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DX Test: KCKM-1330 Monahans TX will test on Saturday, March 22, at 0100-0130 ELT, with 12 kW non-directional into a 5/8th-wave tower. The test will consist mainly of Morse code, sweep tones, and sound effects known to cut through the mud. There will be a few voice announcements spread out through out the test.

GM and station owner Bob Souza will accept reports. E-mail reports to bob@kckm1330.com are preferred (.mp3 attachments only, .wav are too big), but snail-mail reports will be accepted too at P.O. Box 990, Monahans TX 79756.

A verification postcard will be sent – a stamp to defray postage costs is always a good idea. (Thanks to Bob and Paul Walker.)

Unreported Domestic Stations – No changes this issue to our list of 538 full-service AM stations in the United States and Canada remain that have not been reported to DDXD since Volume 67 (1999-2000). The latest list is available on e-DXN.

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.

NRC Convention 2014: We still need a host for the

NRC convention in 2014. If no one comes forward to host soon, we may not have an NRC convention this year – so please think about whether you are interested. For more information, For information, contact Ernie Wesolowski at NEErnieW@yahoo.com or 13312 Westwood Ln., Omaha, NE 68144.

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 8.

From the Publisher: Where is everybody? The columns have been thin lately, and so have the *DX News* issues. Early February is a good sunset DX time ... turn on the radio, and let us know what you're hearing. We can only print what the members report! Let's have some nice full bulletins for the next few weeks.

VOL. 81 DX NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Member – Welcome to Tim Lewis, Wainscott NY.

Renewing Members – Thanks to the continued support of Shawn M Axelrod; Bruce A. Conti; Shaun Curry; D & L Computer Services; Scott Fybush; David B. Jansky; Kurt Johansson; John and Nancy Johnson; Terry Jones; Robert Leamy; David Legler; Rev. Edward A Soule; Brent Taylor; Tim Tomljanovich; and Wally Wawro.

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AM Switch

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

Some interesting things on the FCC web site this week:



CALL CHANGES

- 920 WCHR NJ Trenton – Call change to WNJE (11/13/2013).
 1040 WNJE NJ Flemington – Call change to WCHR (11/13/2013).
 1110 WYRM VA Norfolk – Call change to WKQA (1/31).
 1520 WVOH NC Spindale – Call change to WGTM (1/30) (station is silent).

NEW STATION WATCH

CP for new station on the air:

- 1690 WIGT VI Charlotte Amalie – CP for new station is on the air with U1 920/920.

On January 28, the FCC released detailed rules for the May 6 auctions for a number of AM CPs. The list of auctions and eligible applications remains as previously announced and reported in Issue 10. Amendments to the prior applications (including possible changes to powers, antennas, and proposed tower locations) will be accepted between February 19 and March 4.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CPs licensed and on the air:

- 740 WDGY WI Hudson – CP for D3 5000 is on the air.
 1330 KTON TX Cameron – CP for U4 2400/130 is on the air.
 1590 WPVL WI Platteville – CP for U2 970/470 is on the air.



Applications for license to cover CPs:

- 1340 WXFN IN Muncie – Applies for license to cover CP to replace tower.
 1340 KRMD LA Shreveport – Applies for license to cover CP to U1 400/400.

Application to amend CP:

- 960 WFIR VA Roanoke – Licensed for U2 5000/5000 with a CP for U2 10000/4400, now applies to amend CP to U2 10000/5000.

Application for new CP:

- 1590 WASB NY Brockport – Applies for U4 2500/1100 (licensed for U4 1000/1000).

Amendment to pending application:

- 1480 WSPY IL Geneva – Has a longstanding application to move to Millbrook IL with U4 500/250, now amends that application to U4 400/300, still to Millbrook.

CP expired and deleted:

- 1230 KLIC LA Monroe – CP to move to Richwood LA has expired; will remain in Monroe.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

- 1280 WOWZ VA Appamattox – Granted STA for temporary longwire antenna.
 1420 KSTN CA Stockton – Granted STA for U3 1000/1000 with night pattern used 24 hours.
 1590 WARV RI Warwick – Granted STA to operate with pattern at variance.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from WHYF-720 Shiremanstown PA (temporary longwire antenna); WSVG-790 Mount Jackson VA (U1 500/40); WELI-960 New Haven CT (parameters at variance or U1 1250/1250); WSHU-1260 Westport CT (temporary dipole antenna); WYOS-1360 Binghamton NY (U1 1000/100); WMNT-1500 Manati PR (unspecified), and WKTP-1590 Jonesborough TN (U1 5000/1250).

Previously reported applications to extend existing STAs were granted to WTBN-570 Pinellas Park FL, WARM-590 Scranton PA, WSGW-790 Saginaw MI, WRSS-1410 San Sebastián PR; WKIZ-1500 Key West FL, WJKN-1510 Jackson MI, and KUNX-1520 Port Hueneme CA.

SILENT STATIONS

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

- 1270 WSHE GA Columbus – Silent 1/15 pending completion of sale.
 1330 WGFT OH Campbell – Had returned to the air on 1/20, silent again on 1/21.
 1400 WPCE VA Portsmouth – Silent since 10/1/2013 after losing tower site.
 1500 WASN OH Youngstown – Had returned to the air on 1/20, silent again on 1/21.

Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are no longer silent:

- 1120 KEOR OK Catoosa – Dropped from the FCC silent list, no details given.

1280 WOWZ VA Appamattox – Silent since 1/28/2013, on the air 1/27 from temporary longwire.

Fines: WWFL-1340 Clermont FL, fined \$8,000 for failure to submit a response to past FCC notices of violation of rules.

License Renewal Problems: All AM and FM stations in Alaska, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Mariana Islands, Oregon, and Washington were required to file license renewal applications by October 1, 2013. The existing licenses of any stations in these places that failed to file for renewal expire on February 1, 2014. On January 30, the FCC published a list of stations that didn't file for renewal and therefore should be deleted on February 1, including KRSA-580 Petersburg AK, KJAL-585 Tafuna, American Samoa, and KSEW-950 Seward AK. We'll see if any of these stations panic at finding themselves on this list and come in with last-minute late applications

Also, WOLY-1500 Battle Creek MI had its license cancelled in 2006 for exactly this reason, and the ex-licensee been fighting the FCC ever since. A placeholder for WOLY popped back up in the FCC database this week, although nothing seems to have changed in WOLY's appeal.

Canadian news from Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys:

930 CJYQ NL St. John's – Off the air; transmitter fire 1/28.

And here are the latest *AM Radio Log* updates from Wayne Heinen – send him your updates at amradiolog@nrcdxas.org.

- 730 WZGV NC Cramerton** – Slogan to "ESPN 730 Charlotte."
- 810 WSYW IN Indianapolis**- Format to SS:REL (ex-SS:NOS), slogan to "Pescador 810."
- 820 WTNW TN Jasper** – Format to OLD (ex-C&W), slogan to "Good Times, Great Oldies."
- 850 WTAR VA Norfolk** – Networks to FSR/CM/RER.
- 860 KONO TX San Antonio** – Format to SPT (ex-Rock/OLD); nets to CS/Jr; slogan to "Sports Radio 860," drop // KONO-101.1.
- 880 WIJR IL Highland** – Slogan to "La Tremenda."
- 910 KKSF CA Oakland** – Networks to Nn/Fox/P/TRN.
- 950 WXGI VA Richmond**- Slogan to "Sports FM 100.5," add // WZEZ-100.5.
- 1060 WHFB MI Benton Harbor-St. Joseph** – Format to OLD (ex-TLK); delete slogan, nets, //s.
- 1140 WMMG KY Brandenburg** – Slogan to "Today's Best Country 93.5 FM, 1140 AM."
- KSOO SD Sioux Falls** – Slogan to "K-Sioux."
- 1160 WBYN PA Lehighton**- Slogan to "1160 Alive" and "The Light" (uses both).
- 1170 WFDL WI Waupun** – Slogan to "Oldies 103-3 and AM 1170." (BD)
- 1230 WODI VA Brookneal** – Format to SPT (ex-Silent), slogan "The Fan," nets to Vn/Cs/Jr.
- 1320 KOLT NE Scottsbluff** – Format to TLK/C&W/SPT (ex-TLK/C&W); add network FSR.
- 1330 KTON TX Cameron** – Format to SPT (ex-TLK); network to ESPN; drop // KTAE-107.7; add slogan and group // ESPN Central Texas. (DS)
- 1350 KABQ NM Albuquerque** – Networks to Nn/Fox/WW1/P.
- WCSM OH Celina** – Slogan to "Mellow 1350."
- 1380 WTJK IL South Beloit** – Format to NWS/SPT (ex-SPT); adds local news.
- 1400 WSAM MI Saginaw** – Format to NOS (ex-AC/EZL).
- 1420 WCED PA Du Bois**- Group // WCED Group. (BC)
- 1450 WNBPA MA Newburyport** – Format to OLD (ex-NOS).
- 1460 WIFI NJ Florence** – Network to IRN.
- 1490 WMPX MI Midland** – Format to AC/OLD (ex-NOS); slogan to "Sunny 97.7."
- 1560 WBYS IL Canton** – Format to Rock/OLD (ex-TLK/SPT); nets to A/Il/Agt/Bf.
- 1570 WIGO GA Morrow** – Format to UC:GOS/BLUES (ex-UC:GOS).
- 1580 WJFK MD Morningside** – Slogan to "CBS Sports Radio 1580," delete // WJFK-FM. (BD)
- 1640 KZLS OK Enid** – Format to TLK/OLD (ex-OLD); adds local talk.
- 1660 KRZI TX Waco** – Group: // ESPN Central Texas. (DS)

Group Revision (from DS)

// 1660 ESPN becomes ESPN-Central Texas: KRZI-1660, K256BW-99.1, KTON-1330, K265DV-100.9.

New Group

WCED Group – WCED-1420, W244CH-96.7, W300BR-107.9. (BC)

Wayne's thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale, Bruce Conti (BC), David Smoak, PD at ESPN-Central Texas (DS), and Bill Dvorak (BD).



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

REPORTERS

- BD-WI** Bill Dvorak, Madison WI. Drake R8B, Double Kaz antenna bearing 100 degrees.
GH-KS Gary Houdek, Munden KS. GE Superadio.
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*.
JDS-MN Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN. Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum Phaser, Quantum QX Loop v2.0, 80' Longwire N-S.
SMA-MB Shawn M. Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB. Icom ICR-70/Drake R8 3 Foot un-amplified box loop/Quantum QX LOOP v2.0/155 Foot "U" shaped outdoor wire /100 Foot indoor wire run around the basement walls/MFJ 1026 Phasing unit.

