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From the Publisher: It's mighty cold outside in a good chunk of the continent ... time to fire up the receivers and bask in the glow of DX signals warming up your receiver circuits!

We're now caught up on material submitted for publication, with a bunch more weekly issues to go. So there's plenty of room for your loggings and other contributions.

And just in case you have sent something in for publication and it has not appeared ... that means I have somehow lost track of it. Send me a (preferably friendly) reminder at NRCDXNews@gmail.com.

Next issue (16) may be posted a bit later than usual to e-DXN due to my travel schedule, but if you get DX News in the mail you shouldn't notice a thing.

WRTH 2014: The NRC has four copies of the new 2014 WRTH that we will make available to members for only \$12 (US only – sorry, the cost to Canada is more than the cost of the book!) We'll offer the books at random – to put your name in the hat, just send a postcard or letter to NRC WRTH Drawing, PO Box 473251, Aurora, CO 80047-3251. We'll draw 4 names of National Radio Club members in good standing (your subscription to DX News, DX Audio Service or e-DXN.com must be current) and notify the winner by phone, provided you supply your number. The 4 lucky winners will receive the WRTH after they send us \$12 shipping and handling (and a buck or two for the NRC Treasury). Deadline for your response in the P.O. Box will be Saturday February 15.

Unreported Domestic Stations – This week one new station on the air was reported to DDXD for the first time (KTXW-1120), plus three

station on our list of stations not reported to DDXD since Volume 67 are reported herein: WFPF-980, WDZ-1050, and WXFN-1340.

NRC/WTFDA Convention 2014: Bids are being accepted for the 2014 NRC/WTFDA annual convention. For information, contact Ernie Wesolowski at NEErnieW@yahoo.com or 13312 Westwood Ln. Omaha, NE 68144. Ernie can help you evaluate the practical aspects of hosting a convention so that if you decide to make a formal bid you'll have what you need to make that decision.

Come Socialize with Us: The NRC is on Facebook and Twitter! Social media is 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. For more information, see page 4.

VOL. 81 DX NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

No	In By	Date	23	Mar. 7	Mar. 17
16	Jan. 10	Jan. 20	24	Mar. 21	Mar. 31
17	Jan. 17	Jan. 27	25	Apr. 11	Apr. 21
18	Jan. 24	Feb. 3	26	May 2	May 12
19	Jan. 31	Feb. 10	27	May 30	June 9
20	Feb. 7	Feb. 17	28	June 27	July 7
21	Feb. 14	Feb. 24	29	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
22	Feb. 21	Mar. 3	30	Sept. 5	Sept. 15

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members – Welcome to Leiviska Leiviska, Mora, MN; and Garry Stoklas, Imperial, CA.

Renewing Members – Thanks to the continued support of Denny Adkins; David R. Alpert; Todd Brandenburg; James Feasel; Stephen R. Gaughan; Bruce Hackworth; Michael Lambert; Gregory Renner; Terence Talady; Donald Trevarthen; and Frederick R. Vobbe.

NRC AM Radio Log, 34th Edition

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AM Switch

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

A relatively slow week at the FCC over the New Year holiday.

CALL CHANGES



1270 KRVT OK Claremore – Call change to KTUZ (1/3).

1550 KZRK TX Canyon – Call change to KNSH (12/31).

John Rieger (at DXMidAmerica) says KTLK-1150 Los Angeles CA will change calls to KEIB, with the KTLK calls moving to KTCN-1130 Minneapolis MN. Nothing yet at the FCC on this change.

NEW STATION WATCH

CP on the air:

1200 KPSF CA Cathedral City – This new station (U4 5000/1300) has been on the air for at least a year and a half with program test authority; final license granted 12/31.

CPs expired:

1400 KBEV UT Vernal – CP for new station (U1 1000/670) returned at licensee's request; station had been granted program test authority in December 2012 but never seems to have gone on the air.

Applications/appeals dismissed:

1490 APP MT Orchard Homes – Application for new station (U1 1000/670) dismissed; applicant failed to respond to 2010 FCC request for tower information.

1570 APP VA Ettrick – Application for new station (U2 9000/700) dismissed; applicant failed to respond to 2010 FCC request to amend application to avoid excess QRM.

The FCC will record a total of 4,727 AM stations licensed at the end of 2013, down 9 from the total at the end of 2012. This total includes 87 stations in US territories (American Samoa, Guam, Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands), and is derived from a database that erroneously omits one licensed station (WRCR-1300) and that inconsistently treats some synchronous operations as independent stations and others not. I believe the accurate total for total *licensed* stations in the 50 states and the District of Columbia as of December 31, 2013 is 4,648 if synchronous stations are counted and 4,640 if they are not.

New station CPs outstanding at the end of 2013 numbered 54, including 7 that have been built and are awaiting final licensing (KCIK-740 Kihei HI, KXTW-1120 Manor TX, KRJW-1240 Altamont OR, KUSG-1350 Agana, Guam, KVSM-1380 Santa Maria CA, KHTC-1490 Malmstrom AFB MT, and WIGT-1690 Charlotte Amalie, USVI), 7 that have expired but are still kept in the database (presumably under appeal), and 40 within their original 3-year construction window.

And two of those new station CPs are coming up against January 2014 expiration dates: KEGC-1030 Elk Grove CA on 1/21 and 1460 Shawano WI on 1/28.

STATIONS GOING DARK

1600 WFIS SC Fountain Inn – Station went silent 12/31 and license cancelled 1/3; this was part of the deal for the power increase at WTZQ-1600 Hendersonville NC.

So we're at minus 1 AM station so far in 2014

CHANGES TO EXISTING STATIONS

CPs on the air:

680 WMFS TN Memphis – CP for U2 8000/5000 from corrected coordinates is on the air.

CPs granted:

680 WGES FL St. Petersburg – Granted CP for U1 930/165 from corrected coordinates.

950 KJTV TX Lubbock – Granted CP to correct coordinates.

1340 KRLV NV Las Vegas – Granted CP for U1 1000/880 from a new site.

1490 WSIP KY Paintsville – Granted CP for a new site, remaining U1 1000/1000.

Applications for CPs filed:

990 WISK GA Lawrenceville – Applies for D1 2500 (now D1 1000), from current site.

Applications for CPs dismissed:

1400 WFLL FL Fort Lauderdale – App for new site (diplexing with WEXY-1520) dismissed.

Bruce Conti has posted photos of the new WZBR-1410 Dedham MA towers on his web site at <http://www.bamlog.com/towersites.htm>, and confirms the CP is on the air (ex-Brockton MA). The FCC still has this as a CP pending final licensing of the new site.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

- 540 **WWCS PA Canonsburg** – Granted STA for pattern at variance.
 940 **WGFP MA Webster** – Applies for STA for longwire antenna; experimental WX3CFA will test a high efficiency broadband antenna at the WGFP site and there isn't room for both antennas (although the stations don't operate at the same time).
 1480 **KYOS CA Merced** – Granted STA with U4 2000/2000, power module replacement.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from WKAQ-580 San Juan PR (U1 10000/4500); WTOR-770 Youngstown NY (reduced power until transmitter is replaced, now running about D3 3000); WFAB-890 Ceiba PR (U1 5000/5000 to overcome QRM from D.R., Nevis, and Venezuela); and KAIR-1470 Atchinson KS (U1 250/250).

Previously reported applications to extend STAs were granted to WASG-540 Daphne AL, WIJD-1270 Prichard AL, and KRNT-1350 Des Moines IA.

