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**From the Publisher:** No DDXD-East this week, as Mike Brooker has been traveling most of the past week. But we have an extra large DDXD-West to make up for it!

John Herkimer has done some additional research on the news clipping in the last issue about a WWNY DX test in the late 1940s. The date of the test, John tells us, was November 1, 1948, so the article must have been from the end of 1948.

**NRC Contest:** Contest entries from the November sprint are due to Wayne in Aurora by December 15. The December sprint will cover any three consecutive days of your choosing (0000 ELT to 2359 ELT) between December 15 and December 27. Pick a clear, regional, and graveyard channel and log as many stations as you can on each over the three days. Each month's sprint is a separate contest, so if you haven't participated in the earlier sprints, it's not too late to give it a whirl! Details in Vol. 78 No. 30, page 34.

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### VOL. 79 DX NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

No	In By	Date			
12	Dec. 9	Dec. 19	21	Feb. 17	Feb. 27
13	Dec. 23	Jan. 2	22	Feb. 24	Mar. 5
14	Dec. 30	Jan. 9	23	Mar. 2	Mar. 12
15	Jan. 6	Jan. 16	24	Mar. 16	Mar. 26
16	Jan. 13	Jan. 23	25	Mar. 30	Apr. 9
17	Jan. 20	Jan. 30	26	Apr. 27	May 7
18	Jan. 27	Feb. 6	27	May 25	June 4
19	Feb. 3	Feb. 13	28	June 30	July 9
20	Feb. 10	Feb. 20	29	Aug. 3	Aug. 13
			30	Sept. 7	Sept. 17

### THE DX TIME MACHINE

**75 years ago:** From the Dec. 16, 1936 DX News: PRF-3, 960 kc/s, San Palo [sic], Brazil, will conduct a DX Test for the NRC in January, and Dr. John Brinkley's XEAW, normally an all-nighter, will stand by for the test. ... New member Ernest R. Cooper of Brooklyn, N.Y., is welcomed to the NRC.

**50 years ago:** From the Dec. 16, 1961 DX News: Although NRC dues remain at \$4 annually, members were urged to elect first-class postal delivery (rather than the usual third-class) for an extra \$2 per year, since many were experiencing long delays in receiving DX News.

**25 years ago:** From the Dec. 15, 1986 DX News: Arkansas stations KHOG-1030 and KFAV-1250 have exchanged call letters; Ray Cole presented a design for the Tuggle Circuit crystal receiver.

**10 years ago:** From the Dec. 17, 2001 DX News: Many DXers heard an apparent pirate station on 1710 kHz operated by the Lubavitcher Jewish sect, apparently from Brooklyn, NY or the surrounding area; holiday cards were urged to be sent to former Musings editor Ernie Cooper, who is now confined to a nursing home.

## NRC AM Radio Log, 32nd Edition

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

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

<u>Old Call</u>	<u>New Call</u>
790 KWSW CA Eureka	KWJY
860 WBGR MD Baltimore	WFSI
980 KINS CA Eureka	KWSW
1190 CP AR White Hall	KJJI
1450 KWFM AZ Tucson	KTZR
1450 CP FL Lake City	WJOE
1580 WHFS MD Morningside	WNEW



## CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ON THE AIR

- 910 KKSX WA Vancouver – CP for U4 3300/4300 is on the air after relocating to a new 3-tower transmitter site at 45-33-30/122-28-57. The new day pattern consists of two lobes as a figure-8 laying on its side with the top (the smaller of the two lobes) to the west and the bottom (larger lobe) to the east. How's that for a description? The new night pattern is a simple circle based at Vancouver headed west, with two tiny 'blips' to the northeast and southeast.

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 1450 NEW HI Hilo – CP granted for U3 5000/5000 from two towers at 19-42-34/155-06-35. The circular lobe is headed southeast.
- 1560 NEW WI Village of Superior – CP granted for U4 5000/4000 from six towers at 46-34-44/92-06-21. Both day and night patterns will be slender lobes headed due north.

## ACTIONS

- 790 WAYY WI Eau Claire – Licensed for U2 5000/5000. WAYY is operating under a **Special Temporary Authorization (STA) with U1 5000/1250** due to a fire in the 'doghouse' of its tower #3 (west tower in their 3-tower array). They have asked for 180 days to make necessary repairs. Their normal nighttime array produces two equal slender lobes; one to the northeast and the other to the southwest. The pattern protects Fargo on 790 and Chicago on 780. So says a QSL letter from the 70s.
- 900 WCME ME Brunswick – Licensed for U1 1000/66, WCME had been operating under an STA with U1 176/55 after they lost their transmitter site. But in May 2011 they filed for a Silent STA. They have now filed for another STA for U1 250/26 from a new transmitter site from which they plan to resume service and eventually relocate on a permanent basis.
- 970 WJMX SC Florence – CP granted for U1 10000/31, reducing the night power from 3 kW and eliminating the need for their nighttime directional array.
- 1170 WQHC AL Hanceville – Licensed for D1 850/0, this action extends their STA for D1 10/0 from a "whip" antenna.
- 1230 KPRL CA Paso Robles – Coordinate correction to 35-39-34/120-41-01.
- 1230 KBNH OR Burns – Coordinate correction to 43-33-53/119-03-34.
- 1240 KWAK AR Stuttgart – CP granted for U1 960/960.
- 1500 WKIZ FL Key West – Licensed for U4 250/250, WKIZ lost one of its three towers due to apparent re-settling of the offshore shelf on which the tower was positioned, and is now operating under an STA with U1 62/62. They have requested 180 days in order to facilitate repairs.

## APPLICATIONS

- 1350 WNLK CT Norwalk – Having just been sold to Sacred Heart University, WNLK has applied for **Non-Commercial Status**.

1400 WSTC CT **Stamford** – Having just been sold to Sacred Heart University, WSTC has applied for **Non-Commercial Status**.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1100 APP OR **Lebanon** – Their initial application was for U7 2500/250 CH 2500, then amended to U4 5000/5000. This request is for U4 3900/3200.

DISMISSALS and DELETIONS

1150 WUTI NY **Utica** – CP for U4 4000/370 at New Hartford has been dismissed. WUTI remains U4 5000/1000 here.

AM on FM

1370 WLLM IL **Lincoln** – W287BP 105.3 McLean  
 1520 WHOW IL **Clinton** – W222BG 92.3 Clinton  
 1530 KFBK CA **Sacramento** – KFBK-FM 92.5 Sacramento



HEAR AND THAR

- ✿ Reported as silent: WPDJ-750 **Clarksburg, West Virginia**.
- ✿ Fines: WFGN-1180 **Gaffney, South Carolina** has been fined \$10,000 for failing to file for renewal in a timely manner and subsequent unauthorized operation.
- ✿ Thanks to Bill Dvorak, Wayne Heinen, Dale Park, Bill Swiger, and Håkan Sundman.