DX LOGS

- 540 WXYG MN **Sauk Rapids** – 1/22 1744 – Out of song: "Free Bird," Lynyrd Skynyrd. "AM 5-40 WXYG Sauk Rapids and worldwide at 540wxyg.com." (JDS-MN)
 570 WNAX SD **Yankton** – 1/22 1808 – Commercials including Community Oil Company in Rock Valley Iowa, and South Dakota office of Public Safety. Followed by "Five states strong. Your big friend 5-70 WNAX." Into program "Drive Time." (JDS-MN)
 650 CKOM SK **Saskatoon** – 1/22 1831 – Break in news report, "CKOM news time is 5:31. Right now in Saskatoon sunny, minus 21." Return to news. (JDS-MN)
 730 CKDM MB **Dauphin** – 1/22 1907 – "This hour I've got some great music coming at you from Sloan, Blake Shelton, and Of Monsters and Men. Right here on the Parkland's Best, 7-50 CKDM. First here's Trisha Yearwood with "I Would Have Loved You." (JDS-MN)
 750 WSB GA **Atlanta** – 1/25 0631 – Out of news, "WSB news time 6:31. Plan your weather week and your weekend. WSB meteorologist Kirk Mellish and Atlanta's most accurate forecast only on Atlanta's morning news on News Talk WSB. Depend on it." (JDS-MN)
 770 WABC NY **New York** – 1/25 0644 – Out of numerous gardening commercials, "This is Garden Center on 77 WABC." (JDS-MN)
 810 WGY NY **Schenectady** – 1/25 0702 – Out of news, "You're listening to Fox news radio. 7:02 on News Talk radio 8-10 and 1-0-3 WGY ..." (JDS-MN)
 880 CKLQ MB **Brandon** – 1/25 0735 – Out of weather forecast ending with current temperature in Brandon, minus 20 Celsius, 4 Fahrenheit. Into commercials including Vanguard Credit Union. "8-80 CKLQ West Man's voice for news." (JDS-MN)
 990 CBW MB **Winnipeg** – 1/28 1810 – Out of news "At 5:10, live from CBC Radio One 89-point-3 FM, 9-90 AM. This is *Up To Speed*." Followed by weather with temperature in Winnipeg, minus 19. (JDS-MN)
 1010 KIND KS **Independence** – 1/27 0211 – Just as I tune across, ID for "... Classic, KIND." That's Independence, in SE KS, not so far but still doing well for only 32 listed watts at night, vs 250 day, non-directional. Sure would be nice if we could believe listed night powers when we hear such stations. (GH-OK)
 1020 KDKA PA **Pittsburgh** – 1/28 1835 – "Now KDKA traffic on the fives. It's 6:35. Triple A traffic is powered by Bowser Hyundai." Followed by weather forecast ending with "7 degrees at Pittsburgh International." (JDS-MN)
 1030 WBZ MA **Boston** – 1/28 1843 – Out of CBS evening news. Into WBZ Traffic on the threes. Followed by commercial for Lexus of North Borough, and *Boston Globe Travel Show*. Then "WBZ news time 6:46. Snow on the coast tonight, perhaps six inches." (JDS-MN)
 1050 KLOH MN **Pipestone** – 1/27 0900 – Very good signals on top of CJNB with lunch menus for schools then local ads for Pipestone businesses. Then into local news and

weather. KLOH and Blazin' Country ID's and into country music. The band has been poor of late, but getting better today. **(SMA-MB)**

1070 WTSO WI **Madison** – 1/28 1857 – Out of Turbo Tax commercial. "Madison's home for the Dan Patrick Show. This is the Big 10-70 and the big1070.com." **(JDS-MN)**

1090 KAAV AR **Little Rock** – 1/18 0500 – Music station ID "KAAV Little Rock, a Cumulus station." Not often heard here. **(GH-KS)** 1/28 1922 – "Members of our listener club win prizes on 1090kaav.com. Join today." Followed by contemporary Christian music. **(JDS-MN)**

1090 WFCV IN **Fort Wayne** – 1/31 1927 – NEW. "Bott radio network. Spreading the good news across Northeast Indiana at AM 10-90." Into commercial for St. Gregory Retreat Center. **(JDS-MN)**

1140 KLTK AR **Centerton** – 1/28 0840 – Station in Spanish says it's now on two frequencies, 690 y 1140; O'Reilly's auto parts ad with jingle in Spanish; but mixed with another SS. At 1/29 0844 – Another SS station, "La Tremenda" with grocery prices, for Supermercado Las Américas, which we have previously matched with KLTK. Quick fade/outs/ins, during dynamic sunrise skip. 479 area code phones, matching NW Arkansas, 717-2885 and 759-6090; in between playing música romántica; 0850 UT as "Sensacional, Radio Las Américas, 11-40 AM," 0853 ID again by SHVA. At 0857 ID as "en dos frecuencias, 1140 y 1380 de amplitud modulada," more music. I

was quite sure the second frequency announced yesterday was 690; now it's not, but I am not positive of the second digit. **(GH-OK)**

