

# DX News

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**From the Publisher:** This is the last of the weekly issues of *DX News* for the season. We will be biweekly for the next couple of issues, then monthly through the summer. Please check the schedule elsewhere on this page for our publication schedule.

Generally speaking, the deadline for *DX News* is the Friday evening 10 days before the masthead date, as indicated in the publishing schedule. Column editor deadlines are usually set from that date. The electronic PDF version of *DX News* is usually available some time on Saturday, the day after the publisher's deadline, and we aim for the printed copy of *DX News* to arrive in your mailbox more or less on the Monday that is the official masthead date. As we are an all-volunteer organization, these deadlines have been known to slip once in a great while, but we try to keep that rare!

**Help Wanted:** We're still looking for editors for AM Switch and GY DX Achievements (starting in September) and College Sports Nets (starting sooner). Contact the publisher, David Yocis, at [NRCDXNews@gmail.com](mailto:NRCDXNews@gmail.com) for info.

And we're looking for someone to coordinate DX tests. For more information, contact Wayne Heinen at [amradiolog@nrndxas.org](mailto:amradiolog@nrndxas.org).

**The Free WRTHs:** Wayne Heinen reports: "I had to change the drawing a little; I had some people who included their request to enter in an envelope that I had to open because it wasn't labeled "WRTH Drawing" and it contained their renewal check. In these hard economic times I can understand their reasoning. The names were typed on paper, cut into strips and placed in a convenient 2-cup measuring cup. My wife Joan, who is certainly a disinterested third party when it comes to WRTHs, selected the two winners. Wells Perkins of New Jersey, you indicated media rate so when we receive your \$3.00 for

packaging and postage we'll ship it off to you. Our second winner is Garrett Donley of Michigan and we've made arrangements with Garrett on the phone. Congratulations and we'll see about doing it again next year if we have copies of the 2013 WRTH available!"

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No	In By	Date			
24	Mar. 16	Mar. 26	27	May 25	June 4
25	Mar. 30	Apr. 9	28	June 30	July 9
26	Apr. 27	May 7	29	Aug. 3	Aug. 13
			30	Sept. 7	Sept. 17

### THE DX TIME MACHINE

**75 years ago:** From the Mar. 17, 1937 *DX News*: Al Bartholomew, Bradford, N.Y. reports that he will have only nine unverified U.S. stations, if his current reports are answered; John Oskay, New Brunswick, N.J. reports several Hawaiian stations have been heard this year, but no TPs as of yet.

**50 years ago:** From the Mar. 17, 1962 *DX News*: Mike Ferguson of Houston included the radio network for the NL expansion Houston Colt 45s in his Musing (KPRC is the flagship).

**25 years ago:** From the Mar. 16, 1987 *DX News*: KUUY-870 Orchard Valley WY has moved to 650 kHz; Garrison Keillor announced his retirement from NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion."

**10 years ago:** From the Apr. 1, 2002 *DX News*: Clear Channel is hoping to move WHITE-1690 Johnston City IL to the Chicago area; Eastern DXers heard CFFR-660 Calgary, CHQT-880 Edmonton, and other exotic stations during a rare WFAN/WCBS silent period.

**NRC Convention Host 2012:** Bids are now being taken for this year's NRC Convention. If you are interested in hosting our annual convention, contact Ernie J. Wesolowski at [neerniew@yahoo.com](mailto:neerniew@yahoo.com) or 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68144-3543.

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# AM Switch



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

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call  
1340 KTCR WA Kennewick  
1390 KJOX WA Yakima

New Call  
KJOX  
KRAM



## CPs ON THE AIR

610 WXVA VA Winchester – CP for U1 380/500 is on the air.  
1230 WGUY ME Veazie – CP for U1 1000/640 is on, changing the city-of-license from Ellsworth.

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1180 CP CO Walsenburg – CP granted for U4 20000/300.

## ACTIONS

1160 WJFJ NC Tryon – CP granted for U2 25000/500, increasing the daytime power.  
1200 KPSF CA Desert Hot Springs – CP granted for U4 5000/1300 from five towers (3-day; 5-night) at 33-50-35/116-25-39.  
1340 WMTE MI Manistee – Licensed for U1 1000/1000, WMTE is currently silent as they lost the use of their transmitter site. They have filed for a Special Temporary Authorization with U1 500/500 using an inverted-V antenna from a 55 meter tower at 44-15-38/76-19-02.  
1470 WLQR OH Toledo – CP granted for U4 1000/690, decreasing the nighttime power.  
1600 KNWA AR Bellefonte – CP granted for U1 1000/50.

## APPLICATIONS

820 WVSG OH Columbus – Applies for U2 6500/790.  
1410 WSHY IN Lafayette – Applies for U1 270/28.

## APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1080 KWAI HI Honolulu – Licensed for U1 5000/5000, they recently filed for U1 1750/1750 which has been dismissed.

## LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1450 KCIK CA Blue Lake – Denied a petition for reconsideration for license renewal/call letter deletion

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1230 APP HI Mililani Town – Applies for U1 1000/1000.  
1260 APP HI Keaau – Applies for U1 5000/1000.

