From the publisher ... We hereby welcome Greg Harris as our new DDXD-West editor; his first DDXD-West column is inside. Please keep him busy, hi.

For those who missed the 50-year-old items in “DX Time Machine” ... they’re back. I thought I’d misplaced the sheet listing them or even sent it to Wayne with all the other club documents that I transported to him last June. Nope - it was just shoved back in my cubbyholes where I couldn’t see it, and I finally uncovered it today. My apologies to Wayne for making him dig through all those boxes and especially to Kermit Geary, who prepares these 50-year-ago listings from his own collection of DX Newes. (All together now: “IDIOT-T-T!!”)

Unfilled positions ... We’re still in need of volunteers for the following positions: a DXN publisher, ASAP; replacement editors for languishing columns (“DX’er’s Notebook” (pending; I’ve received one tentative inquiry), “The Answer-man” and “Memory Dredging”), and one or more persons to edit future NRC publications developed by contributors or the club.
Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

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CPs ON THE AIR

870 WGHC NC Mount Holly - CP to move from 1370 and change the City-of-License (CoL) from Clayton, Georgia is on the air with D1 5000/0 at N35-16-25 W80-51-40.

1340 WSGF GA Augusta - CP for U1 1000/990 is on the air co-locating with WKZK-1600 at N33-29-37 W81-59-52.

1580 WNTF FL Bithlo - CP for D3 10000/0 is on the air. The main lobe of the new pattern balloons to the northwest, with smaller lobes headed to the northeast, south west and southeast.

1600 WKZK SC North Augusta - CP for U1 4000/27 is on the air, increasing their day power and adding the night service.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1460 NEW AZ Stanfield - CP granted for U4 2000/2000 from four towers (using all 4 day and night) at N32-56-07 W111-42-19. The day pattern sends equal lobes to the northeast and southwest, while the night pattern shoots 95% the signal to the southwest, and a small lobe to the northeast. Stanfield is southeast of Phoenix.

ACTIONS

900 WGOK AL Mobile - Applies for an STA with U1 250/95, as the transmitter site was vandalized with the loss of their copper ground radials. These applications are usually granted without notice, so we assume WGOK is on the air with these non-directional facilities

1210 WQLS AL Ozark - Having been silenced by a fire which destroyed their facility in January of 2008 and having a deadline of January 28, 2009 to return to the air or lose their license, WQLS has applied for an STA for U1 1000/3 CH 1000. Same comments as above concerning STA notices. WQLS is scheduled to return before the end of January.

APPLICATIONS

730 WOHS NC Shelby - Applies for U1 10000/190 with a change in CoL to Cramerton.

900 CKDH NS Amherst - Applies to move to 101.7 MHz with 18.7 kW; amended from 107.9.

1120 KTXW TX Manor - Applies for U4 1100/153.

1470 WHBO FL Dunedin - Applies for U4 3600/800, changing their CoL to Egypt Lake. They propose to move to the WQBN-1300 array for daytime service, while the night pattern is proposed to be di-plexed from the towers of WTMP-1150.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1190 WAGE VA Leesburg - Licensed for U2 50000/1000 on 1200 kHz, WAGE has a CP to move down 10 Hz with D3 50000/0. This amendment requests U4 50000/1300.

CPs and APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1190 NEW AK Juneau - Application for U1 1000/1000 CH 1000. Station still has a pending application for U1 1000/1000 on 1210.
Domestic DX Digest

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

AM-to-FM MIGRATION

600 CKBD BC Vancouver - Simulcast with the new CKPK-100.5 MHz came to an end on December 31 despite the fact they were authorized to continue on AM until mid-February.

AM-to-FM CONVERSIONS NOW SIMULCASTING

610 CHNC QC New Carlisle - New FM on 107.1 is on the air.
1150 CHGM QC Gaspé - New FM on 99.3 is on.
1490 CFWB BC Campbell River - New CIQC-99.7 is on the air with Hot AC format as The River.

HEAR AND THAR

☐ Returning to the airwaves: WFKJ-890 Cashtown, Pennsylvania and WTYL-1290 Tylertown, Mississippi with C&W // WTYL-FM.
☐ But reported as OFF: WSRP-910 Jacksonville, North Carolina; WIZR-930 Johnstown, New York; KHBC-1060 Hilo, Hawaii; WGSB-1060 Mebane, North Carolina; and KENT-1400 Parowan, Utah.
☐ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod and Dave Schmidt.

