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issue as the winter – and our winter publishing of I-70 exit 229B, or the first exit west of the schedule – winds down. Vernal equinox auroras can produce spectacular DX conditions – and we have a forecast for active geomagnetic storms from March 14 onwards, so stay close to your radios and send in some reports! Next issue in three weeks.

Help Wanted: Still looking for a DDXD-West editor, and a College Sports Networks editor. Contact David Yocis, NRCDXNews@gmail.com for info about either position.

members that are familiar with WordPress that may want to assist with the new NRC website, please contact Wayne Heinen at amlog@nationalradioclub.org.

Please remember that the NRC is a 100% volunteer organization. It doesn't work if we don't have volunteers! So please consider taking on one of these tasks if you have the time and/or inclination to do so.

[NRC-AM]: To be added to the newly moved [NRC-AM] Google Group listserve, moderated by Russ Edmunds, just e-mail Wayne Heinen at his new address <u>amlog@nationalradioclub.org</u> from the email that you wish to subscribe to the list with and he'll get you added.

Interim AM Switch: My work schedule has gotten in the way of our Interim AM Switch the best! column, which I try to post to e-DXN.com every Friday or Saturday when DX News is not published. As we start having longer intervals between issues, I'll try harder to get this out.

WRTH Drawing: The winners of the WRTH drawing are Rod O'Connor, Stan Weisbeck, Tom Root, and Ted Liszewski. Congratulations to these gentlemen!

Convention: We still don't have a convention host for 2018. If you have any interest in considering whether to make a bid to host the convention next year, please contact Ernie Wesolowski at NEErnieW@yahoo.com or 13312 Westwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68144-3543. Ernie will give you all the information you need as to what is involved in hosting a convention.

will be held at the Best Western Plus Charles Inn in St. Charles, MO on September 7 & 8. The hotel Vitale.

From the Publisher: The traditional shorter is located at 1425 S. Fifth Street in St. Charles NW Missouri River, eight miles west of the Lambert St. Louis International Airport. The room rate is \$104.99 a night for either a standard king or two queens. The phone number to call the hotel directly to make reservations for that weekend is (636) 946-6936 or toll-free at 1-888-274-0988. When calling to make the reservation, you must mention the code IRCA to get the rate. There is a block of 30 rooms reserved at that rate for each night for your choice of a single or double bed, your choice. Reservations must be made by August 7, 2018. One note, if all the rooms for this block sell out, then the meeting room at the hotel will be complementary. Registration fee is only \$25 per person with free breakfast. There will be a tentative radio tour of KCLC FM 89.1 at Lindenwood College in St. Charles as well as another possible radio tour and a possible radio tower visit. Banquet is out of pocket and the place will be announced at a later date, possibly soon. Your host for the convention is Ken Hawkins. You can either email StLouisHerdFan@gmail.com or you can call him on this cell phone at (636) 577-4295. Please make your plans and reservations now for the 2018 IRCA convention as this will probably be one of

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13	Mar. 16	Mar. 26	17	June 22	July 2
14	Apr. 6	Apr. 16	18	July 20	July 30
15	Apr. 27	May 7	19	Aug. 17	Aug. 27
16	May 25	June 4	20	Sept. 7	Sept. 17

Membership Report

New Members: Welcome to Terrance Ward, El Paso, TX.

Renewing Members: Thanks for the ongoing support of G. Dewaine Anderson; Henry Byra; Ross Henderson; Arthur Jackson; Thomas M. Jasinski; Stephen Lindsay; Kevin **IRCA Convention**: The 2018 IRCA convention Charles Reh; George A. Santulli; James E. Shaw; Tim Tomljanovich; John Tudenham; and Michael

AM Switch

David Yocis, 9412 Ferry Landing Ct., Alexandria VA 22309, NRCDXNews@gmail.com Canadian info – Compiled by Shawn Axelrod and Dan Sys NRC AM Log updates from Wayne Heinen, amlog@nationalradioclub.org

Official changes from the FCC and CRTC

CALL CHANGES

700 WCNF AL Dothan – Call change to WARB (Feb. 12).

1400 WJZM TN Clarksburg – Call change to WVWB (Feb. 21).

1440 WSEL MS Pontotoc – Call change to WOCJ (Feb. 19).



NEW STATION WATCH

1200 CP AK Chugiak – **CP** for new station U1 50000/9600 expired unbuilt and deleted.

1490 KYWL MT Bozeman – CP for new station, U1 1000/900 at 45-40-54/111-02-18, assigned these call letters and applies for license to cover CP.

1580 KWLO UT Springville – CP for new station granted amendment to U1 1000/380, diplexed at KOVO-960 site, 40-12-22/111-40-11; CP expires on March 23.

STATIONS GOING DARK

900 CBWD BC Donald Station – LPRT silent and deleted.

1330 WWNG NC Havelock – License voluntarily surrendered by licensee Feb. 22.

1540 WYCL OH Niles – License voluntarily surrendered by licensee Feb. 14.

1570 WHTX OH Warren – License voluntarily surrendered by licensee Feb. 14.

1590 WGBG MD Ocean City – License voluntarily surrendered by licensee Nov. 29, 2017.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (CPS) FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CPs fully licensed and on the air:

790 KABC CA Los Angeles – **CP** for U2 6600/7900, new site 34-01-10/118-20-44, is on the air.

1020 WLVJ FL Boynton Beach – CP for U4 4700/1500, CoL ex-Kendall FL, new site 26-28-26/80-12-11, is on the air.

CPs built, awaiting final licensing:

1550 WNZF FL Bushnell – Applies for license to cover CP for U1 5500/57.

Modifications to existing CP granted:

1220 WSRQ FL Sarasota – Had CP for U4 1000/4 from a new site, granted amendment to U1 770/15 from its existing site, coordinates adjusted to 27-19-26/82-29-46.

CPs granted:

610 KVNU UT Logan – Granted CP for U4 22000/1000.

780 WBBM IL Chicago – Granted CP for U1 35000/42000, moving to WSCR-670 tower.

1420 KSTN CA Stockton – Granted CP for U4 5000/3500.

Applications for CPs received:

1190 WWIO GA St. Mary's – Applies for U1 2500/85 from WECC-FM-89.3 tower at 30-55-54/81-42-30; replacing identical CP that has expired unbuilt.

1280 WWTC MN Minneapolis – Applies for U4 10000/15000, to be diplexed with KKMS-960, using all four KKMS towers at 44-47-18/93-12-54.

1590 WGGO NY Salamanca – Applies to replace 56.7-meter tower that collapsed in March 2017 windstorm with a new 22.9-meter Valcom mast antenna, remains U1 5000/14.

Applications for CP dismissed:

1540 WKXG MS Greenwood – Application for D1 1000 from a new site dismissed.

1590 WRSB NY Brockport – Application to move to 1600 kHz with U2 500/1000 dismissed.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

STAs granted:

590 KCSJ CO Pueblo – Granted STA, night parameters at variance; night mode component failure.

- 850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake Granted STA with parameters at variance during tower work.
 - WKVL TN Knoxville Granted STA, D1 1000, from WGAP-1400 tower at 35-45-41/83-58-57; replaces STA for a longwire antenna at this site.
- **1050 WJCM FL Sebring** Granted STA, reduced power (using U1 750/11).
- 1250 WRCW VA Warrenton Granted STA, minor parameters at variance.
- **1320 KNIT UT Salt Lake City** Granted STA, D1 90 from 120-foot longwire antenna at KRRF-1230 site (40-39-57/111-54-26); has lost licensed site.
- 1490 WDEP PR Ponce Granted STA, U1 1000/1000 from CP site; has lost licensed site.

Application for STA received:

610 KAVL CA Lancaster – Applies for STA with U4 4900/1100, day pattern at night; failed contactors in the night phasing system.

Extensions of STAs granted:

- 570 WTBN FL Pinellas Park Granted STA extension, U4 5000/10000, Cuba QRM.
 - **WSYR NY Syracuse** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **600 WREC TN Memphis** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **790 WMC TN Memphis** Granted STA extension, U1 5000/1250 or parameters at variance.
- 960 WHYL PA Carlisle Granted STA extension, U1 1300/22 from WCAT-FM-102.3 tower.
- 970 KNIH NV Paradise Granted STA extension, U1 1250/125 or parameters at variance.
 - **KTTO WA Spokane** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **1070 KFTI KS Wichita** Granted STA extension, U1 10000/250.
- **1200** WAXA FL Pine Island Center Granted STA extension, U2 10000/2200 or U3 2200/2200.
- **1230 KYQT OR Burns** Granted STA extension, U1 60/60, 100' LW at 43-34-59/119-03-14.
- **1360 WHBG VA Harrisonburg** Granted STA extension, minor parameters at variance.
- **1420** KSTN CA Stockton Granted STA extension, U1 1250/250 or parameters at variance.
- 1430 KRGI NE Grand Island Granted STA extension, U1 5000/250.
- **1560 KGOW TX Bellaire** Granted STA extension, U3 15000/15000 from licensed night site.
- **1580** WLAA FL Bithlo Granted STA extension, D1 2500.

