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DX Test: WNDB-1150 Daytona Beach FL will conduct a DX test on **Saturday, December 7** beginning at 0100 ELT. Programming will consist of voice announcements alternating with Morse code IDs at 5 words per minute. The test will use the station's 1 kW non-directional facilities. Test arranged by Bobby Gray, Director of Engineering, following recent antenna system upgrading. Reports via regular mail (with return postage) to WNDB Test, Attn: Bobby Gray, 126 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114. E-mail reports will be accepted at Bobbygray@engineer.com. MP3 files are fine and will be accepted. Those hearing the test may call (on your dime) on the studio line: (386) 239-0033. Via Wayne Heinen.

We're a Social Group: The NRC is on Facebook and Twitter! Social media is a yet another way to keep in touch with NRC members, share DX tips, and spread the hobby – and the news about what the NRC has to offer to a broader public. Looking for more information? See page 4.

Unreported Stations: Three stations reported to DDXD this week were on our list of stations not reported since Volume 67: KBIB-1000, WROX-1450, and KIOU-1480. This leaves 554 stations on the list. See e-DXN for the latest version of the list.

But please note – this is a list of *unreported* stations, not a list of unheard stations. Perhaps you are hearing one or more of these stations and wondering why it's still on the list. It's because you didn't report it to DDXD! So the thing to do is to report it – and while you're at it, report any other domestic or international DX you're hearing! No need for the same members to keep reporting the same stations ... if you've got new stuff, let's hear from you!

Perseus Auction: Bids for the Perseus SDR donated by John Callarman to benefit the NRC will close November 1. E-DXN readers will get this issue in time to send a last-minute bid; see page 10 of last week's issue.

Membership Report

New Member – Welcome to Bill Eberle, Nobleton FL.

Renewing Members – Thanks to the continued participation and support of Arthur Delibert; Robert Eddy; Wells Perkins; Peter V. Taylor; and James Tedford.

From the Publisher: The NBA season begins on October 29; Barry Finkel has pulled together some station lists which we will run next week.

Check out the latest FCC initiative (thanks to Bill Hale for sending the article) ... a proposal to allow foreign ownership of U.S. radio stations will come before the FCC in its scheduled meeting on November 14. There has still been no formal request for comments on the AM revitalization plan discussed some weeks ago; we're still looking for it.

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No	In By	Date	No	In By	Date
7	Nov. 1	Nov. 11	19	Jan. 31	Feb. 10
8	Nov. 8	Nov. 18	20	Feb. 7	Feb. 17
9	Nov. 15	Nov. 25	21	Feb. 14	Feb. 24
10	Nov. 22	Dec. 2	22	Feb. 21	Mar. 3
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14	Dec. 27	Jan. 6	26	May 2	May 12
15	Jan. 3	Jan. 13	27	May 30	June 9
16	Jan. 10	Jan. 20	28	June 27	July 7
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18	Jan. 24	Feb. 3	30	Sept. 5	Sept. 15

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AM Switch

Info to David Yocis – 1245 13th St. NW #105, Washington DC 20005 – NRCDXNews@gmail.com

The FCC is getting caught up with station activity ... here's the latest from my neighbors down 12th Street:



NEW STATION WATCH

Construction permits expired and cancelled:

- 1430 KCWK NV **Laughlin** – CP for new station expires 9/28 and is deleted.
 1490 KBZB TX **Alpine** – CP for new station expired 10/6 and is deleted.

The expiration date of the CP for KVSM-1380 Santa Maria CA was extended from 8/18 to 9/30; no word yet if they got the license to cover application into the FCC before the shutdown but we should hear something soon about whether this one will be going ahead.

Two new station CPs are expiring soon: CP-1240 Prescott AZ expires 10/26 and WSGD-1230 Summerville WV expires 10/29.

OFF THE AIR

- 830 KMUL TX **Farwell** – License cancelled at station's request effective 9/29, calls deleted.
 1150 KDEF NM **Albuquerque** – Filed a late license renewal application – after old license had expired and station deleted – station is still silent and has been since 6/2.
 1440 KELG TX **Manor** – Granted STA to broadcast while challenging license cancellation for failure to file for renewal.
 1560 KTXZ TX **West Lake Hills** – Granted STA, same as KELG-1440.
 1600 KOKE TX **Pflugerville** – Granted STA, same as KELG-1440.

CHANGES TO EXISTING STATIONS

Construction permits on the air:

- 650 WSRO MA **Ashland** – CP for U4 1500/100 is on the air (was U4 1500/62).
 960 WDNO PR **Quebradillas** – CP for U4 1000/1000 from a new site is on the air (was U4 1000/1700).
 1480 KTHS AR **Green Forest** – CP to change CoL (from Berryville AR) is on the air; no change in actual facilities.

Applications for construction permits granted:

- 880 KLRG AR **Sheridan** – Granted CP for U2 50000/200 (ch 31000) (now U2 50000/220 (ch 31000)) from a new site (34-41-36/92-18-21).
 1110 WOMN LA **Franklinton** – Granted CP for U4 50000/120 on 1100 kHz (now D1 1000) from a new site (30-44-10/90-12-05).
 1160 WCXI MI **Fenton** – Granted CP for U4 15000/215 (now U3 1000/1000) from a new site (42-32-39/83-33-36).
 1210 KGYN OK **Guymon** – Granted CP for U7 50000/10000 (ch 39000) (now U2 10000/10000).
 1230 WSKY NC **Asheville** – Granted CP for new site, duplexing with one tower of WISE-1310, remaining U1 1000/1000.
 1630 KRND WY **Fox Farm** – Granted CP to move to a new site (41-06-02/105-01-29), remaining U1 10000/1000.

Applications for construction permits received:

- 720 KFIR OR **Sweet Home** – Applies for U1 10000/225 (now U1 10000/184) from a new site (44-35-43/123-07-34), co-located with KTHH-990 Albany OR.
 1150 KRMS MO **Osage Beach** – Has a CP for U1 840/55 moving only the day operations to a new site; now applies to amend the CP to provide that all operations will move to the new site – someone messed up the paperwork the first time.
 1220 WSRQ FL **Sarasota** – Has a CP for U4 1000/39 (now U4 1000/159) from a new site, now applies to modify this to U4 1000/4 from yet another new site (27-28-32/82-32-08), using two towers, one duplexed with WWPR-1490 Bradenton FL.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

- 960 WRNS NC **Kinston** – Granted STA for U2 4000/1000; transmitter problems.
 1340 WMTE MI **Manistee** – Granted STA for U1 500/500 from alternate site.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from KWOA-730 Worthington MN (U1 350/159 from temporary longwire antenna); KKIM-1150 Rapid City SD (U1 5000/66); KKOL-1300

Seattle WA (synchro with D1 2500); WLAY-1450 Muscle Shoals AL (60 watts from temporary antenna); and WINW-1520 Canton OH (temporary longwire antenna).

Previously reported applications to extend existing STAs were granted to WDMC-920 Melbourne FL, KSDN-930 Aberdeen SD, WLNO-1060 New Orleans LA, WENY-1230 Elmira NY, and KBLA-1580 Santa Monica CA.

Applications for experimental authority to use modulation dependent carrier level (MDCL) technology were granted to KPRM-870 Park Rapids MN and KPRZ-1210 San Marcos-Poway CA, and extensions of such authorization were granted to WGY-810 Schenectady NY and WCKY-1530 Cincinnati OH.

SILENT STATIONS

Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are on the air:

- 750 WPDX WV Clarksburg – Silent since 7/10, back on the air 10/18.
- 1040 KURS CA San Diego – Silent since 10/25/2012, back on the air 10/17.
- 1050 WMSG MD Oakland – Silent since 9/12, back on the air 9/22 at low power.
- 1130 WRRL WV Rainelle – Silent since 10/29/2012, back on the air 9/4.
- 1560 WMBH MO Joplin – Silent since 2/26, back on the air 10/17 with STA.

