From the publisher … TA’s on the west coast and in Denver? Yep, may be the the dead of winter, but the AM band is quite lively, thank you. See inside for more.

Welcome to these new members … R D Arvin, Cincinnati, OH; John Comstock, Hardinsburg, IN (rejoins); Richard Lauhead, St. Paul, MN; Terry Palmersheim, Helena, MT; Duane Randall, Newport News, VA; Eric Rench, Roseville, CA.

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CPs ON THE AIR

1260 W<br>FL Palatka - CP for U1 400/135 is on the air, relocating the transmitter to the tower of co-owned WPLK-800 at N29-39-07 W81-35-32. This change, besides reducing both day and night power levels, eliminates WIYD’s nighttime directional array.

1320 WBOB FL Jacksonville - CP for U2 50000/5000 is on the air.

1490 WACM MA West Springfield - STA for U1 1000/850 is on.

APPLICATIONS

670 KMZQ NV Las Vegas - STA granted for U4 600/600.

1150 WSNW GA Seneca - Coordinate correction to N34-41-15 W82-59-16.

1550 WHIT WI Madison - STA granted for D1 1250/0, or as the application states: “. . . to operate its daytime directional antenna system with parameters at variance and also to operate non-directionally during daytime hours at a power level of 1.25 kilowatts (25% of the licensed daytime directional power) using one tower of the WHIT antenna system to facilitate the replacement of the towers and antenna coupling units and modifications to the remainder of the WTUX phasing system.”

APPLICATIONS/Cps DISMISSED

770 WKFB PA Jeannette - Application to move to North Huntington.

1500 KIEV CA Culver City - CP for U4 49000/5000, leaving them with a CP for U4 50000/4300.

1530 WRPM MS Poplarville - CP for D4 5000/0 CH 5000 on 1170 kHz.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1450 NEW HI Hilo - Applies for U4 5000/5000 [correct].

HEAR AND THAR

☐ As you can see, although there was a lot of activity in Washington, DC the week of 1/19/2009 (when this column was assembled), not much was centered in the FCC’s AM Radio Division. Much of their business for months has been centered on the TV conversion to digital. By the way, I hope those of you who also DX the TV spectrum have their converter boxes ready to go, or have bought new TVs with ATSC tuners. Otherwise, psssshhhhhhhh! Hopefully, we’ll see more on the AM side of things before too long.

☐ Returning to the airwaves: WCHQ-960 Quebradillas, Puerto Rico.

☐ But reported as OFF: (the above mentioned) WRPM-1530 Poplarville, Mississippi.

☐ FINES: $4000 for public inspection file violations to WWII-720 Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

☐ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod and Wayne Heinen, and out-of-the-darkness and into-the-light Dave Schmidt.
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FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

Hello all you dial-twirlers out there. There have been all kinds of good catches submitted. Gary Houdek snagged KFI on a G.E. Superradio, good go!. Ok enough pavaler from me. On with this issues reports. Thank you to all who contributed.

Reporters

GH-KS Gary Houdek. Munden. GE Superradio/internal antenna
BD-WI Bill Dvorak, Madison. Drake R88, Quantum QX Pro loop.
JJR-WI John J. Rieger So. Milwaukee WI. Icom R75, Kiwa Loop MFJ-959 tuner-preamp.
SS-KS Steve Sprague. Independence. Receiver/ Antenna not listed in correspondence.
JJR-WI John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R88, Kiwa Loop, E/W Flag and N/S Flag coupled to a Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo and Mini DXP5. DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp.
Ed-IL Your Editor. Park Forest. Icom R75/Quantum Loop.

Station News

1010 KIND KS Independence. 1/16 Steve Sprague sent in a clipping and a kind note. The clipping announced a format change to Country Gospel effective Jan 2nd. Their operating slogan will be “Grace 10-10” per the article. Thanks Steve. (SS-KS)

1410 KWYO WY Sheridan 01/18 0101 out of C&W "Playing the Country music you grew up with AM 1410 KWYO Sheridan-Buffalo…” this confirms the format change from OLD. (WH-CO)

1410 CFUN BC Vancouver 01/18 0900 out of PSA's and spots “The Talk of Vancouver Talk 1410” fair in the mix. Note this new slogan for their updated Talk format. (WH-CO)

1550 WHIT WI Madison. New calls (actually return to old calls abandoned in 2001), ex-WTUX. New format, ’50s-’60s oldies ex-”Music of your Life” nostalgia and new slogan “Hit Radio 1550” ex-”1550 The Tux.” The change took place on 1/19. Madison’s daily Wisconsin State Journal of 1/20 quotes station PD Amy Ziebell concerning why the change was made: ‘Tux was intended for listeners older than 50 when it debuted in 2001, but the station’s small audience tended to be age 70 and older.” Translation: when your audience thinks of a tux more as something to be buried in than a radio station, it is time to change formats. Long-time Madison radio personality Ben Benedetti’s big band show moves to sister station WTDY 1670 (Sunday night 6-9 PM local), while Paul Harvey’s newscasts stay on WHIT. (BD-WI)

Presumed, Tentative. UnID

580 UNID 1-13 0713 Fair-fade out with Male. Female SS chatter no slogans ever. (JJR-WI)

1420 UNID 1-8 0735 Poor to fade w/ lovely SS unnn Omaha? (JJR-WI)

1440 UNID 1-13 0738 Fair-fade out w/ SS chatter of “Trinity River” over & over TX or FL? (JJR-WI)

Regular DX Loggings (Times in ELT)

540 CBK SK Regina 01/18 2259 out of Aretha Franklin “Your listening to CBC Radio One 540 AM in Saskatchewan. Canada lives here” to program notes. Mixing with XETX (WH-CO)
“Broadcasting on 107.7...Oshawa...1580 kHz. The greatest rock and roll of all time on CKDO” and into a Lovin’ Spoonful classic. Noted several times on overnight taping but always rough copy. First new one of 2009, ON # 15. Been chasing this one for a long time. (JW-CO)

1600 WCGO IL Chicago Heights. 1/4 0306 Poor-very poor “…CGO radio” into NOS. Not at all common here. (JJR-WI)
(No TIS, HAR, etc.)