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

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 GH-KS Gary Houdek, Munden, KS. GE Superadio  
 JDS-MN Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN. Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop  
 MD-MN Mark Durenberger, Upsala, MN. Perseus SDR, 2200-ft East-West BOG  
 PLS-KS Paul Swearingen, Topeka, KS. Kenwood R1000, Quantum QX Loop v3.0  
 RD-NE1 Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop  
 RD-NE2 Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. 2009 Ford Ranger factory radio  
 WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO. Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo and Mini DXP5

**Station News**


1060 KRCN CO **Longmont** – 11/20 1421 – "KRCN Longmont and KREL Colorado Springs, the Radio Colorado Network." This network is shrinking; KVLE Vail has been silent since April 2011, I wonder about KSKE Buena Vista, maybe silent too? (WH-CO)  
 1140 KHFX TX **Cleburne** – 11/19 0300 – Fadeup with "KHFX AM 1400 Cleburne-Fort Worth-Dallas," this appeared to be followed by EE spot and female talk show host. Format change from SS:REL? Needed call change from KCLE. Call change #7 on the season. (WH-CO)  
 1320 KOLT NE **Scottsbluff** – 11/23 2100 – Out of C&W music "News and Talk AM 1320 KOLT Scottsbluff;" ID, Fox News and then more C&W. Looks like they have dumped the overnight ESPN sports. Was in and out all of 11/23-11/24 running C&W music. (WH-CO)  
 1400 KKTL WY **Casper** – 11/28 0300 – Out of Christmas music. "Happy Holidays to you and yours from KKTL Casper." "You're listening to continuous Christmas music on AM 1400 Your Santa Station," and Jose Feliciano's Feliz Navidad. Might be a format change in the making with them, starting with Christmas music! (WH-CO)



## DX Loggings (All Times ELT)

- 530 CIAO ON **Brampton** – 11/14 1800 – Ethnic announcers, then: “You’re listening to ‘CHOW’ AM 530. The views and opinions expressed are not...” (MD-MN)
- 550 WSAU WI **Wausau** – 11/14 1700 – “Central Wisconsin’s NewsTalk 550, WSAU, Wausau, WSAU-FM Rudolph;” followed by Fox News with Shepherd Smith. (MD-MN)
- 560 WIND IL **Chicago** – 11/14 1900 – “Choice, intelligent talk: AM 560, WIND Chicago, on line at (360?)WIND.com.” (Usually WEBC.) (MD-MN)
- 560 CFOS ON **Owen Sound** – 11/14 1806 – Weather summary: “It’s time for (something) World, a comment on the world today, with Bob (somebody) on 560 CFOS.” (Usually WEBC.) (MD-MN)
- 570 WMAM WI **Marinette** – 11/14 1900 – “Green Bay Packer football on WMAM Marinette Menominee (fades) ...”hello Packer fans” (telephone report). (Usually WNAX.) (MD-MN)
- 580 CFRA ON **Ottawa** – 11/14 1800 – “Ottawa’s Radio News Voice; The latest breaking news on 580 CFRA starts right now. Here’s Shawn Connelly.” Maybe a pattern-change? (MD-MN)
- 590 WKZO MI **Kalamazoo** – 11/14 1900 – “Or go to Steve Brown dot-org Newsbreak at Ten at 590 WKZO Kalamazoo, now on WKZO-FM, Portage.” Followed by CBS News with Supreme Court story. (Usually KXSP.) (MD-MN)
- 630 CFCO ON **Chatham** – 11/7 0615 – ID as “Country 92.9 CFCO. That was the Dixie Chicks. It’s 6:15;” Fair signal. (GH-KS) 11/14/ 1900 – “CFCO is Country 92-9 FM, 630 AM, in Chatham-Kent. A Blackburn Radio Group Station,” followed by ad for *The Casey Clark Show*. (Usually WREY.) (MD-MN)
- 640 WMFN MI **Zeeland** – 11/26 0721 – Out of song in Spanish by male performer, “La Ponderosa.” Into: commercials with references to Grand Rapids. (JDS-MN)
- 640 CFMJ ON **Richmond Hill** – 11/14 1800 – Traffic report, followed by “This is Talk Radio, AM 640: Oakley in the mornings, Bynen in the afternoons. A Corus Entertainment Company, CFMJ;” followed by commercial. (MD-MN)
- 650 CKOM SK **Saskatoon** – 11/7 0500 – “Saskatoon’s number one station for news and talk; CKOM.” Followed by news. (GH-KS) 11/26 0730 – Out of commercials including My Flooring Store dot CA, into CKOM news followed by CKOM weather with forecast high given as minus two. (JDS-MN)
- 680 WDBC MI **Escanaba** – 11/14 1900 – Music fade, “We’re AM 680, WDBC Escanaba.” Followed by AP Radio news. (MD-MN)
- 680 CFTR ON **Toronto** – 11/14 1800 – “And 21 degrees.” “For Toronto’s best local news coverage keep your radio tuned to 680 News, your TV tuned to City News Channel on Rogers digital CableOne and online at ....” (MD-MN)
- 690 WIST LA **New Orleans** – 11/29 2259 – Fair with Fox Sports Radio talk, legal ID into sports news. A long-needed call change for me, ex-WTIX (change was made in 2005). Station’s nighttime pattern has lobes to the east, west and south and a deep null to the north toward me. I have seen a smattering of recent loggings of this one lately, and seem to recall seeing a report that the station was having pattern problems. (BD-WI)
- 710 KXMR ND **Bismarck** – 11/14 1800 – “...and this is my story: This is your local sports authority ESPN 710, KXMR, Bismarck-Mandan. ESPN Radio Sports Center-NBA standoff story leads. (Usually WDSM.) (MD-MN)
- 730 WJMT WI **Merrill** – 11/14 1800 – Music: ‘Baby’s Got Her Blue Jeans On;’ “This is WJMT, Merrill-Tomahawk;” followed by woman newscaster. (MD-MN)
- 730 CKDM MB **Dauphin** – 11/14 1700 – Music, and: “Your everyday source for information. This is 730 CKDM. Good afternoon, it’s sunny and, excuse me, ...cloudy;” Followed by news stories. (MD-MN) 11/17 0742 – Music, then station ID: “CKDM. It’s 6:42.” First time heard in a long time. (GH-KS)
- 750 KMMJ NE **Grand Island** – 11/14 1800 – “...and serve my spouse. I’m Dennis Braney. And that’s real. This is KMMJ Grand Island. Americans worshipped government over God.” (MD-MN)
- 750 KAMA TX **El Paso** – 11/26 0809 – Male announcer speaking Spanish with reference to “Radio KAMA” at 0812, Into song in Spanish by female performer. (JDS-MN)
- 750 CKJH SK **Melfort** – 11/23 1958 – “CK-750” SID, into “Fool If You Think It’s Over,” no legal ID at top of hour, Canadian Press news, several ads for Regina and Saskatoon firms, into Rare Earth’s “Get Ready.” (PLS-KS)
- 790 KFGO ND **Fargo** – 11/29 1857 – Local ads; legal ID at 1900, followed by CBS news. Dominating signal, not much QRM. Still on day pattern? (JW-CO)