1140 KCXL MO **Liberty** – 1/29 0837 – Ranchera music and Univisión promo for a newscast at 6:30 on 1140 y 102.9, La Poderosa, 16 grados, and then "Univisión Kansas City" mentioned! Ex-TLK/OLD as in NRC Log, but still // K275BQ-102.9. **(GH-OK)**

1140 KSOO SD **Sioux Falls** – 1/29 0903 – ABC news begins to overcome the Spanish on 1140, at 0904 KSOO.com plug and Rotorooter Sioux Falls ad; 0905 UT weather: hi 38, lo 13, snow; now 5 degrees, and lo tonight minus 4. **(GH-OK)**

1270 KTUZ OK **Claremore** – 1/23 1502 – During music, I get around to comparing KTUZ to its new parent, KTUZ-FM 106.7 OKC: 1270 is running a couple Spanish words behind, about right for a satellite-feed delay. You'd think AM could pull a direct off-the-air feed from FM? Not with a 106.9 Muskogee-Tulsa station in the way. **(GH-OK)**

1290 KIVY TX **Crockett** – 1/20 2300 – With music station ID: "KIVY Crockett, Texas," then into Fox news. **(GH-KS)**

1360 WIXI AL **Jasper** – 1/29 1901 – Fair with moderate QRM from multiple sources, with UC:OLD music; then faded to poor before giving a partially readable LID. One distinct word heard in the ID was "Birmingham"; that clue and the format pointed me to WIXI. So, I looked up the station's website and found streaming audio on it. I recorded an LID off the stream a few hours later, and comparing it to my off-air recording found it a match. The LID reads: "WJLD Fairfield-Birmingham, WIXI Jasper, a service of Richardson Broadcasting Corporation. The Heartbeat of the City." NEW! Station is authorized to run 42 watts at night, Over the past few months I have seen where other DXers have logged this one at night; could it be they are running their day power of 12 kw ND? **(BD-WI)**

1380 WABH NY **Bath** – 1/27 2159 – Good, battling it out with WJKG, with sports talk, LID into NBC Sports Radio update at ToH. NEW! Station was apparently running day power of 10 kW, making it an easy log here. Thanks to Barry McLarnon who in working on a spurs problem on 1370/1390 suggested WABH, and Tom Jasinski who posted on the lists that WABH was being clearly heard in the Chicago area. **(BD-WI)**

1550 WPFC LA **Baton Rouge** – 1/27 0141 – Ad for Subway catering with a 225-area code. Figured it would most likely be Springfield/Branson, but no, it's Baton Rouge LA! This is on the FRG-7 with E-W longwire, at the moment atop heavy CCI. So WPFC which is supposedly 42 watts night, 5000 watts day, non-directional; "Winning people for Christ." **(GH-OK)**

1580 WJFK MD **Morningside** – 1/27 0801 – Poor with only light unID QRM, with sports talk from CBS Sports Radio and LID at 0800. The ID mentioned two HD //s, WJFK FM 106.7 HD2 and WPGC 95.5 HD3. Needed call change, ex-WPGC and two



unlogged call changes since. Back in the '90's this station was a very solid regular in the mornings, easily the best heard MD station here. Then it disappeared for many years until this morning. Now I note in AM Switch #81-18 that it is currently operating non-directional at 25% power (12.5 kw days) under an STA. This could very well be why I heard it on this occasion. **(BD-WI)**

UNID

- 1200 UNID** -- 1/24 2027 – Big open carrier most obvious with WOAI nulled, and making fast SAH with it. 1/27 2033 – Tropical music segués, with WOAI nulled; at 2038, woman in Spanish about how to avoid divorce, apparently a counseling service, consejero, concludes with twitter and phone number only once: 1-800-829-2500, then romantic music. When WOAI fades a bit, this is well audible, otherwise making fast SAH. That phone leads to a religious book publisher, Bethany House. My suspicion is again WAMB Nashville TN, which just changed format from big bands. Probably the same one heard recently with open carrier after sunset. **(GH-OK)**

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

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

REPORTERS

- BC-NH** **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.
GC-NC **Gerry Conkling, Angier** – Grundig 800.
KK-VA **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop.
TLK-FL **Terry Krueger, Clearwater** – NRD-515, NRD-535, active loop.
PS-ON **Paul Snider, Welland** – Icom R75, 3 foot homemade loop.
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

- 790 unID** -- - 1/27 0644 – Someone with Nostalgia format here but nothing listed is obvious. Tune-in to BJ Thomas' "Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song" segued to "96 Tears" by ? and the Mysterians and faded out. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1699.7 unID** -- - 1/30 1720 – Someone speaking to an audience in a room with echoey acoustics, at a church or government function. Still haven't figured out this one, though it's received regularly. **(BC-NH)**

CATCH THE DRIFT

- 1130 KTLK MN** **Minneapolis** – 1/28 2100 – Off-frequency at 1129.92 kHz; no audio but clearly visible offset carrier with sidebands during quiet moments in WBBR audio. Hunted down by Jurgen Bartels of mwoffsets group. **(BC-NH)**
- 1150 WNLR VA** **Churchville** – 1/28 0600 – Off-frequency at 1150.131 kHz; signal popped up suddenly, a sign-on or power increase, producing a loud het against 1150 WWDJ. Offset ID'ed by Barry McLarnon of mwoffsets group. **(BC-NH)**