DDXD-East
REPORTERS

HF-MI
Harold Frodge, Midland - Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW

KK-VA
Kraig Krist, Manassas - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.

IEN-GA
Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Sony SRF-M37, GE Superadio III

DP-HI
Dale Park, Honolulu – station news

MKB-ON
Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

STATION NEWS

680 WRKO MA Boston - Per Radio-Info.com, station adds “Wall Street Journal Weekend” Saturday mornings and “Fox News Sunday” Sunday evenings. (DP-HI)

790 WSGW MI Saginaw - Per Radio-Info.com, station’s airing of Rush Limbaugh began simulcasting 1/12 on sister station WTKQ-FM 100.5. (DP-HI)

1030 WBZ MA Boston - Added Kim Komando per show 1/03. Program airs Saturdays 2007-2200. (DP-HI)

1090 WBAL MD Baltimore - Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Talk Radio Network’s Laura Ingraham weeknights 2206-0100, while dumping Fox Sports Radio for Sporting News Radio. (DP-HI)

1150 WMRD CT Middletown (also 1420 WLIS-CT Old Saybrook) - Per Radio-Info.com, station replaced Business Talk Radio’s Ray Lucia with Laura Ingraham, airing weekdays 1306-1500. (DP-HI)

1190 WAMT FL Pine Castle - Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Talk Radio Network’s Mancow mornings, though neither the show’s website nor the station’s reflect this. WAMT has a conservative talk format. (DP-HI)

1230 WECK NY Cheektowaga - Per Radio-Info.com, station will go local at 1600-1900 3/02 to fill the void left by the outgoing Bill O’Reilly. (DP-HI)

1250 WMTR NJ Morristown - Per Radio-Info.com, station dropped Dial Global’s “Good Time Oldies” in favor of local oldies programming. (DP-HI)

1470 WHBO FL Dunedin - Per Radio-Info.com, dropped sports format for ABC’s Timeless Music standards format. Station had been relayed by WWBA-1040 since 10/10 during a transition period when WWBA’s old news-talk format moved to WMGG-820. WHBO’s new slogan is “Mega Memories AM 14-70.” (DP-HI)

DX TEST

1240 WOON RI Woonsocket – 1/18 0203 – test aired as scheduled, noted several slow-speed “WOON” code ID’s (.-- --- --- -.) punching through graveyard hash. (MKB-ON)
+++ - 1/18 0200 - only a jumble on 1240 at 0200; until 0210 I used about every mode/filter combo on my R8B & heard zilch from the DX test. Finally at 0210 I switched to AM/6khz and heard code IDs at 0210+ and 0212+. RI #3. (HF-MI)
+++ - 1/18 0155 - Mixing with talk and singing, “WOON” in Morse code heard many times. (KK-VA)

LOGGINGS

630 WMAL DC Washington – 1/18 2326 – The Bill Cunningham Show. Good signal. “…630,
WMAL.COM”. (IEN-GA)


900 WATV AL Birmingham – 1/19 1745 – UC music bordering on Gospel. Weak, but steady signal above the static. “Your Heritage Station, 900, WATV”. (IEN-GA)

950 WVTS WV Charleston - 1/22 1719 – in mix of WCTN, Radio Reloj, WORD, WIBX, noted with slogan “Supertalk nine fifty”. (KK-VA)

WCTN MD Cabin John - 1/22 1723 – in mix with station promo: “WCTN. Bill O’Reilly afternoons at noon...” into Shawn Hannity show”. (KK-VA)

WORD SC Spartanburg - 1/22 1735 – in mix of WVTS, Radio Reloj, WCTN and WIBX, woman with “Traffic and weather together every 10 minutes... WORD...”, into ad for North Carolina boat show. 1752 “... WORD forecast...” (KK-VA)

WIBX NY Utica - 1/22 1720 – in mix with “News radio WIBX...” ID. (KK-VA)

960 WRNS NC Kinston - 1/21 1714 - out of the noise with ID as “You’re on WRNS...”. (KK-VA)

WFIR VA Roanoke - 1/21 1730 - mixing with WRNS, “It’s five thirty in the WFIR news center. I’m Tom...” into news. 1738 ad for Annie Moore Irish Pub. (KK-VA)

970 WBGG PA Pittsburgh - 1/20 1655 - in mix with sports talk, call in show about the Pittsburgh Steelers. Phone number given 412... 412 is the area code for Pittsburgh. (KK-VA)

980 WTEM DC Washington - 1/19 1655 - Washington Wizards basketball game. (KK-VA)

990 WEEB NC Southern Pines - 1/18 1655 – “Money Talk” call in show. 1700 ID: “Broadcasting to the universe from the top of the North Carolina sand hills. We’re talk radio nine ninety WEEB Southern Pines, Pine Hurst, Aberdin (spelling?)” into SRN News. (KK-VA)

