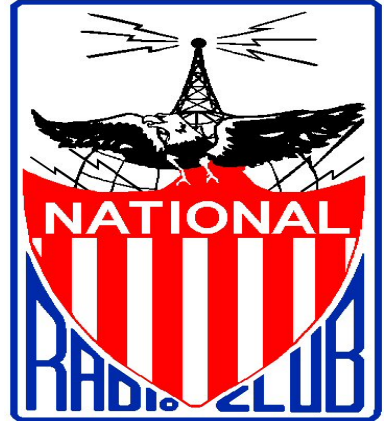


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DX Tests: Via Ron Musco, **WFNY-1440 Gloversville NY** will be testing again on Saturday, February 22, from 0000 to probably around 0100 ELT. Test will feature Morse Code IDs and old rock-and-roll music. Owner Mike Sleezer has a nice QSL card now! Reports to WFNY@frontier.com; P.O. Box 746, Gloversville NY 12078; and/or (518) 725-1108. This one has been heard well on past tests. Thanks to Mike and Ron!

Also, **KCKM-1330 Monahans TX** will test on Saturday, March 22, at 0100-0130 ELT. Details in both past and upcoming issues.

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. For more information, see page 9.

Unreported Domestic Stations – This issue we have three stations reported to DDXD for the first time at least since Volume 67 (1999-2000): WCSR-1340, WEXL-1340, and WRSW-1480. Back down to 537 on the list. Can you report one?

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.

From the Publisher: We have one more weekly issue and then we'll be biweekly for the next few issues. Please be sure to check the publishing schedule (to the right) for deadlines. Column editors send their material on Fridays (the "in by" date); the Monday masthead is in the right column, but the PDF

version is usually posted to e-DXN.com on the Saturday after the deadline (i.e., a week or so before the official masthead date).

THE DX TIME MACHINE

75 Years Ago: From the February 27, 1939 issue of *DX News* – Ike Davis in Elkart, Texas experienced his best-ever "Down Under" morning on Feb. 18, with a couple dozen Australia and New Zealand stations logged.

50 Years Ago: From the February 22, 1964 issue of *DX News* – Glen Kippel in Palm Springs CA noted receiving Beijing-1040 daily on his car radio at 5 a.m.; Mike Bugaj in Middletown CT got a big package in the mail from NDR-1586.

25 Years Ago: From the February 27, 1989 issue of *DX News* – Roy Millar's lifetime graveyard channel loggings appeared in GYDXA, including more than 20 Eastern time zone stations heard in Washington State.

10 Years Ago: From the March 1, 2004 issue of *DX News* – Dave Braun's "DXer's Notebook" discussed various audio processing software packages that were available and how to use them to dig IDs out of audio tapes.

VOL. 81 DX NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

"May all the IBOC just go away! Here's my renewal for another year." – John Butler.

New Members – Welcome to James Carlson, Fairbanks, AK; and Steve Olson, Watertown, SD.

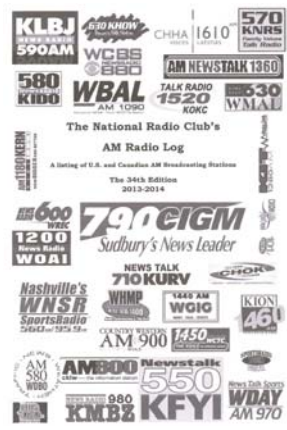
Renewing Members – Thanks to the continued support of Walt Breville, John K. Butler KF6GNI, Stephen Francis, George A. Santulli, and Tom Walsh.

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AM Switch



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

No call changes this week, but some other FCC news:

NEW STATION WATCH

Application to modify new station CP (not on air).

1180 KCKQ NV Reno – CP for new station (U2 7500/950), applies to modify CP to U2 4000/190, changing CoL to Sparks NV, moving to KPLY-630 towers (39-34-25/119-50-48).

CPs for new stations expired and deleted:

1180 CP OR Jacksonville – CP for new station (U2 50000/1300) expired and deleted.

1460 CP WI Shawano – CP for new station (U4 1000/620) expired and deleted.

STATIONS GOING DARK

590 KZHS AR Hot Springs – Voluntarily surrendered license per 2/7 letter to the FCC.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CP on the air:

1410 WZBR MA Dedham – CP for U1 610/25 is on the air, moving from Brockton MA (has been operating with program test authority and IDing as Dedham for some weeks).

CPs built, applications for license to cover/program test authority filed:

1080 WRYT IL Edwardsville – Applies for LTC for CP to U7 500/2 (ch 380).

1230 WSKY NC Asheville – Applies for LTC and PTA for CP to move to new site.

New CP granted:

1470 WBCR TN Alcoa – Granted CP for U1 1000/77 from new site (35-46-04/84-00-57).

Application to amend previously granted CP:

810 WRSO FL Orlovista – Licensed for U4 10000/400 with a CP for U4 20000/1000, applies to modify CP to U4 20000/400, modifying day pattern and dropping plans to change licensed night authorization.

Applications for new CPs:

1230 WENY NY Elmira – Applies for U1 1000/910 (licensed for U1 1000/1000, but has been operating with STA since tower was damaged by a tornado in July 2012).

1400 WPCE VA Portsmouth – Applies to move to towers of WCPK-1600/WHKT-1650 at 36-48-10/76-16-58, remaining U1 1000/1000.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

1190 KNUV AZ Tolleson – Granted STA for pattern at variance; vandals stole copper ground radial system.

1300 WBOW IN Terre Haute – Applies for STA with U1 350/58 from tower planned for 640 and 1230 CPs (39-29-21/87-25-10); lost licensed tower years ago.