- 800 KBRV ID **Soda Springs** – 11/30 1802 – Legal ID by male voice: "Thanks for listening to The Moose AM 790 KBRV Soda Springs;" a mix of music types followed for the next hour, with occasional local ads, call letters, and "The Moose" slogans. The ID's still refer to 790 as the frequency. Generally fair, fading in an hour before sunset and staying in an hour after sunrise with little QRM. A new one here, ex-790. (JW-CO)
- 810 WGY NY **Schenectady** – 11/14 1800 – "...go to WGY-dot-com, key word "warrior". Your news, your talk. AM 810, 103-one FM. WGY-AM Schenectady, WGY-FM, Albany. WGY news, I'm Jim Mathis." (MD-MN)
- 820 CHAM ON **Hamilton** – 11/14 1800 – Talk about new \$100 bill. "Here's Lady A right now, and 'We own the night'..." followed by: "Hamilton's 820 CHAM", 'CHAM' spoken as one word. This station not heard here since WCCO 830 imposed its IBOC carriers on adjacent channels. (MD-MN)
- 860 CJBC ON **Toronto** – 11/14 1700 – French language (sorry I don't understand). I did however decipher the French for "860." (MD-MN)
- 870 WKAR MI **East Lansing** – 11/27 0731 – Male announcer with "Good morning Amigos" Into same announcer speaking Spanish over top of Spanish music. Followed by songs in Spanish with announcer speaking in both English and Spanish between songs. Then at 0750 female voice with station ID: "Eight-Seventy AM WKAR, East Lansing Michigan." Then back to more Spanish music. (JDS-MN) 11/14 1700 – "Michigan State University; AM WKAR and 90.5 WKAR-FM, Lansing NPR, also at WKAR-dot-org." Into news story at 4 PM CST. (Usually KPRM.) (MD-MN)
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- 900 KFAL MO **Fulton** – 12/1 1745 – Out of high school basketball play by play, Bowling Green vs. Fulton Hornets. Into commercials including Debo Funeral homes, with phone number 573-642-2211. Followed by "This is KFAL Sports." Back to the game, then fades out. (JDS-MN)
- 900 CHML ON **Hamilton** – 11/14 1800 – Volkswagen commercial, "I'm Rena Hirsch 900 CHML Traffic continues. Your Number One choice for news. This is Hamilton's NewsTalk leader AM 900 CHML." (Usually KTIS.) (MD-MN)
- 900 CKBI SK **Prince Albert** – 11/10 1854 – Good with C&W song "Good Time" by Alan Jackson, then ID as "Today's Country, 900 CKBI." (RD-NE2)
- 910 WSUI IA **Iowa City** – 11/14 1800 – "You're listening to Iowa Public Radio news. WSUI 910 AM, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids. Program schedules, podcasts and archived news stories are available on line at Iowa Public Radio dot org." (MD-MN)
- 910 WGTO MI **Cassopolis** – 11/27 1723 – Out of Amy Grant's "Sleigh Ride;" Black Friday ads. "We've captured the sound of 910, only it's better. All hits, all the time, the sound of the '60's. Into Drake-style SID: "WGTO, Cassopolis", into weather report sponsored by J. L. Landscaping. (PLS-KS)
- 920 WBAA IN **West Lafayette** – 11/14 1900 – "... this forecast of Earth and Atmosphere Sciences. This is WBAA, AM and FM, West Lafayette. It's 7 o'clock." Flute opens next program. (Usually KWAD.) (MD-MN)
- 930 WAUR IL **Sandwich** – 11/14 1900 – "Talk radio for Catholic life. For Chicago-land. WNTD Chicago, WAUR Sandwich, and WWCA Gary. Relevant Radio 1270, 930, and 950 AM. (Note they have the frequencies wrong.) (Usually KKin.) (MD-MN)
- 930 KOGA NE **Ogallala** – 11/29 1818 – Obituaries ending, followed by area H.S. sports with references to Nebraska cities and KOGA. Into female reporter with highlights from the Tri-State livestock auction ending with "I'm ?? KOGA." (Missed name, too busy writing.) Into grain futures, followed by commercials for Nebraska public power district, and Ford year-end celebration. Followed by news at bottom of hour. (JDS-MN)
- 930 WLBL WI **Auburndale** – 11/14 1800 – "... issues that matter to you. Ideas 930 AM WLBL, Auburndale-Stevens Point," rapid fade into mix with WAUR. (Usually KKin.) (MD-MN)
- 940 WIDG MI **St. Ignace** – 11/14 1800 – Caught in a multi-station break and intro to: "This is an EWTN News Flash." (MD-MN)
- 940 WFAW WI **Fort Atkinson** – 11/14 1700 – "... 121 Northeast, from 7:30 to 8 PM on Tuesday. The WFAW Community Calendar is also on line at 940 WFAW-dot com." Fades into mix with WIDG. (MD-MN)
- 950 WNTD IL **Chicago** – 11/14 1900 – Same break as WAUR-930 above. (MD-MN)
- 950 KWOS MO **Jefferson City** – 12/1 1805 – Out of Fox News "You're listening to the afternoon news watch on news radio Nine-Fifty KWOS. Good afternoon it's

Five-o-Five. This is news radio Nine-Fifty KWOS afternoon news watch. Your ten minute weather guarantee is straight ahead." (JDS-MN)

- 960 KNEB NE **Scottsbluff** – 11/30 1800 – Out of song: My Rough and Rowdy days, Waylon Jennings "Your trusted voice for news twenty four hours a day, all the best country, Nine-Sixty KNEB Scottsbluff, Gering." Into ABC news. (JDS-MN)
- 960 KGKL TX **San Angelo** – 11/24 2101 – A break in the action on Texas A&M football "NewsTalk 960 KGKL San Angelo," and back to the game. (WH-CO)
- 970 WHA WI **Madison** – 11/14 1700 – Heard DTMF tones, followed by: "Now transmitting in both analog and HD Digital, AM 970, WHA, Madison." Then: "This is 'At Issue'. I'm Ben Merritt, you're listening to the Ideas Network of WI," etc. (MD-MN)
- 980 WITY IL **Danville** – 11/14 1800 – Mix of stations, then singing: "WITY, Danville." Then ABC News/Brad Wheelis. (MD-MN)
- 980 WONE OH **Dayton** – 11/14. 1900 – "...Barleycorn's Restaurant. Home for the best burger in town. This is WONE Dayton. And WTUE HD-2. Dayton's sports picture." Next: Fox Sports News. (MD-MN)
- 990 KFCD TX **Farmersville** – 11/30 1821 – Almost even with CBW with regional Mexican music, then ID as "Radio Exitos, Nueve Noventa Ah-Emmay." No CLs heard, but have to believe it was this, considering the strong opening to Texas (Amarillo on 940 was bombing in) that was going on at the time. (RD-NE2)
- 990 CKGM QC **Montreal** – 11/14 1700 – "...only from Montreal's home for hockey. You're listening to Melnick in the Afternoon, on TSN 990." Then: "The Market Minute with Warren Rubin of Paramount Financial" etc. (MD-MN)
- 1000 WMVP IL **Chicago** – 11/14 1800 – "Live from the Cadillac Studios in downtown Chicago, this is Carmen, Yurco, and Harry on Chicago's ESPN 1000. WMVP-AM, Chicago ... ESPN 1000 Sports Center ... 5 o'clock on ESPN ...." (MD-MN) 11/28 0759 – Ad for Rosetta Stone, then legal ID at ToH: "ESPN Chicago, the epicenter of your sports universe. This is WMVP Chicago," and into Mike and Mike show. Fair. (JW-CO)
- 1010 CFRB ON **Toronto** – 11/14. 1900 – Music, followed by, "From the Newstalk here in downtown Toronto ... Good evening it's 7 o'clock. I'm Dave (somebody) with your Newstalk 1010 update, it's 11 degrees the rain should end ...." (Usually heard: local WMIN.) (MD-MN)
- 1030 WBZ MA **Boston** – 11/14 1900 – "New England's Newswatch never stops. On WBZ Newsradio 1030. And CBSBoston-dot-com. Good evening, it's 7 o'clock, it's cloudy and 57 in Boston, I'm Diane Stern ...." (Usually heard: WCTS.) (MD-MN)
- 1050 CHUM ON **Toronto** – 11/14 1900 – "This is Toronto's traffic and weather. This is the evolution of talk radio TSN 1050 Toronto." (MD-MN)
- 1060 KDUS AZ **Tempe** – 11/20 0100 – Out of football play-by-play with a brief KDUS ID audible under daytimer KIJN still dominating the channel. (WH-CO)
- 1060 WILB OH **Canton** – 11/14 1700 – "Hello, this is Father Matthew Pfifer from St. Sebastian's Parish. Thanks for listening to Living Bread Radio, AM 1060 WILB, Canton. Catholic Radio Northeast Ohio." (MD-MN) 11/16 1714 – Weak with mention of "northeast Ohio" in ad for local tire & auto repair business, then sign-off. Usually shows up at least once every winter at this QTH during its sign-off. (RD-NE2)
- 1060 KGFX SD **Pierre** – 11/14 1800 – "... and Walworth County Implements in Selby. Proudly serving South Dakota since 1916. 1060 KGFX Pierre, a member of the Dakota Radio Group." ABC News, Brad Wheelis. (MD-MN)
- 1060 KIJN TX **Farwell** – 11/19 2100 – Out of SS music, ID "Jesus Radio KIJN Farwell Texas," straight to more music. They were still going strong at 2100 MST and all night long after their 3 watt PSSA should have been shut down. (WH-CO)
- 1070 KVKK MN **Verndale** – 11/16 1724 – Good with ID of "the Double K Network", then CLs heard in weather forecast. Rode past the studios of this station on a Greyhound bus on 10/19 while vacationing in that area of Minnesota. (RD-NE2)
- 1070 WDIA TN **Memphis** – 11/18 1729 – Fair with local ad, including mention of 901 area code phone number. (RD-NE2)
- 1070 WTSO WI **Madison** – 11/14 1900 – "WTSO, Madison. On air and on line. This is your American Transmission Company Sports Update. Helping you keep the lights on." Then: "I'm John Auti ...." (Usually KVKK.) (MD-MN) 11/18 1727 – Fair with play-by-play from one of the championship games of the Wisconsin high

school state football playoffs. ID as "The Big 1070" just before a commercial break. **(RD-NE2)**

