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From the Publisher: We've got a little snow on the ground here for the first time in two years – there are lots of flakes accumulating here in DC year round, but that's something else entirely, hi! – and the DX is hot, as our columns show. Read on and see!

NRC 7th Edition Pattern Book: "Just to give the membership an update, Paul Swearingen took on doing a new edition and, between the two of us, we have been tweaking things so that the printed book will be of the highest quality and usable. Paul had to change the software package that was originally used to create the maps in the 6th Edition. The original maps are only "somewhat" compatible with the new software. So it will take us a while to make sure that the resulting 7th Edition will be of the quality that everyone has come to expect of publications created by the National Radio Club. 73." – Wayne Heinen.

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Membership Report

"This will be my 43rd year in the Club!" – Nancy Johnson.

New Members – Welcome to Robert Leamy, Granville, OH; and James Trame, Knoxville, TN.

Returning Member – Welcome back to Patrick Mason, Annapolis, MD.

Renewing Members – Thanks for the continued support of Thomas E. Connatser; R. Sheldon Dunham Jr.; John and Nancy Johnson; Dale Park; Cary Simpson; John van Praag; and Leslie Wood.

Don't forget that dues increased on January 15 – see back page for details.

The DX Time Machine

75 YEARS AGO – From the February 8, 1938 issue of *DX News* – The recently completed Radio Conference in Canada will give Canada a number of new clear channels, with the CBC planning to build many new 50 kW stations.

50 YEARS AGO – From the February 2, 1963 issue of *DX News* – Pete Taylor's unID station on 1460 kc/s is probably the new 5 kW commercial station JOWF in Sapporo, Japan.

25 YEARS AGO – From the February 8, 1988 issue of *DX News* – Tony Fitzherbert profiled WNOP-740, the jazz station licensed to Newport, KY.

10 YEARS AGO – From the February 10, 2003 issue of *DX News* – KOMA-1520 ended its music format, flipping to news/talk on February 3.

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No	In By	Date	No	In By	Date
19	Feb. 1	Feb. 11	25	Apr. 5	Apr. 15
20	Feb. 8	Feb. 18	26	Apr. 26	May 6
21	Feb.15	Feb. 25	27	May 31	June 10
22	Feb. 22	Mar. 4	28	June 28	July 8
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24	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	30	Sept. 6	Sept. 16



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As usual, we begin with the latest official changes from the FCC.



CALL CHANGES

1530 WYNE PA North East – Call change to WMCE (effective 1/24).

Radio Insight reports that my local WNEW-1580 will end its silly “Gov Dot Biz” format (competing with WFED-1500 for its miniscule audience) and flip to CBS Sports on 1/28, including a call change to WJFK. No word about this on the FCC web site as of 1/25, though.

ON THE AIR

740 KBRT CA Avalon – Applies for license to cover CP for U4 50000/190, CoL to Costa Mesa CA; this indicates they are ready to start testing.

1430 KZQZ MO St. Louis – CP for U4 50000/5000 is on the air.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1660 WWRU NJ Jersey City – Applies to modify day pattern, remaining U4 10000/10000.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

900 KALI CA West Covina – Granted STA for U1 430/38 at the CP site; lease on licensed site expires on 2/1 and the CP isn’t ready for full operation yet due to copper theft.

1200 KFNW ND West Fargo – Granted STA for U4 45000/13000; having transmitter issues.

1300 WKSC SC Kershaw – Applies for STA for U1 45/45 at temporary site (licensed site gone).

1380 KTKZ CA Sacramento – Granted STA to operate night pattern at variance.

Applications to extend STAs were received from WEEL-850 Boston MA (pattern at variance) and WMNT-1500 Manati PR (unstated, having zoning issues at licensed site, STA in effect since 2002).

An application to extend an STA was granted for WNIX-1330 Greenville MS (U1 1000/55).

The FCC grants STAs for up to six months. In an emergency, a station can operate with reduced power or, if normally licensed with a directional pattern, to operate non-directionally at one-fourth licensed power (unless someone complains of interference). But the station needs to notify the FCC right away and obtain an STA if the situation will last for any length of time. The FCC doesn’t keep track of whether STAs actually get used – for example, KALI-900 above sought its STA in advance of expecting to lose its lease soon, but if anything changes with the lease and KALI doesn’t start using the STA right away, you’ll never be able to tell from the FCC web site. If a station needs to extend an STA beyond six months, it can get six-month extensions, which are supposed to be progressively harder to get, if it can justify the actions it’s been taking to get back to licensed operation. Usually the FCC grants original STAs within one or two business days; STA extension requests are usually filed a few days before the 6-month expiration, and the FCC grants them within 6-8 weeks. If the extension request gets dismissed, it’s usually because the station is back to regular operations already and doesn’t need it any more. If no extension is filed after 6 months, it can generally be assumed that the station is back to regular operations – but more often that you’d think it means that the station is so accustomed to STA operations that it forgot to file the extension request.

SILENT STAS AND SILENT STATION NOTIFICATIONS

850 WKGE PA Johnstown – Granted silent STA; has been silent since 10/6/2012.

1060 KRUZ AR Van Buren – Granted extension to silent STA; has been silent since 3/23/2012.

1210 WDGR GA Dahlonga – No longer silent; returned to the air 1/18.

1230 WXCF VA Clifton Forge – No longer silent; returned to the air 1/16; application to extend silent STA dismissed.

1260 KIMB NE Kimball – Granted silent STA; has been silent since 10/4/2012.

1300 WKSC SC Kershaw – No longer silent; returned to the air 1/18 with low power at temporary site of 34-38-19/80-34-53 (see STA application above).

1340 KTSN NV Elko – No longer silent; returned to the air 1/20 with reduced power; application to extend silent STA dismissed.

1440 KPTO ID Pocatello – Granted silent STA; has been silent since 10/3/2012.

1460 WPON MI Walled Lake – Granted silent STA; has been silent since 9/27/2012.

1520 WLGC KY Greenup – Granted silent STA; has been silent since 10/4/2012.

1550 WVAB VA Virginia Beach – Granted extension to silent STA; has been off since 4/19/2012.

Canadian news (via Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys):

790 CFCW NL Corner Brook – Granted CP to move to 96.7 MHz FM; will surrender AM.
1010 CBR AB Calgary – On the air from a new transmitter site in the Chestermere area, around 25 km NE of the old site.
1240 CBLS ON Sioux Lookout – LPRT applies to move to 95.3 MHz FM.
1340 CBQW ON Hudson – LPRT would shut down if and when CBLS-1240 moves to FM.
1400 CKSQ AB Stettler – License cancelled; move to 93.3 MHz FM is complete (per Mike Modney via WRTH).

And here are NRC AM Log updates from Wayne Heinen:

560 WIND IL Chicago – Slogan: “560 The Answer” (was “Intelligent Talk”).
810 WRSO FL Orlovista – Slogan: “CBS Sports Radio” Networks: CS/Jr/Fn (was Fn/YSR).
830 WEEU PA Reading – Slogan: “The Voice of Berks County.”
960 WTGM MD Salisbury – Format: Comedy (was SPT); Slogan: “Comedy 960” (was “The Sports Animal”); Networks: CM (was ESPN).
1010 CFRB ON Toronto – Format: NWS/TLK/Comedy (was NWS/TLK).
1020 KMMQ NE Plattsburgh – Slogan: “La Nueva 10-20 AM, La estación de La Raza.” (GH)
1230 WFVA VA Fredericksburg – Format: NWS/TLK (was NOS); Slogan: “NewsTalk 1230”; Networks: A/TRN/CM/P/DG/B (was A).
1340 WMHZ AL Holt – New on Air; Format: AC/C&W; // W265CG-100.9.
1340 KTSN NV Elko – Format: TLK (was Silent); Slogan: “The Source.”
1360 WMOV WV Ravenswood – Slogan: “The Fun Station”; Networks: C/DG (was DG/YSR).
1380 CKPC ON Brantford – Add Slogan: “Rise Radio.”
1400 KSRR UT Provo – Add // KQMB-96.7.
1440 WGMI GA Bremen – Format: REL:AC (was Rock/OLD); Slogan: “Christian Family Radio” (was “The Train”); Drop Network A.
1460 WJAK TN Jackson – Format: Blues (was SPT); Drop Net FSR.
1490 KXLQ IA Indianola – Add Network: ESPN.