TIS/HAR

- 1670 WQDG293 CT** **Old Saybrook** – 1/24 1800 – Fair; monotone female voice, "... WQDG293 in Old Saybrook, part of the Connecticut Department of Transportation

highway advisory radio network broadcasting on 1670 AM." New log. (BC-NH)

- 1710 WF2XTR LA **Morgan City** – 1/30 1730 – Occasionally fading in over *R.Celestial* and WQFG689; repeating message, "You're listening to a test broadcast on a travelers information radio station ... broadcasting 24 hours a day on a special AM frequency licensed by the Federal Communications Commission." Listed in the FCC database as an experimental station with 150 watts. New log. (BC-NH)

LOGGINGS

- 600 WCAO MD **Baltimore** – 1/26 1730 – In CKAT mix with paid programming promoting all types of miracle cures, "Heaven 6 hundred" slogan. (KK-VA)
- CKAT ON **North Bay** – 1/26 1739 – In WCAO mix with C&W songs, "Today's best country CKAT" slogan. Noted again at 1846 with hockey game. (KK-VA)
- 610 WXVA VA **Winchester** – 1/26 1710 – In WIP/CKTB mix with enjoyable variety of songs, "it's simple, if it's good we play it. 6-10 WXVA" station promo. (KK-VA)
- CKTB ON **St. Catharines** – 1/26 1759 – In WIP/WXVA mix with station promo: "This is news talk 6-10 CKTB. Niagara's place to talk." (KK-VA)
- 620 WHEN NY **Syracuse** – 1/26 1727 – In multi-station mix (WDNC, WKHB, WVMT, other UNIDs) with station promo: "having a whole lot of radio fun right here at 'Power 6-20'. Central New York's only R&B radio station." (KK-VA)
- WDNC NC **Durham** – 1/26 1901 – In multi-station mix with typical ESPN radio programming, female "AM 6-20 'The Buzz'" slogan. (KK-VA)
- 690 WJOX AL **Birmingham** – 1/30 0600 – Under CKGM; "WJOX Birmingham, a Cumulus station." (BC-NH)
- WZAP VA **Bristol** – 1/23 1659 – End of Light of Life Broadcast, ToH ID and IRN news. Mixing with Fox Sports station (WJOX-Birmingham, I assume). No sign of CKGM-Montreal. (NjW-ON)
- 710 WFNR VA **Blacksburg** – 1/23 1659 – Commercial for New River Plumbing in Radford, promo for Rush Limbaugh, "Talk of the NRV 710 WFNR Blacksburg-Christiansburg, a Cumulus station" ToH ID and ABC news. No sign of WOR-New York. (NjW-ON)
- 780 WCKB NC **Dunn** – 1/25 1700 – Over WBBM after WAVA-Arlington had signed off with tail-end of Gaither Homecoming Gospel Hour and ID. More gospel music at 1701. (NjW-ON)
- 880 WMDB TN **Nashville** – 1/27 1755 – // webstream with Ranchera music battling it out with WCBS. ID in English at 1758. (NjW-ON)
- 910 KLCN AR **Blytheville** – 1/27 1759 – Promo for Southern gospel show which also mentions 860-KOSE and 96.3-KHLS. Poor. Last heard during Bush-Cheney Administration. (NjW-ON)
- 930 WRVC WV **Huntington** – 1/25 0700 – Poking through nulled WBEN-Buffalo with "AM 930 WRVC ... your home for the Marshall Thundering Herd" ToH ID. (MKB-ON)
- 940 WMIX IL **Mount Vernon** – 1/27 1758 – Four Seasons' "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You" followed by ToH ID: "The Saturday sports show lives here: AM 940 WMIX Mount Vernon, a service of Withers Communications. Over WCPC-Houston MS. (NjW-ON)
- 950 WYWY KY **Barbourville** – 1/24 2315 – Gospel music, ID at 2317 "WYWY" repeated twice, into more music. Poor. (PS-ON)
- 1060 WILB OH **Canton** – 1/25 0800 – Over KYW and CHUM-1050 slop with "Living Bread Radio ... AM 1060 WILB ... Catholic radio for northeast Ohio" ToH ID into Catholic Answers Live show. (MKB-ON)
- 1230 WFXN IL **Moline** – 1/27 1800 – Faded up with ID/promo: "This is Fox Sports Radio WFXN Moline ... take us anywhere you want with the I Heart Radio app." (NjW-ON)
- 1260 CKHJ NB **Fredericton** – 1/28 1804 – Over dueling sports talkers with C&W songs, "Fredericton's Country station KHJ" slogan. No one will ever confuse them with LA's legendary KHJ-930. (MKB-ON)
- 1290 WDZY VA **Colonial Heights** – 1/28 0801 – Noted over WHIO-Dayton with "AM 1290 WDZY Colonial Heights-Richmond" ID twice. Seems to back on the air with religious programming. (NjW-ON)