## AM on FM

950 WYWY KY Barbourville – W227CD 93.3 Barbourville and W256BM 99.1 North Corbin [WYWY and WKFO, below] are //  
1240 WOBT WI Rhinelander – W267AF 101.3 Rhinelander with Country  
1310 WTLB NY Utica – W256AJ 99.1 Utica with ESPN Sports  
1590 KLRK TX Mexia – K267AI 101.3 Moody as 101 point 3, Bob FM  
1600 WKFO KY Corbin – W253BC 98.5 North Corbin and W256BM 99.1 North Corbin

## HEAR AND THAR

\* Returning to the airwaves: WSDX-1130 Brazil, Indiana is back on sports from ESPN; KSDT-1320 Hemet, California turns on the transmitter back on with a Rhythmic-CHR format as Mega; and WNTF-1580 Bithlo, Florida returns with Spanish Religious.

- \* **Reported as silent:** WSBX-1020 Ochlocknee, Georgia; WPLX-1180 Turrell, Arkansas; KTSN-1340 Elko, Nevada; KCOX-1350 Jasper, Texas.
- \* **Fines:** The FCC has assessed the following fines: to the owner of the tower used by WRRE-1460 Juncos, Puerto Rico, \$4500 for failure to notify the FCC of a change in ownership of the tower; to WIPC-1280 Lake Wales, Florida, \$4000 for not switching to nighttime power/antenna pattern.
- \* **Thanks to** Shawn Axelrod, Bill Dvorak, Tim Noonan and RadioWorld Online.

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REPORTERS

- RA-MA**      **Ray Arruda, Acushnet** – Drake R8A, Grundig S350, 130 ft. center-fed inverted V.  
**BC-NH**      **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.  
**SC-IN**      **Steve Chappell, McCordsville** – Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna.  
**HF-MI**      **Harold Frodge, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton** – Drake R8B + 500 ft. NEish unterminated bev + 85 ft. TTFD  
**BH-MA**      **Bob Hill, Littleton** – Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop  
**KK-VA**      **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.  
**TLK-FL**      **Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater** – JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sangean PR-D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE Super- Radio III; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire  
**BT-PE**      **Brent Taylor, Stratford** – SDR-IQ; corner-fed loop  
**MKB-ON**      **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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DX TESTS

- 580 WHP**      **PA Harrisburg** – 2/27 0005 – Presumed with tone and bit of code under CKWW at virtually groundwave strength. Not needed. **(MKB-ON)**  
 +++ - 2/27 0000 – In multi-station mix (WCHS, WDBO, WGAC, other unIDs and a het in the upper side band from something on 581 kHz) with voice ID, Morse code ID, or both about every half hour. **(KK-VA)**  
 +++ - 2/27 0030 – Under WTAG; DX test Morse code. 0105 – Under WTAG with WKAQ; DX test Morse code. **(BC-NH)**
- 1460 WTKT**      **PA Harrisburg** – 2/27 0046 – Tone and “WTKT” code ID (.-. – .-. -) noted under dreadful Canadian oldies on CJOY groundwave, ETWN Catholic preaching on WHIC-Rochester and UNID SS (presumably WKDV Manassas, VA). Also not needed, QSLed as WCMB in 1977. **(MKB-ON)**  
 +++ - 2/27 0015 – DX test not heard; WKDV, WDDY, and CJOY dominant at various antenna phase settings. **(BC-NH)**
- 1550 KRPI**      **WA Ferndale** – 2/26 0350 – Tried for but not heard, only a REL station, possibly WSDK, and UNID playing instrumental music that was barely audible. No code IDs or distinct test material noted. **(RA-MA)**  
 +++ - 2/26 0400 – DX test not heard; R. Rebelde Cuba mostly dominant over WSDK and an unID station. **(BC-NH)**

TIS/HAR/TALKING HOUSE

- 1630**      **NJ Scotch Plains** – 2/28 1800 – Fair; Scotch Plains Weather Information Service relay, "You are listening to NOAA all-hazards radio, station KWO35 in New York City; the broadcast originates from the National Weather Service forecast office located on the grounds of Brookhaven National




Laboratory in Upton, New York; station KWO35 broadcasts on a frequency of 162.55 megahertz." **(BC-NH)**

- 1700 KNAA585 NY **Jamaica** – 2/28 1800 – Fair; repeating, "You are listening to JFK highway advisory radio station KNAA585 broadcasting on 1700 on your AM dial; The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey wishes to thank you for letting us serve you while at John F. Kennedy International Airport." **(BC-NH)**
- 1710 MI **Howell** – 2/25 1846 – Fair with loop ad for Regal Recycling, "on Lucy Road, just south of Grand River", "Top dollar for scrap metal"; "If it's metal, it's money." **(HF-MI)**
- WQFG689 NJ **Hudson County** – 2/29 0000 – Over/under Bronx, NY pirate *R. Celestial*; "WQFG689, owned and operated by Hudson County, New Jersey," and PSA's. FCC data lists five locations. **(BC-NH)**

#### PIRATE/BOOTLEG

- 1710 NY **Bronx** – 2/28 1800 – Good; *R. Celestial* in with many "gloria halleluia" and Cristo mentions in Spanish. **(BC-NH)**