Wayne’s thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale, and (GH) Glenn Hauser.

Since we have a little room this week, here’s an update on the 78 CPs for new stations included in the FCC online database.

9 of these CPs have applied for a license to cover (i.e., they have the facilities built and ready to test) and/or program test authority (i.e., an STA to broadcast regular programming), and some are on the air.

820 WBKK MN Wilton – Granted PTA 9/5/2012 and is on the air.
1060 KFOY NV Sparks – Applied for license to cover and PTA 6/18/2012.
1120 WKAJ NY St. Johnsville – Applied for license to cover 10/25/2012.
KTXW TX Manor – Applied for license to cover 1/4/2013.
1200 KPSF CA Cathedral City – Granted PTA 4/13/2012 and on the air with U4 2500/600 STA.
1340 WWNH NH Madbury – Applied for license to cover (in 1989!), was on the air c. 1990-2010 but was never formally licensed.
1350 KUSG GU Agana – Granted PTA 10/22/2012.
1400 KRAM UT Vernal – Applied for license to cover and PTA 9/12/2012.
1490 KGFR MT Malmstrom AFB – Applied for license to cover 1/20/2011 and is on the air.

11 of these CPs expired and ought to have been deleted, but are still included in the FCC database – presumably they are subject to some kind of appeal process.

540 WXNH NH Jaffrey – Expired 8/28/2008.
(KJL) WY Pine Bluffs – Expired 7/28/2008 and calls deleted 2/19/2009.
550 CP NV Reno – Expired 9/14/2012.
720 (WQTH) NH Claremont – Expired 6/13/2007 and calls deleted 6/14/2007.
750 WRME ME Hampden – Expired 1/13/2013.
870 WZNH NH Fitzwilliam Depot – Expired 5/29/2010.
1030 KWFA TX Tye – Expired 1/22/2007.
1060 KUCU NM Farmington – Expired 9/17/2006.
1370 KPWL WA Newport – Expired 8/30/2008.
1450 (WJOE) FL Lake City – Expired 11/17/2012 and calls deleted 12/11/2012.
1500 KIEV CA Culver City – Expired 4/25/2002.

The remaining 58 CPs are still within their 3-year window – stations must submit a license to cover application within 3 years of the date the CP was granted, and extensions are hard to get.

1120	CP	WA	Yelm – CP for U4 10000/6000 expires 2/18/2013.
1600	CP	MT	Billings – CP for U2 5000/1250 expires 2/19/2013.
1690	WIGT	VI	Charlotte Amalie – CP for U1 920/920 expires 3/22/2013.
1090	CP	UT	Providence – CP for U2 5000/250 expires 4/16/2013.
1290	KNFC	UT	Santa Clara – CP for U4 2000/250 expires 5/6/2013.
1400	KXIV	ID	Middleton – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 5/6/2013.
670	CP	NM	Mesilla – CP for U4 1250/250 expires 5/14/2013.
1210	KBXO	OK	Bixby – CP for U7 7500/250 (ch 7200) expires 5/14/2013.
1030	CP	OR	La Grande – CP for U2 1000/600 expires 5/21/2013.
1310	CP	CA	Bakersfield – CP for U4 1400/2500 expires 6/9/2013.
1330	CP	CA	Porterville – CP for U4 1000/1000 expires 6/9/2013.
1240	CP	UT	Green River – CP for U1 250/250 expires 8/18/2013.
1250	KACE	NV	Mesquite – CP for U4 5000/480 expires 8/18/2013.
1360	CP	CA	Santa Maria – CP for U4 2000/2000 expires 8/18/2013.
1450	CP	NM	Flora Vista – CP for U1 250/250 expires 8/18/2013.
740	CP	HI	Kihei – CP for U1 5000/5000 expires 8/31/2013.
1240	CP	OR	Merrill – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 8/31/2013; has applied to change CoL to Altamont OR.
1430	KCWK	NV	Laughlin – CP for U4 50000/310 expires 9/28/2013.
1490	KBZB	TX	Alpine – CP for U1 1000/950 expires 10/6/2013.
1240	CP	AZ	Prescott – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 10/26/2013.
1490	WSCE	PA	Lemont – CP for U1 1000/270 expires 10/26/2013.
1230	WSGD	WV	Summersville – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 10/29/2013.
1340	KFMD	AR	Bethel Heights – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 1/7/2014.
1030	KEGC	CA	Elk Grove – CP for U4 50000/10000 expires 1/21/2014.
1460	CP	WI	Shawano – CP for U4 1000/620 expires 1/28/2014.
1550	KDCO	CO	Golden – CP for U2 5000/250 expires 2/2/2014; has applied for U2 990/480.
1180	CP	OR	Jacksonville – CP for U2 50000/1300 expires 2/11/2014.
1520	CP	AL	Fultondale – CP for U4 6000/250 expires 2/16/2014.
640	CP	IN	Terre Haute – CP for U2 250/250 expires 2/24/2014; has applied to move to Peotone IL with U4 4800/1150 (taking WMFN-MI off the air).
1590	WODJ	MI	Big Rapids – CP for U4 1000/920 expires 3/3/2014.
1450	CP	CO	Craig – CP for U1 250/250 expires 5/18/2014.
1420	CP	NM	Rowe – CP for U1 2500/103 expires 5/19/2014.
890	KDPP	CA	Oliverhurst – CP for U4 350/250 expires 6/7/2014; has applied to amend CP to U4 10000/280.
1230	CP	IN	Terre Haute – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 6/14/2014.
1120	WFNX	FL	Coral Springs – CP for U7 9500/1100 (ch 6700) expires 7/6/2014.
1230	KBEV	UT	Beaver – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 7/21/2014.
1330	CP	AZ	Prescott Valley – CP for U4 800/250 expires 7/27/2014.
1210	CP	IN	Osceola – CP for U4 2500/219 expires 8/20/2014.
1590	CP	NV	Paradise – CP for U2 6500/1100 expires 10/11/2014.
1550	CP	TX	Midland – CP for U4 50000/300 expires 10/19/2014.
880	CP	AK	Wasilla – CP for U1 210/210 expires 10/27/2014.
1570	CP	TX	Fritch – CP for U4 12000/1000 expires 10/27/2014.
1180	KCKQ	NV	Reno – CP for U2 7500/950 expires 11/9/2014.
1450	KMCA	HI	Hilo – CP for U3 5000/5000 expires 11/29/2014.
1400	CP	HI	Paukaa – CP for U1 2500/2500 expires 11/30/2014.
1560	WIVS	WI	Village of Superior – CP for U4 5000/4000 expires 11/30/2014.
1020	CP	ID	Star – CP for U2 10000/460 expires 1/7/2015.
1250	CP	HI	Kahului – CP for U1 5000/210 expires 1/31/2015.
1180	KSPK	CO	Walsenburg – CP for U4 20000/300 expires 2/28/2015.
1540	CP	FL	Southchase – CP for U4 7000/300 expires 3/13/2015.
1260	CP	HI	Keaau – CP for U1 5000/1000 expires 3/30/2015.
1360	CP	AK	Tyonek – CP for U1 20000/20000 expires 3/30/2015.
1010	CP	NV	Reno – CP for U7 50000/2000 (ch 2400) expires 4/6/2015.
830	CP	OR	Grants Pass – CP for U2 5000/1000 expires 7/12/2015.
1580	CP	CA	Red Bluff – CP for U2 3000/1000 expires 7/31/2015.
1400	CP	AK	Juneau – CP for U1 25000/1000 expires 8/28/2015.
1100	CP	OR	Lebanon – CP for U4 3900/1500 expires 9/28/2015.
1340	CP	WI	Rothschild – CP for U1 1000/1000 expires 11/29/2015.