1000 WLNL NY Horseheads - 1/17 1688 - in mix with WMVP, woman reading sign-off announcement: “WLNL AM one thousand... this concludes our broadcast day on WLNL AM one thousand. WLNL is licensed to...”. (KK-VA)

WMVP IL Chicago - 1/17 1655 - mixing with WLNL, with program “Talking Sports on ESPN”. (KK-VA)

1010 WINS NY New York - 1/16 1706 - Mixing with CFRB, ID as “WINS (said as the word “wins” and not W I N S) news time five oh six”. 1715 “Ten ten WINS sports”. 1720 station promo “More people wake up to news radio ten ten WINS than any other station in the nation” into news read by woman. (KK-VA)

CFRB ON Toronto - 1/16 1656 - mixing with WINS with station promo: “John Moore talking to you in the afternoon. John Doney talking to you tomorrow morning six till ten on news talk ten CFRB” into ad for Toronto RV Show January 15th - 18th. (KK-VA)

1230 WTKG MI Grand Rapids – 1/18 0159 – noted while waiting for WOON-1240 test with ToH ID: “West Michigan’s talk alternative is AM 1230 WTKG Grand Rapids” into ABC news. (MKB-ON)

1400 WKNW MI Sault Ste. Marie – 1/17 1606 – over WWWS-Buffalo groundwave with promo for college basketball (possibly Lake Superior State University) on “Talk radio 1400 in the Soo, Michigan” into Fox Sports Radio program on college hoops. (MKB-ON)

1420 WACK NY Newark – 1/17 1658 – over nulled WHK with ESPN sports talk, ToH ID as


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Unusual DX conditions for January resulted in reception of the Faroe Islands, not the usual mid-winter anomaly but more like September and October when Arctic DX would typically be best. (The old 1314 Norway was always strongest around the equinox.) Timely DX tips via the Internet were instrumental in getting the word out. Not sure where the Faroes are located? (They’re halfway between Norway and Iceland and part of Denmark - pls.) The global coordinates are included with the words of ear-witness DXers at 531 kHz. Also, welcome to new Newfoundland reporter Jerry Osborne who gives us another Greenland target. Some nice logs from Colorado round out this week’s logs. Very exciting!

Transatlantic DX

**189** ICELAND Rikisútvarpid, Gufuskálar (64°54’N 23°55’W) JAN 20 1035 - In fair at the time with music. [Barstow-MA]

**531** FAROE ISLANDS Kringvarp Føroya Útvarpid, Akraberg (62°01’N 6°46’W) JAN 19 2134 - Fair; talk between a man and woman in unknown language sounding a little like Danish. At 2200 interval signal heard as a few notes from a song and presumed ID into news. Interval signal same as Interval Signals online. [Barstow-MA] JAN 22 2055-2200 - Strong, alone most of the time, dominant the entire 65 minutes with news and long (43 minute) interview in Faroese; occasional pop tune, one in English called “Thinking of You;” top-of-hour IDs recorded at 2100 and 2200. Medium wave country #100 heard from Cape Cod. A big thanks to Bjarne Mjelde, the world’s northernmost DXer in Arctic Norway for confirming my audio clips via Real DX. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 22 2159 - Musical theme ending previous interview segment then three short pips and another three short pips. Then man with news in Faroese, a language related to Icelandic. Recorded. Fair, verified by Bjarne Mjelde via RealDX. [Black-MA] JAN 22 2300 - Good, well over Spain; an adult contemporary music selection was allowed to run out followed by a moment of dead air, then “klokken” time check (Thanks Jurgen Bartels and Bjarne Mjelde!) with possible time pips was heard over RNE Spain time pips. New country, thanks to e-mail alerts from the Cape Cod DXers. [Conti-NH]

**549** ALGERIA Chaîne 1, Les Trembles (35°17’N 0°34’W) JAN 13 2252 - Woman singing Arabic songs; fair with slop. [Barstow-MA]

**570.05** GREENLAND Nuuk JAN 23 0013-0038 - Presumed to be the station often heard here slightly high in frequency. This station is in parallel with 720, suggesting both stations are in Greenland. Language sounds like the Inuit-type language heard on CBC Northern Service on SW. Man in long commentary, 0013-0030, several songs sung by a man, 0030-0038 tune out. Interference from CFCB and R.Reloj Cuba. [Osborne-NL]

**576** CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE5 synchros JAN 17 2310-2329 - Good in peaks with news and interview by man and woman in Spanish parallel to 585 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]

**585** SPAIN RNE1 Madrid (40°28’N 3°52’W) JAN 17 2342-2356 - Fair but very steady; man and woman in Spanish interviewing a female musician/vocalist with lots of laughter, parallel to 576 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]

**693** SPAIN RNE1 synchros JAN 17 2226 - Good with a game going on; parallel 585 kHz. [Barstow-MA]

**720** GREENLAND KNR Simiutaq JAN 14 2200 - Interval signal into news which sounded like Danish; a little into the mix of other stations. JAN 19 2125 - Fair; talking in unknown language and at 2130 sound of a flute, over five pips for Canary Islands. [Barstow-MA] JAN 19 2131-2207 - Fair, mostly alone on channel with two men and one woman in presumed Inuit language. Seemed to be a newcast and took a phone call from a man (field reporter?) at 2134. At 2147 a music flourish and announcement. Signal faded at 2149 but returned at 2158 with rap music. At 2159 a recorded countdown to top-of-hour by woman followed at 2200 by time pips, announcement, and into news in Danish until 2207 fade-out. Country #99 heard from Cape Cod and a big thrill here! [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 23 0013-0038 - Presumed to be the station with the same programming listed above on 570.05 kHz. Heavy interference from adjacent local 710 CKVO, 3 km away, across the bay in Clarenville. When the stations
on 570.05 and 720 are both heard at the same time, 720 is usually stronger. [Osborne-NL]