SILENT STATIONS

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

- 700 **WCNF AL Dothan** – Silent for financial reasons from 1/1.

Stations informing the FCC that they are no longer silent:

- 910 **WMRB TN Columbia** – Silent since 7/1, back on the air as of 1/2.
 1330 **WJSS MD Havre de Grace** – Silent since 4/15, back on the air as of 12/11.
 1360 **WHJC WV Matewan** – Silent since 1/3/2013, back on the air as of 12/30.
 1370 **KTPA AR Prescott** – Silent since 11/22, back on the air as of 12/19.

OH CANADA!

Thanks to Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys for the latest Canadian news:

- 530 **CIAO ON Brampton** – Applies for U1 1000/250 (now U4 1000/250).
 860 **CBRL BC Williams Lake** – Granted CP to move to 92.1 MHz FM (as CBYK-1).
 1050 **CKSB MB Winnipeg** – Deleted; has moved to 88.1 MHz FM and went silent 1/3.

NRC AM LOG UPDATER

And here is the latest news from Wayne Heinen:

- 570 **KSNM NM Las Cruces** – Format to C&W/SPT (ex-TLK/SPT); slogan to “Classic Country”; networks to FSR.
 KVI WA Seattle – Networks to CM/P/CMP/RER.
 630 **KHOW CO Denver** – Networks to A/P/RER; adds Hannity. (WH)
 710 **KNUS CO Denver** – Networks: drops Hannity. (WH)
 770 **WABC NY New York** – Networks to A/CM/RER.
 830 **WUMY TN Memphis** – Format to AC/OLD (ex-C&W); slogan to “99.3 Guess FM”; adds // W257CY-99.3; drops // W288BJ-105.5.
 890 **WKNV VA Fairlawn** – Adds slogan “Today's Southern Gospel Ministry,” adds Group: // Joy FM.
 920 **WGHQ NY Kingston** – Network to NPR; Group is // Robin Hood Radio (ex-// Hudson Valley Talk Radio)
 1020 **WHDD CT Sharon** – Adds Group: // Robin Hood Radio.
 1120 **KTXW TX Manor** – (CP, new station testing) – Format is SS:NOS, slogan “Exitos 11-20.” (GH)
 1150 **KTLK CA Los Angeles** – Networks to Ns/Ru/P/WW1/Mt.
 1180 **KXIQ AR Turrell** – Now // W288BJ-105.5; old website is blank, so maybe a format change is coming.
 1260 **WBNR NY Beacon** – Network to NPR; Group is // Robin Hood Radio (ex-// Hudson Valley Talk Radio)
 KWNX TX Elgin – Format to Rock/OLD:SPT (ex-SPT); drops ESPN network.
 1390 **WABB SC Belton** – Format to REL (ex-SPT); slogan to “The Life FM”; drop all networks.
 1420 **WRCG GA Columbus** – Format to Rock/OLD (ex-NWS/TLK); slogan “The Ride”; no networks; add // W206CC-99.7 (ex-// W295AY-106.9). Note translator is still listed as a CP by the FCC; call will change when new frequency gets licensed.
 WLNA NY Peekskill – Network to NPR; Group is // Robin Hood Radio (ex-// Hudson Valley Talk Radio)
 1430 **WOWW TN Germantown** – Format to Stunting (ex-AC/OLD); advising listeners to tune to WUMY-830 and “99.3 Guess FM.”
 1450 **WATA NC Boone** – Adds // W243DH-96.5.
 1490 **WRCE NY Watkins Glen** – Format to SPT (ex-Rock/OLD); network to ESPN; drops slogan and // WNGZ-104.9. (BC)

1530 WLWB WI New Holstein – Format to OLD (ex-SS:MEX); slogan to “The Oldies Channel”; network to CM.

New Groups

// Joy FM – WKNV-890, W226AT-93.1, W246CR-97.1.
 // Robin Hood Radio – WHDD-1020, WGHQ-920, WBNR-1260, WLNA-1420, WBSL-FM-91.7, WLHV-88-1, WHDD-FM-91.9.

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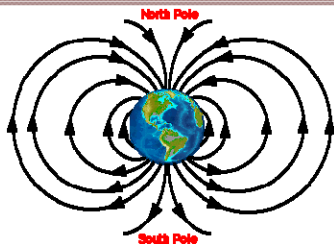
Deleted Group

// Hudson Valley Talk Radio – absorbed by Robin Hood Radio.

Talk Update

KVI-570 Seattle WA’s new lineup (Pacific time): John Carlson 0500-0900, Glenn Beck 0900-1200, Sean Hannity 1200-1500, Mark Levin 1500-1800, Lars Larson 1800-2100, Michael Savage 2100-2400, Red Eye Radio 0000-0500.

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



Geomagnetic Indices

Geomagnetic Summary December 2013

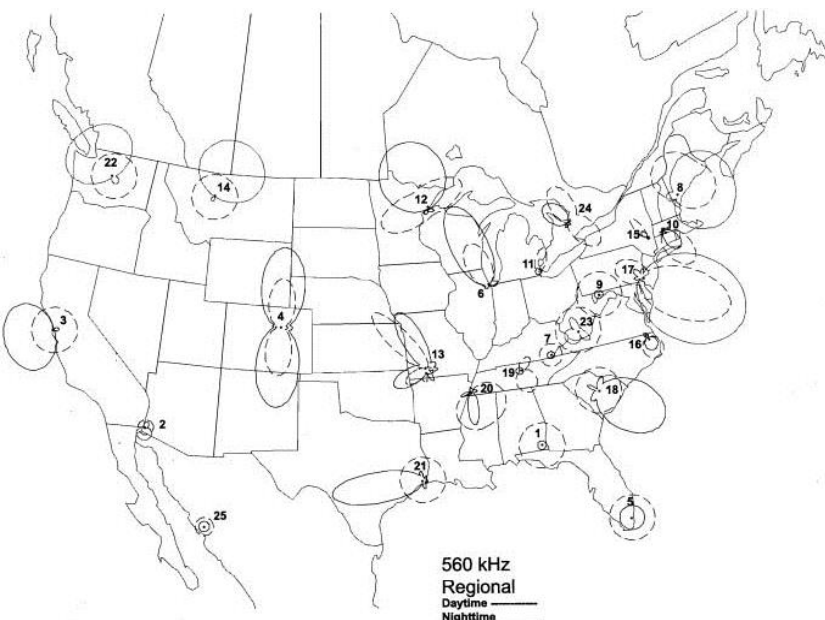
Via Phil Bytheway – Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Weather	Date	Flux	A	K	Space Weather
12/ 1	131	10	1	no storms	12/17	154	7	0	no storms
2	134	2	0	no storms	18	156	4	2	no storms
3	136	7	2	no storms	19	153	5	2	minor, R1
4	138	4	1	no storms	20	149	6	1	minor, R1
5	150	5	1	no storms	21	144	4	0	no storms
6	151	4	1	no storms	22	138	3	0	minor, R1
7	157	6	3	minor, R1	23	136	3	1	minor, R1
8	166	26	2	moderate, G2	24	128	2	1	no storms
9	168	5	1	no storms	25	123	7	1	no storms
10	175	5	1	no storms	26	125	3	0	no storms
11	171	4	1	no storms	27	131	3	1	no storms
12	165	3	1	no storms	28	135	3	1	minor, S1
13	163	3	1	no storms	29	137	5	1	minor, S1, R1
14	164	16	3	no storms	30	143	3	1	no storms
15	156	7	1	no storms	12/31	145	6	1	moderate, R2
12/16	154	7	2	no storms					

Sx – Solar Radiation Storm Level / Gx – Geomagnetic Storm Level / Rx – Radio Blackouts Level

NRC Antenna Pattern Book, 7th Edition

The 7th Edition of the NRC *Antenna Pattern Book* is now available. This all new edition prepared by NRC'er Paul Swearingen is an all-inclusive book of patterns for both Day and Night operation of stations in the USA, Canada and selected foreign stations. The data for the book comes from the 34th Edition of the *AM Radio Log* and NRC'er John Callerman's comprehensive Mexican station listing.



