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From the Publisher: Summer is here, and as the DX slows down it gives us a chance to reflect on the last year of *DX News* and make plans for the year to come. We're planning a member survey in the September issue, but any ideas for new columns, articles, etc. are more than welcome. Contact the Publisher with your thoughts, suggestions, and concepts. E-mail is best – at NRCDXNews@gmail.com.

The severe weather around the country this year has certainly taken its toll on radio stations. Dale Park sends reports on WDAY-970, back on from one tower on June 11 after being knocked off the air on Memorial Day. Other stations with issues are mentioned in the various columns.

Please be sure to check the publication schedule when making submissions to column editors and to the publisher for the summer issues. We'll try to have a working Volume 79 schedule next issue.

#### **VOL. 78 DX NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE**

Issue	Deadline (Fri)	Masthead (Mon)
29	August 5	August 15
30	September 9	September 19

<u>New Members</u>: A warm NRC welcome to John Huber, Bel Air, MD; Robert Ice, East Liverpool, OH; Hugh O'Riordan, Boise, ID (rejoins); and OJ Sagdahl, Norway.

**Convention!** The annual joint NRC/WTFDA convention is a little later than usual this year, but we are definitely ON for Omaha in October. Join our hosts Ernie Wesolowski and Carl Mann on October 13-16. We will be at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 7007 Grover Street, Omaha NE, (402) 934-4900 and mention the NRC when making your reservation. For more details, see page 7 of the last DX News and upcoming issues.

The 18th annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together will take place on Saturday, August 20, 2011, beginning at 1 p.m. This year's event is in the Milwaukee area, hosted by Tim Noonan and his family in south suburban Oak Creek. It is an all-band event, and anyone interested in the radio hobby is welcome. For more information, contact Tim at <a href="mailto:DXing2@aol.com">DXing2@aol.com</a> or 414 762-2702.

Renewals: Check your mailing label to see when your subscription runs out. When it's time to renew, please make your checks out to the "National Radio Club" and send them to club HQ in Aurora, CO. Rates and the mailing address are on the back page.

NRC AM Radio Log #32 – Stay Tuned! Although we are "fresh out" of the 31st edition of the NRC AM Radio Log, Wayne Heinen is starting to put together the 32nd edition. See page 8 for how you can help.

#### **THE DX TIME MACHINE**

<u>75 years ago</u>: From the July 1, 1936 *DX News*: At the club's third annual get-together on June 21, it was agreed that there were too many DX tests during the past year for members to respond to each as well as one would like, so in the future DX test requests will focus on hard-to-hear stations, especially in Latin America. ... Ethiopian shortwave stations ETA, ETB, ETG, ETD, and ETC will lose their identities after Italy's conquest of that country; henceforth the stations will have call letters IUA, IUB, IUC, IUD, IUF, and IUG.

<u>50 years ago</u>: From the July 22, 1961 *DX News*: Larry Schwartz in San Diego noted KXRX-1500 San Jose was off the air, enabling him to log WTOP and KSTP ... Roy Millar in Bellevue, Washington said his best catches of the last year (250 watt XEXQ-1460 and 1000 watt East Coast GYer WHLF-1400) do not make his all-time "Top Ten" foreign and domestic catches, respectively.

<u>25 years ago</u>: From the July 14, 1986 *DX News*: Bill Hale was scheduled to succeed Dave Schmidt as editor of Domestic DX Digest – East. ... George.Santulli told of DXing from an airplane at 35,000 feet.

**10** *years ago*: From the July 16, 2001 DX News: The National Radio Club entered into an agreement with the World Radio-TV Handbook to provide data on AM stations in the lower 48 U.S. states, in return for advertising space promoting the NRC. Rick Kenneally ... described his experiences with his makeshift Beverage antenna at the local beach.



# AM Switch



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

#### **CALL LETTER CHANGES**

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	Old Call	<u>[</u>		<u>New Call</u>	
660	WPYT	PA	Wilkinsburg	WAMO	RADIO GO
<b>750</b>	KXL	OR	Portland	KXTG	
920	WVOH	GA	Hazlehurst	WHJD	
970	WVOV	VA	Danville	WMPW	WE TILV
1110	<b>KIMO</b>	HI	Kihei	KAOI	
1140	<b>KQZB</b>	CA	Lake Isabella	KVLI	LYIVI
1190	<b>KMFX</b>	MN	Wabasha	WBHA	NEWS • TALK • SPORTS
<b>1470</b>	<b>KEPL</b>	CO	<b>Estes Park</b>	KRBR	THE THE PROPERTY OF CHILD

#### **CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ON THE AIR**

MN Sauk Rapids - New Station is now on the air with U4 250/250 from 4 towers 540 WXYG (using 4 during the day and 3 at night) at 45-36-18/94-08-21. They are reported to be playing Classic Rock with AM 540, the Goat as a slogan.

AK Anchorage - Their Construction Permit (CP) for U1 3100/5000 is now on the air. 550 KTZN Since they relocated to the tower of coowned KENI-650 (at 61-09-58/149-49-34) which is taller than the old KTZN tower, the daytime power was required to be reduced from the original 5 kW in order



theoretically cover the same area during daytime operations.

**950 WPEN** PA Philadelphia – Is now on with U4 43000/21000.

980 KGLN CO Glenwood Springs - Is now on the air with U1 2000/225, doubling their daytime power.

MD Silver Spring - CP for U1 10000/44 is now on the air, increasing their day 1050 WBQH power.

1060 WILB OH Canton – Is now on with D4 15000/0 CH 15000, adding the CH operation.

CA Fowler - Their CP for U5 5000/370 is now on the air. The day pattern is **1210 KQEQ** basically a large circle to the southeast, with a small 'blip' to the northwest.

1260 KBSZ AZ Apache Junction – Is now on the air with U1 3500/50 from a relatively short (85') tower at 33-22-56/111-32-09.

CA West Sacramento – Is now licensed here with U4 5000/5000 (no change) after 1320 KCTC changing their City-of-License from Sacramento.

1320 WJAS PA Pittsburgh – Is now on the air with U4 7000/3300.

1360 KNGN NE McCook – Remaining D1 1000/0, KNGN is now on from a new 180' tower at 40-13-20/100-41-37.

1370 WVIE MD Pikesville - CP for U4 50000/24000 is now on the air. With the increase in nighttime power, that pattern remains unchanged (favoring the southeast) except for the size.

1420 KJDL 500/140. With this action, they have: TX Lubbock – Is now on with U1 decreased their nighttime power; gone from U2 to U1; and consolidated their transmitter sites and become a one-site operation at 33-36-49/101-52-30.

CA Helendale – New station is on the air with U1 250/250 at 34-44-26/117-21-50. 1450 KQTE

1450 KOBO CA Yuba City – Is now on with U1 160/500 at 39-06-22/121-39-19.

West Allis - Is now licenced here (ex: Racine) with U4 1460 WJTI **1000/240** after relocating to the tower site of WGLB-1560 at 43-00-32/88-02-06. The day pattern directs the bulk of the signal to the southeast, while the night pattern is to the northeast.

> GA Atlanta - CP for U1 10000/44 is now on the air. 1480 WYZE



#### **ACTIONS**

- 580 WLVA VA Lynchburg Having operated under an STA with U1 250/15 from a long wire antenna while engineering changes were being made to move from 590 kHz (swapping frequencies with co-owned WLES Bon Air), WLVA has now gone silent under an 'silent' STA. They have a CP to move to 580 kHz with U1 250/15, diplexing into the tower of WBRG-1050. [see next item]
- 590 WLES VA Bon Air After moving from 580, WLES has been granted an extension of an STA with U1 600/58 [see related item above].

  [Last Issue we had the following item . . .]
- 610 WXVA VA Winchester CP granted for U2 380/500, decreasing daytime power and eliminating directional operation from a new day transmitter site at 39-07-26/78-12-44. Their 4-tower nighttime site remains at 39-11-53/78-13-13.

[ . . . which piqued the interest of **Perry Crabill**, who paid a visit to the studios and reports back that the personnel there claim there is no 'night site', even though the filing at the FCC states so. WXVA has been reported to be back on featuring 'a full service-greatest hits of all time - 1950s thru current format' [ie: oldies]. According to a staff member



there, "the station is currently operating with 390-watts directional daytime, but has applied for 125-watts non-directional fulltime." WXVA was granted an STA for U1 125/125 from a folded unipole antenna in April, but the CP as cited above was granted on April 28.]

- 770 KJCB LA Lafayette Licensed for U2 1000/500, KJCB filed for a Silent STA due to 'component failure' in April. Now, they have file for an STA using 1000/125 using a long wire antenna, as they have lost the lease on their transmitter site.
- 890 CP CA Olivehurst New station granted with U4 350/250 from 2 towers at 39-03-28/121-34-38. The day pattern is basically a circle headed northeast anchored at Olivehurst, while the night pattern is two circular lobes headed northeast and southwest. The SW lobe is about twice the size as the NE lobe. Olivehurst is in California 64 southeast of Marysville/Yuba City.
- 900 WATV AL Birmingham Licensed for U4 845/158, WATV lost its tower to a tornado on



April 27. They have returned under a **Special Temporary Authorization** (STA) **using a 45' inverted-L antenna with approximately 846 Watts** until "the WATV tower and facilities can be reconstructed in accordance with the

station's licensed specifications."

- 970 WDAY ND Fargo Reportedly off the air due to storm damage to their towers.
- 1080 WRYT IL Edwardsville CP granted for U7 500/20 CH 380, adding the CH designation.
- 1110 WGNZ OH Fairborn CP granted for U7 5000/2 CH 1700. This increases their day power and adds night service. The Critical Hours operation remains as it was.
- 1150 WJBO LA Baton Rouge CP granted for U4 15000/5000 increasing the day power. The new day pattern sends a large lobe to the southeast with smaller lobes to the northwest and west. The day pattern is unchanged with large equal lobes to the south-southeast and west.
- 1230 CP IN Terre Haute New station granted with U1 1000/1000 from a 278' tower at 39-29-21/87-25-10.
- 1240 KWAK AR Stuttgart Coordinate correction to 34-29-08/91-33-35.
- 1340 CP AR Bethel Heights New station granted with U1 1000/1000 at 36-12-43/94-07-38.
- 1390 KRRZ ND Minot Due to flooding in the area, KRRZ's transmitter site is under water. They are now operating under an STA with U1 1000/1000 from the center tower of co-owned KCJB-910's newly-built, but yet unused, 3-tower array at 48-12-09/101-20-53.
- 1440 WNYG NY Medford CP granted to move here from Babylon with D1 1000/0 and relocating the transmitter to the site of WLIM-1580 Patchogue at 40-47-45/72-59-32.
- **1490 WCHM GA Clarkesville CP granted for U1** 878/878. The will increase the height of their tower from 98 to 148 feet in order to install an LPFM antenna. So, in order to maintain the same coverage area as previously licensed, the decrease in power is required.
- 1510 KMYN NM Isleta CP granted to move here (formerly 1500 at Alamo Community) with U1 5000/25 CH 4200 from a new tower at 34-25-01/107-30-04.