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Russ speaks:

Once again another LBI DXpedition is history, and it was another good one, with at least 4 new countries added to our previous total, thanks to our having selected an optimal weekend. Conditions weren’t exceptional, but they were quite good. With 3 broadband loops deployed, in addition to the two BOG’s, we had ample antennas to use. I found myself often switching to one of the loops to reduce the noise on the BOG’s. TVI continues to be an increasing problem for us, even using the BOG’s. It is always amazing to take the Sony 2010 down onto the beach where the antennas are, some 75+ feet from the hotel, and to still hear the noise. Ultimately, I believe, our future will move away from BOG’s and more toward BBL’s for that reason. That move should also liberate us from the limitations of having the main lobes of the BOG’s stationary, dictated by the shoreline.

It’s always a pleasure to enjoy the company of good friends at these events, and often, as this time, to meet new ones, with Don Moore joining us from Iowa and becoming our most distant participant ever, and also John Ernandez stopping by for part of the day on Saturday. John lives not far from me, but we had only recently met via email prior to the DXpedition. Don’s prior DX experiences, as well as his fluency in Spanish were most valuable to the rest of us.

For me, the DX highlight was Benin-1566, with strong signals Saturday night. I missed out on personally hearing some of the other new countries.

Dave speaks:

I wasn’t able to make last year’s LBI, so I was chomping at the bit for this year’s. I wasn’t disappointed. Conditions were very good and we had signals on virtually every TA frequency. Old standbys like British, Spanish, and French TAs came in well, and we were also treated with new and/or rare stations, like Kaliningrad on 1215 and Iceland on 189. The highlights for me were Poland on 225 and Albania on 1215. All told, I logged about 100 stations and 17 countries, so I was very pleased with the DX.

Each year we try out new things, and this year several of us brought software-defined radios capable of recording a large chunk of spectrum for later review. We were thus able to share sound clips to dig out stations we otherwise would not have logged. I enjoyed using the SDR files to log LW beacons. I live in a high-noise urban environment, so I rarely get the chance to hear LW beacons.

Of course, the annual LBI outing is a chance to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones. I enjoyed getting to know Don Moore, who came in all the way from Iowa to take part. Don’s Spanish-language skills were a big help. Our use of the Internet, the #mwdx chatroom and Brett’s webcam and sound feed, allowed others to take part at least vicariously in our DXpedition. For instance, Barry McLarnon (in Ottawa) and I were able to listen to a Friday night high school football broadcast at the same time, though separated by several hundred miles. And Bob Galerstein, who was unable to make it this year, was present with us virtually on both evenings.

Thinking ahead to next year, the SDR’s really create new options for us. We spent most of our time listening for TA’s, and the SDR’s now allow us to DX to Latin America as well, after the fact as it were. I’d also like to record the tropical bands to take advantage of our seaside location, perhaps in the early morning to see if Asian and Pacific stations can make it through. I’m also planning on an 8-foot square copper pipe loop to improve our options on LW and/or to other compass bearings.

Brett speaks:

LBI-7 goes into the books for me as another very interesting and enjoyable event. After several months of tracking the space weather conditions in search of that “perfect” date, we finally settled on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Given the once-a-year nature of LBI, we wanted to maximize our potential for good reception. I would say that our efforts paid off – the A index was 0 and K was 1 as we started the DXpedition, and the TA stations started to roll in before sunset the first evening. While several people who wanted to come could not make it, we still had seven attendees both nights and two single-day visitors on Saturday. Don Moore, a long-time DX friend from my college days who currently lives in Iowa, attended for the first time and received this year’s award for traveling the furthest. Other attendees came from upstate New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Conditions on the first evening started out good, with an early appearance by Sweden on 1179 before 4pm local time with a nice top-of-the-hour ID. A few minutes later we picked up Absolute Radio on 1215 but also detected another station mixing with the UK – this later was identified as the Voice of Russia from Kaliningrad. Nothing like snagging a new country in the first hour to get the juices flowing! Things seemed to cool down fairly quickly on Friday evening, though, with lots of carriers but not as much audio as I would have liked. Long wave was very dead that first evening.

It turns out that Saturday had more in store for us. 1215 had three stations at once, with presumed
Albania on 1214.85 adding its carrier to the Russian and UK stations. COPE Spain was also heard there, making it the most “productive” frequency at LBI. Long wave was much better the second night, with Iceland (new last year) making another appearance; other channels yielded much more audio than was heard the previous evening. The highlight for me, however, was hearing Trans World Radio from Benin on 1566, positively identified by Russ and Bill giving the published TWR mailing address. A close second was hearing Poland on 225, with language identified by Dave through a Global Tuner receiver in Austria. Subsequent analysis of SDR recordings made at LBI-7 has boosted the total LW/MW country count heard at LBI to nearly 60.

Each year I am impressed by how technology continues to play an ever-increasing role in the DXpedition. This year’s big advance was in the use of software-defined radios. Several of us used them and, for me, their most notable impact was that I was less concerned with “rushing” to every new station before it disappeared. Knowing that my SDR would be recording the entire long and medium wave band both nights, I felt less pressure to search out as many stations in real-time as possible, and could spend more time ferreting out the details on an interesting channel, trying different antennas or phasing to get a better signal. I brought both SDR and conventional receivers, and let the SDRs act as DX “vacuum cleaners” all weekend while I tuned real-time on my Drake. I filled about 750 GB of disk space that weekend, enough to give me months of listening opportunities back home. In just the first week back after LBI, we had identified seven new stations and one new country on just a single ½ hour-long SDR file. It’s definitely a paradigm-shifting way to approach the radio hobby.