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

Reporters

- GH-OK** Glenn Hauser, Enid OKDX-398 with internal antenna only; Nissan stock car radio as specified. (Glenn's reports, with extensive commentary, are originally published in *DX Listening Digest*)
- JDS-MN** Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum Phaser, Quantum QX Loop v2.0, 80' Longwire N-S
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- NK-IL** Neil Kazaross, Barrington, IL Perseus with two element endfire Double KAZ array at 285 deg.
- RD-NE** Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop
- SMA-MB** Shawn M. Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB Canada ICOM ICR-70, Drake R8; 3 Foot un-amplified box loop / Quantum QX LOOP v2.0/ 155 Foot "U" shaped outdoor wire / 100 Foot indoor wire run around the basement walls / MFJ 1026 Phasing unit


Station News

- 1240 CBLs ON** **Sioux Lookout** – The CBC has applied to convert CBLs AM to 95.3 FM with 500 watts (average & maximum ERP). Antenna height will be 182 metres (EHAAT) and the radiation pattern will be non-directional. Not only will CBLs 1240 go off the air, but CBQW 1340 in the nearby town of Hudson will also go dark. **(SMA-MB)**

DX Loggings

- 540 CBK SK** **Regina** – 1/20 0709 – News ending with "And that's the world report for this hour. A reminder, our website cbc.ca has more on the opening weekend of the NHL. If you tune in late, you can get our whole newscast whenever you want to go to cbc news...I'm John Wilcox CBC News." Into: "John McDermott, good morning it's Sunday January 20th. Here's Saskatchewan Weekend...Well yes good morning and welcome to the coldest morning of the year. Just about everywhere in Saskatchewan has a wind chill warning in effect with temps this morning feeling like minus 40 and beyond. It feels like minus 40 in Saskatoon, and Regina..." **(JDS-MN)**
- 580 WELO MS** **Tupelo** – 1/2 2130 – Fair to good with R&B oldies from the Brothers Johnson, Diana Ross & the Supremes, War, and Tina Turner, then an ID of "...heart and soul, 104.3 The Pulse". Heard again after 2200 with songs from Sister Sledge and Michael Jackson. Was tipped off to this by Earl Higgins and confirmed it by looking up www.pulseoftupelo.com, which mentioned WELO 580 AM on the homepage. MS #7 at this QTH, and first time I've heard WELO since 4/21/1991. **(RD-NE)**
- 580 CKWW ON** **Windsor** – 1/2 2056 – Weak in WIBW null with "Sundown" by Gordon Lightfoot and "Let's Hang On" by Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, then jingle ID of "580 CKWW, more music". First time heard since 3/9/1995. **(RD-NE)**
- 600 WSJS NC** **Winston-Salem** – 1/14 2317 – Fair under WMT with tape-delayed NASCAR discussion program "Fast Talk". Stuck with it, and finally got CLs in a promo at 2334 for the Clark Howard Show. NC #3 here. **(RD-NE)**
- 600 CJWW SK** **Saskatoon** – 1/21 0816 – Out of C&W music, with man saying "Randy Travis...on CJWW," followed by temperatures in various Sask. towns; wind chills running in the -40 degree range and lower. Fair signal but way under nearby KCOL. **(JW-CO)**
- 640 KTIB LA** **Thibodaux** – 1/21 0800 – Out of music with LID by man: "640 AM KTIB Thibodaux [pronounced "Tibbadoe"], a ?? broadcasting station," followed by a vocal rendition of "God Bless America;" sounded like news after this but not sure. KFI partially nulled but still a very noisy frequency. **(JW-CO)**

- 650 WSM TN **Nashville** – 1/12 0721 – Out of song “Garden Party” Ricky Nelson. Into jingle “Six-Fifty WSM.” Followed by song: “After All This Time” Rodney Crowell. (JDS-MN)
- 660 KTNN AZ **Window Rock** – 1/17 0952 – KSKY Dallas is hard to null, but with KKOB in on 770 more than an hour after sunrise, time to look for KTNN – yes, there it is with Burger King ad mentioning half a dozen towns where that exists in Navajoland. KSKY makes SAH of 52/minute = 0.87 Hz with KTNN. Then news in English of AZ such as marijuana bust in Bagdad, and then of NM. At 0957 has switched to Navajo language, and 1008 still audible with Navajo chanting. KTNN official sunrise in January is 0930; February, 1000. (GH-OK)
- 680 CJOB MB **Winnipeg** – 1/22 1811 – NEW Out of traffic report, into commercial for Prairie Chevrolet. Followed by “That’s traffic for the Manitoba Lotteries air Six-Eighty chopper.” Into weather forecast with extreme wind chill warning in effect, ending with “Right now minus 23 wind chill minus 32 Six-Eighty CJOB.” (JDS-MN)
- 680 CFTR ON **Toronto** – 1/12 0728 – Bloomberg market news, Into commercials for Pizza, Pizza, and United Way Toronto. Followed by national weather report. Into “Six-Eighty on the AM dial, and (inaudible) @ 680news.com, this is Six-Eighty news.” Followed by news with references to Toronto. (JDS-MN)
- 700 WLW OH **Cincinnati** – 1/12 0749 – Local weather report ending with “I’m Fox Nineteen meteorologist Katy Morgan for news radio Seven-Hundred WLW where it is Fifty-Eight.” (JDS-MN)
- 720 KDWN NV **Las Vegas** – 1/17 0956 – Talk in EE; 0958 call-in re guns, to 257-KDWN and then full ID as “Newstalk 720, KDWN;” meanwhile mixing with UNID “Jews-harp” music, 1000 the 7 o’clock news. Nice to hear KDWN Las Vegas NV again, now on legal 50 kW day pattern starting at 0945 in January; 0930 in February. (GH-OK)
- 730 KKDA TX **Grand Prairie** – 1/16 0910 – M&W talk in Korean, dominant from N/S, fortunately in null of adjacent KRMG 740 Tulsa, 0913 losing out to Spanish Ke Buena = XEHB Chihuahua, 0914 regaining a bit to mix with it. Just flipped from “Soul 73” format, much to the chagrin of the Black community in The Metroplex. Call change might be expected, but maybe not, since to the DXer, KK = Korean and DA = directional antenna (at night anyway). FCC still has it as KKDA. I wonder how many other full-time Korean-language stations there are in the US? The Metroplex now also has Vietnamese, Chinese, South Asian AM stations, at least, plus lots of Spanish (GH-OK)
- 730 CKDM MB **Dauphin** – 1/22 1828 – Out of classic rock song: “It’s the Parklands best, Seven-Thirty CKDM. And you’re listening to the classic five at five. And it’s not a complete classic five without one of the greatest bands of all time. It’s Queen, Crazy Little Thing Called Love.” (JDS-MN)
- 750 WNDZ IN **Portage** – 1/12 1738 – Ad for US Carpet in Chicago, in Ukrainian, with phone numbers except switching to English to pronounce area code 773, why?? That applies to the city of Chicago/suburbs outside the downtown/Loop. Must have signed off at 1745, legal sunset in January. The only PSSA its authorized is a 15-minute extension in December from sunset 1715 to 1730 with 10 watts (GH-OK)
- 750 CKJH SK **Melfort** – 1/22 1836 – Out of classic rock: “CK Seven-Fifty classic hits from the 60’ and 70’s with Ian Thomas, It’s Five-Thirty-Six. If you can eat a large pizza in ten minutes (inaudible) you can pick up your entry form from TJ’s pizza in Melfort. All the proceeds going toward TeleMiracle. Weather forecast is next on CK 750.” (JDS-MN)
- 760 WJR MI **Detroit** – 1/12 0811 – Break in talk show: Female voice with song “Color My World” in background “You’re listening to *The Warren Pierce Show* on news talk Seven-Sixty WJR.” Back to show. (JDS-MN)
- 770 WABC NY **New York** – 1/14 0147 – *Red Eye Radio* program ID. Is the only 770 on their affiliate list I was at first suspecting this weak talk signal in English would be KKOB or KKOB, but not with that show. Been ages since I’ve heard WABC out here more than 2 megameters away (GH-OK)
- 780 KSPI OK **Stillwater** – 1/15 0141 – 250-watt daytimer has again left its carrier on all-night, groundwave-steady dead air clearly from here in null of WBBM (GH-OK)
- 850 KFUO MO **Clayton** – 1/6 1836 – Fair with instrumental piano hymns and sacred music. Took the webstream, which was only about 3 sec. behind, to nail it. (RD-NE)