DDXD-WEST

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

Hello all. This is my inaugural column. Thanks to Bill Dvorak for the outstanding job he did. As for me, I can only do my best. A few items which bear mentioning: Timely loggings submission is important; deadline dates are on the front cover of DXN; please have loggings in to me by these dates; and please don’t deluge me on the last day of the deadline. Times are in ELT. If possible, frequent logging submissions are better than saving them up and sending me a long list of loggings. PLEASE DON’T use Works for windows for submissions I can’t cut and paste that program. Use Notepad or put your loggings in the body of your email. Short submissions are easier to transfer from snail mail or email to the column document I use. For snail mail logging submissions please type or block print for the sake of legibility. Thank you to those who contributed to the column. With that, here we go:

Reporters

BD-WI Bill Dvorak, Madison. Drake $8B, Quantum QX pro loop.
DBJ-TN David B Jones Nashville. Drake R8B/QX Pro Loop
DH-P HI Dale Park, Honolulu. (rcvr/ant not given)
KDF-IL Karl D. Forth Chicago Sangean ATS 909, DT 200VX
SP-WI Sheryl Paskiewicz Manitowoc Icom R75/AOR Loop
Ed-IL Your editor Park Forest. Icom R75/Terk Loop

Station News

570 KVI WA Seattle..per Radio-Info.com, stn will replace Dr. Laura with Dennis Miller in Feb. when her agreement ends, airing 1206-1500. (DP-HI)
580 KIDO ID Boise.. Per Radio-Info.com and stn website, KIDO added Dennis Miller 1/01/09, airing 1107-1400. Show moves from KBOI-670. (DP-HI)
930 WKY OK Oklahoma City Per Radio-Info.com and Sports Business Daily, stn dropped its “Jox 9-30” sx format 12 / 15 and is temporarily airing ESPN Radio pending a more permanent format. (DP-HI)
WMIN MN Sauk Rapids. Per NorthPine.com, stn dropped the modern rock simulcast of WHMH-FM 101.7’s HD channel and the WPP1 callsign and flipped to locally-automated swing/standards (DP-HI).

KERI CA Wasco /1410 KERN-CA Bakersfield Per Bakersfield Californian, these American General Media stns started simulcasting 12/29 at 1500 ELT, with “the more powerful frequency” 1180 becoming news-talk and 1410 on 12/31 going Protestant talk. KERI received a new $50K xmtr earlier this year but the prgm director said the plan all along was to move KERN to the 50 kW signal. The new KERN, Kern County’s oldest radio stn (since 1932), will reach 10 counties. (DP-HI)

KNUV AZ Tolleson /1480 KPHX-AZ Phoenix Per website ltradio.blogspot.com, PR Newswire and stn webstream, Nova M Radio consolidated its liberal talk format onto 1190 on 1/01/09 at 0201. KPHX, which was being relayed by KNUV, switched to “contemporary standards” through an LMA, featuring “Martini In The Morning.” KPHX’s new slogans are “The Lounge Sound” and “The Great American Songbook,” while KNUV’s is “11-90 Nova M.” (DP-HI)

WRJC WI Mauston. Per NorthPine.com, stn is now being relayed on translator W225BF-92.9; both stns are on the same tower. The only other WI MW stn with a translator is WISS-1100 (DP-HI).

KQJZ MT Kalispell Per Radio-Info.com, stn adds Broadcast Architecture’s 24-hour smooth jazz service. (DP-HI)

KDXE AR North Little Rock. Per Radio-Info.com, stn is silent, apparently after its sale fell through. Format was ESPN Radio sx. (DP-HI)

WCMT TN Martin. 1/4 1759. Promo for Dave Ramsey. Local weather legal ID “100.5 FM is W263BF martin. 1410 Your Best Friend WCMT Martin. Intro CNN News before drop to night facilities. So this is another AM station with an FM Translator. Not shown in the 29th AM Log. The Log also does not show the “14510 your best friend” slogan and CNN for ToH news. According to the stations website wcmt.com WCMT carries the following national programs. “Coast to Coast” First Light” Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Dave Ramsey and Jim Bohannon. (BD-WI)

