, Houdeng (50°29'N 4°08'E) DEC 7 0100 - Fair; time marker (3 pips), "Deux heures," into news in French. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) DEC 19 2100 - Excellent; Glas Hrvatske ID, signature slow/long time pips, alternating man and woman with news. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros DEC 10 2013 - Soccer match parallel COPE 1053, COPE Madrid 999, and SER 1080. Fair to good. [Black-MA] DEC 21 0021 - Man in Spanish and some music for a few seconds through difficult to maintain null on 1130 WBBR. Probably Croatia in there too, but not sure. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden International*, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) DEC 10 2010 - Man and woman in apparent literary discussion in English; good. [Black-MA]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** *Voice of Russia*, Bolshakovo DEC 19 2100 - Fair, over *Absolute Radio*; "Vy efire Golos Rossii, Novosti" into news in Russian, the same intro as often heard on 999 Moldova. [Conti-NH]
- 1296 **SUDAN** *SRTC Reiba* (13°34'N 33°32'E) DEC 14 2032 - Woman in assumed Sudanese Arabic, then plaintive African sounding vocal by man and woman and other African sounding music. Recorded. Poor to fair mixing with *COPE* Spain coverage of sporting event. [Black-MA]
- 1323 **GERMANY** *VOR Wachenbrunn* (50°29'N 10°30'E) DEC 10 2003 - Man in French, relay *Voice of Russia* (per EMWG 2000-2200); fair. [Black-MA]
- 1332 **IRAN** *R.Tehran*, Tehran DEC 21 2325 - Good; Koranic vocals with strings and drums. 2330 news/talk. 2400 announcements by a woman in Farsi over instrumental music, audio uploaded to Loco the DX Cat page of dxclipjoint.com. New log. [Conti-NH]
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** *CRI Sitkunai* (55°02'N 23°49'E) DEC 22 2150 - Fair to poor; CRI program with distinctive Chinese orchestra music, talk too weak to ascertain language, 2201 signed off. [Conti-NH]
- 1394.6 **ALBANIA** *TWR Fllakë* (41°22'N 19°31'E) NOV 28 2045 - Chime like tones, then man with presumed ID in Croatian, a short piano intro then woman singing a short simple melody sounding very much like an interval signal or program theme. Recorded. Fair. EMWG

shows TWR in Bosnian starting at this time but Mauno Ritola via RealDX received a report from TWR saying it was the start of the Croatian program. [Black-MA]

- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules (43°47'N 6°09'E) DEC 21 2320 - Excellent, over 1467.3 kHz Iran het; Bible teaching in English about Adam and Eve. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) DEC 22 2158 - Excellent; contemporary Middle Eastern music through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1566 **BENIN** TWR Parakou DEC 26 2200 - Fair; repeating interval signal, "This is the international voice of TransWorld Radio, Benin," and announcement in an African language. The interval signal was an African instrument, not the usual TWR signal. Audio uploaded to Loco the DX Cat page of dxclipjoint.com. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana DEC 10 0145 - Good signal on top of other stations with easy light instrumental music. First new Pan Am station in over a year. [Axelrod-MB]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas (10°29'N 67°00'W) DEC 22 0035 - Woman in Spanish way under WSB. The only South American noted the past evening. Conditions on MW for both LAs and TAs seemed short-skip dominated. On 760, WJR was almost un-nullable with not even the faintest trace of the Colombian powerhouse. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1010 **MEXICO** XEVK Torreón, Coah NOV 19 0300 - Out of Spanish music, "XEVK" call ID; mixing with CBR. [Heinen-CO]
- 1010 **MEXICO** XELO Chihuahua NOV 19 1304 - Ending Mexican national anthem, XELO Chihuahua "La Exis" slogans and full data announcement; mixing with CBR. [Heinen-CO]
- 1030 **MEXICO** XEYC Cd. Juárez, Chih NOV 20 0700 - "XEYC Radio Fórmula 1030 kilohertz" compete ID followed by Mexican national anthem. [Heinen-CO]
- 1190 **MEXICO** XEPZ Cd. Juárez, Chih NOV 23 0402 - Out of Spanish music, "XEPZ Radio Norteña" full ID; riding over phased KVCU and CFSL. [Heinen-CO]
- 1220 **MEXICO** XEB San Lorenzo Tezonco, México (19°19'N 99°04'W) NOV 24 0209 - "La Grande B XEB" ID into nostalgia type Spanish music. Local KLDC phased. [Heinen-CO]
- 1260 **MEXICO** XESA Culicán, Sin NOV 27 0601 - Out of lively Spanish music, "XESA La Mexicana Culicán en Sinaloa" ID. Good mixing with KSML. [Heinen-CO]
- 1320 **MEXICO** XECPN La Mexicana, Piedras Negras, Coah DEC 7 1324 - Mexican music to 1327, then canned slogan, "Con auténtico... ??... nuestra tierra desde Piedras Negras, Coahuila, México - La Mexicana," then more music; short ad at 1331, followed by more music. Generally fair but fadey. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XERCN Tijuana, BCN (32°30'N 116°58'W) DEC 16 2336 - "XERCN Radio Hispana 1470 en Tijuana..." full ID and topping the channel. [Heinen-CO]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XEAI México, DF DEC 17 0259 - Out of Spanish woman with XEAI call ID, mixing with other Spanish (XERCN). This one really amazes me with the signal it puts in over the domestics. [Heinen-CO]
- 1700 **MEXICO** XEPE Tecate (32°32'N 116°49'W) DEC 10 1115-1116 - Good atop jumble briefly with block of ads that included one local ad for "Conscious Sedation Dentistry. Call Doctors Decker and McClanahan at 619-543-1588 or visit . And start healing." Internet search shows this dental office is on El Cajon Blvd in San Diego. First new one from BCN in 30 years! [DeLorenzo-MA]

