

AM Switch



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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

<u>Old Call</u>				<u>New Call</u>
1130 WFXH	SC	Hilton Head Island		WHHW
1260 KWEI	ID	Weiser		KTRP



CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ON THE AIR

1340 KVGC CA Jackson – This new station is now on the air with U1 270/1000 at 38-22-03/120-44-00. Jackson is located on California Highway 49 about 35 miles southwest of Sacramento.

1450 KOBO CA Yuba City – Is now on U1 160/500 is on the air. KOBO moved their transmitter to the southwest tower of co-owned KUBA-1600 at 39-06-22/121-39-19. Since that KUBA tower is 35' taller than KOBO's old structure, a reduction in power is necessary to cover the same area and afford the same protection to co- and adjacent-channel stations.

ACTIONS

540 WXYG MN Sauk Rapids – Last June, this new station was reported to be testing. During that time, CBK objected to the Critical Hours interference. WXYG has reconfigured their phasing, resubmitted the readings, and now has received the FCC's OK. Still pending is the formal agreement from CBK.

550 KMVI HI Wailuku – Coordinate correction to 20-53-26/156-29-20.

640 NEW IN Terre Haute – Construction Permit (CP) granted for U2 250/250 at 39-29-21/87-25-08. The night pattern is a small lobe to east-northeast..

940 WLQH FL Chiefland – Coordinate correction to 29-30-54/82-53-05.

1080 CKKY AB Wainwright – CP granted to move here (ex: 830) with U2 10000/9000. 1080 is the old CKSA Lloydminster frequency vacated several years ago when they migrated to FM.

1270 KDJI AZ Holbrook – Coordinate correction to 34-54-21/110-11-25.

1340 KJMU OK Sand Springs – Coordinate correction to 36-07-59/96-05-32.

1480 WYZE GA Atlanta – CP granted for U1 10000/44.

1490 KJNT WY Jackson – This new station, not yet on the air, had a CP for U1 420/1000, then applied for U1 1000/1000. This change has been approved.

1570 WNKX TN Centerville – Licensed here with U1 5000/77, WNKX has applied to move to Lobelville with U1 1000/66. They are now silent pending the completion of the move including installation of a new transmitter and antenna facilities.

1590 NEW MI Big Rapids – CP granted for U4 1000/920 from three towers (used all hours) at 43-39-49/85-28-54. The patterns are identical, except for a slight difference in size. They are basically a large circle based at Big Rapids headed north-northwest, with small lobes to the southeast, south-southeast and southwest.

1590 KLRK TX Mexia – CP granted for U4 2500/65 from four new towers at 31-37-12/97-45-06. Both patterns consist of major lobes to the east-northeast and south-southwest with minor lobes to the north and south.

APPLICATIONS

680 WMFS TN Memphis – Applies for U2 8000/5000. In addition to the daytime power reduction, WMFS proposes to replace tower #5 of their array, which has become structurally unsound.

990 KTMS CA Santa Barbara – Applies for U4 5000/125.

1550 WCSJ IL Morris – Applies for D3 300/0 moving to Roanoke. This is approximately a 50-



mile move to the southwest, located about 20 miles east of Peoria. That's nothing compared with a previous application, now dismissed, to move to Amado, Arizona on 670 kHz.

APPLICATION AMENDMENTS

1380 WTMC DE **Wilmington** – Licensed for U1 520/14, WTMC applied for U1 250/14. This amendment requests U1 250/10.

DISMISSALS AND DELETIONS

790 WNIS VA **Norfolk** – Application for U4 5500/5000 is dismissed. WNIS remains U4 5000/5000.
1320 KSDT CA **Hemet** – Application to move to Loma Linda with U4 250/410 is dismissed. KSDT remains U4 500/300,

AM on FM

1240 WGVA NY **Geneva** – W241AW (96.1) Geneva
1510 WWBC FL **Cocoa** – W264AS (100.7) Melbourne
1520 WNWT OH **Rossford** – W281AL (104.1) Harbor View



HEAR AND THAR

- * Reported as Silent: KSSR-1340 Santa Rosa, New Mexico; WINT-1560 Melbourne, Florida (due to vandalism of its copper wire ground system and transmission lines . . . its Silent STA application states they anticipate being off more than a month while they rebuild); and WIOL-1580 Columbus, Georgia.
- * Thanks to: Deane McIntyre, Al Tobia, and DXers everywhere.