The book comes shrink wrapped in 8½ by 11 three hole punch format for placement in your own three ring binder. There are 240 pages and the book has maps covering 530 through 1700 kHz depicting the lower USA, Canada and Mexico. Hawaii and Alaska are shown on separate maps at the of the book.

Price/ordering info: Same as for *AM Radio Log*, see page 1 for details.

Domestic DX Jim Tedford Radio_Enthusiast@hotmail.com *Digest – West* 20310 Bothell-Everett Highway B4 Bothell, WA 98012-8133

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

REPORTERS

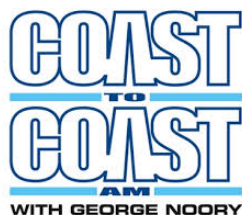
- FO-OK** Forest (Frosty) Osborn, Hooker, OK. Drake R8 with same old LW and loop.
GH-OK Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK. Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only; or Sony SRF-59 as specified; Nissan stock car radio as specified; FRG-7 as specified. Glenn's complete reports, with extensive commentary, are originally published in *DX Listening Digest*.
JJR-WI John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee WI. Icom IC-R71, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner, preamp CC Radio 2, stock
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop
RD-NE1 Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop
RD-NE2 Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. 2009 Ford Ranger factory radio
TJ-IL Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, while traveling to St. Louis, MO on I-55. Nissan car radio

DX TESTS HEARD (OR NOT)

- 940 WCIT OH Lima – 12/16 0104 – Fair at best under KPSZ with slow Morse Code IDs. Heard sweep tones several times before 0150. (RD-NE1)
 1450 WKAL NY Rome – 12/14 2302 – Faint but in there with Morse Code IDs audible in the soup. Heard again at 0001, but even weaker. Not heard at all at 2200 or 0100. First graveyarder from New York state at ANY of my QTHs. The logging of the decade so far! (RD-NE1)

DX LOGS

- 540 KMLB LA Monroe – 12/8 2021 – Weak and alone with local mentions, then into New Orleans Saints football pregame show with "The Home of Saints football ..." heard. (RD-NE1)
 580 WELO MS Tupelo – 12/28 2243 – Poor; steady. Sat through 3 slower R&B songs. "104.3 the Pulse" was lost quickly. Nice to hear though! (JJR-WI)
 640 WMFN MI Zeeland – 12/6 2121 – Fair under WOI with ads in Spanish for businesses in Zeeland and Holland. Finally nailed down after several previous evenings of hearing Tex-Mex music on this frequency around 1800-1815 ELT. (RD-NE1)
 690 WZAP VA Bristol – 12/29 0732 – Fair; steady. Call letters, "all Gospel all the time, WZAP Bristol, VA," over anything. Not heard in a while. (JJR-WI)
 690 WELD WV Fisher – 12/28 1838 – Poor; no CKGM for welcome change. Lola/Kinks, calls. Rare! (JJR-WI)
 790 WAYY WI Eau Claire – 1/2 1851 – WAYY on top of channel for a brief time, ad for Gordy's supermarket, another local ad I didn't catch, then "go to WAYY790.com." (FO-OK)
 800 WVAL MN Saulk Rapids – 1/2 1854 – Old or classic C&W, CBS news on the hour, ID at 1908, then back to old C&W. (FO-OK)
 850 KOA CO Denver – 12/28 0137 – Surprised to hear a female hosting 'Coast to Coast AM,' most unusual, via KOA (and countless other non-synchronized frequencies); admonishes callers not to use 4-letter words as her guest is discussing swearing, both casual and causal. Casual swearing serves no purpose other than to show the person is too lazy to think of and utter the proper word, and doesn't care how it damage her reputation. Causal swearing is exclamatory and forgivable especially if from injury. Before next break, hostess IDs as Dr. Kathryn (?) Alpert (?) (GH-OK) Katherine Albrecht, who got her start as guest on C2C warning about the evils of supermarket club/shopper cards. (JDT-WA)
 920 WMPL MI Hancock – 12/31 1858 – Poor. Heard Yahoo Sports Radio at 1840, but WOKY carries Fox and NBC sports content. Kinda wondered if WOKY was carrying Yahoo now too. Or could it just be WMPL? Bingo! Pats/Festival foods ad, Happy New Year in LID, Fox News at TOH and Yahoo Sports again at 1903. Only the 2nd time heard! Rare! (JJR-WI)



- 920 CFRY MB **Portage la Prairie** – 12/14 0833 – Pizza ad; results from Manitoba Junior Hockey League; soon faded. Sounded like they went into C&W shortly afterward but could not tell for sure. No ID heard, unfortunately; would be a new one here. Local KPOF-910's IBOC was off at the time; it's back on now, unfortunately. **(JW-CO)**
- 960 CFAC AB **Calgary** – 12/30 0103 – During 5-minute 'Fox hole' on local KGWA Enid, dead air which still occurs more often than not at local midnight, besides a mishmash of stations when I null the KGWA carrier, if I aim thru it toward the NW, I hear sports news, and ID as CBS Sports. This is the position previously capturing CFAC Calgary AB, which once was ESPN, but it's now CBS Sports. CFAC normally fails to restrict its 50 kW signal to northward as required by international treaty. **(GH-OK)**
- 980 WFPF WI **Park Falls** – 12/28 0805 – Poor;-IRN/USA news; "Heartland weather" jingle, ... Northlands ... Weatherology ... Freedom Talk 980." I cannot remember hearing this in years! Just never makes the trip! Logged in 1978 as WNBI. Rare! **(JJR-WI)**
- 990 KWAM TN **Memphis** – 12/25 1730 – Business ad with phone 901-683-4900 "here in Memphis," then back to Earl Farrell for Memphis Show talk show. Stayed in well for several minutes. **(FO-OK)**
- 1010 WMOX MS **Meridian** – 12/8 2313 – Atop channel with New Orleans Saints football, announcement of the "New Orleans Saints Radio Network" going into commercial break. When I was in Iowa City back in mid-September, I was getting this around Midnight local time, which made me wonder if something is amiss with their pattern. According to radio-locator.com, WMOX should be shooting the bulk of its nighttime signal to the SW of Meridian. **(RD-NE1)**
- 1050 WDZ IL **Decatur** – 12/27 1400 – ID at TOH: "You are listening to WDZ Decatur ESPN 1050 The Fan, Serving Central Illinois for over 92 Years" Good signal on Nissan car radio while driving on I-55 south of Bloomington, IL. Previously unreported station. **(TMJ-IL)**
- 1120 KTXW TX **Manor** – 12/30 0155 – Ranchera music mixing with KMOX. At first I am not hearing it when I null KMOX toward the SE for KEOR Catoosa, the daytimer which has been caught running all-night, and would be praise music. By 0700 this is audible with KMOX nulled for ID mentioning Austin, Bustos? Media, "líder de radio en español," right back to romantic music in Spanish. So this is the new station KTXW, city of license Manor TX, which we already reported in DXLD 13-23 last June and followed up in 13-28: "Now we must beware of another new Spanish station on 1120, KTXW in Manor (Austin) TX which has just started testing, "nostalgic wall-to-wall Spanish language ballads format" as 'Exitos 11-20" with 5000/155 watts. Thanks to Artie Bigley for tip of this thread on radiodiscussions.com. KTXW is about 90 degrees away from KEOR from my angle, so besides format difference, not easily confundible here. **(GH-OK)**
- 1220 WSLM IN **Salem** – 12/30 0204 – WSLM ID in passing atop the jumble, and with off-frequency het from TX nulled. 82-watt classic-country station in Salem IN continues to dominate the frequency, surely running day facility of 5 kW. Day & night figure-8 pattern is slightly clockwise from east-west. **(GH-OK)**
- 1220 KZEE TX **Weatherford** – 1/2 0836 – South Asian language stands out here, news? from N/S, no doubt The Metroplex TX outlet heard before, KZEE Weatherford but street address in North Richland Hills, P O Box in Hurst, "South Asian Radio," "Hot Pepper 1220," 1600/200 watts U4, all per NRC AM Log 2013. That means different directional patterns day and night, despite NRC Pattern Book 2013 showing it ND day and night. FCC AM Query shows day pattern has main blob from NNE to ESE, a notch but not a deep one at 335 degrees, and not much further north toward Enid. Despite lower power, night pattern is better for us, a broad cardioid with null to its southwest. But it should now be on day pattern, official January sunrise at 0830. **(GH-OK)**
- 1230 KVOC WY **Casper** – 12/2 2158 – Good with clear ID: "Casper's ... talk, AM 1230 KVOC, Casper, Wyoming." **(RD-NE1)**
- 1250 KNEU UT **Roosevelt** – 12/16 1938 – Ad for furniture store in Roosevelt. ID at 1939, "KNEU, Real Country." **(FO-OK)**
- 1290 WIRL IL **Peoria** – 12/20 1835 – Bradley Braves coaches show talking to one of their coaches. **(FO-OK)**