- 1590 WGBW WI Denmark Licensed at Two Rivers with U1 1000/33, WGBW had a CP for U4 10000/200 moving here. They then applied for U4 10000/50, which has been approved, still moving to Denmark. [Last issue we reported they applied for U4 10000/500, which was in error.]
- 1640 WTNI MS Biloxi After having operated under an STA with U1 2500/2500 as they were replacing their tower, WTNI has now returned to their licensed powers of U1 10000/1000.

#### **CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AMENDMENTS**

1470 WLQR OH Toledo – Licensed for U4 1000/1000, WLQR was issued a CP for U4 1000/700. This amendment requests U4 1000/690.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- 570 WQDR NC Raleigh Applies for U1 1000/40.
- **920 CKNX ON Wingham** Applies for a 'nested' FM repeater on 104.3 MHz to "improve service to listeners of CKNX, and provide fill-in coverage at night and in areas that are most affected by interference in the CKNX current licensed area."
- 930 WBCK MI Battle Creek Licensed for U4 5000/1000, WBCK is operating under a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) with U4 5000/250 as a result of storm damage. One of their four towers collapsed and besides operating with lower nighttime power, both patterns are affected.

1340 WKSN NY Jamestown – After operating for many years from a rooftop antenna with



(currently U1 500/1000), WKSN has applied to diplex its signal into the tower of co-owned WJTN-1240. Because WJTN's tower is much more taller and more efficient than WKSN's short rooftop site, WKSN would reduce their power levels to become U1 260/520 to maintain its existing coverage area.

#### **APPLICATION AMENDMENTS**

- 1120 WKAJ NY Little Falls This new station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U2 1500/250. They applied for U4 10000/400 moving to St. Johnsville, amended the application to U7 10000/400 CH 10000, still at St. Johnsville.
- **1260 WWRC DC Washington Licensed for U4 5000/5000,** WWRC applied for U4 20000/5000. This amendment requests U4 25000/5000. The application for 20 kW is rescinded.
- 1280 WDNT TN Dayton Licensed for U1 1000/31, WDNT was taken silent in October 2009 by the owners for financial reasons. In June 2010 WDNT was sold and the new owners filed for, and which they are operating under, an STA with U1 500/31. They have now applied to return to the original U1 1000/31 from a new tower site.
- **1520 WSVX IN Shelbyville Licensed for U4 1000/250**, WSVX applied for U1 260/4 CH 260. The CH portion of that application has been rescinded leaving the application as U1 260/4.

#### LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1400 WOBG WV Clarksburg – Station has been silent for more than one year.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS**

- **1020 APP NV Blue Diamond** Applies for U4 5000/250.
- **1330 APP AZ Prescott Valley** Applies for U4 800/250.

#### **DISMISSALS AND DELETIONS**

- 720 WVOA NY Dewitt License cancelled; call deleted per licensee's request.
- **890 APP CA Chico** Application for a new station.
- 930 WLVF FL Haines City License cancelled; call deleted per licensee's request.
- **1260 WSHU CT Westport** Application to move to Stratford with U1 1000/18. **WSHU** remains U1 1000/9 at Westport.
- 1260 KTUE TX Tulia License cancelled; call deleted.
- **1340 WFSH FL Valparaiso-Niceville License cancelled; call deleted.** [Hey! I worked there in the early 70s!!!]

**1490 WPNT IN South Bend – License cancelled; call deleted.** [station had either been silent or operating with 200 Watts from a long wire antenna since January of 2010. Their license expired on April 21, 2011 and they did not file for renewal.]

#### **AM ON FM**

970 WMPW VA Danville – W279AO (103.7) Danville

1130 WASP PA Brownsville – WPKL (99.3) Uniontown

1130 WHHW SC Hilton Head Island - W282AT (104.3) Hilton Head Island

1240 WHBU IN Anderson – W275AJ (102.9) Muncie

1290 WTKS GA Savannah – W249BS (97.7) Savannah

1340 WKOZ MS Kosciuosko – WKOZ-FM (98.3) Carthage

1430 KAOL MO Carrollton – K267BM (101.3) Bosworth

**1600 WHOL PA Allentown** – W258BM (99.5) Easton



#### **HEAR AND THAR**

- \* Returning to the airwaves: WIIN-780 Ridgeland, Mississippi is back on with country // WUSJ 96.3 Madison and US 96 as a slogan; KMPH-840 Modesto, California has returned, this time with Spanish religion; WMPW-970 Danville, Virginia returns to the air with Rhythmic AC as AMP 103 point 7, simulcasting on W279AO 103.7 Danville; KXPD-1040 Tigard, Oregon is back, this time with Chinese from CRI; KUDO-1080 Anchorage, Alaska returns with Fox Sports using the slogan AM 1080, the Ticket; WTJH-1260 East Point, Georgia has returned with Black Gospel; WVZN-1580 Columbia, Pennsylvania.
- \* Reported as Silent: KVOC-1230 Casper, Wyoming; WPLY-960 Pocono, Pennsylvania; WTYL-1290 Tylertown, Mississippi; WDOD-1310 Chattanooga, Tennessee has turned in their license [See News Item below]; WBHV-1330 Somerset, Ohio; KWMO-1350 Washington, Missouri; KFCR-1490 Custer, South Dakota; WNWR-1540 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- ★ Fines: A fine of \$25,000 has been assessed to KBPO-1150 Port Neches, Texas for "willful and repeated" violations concerning failure to maintain a main studio with a meaningful management and staff presence (\$10,000) and "willful and repeated" violations concerning failure to maintain a Public Inspection File (\$15,000); WKWL-1230 Florala, Alabama has been fined \$1500 for failure to file for renewal in a timely manner; a fine of \$9000 has been assessed to WGIV-1370 Pineville, North Carolina for failure to properly maintain their Public Inspection File; KZER-1250 Santa Barbara, California has been fined \$6000 for failure to register its two towers with the FCC and FAA; KZUE-1460 El Reno, Oklahoma is fined \$4000 (initially \$7000) for late filing for license renewal and for operating after the term of the license had expired.
- \* News Item: <u>Clear Channel Communications</u> has donated **KFXN-690 Minneapolis**, **Minnesota** and **WTOC-1360 Newton**, **New Jersey** to the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council.
- News Item: Chattanooga's oldest station, WDOD-1310, has signed off after 86 years. The owner is selling the 22 acres associated with the station to the Baylor School, and turning in the license to the FCC, according to the Chattanoogan. The station had most recently been running in a simulcast with WDEF-1370. General Manager Bernie Barker says ". . . the equipment was very old". WDOD signed on April 23, 1925 by Norman Thomas and Earl Winger. They were in the business of making crystal radio sets, so for them and many others, it seemed like a natural extension of their business to operate a radio station that would get people to buy their sets. Many department stores that sold radio receivers did the same thing, and became station owners. In the case of Chattanooga's WDOD, it retained the same call letters for its entire existence. The AM signed off the air on Wednesday, June 1.
- ❖ News Item: Mexico's spectrum regulating authority, COFETEL, has made a ruling which allows HD Radio on all AM and FM stations. Our southern neighbor first authorized HD in 2007 for stations within 200 miles of the U.S. border, but this action allows the technology to be used on all stations anywhere in the country.
- News Item: Mark your calendars! On November 9 (a Wednesday) at 2 PM Eastern Standard Time (1 PM Central, etc), every broadcast station licensed by the FCC will be (read that 'should be') participating in the first nationwide Emergency Action System test. This means that no matter what station are listening to, you'll hear that famous 'message', which will last between 3 and 3-1/2 minutes. The Emergency Action Termination (EAT) code will not be used. The test will consist of the Emergency Action Notification (EAN) code followed by the audio message and finishing with the End of Message (EOM) code. Such a test was already conducted in Alaska which revealed a lot of faults in the system, and lessons were learned by

- both the stations and the government agencies involved (the FCC and FEMA). Each station must report to the FCC whether or not the test was run successfully, and the Feds indicated fines will be in order if the test is not complied with.
- ★ Thanks to: Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Jeff Kitsko, Tim Noonan, Dave Schmidt, Al Tobia, Jim Weber and Radio World Online. If you have news or updates that others would benefit knowing about, let us know and we'll get the word out. 73!