Stations informing the FCC that they are temporarily silent:

- 850 WKGE PA Johnstown – Silent (again) 10/1, transmitter problems.
- 910 WSRP NC Jacksonville – Silent 10/17, financial issues.
- 1060 WGSB NC Mebane – Silent 10/17, financial issues.
- 1160 KRDY TX San Antonio – Silent 9/28, Disney station pending sale.
- 1170 WDEK SC Lexington – Silent 10/16, has lost transmitter site but has applied for a CP to move to a new site.
- 1220 WREV NC Reidsville – Silent 10/17, financial issues.
- 1290 WDZY VA Colonial Heights – Silent 9/28, Disney station pending sale.
- 1370 WLLN NC Lillington – Silent 10/17, financial issues.
- 1410 WMSX MA Brockton – Silent 10/15, has CP to move to Dedham MA and plans to be ready to apply to cover that CP within 30 days.
- 1460 WDDY NY Albany – Silent 9/28, Disney station pending sale.
- 1640 WKSH WI Sussex – Silent 9/28, Disney station pending sale.



Ron Schiller writes: "Took a run up to Cedar City, UT today (22 October) and can confirm that both KOBY-940 and KENT-1400 are silent (the latter contrary to a report published in DX News). However, there is a relay of KZNU-1450 St. George operating on 1400 from, I think, Cedar City, IDs as KZNU-1450 and 93.1 FM, no mention of 1400, with a TLK format."

Thanks, Ron – FCC info is not always accurate, so it's good to hear from members on the ground who can confirm what is really happening. According to the FCC, the license of KOBY-940 was cancelled on Nov. 19, 2012 at the licensee's request – it's not on the FCC silent list because it's on the "totally gone" list. The FCC also says KENT-1400 was silent from 2/6 to 6/19 of this year, and was sold in May to the same folks who own KZNU-1450 (among other stations). So perhaps it was actually KENT that you heard relaying KZNU? The KENT licensed transmitter site is south of Parowan, the city of license, about a third of the way to Cedar City along I-15. Wouldn't be the first time a station like this never gave a local ID. David

THE NEWS FROM CANADA

- 560 CBDD YT Elsa – License of silent LPRT cancelled; station deleted.
- 740 CBKR BC Parson – License of silent LPRT cancelled; station deleted.
- 830 CKKY AB Wainwright – Dan Sys reports that the CP for 101.9 MHz is on the air – with an active rock/classic rock format rather than the C&W format from AM. Unclear if the AM is gone already or not.
- 970 CBDX YT Swift River – License of silent LPRT cancelled; station deleted.
- 1150 CBKL BC Alice Arm – License of silent LPRT cancelled; station deleted.
- 1540 CBXH BC Cooper Creek – License of silent LPRT cancelled; station deleted (at least so it seems; CRTC says CBXH in Jean D'Or AB was deleted, no frequency given, while a recent check of the Industry Canada database and the NRC Log say that CBXH was 1540 Cooper Creek BC, which isn't very close to Alberta).

(CRTC via Shawn Axelrod).

And Wayne Heinen has these changes to the 34th Edition of the NRC *AM Radio Log*:

- 690 KBLI ID Blackfoot – Format to NWS/TLK/SPT (ex-NWS/TLK).
- 660 KEYZ ND Williston – Format to TLK/C&W (ex-c&W); delete slogan; add talk to networks from WW1/P/Mt/B. (NP) (Note: these changes were not reflected on the station's web site as of this issue's deadline – Wayne.)

- 790 WAXY FL **South Miami** – Network update to ESPN. (SA)
 870 WPWT TN **Colonial Heights**- Slogan to “Tri-Cities Top Gun and FM 100.7.”
 1040 KURS CA **San Diego** – Format to SS (ex-Korean), slogan to “La Romantica.”
 1140 KLTK AR **Centerton** – Slogan to “Radio Las Américas 11-40.” (GH)
 1240 KMHI ID **Mountain Home** – Format to REL (ex-C&W), delete slogan and nets. (DxMid)
 1280 WFAU ME **Gardiner** – Format to NOS (ex-Silent), delete nets and // Fox Sports Maine.
 1340 KWXV CA **Cathedral City** – Slogan to “The Mid-Century Sound of the Desert.”
 1380 WFNW CT **Naugatuck** – Slogan to “Radio Press.”
 1400 WGIN ME **Biddeford** – Delete // WBAE-1490.
 1450 WPGG NJ **Atlantic City** – Slogan to “WPG Talk Radio 1450,” adds network for Fox (news) and DR (Dave Ramsey).
 1470 WQXL SC **Columbia** – Format to TLK (ex-REL), slogan to “The Point,” networks to WW1/CMP/Ph/RER.
 1480 WRCK NY **Remsen** – Networks to CS.
 1490 WBAE ME **Portland** – Format to NOS (ex-TLK), slogan to “1490 The Bay,” networks to A/WW1, delete // WGIN-1400.
 KOGN UT **Ogden** – Format to SS:MEX (ex-SS:Brokered), slogan to “La Jefa 1490 and 1550,” adds // KMRI-1550.
 1520 WVOZ PR **San Juan** – Adds // WEKO-1580.
 1540 WIBS PR **Guayama** – Format to SS (ex-SS:Tropical).
 1550 WUSP NY **Utica** – Network to CS.
 KMRI UT **West Valley City**- Slogan to “La Jefa 1490 and 1550,” adds // KOGN-1490.
 1560 WRSJ PR **Bayamón** – Format to SS:REL:AC (ex-SS:Tropical).
 1570 WMAK TN **Lobelville** – Format to Rock/OLD (ex-C&W), slogan to “Solid Gold 16.”
 1580 WEKO PR **Morovis** – Adds // WVOZ-1520.

Wayne says: Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale, Dave Braun, Sig Andersson (SA), and Glenn Hauser (GH). Just for the record some sites that we check and get changes from include <http://www.northpine.com/> (NP) and <http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxmidamerica/> (DX Mid).

IRCA Mexican Log, 18th Edition (Winter 2013)



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REPORTERS

GC-NC	Gerry Conkling, Angier – Sangean 909X
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
BH-MA	Bob Hill, Littleton – Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop.
KK-VA	Kraig Krist, Manassas – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Kiwa loop.
TLK-FL	Terry Krueger, Clearwater – JRC NRD-535; JRC NRD-515; 1 X roof dipole
BT-PEI	Brent Taylor, Stratford – SDR-IQ, corner-fed 16x60' loop.
NjW-ON	Niel Wolfish, Toronto – Excalibur G31DDC, Wellbrook Loop
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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STATION NEWS


- 1300 WFFG FL **Marathon** – Monitoring by Paul V. Zecchino in Manasota Key confirms Oscar de Céspedes' original report of Radio Martí here. It surely won't be long until we have a flamethrower from Cuba on 1300, one that will remain here long after Martí rebroadcast is gone. A signal that will decimate not just WFFG, but WQBN, Temple Terrace and countless others on 1300. Way to go. (TLK-FL)



