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*From the publisher ...* I can tell when we're getting closer to "skip" weeks for this publication; the contributions drop off and the columns get shorter and shorter. Next week you'll receive a DXN as usual (hopefully longer than this one), but the following week will be a "skip" week for DXN. Keep those contributions coming in!

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### DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News*

50 years ago ... from the "lost" listings: October 25, 1958: J. B. "Pat" Reilley, Jamestown, NY tentatively logged CFRY-1570 at 0204 on 10/12, with sign-off, prayer, and "God Save the Queen", but "XERF raised heck" ... from November 1: Wendell Boyden, Jr., Quincy, MA reported that his new Hammarlund HQ-160 seemed to pick up European and African stations better than U. S. "K" and "W" stations. On 10/20, he heard Radio Monaco-1466 at 0140-0207, and Lille, France-1376 at 0217-0236 with an S-8 signal.

25 years ago ... from the March 5, 1984 DXN: Bob Smolarek, Whitehouse Station, NJ managed to bag two testers at the same time: WASG-1140 and WCJW-1140, on 12-18.

10 years ago ... from the March 8, 1999 DXN: XEW-900 Mexico City made it all the way to Bruce Conti's receiver in New Hampshire on Feb. 22 at 0645.

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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

NONE THIS WEEK

### CPs ON THE AIR

890 WJTP GA Lithia Springs – CP for U1 5000/0 is on the air at N33-45-39 W84-28-42.  
1140 KLTK AR Centerton - CP for D1 700/0 is on the air moving to a new tower at N36-21-50 N94-20-53, increasing power, and moving from Southwest City, Missouri. [Calls corrected from last issue]  
1340 WIRY NY Plattsburgh - CP for U1 1000/940 is on the air from a new site at N44-40-12 W73-26-41 utilizing an 85-foot Valcom antenna.  
1460 WHIC NY Rochester – CP for U2 3700/5000 is on the air at N43-04-59 W77-38-52.

### GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1400 NEW OR Central Point – CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N42-31-00 W122-54-27.  
1490 NEW ID Dalton Gardens – CP granted for U1 810/810 at N47-45-44 W116-47-11.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1100 KTXW TX Manor - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 250/153 with an amendment requesting U4 1100/153. This request is for U4 430/153.  
1600 KRKE NM Albuquerque - Licensed for U1 10000/128 with a CP for U1 10000/175, KRKE has now requested U1 50000/175.

### APPLICATIONS

620 KGTL AK Homer - Applies to reduce their output to U1 2500/2500.  
1340 WMRK AL Selma - Applies for U1 1000/1000 moving to Thomaston, Alabama.

### AM-on-FM TRANSLATORS

1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix - Is being relayed on W221BQ-92.1 Petosky.  
1560 WNWN MI Portage - Is on W238AL-95.5 Portage.  
1570 WSCO WI Appleton - Is now being heard on W214BT-90.7 MHz. [Calls corrected from last issue]

### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

980 WJYK VA Chase City - Applies for U1 1000/26 CH 1000.  
1600 NEW MT Billings - Applies for U1 5000/1250.



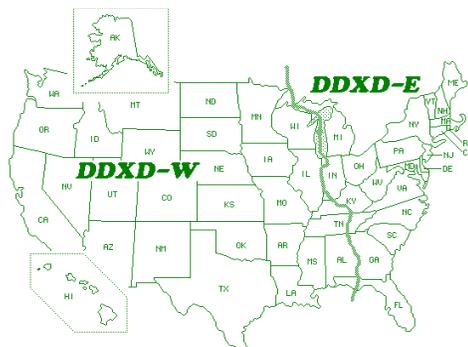
### HEAR AND THAR

- Returning to the airwaves: WJTP-1000 Lithia Springs, Georgia; and WVOT-1420 Wilson, North Carolina.
- But reported as silent: WALD-1080 Johnsonville, South Carolina; WKFL-1170 Bushnell, Florida; and WTQS 1490 Cameron, South Carolina have gone silent.
- FINES: \$4,000 forfeiture to WXTC-1390 Charleston, South Carolina for public file rule violations.
- Thanks to Bill Dvorak, Wayne Heinen, Dave Schmidt.