Presumed, Tentative. UnID

Regular DX Loggings (Times in ELT)

CFCO ON Chatham. 12/25 0753. Station ID 92.9 630 Fresh Country CFCO then more music. (GH-KS)

WVNN AL Athens 1-8 2155 calls, ABC News, talk show, many local ads, News Talk 7-70 AM, 92-5 FM, WVNN. Was able to null WABC well. NEW (SP-WI)

WABG MS Greenwood. 1/1 2140.“WABG AM we’re building this station just for you” by male announcer. Fair. New. (Ed-IL)

WBT NC Charlotte. 1/2 0500 News traffic report accu weather slgmn AM 110 WBT. (DBJ-TN)

WYLL IL Chicago 12/29 0100-0110 Noted w/carrier only, KSL & UnID hrd, hoping for an SP but checked back 0130 and they were back with regular program. (KDF-IL)

WQVA SC Lexington. 1/3 2202. Poor, though good in peaks. SS Music. legal ID in EE “This is WQVA 1170 AM Lexington South Carolina (undecipherable in SS?). Peregon Communications. Ritmo, tu estacion” This station is a 10KW daytimer, obviously on late. New! Only my 11th SC AM. first since 2001 (BD-WI)

WFDL WI Waupun. 1/8 0811. Talk by male announcer of the Fon Du Lac wedding show and talk of other events in Fon Du Lac. In null of “True Oldies 1170” (no callsign for them heard). Fair. New.(GH-IL)

KWSY SD Winner 12/26 0807 Tentaqitive w/news story about police in Gregory Co. Dui checkpoints (matched story on website), also hrd KW-Heard years ago at this time is best ultralight log so far! (KDF-IL)


WOOD MI Grand Rapids. 1/8 0759. Poor to fair on a crowded frequency. “Western Michigan Morning News” program, mention of website woodradio.com,
ad for Geico, legal ID: “This is Newsradio 1300 WOOD Grand Rapids.” Time check 7:59, current temperature 27, wind chill 18, lake effect snow advisory until 11. Fox news sounder, but I think the newswas local. Local WIBA 1310 IBOC off at the time (it would return before 1000 ELT). (BD-WI)

1300 KGLO IA Mason City. 1/80859. Fair in WNQM null. “Inside Iowa” report just ending; call ID followed by time check: “It’s one minute before 8 o’clock.” WIBA 1310 IBOC off. (BD-WI)


1320 WILS MI Lansing. 1/8 0807. Alone and booming. “Lansing AM” program; man and woman chattering about Wal-Mart, man with local news, call ID. Local WIBA 1310 IBOC off at the time. (BD-WI)


1320 WFHR WI Wisconsin Rapids. 1/8 0855. Fair and in the clear. Ad for Auto Owners; North Central Wisconsin weather (high today 18, light flurries tonight with a low of 6). The Morning Report” program, “AM 1320 WFHR” ID. WIBA 1310 IBOC off. (BD-WI)

1400 WIEL KY Elizabethtown. 12/24 0500. ESPN Programming Mention of Kentucky (DBJ-TN).

1520 KOLM MN Rochester. 12/24 1100. ID News then heard sports talk but very weak while trying to ID a semi-local. (KDF-IL)


1700 WEUP AL Huntsville. 12/25 0600. Slogan The Peoples Station Gospel Music (unusual this time of day). (DBJ-TN).

TIS, HAR, etc

1670 WGTT IN Hammond. 1/3 1930. Emergency Weather Radio. many callsign ID’s Announcement by Mike Prego and phone number given 265-4655. weak w/ interference from similar stations on frequency. Wonder if callsign is self-assigned. (Ed-IL)

### DDXD-East

**REPORTERS**

| BC-NH | Bruce Conti, Nashua | SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, SuperLoop east 1130-Ω terminated and Ewe south 1150-Ω terminated. |
| SC-IN | Steve Chappell McCordsville | Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna |
| KK-VA | Kraig Krist, Manassas | NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE. |
| DP-HI | Dale Park, Honolulu | station news |
| LW-NY | Leslie Wood, East Meadow | Sony 2010, Radio Shack loop |
| MKB-ON | Mike Brooker, Toronto | Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus) |