- 1300 KLER ID **Orofino** – 12/30 0905 – Local ads; canned ID by male voice at 0906: “News, weather, sports in the morning, and the best Country music all day long, AM 13 KLER” and into music. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 1320 KHRT ND **Minot** – 12/9 1002 – From the Perseverance Pays Off file: After about a week of hearing (albeit faintly) the theme music to the REL program “Insight For Living” around this time nearly every day, I was finally able on THIS day to get enough signal to hear a mention of “North Dakota” and CLs during a weather forecast before they went into the program. ND #10 at this QTH. **(RD-NE2)**
- 1380 KLIZ MN **Brainerd** – 12/22 1659 – Popped in briefly with “KLIZ the fan.” **(FO-OK)**
- 1380 KXFN MO **Saint Louis** – 12/22 1700 – ID as “1380, the woman”, phone given 314-361-9610, all women talk show. **(FO-OK)**
- 1380 KKRX OK **Lawton** – 12/21 1932 – “All new KKRX” with call change, soul music, then “All new heart and soul, 1380.” **(FO-OK)**
- 1400 KSRR UT **Provo** – 12/30 0854 – Beatles song; “1400 K-Star” slogan followed by more music at 0857. Fair, but soon lost to QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1410 KNTX TX **Bowie** – 12/31 2059 – Man with legal ID: “... on KNTX 1410 Bowie-Nocona(?),” followed by CBS news at 2100. Fair/poor. **(JW-CO)**
- 1440 KTUV AR **Little Rock** – 12/31 0154 – “14-40, Selvagemente (?) Mexicana” slogan. This loops E/W, making rippling SAH with a N/S station which is in English (rather than Spanish religion from KTNO The Metroplex normally heard). Most likely KTUV which NRC AM Log shows as SS:MEX, unlike any other station around here. It’s 5000/240 U2, with night pattern E/W. Last known slogan was R. Pantera. IRCA 2012 Log and WRTH 2014 show only three real Mexicans on 1440, in DF, Jalisco and BCS. And a real Mexican would not need to assert its Mexicanness. **(GH-OK)**
- 1450 KFIZ WI **Fond du Lac** – 12/16 1812 – Briefly atop with “... with the KFIZ Junior ...” heard in promo. Leaves WHRY as the only unlogged 1450 from Wisconsin at this locale. **(RD-NE1)**
- 1460 KXPB NE **Kearney** – 12/22 1731 – ESPN sports, ad for Canadian Mist whiskey at 1733, then ad for some business in “downtown Kearney.” **(FO-OK)**
- 1470 WMBD IL **Peoria** – 12/22 1855 – Ad for Century Financial with locations in Peoria and Bushnell. **(FO-OK)**
- 1490 KRIB IA **Mason City** – 12/13 1905 – Good with ID: “Your station for the holidays, 1490 KRIB,” then into Andy Williams Christmas music. **(RD-NE1)**
- 1490 KKAN KS **Phillipsburg** – 12/13 1902 – Atop with late legal ID: “This is your regional information station, KKAN Phillipsburg,” then into Joey Dee & the Starlighters’ “Peppermint Twist.” **(RD-NE1)**
- 1490 KXRA MN **Alexandria** – 12/13 1810 – Fair with local news, lead story was about two fishermen whose SUV went through the ice on Lake Ida in Douglas County. YIKES!! **(RD-NE1)**
- 1490 KQDS MN **Duluth** – 12/13 1738 – Atop channel with promo for “TheFan1490.com” website, then weather forecast that mentioned “inland” and “Lake Superior.” KQDS, KRIB, KKAN, and KXRA were heard while my local 1490, KOMJ (tower is 2 miles from my house!), was off the air for most of the day. **(RD-NE1)**
- 1500 KPGM OK **Pawhuska** – 12/25 1744 – Ads for Firelake Grand Casino and Lucky Star Casino, both in central Oklahoma, then ad for David Stanley Chevrolet in Oklahoma City. **(FO-OK)**
- 1500 KJIM TX **Sherman** – 12/26 0913 – Oldies music, then announced “more music, more memories for Durant, Oklahoma, KJIM.” Sherman is just across the state line from Durant. **(FO-OK)**
- 1570 WILO IN **Frankfort** – 12/29 2239 – Poor; “Madonna on WILO” by woman. Ad for something. “AM 1570 WILO” into Blue Bayou/Ronstadt. Not heard in while. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1570 WTRB TN **Ripley** – 12/29 2232 – Poor “1570 WTRB” popped out between songs. Not heard in a long, long time. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1570 WLKD WI **Minocqua** – 12/29 2359 – Poor in brief fade up, “go to TRN radio network ...” Rhinelander Chrysler-Jeep” ??? Northland Marketplce, LID. Never heard at night ... ever! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1600 WAOS GA **Austell** – 12/6 2301 – Tipped off to this from Michigan DXer Tim Tromp. Good, over KATZ at times, with Spanish music and “La Mejor” IDs //



webstream. Left the day stick running late, not heard here since. (RD-NE1) 12/27 0601 – Poor though strong/clear in KGYM null. LID +/-WLBA-1130, WXEM-1460. SS in all night long. (JJR-WI)