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U.S./Canadian Loggings from Pacific/Mtn/Central Time Zones. All times ELT.

Welcome to the last weekly column for this volume of *DX News*. Thanks for your attention (read: putting up with me) every week. It's an honor and a privilege.

Reporters

JDS-MN **Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN** Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop
JW-CO **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
KDF-IL **Karl D. Forth, Chicago, IL** Sangean ATS-909, Tecsun PL-310.
NK-WI **Neil Kazaross, Grafton WI** R8A and Split Delta Flag at 320 degrees.
SA-MB **Shawn M. Axelrod VE4DX1SMA Winnipeg, MB** Icom IC-70, Drake R8; 4 foot unamplified box loop; Quantum Loop; 155 foot outdoor wire' 100 foot indoor wire; MFJ 1060 phasing unit.
WH-CO **Wayne Heinen, Aurora.** Kiwa Loop Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp and Mini DXP5.

Station News

1090 KMXA CO **Aurora** – 2/18 1600 – Out of Romántica music, "KMXA Marie 1090 Siempre Romántica"; latest slogan for this one. (WH-CO)
1530 KCMN CO **Colorado Springs** – 2/18 1606 – Out of Young Rascals' *True Lovin'* (not exactly NOS) but followed by "Legends 1530 KCMN Colorado Springs' station for the music you grew up with" and *Portrait of my Love* (more like NOS/OLD). (WH-CO)


DX Loggings (All Times ELT)

620 CKRM SK **Regina** – 2/26 0625 – "CKCM, a Harvard broadcasting radio station," into country song by male artist. (JDS-MN)

- 660 CFFR AB Calgary – 2/26 0648 – Sports report, into commercial for Calgary Honda followed by “660 News.” (JDS-MN)
- 680 KNBR CA San Francisco – 2/26 0659 – Out of *Race Day* on ESPN, “KNBR San Francisco,” into sports report by female announcer, then fades out (JDS-MN)
- KFEQ MO St. Joseph – 2/23 1849 – With ID, ad, UWM Griffons basketball, WSCR-670 IBOC off. (KDF-IL)
- CJOB MB Winnipeg – 2/3 1845 – Good with CJOB 68 ID, ads, financial program. This and KFEQ new for ultralight log. (KDF-IL)
- 690 CINF QC Montreal – 2/26 0709 – French speaking with references to Montreal (JDS-MN) *Jeff, CINF has been off the air for some time now. French on 690 is probably CBKF-1 Gravelbourg, SK – DY.*
- 710 KNUS CO Denver – 2/26 0730 – “You’re listening to *Face the State* on KNUS,” into news, followed by “News talk Seven-Ten weather.” (JDS-MN)
- KIRO WA Seattle – 2/25 2031 – Poor-fair atop with WLW IBOC phased and that setting helped reduce superlocal WGN slop. “710 ESPN Seattle” into a Mariners update from Peoria (AZ spring training) and soon lost to pattern switch. Extremely rare and much harder to log than KOMO which is easy, noting both are 50 kW ND days. (NK-IL)
- 750 WSB GA Atlanta – 2/20 2305 – Out of local news “News Talk 750 WSB and FM-95.5. Depend on it.” KKZN IBOC phased. (WH-CO)
- KHWG NV Fallon – 2/28 0752 – Station Manager Dee Gregory with a program note; then “The Hawg” slogan and C&W music. Good signal and pretty much alone; on day power a bit early? (JW-CO)
- CKJH SK Melfort – 2/20 2205 – Out of Aretha Franklin song. “CK 750” mentioned in the mud, KKZN IBOC phased. (WH-CO)
- 870 KFLD WA Pasco – 2/25 1958 – Poor-fair noted poking past WWL with talk, but faded as I phased WWL. Came back at 2002 at fair levels with a break in news with a Tri-Cities ad and cold weather report and “Newstalk 870” slogan. Gone after 2014 switch. Presumed KMAX also in there on 840 but too much 830/850 IBOC. I’d hoped for at least a trace of something from BC on 870, but no luck, but it certainly is much easier for 10 kW stations to make it this far across the continent than those using 1 kW. (NK-IL)
- 880 KLRG AR Sheridan – 3/2 1902 – Out of CNN news. “KLRG, the news and talk of Arkansas,” into *Let’s Talk Nutrition* program. (JDS-MN)
- CKLQ MB Brandon – 2/27 0708 – Weather report with current temps from around the region, into commercials including Keystone Glass on Brandon, followed by “Eight-Eighty CKLQ Western Manitoba.” (JDS-MN)
- 960 KGWA OK Enid – 3/2 2058 – Play-by-play of local basketball game; gal with ID at 2104: “KGWA Enid AM 960, your Information Station.” Fair with KRWZ-950 IBOC off. (JW-CO)
- 970 KCFO OK Tulsa – 3/2 2037 – Play-by-play of Arkansas Razorbacks basketball; call letter ID at halftime a minute or two later. Generally fair. (JW-CO)
- 1000 KOMO WA Seattle – 2/25 2026 – Excellent level well atop phased local WMVP with “Como News time 5:26,” and usual newscasters. Still in after 2030 switch but lots weaker. (NK-IL)
- 1060 KYW PA Philadelphia – 2/28 1912 – Traffic report followed by “KYW news time Seven-Thirteen,” into commercial for Ace Public Adjusters 215-624-4911, followed by weather. (JDS-MN)
- 1080 KRLD TX Dallas – 3/3 1928 – Out of commercials including Texas Mutual Insurance “Traffic and weather on the eights, Ten-Eighty KRLD.” (JDS-MN)
- 1110 KYKK NM Humble City – 3/3 1957 – Behind KFAB, Omaha “Eleven-Ten KYKK,” into news followed by weather. (JDS-MN)
- 1130 KPWX OR Mount Angel – 2/25 2045 – Fair slightly atop KFAN with WISN under, ending SS mx with “Once Trenta A-M” and then switched to night power. Surprisingly little trace of CKWX at the time even though Vancouver on 1040 was bothering WHO. (NK-IL)
- 1140 CHRB AB High River – 2/20 0755 – “Sharing God’s love through inspirational programs, Southern Alberta’s Community Radio Station AM 1140,” and religious music. (WH-CO) Fair-good rising atop KZMQ’s C&W with usual slogan announcement of southern Alberta and into religious oriented stuff. This one is much less common since it now switches properly to night