### STATION NEWS

| 570 | WTNT MD Bethesda | Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Talk Radio Network’s Laura Ingraham weekdays 1206-1500. (DP-HI) |
| 590 | WLES VA Bon Air | Per website VARTV.com, station moved from 580, swapping frequencies with silent WLVA in Lynchburg. WLES thus increased its power from 201 watts day/27 watts night to 600/58. WLVA will later return with 250 watts day/15 watts night and will join WLES in relaying 830 WTRU-NC Kernersville. (DP-HI) |
| 610 | WTVN OH Columbus | Per Premiere Radio Network news release, re-adds Glenn Beck 1/05/09, airing 0907-1200. Beck moves from WTDA-FM 103.9. WTVN has a conservative talk format. (DP-HI) |
| 640 | WHLO OH Akron | Per website ohiomedia.blogspot.com, station added Dave Ramsey 11/03, airing weeknights 2006-2200. (DP-HI) |
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710 WOR NY New York - Per Premiere Radio, adds on 1/05/09 Glenn Beck, airing 0906-1100, and Lou Dobbs, airing 1406-1600. WOR drops Dennis Miller and Bill O'Reilly. (DP-HI)

770 WABC NY New York - Per Radio-Info.com, station added Laura Ingraham 11/24 2007-2200, replacing longtime local host Bob Grant. (DP-HI)

920 WIRD NY Lake Placid - Per Adirondack Daily Enterprise, station dropped its sports format featuring ESPN 11/26 at 1200 ELT and switched to relaying WNBZ-1240. WNBZ has an EZL format plus ABC News and Paul Harvey. (DP-HI)

950 WPEN PA Philadelphia - Per Philadelphia Inquirer, station will add The Content Factory’s Tony Bruno for nights in mid-January. (DP-HI)

970 WNYM NJ Hackensack - Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Dennis Miller 1/05/09, airing 1106-1300. Show moves from WOR-710. (DP-HI)

1230 WFOM GA Marietta - Per Radio Ink magazine, station dropped its “Super Talk” format 12/23 for ESPN Radio, airing some network shows not on co-owned WCNN-680 plus additional play-by-play. (DP-HI)

1260 CKHJ NB Fredericton – Per Fredericton Daily Gleaner, they are back on air after a Boxing Day (12/26) fire destroyed equipment inside a transmitter station. (DP-HI)

770 WABC NY New York - Per Radio-Info.com, station dropped its sports format featuring ESPN 11/26 at 1200 ELT and switched to relaying WNBZ-1240. WNBZ has an EZL format plus ABC News and Paul Harvey. (DP-HI)

1340 WHAT PA Philadelphia - Per Radio-Info.com, station dropped all-Christmas and went all-Hanukkah during the week ending 12/28. (DP-HI)

1350 WHWH NJ Princeton - Per Radio-Info.com, station has gone silent. (DP-HI)

1450 WQKC IN Jeffersonville - Per Radio-Info.com and Indiana RadioWatch, station no longer simulcasts WQKC-FM 93.9 but keeps the sports format, changing the callsign from WAVG to reflect this. Slogan is “The Ticket.” (DP-HI)

1510 WWZN MA Boston - Added KRXA-540’s Peter B. Collins 12/02, airing weeknights 1807-2100. (DP-HI)

1550 WKTF GA Vienna - Per Radio-Info.com, station switched from country/bluegrass to Salem Radio’s “Solid Gospel” format. (DP-HI)

1580 WVKO OH Columbus - Per ohiomedia.blogspot.com, station was sold to St. Gabriel Radio and flipped from leased liberal talk at 0001 12/23 to Catholic programming, relaying nearby WUCO-1270. This is the second go-around for progressive talk, having previously been on WTPG-1230. The old WVKO continues as a webstream. WVKO also lost the rights to Clipper baseball to WMNI-920. (DP-HI)

LOGGINGS

540 WFLF FL Pine Hills – 12/28 0230 - In fair-good, with local weather, and “540 WFLA Orlando” ID. Then into program “Coast To Coast.” (LW-NY) “WFLA” is only a slogan, a non-legal ID. The real WFLA is on 970, in Tampa. Mike