## *Domestic DX Digest*

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

**DDXD-West**  
FROM THE VAST WESTLAND  
Reporters

RA-NV **Rene Auvray Henderson.** Car Radio  
 BD-WI **Bill Dvorak, Madison.** Drake R8B/Quantum QX pro loop or Sony XDR-FHD1 Tuner with RCA SA-155 preamp with Radio Shack Loop.  
 WH-CO **Wayne Heinen. Aurora,** Drake R8B 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.  
 SP-WI **Sherry Paskiewicz, Manitowoc** YB300  
 JJR-WI **John Rieger. So. Milwaukee.** Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp  
 JW-CO **John Wilkins. Wheat Ridge.** Drake R-8, 4 foot box loop.  
 Ed-IL **Ye Editor, Park Forest.** Icom R75/Quantum Loop or SRF59/internal antenna.

## Station News

1040 KCBR CO **Monument** 02/10 1807 "Victory Radio KCBR 1040 Monument - Colorado Springs" to IRN/USA Radio News. Another switch to the merged IRN/USA network **(WH-CO)**

## Regular DX Loggings (Times in ELT)

600 CKAT ON **North Bay** 2-15 1624 Poor w/calls and nulled WMT. C&W **(JJR-WI)**  
 670 KBOI ID **Boise** 2/9 1002. Local ad, then area news and call letter ID. Fair with local KLTT briefly off the air (they were back on at 1006. **(JW-CO)**  
 670 KBOI ID **Boise.** 2/9 1932. Call ID with ads into news. Fighting through QRM. First time logged in recent memory since KMZQ Las Vegas went on the air. (in Apple Valley CA for logging) **(RA-NV)**  
 680 WCNN GA **Atlanta.** 2/9 0459. In the clear with fair signal strength despite WSCR 670 IBOC QRM. ESPN "AllNight with Jason Smith" just ending, legal ID including "The Fan," into ESPN Sportscenter. Very rare night appearance of this one, made even more so since WSCR went night IBOC. Was using the R8B for this one. **(BD-WI)**  
 700 WLW OH **Cincinnati.** 2/9 0543. While using the Sony XDR-F1HD to double-check whether WSCR was really running IBOC (during my WCNN logging above), I moved up the dial to WLW. During the brief time I listened WLW's IBOC signal locked in, twice in fact for a few seconds each time. Scrolling text ID read: "WLW/HD NEWSRADIO 700". This would have been via a completely night path (Cincinnati sunrise was at 0736) at a distance of 367 miles. This is the first time that I have heard nighttime AM IBOC beyond the Madison market and the first time I have heard any IBOC signal beyond Chicago, a distance no greater than 125 miles. **(BD-WI)**