Applications to extend STAs received:

- **860** KTRB CA San Francisco Applies to extend STA, U1 50000/5000 from licensed day site.
- **890 KDXU UT St. George** Applies to extend STA, U1 10000/2500 or parameters at variance.
- **940 WIPR PR San Juan** Applies to extend STA, U1 2500/2500 from WKAQ-580 tower.
- **1060 KGFX SD Pierre** Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
- **1070** WCSZ SC Sans Souci Applies to extend STA, U1 12500/375 or less power.
 - WBKW WV Beckley Applies to extend STA, U1 20/20 from auxiliary transmitter.
- **1120** KLIM CO Limon Applies to extend STA, U1 10/10 from temporary antenna and site.
- **1170 WQHC AL Hanceville** Applies to extend STA, D1 10, vertical whip antenna.
- 1190 WPSP FL Royal Palm Beach Applies to extend STA, U4 2200/410, Cuba-1180 QRM.
- **1360** WHNR FL Cypress Gardens Applies to extend STA, U1 1250/625.
- 1370 WLLN NC Lillington Applies to extend STA, reduced day power.
- **1480 KYOS CA Merced** Applies to extend STA, U1 5000/1250, temp. site 37-17-31/120-26-03.
- **1590 KVTA CA Ventura** Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
 - **WPUL FL South Daytona** Applies to extend STA, U1 250/32, at 29-12-07/81-01-29.

SILENT STATIONS

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

- **1050** WMSG MD Oakland Silent Dec. 31 (2017), back on the air Feb. 13.
- **1060 WIXC FL Titusville** Silent Sept. 25 (2017), back on the air with reduced power (no more than 8 kW) Nov. 8 (2017) but back to full power by now.
- **1300** KLLS TX Lumberton Silent Feb. 11 (2017), back on the air Feb. 21.
- **1450 KQTE CA Helendale** Silent Feb. 2 (2017), back on the air with STA Jan. 29.

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

- 1190 KNEK LA Washington Silent Feb. 12 due to transmitter problems.
- **1490 WSYL GA Sylvania** Silent Feb. 7 to replace transmitter.
- **1560 WWYC OH Toledo** Silent Feb. 7 (and on low power since Jan. 12) to replace transmitter.

COORDINATE CORRECTION

1310 KZYP AR Malvern – CP to correct coordinates to 34-22-25/92-49-48 is on the air.

NRC AM Log Updates

- **570 KCFJ CA Alturas** Format to ETH/TLK (ex-NOS/TLK).
- **590 CJCL ON Toronto** Slogan to "SportsNet 590 The Fan." (TV)
- **610 WSNG CT Torrington** Delete Grp= The Talk of Connecticut.
 - **KCSR NE Chadron** Networks to C/Bf/Ns/MRN/LCL.
- **620 WTMJ WI Milwaukee** Adds // W277CV-103.3.
- **650 WSRO MA Ashland** Slogan to "A Nossa Rádio Brasileira," adds // W271CU-102.1; delete Grp= Rádio 650 AM, A Sua Rádio Brasileira. (MD)
- 840 WHAS KY Louisville Networks to A/C/Ky/Ru/WW1/DR/P/C2C. (TV)
- 860 KONO TX San Antonio Slogan to "Big 86 Greatest Hits of the 70's & 80's."
- 900 WURD PA Philadelphia Slogan to "Wurd Radio 96.1 FM & 900 AM."
- **920 WPTL NC Canton** Adds // W269DK-101.7. (FCC)
- 930 WKCT KY Bowling Green Slogan to "Talk 104.1."
- 940 WCSW WI Shell Lake Adds // W224DN-92.7. (FCC)
- 950 KXJK AR Forrest City Slogan to "Hometown Radio AM 950 & FM 106.5."
 - WROL MA Boston Adds // W262CV-100.3. (FCC)
- 990 WJEH OH Gallipolis Format to GOS (ex-REL); slogan to "Your home for southern gospel," delete // WONS-1080. (PS)
- **1130** KTLK MN Minneapolis Networks to Fox/Mn/P/Ru/WW1/C2C.
- 1170 WAVS FL Davie Adds // W300DF-107.9. (FCC)
- 1220 KDDR ND Oakes Slogan to "The Tornado."
- **1230 KOZI WA Chelan** Format to TLK (ex-AC/TLK); slogan to "News Radio 1230," add // KOZI-FM-93.5 0800-1200. (ES)
- **1240 WWCO CT Waterbury** Format to ETH (ex-TLK); slogan to "Viva! Radio," drops networks; delete Grp= The Talk of Connecticut.
 - **WBAS** MA West Yarmouth Âdds // W268CP-101.5; delete Grp= Rádio 650 AM, A Sua Rádio Brasileira. (MD)
 - WGVA NY Geneva Slogan & Group to Grp=Finger Lakes News Radio (ex: Grp= Finger Lakes News Network).
- **1250 WARE MA Ware** Slogan to "Classic Hits 97.7."
 - KNEU UT Roosevelt Adds // K228FR-93.5. (FCC)
- **1260 KTRC** NM Santa Fe Networks to WW1/P/CMP/C2C; adds // K279CX-103.7, deletes // KVSF-FM-101.5. (FCC)
- 1270 WMLC MS Monticello Format to UC:GOS (ex-GOS); slogan to "Power Gospel."
- **1340 KIKO AZ Apache Junction** Format to C&W (ex-SS:REL); slogan & Group to Grp=The Bull. (JJ)
 - WTRN PA Tyrone Slogan & Group to Grp=Hometown Radio.
 - KTMP UT Heber City Adds // K233DP-94.5. (FCC)
- 1350 WWWL LA New Orleans Format to UC:OLD (ex-UC:AC); delete slogan.
- **1360 WDRC CT Hartford** Slogan to "The Talk of Connecticut"; delete Grp= The Talk of Connecticut.
 - WNJC NJ Washington Township Format to Brokered/SS/OLD (ex-Brokered/SPT); slogan to "La Super 1360," drops networks. (TV)
 - KRKK WY Rock Springs Slogan to "Unforgettable Memories," "Wyo Radio."
- 1380 WABH NY Bath Slogan to "Nash Icon," "Big Country."
- 1400 WGIL IL Galesburg Slogan to "93.7 FM & 1400 AM Galesburg's News."
 - **KVSF NM Santa Fe** Adds // K249FB-97.7. (FCC)
 - **KQDJ** ND Jamestown Delete // K246AM-97.1.
- 1410 WHBT FL Tallahassee Slogan to "Heaven 98.3 & 1410."
 - KDBS LA Alexandria Adds // K234CY-94.7. (FCC)
 - **WZBR** MA Dedham Format to UC:OLD (ex-ETH/Portuguese); slogan to "The Bass of Boston," delete Grp= Rádio 650 AM, A Sua Rádio Brasileira. (MD)
- **1430** WHAN VA Ashland Slogan to "The Mater 102.9."
- **1450 KQTE CA Helendale** Format to OLD (was Silent).
 - WXVW IN Jeffersonville Slogan to "1450 & 96.1 The Big X," networks to CS/Jr/SBN/
 - KWES NM Ruidoso Format to C&W (ex-SS:AC); slogan to "Bear Country 94.7."
 - WUWN VA Highland Springs Slogan & Group to Grp=Boomtown Richmond.
 - WHNK WV Parkersburg Slogan & Group to Grp= Faith Talk.
- **1460** KTKC LA Springhill Format to C&W (ex-NOS).
- 1470 WMMWCT Meriden Delete Grp= The Talk of Connecticut.



- WCHJ MS Brookhaven Adds // W248CY-97.5. (FCC)
- **1490** KOVC ND Valley City Adds // K242CZ-96.3, drop slogan.
- 1540 WBTL VA Richmond Slogan & Group to Grp=Boomtown Richmond.
- 1550 WCVL IN Crawfordsville Slogan to "Classic Hits 92.1 FM & 1550 AM."
 - KWBC TX College Station Adds // K254DA-98.7. (FCC)
- **1590 WAUB NY Auburn** Slogan & Group to Grp=Finger Lakes News Radio (ex-Grp= Finger Lakes News Network).
- **1600 WZNZ FL Atlantic Beach** Networks to SRN/BNN. (TV)
 - KDAK ND Carrington Format to CLR (ex-C&W); slogan to "The Cardinal."
- **1650** KCNZ IA Cedar Falls Networks to C/RIa/FSR/Ns/Jr/CS. (JJR)
- **1700 KKLF TX Richardson** Format to SS (ex-Tejano). (TV)

New Groups

Grp= Boomtown Richmond - WUWN-1450, WBTL-1540, Boomtown Richmond

Grp- Faith Talk – WHNK-1450, W251CP-98.1, W300AQ-107.9

Grp= Hometown Radio – WTRN-1340, W245CZ-96.9, W264BZ-100.7

Group Update

Grp= KIKO Group becomes Grp= The Bull – KIKO-1340, K246CH-97.1, K286BS-105.1 (JJ)

Grp = Power 97.5 WLX – Adds W291DG-106.1 Lawrenceburg

Group Name Changes

Grp=Finger Lakes News Network becomes Finger Lakes News Radio

Deleted Groups

Grp= Bay Country 97.9

Grp= Pure Country

Grp= Rádio 650 AM, A Sua Rádio Brasileira (MD)

Grp= The Talk of Connecticut

The following stations, as of 2/23/2018, disappeared from the FCC's AM Query, and will be deleted from the *AM Log* active database:

630	WJDB	AL	Thomasville	1330	WMOR	KY	Morehead
920	WIRD	NY	Lake Placid	1380	WPLA	NH	Portsmouth
950	KSEW	AK	Seward	1400	WLYY	TN	Copperhill
990	WCAZ	IL	Carthage	1450	WLKS	KY	West Liberty
1040	WJTB	OH	North Ridgeville		WPAM	PA	Pottsville
1140	WRLV	KY	North Ridgeville Salyersville	1500	WASN	OH	Youngstown
	WSAO	MS	Senatobia	1520	WLGC	KY	Greenup
1220	WAXO	TN	Lewisburg		WGTM	NC	Spindale
1260	WCSA	MS	Ripley	1590	WGBG	MD	Ocean City
1310	KFVR	CA	Crescent City				•

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Domestic DX Digest – East

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All times are <u>Eastern Local Time</u> (ELT)

REPORTERS

HF-MI Harold Frodge, Midland – Drake R8B + 185' RW

TF-NH Tony Fitzherbert, Campton – Grundig S450 DLX, Grundig AQM 200 loop

KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop

TLK-FL Terry Krueger, Clearwater – NRD-535, IC-R75, roof dipole, active loop

JRM-PA John R Malicky, Pittsburgh – Panasonic RX-D55

PS-ON Paul Snider, Welland – Elad FDM-S2, Pixel Pro 1B loop.