680 WCBM MD Baltimore - 12/16 0635 - Brief weathercast, then into “Wall Street Journal Report.” on “680 WCBM.” (LW-NY)

780 CFDR NS Halifax - 12/20 1730 - In with Bob Powers show on “Halifax’s original country music station 780 CFDR.” Good, with Dolly Parton song. (LW-NY)

930 WGAD AL Rainbow City - 1/4 0500 - “WGAD Rainbow City” with poor signal. NEW! (SC-IN)

950 WIBX NY Utica - 12/31 1728 - Commercial for Cooper Fuel Oil Co., and Bubba’s Used Cars of Utica. Then into weather forecast for area, on “News Radio 950 WIBX.” (LW-NY)

1070 WKOK PA Sunbury - 1/3 1659 - Good; “Hear every second of the NFL playoffs on Newsradio 1070 WKOK Sunbury,” and Westwood One NFL coverage. (BC-NH)

1080 WHOO FL Kissimmee - 1/2 1845 - Under WTIC; ad for Orlando Hair Replacement during local break. (BC-NH)

1090 WBAL MD Baltimore - 1/8 1655 - mixing with probably WTSB, talking about taxation, into traffic report. OM “It’s 35 in Baltimore. WBAL traffic and weather”. 1700 WBAL goes to night time power as they are gone. (KK-VA)
WTSB  NC  Selma  -  1/8 1655  -  mixing with WBAL, playing C&W songs, not ESPN as shown at topazdesigns.com/ambc. 1720 “...forecast at WTSB...” local weather. WTSB and WMTM sign-off announcement at 1728: “WTSB and WMTM ends its broadcast day... we wish everyone a good evening.” (KK-VA)

1100  WTAM  OH  Cleveland  -  1/7 1659  - promo for “20-20 on ABC”, ToH ID “This is news radio WTAM AM eleven hundred” into news. 1730 OM “News at the top and bottom of the hour. This is Cleveland’s news radio WTAM eleven hundred” into “Five thirty report”. (KK-VA)

1110  WBT  NC  Charlotte  -  1/6 1658  - “Next on news, talk eleven ten WBT”. Ad for winning tickets to the Carolina Panthers game from WBT. Into news. 1706 OM “Your breaking news, weather and traffic station. Charlotte. News, talk eleven ten WBT and ninety nine point three FM and WBT dot com”. (KK-VA)

1120  WUST  DC  Washington  -  1/4 1700  -  ethnic programming, ToH ID in EE: “You’re listening to the multicultural voice of the nation’s capital. AM eleven twenty WUST Washington”. (KK-VA)

1130  WDFN  MI  Detroit  -  1/3 1702  -  In WBRR null; local sports coverage, “Sportsradio 1130 WDFN” into break. (BC-NH)

1140  CHRB  AB  High River  -  1/6 0800  -  Dominated 1140 all night. “You’re listening to CHRB.” Never actually heard calls before. (SC-IN)

1290  WGBK  NH  Keene  -  12/31 0117  -  In with political talk/discussion show. Frequent “1290 WGBK” station IDs. (LW-NY)

1300  KGLO  IA  Mason City  -  1/4 0857  -  over usual WOOD/WXRL groundwave mix with local weather (2°F, with wind chills well below zero), long list of weather-related cancellations, ID just after ToH: “…it’s 8:01 at KGLO Mason City”. (MKB-ON)

1350  KRNT  IA  Des Moines  -  1/3 0909  -  over oldies (WPDR?) with ad for Iowa Association of Electrical Contractors, “now from the KRNT newsroom…your exclusive forecast” into local weather. (MKB-ON)

1360  WDRC  CT  Hartford  -  1/5 1607  -  dominating frequency with local news and weather: “40 degrees in Hartford…next news at 4:30 on the Talk of Connecticut, 1360 WDRC”. (MKB-ON)

1370  KDTH  IA  Dubuque  -  1/5 0701  -  over usual WSPD/WXXI mix with station promo “serving the Tri-States for over 60 years...and worldwide on kdth.com...KDTH news starts now” into local news. (MKB-ON)