1570 WIZK MS Bay Springs – Granted STA for D1 1000; transmitter problems prevent full power operation and silent station needs to broadcast to preserve license.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from WETC-540 Wendell-Zebulon NC (parameters at variance and/or reduced power); KFXD-630 Boise ID (parameters at variance); WQNO-690 New Orleans LA (U1 2500/1250 from temporary antenna); WLRO-1210 Denham Springs LA (night pattern at variance); and WSMN-1590 Nashua NH (unspecified).

Previously reported applications to extend STA were granted to KTCT-1050 San Mateo CA, WTTL-1310 Madisonville KY, and WLQR-1470 Toledo OH.

SILENT STATIONS

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

1400 WSPG SC Spartanburg – Silent 1/11, tower collapsed.

1490 WOLF NY Syracuse – Silent 2/1 to allow “ample time to transition to the new format.”

1570 KBRI AR Brinkley – Silent since 10/8/2013, tower taken down when a garbage truck ran into one of the guy wires.

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

1570 WIZK MS Bay Springs – Silent since 2/10/2013, back on the air 2/8 with STA.

Last issue we ran the latest FCC silent list; maybe the FCC now reads *DX News*, because they took the hint and dropped WQOM-1060 from the silent list (as we pointed out, the station has been on



the air for years). Additionally, Bruce Conti notes that WHFB-1060 and WKAL-1450, both on the FCC silent list, are on the air, while Dave Schmidt observes that WSRV-1550 is silent, but not on the FCC list.

Fines: WLS-890 Chicago IL, fined \$44,000 for failing to disclose that 11 broadcast items sounding like news reports were actually paid advertisements.

Other FCC news: The FCC received around 150 comments regarding its proposals for revitalizing the AM radio service, and has extended the deadline for reply comments to March 20.

CANADA

- 580 APP AB **Edmonton** – Application for new station withdrawn, probably only temporary to make some technical changes.
- 1010 CFRB ON **Toronto** – Shortwave relay CFRX-6070 is back on the air!

And here are *NRC AM Log* updates from Wayne Heinen; contact him directly with any changes you may observe at NRCAMLog@nrccdas.org.

- 540 WFLF FL **Pine Hills** – Adds // W273CA-102.5 (ex-// W283AN-104.5).
- 610 WXVA VA **Winchester** – Format: Rock/OLD (ex-OLD).
- 620 WDNC NC **Durham** – Slogan to "The Buzz"; networks to ESPN/Ns.
- 630 KHOW CO **Denver** – Networks: Adds Fox News, drops ABC. (JH)
- 650 KENI AK **Anchorage** – Adds // K253CA-98.5.
- 660 WAMO PA **Wilkesburg** – Slogan to "Whamo 100."
- 710 WFNR VA **Blacksburg** – Networks to A/DR/Ru/P/CM/TRN.
- 730 WUMP AL **Madison** – Networks to CS/Jr.
- 810 WRSO FL **Orlovista** – Add Slogan and Group: // 810 CBS Sports Orlando.
- 920 WGKA GA **Atlanta** – Slogan to "Talk 920."
- 930 WGAD AL **Rainbow City** – Format to AC (ex-GOS).
- 970 WNIV GA **Atlanta** – Slogan to "Faith Talk."
- 1140 KCXL MO **Liberty** – Format to TLK/NOS/SS (ex-TLK/OLD). (GH)
- 1140 KPWB MO **Piedmont** – Format to C&W (ex-OLD); slogan/group to // Kickin` Country 105. (GH)
- 1150 KEIB CA **Los Angeles** – Networks: Adds Fox News.
- 1190 WAMT FL **Pine Castle-Sky Lake** – Format: ETH (ex-NWS/TLK); delete networks.
- 1220 KPJC OR **Salem** – Slogan to "Hebrew Nation."
- 1340 WMBO NY **Auburn** – Format to Rock/OLD (ex-All Beatles); slogan/group to // The Dinosaur
- 1350 KLHC CA **Bakersfield** – Slogan to "Radio Vida Abundante."
- 1380 WABH NY **Bath** – Adds // WQRS-98.3.
- 1400 WLTA GA **Alpharetta** – Slogan to "Faith Talk."
- 1440 WZYX TN **Cowan** – Networks to Fox/WW1.
- 1450 KYLS MO **Fredericktown** – Format: to C&W (ex-OLD); slogan/group to // Kickin` Country 105. (GH)
- 1490 WOLF NY **Syracuse** – Drops // WMBO-1340.
- 1490 WMOA OH **Marietta** – Slogan to "Local Radio 1490."
- 1600 KIVA NM **Albuquerque** – Adds // K240BL-95.9; drops // K255AU-98.9.



New Groups

- // The Dinosaur – WMBO-1340, WNDR-FM-103.9, W237AY-95.3.
- // Kickin` Country 105 – KPWB-FM-104.9, KPWB-1140, KYLS-1450. (GH)
- // 810 CBS Sports Orlando – WRSO-810, W229CA-93.7, W226BT-93.1.



Bruce Portzer on IRCA e-maillist (via DB) writes: Family Radio outlet KARR-1460 Kirkland WA, will leave the air at the end of February. According to on-air announcements, the shutdown is due to "a number of factors", most notably the non-renewal of the lease for the transmitter site.

It's not clear whether this is related to Family Radio's financial difficulties. KARR's transmitter site is in the middle of a residential area, so the property owner may have other (more financially rewarding) uses in mind for the land.

It will be interesting to see what impact there will be on Radio Disney KKDZ-1250, which shares the site with KARR at night."

Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale. Dave Braun (DB), Glenn Hauser (GH), Joan Heinen (JH).

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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-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*.
JEL-MO J E Lewis. Kansas City MO. Honda Odyssey car radio.
JJR-WI John J Rieger, South Milwaukee WI. Icom IC-R71, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner, preamp.
JR-OK John Reed, Shawnee, OK. AOR AR7030, homebrew tuned loop, Clifton Labs active whip.
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
RS-UT Ron Schiller, W7SGU, St George, UT. 2014 Kia car radio.
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 LOGGINGS

- 590 **KXSP** NE **Omaha** – 2/1 1400 – Daytime DX, weak under KLBJ with ESPN sports news with Omaha given as location. **(JR-OK)**
- 590 **WROW** NY **Albany** – 2/12 2259 – Fair, dominating normally crowded frequency just before ToH, with nostalgia music, singing jingle LID into CBS news. I have heard this one with weak signals below WKZO and/or CJCL several times lately, but the singing ID's are hard to read. Tonight, no problem. NEW! **(BD-WI)**
- 610 **KCSP** MO **Kansas City** – 2/2 1410 – anytime DX with news and ads in the Kansas City area, weak under strong IBOC QRM. I thought I heard them ID as WDAF, their old call which I remember, having grown up in Kansas City. **(JR-OK)**
- 690 **KGGF** KS **Coffeyville** – 2/8 2031 – Open carrier, dead air obviously from my nearest, KGGF, allowing WLW IBOC noise to be heard unimpeded by ancient amplitude modulation. This *could* go on for hours and hours, as heard from KGGF in the past, e.g. during a ballgame except no ballgame, just the local commercial inserts; and OC overnight. I haven't bothered to log it lately, but it's still signing off with patriotic music other than NA, and taps shortly after 0100 (local midnight), but not cutting the carrier then. **(GH-OK)**
- 730 **WZGV** NC **Cramerton** – 2/12 0619 – Poor;-no CKDM, for a change. ESPN fare. "ESPN 730 Charlotte" at :25 past the hour. **(JJR-MI)**
- 810 **WQIZ** SC **St. George** – 2/12 0614 – Poor in WGY null. EWTN *Sunrise Morning Show*, nationwide weather report. Only EWTN affiliate. **(JJR-MI)**
- 850 **WEEI** MA **Boston** – 2/11 2259 – Fair below KOA, with LID including slogans "ESPN 850" and "ESPN on WEEI" into ESPN Sports Center at ToH. NEW! A very big surprise. Although this station is 50 kW, its pattern throws almost all of its signal either to the northeast or out into the Atlantic. **(BD-WI)**
- 880 **KLRG** AR **Sheridan** – 2/11 0903 – "Gospel 880, KLRG and K233BF, 94.5 FM, Sheridan-Little Rock" (rather than KHAC despite NM/AZ on 770 and 660). WTFDA FM Database confirms the parallelism, but CoL of K233BF is really Greenbrier, with 185 watts. That's way north of LR beyond Conway AR on Hwy 65, and unlikely to reach LR at all. Of course, Sheridan is as far south of LR, but 50 kW daytime will certainly do the trick on 880. **(GH-OK)**
- 960 **KNEB** NE **Scottsbluff** – 2/7 0859 – "Bringing you the Farm and Ranch Expo February 7 and 8, this is 960 KNEB Scottsbluff-Gering, your trusted voice for news;" ABC news followed at 0900. Fair in QRM with local KRWZ-950 IBOC still turned off. **(JW-CO)**
- 970 **WWRK** SC **Florence** – 2/12 0611 – Fair & rather strong. "Swagga" radio slogans. Hip Hop/R&B music. Alone on freq. **(JJR-MI)**