780 KAZM AZ **Sedona** 02/11 0900 out of OLD to program notes "Keep your dial set right here AM 780 KAZM Sedona" WBBM has already faded to nothing. **(WH-CO)**  
 790 KFGO ND **Fargo** 2-18 1817 promo for T-Wolves game "here on 7-90 KFGO." NEW **(SP-WI)**  
 920 WMOK IL **Metropolis.** 2/13 0305. Several "Real Country 920 WMOK" Id's by male announcer. Booming signal no trace of WBAA. New. **(Ed-IL)**  
 920 WGKA GA **Atlanta.** 2/14 1806. "Intelligent Talk 920 WGKA" and local WX by male announcer. Good signal. New **(Ed-IL)**  
 920 CFRY MB **Portage La Prairie** 2-19 0713 Poor but very clear & loud w/MB wx:-4F-20C, ads, calls, C&W in null of local WOKY **(JJR-WI)**  
 970 KQAQ MN **Austin** 2-18 0632 Poor but steady. Waited for 3-4 songs to hear calls. OLD C&W **(JJR-WI)**  
 980 KDSJ SD **Deadwood** 02/13 0804 out of ABC news to KDSJ sports scoreboard mixing with KMBZ and others. **(WH-CO)**  
 1190 WSDQ TN **Dunlap** 2-13 0626 Poor -steady w/TN lotto ad, WDEF-12 wxcast, finally "on Lincoln Ave in Dunlap." Lost to WOWO @:30. Rare! **(JJR-WI)**  
 1220 KDOW CA **Santa Clara.** 2/9 2032. Mentioning a lot of sports events in Santa Clara. Mentioning business and call ID first time new logging strong reception (in Devore CA for logging) **(RA-NV)**  
 1270 WMKT MI **Charlevoix.** 2/15 0006. "1270 AM and now on 92.1 FM WMKT" by male announcer. Good, no trace of WKBF. Heard on SRF59. New. **(Ed-IL)**  
 1270 KVRT OK **Claremore** 2-18 0617 Poor w/oldie. Dismissed as WLIK until I heard "1270-Tulsa's KVRT" Rare! **(JJR-WI)**  
 1280 KDOX NV **Henderson.** 2/9 2046. Mentioning auto shop in Las Vegas. Call ID. QRM Heavy. First time logged in Southern California. (In Upland CA for logging) **(RA-NV)**  
 1300 KAKC OK **Tulsa** 02/13 2200 out of ESPN T Mobile Rookie Challenge BKB coverage "The Buzz Sports Network covering sports like no one else. Your home for ESPN Radio The Buzz AM 1300 The Buzz KAKC Tulsa" and back to ESPN. Way on top all morning. **(WH-CO)**  
 1370 KWRT MO **Boonville** 2-15 1613 Poor -steady w/nulled WSPD. "Classic Country 1370 KWRT." **(JJR-WI)**

1400	WBAT	IN	<b>Marion</b> 2/10 1709 on top and in the clear w/local annmt, wx, ID. This used to be the nighttime dominant years ago. <b>(KDF-IL)</b>
1370	KWRM	CA	<b>Corona.</b> 2/9 1956. A short tone between announcements in Chinese. (may have been news). Slowly gaining strength through QRM. (in Victorville CA for logging) <b>(RA-NV)</b>
1400	WSAM	MI	<b>Saginaw.</b> 2/19 1031. Callsign ID by male announcer and local WX by female announcer. Fair, no trace of WGIL or WSBT. New. <b>(Ed-IL)</b>
1430	KMRB	CA	<b>San Gabriel.</b> 2/8 1724 Ads in Chinese. Then music. Came up suddenly. weak. <b>(RA-NV)</b>
1550	KAPE	MO	<b>Cape Girardeau</b> 2/6 0806. Southeast Missouri basketball results; mention of "kaperadio1550.com". Fair but heavy QRM. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
1550	KAPE	MO	<b>Cape Girardeau</b> 2/11 1705 good w/ Poplar Bluff news story, Sikeston sports rpt and kaperadio1550.com mention. <b>(KDF-IL)</b>
1550	WHIT	WI	<b>Madison</b> 2/10 1700 good for a few minutes on 1250 watt temp power w/ oldie, Hit Radio, WHIT mention, into Paul Harvey. <b>(KDF-IL)</b>
1600	KAHZ	CA	<b>Pomona.</b> 2/8 1719. A man talking in Chinese. weak. <b>(RA-NV)</b>
1650	KFOX	CA	<b>Torrence.</b> 2/8 1721. Advertising in Korean. Strong. Suddenly out then returning. <b>(RA-NV)</b>
1700	KAIN	CA	<b>Pasadena.</b> 2/8 1731 Announcements in Chinese. (Simulcasting with 1600 KAHL) Suddenly went out. <b>(RA-NV)</b>

## DDXD-East

### REPORTERS

SC-IN	<b>Steve Chappell, McCordsville</b> - Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna
BC-NH	<b>Bruce Conti, Nashua</b> - SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, SuperLoop east 1130-Ω terminated and Ewe south 1150-Ω terminated.
HF-MI	<b>Harold Frodge, Midland</b> - Drake R8B, 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
KK-VA	<b>Kraig Krist, Manassas</b> - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.
GS-ON	<b>Greg Shoom, Toronto</b> - Sangean DT-400W
JW-PA	<b>Jim Weber, "deep in the northern PA woods"</b> - Honda Civic stock radio
MKB-ON	<b>Mike Brooker, Toronto</b> - Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