UNID

- 910 UNID -- 12/28 0145 – Singing ID sounds like “WHMO” but no match in the NRC AM Log or FCC AM Query. Closest phonetically is WAKO in Lawrenceville IL, U3, 500/50 watts with an AC/OLD format. (GH-OK)
- 940 UNID -- 12/8 2050 – Very poor oldies station, in over 60 minutes. Songs by 3 Dog Night, Wilson Pickett, Turtles, Stevie Wonder. Very quick jingle at 2040. IF there was a disc jockey, I couldn’t tell. Way behind WMAC. Seemed SW from here. WGRP-PA? KTFS-TX? KMER-WY? Stumped in So. Milwaukee. (JJR-WI)

Thanks to all of this week’s contributors. Happy New Year, and see you next time. (JDT-WA)

Domestic DX

Digest – East

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

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REPORTERS

- BC-NH **Bruce Conti, Nashuav** Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
- HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Midland** – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** – Tivoli Model One, Q-Stick Plus passive antenna
- KK-VA **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop.
- TLK-FL **Terry Krueger, Clearwater** – NRD-535, NRD-515, IC-R75, Sangean PR-D5, roof dipole, active loop
- LW-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** – Grundig G8 Traveler II Digital
- NjW-ON **Niel Wolfish, Toronto** – WinRadio Excalibur G33DDC, Wellbrook Loop
- MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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UNID

- 580 UNID -- - 1/1 0722 – Definitely someone domestic with Mexi-Spanish format, though no obvious formats listed that I can find. Seven digit phone number on one commercial, something business with initials read in English, Mexican vocals. Quickly faded with WDBO Orlando and maybe a real Mexican super weak co-channel. (TLK-FL)
- 1340 UNID -- - 1/2 2001 – Briefly over WHAT, WYBC, and others; web address, “cbc.ca/q.” “Q” is a CBC radio network program. The online CBC database only lists Ontario low power CBEY, CBLB, and CBEU on 1340 kHz. The NRC AM Log also lists CKHV Newfoundland & Labrador as an affiliate, though not listed by the CBC. Niel Wolfish has previously logged CKHV with a CBC North feed. (BC-NH)

LOGGINGS

- 540 WFLF FL **Pine Hills** – 12/6 2106 – In with “WFLA 540” ID, ad for John Deere, followed by ad for Orlando Kia of East Orlando, West Orlando, & Longwood. (LW-NY)
- 640 WHLO OH **Akron** – 12/6 2106 – End of Fox News on the hour, “640 WHLO” ID, into political talk, over/under Cuban. (LW-NY)
- 690 WOKV FL **Jacksonville** – 12/25 1727 – Clear, good signal on top of frequency with “First Alert Weather on WOKV 690 and WOKV 104.5 FM” into talk program. (LW-NY)

- 860 WSBS MA **Great Barrington** – 1/3 0600 – Good, apparently at full power for snow emergency; “The music you love and the information you need, only from your hometown station in the Berkshires, WSBS Great Barrington, W231AK Great Barrington, and streaming online worldwide at wsbs.com.” (BC-NH)
- 880 KRVN NE **Lexington** – 12/27 1741 – “It’s 19 minutes before 5 o’clock and it’s time for KRVN Auction Time!” Under WCBS-New York. Also at 1753 with “The Devil Went Down To Georgia.” (NjW-ON)
- 910 WRKL NY **New City** – 12/14 1715 – In with “910 WRKL New City” ID, followed by Christmas tune and Stevie Wonder song. (LW-NY)
- 920 WHJJ RI **Providence** – 12/17 0624 – Ad for Geico, “920 WHJJ” ID, then into sports scores. (LW-NY)
- CKNX ON **Wingham** – 12/28 1700 – In with “CKNX 920” ID, outside temperature of 2 degrees mentioned. Good signal, on top of frequency. (LW-NY)
- 940 WCPC MS **Houston** – 12/20 1728 – Blessed Hope Broadcast Rosehill Baptist Church program, ID at 1730 by man, followed by another gospel huckster. (NjW-ON)
- 950 KWOS MO **Jefferson City** – 12/22 1729 – ID: “Wall Street Journal delivered 7 days a week on news radio 950 KWOS and 100.9 KWOS-FM,” followed by a woman with local weather forecast. (NjW-ON)
- CKNB NB **Campbellton** – 12/30 1812 – Over WWJ-Detroit et al with “the top 7 at 7 ... on CKNB” promo into “Story of My Life” by One Direction. (MKB-ON)
- 960 WFIR VA **Roanoke** – 12/26 0643 – “... News Radio 960 and 107.3, WFIR ...” and morning news. Briefly up in the channel mess. (TLK-FL)
- +++ - 1/2 0023 – “... On News Talk 960 and 107.3, WFIR ...” Back to “Ground Zero” syndicated show, with someone else also carrying the same show, threshold and a fraction of a second delayed. This one continues to put in a good night signal here. (TLK-FL)
- +++ - 1/3 0500 – Fair; “This is News/Talk 960 AM and FM 107.3 Roanoke, WFIR news time 5 a.m.” (BC-NH)
- 990 WNML TN **Knoxville** – 12/27 0551 – AIG Direct spot, “Stay tuned to the Sports Animal with iHeart Radio ...” This is the one I thought might be WLLI, Somerset, PA but not. The FM frequency heard yesterday that matched theirs was merely a list of Tweets and emails from station staff across the US that the network guy reads along with their channels, as confirmed today. (TLK-FL)
- 1040 CJMS QC **Saint-Constant** – 12/31 1715 – Presumed over CHUM-1050 slop with medley of French C&W songs and C&W instrumentals (heavy on twangy fiddles). This station was threatened with having their license pulled. Get ‘em now as the CRTC may still come for them in 2014. (MKB-ON)
- 1070 KHMO MO **Hannibal** – 12/20 1730 – Local news read by Harold Smith sponsored by DJ Kidz preschool. Lead news item about traffic fatalities across the border in Illinois. Mixing with WFLI-Lookout Mountain and CHOK-Sarnia. (NjW-ON)
- 1170 WKFL FL **Bushnell** – 1/1 1401 – Canned 2013 Country Music roundup program. Fair and pointing up the coastline. (TLK-FL)
- 1180 WSQR IL **Sycamore** – 11/21 1757 – Over WHAM-Rochester with The Cars’ “My Best Friends Girl.” ToH ID that mentions their FM translator W228BZ on 93.5. (NjW-ON)
- 1210 KOKK SD **Huron** – 12/21 1750 – Break in an American Country Countdown program with commercial for Walmart, man with ID and weather. No sign of WPHT. Signal dropped at 1758, probably as station changed to nighttime power. (NjW-ON)
- 1230 WSBB FL **New Smyrna Beach** – 12/27 0635 – End of Sinatra’s “That’s Life” into Oliver’s “Good Morning Sunshine.” Station web site has a frame that updates song titles and commercials that just ran, both matching. (TLK-FL)
- WTKG MI **Grand Rapids** – 12/26 0729 – Faded up with reminder that WTKG is available on the I-Heart Radio app. Also noted 1/1 2127 strong, with spot for Grand Rapids Bridal Show. (NjW-ON)
- WFER MI **Iron River** – 12/24 0800 – ToH ID: “Freedom talk 1230 WFER ... Heartland Communications Group” (same owners as 1400-WATW in Ashland WI). (NjW-ON)
- WBET MI **Sturgis** – 12/21 0700 – Spot for Glen Oaks Community College and ID: “ESPN Radio 1230 Sturgis.” (NjW-ON)
- KYSM MN **Mankato** – 12/21 1808 – “1230 KYFN The Fan” heard over the graveyard jumble. (NjW-ON)