- 1070 CHOK ON **Sarnia** – 2/13 2157 – Poor with weather for Eastern MI, with temperatures in both Centigrade and Fahrenheit, then quickly fading into some very weak UNID's. Usually either Wichita or Hannibal come in or rarely Indianapolis, although the only times I have gotten WFNI were in the morning. CHOK runs 10 kW with an airplane propeller pattern aimed NNW/SSE. Rare. **(JEL-MO)**
- 1110 KYKK NM **Humble City** – 2/14 0906 – Area news; call letter ID mentioning also 100.5 FM. Fair at best and mixing with a fading KFAB. **(JW-CO)**
- 1210 KGYN OK **Guymon** – 2/13 0841 – Ad for Macy's, so what's this? Surely not KGYN, no Macy's in little Guymon OK --- yes, it is KGYN, since next ad is local for mace! KGYN has been behaving itself lately, not really audible at night with null toward NYC. Official FCC February SR/SS is 0830/1930. It's also audible weakly on daytime groundwave. **(GH-OK)**
- 1350 KWMO MO **Washington** – 2/11 0705 – Poor; news sounder w/woman and "KWMO" clearly heard. In/out. **(JJR-MI)**
- 1380 KSRV OR **Ontario** – 2/11 1045 – With clear "Oldies 1380;" ID and music of that genre. **(RS-UT)**
- 1400 KCYK AZ **Yuma** – 2/11 1040 – "Outlaw Country," country music atop Las Vegas station. **(RS-UT)**
- 1410 WNWZ MI **Grand Rapids** – 2/11 0654 – Poor "More Music Mornings" ... Rite-Aid ad, 2 PSAs. "...from Grand Rapids, you are listening to 1410 on AM;" Once WGRD years ago, not heard here in years! **(JJR-MI)**
- 1410 CJWI PQ **Montreal** – 2/13 1918 – Poor signals fading up over CKSL with lady in French // their internet feed. Nice way to celebrate International Radio Day with a brand new catch! **(SMA-MB)**
- 1550 KUAZ AZ **Tucson** – 2/11 1055 – NPR programming well atop the frequency. **(RS-UT)**
- 1570 WWCK MI **Flint** – 2/13 0059 – Poor to fair, complete fade at times, some QRM from suspected fellow MI station WFUR, with *The John Batchelor Show*, ad for michiganbacktowork.com, partially readable LID into ABC news at ToH. Partial legal included station's website URL supertalk1570.com (calls were readable, though not city). Night power is only 179 watts ND, not far below its 1 kw ND daytime facilities. NEW! **(BD-WI)**
- 1580 KOKB OK **Blackwell** – 2/8 1937 – Talk about OSU basketball, during game? atop some QRMusic (MusiQRM?), so must be KOKB Blackwell, part of Triple Play Sports originating in Stillwater. BUT: its usual sibling, KOKP 1020 Perry is not //, instead Fox Sports Radio, and so is the third station, KOSB 105.1 FM, nominally Perry, which I can easily hear. Normally the three match, but optionally split away for games, especially when two or three are playing at once, but why put OSU BKB only on the farthest station from Stillwater, which is allegedly only 49 watts at night? O yeah, maybe a blackout in hometown. Website is down when I try to check on game schedules, as if I cared for any purpose but this log. 2/10 1637 – KOKB is dead air as heard on the car radio, enough carrier to quieten the channel compared to some neighbors modulating. Recheck about 24 hours later on Feb 11, it's back to sports talk. **(GH-OK)**
- 1600 KIVA NM **Albuquerque** – 2/12 1930 – Seemingly alone with string of local ads for hot tubs, Italian restaurant, etc. **(RS-UT)**
- 1660 KRZI TX **Waco** – 2/6 1340 – Daytime DX, weak signal under electrical interference with ESPN sports news. The loop had to be oriented just right in azimuth and elevation to obtain reception. **(JR-OK)**
- 1680 WPRR MI **Ada** – 2/6 2200 – Political talk with right wing slant along with call ID and news. ID given as "Public Reality Radio." **(JR-OK)**

UNID

- 870 UNID -- 2/8 2027 – Country love song with WWL talker nulled, but fading. From NRC *AM Log*, best bet by format, proximity, direction and legal night operation is: KPRM Park Rapids MN, 40/1 kW. **(GH-OK)**

Only one more weekly issue left after this. Fewer issues, but still lots of DX to be heard. Thanks to all of this week's contributors. See you next time. **(JDT-WA)**



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 Toronto, ON M6G 3X8 CANADA
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.
- TF-NH** **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** – Grundig S-450 DX, Grundig AR 200 loop
- KDF-IN }**
KDF-MI } **Karl D. Forth, traveling in Michigan, northern Indiana and north-western Ohio** – Kia Optima car radio
- KDF-OH }**
HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Midland** – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- KK-VA** **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop.
- FV-OH** **Fred Vobbe, Lima** – Perseus SDR, TTFD 90' antenna, 2010 Silverado pickup truck radio
- MKB-ON** **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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TIS/HAR

- 1630 WQOJ279** **ME Portland** – 2/13 0600 – Over/under KCJJ; "This is travelers information station WQOJ279 located in Portland, Maine, and operated by the Maine Department of Transportation." FCC database lists status as dismissed. **(BC-NH)**
- 1680 WQOQ596** **VA multiple locations** – 2/10 0500 – Through WTTM open carrier; repeating message, "You are listening to V-Dot Highway Advisory Radio on 1680 AM ... license numbers WQOQ385 and WQOQ596 ... dial 511." **(BC-NH)**

CATCH THE DRIFT

- 1379.7 WFNW CT** **Naugatuck** – 2/10 1550 – Loud het against 1380.0 WNRI with local 1370 WFEA nulled; Portuguese pop/folk music parallel web stream. Measured at 1379.714 kHz. **(BC-NH)**

LOGGINGS

- 560 WQAM FL** **Miami** – 2/12 0000 – Fair; "WQAM Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, and WPOW HD2 Miami, download the iRadioNow app at WQAM dot com," and CBS Sports Radio sports flash. **(BC-NH)**
- KWTO MO** **Springfield** – 2/12 0059 – On top of channel with nobody challenging them. Promo for Mon-Sat show on "KWTO Springfield-??" then into CBS news. New log. **(FV-OH)**
- 600 WREC TN** **Memphis** – 2/12 0059 – Very tough copy, with occasional QRN. After playing it back a few times I could hear "EC Memphis" and then into what sounded like the Fox Radio News theme. New log. **(FV-OH)**
- CKAT ON** **North Bay** – 2/10 0601 – Good; "Today's best country, Country 600 CKAT North Bay," and "Today's best country, Country 600 CKAT, North Bay's news and sports leader," into local news. **(BC-NH)**
- 630 KYFI MO** **Saint Louis** – 2/12 0059 – Good copy of KYFI alone on channel with ID, "You've found the right station for B.B.N. KYFI, St. Louis," then into gospel song. **(FV-OH)**
- 720 WHYF PA** **Shiremanstown** – 2/9 1659 – In WGN mix with EWTN religious programming, man with "Sharing our faith ... AM 7-20 WHYF Shiremanstown Harrisburg ..." ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 730 WJTO ME** **Bath** – 2/12 1640 – "Chanson d'Amour," "Rock and Roll Waltz," other oldies mixed with CKAC, WACE, and others, very weak signal, cluster format is characteristic of this station, signal gone before owner (and NRC Member) Bob