- 1300 KGLO IA **Mason City** – 1/23 1659 – Promo for Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game featuring the Mason City Mohawks vs. Marshalltown. Mixing with WXRL. (NjW-ON)
- WJZ MD **Baltimore** – 1/25 2325 – Assumed, various sports scores, many mentions of “CBS Sports Radio 1300”, into sports talk show. Good to poor. (PS-ON)
- WXRL NY **Lancaster** – 1/29 2346 – C&W music, ID by a young woman “... country WXRL,” more music. Poor with unknown talk station. (PS-ON)
- 1310 WTIK NC **Durham** – 1/28 0801 – Faded up over CIWW-Ottawa with Spanish talk. ID in EE at 0802, which also mentions 94.3, followed by ID in SS. (NjW-ON)
- 1340 WNZS ME **Veazie** – 1/30 0600 – Fair; “Newsradio 1340 WNZS Veazie-Brewer-Bangor,” into ABC news. (BC-NH)
- WMBN MI **Petoskey** – 1/28 0800 – ID: “You’re listening to the all new Ticket, AM 1340 WMBN Petoskey, your home for Tigers baseball.” ID from WJRW-Grand Rapids heard right after WMBN’s. (NjW-ON)
- WMBO NY **Auburn** – 1/29 0500 – Fair; “WMBO Auburn, AM 1340 WBTL” and all-Beatles music. February 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Beatles’ first visit to the U.S. (BC-NH)
- 1350 WCMP MN **Pine City** – 1/27 1759 – Same Four Seasons song as on 940-WMIX (presumably same Dial Global satellite service) followed by ID: “WCMP Pine City full service information radio at 1350”, then jingle into ABC news. (NjW-ON)
- 1410 KQV PA **Pittsburgh** – 1/29 0500 – Through WPOP; “You’re listening to Newsradio 1410, KQV Pittsburgh.” (BC-NH)
- 1420 WCED PA **Du Bois** – 1/25 0500 – Fair; “For over 70 years, the tri-counties’ news and information station, News/Talk Radio WCED Du Bois, W300BR Du Bois, W244CH Rockton.” New log. (BC-NH)
- 1440 WZYX TN **Cowan** – 1/23 1800 – Weak with ToH ID that also mentions 94.5 and Fox news. (NjW-ON)
- 1450 WLYV IN **Fort Wayne** – 1/23 0800 – Weak with ID: “AM 1450 WLYV Fort Wayne – Catholic radio” (NjW-ON)
- 1470 WNYN NY **Ithaca** – 1/25 2248 – Promo for campaign to pedal for kid’s cancer, ad for internet company, 2249 clear WNYN ID. Very poor. (PS-ON)
- 1490 WMPX MI **Midland** – 1/28 0636 – Spot for Mid-Michigan golf show sponsored by Sunny 93.7, WMPX/WMRX ID followed. (NjW-ON)
- 1500 KSTP MN **St. Paul** – 1/27 1702 – Over usual WFED/WLQV one-two pest punch with ESPN Sports Center, ad for United Credit Consultants “... right here in the Twin Cities.” (MKB-ON)
- 1540 WBTC OH **Uhrichsville** – 1/28 2258 – Ads, clear ID heard at 2259 “WBTC,” into news. Very poor with KXEL & CHIN. (PS-ON)
- CHIN ON **Toronto** – 1/24 2206 – “This is C-H-I-N Toronto and on FM 91.9.” Normally CHIN doubles with KXEL from Waterloo, IA. This is the first time I’ve actually had a clear ID on CHIN. (GC-NC)
- 1590 WARV RI **Warwick** – 1/21 2132 – Weather update for New England, clear ID “1590 WARV,” into possible religious talk. Poor, mixing with a mess of stations. (PS-ON)
- 1670 WOZN WI **Madison** – 1/27 1700 – Fair; “The new home of Rome, Jim Rome, weekdays from 11 ‘til 2, on WOZN Madison, WOZN-FM Mount Horeb, The Zone,” CBS Sports Radio “Sports Flash,” then local sports talk, “This is where Wisconsin sports fans come to talk, it’s the Bill Michaels Show.” (BC-NH)
- 1680 WOKB FL **Winter Garden** – 1/29 2000 – Under WTTM; lively gospel music, “WOKB Winter Garden-Orlando.” (BC-NH)