#### LOGGINGS

- 560 WQAM FL **Miami** – 2/26 0059 – Poor, under WGAN Portland, with ads for Ft. Lauderdale car dealership, lagging the ToH by about 10 seconds with promo for "24/7" sports from WQAM.com. Then into college basketball report. WIOD on 610 was also in very well at this time. Recorded on SDR-IQ. **(BT-PE)**
- 580 WTAG MA **Worcester** – 2/26 0059 – Weak, with promo for Saturday morning program at 8, then "on NewsTalk 5-80 and 94.9 FM, WTAG." **(BT-PE)**
- CFRA ON **Ottawa** – 2/27 0005 – Heard in WTAG null while listening for WHP DX test; "... news at the top of every hour ... News/Talk AM 580 CFRA." **(BC-NH)**
- 590 WROW NY **Albany** – 2/26 1800 – Under WEZE; jingle ID and CBS news. **(BC-NH)**
- 620 WSNR NJ **Jersey City** – 3/1 2000 – In a weakish muddle with "This is AM 620 WSNR Jersey City"; promptly disappeared. **(BH-MA)**
- WVMT VT **Burlington** – 2/25 0219 – Briefly atop with "News-talk 620 WVMT" IDs, several promos for Rush Limbaugh, noon to 3 PM. **(RA-MA)**
- 640 CFMJ ON **Toronto** – 2/25 0204 – Fair with news, talk, many "AM 640 Toronto" slogans, ad for Esso Gasoline, mentions of 416 area code in local ads, 640Toronto.com website promo. **(RA-MA)** *Yes, we still have Esso gas stations in Canada. They didn't become Exxon, circa 1973. Mike.*
- 730 WZGV NC **Cramerton** – 2/29 1800 – Poor; "ESPN 730 ... WZGV AM ... ESPN 730." New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 750 KHVG NV **Fallon** – 2/18 0459 – Station motto, "You're traveling with K-HOG Classic Country ... 750 AM ... FM 100.1" and heard dominating the overnite 750 skywave in the WSB null. **(SC-IN)**
- 780 WTME ME **Rumford** – 2/26 2300 – Excellent; Ambrosia "Biggest Part of Me" briefly interrupted by ID, "The home of Laura Ingraham, Dave Ramsey, and Maine's 10,000 watt powerhouse, AM 780 WTME Rumford-Lewiston-Farmington, AM 1450 WKTQ South Paris." Unusual for this time of night. **(BC-NH)**
- 820 WBAP TX **Ft. Worth** – 2/29 2000 – Fair over WNYC; "820 AM and 96.7 FM, wwap.com, WBAP Fort Worth-Dallas, WBAP-FM Flower Mound-Dallas-Fort Worth, a Cumulus station," and time check, "WBAP news time is 7 o'clock." **(BC-NH)**
- 1070 WNCT NC **Greenville** – 2/29 2200 – Fair; "You're listening to a North Carolina original, AM 1070 WNCT Greenville; beach, boogie, and blues." **(BC-NH)**
- 1090 WKBZ MI **Muskegon** – 2/23 1746 – Very poor with station ID, "You're listening to News-Talk 1090 WKBZ." NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- WAQE WI **Rice Lake** – 2/23 1800 – "WAQE" ID into Fox Sports Radio and very poor signal noted. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1120 KMOX MO **St. Louis** – 2/26 2300 – Over WPRX; "The official weather station, Newsradio 1120 KMOX, KMOX HD, St. Louis," and CBS news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1150 WDEL DE **Wilmington** – 2/3 1830 – In WAVO mix with station promo: "Live from Wilmington Delaware you're listening to WDEL. Delaware evening news on 11-50 WDEL,  WDEL.com." **(KK-VA)**
- 1160 WCFO GA **East Point** – 2/3 1759 – In multistation mix (WODY, WMET, WYLL, and WOBN) with "You're listening to the flagship station for Georgia State

University ... this is WCFO East Point ... and all of metro Atlanta" ToH ID into CBS news. **(KK-VA)**