LOGGINGS

- 540 WKFN TN **Clarksville** – 10/25 2115 – Over WGR-550 slop with Clarksville Wildcats v. Kenwood High School football, ad for Gary Mathews Motors in Clarksville. Almost certainly running 4000 watts day rig for the game. (MKB-ON)
- 670 WWFE FL **Miami** – 10/21 2101 – Out of Spanish ads and promos with “This is WWFE 670 AM Miami” and into noticias. Battling Rebelde tooth and nail throughout; no sign of WSCR. (BH-MA)
- 760 WVNE MA **Leicester** – 10/21 1759 – In multi-station mix (WJR, WCIS, UNID sports talk and SS) with program promo: “‘Family Live Today’ with Dennis Reed is coming up next after the 6 o’clock news here on WVNE” into news. (KK-VA)
- WCIS NC **Morganton** – 10/21 1818 – In multi-station mix with station promo by woman: “You’re listening to music and Christian programming. You’ll find it all at ‘The Cross’ AM 7-60 ‘The Cross’.” (KK-VA)
- 780 WCKB NC **Dunn** – 10/23 1840 – In WAVA/WBBM mix after WAVA signoff with “Family Matters Minute,” female announcer: “‘The Providence Quartet’ on WCKB. That’s ‘Pray For Me’.” Before that we heard from the ‘Downeast Boys’ with ‘Amen’.” 1844* sign-off announcement by male: “This is radio station WCKB in Dunn North Carolina now concluding its broadcast day. WCKB is owned and operated by North Carolina Central Broadcasting Incorporated of Dunn and operates at 7....” (KK-VA)
- 790 WSGW MI **Saginaw** – 10/24 1758 – In multi-station mix with station promo: “Your home for RocketGrab.com deals. This is WSGW Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, a NextMedia station. Now... TV 5 news at 6.” (KK-VA)
- WLSV NY **Wellsville** – 10/24 1754 – In multi-station mix (WPIC, WNIS, WSGW, UNID SS) with C&W songs, man with “AM 7-90 WLSV” ID. (KK-VA)
- WPIC PA **Sharon** – 10/24 1759 – In multi-station mix with ToH ID by male: “You are listening to news talk 7-90 Sharon-Hermitage, a Cumulus station.” (KK-VA)
- 800 WSVS VA **Crewe** – 10/17 0700 – ToH ID: real country music for real people like you, 800 AM WSVS.” Underneath CKLW-Windsor and CKLQ-Belleville. Another station with Mexican music was also present. (NjW-ON)



- CKLW ON **Windsor** – 10/20 0415 – Bubbling up with Coast To Coast AM, almost perfectly synched with local 970 WFLA. Spots for CTV and the Leaf Grill from 0430. WPLK, Palatka, FL sometimes co-channel. **(TLK-FL)**
- 810 WCKA AL **Jacksonville** – 10/20 0434 – Charlie Pride “Kiss An Angel Good Morning” then male canned “Coast to coast Classic Country on Alabama’s 810 and 94.3 FM” into a song by, uh, Alabama and local spots. Big local signal, surely running their 50 kW day power and not night 500 watts. **(TLK-FL)**
- 820 WWFD MD **Frederick** – 10/21 1758 – Fair-to-good signal with a very interesting song – couldn’t call it rock and roll but it was a very upbeat tempo song and I knew it wasn’t gospel WGGM from Chester, VA. After the song came a multiple station ID mentioning WWFD-Frederick, MD. For being on 4300 watts and my location being more than 370 miles away I thought this was quite a catch. **(GC-NC)**
- 910 WAKO IL **Lawrenceville** – 10/21 0715 – In jumble with spot for Crazy 8 Body shop and ID/station promo to win tickets on “Free Ticket Tuesday” to see Stevie Winwood at the Murat Theatre in Indianapolis. **(NjW-ON)**
- CKDQ AB **Drumheller** – 10/21 0629 – Alone, and fair to good, with country music matching Internet stream, and eventually “Q Country, Q91” slogan at 0633 and segue into more music. **(BT-PEI)**
- 950 CFAM MB **Altona** – 10/19 0728 – Tail-end of song by Gordon Lightfoot, commercial for the Southland Mall in Winkler and local news. **(NjW-ON)**
- 960 WERC AL **Birmingham** – 10/17 0702 – Faded up over KZIM/WFIR with woman saying “Newsradio WERC 105.5.” **(NjW-ON)**
- KLTF MN **Little Falls** – 10/19 0731 – Item from the Linder Farm Network, ID and time check, woman with local news. **(NjW-ON)**
- KZIM MO **Cape Girardeau** – 10/21 0714 – ID: by Faune Riggins: “we are your regional news authority KZIM-KGIM.” Promo for Vintage Now Fashion Show to raise money for the Safe House for Women, a welcome to new staff member Hannah Parent, and sports update with Derek Sean. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1030 WONQ FL **Oviedo** – 10/18 0502 – Fading up to excellent, hammering WBZ, out of high energy Latino music into ID and slogans in Spanish, then English call letters: “WONQ, Oviedo, Orlando, La Grande.” and back to music. **(BT-PEI)**
-  ++ - 10/18 2200-2305 – Under WBZ; Haitian programming, announcements in accented French and kompas/zouk music, parallel WONQ website stream. Seemed too strong to be on night facilities. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1090 WCAR MI **Livonia** – 10/23 0600 – Under WBAL; Notre Dame football promo, “WCAR AM 1090...” and NBC Sports Radio update. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WTNK TN **Hartsville** – 10/19 0658 – C&W songs, ToH ID. Soon faded out, leaving behind KAAY-Little Rock. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1130 WDFN MI **Detroit** – 10/18 1814 – Under WBBR with sports talk, “Detroit’s sports line on 1130 WDFN The Fan”; college football chatter and more IDs. **(BH-MA)**
- 1140 WBXR AL **Hazel Green** – 10/21 0715 – ID: “11-40 WBXR, radio that changes the way you live” into the Seeking the Lost International Radio Broadcast with Ricky Berger. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1180 WZQZ GA **Trion** – 10/21 0700 – Under WHAM-Rochester with legal ID that mentions “Chattooga County Radio.” News sponsored by an insurance agent in Summerville. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1230 WMPC MI **Lapeer** – 10/21 2006 – Over graveyard jumble with local weather, “...and that’s your forecast from WMPC,” then back into mush. **(MKB-ON)**
- WCLO WI **Janesville** – 10/23 0729 – Faded up with local news and ID and weather for Southern Wisconsin from the “news 3 weather center.” **(NjW-ON)**
- CFGN NL **Port aux Basques** – 10/20 2201 – Weak but audible, with country song rolling through the top of the hour and eventual slogan, “News, weather, sports, and great country music, CFCB,” then into promo for a financial management workshop. Not new here, but not previously heard at night, with 250 watts. **(BT-PEI)**
- 1240 WTAX IL **Springfield** – 10/21 0658 – Spot for Humphrey’s Meat Market and Springfield Art Association. Time check as “5:58” and ID by man into Wall Street Journal Report. Also noted 10/24 0731 with local news and man IDing as “news radio 1240 and 107.5 WTAX.” **(NjW-ON)**
- WHMQ MA **Greenfield** – 10/23 0759 – Spot for River Valley Market Co-Op and ToH ID. **(NjW-ON)**

