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Gitschier passed away in November of last year. Ron ran many tests at Florida AM stations and was known to many NRC members. Our condolences to his family.

George Santuli passes along an interesting set of comments on Radio Ink following a recent Harris, Statesboro, GA. article by Robert Lee of QXZ Media Works in Waco, Texas entitled "I Repeat – AM Radio is Dead." The article generated a large number of online comments; to read click here if you're a PDF subscriber (or Google "Radio Ink AM Radio is dead" if you're a print subscriber).

We now are able to include live links (such as the one above) for our e-DXN subscribers ... if you are having trouble with them, or if you're a print subscriber and you miss those long Web addresses, please let me know! Constructive comments and suggestions for DX News are always welcome at NRCDXNews@gmail.com.

See you again in just 3 more weeks ... spring is around the corner!

Membership Report

"Just a quick note to thank you for your continuing good service to us. The DX News is

From the Publisher: Via Russ Edmunds comes my main source of information about what's news that former NRC member Ron happening in the radio world. Please keep up the good work." - Ken MacHarg

> New Members: Welcome to Richard Colgan, Austin, TX; Richard Goldfinger, Oak Ridge, TN; and Terry Thiewes, Maple Grove, MN.

> **Rejoining Members**: Welcome back to Phil

Renewing Members: Thanks for the ongoing support of Richard Allen; Karl Ayer; Jesse R Bruner; Anthony Capobianco; John E. Clark; William Feidt; Roger Gravelle; LeRoy Hennes; Willard G. Hoffmann; Peter A. Horton; Dan Hromadka; Arthur Jackson; Thomas M. Jasinski; Steve Kennedy; Stephen Lindsay; Ken MacHarg; Charles Reh; Edward J. Semrad; James E. Shaw; Mark Smith; John R Stacy; Mike Strand; William D. Swiger; Alphonse Tobia; Tom Walsh; and Wally Wawro.

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14	Apr. 5	Apr. 15	18	July 12	July 22	
15	Apr. 26	May 6	19	Aug. 9	Aug. 19	
16	May 17	May 27	20	Sept. 6	Sept. 16	
See you all in 3 weeks!						

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stations in the United States and Canada. The Log contains 302 pages of data and cross references and 12 pages of instructions in 8-1/2" x 11" size, 3-hole punched, U.S. loose leaf format. This publication fits nicely into a 1" three-ring binder. 10,000+ updates since last year's 38th Edition of the Log! New for this year is a cross reference by State/ Provinces in frequency order. This list is ideal for targeting needed areas. Additional reference lists include call letters of FM simulcasts with the AM Stations listing, listings of regional groups of stations in the groups section (separate section of the Log), a cross reference of those stations that are licensed to use IBOC (In Band On Channel) digital audio, and a comprehensive list of FM translators that are now simulcasting with AM broadcasters.

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AM Switch

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FCC and CRTC Decisions and Applications

CALL CHANGES

1090 KSFE NM Milan – Call change to KMYN (Mar. 7).

1260 KBXN ID Weiser – Call change to KKOO (Mar. 12).

1380 KAGE MN Winona – Call change to KHWK (Mar. 11).

KKOO OR Ontario – Call change to KBXN (Mar. 12).

1410 WBBX TN Kingston – Call change to WVVB (Mar. 6).

1430 WVAM PA Altoona – Call change to WTNA (Mar. 15).

1460 WATD MA Brockton – Call change to WBMS (Mar. 1; station is silent).



NEW STATION WATCH

1490 KZEZ UT Santa Clara – Applies for license to cover CP for new station, U1 1000/1000 at 37-06-42/113-30-43.

STATIONS GOING DARK (OR NOT?)

820 WTNW TN Jasper – License cancelled; station has been silent since Jan. 1, 2017.

940 KCOE OR Bend – License cancelled; station has been silent since Mar. 29, 2017.

1060 WGSB NC Mebane – License cancelled; station has been silent since Jan. 13, 2017.

1260 KBHC AR Nashville - License cancelled; station has been silent since May 28, 2017.

1310 KKNS NM Corrales – License to cover CP for U1 5000/82 from a new site (which the station has been using under STA) dismissed Feb. 26; this license to cover had been pending a license renewal application, so maybe that's about to be rejected?

1380 WAGS SC Bishopville – License cancelled; station has been silent since Mar. 1, 2018.

1410 WIQR AL Prattville – License cancelled; station has been silent since June 3, 2016.

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (CPS) FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CPs fully licensed and on the air:

600 CBNA NL St. Anthony – Move to 100.3 MHz FM is on the air; AM in last 90 days of life.

660 WXQW AL Fairhope – CP for U1 10000/19, coordinates adjusted to 30-35-30/87-52-58, is on the air.

680 WDBC MI Escanaba – CP for U4 6000/1000, coordinates adjusted to 45-45-47/87-05-41, is on the air.

790 KOSY AR Texarkana –CP for U1 1000/23, coordinates adjusted to 33-22-25/94-01-01, is on the air.

CPs built and possibly on air, awaiting final licensing:

1210 KMIA WA Auburn-Federal Way – Applies for license to cover CP with U4 27500/220, moving night operations to licensed day site.

1310 WOKA GA Douglas – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 500/68.

1460 WBMS MA Brockton – Applies for license to cover CP with U1 5000/30, new site 42-03-01/71-03-42.

CPs granted:

1430 WVAM PA Altoona – Granted CP for U1 5000/25, adjusted coordinates 40-29-47/78-24-05.

1440 WLXN NC Lexington – Granted CP for U1 5300/50, dropping separate night site and consolidating at licensed day site with reduced night power.

1450 CKDR3 ON Hudson – LPRT granted CP to move to 97.5 MHz FM.

1490 WFXY KY Middlesboro – Granted CP for new tower, moving 200' to 36-36-46/83-42-33.

Amendment to pending CP granted:

1010 KIQI CA San Francisco – Has CP for U4 10000/15000, granted amendment to U4 10000/10000.

Applications for CPs filed:

- **1150 WJEM GA Valdosta** Applies for CP with U1 2300/50 (dropping U4, reducing power).
 - WHUN PA Huntingdon Applies for CP with U1 1000/36 (reducing day power).
- **1200 WAXA FL Pine Island Center** Applies for CP with U3 750/750, coordinates adjusted to 26-42-51/82-02-44.
- **1210 CBAK NT Aklavik** LPRT applies to move to 97.7 MHz FM.
- **1230 WRBS MD Baltimore** Applies for CP with U1 600/1000, moving to WOLB-1010/WWIN-1400 tower at 39-18-06/76-34-09 (and reducing day power).
- **1260 KBXN ID Weiser** Applies for CP with U1 9800/36 (increasing day power).
- 1340 CBLB ON Schreiber LPRT applies to move to 90.9 MHz FM.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

STAs granted:

- **560 WEBC** MN Duluth Granted STA, parameters at variance (using U4 4000/5000), day pattern is out of whack and engineers can't work due to snow and ice.
- **680 WRKO MA Boston** Granted STA, parameters at variance, pattern problems.
 - **WINR NY Binghamton** Granted STA, night parameters at variance.
- 750 WBMD MD Baltimore Granted STA, D1 250 from a WFSI-860 tower.
- **760 KMTL AR Sheridan** Granted STA, D1 1000, silent station needs to broadcast.
- 800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City Granted STA, parameters at variance.
- 880 WMEQ WI Menomonie Granted STA, minor parameters at variance.
- 1150 WJEM GA Valdosta Granted STA, U1 1000/25.3, storm damage to towers.
- **1240** KJAA AZ Globe Granted STA, U1 500/500, partially collapsed tower.
- **1320 KNIT UT Salt Lake City** Granted STA, U1 500/500 from the site where it has applied for a CP with U1 730/730, co-located with (silent) KEZF-1230.
- 1350 KPWK CA San Bernardino Granted STA, U1 2750/150, fire at transmitter site.
- **1410** WSHY IN Lafayette Granted STA, U1? 500/30 during phone nest installation on tower.
- **1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids** Granted STA, U1 1000/100, can't switch to directional pattern.
- **1480 KPHX AZ Phoenix** Granted STA, U1 250/25 from 31-meter drop wire antenna at the CP site, co-located with KSUN-1400 (but not from KSUN tower).
- 1490 WDEP PR Ponce Granted STA, U1 3000/1000 at CP site.
- **1520** WRSJ PR San Juan Granted STA, U1 1000/1000, Hurricane Maria damage.
- **1700** WRCR NY Ramapo Granted STA, U1 2500/250, 175' LW at 41-11-22/74-00-55.

Applications for STA filed:

- **1240** KDSK NM Los Ranchos de Albuquerque Applies for STA, U1 1000/1000 from 37-meter longwire at 35-10-09/106-29-59; has lost licensed site.
- **1470 KLCL LA Lafayette** Applies for STA, U1 2500/500, reduced power with transmitter still under repair.

Extensions to existing STAs granted:

- **600 KGEZ MT Kalispell** Granted STA extension, U1 1250/250.
- 670 KPUA HI Hilo Granted STA extension, reduced power (using U1 1000/1000).
- **720 WHYF PA Shiremanstown** Granted STA extension, 60' LW at 40-12-58/76-58-08.
- 790 WAEB PA Allentown Granted STA extension, U5 3600/375 or parameters at variance.
- **830 KFLT AZ Tucson** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- 870 KAAN MO Bethany Granted STA extension, reduced power (unspecified).
- 980 WOFX NY Troy Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
 - **KTCR WA Selah** Granted STA extension, U1 1000/125, KRSE-105.7 tower.
- **1030 WOSO PR San Juan** Granted STA extension, D1 300, folded unipole, 18-26-55/66-04-37.
- **1050** KTCT CA San Mateo Granted STA extension, U4 50000/35000 (Mexico QRM).
- **1070 KFTI KS Wichita** Granted STA extension, U1 10000/250.
- **1080 WKJK KY Louisville** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **1150 KGDD OR Portland** Granted STA extension, U1 10/10, whip at 45-31-09/122-36-22.
 - WHUN PA Huntingdon Granted STA extension, reduced day power.
- **1220 WERM AL Fairhope** Granted STA extension, D1 250 from WABF-1480 tower.
- 1250 KKDZ WA Seattle Granted STA extension, U1 5000/1250.
- 1290 KAZA CA Gilroy Granted STA extension, U1 1250/20 from KZSJ-1120 tower.
- **1300 WIBR LA Baton Rouge** Granted STA extension, U1 300/11 from WXOK-1460 tower.
 - WTIL PR Mayagüez Granted STA extension, U1 1000/1000 from one CP tower.
- **1310 WAUC FL Wauchula** Granted STA extension, U1 1250/125.
- **1320** WAGY NC Forest City Granted STA extension, D1 1000.

- **WOBL** OH Oberlin Granted STA extension, parameters at variance.
- **1340 KSGT WY Jackson** Granted STA extension, reduced power (unspecified).
- 1440 WPRD FL Winter Park Granted STA extension, U1 5000/250.
- 1460 WPON MI Walled Lake Granted STA extension, D1 250 from CP tower.
- **1480 KYOS CA Merced** Granted STA extension, U1 4300/75 from CP application tower.
- **1520 WINW OH Canton** Granted STA extension, D1 250, longwire at 40-48-32/81-22-35.
- KOKC OK Oklahoma City Granted STA extension, U1 10000/10000, 35-20-01/97-30-18.
- **1540 KXPA WA Bellevue** Granted STA extension, U1 5000/1250.
- **1590 WFTH VA Richmond** Granted STA extension, parameters at variance (damaged tower).
- **1600** WLXE MD Rockville Granted STA extension, U1 1000/125.

Applications to extend existing STAs filed:

- **570 WTBN FL Pinellas Park** Applies to extend STA, U1 1250/1250.
 - WSYR NY Syracuse Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
- 580 WKAQ PR San Juan Applies to extend STA, U1 10000/4500.
- **590 KCSJ CO Pueblo** Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
- 940 WIPR PR San Juan Applies to extend STA, U1 2500/2500 from WKAQ-580 tower.
- 980 WONE OH Dayton Applies to extend STA, night parameters at variance.
- **1050 WJCM** FL **Sebring** Applies to extend STA, reduced day power (using U1 750/11).
- **1060 KGFX SD Pierre** Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
- 1090 WUVI VI Charlotte Amalie Applies to extend STA, D1 225.
- 1130 WDFN MI Detroit Applies to extend STA, night parameters at variance.
- 1200 WAXA FL Pine Island Center Applies to extend STA, U3 2200/2200.
- **1240** KOKL OK Okmulgee Applies to extend STA, U1 333/333.
- **1260 WSHU CT Westport** Applies to extend STA, U1 250/2, longwire at 41-07-42/73-23-26.
- 1270 WLLN NC Lillington Applies to extend STA, reduced day power (using U4 1000/49).
- **1360** KWWJ TX Baytown Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
- **1420 KSTN CA Stockton** Applies to extend STA, U1 1250/250 or parameters at variance.
- **1440 WGIG GA Brunswick** Applies to extend STA, parameters at variance.
- **1540 WKXG MS Greenwood** Applies to extend STA, U1 250/1, 135′ LW at 33-32-02/90-11-42.
- **1690 WIGT VI Charlotte Amalie** Applies to extend STA, U1 400/400.

SILENT STATIONS

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

- **590 WDIZ** FL Panama City Silent Oct. 10 (2018), on the air with STA Jan. 10.
- **760 KMTL AR Sheridan** Silent Mar. 1 (2018), on the air with STA Feb. 26.
- **1090 KVOP TX Plainview** Silent Apr. 25 (2018), on the air July 25 (2018), just posted now.
- **1300 KKOL WA Seattle** Silent Feb. 28 (2018), on the air with STA Feb. 22.
- **1410 WIHM IL Taylorville** Silent Feb. 8, on the air Mar. 4.
- **1520** WRSJ PR San Juan Silent Sept. 20 (2017), on the air with STA Feb. 26.

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

- **1090** WTSB NC Selma Silent Jan. 31, pending sale after retirement of 92-year-old owner.
- **1280 KXEG AZ Phoenix** Silent Feb. 4, loss of tower site.
- **1300** KKLS TX Lumberton Silent Jan. 20, transmitter problems.
- 1490 WPAK VA Farmville Silent Feb. 24, transmitter failure.
- **1510 WQQW IL Highland** Silent Mar. 4, transmitter problems.
- **1520 KQQB TX Stockdale** Silent Dec. 27, 2018, thunderstorm damage to transmitter.