### TENTATIVE/UNID

700	UNID	- 2/19 1726 - Mixing with WLW/IBOC hiss with "This is WHAO" (sounded like). Can not find this station listed on 700. <b>(KK-VA)</b>
760	WCPSt	NC <b>Tarboro</b> - 2/12 1715 - mixing with WJR, ad for "Life Lock" on WJR mixing with Bill Withers "Lean on Me" song. <b>(KK-VA)</b>
780	UNID	- 2/17 1800 - Fox Sports Radio appears for 10 - 15 minute intervals to 1900, then suddenly disappears. Only dead air heard when time for station ID. WXME? <b>(SC-IN)</b>

### LOGGINGS

560	WFRB	MD	<b>Frostburg</b> - 2/15 1730 - Announcer with "WFRB AM Frostburg Talk Radio 560. Left on the dial, right on the issues" in his best Darth Vader voice. <b>(SC-IN)</b>
710	CJRN	ON	<b>Niagara Falls</b> - 2/18 1731 - in WOR mix with ID as "Tourist Information Radio CJRN seven ten". "This is the world's largest tourist information radio station CJRN" noted at 1752. <b>(KK-VA)</b>
	WOR	NY	<b>New York</b> - 2/18 1730 - Mixing with CJRN, "I'm Adrian Martin with WOR traffic...". 1733 back to the "Steve Mulserberg (sounded like) Show". <b>(KK-VA)</b>
730	WXTR	VA	<b>Alexandria</b> - 2/15 1740 - in CKAC mix with SS talk and songs. 1740 OM mentions, in Spanish, "Alexandria Washington". WXTR switched to night time power at 1745 as I could barely hear them. <b>(KK-VA)</b>
	CKAC	QC	<b>Montreal</b> - 2/15 1757 - Mixing with WXTR with FF talk, sounding like a sporting event. 1757 man in FF mentions "Montreal". <b>(KK-VA)</b>
740	CFZM	ON	<b>Toronto</b> - 2/14 1729 - nostalgia songs, "... next when we continue AM seven forty Toronto". 1732 OM "... this is 'Applause'... on AM seven forty Toronto...". <b>(KK-VA)</b>
750	WBMD	MD	<b>Baltimore</b> - 2/13 1734* - Mixing with WSB with flute type music and sign-off announcement: "This is WBMD seven fifty Baltimore... closes another broadcast day... WBMD Baltimore..." <b>(KK-VA)</b>
770	WAIS	OH	<b>Buchtel</b> - 2/14 2258 - C&W music; station ID at 2301. Mainly under WABC, but copyable and one peak on top. USB helps with WJR-760 IBOC. Apparently no longer daytime only talk, or somebody forgot to hit the switch. <b>(HF-MI)</b>
780	WAVA	VA	<b>Arlington</b> - 2/17 1743* - Fair over nulled WBBM mixing with WWOL at sign off, "WAVA AM 780 Arlington/Washington is off the air. Continue to listen