#### **GRAVEYARD DX ACHIEVEMENTS – UPDATE**

\* record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska) + record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage

<u>1240</u>	kHz

<b>Station</b>	<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	DX Location	<b>Miles</b>
WCRW IL	Chicago	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 218
KBIZ IA	Ottumwa	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 461
KICD IA	Spencer	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 601
WCEM MD	Cambridge	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 449
WOCB MA	West Yarmouth	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 688
WATT MI	Cadillac	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 200
WJPD MI	Ishpeming	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 392
WJON MN	St. Cloud	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 594
WSNJ NJ	Bridgeton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 464
WGBB NY	Freeport	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 524
WGVA NY	Geneva	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 345
WSNY NY	Schenectady	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 496
WCNC NC	Elizabeth City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 540
WJNC NC	Jacksonville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 583
WRNC NC	Raleigh	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	487
WSEW PA	Selinsgrove	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 353
WKDK SC	Newberry	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 521
WSKI VT	Montpelier	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 585
WSSV VA	Petersburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 450
WTON VA	Staunton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 342
WKOY WV	Bluefield	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 329
WTIP WV	Charleston	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 247
WOMT WI	Manitowoc	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 268
WIBU WI	Poynette	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 320

WOMT	WI	Manitowoc	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 268			
WIBU	WI	Poynette	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 320			
	<u>1340 kHz</u>							
<b>Station</b>		<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	DX Location	<u>Miles</u>			
WJOI	AL	Florence	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 525			
KBRS	AR	Springdale	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 682			
WOOK	DC	Washington	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 401			
WALH	GA	Mountain City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	465			
KROS	IΑ	Clinton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	(Tie) + 343			
KNHN	KS	Kansas City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 612			
KSEK	KS	Pittsburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 662			
WLEW	MI	Bad Axe	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 150			
WMTE	MI	Manistee	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 226			
WEXL	MI	Royal Oak	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 60			
KVBR	MN	Brainerd	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 619			
KDLM	MN	Detroit Lakes	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 705			
KROC	MN	Rochester	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	482			
KLID	MO	Poplar Bluff	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 498			
KSMO	MO	Salem	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	509			
KICK	MO	Springfield	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 607			
WDCR	NH	Hanover	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 591			
WMBO	NY	Auburn	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 367			
WIRY	NY	Plattsburgh	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 550			
WOOW	NC	Greenville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 535			
WAIR	NC	Winston-Salem	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 426			
KGPC	ND	Grafton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 821			

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KXXY OK	Oklahoma City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 821
WCVI PA	Connellsville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 236
WOYL PA	Oil City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 200
WHAT PA	Philadelphia	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 452
WRAW PA	Reading	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 409
WWPA PA	Williamsport	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 341
WOKE SC	Charleston	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 643
WRHI SC	Rock Hill	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	487
WSSC SC	Sumter	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	563
WBAC TN	Cleveland	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 455
WKRM TN	Columbia	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	460
WCDT TN	Winchester	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 469
WKEY VA	Covington	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 329
WHAP VA	Hopewell	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 450
WJMA VA	Orange	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 372
WMON WV	Montgomery	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	269
WXEE WV		Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	311
KSGT WY	Jackson	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	1387
CKNR ON	Elliot Lake	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 329
CFBQ ON	Parry Sound	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 310
CKOX ON	Woodstock	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	176
CJAN QC	Asbestos	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 645
CFOM QC	Quebec	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 706
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		<u>1400 kHz</u>		
<b>Station</b>	<u>City</u>	DXer	DX Location	<u>Miles</u>
WJHO AL	Opelika	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 631
WILI CT	Willimantic	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 587
WSDO FL	Sanford	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	899
KCOG IA	Centerville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 491
WSJM MI	St. Joseph	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 152
WTCM MI	Traverse City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	238
WMIN MN	•	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 536
KJCF MO	Festus	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	433
KSIM MO	Sikeston	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 464
WABY NY	Albany	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 505
KWON OK	Bartlesville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 745
WGTN SC	Georgetown	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 616
WHCQ SC	Spartanburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	471
KGVL TX	Greenville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 904
WWOC VA	Portsmouth	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 511
WBOY WV	Clarksburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 237
WRJN WI	Racine	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 230
WRDB WI	Reedsburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 355
CJFP QC	Rivière du Loup	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 805
		<u>1450 kHz</u>		
<b>Station</b>	<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	DX Location	<u>Miles</u>
WDIG AL	Dothan	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 729
WMVG GA	Milledgeville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 594
WAFX IN	Fort Wayne	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 91
WWXL KY	Manchester	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 312
WLKS KY	West Liberty	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 259
WATZ MI	Alpena	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 235
WKLA MI	Ludington	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 215
WMBH MO	· 1	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 667
WGNC NC	Gastonia	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 460
WIZS NC	Henderson	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 461
WHKP NC		0 0 1	T.1.1. OII	+ 442
	Hendersonville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	
WFBS NC	Spring Lake	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 513
WFBS NC WJER OH	Spring Lake Dover	Gary Siegel Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH Toledo, OH	+ 513 + 135
WFBS NC	Spring Lake	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 513

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WQSN	SC	Charleston	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 644
WDSG	TN	Dyersburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	499
WENZ	VA	Highland Springs	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	436
WLPM	VA	Suffolk	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	506
WWBB	WV	Madison	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 266
CFJR	ON	Brockville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 441
CHEF	QC	Granby	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 600

<b>Station</b>		<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	DX Location	<u>Miles</u>
KOTN	AR	Pine Bluff	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	689
WMLS	GA	Monroe	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	534
WESL	IL	East St. Louis	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 408
KTOP	KS	Topeka	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 663
WFXY	KY	Middlesboro	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 350
WOMI	KY	Owensboro	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 330
KQDS	MN	Duluth	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 550
KLNG	NE	Omaha	Gary Siegel	Toldeo, OH	* 643
WBTA	NY	Batavia	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 289
WOLF	NY	Syracuse	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 389
WRNB	NC	New Bern	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 572
WSTP	NC	Salisbury	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 445
WESB	PA	Bradford	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 255
WNBT	PA	Wellsboro	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 323
WOPI	TN	Bristol	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 359
WROL	TN	Knoxville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 395
WJJM	TN	Lewisburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	464
WFAD	VT	Middlebury	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	* 551
WSGB	WV	Sutton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	257
WLCX	WI	La Crosse	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	+ 415

# NRC Log Update

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It's hard to believe that it is July already and the August 1 deadline for changes to the *AM Radio Log* database is growing near.

Anyone wishing to help proof a geographical area in the USA or Canada, please let me know. The easiest way to proof an area is for me to send you an Excel spreadsheet or a Word document. If you change a piece of data, change the font color to red or blue and then I will know which fields to update. When volunteering, let me know which format will work for you! For snail-mailers, just drop me a note with the areas and I'll send you a Log-type printout that can be annotated and returned by snail-mail. Either way, please use the e-mail or snail-mail address above.

The *Log* will hit the streets on or about September 1. I am still researching the printing and postage costs, so keep your eye here for announcements about when we'll be ready to accept preorders.

Please note the current list of <u>silent stations</u>. Send any corrections, changes, etc. to me by August 1 for inclusion in the next Log.

540	WASG	Daphne, AL	4/2011	730	WLTQ	Charleston, SC	9/2010
560	WCKL	Catskill, NY	7/2010	740	WHMT	Tullahoma, TN	11/2010
570	WQDR	Raleigh, NC	4/2011	780	WZZX	Lineville, AL	5/2010
580	WLVA	Lynchburg, VA	8/2010	780	WIIN	Ridgeland, MS	6/2009
590	WREN	Carrollton, AL	7/2009	790	CIGM	Sudbury, ON	7/2010
590	WGTM	Wilson, NC	3/2010	810	WSJC	Magee, MS	4/2011
690	<b>KZEY</b>	Tyler, TX	9/2006	810	WCTA	Alamo, TN	1/2010
710	KAPZ	Bald Knob, AR	6/2009	840	<b>KMPH</b>	Modesto, CA	8/2010

050	IVVCN	TA7 - 1 1 T A	10/2000	1220	IATELLO II	7/2010
850	KXGM	Waterloo, IA	12/2009	1320	WHHO Hornell, NY	7/2010
850	WPFD	Fairview, TN	6/2010	1340	WFSH Valparaiso-Niceville, FL	3/2009
850	CKBA	Athabasca, AB	7/2010	1340	WKCB Hindman, KY	10/2009
860	KWRF	Warren, AR	2/2010	1340	WMTE Manistee, MI	10/2010
880	WBKZ	Jefferson, GA	2/2009	1340	WAML Laurel, MS	3/2010
890	KDJQ	Meridian, ID	5/2010	1340	WWNH Madbury, NH	6/2010
890	WHJA	Laurel, MS	9/2008	1340	KSSR Santa Rosa, NM	2/2011
900	WATV	Birmingham, AL	5/2011	1340	WMON Montgomery, WV	4/2010
900		Eddyville, KY	12/2002	1350	KZTD Cabot, AR	5/2011
900	WCME	Brunswick, ME	7/2008	1350	KWMO Washington, MO	3/2011
910	WSRP	Jacksonville, NC	1/2009	1360	KBYO Tallulah, LA	12/2010
910	WNHV	White River Junction, VT		1370	KZSF San Jose, CA	10/2010
930	WEZZ	Monroeville, AL	1/2010	1370	WPAZ Pottstown, PA	12/2009
940	WGRP	Greenville, PA	2/2011	1380	KMUS Sperry, OK	1/2010
940	KTON	Belton, TX	6/2009	1390	WROP Belton, SC	6/2009
950	KSEW	Seward, AK	11/2008	1400	KCLA Pine Bluff, AR	12/2008
950	WGTA	Summerville, GA	6/2009	1400 1400	WIEL Elizabethtown, KY	9/2009
950	KRRP	Coushatta, LA	10/2010		KWLA Many, LA	7/2009
980	WTOT	Marianna, FL	5/2010	1400 1400	WEEP Virginia, MN	12/2002
990 1010	KZZB WCOC	Beaumont, TX	2/2011 1/2010	1400	WYKC Grenada, MS WPAY Portsmouth, OH	2/2011
1010	KDLA	Dora, AL De Ridder, LA	2/2008	1400 $1400$	•	5/2011 4/2011
1010	KZPD	•	12/2009	1400 $1400$	11 ,	12/2009
1040	KIPA	Tigard, OR Hilo, HI	10/2010	1400 $1410$	WOBG Clarksburg, WV WYIS McRae, GA	2/2009
1060	WGSB	Mebane, NC	1/2009	1410	WDSK Cleveland, MS	1/2010
1080	WALD	Johnsonville, SC	6/2009	1410	WSTN Somerville, TN	6/2009
1090	KULF	Bellville, TX	12/2009	1420	KSTN Stockton, CA	2/2010
1110	KLIB	Roseville, CA	4/2006	1420	WLET Toccoa, GA	9/2009
1120	KLIM	Limon, CO	10/2002	1420	WQBC Vicksburg, MS	6/2009
		Mount Angel, OR	4/2010		WIGG Wiggins, MS	2/2010
1140	KPWB	Piedmont, MO	4/2009	1420	WVOT Wilson, NC	6/2010
1150	WDTM	Selmer, TN	7/2009	1430	KMBQ Wasilla, AK	2/2011
1170		Hanceville, AL	10/2007	1430	WCWC Williamsburg, KY	10/2010
1190	KMFX	Wabasha, MN	2/2008	1430	WQOQ Durand, WI	9/2008
1200	WJES	Saluda, SC	1/2010	1440	WSEL Pontotoc, MS	4/2010
1210	KEVT	Sahuarita, AZ	7/2010	1440	WNYG Babylon, NY	7/2010
1210	WDGR	Dahlonega, GA	9/2009	1450	WCOX Camden, AL	10/2009
1220	WAYE	Birmingham, AL	8/2010	1450	WQKC Jeffersonville, IN	8/2010
1220	CHSC	St Catharines, ON	10/2010	1450	WROB West Point, MS	12/2009
1220	CKSM	Shawinigan, QC	6/2010	1450	KYLW Lockwood, MT	3/2010
1230	WNUZ	Talladega, AL	7/2007	1450	KLZS Eugene, OR	12/2009
1230	WWSD	Quincy, FL	5/2006	1450	WTOD Hartsville, SC	10/2010
1230	WLNR	Kinston, NC	4/2009	1450	WBVA Bayside, VA	1/2010
1240	WULA	Eufaula, AL	7/2009	1460	WPON Walled Lake, MI	10/2010
1240	WBGC	Chipley, FL	9/2010	1470	WPGG Evergreen, AL	1/2009
1240	WKIQ	Eustis, FL	7/2010	1480	WQTM Fair Bluff, NC	5/2010
1240	WGUY	Ellsworth, ME	1/2011	1490	WIRB Level Plains, AL	11/2009
1240	WSDT	Soddy-Daisy, TN	1/2010	1490	KOTN Pine Bluff, AR	12/2008
1240	KPBL	Hemphill, TX	2/2008	1490	KXLQ Indianola, IA	4/2009
1240	KRAL	Rawlins, WY	7/2010	1490	WIKC Bogalusa, LA	10/2009
1240	CBMO	Lac-Megantic, QC	7/2010	1490	KBSR Laurel, MT	4/2010
1250	WIPS	Ticonderoga, NY	12/2009	1490	WTQS Cameron, SC	6/2009
1260	WBBK	Blakely, GA	12/2009	1490	KFCR Custer, SD	6/2010
1260	WTJH	East Point, GA	12/2009	1490	KIBL Beeville, TX	2/2011
1260	WCSA	Ripley, MS	8/1992	1490	KOGN Ogden, UT	12/2008
1260	KIMB	Kimball, NE	9/2008	1500	KSJX San Jose, CA	10/2010
1270	KVCL	Winnfield, LA	7/2009	1500	WQMS Quitman, MS	6/2009
1280	KVWG	Pearsall, TX	10/2008	1500	WTNE Trenton, TN	7/2009
1280		Appomattox, VA	6/2010	1510	WQQW Highland, IL	3/2011
		Oak Ridge, TN	3/2010		KHLT Hallettsville, TX	6/2009
1300		Kershaw, SC	4/2011	1530	KCLR Ralls, TX	6/2009
1310	WDOD	Chattanooga, TN	5/2011	1540	WKDG Sumiton, AL	9/2005