pattern. Both CHRB and KZMQ were gone after 1945 switch times leaving a weak KSOO mixing with phased WRVA. (NK-IL)

- 1210 WILY IL **Centralia** – 3/2 1843 – Out of song: *Rubber Band Ma*, The Spinners. "Good times and great oldies, WILY," into song *Evil Ways*, Santana. (JDS-MN)
- 1230 KRSY NM **Alamogordo** – 2/5 0400 – "You're listening to AM 1230 KRSY Alamogordo," to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- KLVT TX **Levelland** – 2/5 0500 – "Great Country AM 1230 and 1490 KLVL Levelland and KZZN Litchfield," to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 1240 KDLR ND **Devils Lake** – 2/25 1921 – Poor-fair in mix (WJON, WMHG, WJMC sometimes) with WSBC phased out with "AM 1240 KDLR". Also presumed 2/22 1919 with Classic Country 1240 slogans, but I have conflicting info from station personnel about that slogan. Anyhow, unusual. as heard on the fabulous mid-band Nov. 20 here. (NK-IL)
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- 1250 KBRF MN **Fergus Falls** – 2/28 0729 – Chicago grain futures and other agriculture updates; at 0730 a promo for kbrf.com, program notes, ads, and call letter ID. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1420 KULY KS **Ulysses** – 2/18 2300 – Out of C&W music, "AM 1420 KULY Ulysses," to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- KTOE MN **Mankato** – 2/18 2302 – Out of string of local spots "Maverick's Basketball on KTOE Mankato," and return to play by play. (WH-CO)
- 1480 KLMS NE **Lincoln** – 2/25 0858 – Ad or PSA for the Nebraska State Educational Association; weather "from the KFOR newsroom"; long drawn-out legal ID at 0859:40 and into ESPN at ToH. Fair, topping others. (JW-CO)
- 1490 KBST TX **Big Spring** – 2/6 0505 – Out of Dave Ramsey promo "... Right here afternoons 2 to 5 on KBST AM 1490." Thanks to the gang at [NRC-AM] for help with this ID! (WH-CO)
- KZZN TX **Littlefield** – 2/6 0400 – "AM 1230 and 1490 KLVL Levelland and KZZN Litchfield" and ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 1550 KIVA NM **Albuquerque** – 3/2 0750 – Good signals fading up on top of a mess with "Keeva Mexico's new talk radio" ID. Big surprise here over CBE (yes, they are still on). You never know what you will hear but when it is a new one it's all good. The band has been poor the last two days but made up for it. NEW! (SA-MB)