COORDINATE CORRECTION

1450 WHDL NY Olean – Applies for CP to correct coordinates to 42-04-34/78-28-27.

NRC AM Log updates

- 540 KVIP CA Redding Slogan & Group to Grp= Very Inspiring Programing.
 - WAUK WI Jackson Slogan to "94-5 ESPN FM & 540 ESPN," adds // WKTI-94.5.
- 580 WKAQ PR San Juan Group to Slogan & Grp= 580 WKAQ (ex-Grp= Radio Reloj).
- 590 WLES VA Bon Air Slogan to "The Truth," adds // W249CI-97.7; delete // W300DK-107.9; delete Group. (FCC)
- 600 KCOL CO Wellington Slogan to "News Radio 600."
 - WYEL PR Mayagüez Slogan & Group to Grp= 580 WKAQ (ex-Grp= Radio Reloj).

- **620 KEXB** TX Plano – Format to BIZ/SSan (ex-BIZ); slogans to "Experts in Business," "Radio Oasis." (GH) WVMT VT Burlington – Adds // W242BK-96.3. (FCC) 630 KPLY **NV Reno** – Adds // K273BI-94.9. (FCC) **UT** Manti – Adds // K236BE-95.1. (FCC) 650 KMTI **CKOM SK Saskatoon** – Format to NWS/TLK (ex-NWS/TLK/Comedy); nets to CP. (WH) **KY** Corbin – Adds // W287DL-105.3. (FCC) 680 WCTT AZ Tucson – Slogan & Group to Grp= Reach Radio. 690 KCEE **730 KWRE** MO Warrenton – Adds // K236CK-95.1. (FCC) 740 WNYH NY Huntington – Group to Grp= WNYH Group. WVCH PA Chester – Adds // W237EH-95.3. (FCC) 810 WRSO FL Orlovista – Slogan & Group Grp= Accion 97.9 (ex-Grp= Your Brazilian Radio). **820 WNTW VA Chester** – Adds // W224EB-92.7; delete // W249CI-97.7. (FCC) **850 WKGE PA Johnstown** – Format to CLR (ex-NOS); delete slogan. CA San Francisco – Adds // K257BE-99.3. (FCC) 860 KTRB WFSI **MD Baltimore** – Adds // W295BX-106.9. (FCC) 870 WTCG NC Mount Holly – Adds //W222CW-92.3. (FCC) 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - Slogan to "Joy FM Real Music Real Life," adds // W232CS-94.3; delete Grp= Joy FM Real Music Real Life. 900 WSWN FL Belle Glade – Adds // W296DN-107.1. (FCC) 920 KSVA NM Albuquerque – Adds // K282CD-104.3. (FCC) 930 WFXI **Jacksonville** – Slogan to "97.3 The Game," adds // W247CF-97.3. 940 KDIL **Jerome** – Slogan & Group to Grp= La Estación de la Familia 940. **AR** Fort Smith – Adds // K226BS-93.1. (FCC) 950 KFSA WCDC SC Moncks Corner - Format to REL (ex-UC:GOS); slogan to "Moody Radio," networks to SCn/MBN. 960 KLAD OR Klamath Falls – Slogan to "The Basin's Sports Leader," adds // K282CB-104.3; delete // K227CU-93.3. AR Dardanelle – Delete // K246BY-97.1. (FCC) 980 KCAB **NM Clovis** – Format to CCR (ex-SPT); delete networks and Grp= HPRN. **KICA** 1000 KCEO **CA** Vista – Adds // K257FV-99.3. (FCC) **1040 KCBR** CO Monument – Format to HipHop (ex-CLR/Comedy); delete networks; slogan & Group to Grp= Blazin' 98.5 (ex-Hits & Giggles 98.5 & 95.7). 1050 WGRI OH Cincinnati – Slogan to "Inspiration 1050 & 103.1." **WAMN WV Green Valley** – Group to Grp= Willie 94.5 (ex-Grp= Willie 97.3). **OH Canton** – Slogan & Group to Grp= Living Bread Radio. 1060 WILB **TX** Plainview – Format FARM/TLK (ex-TLK); delete networks and Grp= HPRN. CO Limon – Adds // K272FP-102.3. (FCC) AL Carrville – Delete // W257DL-99.3. (FCC) GA Valdosta - Slogan to "Fox Sports Radio," adds // W232DB-94.3; delete // W256DB-99.1. (FCC) OR Klamath Falls – Slogan "NewsTalk 1150," adds // K225CW-92.9; drop Group. KAGO
- 1090 KVOP 1120 KCRN 1130 WALQ 1150 WJEM
- WV Welch Group to Grp= Willie 94.5 (ex-Grp= Willie 97.3). WELC
- 1160 WCFO **GA** East Point – Adds // W290AS-92.5. (FCC) **KCTO MO** Cleveland – Slogan & Group to Grp= La Mega 1160. 1180 WSQR **Sycamore** – Slogan & Group to Grp= The Squirrel.
- **1200 WSML NC Graham** Format to C&W (ex-SPT); nets to Nc; Grp= The Triad's Sports Hub. 1220 WKTZ **FL Jacksonville** – Slogan & Group to Grp= American Family Radio.
- **1230 WBET MI** Sturgis – Adds // W259CR-99.7. (FCC) MS Starkville – Slogan to "1230 The Team." **WSSO** NV Ely – Slogan & Group to Grp= Nevada News Talk Network. (BH) KELY
- **TX** Raymondville Slogan to "Radio Vision Hispana." (BH) **1240** KSOX WOMT WI Manitowoc - Format to AC/TLK (ex-AC); slogan to "The Lakeshore's Good Neighbor," networks to C/Wi/. (BH)
- 1250 KRRD **AR** Fayetteville – Slogan & Group to Grp= Red Dirt Country 106.1. (RD) **KIKC MT Forsyth** – Adds // K233BL-94.5. (FCC) **WYKM WV Rupert** – Slogan to "Your Country Tradition." IA Newton – Slogan to "Your Hometown Station." **1280 KCOB**
- AL Sheffield Adds // W290CZ-105.9. (FCC) 1290 WBTG AZ Tucson – Slogan to "Wildcats Radio 1290." **KCUB**
- **1300 WOSW NY Fulton** Adds // W253BZ-98.5. KKUB **TX Brownfield** – Networks to GRN.

1310 KZYP AR Malvern – Slogan & Group to Grp= Classic Hits 1310 (ex-Grp= Fox Sports Radio Arkansas).

WXMC NJ Parsippany-Troy Hills – Format to SS:REL (ex-Asian); Networks to RCN; Group to Grp= WXMC Group (ex-Grp= Radio Chai).

WNAE PA Warren – Adds // W244DY-96.7; delete // W256DE-99.1. (FCC)

WGH VA Newport News – Format to UC:OLD/TLK (ex-OLD); slogan to "1310 The Power," networks to SRN.

KZXR WA Prosser – Adds // K237GY-95.3.

1320 WJAS PA Pittsburgh – Adds // W256DE-99.1. (FCC)

1330 WHGM MD Havre de Grace – Format to OLD (ex-CLR); Group to Grp= WHGM Gold; delete Slogan & Group Grp= Smash Hits FM.

1340 KZNG AR Hot Springs – Adds // K288FP-105.5. (FCC)

KSEK KS Pittsburg – Slogan to "The Sports Edge."