1410  CFUN  BC  Vancouver  -  1/8 0106  -  All alone thru out the evening with The Dr. Laura Show but always faded on all Id’s till 0106. “This is Dr. Laura, You’re listening to the Home of The Dr. Laura Show in Vancouver” and motto “The Buzz of Vancouver” into Coast to Coast. NEW! (SC-IN)

1470  WNYY  NY  Ithaca  -  12/5 1759  -  In with station ID, & weather report for area. Then into NOS music. (LW-NY)

1590  WAKR  OH  Akron  -  12/28 0240  -  Weak-fair, in 1590 QRM. Frequent “WAKR 1590” ID’s. Into rock music, with Santana. (LW-NY)
Maybe it’s a sign of a DX recession, a badly needed recovery from a busy holiday season, or perhaps the challenging winter weather has taken us away from the dials. This edition might be ultra-light, but it’s packed with some ultra-heavy logs.

**Transatlantic DX**

549  **ALGERIA  Chaine 1, Les Trembles (35°17’N 0°34’W) JAN 9 2300 - Good; time marker, ID, and fanfare into news in Arabic. [Conti-NH]**

603  **SPAIN  RNE5 synchs  JAN 9 2300 - Good; time marker, fanfare, “Radio Nacional de España, Informativos.” [Conti-NH]**

639  **SPAIN  RNE1 La Coruña et al. JAN 9 2259 - Fair; “Radio Nacional” announcement not parallel other RNE frequencies, then bumper music, time marker, fanfare, etc. parallel 603, 621, etc. [Conti-NH]**

1044  **MOROCCO  RTM A/C, Sebaâ-Aioun (33°54’N 5°23’W) JAN 4 0001 - Under SER Spain; choral national anthem. [Conti-NH]**

1125  **SPAIN  RNE5 synchs JAN 4 0000 - Fair; time marker, fanfare, “Radio Nacional de España...” news. [Conti-NH]**

1206  **FRANCE  France Info, Bordeaux (44°57’N 0°11’W) JAN 4 0000 - Excellent; “Un heure France Info,” and fanfare into “Le journal” news. Audio uploaded to Loco the DX Cat page of dxclipjoint.com. [Conti-NH]**

1215  **UNITED KINGDOM  Absolute Radio synchs JAN 4 0201 - Excellent; “Here’s a scary thought. You’re only six degrees of separation away from Gary Glicker. Here’s a scarier thought. You’re only two degrees of separation away from someone who doesn’t know we’re called Absolute Radio.” Say what? Audio uploaded to Loco the DX Cat page of dxclipjoint.com. [Conti-NH]**

**Pan-American DX**

530  **CUBA  R.Enciclopedia, La Habana JAN 9 2300 - Fair in CIAO null; woman with ID, “…CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia, desde la Habana, Cuba” and easy listening instrumentals. [Conti-NH]**

810  **BAHAMAS  ZNS3 Nassau JAN 6 0007 - Man in Island English reading obituary reports for January 9. Then “Radio Bahamas news time seven minutes past the hour of seven.” Recorded. Fair to good with WGY phased. [Black-MA]**

810  **COLOMBIA  HJCY CARACOL Bogotá (4°40’N 74°11’W) JAN 9 0013 - Interview with founder of the FARC guerrilla movement, Manuel Marulanda Vélez, a.k.a. Tirofijo, who died last year. Then discussion about the ELN guerrilla group and one of its most prominent members, father Camilo Torres Restrepo, killed in action in 1966. Recorded. Fair with WGY phased. Thanks to Henrik Klemetz and Sylvain Naud via RealDX for translation. [Black-MA]**

1070  **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  HIBI Hibi Radio, San Francisco de Macorís JAN 3 0000 - Fair, but briefly dominant over nulled CHOK; announcements for “Una hora” with San Francisco de Macorís address and phone number. New log. Thanks to Jean Burnell, Rocco Cotroneo, and Mauricio Molano Sánchez of RealDX for help with identification. [Conti-NH]**

**Transpacific DX**

279  **RUSSIA  GTRK Sakhalin/R.Rossii, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk JAN 3 0830-0900+ - Weak but clear parallel 6075 with R.Rossii programming (news, features, Russian pops), also heard what sounded like a R.Rossii jingle! Bottom of the hour ID: “Programa... Radio Rossi.” RR jingle, pips, Kremlin Bells, and “Programa... Radio Rossi” ID at 0900. Heard in mid-December with much sketchier signals. Also added two Hawaii NDBs this morning - happy happy joy joy. [Sheedy-CA]**