Transpacific DX

- 747 **JAPAN** JOIB Sapporo (43°05'N 141°37'E) DEC 19 1338 - English language lesson in progress; sentences included "volunteer work," "no cost at all," and "the groundwork is laid." Pretty good on peaks but long fades. [Wilkins-CO] DEC 21 1145 - Very briefly with audio parallel 774 kHz also peaking at this time, otherwise just carriers until 1215 receiver sunrise fade out. [Conti-NH]
- 1566 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAZ Cheju Island (33°28'N 126°23'E) DEC 21 1235 - Presumed with carrier noted but no audio; through 1570 CFAV and WNSH slop, nulled 1560 WQEW not a factor. [Conti-NH]

QSL Information

GERMANY: *Deutschlandfunk*, 1269 Neumünster and 1422 Heusweiler combined QSL card for a combined report received in 5 weeks for 1 IRC to postal address listed in 2008 WRTH. E-mail address on card is hoererservice@dradio.de. [Renfrew-NY]

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- 930 WLBL WI Auburndale. F/D letter and 2 stickers in 41 days. Also sent several pics of their new tower being erected (2005) . V/S Rick Reyer, Regional Mgr, Wisconsin Public Radio. (JW-CO)
- 1030 XESDD BCN Ensenada. Photo of my PPC (signed) sent as an e-mail attachment from José Luís Arredondo 32 days after Snail Mail f/up. He also attached a couple of area photos. His e-mail address is jlat921@yahoo.com.mx. XE verie #112. (JW-CO)
- 1040 XEHES CHIH Chihuahua. Photo of my PPC (signed) sent as e-mail attachment from Marco Aurelio Guevara Felix, News Director 24 days after latest Snail Mail f/up. This for a 2005 logging a total 8 attempts since 1989. He also attached a photo of their studio bldg. His e-mail address is marconoticias@yahoo.com.mx. (JW-CO)
- 1110 KJSA TX Mineral Wells. F/D letter in 11 days from Gary Moss. (JW-CO)
- 1290 KOUU ID Pocatello. PPC in 6 days for f/up. V/S Karen Swallow. (JW-CO)
- 1290 KGVO MT Missoula. Photo of my PPC (signed), sent as an e-mail attachment 5 days after Snail Mail f/up. PPC signed by Chuck Ince, C.E. Also attached photos of their old RCA xmtr and an aerial photo of their 2 towers. (JW-CO)
- 1350 KDZA CO Pueblo. P/D letter in 11 days from Tony Lopez, C.E. (JW-CO)
- 1580 KOKB OK Blackwell. PPC in 14 days from Bill Coleman, Owner. (JW-CO)

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