- KWNO MN Winona** – 12/22 0728 – “KWNO Winona” and jazzy fanfare, followed by promo to support local merchants in downtown Winona and Menards commercial. **(NjW-ON)**
- WCLO WI Janesville** – 12/18 1700 – Little Known Facts feature and ID: “we’re watching the weather for you! WCLO Janesville-Beloit” into CBS news. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1240 WSBC IL Chicago** – 12/31 1800 – Fade-up with ID: “You’re listening to Access Radio Chicago, WSBC Chicago.” **(NjW-ON)**
- WATT MI Cadillac** – 12/24 0800 – ID: “What you need to know 24-7, Rush Radio 1240 WATT Cadillac, it’s 8 o’clock,” into Fox News. **(NjW-ON)**
- WJIM MI Lansing** – 12/23 0730 – ID by woman and man warning about the black ice on Canal Road near Delta Township. **(NjW-ON)**
- WJON MN Saint Cloud** – 12/19 0729 – “You’re listening to Morning News Watch with Jay Caldwell on 1240 WJON,” commercial for Menards, followed by “Happy holidays from all of us at AM 1240 WJON.” Mixing with CJCS-Stratford. #40 on 1240 for me. **(NjW-ON)**
- WJMC WI Rice Lake** -12/25 0728 – Out of the Bruce Springsteen version of “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town” into a Packers Insider Update WJMC promo. Also noted 12/29 0633 with ID by woman heard after a Pointer Sisters song. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1250 WGL IN Fort Wayne** – 12/30 0941 – “The music you grew up with, Oldies 102.9 WGL” slogan. Well on top. **(HF-MI)**
- 1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix** – 12/31 1635 – Over usual WXYT-Detroit with US Forest Service PSA, “1270 AM 102.3 FM WMKT Northern Michigan weather forecast” into local weather followed by Fox news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1300 KGLO IA Mason City** – 12/31 0828 – String of spots: Discover North Iowa.com, Kolbet Realtors, Three Eagles Radio of Mason City’s icefishing trip to Ballard’s Resort in Baudette Minnesota, Tug’s Day Care and Preschool and Northwood Dental. Strong with no sign of expected WOOD-Grand Rapids. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1330 WHBL WI Sheboygan** – 12/31 0828 – Promos for Rush Limbaugh and Wisconsin Badgers basketball. ID: “1330 WHBL-Sheboygan’s news, talk, sports, a service of Midwest Communications” into by news with Mike Kinzel. Mixing with ethnic station (probably WKTA-Evanston). **(NjW-ON)**
- 1340 WJOL IL Joliet** – 12/21 1800 – ToH ID that mentions Next Media into ABC news. **(NjW-ON)**
- WXFN IN Muncie** – 12/19 – 1731 Fox sports stuff. “102.9 FM and 1340 AM Fox Sports radio” ID. **(NjW-ON)**
- WJRW MI Grand Rapids** – 12/31 0758 – Woman meteorologist from Fox 17 with weather forecast. ToH ID and ABC news. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1350 WGDN MI Gladwin** – 12/19 1658 – End of Back to The Bible broadcast and ID in mix with WARF-Akron. **(NjW-ON)**
- WCMP MN Pine City** – 12/22 0800 – Under WARF-Akron with ID: “WCMP Pine City full service information radio.” **(NjW-ON)**
- 1370 WKMC PA Roaring Spring** – 12/26 0729 – Over WSPD-Toledo and WXXI-Rochester with commercial for Rhodes Meat Market in Martinsburg. **(NjW-ON)**
- WCCN WI Neillsville** – 12/31 0758 – End of Elvis Presley’s “Suspicious Minds” followed by ID: “and now stand by for another hour of America’s best music on 1370 WCCN Neillsville.” Mixing with WSPD-Toledo. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1400 WSJM MI Saint Joseph** – 12/22 1951 – ID during break in post-game show for NFL matchup between New York Giants and the Detroit Lions. **(NjW-ON)**
- 1410 WRMN IL Elgin** – 12/21 1800 – ID/promo to listen to the Grace Global Network Saturdays 1 to 7 pm. Poor, mixing with CJWI-Montreal. **(NjW-ON)**
- WZBR MA Dedham** – 1/3 1240 – Over nulled WPOP; old jazz instrumentals and vocals, ID, “Boston’s real jazz station, 1410 WZBR.” New station, ex-WMSX Brockton. **(BC-NH)**
- WING OH Dayton** – 1/2 0043 – Dominating the channel well with ESPN Radio feed, faded 0100 (WNGL, Mobile, AL up with ID), but nice WING ID on 0102 break end. **(TLK-FL)**
- WRTZ VA Roanoke** – 12/31 0800 – “1410 WRIS Roanoke, it’s 8 o’clock” ID followed by IRN news. **(NjW-ON)** *Per FCC, changed calls to WRTZ on 9/26 – DY.*
- 1440 WPRD FL Winter Park** – 1/2 0042 – Presumed the one in Haitian Kreyol talk, pointing E/W. Listed as Spanish but presume brokered Kreyol here as well. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1450 WIBM MI Jackson** – 12/29 0730 – Mention of co-owned 970-WKHM. ID: “Jackson’s sports authority, ESPN 1450 WIBM” into ESPN Sportscenter. **(NjW-ON)**

- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria – 12/28 0658 – Over WNYX-Ithaca et al with ad for Pontiac RV on I-55, “and now for something completely stimulating ... news on 100.3 .and 1470 WMBD Peoria” into local news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1490 WMRC MA Milford – 12/27 2248 – ID as “WMRC and WMRC.com” then into song, “Love Grows Where My Rosemary Goes” by Edison Lighthouse. **(HJH-PA)**
- WRCE NY Watkins Glen – 1/3 0500 – Barely above the jumble; “WRCE AM 1490 Watkins Glen-Montour Falls, home of ESPN, a Community Broadcasting station, and ESPN. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WOSH WI Oshkosh – 12/31 0807 – ID: “this is news talk 1490 WOSH Oshkosh” and “WOSH news time is 7:07.” **(NjW-ON)**
- 1540 WTXY NC Whiteville – 12/22 1722 – In multi-station mix (WACA, CHIN, KXEL, UNID SS) with “Exclusively right here on WTXY 15-40 ... your hometown radio voice” station promo, 1729* sign-off announcement: “Thank you for listening to WTXY 15-40 AM” into SSB. **(KK-VA)**
- 1550 WNZF FL Bunnell – 12/22 1659 – In multi-station mix with “News radio WNZF” ID into Orlando Magic basketball promo. **(KK-VA)**
- WNTN MA Newton – 12/22 1600 – In multi-station mix (WNZF, WMRE, WBFJ, CBEF, UNID SS) with “10,000 watts of worldly ... 15-50 WNTN” ToH ID. At 1614, man with “You’re listening to ‘Irish Sunday’ on 15-50 WNTN and WNTN.com.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1560 KLNG IA Council Bluffs – 12/22 1759 – In multi-station mix with station promo and ToH ID: “... tune in every Monday through Friday at 9AM for ‘Hope for the Heart’ ... our feature ... ministry ... KLNG Council Bluffs Omaha.” **(KK-VA)**
- WNWN MI Portage – 12/31 0757 – Urban contemporary music and ID: “95.5 FM and 1560 AM, The Touch.” No sign of WQEW New York. **(NjW-ON)**
- WYZD NC Dobson – 12/22 1713* – In multi-station mix with sign-off announcement: “... concluding its broadcast day. This is WYZD Dobson ... WYZD radio is operated by” **(KK-VA)**
- WWYC OH Toledo – 12/22 1559 – In multi-station mix (KLNG, WQEW, WSBV, WAGL, WYZD) with station promo: “You can listen to us online at CSNradio.com or by calling ...” into “Cross Talk” program. **(KK-VA)**
- WAGL SC Lancaster – 12/22 1714* – In multi-station mix with sign-off announcement by male: “This is WAGL Lancaster South Carolina concluding another day of broadcast service to the heartland of Carolina” **(KK-VA)**
- WSBV VA South Boston – 12/22 1700* – In multi-station mix with sign-off announcement including “www.WSBVAM.com” website mention. **(KK-VA)**
- 1570 WBGX IL Harvey – 1/2 1731 – Soul/Gospel tunes to ToH ID as “AM 15-70 Harvey-Chicago.” Peaks in and out with probable WPTW Piqua, OH and KYCR Golden Valley, MN (heard “Business 15-70” slogan). WFUR-Grand Rapids with spoken gospel may have also been in there as WBGX seemed to be all music. **(HF-MI)**
- WGLL IN Auburn – 12/22 1605 – In multi-station mix (WFLR, WQTW, WNCA, WYTI, WKBH, WPTW, WNDA, UNID ESPN and FF) with local weather, “weather forecast brought to you by Steve Mueller Motors ... Grant Avenue in Auburn.” **(KK-VA)**
- WFLR NY Dundee – 12/22 1606 – In multi-station mix with “96.9 Finger Lakes Country WFLR” slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- WPTW OH Piqua – 12/22 1754 – In multi-station mix, “you’re listening to the greatest hits ...” by male DJ into oldie. **(KK-VA)**
- WKBH WI Holmen – 12/22 1737 – In multi-station mix, male “We are WKBH ... a new way to pray ...” ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 1580 WPKY KY Princeton – 12/22 1702 – In WJFK/WVLO mix with male “You’re listening to W... and 15-80 WPKY ... sports” ID. **(KK-VA)**