- 1070 CHOK ON **Sarnia** – 11/14 1700 – Music, followed by: "It's 5 o'clock, time for CHOK's PM Magazine for Monday November 14th. Good afternoon, I'm Dave Decker, CHOK News. Coming up in the next half hour." (Usually KVKK.) **(MD-MN)**
- 1080 WNWI IL **Oak Lawn** – 11/14. 1700 – "Always better radio enjoyment on Chicago's Super Ethnic station, at AM 1080. We are WNWI, Oak Lawn-Chicago." Then Slavic (?) language announcer. **(MD-MN)**
- 1090 KMXA CO **Aurora** – 11/14. 1800 – Music...then "KMXA-AM Aurora-Denver. Maria." Then Spanish. **(MD-MN)**
- 1090 WAQE WI **Rice Lake** – 11/14. 1700 – "This is northwest Wisconsin's sports station. I'm Chris Meyers on your home for Fox Sports Radio, Sportstalk 1090, WAQE Rice Lake. Fox Sports News goooooo NOW." **(MD-MN)**
- 1130 WDFN MI **Detroit** – 11/14. 1700 – "You're listening to 1130-AM, WDFN The Fan". Then: "Your inside source for (examples)," then: "Your inside source for Detroit Sports. 1130 AM, WDFN Detroit." (Usually KTCN.) **(MD-MN)**
- 1140 WRVA VA **Richmond** – 11/14. 1859 – "In tropical storm and hurricane season, be prepared with the WRVA Storm Center. On air and on line we've got the latest emergency information. The WRVA Storm Center is powered by ..." etc. (Usually KTCN IBOC.) **(MD-MN)** 11/19 0106 – Out of Fox news sounder: "Your WRVA forecast ..." came up over CHRBS talk and XEMRs Anthem. First time for this one. New logging #6 on the season. Taped and added to the collection. **(WH-CO)**
- 1140 CHRB AB **High River** – 11/19 0804 – Out of C&W music, "We are Southern Alberta's Community Radio Station AM 1140" and probably on day pattern as they took over the channel. **(WH-CO)** 11/28 1800 – Rare full-data ID at ToH: "AM 1140 is CHRB High River, a Golden West radio station. Southern Alberta's Community Radio Station." This was followed by "Amazing Facts Canada," a one-minute feature, and then "Bible Answers" program. Good signal, dominating 1140 well before sunset, as is usually the case. **(JW-CO)**
- 1150 WHBY WI **Kimberly** – 11/14. 1800 – "... on 1150 WHBY. The news voice of the big cities. 1150 WHBY, Waverly-Appleton-Fox City ... a Woodward Radio Group station." (Usually local KASM.) **(MD-MN)**
- 1170 KJOC IA **Davenport** – 11/14/11 1900 – Music: 'Smooth Operator,' then: "Channel 1170 WJOC, Davenport-Quad Cities." Then more music. **(MD-MN)**
- 1170 WWVA WV **Wheeling** – 11/14 1700 – "The Ohio Valley's WWVA Wheeling. News on the hour, on the half, and ... when it breaks." Then: "Live from New York. The Fox Report with Shepard Smith." **(MD-MN)**
- 1170 WFDL WI **Waupun** – 11/14 1800 – Big band music, then: "AM 1170. WFDL, Waupun-Fond Du Lac and Beaver Dam. We'll bring you the latest local headlines." CBS News on NBA 'strike'. **(MD-MN)**
- 1180 WHAM NY **Rochester** – 11/14 1900 – March music: "Now let's head courtside. It's time for Syracuse University basketball. On the sports leader, 1180 WHAM Rochester." March music fades, then straight voice: "W-H-A-M." Then live sports. (Usually local KYES.) **(MD-MN)**
- 1190 WOWO IN **Fort Wayne** – 11/14 1801 – "On the air. On the web. On your mobile device and wherever you go. This is the station northeastern Indiana turns to first for breaking news and weather. Newstalk 1190 WO-WO. WOWO Fort Wayne. Depend on it". (Female) "Good evening, rain and 56 degrees at the world-famous WO-WO fire escape." **(MD-MN)**
- 1210 WPHT PA **Philadelphia** – 11/14 1801 – "WPHP, WPHP-HD, WOGL HD-3 Philadelphia. Now with more hours of live and local talk. This is the home of the Phillies; the new talk radio 1210, on line at..." **(MD-MN)**
- 1220 WLPO IL **La Salle** – 11/28 0746 – Program note, with man saying "...on AM 1220 WLPO," followed by an ad. Briefly fair before fading. **(JW-CO)**
- 1220 WHKW OH **Cleveland** – 11/14 1700 – "... right here on AM 1220, The Word. WHKW Cleveland. Next, national news from SRN ... a service of Salem Communications." Then: "With SRN News, I'm Keith Peters ...." **(MD-MN)**
- 1250 WSSP WI **Milwaukee** – 11/14 1900 – "The ONLY station Packers fans need (Go Pack Go) Sports Radio 1250 WSSP Milwaukee-Wauwatosa. Fox Sports News goes ... now." **(MD-MN)**