- WABY NY Mechanicville** – 2/28 1753 – Out of Dixieland jazz: "Fats Waller on WABY featuring recordings from his radio shows..." Rambled on awhile about the jazz great, then another ID; in mix with WVNJ. What Waller once said in another context could equally apply to MW DXing: "One never knows, do one?" **(BH-MA)**
- WPIE NY Trumansburg** – 2/29 1700 – Fair; "You're listening to 1160 ESPN WPIE Trumansburg-Ithaca ...." **(BC-NH)**
- WODY VA Fieldale** – 2/3 1856 – In multi-station mix with typical ESPN Radio programming, ad for Martinsville, WV 5k race, "this is high school basketball on ESPN Southside ... point 9 FM, ESPNSouthside.com and 11-60 AM" noted during break in high school hoops action at 1955. **(KK-VA)**
- 1190 WAFS GA Atlanta** – 2/3 1759 – In multistation mix (with WCRW, WLIB, WOWO, unID oldies, and other talk) with station promo: "From Wall Street this ... 1190 WAFS news radio at ... money ... part of the Wall Street business network ...." **(KK-VA)**
- 1200 WRKK PA Hughesville** – 2/3 2005 – In WXKS/WOAI mix with ID as "News talk radio WRAK...1400 and 1200 AM, 94.9 FM... best talk..." **(KK-VA)**
- 1230 WSTV NH Claremont** – 2/3 2003 – In WABN/WCMC mix with typical ESPN Radio programming, ID as "WTSV ESPN radio 'The Score.'" **(KK-VA)**
- WCMC NJ Wildwood** – 2/3 1803 – In WABN/WTSV mix with "AM 1230 classic oldies ... number 1 in South Jersey" slogan by woman DJ. **(KK-VA)**
- WABN VA Abingdon** – 2/3 1728 – In WCMC/WTSV mix with station promo "now ... live on WABM AM 1230, FM 103.3" into Beatles song. **(KK-VA)**
- 1240 WCNC NC Elizabeth City** – 2/3 1828 – In mix of unID stations (singing, talk, oldies, religious, and basketball game) with C&W songs, "Classic country WCNC and WZBO" ID into news and weather. **(KK-VA)**
- 1250 WTMA SC Charleston** – 2/3 1730 – In multistation mix (WDVA, WKDO, unID Radio Disney, C&W, and gospel) with Sean Hannity show, concert promo "1250 WTMA welcomes legendary Elton John to the Charleston Coliseum on March 7th ...," slogan "The big talker 12-50 WTMA." **(KK-VA)**
- 1260 WYDE AL Birmingham** – 2/3 1830 – In WWVT/WWRC mix with Dennis Miller show, "You're listening to the Dennis Miller Show on 1230 AM ..." at bottom of hour, FM // slogan "101.1 'The Source.'" **(KK-VA)**
- WWVT VA Christiansburg** – 2/3 1759 – In WYDE/WWRC mix with NPR station promo: "This is listener supported radio ... serving central Virginia with public radio news ... programming 24 hours a day ... WFFC ...," ToH ID by woman "Radio IQ WFFC HD 89.9 ... WVTW HD 88.5 Charlottesville, WWVT HD 1260 Christiansburg" into NPR news. **(KK-VA)**
- 1270 WJJC GA Commerce** – 2/3 1821 – In multi-station mix with "WJJC 1270 AM" ID into ad for pest control service in Commerce and "This Day in History." **(KK-VA)**
- WLBR PA Lebanon** – 2/3 1755 – In multistation mix with station promo: "... everyday ... your home ... radio station WLBR ...." **(KK-VA)**
- WLIK TN Newport** – 2/3 1804 – In multistation mix (WCBC, WLBR, WJJC, WMKT, WUCO, unID SS, and gospel) with station promo by male DJ: "Rockin' with Tony with those favorite oldies you'll want to hear again and again on the smokin' oldies WLIK." **(KK-VA)**
- 1280 WPKZ MA Fitchburg** – 2/3 1758 – In multi-station mix (WHVR, WSAT, unID gospel, Fox sports, and SS) with "Hey, this is Sean Hannity ... at my new home on ... your new WPKZ 12-80 'The Pulse'" station promo. **(KK-VA)**
- WSAT NC Salisbury** – 2/3 1830 – In multi-station mix with slogan "... here on memories 12-80" into Carole King song, at 2004 "log onto WSAT.com" website promo into weather. **(KK-VA)**
- 1290 WNBF NY Binghamton** – 2/3 1832 – In multistation mix (WHIO, WHKY, WFBG, WJCV, unID Radio Disney, oldies, sports, and SS) with ad for America's Attic in Johnson City, slogan "New York Radio 1290 WNBF." **(KK-VA)**
- WJCV NC Jacksonville** – 2/3 1722 – In multistation mix with station promo: "12-90 WJCV. We're never very far from more back-to-back southern Gospel. As a





matter of fact, we have some more coming up in just a few minutes here on 12-90 WJCV." **(KK-VA)**