Bittner's classic legal ID at the top of the hour featuring seagulls and the sound of surf, a first for me! **(TF-NH)**

- WZGV NC Cramerton** – 2/9 1625 – Presumed in WTNT/CKAC mix with Clemson Tigers v. Syracuse Orangemen college basketball game. **(KK-VA)**
- 740 WNOP KY Newport** – 2/9 1759 – In CFZN, WRNR and oldies (probably WMBG) mix with religious singing, male "this is Sacred Heart Radio 7-40 WNOP Newport ... online and mobile streaming at sacredheartradio.com" ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- WRNR WV Martinsburg** – 2/9 1629 – In mix with CFZN, WNOP, and oldies (probably WMBG), "Doing What Works" program. Man with "Talk radio WRNR Martinsburg FM 106.5 AM 7-40 Comcast cable channel 10 and talk radio wrnr.com" ID into Olympic report. **(KK-VA)**
- 750 WQOR PA Olyphant** – 2/7 1638 – Stations of the Cross with female soloist, good signal. **(TF-NH)**
- 760 WCHP NY Champlain** – 2/12 1708 – Praise songs, commercial for Emmanuel Christian School in Montreal, at 1715*, the following sign off with a male and a female announcer alternating sentences: "Radio Station WCHP now concludes its broadcast day. WCHP is owned by Champlain Radio, Inc. Studios, transmitter, and offices are located in Champlain, NYWCHP operates on an assigned frequency of 760 kHz as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC. Join us tomorrow as we broadcast the great good news of Jesus Christ." After a few seconds of the open carrier, all that could be heard was WJR. **(TF-NH)**
- 790 WKRD KY Louisville** – 2/12 0600 – Fair; "Your dial's locked on Cards Radio 790 WKRD Louisville, available anywhere you go on the iHeart radio app, download it now," into Fox sports. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WTNY NY Watertown** – 2/10 1805 – Over usual Allentown, PA pest WAEB et al with "... it's all here on 790 WTNY" station promo into Dave Ramsey show. **(MKB-ON)**
- WPIC PA Sharon** – 2/11 1800 – Under WPRV; "You are listening to News/Talk 790 WPIC Sharon-Hermitage, a Cumulus station," then heard WPRV ID which is also "... a Cumulus station." **(BC-NH)**
- 860 KKOW KS Pittsburg** – 2/12 0059 – Very hard copy with announcer "This is George ??? and you're listening to KKOW Pittsburg-Joplin," followed by CBS News. **(FV-OH)**
- 900 WCME ME Brunswick** – 2/4 1635 – Into "Walk Away Renee" by Left Banke, ID for "Radio 9, WCME," commercials for Evening Star Cinema on Main Street in Brunswick and -?- Family Medicine, ID for "A new radio station, Radio 9, WCME," into another cluster of music, no sign of CHML, first time heard here. **(TF-NH)**
- 920 WMMN WV Fairmont** – 2/12 0059 – Tough copy thru local splatter. Announcer: "Listen to us around the clock on 9-20 AM WMMN Fairmont." Could not identify network, but I could sort of hear a Fox News intro, but not sure if it was from WMMN. **(FV-OH)**
- 930 WHLM PA Bloomsburg** – 2/10 1701 – Fair; "Band on the Run" by Wings, "Newsradio 930 WHLM, the full service giant, with music, news, weather, school closings, local sports, Phillies baseball, and the Morning Buzz," singing "93 WHLM, the voice of Columbia County," into local news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 940 WINE CT Brookfield** – 2/9 1715 – "CBS Sportsradio" slogan, ads for US Tax Shield, A Place for Mom at 1-800-395-3063, Degree Solutions at 1-800-908-0541, Wave Ventilation Units and an ID for "940-WINE and 1510-WPUT," all mixed with an UNID station airing the "Brain Health Show." **(TF-NH)**
- WIDG MI Saint Ignace** – 2/7 1730 – Very weak signal, mention of EWTN and the Ave Maria Hour, soon lost. **(TF-NH)**
- WADV PA Lebanon** – 2/7 1702 – ID for WADV, Lebanon, PA, and into what sounded like preaching, very weak signal, mixed with gospel music from another station. **(TF-NH)**
- 960 WFGL MA Fitchburg** – 2/7 1706 – Songs of praise, over/under WELI, finally an ID for "Renew FM" and the "5:00 o'clock Power Hour" by a very inexperienced young lady announcer, more music, soon gone, new station for me here. **(TF-NH)**
- 970 WWRK SC Florence** – 2/13 0000 – Through WZAN and others; multi-station ID, "Swagga Radio 94.1 WRZE Kingstree, W290CD 105.9 Darlington, 97.9 W250BJ Florence, 970 WWRK AM Florence, Swagga Radio is real meaning of hip-hop," and urban/rap music, ex-WJMX news/talk. **(BC-NH)**
- 1030 WWGB MD Indian Head** – 2/11 1730 – In WBZ null; *Radio Poder* ID, Spanish contemporary Christian/gospel vocals parallel web stream. **(BC-NH)**