JW-PA Jim Weber, Oyster Point – Grundig S350

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, C Crane CC Skywave, Panasonic RF-2200.

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My apologies to Harold Frodge for questioning his WCGO-1590 logging in DDXD-E 85-11. The reference to "AR program" likely meant Arabic, which would fit WCGO's ethnic format. Nonetheless, I will repeat it: please avoid over-use of abbreviations, particularly obscure ones. But double letters for major languages, such as FF for French or AA for Arabic are well known in the DX world.

STATION NEWS

1150 WMNY PA New Kensington – As reported in DXN Vol 85, No 11 by Bill Hale in AM Switch, now playing Hindu music with a very up-tempo beat. First day around February 6 with a more traditional Hindu music format. No ads, no promos, nothing. Just top of the hour ID, "This is WMNY New Kensington-Pittsburgh." Sister station WGBN "Gospel Broadcasting Station" now on 1360. (JRM-PA)

UNID

- -- 2/19 0653 − "Sea of Love" Phil Phillips, "The Lord's Prayer" sung by Andrea Bocelli and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir then fade. Back up for a moment at 0717 with "Spanish Harlem" by Ben E. King. Suspect WSME, Camp Lejeune, NC as pointing the same as the WNCT reception a few minutes later. (TLK-FL)
- **1250 unID** -- 2/16 1834 In multi-station mix (WYKM, WRCW, WDVA, UNID oldies) with male "... El Dorado... wants to know what's on your mind..." Is this Arkansas or Texas? **(KK-VA)**
- **1280 unID** -- 2/16 1839 In multi-station mix (WANS, WYVE, WHVR, UNID gospel, talk and Spanish stations), noted male "...102.3 12-80." **(KK-VA)**
- **1410 unID** -- 2/13 0718 Someone with Oldies format, bubbling up briefly with Elton John's "Someone Saved My Life Tonight" then lost to XEBS, WHBT and WMYR. Back for a few seconds with John Denver's "Sunshine On My Shoulders" at 0733. Pointing NE. Seemingly too late for WRTZ, Roanoke. WTIX, Concorde, NC or WPCC, Clinton, SC? **(TLK-FL)**

LOGGINGS

- **560 WQAM FL Miami** 2/2 2145 Sports talk, references to South Florida, Miami Heat v. Philadelphia 76ers basketball, way under Mark Levin on WGAN and music on CFOS. **(TF-NH)**
 - WJLS WV Beckley 2/11 0114 C&W music, FM-only ID at 0121 "104.1...WJLS," more music. Poor to very poor in station mix. (PS-ON)
- **620 CKRM SK Regina** 1/28 2250 American Country Countdown, "A Girl Like You" by Easton Corbin, "Heartbeat" by Carrie Underwood, "Cadillac Ranch" by Chris Lee Doux, "The Source, CKRM. A Harvard radio station" ID at 258 into more

music. Poor to very poor in station mix including WSNR, WTMJ, Radio

Rebelde etc. // to Tune In stream. (PS-ON) 690 WADS CT **Ansonia** – 1/28 1636 – Spanish music atop frequency but with deep fades, male vocalist singing solos and hymns, 1645* sign-off announcement in EE: "WADS,

RADIOAMOH

Ansonia concludes its broadcast day. WADS operates with...on 690 kilohertz, with 3200 watts power. Please join us tomorrow for another day of broadcasting. God bless," followed by more music and soon gone. WADS stands for "Ansonia, Derby, Shelton" and its signal is due south. New here! (TF-NH)

700 WDMV MD Walkersville - 1/28 1646 - At local strength, Mexican music and very animated announcers who seem to love the echo effect. (TF-NH)

WFAT MA Orange-Athol – 1/29 1627 – Alone with Fleetwoods "Come Softly to Me," followed by "Send me the Pillow that You Dream On," a musical sounder "All the hits we play for you," followed by "Mona Lisa" and "Louie, Louie." (TF-**NH)** Circa 1978 there used to be a New York City pirate on 1620 that called itself

720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest – 2/19 1814* – Creaming WGN with country-gospel, sign-off announcement inviting listeners to switch to 94.9 FM or wgcr.net, no SSB, but played My Country 'Tis of Thee. (MKB-ON)

Shiremanstown – 1/28 1642 – Weak signal with EWTN feed, "Listen to EWTN WHYF PA Global Catholic Network." At 1700: "Listen to WHYF 24 hours a day on line, and we will be back tomorrow. This is WHYF, Shiremanstown," and then gone. New for me!! (TF-NH)

730 WPIT PA Pittsburgh – 2/20 1754 – Over usual CKAC with end of "The Alternative with Tony Evans" gospel show, promo for "Power Point" program (the name of the broadcast not a Microsoft Office presentation) "...right here on WPIT." (MKB-

790 WSGW MI Saginaw – 2/14 1807 – Over WAEB and other talkers with Michigan basketball pre-game show, Wolverines hosting Iowa Hawkeyes. (MKB-ON)

WPIC Sharon – 2/20 2207 – Tuned in to catch "News Talk WPIC" ID, into Jim Bohannon Show. Fair to poor in station mix. (PS-ON)

840 WVPO PA Stroudsburg – 1/22 1635 – Discussion of high school sports, weak signal (expected for 250 watts!), no WRYM, soon lost to WHAS, another new reception. (TF-NH)

870 WWL LA New Orleans – 2/13 1112 – Mediocre signal daytime with live Mardi Gras parade coverage. Zulu Queen Troye Madison Washington accepting the key to the city at 1117 from the Mayor, then breaking glasses, presumably alcoholfilled. Occasional quick breaks to the studio for traffic and weather. (TLK-FL)

PA Apollo – 2/14 1734 – Over graveyard-like jumble with "PA Talk AM 910 and 910 WAVL FM 98.7, Western Pennsylvania's premier talk station" slogan into local sports (Penguins, Pitt Panthers). (MKB-ON)

920 WGHQ NY Kingston – 1/24 1623 – Oldie country music songs, way under WHJJ. (TF-NH) **ON Wingham** – 2/2 2155 – C&W music, ToH ID at 2200: "This is CKNX AM 920, Wingham, Ontario, owned and operated by Blackburn Radio, into more C&W. Over/ under WHJJ, nice 1000-watt night signal. (TF-NH)

SK Yorkton - 1/29 2112 - Country music, "GX 94" slogan, more C&W. Fair at 940 CJGX times over CFNV to poor. (PS-ON)

950 WAKM TN Franklin – 2/5 2207 – On day power again. Tuned in to "950 WAKM" ID, "Hometown Radio" slogan, into country music. Fair mostly over WWJ to poor. (PS-ON)

PA Sayre – 2/17 0654 – Over usual suspects with schmaltzy soft rock, "the music 960 WATS to make you happy all day...Choice 102" slogan (or voice-tracked liner). (MKB-ON)

970 WFUN OH Ashtabula – 2/10 0717 – Over usual Buffalo pest WDCZ with "ESPN 970 WFUN" ID into ESPN sports talk. Calls seem more suited to a Top 40 blowtorch in days of yore. (MKB-ON)

990 WJEH OH Gallipolis – 2/22 2105 – Formerly Christian talk, now apparently playing Southern gospel. Southern gospel music, ID at 2115: "Your home for southern gospel, WJEH." Fair to poor with WDCX. (PS-ON)

1040 WZSK **PA** Everett – 1/22 1620 – Sean Hannity show, string of ads, local AccuWeather by Gregory (couldn't catch last name), local news for Eastern Pennsylvania at 1630, new here! **(TF-NH)**