- 1300 WFFG FL **Marathon** – 2/28 1919 – Network and local spots, then into unidentified political talk, mostly obsessed with Romney vs. Santorum. Fair-poor on occasional fade-ups through WQBN, Temple Terrace in Spanish. **(TLK-FL)**
- WMTM GA **Moultrie** – 2/3 1855 – In multistation mix with high school basketball pregame show, "WMTM 1300, Moultrie, where the news makes the difference" ToH ID into CBS news at 1900. **(KK-VA)**
- WMTN TN **Morristown** – 2/3 1744 – In multi-station mix (WJZ, WKCY, WMTM, unID gospel, and ESPN) with C&W songs, man with "1300 WMTN" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WKCY VA **Harrisonburg** – 2/3 1726 – In multistation mix with website promo "go to WKCYAM.com, keyword Paul McCartney", ID as "News talk 1300 WKCY." **(KK-VA)**
- 1310 WYND FL **Deland** – 2/28 1910 – Preacher, concluding at 1915 as "The People's Gospel Hour" from Halifax, Nova Scotia with a MA mailing address. Then at 1916, live male, "This is WYND, Deland, 1310 on your AM dial, WYND ..." into gospel vocals. Another night power violator. Should be 113 watts by now, but probably still at full 10,400 watts or maybe a bit lesser. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1370 WGIV NC **Pineville** – 2/29 0000 – In jumble after WFEA s/off; sleepy soft-voiced announcer, "WGIV Pineville-Charlotte." New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WTAB NC **Tabor City** – 2/27 2010 – Popped out of a jumble with "We're WTAB [pause] Radio." Into "Global Warming Christmas"(!) sung by a Burl Ives soundalike; soon swallowed up by the mob. When finally readable again at 2042, was playing C&W version of "Little Drummer Boy." At 2052, followed another country ditty with canned voice: "Radio. Part of your lifestyle." Voice of regular guy: "Oh yeah, I listen all the time. Take a little radio along to the ballgame so I can hear the play-by-play while I watch the live game. Makes it so much better." Canned voice: "Let us be a part of everything you do. We're WTAB [pause] Radio." DJ voice: "[?BG?] playin' the hits all week long. Glad you could be here. Stick around; there's a lot more great country music comin' your way. As a matter of fact, here's one now." **(BH-MA)**
- 1390 WRSC PA **State College** – 2/25 2200 – Ad for Nittany Garden Apartments, then "We call it Money Talk 1390 WRSC State College." In a mix with WZHR and a cast of thousands. **(BH-MA)**
- 1420 WLIS CT **Old Saybrook** – 2/28 1700 – Good; "1420 AM WLIS Old Saybrook-New London, and 1150 AM WMRD Middletown-Hartford, real people, real life, real radio," and CNN news. **(BC-NH)**
- WKCW VA **Warrenton** – 2/24 2250 – Very good signal with WBSM on open carrier, playing back to back songs by Frank Sinatra, "AM 1420 WKCW" ToH ID. Still audible after WBSM returned at 2300. **(RA-MA)**
- 1460 WIFI NJ **Florence** – 2/29 2000 – Poor with WKDV and WDDY; "WIFI Florence-Mount Holly-Philadelphia." **(BC-NH)**
- 1490 WRCE NY **Watkins Glen** – 2/28 1801 – Out of graveyard jumble with classic rock (// WNGZ-104.9, per NRC Log), "WNGZ Montour Falls-Elmira, WRCE Watkins Glen" dual ID. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1550 WAZX GA **Smyrna** – 2/24 1800 – Poor; spot for event at Ministerio Internacional Rompiendo Cadenas on Alpharetta Highway, "La Voz 1550 AM" slogan. Thanks to Henrik Klemetz and Andrew Brade at Real DX for help sorting this out. **(BC-NH)**
- 1570 WISP PA **Doylestown** – 2/28 1800 – Under CJLV; "WCOJ 1420 Coatesville and WISP 1570 AM ..." **(BC-NH)**
- 1580 WLIM NY **Patchogue** – 2/28 1700 – Fair in 1590 WSMN splatter; "This is Radio Adonai, AM 1580 WLIM Patchogue, Long Island," then in Spanish, "Sintonise WLIM Radio Adonai 1580 AM ... voz del estereo dios aquí." **(BC-NH)**
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City** – 2/25 0057 – Fair with "Mighty 1630 KCJJ Iowa City" ID, noted while looking for KKGm (not heard). **(RA-MA)**
- 1650 CJRS QC **Montreal** – 2/29 2000 – Good; "I'm Howie Silbiger and you're listening to the voice of the Montreal Jewish community, 1650 AM, Radio Shalom," then ID in French. **(BC-NH)**
- 1690 CJLO QC **Montreal** – 2/28 1800 – Good over WPTX; instrumental piano music, then news intro music, "For CJLO news, this is Aisha Samu." **(BC-NH)**



# Domestic DX Digest – West

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

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## DX Tests Heard

- 580 WHP PA Harrisburg – 2/27 0105 – DX test. Weak but in the clear with a single code set consisting of calls, frequency and city of license. I also heard fragments of code at 0005 and 0205, although not well enough to copy. No DX test material heard at any other time. NEW! (BD-WI) 2/27 0105 – Poor with code IDs during DX Test. Code also heard at 0130 and 0205. NEW! (CR-IL)
- 1460 WTKT PA Harrisburg – 2/27 0115 – Poor during DX Test with traces of faint code IDs noticed after reviewing the tape. Traces of code also heard at 0115 and 0148. QRM from KNXO and a strong Spanish speaking station. (CR-IL)
- 1550 KRPI WA Ferndale – 2/26 0400 – DX test heard with Morse Code ID's at 0400 0404 0410 0420 and 0426. Also some odd fiddle music that may have been them also. First time heard here in Winnipeg. Excellent test. Thanks to all who helped out in putting it on. (SA-MB) 2/26 0400 – Right on time with "V" markers and Morse Code ID nicely over the pack on 1550. More Morse code ID's heard throughout the test period but no other discernible audio. First time here and taped. (WH-CO) 2/26 0410 – Poor in mess with code IDs during DX Test heard in partial null of WDLR which dominated the frequency. Washington State station # 2 for me after KOMO. (CR-IL) 2/26 0404 – DX test. This one started out on a not-too-promising note. When I tuned in to 1550 just shortly before the test was to begin, I found local WHIT on air with an open carrier! I tried to call the station to see if anyone was there at that hour, with no success (not that they would have been able to help me anyway). Luckily before I started my calls I set the loop to null WHIT and started the tape recorder. The station is due south of me, allowing me to hear stations to my direct west and east. It paid off this night! Returning to the dials I soon heard a series of code sets alternating in tone between 1000 and 1500 Hz. Later when reviewing the tapes I could hear Morse ID's at five different times: readable at 0404, 0410, and 0426 plus unreadable fragments at 0416 and 0421. There was very little QRM, with the occasional exception of WDLR OH with regional Mexican music. NEW! This was my first logging of a WA AM! (BD-WI)