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Pan-American DX

- 570 **MEXICO** XEJB Monterrey, NL DEC 28 1258 – Song in Spanish with low audible het, dead giveaway it's Monterrey, 1300 confirmed by full ID with call letters XEJB, street address, into news headlines. WRTH 2014 says slogan is *Radio 570*. [Hauser-OK]
- 590 **MEXICO** XEPH *Sabrosita 590*, México DF JAN 1 1218 – Kiddie talk, commercials, male slogan ID. Briefly over *R.Musical Nacional*. [Krueger-FL]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEGD Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. DEC 28 1304 – Weather, then live DJ greeting listeners and families in various colonias around Parral, and Hidalgo, dominating frequency, ranchera song “Ay, mamá” by woman with quite a set of pipes; then, “Buenos días en XEGD, La Poderosa,” 1308 ID for 700, 90.3 and web from Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua. WRTH 2014 shows 5000/250 watts with that slogan, while IRCA 2012 had it as *Ke Buena*, 1000/200 watts. And Cantú shows 5000/1000, also *La Poderosa*. [Hauser-OK]
- 940 **PUERTO RICO** WIPR *Máxima 940*, San Juan JAN 3 0100 – Poor to fair; long jingle and ID, “...alegría original de la vida, esta es WIPR San Juan, Máxima 940, la emisora...” [Conti-NH]
- 960 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Guantánamo JAN 2 0520 – Weak under WFIR. Interestingly, running chimes instead of RR's again, a Thursday. [Krueger-FL]
- 980 **CUBA** COCO, La Habana-La Cruz JAN 1 1725 – Tune-in to Mexi-tunes program until abruptly dumping into Noticiero Nacional de Radio at 1800. Seemingly titled “Melodias Mexicanas” and apparently locally generated, as one clear mention of 91.7 FM. And their website appears to be stupid with no current listing of programming. [Krueger-FL]
- 1070 **MEXICO** unID DEC 26 1202 – Anthem in progress, male at 1203 but impossible copy. Suspecting XEEI *Antena*, San Luis Potosí from bearings. Lost in Cuba and domestics. [Krueger-FL]
- 1100 **CUBA** *R.Angulo*, Mayarí JAN 2 0607 – ID and mention of programa especial which was some cocktail jazz female vocals in Spanish. Poor, parallel better 1110 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1140 **CUBA** *R.Mayabeque*, La Salud JAN 2 0458 – Male ID 0458, with someone into Cuban anthem 0459, another beginning the anthem at 0500 and yet another closer to 0501. *R.Musical Nacional* faded up a little later parallel 590 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1170 **COLOMBIA** HJNW CARACOL Cartagena JAN 2 1148 – Rapid news by man, Caracol IDs. [Krueger-FL]
- 1170 **MEXICO** XEZZ *R.Hit*, Coatzacoalcos JAN 2 1154 – Mexi-tunes, slogan and mention of Veracruz and FM frequency, power both not copies, then national anthem from 1157. Some days there's another XE also here, starting the anthem consistently at 1200 UTC. [Krueger-FL]
- 1170 **MEXICO** unID DEC 30 1200 – Ending of anthem, XE-- call, faded but at 1202 another one up with anthem and it too was too deep in the mud to pull an ID. [Krueger-FL]
- 1190 **MEXICO** unID DEC 27 0043 – A Mexican is dominating the channel on non-directional car radio antenna, with news, 6:42 time check, federal PSAs, rumbling het from something off-frequency. Two best bets are XECT Monterrey and XEWK Guadalajara. [Hauser-OK]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XEHI Cd. Miguel Alemán, Tamps. DEC 27 0104 – On car radio, Mexican music and ID as “La Consentida,” for which XEHI is only match in the 2012 IRCA Log; that's right across the Rio Bravo from Roma, Texas. WRTH 2013, however, names XEHI “Mi Radio 1470, Puro Cañonazo,” but has no other 1470 as Consentida. What about Cantú? No Consentidas on 1470, tho I am positive that's the slogan I heard, and yet another identity for XEHI: La Caponera. What does Caponera mean? Random House says: “coop for fattening capons; gaol; place where one lives well free of charge.” Well, I'm sticking with XEHI = Consentida, as that's the very active identity currently on Facebook. Dictionary definition of which is over-indulged or spoilt, hardly something positive. In DXLD 13-36, Henrik Klemetz said words like consentida imply mistress. [Hauser-OK]

Cuba Observations by Krueger

All day December 25, *R.Reloj* was running the four descending chimes usually reserved for Sundays instead of the Morse RR sounders after each minute time marker, but oddly except for the first five minutes top of hour and bottom of hour when the RR's were used. A subtle albeit odd nod to it being Christmas?

While I've not heard 1140 *R.Ciudad Bandera* in a long time, the opening 1700 news item on *R.Relej* mentioned some upcoming program on *Bandera*, so presumably they are still on the air.

Like the above, *R.Sandino* is apparently still around (presumably FM only; years ago they were on highly variable 646-652 kHz as often observed from here). This per a mention on the *R.Guamá* news December 26 around 1150 on 990 kHz.

David Crawford's (Titusville, FL) synopsis of the Cuba logjam on 1140 kHz. Reception conditions on his east coast vs. my west coast of Florida to Cuba are always quite different. So far we have confirmed active on 1140: *R.Rebelde* (2x), *R.Bayamo*, *R.Musical Nacional*, *R.Mayabeque*, and *R.Surco*. "Ecos de Mexico" is a program on *R.Surco*. If you hear ranchera on 1140 outside of the scheduled program, after 0130 UTC (not sure when it starts and their website is down just now), it could be something else.