- 880 KLRG AR **Sheridan** – 1/16 0858 – Open carrier from E/W dominant in KRVN null from the north. Surely one of the poorest examples of managing a 50 kW AM station, as frequently happens, still dead air past 0901, instead of Canada Calling from the WTAN Florida network as once heard at this time; then begins to fade vs. KRVN signal. 1/17 0935 – *still* open carrier/dead air E/W with SAH in null of N/S KRVN NE, no doubt KLRG Arkansas, more 50+ kWh wasted. Do they know about this in Clearwater? Seems like its OC is still barely there at 1208, SAH mixing with religion in English, presumably KHAC AZ/NM. **(GH-OK)**
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- 880 WMEQ WI **Menomonie** – 1/12 0856 – Out of the Sean Hannity show, into commercials including Power Swabs teeth whitening, Kato Skiing, At Home With Jerry Sullivan on news talk Eight-Eighty, Bill Cunningham Sundays at Nine PM on news talk 880 WMEQ Menomonie. Followed by Fox news. **(JDS-MN)**
- 920 KLMR CO **Lamar** – 1/17 0933 – Announcer refers to <http://slapstupidpeople.com> That URL doesn't work, so maybe meant <http://slapstupid.com/> Then promo/ad for upcoming comedy night at Eagles in Lamar. Apparently Eagles Lodge is a hotel rather than a fraternal organization. **(GH-OK)**
- 930 KSDN SD **Aberdeen** – 1/14 0142 – Coast to Coast recognized, same speaker and subject as on 860, 850, 840, etc., etc., in WKY OKC null. 1 kW night pattern is mainly toward the northeast, with very little southward, from close to due north from here; new one, anyway, presumed. **(GH-OK)**
- 960 KMA IA **Shenandoah** – 1/12 0103 – ABC News and commercial breaks; local KGWA is again providing a 5-minute Fox-hole with no modulation, except for some hum. **(GH-OK)**
- 960 KGWA OK **Enid** – 1/11 0141 – Fox-hole of dead air again; only ABC news detected, presumably KMA Shenandoah IA. **(GH-OK)**
- 980 KSGM IL **Chester** – 1/5 1758 – Fair, //their FM sister with "KBDZ, Perryville" ID, then C&W songs "Born To Fly" by Sara Evans and "Meet In The Middle" by Diamond Rio. Not heard anywhere since 2/6/1991. **(RD-NE)**
- 980 WYFN TN **Nashville** – 1/5 1759 – Fair with brief legal ID: "This is WYFN, Nashville." **(RD-NE)**
- 990 KRKS CO **Denver** – 1/1 1859 – Fair in CBW null with "KRKS" jingle, mentions of "the Mighty 990" and "Denver" in legal ID. **(RD-NE)**
- 1010 KXXT AZ **Tolleson** – 1/1 1944 – Good with "KXXT Ten-Ten AM" ID between REL programs. AZ #5 here. **(RD-NE)**
- 1020 KMMQ NE **Plattsmouth** – 1/13 0835 – "La Nueva 10-20" by SHVA, Mexican music but not // 930 WKY which has happened before; in null of breaking-up semi-local KOKP Perry OK. 1/14 0858, sunrise surge clear with semi-local KOKP Perry OK carefully nulled. Spanish restaurán ad, slogan as "La Nueva 10-20 AM, La estación de La Raza." So still have not heard the alleged "Ke Padre" slogan as in NRC AM Log 2012-2013. Then live DJ with TC, "un minuto para las ocho de la mañana," and phoning Celina (sp?) in El Salvador, playing a bit of Mañanitas for her, telling her it's "Radio K en Omaha, Nebraska" llamando, but no sign of a legal ID even as announcing in passing "8 en punto." By 0902 it's fading, losing out to KOKP. KMMQ's official January sunrise for 50 kW day power is 0845. **(GH-OK)**
- 1030 KCWJ MO **Blue Springs** – 1/17 0917 – Lengthy traffic report for "the metro," mentioning I-35, I-635 and 435, and finally "the Kansas side." Supposedly religious. 3.6 Hz SAH from another definitely religious station, probably still KCTA Corpus Christi TX. Had quickly ruled out DFW, since it's "The Metroplex" and though there is an incomplete ring around Dallas, I-635, there is no 435. **(GH OK)**
- 1070 WDIA TN **Memphis** – 1/17 0909 – Usual fast SAH in almost-null of off-frequency KLIO Wichita, but this time it's not KNX: "Hello, you're on DIA," Bobby taking quick phone calls, also mentioning full call WDIA. He and they all sound like they are black. Topics all over the place. Bobby is defeatist about ever stemming violence, so why try? This is the 50/5 kW station I don't often hear. Day pattern has major lobe to the south, but a minor lobe to the west: **(GH-OK)**
- 1100 KDRY TX **Alamo Heights** – 1/5 1855 – Weak to fair in KFAB splatter with conclusion of REL program "Leading The Way," then an ID that sounded like "All Teaching

... KDRY" Only have this one, WTAM, and KNZZ logged on this channel at this QTH. **(RD-NE)**

- 1130 KQNA AZ Prescott Valley – 1/19 0959 – Legal ID for KQNA-AM and K260BL 99.9 FM Prescott; Fox News was next, followed by local news at 1002. Poor signal. **(JW-CO)**
- 1140 KLTK AR Centerton – 1/15 0929 – Faint with CLs in EE heard during SS ID. Noted a "La Mas Mexicana" ID a half hour before. **(RD-NE)**
- 1140 KCXL MO Liberty – 1/15 0932 – Fair with ad for event at local raceway, mention of I-70, then CLs. Had been one of my closest unheards. **(RD-NE)**
- 1160 WYLL IL Chicago – 1/12 0933 – Easily separated from KSL by nulling is something from the NE/SW, religious referring us twice to wyll.com in order to patronize local advertisers. FCC AM Query shows WYLL is licensed daytime for BOTH 50 kW, 2 towers, and 15 kW, 6 towers. The 2-tower pattern is broad favoring the southeast, but enough to the SW for us: While the 6-tower pattern is an auxiliary/backup from a considerably different set of coordinates, with major lobe to north, hardly any to the SW: **(GH-OK)**
- 1200 KFNW ND West Fargo – 1/14 0924 – Gospel in English looping N/S, but not something WOAI San Antonio would be carrying. No sign of anything else except weak Spanish, i.e. WRTO Chicago. WOAI had been in a total fade, but soon came back. Station in January may start 50 kW day facilities at 0915, mostly to the north, but some to the south: **(GH-OK)**
- 1200 WAMB TN Nashville – 1/1 1757 – Good with "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" by B.J. Thomas, then ID: "Happy New Year from WAMB, Nashville." Had been looking for KYOO, which is still unlogged here. **(RD-NE)**
- 1250 KZDC TX San Antonio – 1/14 0928 – Capital One ad in English, associated with sports, 1430 "Sports Leader, ESPN," no Spanish at first, which usually dominates from La Equis, KYYS Kansas City. 5 kW non-durational days, and seems N/S, though KBTC in Houston (how do they pronounce it?), south-central Missouri is also ESPN. **(GH-OK)**
- 1260 KDLF IA Boone – 1/17 0904 – Ads in Spanish, quickly confirmed as KDFC by area code 515 mentions for Maestro Sebastián and others **(GH-OK)**
- 1270 KSCB KS Liberal – 1/19 1722 – Good with Liberal at Colby girls high school basketball game, ads for Al Shank Insurance and Keating Tractor & Equipment in Liberal. Not new, but not often heard here. **(RD-NE)**
- 1400 KVSF NM Santa Fe – 1/17 2122 – Play-by-play basketball action, Santa Fe High vs. Sandia Prep; occasional "ESPN 1400 KVSF" ID. About 25% copy in the Graveyard jumble. **(JW-CO)**
- 1480 KLVL TX Pasadena – 1/15 0819 – Fair with ad in EE read by slightly-accented male: "... the #1 best-selling in Houston," along with a mention of a phone number in the 713 area code during the spot. Confirmed via webstream. **(RD-NE)**
- 1510 KCTE MO Independence – 1/16 0844 – "ESPN 1510," from Kansas City mentions "teaming up with WHB." No longer an audible het, I realize, as probably for some time this 10 kW daytimer has been back on frequency, confirmed by BFO comparing to adjacent channels. **(GH-OK)**
- 1550 KUAZ AZ Tucson – 1/12 0936 – Scott Simon's voice so it has to be Weekend Edition Saturday which in turn has to be from this 50 kW daytimer. Soon fades out, but back at 0943 during usual sports segment. Has PSRA of 39.0 watts, October thru March starting at 6 am local, the limiting station being XEBG Tijuana, not any of all the other US stations on 1550. PSSA also of 39.0 watts every month on a complicated schedule from sunset to as late as 7:45 pm MT (2145) in January. Must have just gone up to 50 kW day power a few minutes before I heard it. **(GH-OK)**
- 1670 WOZN WI Madison – 1/12 0939 – Financial talk show, poor signal from the new CBS Sports network, but must not be 100% SBG (Silly Ball Games). **(GH-OK)**