LBI-7 / 2008 Attendees

Dave Hochfelder (N2HTA) – Albany, NY – Drake R8B & Quantum Phaser
Bruce Collier – (WB3---) York, PA - Drake R8B, MFJ 1025 Phaser, 12-band EQ Mixer
Russ Edmunds (WB2BJH) – Blue Bell, PA – Modified Sony ICF 2010
Don Moore - Davenport, IA – Drake R8 & Quantum Phaser; Eton E1
Rob Stonier (WE2Z) – Hawthorne, NJ – JRC NRD-535D
Brett Saylor (N3EVB) – State College, PA – Drake R8, Eton E1, RFSpace SRD-IQ, Perseus SDR
Bill Harms – Elkridge, MD – RFSpace SDR-IQ
Michael Temme-Soifer (KC2MTM) – Egg Harbor Township, NJ – Modified Sony ICF 2010 (Saturday night only)
John Fernandez (AA3XN) - Chalfont, PA – Modified Sony ICF 2010 (Saturday afternoon only)

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Phase wire: 250’ // North BOG
8’ pre-amplified Broadband Loop @ 90/270 degrees
6’ pre-amplified Broadband Loop @ 45/225 degrees
3’ Copper pipe loop, unamplified @ 60 degrees

Date Frequency “Time (UTC)” Calls Slogan City “State or Prov” Country Details
11/23/2008 153 0125 Alger Chaine 1 Bechar Algeria “Strong with French anncts, Arabic-sounding music”
11/23/08 162 0152 France Inter Allouis France “Woman announcer. Man joined in. Music, both in French and English. 0200 time pips with woman speaking on top, into more talking, which might have been an ID into news. ”
11/23/08 171 0152 Radio Méditerranée International Nador Morocco “Song “Hero” by Enrique Iglesias. Man talk, into song in Arabic. Nice arm chair copy. Program was in French after 0200.”
11/22/2008 177 1940 Deutschlandradio Kultur Zehlendorf Germany Fair. Man and woman talking in German.
11/23/2008 183 0321 Europe 1 Felsberg Germany “talk by man in French, strong”
11/23/2008 189 0221 Riks tvarp R's 2 Gufuskalar Iceland pop/rock music like Stairway to Heaven and R-E-S-P-E-C-T with male annrcr between songs
11/23/08 207 0201 Deutschlandfunk Aholming Germany Male in German spoke. Presumed
11/23/08 207 0152 RTM A Azilal Morocco "Arabic music and talk by man. Possible ID at TOH, into presumed news by man in Arabic. Another station was trying to break through. Possible ad at 0204 into music. Interference from an NDB."


11/23/2008 225 0134 Polskie Radio 1 Soiec Kujaewski Poland "Music and talk in Polish, heard / on a GlobalTuners rx in Austria, language ID'd by Dave based on his high school Polish language lessons"


11/22/2008 252 2225 Radio Alger International Tipaza Algeria talk by 2 men in Arabic


11/22/2008 530 0055 CM-- Cuba Classical music then Spanish talk

11/23/08 530 0106 CM-- Cuba "Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’ orchestral version"

11/23/2008 530 0055 CM-- Radio Enciclopedia Cuba “Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’ orchestral version”

11/23/08 531 0055 CM-- Cuba “Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’ orchestral version”


11/22/2008 540 0013 Alger ChaÔne 3 El Ain Beida Algeria Rough reception through locally generated noise. Heard what sounded like Mid-Eastern music and female announcer

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11/23/08 540 0105 WFLFPine Hills FL USA “Excellent on south wire w/ news, ID.”

11/22/2008 549 0013 Alger ChaÔne 1 Les Trembles Algeria AR music by M

11/23/08 549 0105 WFLFPine Hills FL USA “Excellent on south wire w/ news, ID.”

11/22/2008 558 0120 CMKV R Rebelde Urbano Noris Cuba Sports talk by 2 men // 670, 710 but without the echo"

11/22/2008 560 0117 CM-- R. Rebelde Moa Cuba “Sports in Spanish - one of the teams is “Camaguey”; // 5025; tremendous signal wobbling”

11/23/08 567 0013 Radio Nacional Various Spain “Female in Spanish // 558, 585, etc. Started with an excellent signal but faded down to fair”

11/22/2008 570 0244 CMDC Radio Reloj Santa Clara Cuba usual nx & morse IDs

11/23/08 576 0215 Radio Saoura BÈchar Algeria Assumed the one with Mid-Eastern Music over Spain at times.