WPOL NC Winston-Salem – Slogan & Group to Grp= The Light 1340 & 1400.

WKRM TN Columbia – Adds // W279DL-103.7. (FCC)

1350 KSRO CA Santa Rosa – Slogan & Group to Grp= Sonoma County's FM News Talk.

WINY CT Putnam – Adds // W246DN-97.1. (FCC)

1380 WTMC DE Wilmington – Adds // W253CQ-98.5. (FCC)

KAGE MN Winona – Slogan to "Real Country KHWK," delete networks.

KRCM TX Shenandoah – Slogan & Group to Grp= Vida 1380. (GH)

1390 KDQN AR De Queen – Adds // K283CT-104.5. (FCC)

KFFK AR Rogers – Format to C&W (ex-SS:MEX); slogan & Group to Grp= Red Dirt Country 106.1. (RD)

WROA MS Gulfport – Format to C&W (ex-NOS); slogan to "Merle 100.1," drop networks.

WMCT TN Mountain City – Slogan to "The Mountain."

1400 KWYN AR Wynne – Slogan & Group to Grp= K Wynne Classic Country.

WFPR LA Hammond – Adds // W279DB-103.7.

WQXO MI Munising – Adds // W249DR-97.7; delete // W248BU-97.5. (FCC)

KNNR NV Sparks – Slogan & Group to Grp= Nevada News Talk Network. (BH)

WKEW NC Greensboro – Slogan & Group to Grp= The Light 1340 & 1400.

1410 KLVQ TX Athens – Format to CLR (ex-REL); delete slogan.

1420 KBHS AR Hot Springs – Delete // K288FP-105.5. (FCC)

WKWN GA Trenton – Slogan & Group to Grp= 1420 KWN.

KKEA HI Honolulu – Adds // K224FR-92.7. (FCC)

KJCK KS Junction City – Format to CLR (ex-NWS/TLK/SPT); slogan to "The Greatest Hits of all Time," delete networks.

KGNB TX New Braunfels – Adds // K276GR-103.1. (FCC)

WRSA VT Saint Albans – Format to OLD (ex-BIZ); delete networks.

WUKQ PR Ponce – Slogan & Group to Grp= 580 WKAQ (ex-Grp= Radio Reloj).

1440 KPUR TX Amarillo – Slogan to "Sports Radio 1440," adds // KNSH-1550.

WKLV VA Blackstone – Slogan to "Oldies 92.7."

1450 KSKE CO Buena Vista – Format to CLR (ex-C&W).

WAOV IN Vincennes – Adds // W249DC-97.7. (FCC)

WHLS MI Port Huron – Slogan to "Rock 105.5," delete networks; adds // W288BT-105.5; delete Grp= Rock 105.5.

WNOS NC New Bern – Adds // W280ED-93.7; delete // W298BX-107.5. (FCC)

WCRS SC Greenwood – Slogan to "The Talk of Greenwood." (BH)

WTSA VT Brattleboro – Format to CCR/Rock (ex-SPT); slogan to "99.5 The Beast," delete networks; add // W258DQ-99.5.

1460 WKAM IN Goshen – Slogan & Group to Grp= La Raza 98.1 1460 & 1580 (ex-Grp= La Raza 1580).

WBMS MA Brockton – Adds // W247CB-101.1. (FCC)

WIFI NJ Florence – Format to CCR (ex-GOS); slogan to "Life Changing Radio."

1470 KFMZ MO Brookfield – Slogan & Group to Grp= Today's Best Mix.

WSAN PA Allentown – Format to TLK (ex-SS:SPT); slogan to "The iHeartPodcast Channel," delete networks.

KWRD TX Henderson – Slogan to "The Heartbeat of East Texas." (BH)

1480 KRXR ID Gooding – Delete // K267AE-101.3. (FCC)

KLVL TX Pasadena – Format SS:REL (ex-UC); slogan & Group to Grp= Vida 1380. (GH)

1490 WBGA GA Brunswick – Format to UC:GOS (ex-UC:AC); slogan to "Hallelujah 96.3."

WSFB GA Quitman – Networks P/SRN/CMP/WW1; slogan & Group to Grp= Talk 92.1.

WMPX MI Midland – Format to C&W (ex-AC); slogan to "107.7 The Highway," adds // W299CK-107.7. (JJR) (HF)

- **WANG MS Biloxi** Format to C&W (ex-NOS); slogan to "The Possum," delete networks; adds // W278CE-103.5; delete Group to Grp= The Champ.
- **KTTR MO Rolla** Format to CCR (ex-AC); slogan to "Shine 104.9," networks to A/Mo.
- WWNB NC New Bern Delete // W280ED-93.7. (FCC)
- **WIGM WI Medford** Format to C&W (ex-SPT); slogan to "Kickin' Country," networks to Wi; adds // W296DL-107.1.
- **1510 KCTE MO Independence** Slogan to "ESPN 1510 AM 94.5 FM," adds // K233DM-94.5; delete // K257DZ-99.3. (FCC)
 - **KOAZ** NM Isleta Slogan & Group to Grp= 103.7 The Oasis.
 - WLGN OH Logan Slogan to "103-3 LGN."
- **1520 WTRI MD Brunswick** Format to VAR (ex-Asian); slogan & Group to Grp= Stereo 103.3 (ex-Grp= Radio Chai).
- **1530 WYGR MI Wyoming** Slogan & Group to Grp= Jethro FM.
 - WJDM NJ Elizabeth Delete // W248CG-97.5.
- **1540 WKXG MS Greenwood** Format to UC:GOS (ex-Silent).
- **1550 KUAZ AZ Tucson** Group to Grp= Arizona Public Radio.
 - KRZD MO Springfield Adds // K298CI-107.5. (FCC)
 - **KNSH TX Canyon** Format to SPT (ex-TLK); slogan to "Sports Radio 1440," networks to CS/Jr; adds // KPUR-1440.
- 1570 KTGE CA Salinas Slogan to "Tigre."
 - KNDY KS Marysville Adds // K231AX-94.1. (FCC)
 - **WLEE MS Winona** Format to TBA (ex-SPT).
 - KTAT OK Frederick Slogan to "Your Local Voice."
 - WLKD WI Minocqua Format to AC/OLD (ex-AC/EZL); networks to A/Wi/Bf. (JJR)
 - WPPC PR Peñuelas Adds // W221EB-92.1. (FCC)
- **1580 WHLY IN South Bend** Slogan & Group to Grp= La Raza 98.1 1460 & 1580 (ex-Grp= La Raza 1580).
- 1590 WHLX MI Marine City Format to Americana (ex-Rock); slogan to "The Hills," adds // W224DT-92.7; delete Grp= Rock 105.5.
 - **WPSN PA Honesdale** Slogan & Group to Grp= Wayne Pike News Radio (ex-Grp= Headline News 104.3 and 1590).
- **1600 WPOM FL Riviera Beach** Adds // W266DP-101.1. (FCC)
- **1640** WTNI MS Biloxi Slogan to "The Champ," delete Group.
- **1660 WGIT PR Canovanas** Adds // W266CF-101.1. (FCC)
- **1690 WVON IL Berwyn** Adds // W252AW-98.3. (FCC)