- 1070 WNCT NC Greenville 2/19 0704 "Nowhere to Run" by Martha Reeves, male "...this is Rock 'N Roll..." into "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" by James Brown, ad for local restaurant and something else on Highway 70 into "Under the Boardwalk" by The Drifters, male "Beach, Boogie and Blues" slogan. Last log was July, 2016. (TLK-FL)
 - +++ 2/16 2226 Oldies, "Beach, Boogie and Blues" slogan at 2228, "Tell It Like It Is" by Aaron Neville. Fair to poor, mixing with CHOK. (**PS-ON**)
 - WGOS NC High Point 2/19 2231 On after sunset with Spanish language music (with a country twang), "...Radio Nueva Vida..." slogan at 2235 into more music. Poor to very poor with WINA, CHOK and probably WCSZ. // to Tune In stream. (PS-ON)
- **1120 WUST DC Washington** 2/22 1745* Good with KMOX fading in and out, presumed sign-off, with a full announcement mentioning Multicultural Station and "...this is WUST 1120 Washington" into Star Spangled Banner. **(JRM-PA)**
- **1180 WSQR** IL Sycamore 2/18 0010 "Land Down Under" by Men at Work, ID at 0012 "...92.9, 1180 WSQR" into "Gimme Shelter" by the Stones, community calendar, ads, "WSQR" mention at 0021, "Don't Bring Me Down" by ELO. Fair at times almost over WHAM to very poor. On day power? **(PS-ON)**
- **1200 WSML NC Graham** 2/9 1706 In multi-station mix with female "That's the accu-weather report on 1200 WSJS Sports" after giving local forecast. **(KK-VA)**
 - WRKK PA Hughesville 2/9 1640 In multi-station mix (WXKS, WJXY, WSML, WXIT and UNID ESPN) with "Re-enforced oldies...real rock is on 94 9" station promo. (KK-VA)
 - +++ 2/19 1734 Classic rock losing fight to CFGO/WMUZ mix, "94 minutes commercial free Rock 94.9" liner. (MKB-ON)
 - **WJXY SC Atlantic Beach** 2/9 1728 In multi-station mix with female "102 5 Rejoice FM" slogan. First time hearing since changing calls from WMIR. (**KK-VA**)
- **MB Boissevain** 2/6 2213 Christian music, ID at 2230: "You are listening to CJRB...," "Westman weather" and weather for various cities in Manitoba, mention of discoverwestman.com, more music. Very poor and barely audible at times under WHKW. // to Tune In stream. **(PS-ON)**
- **1250 WYKM WV Rupert** 2/16 1806 In multi-station mix (WRCW, WDVA, UNID oldies) with C&W songs, female "You are listening to WYKM in Rupert" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- **1260 WSPZ DC Washington** 1/31 2355 Religious talk, ID at 0000 "...on WAVA," then lost to station mix. Very poor. **(PS-ON)**
 - +++ 2/16 1629 Mixing with WNDE, WZBO, Spanish and more talk, "WAVA 105.1 life changing talk radio" station promo. First time heard since changing calls from WWRC. (KK-VA)
 - WNDE IN Indianapolis 2/16 1745 In WSPZ/WZBO mix with "Fox Sports 97 5 and 12-60 AM" slogan. (KK-VA)
- **1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix** 2/16 1658 In WCBC/WTJZ/WQTT mix with "George Norry overnight 1 to 5 on 12-70 AM and 102 3 FM WMKT" station promo. **(KK-VA)**
 - **WTJZ VA Newport News** 2/16 1758 In WCBC/WMKT/WQTT mix with male "... W285FM Chesapeake 104 9, 96.5 FM, 96.9, 12-70 and 16-50..." ID. **(KK-VA)**
- **1280 WJYE ME Gardiner** 1/22 2125 Easy listening music mixed with Bruins game on WPZK, guess that nighttime power reduction to 40 watts for WJYE is not in effect as yet. **(TF-NH)**
 - WANS SC Anderson 2/16 1828 In multi-station mix (WHVR, WYVE, UNID gospel, talk and Spanish stations) with female "Country music for everyone. We are your heart..." station promo, male "107.7 FM WANS" FM-only ID. (KK-VA)
 - WYVE VA Wytheville 2/16 1850 In multi-station mix with male "12-80 WYVE...local, regional and national news" station promo. (KK-VA)
- **1300 WJMO OH Cleveland** 2/12 1741 Fighting usual WOOD with local gospel talk mentioning Cleveland, "we are your source for inspiration, Praise 94.5" slogan. (**MKB-ON**)
- **1320 WDER** NH Derry 2/15 0125 While trying to ID station IDing as being on 107.9 (KELO or WMSR?) noted female interviewing male subject, "Life Changing Radio" slogan at 0130, show promo. Fair to poor in station mix. (**PS-ON**)
- 1380 KLIZ MN Brainerd 2/2 2259 While trying to ID a station carrying Dave Ramsay Show, heard part of a ToH ID "...KLIZ, Brainerd...," Fox Sports mentions, David Smith Show. Poor to very poor in station mix including WKDM and others. (PS-ON)

- **1390 WEOK NY Poughkeepsie** 2/10 1650 Spanish music, weak but steady signal, day signal does come this way. **(TF-NH)**
- **1400 WCYR ME Veazie** 1/22 1705 Presumed with cluster of old country music songs. Only C&W station on 1400 in this corner of the country, signal lasted for six minutes. **(TF-NH)**
- **1410 WRMN IL** Elgin 2/13 1703 "WRMN 14-10" ID; local Chicago ads and ad for Carpenterville restaurant; "Radio Shopping Show." In and out mainly with WING. (**HF-MI**)
 - WNWZ MI Grand Rapids 2/12 2132 "Magic 104.9" slogan into pop music. One in the mix; hoping to snag the SS station that keeps trying to pop up. Need USB due to WSAM-1400 Saginaw splash. (HF-MI)
 - WING OH Dayton 2/12 1758 Ads for Kettering Health Network and Broadcaster's Foundation of America, into "The Voice of the Buckeyes" program. One in the mix before ToH, then dominant. (HF-MI)
 - WRTZ VA Roanoke 2/12 1730 Call letter ID and "True Oldies." One in mix. Last logged as WRIS. (HF-MI)
 - **CJWI QC Montreal** 2/12 1733 Up suddenly with two men in in FF and mentions of Quebec, but in and out of the mix. **(HF-MI)**
- **1440 WNPV PA Lansdale** 1/21 1628 Fox News, ID for 104.9 (no mention of AM frequency), talk show, all under Bill Belichick interview on WVEI. **(TF-NH)**
- **1460 WBUC WV Buckhannon** 2/19 0024 New country format, "93.1 The River" slogan, C&W songs, another FM-only slogan at 0028 into more music, missed ToH ID. Fair at times to poor. **(PS-ON)**
- **1470 WMMWCT Meriden** 2/10 1705 Program promo for Morning Show on "The Big D," which is WDRC-1360, Hartford (WMMW simulcasts WDRC). The very directional signal from five towers goes south over New Haven, way under WAZN, WLAM and others. **(TF-NH)**
- **1490 WWPR FL Bradenton** 2/12 0702 Unidentified net news, into female singing the Star Spangled Banner as the opening of the syndicated Rick & Bubba Show, boring chatter, national commercials. This one is 800/800 watts. **(TLK-FL)**
- **1570 WFLR NY Dundee** 2/17 0021 In moderately well with mention of "Finger Lakes Radio" and announcement for Finger Lakes Country Music. **(JW-PA)**
- **1590 WCGO IL** Evanston 2/18 0720 Over usual WAKR/WHGT mix with promo for local businesses to advertise "...right here on 1590 WCGO." (MKB-ON)
 - WHGT MD Maugansville 1/22 1655 Hymns, ID as "WHGT, the witness of Hagerstown, listener supported, write to 16221 National Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740," into SRN News. Way atop Dave Ramsey on WPSN and others. (TF-NH)
 - WCSL NC Cherryville 2/10 0050 C&W including "Marry Me" by Thomas Rhett, ToH ID "...WCSL," weather report "from the North Carolina News Network," more music. Mostly dominating the frequency with maybe WARV. No sign of usual WAKR. (PS-ON)
- **MA East Longmeadow** 2/10 1625 Rock music, FM-only ID for 99.3 and 95.3, ads for Subway and the "Phoenix is Rising" (new factory looking for workers) in Enfield. First time heard with new call and format, mostly alone with little sign of usual WWRL and WUNR. **(TF-NH)**
- **1630 KRND WY Fox Farm** 2/1 0018 Spanish talk, possible ads or promos, "La Jota Mexicana" slogan at 0021, regional Mexican music. Poor to very poor, mostly under dominant KCJJ and KKGM. // to Tune In stream. **(PS-ON)**
- **1650 KCNZ IA Cedar Rapids** 2/14 1800 Non-legal ID as "The official station for Cyclone Nation (Iowa State), 16-50 The Fan." In and out w/CINA. Still hoping to snag the Gulf coast oil rig helipad DVS beacon. **(HF-MI)**
 - CINA ON Mississauga 2/14 1800 "Broadcasting for the Asian community, this is Seena Radio" into Indian news in presumed Hindi. In and out with KCNZ. (HF-MI)

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REPORTERS

- **GH-OK Glenn Hauser, Enid** Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only or PL-880; NRD-545 with ALA-330S inside E-W or inside randomwire N-S; Nissan stock caradio as specified; IC-R75 with E-W longwire.
- **JN-TX James Niven, Cedar Creek** ELAD S2 and Drake R8 with Antennas as DKAZ (East & South) 140-foot x 23 high, (2) EWE's 1 East and 1 West 100x15ft and 150-foot Long wire.
- JR-OK John Reed KA5QEP, Shawnee NRD-525 modified with 7 kHz Roofing filter, quiet display power supply, and ESKA tall filter board, AR7030 with added filters; homebrew tuned ferrite loop, Clifton Labs active whip, Quantum phaser.
- **JJR-MI John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee WI** Sangean ATS-909X stock, Grundig Satellit, Terk AM1000 loop.
- **RV-TX** Robert Vance, El Paso WinRadio G33DDC, various indoor and outdoor loop antennas.
- JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.