Tentative

- 700 KGRV OR **Winston** – 2/25 2008 – Poor and presumed and first noted with religious music coming up thru weak KXLX (sports talk) with WLW mostly phased out. Later back with religious talk. KXLX gone at 2015 switch. Then from 2041-42 fair-good levels with religious instrumental music and again after 2045 switch. (NK-IL)

Thanks to all this week's contributors. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

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REPORTERS

- RB-PA Ryan Briggs, Grove City – Grundig S350DL, 25' indoor long wire
 JC-DE John Cereghin, Smyrna – DT200VX, PL-310
 SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville – Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna
 HF-MI Harold Frodge, Midland – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
 DJ-PA David Jansky, Sunbury – CCRadio, Radio Shack loop
 KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas – NRD-545, Kiwa loop.

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

LOGGINGS

- 600 WMT IA **Cedar Rapids** – 2/21 0000 – Fox News at ToH, followed by "Your official weather station, AM 600 W-M-T." After weather report, station promo for on-demand news at station's web site. **(RB-PA)**
- WSJS NC **Winston-Salem** – 2/21 2203 – Weather forecast, followed by station promo for 600wsjs.com web site. **(RB-PA)**
- 630 WMAL DC **Washington** – 2/21 2330 – PSA for hands-free CPR, spots for Logan Sausage and Motel 6. Promo for Chris Plante from "9 to noon on 630 W-M-A-L." **(RB-PA)**
- WLAP KY **Lexington** – 2/21 2335 – Third different station at 630 within 30 minutes noted with ad for PNC Bank, followed by promo for upcoming University of Kentucky vs. University of Arkansas men's basketball games on "The Home of the Cats, News Radio 630 W-L-A-P." Followed with long intro of CCR's "Who'll Stop the Rain" into George Noory. **(RB-PA)**
- CFCO ON **Chatham** – 2/21 2302 – "Wink" by country artist Neal McCoy, followed by liner for "Country 92.9/630 AM C-F-C-O...today's best country." **(RB-PA)**
- 700 WDMV MD **Walkersville** – 3/3 1757 – SS songs and ID by man: "Esta es WDMV Walkersville, Maryland y Virginia." **(KK-VA)**
- 720 WGCR NC **Pisgah Forest** – 3/3 1803 – Gospel songs in mix with talk station (probably WGN), program hosts talking about "getting close to our goal of \$12,000. Call 828-577- 4096" Area code 828 is North Carolina. Also noted sign-off at 1844 with SSB. **(KK-VA)**
- 750 WTHQ IL **Brookport** – 2/17 0700 – Fair with slogan "WTHQ Brookport is Right Radio." NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 760 WCHP NY **Champlain** – 2/26 0726 – Over nulled WJR with station promo at end of Back to the Bible program: "... and when you write, be sure to mention you heard Back to the Bible on WCHP" into promos for gospel event at New Life Church in La Salle, QC and other churches in Montreal area. **(MKB-ON)**
- 810 KGO CA **San Francisco** – 2/26 0333 – Very weak but alone, "KGO weather ... foggy ... 30's ... currently 35 ... KGO Radio News." NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 830 WCRN MA **Worcester** – 2/22 2303 – Local weather report with ID by male. Throbbing signal but basically on top. For 50 kW should have logged this one a lot earlier! **(DJ-PA)**
- 940 KPSZ IA **Des Moines** – 2/23 0120 – Station promo "The songs you sing in church, 940 K-P-S-Z" into ads for debt consolidation and DesMoinesCoupons.com. Station liner of "Praise 940 K-P-S-Z," followed by ads for ProActiv and ADT home security systems. **(RB-PA)**
- WCND KY **Shelbyville** – 2/16 1702 – ID in EE, "You are listening to WCND 940 AM Shelbyville-Louisville" back to SS. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1120 WUST DC **Washington** – 2/24 2300 – Non-ID slogan "New World Radio" in EE. Everthing else in SS. Poor signal. Have also heard TOH ID as "Radio Nueva Mundo" many times. **(DJ-PA)**
- 1140 WLOD TN **Loudon** – 3/2 0529 – Poor with "850 WKVL" ID // WLOD with classic country. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1150 WUTI NY **Utica** – 3/1 0645 – Presumed with "America's Morning News" program, only affiliate on 1150. **(JC-DE)**
- WNLR VA **Churchville** – 3/1 0635 – CCM with "New Life Radio" liners. My local WDEL-Wilmington, DE was at reduced power due to a lightning strike. **(JC-DE)**
- 1160 WABY NY **Mechanicville** – 3/1 2100 – Rough copy with standards tunes, "You are listening to WABY" partial ID. **(JC-DE)**
- 1220 WGNV NY **Newburgh** – 3/1 1659 – Oldies and nostalgia, "Fox Oldies WGNV 12-20 and Fox Oldies W??? 98.9" ToH ID, Foxradio.net and Foxoldies.net website promos. Over/under WHKW until 1800 when it disappears and WHKW dominates the rest of the night. Need LSB to minimize IBOC hash. NY #56. **(HF-MI)**
- WHKW OH **Cleveland** – 2/28 1818 – Slogan "Food for the soul, AM 12-20 The Word," The Bible Answer Man making fun of Kenneth Copeland and Rodney Brown conversing in tongues on a broadcast. Pretty weird stuff. Good over QRM, needing LSB to minimize IBOC slop. **(HF-MI)**