New Groups

- Grp= 103.7 The Oasis KOAZ-1510, K279BP-103.7, K292FW-96.7
- Grp= 1420 KWN WKWN-1420, W267CX-101.3, W291CF-106.1
- Grp= Accion 97.9 WRSO-810, W250CE-97.9, W231CT-94.1
- Grp= American Family Radio WKTZ-1220, W252DJ-98.3, W270CD-101.9
- Grp= Arizona Public Radio KUAZ-1550, KUAZ-FM-89.1, K227DE-93.3
- Grp= Jethro FM WYGR-1530, W258DF-99.5, W235BN-94.9
- Grp= K Wynne Classic Country KWYN-1400, K238BN-95.5, K275BR-102.9
- Grp= La Estación de la Familia 940 KDIL-940, K267AE-101.3, K232FO-94.3
- Grp= La Mega 1160 KCTO-1160, K257DZ-99.3, K263BU-100.3
- Grp= Living Bread Radio WILB-1060, WILB-FM-89.5, W233CE-94.5
- Grp= Nevada News Talk Network KELY-1230, KNNR-1400, KPKK-101.1, KNNT-98.5, KAVB-98.7 (BH)
- Grp= Reach Radio KCEE-690, K265CW-100.9, K237FX-95.3
- Grp= Red Dirt Country 106.1 KRRD-1250, KFFK-1390, K291CK-106.1 (RD)
- Grp= Sonoma County's FM News Talk KSRO-1350, K278CD-103.5, K222CV-92.3, K233CM-94.5
- Grp= Stereo 103.3 WPRB-103.3, WTRI-1520, W269DH-101.7
- Grp= Sunny 97.7 WMRX-FM-97.7, WMPX-1490, W299CK-107.7
- Grp= The Light 1340 & 1400 WPOL-1340, WKEW-1400, W242CD-96.3
- Grp= The Squirrel WSQR-1180, W273CZ-102.5, W263BM-100.5, W225CC-92.9
- Grp= Today's Best Mix KFMZ-1470, KZBK-96.9, K241BT-96.1
- Grp= Very Inspiring Programing KVIP-540, KVIP-FM-98.1, K254CN-98.7
- Grp= Vida 1380 KRCM-1380, KLVL-1480, K235CS-94.9, K260DD-99.9 (GH)
- Grp= WNYH Group WNYH-740, W264DG-100.7, W292DV-106.3
- Grp= WXMC Group WXMC-1310, W248CG-97.5, W232CY-94.3

Group Changes

Grp= Cannonball 101 adds K266BY-101.1 Pocatello

Grp= Country Classics 1290/102.9 adds K243CJ-96.5 Pocatello

Grp= Effingham NewsTalk adds W242CK-96.3 Effingham

Grp= Haitian Radio adds W282BG-104.3 Grants

Grp= Mega 99.5 adds W295CR-106.9 Allentown Grp= Hits & Giggles 98.5 & 95.7 becomes Blazin' 98.5

Grp= The Greatest Hits of All Time adds W238CU-95.5 Union City

Grp= The River 107.7 adds W221CO-92.1 Lewisburg

Grp= The Sports Animal – Tulsa adds K260CR-99.9 Sapulpa

Grp= The Triad's Sports Hub drops WSML-1200 and W283BT-104.5

Grp= WALK-FM adds W257EK-99.3 Charleston

Group Name Changes

Grp= Fox Sports Radio Arkansas becomes Classic Hits 1310

Grp= Headline News 104.3 and 1590 becomes Wayne-Pike News Radio

Grp= La Raza 1580 becomes La Raza 98.1 1460 & 1580

Grp= Radio Reloj becomes 580 WKAQ

Grp= Smash Hits FM becomes WHGM Gold

Grp= Willie 97.3 becomes Willie 94.5



Grp= HPRN

Grp= Joy FM Real Music Real Life

Grp= Rock 105.5

Grp= Radio Chai

Grp= The Champ



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580	KANA-MT		WFPB-MA	1360	WHCG-GA		KJNT-WY
620	KWAL-ID	1190	KJJI-AR		KELE-MO	1500	WKIZ-FL
710	WFNR-VA	1220	KLBB-MN	1380	WWNT-NC		WAKE-IN
750	WBMD-MD		WREV-NC	1390	WPLM-MA		WQMS-MS
780	KCEG-CO	1230	WRJX-AL	1400	KWNA-NV	1510	WQQW-IL
790	KKON-HI		KLXR-CA		KSRR-UT		WMEX-MA
840	WCEO-SC		KOBB-MT	1410	KQV-PA		WBSG-PR
850	KHLO-HI		KRRF-UT	1440	KPTO-ID	1520	WTHE-NY
880	WAMI-AL	1240	WULA-AL	1450	WZGX-AL		KQQB-TX
890	KJME-CO		KJAA-AZ		KSKE-CO	1530	WJDM-NJ
900	WABY-NY		WPTR-NY		KLMX-NM	1540	WJZI-IN
	WNMB-SC	1270	WMPM-NC		WMVA-VA		WKXG-MS
910	WSRP-NC		WHGS-SC	1460	KHRA-HI	1550	WKTF-GA
990	WRFM-IN	1280	KXEG-AZ		WBMS-MA	1560	KNDF-TX
1000	WCMX-MA	1290	WRPA-RI	1470	KAIR-KS	1570	KPRO-CA
1020	KCKN-NM	1300	KROP-CA		WWBG-NC	1580	WDAB-SC
1040	KGGR-TX		WFFG-FL	1480	WKGC-FL	1590	KLIV-CA
1080	KWAI-HI		KKLS-TX		WYZE-GA		WRXB-FL
	KCNM-MP	1310	KIQQ-CA		WRCK-NY	1620	WDND-IN
1090	KBOZ-MT	1320	WTOW-NC		WQTM-NC	1690	WMLB-GA
	WTSB-NC	1330	WCVC-FL	1490	KPCQ-ID	1700	WRCR-NY
1140	WMMG-KY		WSPQ-NY		WSTP-NC		
1160	WAIX-NY	1340	WTYS-FL		WPAK-VA		
1170	WQHC-AL	1350	WOAM-IL		KFKB-WA		

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Loggings of U.S. and Canadian stations by DXers in the Eastern & Atlantic time zones All times are <u>Eastern Local Time</u> (ELT)

REPORTERS

BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua – WiNRADiO Excalibur, 50 x 75-ft Super/Ewe antennas northeast and south.

SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville – Homebuilt receiver, K9AY loop antenna TF-NH Tony Fitzherbert, Campton – C Crane Radio 2E, Terk AM Advantage loop

HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre – C Crane Skywave, Kiwi Pocket Loop

JK-WV Joe Kremer, Fairmont – HQ180A, AOR LA400 Loop Antenna, Palomar Engineers LA-1 Loop Antenna

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

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

GL-NH Ginnie Lupi, Concord – CCRadio 2E and Select-A-Tenna

CS-NY Caryn Sobel, New Paltz – C Crane Skywave SSB

RJS-OH Bob Schroeder, Cincinnati – Yaesu FT-991A with random wire & MFJ 956 tuner; C Crane Skywave or XHDATA D-808, barefoot or with 2-foot box loop or 5.5 inch FSL.