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11/22/2008 580 0120 CM-- R. Rebelde Cuba “Spanish talk, R. Rebelde ID”

11/22/2008 580 1830 WTAG Worcester MA USA ID

11/22/2008 582.14 0127 Iran? carrier only heard

11/21/08 585 2201 RNE Madrid Spain Channel dominant. Audible most of the weekend. Heard Radio Nacional ID at 2218 while female correspondant was reporting a story. // other RNE stations

11/22/2008 590 0244 CM-- Radio Rebelde Santa Clara Cuba Sports // 560

11/22/2008 594 0157 R. Sim Muge Portugal “pop music, female vocal, talk in Portuguese, ID 0200”

11/23/08 594 0058 BSKSA Riyadh Koranic chanting by man trying to break through

11/22/2008 600 0200 CMKV R Rebelde Urbano Noris Cuba Sports talk by 2 men // 610 560 550

11/22/2008 600 1834 WICC Bridgeport CT USA ID

11/22/2008 603 0033 France Info Tramoyes (Lyons) France Talk in French // 1206

11/23/2008 603 0056 RNE synchros Spain Sp talk // 585 ; 0230 // 585

11/23/2008 610 0100 CMAN Radio Rebelde Bahia Honda Cuba “/ others, broke into a nasty wobble for a few seconds near TOH”

11/23/08 612 0006 RTM Seba,-Aïoun Morocco Man in Arabic with a few chords of a stringed musical instrument played in between items.

11/23/2008 620 0100 CM-- Radio Rebelde Cuba “// 670, 710 but without the echo”

11/22/2008 630 1839 WPRO Providence RI USA ID
11/23/2008 630 0130 HRLD Radio America La Ceiba Honduras “US pop songs, then ID in Spanish. Listed 1 kW.”
11/23/2008 630 0145 WUNO San Juan Puerto Rico “sports event, mentions of San Juan and Puerto Rico”
11/21/08 639 2220 Radio Nacional 1 synchros Spain Man in studio talking with man on phone. //585. Breaking through the 640 splatter
11/22/2008 650 0246 CM-- Radio Progreso various Cuba “Cuban mx // 640, 660”
11/23/2008 650 0205 HJKH (p) RCN Antena 2 Bogota Colombia “rapid-fire Spanish under WSM, mention of Colombian football”
11/23/2008 670 0200 CMQ Radio Rebelde Arroyo Arenas Cuba “huge, battling pres WWFE-FL in SP with pop music, also quite an echo // 710”
11/22/08 675 0115 Radio Maria Lopik Holland “Light music and man in religious talk. Identified by language. According to Rik van Riel, the language was Dutch from the central/western part of the Netherlands.”
11/22/2008 675 0205 unid Deep-voiced man speaking in unid language
11/22/2008 680 0123 CM-- R. Rebelde Cuba “Sportscast // 560, others”
11/22/2008 680 0250 CMHN Radio Progreso Cienfuegos Cuba Cuban mx // 640 etc
11/23/2008 684.08 0123 RNE1 Sevilla Spain (p) “hrd both nights, reported elsewhere as Spain off-freq”
11/22/2008 690 1843 WADS Ansonia CT USA ID
11/23/2008 690 0300 HJCU Radio Lider Bogota Colombia “ID’s, music, mixing with XEX”
11/23/2008 690 0340 XEX Estadio W Mexico City Mexico “soccer game between Atlante and the Tigres, ads for RadioShack”
11/22/2008 720 0008 RJR Innswood Jamaica OM/YL with talk on Jamaican education
11/21/2008 729 2146 unids 2 stations here with low het between but no audio
11/23/08 729 0406 Radio Nacional Various Spain Breaking through the 730 slab about 50 percent. ID at 0406. //684
11/22/2008 730 0125 CM-- R. Rebelde Cuba “Sportscast // 560, others”
11/23/2008 730 0300 HJCU Radio Lider Bogota Colombia “ID’s, music, mixing with XEX”
11/23/2008 730 0340 XEX Estadio W Mexico City Mexico “soccer game between Atlante and the Tigres, ads for RadioShack”
11/22/08 738 0456 Radio Nacional Palau de Plegamans (Barcelona) Spain Male talking in Spanish. //747
11/21/2008 740 2115 CM-- R Progreso Cuba News & ID
11/23/08 740 0400 CMKO Radio Angulo Holguin Cuba “iEsta es CMKO Radio Angulo then 6 note jingle (also heard jingle on 1120), very wobbly”
11/21/08 747 2200 Radio Five Zeewolde (Flevoland) Holland “ID as “‘Radio Vijf”’ by Female announcer before two sets of time pips mixing. Radio One News after TOH. This according to Rik van Riel who listened to my clip. There was a strong SAH on the channel”
11/23/2008 750 0300 CMHV Radio Progreso Trinidad Cuba “popular music; ID; another Latin under, likely Venezuela.”
11/23/2008 750 0337 YVKS RCR Caracas Venezuela “‘‘‘RRC’’’ IDs, music and talk, well
over Cuba here”