So far unconfirmed: *R.Ciudad Bandera* web scrub shows nominal sked is 0600-0100 local, i.e. 1100-0600 UTC. It begins Mo-Sa with a program "Mañanitas Mexicanas", i.e. yet another XE music program, that might stand out in the pileup, but an 0600 signoff might stand out also. Matanzas would be an easier shot from the west coast in general, of course.

R.Camagüey web scrub shows nominal sked is 0659-1300 local, i.e. 1159-1800 UTC. Sign-on would be the only way to catch this probably. This is probably a better shot from the east coast here. The 0700 local start along with me hearing an unID anthem at the odd time of 0000 UTC, i.e. 7 p.m., has me wondering if the programming block might be repeated 12 hours later.

R.Cadena Habana presumably replaced by *Mayabeque*.

R.Rebelde no. 3 conjectural based on varying relative audio delays, haven't heard 3 at same time thus far though.

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International News

ST. KITTS & NEVIS: 2014 WRTH lists 820 *R.Paradise* as inactive, and expected to return in 2014. TBN donated the station to Flowing Streams Church last April.

73 and Good DX!

Ultralight News

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One of the reasons why our Ultralightdx Yahoo group has had booming growth for over six years is because we have accepted many diverse challenges... from the basic challenge of DXing with a simple pocket radio (which all of us share) all the way up to the challenge of developing 21st Century antennas (and discovering innovative DXing sites) to make pocket radios surprisingly effective in Transoceanic DXing results.

Not all of us have the ability or desire to develop breakthrough antennas (or perform loopstick transplant operations), but the entire history of the Ultralight Radio DXing community has been one of amazing accomplishments – from Rob Ross' reception of 300 stations in one month on his SRF-59, Richard Allen's reception of multiple Longwave TA's from Europe and Africa on his 7.5" loopstick PL-360 in Oklahoma, and Allen Willie's reception of hundreds of TA's on his SRF-M37V in Newfoundland. When our late Co-Founder John Bryant was still with us he would constantly challenge each one of the Ultralightdx leaders (including me) to try something new – either in antenna work, DXing accomplishments or volunteer service.

John was an ex-Professor of Architecture at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, and he had a natural teaching style familiar to all those who knew him. John was the one who introduced me to DU-DXing in 2008, teaching me all the basics of how to track down exotic South Pacific DX right in the middle of the worst possible season – the dog days of summer. At the time it sounded like

science fiction to me, and I thought that John might be "pulling my leg" – but he was absolutely right!

I don't have anywhere near the accomplishments or leadership that John had, but he and I did share a fascination with antennas – especially monster antennas that could make Ultralight radios highly competitive in Transoceanic DXing. So, in the spirit of John Bryant, I would like to offer some links to articles that have inspired many Ultralight Radio DXers to really push the limits in antenna construction – including one article that John and I wrote together. As I have shared with anyone willing to listen, I'm convinced that the future of our Ultralight Radio community is very bright – and optimism and innovation will win out over pessimism and boredom every time. Sometime this winter, why not try something new to increase your Ultralight Radio DXing fun – maybe a new antenna, a new band (FM, SW or Longwave) or Transoceanic DX reception? The future belongs to those who are excited about it – one of the reasons why our Ultralight Radio Community has been one of the most vibrant segments of the AM-DXing community for many years!

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1. E100 Slider Loopstick (September 2008.) Co-authored with John Bryant, this article explains how to replace the E100 stock loopstick with a far more effective 7.5" Slider loopstick. Many of these highly sensitive models are still in DXing service today.

http://www.mediafire.com/view/nqggfm2jymc/YOU_CAN_DO_THIS_Building_the_Slider_E100.pdf

2. PVC Loops – The Low Cost Ticket to High DX Gain (August 2009.) Tired of expensive commercial antennas or pricey ferrite sleeve loops? This article will teach you how to build a dirt-cheap PVC air core loop with side sizes from 18 inches up to 9 feet... all of them (MW models) costing well under \$100. The 9' monster size loop was used here to receive 7 Medium Wave TA's in 2009-2010. <http://www.am-dx.com/ThePVCLoopOverallArticle.pdf>

3. PL-360 Plug-in 7.5" Loopsticks (June 2010.) Do you have a PL-360 model (with its plug-in antenna jack for AM and LW loopsticks)? This article will teach you how to replace the deaf midget loopstick with extremely effective 7.5" Medium Wave and Longwave plug-in replacements – with no modification required to the radio at all. 25 of the MW and 5 of the LW plug-in loopsticks were made here and sent out to PL-360 owners – many of which are still in use.

<http://www.mediafire.com/view/2cqwsqj0bvajf6k/7.5%20inch-LS.doc>

4. 7.5" Longwave Loopsticks (June 2011.) Detailed technical article describing the challenge and success in developing 7.5" Longwave-optimized loopsticks for the Tecsun DSP Ultralights. Includes basic instructions for building your own 7.5" Longwave loopstick PL-380 model.

<http://www.mediafire.com/view/845snah2h4ek9z9/7.5inLWLS.doc>

5. 7" FSL Antenna – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (October 2011.) Build your own 7" Ferrite Sleeve Loop antenna at a cost of under \$200. This detailed article has multiple Photoshop-enhanced instructional photos to guide you in creating a highly effective 7" FSL antenna.

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<http://www.mediafire.com/view/9ze98h293s85p86/5%20inch%20FSL.doc>

7. Supercharging the PL-380 – Detailed "Heathkit-like" Construction Article (October 2013.) Replace the midget stock loopstick in your Tecsun PL-380 with a far more effective 7.5" Medium Wave or Longwave loopstick transplant – and enjoy a new level of DXing success. Multiple Photoshop-enhanced assembly photos to guide you in the process of creating your own highly sensitive DXing portable – for under \$100 in assembly parts.

<http://www.mediafire.com/view/du3sr5cd9thqoau/7.5inch-LS-PL380.doc>

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* record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)

+ record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage
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<u>Station</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>DXer</u>	<u>DX Location</u>	<u>Miles</u>
<u>1230 kHz</u>				
WCMD MD	Cumberland	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	+422
KTRF MN	Thief River Falls	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	*981
<u>1340 kHz</u>				
WKCB KY	Hindman	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	*668
KROC MN	Rochester	Niel Wolfish	Toronto, ON	*650
<u>1400 kHz</u>				
WBIZ WI	Eau Claire	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	+766
<u>1450 kHz</u>				
WYNY PA	Milford	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	*282
<u>1490 kHz</u>				
KRIB IA	Mason City	Niel Wolfish	Toronto, ON	*692

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

Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for moderate activity through 25 January. Region 1936 is expected to rotate around the west limb on 04 January but the anticipated return of old Region 1928 keeps chances for M-class activity intact until 17 January when Region 1936 is scheduled to return and finish out the period.

A chance for a greater than 10 MeV proton event exists through 04 January. Flux levels at geosynchronous orbit are still slightly elevated and Regions 1934 and 1936 are in good position to produce further enhancement should they erupt in the next few days. Probabilities will drop significantly once these regions rotate around the west limb.

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

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be mostly quiet through 31 December. Quiet to unsettled conditions with isolated active periods are expected from 01 - 04 January due to a combination of a positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) and a possible weak impact from the coronal mass ejections (CMEs) associated with two filament eruptions observed early on 29 December. Mostly quiet conditions are expected throughout the period with possible unsettled conditions on 10 - 11 January, 14 - 17 January and 23 - 24 January when recurrent CH HSS features are expected to be geoeffective.

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