UNID

- 720 UNID -- 1/17 0941 – Continuous "Jew's harp" twanging, goes on and on past 1447 as I am DXing XEJCC and again at 0956 mixing with KDWN. Can't imagine WGN doing this. Surely not some local device, sounds just like intentional amplitude modulation from some station. Only other 720 around here is KSAH Universal City TX. Possibly they were out of order? **(GH-OK)**

- 900 UNID -- 1/14 0144 – ‘Coast to Coast’ audible among the QRM, but no affiliates found on 900 at C2C website, either by Google search or by looking at individual likely mid-continent state listings. A new one? Ideas? Should check C2C later in case it’s updated **(GH-OK)** CHML has Coast to Coast 0100-0500, per its web site – DY.
- 930 UNID -- 1/17 0929 – As KWOC MO is giving way to KLUP TX I hear what sounds like “KRDZ.” Except that’s 1440 in Wray CO. I know of no relationship between that and KRKY Granby CO, the nearest 930 in the state, which I have heard before, different ownerships. On 930 itself, no similar/fuzzy calls to KRDZ **(GH-OK)**
- 960 UNID -- 1/15 0104 – During another KGWA Fox-hole of dead air, I make out some harmonica/blues music at 0604 UT which based on unusual format I suspect is from WABG in Greenwood, Mississippi, but have never been able to catch any ID from. **(GH-OK)**

Clarifications

From NK-IL’s loggings last week:

KCLK-1430, meant to say “The more narrow bandwidth of my array helps makes former nuisance KQZQ rare” (not “area”).

KLBW-1530 is in New Boston TX. I’ve been noting them on nights sometimes also. It seems that very little on 1530 behaves according to FCC rules. **(NK-IL)**

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

Mutiny on the Bounty

Sam Dellit (VK1DXA)

Loggings continued from Issues 15 and 16

- 1575 Otago Access R., Dunedin, NZL, gd 1200z o/AUS, w/BBC WS
Rete Italia, Wollongong, NSW, fr 1200z u/NZL, w/II talk
- 1580 KBLA, Santa Monica, California, fr at times 1200s mxd/KMIK, talk in asian lang.
KMIK, Tempe, Arizona, gd at times 1200z, w/Radio Disney ID and promo for Winter Wonderland at Disney Land
- 1584 Coast, Napier-Hastings, NZL, gd 1200z o/another, w/EZL
- 1590 KUNX, R. Formula, Ventura, California, fr at times 1200z o/KLIV, w/SS talk
KLIV, San Jose, California, fr at times 1200z u/KUNX, w/nx
- 1593 R. Samoa, Auckland, NZL, gd 1200z o/Coast, w/continuous island mx
Coast, Christchurch, NZL, pr 1200z u/R. Samoa, w/EZL
- 1600 KGST, Fresno, California, fr 1200z o/another, w/SS talk
- 1602 R. Reading Service, Levin, NZL, gd 1200z mxd/another, w/continuous reading of a book
- 1610 Weak NA, pr 1200z
- 1611 Vision R., Sydney, NSW, gd at times 1200z o/several others, w/contemp. Christian mx
- 1620 2MORO, Sydney, NSW, gd 1200z o/several others, w/ME mx and AA ancts
- 1629 Several AUS MF-NAS mxd
- 1630 Weak NA, pr 1200z
- 1638 Voice of Huaxia, Brisbane, Qld, gd at times 1200z mxd several other AUS, w/songs in CC
R. Lebanon, Sydney, NSW, gd at times 1200z mxd several other AUS, w/talk in AA
- 1640 KDIA, Vallejo-San Francisco, California, exc 1200z o/another, TOH ID “This is 16-40 AM Vallejo-San Francisco” then into relig talk
- 1647 Unid MF-NAS, fr 1200z, talks
- 1650 Unid NA, solid carrier and some audio 1200z, no ID possible
- 1656 Voice of the Australian Chinese, Brisbane, Qld, gd at times 1200z o/another, w/CC talk
- 1660 KTIQ, R. Amistad Christiana, Merced, California, fr at times 1200z o/another, SS relig talks
- 1665 “2MM”, Sydney, NSW, fr at times 1200z o/another, pres this w/GG talk
- 1670 Weak NA, pr 1200z
- 1674 Lion, Melbourne, Vic, fr at times 1200z, talk
- 1680 KGED, Fresno, California, gd at times 1200z o/another, pres this w/relig talk
- 1683.2 R. Club AM, Sydney, NSW, gd 1200z, w/GG talk and ads
- 1700 KBGG, Des Moines, Iowa, gd at times 1200z o/another, w/ESPN
- 1701 R. Brisvaani, Brisbane, Qld, gd 1200z mxd another, w/HH talk
V. of Charity, gd 1200z mxd Brisvaani, w/AA songs

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REPORTERS

CB-QC	Christian Breton – Quebec City – Sony ICF-2010, Quantum loop
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
MC-NJ	Mike Clancy, Jersey City – DX-396
SC-IN	Steve Chappell, McCordsville – Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna
TF-NH	Tony Fitzherbert, Campton – Grundig S350, Grundig AM loop, Toyota Tacoma truck radio.
HF-MI	Harold Frodge, Midland – R8B, 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
BH-MA	Bob Hill, Littleton – Sony ICF-2010, Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop.
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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LOGGINGS