- WATT MI **Cadillac** – 10/17 0729 – Timely fade-up with announcer Eric Sharp (?) saying “let’s take a look at news, sports and weather on Rush Radio 12-40, WATT.” Do not recall hearing this one since the Clinton Administration. (NjW-ON)
- WJMC WI **Rice Lake** – 10/19 0731 – Fade-up with ID for FM 96.1 and AM 1240 and promo for Green Bay Packers football. (NjW-ON)
- 1270 WMKT MI **Charlevoix** – 10/21 1900 – Fair over WDLA; “1270 AM WMKT Charlevoix-Traverse City, and the all new 102.3.” (BC-NH)
- 1340 KROS IA **Clinton** – 10/19 0729 – “NOW! From the KROS newsroom!!!” heard in the jumble, complete with one of those news sounders stations used in the 1970s. (NjW-ON)
- WHAT PA **Philadelphia** – 10/18 0500 – Fair over WYBC; “El Zol 1340, todos exitos” and Spanish tropical music. (BC-NH)
- 1360 WDRC CT **Hartford** – 10/24 1759 – Over dueling sports talkers (presumably WSAI-Cincinnati, WYOS-Binghamton) with “it’s the talk of Connecticut WDRC 1360 AM” ID at end of local weather. (MKB-ON)
- 1380 WHEW TN **Franklin** – 10/21 0715 – Spanish music, man talking over record with time check in SS as “6:15” and their slogan “Bonita.” Gave station’s web address as well as phone number. Being QRMed by CKPC-Brantford. (NjW-ON)
- 1470 WRGA GA **Rome** – 10/20 0650 – Public affairs program, “News Talk 1470, WRGA” into ABC News. (TLK-FL)
- 1500 WGHT NJ **Pompton Lakes** – 10/22 1816* – In a mix with WFED: “This concludes our traditional broadcast day on WGHT with studios and ... transmitters ... Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. WGHT is authorized for daylight-only operation on 1500 kHz with 1000 watts of power. We must now shut down to clear the air for night-time operation of WFED radio. We will be back on the air at sunrise ...” (BH-MA)
- 1520 KOKC OK **Oklahoma City** – 10/25 1959 – Over nulled pest WWKB-Buffalo with PSA for diabetes prevention and promo for Herman Cain show “... on the air on 1520 KOKC.” QSLed as KOMA in 1977. (MKB-ON)

Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members. Local time per Muse.

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Back in September of 2010 my Musing about a powerline noise problem was published in *DX News* (Volume 77, No. 30). In summary, conducted powerline noise had seriously degraded my BCB reception. National Grid and the FCC basically left me high and dry without any recourse as they offered no help or hope to solving the problem.

In an effort to find the source I scoured my neighborhood and surrounding areas with a portable radio and a Radar Engineers RFI locator without success. Eventually I gave up on actively searching.

Well, a couple weeks ago a National Grid truck pulled up in front of my home. Unfortunately I couldn’t stick around to find out what they were doing, but I did observe them pulling the fuse disconnect from the distribution line to the transformer on the utility pole there, killing our AC power. Upon returning home, the crew was gone and nothing looked different, except that the fuse disconnect had been changed to one of the new polymer types. I didn’t notice if others in the area had also been changed, however.

It occurred to me once inside to check if this had any impact on my noise problem. Turn it on and ... I sat at my radio in disbelief ... this was the source! Even though a National Grid rep had scanned this area with his ultrasonic sniffer and I had scanned it with my RFI locator there was no indication of trouble ... except on my receiver!

The moral to this story is that powerline noise is not easily detected by even professional equipment, so it’s kind of understandable why utilities don’t like RFI problems. Then on the other hand, if National Grid knew what the answer to the problem was, it took them two years to fix it.

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REPORTERS

- GH-OK** Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK. Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only; or Sony SRF-59 as specified; Nissan stock car radio as specified; FRG-7 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
- JE-MO** J.E. Lewis, Kansas City MO. Honda Odyssey car radio
- JN-TX** James Niven, Cedar Creek, TX. Drake R8 with 150 foot longwire
- JR-OK** John Reed, Shawnee, OK. Racal RA6772E, RA6793A, JRC NRD-545 with Pühler roofing filter; homebrew ferrite tuned loop, Clifton Labs active whip
- RD-NE** Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop // 857 total heard here

DX LOGS

- 570 WNAX SD Yankton – 10/19 0629 – Out of *Coast to Coast AM* "Your biggest and best friend in the Midwest, Five-Seventy WNAX." Followed by *This Week on Viewpoint*. (JDS-MN)
- 590 KXSP NE Omaha – 10/19 0644 – Commercial for Nebraska Diamond in Lincoln followed by commercial for The Middle, Monday at Six on CW15. Into commercial for Omaha help wanted dot com. Followed by a spot for "The Drive on ESPN Five-Ninety, Omaha's ESPN radio." (JDS-MN)
- 620 KTAR AZ Phoenix – 10/18 0758 – "If you want football in Arizona" [hardly!], then BSA PSA, some XE QRM. So it's KTAR now with ESPN. At least they kept the heritage calls. NRC Pattern Book 2013 shows night pattern with a pretty deep null toward me, but non-directional daytime, 5 kW both. (GH-OK)
- 630 KYFI MO St. Louis – 10/19 0105 – Solo male voice with hymn, from NE/SW, no doubt the St. Louis station ex-KXOK (vs. KHOW Denver from the NW/SE with I-70 traffic report: close to right angle apart, they are mutually nullable.) Apparently 630 STL was off the air for a while. NRC AM Log 2013 lists this as 5/5 kW U4, religious "Truth Talk." Eric Bueneman, IRCA who keeps close track of his local radio scene, says in the Oct 5 *DX Monitor*, "Bible Broadcasting Network signed my local on 630 back on the air September 25 as KYFI; the format is better than the fundamentalist talk that had been on the frequency for the last 19 years." (GH-OK)
- 650 WSM TN Nashville – 10/19 0817 – Out of classic country music, "It's a big world of country music. It takes a legend to play them all. This is Six-Fifty AM WSM." Into song: "It Ain't Nothing" by Keith Whitley. (JDS-MN)
- 680 KFEQ MO St. Joseph – 10/19 0725 – Farm Bureau Insurance commercial followed by "Join me for the news across the heartland of America on *Midwest Digest* weekday afternoons at 12:45 and Saturday mornings at 8. Sponsored by Tri-State Ford Engine in Maryville here on Six-Eighty KFEQ." (JDS-MN)
- 710 WDSM WI Superior – 10/20 1844 – Very good in KCMO null with Green Bay Packers football // WTMJ-620 with Wayne Larivee on the play-by-play. "AM 710 WDSM" ID noted in commercial break at 1854. (RD-NE)
- 720 KSAH TX Universal City – 10/11 0809 – Studio talk show pauses for Grupo Radio Centro plug, romantic song in English, loops WSW, so no doubt the only Mexican in the northwest, per Cantú: 720 XEJCC Extremo 7-20 Cd. Juárez, Chih. 1,000 1,000 [sic] then mixing with another Spanish station much further east which I can still hear by nulling the first one, but that's not XEDE in Saltillo now, instead KSAH Universal City TX, since San Antonio mentioned, and 0816 ad in Spanish for A-1 Car Stereo, on I-10, also has 877- toll-free number. KSAH is listed with ESPN Deportes, but this may have been a local show as well as local ads. (GH-OK)