## DX Tests Not Heard

- 580 WHP PA Harrisburg – 2/28 0000 – DX test not heard here only WKTY. (SA-MB)
- 1460 WTKT PA Harrisburg – 2/27 (Various times between 0015 and 0246) – DX test, not heard here. Strong QRM, especially from KXNO IA with Fox Sports Radio programming and WKAM IN with regional Mexican music, kept chances of hearing this one at or near nil. This would not have been a new one (previously logged as WCMB), but would have been a needed call change. (BD-WI) 2/28 0000 – DX test not heard here; only KLTC. (SA-MB)

### Station News

690 KGGF KS Coffeyville – 1/15 2200 – Out of Fox Sports Radio programming; "The Sports Giant of the four States AM 690 KGGF Coffeyville-Independence" Fox Sports. This is no longer signing off with FSR now. (WH-CO)

### DX Loggings

- 600 KSJB ND Jamestown – 2/26 0748 – C&W music, local ads, call letter ID's. Fair in KCOL's null. (JW-CO)
- 740 CFZM ON Toronto – 2/26 0330 – Song "Mack The Knife;" "Thanks for tuning us on Toronto 740." (GH-KS)
- 740 KVOX ND Fargo – 2/25 0708 – Poor, no CFZM. Chatter of ND hunting/fishing regulations. Reports from different ND/MN cities. 2 hosts. No calls heard, but several more North Dakota announcements/references. (JJR-WI)
- 800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City – 2/25 0705 – Poor w/Bott radio net info, 800AM and 2 or 3 FM frequencies; calls, Bott Radio jingle. No CKLW, others. Steady. (JJR-WI)
- 820 WBAP TX Fort Worth – 2/26 0350 – "We have a new coat of paint; Red Eye Radio, WBAP." Then a talk program about oil. (GH-KS)
- 860 KNUJ MN New Ulm – 2/26 0430 – Good with "8-60 AM KNUJ" ID followed by *Golden Age of Radio Theater*. NEW. (CR-IL)
- 1460 KLTC ND Dickinson – 2/26 0835 – Sunday morning polka program, one or two call letter IDs. Fair, mixing with KZNT. (JW-CO)
- 1550 KKLE KS Winfield – 2/26 0400 – Poor signals with a clear ID on top of the hour just before the KRPI DX test started. Then into ESPN programming. New for me! (SA-MB)
- 1550 KMRI UT West Valley City – 2/25 2305 – Faded up with EE ID "KMRI West Valley City" in heavily accented English. (WH-CO)
- 1550 KXEX CA Fresno – 2/26 0300 – Faded up with accented EE ID mentioned other stations also in SS REL network. Disappeared just as fast!. (WH-CO)



### TIS Mysteries

1260 WQKK262 CO – 2/27 0815 – Station here playing non-stop music with two different voice-over canned "non-IDs" a few times each hour. One non-ID is "DMV2 (or phonetically similar), customized radio made in Switzerland". The other sounds like "[?word?] audio over ideas" or similar. The music is mainly AC and album cuts, with a few recognizable Oldies. By direction finding, found the signal at Colfax Avenue and Federal Blvd in west Denver, the same site as the registered to TIS WQKK262. Don't know what's going on here - maybe the TIS is using music as filler until there is some real TIS info to broadcast? Been running 24/7 and still there as of 2/29 evening. Have yet to hear an ID. By 2000 3/1 back to regular "format," i.e. a 10-second loop tape with repeating WQKK262 IDs (JW-CO) 2/28-2/29 1000 through 1400 – Instead of our local TIS, continuous rock music with low level slogans mixed in. John Wilkins traced it down to near the listed location of TIS WQKK262. Call to City & County of Denver and the CE said the TIS was operating normally giving its call, but he said he'd check on it. (WH-CO)

**Note to TIS CEs:** There are people out there listening to your station. People who pay attention, and care about what you are doing. Trust me, you don't want to get The Call from Us. (JDT-WA)

### Correction

In 79-22 I butchered a cut-and-paste of John Wilkins' log of KIJN. The complete, correct log is:  
 1060.02 KIJN TX Farwell – 2/12 0759 – Spanish rap with religious lyrics; singing ID at 0800, followed by non-legal legal ID (it was all in Spanish); more upbeat religious vocal music followed. Fair in null of KRCN open carrier. (JW-CO)

The editor regrets the error.