at wavaam.com." New! **(SC-IN)**

- WCKB NC Dunn** - 2/19 1759\* - Fair, "WCKB in Dunn North Carolina now concludes its broadcast day..780 Khz, 7000 watts, office 1 mile South of Dunn." No SSB. New! **(SC-IN)**
- 880 KRVN NE Lexington** - 2/14 1828 - Country Hall of Fame C&W program; ID as "The Voice of Nebraska KRVN". Mainly under WCBS with peaks on top. WLS-890 IBOC gone at 1828 (was there at 1815; 870 IBOC disappeared about 1831 (assume WKAR went off). **(HF-MI)**
- 890 WAMG MA Dedham** - 2/16 1755 - Strong when WLS is nulled even after night switch, "ESPN 890 WAMG ?. 1400." **(SC-IN)**
- 960 WKNV VA Fairlawn** - 2/16 1759\* - over/under WAMG. Sign off. No SSB. **(SC-IN)**
- 960 WHYL PA Carlisle** - 2/16 1736 - fighting WFIR/WHAK (and losing) with Verizon ad, slogan "your home for the greatest songs ever made...we are 960 WHYL" into "My Girl" by the Temptations. **(MKB-ON)**
- 980 WPRE WI Prairie du Chien** - 2/5 0500 - Very poor with oldies, "Playing great Oldies 24 hours a day 980 WPRE" and slogan "Crusin' 980." New! **(SC-IN)**
- WHAW WV Weston** - 2/19 1803 - over usual sports and news-talkers (CFPL, WTEM, etc.) with ID after bluegrass C&W song: "hope you enjoyed the West Virginia bluegrass...you're listening to WHAW radio 980..." into "Piano Man" by Billy Joel, slogan "the true oldies channel...it's another crusin' classic". Presumably running their 25 kw day rig a little past local sunset. Per website, format is a mix of bluegrass and oldies. **(MKB-ON)**
- WKOR MS Starkville** - 2/10 2038 - Alone, "AM 980 1230 and 1400. WSSO, WJWF and WKOR AM." New! **(SC-IN)**
- 1000 WKDE VA Altavista** - 2/15 1752 - Very weak, "You're listening to WKDE." New! **(SC-IN)**
- 1010 CFRB ON Toronto** - 2/15 2020 - Liana & Steven call-in show; IBOC'd from both sides, KDKA-1020 side stronger. **(HF-MI)**
- 1050 CHUM ON Toronto** - 2/15 2026 - Oldies; "10-50 Chum" jingles. In and out with ESPN, C&W & FF (maybe all 3 Canadians there!). IBOC slop from both sides, WHO-1040 side stronger. **(HF-MI)**
- WEPN NY New York** - 2/15 2054 - "WEPN New York" ID, ESPN IDs in play by play of NBA All-Star game. One in the mix, mainly under CHUM. **(HF-MI)**
- 1040 WYSL NY Avon** - 2/8 1732 - Fair with ad for local business and then location confirmed at "lattimorephysicaltherapy.com" New! **(SC-IN)**
- 1260 WNSS NY Syracuse** - 2/15 1702 - In CKHJ fade; promo, "All sports, all the time... espnradio1260.com... call 671-1260." **(BC-NH)**
- CKHJ NB Fredericton** - 2/15 1700 - Good with WMKI nulled out; "KHJ, 1260 AM Fredericton, 95.1 FM New Maryland, 103.5 FM Oromocto, an Astral Media Radio Atlantic station, Today's Country, KHJ." **(BC-NH)**
- 1270 WLBR PA Lebanon** - 2/16 1732 - over WHLD/WXYT mix with "cloudy skies, 31 degrees...WLBR news time is 5:32" into local news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1280 CFMB QC Montreal** - 2/18 1900 - Heard through WFAU and unIDs; "CFMB... en Montréal, in French. **(BC-NH)**
- WFAU ME Gardiner** - 2/16 1854 - fair with sports talk. Local ads for Kennebec Eye Care, Federal Credit Union offices in Waterville and Belfast for Kennebec and Somerset counties, and for Central Maine Motors in Waterville. Then into broadcast of high school basketball game, between Madison Bulldogs and Traip(?) Academy Rangers. **(GS-ON)**
- 1340 WBBL MI Grand Rapids** - 2/16 0759 - over WLVL groundwave with ESPN sports talk, ToH ID: "you're listening to the Ball...WBBL Grand Rapids" into ESPN Sports Center. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1360 KHNC CO Johnstown** - 2/2 1925 - Faded up and alone for several evenings lasting from 1915 to 1930 but didn't hear talk show host give his name or station ID. A caller gave his own email address out over the air so contacted him and it was my target station KHNC with the Randy Yarbrough Show and confirmed at americanewsnet.com. New! **(SC-IN)**
- 1400 WDTK MI Detroit** - 2/16 0828 - over graveyard jumble with station promo "...your personal wake-up call...on news talk 1400 WDTK" into local traffic report. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1470 WBTX VA Broadway** - 2/7 1605 - Heard well from Roaring Branch through Beech Flats, "Shenandoah Sunshine" program coming in very well with the Dove Brothers. **(JW-PA)**
- 1590 WTVB MI Coldwater** - 2/20 1603 - Lite oldies; coldwater.org spot; "...on AM 15-90 WTVB". Fair peaks on top of mix; SS is main QRM (WONX?) **(HF-MI)**
- WHLX MI Marine City** - 2/20 1744 - Nostalgia music; "AM 14-50 & AM 15-900" non-ID. Poor, mixing with WTVB. **(HF-MI)**