- 1060 WHFB MI **Benton Harbor** – 2/13 0600 – Under KYW fade heard “We are AM 10-60 WHFB Benton Harbor, with news from (RGM??)” and into news. I’m assuming they are powered up to 5kw, and not on 1w night power. Impressive signal. **(FV-OH)**
- CKMX AB **Calgary** – 2/13 0601 – Over/under KYW; standup comedy, “The all new... 1060 AM is CKMX and CFVP Calgary, a division of Bell Media.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1080 WKJK KY **Louisville** – 2/13 0600 – Very strong signal with ID “Thanks for listening to Talk Radio 1080, WKJK Louisville, available anywhere you go on the iHeart radio app. Download it now.” Then 3 seconds of 1 kHz tone, and into CBS news. **(FV-OH)**
- 1090 KAAZ AR **Little Rock** – 2/12 0259 – Heard what sounded like ID saying “AM 10-90 KAAZ Little Rock, the most powerful station AM station ... ???,” and into deep fade. **(FV-OH)**
- WTSB NC **Selma** – 2/13 *0600 – Under WBAL; sign-on, “Our tower and transmitter is located on Powhatan Road, Clayton ... This is WTSB AM 1090 Selma-Smithfield, North Carolina,” and SRN news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1100 WGPA PA **Bethlehem** – 2/10 1800 – Under WTAM; jingle ID singing “WGPA Bethlehem.” **(BC-NH)**
- 1110 WGNZ OH **Fairborn** – 2/14 1751 – Over usual WBT with country-gospel songs, promo for concert at Greenview Calvary Tabernacle in Dayton. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1150 WAVO SC **Rock Hill** – 2/11 1800 – Under WWDJ; “You’re listening to WAVO ... the greatest hits ever made, WAVO Rock Hill-Charlotte.” New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1170 WCXN NC **Claremont** – 2/10 1648 – Bouncy Spanish music through the ToH, weak signal, mixed with WWVA, lots of commercials in Spanish, soon gone. Presumed, but only station on 1170 listed with a SS format. **(TF-NH)**
- WWVA WV **Wheeling** – 2/12 0059 – Dominating channel but after they gave their ID, they had no audio for about 30 seconds. During which time I clearly heard an ABC News intro. **(FV-OH)**
- 1240 WSYZ ME **Millinocket** – 2/13 1800* – Fair; sign-off, CBS Sports Radio jingle, “This concludes another broadcast day on WSYZ AM 1240. WSYZ AM is owned and operated by Katahdin Communications Incorporated with offices and studios on Lake Road in Millinocket, Maine,” and instrumental Star Spangled Banner. I’ve heard WSYZ sign on at 0600 too. So regular daily broadcast schedule is apparently 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **(BC-NH)**
- 1270 WLIK TN **Newport** – 2/12 0059 – I liked getting this new log. Announcer “This is WLIK in Newport” followed by a music bed, then into NBC News. **(FV-OH)**
- 1280 WFAU ME **Gardiner** – 2/13 0500 – Fair; “With a playlist of over 6000 songs, this is the memories station, 1280 WFAU Gardiner-Augusta,” and nostalgia. **(BC-NH)**
- 1300 WLXG KY **Lexington** – 2/12 0059 – Excited announcer “This is ESPN Radio 13-hundred WLXG Lexington,” followed by ESPN Network sports. **(FV-OH)**
- 1310 WIBA WI **Madison** – 2/12 0259 – LARGE open carrier (-64 dBm) which was not present at 0059. Through it I heard the ESPN announce give the ID “Talk 13-10 WIBA Madison, you can get us anywhere with the iHeart App, available anywhere.” Then Fox news (not sure news was WIBA). **(FV-OH)**
- CIWW ON **Ottawa** – 2/13 0200 – Buried down in noise a weak male voice, “AM 13-10 CIWW a division of Rogers Communications,” then a female voice doing Olympics coverage. New log. **(FV-OH)**
- 1320 CJMR ON **Mississauga** – 2/13 0600 – Could only catch a portion of the ID: “You’re listening to CJMR, ??? the voice of ???,” which was surfacing from behind another station in the pauses. **(FV-OH)**
- 1330 WYRD SC **Greenville** – 2/13 0200 – ID was down in noise but I could copy “WORD and W??? Greenville” and what sounded like SRN Radio News. New log. **(FV-OH)**
- 1340 WCSR MI **Hillsdale** – 1/31 1400 – Unreported station heard with various oldies songs, ID, local news and AP news, heard near Bryan, OH. **(KDF-OH)** Presumably “unreported” refers to the Unreported Domestic Stations list of stations that have not appeared as DDXD loggings since Vol. 67 (1999-2000). Mike.
- WEXL MI **Royal Oak** – 1/31 1130 – Unreported station heard with ID, Gospel WEXL mention, Miracle Revival Hour, religious and gospel programs, heard in Allen Park, MI. **(KDF-MI)**
- 1360 WKYO MI **Caro** – 2/13 0500 – Jingle cutting through jumble, singing “WKYO Caro.” New log. **(BC-NH)**