- 1230 WBVP PA **Beaver Falls** – 2/27 1835 – in mix with talk show, ID for "14-60 WMBA." WMBA (COL Ambridge, PA) is // 1230 WBVP. **(KK-VA)**
- 1310 WBFD PA **Bedford** – 3/4 1800 – "You're listening to AM 1310, WBFD Bedford" ToH ID into IRN-USA News. **(JC-DE)**
- 1320 WCOG NC **Greensboro** – 2/26 0805 – Station promo and ID "We're the home of... (missed name of the team), 1320 WCOG." **(JC-DE)**
- 1360 WMOB AL **Mobile** – 2/5 0111 – Station liner by male voice, "This is Mobile's Christian Voice, 1360 W-M-O-B." **(RB-PA)**
- 1380 WKDM NY **New York** – 1/29 2300 – ID in EE by male, rest of announcing by female; everything in an Asian language. Signal at this time fair to good but other times alternating with a station IDing as "country favorites 1380." **(DJ-PA)**
C&W on 1380 is almost certainly CKPC Brantford, ON. See logging below. Mike.
- CKPC ON **Brantford** – 2/10 2236 – "Honky Tonk Attitude" by Joe Diffie, followed by station liner "From Alabama to Sugarland, country favorites on AM 1380." Station ran another liner later: "From Dwight Yoakam to Alan Jackson, country favorites on AM 1380." Later, male DJ gave weather report with temperature updates from Kitchener and Hamilton. **(RB-PA)**
- 1630 WRDW GA **Augusta** – 2/26 0526 – In mix with KCJJ and NVCC TIS, Sporting News Radio interview with pitcher Jamie Moyer about his kids camp foundation. Ad for Augusta Symphony. Promo for "Sean Hannity Show on "new talk 16-30 WRDW." **(KK-VA)**
- 1640 WTNI MS **Biloxi** – 2/24 2303 – ID as "ESPN Radio WXBD 1490." Weak signal but only signal in hash. Basic ESPN coverage, college basketball scores into sports discussion. **(DJ-PA)**
- 1690 WMLB GA **Avondale Estates** – 2/28 1748 – In mix with station promo "WMLB Atlanta "The Voice of the Arts" into CBS news. **(KK-VA)**

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

// - Parallel to. :00 – On the hour. AC – Adult contemporary. AP – Associated Press. BBD – Big band. C&W – Country and western. CCz'R – Contemporary Christian radio. CHR – Contemporary hit radio. CID – Code ID. CL – Call letters. COL – City of license. EE – English. EZL – Easy listening. FF – French. GOS – Gospel. Hi – A joke; the ham radio equivalent of :-). LID – Legal ID (i.e., CL and COL near the ToH). LSR – Local sunrise. LSS – Local sunset. NBA – National Basketball Association. NFL – National Football League. NHL – National Hockey League. NPR – National Public Radio. OC – Open carrier. OLD – Oldies. PSRA – Pre-sunrise authority. PSSA – Post-sunset authority. QRM – Man-made interference (power lines, other stations, etc.). QRN – Natural interference (lightning, etc.). QTH – Location. REL – Religious. ROK – Rock'n'roll. RS – Regular schedule. \$ - Stereo. SID – Singing ID/jingle. SRS – Sunrise skip. SS – Spanish. SSB – "The Star-Spangled Banner." SSS – Sunset skip. TC – Time check. ToH – Top of the hour. TT – Test tones. UC – Urban contemporary. VID – Voice ID. WW1 – Westwood One.