- 730 CKAC QC **Montreal** – 10/19 0745 – NEW, Male announcer speaking French. Only French speaking station on this frequency listed in *AM Radio Log* 34th edition. (JDS-MN)
- 740 WDGY WI **Hudson** – 10/17 0832 – Good with CCR's "Proud Mary" via True Oldies Channel, and confirmed by webstream. TOC's website shows WDGY as their only current affiliate on 740. (RD-NE)
- 760 WJR MI **Detroit** – 10/19 0758 – Traffic report into weather ending with "Currently forty-two degrees at news talk Seven-Sixty WJR." Followed by ABC news. (JDS-MN)
- 790 WAYY WI **Eau Claire** – 10/19 0804 – After multiple local commercials "The old saying goes here in Wisconsin. If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes, then hit OK. But, if you don't want to wait for the latest weather information, log onto WAYY Seven-Ninety dot com. We've got the very latest 5-day forecast." (JDS-MN)
- 810 KLVZ CO **Brighton** – 10/15 0151 – As I am dozing off, song outro "on KLVZ" in English; 430 watts night with a little lobe towards us while WHB Kansas City provides a big null, not a problem. (GH-OK)
- 840 KWDF LA **Ball** – 10/19 0820 – Main station here is not WHAS or KTIC, but something NW/SE, speaker with strange accent answering questions fed by unaccented person about whether Arabs are descended from Abraham. In fact his accent was so heavy at first I thought it was some un-English language. The only thing which fits by format and direction is KWDF; street address in Pineville, per NRC AM Log as REL: K-Love, 8 kW non-directional daytimer, 7 am to LSS. (GH-OK)
- 880 KHAC NM **Tse Bonito**– 10/11 0830 – Talk in Navajo with some English terms thrown in. May have been a bit of Spanish too, soon losing to English religion, probably KLRG; while KRVN keeps nulled 90 degrees away. (GH-OK)
- 890 KJME CO **Fountain** – 10/17 2234 – Weak to fair under WLS with Jim Reeves' C&W song "Room Full Of Roses". Confirmed by webstream, which was about 10 sec. behind. (RD-NE)
- 910 KCJB ND **Minot** – 10/18 0805 – Fox 'news; into "91 Classic Country KCJB Minot" ID, where it's 35 degrees; promo pasta giveaway trivia quiz coming up. Quite dominant 5 kW signal from ND, nothing much audible with it nulled. *NRC Pattern Book* shows day pattern goes SW, night pattern NE. Guess which one they are really on now, long before Oct official sunrise of 0900 (November 0945 CDT/0845 CST). Nothing about a PSRA in their FCC file. (GH-OK)
- 910 KATH TX **Frisco** – 10/8 2044. Good with Catholic program *Mother Angelica Classics*. Came up at 2059 for snippets of an ID: "KATH, Frisco-Dallas-Fort Worth....Catholic radio...north Texas." (RD-NE)
- 920 KVEL UT **Vernal** – 10/20 0816 – From NW/SE, dominant signal goes from Michael Medved far-right talk show to a break with ID for KVEL, Vernal UT, also on 104.5 (translator), ad string including a security system, Laity Lodge referring to Tom Landry, some football coach, thehighcalling.org, local sheriff vs. texting & driving; ad for something in Roosevelt [UT], local reference to "The Basin," steak dinner for only \$22.99 in Fort Duchesne, Palmer's American Car Care also in "The Basin." Vernal is in exotic NE Utah's scenic dinosaur country. 1 kW night pattern goes mostly NNE, while 5 kW day pattern is non-directional, surely already on now, way before sunrise. KYFR Iowa is barely audible with KVEL nulled. (GH-OK)
- 950 KOEL IA **Oelwein** – 10/21 1910 – Fair with weather forecast from KWWL Channel 7 in Waterloo, then into George Strait C&W song "The Cowboy Rides Away." Iowa logging # 59 at this QTH. (RD-NE)
- 1000 KBIB TX **Marion** – 10/19 1900 – TOH ID as KBIB 1000, Marion Texas, then back into Spanish religious program, heard pretty much on top of the channel at this time. (JN-TX)
- 1010 KXEN MO **St. Louis** – 10/16 0829 – Promos for KXEN, 0830 preacher. Maybe not yet back up to 50 kW day power, but sure sounds like more than STA of 350 watts; St Louis MO, but site in IL. (GH-OK) 10/19 1800 – Under KBBW with call letters briefly heard and same as web feed with religious talk. I checked back at 1830 and was heard much better under KBBW. (JN-TX)
- 1020 KMMQ NE **Plattsmouth** – 10/16 0831 – Spanish plugging dinosaur exhibit in Lincoln, but pronouncing dino names in English, reference to discoverthedinosaurs.com



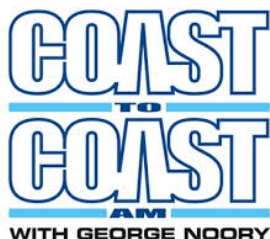
where we see it's only a travelling exhibit, "October 18-19-20, 2013, Lincoln, NE, Lancaster Event Center." Makes one Hz SAH with nearby KOKP Perry OK almost nulled. 1232 "La Estación de la Raza," i.e. KMMQ Plattsmouth (Omaha) 50/1.4 kW so maybe already on day power. **(GH-OK)**

- 1030 WONQ FL **Oviedo** – 10/19 2222 – Fair to good with deep-voiced male speaking in Creole French. Odd type of music at 2229 that sounded like a squeaking clarinet or a pungi (instrument used by snake charmers). I counted it after Earl Higgins in St. Louis said he matched this up with WONQ's webstream, which never would come up on my lapper. My thanks to Tom Jasinski, Saul Chernos, Jim Renfrew and Earl for tipping me off, as WONQ was most definitely using the full 45 kW day torch at the time. Florida logging #3 here. **(RD-NE)**
- 1030 WUFL MI **Sterling Heights** – 10/19 0744 – Fair with sign-on: "... WUFL, Sterling Heights, Michigan, Family Life Radio." **(RD-NE)**
- 1030 WQSE TN **White Bluff** – 10/19 2135 – Weak with southern gospel music and ID: "... with today's gospel ... WQSE." Heard the CLs better a few minutes later. **(RD-NE)**
- 1060 KGFX SD **Pierre** – 10/13 0806 – After an ID from R. Educación in Mexico City, it's losing out to weather from KGFX, 10/1 kW in Pierre SD. Must be pre-sunrise there as it is here. **(GH-OK)**
- 1070 KNX CA **Los Angeles** – 10/24 2215 – Talk and news with ID and traffic reports. There was bad reception on most frequencies due to moderate geomagnetic storms so this reception was surprising. **(JR-OK)**
- 1080 KRLD TX **Dallas** – 10/20 0748 – "News radio Ten-Eighty KRLD." Followed by traffic and weather on the eights. **(JDS-MN)**
- 1110 KFAB NE **Omaha** – 10/20 0759 – Out of church service/religious program "This is Eleven-Ten KFAB, Omaha. Live and local on Omaha's news, weather, and traffic. Eleven-Ten KFAB." Into Fox news. **(JDS-MN)**
- 1130 WISN WI **Milwaukee** – 10/23 2150 – Political talk with location given as twin cities area. Fading in/out in null of KWKH, Shreveport which is strong here. **(JR-OK)** *If the Twin Cities, then why not KTCN Minneapolis? - DY*
- 1130 CKWX BC **Vancouver** – 10/23 2200 – Canadian and Vancouver news, heard well during fade in. IDs as "News 1130." New here. **(JR-OK)**
- 1150 WEAQ WI **Chippewa Falls** – 10/19 0859 – Weak to fair under KSAL with ESPN Radio programming, an ad that included a phone number in the 715 area code, and a mention of "Chippewa Falls" noted in the legal ID. **(RD-NE)**
- 1200 WRTO IL **Chicago** – 10/15 0842 – Spanish discussion of Obamacare, no doubt not a Mexican, but WRTO Chicago, and dominant with little from WOAI, which a few minutes later is regaining from opposite direction. **(GH-OK)**
- 1210 WLRO LA **Denham Springs** – 10/20 2150 – IDs as "24/7 Comedy" with comedy talk. Fading in/out. **(JR-OK)**
- 1210 KOKK SD **Huron** – 10/16 0845 – Remnant of KGYN easily nulled, so from N/S, I hear school lunch menus starting with Woonsocket (! Can't be Rhode Island as there are no 1210s anywhere in New England in deference to Philadelphia), then for Huron schools, 7:47 TC, 30 degrees, KOKK, to join the American Ag Network in a few minutes. Yes, there is a Woonsocket in SD south of Huron. **(GH-OK)** 10/20 1915-1925 – Excellent to good and in the clear with Kansas City Chiefs football, non-local ads, mention of Verizon availability in Huron. Lost at 19:25 to two much weaker UNID's with CW. They run 5 KW during days with pattern sending a lobe right in our direction so they should be a more regular visitor. **(JE-MO)**
- 1210 KUBR TX **San Juan** – 10/13 0203 – Mexican praise music, with KGYN OK inaudible again, back on proper night pattern for a change?? 0204 lengthy IDs pronounced in English for network of stations starting with KUBR 1210, San Juan TX in the RGV, and going as far as Deming NM, including FM translators. **(GH-OK)**
- 1210 KHAT WY **Laramie** – 10/21 2145 – C&W oldies with ID "Buckin' Country, Laramie." Good signal. **(JR-OK)**
- 1230 KFPW AR **Fort Smith** – 10/19 2205 – Fading in/out with news and call ID. New here. **(JR-OK)**
- 1240 KICD IA **Spencer** – 10/18 2127 – Atop with Spencer Tigers HS football vs. Algona Bulldogs, ad for Northwest Iowa Bone, Joint, and Sports Surgeons. Confirmed by webstream, which was lagging by a full 2 minutes. Iowa logging #58 here, had been one of my closest unheard GYers. **(RD-NE)**