- WWOW OH Conneaut** – 2/13 1800 – Under/over WYOS and WDRC; oldies, ID with jingle, "You're listening to WWOW Conneaut." New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1370 WWCB PA Corry** – 2/11 0400 – Fair; "Serving Corry and all of northwestern Pennsylvania and southwestern New York... since 1955, this is 1370 AM WWCB Corry," and oldies. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- WPAZ PA Pottstown** – 2/11 0600 – Fair with local WFEA nulled; "1370 AM WPAZ Pottstown," and an a cappella Christian hymn. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1390 WEOK NY Poughkeepsie** – 2/10 1700 – Fair; "True Oldies 1390, WEOK Poughkeepsie, let the music play 24 hours a day, this is America's True Oldies Channel." **(BC-NH)**
- 1420 WTCR WV Kenova** – 2/11 1800 – Over/under WHK; local news ending, "Newsradio 800 WVHU," and "Your home for the Ohio State Buckeyes, Fox Sports 1230 WIRO Ironton." **(BC-NH)**
- 1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis** – 2/13 0200 – "This is CBS Sports 14-30 WXNT AM Indianapolis, WZPL-HD3 Greenfield Indianapolis" ToH ID into CBS Sports "Flash." **(FV-OH)**
- 1440 WFNY NY Gloversville** – 2/4 1700 – IRN News, into oldies, atop frequency. **(TF-NH)**
- 1470 WSAN PA Allentown** – 2/4 1716 – Way atop frequency with WNYW with Fox Sports until night pattern change. **(TF-NH)**
- 1480 WRSW IN Warsaw** – 1/31 1500 – Unreported station heard near Elkhart, with local PSA, ID, ESPN Network program. Not a good signal at this short distance. **(KDF-IN)**
- WZRC NY New York** – 2/4 1711 – Songs in an Oriental dialect, atop briefly and mixed with WSAR and other stations. Soon gone, the signal from four towers in Ridgely Park, NJ is very directional away from here so unusual!! **(TF-NH)**
- WRCK NY Remsen** – 2/4 1655 – Ads for Camilla's Café in Utica, Utica Comets Hockey, Liberty Coins and Jewelry, 823 Albany Street, Utica, an ID for WUSP, Utica, another station, and WRCK, Remsen and "All sports, all day" slogan. Signal clobbering WSAR. **(TF-NH)**
- 1540 WDCD NY Albany** – 2/10 1700 – Fair; "Serving New York state and southern Ontario, you're listening to WDCX-FM Buffalo, WDCX HD1 Buffalo, and WDCZ AM Buffalo, WDCX AM Rochester and WDCX HD1 Rochester, and WDCD Albany." **(BC-NH)**
- 1550 WTTC PA Towanda** – 2/11 1700 – Fair after WNTN s/off; "WTZN Troy, WTTC Towanda, no subscription, no credit card, no charging, just turn on the radio and crank it up, the greatest hits of all time on your True Oldies Channel." New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1560 WAGL SC Lancaster** – 2/11 1800* – In WQEW null; "America the Beautiful," and sign-off announcement, "This is WAGL Lancaster, South Carolina, concluding another day's broadcast service to the heartland of Carolina. WAGL is owned and operated by the Palmetto Broadcasting System Incorporated, and operates on clear channel 1560 at AM radio's top authorized power of 50-thousand watts. WAGL is proud to serve the people of Carolina as one of America's most powerful radio stations. We invite you to join us again tomorrow morning on clear channel 1560 for the best in music, news, and sports." **(BC-NH)**
- 1570 WNCA NC Siler City** – 2/11 1801 – Fair; weather center forecast, "At the top of the hour, you're with WNCA Siler City at the top of your dial." **(BC-NH)**
- 1690 WVON IL Berwyn** – 2/11 0005 – News One Now program; ID spots at 0012. Peaks on top mixing mainly with CHTO-Toronto in Greek. WPTX Lexington Park MD also in, plus an UNID oldies station. **(HF-MI)**



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Pan-American DX

- 539.85 **NICARAGUA** *R.Corporación*, Managua FEB 13 0500 – Loud het against 540 WFLF; choral national anthem, then off. First time received with audio. [Conti-NH]
- 800 **BONAIRE** *PJB TransWorld Radio*, Kralendijk FEB 7 0210 – Spanish religious programming. Good signal peaks. [Beu-TX]
- 870 **CUBA** *R.Rejoj*, multiple sites FEB 12 0300 – Good; "Radio Reloj," beep, "Exactamente diez de la noche, en el año 56 de la revolución transmite Radio Reloj, desde la Habana, Cuba." [Conti-NH]
- 1040 **CUBA** unID FEB 12 1100 – In a jumble of signals; Cuban wobbling and choral national anthem. *R.Mayabeque* the only Cuban listed on 1040 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1140 **MEXICO** XEMR Monterrey, NL FEB 10 1350 – I am trying again to hear any Spanish from Kansas City. There is dominant Spanish here but considerable interference, which could be from KC, but more likely from opposite XEMR, which is holding up later than usual today. It's a monolog sermon about fe, which keeps running past 1400 until 1404 UTC quick conclusion with jingle 'Vida Santa' as name of program, or was it Vida Sana? Possibly a real ID followed at 1406, but fading into the jumble. The Cantú list specifies transmitter town for numerous Monterrey stations if elsewhere, such as Apodaca NL for XEMR, and Guadalupe NL for several others. [Hauser-OK]
- 1170 **MEXICO** XEZZ *R.Hit*, Coatzacoalcos, Ver. FEB 8 0900 – Poor but briefly readable with WWVA off the air; "En Radio Hit, son las tres en punto..." Thanks to Chuck Hutton and Horacio Nigro at RealDX for help with ID. New log. [Conti-NH]
- 1170 **MEXICO** unID FEB 9 1158 – Anthem up, damaged by WAVS power up. FEB 10 1150 – Mexi-tune, anthem from 1156-1159, with another weaker Mexican beginning the anthem just as this one was ending. Unable to copy any IDs. [Krueger-FL]
- 1210 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Chivirico, Santiago de Cuba FEB 9 1212 – About a second behind the strongest 1180 *R.Rebelde*. [Krueger-FL]
- 1220 **CUBA** *R.Caribe*, La Fe, Isla de la Juventud FEB 11 0050 – Cuban vocals, female canned, "Radio Caribe, desde la Isla de la Juventud..." at 0100 UTC. Heard on 1220 where they've been for ages. They are listed in the old EcuRed there. However I've also heard them on 1210, first time was about two years ago and parallel 1220 kHz. [Krueger-FL]
- 1230 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, La Palma, Pinar del Río FEB 11 0052 – Cuban vocals with flutes, parallel 640 kHz. Fair. [Krueger-FL]
- 1550 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde* multiple sites FEB 9 1138 – Fair, parallel 1180 etc. [Krueger-FL]
- 1550 **CUBA** *R.Rejoj*, unknown site FEB 9 1141 – The mystery unlisted site heard sporadically here, RR's nearly five seconds slow on the minute mark, under *R.Rebelde*, WRHC, and WAMA (all Spanish). [Krueger-FL]
- 1620 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites FEB 9 0134 – Spanish with Waco/Omaha nulled, soon partial ID as "punto 7, sensacional," and music. Expected *R.Rebelde*, but not parallel 5025, which is in a slow-paced ballgame with crowd noise, presumed base, since keywords such as *faul*, *bola*, *aut*, *bateador*, which does match the *Rebelde* pileup on 1180 kHz. And 6030 *R.Martí* is not in a game this Saturday night. Therefore I conclude that this 1620 is instead relaying the FM side of *Rebelde* on 96.7 from Habana, probably the 5 kW Guanabacoa outlet. Cuba only ventured into the x-band originally to block WDHP Virgin Islands relaying *Martí* at limited times; does it still? [Hauser-OK]
- 1650 **MEXICO** XEARZ México, DF FEB 10 0215 – Instrumental version of Michael Jackson song, typically strong signal in Austin. Programming is non-stop instrumental music in the evenings with "ZER Radio" IDs. Glenn Hauser expressed interest in this one so tuned it in. [Beu-TX]