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1540	WKXG Greenwood, MS	5/2010	1570	WNKX Centerville, TN	6/2009
1540	WNWR Philadelphia, PA	6/2011	1580	WIOL Columbus, GA	2/2011
1550	WSHN Fremont, MI	12/2008	1580	WBBA Pittsfield, IL	9/2003
1550	WCLY Raleigh, NC	4/2011	1580	WRDD Ebensburg, PA	9/2010
1550	WVAB Virginia Beach, VA	1/2010	1590	WZUM Carnegie, PA	3/2010
1550	WZRK Lake Geneva, WI	4/2011	1590	KLRK Mexia, TX	3/2011
1560	WCMA Daleville, AL	1/2010	1600	WBTO Linton, IN	12/2006
1560	KDDA Dumas, AR	1/2000	1600	WLUZ Bayamon, PR	5/2010
1560	WMBH Joplin, MO	4/2009	1650	KYHN Fort Smith, AR	4/2008
1560	KKUZ Sallisaw, OK	12/1999	1660	WGIT Canovanas, PR	1/2010

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# Domestic DX Digest – East

1560 KNGR Daingerfield, TX

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U.S./Canadian Loggings from Eastern/Atlantic Time Zones. All ELT.

#### **REPORTERS**

- **KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas** NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.
- **TLK-FL Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater** JRC NRD-535, IC-R75 and several other receivers, roof dipole, in-room random wire.
- TLK-GSMNP Terry L. Krueger, TN, NC, northeast GA Traveling to/from hiking, with approximate location of reception noted Hyundai Sonata car radio.
- JW-PA Jim Weber, Lancaster Station news.
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus) (no DX to report. My loggings have gone fishing until September!).

#### STATION NEWS

1580 WVZN PA Columbia – Returns to the air after about three weeks of being off or broad-casting intermittently. Noted 6/17 with SS religious programs. I have been over to the transmitting site a couple times but without anyone being there. Their trailer and longwire are situated in a commercial compound along with a couple houses. The wire running between the poles is about 125 feet long. (JW-PA)

#### UNID

**--** 5/30 0355 – Typical ESPN radio programming in mix with other talk stations, station promo: "You're listening to ESPN radio Danville...espninva dot com...". Is this WMNA in Gretna, VA with a format change? Gretna is not too far from Danville, Roanoke, Bedford and Lynchburg (stations listed at espninva.com) (KK-VA) [Yes, I've heard this as well, and it is definitely WMNA. – DY]

#### TIS/HAR

- **FL Lake City** (Columbia County Tourism Development) 5/26 0755 Usual long loop on area outdoor rivers and parks, Olustee Battlefield, hotels, etc. Male "WNMY250 5-30 AM on your radio dial" sporadically dropping atop the loop. (TLK-GSMNP)
- 830 (TIS) GA Atlanta 5/21 1600 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport with usual male parking loop. Strong on I-75/I-285 (south metro Atlanta). (TLK-GSMNP)
- **1610 (TIS) FL Crystal River** 5/21 1000 Manatee Information Radio with usual long environmental loop by young Southern-accented female. Fairly small signal coverage. Audible while passing through on US-19. **(TLK-GSMNP)** 
  - FL Micanopy 5/26 0835 Payne's Prairie State Park TIS with usual long loop on the Park and wildlife while southbound I-75. (TLK-GSMNP)

- **GA Perry Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau** 5/21 1500 usual long male and female loop promoting local events, attractions and eco-friendly excursions. Fairly small signal these days, as heard northbound on I-75. **(TLK-GSMNP)**
- **GA** Forsythe 5/21 1520 TIS noted silent while passing through on I-75. It was active this same week last year. **(TLK-GSMNP)**
- **GA Buford Dam at Lake Sidney Lanier** 5/21 1730 US Army Corps of Engineers still active with male loop regarding current lake water levels and boating-related information. Extremely weak now, barely audible only on I-985 at exit 12 (Flowery Branch). Probably has a year to go at best before the transmitter croaks. **(TLK-GSMNP)**
- NC Great Smoky Mountains National Park 5/22 1700 Oconaluftee Visitor's



Center TIS finally noted, with dedicated female loop instead of the generic transmitter factory test loop of the past nearly two years. Problem now is, the audio is FMing and there's a big pulsing noise ever second or so, rendering the audio useless. Mostly generic park information with mention of the Sugarlands Visitor's Center on the north end of US-441 near Gatlinburg, and indeed the same loop is used there. The transmitting stick at Oconaluftee remains attached to the back of the old Visitor's Center (which was replaced with the nice new

Center in April of this year). Logged on site. Signal barely audible in Cherokee, a couple of miles south. (TLK-GSMNP)

- TN Great Smoky Mountains National Park 5/22 1630 Sugarlands Visitor's Center with same loop as at Oconaluftee, only the transmitter is working closer to properly here (but not really very low modulation). Heard in and near the Center. (TLK-GSMNP)
- **1640 (HAR) FL Okahumpka Service Plaza** 5/26 0935 Florida's Turnpike HAR with turnpike traffic loop by male and female near the Turnpike exit on I-75. **(TLK-GSMNP)**

#### LOGGINGS

- **540 WGOP MD Pocomoke City** 6/2 0355 In WGTH/WYNN/WETC mix with oldies including Paul Anka's "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," man with "WGOP" ID. **(KK-VA)** With those call letters, I would expect a conservative talk format rather than oldies! Mike.
  - WETC NC Wendell-Zebulon 6/2 0355 In mix with WGOP, WGTH and WYNN with SS talk and singing, bilingual "WETC Wendell" ID. (KK-VA)
  - WYNN SC Florence 6/2 0355 Religious programs in mix with WGOP, WGTH and WETC, station promo: "Become a fan on Facebook ... or glory 95.com. This is your station ... Glory 98.5 ... 5-40 AM." (KK-VA)
  - **WGTH VA Richlands** 6/2 0355 In WGOP/WYNN/WETC mix with talk show, "5-40 WGTH" ID by woman. **(KK-VA)**
- **620 WHEN NY Syracuse** 5/26 0355 In mix with oldie "Wishing on a Star" by Rose Royce, slogan "Power 6-20", ad for car dealer in Syracuse. **(KK-VA)**
- 940 WLQH FL Chiefland 5/21 1030 "The New WZCC, Chiefland" slogan with promos for 940 (WLQH) and 1240 (WZCC) simulcast. Oldies, canned sat-feed, with local spots. Heard while passing through on US-19. Also noted // on 1240 (WZCC-1240 Cross City). (TLK-GSMNP)
- 970 WVOP GA Vidalia 5/22 1708 Braves vs. Dodgers game // WFSC-1050. Certainly a Georgia station, as spots for the Barbecue (BBQ?) Inn, EAC (?) Mobile Homes and the Georgia Lottery. WNIV, Atlanta is listed as Christian, still. Checking http://tunein.com/radio/stations/Atlanta-Braves-Radio-Stations-a37913/ this is the only affiliate listed on 970. Fair at the Oconaluftee Visitor's Center parking lot. (TLK-GSMNP)
- **1050 WFSC** NC Franklin 5/22 1707 Atlanta Braves vs. LA Dodgers game on Braves Radio Network, ID during break. Poor at the Oconaluftee Visitor's Center parking lot. (TLK-GSMNP)
- **1230 WCRO PA Johnstown** 6/8 2355 In mix with oldies including Ricky Nelson's "Poor Little Fool" and Tom Jones "It's Not Unusual," slogan "Music of your life, AM 12-30 WCRO." **(KK-VA)**