DX LOGGINGS

- **550 KBOW MT Butte** 2/12 0832 Montana news, area ads; "KBOW news time is 6:35". Fair and on top briefly with local KLZ IBOC hiss mostly nulled. **(JW-CO)**
 - **KFYR ND Bismarck** 2/12 0804 Out of Fox news and into state and local news at 0805 on "North Dakota's News Authority;" ads followed a few minutes later after a time check ("K-Fire News time is 7:10"). Fair/good signal, topping others at times. **(JW-CO)**
- **CO** Denver 2/18 0730 Heard with REL-based TLK (creationism vs. evolution), "This is a Crawford Broadcasting Company God and Country station" announcement, and "The Source" slogan. // 100.7 FM. (RV-TX)
 - **CFOS ON Owen Sound** 2/14 0639 Poor, WIND easily nulled, with Jet Airliner/Steve Miller, calls. **(JJR-WI)**
- **580 WYHM TN Rockwood** 2/15 0651 Poor, steady in fadeup, "580 the Holler WYHM," into Don't Stop by Fleetwood Mac. Others nulled. (**JJR-WI**)
 - WCHS WV Charleston 2/20 0726 Poor, "WCHS ... 96.5," weak but there! (JJR-WI)
- **620 CKRM SK Regina** 2/13 0803 News in progress, with this ID at 0805: "News as it happens on Saskatchewan's News Source 620 CKRM;" sports and weather followed (current wind chill minus 40 degrees); into C&W music finally at 0810. Good signal, atop the field. **(JW-CO)**
- **630 CHED AB Edmonton** 2/10 0834 "Alberta Morning News" with Peter Watts in progress, with news, short features, and ads. Fair/good peaks with local KHOW about 80% nulled (best I could do). A new one, AB #33, and only the third station logged on 630, due to the big presence of KHOW on this side of town. **(JW-CO)**
- **650 CKOM SK Saskatoon** 2/13 0811 Weather (minus 23 wind chill currently), sponsored by Cherished Memories Funeral Home; "News Talk 650 CKOM" ID at 0812 and into chat. Good signal, topping XETNT, which ended up taking over a few minutes later. **(JW-CO)**
- **680 CJOB MB Winnipeg** 2/17 0703 Weather, call letter ID, then Hal Anderson local talk program. Fair, mixing with KNBR. (JW-CO)
- 720 WGN IL Chicago 2/14 1430 During car radio bandscan, this noted right away with ID in passing, less than one hour after local mean noon, and the sun is climbing pretty high almost two months after solstice. If it's skywave, wouldn't I be getting higher Chicagoans, notably WVON-1690? Nothing thee. So more likely extended groundwave, beyond one megameter, thanks to a quite spot where I park. No WSCR-670, though, which should be just as good, just a SAH between it and KLTT-CO. (GH-OK)
- 730 WZGV NC Cramerton 2/21 0716 Poor, "730 the Game" (same slogan as WVFN!), Charlotte mentions, "ESPN wake-up call." CKDM in back. (JJR-WI)

- 740 WRPQ WI Baraboo 2/20 0805 Poor, ABC news, high today 37, currently 32, "Max-FM" jimgle. No CFZM. (JJR-WI)
- **750 CKJH SK Melfort** 2/13 0750 Area events, including one at the CJVR Performing Arts Theatre with a ticket giveaway promo; 0752 "CK 750" jingle and into a Fleetwood Mac tune. CJVR used to be their call letters both on 750 and long before that on 1420. Good signal. **(JW-CO)**
- 770 WTOR NY Youngstown 2/15 0647 Poor, assumed with ETHnic programming in fadeup over WABC. Same direction as WABC. (JJR-WI)
 - CHQR AB Calgary 2/8 0829 Hockey and curling notes; news at 0830 beginning with weather, with a "snow event" in progress (current temperature minus 17); ID's as "770 CHQR." Fair/good, topping usual pest KKOB at times. (JW-CO)
- **810 WSJC MS Magee** 2/20 0800 Poor, Bible Facts show, Christian Talk Radio, LID. With others. (JJR-WI)
- **830 KFLT AZ Tucson** 2/16 0931 Promoting adoption from Family Life Radio, myflr.org, loops E/W. Legally on 50 kW day power from 0915 in February. **(GH-OK)**
- 890 KTXV TX Mabank 2/8 0600 With Chinese music over WLS. At 0601, heard EE ID "This is KTXV AM 890 Dallas," then ID given in Chinese, at fair signal. Wow, I cannot believe I have not heard this station before. New. (JN-TX)
- 930 KWOC MO Poplar Bluff 2/15 0714 Poor, "Poplar Bluff or Van Buren ...," talk show promo "on KWOC." Alone. Not heard in a while. (JJR-WI)
 - **KROE WY Sheridan** 2/9 1850 Break for local ads, then back to Michael Medved; legal ID at 1859:53 "News Talk 930 now on 103.9 FM (spoken) KROE Sheridan (sung)"; CBS news ensued at ToH. Generally fair, over/under in-stater KRKY. **(JW-CO)**
- 940 KVSH NE Valentine 2/14 0851 Obituaries, area announcements and ads. Fair peaks but fading with a noisy band this day. Logging this on Valentine's Day is always a must. (JW-CO)
 - KTFS TX Texarkana 2/12 0059 With male mentioning "KTFS Texarkana … 98.7, Texarkana's news authority, now Fox news." Fair, mixed with Mexican in the background at fair level. New. (JN-TX)
- 970 WGTK KY Louisville- 2/15 0751 Poor, credit union ad, Mike Gallagher, Joe Walsh talk show promos, "970 AM the Answer," into Hugh Hewitt. Alone. (WNYM-NJ is "AM 970 the Answer," basically the same programming.) (JJR-WI)
- 990 CBW MB Winnipeg 2/12 0059 Male giving ID as "This is CBC Radio One 990 and 89.3 in Winnipeg." Surprised to hear this all alone on top of the channel, nice and clear. Relog. (JN-TX)
- **1010 WHIN TN Gallatin** 2/20 0741 Poor; "Summner County's number one hit music station, 100.7 WHIN." With WPCN, no CFRB. **(JJR-WI)**
 - WPCN WI Stevens Point 2/20 0740 Poor, "True Oldies 92.1 and 1010 AM, WPCN," into 1960s oldie. (JJR-WI)
- **1040 KCBR CO Monument** 2/16 0935 In WHO null, mentions of 98.5. Should be on 2 kW critical hours power 0845-1045 in February before 15 kW full day power. **(GHOK)**
- **1050 CJNB SK North Battleford** 2/8 0807 Weather (currently minus 27 with wind chill minus 35 degrees C); area hockey results at 0808 from a number of leagues (high school, Saskatchewan Junior Hickey, Prairie Junior Hockey, Midget Hockey, Female Midget Hockey, just to name a few). One might think that this sport is fairly popular in that part of the world; they finally ran out of hockey and went into C&W at 0811. Fair/good, mixing with KTBL. **(JW-CO)**
- **1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction** 2/10 0610 Dave Ramsey show, promo with call ID at 0619, local weather at 0629. Fox news at BOH, then back to program. **(RV-TX)**
 - WISS WI Berlin 2/21 0731 News of WI assembly, WI state senate, newscaster is Wayne Mauser. WTAM nulled. (JJR-WI)
- **1110 WSLV TN Ardmore** 2/14 0703 Poor, "WSLV Ardmore, Cat Country 1110," into Fox news. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- **1130 KLEY KS Wellington** 2/23 0952 Totally out of whack, rapid pulsing, carrier with bits of modulation cutting in and out. Has been doing this since at least 2/14. How do they put up with this? All that matters for this dog is the translator tail wagging it from 100.3. **(GH-OK)**
 - CKWX BC Vancouver 2/13 0852 Weather, PST time check, Marine Forecast, then a plug for "Winter Season Highway Report;" ID's as "News 1130" with an actual call letter ID at ToH. Fair and alone. (JW-CO)