PS-ON Paul Snider, London – C Crane Skywave SSB, Terk Advantage Loop

JW-PA Jim Weber, Oyster Point – Grundig S350

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, XHDATA D-808, Sony SRF-39FP, C Crane Skywave, Panasonic RF-2200

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DX TEST

1430 WION MI Ionia – 2/24 0000 – Presumed in multi-station mix (CHKT, WDAL, WGFS,

FM 92.7

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VION RADIO

The Music You Know. The Information You Need.

WKEX and WNSW) with signal test. Unfortunately, only things I heard were tones in the upper and lower sidebands of 1430. These tones were repeated several times. (KK-VA)

+++- 2/24 0058 – Through CHKT; tail end of testing with 400 Hz tone heard until 0058:30. (BC-NH)

UNID

799.997 unID -- 2/26 2127 – Het approximately on this frequency, against WPLK and TWR-Bonaire. Pointing mostly N/S so could be domestic or Latin America. **(TLK-FL)**

1200 unID -- - 3/1 1714 - Mixing with WJXY, WSML, WXKS and WRKK, male "1200 AM and 95.1 FM..." **(KK-VA)**

1290 unID -- 3/8 1832 – In multi-station mix (WNBF, WFBG, WDZY, WWTX, CJBK, WNIL and UNID C&W songs), with "97 5 local radio" slogan. **(KK-VA)**

LOGGINGS

550 WKRC OH Cincinnati – 3/3 0031 – Ads, "55 KRC" slogan, more talk, weather report "on 55 KRC" at 0034, into to Coast to Coast (Art Bell). Fair to poor with unknown oldies or nostalgic station, possible WIOZ? No sign of WGR. **(PS-ON)**

560 WFRB MD Frostburg – 3/2 0740 – Slogan "The New Willie 106.7 and 560 AM" Country format. Fair steady signal. **(HJH-PA)**

590 WROW NY Albany – 1/22 0631 – CBS News with woman, then man with local news and mention of Albany. "590 and 100.5" and "on I-890 westbound" by man at 0637, then weather by woman. Poor, lots of QRM. **(GL-NH)**

600 WICC CT Bridgeport – 2/17 0645 – Chicago song, then "traffic and weather together on WICC" at 0546. Poor reception, regular CKAT missing. (GL-NH)

CJWW SK Saskatoon – 3/8 0707 – Under WMT with Country singer Trisha Yearwood song and // web stream. New. **(SC-IN)**

610 WCEH GA Hawkinsville – 2/19 0615 – Presumed with ESPN sports talk, two males discussing currently injured players; lots of fading. **(CS-NY)**

- **640 WMFN IL Peotone** 2/25 2007 Presumed with Polish music, male and female hosts, mixed with other stations, soon gone. **(TF-NH)**
 - WCRV TN Collierville 3/4 1827 "Power Point" program with Jack Graham. Ads for data storage/protection company and for the movie "Unplanned." Spoken and sung "This is the Bott Radio Network". No call letters at the bottom of the hour, only "AM 640 and FM 100.7". (RJS-OH)
 - **CFMJ ON Richmond Hill** 1/23 0526 Fighting with UNID SS and WWJZ, "this is Canada's all night conversation" by woman, then news, weather and an ad for asset protection. "On 640…" by man under lots of static, then traffic report mentioning Toronto area at 0540 and Cadillac ad with a .ca web address. **(GL-NH)**
- **670 WWFE FL Miami** 2/17 0453 WSCR off. Two SS stations (one talk and one music) battling, then "this is WWFE, 670 AM" in EE by man at 0500. **(GL-NH)**
- **680 WPTF** NC Raleigh 2/18 0710 Station ID into local/regional news with female broadcaster, then 24-hr local weather, discussion of vinyl floor health risks to children. (CS-NY)
- **720 WRZN FL Hernando** 3/5 2331 With WGN partially nulled, heard clearly "...with Dr David Jeremiah", so obviously Turning Point program, heard more mentions of David Jeremiah and his website at the end of the program, missed ToH ID. Not a match to WGCR stream, not on WHYF schedule, but matched 11:30 slot on WRZN website. Very poor. **(PS-ON)**
- **870 WWL LA New Orleans** 3/5 1147 A quick check late local morning to confirm they're covering the Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Parade live. **(TLK-FL)**
 - WLVP ME Gorham 2/2 0642 In discussion about STEM education, man says "not just for boys and men." Woman discussing a program that's in 112 schools in the US and other countries and says "we call them 'new collar jobs' at IBM." Lots of static and fading, back in at 0650 with discussion about tobacco. Singing ID "WLAM Remembers" followed by Al Anon ad and "The Memories Station" at 0700. (GL-NH)
 - WKAR MI East Lansing 2/26 1815 Over CJBC-860 slop with news about Trump's trip to Vietnam, mention of Michigan Public Radio and wkar.org promo. (MKB-ON)
- **890 WFKJ PA Cashtown** 3/12 1903 Gospel music, woman announcer ID'ing "The new W--J", into more praise music, gone by 1910. **(TF-NH)**
- **910 WSBA PA York** 3/6 0731 Over noise floor and graveyard-like mush with "WSBA news time is 7:31" into local weather. **(MKB-ON)**
- **920 WURA VA Quantico** 3/12 1843 Spanish rock, two animated SS announcers, alone on the frequency with no WHJJ. **(TF-NH)**
- 930 WGAD AL Rainbow City 2/24 2117 Clear ID as "WGAD Rainbow City, Gadsden" and into Good Time Gold show: The Crystals, Jimi Hendrix, CCR, etc. (RJS-OH)
 - WPAT NJ Paterson 2/24 2035 Spanish music with deep fades mixed with WPKX and WBEN. WPAT is directional away from here while WPKX and WBEN are directional in this direction. (TF-NH)
- 950 WAKM TN Franklin 2/26 1848 On top of mix with Patsy Cline's "Walkin' After Midnight" followed by "AM Nine-Fifty Home Town Radio" slogan and Johnny Cash with "One Piece at a Time." Confirmed via // stream. Losing to WWJ by 1900. (RJS-OH)
 - +++ 3/2 2310 In well tonight with C&W, "...WAKM..." ID at 2312, "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin" by Loretta Lynn, "Hometown Radio WAKM" ID at 2315, ads. Fair to poor on top of nulled WWJ. (**PS-ON**)
- 960 KMA IA Shenandoah 3/4 2028 Local ad for pharmacy serving Southwest Iowa. Local weather and positive ID at 2031. Back into Dave Ramsey show. (RJS-OH)
 - **WFGL MA Fitchburg** 2/21 1831 Christian music, singing about Jesus, no usual WELI, atop frequency for several minutes. **(TF-NH)**
- 980 WTEM DC Washington 2/26 1905 "ESPN Radio" announcement into Golic and Wingo at 1906 discussing NBA teams and playoff possibilities. Gone by 1915. (RJS-OH)
- **1000 WIOO PA Carlisle** 2/20 1709 Country music, mixed with other stations, abruptly gone at 1719 with no sign off message. **(TF-NH)**
- **1020 WRIX** SC Homeland Park 3/10 2127 "With one big jam session...Electric City Bluegrass" slogan, overriding KDKA for minutes at a time with bluegrass