11/23/2008 760 0600 XE-- Mexico Mexican NA
11/23/2008 760 0255 HJAJ RNC Barranquilla Colombia “partial ID at TOH, mentions of Colombia”
11/22/08 765 0455 Sottens Switzerland “Music, fanfare, and possible ID at TOH. Then woman talking in French”
11/22/2008 770 0327 CMKB R. Rebelde Las Mercedes Cuba Good under WABC. // 5025.
11/22/2008 770 0251 CM-- Radio Rebelde Cuba Sports // 560
11/23/2008 770 0245 HJJX (t) RCN Bogota Colombia “mnt of Colombia by W, mixing with Rebelde and under WABC”
11/22/08 774 0550 Radio Nacional Various Spain Man in Spanish // 738 etc
11/23/2008 774 0440 unid Middle Eastern Chants
11/21/2008 780 2100 CFDR780 KIDX Halifax NS Canada “C&W music, ID”
11/21/2008 780 2100 WTME Rumford ME USA “Soft hits music, announced as 1240 WEZR”
11/23/2008 780 0315 YVMN Radio Coro Coro Venezuela “IDs and mentions of ““Coro””, music “
11/21/2008 792 2232 unid “Het with low het wavering, likely Spain & France”
11/22/2008 800 0135 WSVS Crewe VA USA “Country, weather, ID”
11/21/2008 801 2147 unid “Soft female vocal, unid language, possibly Spanish”
11/21/2008 801 2236 unid “Arabic music, female vocal over low het from second unid station”
11/21/2008 801 2234 unid Man speaking - sounds English
11/22/2008 810 0200 HJCY Caracol Colombia Bogota Colombia “ID, talk by M in Spanish”
11/23/2008 810 0316 ZNS-3 Freeport Bahamas “Reggae music, ID, ““The new 810 AM””
11/23/2008 810 0350 unid “Several Spanish stations, one playing Mexican music, but that might be WMGC”
11/22/2008 820 0340 CMCA Radio Ciudad de Habana Santa Catalina Cuba pgm of historical Cuban mx; ID
11/22/2008 820 0340 CMDE Radio Reloj Contramaestre Cuba usual nx & morse IDs
11/22/2008 820 1849 WNYC New York NY USA ID
11/23/2008 820.2 0323 HJAD (p) Radio Vigia Cartagena Colombia “HJ national anthem, presumed them as they have been listed on this off-freq”
11/23/2008 830 0350 ? Mexico Mexican music
11/23/2008 830 0328 YVLT Radio Sensacion Caracas Venezuela “””Radio Sensacion”” ID, time checks 4 1/2 hours from UTC”
11/21/2008 837 2150 COPEVarious Spain/Canary Islds Weak female vocal // other outlets
11/23/2008 840 0300 CMHW Dobleve Santa Clara Cuba “ID, nice Cuban music over WHAS; there was another Latin with music under this one, also sounds Cuban.”
11/23/2008 840 0600 CMKC Radio RevoluciUn Santiago de+ Cuba Cuba ID with calls and slogan
11/22/2008 850 1853 WREF Ridgefield CT USA ID
11/23/2008 850 0300 unid unID Spanish ; also Reloj
11/21/08 855 2134 Radio Nacional Various Spain Man and woman alternating talking in Spanish. Another station underneath tried to break through about 2140. Also heard with time pips and ID at 2300
11/22/2008 860 0137 CMDB R. Reloj Baracoa Cuba “Ticks and ““RR”””
11/23/2008 860 0300 unid ? Cuba “Under CJBC with Cuban sounding music, also Reloj was in here.”
11/22/08 864 0313 Holy Quran Programme Santah Egypt Assumed the one with Quranic chanting
11/22/08 864 0311 Radio Bleu Paris - Villebon-sur-Yvette France Presumed the one with light music and French talk. Decent signal at times.
11/22/2008 870 0137 CMDT R. Reloj Sancti Spiritus Cuba “Code ““RR”””
11/22/2008 900 0100 XEW Estadio W  Mexico City Mexico “music, W-Radio TOH jingle under CHML”
11/23/2008 900 0400 WJLGSavanna GA USA AM 900 The Ticket; 152 watts with Fox sports under CHML
11/22/2008 909 0046 BBC Radio 5 synchros England instr mx // 693
11/23/2008 909 0051 RNE5 Palma de Mallorca Spain Spanish // 684 mixing with second unid station with low het
11/21/2008 927 2158 VRT Wolvertem Belgium psych rock
11/21/2008 927 2155 unid “Strong carrier, no audio, off at 1700”
11/22/2008 930 0010 CM-- Radio Reloj Cuba Morse RR in mess
11/23/08 945 0237 Radio Info Toulouse-Muret France “Music box interlude and ID by man as “...les nuits de France Info...” (France Info nights) according to Sylvain Naud.”
11/21/08 950 2243 CM-- Radio Reloj Havana Cuba RR Morse code and Spanish talk
11/22/08 954 0312 Onda Cero Radio Ctra Humera (Madrid) Spain “Male in Spanish, into Michael Jackson song. Fair to good signal with someone underneath”
11/23/08 960 0305 CM-- Radio Reloj Cuba RR Morse code and Spanish talk
11/22/08 972 2217 Radio JamahiriyahSirte Libya Chanting by man. Another station was trying to break through. / / 1053
11/22/2008 980 0211 CM-- R. Reloj Cuba “Ticks, Code ‘RR’”
11/22/2008 981 2229 Alger Chaine 2 Ouled Fayat Algeria “Male talking in French, Arabic music”
11/22/08 981 2218 Radio Sim Various Portugal Light music and man talking in presumed Portuguese. Lady singing an opera song at 2232. At least two other stations in the mix. Algeria and who else?
11/22/08 999 2225 COPE Madrid Spain Excited male talking in Spanish.
11/22/08 999 2221 Unknown Unknown Chanting heard. Possibly either Saudi Arabia or Morocco.
11/22/2008 1000 0140 CM-- R. Rebelde Cuba “Sportscast // 560, others”
11/22/08 1008 2214 Radio SER Various Spain Rapid fire male talking with a slower taking male. This sounded like a sporting event. There was a break with a possible ad at 2235 and back into the game. IBOC from 1020 ruined an otherwise possible clean copy of the signal.