# *International DX Digest*

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

## Pan-American DX

- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** ZIZ Basseterre (17°19'N 62°44'W) FEB 15 0557 - News; strongest signal from 530-670 kHz at the time. [Barstow-MA]  
630 unID FEB 15 0550 - Parallel 760 kHz; Spanish station with accordion music. Could not match up. [Barstow-MA]  
690 **MEXICO** XERG Monterrey NL FEB 3 1200 - Ending national anthem, call sign ID mixing with KTSM. [Heinen-CO]  
780 **MEXICO** XEWGR Monclova, Coah (26°56'N 101°27'W) FEB 11 0505 - Out of Spanish adult contemporary music, ID as XHWGR 101.1 "Exa FM," mentions of Monclova. Ex-XEMF, call change taped. Noted later with English classic rock songs. This with WBBM phased. [Heinen-CO]  
970 **MEXICO** XEEZ Caborca, Son JAN 27 1200 - Out of Mexican national anthem with apparent sign on, XEEZ call ID, and "Super Zeta" slogans. A new one for me and taped. [Heinen-CO]  
1040 **MEXICO** XEHES Chihuahua FEB 10 0502 - Up briefly with call sign ID and playing English oldies music. [Heinen-CO]  
1180 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Villa María (23°07'N 82°22'W) FEB 7 0700 - "Radio Rebelde" slogan, mentions of Cuba, and the cuckoo sounding sounder. Fair over KOIL. [Heinen-CO]

## Transatlantic DX

- 531 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, El Ain Beida (35°49'N 7°19'E) JAN 26 2139 - Fair atop channel during brief fade of Faroe Islands; religious Arabic vocal with horns and violins. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
531 **FAROE ISLANDS** *Kringvarp Føroya Útvarpid*, Akraberg (62°01'N 6°46'W) JAN 26 2106-2200 - Mostly fair over Algeria with English pop music and interviews in Faroese. One cool song at 2131 I would describe as "Nordic Maritime" as it reminded me of both Irish and American seafaring music. This tune was in presumed Faroese. JAN 28 2128-2212 - Mostly fair but good in peaks; hymns and country hymns in English and presumed Faroese interspersed with phone calls in Faroese. The DJ would play one minute of a hymn and then yak on the phone for 3-5 minutes. Interesting format. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. JAN 28 2121 - Fair with sports play-by-play in Spanish, most likely soccer, parallel to 621 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
954 **SPAIN** *Onda Cero*, Madrid FEB 15 0537 - Presumed with Spanish talk; weak. [Barstow-MA]  
963 **PORTUGAL** *R.Sim*, Seixal (38°38'N 9°05'W) FEB 15 0534 - Woman in Portuguese and music; weak. [Barstow-MA]  
999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) FEB 15 0530 - Good at times with slop; a man and woman talking in Spanish at a fast clip, parallel 1143 and 1296 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* sychros FEB 15 0528 - Fair with talk parallel 1125 and 1152 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
1125 **SPAIN** *RNE5* sychros FEB 15 0526 - Fair with talk parallel a stronger 1152 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) FEB 15 2200 - Good; signature time marker, Hrvatske Radio ID with fanfare into reading of news. [Conti-NH]  
1143 **SPAIN** *COPE* sychros FEB 15 0524 - Fair with talk parallel 1224 and 1296 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
1152 **SPAIN** *RNE5* sychros FEB 15 0521 - Good on peaks with talk parallel 1305 and 1314 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
1179 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *SER* sychros FEB 15 0518 - Good at times with slop; discussion parallel 1116 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
1197 unID FEB 15 0512 - Talk but too weak to ID language. I've yet to ID one on this frequency. [Barstow-MA]  
1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 0°11'W) FEB 15 0510 - Talk; good. [Barstow-MA]  
FEB 15 2300 - Good, over unID music; quick *France Info* ID and fanfare into news. [Conti-NH]