- music. "Hey everybody! This is Becky Buller and you are plugged into Electric City Bluegrass here at WRIX 104.7 FM and 1020 AM in Anderson, South Carolina where the grass is always greener" ID and slogan. (JK-WV)
- **1030 WDRU NC Creedmoor** 3/2 0628 End of Christian block talk, SRN news from 0630, female "AM 1030 The Truth, FM...The Truth, AM 1030, WDRU." Into another Christian block talk. (TLK-FL)
- **1050** WFSC NC Franklin 2/22 1808 ID as "104.9 WFSC" into Rolling Stones "Start Me Up." New. (SC-IN)
- **1070 WNCT NC Greenville** 3/8 0651 Male "Good morning, you're listening to North Carolina's original Beach, Boogie and Blues..." into local ads, in nulls of WFRF and WNVY. **(TLK-FL)**
- **1080 WFTD GA Marietta** 3/1 0647 "La Mega" slogan often between modern tropical Spanish vocals, post-local sunrise. **(TLK-FL)**
- **1090 WCZZ SC Greenwood** 2/26 0642 Fox Sports Radio promo for the Dan Patrick Show, ID. Fair in KAAY null. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1110 KFAB NE Omaha 3/1 0640 Washington political events, A1 United Heating & Air sponsored traffic update, "News Radio 1110 KFAB" then snuffed at 0646 by my local D1 WTIS abrupt power-up. (TLK-FL)
- 1120 KMOX MO St. Louis 2/18 0530 Over near-local WBBR-1130 slop, ads for local construction supplier in St. Louis; partial station ID shortly after half-hour. (CS-NY)
 - WKAJ NY St. Johnsville 2/23 0607 "Don't let your Babies grow up to be Cowboys" and other C&W songs, then "1120 AM WKAJ" by man at 0615. Very faint with lots of fading. (GL-NH)
- 1140 WURF FL Orlando 2/26 0651 Long string of local ads in SS for Orlando and Altamonte Springs stores into sports roundup in Spanish. Way atop all the Cubans and WQBA at this post-sunrise. (TLK-FL)
- **1150 WMRD CT Middletown** 2/24 0613 Man interviewing woman about Fresh Air Fund in CT. Lots of QRM, confirmed online. **(GL-NH)**
 - WGBR NC Goldsboro 2/22 1818 In multi-station mix (WDEL, WAVO, WNLR and CKOC) with male "98 3 WGBR" ID. (KK-VA)
 - **WMNY PA** New Kensington 3/11 1849 Very good signal with Hindi music and many "Radio Dhoom" slogans. (JK-WV)
 - **WGOW TN** Chattanooga 3/11 0500 Faded up, out of a jumble, with news, "News Radio WGOW" ID and several other mentions of "WGOW." (**JK-WV**)
 - **WNLR VA Churchville** 2/22 1756 In multi-station mix with male "New life radio WNLR" ID. **(KK-VA)**
- **1160 WYDU NC Red Springs** 2/22 1900 In multi-station mix (WMET, WCCS, WOBM and UNID C&W station) with Gospel singing, male "WYDU Red Springs. WYDU1160.com" ToH ID. **(KK-VA)**
- **1200 WXKS MA Newton** 3/1 0758 In WSML/WRKK/WJXY mix with station promo: "This is Fox's new home for...WXKS...right here on Boston's home for conservative talk." **(KK-VA)**
 - WRKK PA Hughesville 3/1 1713 In WSML/WXKS/WJXY mix with male "Rock 94 9 Williamsport's real rock." (KK-VA)
 - **WJXY** SC Atlantic Beach 3/1 1817 In WSML/WXKS/WRKK mix with male "The new 103 5 Rejoice FM." (KK-VA)
- 1220 WGNY NY Newburgh 2/20 1655 Old rock music, the "Weather through next Tuesday on 1220", more rock oldies, finally an ID as "The greatest music ever recorded, 24 hours a day on 98.9, 1220, and 105.3", into more oldies. Unusual as the day signal is directional west. (TF-NH)
- **1230 WCMC NJ Wildwood** 3/1 1753 In multi-station mix (WBLQ, WFVA, WJOI and presumed WENY) with oldies and station promo: "Going back...your radio home for the 'Fighting Phils'...100 point 7 WPXL". This was a promo for Philadelphia Phillies baseball. **(KK-VA)**
 - WENY NY Elmira 3/1 1900 Presumed in multi-station mix with high school basketball. No station ID heard but did hear mentions of Elmira as one of the teams. (KK-VA)
 - WCRO PA Johnstown 3/13 0725 PSAs for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, "1230 WCRO" ID and song "Mona Lisa" Weak signal with fading. (JK-WV)

- WBLQ RI Westerly 3/1 1834 In multi-station mix with local ad for "Pat's Auto Center in Westerly, Rhode Island". (KK-VA)
- **1240 WWCO CT Waterbury** 3/1 1806 In multi-station mix with Hispanic male "Insista WRYM W297BT..." ID in EE. According to FCC FM query W297BT is used with 840 AM WRYM. This is actually WWCO as the "Viva" slogan used by WRYM matches the WWCO slogan. **(KK-VA)**
 - WSNJ NJ Bridgeton 3/1 1859 In multi-station mix, female with local weather: "...a light jacket is all you will need...in South Jersey. Enjoy this Spring like weather in the middle of February [sic]...a great way to kick of President's day weekend [sic]...". I'm hearing this on Friday, March 1st, and they are replaying things from February 15th! (KK-VA) Thanks to voice-tracking and automation there likely wasn't a live human being in WSNJ's studio. Mike.
 - **WWWC NC Wilkesboro** 3/1 1931 In multi-station mix with male "...that's your forecast presented by...right here on 3WC". **(KK-VA)**
 - WOON RI Woonsocket 3/1 1800 In multi-station mix (WCNC, WWCO, WSNJ, WWWC, and slew of UNIDs: CBS Sports, Chinese or Korean talk, and a couple other talkers in EE) with male "This is WOON Woonsocket Rhode Island AM and FM. Now news..." ToH ID. (KK-VA)
- **1250 WLEM PA Emporium** 3/8 1757 In WPGP/WTMA/CJYE/WARE mix with oldies, female "Town radio 12-50 WLEM Emporium" ID. **(KK-VA)**
 - CJYE ON Oakville 2/26 0608 "Online...joyradio.ca" popped out of jumble, then My Pillow ad. "...on Fridays at 3 PM on Joy Radio" by man, "on Hometown Christian Radio" by woman. Poor. (GL-NH)
- **1260 WKXR** NC Asheboro 3/8 1823 In multi-station mix (WSPZ, WRIE, CKHJ, WSUA, UNID talk and classic music) with C&W songs, "Every Monday...94 point 9 WKXR" station promo. New station for me. **(KK-VA)**
 - WRIE PA Erie 3/12 1925 Erie Otters hockey broadcast (vs. Mississauga). Good signal with fading, co-channel with classical music (possibly WWVT). (JK-WV)
 - **CKHJ** NB Fredericton 3/8 1728 In multi-station mix also with C&W songs (see WKXR logging above), female "103 point 5 KHJ" slogan. (KK-VA)
- **1270 WTSN** NH Dover 3/8 1729 Presumed in multi-station mix with local ad for "Perfect Smiles 603 595-6699 in Nashua", ad for New Hampshire lottery into CBS news. (KK-VA)
 - WHLD NY Niagara Falls 3/8 1822 In multi-station mix (WCBC, WTSN, WQTT, WDLA, more oldies and religious singing) with CBS sports, station promo: "This is Buffalo's home for the CBS sports radio network. This is sports radio 12-70 'The Fan'." (KK-VA)
 - WDLA NY Walton 3/8 1900 In multi-station mix with male "WDLA AM 12-70 Walton, WCHN AM 9-70 Norwich and WDOS AM 7-30 Oneonta..." ToH ID. (KK-VA)
- **ME Gardiner** 2/20 1650 Atop on frequency, easy listening music, ID by Bob Bittner as "The Memory Station, AM 1280 WJYE" and an invitation to listen between 9:00 pm and 5:00 am to softer, lighter music (to help one sleep?), mixed with Spanish from WADO. Bob's WLAM and WJYE cover the same area so different music on the two stations is a good idea. **(TF-NH)**
- **1290 WNBF** NY Binghamton 2/28 0511 Chronos ad, Page Publishing ad mentioning 1-800-501-3689 phone number, then faded. Back at 0513 with "Newsradio 1290 WNBF" by man. Poor. (GL-NH)
 - +++ 3/8 1834 In multi-station mix (WFBG, WDZY, WWTX, CJBK, WNIL and UNID C&W songs) with male "The news radio 12-90 WNBF forecast..." (KK-VA)
- **1300 WAVZ CT New Haven** 3/1 0625 Two men discussing a crime. Lots of fading into WGDJ, WQPM and one other, then "weather with Chief Meteorologist Gil Simmons" at 0628. Internet search shows he's on WTNH-TV, Hartford/New Haven. **(GL-NH)**
 - WGDJ NY Rensselaer 3/3 0800 Over in-state rival WXRL groundwave, "this is AM 1300 WGDJ...positive talk" ToH ID into ABC news. (MKB-ON)
- 1310 WDXI TN Jackson 2/26 2045 Poor, with oldies hits sometimes fading up to intelligibility, but never totally above the mix. Confirmed via // stream. (RJS-OH)
- **1350 WNLK CT Norwalk** 2/20 1640 African American female preacher, mixed with WOYK, WINY, and others; too early for WGPL. **(TF-NH)**