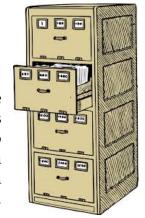
- **1150 WJRD AL Tuscalossa** 2/20 0752 Poor, "True Oldies WJRD," Sugarloaf's "Don't Call Us," through WHBY. (JJR-WI)
 - **WGGH IL** Marion 2/15 0749 Very poor through WHBY "Listen to Monster Radio" for school closings in southern Illinois. (JJR-WI)
 - WIMA OH Lima 2/14 0737 Poor through others, "Ohio State University ... wima.com." (JJR-WI)
- **1210 KOKK SD Huron** 2/16 0939 Nothing from KGYN from the west, but this from N/S, mentions celebrity birthdays, ad at 0940 for Rainbow Flower Shop in Huron, plug at 0954 for some SD event specifying time as Central time. **(GH-OK)**
- **1230 WFER MI Iron River** 2/15 0624 Poor with songs by Al Stewart, ELO, then "Classic Hits WFER." Alone. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1240 WSDR IL Sterling** 2/20 0736 Poor, Park Forest and Rock Falls HS mentions, area code 815 in two PSAs. (JJR-WI)
- **1280 KSOK KS Arkansas City** 2/12 0834 "KSOK, Cowley County's station for the hits, 103-3 The Mix." **(GH-OK)**
- **1310 KZRG MO Joplin** 2/15 0709 Poor, steady, male-female anchors with news, "KZRG" heard. No WIBA. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1320** KOZY MN Grand Rpids 2/21 0653 Poor, "1320 KOZY," Jimmy Soul "If You Want to Be Happy," then lost. (JJR-WI)
- **1340** KGHM OK Midwest City 2/11 0100 In the jumble, male with "... Oklahoma ... 1340 The Game, 1340 The Game KGHM ...," fair. New. (JN-TX)
- 1350 KDZA CO Pueblo 2/9 0959 Man with legal ID at 0959:45: "You're listening to KDZA-AM Pueblo, Fox Sports Radio Pueblo, your home for all sports all the time..."; Fox Sports ensued at 1000. Back to these calls after briefly holding KBPL. The KDZA calls go back a long way, used by the Pueblo station on 1230 for nearly half a century. (JW-CO)
- 1380 KKOO OR Ontario 2/6 0849 Local ads, "101.5 Cool FM" slogan, then Oldies to 0902 LID: "You're listening to KKOO Ontario-Boise ...," with a mention of iHeart Radio, then right back to music. Fair peaks, obviously not on 25-watt night power. (JW-CO)
- **1400 KFTM CO Fort Morgan** 2/9 0731 ID after classic hit (Steve Perry, "Oh Sherrie"): "Colorado's peaks to the plains, 1400 KFTM." (**RV-TX**)
 - **KBLJ** CO La Junta 2/9 0705 Call IDs at 0708, 0721, 0726, classic hits (70s-80s music such as "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler). (RV-TX)
- **1420 WOC IA Davenport** 2/2 1805 Brief fade-in with talk and call ID. **(JR-OK)**
 - **KJCK KS Junction City** 2/11 0656 In with local weather by woman, ending with "on ... 14-20 KJCK" **(RV-TX)**
- **1440 KFOO CA Riverside** 2/18 0640 SS with banda music, "La Nueva Preciosa catorcecuarenta" announcement heard often, iHeart Radio promos also often. Ex-KFNY. (**RV-TX**)
 - **KMAJ KS Topeka** 2/8 0100 Male saying "... 14-40 KMAJ Topeka, a Cumulus station," then into national news at fair level. No sign of the usual strong KELG in Manor, about 25 miles from here. New. **(JN-TX)**
- **1460 KXNO IA Des Moines** 2/21 0646 Poor, "at 8 on 1460 KXNO," with semi-local WJTI on open carrier. No others. (**JJR-WI**)
 - KHOJ MO St. Charles 2/18 0925 Nice rendition of "Clair de Lune" on piano, 0930 promos for EWTN, with all times in Eastern, "EWTN Bookmark" at 0931. (GH-OK)
 - ++ 2/19 1800 Catholic religious talk. The only ID I heard was for EWTN, but location was St. Louis. (JR-OK)
- **1470 KSMM KS Liberal** 2/12 0058 Mammas and Pappas song, male with "Playing all the hits you want to hear, Southwest Kansas Super Hits." Then Soul Asylum's "Runaway Train," fair level. New. **(JN-TX)**
- 1480 WBBP TN Memphis 2/20 1820 UC gospel music with call ID. Faded in about 1810 with a weak signal, and became the strongest signal on the frequency at 1820, but faded out starting at 1825. By 1830 it was gone. This is a good example of the twilight terminator propagation effect, which I have noticed before. (JR-OK)
- **1490 KYZS TX Tyler** 2/13 2120 Brief SS announcement giving Tyler as the location. New here. **(JR-OK)**
- **1500 KCLF LA New Roads** 2/12 0100 Female vocals, then male with "KCLF New Roads, Louisianna, 1500 AM, the Voice of Pointe Coupee," fair level. New. **(JN-TX)**

- **1560 KLNG IA Council Bluffs** 2/19 1600 Tentative, station making a fast rippling SAH with dominant KEBC-OK, 5+1 time pips of the kind usually heard on foreign SW stations, and possible "Omaha" mention. **(GH-OK)**
- **1580 WLIJ TN Shelbyville** 2/20 0708 Poor, "at 633 ... Street in Shelbyville." Revely. No CKDO. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1610 CHAA ON Toronto** 2/22 0838 Strumming chords from NE/SW, SS 0840 and fading. Rather late for Toronto, yet CHAA ID in SS at 0901, almost a bihour after its 0705 sunrise and almost a unihour after our sunrise at 0811. **(GH-OK)**
- **1630 KCJJ** IA Iowa City 2/10 1730 Real estate talk with call ID. Over/under KGMM's gospel music. (JR-OK)
 - KKGM TX Fort Worth 2/15 0720 Poor, lo key announcer, time, no calls (of course), Bible verses, United Methodist Church mention. KCJJ easily nulled. Clearly not KRND nor sports WRDW, but presumed. (JJR-WI)
- **1650 KCNZ IA Cedar Falls** 2/20 0703 Poor, CBS news, ad, local news "on the Fan," Hawkeye Community College. (JJR-WI)
- **1660 KQWB ND West Fargo** 2/16 0951 "Bison 1660" slogan and back to ESPN, with Dan Patrick. Bisons apply both to football and basketball teams of North Dakota State University in Fargo. **(GH-OK)**
- **1680 KRJO LA Monroe** 2/14 0644 Poor but still there, steady. "99-7 My FM," Hot AC music. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- **1690 KDMT CO Arvada** 2/20 0700 Poor while chasing other. Out of nowhere with financial news, no WVON. Presumed. **(JJR-WI)**

From the *DX News* archives

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75 Years Ago – From the February 20, 1943 issue of *DX News*: DX Test on the schedule for CFJC-910 Kamloops, BC-CAN. The only expected competition is from KLX-Oakland, CA. Bud Kopp added 30 cents and Dan Meyer 50 cents to the Service Members Fund, to pay the subscriptions of members serving in WWII. Dick Cooper's (PA) verie from WNAX-570 SD says he heard them on their new 927' tower. North Dakota yielded a verie from KSTB-600 for Dick. Dave Thomas (OH) had quite a feat hearing every continent on February 2nd!



The list: Argentina, US, NZ, Algeria, France, and RW-54 from Asia (wherever they were). The WSRR-1400 CT DX Test was heard well in both Albuquerque, NM (Norm Maguire) & Kerrville, TX (George Luther).

- 50 Years Ago From the February 24, 1968 issue of *DX News*: DX test for WSWN-900 (FL, Lake Okeechobee area) scheduled. WNAX 570 SD (see above) also sked. Jerry Starr authored a letter to be sent to "reluctant verifiers"! (That list would be HUGE these days). Walt Breville & Bruce Reynolds (MO) DXed 2/12 together and heard Radio Nanduti 1020 in Paraguay as well as Bolivia-680! Bruce's WLCX verie says their furthest report was from a NZ DXer using an abandoned 5-mile telephone line! (the Mother of all beverages). Doug Lamerson of Richmond Hill, NY caught an Aurora where he heard WTRR-1400, WCOF and WMBM-1490 in FL, as well as WMOG-1490 &WGSA-1400 from GA
- **25 Years Ago** From the February 22, 1993 issue of *DX News*: Upcoming a DX Test from WDEV-550 VT. I just recently learned that this station was owned from 1935-2015 by legendary NASCAR announcer Ken Squire and/or his family. Bill Hale edited the 2nd Edition of the "AM Station Map Book", \$8 from NRC. Dallas Lankford offered a technical review of the NRD-525 receiver. Robert Rush of Southampton, MA reported in- he's Dxing with a Yaesu FT757 & his favorite catch is CKTA-1570. John Bowker's "Now & Then" column highlighted the New Orleans AM Radio scene-1930 had 5 AM stations; 1948 had 8, and 1992 had 17.
- **10 Years Ago** From the February 25, 2008 issue of *DX News*: SC's Doug Allen heard WDHP-1620 St Croix, USVI. Ben Dangerfield (PA) noted TWR-1566 Benin (ex-Dahomey). Ben says he's hearing about half the number of TAs nightly this winter. NRC's 75th yr. Convention is to be held in Pittsburgh in late August. Harold Frodge (MI) logged Iceland-189 on his Drake R8B setup with longwires. KQV-1410 PA, much in the news lately, logged by Sheryl Paszkiewicz in WI. Ernie Wesolowski (NE) heard only one EE station on his Grundig portable while in the Galapagos Islands, 620 miles west of Ecuador: WBAP-820, Fort Worth, TX.

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TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- GERMANY *Europe 1,* Felsberg FEB 22 0045-0101 Man and woman with discussion in French; reggae tune; bumper 0056 and took phone call; top of the hour bumper continuing in French, but didn't detect an ID. Fair and best LWBC audio at this time. [Frodge-MI]
- ALGERIA *R.Algerienne*, Tipaza FEB 22 0450-0503 Two males in French with pop music and chit-chat over music; 0459+ spot by woman in French, hourly news in French to 0502, then Koranic chant. Fair peaks; unID second station evident after 0500, not noted before. [Frodge-MI]
- **ALGERIA** *Jil FM,* Sidi Hamadouche FEB 18 0458 Good; choral marching band national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran* synchros FEB 12 2300 Weak in 560 WGAN null; melodic interlude, then announcement in Farsi. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid FEB 10 2300 Good, over unID; vocal to time marker and checks, "Radio Nacional de España, servicios informativos," parallel 639 and 774 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **SAUDI ARABIA** *SBC R.Riyadh*, Duba FEB 15 0248-0306 Poor to fair peaks with mostly female Arabic talk and the occasional short Arabic stringed music segment I've noted on 1521 kHz. Bothered by 595 Morocco het. [Kazaross-IL] FEB 23 0258 Fair, tuned to low side to avoid strong 595 Morocco het; speaker in Arabic. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE5* Palencia//Sevilla FEB 23 2231 Good; discussion in Spanish parallel 747 and 1413 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **CZECH REPUBLIC** *Ceský rozhlas,* Liblice//Svinov FEB 10 2259 Under Spain; orchestral national anthem. FEB 12 2259 Good; orchestral anthem. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. FEB 16 2200 Fair; time marker and checks, "Radio Nacional de España, 24 Horas..." parallel 738 and 855 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* Sevilla FEB 23 0300 Good; time marker and check by woman, "Son las cuatro, las tres en Canarias," into news, "Radio Nacional de España, servicios informativos." [Conti-NH]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. FEB 11 0500 Good; canned ID, "The best live sport, this is BBC Five Live," and 5 o'clock time check into news. [Conti-NH]
- IRAN IRIB Kiashahr FEB 11 0000 Fair; music with poetic speaker or storyteller in non-Arabic (Farsi?) language, parallel 1512 kHz. "According to my respective clips definitely parallel 1512 kHz Ardabil," said Mauno Ritola in RealDX, "Seems, that Kiashahr has expanded their hours and starts before 0000 with this Ardabil relay and then at 0100 goes to VOIRI Azeri parallel 1323 kHz." Later at 0020 heard heated discussion, sounded like a radio drama, still parallel 1512 kHz. "A native Farsi speaker says that it is Farsi with Azrei accent, humor program," reported Mauno Ritola. [Conti-NH]
- **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran*, Ahvaz FEB 11 2200 Fair; choral segments parallel 936 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **CANARY ISLANDS**//**SPAIN** *RNE5* Las Palmas//Cádiz FEB 23 2231 Fair; talk in Spanish parallel 603 and 1413 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 18 2052 Very weak but nearly clear signal. Obvious fútbol game as I heard a man with the distinct "goooooooooool" call. Commentary by several men along with play by play. Early for TA's to be fading in here. [Wood-MA]
- **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 10 2300 Over unID Koran (likely Iran); ad string to time marker, "Cope, estar informado." FEB 17 2230 Fair with synchro echo; bottom of the hour time marker, intro music and talk. [Conti-NH]
- **EGYPT** *ERTU* Santah FEB 15 0021 Fair-good peaks for about 3 hours with Arabic Koranic chanting nicely pushing back CJBC slop on peaks. Nice that France is gone from this channel. New country! [Kazaross-IL]
- **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales,* Washford et al. FEB 11 0200 Good; promo, "...on the BBC World Service, the world's radio station," and time marker into news. [Conti-NH]
- TURKEY TRT-1 Antalya FEB 15 0318 Poor-fair peaks with gal in Turkish for a few minutes during sunrise peak at the transmitter. WLS phased down about 40 dB. No sign of Algeria which may be off this channel again? New! [Kazaross-IL]