11/23/2008 1020 0150 CM-- Radio Guama Bahia Honda Cuba “Greetings to listeners & Cuban mx. In reviewing tape I heard a YL time check “en Guama” at 0159”
11/22/08 1026 2225 Radio SER Various Spain “Weak, but detectably // to 1008 w/music”
11/22/08 1044 2218 “RTM A/C,” Seba,-AiounMorocco Male chanting. WBZ IBOC ruining an otherwise arm chair copy signal.
11/22/2008 1050 0042 Radio Victoria Las Tunas Cuba Sports // 560
11/22/08 1053 2226 Radio JamahiriyahTripoli Libya Male chanting the Koran. // 972
11/22/08 1053 2218 TalkSport Droitwich United Kingdom Man talking on the phone with female caller. British accented English. // 1089
11/22/2008 1060 0254 CM-- Radio Rebelde various Cuba Sports // 560
11/22/2008 1062 2245 DR P5 Kalundborg Denmark “Light music - ““Greensleeves-ish”””
11/23/2008 1071 0049 unid “weak audio, believed to be in Spanish”
11/22/08 1089 2218 TalkSport Various United Kingdom Man talking on the phone with female caller. British accented English. // 1053
11/22/08 1089 2231 unid Koranic chanting by man
11/22/08 1098 2218 RNE synchros Spain Man in Spanish. Weak signal barely above noise floor most of the time. Peaked around 2225
11/22/2008 1107 0109 RNE5 Spain Talk by W in Sp // 1098
11/21/08 1116 2103 SER synchros Spain Woman and man talking in Spanish.
11/23/2008 1120 0331 CM-- R Ciudad de Habana Artemisa Cuba Pgm // 820
11/23/2008 1120 0200 WPRX Bristol CT USA suspect there with tropical format music; thought it was a Latin American but got a partial call at the TOH
11/22/2008 1125 2154 RNE5 synchros Spain “Spanish talk // 1305, others”
11/22/08 1134 0342 HR1 Zadar Croatia “Program in Spanish by man. There was a sounder in between each item. At 0343 the man says “’’el tiempo en Croacia’’” then follows a short weather report.”
11/23/2008 1134 0250 COPEsynchros Spain OM/YL in Spanish - very clear for a minute; also in at 0440 w/ OM/YL in Sp
11/22/2008 1140 0058 WQBA Miami USA Talk & ID in Spanish
11/21/08 1143 2053 Russkoye Mezdunarodnoye Radio Bolshakovo Kaliningrad “Music. News by woman after TOH. // to 1215 at 2102. A second station, not COPE, was trying to break-through @ 2113 “
11/22/2008 1152 2159 RNE5 synchros Spain Spanish talk // 1125
11/21/08 1179 2100 Radio Sweden S’lvesborg Sweden “Musical Interlude, Chime, ID, and news in Swedish. SAH with another station trying to break through”
11/23/2008 1180 0600 Radio Rebelde Cuba Very strong with echo
11/23/2008 1200 0600 XEB Mexico City DF Mexico “Mexican NA, ID”
11/22/08 1206 0356 France Info Bordeaux-NÉac France Light music. Chime and possible ID at TOH. Faded out right at 0400
11/23/08 1210 0800 CMGL Radio Sancti Spiritus Sancti Spiritus Cuba “Jingle and ID on the TOH, talk by M and W in Spanish under WPHT”
11/22/2008 1214.85 2205 Radio Tirana Fllake Albania OM talk - frequency precisely measured
11/21/2008 1215 2110 Voice of Russia Bolshakovo Kaliningrad “Talk in RR, VoR interval signal - Brett heard ID; mostly on top”
11/21/08 1215 2201 Absolute Radio Various United Kingdom “Possible ID by male “’’(Absolute) Radio, (transmitting)Ö”’’ at 2201 and promptly faded out. Noted numerous times in English over the weekend mixing with VoR Kaliningrad. Also arm chair copy 11/22 0346-0401 with call-in show and music. “
11/22/2008 1215 0323 COPEsynchros Spain “Pop music incl. Paul McCartney, Spanish talk”
11/22/2008 1251 2155 unid weak instrumental music
11/23/2008 1270 0800 CFGT Alma QC Canada presumed in French
11/23/2008 1290 0600 unid Mexico “Mexican NA, ID too buried to make out ID”
11/22/2008 1305 2152 RNE5 synchros Spain “Spanish talk, // 747”
11/22/2008 1368 2137 Evangeliums Rundfunk Mainflingen Germany Song and then talk in German
11/22/2008 1348 2250 Radio Sawa Kuwait City Kuwait Middle Eastern music. Lots of 1550 splatter. Presumed in passing. Also music at 0335 11/23
11/23/2008 1503 2129 unids “2 carriers, low het, occasional weak audio, likely Spain”
11/22/2008 1512 2129 unids “2 carriers, low het, occasional weak audio, likely Spain”
11/22/2008 1521 2242 BSKSA Duba Saudi Arabia Middle Eastern Music and talk in Arabic. Not as strong as previous years.
11/22/08 1539 2137 Evangeliums Rundfunk Mainflingen Germany Song and then talk in German
11/22/08 1548 2250 Radio Sawa Kuwait City Kuwait Middle Eastern music. Lots of 1550 splatter. Presumed in passing. Also music at 0335 11/23
11/23/2008 1566 0336 TWR Parakou Benin “Preaching ( seeming Australian accented male ) & light gospel music in/out 0300-0345 then into African children’s music 0345-0400, then talk in presumed Hausa language, all as per program schedule.”
11/22/2008 1602 2234 SER synchros Spain Spanish talk
11/22/2008 1680 0222 WOKB Winter Garden FL USA Presumed with talk in French
11/22/2008 1700 0207 WEUP Huntsville AL USA “Gospel, ID”
11/22/2008 1700 0218 KVNS Brownsville TX USA “Rock/pop Oldies “’’You’re The One That I Want”’’ ( Olivia Newton-John )”

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