- 1240 KFH KS **Wichita** – 10/9 0158 – Atop with ESPN Radio programming, then local ad for classes available at Wichita State University. **(RD-NE)**
- 1300 KOLY SD **Mobridge** – 10/19 1959 – Very good with Carole King’s 1980 version of “One Fine Day” (which she co-wrote with Gerry Goffin way back in the early 1960s), then ID: “America’s best music, 24 hours a day ... AM 1300 KOLY, Mobridge.” South Dakota logging #25 here. **(RD-NE)**
- 1440 KPUR TX **Amarillo** – 10/18 2006 – Fair with Amarillo Bulls HKY vs. Corpus Christi // webstream. **(RD-NE)**
- 1450 WROX MS **Clarksdale** – 10/7 2141 – Topping the channel briefly with clear “105.7 WROX and AM 1450 ...” ID. First Mississippi GYer here, and this was also my only Mississippi GYer from Iowa City, having been logged there on 10/25/1998. **(RD-NE)**
- 1450 KYLS MO **Fredericktown** – 10/14 2346 – Good with Commander Cody’s “Hot Rod Lincoln,” then an ID that mentioned KYLS, KPWB-1140, and an FM whose CLs I didn’t clearly catch. Then went into Paul McCartney’s “My Love.” Domestic logging #800 here, #845 overall. **(RD-NE)**
- 1450 WRCO WI **Richland Center** – 10/18 2220 – Atop with mentions of AM 1450 and FM 100.9 in postgame show following Ithaca Bulldogs HS football. **(RD-NE)**
- 1480 KIOU LA **Shreveport** – 10/12 2230 – Atop very briefly with “AM 1480 KIOU” ID in possible break between religious programs. **(RD-NE)**

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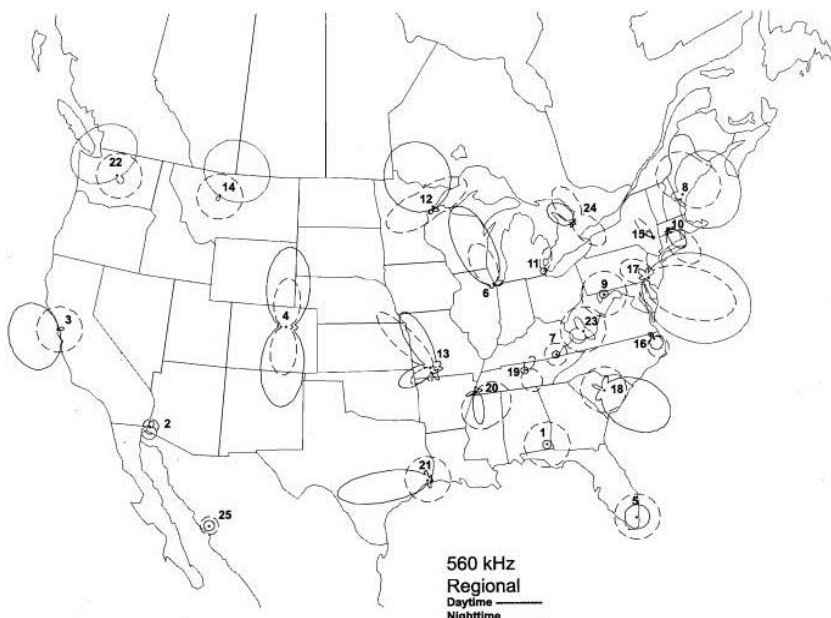
- 541.2 UNID -- 10/11 2051 – Carrier hetting 540 stations. I am still not quite certain whether this is a local device, or perhaps a real station, off-frequency **(GH-OK)**
- 1230 UNID -- 10/13 0208 – *Coast to Coast AM* opening hour with usual phone-numbers, is slightly atop the graveyard pileup. Hard to get a bearing, but seems NNE/SSW give or take. Could it be my nearest 1230, WBBZ Ponca City OK, normally buried at night? So I start checking this and other possible states to the north and south on the C2C affiliate list website. NO 1230s listed in: OK, ND, SD, WY, NE, MO, KS, IA, TN, MS, LA. So that leaves these possibilities: KWTX Waco TX, KBTM Jonesboro AR, WJBC Bloomington IL, KTRF Thief River Falls MN, KWNO Winona MN, KEXO Grand Junction CO, any of which would be a good graveyard catch. But I suppose it could still be WBBZ as own website does not account for anything in the overnight hours. **(GH-OK)**



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

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Trans-Atlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France Inter*, Allouis OCT 24 0350-0401 - Tune-in to English pop music; man and woman in French; tentative RFI ID spot at 0358; top of the hour bumper, then man and woman continued. Best LWBC at this time. Fair+ in LSB; strong buzz in AM and USB; intermittent tone in LSB that can be notched out. [Frodge-MI]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, Les Trembles OCT 22 0000 - Good; time signal and *Jil FM* ID, then an old-school style rap followed by Middle Eastern reggae, parallel a not so good 531 signal. [Conti-NH]
- 665.766 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran*, Shushtar OCT 21 2230 - Weak het against 666 Portugal. Offset not listed in mwoffsets online data, but Connelly reported Iran at 665.77 kHz a couple weeks ago. Vlad Titarev on mwoffsets yg confirmed 665.766 Iran offset. [Conti-NH]
- 666 **PORTUGAL** *RDP Antena 1* synchros OCT 21 2248 - Fading up with folk vocals, parallel Delicast stream. [Conti-NH]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *R.Maria*, Lopik OCT 23 0257 - Fair; choral music. [Conti-NH]
- 684 **SPAIN** *RNE1 Sevilla* OCT 23 0400 - Good; time marker and Spain/Canaries time checks, then electronic fanfare into news, "Las mañanas de Radio Nacional de España, Alfredo Menéndez." [Conti-NH]
- 702 **IRAN** *VOIRI Rasht-Kiashahr* OCT 23 0250 - Good; woman and musical flourishes parallel worldservice.irib.ir Aztabriz stream, apparently for regional Azerbaijani/Tabrizi listeners. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg OCT 19 2214-2224 - Fair with serious discussion between man and woman in German parallel to webstream from Delicast.com. [DeLorenzo-MA] OCT 21 2300 - Good; blues vocal into *Deutschlandfunk* sounder, time marker, and news. [Conti-NH]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1 Murcia et al.* OCT 19 2234-2244 - Fair with man and woman in Spanish, laughter. Live in studio performance of Spanish folk tunes and acoustic guitar. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford et al. OCT 23 0300 - Fair; BBC World Service promos, time marker, and news. [Conti-NH]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse OCT 23 0300 - Good over unID time pips; *France Info* fanfare into news. [Conti-NH]
- 972 **GERMANY** *NDR Info*, Hamburg OCT 23 0350 - Fair; woman with phone interview/discussion in German. [Conti-NH]
- 1035 **ESTONIA** *R.Eli*, Tartu OCT 21 0220 - Fair to good; woman in Russian reading a narrative of some sort with occasional short musical interludes. Matched online stream, although about a 45 second delay. [Taylor-PE]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros OCT 23 0359 - Fair; sign-on test tones, then after brief fade out came back strong with synchro echoed news/talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros OCT 23 0400 - Excellent; "At 5 o'clock it's time for news headlines with Sandy..." and lead story about criticism of former United football captain and response on ITV. [Conti-NH]
- 1152 **SCOTLAND** *Clyde 2*, Glasgow OCT 21 0207 - Good, over the jumble, with Supertramp's "Give a Little Bit," the *Clyde 2* ID and segue into song by Adele. [Taylor-PE]
- 1161 **SCOTLAND** *Tay AM*, Dundee OCT 21 0208 - Fair, with parallel of *Clyde 2* programming, Supertramp's "Give a Little Bit," but not enough signal to determine whether it ran its own ID package. [Taylor-PE]