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Loggings of stations outside the Lower 48 and Canada. All times UTC.

Trans-Atlantic DX

- 153 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Bechar FEB 22 2245 – Parallel 549 with vocal and drumming; good carrier strength, light audio. [Connelly-MA]
- 162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis FEB 22 2245 – Man and woman in French; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 171 **MOROCCO** *R.Mediterranee Internationale*, Nador FEB 22 2246 – Blues-influenced music; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 177 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Oranienburg FEB 22 2245 – German talk by man; through local noise. [Connelly-MA]
- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg FEB 22 2245 – French teletalk with woman and man; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisutvarpid*, Gufuskalar FEB 22 2245 – Female pop vocal; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 198 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 4*, Droitwich et al. FEB 22 2245 – English talk by man; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 207 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Aholming FEB 22 2246 – Light music, apparent German talk; over weak MJ and CL beacons on USB (that was used to avoid QI on LSB). [Connelly-MA]
- 216 **FRANCE** *R.Monte Carlo*, Roumoules FEB 22 2245 – Fast French talk by several men; over CLB beacon. [Connelly-MA]
- 225 **POLAND** *Polskie Radio*, Konstantynow FEB 22 2245 – Slavic-sounding talk by man & woman; poor, over QM beacon. [Connelly-MA]
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *RTL Junglinster* FEB 22 2245 – Female pop/lounge vocal in English; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 243 unID FEB 22 2245 – Weak talk mixed with YVB beacon. [Connelly-MA]
- 252 **ALGERIA** Radiodif. Algerienne, Tipaza FEB 22 2245 – Woman in French; dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 252 **IRELAND** *RTE1* Clarkestown FEB 22 2245 – Bits of English talk; under Algeria. [Connelly-MA]
- 261 unID FEB 22 2245 – Bits of music in mix with ESG and UFX beacons. [Connelly-MA]
- 270 **CZECH REPUBLIC** *Ceský Rozhlas*, Uherske-Hradiste FEB 22 2245 – "Fireflies" by Owl City; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 531 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi FEB 22 2244 – Drumming parallel 153; fair over unID talker (probably Spain). [Connelly-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles FEB 22 2245 – Rhythmic modern Arabic music with male vocal and strong percussion; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid FEB 22 2245 – Fast Spanish talk by man; in WEZE slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 603 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lyon-Tramoyes FEB 22 2259 – Woman in French; over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** *SNRT* Sebaa-Aioun FEB 22 2259 – Arabic a cappella male vocal, then talk by woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 22 2301 – Spanish news; in heavy slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. FEB 22 2301 – News by man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 684 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Sevilla FEB 22 2301 – Bits of Spanish news; in bad WRKO slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. FEB 22 2300 – BBC news; slightly over a pile of others. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 **CANARY ISLANDS** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2300 – Pips, Radio Nacional de España ID; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg FEB 22 2300 – Electronic music, *Deutschlandfunk* ID, pips, news by man in woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 22 2301 – Woman with Spanish news; fair. [Connelly-MA]

- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 22 2301 – Fast-talk Spanish news by man; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 22 2301 – Parallel 774 with news by woman in Spanish; poor in WEEI slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette FEB 22 2259 – Soul/jazz female vocal, then woman in French; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 22 2301 – Bits of Spanish talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* synchros FEB 22 2300 – Parallel 693 with Five Live mention, news about New Zealand earthquake; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 917 **NIGERIA** *R.Gotel*, Yola FEB 22 2200 – Bits of talk by man, mostly just a big het against 918 kHz. [Connelly-MA]
- 918 **SPAIN** *R.Inter*, Madrid FEB 22 2230 – Spanish teletalk; poor. Then Gershwin-style orchestral music was noted but that might have been Slovenia mixing. [Connelly-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse FEB 22 2208 – Man and woman in French, bits of interspersed music; fair over WROL slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 981 **ALGERIA** *RTVA Chaîne 2*, Algiers FEB 22 2208 – Woman in French; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 22 2231 – Fast Spanish talk by man; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1008 **CANARY ISLANDS** *Punto Radio*, Las Palmas FEB 22 2208 – Spanish talker not parallel 1116 *SER*; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 22 2209 – Man in English with sports talk mentioning America; fair over unID station with female vocal. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros FEB 26 2250 – Fair; news/talk in Italian, off at 2301 UTC. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 22 2214 – Two men with sports talk; mixed with apparent Russian. [Connelly-MA] FEB 26 2235 – Fair to good; talk parallel 1053 kHz. 2359 promo, "...on TalkSport," ads and news; slight het from 1088 Angola. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2229 – Man in Spanish; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2229 – Spanish parallel 1098; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 22 2215 – Man and woman in Spanish; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1125 **BELGIUM** *RTBF VivaCité*, Houdeng FEB 22 2208 – Celine Dion song "My Heart Will Go On"; under Spain. [Connelly-MA] FEB 26 2220 – Good; lively conversation in French between a man and woman. [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Two men in Spanish; multiple echoes, mixed with Belgium. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Hrvatski Radio*, Zadar FEB 22 2208 – Croatian news/talk by man mentioned Sudan, then into classical piano music; very good, way over Spain. [Connelly-MA] FEB 26 2315 – Good; beginning of English program, "...the Voice of Croatia. You're listening to Croatia Today." 2330 news in unID language. [Conti-NH]
- 1152 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Parallel 1116 with fast Spanish talk by man; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux FEB 22 2208 – Man and woman in French, France Info mention, interval music; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** *VOR Bolshakovo* FEB 22 2215 – Panel discussion about natural gas use in Europe, production in the Ukraine; over UK. 2300 light classical music, then woman said, "This is the Voice of Russia World Service"; to good peak over UK and Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Green Day song; fair over others. 2231 to good peak with rock music, *Absolute Radio* ID. [Connelly-MA]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Echoey Spanish talk; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1314 unID FEB 22 2208 – "Killing Me Softly" by the Fugees; not parallel any *RNE* Spain outlets. [Connelly-MA] Maybe *R.Farda* UAE?
- 1323 **GERMANY** *VOR Wachenbrunn* FEB 22 2214 – Man in Russian; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille FEB 22 2208 – Woman in French; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Spanish talk by man, possibly sport-related; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** *R.Sawa*, Arta FEB 22 2229 – Arabic talk by man; peaking over slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* FEB 22 2228 – Talk by woman; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1476 **SPAIN** *Euskadi Irratia*, San Sebastian FEB 22 2207 – Man in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1485 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 22 2208 – Fast Spanish talk by woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]

- 1503 **IRAN** *IRIB 1*, Bushehr FEB 22 2229 – Female a cappella chant; fair. [Connelly-MA]
 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba FEB 22 2207 – Arabic talk by woman then by man, over light music breaks; good to excellent. [Connelly-MA]
 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne FEB 22 2207 – Woman in French; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]

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International News

CUBA: 1040/1190/1450 (also 104.7 FM) *R.Mayabeque*, ex-*R.Güines*, 1040 heard by Bill Whitacre, Alexandria VA, identified by Henrik Klemetz in RealDX. This is the result of the new administrative division of the island. On January 8 two new provinces were born from the old La Habana: Artemisa y Mayabeque. So this is the new provincial station born from the 40 years old *R.Güines* and adding the transmitter used until this moment for the old *R.Cadena Habana* provincial station. 1040 Güines 10 kW, 1190 La Salud 25 kW, and 1450 Güines 1 kW. [Mauricio Molano, RealDX, and MWC *Medium Wave News* via Jim Renfrew]

UNITED KINGDOM: Paul Rusling posted the following announcement on the Garry Stevens Message Board: "It's likely some of you will start seeing mentions of a new radio station, using the project working title *UK International* (but it may well become called England International or even London International by launch time)... Our plan is to use 500 kilowatts on **648 kHz** - now the BBC have confirmed they will stop using the frequency in two months time. The station will be owned by a group of UK and Dutch media folk and have a broad appeal, particularly to car drivers, and be a shop window for various products and services. It will be presented in the style of Top 40 radio, as we believe that is what will appeal to our target listeners. We have put in an offer to lease the facility at Orfordness, our preferred site, but if huge bureaucratic delays and problems are encountered we have a second site available." [MWC *Medium Wave News*, via Jim Renfrew]

73 and Good DX!

Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members. Local time per Muse.