- 1215 **SPAIN** COPE synchros FEB 15 0509 - Good over UK. [Barstow-MA]  
 1215 **KALININGRAD** *Voice of Russia*, Bolshakovo FEB 20 2300 - Excellent; "Vy efire Golos Ros-sii, Novosti," and woman with news in Russian. [Conti-NH]  
 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros FEB 15 2347 - Excellent; Duffy "Live and Let Die," DJ banter "...on Absolute Radio," and Beatles "A Day in the Life." [Conti-NH]  
 1224 **SPAIN** COPE synchros FEB 15 0508 - Fair; news in Spanish, parallel stronger 1296 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
 1242 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Marseille (43°16'N 5°18'E) FEB 15 2358 - Fair; woman in French, fanfare and news on the hour, parallel 1206 kHz. [Conti-NH]  
 1287 **SPAIN** SER synchros FEB 15 0502 - Fair; fast talking Spanish parallel a much stronger 1116 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
 1296 **SPAIN** COPE Valencia FEB 15 0457 - Good; talk by a man and woman into fanfare music and one pip on the hour, parallel 1143 kHz. [Barstow-MA]  
 1296 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Radio XL*, Langley Mill (52°33'N 1°46'W) FEB 20 2258 - Briefly atop with pulsating music featuring back and forth between a man and woman in typical Bollywood style, otherwise a jumbled frequency with likely Spain and Sudan in the mix. [Conti-NH]  
 1305 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros FEB 16 0020 - Excellent, with loud syncho echo. [Conti-NH]  
 1314 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros FEB 15 0432 - Fair; soft spoken woman with talk parallel 1305 kHz. [Barstow-MA] FEB 16 0015 - Over a low level sub-audible het; woman in Spanish parallel a strong 1305 kHz. [Conti-NH]  
 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne (43°46'N 7°25'E) FEB 15 0438 - Fair with talk. [Barstow-MA]  
 1566 **BENIN** TWR Parakou FEB 15 0447 - Presume with bits of English talk; weak. [Barstow-MA]  
 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé*, Ceuta (35°53'N 5°17'W) FEB 15 0445 - Presume with flamenco style music, Spanish talk in between selections; fair. [Barstow-MA]

### *Mainly Spain on an Almost Plain Ultralight*

Mark Connelly and filterized E100

Just after midnight (EST) I noticed a fairly strong 981 het while I was listening to Dick Summer's "goodnight" syndicated show on semi-local 980 WCAP Lowell, Massachusetts - about 12 miles north-northwest of here. This het was most likely from the Algerian. Between 0523 and 0536 UTC (0023-0036 EST) on February 15, I tuned around on the barefoot filter-upgraded Eton E100 "ultralight" portable and noted the following:

981 Algeria stiff het on WOFX with WCAP nulled to nothing; 1044 presumed Spain in tight null of WBZ-HD; 1134 Spain over Croatia; 1143 Spain; 1152 Spain with 1150 WWDJ in right angle null; 1179 Canaries/Spain; 1206 France good; 1215 Spain over UK; 1224 Spain; 1287 Spain; 1296 Spain; 1305 Spain; 1314 Spain over rumble; 1359 Spain, loud; 1413 Spain; 1485 Spain; 1557 France through WQEW splatter; 1575 Spain and/or Italy; 1602 Spain through WUNR and WWRL slop.

The lower part of the dial didn't have much to offer, probably as much due mediocre E100 low frequency sensitivity as anything to do with propagation.

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### **International News**

**SLOVAKIA:** Slovakia left medium waves completely on February 1, 2009, but is now returning with a new transmitter on **1098 kHz**. Location: Slovak Radio building in Bratislava. Program: 0500-1700 UTC, *R.Patria* (for national minorities), power "up to 10kW;" 1700-0500 UTC, DRM tests (*S4 Radio FM*), power 1kW. An L-shaped horizontal wire antenna is installed on the roof of the building. The license for these broadcasts is valid until December 31, 2009. [Karel Honzik, *mwdx*]

73 and Good DX!

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