- 1260 WNDE IN **Indianapolis** – 11/14 1800 – "... you can hear it at 7 o'clock tonight on 1260 WNDE and before that, in just a couple of minutes, *The Danny Hope Show* right here on WNDE." (MD-MN)
- 1270 WEIC IL **Charleston** – 11/18 1857 – Fair with promo mentioning "Newstalk 1270 and 107.5 FM." Heard with CLs twice since. (RD-NE2)
- 1270 WMKT MI **Charlevoix** – 11/14 1700 – "You're listening to 1270-AM, WMKT Charlevoix- Traverse City and the U-P and 92-one FM, W221BQ, Petoskey-Harbor Springs." Then: "Live from New York, the Fox Report ...." (MD-MN)
- 1290 WHIO OH **Dayton** – 11/14 1900 – "This is the station Dayton turns to first for live team coverage of breaking news ... AM 1290 and now 95.7 FM. Newstalk Radio, WHIO Dayton-Springfield, weather traffic and news station. Depend on it!" (MD-MN)
- 1300 WOOD MI **Grand Rapids** – 11/14 1900 – Fade-in, "West Michigan's official news, weather and traffic station. We are NewsRadio WOOD 1300." (MD-MN)
- 1310 KIHP AZ **Mesa** – 11/23 0500 – Out of REL music, "... Immaculate Heart Radio KIHP Mesa ..." and into promotion of programs via their web site. Taped a needed call change (ex-KXAM). (WH-CO)
- 1310 KDLS IA **Perry** – 11/22 2305 – Faded up with spot for Douglas County Hospital in Perry and the KDLS weather forecast. KFKA Greeley phased. (WH-CO)
- 1310 KKNS NM **Corrales** – 11/23 0800 – Up briefly through someone's IBOC out of SS Music and call ID. (WH-CO)
- 1310 KTCK TX **Dallas** – 11/10 1817 – Briefly over KZRG with "Sportsradio 1310 The Ticket" ID at the end of a sports news update. Heard again with same slogan on 12/1 during a promo for the Cowboys. (RD-NE2) 11/23 0200 – In the mix with KTCK and mention of Dallas-Ft. Worth. KFKA phase nulled. (WH-CO)
- 1310 WIBA WI **Madison** – 11/14 1900 – "... on the Green Bay Packers Radio Network." Music ends. "The Packers, Badgers and Brewers play here. This is Newstalk 1310, WIBA Madison." Followed by Edward Jones commercial. (MD-MN)
- 1320 WKAN IL **Kankakee** – 11/24 0006 – Faded up with "... this portion of the Jim Bohanon Show on Talk Radio 1320 WKAN is brought to you by ..." and into a female promoting something. Another new station #8 for the season taped and added to the collection. (WH-CO)
- 1320 WILS MI **Lansing** – 11/14. 1700 – "It's 5 o'clock. Another hour of the Dennis Miller show is coming up. On more compelling talk radio. 1320 WILS, Lansing." Then: "Live from New York, the Fox Report ...." (MD-MN)
- 1320 KELO SD **Sioux Falls** – 11/24 0900 – "NewsTalk 1320 KELO Sioux Falls. A Backyard Broadcasting Station" in a lull of KOTA's ToH ID then covered by KOTA's Fox News. (WH-CO)
- 1320 WFHR WI **Wisconsin Rapids** – 11/14 1900 – "1-800-571-4981 and sports can be heard right here on 1320 WFHR." Into news ... no city of license. (MD-MN) 11/23 2100 – Out of spot for Grainger, "Central Wisconsin's home for First Light 5 AM to 6AM is AM 1320 WFHR Wisconsin Rapids," to CBS News. Way atop the channel, New Log #7 for the season. Taped and added to the website! (WH-CO)
- 1330 KCKM TX **Monahans** – 11/30 1808 – Good with parts of an ID: "... 5000 watt .... west Texas ... 1330 KCKM." A good indicator that an opening to the Longhorn State was in progress. (RD-NE2)
- 1330 WHBL WI **Sheboygan** – 11/14 1800 – "Sheboygan's morning news with Kelly Meyer and Mike Kendall. Weekdays 5 to 9. On NewsRadio 1330 WHBL." Followed by singing station ID and voice ID; commercial. (Usually WLOL.) (MD-MN)
- 1340 KROS IA **Clinton** – 11/27 0115 – Fair with weather: "The temperature here at KROS is ....." (RD-NE1)
- 1340 KGGS KS **Garden City** – 11/13 0059 – Good with ID: "The best country from yesterday and today, 1340 KGGS, Garden City." According to an item in the Garden City newspaper, this station came on the air on November 9th. (RD-NE1)
- 1340 WJRW MI **Grand Rapids** – 11/14 1800 – "... on 1340, WJRW Grand Rapids." Followed by ABC News. (MD-MN)
- 1340 WAGN MI **Menominee** – 11/14 1900 – Music, then: "Your station for news and talk. 1340 WAGN, Menominee-Marinette." Followed by CBS News (Supreme Court story). (MD-MN)
- 1340 WLOK TN **Memphis** – 11/27 0113 – Atop with black gospel music and bits and pieces of an ID: "It's all ... 1340 WLOK." The ground system at this station must be





incredible, as it gets out extremely well, and has done so for about the past 20 years. **(RD-NE1)**

- 1350 WARF OH Akron – 11/14 1900 – “We are Fox Sports Radio. This is WARF Akron, Fox Sports 1350.” **(MD-MN)**
- 1370 KAWL NE York – 11/25 0804 – Poor with call letter ID noted, mixing with others. **(JW-CO)**
- 1370 WSPD OH Toledo – 11/14 1800 – Quick tone: “Read it tomorrow...see it tonight...or hear it now. 1370, WSPD. Toledo talks.” Then: Fox News Radio. **(MD-MN)**
- 1370 WCCN WI Neillsville – 11/23 0759 – “This is your home for America's best music, Memories 1370 AM WCCN Neillsville,” then back to NOS music. Weak in QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1390 WGRB IL Chicago – 11/14 1802 – “Inspiration 1390. On WGRB, Chicago.” Next: Gospel music. **(MD-MN)**
- 1390 WRIG WI Schofield – 11/14 1700. – “... only you can prevent wildfires. This is WRIG, Schofield-Wausau. A service of Midwest Communications.” Then: music, “Live from Los Angeles, the Jim Rome show ...” **(MD-MN)**
- 1400 KWYN AR Wynne – 11/12 2103 – Atop with Univ. of Arkansas football vs. the Tennessee Volunteers. Mention of the Razorback Sports Network just before commercial break. Only 1400 station shown on the 2011 Razorback football network list, and this is another graveyarder that shows up several times every winter. **(RD-NE1)**
- 1400 KBRB NE Ainsworth – 11/27 2200 – Faded up with “World News is next right here on KBRB AM 1400 in Ainsworth Nebraska,” followed by ABC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 1410 WIZM WI La Crosse – 11/14 1800 – Singing: “... and Sons Electric. WIZM. 1410 W-IZ-M La Crosse. WIZM news time is 5 o'clock.” Followed by CBS News with Harvey Kearns. **(MD-MN)**
- 1450 KZZJ ND Rugby – 11/27 1900 – Atop with “1450 KZZJ” ID, then C&W song “Sounds Like Love To Me” by Johnny Lee. **(RD-NE1)**
- 1450 KBBS WY Buffalo – 11/27 0300 – Out of Classic C&W, “KBBS Buffalo Wyoming” and into ABC News. **(WH-CO)**
- 1460 CJOY ON Guelph – 11/14. 1900 – Gospel music fades, then: Singing: “C-J-O-Y.” Next: Music-“I get around.” **(MD-MN)**
- 1470 KHND ND Harvey – 11/17 0955 – Fair with mention of “western North Dakota and eastern Montana” in weather forecast. KLTC-1460 also coming in well on this morning. **(RD-NE2)**
- 1470 WBKV WI West Bend – 11/14 1800 – Music ends, then: “Local news, sports, information on people, plus the Country music you know, and lyrics you love. Classic Country, WBKV, West Bend.” Next: local news. **(MD-MN)**
- 1480 WGVU MI Kentwood – 11/14 1801 – “This is WGVU Kentwood, WGVS-AM Muskegon ... a service of Grand Valley State University. All oldies. Next: SRN News in Washington. **(MD-MN)**
- 1480 WHBC OH Canton – 11/14 1800 – “... water even better ... Newstalk 1480, WHBC, Canton.” Next: “There’s a tornado watch in effect until 11 o'clock tonight ....” **(MD-MN)**
- 1500 KJIM TX Sherman – 11/22 1744 – Out of NOS mx into full-detail signoff: “Serving northern Texas and southern Oklahoma with 1000 watts of directional power ... KJIM, Sherman-Denison. Invited listeners to tune in tomorrow for CBS news at 6 am. (KTOP-1490 off, so no covering slop.) **(PLS-KS)**
- 1510 KCKK CO Littleton – 11/14 1800 – “Your Sports Station. AM 1510. KCKK Thornton-Denver. FM 93-7. K229BS. Lakewood.” Next: “This is a sports report.” **(MD-MN)**
- 1520 WWKB NY Buffalo – 11/14 1800 – “This is your source for Progressive Talk in western New York. AM 1520, WWKB, Buffalo.” Next: “CNN Radio, I’m Edward Ragan.” (Usually KOLM.) **(MD-MN)**
- 1530 KCMN CO Colorado Springs – 11/11 0924 – Fair with mentions of Colorado Springs and a phone number with a 473 prefix in local ad. **(RD-NE2)**
- 1530 WCKY OH Cincinnati – 11/14 1701 – “This is 1530, WCKY (‘Cincinnati’ echo) the 50,000-watt Orange and Black home of the Cincinnati Bengals. Cincinnati’s ESPN 1530.” To Sports Center. (Usually KQSP.) **(MD-MN)**
- 1530 WWDX TN Huntingdon – 11/11 2147 – Fair with Huntingdon vs. Perry County high school football, was tipped off to this by Earl Higgins. Heard not long after