612  **AUSTRALIA  4QR ABC M5, Brisbane (27°19’S 153°01’E) DEC 30 1707 - Remix of Peter Gabriel’s “Games Without Frontiers,” man with liner, woman with patter and taking phone calls. Poor to very poor; barely audible at 1715. [Park-HI]**

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC
A quick question from Dan Sheedy: I’ve Googled for Pacific/Oceania NDB listings in vain. Any hints/sites that you may know of?

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Dale Park, Honolulu HI; Sangean ATS-818CS, Tark AM1000 loop.

Dan Sheedy, Encinitas CA; R75, 30-m “randumber” wire.

**International News**

BRAZIL: An updated medium wave radio stations list edited by the DX Clube do Brasil now is online, both html and pdf. Dozens of updates, with many split frequencies. Browse or download at www.ondascurtas.com/om/index.htm. [Rocco Cotroneo via mwdx]

73 and Good DX!

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Happy New Year from a 37-year veteran of this club. I hardly DX here due to power lines around this duplex. But I do keep aware of radio happenings through various broadcasting websites. I am thankful to be healthy this winter compared to knee injuries suffered the previous 2. I am also thankful to have 2 part-time jobs. In the morning I do telephone work for a basement waterproofing company, and in late afternoon I do telephone work for a health insurance broker. Both are close to home and have been successful so far. The previous mortgage company job failed, and they still owe me a small sum, which I doubt I’ll ever see. On the radio scene, local WCGO-1600 is making preparation for a move to suburban Grand Rapids, MI, but they have two years to do it. I e-mailed them, since they aren’t answering their phones, and they haven’t responded. So they continue to air ABC satellite MoR all hours. I got tired of using the Sangean Sonido radio for serious listening and found the Eton FR300 Red Cross portable at Target. It’s okay as a backup radio with a vernier dial, but for Christmas my younger brother really surprised me with the Grundig S350 DL AM/FM/SW portable off eBay, I think. It’s a pretty good receiver (I got no instruction booklet) so I just figured it out. AM DX will have to wait until later. I like the FM selectivity and shortwave which I knew little about but will use as a part-time filler. I found WWV at 10,000 kc. Nice. But outside power lines make serious AM listening difficult. The AM dial is similar to the CCrane original – nice, which needs repair. I live 4 blocks from 2 parks I can visit for serious DX. I’ll look forward to that later. IBOC continues to be a problem on selected frequencies. I feel it’s totally useless; what do broadcasters care bout us hobbyists? I am glad I can DX from a generally good area and reach 8 states in daytime and 2 Canadians. Those stations that can’t be profitable will cease to exist and make the dial a little less crowded for the rest of us. Best to you all in ’09.

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Welcome to the Target DX Column number 9.
Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent. In this column we will look at hearing our targets away from our usual listening posts. The vast majority of DX’ers do their listening from their homes, condos or apartments in an urban setting. Now by urban I mean city or town. This is where we live and DX day to day. However there is an option to this urban setting and that my friends is a DX’pedition.

I am sure that many of you have seen some of the fantastic loggings of DX’ers not only on both coasts but also in the middle of the continent. All of those low powered domestics and foreign stations from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific would be great to hear but they are hard to almost impossible to catch from an urban setting from many parts of North America.

Definition If you have never been on a DX’pedition, you have been missing the ultimate DX’perience. But what exactly is a DX’pedition you ask? Simply put, a DX’pedition is going to a new or favourite site, putting up antennas, (if your receiver needs an external antenna) and then listening to the radio to your heart’s content. If all you have is a portable radio or a loop antenna then bring them with you. Once you are away from all the noises urban living generates it will be like you have a brand new radio in your hands.

Oh yes, it is also about having fun, a learning experience, and a super way to hear your targets. The countryside is prime DX’pedition territory. Now this does not mean a DX’pedition cannot be held in a city or town, because it can. But for this editor’s money, the rural sites are the best. If you have no access to a rural site, getting together with a group of DX’ers at somebody’s home for a night of DX can be equally exciting. A garage emptied of cars and some tables set up can be a DX’er’s dream when you share it with others for an evening of DX.