- WJOI VA Norfolk 6/4 0355 In mix with oldies including "Feelin' Groovy" by Harpers Bizarre, "Easy" by Commodores. "WJOI" jingle, slogan "Great memories WJOI." (KK-VA)
- **1240 WCNC** NC Elizabeth City 6/5 0355 In mix with WKDK, UNID ESPN station, and several others, playing C&W songs including "Honky Tonk Tennessee" and "On The Road Again", station promo "... classic country AM 12-40... and AM 12-60 WZBO." (KK-VA)
  - WKDK SC Newberry 6/5 0355 Oldies in mix with WCNC and others, out of the mess woman with website promo "...at www.wkdk.com...." (KK-VA)
- **1250 WDVA VA Danville** 6/18 2355 Religious programs in mix with Radio Disney and ESPN stations, man with station promo: "...WDVA with a gospel format. WDVA listening area... 1.9 million...WDVA radio...". **(KK-VA)**
- **1260 WNXT OH Portsmouth** 6/17 2355 In mix with typical ESPN radio programming, station promos: "Your hometown voice... leader in sports...ESPN sports radio 12-60 WNXT Portsmouth", "...right here on ESPN radio 12-60 WNXT." **(KK-VA)**
- **1270 WCBC MD Cumberland** 6/14 2355 In mix with WUCO, station promo "WCBC. You can listen right here...12-70 AM. When you...news...right now...keep in touch...America's great radio station...12-70 AM WCBC Cumberland and on the web..." into ABC news. **(KK-VA)** 
  - WUCO OH Marysville 6/14 2355 Mixing with WCBC with oldies including Doors "Hello, I Love You", station promo: "One great song after another...listen to Ohio's...weekday morning from 5 till 8 on true oldies WUCO." (KK-VA)
- **1280 WIPC FL Lake Wales** 6/2 1745 Surprised to hear pieces of this 1 kWer weak under WTMY, Sarasota (Talk format) with Mexican vocals. This one is in a small, dilapidated (shocker) free-standing block building on the north side of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road, just before entering Bok Tower's grounds as per my noticing it awhile back when visiting Bok. **(TLK-FL)** 
  - **WADO** NY New York 6/16 2355 In mix over Fox Sports station with SS programming, at 0000 man with ToH "WADO" ID in EE. (KK-VA)
- **1290 WNIL** MI Niles 6/19 2355 Mixing with WHIO and WFBG, woman with local weather and "News talk 12-90 WNIL" ID. (KK-VA)
  - WHIO OH Dayton 6/19 2355 In WNIL and WFBG mix with ID as "...Dayton's...AM 12-90 WHIO...talk radio...." (KK-VA)
  - WFBG PA Altoona 6/19 2355 In WNIL and WHIO mix with station promo: "Father's day on the big 12-90 WFBG." Promo for "Follow the Pittsburgh Pirates all season long on WFBG...", Coast to Coast AM with a repeat program from Halloween. (KK-VA)
- **1300 WAVZ CT New Haven** 6/20 2355 In WJZ mix with usual ESPN radio programming, man with "...sports...WAVZ..." ID. **(KK-VA)** 
  - **WMTM GA Moultrie** 5/25 1750 Heard southbound I-75 north of Valdosta with Michael Medved syndicated talk, no ID TOH, into CBS news, again no ID coming out of the news and national spots when back to Medved. Signal virtually gone at the FL/GA state line. **(TLK-GSMNP)** 
    - WJZ MD Baltimore 6/20 2355 ESPN radio sports talk in mix with WAVZ (also ESPN), both fighting to dominate frequency, station promo: "...sports leader...Baltimore's WJZ...." (KK-VA)
    - **WMTN TN Morristown** 5/23 1330 Nice oldie C&W/mountain-bluegrass vocals, Morristown store spots. Fair a few miles southwest of Gatlinburg on an unidentified gravel mountain road. **(TLK-GSMNP)**
- **1340 WALH GA Mountain City** 5/25 0852 Thought they were silent again, passing south on US-441 just before crossing the NC/GA line southbound. But audio abruptly up with overmodulated blob followed a few seconds later by sat-fed Oldies audio and WALH and WGHC (1400, Clayton) canned ID. Also noted // 1400. **(TLK-GSMNP)** 
  - WMID NJ Atlantic City 6/6 0355 In WSTV/WNCO mix with oldies, "AM 13-40 WMID...number 1 in..." station promo. (KK-VA)
  - **WNCO OH Ashland** 6/6 0355 Talk show in mix with WSTV and WMID, station promo mentioning phone number "... WNCO...877...9900...." (**KK-VA**)
  - WSTV OH Steubenville 6/6 0355 In WNCO/WMID mix with typical ESPN radio programming, station promo "ESPN... Ohio...12-90 WOMP...13-40 WSTV Steubenville." (KK-VA)

- **1350 WARF OH Akron** 6/23 2355 In mix with typical Fox Sports radio programming, station promo: "From the Mike Brody studios, this is WARF Akron. Your home of the...Fox Sports 13-50." **(KK-VA)**
- **1360 WNJC NJ Washington Township** 6/24 2355 SS programming in mix with talker and Fox Sports station, ToH legal "WNJC" ID by man in EE. **(KK-VA)**
- **1390 WNIO OH Youngstown** 6/27 2355 In mix with typical Fox Sports radio programming, station promo: "This is Fox Sports radio. Fox the sports animal...13-90 WNIO." **(KK-VA)**
- **1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh** 6/30 2355 In mix with PSA for USO, "When Radio Was" program and Bloomberg Business News, station promo: "This is your station for news, KQV Pittsburgh 14-10 AM and world wide at kqv.com." **(KK-VA)**
- **1520 WBZW FL Apopka** 5/30 0659 Male with canned ID: "This is what Orlando has been needing, 15-20 The BIZ... AM 15-20." **(TLK-FL)** 
  - WEXY FL Wilton Manors 5/30 0700 Abruptly up atop WBZW with male canned, "WEXY, Ft. Lauderdale, 15-20 AM" ID into local spots. No trace of local WXYB, Indian Rocks Beach on the channel yet. (TLK-FL)
- **1590 WPSL FL Port St. Lucie** 5/30 0654 Dominating with live male, "Your News 15-90, the Talk of the Treasure Coast" slogan into local weather and traffic. No sign of local WRXB, St. Pete Beach on the channel yet. **(TLK-FL)** 
  - WALG GA Albany 5/30 0644 Sports roundup by two guys, "News Talk 15-90, WALG" ID into Motel 6 etc. ads, back to sports. (TLK-FL)

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

Summertime, and not much happening in AM-DXland.

#### Reporters

- **JDT-WA Jim Tedford, Ducktown, WA** Toyota Car radio, DXing while stuck in drive-in/drive through lines throughout the greater Puget Sound region.
- JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- **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.

#### Special

**1470 KRBR CO Estes Park** – 7/1 1115 – Out of OLD "KRBR 1470 The Bear" and more OLD music listened for a while noted that they are also still "The True Oldies Channel;" Music was pretty much confined to 60's and 70's. **(WH-CO)** 

In the last year, I've become a great fan of YouTube. It's far more than videos of people falling down or making farting noises over TV soundtracks. It includes lots of radio hobby-related content. Go to the site, and put phrases like "AM radio" or "AM DXing" in the search box. You'll get videos uploaded by radio enthusiasts on all manner of interesting topics: radio reviews, DX sessions, instructions on how to build antennas. Makes one almost hopeful for the future of our hobby. (JDT-WA)

#### **Station News**

650 KIKK TX Pasadena – Per chron.com (web site for *the Houston Chronicle* newspaper) KIKK, Pasadena-Houston's only daytime-only talk station will switch to all syndicated talk programs as of July 1. Per PD Gavin Spittle (I can just imagine) the lineup will include shows with Michael Smerconish, Todd Schnitt, and the long-suffering Clark Howard. (JDT-WA)

#### **DX Loggings (All Times ELT)**

**1010 KXXT AZ Tolleson** – 6/28 0658 – SS prayer, then SS/EE legal ID at 0659:50: "Diez Diez AM KXXT [SS], KXXT Tolleson-Phoenix [English]"; a few minutes of dead air was followed by SS inspirational music. Strong signal - must have been on day power/pattern. Ditto next day around the same time. **(JW-CO)** 

**1210** KRSV WY Afton – 6/15 0659 – Legal ID at 0659:46 by male voice: "You're listening to KRSV Afton-Star Valley, Wyoming," ABC news was up next. Fair signal briefly before fading just after ToH. (JW-CO)

Now that DX is not coming fast and furious, you have time to go through all the cassettes and MP3s you recorded during last season to see what's actually there. Me, I have about 6 hours' worth of recordings to go through to see if I finally recorded that Montana station I've been trying for five years, or yet another 120 minutes of the neighbor's doorbell that plays "Some Enchanted Evening." (JDT-WA)

**1440 KODL OR The Dalles** – 6/21 231 – "America's Best Music," with Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Rosemary Clooney songs. Lots of promo announcements with "America's Best Music" promos. IDs as "RadioFreshing KODL 1440." Noisy with lots of fades. DXing while waiting for a free pump at the Shell gas station in Kenmore, WA. **(JDT-WA)** 

**1450 KLMX NM Clayton** – 6/9 0803 – ABC news in progress; call letter ID and "Crossroads Country" slogan at 0805; plug for New Mexico Lottery; spotty reception after this with state and local news. **(JW-CO)** 

Summer is the time to get all of your antennas, indoor and outdoor, repaired and refreshed for next season. Even if the outside wire insulation appears to be OK, it's worth tracing it along its whole length, and inspecting any connections, solder points or where it is attached to an insulator. Also check any coax lead-ins to make sure there are no breaks, insulation cracks or other faults. If you have to go up on a ladder to do this, please get someone to help you, and to hold the ladder. Seriously. (JDT-WA)

1460 KAAR WA Kirkland – 6/28 2023 – In my efforts to stay on top of end-of-the-world / rapture news, I tune into the local Family Radio outlet at least once a day. Today when I checked, usual programing not heard, but rather SS programming played at a slower than normal speed. Relaxing, yet at the same time slightly disconcerting. Program feed problem? Checked back at 2244, and heard normal English programming. DX'd while queued at Bigfoot Java in Bothell, WA. (JDT-WA)

**1490 KKAN KS Phillipsburg** – 5/24 0405 – Faded up with end of news "KKAN 1490" jingle and NOS music. **(WH-CO)** 

Although the noise levels are higher, there are summertime opportunities for AM listening/DX if you remember to look for them. Last summer I spent an enjoyable August afternoon driving around residential neighborhoods looking for Talking House broadcasts. In about 90 minutes, I found about a half-dozen. Look at www.talkinghouse.com to see what I'm talking about. (JDT-WA)