- 936 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran*, Miandoab//Urumiyeh FEB 11 2159 Good; choral segments, man in Farsi, parallel 711 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **MOROCCO** *SNRT* Agadir FEB 23 2248 Fair; presumed this with repetitive Sahara music typical of Morocco. 595 and 612 not readable for parallel check. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid FEB 10 2200 Good; time marker and checks, "Ultima hora en Cope, estar informado." [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER R.San Sebastián*, San Sebastián FEB 11 2229 Good; promo's for Radio San Sebastián punto com and Los Cuarenta, time marker and deportivo talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1071 unID FEB 10 2200 Fair; Koranic recitations through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 17 2300 Fair; live boxing coverage, 11th round, continued through the hour. [Conti-NH]
- CHINA CNR Golmud, Qinghai FEB 11 2300 Weak but alone in domestic splatter with no sign of Spain; orchestral fanfare and CNR-11 ID in Tibetan by woman. "This is certainly the Chinese superpower station located in Qinghai," said Mika Makelainen in RealDX. Comparing an audio clip by Mauno Ritola the night before at the same time, Jari Savolainen in RealDX said, "The female in Tibetan seems to give CNR-11 ID." Noisy audio clip www.bamlog.com/unID1098.mp3. A new country entered into the home DX logbook! [Conti-NH]
- 1098.98 **SLOVAKIA** *R.Devín/R.Patria*, Nitra FEB 18 0500 Weak sub-audible het against 1098 Spain; measured 1098.982 kHz which matches offset listings. [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **BELGIUM** *RTBF VivaCité*, Houdeng FEB 11 2200 Fair; time marker, "Info" news in French. Measured slightly low at 1124.990 kHz as listed. [Conti-NH]
- 1124.96 **LIBYA** *Libya al-Hurra*, El Beida FEB 18 0157 Cursory scan finds one considerably off-frequency-low here. MW Offsets list shows the only fit would be Libya, 1124.961 as of Aug 2015, but also varied up to 1126 kHz. [Hauser-OK] FEB 23 2220 Observed 1124.962 kHz peaking above the noise floor along with 1124.990 Belgium, unID 1124.995, and audible 1125 Spain. [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 23 2154 Fair; discussion in Spanish. Synchro cluster measured at 1125.000 kHz along with 1124.990 Belgium and unID 1124.995 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1152 **ROMANIA** *R.România Actualitati*, Cluj FEB 23 0258 Fair; choral national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros FEB 10 2352 Good; DJ announced "Come Back to Me" from the album "As You Were" by Liam Gallagher, then a live promo for the *Absolute Radio* app. [Conti-NH] FEB 13 0333 Fair on peaks with music selections by Pretenders, Pink Floyd and Van Halen. Very fadey and distorted. Stream is about 1.5 minutes behind. [Hayes PA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 23 2231 Fair; talk in Spanish parallel 603 and 747 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1512 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Ardabil*, Ardabil FEB 11 0020 Fair; heated discussion, sounded like a radio drama, parallel 702 kHz. [Conti-NH]

Transoceanic Carrier Searches

FEB 10 0735-0744 - R75 in USB mode 1 kHz below, pre-amps off; 585, 612, 621, 675, 693, 702, 882, 909, 972, 999, 1044, 1062, 1089, 1098, 1215, 1413, 1422, 1503, 1512*, 1584 kHz. The sun is upping over Europe, but all these haven't quite faded out yet. On the other hand, by now the sun is just setting upon Wellington, so NZ'ers could propagate, though most of them are lower-powered. [Hauser-OK]

FEB 14 0308-0317 - After lots of transatlantic signals are being reported across North America; 531, 549, 558, 567, 576, 558, 594, 603, 612, 621, 639, 666, 684, 693*, 702, 711, 729, 738, 765, 774(2), 783, 801, 828, 837, 855*, 864*, 882*, 891*, 909, 936, 954, 999, 1008, 1026, 1044(2), 1179, 1197, 1206, 1215(2), 1386?, 1413, 1422, 1458, 1503, 1512, 1566, 1575(+ jam buzz?). At 0339 UTC I also have something off-channel on 595 which would be Morocco. [Hauser-OK]

FEB 15 0542 - I'm starting a transatlantic search at 1215, downward: 1215*, 1152, 1125, 1116, 1053, 1044*, 1026, 999, 972, 936, 909, 882, 873, 855, 846, 783, 774(2), 747, 738, 729, 711, 702, 693*, 666(2), 639(2), 621, 612*, 585, 576, 558(2), 549, 531(2). From 0546 upward; 1215*, 1242, 1296, 1305, 1332, 1341, 1413, 1422, 1512, 1521, 1575, 1584 kHz. At 0558 I switch to the NRD-545, and can hear many of these carriers, but certainly no better. Continuously reduceable bandwidth and passband tuning do not audiblize any modulation against the heavy North American adjacent channel interference. [Hauser-OK]

FEB 19 0648 - Conditions not as good as have been, but detect 531, 558, 567, 585, 603, 693, 747, 837, 855, 882, 999, 1089, 1098, 1125(2), 1215 kHz. FEB 21 0309-0315 - 531, 621, 711, 747, 855(2), 882, 909,

936*, 1116, 1152, 1215, 1431, 1575 kHz. 936 often has a bigger signal; what's likely? Morocco 100 kW, though there are equal or higher powers in Syria, Saudi, Iran; while in Europe nothing more than 3 x 20 kW in Spain. Looking at others' reports, I think that a lot of these are coming from the UK or Spain, on the frequencies they occupy. I am being especially observant for the known off-frequency stations circa 595, 711, 917, 1053, but no luck yet (except for 711+ Western Sahara recently). *means the stronger ones; (2) means two carriers, or maybe more. Wish I had a Q-multiplier like on my old HQ-160; just too much hash/adjacent channel interference from all the North American stations. [Hauser-OK]