KQNK's after-hours broadcast of Kansas State Univ. basketball. First time heard from any QTH, and a welcome addition. (RD-NE1)

- 1540 CHIN ON **Toronto** – 11/14 1700 – “The multi-cultural voice of the mega-city. C-H-I-N.” Next: Ethnic show open. (Usually KXEL.) (MD-MN) 11/27 1500 – Out of exotic violin mx into ID: “Chin radio, AM 1540, simulcasting on 91.9 FM”, into announcement. in SS (PLS-KS)
- 1580 CKDO ON **Oshawa** – 11/14 1801 – Music ends, “This is CKDO, a Durham Radio Inc. station. On line at CKDO-dot-CA. And on your radio at 107-7 FM and 1580-AM. Durham’s Classic Hits-CKDO.” Next: Local news. (MD-MN)
- 1580 WDQN IL **DuQuoin** – 11/17 2203 – Good with Univ. of Illinois Fighting Illini basketball, then ad for McDonald's in DuQuoin. (RD-NE1)
- 1590 WHLX MI **Marine City** – 11/14 1900 – “The find for America’s music and the most accurate weather forecasts; WHLS Port Huron. And WHLX Marine City. It’s 7 o’clock.” Followed by network news, “I’m Edward (somebody).” (MD-MN)
- 1590 KGFK MN **East Grand Forks** – 11/12 1747 – Fair with alternative rock song by Evanescence, then ID and ad for local Nissan dealership. Heard again the next day at almost the exact same time with a “Rock 95.7” ID in promo. Heard many moons ago as KCNN. (RD-NE2)
- 1600 WAAM MI **Ann Arbor** – 11/15 1804 – Fair with mention of “southeast Michigan” in local newscast. Most likely the same station that was atop with Michael Savage at 1849, so they may have forgotten to throw the switch on this evening. (RD-NE2)
- 1600 WRPN WI **Ripon** – 11/14 1700 – “AM 1600, WRPN. Ripon-Oshkosh-Fond du Lac. For the latest, log on to WRPN-dot-com. A Radio One Communications station.” Next: CBS News on NBA issue. (MD-MN) 11/16 1801 – Fair with simulcast of WFRV Channel 5 newscast, including a story mentioning Green Bay. (RD-NE2)



A record number of loggings this week, thanks largely to reporter Mark Durenberger in MN with his mighty Perseus SDR. Welcome, Sir.

I’m exhausted. I have to go lie down now. Thanks to all of 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-Atlantic DX

- 153 GERMANY *Deutschlandfunk*, Donebach NOV 26 0247-0250 – Fair with opera parallel to 6190 kHz, over unID; Algeria usually dominates this channel here. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 171 MOROCCO *R.Méditerranée Int’l*, Nador NOV 12 2135 – Loud and clear with U.S. hip-hop music and male DJ in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 177 GERMANY *Deutschlandradio Kultur*, Zehlendorf NOV 19 2149 – Fair with light piano music and man in German. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 189 ICELAND *Ríkisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar NOV 25 2130 – Loud and clear with Black Crowes tune and male DJ in Icelandic. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 216 FRANCE *RMC Roumoules* NOV 19 2140 – Good with apparent football match in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 252 IRELAND *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown NOV 19 2137 – Good with male ballad in English with accordion and flute. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 531 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, F'kirina Wilaya d'Oum El Bouaghi NOV 25 2213 – Good with Arabic teletalk, female host and male caller; into male wailing in Arabic with stringed instrument at 2226. Parallel to 549 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles NOV 25 2213 – Good with Arabic teletalk, female host and male caller; into male wailing in Arabic with stringed instrument at 2226. Parallel to 531 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA] NOV 26 0309 – Woman talking animatedly in Arabic, often groping for words and sounding almost giddy during what seemed extended interview with man

- who hardly got a word in edgewise. Weak at first, then building noticeably by 0320. When rechecked at 0336, was in typical up-tempo Middle Eastern vocal. Parallel 531 audible but very poor. [Hill-MA] NOV 28 0059 – Excellent; contemporary Arabic vocal, time marker (5 + 1), announcement and quick fanfare into dry reading of news, parallel 531 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al NOV 26 2254 – Good with synchro echo; man and woman in Spanish parallel 585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *R.Maria*, Lopik NOV 27 2358 – Fair in 680 WRKO splatter; operatic vocal accompanied by pipe organ. [Conti-NH]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. NOV 27 2359 – Good; "...my number is 0-500-909-693," and hourly ID into news. [Conti-NH]
- 747 **CANARY ISLANDS//SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 27 2200 – Good, over unID; time marker, fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos," parallel 1098 and 1152 *RNE5*, not parallel 774 or 855 *RNE1* which had sports coverage. [Conti-NH]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott NOV 26 2250 – Good; talk parallel a strong 7245 kHz signal. [Conti-NH]
- 783 **SYRIA** *Radio of Syrian Arab Republic*, Tartus NOV 28 0055 – Under *R.Mauritanie* talk program; wailing vocal accompanied by drumming and strings parallel 828 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 810 **SCOTLAND** *BBC R.Scotland* synchros NOV 27 2300 – Synchro echo, over WGY; "BBC Radio Scotland," then ID with fanfare, "...and on digital, BBC Radio Scotland," and news. New log! [Conti-NH]
- 819 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Batrah NOV 28 0140 – Good; speaker with flute and string interludes, then a female Arabic vocal, parallel *R.Cairo* and *ERTU News Talk* streams on Delicast. [Conti-NH]
- 828 **SYRIA** *Radio of Syrian Arab Republic*, Deir-el-Zawr NOV 28 0040 – Good; vocal accompanied by drumming and strings, parallel 783 kHz. New log! [Conti-NH]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy NOV 27 2300 – Good; *France Info* mention and fanfare into news, parallel 945 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Murcia et al. NOV 28 0240 – Good with synchro echo; Spanish DJ playing oldies music, parallel 774, 1098, and 1107 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **ARMENIA** *R.Free Europe/R.Liberty*, Gavar NOV 28 0159 – Through *France Info*; "This is Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty... (Gavar?)," beep... repeated several times up to the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette NOV 27 2050 – Good; sports commentary in French. [Conti-NH]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford et al. NOV 28 0158 – Good; classical music, *R.Wales* promo and BBC World Service promo into news. [Conti-NH]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* synchros NOV 27 2300 – Good, solid s9; "...taking your calls live here 'til one o'clock," then hourly ID, "On digital and online, this is BBC Radio, Five Live" into more phone calls, "...about the life and career of Gary Speed, he's died at the age of 42." [Conti-NH]
- 936 **IRAN** *IRIB 1*, Urumiyeh NOV 30 0010 – Fair; flute and strings parallel a strong 1503 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 28 0000 – Through strong open carrier; time marker and fanfare into news. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA R.Quran*, Tabuk NOV 27 2258 – Fair; Koranic recitation through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros NOV 27 2300 – Good, over unID; usual sign-off with test tones. The strong Italy signal helps to block out interference. When Italy switches off, the signal that was underneath gets buried in adjacent channel interference. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros NOV 19 2230 – Fair with ads for Manchester United tickets and Best Buy on "Football First" program. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 27 2300 – Good, with half-second delay synchro echo between stations; time marker and fanfare into news. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** *VOR Bolshakovo* NOV 25 2200-2212 – Fair in occasional peaks over *Absolute Radio* with news by woman in English. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros NOV 25 2141-2212 – Fair with rock music including Eric Clapton's "Behind the Mask" and numerous promos and IDs. [DeLorenzo-MA] NOV 28 2139 – Good; ad/promo: *Absolute Radio* teaming up with Money Manager. [Conti-NH]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC R.Ulster*, Lisnagarvey NOV 26 2100 – Fair; fanfare, "...this is BBC Radio Ulster" into news. [Conti-NH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille NOV 19 2134 – Fair with news by man in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]