Hauser transatlantic carrier search: JBAs OCT 20 0055: only 783, Mauritania? And 882, Canary Islands? I lean toward the latter rather than Europeans due to the lower-latitude paths, and they seem to come together. OCT 22 0552, now still before sunrise in W Europe: 909 and 774 kHz, looping northeast/southwest. The big sig on 909 easily heard further east is BBC Radio 5 Live, synchros adding up to 400+ kW; on 774 the big sigs are too far east in Egypt and Iran.

Hauser transpacific carrier search: OCT 18 1152, JBA on 774; at 1153, JBA on 882. JBAs OCT 20 1147 on 747, 774, likely the 500 kW NHK Japanese. OCT 23 1237-1242: 693, 774, 828, 873, 972, 1053 kHz.

Pan-American DX

- 540 **MEXICO** XEWA *W Radio*, San Luis Potosí, SLP OCT 20 0850 - Fair under domestics with nonstop techno beats, parallel excellent 900 kHz. No Nicaragua het (not on yet). [Krueger-FL]
- 610 **HONDURAS** *R.América*, Tegucigalpa OCT 23 1108 - Very poor, parallel to strong 630 for just a moment during telco female news item. *R.Rebelde* Cuba and the unidentified Mexican co-channel. No other *R.América* parallels located. [Krueger-FL]
- 610 **MEXICO** XEBX *La Primera*, Sabinas, Coah. OCT 23 1118-1131 - Pointing central/south-ish Mexico, nonstop schmaltzy Mexican band (tuba-intensive) instrumental covers of goofy old songs such as "Man on the Flying Trapeze" until blocked by local 620 WDAE iBOC at 1131. OCT 24 1103 - Mexi-tunes vocals and instrumentals from tune-in, 1117 male and female chatter, bad local noise. OCT 25 1120 - Tune in to Mexi-tunes, then male "La Primera" slogan and again at 1129 just before iBOC wiped out. [Krueger-FL]
- 630 **HONDURAS** *R.América*, La Ceiba and/or Choluteca OCT 22 1044 - Transmitter abruptly up at 1044 mid-song, and continuous Spanish ballads segued. Faded and local noise by top of hour, back in with ballads, then male announcer around 1124 but blocked by local 620 WDAE iBOC at 1130. OCT 23 1043 - Transmitter up, segued ballads until 1100 then nice "Radio América, HRN... 23 de Octubre..." into vocal, news and commercials 1103-1108, ID, back to vocals. Very good signal until killed by 620 iBOC at 1131. OCT 24 1044 - Transmitter up, same format till 1100. Sign on must be with automated timer that's lost time or isn't set correctly, well at least the 2013 WRTH lists 610 flagship as 1030 UTC sign on. But <http://radioamericahn.net/programacion> appears to indicate 0500 local, and <http://radioamericahn.net/cobertura> which I think I shared years' ago shows their alleged current channels on AM/FM. Also audible was a very low growl, low side. Looking at a SEP 4, 2012 log of mine, I had the second transmitter audible slightly delayed. So suspect that is the source of this. [Krueger-FL]
- 630 **MEXICO** unID OCT 22 1055 - A reference to the location of Hurricane Raymond, "kilometros... y kilometros... Acapulco..." Orchestral version of national anthem, no ID 1059, instead straight into ballad, then slow talking male and female talking about a restaurant, food, other patter. [Krueger-FL]
- 650 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Ciego de Avila OCT 19 1059 - Still rapidly 'sheet metal noise' wobbling. Fix it, Arnie! [Krueger-FL]
- 660 **MEXICO** XEFZ *ABC Radio*, Monterrey, NL OCT 23 1214 - Nuevo León state PSA, then ID as *ABC Radio*, Monterrey, with FM and AM frequencies, phone numbers, but did not hear any callsigns; then news headlines. [Hauser-OK]
- 690 **MEXICO** XECS *La Mejor*, Manzanillo, Col. OCT 19 1110-1137 - An XE with anthem at 1100, too weak to ID, then another with anthem from 1103. Which if either was this is unknown, but this one faded up to decent level with Mexi-tunes, male canned "la Mejor" between songs. Eventually crushed by my local 680 splatter as this one also began fading. [Krueger-FL]
- 690 **MEXICO** XEMA *La Mejor*, Fresnillo, Zac. OCT 24 0531 - ID mentions Zacatecas, so must be XEMA. A state seldom heard here. With SAH from KGGF Kansas open carrier amid other interference. [Hauser-OK]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEGD *La Poderosa*, Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. OCT 20 1203 - Big hum on open carrier again, previously tracked to XEGD. OCT 21 1159 - Music right across hourtop, no national anthem, 1203 finally ID as "La Poderosa" and again at 1205, more music. Making SAH of 76/minute = 1.27 Hz with WLW roughly opposite. So XEGD has decided to modulate with something other than hum as 24 hours ago. [Hauser-OK]
- 720 **MEXICO** XEDE *La Kaliente*, Saltillo, Coah. OCT 18 0457 - Full ID for XHDE FM 105.7 and XEDE AM, 0458 national anthem, mixing WGN with SAH of 192/minute = 3.2 Hz. No sign of the real KSAH at the moment. Kudos to XEDE for holding its own with 250 watts vs 50,000. [Hauser-OK]
- 720 **MEXICO** XEJCC *Extremo 720*, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 18 1231 - Fox-logo fanfare, then woman talking about someone who took off their clothes; phone keeps ringing in background; WGN almost nulled. Seems further west than Saltillo, ergo XEJCC. [Hauser-OK]
- 750 unID OCT 20 1205 - Rosary in Spanish - over and over and over; loops about west/southwest east/northeast, suggesting KAMA El Paso which is Spanish, but supposedly not religious, but it's Sunday morning and any station might do that temporarily. However, NRC Pattern Book shows both day and night it's all-westward from there. Don't see any other likely U.S. Spanish stations even eastward. Rarely hear any