Transpacific carrier search on the rotatable DX-398: FEB 12 1319-1327 - 558, 594, 702, 774, 828, 846, 882, 936, 1098, 1566 kHz. Our sunrise today 1323 UTC. Immediately after above at 1327-1330 UTC, I switch to the R75 and long wire, but the only one still audible is 1566, presumably Korea South. [Hauser-OK]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- CUBA *R.Caribe*, Caribe FEB 22 0113-0130 Man and woman in Spanish with discussion about "música Cubana" including a tune at bottom of the hour. Not parallel 5025 *R.Rebelde*. Well under CIAO in Polish per sked; easy listening music station also there without any talk; also need LSB to kill 531 het; a very interesting mix! Later at 0440; Spanish baladas, "Once cuarenta y uno" time check; 0446 ID, "Radio Caribe Cuba." Totally dominant with only a hint of interference. [Frodge-MI]
- MEXICO XEPL Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chih. FEB 12 1259 XE anthem; man with ID at 1301: "XHEPL La Super Estación 91.3 FM, 25 mil wats de potencia, señal simultanea en 550 AM..." with usual address at Agustín Melgar 473; spotty after this with "Amanecer Ranchero" program, consisting of ranchera music, ads, PSA's, and chit-chat. IBOC from local 560 KLZ mostly nulled. [Wilkins-CO]
- NICARAGUA La Nueva Radio Ya, Managua FEB 21 1129 Excellent with female time check, ID, "Muy buenos días Nicaragua... mil wats, la Nueva Radio Ya... Chinandega, Managua..." [Krueger-FL]
- MEXICO XETNT Los Mochis, Sin. FEB 15 1244 Noted in passing with usual "Buenos Dias Yardero" program, familiar announcer gabbing and playing mainly banda music. Still not sure what "yardero" means. Signal fair at best. [Wilkins-CO]
- MEXICO XEROK Cd. Juárez, Chih. FEB 12 1333 Nulling KQCV, no sign of XEROK, but another weak station in English. Ten minutes after sunrise here, long before sunrise in Juárez. Although other lowband XE's are not heard either, XEROK should be detectable if anywhere near rated 50 kW. FEB 13 1307 With KQCV nulled, not a trace of XEROK; only co-channel is another weak station in English. If on from Juárez, must be very reduced power. [Hauser-OK]
- MEXICO XETAR Guachochi, Chih. FEB 9 1315 Spanish talk and info for the local indigenous communities, call letter ID at 1331 UTC. [Vance-TX] FEB 13 1311 Time checks and ID in Spanish, La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, Chihuahua; other usual Chihuahuans still audible on 700, 710, 720, 730 but no 800 XEROK. [Hauser-OK]
- MEXICO XERED Tlalnepantla, Edo.Mex. FEB 11 1113 Talk show by woman, "Red AM" and Radio Centro announcements at 0621, mentioned 200 kW power, followed by world news program, then national news. [Vance-TX]
- NICARAGUA Radio CEPAD, Managua FEB 21 1133 Good, with some KMOX cochannel. Inspirational talk by man, mentions of Costa Rica and Managua then "The Andy Griffith Show" whistling theme, female ID (pronounced "Say-pad"), mention of "ranchera cristiano" and roosters crowing, into rustic folk vocal. Parallel station website stream though it's about 30 seconds behind, and located about three-fourths down the page with the large "Transmisión en vivo" link. [Krueger-FL]
- MEXICO XEVB *Radio 13*, Monterrey, NL FEB 22 1157 Truncated anthem from 1159, male announcer with mention of "Radio Trece" and into Mexi-tune, signal lost to WYND and XETIA. Presume the one. Appears to change slogans frequently. Listed as this in the 2018 WRTH, as *VB 1310* in the 2017, and *Mujer 1310* in the 2016. No mobile device working stream located. [Krueger-FL]
- MEXICO XETIA *R.Vital*, Guadalajara, Jal. FEB 22 1206 As XEVB fades, another is up with unabridged anthem from 1206-1210, male mentioned "mil wats..." into nice tropical ballads, not the usual Mexi-tunes fare. Found it parallel the network site at www.notisistema.com/radiovital.php. Listed elsewhere as a health/talk format, but clearly at least not always. Signal faded by 1218, but listening to the stream, a "Radio Vital, una onda (salvaje?)"

slogan after government PSA's, into ballad. [Krueger-FL]

- MEXICO XECTZ Cuetzalan del Progreso, Pue. FEB 4 1159 First noted WWWL New Orleans with their gospel programming. WWWL dropped in signal level then the Mexican national anthem was heard in the background. At 1201 I heard indigenous type music briefly, then male says "La Voz de La Sierra Notre," and female says "Transmite... potencia... punto com punto mx," at fair level. New. [Niven-TX]
- 1410 **MEXICO** XEBS México, DF FEB 10 1232 ID, "Bandolera catorce-diez, Ai Puro Tiro; la puerte mexico viene nuevo tiro en la radio, XEBS... Ai Puro Tiro," then back into talk by two men. Power announced at 25 kW. [Vanve-TX]
- 1420 **MEXICO** XEH Monterrey, NL FEB 11 1152 In and out under local XEF; "XEH, catorceveinte" ID, national anthem at 1203 UTC. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEEST México, DF FEB 11 0558 Female saying, "Escucha Quiereme 1440 AM XEEST..." into musical item at fair level. Thanks to Valter on RealDX for conformation. New. [Niven-TX]
- MEXICO unID FEB 11 1200 Weak with anthem and lost promptly to KGOW in Vietnamese from 1202 UTC. No joy with even the anthem every day since, just KGOW. [Krueger-FL]

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73 and Good DX!

Unreported Domestic Stations

One station reported to DDXD this issue for the first time since at least Volume 67 (1999-2000): KYZS-1490. The number of currently licensed stations in the United States and Canada that haven't been reported to DDXD in that timeframe is now 377. The full list was last printed in issue 84-18. Can you log and report one next issue?

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued February 19, 2018 – For the period February 19-March 17, 2018 http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/weekly-highlights-and-27-day-forecast

Solar activity is expected to be very low through the outlook period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to range from normal to high levels. High levels from CH HSS influence are expected from 19-25 Feb. A transition back to normal levels is expected from 26 Feb to 17 Mar.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to range quiet to G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm conditions. Influence from a negative polarity CH HSS is expected to produce isolated periods of G1 (Minor) storming on 19 Feb. A decrease to quiet to active levels by 20 Feb and quiet to unsettled levels over 21-23 Feb is expected as influence from the CH HSS slowly wanes. Quiet to unsettled levels are again expected on 04 Mar and 15 March, with quiet to active levels expected on 14 Mar and 16-17 Mar, as multiple, recurrent CH HSSs are anticipated to become geoeffective. The remainder of the outlook period is expected to observe quiet conditions.



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Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula – An Exceptionally Rare DX Target Ron Schiller, St. George UT –rschiller28@gmail.com.

Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula encompasses about 80,000 square miles and is comprised of 4 States: Campeche, Quintana Roo, Tabasco & Yucatán. (Some studies don't include Tabasco, others include a 5th state). I chose 4 states, which represents most of the land mass of the Peninsula. Although parts of Guatemala & all of Belize are within that area, they are not included in the study. Suffice to say, the Guatemala area is mostly indigenous with few towns and Belize has had one AM station that operated on 830 & 834 and was widely heard.

I became aware of the Yucatán back in the 70s when I lived in Lighthouse Point, Florida (between Fort Lauderdate and West Palm Beach). I became intrigued that although I had heard all but two of the English-speaking stations in the Caribbean, I had heard NOTHING from the YP (Yucatán Peninsula). My neighboring county DXer, the late Ron Schatz, had heard only one in a number of years DXing from Miami. I generally forgot about the YP until Tim Hall was discussing it. He has logged over 1400 stations from near San Diego & also from a remote NV DX-pedition location; NONE were from the YP! (Caveat-he had heard a couple of YPers on a business trip to SW Florida circa 2002).

I have done considerable research and had responses from quite a few DXers, as well as seeing online logs from DXpeditioners in Finland & Sweden. I know of 88 YP loggings by 27 DXers from 13 states (AZ, FL, IL, MA, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN & TX) and Ontario, Canada, as well as Finland & Sweden. 72 stations logged in NA and 16 others from Scandinavia, including 5 heard in Europe but not in NA! Terry Kreuger from Clearwater, FL is the clear leader of known YP receptions with 13 stations heard. David Gleason has logged ten, split between Cleveland in the 60s & Phoenix in the 70s. His are the furthest WEST of all receptions I have found. The NA mileage record is 1,952 by NY State's Jim Renfrew and the EU record is 5,742 in Finland and 5,712 in Sweden, both by DXpeds utilizing SDRs and multiple beverage antennas.

I know of no loggings in the Southern Hemisphere, probably because, thanks to Steve Ponder, I was able to check the coverage maps for all the YP stations. All of them seem to beam their signals from NNW to SSE, except for the few omni-directional interior stations, which are mainly low power, indigenous operations. To say that Yucatán Peninsula stations "don't get out well" is an understatement considering they are almost all abutting water! Kermit Geary (PA) in all of his thousands of hours of DXing had only TWO YP stations among his QSL collection posted on line (interestingly, two stations not reported by anyone else). I have no way of knowing if he heard others, but it typifies the state of Yucatán receptions, I believe. Glenn Hauser for all his countless hours at the dials reported but two YP loggings and he's in Oklahoma! ON's Charles Reh-two in over 50 years of DXing!

I'm not a scientist and the following observation is my own undocumented conclusion as to why Yucatán stations are not more universally heard: it's the limestone! The Peninsula is made up almost entirely of limestone, one of the poorest conductors for radio. YP rates the lowest of all the Mexican states as to ground conductivity. I remember seeing a similar situation when I DXed from central & coastal New Jersey in the 50s & 60s ... stations from New England, especially the northern

3 states were difficult to hear for the most part, even though they were only a few hundred miles away (stations in other directions came in much better, for a variety of reasons.) New England, like the Yucatán, has some of the poorest ground conductivity in the country. I'd be interested to hear others' take on this and welcome any loggings I may not be aware of.



The DXers whose logs are included are: Tim Hall (in FL), Bo Oloffson et al Swedish DXped, Jim Renfrew, David Gleason, Bruce Winkleman, D Crawford, Robert Ross, W Funkhauser, James Niven, Glenn Hauser, Terry Kreuger, Kermit Geary, Ron Schatz, Carl Parsons, Steve Francis, Steve Wiseblood, Lemmonjki Finland DXped, Robert Vance Long Beach Island DXped-NJ, Brett Saylor, Barry McLarnon, Bruce Conti, Mark Connelly, Charles Reh, Doug Allen, Ed Krejny, Steve Ponder, & Eric Loy. Note: no known loggings from all those Newfoundland DXpeds!

There were approximately 60 stations operating from the YP, but many have left for FM. A few still operate as AM/FM dual operations. The station most frequently reported was XEQOO-1050 in Cancún, but they too have moved to FM only. Among ACTIVE AM stations, XECAQ-740 Cancún has been reported 4 times, along with XECTL-860 Chetumal and XEVG-650 Mérida.

I welcome any and all additions to my study and if there are enough add-ons, I would do an appendage to this report. Any thoughts re the propagation from the Yucatán are likewise welcome. This is in no way a complete nor scientific study of YP receptions reported over the years.

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