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Trans-Atlantic DX

- 1017 **SPAIN** RNE synchros JAN 30 2159 – Fair; new age instrumental bumper, marker and Spain/Canaries time check, “24 Horas, Radio Nacional de España, Miguel Angel Domínguez.” [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** SER synchros JAN 30 0120 – Telephone talk hosted by a woman, piano interludes, time marker at bottom of the hour while talk continued, parallel 1116 kHz. Not great reception, but better than usual with the 1030 WBZ HD digital signal off. 2138, good with 1050 WEPN nulled, WBZ HD digital still off; ‘Hora 25’ promo. [Conti-NH]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 29 0257 – Fair; telephone talk, “Good morning mate...” and talk about Merseyside, then promo for next hour about World Cup into news headlines. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 29 0150 – Good; telephone talk about Liverpool football injury and scoring goals, at 0159, “Coming up in the next hour, we’re talking Manchester United...” into news, weather, and sports headlines, parallel a weaker 1053 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros JAN 28 2235 – Good; ‘24 Horas’ and *R.Nacional de España* announced. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 unID JAN 28 0259 – Signal faded in briefly with a woman in English talking about payroll, later heard a “dot com” mentioned, but too much interference from Spain. First guess would be one of the *AFN* Germany stations. [Conti-NH]
- 1215.18 **ALBANIA** CRI Fllakë JAN 28 2300 – Loud het against 1215 *Absolute Radio*, measured 1215.182 kHz; carrier off promptly a few seconds past the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules JAN 28 2242 – Fair; conclusion of English program with a gospel vocal. 2245 one cycle of TWR interval signal and off. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba JAN 25 0128 – Barely audible het upon 1520 KOKC, presumably Saudi. 9 kHz steps further down the band did not uncover any other TAs. [Hauser-OK]
- 1547.85 **UNITED KINGDOM** BBC *R.Bristol*, Mangotsfield JAN 29 0245 – Bits of talk, otherwise just a het against 1548, measured 1547.854 kHz. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 730 **MEXICO** XEHB Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. JAN 31 1334 – Couple of PSA’s, then an announcement of an opening in the sales department at Radiorama; then into Mexican music with canned slogans such as “Ke Buena, 107.1 FM, 730 AM” and MST time checks in between songs. Good peaks with fading. [Wilkins-CO]
- 780 **MEXICO** unID JAN 26 1159 – Seemingly an XE, with the odd format of – at tune-in – Blondie’s “Heart of Glass” followed by a quick female canned blurb mentioning “punto...” so presumably an FM simulcast (seemingly too brief for a URL), into “Dancing On the Ceiling” by Lionel Richie. Signal lost in the jumble of others. Pointed east/west. [Krueger-FL]
- 780 **MEXICO** XEMTS *R.Fórmula*, Tampico, Tamps. JAN 27 1139 – Female network newscast with pulsing synth between items, DF news, then Latina American news on Cuba and Perú, weather at 1143, out of net feed at 1144 and male mention of Grupo Fórmula, so surely XEMTS which has been logged here previously. Into Spanish ballads, so seemingly not the same as the unidentified. [Krueger-FL]
- 790 **MEXICO** unID JAN 26 1158 – National anthem, weak in the mess. Equally weak with Mexi-tunes at 1155 on the 27th, 1154 the 28th. [Krueger-FL]
- 820 **MEXICO** XEABCA Mexicali, BCN JAN 31 1359 – National anthem in progress; then a string (around 10 or so) of 30-second gobierno PSA’s; finally at 1405, an ID as “ABC Radio” and into a talk program, apparently local, with mentions of Mexicali and an occasional “Canal 820 ABC Radio” ID. Generally fair but trashed at 1415 when local 810 KLVZ powered up. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1520 **COLOMBIA** HJLI *Libertad*, Bogotá JAN 17 0900 – With WWKB off this was dominant with romantic female vocal, then “este Bogotá Colombia, este es Libertad... quince veinte kilohertz... Libertad... la Colombia...” by a man, then into what sounded like a commercial

or promo with mentions of Colombia, then back into more vocal music. Another unID Spanish station was heard underneath. [Saylor-PA]

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International News

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS: 1690 WIGT Charlotte Amalie, CP for new station, had the license granted by the FCC on January 30, and so is now officially on the air. [David Yocis, NRC *AM Switch*] WIGT (920 watts) and sister 97.9 WGOD-FM Charlotte Amalie are *Three Angels Broadcasting Network* (3ABN) owned stations, with affiliate and/or co-owned stations worldwide. [http://3abn.org/networks/3abn-radio/3abn-radio-affiliates/]

73 and Good DX!

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued January 27, 2014 – For the period January 27-February 22, 2014

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

Solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels overall. Moderate to high levels are possible from 27 January through 09 February with the return of old Regions 1946 and 1944.

The greater than 10 MeV particle flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to remain at background levels during the forecast period. The threat of a solar energetic particle event is expected to be greatest between 03-10 February as old Region 1944 crosses the central meridian into a more potentially geoeffective position.

The greater than 2 MeV particle flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at low to moderate levels through most of the period, with the exception of 03-05 February when a chance for high levels are expected due to recurrence.

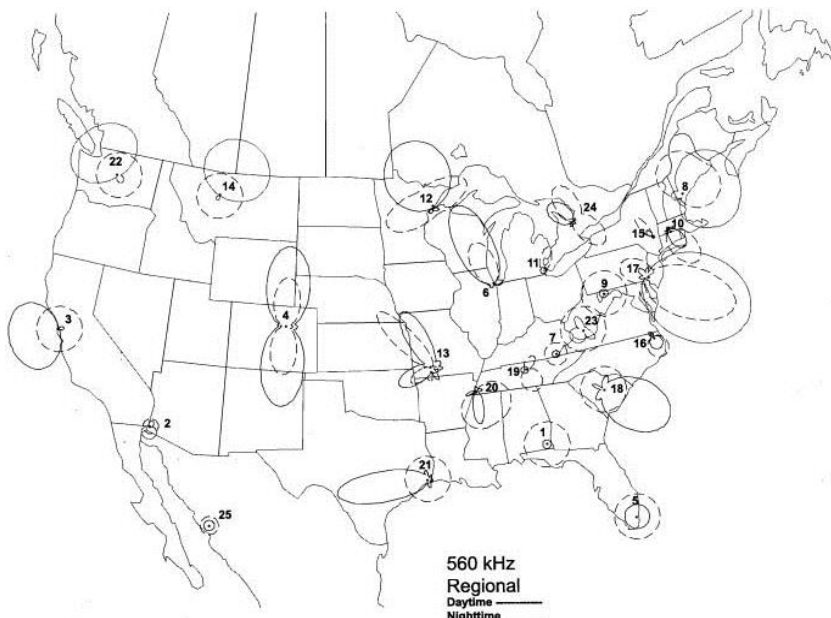
The geomagnetic field is expected to begin the period at quiet to unsettled levels, with a chance for active periods on 27-28 January, in response to a small coronal hole high speed stream. By 29 January, a return to mostly quiet conditions is expected. Recurrent high speed solar wind streams are expected to bring unsettled conditions with a chance for active levels on 07-08 February and 17-18 February. Mostly quiet conditions are expected to prevail for the remainder of the period in the absence of transient features.