The DX test results, loggings, and TIS stuff makes for a very interesting column for the last of the weeklies for the 2011-2012 season. Funny, it seems like just six months since we started this season. 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.**

## Transatlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France Inter*, Allouis FEB 25 0022-0030 – Man and woman in French discussion (standard log) to English blues tune at 0026; ID at bottom of the hour. Fair in LSB. [Frodge-MI]
- 171 **MOROCCO** *R.Mediterranee Internationale*, Nador FEB 25 0030 – Woman host in Arabic taking phone call – caller sounded passionate. Poor, best in USB; parallel 9575, worse due to severe splash. [Frodge-MI]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. FEB 27 0100 – Good with light synchro echo; “On digital and online, this is BBC Radio, Five Live,” and highlights of next program, Occupy Aborigine-style among the topics of discussion, into news. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg FEB 27 0350 – Good; classical music. 6190 parallel was buried under CRI Canada. Time marker on the hour and fanfare with *Deutschlandfunk* ID into news. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 26 0100 – Good; time marker, fanfare, “Radio Nacional de España, Informativos,” parallel 1098 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros FEB 26 0150 – Good; Springsteen “Born to Run.” [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* FEB 26 2313 – Unfamiliar hymn sung by soprano; fair-good for 30 seconds or so, then rapidly sank down to zilch. Resurfaced a few minutes later with man in what sounded like a sermon. [Hill-MA]

## Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, Villa María FEB 28 0230 – Easy listening music with woman announcer. Many IDs. Good. [Ervine-TX]
- 660 **MEXICO** XEFZ Monterrey, NL FEB 26 2210 – Easy listening music with numerous IDs and times. “ABC Radio los noticias” and commercials. “Los noticias comeson,” the news is coming on. Good. [Ervine-TX]
- 660 **MEXICO** XEAR *La Mexicana*, Tampico, Tamps. FEB 26 2210 – Ranchera music with man announcer. Fair. [Ervine-TX]
- 710 **MEXICO** XEDP Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. FEB 25 1114 – Poor tho steady with very clear “XEDP, La Ranchera de...” into what sounded like a record offer with several songs played. Replaced in minutes by KCMO and WFNR. New! [Rieger-WI]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEX México, DF FEB 26 0900 – Fair; “Tiempo Fuera” promo, “TDW” Morse code ID. XEX is now “TDW” as a part of the Televisa Deportes network per website <http://televisadeportes.esmas.com/tdn>. Thanks to Chuck Hutton and Barry McLarnon among others at RealDX for the help with this longstanding Morse code mystery. [Conti-NH]
- 760 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Mayarí Arriba FEB 29 0500 – Under WJR; *R.Progreso* ID and choral national anthem parallel 690, 730, and 750 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1110 **VENEZUELA** YVQT *R.Carúpano*, Carúpano FEB 29 0100 – Fair; “¡En Venezuela, Carúpano!” [Conti-NH]
- 1120 **MEXICO** XETQE *La Morena*, Tenosique, Tab. FEB 26 1159-1215 – Anthem from 1200, male briefly, then female DJ, very soft Spanish vocals, “La Morena” slogan by same female at 1214. Fair, with a second Mexican very poor underneath with anthem from 1201. Hoping for XERUY *R.Universidad*, Mérida, Yucatán on that one, but too weak for any more copy. [Krueger-FL]
- 1140 **CUBA** *R.Surco*, Morón FEB 26 0901 – Fair over WRVA; “Esta es CMIP, 1140 AM...” [Conti-NH]
- 1220 **CUBA** *R.Caribe*, La Fé, Isla de la Juventud MAR 1 0140 – Huge signal with nice Cuban pop-ish vocals, female ID moments after 0200 as, “En la territorio de América, Radio Caribe...” Same female after every couple of songs. This one has always been a big overdriven signal regardless what channel they’ve been on in the past 30-plus years of monitoring. [Krueger-FL]

- 1260 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, unknown site MAR 1 0115 – Very, very poor with easy listening piano, female, parallel 530. Not listed on the CTOM/Molano page. My records show this first documented in year 2000. WSUA Miami (Spanish, “Radio Caracol”) mostly dominating the channel. [Krueger-FL]
- 1280 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, Varadero, Matanzas MAR 1 0106 – Fair-very good on peaks over many others with the usual easy listening and piano instrumentals, female host, parallel 530. Mostly dominating the channel. Not listed on the CTOM/Molano list, but my last entry on my own Cuba list is from the 1997 WRTH at this site, for what little that’s worth. [Krueger-FL]
- 1310 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud FEB 29 0046 – Good on occasional fade-up peaks over WYND and others with piano and orchestral music, female announcer, parallel 530 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1540 **BAHAMAS** ZNS1 *R.Bahamas*, Nassau, New Providence MAR 2 0007 – Tune-in to “Death Notices” which is a quaint thing local U.S. stations mostly no longer provide. Specific time-of-death mentions where apparently available were mentioned. Then at 0013, male live, “This is Radio Bahamas, 1540 AM and 104.5 FM.” Then a promo for live coverage of “Prince Harry of Wales” at 10:30 a.m. Monday (March 5). Other promos for tuning in to 1540/104.5 FM to specifically listening to a program, so I guess they are really in parallel, despite the 2012 WRTH listing. Lots of nice local soca/Junkanoo vocals after. Including a cool “Good Night, Irene” cover. [Krueger-FL]
- 1550 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple locations FEB 26 0900 – Loud and dominant while listening for KRPI DX test; sounder and news with digital splash signal between items, then jazz and fusion parallel 600, 670, 1180 and 1620 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1570 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, unknown site MAR 1 0047 – Threshold but definite parallel to 530 with easy listening instrumentals, female announcer under several others. This one has been here for quite awhile per my records, but not on the CTOM/Molano list. [Krueger-FL]
- 1620 **CUBA** *Rebelde FM*, Guanabacoa, Ciudad de la Habana FEB 26 1759 – “Rebelde FM” ID and into Noticiero Nacional de Radio patch from 1800. I’ve probably noted it before such as logs of *Rebelde FM* on 96.7 MHz from the Florida Keys, but if so I forget, anyway *Rebelde FM* also patches NNdR, not that anyone much beyond Florida is likely to hear this over-the-air at local 1 p.m. ET. A very weak second Rebelde also audible under, only with “standard” AM Rebelde. Out of the news 1730 with “Radio Rebelde, la frecuencia modulada” by man. [Krueger-FL]