- 560 WXBT SC **Columbia** – 1/19 0200 – Poor signal and with ID “WXBT Columbia. This is Sports Radio 560 The Team, IHeart Radio” into Fox Sports Radio. **(SC-IN)**
- CFOS ON **Owen Sound** – 1/12 0140 – Battling interference from WFIL with “Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald” by Gordon Lightfoot, promo for “Bob and Frank ... CFOS work crew,” “C-F-O-S” jingle, more oldies and slogan “560 CFOS, the information you want, the oldies you need.” Never heard before Sandy, as local WMCA-570 cut power due to storm-damaged transmitter. **(MC-NJ)**
- 580 CKWW ON **Windsor** – 1/2 1200 – Daytime DX and in good over three weeks now with the Big 8 classic format and actual Bill Drake imaging. Haven’t heard this over the air more than 40 years. Making lots of recordings. **(SC-IN)**
- 620 WZON ME **Bangor** – 1/15 1605 – Shrill woman yelling about the Republican Party, identified as Randi Rhodes, atop frequency, abruptly gone at 1615 pattern change. **(TF-NH)**
- 640 WHLO OH **Akron** – 1/17 2115 – Weak signal, mixing with three other stations, Mark Levin screaming about the Democrats, ID as “640-WHLO,” 500 watts easily reaching northern New Hampshire. **(TF-NH)**
- 660 CFRR AB **Calgary** – 1/7 2121 – Been trying for this for a long time, finally noted in WFAN null with “660 News” slogan; later on heard “it’s minus 8 in Calgary.” **(CB-QC)**
- 680 CFTR ON **Toronto** – 1/17 2130 – Mixed with WRKO, slogan “680 News and Information,” traffic, local weather, “minus 9 degrees and light snow in downtown Toronto,” Ontario news by female anchor, at 2145, sports from “590 the Fan” (CFTR’s sister station), at 2155, Canadian business news. Unusual as CFTR has an eight tower antenna system next to the QE Way in Grimsby, whose tight northern pattern is intended to protect United States stations, as per the 1941 NARBA Treaty. **(TF-NH)**
- 690 WZAP VA **Bristol** – 1/21 1700 – Very weak signal, out of fire-and-brimstone sermon originating from studios in Gray, TN; quick “WZAP Bristol, Virginia” and into IRN-USA news. **(BH-MA)**
- 750 KOAL UT **Price** – 1/23 0400 – Poor over WSB with ToH station ID “KOAL News Talk Sports” into ABC News. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 810 WHB MO **Kansas City** – 1/21 1737 – CBS Sports; ID as “Sports Radio 8-10 WHB, the power of sports.” Mixing with Hannity on WGY and UNID Mexican music station. **(HF-MI)**
- 820 WCPT IL **Willow Springs** – 1/21 1620 – Discussion of Obama’s inauguration to call letter ID at 1628. Mainly under CHAM but occasional peaks. Last logged as WCSN, city of license Chicago. **(HF-MI)**



- 850 KOA CO **Denver** – 1/17 2058 – Under WEEL, ad for CFD Insurance with fifty locations in Colorado, ID for “KOA-850, Denver” and into news, quickly lost to WEEI **(TF-NH)**
- 860 WAOB PA **Millvale** – 1/16 1659 – Struggled in partial CJBC null with invocation and “We are one body. WAOB-FM 106.7 Beaver Falls, WAOB 850 AM Millvale, WPGR 1510 Monroeville.” Continued with gospel program. **(BH-MA)**
- 890 WKNV VA **Fairlawn** – 1/22 1651 – In tight WAMG null with gospel song, then “... Info Track Sunday mornings at 8:30 on Joy AM 890 and FM 93.1, Today’s Southern Gospel Music ... Ministry Station.” Back to music but soon swamped by WAMG and power-line noise. **(BH-MA)**
- 900 WJWL DE **Georgetown** – 1/17 1638 – Weak signal under WURD, Spanish woman announcer with Hispanic music, yelling male, gone abruptly, along with WURD at 1700. **(TF-NH)**
- WURD PA **Philadelphia** – 1/17 1634 – “Traffic on the 5’s,” with the usual tie-ups on I-95 and the Schuylkill Expressway, local talk with African American host, lots of “WURD AM 900” IDs, and many people calling in. Good signal with 1000 watts and unlike the talk show hosts on 620 and 640, this fellow did not yell and rant! **(TF-NH)**
- 920 WURA VA **Quantico** – 1/17 1702 – Spanish programming, signal at almost local strength, clobbering WHJJ. **(TF-NH)**
- 940 WIDG MI **St. Ignace** – 1/18 1700 – With presumed WKGM in null, this one in clear with ID: “It’s 5 o’clock. This is WTCK [90.9] Charlevoix, WIDG St. Ignace, WGZR [89.1] Alpena, WTCY [88.3] Greilickville, WGJU [91.3] East Tawas, and W221CA Gaylord, part of the Baraga Broadcasting Radio Network, a Catholic Voice for Northern Michigan. Followed with intro: “From the studios of Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, Michigan, this is ‘Kresta in the Afternoon’.” No mention of EWTN. **(BH-MA)**
- 950 WBES WV **Charleston** – 1/23 0400 – Under WIBX; “... on WBES Charleston, 95 the Sports Fox.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 990 KWAM TN **Memphis** – 1/21 0705 – Over usual CBW/WDCX mix with “the most local talk in Memphis is on AM 990” slogan, kwam990.com website promo and promo for failed GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain (presumably as an interview guest on one of their talk shows, not the host). **(MKB-ON)** *Actually, Mike, Mr. Cain took over for Neal Boortz in January, 1000-1300 on KWAM per the station web site – DY.*
- 1040 WYSL NY **Avon** – 1/16 1648 – Laura Ingraham Show, very weak signal, only station on 1040 carrying TRN programming according to NRC Log, quickly gone under CJMS. **(TF-NH)**
- 1070 WKOK PA **Sunbury** – 1/16 1645 – Talk show about Lance Armstrong, ad for Sunbury Motors Hyundai, O’Reilly Auto Parts, back with promo for “Steve -?-” on WKOK from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on “Newsradio 1070 WKOK,” back to Lance Armstrong discussion until ID at 1700 “Your station for news, weather and Fox Sports, Newsradio 1070 WKOK ...” and abruptly gone. **(TF-NH)**
- 1090 KEXS MO **Excelsior Springs** – 1/22 1745 – Catholic program, “Catholic Talk 10-90” slogan, ad for Trintiy Travel at 1748 into Bro. Scott Wallace. Mainly on top after WAQE went off. **(HF-MI)**
- WAQE WI **Rice Lake** – 1/22 1745* – Well on top with Fox Sports Radio, “Sports-Talk10-90 WAQE” slogan; closing announcement and sign-off. **(HF-MI)**
- 1100 WHLI NY **Hempstead** – 1/5 1636 – Fair over WTAM with slogan “if it’s romantic it’s Long Island’s 1100 WHLI” into song “Norman,” ads for Long Island Naturopathy Center and East Coast Subaru in Glen Cove. **(MC-NJ)**
- 1110 WNAP PA **Norristown** – 1/15 1635 – PSAs for the AARP and the Ad Council, “You are listening to the Gospel Highway,” female announcer, gospel music, promo by man for “Your Morning Music Connection ... on Gospel Highway 11, sunrise to sunset,” some sound bites by Martin Luther King and soon gone. Their 500 watts working hard. **(TF-NH)**
- 1130 KTCN MN **Minneapolis** – 1/22 1705 – Over usual WDFN/WBBR combo with local traffic and weather, “Twin Cities news talk AM 1130” slogan, Fox News promo, into Hannity show. QSLed as WDGY in 1979. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1140 WRVA VA **Richmond** – 1/17 1617 – Ad for Diamonds Direct, local weather and traffic, “WRVA” ID’s. Unusual as we are in a deep null in New Hampshire. **(TF-NH)**