1600 KVRI WA Blaine – 6/30 0055 – Booming in well past sunset, with (presumed) Punjabi/Hindi programming. Many mentions of phone number in 604 area code. Station is frequently heard in daytime, but never this strong in the evening. On day power and pattern? Heard while in local Dairy Queen drive through. (JDT-WA)

Though you wouldn't know it from reading this month's column, I don't eat a lot of fast food or drink that much coffee. But when I'm idling in my car, I always switch on the radio, and hear what I can hear on the AM band. I hope this will not be a cruel, cruel summer for you. See you next time. (JDT-WA)



# International DX Digest

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

#### Trans-Pacific DX

**AUSTRALIA** 4QR *ABC National Radio*, Brisbane MAR 1 1200 - ABC news theme, National Radio world and national news; faded out 1207-1211. Poor; moderate to heavy lightning noise, deep fades. [Park-HI]

#### **Trans-Atlantic DX**

- **FRANCE** *France Inter,* Allouis JUN 3 0143 Woman in French; fair over static. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **MOROCCO** *R.Mediterranee Internationale,* Nador JUN 3 0034 Male Arabic vocal with orchestra; good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1,* F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi JUN 3 0143 Man in Arabic; to fair peak. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1,* Les Trembles JUN 9 0129 Man and woman in Arabic; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **SPAIN** RNE1 Madrid JUN 9 0130 Woman in Spanish; fair over static crashes. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **AZORES** *Centro Regional da RDP,* Santa Barbara-Terceira JUN 3 0144 Tentative. Slow Portuguese-sounding vocal; poor. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott JUN 3 0143 Excited Arabic talk by man; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA Chaîne 2, Algiers JUN 3 0102 Man in French; poor. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JUN 3 0031 Man and woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros JUN 3 0130 Echoey Spanish talk by woman; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **CANARY ISLANDS**//**SPAIN** *SER* synchros JUN 3 0100 Pips, fast-talk news by woman in Spanish; to fair peak. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux JUN 3 0030 Light orchestral music, France Info fanfare music, man in French; fair to good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JUN 3 0029 Man and woman in Spanish; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **ALGERIA** R.Algérienne, Algiers JUN 3 0031 Mideast dance club music; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba JUN 3 0029 Man in Arabic; some WIZZ and WWKB slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **FRANCE** France Info, Fontbonne JUN 3 0054 Man and woman in French; through tough WQEW slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]

#### Pan-American DX

- **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana JUN 9 0100 "Radio Enciclopedia" ID by woman, old-fashioned music; good over static. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** CMDC *R.Reloj*, Santa Clara JUN 9 0100 Reloj ticks, newstalk; over/under WMCA. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ San Juan JUN 3 0201 Puerto Rican news; mixed with WTAG. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **CUBA** CMKV *R.Rebelde*, Urbano Noris JUN 9 0100 Rebelde news by woman, electronic "splash" sound between items; over/under WMCA and an unID Latin American. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 600.13 unID JUN 9 0100 Possibly Colombia with off-channel growl. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **CUBA** CMAN *R.Rebelde*, Bahía Honda JUN 9 0059 9-note Rebelde sounder; mixed with WIOD. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **MEXICO** XEGS Guasave, Sin JUN 2 1120 Banda tunes, canned slogans after each song, sounding like "Buenali Sinaloa" or similar, with several variations; MDT time checks (UTC-

- 6). Used to be semi-rare but now noted almost daily before 1130 fadeout. Mixing with, and usually under, KNML. [Wilkins-CO]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Colon/Moa JUN 9 0124 Interview parallel 600; mixed with WZON. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Camagüey JUN 9 0124 Parallel 640 with Spanish pop vocal; over/under WPRO. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, multiple sites JUN 9 0059 *R.Progreso* ID, talk by deep-voiced man, a bit of reverb noted; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Santiago de Cuba JUN 9 0059 Parallel 640 with talk; through WFAN splatter. 0124 talk parallel 640, wobbling-frequency carrier; over HJKH and WSRO. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites JUN 9 0100 Parallel 600 with Rebelde news by woman, electronic "splash" sound between items; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Santa Clara JUN 9 0059 Parallel 640 with *R.Progreso* ID, talk by deep-voiced man; fair. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites JUN 9 0124 Parallel 600 with interview in Spanish, slight echo; under WOR. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **VENEZUELA** YVQE *R.Oriente*, Porlamar JUN 9 0124 Oriente mention; in bad WOR IBOC. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **BRAZIL** ZYH446 *R.Sociedade da Bahia*, Salvador JUN 9 0059 Reverberated Portuguese talk; poor, over CHCM. JUN 17 0110 Portuguese talk/shouting, sporting event; over CFZM on 'barefoot ultralight' portable (PL-380). [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** CMHV *R.Progreso*, Palmira JUN 9 0059 *R.Progreso* ID, talk by man; over WSB, CBGY, YVKS. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **VENEZUELA** YVKS *ŘCR* Caracas JUN 3 0200 Advert or promo "mejor en Caracas"; good, over CBGY. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **BRAZIL** ZYH588 *R.Uirapuru*, Fortaleza JUN 3 0101 Excited Portuguese talk by man (possibly an advert), then calmer-voice man with talk about "informaçao"; noisy. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **COLOMBIA** HJAJ *RCN* Barranquilla JUN 9 0101 Parallel 1000 with sport-related shouting about Colombia, raygun sounds; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde,* Victoria de las Tunas JUN 9 0101 Parallel 670 with news by woman; under WABC. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Pinar del Río & Holguín, JUN 9 0059 Ticks, "RR" beeps; over/under WPRV. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **NETHERLANDS ANTILLES** PJB *TransWorld Radio*, Bonaire JUN 9 0124 Spanish preaching; over jumble with CJAD, WNNW, others. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **BAHAMAS** ZNS3 Freeport JUN 9 0124 Caribbean-accented male preacher, gospel hymn; over WGY, HJCY, others. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **COLOMBIA** HJCY *CARACOL* Bogotá JUN 9 0101 Spanish sport-related shouting parallel 1100; under WGY. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- 819.54 unID JUN 9 0124 Fairly beefy carrier but no audio extractable. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Ciego Avila JUN 9 0059 Reloj program and a "wobbler" bothering WNYC. St. Kitts not noted unusual. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **CUBA** CMHW *Dobleve*, Santa Clara JUN 9 0059 "Esta es Dobleve... de Cuba"; loud. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **BRAZIL** ZYJ459 *Radio CBN*, Rio de Janeiro JUN 3 0129 Most likely this with man in Portuguese; briefly over jumble. [Connelly\*R-MA]
  - **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Jovellanos JUN 9 0100 Reloj ticks, beeps; in jumble. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **VENEZUELA** unID (YVYE or YVOL?) JUN 9 0100 ID sequence with a couple of Venezuela mentions; jumbled with Cuban Reloj and probable Brazil. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple sites JUN 9 0059 Ticks, news, "RR" beeps; dominant/in the clear with antenna null aimed NW substantially reducing WLVP. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, San Germán JUN 9 0059 Parallel 640 et al. with slightly-reverberated deep-voiced man in Spanish; over CKDH. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **CUBA** *R.Cadena Agramonte*, Camagüey JUN 9 0124 Cubana mentions and typical tropical jazz; mixed with two others in Spanish (YVRQ, WLAT?) and WAEI. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
  - **BRAZIL** ZYJ453 Rio de Janeiro JUN 3 0102 Likely this with soft music, man in Portuguese; briefly over jumble. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 960.14 unID JUN 9 0100 Het growl. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **BRAZIL** ZYK522 *R.Record*, São Paulo JUN 3 0030 Portuguese adverts, São Paulo mentions; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]

- **COLOMBIA** HJAQ *RCN* Cartagena JUN 9 0101 Parallel 760 with sport-related shouting about Colombia, raygun sounds; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Victoria de las Tunas JUN 9 0029 Clock ticks, man and woman with Habana news, beep, Morse code "RR"; fair on USB to dodge WBZ IBOC. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- MEXICO XEGIS Guaymas, Son MAY 29 1100 Apparently new call letters, ex-XEGYS. Signal is in almost daily around this time, generally fair, sometimes good, with one or two XE's underneath. Canned IDs at top and bottom of the hour, always the same: "Esta es una señal estrella de Radiovisa XEGIS Diez Cuarenta, frecuencia mega, cinco mil watts..." Address also given as well as mention of 90.1 FM. Fourth letter is definitely I ("ee"). [Wilkins-CO]
- **MEXICO** unID JUN 15 1116 Ad string to 1118, then "Ciento tres punto cinco FM, La Tapatía" slogan and into music. Rather weak and soon faded under XEGIS. Possibly XEBBB, since Guadalajara has an FM station on 103.5 FM with this slogan, although sources still show XEBBB with "Radio Mujer" slogan and talk format. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1039.62 **VENEZUELA** YVLB *La Voz de Carabobo*, Valencia JUN 9 0029 Het, bits of audio. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- unID JUN 9 0120 Het against WQOM and unID station in Spanish. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **BRAZIL** unID JUN 3 0031 Reverberated Portuguese talk by man, raygun noises; briefly through nulled WBAL. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **BRAZIL** ZYK694 *R.Globo*, São Paulo, JUN 9 0031 Globo jingle, Portuguese talk; fair. 0130 Portuguese sportstalk, several São Paulo mentions, Globo ID; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **COLOMBIA** HJAT *CARACOL* Barranquilla JUN 9 0101 Parallel 1170 with *CARACOL* mention, sportstalk shouting; fair over Brazil. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **VENEZUELA** YVQT *R.Carúpano*, Carúpano JUN 3 0201 Romantic music, then ID by man "En Venezuela, Carúpano"; loud, over WBT. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Mayabeque*, Mayabeque JUN 4 1250 Live male ID, soft Spanish ballads, man at 1300 with phoned-in talk with lady, ID. First *R.Mayabeque* log for me, and certainly merely a daytime random plug-and-play via the *R.Cadena Habana* transmitter forever on this channel. At least one other unidentified Cuban weakly under this (not parallel *R.Rebelde* audio, sometimes here). [Krueger-FL]
- **BERMUDA** VSB3 Hamilton JUN 9 0100 5+1 pips, "BBC World Service, it's 1 o'clock GMT", then news about Libya; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **COLOMBIA** HJNW *CARACOL* Cartagena JUN 9 0101 Parallel 1100 with *CARACOL* ID, sports shouting; poor in jumble. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites JUN 9 0030 Rebelde news mentioning Panama, a few notes from Led Zeppelin "Whole Lotta Love" inserted; some synchro-echo. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **MEXICO** XEDCH Cd. Delicias, Chih JUN 16 1105 ID in progress: "...XEDCH, Once Ochenta AM, Romántica Once Ochenta, llegando a ti con cinco mil wats de potencia... [address]... Radiorama, estamos cubriendo la nación...," then back to music. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]
- unID JUN 9 0030 Weak growl. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **BRAZIL** ZYJ458 *R.Globo*, Rio de Janeiro JUN 3 0031 Globo jingle, fast Portuguese talk by man; to good peak, dominant. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **ANGUILLA** *Caribbean Beacon,* The Valley JUN 9 0030 Female preacher discussing a passage about Abner and David; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]
- **CUBA** *R.Rebelde,* La Habana/Guantánamo JUN 3 0005 9-note Rebelde fanfare music; in jumble with WDHP and pirates. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- **U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** WDHP Frederiksted JUN 9 0030 Phone-in show with Caribbean-accented woman talking about the government helping the poor; good. [Connelly\*Y-MA]