- 1394.85 **ALBANIA** TWR Fllakë NOV 9 2109-2128 – Fair in peaks with man in Croatian(?) and hymns; caused low growl against 1395 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA] NOV 26 2050 – Good; preacher in Slavic language and acoustic vocal. One cycle of TWR interval signal on the hour. 2130 one cycle of interval signal and off. Measured 1394.856 kHz with a weak het against unID 1394.998 kHz likely Armenia per mwoffsets list. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules NOV 29 2315 – Good; end of English program, then open carrier until off at 2317 UTC. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **IRAN** IRIB *Sarasary*, Bushehr NOV 17 0011 – Fair with somber male vocal in presumed Farsi and flute music. [DeLorenzo-MA] NOV 29 2300 – Good; IRIB interval/theme music and talk, then melancholic Middle Eastern music. DEC 1 2330 – Fair to good; Koranic vocal parallel delayed radioiran.ir a.k.a. *Sarasari Radio* stream at live.irib.ir/index2.htm. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba NOV 25 2030 – Fair with Arabic teletalk; into fanfare and news at 2100; parallel to 9555 and 9870 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]

### Pan-American DX

- 620 **MEXICO** XENK *Radio 620*, México, DF NOV 30 0904 – Mostly poor to complete fade in WTMJ null, with interference from WRJZ. Fortunately when it came time for top of the hour ID, station faded in enough to get at least a partly readable ID, with calls and station slogan. New! At first I thought I had XECK Durango, which also goes by slogan *Radio 620*, because part of the ID read "transmitiendo desde Durango..." The calls, however, were definitely XENK and I felt it much less likely that I was hearing the 500-watt signal of XECK. The mystery was solved later in the day when I compared ID's of both stations via their internet streams. It turns out that Durango in the XENK ID referred to the station's address: "Transmitiendo desde Durango 341, Colonia Roma..." which matches the station's address in WRTH. [Dvorak-WI]
- 790 **CUBA** *R.Rejoj*, Pinar del Río and Holguín NOV 26 0110 – Ticking syncopated clock heard through domestics. RR code splatter heard while monitoring 783 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1040 **MEXICO** XEGYS Guaymas, Son. NOV 21 0400 – Out of Spanish music using slogans of *La Primera* and *Radio Uno*; fair in WHO phase null. [Heinen-CO]
- 1050 **MEXICO** XEG Monterrey, NL NOV 18 0403 - Out of Spanish talk, "XEG La Ranchera de Monterrey," mixing with CKSB in French. Strange to here these languages but no English! [Heinen-CO]
- 1150 **CUBA** *R.Bayamo*, Bueycito NOV 23 0727 – Traditional Cuban vocals, occasional female short historical reads, such as one about rum cubana. Presume the one, the only one listed on 1150 kHz. No trace of listed parallel 1160 though. [Krueger\*A-FL]
- 1320 **CUBA** *R.Artemisa*, Artemisa NOV 25 1131 – News and Cuban this day in history items by man and woman, fill music, ID. Parallel much better 1020 kHz. Faded out shortly after sunrise, while 1020 is present all day. [Krueger\*C-FL]
- 1550 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites NOV 23 0707 – Two *R.Rebelde* signals audible, slightly out of sync, with Cuban vocals, ID, and Rebelde sounders. Very good. [Krueger\*A-FL]

### Signing Off

**BELGIUM:** 927 RVi Wolvertem is scheduled to be switched off end of 2011. [Guido Schotmans via Media Network, *R.Netherlands Worldwide*]

**GERMANY:** All SWR network stations; 576, 666, 828, 1017, and 1413 kHz, are to be switched off end of 2011. [emwg]

**GERMANY:** 1539 *Evangeliums Rundfunk* (700 kW) is scheduled to be switched off end of 2011. [emwg]

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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 36.

### **SDR Loggings and Tips**

This go around I would like to announce that I will be adding a new section to the DX Tool Box. With the growth of the Software Defined Radios (SDRs) this column will be featuring articles about and loggings from this new wave in the hobby. SDRs have been mentioned here before as a new up-and-coming way to DX. The regular loggings columns will of course accept SDR loggings but, like all other loggings, they must be current (not more than one month old). But with SDRs you might not get to all your recordings for more than a month. With some SDRs you can record the whole broadcast band all at once. You then go through the recording frequency by frequency. This can take time and you may go past the one month limit for the other columns. So have no fear; the NRC thinks all loggings of interest should be in *DX News*. As stated on the cover page of Volume 79 Number 9, NRC has been looking for a starting point for SDR-related materials. So effective next column your older loggings and stories related to SDR DXing will be more than welcome here. This is, as I have stated, a new and growing part of the DX hobby, and it would be a shame to ignore it because of time limits that do make sense for reporting DX from non-SDR radios. So dust off your loggings, and send in the good ones. This would include new loggings and rare ones. Make them the best ones you have gotten and tell us why. The loggings can be sent in using the usual formats seen in *DX News*. Hey maybe a bandscan/list would be fun, telling us what you heard all in one recording with what you got on each frequency (just the callsigns, date and time you did the recording, and location is good). Stories about where and how you used your SDR are welcomed too. Let us see where this will go and how it will build into a format for this or even a new SDR column on its own. This is an open invitation to all you SDR users to make this what you want it to be to fit your DXing style.

### **Question from a Reader**

Hello Shawn: In your next DX Toolbox installment for *DX News*, could you mention (if you know it) a website that lists the call signs for all of the AFRN 40 watt stations that populate Alaska? (If there is one.) If there isn't one that you know of, perhaps you could query the membership. I've looked all over Google with no success. Likely, there is no such list, but I thought I'd ask. Thanks for your help! Guy Kudlemyer Thurston, Oregon

So who can help Guy with his problem?

### **Bits and Bites from the NRC listserv:**

From: "Mike Brooker" [aum108@idirect.com](mailto:aum108@idirect.com) Subject: WGBW-1590 QSL for DX test

1590 WGBW Denmark, WI Card, pen and t-shirt received in 10 days for e-mail report of Oct. 23, 2011 DX test. V/s Mark Heller, Chief Engineer. Card appears to be a reproduction of "radio stamp" from the 1920s. View it on my Facebook page or <http://yfrog.com/khgk5clj> 73 Mike Brooker Toronto, ON

From: "Stewart, Joseph R" [RandyStewart@MissouriState.edu](mailto:RandyStewart@MissouriState.edu) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

I can tell you that we ran it on KSMU... and since our main Springfield transmitter (91.1FM) AND our translators in Branson/Point Lookout (90.5) and West Plains (90.3) ALL run IBOC/HD Radio with the resultant several-second delays, it definitely was not "synchronized!" (The Branson translator picks up our audio off-air, and then adds its own IBOC delay to that!) And yes, the audio was total and utter crap, with distortion, crosstalk, funky start-of-message/end-of-message tones, etc. Glenn's estimation of 1:00:30 pm CST is pretty much accurate, judging from when the start-of-message tones interrupted the automated TOH break that we had playing. Journal Broadcast Group here in Springfield (KTTS-FM/KSPW-FM/KRVI-FM/KSGF-AM [1260] & FM) received their audio for the national test from us, and noted the bad audio as well. In fact, the station that relays THEIR EAS tests, KJEL in Lebanon, MO, had to get back on the air manually because the end-of-message

tone didn't trip their equipment to switch back to their regular audio! Oh well, that's precisely why they test these things--to figure out what bugs exist and how to work them out of the system. Randy Stewart Arts Producer KSMU 901 S. National Springfield MO 65897

From: "Frederick R. Vobbe" [fvobbe@vobbe.org](mailto:fvobbe@vobbe.org) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

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From: Wayne Heinen [amradiolog@nrcdxas.org](mailto:amradiolog@nrcdxas.org) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

It's organized by the government... need I say more?