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International News

BENIN: Programme aired from ELWA via the facilities of 1566 TWR Parakou, noted FEB 1, in a vernacular language and lasted until 0326 UTC, ended with *Radio ELWA* Liberia announced twice plus presumed address. 0327 back to TWR. Don't know whether this is transmitted on a regular basis. Nothing on their website in this regard. Got a reply from ELWA, "Thank you for your email. We are on a 1 kilowatts shortwave transmitter. Our frequency is 4760 kilo Hertz on the 60 meter shortwave band. – Moses Nyantee," but this leaves me along with my 1566 story. Maybe a take over from TWR and ELWA is not aware of it? [Stefan Schliephacke, MWC via Jim Renfrew]

SPAIN: COPE Puertollano, Ciudad Real, had closed its medium wave transmitter due to electricity costs. The 5 kW transmitter with call sign EAK-23 was broadcasting on 1134 kHz. This network continues having MW coverage in this province through the main Ciudad Real outlet of COPE (EAK-22, 1269 kHz, 10 kW), as well on 97.5 FM. [Guillermo Sáez, mediumwave.info via Jim Renfrew]

SPAIN: *Radio Inter*, EAJ-29, 918 kHz from Madrid, Spain, is being observed broadcasting since 2200 UTC (23 hours local) China Radio International in Spanish, but not parallel with short wave 7210, 7250, and 9645 kHz. Also, this station seems that had reduced, one time more, their power output (less than 10 kW). [Guillermo Sáez, medimwave.info via Jim Renfrew]

73 and Good DX!

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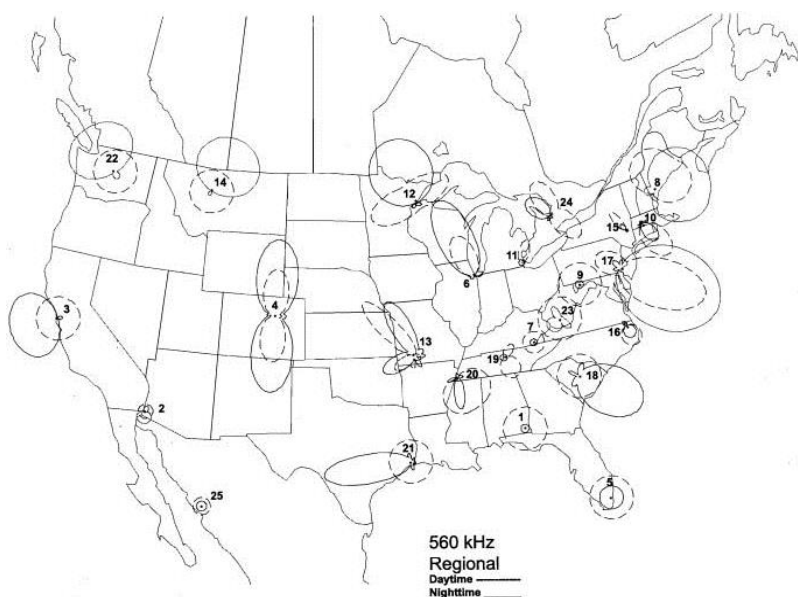
I thought I would jot down a few words for the Musings and let everyone know I'm still around. I've been battling a few health issues, including loss of voice. Not good when you announce. Feel free to e-mail, but phone calls might have to be very short. I have to thank Mark Durenberger for encouraging me to buy the Perseus SDR. Since I work 6AM to 4PM Mon-Fri, (sometimes longer), overnight DXing is impossible. The Perseus has been rewarding me with many good catches and the opportunity to stay in the hobby. Best catch was a double play from Decatur IL of WJZ and WSOY which graced the tuner. Besides DXing I also have been home brewing audio equipment, and researching oldies music (which doesn't require speaking). If anyone has a tube tester or stack of surveys they want to part with, please contact me. I'm looking forward to spring and getting my antennas, (which the winter storms knocked down), back up. I've been on 20 meters with PSK31 with OK results, but would love to get the A3S back in operation! 73s to all.

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