#### Contributors

- Mark Connelly, Rockport & South Yarmouth MA; Microtelecom Perseus, cardioid-pattern Micro-SuperLoop on car roof, square, 2 m per side, with 9:1 xfmr on east bottom corner to speaker wire to 2:1 xfmr to W7IUV transfer amp, and 9:1 xfmr on west corner to speaker wire to 500 ohm null-adjust potentiometer.
- Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL; JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, Hammarlund HQ-180A, Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder, Sangean PR-D5, Sony ICF-7600GR, GE SuperRadio III, RadioShack DX-399, 1 X roof dipole, 1 X in-room random wire.
- Dale Park, Honolulu HI; Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.

#### **International News**

**DENMARK**: The Danish national public service radio station *DR* reactived long wave **243 kHz** using a brand new Nautel 50 kW sender from the current transmitter site in Kalundborg on the western part of Sealand (Sjælland), Denmark. Broadcasting on medium wave **1062 kHz** (250 kW) was scheduled to cease June 27. Broadcasting hours for 243 will remain the same. Cf. WRTH or Euro-African MW Guide for details. The use of 243 kHz with 300 kW was ended in February 2007, but after Turkey left the channel in October 2008, *DR* is the only radio station on this channel. Thus it is estimated that the coverage will be pretty good on 243 although the power utilized is only 50 kW. [Stig Hartvig Nielsen, *mwdx*]

**GERMANY**: The *MDR Info* transmitter at Wachenbrunn, South Thüringen on **882 kHz** is about to close. JUN 30 2120 a tape loop announcing the closure is being transmitted. Alternative listening is advised, including the 783 kHz transmitter at Leipzig, which carries the regular *MDR Info* service. [Geir, Vestnes, Norway, *RealDX*]

**NORWAY**: The **630 kHz** AM transmitter at Vigra near Aalesund was switched off June 30 at 0645. The official "job" was performed during the regional service of *NRK* and carried live from the transmitter building. The tower will be taken down September 8 this year, a task contracted to Army specialists. [Geir, Vestnes, Norway, *RealDX*]

**PERU**: The new station at **1640 kHz** has a new name, *R.Kalikanto*, with slogans: "Desde chamaca-chumbivilcas para el mundo" and "una radio para confiar." David Torres Boza who answered my reception report (thanks Fredrik Dourén for contact info) writes that Chamaca is a small village with about 500 habitants at the altitude of 3800 meters above sea level. [Thomas Nilsson, *RealDX*]

73 and Good DX!

# Pro Sports Networks

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Here is some Major League Baseball information from Dave Alpert:

According to Steve Austin of Montecito Heights, CA via laradio.com:

How Southern California radio will cover baseball this season:

- KSPN 710 will broadcast the Sunday Night ESPN game of the week, the All Star Game, playoffs and World Series.
- o KABC 790 will carry the Dodgers this season. Hall of Famer Vin Scully, Rick Monday and Charley Steiner will do the play by play. Josh Suchon and Joe Block will be the hosts of post game Dodger Talk.
- o KLAA 830 returns as the home of the Angels. Terry Smith and Jose Mota will call the games and Smith returns as host of post game Angel Talk show.
- o XEPRS 1090 will broadcast the Padres. Hall of Famer Jerry Coleman, Ted Leitner and Andy Masur will do the play by play and John Kentera will take the calls on the post game show.

Here is one Minor League Baseball network list, from Bruce Conti. I tried searching for flagship information, and on the few team sites I searched, the information was not listed. And Google searches, when they produced answers, frequently did not tell me if the flagship station was for the current season or some past season.

PAWTUCKET RED SOX (from team website):

830 WCRN-MA # 1250 WGAM-NH # 900 WGHM-NH # 1340 WNBH-MA 920 WHIJ-RI 1380 WNRI-RI

# - Does not broadcast all games.

1480 WSAR-MA # WCFR-VT # 1490 WMRC-MA #

96.7 WBLQ-RI#



### Seeking Armageddon for the Radio Network that Falsely Predicted It

Multiple complaints have been filed in an an effort to shut down Harold Camping's broadcast empire

By Scott James for the Bay Citizen (June 30, 2011)

http://www.baycitizen.org/columns/scott-james/seeking-armageddon-radio-network-falsely/

The world did not end on May 21 as Harold Camping, an Oakland evangelist, predicted. But some would still like to see Armageddon — for Camping's radio empire.

Several people have filed complaints with the Federal Communications Commission demanding that the licenses of dozens of AM and FM radio stations owned by Family Radio, Camping's broadcast ministry, be revoked. Copies of the complaints were obtained by The Bay Citizen using a federal Freedom of Information Act request.

The FCC, as per its usual policy, redacted the names of those who filed the complaints — seven were filed between Jan. 11 and May 25. They originated from across the nation in communities where Family Radio has stations, including California, Maryland, New York and Wisconsin.

The complaints said Family Radio had created a public panic and deceived listeners into sending the ministry money; the ministry has said it raised and spent "tens of millions of dollars" promoting the May 21 prediction. At least two grim incidents have been linked to Camping's doomsday message.

Referring to Camping, a complainant from Redwood City, Calif., said: "He has created untold financial catastrophe and abrogated his responsibility as a broadcaster of public airwaves. His licenses should be revoked."

A complaint from Stevensville, Md., said, "They are distributing hateful and homophobic messages on-air including 'Gay Pride is a sign of the end of the world."

Another complaint, from Valley Cottage, N.Y., took the FCC to task for not halting the May 21 campaign while it was happening, and said, "If it causes one casualty or tragedy when it could have been prevented well then shame on you."

Family Radio is on 216 AM, FM and low-power radio stations in the United States. Tom Evans, a ministry spokesman, said in an email that there was no formal investigation, and, "The FCC has not contacted us, so I have no interest in commenting."

So far the FCC has taken no action against Family Radio — and it is unlikely to do so.

Officials from the agency would not comment on the record, but commission employees and industry experts said that the federal government does not intervene when religious beliefs are involved, citing the First Amendment and separation of church and state.

The fundamentalist Christian Camping ministry is not affiliated with any church.

There are few examples of the federal government's silencing religious broadcasters. Perhaps the most significant case was in 1939 when the Rev. Charles Coughlin, a Roman Catholic priest and virulent anti-Semite in Michigan, had his popular radio show canceled because of World War II security concerns.

These days the FCC typically admonishes broadcasters when indecency complaints are involved. On Monday the Supreme Court agreed to hear an FCC argument that it should be allowed to fine broadcasters if an obscenity is accidentally uttered during live programming.

Marlene Winelle, a Berkeley psychologist who treats patients suffering from religious trauma, said the FCC should be more concerned about Family Radio than errant curse words.

Winelle referred to two tragedies that have been linked to the May 21 prophecy where people feared being left behind as the rapture occurred, and rather than face an agonizing apocalypse, took horrific action:

In Antioch on May 21, at the hour the rapture was to arrive, Victor Frasno reportedly tried to reach God across a lake, but could not swim, and drowned. On March 18 in Palmdale, Calif., Lyn Benedetto slit the throats of her two daughters, and then her own, the police said, to prevent them from suffering on the impending doomsday. All survived, and Benedetto is in jail awaiting trial.

"The whole rapture teaching is just abusive," Winelle said, adding she was not surprised that the FCC is unlikely to intercede. "It's hard in such a religious culture to hold anyone accountable."

Dina Ibrahim, associate professor of broadcast and electronic communication arts at San Francisco State University, said she understood people's frustration over the FCC's inaction in a case like Family Radio.

"It's disheartening to see how arbitrary these decisions can seem," Ibrahim said. She said the government tends to act only when children are exposed to content considered obscene.

While the complaints to the FCC have not been effective in muting Family Radio, fate has already intervened. Camping, 89, changed his rapture prediction to Oct. 21, but he is off the airwaves for now. Last month he had a mild stroke and is recuperating in a nursing home.

# NRC Contests

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The final standings have been tabulated and the winners for this season are (drum roll please!) Unlimited Class Richard Lauhead with 678 points and in the Ultra-Light Class Ron Bailey with 1051 points. Each winner receives a one year extension of their National Radio Club Membership. Congratulations Gentlemen!

It is very interesting to note that the over highest score was the Ultra-Light winner with a total of 465 stations logged beating out all other competitors regardless of their award eligibility status. Another interesting statistic is the mileages garnered by the participants in the west seem to reflect the sparseness and the actual distances between major metropolitan areas.

I am working on some new contests, some of those who have made suggestions have indicated that shorter contest periods and possibly more specified goals... "Battle of the Frequencies" were each contest picks the frequency where they thing they can log the most stations in a 3 day period, others have suggested "Sprints" similar to amateur radio contests were a specific time period on a specific weekend is is the time frame and the number of stations heard during the period determines that the winner.