From: Russ Edmunds [wb2bjh@yahoo.com](mailto:wb2bjh@yahoo.com) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

There are multiple problems here. First is the lack of any kind of coordinated test on a large scale in decades. Second is cascading feeds, which introduce unwanted delays. There are others, but in my estimation, the whole idea of a national test was to uncover problems, and in that it certainly succeeded. I failed to mention another major problem – the number of stations which are automated using technologies which cannot properly support the EAS infrastructure. Russ Edmunds 15 mi NNW of Philadelphia Grid

From: Brett Saylor [bds2@psu.edu](mailto:bds2@psu.edu) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

I recorded the entire medium wave band at the time of the test on my Perseus and did a quick scan through the recording tonight. Other than the same observations of others (varying starting times, over-modulated & cascading audio, etc.), all I can add is that I detected EAS tones and announcements on the majority of frequencies across the band, although it was definitely absent on a few channels. All my locals had it, so I guess I feel a bit safer now ;-). The dissonant tones and distorted audio were a welcome relief from the relentless news reports about the Penn State sex scandal taking place about a mile from my house :-P Brett Saylor State College, PA

From: Les Rayburn [les@highnoonfilm.com](mailto:les@highnoonfilm.com) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

I was also surprised that the National EAS Test did not include activation of the NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio system. It would seem like an obvious system to tie into any sort of nationwide alert. I'm also not clear as to what it would take to trigger an actual EAS alert on a national or even regional basis. The system wasn't triggered on 9/11, nor have I ever heard it used during local disasters like Katrina, or the super-outbreak of tornadoes here last April. NOAA Weather Radio (on the other hand) gets a workout--and nearly every home here has one. 10 Years after 9/11 and millions and millions spent on improving warning and alert systems and this is the result? The thing that troubles me is I keep wondering why they set themselves up for something that they should have known would have been a large scale failure? Here's hoping we never need the real thing. 73, Les Rayburn, N1LF

From: Doug Smith [w9wi@earthlink.net](mailto:w9wi@earthlink.net) Subject: Re: DX'ing the nationwide EAS test, imminent

Frederick R. Vobbe wrote: "Huge failure in many states. With all the technology we have, I can't understand why this couldn't be pulled off. From what I hear, the results vary from state to state. Apparently Tennessee was OK for the most part. Ohio was hosed."

From what I read, it didn't happen at all anywhere in Oregon, due to some kind of failure at the point where the alert was received by the state. I know there were problems in Georgia as well. Yes, it went pretty well in Nashville. There was some "phantom audio" (sounded like "printthru" on analog tape) and I think the first EOM data burst was truncated, but the audio message was easily intelligible and I think the small amount of noise was because we were relaying an AM station. (Using an antenna on a building full of computers... Even though the AM station in question was WSM, a mere ten miles away, I suspect the computers may actually radiate more than 50,000 watts (grin) We were expecting myriad phone calls from viewers wanting to know what was up. We spent some time yesterday setting up a special voice mailbox explaining the situation & providing the number to staffers. As it turns out, we got... **\*\*ONE\*\*** call. Guy wanted to know when we were going to stop relaying C-SPAN. He insisted he didn't have cable. Weird. Can't vouch for how many stations failed to relay the test. (The only station I personally monitored was our own) Stations are supposed to relay EAN (the code used for this test) without delay. (I mean, you can't hold the message & not relay it until after the commercial break. Coding delays in digital equipment are fine.) Relay delays are permissible for the regular monthly tests we've been running

for years and for any other EAS message except EAN. I can't say I've heard from anyone outside Tennessee who thought the audio message was intelligible. One thing that's very different about this test. is that the FCC has asked all stations to report their success (or lack thereof) in relaying this test. I will be very surprised if anyone gets sanctioned for honestly reporting they tried & it didn't work. - I won't be too totally surprised if someone gets sanctioned for reporting it failed because their EAS gear was turned off/never configured/never ordered/they never troubleshot failures to receive the "regular" tests. I will bet they'll do at least spot follow-ups on those stations that don't report. And I'll bet someone, somewhere gets sanctioned for completely ignoring the process.

Russ: the gear, if configured properly, is fully capable of handling automated operation. It simply interrupts the path from studio to transmitter as soon as the received message is complete, and directly feeds the transmitter with the data bursts, attention tone, and voice message. That said, it is quite possible to misconfigure the equipment. Doug Smith W9WI Pleasant View, TN EM66

### This month's DX Tool Box web site is:

Radio Station Letterheads and QSL Cards part of Mike Schultz's Reverse Time Pages

[http://uv201.com/Misc\\_Pages/letterheads\\_1.htm](http://uv201.com/Misc_Pages/letterheads_1.htm) QSL's and Letterheads

<http://uv201.com/index.html> Main Page

Steve Francis Alcoa, Tennessee Listed this one on the NRC Listserv and I found it a great place to see some good old and I do mean old radio materials. There are great shots not only of QSL's but unique to this site the letterheads used by stations back in the day. These are black and white letterheads for the most part with art work used by the station to represent what the stood for and where they were from. You will see a big difference in what stations use these days which for the most part is a station logo and an address. For me this is more like true artwork than just a simple logo that often can be the flavour of the month before they change formats yet again.

73 for this time Shawn

**Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever**

## 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
11/ 1	139	19	2	minor		11	174	2	0	no storms		21	141	5	3	no storms	
2	154	12	1	minor		12	169	2	0	no storms		22	142	7	2	no storms	
3	160	4	1	strong		13	155	1	1	no storms		23	140	6	2	no storms	
4	164	4	2	minor		14	161	0	0	no storms		24	137	5	2	no storms	
5	172	4	1	minor		15	148	7	2	minor		25	135	3	1	no storms	
6	177	4	2	minor		16	142	4	1	minor		26	133	4	1	minor	
7	182	7	1	no storms		17	148	4	1	no storms		27	135	6	0	minor	
8	181	8	1	no storms		18	144	1	0	no storms		28	138	5	4	minor	
9	180	2	1	minor		19	140	0	1	no storms		29	141	11	2	no storms	
10	179	4	2	no storms		20	140	1	1	no storms		11/30	144	12	2	no storms	

## NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued November 29 – For the period November 30-December 26, 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low levels with a chance for isolated M-class activity due to the anticipated return of several active regions.

The current 10MeV proton event in progress is expected to end by prior to the beginning of the outlook period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels the entire period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to begin the forecast period at unsettled to active levels as a coronal hole high speed stream becomes geoeffective. Conditions should persist for a day or so before calming to mostly quiet levels from December 1 onward. Another coronal hole high speed stream is expected on December 9 and 10, when activity may again increase to unsettled and active conditions. Mostly quiet conditions are anticipated once again from December 11-23 before the next coronal hole high speed stream is forecast to be geoeffective and produce unsettled to active conditions on December 23. Mostly quiet conditions are forecast from December 24 through the end of the period.

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

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