The whole point of any DX’pedition is to try new things and share ideas. Most of us practice our hobby alone at home. Some of us are using a portable radio in a bedroom, others are lucky enough to have a radio room. The DX’pedition is a chance to DX together. The sharing of ideas, DX’ing techniques and just plain old story telling or having stories to tell makes any DX’pedition a success regardless of what you hear. You can go to http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/dxpedition.html

This is the site of the AMANDX DX’peditions in Manitoba with stories and pictures of our past DX’peditions.

Selection Now that you have decided to go on a DX’pedition, it is important to choose your site carefully. This section will look at the various aspects of site selections that will match your particular circumstances. The information below is based on my experiences and may not include every detail that your situation dictates. Use it as a guide to help you on your site selection and then custom tailor the information to your needs.

As you will note, there are many factors to consider. They will help to ensure your DX’pedition is fun, and that your site meets your needs for the type of DX’ing you enjoy.

Distance The very first thing you must do is get a map of your area. Take a look at it and see where some potential sites might be located. Not all sites on the map will be good sites from which to DX. Before you select some sites to look over, decide how far you want to travel. Here in Winnipeg MB, we are very fortunate to have some great sites within 1 to 1_ hour’s drive. I have driven 3_ hours to sites, on occasion, but this can prove a bit much for short DX’peditions. Of course, you could get going at 6:00am and be there early, but close sites are preferable whenever possible.

Once you have selected a site or two on the map, you should go out and look them over. Several things must be considered when investigating a site.

Accessibility A big question is: How easy it is to get to? If a site looks great, but you need a four-wheel drive vehicle to get in, and your Honda Civic says to you, “Who are you kidding?” a change of site will be necessary. By the way, consider what the weather will do to your site. On of my favourite sites is great when it is dry, but a group of us showed up after a heavy spell of rain and we ended up carrying all of our gear in mud and water that was more than ankle deep in places. Snow can always change situations a bit. A major storm can change a site considerably. One storm we encountered caused drifts so deep we had to turn back as we sank to our waists in the new soft snow. In order to get to another DX site, we had to place plywood across a ditch as the road to access
the trailer was drifted in. The good news was that the lake was frozen solid and we could lay wires
toward Europe right on the lake. You cannot do that in the summer, so the site has different uses,
based on the weather and the time of year.

Set up Once you are there set up should be quick and easy. You can use a trailer a tent a cabin
whatever is available to you and meets the weather conditions. You can lay out an antenna or two or
three if you want by just unrolling wire on the ground. This can be of any length you have the wire
to use. You can put out anywhere from 75 feet up to 1,000 or more feet if you have the wire and the
space. If you have brought along a loop antenna set it up plug it in and go. You can even DX from
inside your car or truck. Antennas on the outside and you with the radio inside and you are set for a
night of DX.

How you do it is up to you. Tailor your DX’pedition to your needs and equipment. You don’t have
to go out and spend a lot of money for new gear. Use what you have or buy some wire if you want
a longer antenna, but keep it simple. Listen as long or as short as you want and see what comes in.
Hopefully one or more of your Targets List stations will come in for you. There are no guarantees but
I have been on DX’peditions since 1986 and only once did I not get a new station.

If you have any comments or suggestions for a column please feel free to send them in.

73 for this time Shawn
Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

(Shawn - I’m going to add a few lines here, for safety’s sake. In this day of cell phones and GPS and
instant communication, maybe this warning is unnecessary … but my aged grandparents got stranded
once in the highlands of Big Horn County, WY, and would have died 14 miles away from civilization
had not someone come along on his bi-weekly trip to feed his sheep and found them barely able to
move beside the road. They loved to explore the back areas - my grandfather collected agates and di-
nosaur bones - and in 1964 they just used their ordinary rear-wheel drive Ford; they didn’t have a Jeep.
They took a back road, got high-centered, and couldn’t dig out the rear wheels enough to get traction.
So - also take some kind of two-way gear with you, whether it be a cell phone, a CB, or 2-meter gear,
in case something happens and you need to summon help -pls.)
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