Do YOU have any ideas of what you might want to see? Please contact me with your ideas and we'll see what we can put together! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer... 73 wayne

#### **Ultra-Light Cumulative Points Contest**

Contester	Location	Loggings	<u>Points</u>
Ron Bailey	Marion, NC	465	1051
Russell Curry	Eugene, OR	342	789

#### **Unlimited Cumulative Points Contest**

Contester	Location	Loggings	<u>Points</u>
Wayne Heinen*	Aurora, CO	344	839
Richard Lauhead	St Paul, MN	319	678
David Yocis*	Harpers Ferry, WV	313	657
Mike Clancy	Jersey City, NJ	154	334
Gary Houdek	Munden, KS	127	240
Steve Sprague	Coffeyville, KS	94	192
David B Jones	Nashville, TN	35	73
Dale Park	Honolulu, HI	33	51
John R Malicky	Pittsburgh, PA	23	35

#### **Ultra-Light Cumulative Mileage Contest**

<u>Contester</u>	Location	Loggings	Total Miles
Russell Curry	Eugene, OR	342	146,324
Ron Bailey	Marion, NC	465	140,238

#### **Unlimited Cumulative Mileage Contest**

Contester	Location	Loggings	Total Miles
Wayne Heinen*	Aurora, CO	344	192,014
Richard Lauhead	St Paul, MN	319	143,954
David Yocis*	Harpers Ferry, WV	313	95,328
Dale Park	Honolulu, Hİ	33	77,159
Steve Sprague	Coffeyville, KS	94	28,111
David B Jones	Nashville, TN	35	11,854
John R Malicky	Pittsburgh, PA	23	8,369

<sup>\* -</sup> Ineligible for prizes.

# DX Tool Box

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#### Improving your DX skills – tips from new and veteran members

Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent and welcome to the DX Tool Box Column number 30. This time around we will be looking into the future. No I don't have a crystal ball nor do I know the winning lottery numbers. I was thinking more along the line of receivers. Over the last hundred years or so the receivers we have used have come a long, long way. Yes you can still use a crystal set to hear radio signals or build a regenerative receiver but those are methods used more for fun or nostalgia than for DXing in the 21st century. There are those of us in the hobby that still use radios with tubes in them and they are still great receivers and will never go out of style. After tube radios came the hybrid radio made up of solid state components and tubes. Finally it was on to all solid state with no tubes at all. Yes, receivers that did not glow in the dark except for the frequency display. My first all solid state receiver was my trusty ICOM IC-R70 that is still in regular use to this day.

The next generation of receivers is now here. It is a radio that is not a radio. Yes, no S-Meter, no buttons, and no knobs! The radio is a box you plug into your computer (or a board you can mount right into the computer if you have a CPU box and not a laptop). The thought of a solid box with just a few jacks in the back for power, an antenna and a computer connection cable is a bit weird at first. It's a box, not a radio, your head is telling you! How can it work with no buttons or knobs? Well it works off the computer using the keyboard and a mouse or mouse like add-on. The radio is displayed on the monitor and you work off the virtual receiver on the screen. All you have to do is install the software and away you go. OK yes you have to learn to use it but I can remember going through the manual when I got my Drake R8 trying to figure it out too. There is a learning curve here but in the end it is well worth it.

These Software Defined Radios or SDR's are the next wave for DXing. You have to wrap your head around the idea of using the computer as a radio but after that the things you can do with an SDR far outweighs the fact that there is no radio box as such. You can get several displays on the go on one screen to help you not only tune the radio but "see" where the other stations may be. These displays show a certain band width on the screen and show you on what frequencies there are signals coming in. You can tune to that point and hear what is on that frequency. The displays may also allow you to select all sorts of filters noise cancelling devices modes of operation etc. Think of all your radio's button's displayed a clickable buttons on the screen that you can pick and choose as you see fit. You can fiddle with the settings the same as you do on a regular radio it's just that the fiddling gets done on the screen of your computer. And then there is the being able to select things such as multiple band widths to your own liking not the 2 or 3 settings from the factory in the older receivers. These SDR's offer more selectable bells and whistles than you would find in a conventional receiver.

Here are some links that will help you see what these radios can do:

http://www.winradio.com/home/g31ddc.htm WiNRADiO radio information

http://www.microtelecom.it/perseus/software.html Perseus radio information

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noesPos7qnE You Tube video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPUMvlPrtmo&feature=related You Tube video

There are dozens of other links on You Tube that you can go through to see more for yourself.

All of this may be well and good you say. It's just a glorified radio in the computer! Well you would be right except for three very important points that I feel will enhance your abilities as a DX'er:

1-The Cost: Here is where these SDR units come into their glory. You can get a very good SRD unit for between \$850 and \$1500 dollars US. OK not cheap but these units will probably perform as well as units costing several times that amount. You get, in my opinion, a real professional unit with enough bells and whistles to keep almost everyone happy without having to mortgage the house.

2-Frequency Guides: There is available at this moment software that you can load up to your computer that will work with your SDR. This software will give you a list of stations available on the frequency you are tuned to so you can have a pretty good idea of what you may be listening to. So far this is available for shortwave frequencies only but perhaps someday we can have our AM LOG from NRC in a digital format and it will work much like the shortwave versions. These various software frequency guides are updated on a regular basis so you can keep up with the ever changing shortwave radio bands. Imagine a AM LOG that is say no more than one month old

instead of one year old as you go to retrieve downloadable updates. An all of this displayed on the screen as you tune the radio!

3-Recording Capabilities: Here is where I see the SDR units winning over DX'ers more so than listeners. I love both my ICOM IC-R70 and Drake R8 receivers but I can only record one station at a time. Yes I can set my recorder to record the one frequency the radio is set to for several time periods for up to two hours in total but only on that frequency. The new WiNRADiO WR-G31DDC Excalibur can for example record the entire AM radio band all at once. Yes every frequency from 530 to 1710 kHz at one time. You can set it to start recording at 5 minutes to the hour until 5 minutes after the hour if you want to. All you have to do is go through the recording one frequency at a time and listen to what was there at the recording times. I have seen this done on the Perseus SDR and it blew me away. The biggest problem is having enough time to listen to everything you recorded.

This last point will change the way we DX unlike anything we have seen since radio went from Morse Code to voice. The new SDR units will make the hobby different in many ways some of which we do not yet realize. It may seem odd for your radio to be a box that you never really touch except to turn on or off but I think Marconi and Fessenden would be impressed.

#### Bits and Bites from the NRC Listserve:

Weather does damage in many ways in many places:

From: Rick Dau drummer1965usa@yahoo.com Subject: WDAY Towers damaged

This is of interest to those of us in the Midwest who normally have to fight through WDAY at night to hear anything else on 970. 73, Rick Dau South Omaha, Nebraska From: "supercfl@aol.com" I haven't seen this posted here...WDAY TV, AM radio equipment damaged FARGO After Memorial Day storms brought station programming to a halt for WDAY TV and WDAY-AM 970 radio, engineers are assessing damage. FARGO After Memorial Day storms brought station programming to a halt for WDAY TV and WDAY-AM 970 radio, engineers are assessing damage. WDAY Channel 6 news went down Monday around 9 p.m., and when a generator couldn't keep the equipment cool enough, programming was shut down. We're working on getting a generator in to get the bigger air-handling unit back online, said WDAY Operations Manager Sue Eider. While regular programming resumed Tuesday afternoon, Xcel Energy restored power to the station about 4:50 p.m. Although there was no direct damage to the building or the station, Eider said the temperature will take its toll on the equipment. This just added insult to injury with the radio towers on west Main going down, she said. Eider said there is no way to assess how much revenue was lost while programming was down. Network programming will be lost, there's nothing we can do, Eider said. We'll work with them (advertisers) to give them make-goods. Even though no permanent damage was sustained to the news station, storms damaged all three WDAY-AM 970 radio towers. Talkshow host Jay Thomas was informed of the news shortly after 9 p.m. Monday. One tower was completely collapsed, Thomas said. It looks like somebody just grabbed it and slammed it into the ground. The second tower, a little above halfway up, is just snapped. Thomas said the third tower is still standing, but wind and tree damage has twisted the metal. Eider said the radio station is able to stream radio programming. Listeners can hear programming online at www.wday.com or through their TVs on Channel 6-3. As of right now, Eider said crews are assessing whether the tower can be saved. We just don't know yet, Eider said. We're hopeful that we can get that one tower back up so we could be live. Like TV, Eider said there's no way to determine yet how much radio revenue has been lost. Just like television, with advertisers, we will work with them and do the best we can to make good the spots once we get back up to power, she said. We just don't know when that is. As for the damaged towers, Eider said they will have to be completely rebuilt, and insurance talks have already started. We're talking months before we're back to where we were yesterday (Monday), she

#### This month's DX Tool Box web site is: Radio Tribute EKKO Stamps

http://www.radiowest.ca/ekko/index.html

This site has hundreds of pictures of these old time collectable EKKO stamps. There is a brief history about these stamps and then links at the top of the page so you go see the stamps of some of your favorite stations. As this is an older site some links for the non stamp sections are not working but it is the stamps that are of importance. It is amazing the variety of stations that used these stamps. There are pictures of stamps from Canada and the USA of course but also from Cuba Australia and Mexico as well. It is a lovely trip down memory lane and a history lesson in those long gone three letter calls.

73 for this time Shawn

# Musings of the Members

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I presently own a Hammarlund HQ-140XA. It has been my experience with the Hammarlund line is that they are great and powerful receivers and perform best with large loop antennas. Can anyone direct me to someone who sells kits? I am looking for an extra-large amplified loop antenna. 73

### Geomagnetic Indices (From Phil Bytheway)

Geomagnetic summary tabulated from daily e-mail data.

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### NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued June 28 – For the period June 29-July 25, 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels until July 3 with the return of old Region 1234 (S16, L=246). Activity is then expected to be low followed by a further increase to low with a chance for isolated M-class activity as old Region 1236 rotates back on the visible disk.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels during June 29-July 1. A decrease to normal to moderate levels is expected during July 2-5 followed by an increase to moderate to high levels during July 6-7 due to a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). Fluxes are expected to decrease to normal to moderate levels during July 8-19. Fluxes are expected to increase to moderate to high levels during July 20-23 following the CH HSS

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels during June 29-30. A CH HSS is expected to boost activity to quiet to active levels during July 1-3. Mostly quiet levels are forecast for July 3-7 as the CH HSS subsides. An increase to quiet to unsettled levels is expected during July 8-9 as another CH HSS disturbs the field. Quiet levels are expected from July 10-16. Another recurrent CH HSS is expected to become geoeffective on July 17 bringing quiet to unsettled conditions. A further increase to active levels with a chance for isolated minor storm periods at high latitudes is expected during July 19-21 followed by quiet to unsettled levels on July 22 as the effects from the CH HSS subside. Quiet levels are expected from July 23-25.

(From http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/weekly/WKHF.txt)

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