- 1150 WCUE OH **Cuyahoga Falls** – 1/22 1802 – Presumed with Family Radio programs, man and woman reading testimonials about how Family Radio has helped them. News at 1830. Mainly on top of the mix including CKOC's oldies. Noted shortwave // 6115 Family Radio via Okeechobee FL at 1830. **(HF-MI)**
- 1200 CFGO ON **Ottawa** – 12/26 2133 – Binghamton Senators hockey game, "Team 1200" slogans. At first I thought this was WTLA in North Syracuse until I heard "this is CFGO Ottawa, Sports Radio 1200, a division of Bell Media" ID at 2359. First time heard, only because Sandy forced local WLIB-1190 to cut power. **(MC-NJ)** *During the NHL lockout a number of flagships attempted to fill the hockey void with broadcasts of minor league farm teams. Mike*
- 1230 WENY NY **Elmira** – 1/23 0100 – Over/under others; dual ID: "News-Talk 1230 and 1450 ... WENY Elmira, WENI Corning." **(BC-NH)**
- WHUC NY **Hudson** – 1/23 2059 – Briefly audible through the howling mob with "From the ... Cadillac Weather Center, Bourbon Street [?], here's your WRWD Hudson Valley forecast." WRWD (107.3 and 99.3) was formerly the call of WJIP-1370; the WRWD home page doesn't show WHUC as one of its sister stations, though it does list WKIP-1450. **(BH-MA)**
- 1250 CJYE ON **Oakville** – 1/18 2034 – Woman talking about how she likes working at the station with Christian programming "24/7," inviting listeners to call her at 905-338-1250, or email her at buzzjoy1250@gmail.com, she then started to sing about Jesus, lost to a black gospel station. **(TF-NH)**
- 1270 WXYT MI **Detroit** – 1/23 0000 – Fair; "WXYT AM, WXYT HD Detroit, CBS Sportsradio 1270," ex-talk. **(BC-NH)**
- WDLA NY **Walton** – 1/10 1656 – Poor until fade-out with ad for GNC Gold Card, ID as "AM 1270 WDLA Walton." **(MC-NJ)**
- WLBR PA **Lebanon** – 1/21 0813 – Battling usual WXYT and WHLD groundwave with local weather, run-down of Pennsylvania lottery numbers, ad for Home Improvement Outlet in Lebanon. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1300 WAVZ CT **New Haven** – 1/14 1832 – Briefly atop with ESPN feed, "ESPN 1300" slogan, before lost again under WJMO, no sign of WGDJ, which comes in here during the day when WPNH is off the air because of a power failure, an occasional event here in the country! **(TF-NH)**
- WJMO OH **Cleveland** – 1/14 1820 – Way atop frequency in my truck ten miles outside Plymouth with Black Gospel music, ID for "Inspirational 1300, WJMO," more gospel music. **(TF-NH)**
- 1350 WOYK PA **York** – 1/15 1627 – Great signal with local news, "I'm Cathy Clark, you're up to date from Radio PA," "Number One Sports Minute" from Yahoo Sports Radio, ID as "Home of the real sports fan, Sports Radio 1350 WOYK," signal then faded. **(TF-NH)**
- 1440 WJJL NY **Niagara Falls** – 1/15 2100 – Out of moldy oldie with "It's 9 o'clock. Radio 1440 WJJL Niagara Falls-Buffalo" and promptly sank into a muddle. Audible again at 2103 with Elvis's "Teddy Bear." **(BH-MA)**
- 1460 WDDY NY **Albany** – 1/16 1635 – Ads for Temporal Scanner and Wendy's, contest promo to win a winter vacation with Disney, usual annoyingly shrill prepubescent announcers, into music. **(TF-NH)**
- 1490 WICY NY **Malone** – 12/18 1629 – "... 102.7 WICY, happy holidays," then young kid's voice said "Merry Christmas." Rose up briefly, then disappeared into mess. **(MC-NJ)**
- WNTJ PA **Johnstown** – 1/22 1900 – Surfaced briefly with promo/ID, "... Monday thru Saturday from noon to three, on News/Talk 1490 WNTJ." **(BC-NH)**
- 1510 WLAC TN **Nashville** – 1/24 0400 – In WUFC null; "Newsradio 1510 WLAC, Nashville's news, traffic and weather station, Fox news now." **(BC-NH)**
- 1520 WIZZ MA **Greenfield** – 1/15 1625 – Easy listening music, AP Update at 1630 with Rita Foley, musical sounder for "Memory Lane 1520, WIZZ," into more music and Geico ad. No sign of WWKB. **(TF-NH)**
- 1660 WWRU NJ **Jersey City** – 1/18 2055 – Good signal with Korean programming, EE ID as "AM 1660 WWRU, Jersey City and New York City" at 2100 into more Korean programming. **(TF-NH)**
- 1680 WTTM NJ **Lindenwold** – 1/18 2110 – In SS with announcer who laughed a lot (at his own jokes?), Spanish music, lots of references to Mexico. Good signal for 1000 watts. **(TF-NH)**



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Trans-Atlantic DX

- 216 **FRANCE** RMC Roumoules JAN 5 0633 - Poor in noise. First heard with two men and a woman in a French discussion. Dramatized ad string at 0644 followed again by the same three speakers to 0659 when there was another ad string to 0700, then a presumed ID on the hour as a brief, punctuated announcement by a male, followed by a woman reading news complete with actuality reports. Heard also the next night, though poorly, and not since then. [Funkenhauser-FL]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse JAN 5 0526 - Good in peaks with long fades. First heard with male/female talking heads in French morning prattle with brief music bridges. This may have been some kind of newsmagazine. No discernible ID at 0600 UTC. [Funkenhauser-FL]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros DEC 28 0145 and DEC 29 0550 - Fair, although never clear enough to get good idea of context much less a decent ID with slop from 1090 kHz. In fact despite a somewhat improved signal DEC 29 0600, the Mexican anthem played by someone on 1090 completely obliterated any ID. First heard in early Dec with two men discussing the suicide of the unfortunate English nurse who had been duped into speaking about some royal pregnancy by two Australian radio morons. Frequent weak snatches of English talk here but under very rough conditions. [Funkenhauser-FL]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba DEC 28 0120 - An ending sequence of a radio drama by male and female actors complete with music bridges, and a talk sounding like credits with plenty of mentions of 'Arabyiah' at 0123 UTC. [Funkenhauser-FL]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya DEC 28 0016 - Nicely in the clear with Middle Eastern and cabaret music hosted by a male speaking very briefly between music selections. I checked SW 5850 kHz and found the program in parallel with 1575 better at times than on SW. I used the Excalibur's audio mix feature to continuously monitor upper and lower sidebands independently and the G313e on SW while recording with Total Recorder. Heard a male announcer at 0030 reading news, then into more music, and interestingly at 0038 The Monkeys singing "I'm a Believer" with a nice clear *R.Farda* ID at 0042 UTC. [Funkenhauser-FL]

Pan-American DX

- 540 **MEXICO** XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih. JAN 18 0632 - Hora Nacional promo, 0633 PSA for Instituto Estatal Electoral, but didn't hear which state; "Sí, se puede" federal PSA. Then ID as "90.5, La Ranchera de Paquime, y 540 AM," also mentions group BM Radio, and on to romantic music. Still no sign of XEWA. Sounds like they stress it Paquíme, rather than Paquimé. [Hauser-OK]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas JAN 24 0100 - Good; Venezuela beisbol coverage. [Conti-NH]
- 800 **MEXICO** XEROK Cd. Juárez, Chih. JAN 24 1307 - "XEROK, la estación más potente del norte de México, 50 mil watts," then hyped news ID numerous times as "Calibre 800" - must be contraxion for canal libre, outro? Then a prayer rendering gracias to some señor, choral music bit; 1311 over to live announcer, woman emitting her own "cucú" laughing, silly chatter with others; she has poor dixon, also mentions sibling station 1240 XEWG, so simulcast? XEROK is really peaking now, way over KQCV still on night facilities; other guy promotes that later this morning he is going to give away tickets to an Indios game on Sunday; 6:14 time check, talk about the 'clima', current temp 6C. Now the distorted modulation station is starting to interfere, presumably XEDD or XEZR, still not positively IDed. As for the power, XEROK was once 150 kW, and IRCA Mexican Log still shows that day and night, while Cantú and WRTH 2013 both show 50 kW now. [Hauser-OK]
- 820 **CUBA** *R.Rejoj*, Ciego Avila JAN 23 0056 - RR Morse code through WNYC and others. [Conti-NH]
- 830 **MEXICO** XEIK Piedras Negras, Coah. JAN 24 1317 - Spanish news from between southwest and south/southwest, vs. WCCO opposite, jarring mispronunciation of François Hollande as "frankois," each letter pronounced, 7:18 time check, 1321 ID as *R.Zócalo*, ad mentions Colonia Lomas del Norte, then Piedras Negras, FM frequency jingle ending in .9,

i.e. 100.9 as XHIK is listed, on to music. As previously researched, this is XEIK, *R.Zócalo* being the group or news name connected with Saltillo, while all references continue to name this 830 outlet *La Norteñita*. [Hauser-OK]