- Spanish on 750. The most likely Mexicans in Cantú: XEOH *La Jefa*, or XECSE *Éxtasis Digital*. [Hauser-OK]
- 770 **MEXICO** XEACH *R.Fórmula Primer Cadena*, Monterrey, NL OCT 18 1200 - Fórmula promo with an 866- phone number to hear it “en la Unión Americana” from 7 to 8 a.m. Mexican central time, i.e. a U.S. toll-free number. [Hauser-OK]
- 800 **MEXICO** XEDD Montemorelos, NL OCT 20 1208 - Donald Duck is really bad this morning vs KQCV, except where I can get a tight null on it pointing right at XEDD, previously traced to La Voz del Pato Donald; it’s so distorted that I am not sure if it’s talk or music now, but lean toward the latter. Strangely, not much from XEROK with KQCV nulled. [Hauser-OK]
- 850 **MEXICO** XEM Chihuahua, Chih. OCT 23 1229 - With KOA nulled, Brazuguese is startling, but it’s a clip during news, soon followed by Pres. Obama in English, and someone in English with a French accent, none of it directly translated, probably about spying; then to narration in Spanish during Milenio Noticias, 7:30 time check, so from DF TV feed? Then ID as *Milenio Radio* listing FM frequencies in several cities: including 103.7 Monterrey, 99.5... 95.3 Tijuana, 99.3 Saltillo, 103.7 Chihuahua; followed by further promos for the last one, as we already knew this would be XEM, where it’s only 6:30 a.m. Next week will be confusing, as most of Mexico goes off DST a week before we, and the border cities do. [Hauser-OK]
- 860 **MEXICO** XENL *R.Recuerdo*, Monterrey, NL OCT 20 1211 - R.Recuerdos jingle, auto time and temp as 7:11, 16 grados, then ranchera. Loops almost north/south, and there is another Spanish song further west with this nulled, too many possibilities for that; no problem from KKOW Kansas at the moment. Cantú, IRCA and WRTH agree it’s singular, so did I mishear it? Means memory/memories. [Hauser-OK]
- 910 **CUBA** *R.Cadena Agramonte*, Camagüey OCT 20 0859 - Male canned, “Transmite Radio Cadena Agramonte, Camagüey, Cuba” into soft Cuban vocal. [Krueger-FL]
- 940.174 **MEXICO** XEMMM 940 Oldies, Mexicali, BC OCT 20 1224 - Usual het looping east/west always audible around sunrise here, but never with any audio, no doubt XEMMM per mwoffsets as of 3.5 years ago. And not to be confused with 50 kW XEQ in the DF which is always off to the low side of 940 by a similar amount. [Hauser-OK]
- 940 **PUERTO RICO** WIPR *Máxima 940*, San Juan OCT 21 2300 - Fair; promo/ID, “WIPR San Juan, Máxima 940 AM... en Twitter...” [Conti-NH]
- 990 unID OCT 20 1226 - As I tune in, 4(?) chimes, but not all-descending as with XEW/XEK. This is mixing with XET *La T Grande*, and other co-channel interference, and unthink it’s from Mont’y as never heard when surely listening to XET. [Hauser-OK]
- 1030 **MEXICO** XEMPM *Exa*, Los Mochis, Sin. OCT 23 1235 - ID for 98.9, time as 6:35, so the match on UTC-6 time zone and FM frequency in Cantú, although they also mentioned California; no BCS on 1030, but they should have listeners across the Sea of Cortez. [Hauser-OK]
- 1030 **MEXICO** XEYC *R.Fórmula*, Cd. Juárez, Chih. OCT 24 1240 - Several news items about Chihuahua city, with sounders between them, heavy co-channel interference; then promos “alta definición” on 103.3 FM coordinated with 1430 AM, and four different Fórmula HD channels. (Wouldn’t that require a second FM transmitter? I may have missed the other one.) There is no 1430 anywhere in Chihuahua state, nor a 103.3. That obviously refers to the Fórmula flagship in México DF, where HD is widely transmitted (no 1430 there either). [Hauser-OK]
- 1060 **MEXICO** XEEP *R.Educación*, México DF OCT 20 0928 - Nice classic reggae with Toots & the Maytals “Spiritual Healing” into “Pressure Drop” then female ID at 0934 UTC. [Krueger-FL]
- 1320 **MEXICO** XECPN *La Poderosa*, Piedras Negras, Coah. OCT 20 1236 - From south/southwest, “La Poderosa, Radiorama,” with teléfonos en cabina, federal PSAs including one from Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos; 1238 teléfonos again including an 800-number, song. Dominating vs the co-channel interference. [Hauser-OK]
- 1450 **CUBA** *R.Mayabeque*, Güines OCT 20 1124 - Very poor under WSDV Sarasota, with Cuban flute solo, parallel not much better 1140 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1450 **MEXICO** unID OCT 20 1103 - National anthem in progress, male XE calls after, but unable to copy in the co-channel, very weak. This one will be tough at best to ID. [Krueger-FL]
- 1530 **MEXICO** XEUR *R.Fiesta*, México DF OCT 20 1031 - Spanish pop vocals, female canned slogan 1034 and 1040 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1610 **ANGUILLA** *Caribbean Beacon*, The Valley OCT 20 0942 - Poor with the usual University Network ranting by the Mrs. Scott, parallel 6090 shortwave. [Krueger-FL]

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International News

PORTUGAL: 1035 *StarFM*, Belmonte, St.º Estêvão, is silent since end February or so. I was then explained, that a certain aluminum core, modulation transformer had to be replaced, not simply rebuilt, so there was an expectation for resuming operation in April. After all these months, I decided to get more information from my contact within the station, and he explained his department was not allowed that expense, especially when along with the transformer certain other peripheral items should be replaced too. A 100~120 kW unit operating at a fraction of its power, e.g. 10 kW, does not mean power consumption is about the same as that of an ordinary 10 kW - it's somewhat higher. This made my contact try to convince their administration to "freeze" the 100 kW unit for some time and install a 10 kW unit as it would at least save on electricity costs, but on the other hand a new 10 kW transmitter would push the expense over the amount needed for modulation transformer. The answer was "no." So 1035 will be on the air again only if and when conditions allow it. [Carlos Gonçalves, *mwmasts*]

73 and Good DX!

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

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

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for isolated moderate level events through the forecast period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels on 21 Oct, normal to moderate levels on 22 Oct - 10 Nov and moderate to high levels on 11 - 16 Nov.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels on 21 - 22 Oct and unsettled to active levels on 10 - 13 Nov due to recurrent CH HSS effects. Predominately quiet levels are expected for the remainder of the outlook period.

FCC Prepares Vote On Foreign Ownership

At its November 14 Open Meeting, the FCC will vote on a proposal to allow foreign investment in broadcast companies in excess of 25% on a case-by-case basis.

Acting Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn sent a release stating: "Today (October 24), I circulated a declaratory ruling that clears the way for increased access to capital and potential new investors for the broadcast sector. Approval of this item will clarify the Commission's intention to review, on a case-by-case basis, proposed transactions that would exceed the 25 percent benchmark that restricts foreign ownership in companies holding broadcast licenses. I look forward to working with my colleagues toward a final Commission vote next month."

The only group currently with a waiver for such foreign ownership is News Corp. for the Fox Television Stations. That waiver was granted in 1996, ten years after Rupert Murdoch's company first purchased the former Metromedia stations.

NAB President/CEO Gordon Smith made the following comment regarding the proposal: "NAB applauds Acting FCC Chairwoman Clyburn for proposing that the commission should consider foreign investment in U.S. broadcast properties the same way it considers such investments in other telecommunications properties. This is fundamentally fair and will serve the public interest. Permitting new potential sources of capital for American radio and TV stations will strengthen our ability to continue providing compelling news, entertainment and sports programming and to remain competitive in a multichannel digital world."

The proposal comes following the termination of the controversial sale of 93.5 KDAY Los Angeles to a group financed by China's Phoenix Satellite Television. (*RadioInsight via Bill Hale.*)

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