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.



Searching for Musical Gold on AM Radio

Rebecca Rothbaum, *Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 10, 2014,

It was the kind of ingenious playlist that strings together unexpected songs—familiar but not overplayed—skipping genres and eras in the name of a greater musical logic, the perfect soundtrack to a weekend road trip outside the city.

Except this wasn't a well-crafted iTunes mix or recommendations spit out by Spotify, but an AM radio station in the Hudson Valley and a reminder that even in this digital age, the scratchy radio band still offers some musical gold, though it may take some digging to find.

Radio listeners long ago decamped for FM, and of those still tuning in to AM, few are there for the music. Only two of the New York area's 11 AM radio stations have music formats, as opposed to talk, news and sports, and their audiences are decidedly niche: the gospel station WLIB and Radio Disney.

"News and talk are dominant, because they're the easiest ways to make money," said Ron Simon, curator of television and radio at the Paley Center for Media in New York. "But there are other little pockets that can do their own thing."

Venture out of the city and you'll find them. These small, independently owned stations tend to play an idiosyncratic mix that reflects their owners' personal interests and, in some cases, record collections. The music leans toward jazz, blues and country of a vintage that somehow sounds better over the crackle of AM—the kind of music you might hear in a retro-minded bar in Bushwick or the Lower East Side.

These stations may be few and far between, but where else would you hear Dusty Springfield's "I Only Want to Be With You," followed by George Jones's "When the Grass Grows Over Me" and Cleo Brown's "Boogie Woogie"?

The following are three New York-area AM stations to tune in on your next road trip. All of them broadcast from beyond the five boroughs, but are within a few hours drive of the city, or a click away on the Internet.

WHVW-950 Hyde Park, NY. Listening to WHVW can be a dislocating experience, as if through some snag in the time-space continuum, you've stumbled on a station broadcasting from a sepia-toned past.

The tiny station, powered by just 500 watts during the day and 57 at night, only plays music recorded before 1970, much of it on vinyl and dating back to a time before television.

"Digital sucks, especially when you get into MP3s," said owner J.P. Ferraro, 65, who also prefers reel-to-reel tape for prerecording shows. (In addition to his hyperbolically named afternoon show, "Pirate Joe's Country Music Radio Show and Old Blues and R&B Extravaganzo," he hosts a classical-music program in the evenings.)

An AM radio station devoted to early 20th-century music might not be a recipe for commercial success, but Mr. Ferraro has always broadcast from the fringes. In the early 1970s, he ran a pirate radio station in Yonkers, N.Y., that earned him his nickname and a year's probation.

"I'm one of those people who find it hard to engage in something they don't like," he said in a phone interview from the station, which operates out of a former department store on Poughkeepsie's faded Main Street.

Although he has struggled to keep the station going, working with a minimal budget and volunteers, it has allowed him to combine his twin passions for old records and radio. "It's the history of American music," he said, "keeping a great part of the American culture alive."

WRIV-1390 Riverhead, NY. When WRIV began broadcasting in 1955, listeners in the Long Island town of Riverhead tuned in to hear big band hits. Today, the station's programming has crept up through the decades, if only slightly. "Taylor Swift is a very talented woman," said owner and morning host Bruce Tria, 57, "but you're not going to hear her on this station."

Mr. Tria, who previously worked at an FM oldies station in Sag Harbor, bought the station in 1987 with his father Vincent for \$220,000 ("cheaper than a house," as he put it). He takes inspiration from the radio days of his youth in Commack, when he listened to WNEW, the influential AM station out of New York best known for playing standards by artists like Frank Sinatra and Lena Horne. "All I ever wanted was to be the guy on the radio," he said.

WTBO-1110 Warwick, NY. A red barn is the appropriately rustic setting for WTBO. Broadcasting out of rural Warwick, it's the home of shows like "Hootenanny Café," which features local folk musicians, and an equestrian-themed Saturday-morning talk show. Still, owner Frank Truatt points to the station's diverse programming, from jazz to underground '80s music. "I wanted to treat the listeners intelligently," said Mr. Truatt, 59. A longtime local radio DJ, he bought the station in 1994 from owner and polka star Jimmy Sturr, who still has a popular syndicated show on the station.

Despite the addition of an FM translator in 2008 that allows the daytime station to play around the clock, Mr. Truatt said many listeners tune in on AM. "They like the sound of it," he said. "The FM sounds like you're listening to a CD in your living room. AM sounds like radio used to sound."

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