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### International News

**GREECE:** After a meeting on February 17, the Administrative Board of the Greek Public Broadcaster (ERT) ordered the switch-off of eleven medium wave transmitters. Only nine transmitters with their respective programs of the Greek Public Radio will keep operating. *ERT* retains the frequency of the “First Radio Service” (729 kHz) and “Filia” (666 kHz) from Attica, and also the one of *ERA Sport* (792 kHz) hosted by the former Voice of America transmitter that was re-installed in 2002 at Malgara. A relatively low power transmitter in Florina will also be retained. It has already been confirmed that *ERA Sport* in Attica, *ERT3* at Malgara (1179) and those of *ERA Tripoli* (1314) and *Orestiada* (1080) have been switched off. **13 stations to cease forever:** 765 Ioannina, 945 Larissa, 954 Heraklion, 981 Attica, 1044 Perea, 1080 Orestiada, 1179 Malgara, 1314 Tripolis, 1350 Pyrgos, 1485 Volos, 1584 Serres, 1602 Kavala and Kozani. **9 stations remain open:** 666 *Filia* Megara, Attica; 729 *EPA1/NET 105.8* Boyati, Attica; 792 *ERA Sport* Malgara, Thessaloniki; 927 Zante; 1008 Corfu; 1278 Florina; 1404 Komotini, Rodopi; 1494 Rhodes, Dodecanese; 1512 Chania. [www.thegreekradio.com/node/3126 via Wolfgang Bueschel, *mwdx*]

**IRAN:** The web site of *IRIB Radio Fars* includes the following list of transmitters in the territory (Google translation): 594 Dehnavi – Provincial; 990 Dehnavi – Global; 1197 Tar Plains – Provincial; 1233 Abadeh – Provincial/National; 1287 Lar – Provincial/National; 1359 Darab –

Provincial/National; 1404 Tar Plains – Global; 1413 Estahban – Provincial; 1431 Lamerd – Provincial/National; 1485 Jahrom – Provincial/National; 1602 Estahban – Global; 1602 Kazeroun – Provincial/National. [Mauricio Molano, *emwg*]

**ITALY:** 567 Rai Radiouno Bologna transmitter switched off effective February, 29 2012 at 0:00 UTC. [N.Marabello, *emwg*]

73 and Good DX!

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- 1360 WIXI **AL**, Jasper. I am very happy and surprised by this QSL (.doc by email). David Snaveley (owner, chief engineer and HAM W5ZC) tells me in the email: "We are a small radio station serving a community of about 80,000 people. I have owned the station for three years, and I raised the daytime power to 12,000W. When you heard us however we were operating at much lower power. We were broadcasting a special football game." And in the QSL-letter he says: "The WIXI transmitter is a Nautel XR-12 under remote control from the studios at the address listed above. At the time you received us we were operating with nighttime power below 500 watts."! A record for me! I heard this station on 12/31/11 at 23.48 UTC. Some more info and photos here: <http://moladx.blogspot.com/2012/01/wixi-1360-khz-jasper-alabama-qs.html>. (MM-Spain)
- 1540 WKVQ **GA**, Eatonton. eQSL and pdf station promo received in 2 days for the December 31, 2011 DX Test. Emailed report to Chief Engineer Baker [starstation@bellsouth.net](mailto:starstation@bellsouth.net). (KK-VA)
- 1490 KRSN **NM**, Los Alamos. I received a KRSN-1490 QSL in the mail for the recent DX test, marked as QSL #11. Also included were a business card and some magnets promoting Kommunity Radio Station Now, AM 1490. A great card and much appreciated!. Thanks to Mike Westfall and all involved in putting on the test. Those sweep tones really cut thru the GY clutter! (BW-OK)



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## Geomagnetic Indices (From Phil Bytheway)

Geomagnetic summary tabulated from daily e-mail data.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx	Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx	Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx
2/ 1	118	5	1	no	storms	12	110	4	1	no	storms	21	103	6	2	no	storms
2	118	4	1	no	storms	13	108	8	2	no	storms	22	104	8	0	no	storms
3	111	6	0	no	storms	14	107	10	4	no	storms	23	103	4	2	no	storms
4	107	6	2	no	storms	15	105	22	4	minor/G1	storms	24	109	6	0	no	storms
5	103	6	2	no	storms							25	108	6	2	no	storms
6	112	4	1	minor		16	103	4	0	no	storms	26	107	6	3	no	storms
7	107	12	3	no	storms	17	104	2	0	minor		27	106	16	2	minor/G1	storms
8	97	10	1	no	storms	18	104	4	3	no	storms						
9	99	4	1	no	storms	19	105	16	2	minor/G1	storms	28	103	10	2	no	storms
10	111	4	1	no	storms							2/29	102	6	1	no	storm
11	112	4	1	no	storms	20	111	16	3	no	storms						



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