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Something that hasn't happened for a while, Musings for 2 weeks in a row! When sending your reports in, if written or typed, please skip a line so that my eyeballs don't skip over a line! And here we go:

David Yocis – 864 Valley View Rd., Harpers Ferry WV 25425 – NRCDXNews@gmail.com

Glad to see we're getting back to keeping DWS in business! Here's my re-intro: I'm 48, a member of NRC on and off since 1977 or so. I live in the extreme eastern panhandle of West Virginia, about 40 miles NW of Washington, and I work in DC on international trade issues. The work can get very political, but almost never on party lines, so I get to work with people of all political persuasions, usually in a constructive rather than a flamethrowing mood – something that, unfortunately, is increasingly rare in Our Nation's Capital.

It's been an honor to succeed Paul Swearingen in the role of putting *DX News* together for the club. Paul is continuing to moderate e-dxn.com, and with Wayne Heinen handling membership and Ken Chatterton overseeing the printing and mailing out of Watertown, my job is the relatively easy (and rewarding) one of assembling the work of our magnificent column editors into a PDF file for posting on [e-dxn](http://e-dxn.com) and e-mailing to the printer. With the end of the weekly issues, a special shout-out needs to go to Bill, Jim, Mike, and Bruce for their dedication and outstanding work in putting

together 23 columns each over the last 24 weeks. Our other editors and contributors all help make *DX News* what it is. A lot of work from a lot of people goes into this all-volunteer operation, a lot of it behind the scenes and unrecognized. So thanks!

I also want to thank Bruce Conti and Jim Renfrew for their thoughts on how *DX News* might be improved going forward, and hope that others will contribute their ideas to Musings (or to me directly). Personally, I think there will always be a place for a printed *DX News*, no matter what happens in the electronic realm, and the NRC has always been committed to maintaining that. It's true that much DX information is now transmitted quickly via e-mail – but in so many different fora, without editing or compiling, that anything beyond the most immediate “WXXX is running daytime power RIGHT NOW” tips get lost quickly in the ether. Digesting all of this into useable form and distributing that on a timely basis is a valuable service. *DX News* is doing a good job now; it takes less than 24 hours now for tips to go from a DXer's ears to a column editor to me to the online e-dxn version of *DX News*, 30 issues a year. But I'd like to think we can do it better.

One last thought: Doing the “DX Time Machine” feature every week, I'm struck by the way NRC members have always been saying that the “good old days” of MW DXing are gone. It's amazing that, even in the 1930s, NRC members were saying that on a pretty regular basis. So, yes, IBOC is a pain. But we have phasing, SDRs, the Internet, DX Tuners, and Ultralights, among other things. This hobby still has a lot of life in it – and this club has been a leader in promoting it for close to 80 years now. Let's keep it going! 73 & good DX.

Geomagnetic Indices (From Phil Bytheway)

Geomagnetic summary tabulated from daily e-mail data.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx	Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx	Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx
2/ 1	80	10	2	no	storms	2/11	91	3	2	no	storms	2/20	105	8	2	no	storms
2	79	6	1	no	storms	12	96	3	0	no	storms	21	97	9	1	no	storms
3	80	2	0	no	storms	13	107	2	0	moderate		22	91	2	1	no	storms
4	82	15	5	minor		14	113	8	3	minor		23	89	3	0	no	storms
5	81	15	2	no	storms	15	113	5	2	strong		24	89	2	0	no	storms
6	80	14	2	no	storms	16	114	2	0	minor		25	88	2	1	no	storms
7	82	4	1	no	storms	17	111	2	2	no	storms	26	90	5	2	no	storms
8	90	5	1	no	storms	18	125	17	2	moderate		27	90	2	0	no	storms
9	89	2	0	minor		19	109	6	1	no	storms	2/28	96	2	1	minor	
10	91	4	1	no	storms												

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued March 1 – For the period March 2-28, 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low to moderate levels through the forecast period. A slight chance for high-level activity is possible from March 5-22 due to the return of old Regions 1158 (S21, L=31), 1161 (N11, L=334) and 1162 (N17, L=338).

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels on March 2. High levels are expected from March 3-13 due to a recurrent coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS). A decrease to normal to moderate levels is expected through March 18. Another increase to high levels is expected from March 18-23 due to a second CH HSS. Normal to moderate levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be unsettled to active with a chance for isolated minor storm periods from March 2-5 due to a recurrent CH HSS. Mostly quiet levels are expected from March 6-7. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected from March 8-9 due to another CH HSS. Mostly quiet levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

(From <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftplib/weekly/WKHF.txt>)

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