- 900 **MEXICO** XEW México, DF JAN 24 0643 - Program promos for *W Radio*, atop co-channel interference with SAH, 0645 traditional XEW descending chimes. [Hauser-OK]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEOK Monterrey, NL JAN 18 0649 - Screaming gospel huxter in Spanish, loops north/south with SAH. JAN 24 0655 - Preacher with howling audience including kidsounds, 0659 concluding with assertion that *música rock es satánica*, ID as Radio ACIR and refers to 'La Biblia Dice' as program name, lunes a jueves 11 p.m. a 1 a.m. which has just been reached in CST. 0700 "Radio ACIR en 900 de amplitud modulada," website ending in .mx; 0701 mentions Monterrey, but more 'La Biblia Dice', 0702 mentions Nuevo León and 900 AM again. This must be what is listed as XEOK *La OK Noticias*, 10/0.25 kW in Monterrey per IRCA Mexican Log 2012; WRTH same except has *R.Tráfico* as additional slogan. Cantú as *OK Noticias* only and nite power as 2.5 kW, which is more like it. 900 in Monty was once a co-channel XEW relay as XEWM, long gone. Monty and DF are close to same direxion from here, Monty somewhat further west. [Hauser-OK]
- 960 **MEXICO** XEFAMA Cd. Camargo, Chih. JAN 22 0600-0605 - During local KGWA Fox-hole with remaining strong open carrier nulled: dominated by Mexican music, 0602 ID mentions "Chihuahua, México," so XEFAMA again, which is becoming famous around here for penetrating KGWA. Romantic music until KGWA modulation blasts back on at 0605 UTC. [Hauser-OK]
- 970 **MEXICO** XEJ Cd. Juárez, Chih. JAN 20 1240 - Just as I tune in, "La Jota Mexicana, 970." [Hauser-OK]
- 1090 **MEXICO** XEAU Monterrey, NL JAN 23 0636 - "En tu radio, Milenio 103.7 FM" and back to rock music in English. I think not, but something on 1090 AM, i.e. XEAU in Monterrey NL, listed 250 or 500 watts at night, but not so unusual here, and in fact often dominant. Now it's a bit easier as KAAY Little Rock is reported off the air, maybe forever. JAN 24 0600 - Mexican national anthem no doubt XEAU too, and 0640 with music in English. Also at 1251 ID as *Milenio Radio*, 6:51 time check, SAH from something. [Hauser-OK]
- 1100 **MEXICO** XETGO Tlaltenango, Zac. JAN 23 1252 - Frenetic banda music looping northeast/southwest, quick announcement unreadable, then a slow song. 1253 plays fanfares several times, 1254 woman introduces newscast with phone number, www. site mentioning Zacatecas. Possibly separate stations, as rechecking the bearing now it's closer to north/south appropriate for Zac, i.e. per Cantú: XETGO *R.Cañón* + FM 90.1 5,000 400, and IRCA agrees; WRTH shows power as 5/0.5 kW. 1257 fading, as 1110 KFAB splatter overtakes. [Hauser-OK]
- 1560 **MEXICO** XEJPV Cd. Juárez, Chih. JAN 19 0645 - "En Radio Viva, proclamamos lo altísimo [the most high], Radio Viva 1560" on to gospel rock in Spanish. Soon lost in interference and did not get a bearing on it. *R.Viva* in the IRCA Mexican Log: XEJPV Cd. Juárez, 10/-1 kW - the minus really means presumed / suspected / estimated night power. WRTH 2013 says 1 kW fulltime, and Cantú says 1 kW daytime only: hardly. [Hauser-OK]
- 1570 **MEXICO** XERF Cd. Acuña, Coah. JAN 19 1529 - Spanish, can it be XERF, or Tulsa? By golly, promo for *La Hora Nacional*, and it loops correctly for XERF, almost two hours after sunrise and about a megameter away. Sure helps to be *La Poderosa*. [Hauser-OK]
- 1610 **ANGUILLA** *Caribbean Beacon*, The Valley DEC 29 0625 - A recorded program of The Rev. Gene Scott dominating the frequency and of course parallel 6090 kHz. Really a regular/local around here. [Funkenhauser-FL]
- 2910 **MEXICO** XEVT Villahermosa, Tab. JAN 24 1223 - Very poor in Spanish, s9+10 with fading but not enough vs. noise level, so XEVT, as previously identified, is still third-harmonicizing from 970 kHz. Surprisingly, by now I have yet to see anyone else reporting it. [Hauser-OK]



Trans-Pacific DX

- 693 unID JAN 23 0900 - Apparent transmitter site sunset enhanced transpacific carrier, not strong enough to produce audio. JOAB most likely, although a residual post-sunrise signal from *BBC5 UK* is also possible. [Conti-NH]
- 747 unID JAN 24 1325 - JBA TP carrier detected here on a quick check, soon gone, no time for a complete MW 9 kHz scan; typically *NHK Japan*. [Hauser-OK]

Funkenhauser's Snowbird Report: I brought my NRD 545, Winradio G313e and Wellbrook ALA 1530 to Sebring, Florida, where if anything the noise and RF hash is even higher than in Cheektowaga, New York. In early December, I purchased a G31DDC Excalibur and a second ALA 1530 as an early Christmas present to myself, and spent a little time doing some DXing. The Excalibur is an interesting receiver. I use it and the G313e on two different laptops, both being i7 Quad Core Toshiba. One sports a first generation i7 chip, while the other is a recently acquired third generation variant. Compared to the audio on my NRD-545, the sound, especially from the newer Toshiba, is simply poor! Both units employ RealTek audio systems/drivers and cause me audio fatigue even when good stereo headphones are used. I find that I need to limit audio response between 200 Hz and 1000 Hz because of the high frequency hiss. I guess there is a learning/adjustment curve here. The evening that I heard the Saudi and *R.Farda*, there were signals of varying strength on many TA splits from 1557 down to 567, easily seen on the DDC display. Unfortunately, I didn't have the opportunity to pursue them, and I'm not yet at the point of recording the entire MW spectrum and going back to see what I've caught, not yet anyway (Hi!). The real-time display is a bonus, and it's nice not only to record a catch, but also to see and to photograph the signal on the DDC display. After a couple of pictures, I realized that the best resolution, most easily photographed with my equipment, resulted when I used the white skin option. Long wave reception has been unspectacular, though with some regulars. *Radio Medi Un* on 171 is almost always there nightly in one form or other and 162, 183, 234 and others appear from time to time. I did have a nice surprise to hear *RMC* on 216 kHz. It's been a long time since hearing it, so I submitted it as my lone long wave report.

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Time for a mid-volume muse. As a re-intro, I just turned 48, still single, and gainfully employed as a route driver for an O'Reilly Auto Parts outlet in Omaha. KFAB-1110 turned off its IBOC in August 2012, and I am extremely glad that 1090, 1100, 1120, and 1130 are DX-able once again. My overall heard total as of this musing (1/21) stands at 787, with 745 of those being domestics. Best catches this season have been KBRV-800 Soda Springs, ID, KXXT-1010 Tolleson, AZ, CKWW-580 Windsor, ON, WELO-580 Tupelo, MS, KDRY-1100 Alamo Heights, TX, and WSJS-600 Winston-Salem, NC. After using the Sangean ATS-909X as my main rig for a while, I've gone back to DXing primarily with the Kenwood R-5000 and a Quantum QX Pro loop, now that I've found the "sweet spot" (i.e., the location with the least amount of QRM) in my basement apartment. Most evenings, I'm in the #MWDX room on www.starchat.net, and I also participate on dxworld.com's "bcblog" board. These are two of the best ways I've found for passing along hot DX tips to others (aside from the listservers I'm on, as well). Was able to do a bit of travelling during the second half of 2012, and met up with NRC members Frank Merrill (at his place in Macomb) in mid-August and John Rieger (during an overnight stay in Milwaukee) in mid-October. I'm looking at late April as a possible date for hosting the long-overdue 5th DX mid-AMERICA GTG, and the likely location right now looks like Peoria, Illinois. I'll be sure to pass on something to DX News if it gets confirmed. Barring any unforeseen complications, I plan to be in Minneapolis the first weekend of August for the convention. That's a wrap from here. 73, and hope to see many of you in the Twin Cities, if not before then.

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