- 1370 WXXI NY Rochester 3/13 0549 NPR news at this time with nice call sign ID in the clear. (JW-PA)
 - WTAB NC Tabor City 3/12 2222 Call sign ID at this time. Country music off and on until 2100. Honky Tonk song then ID again at 2246. Clear ID on the hour. (JW-PA)
- **1400 WSTC** CT Stamford 3/11 1900 Church announcements, all with a 203 area code for southwest Connecticut, for churches in Bridgeport and Stamford, soon gone. (TF-NH)
- **1430 WDAL GA Dalton** 2/24 0053 In multi-station mix (CHKT, WKEX, WGFS, WNSW and presumed WION test) with male "98 3 bulldog country" slogan. **(KK-VA)**
 - WKEX VA Blacksburg 2/24 0100 In multi-station mix with male "Classic hits WKEX Blacksburg" ID. (KK-VA)
- **1440 WHKZ OH Warren** 3/8 0435 Conservative religious based anti-Democratic diatribe on "WHKZ The Word" from 0435 to the top of the hour. **(JW-PA)**
 - **WNPV PA** Lansdale 2/20 1715 Talk about North Penn Hospital which is in Lansdale. I know it well as I had a hernia operation there in 1977. **(TF-NH)**
 - WKLV VA Blackstone 3/9 0340 In for a while with oldies format. Checked against web stream. Margaritaville" by Jimmy Buffett at this time followed by Jerry Lee Lewis with a "Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On". (JW-PA)
- **1450 WKAL NY Rome** 3/11 0642 In extremely briefly with "WKAL" call sign ID at this time. **(JW-PA)**
- **1480** WZRC NY New York 3/12 1914 Way atop over WSAR with Chinese talk. (TF-NH)
- **1510 WRNJ NJ Hackettstown** 2/10 0614 Ad for someone on Saturday mornings, then "on your local station, RNJ" by man. Very poor, several stations at once. **(GL-NH)**
- **1550 WZUM PA Braddock** 3/2 1816 Over usual CBEF with big band tunes, "we at WZUM are pleased to broadcast the Pittsburgh Show..." promo. (**MKB-ON**)
 - CBEF ON Windsor 2/27 2105 All alone with French talk, no sign of usual WSDK or the other religion outlets found on this frequency. (TF-NH)
- **1580 WLIM NY Patchogue** 3/1 0312 Slogan "The Breeze" at this time then into local weather report. "Nobody Told Me" by John Lennon follows. **(JW-PA)**
- **1590 WCGO IL** Evanston 2/20 2100 Weak to fair signal with others. Call ID heard then into locally originated political talk program. Promo for a jazz music program at 11 PM. New. (HJH-PA)
- **1670 WMGE GA Dry Branch** 2/15 0644 CJEU off. Sports discussion, then "speedway...in the heart of Georgia" at 0645. "Sports 1670" by woman at 0648, then "Fox Sports Network". Poor, alternating with UNID TIS/HAR. **(GL-NH)**
- **1690 CHTO ON Toronto** 2/24 2207 Greek music, woman with English ID "AM 1690 Toronto". (JK-WV)
- **1700 KBGG IA Des Moines** 2/24 0646 CBS Sports Talk, "John Kincade Show," "KBGG 1700" ID. (JK-WV)

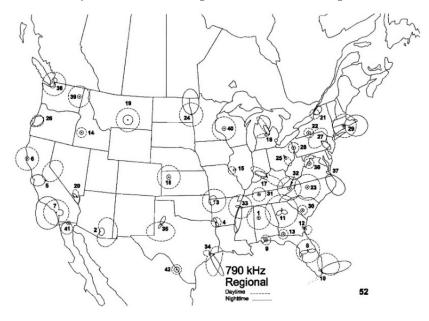
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Domestic DX Digest – West

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Loggings of U.S. and Canadian stations by DXers in the Central, Mountain, Pacific, Alaska, and Hawaii-Aleutian time zones – All times are <u>Eastern Local Time</u> (ELT)

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Oh... I gave up on pop music circa 1985 or thereabouts, so if you include a song and artist in your logging, please specify which is which (Thanks, RD and JS), as some are difficult to decipher.

Upcoming deadlines for Issues 14 and 15: Thursday, April 4 and 25, respectively. Submit your loggings and see your name in print!! Good DX to ALL! Good DX to ALL!

REPORTERS

SMA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg, Manitoba RX: ICOM ICR70 / Drake R8 / SDRPLAY RSPduo; Antennae: 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

RD-KS Rick Dau South Omaha, Nebraska DXing on the Overland Park, Kansas KiwiSDR

JJR-WI John J Rieger South Milwaukee, Wisconsin Icom IC-R75, MFJ-959B tuner, pre-amp, Kiwa loop

JS-MN Jeff Steffes Watertown, Minnesota Drake R8, Kenwood R-2000, Quantum Loop, Quantum Phaser and Modified Quantum Loop

JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge, Colorado Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop

RV-TX Robert Vance El Paso, Texas WinRadio G33DDC, various indoor and outdoor loop antennas

RIEGER'S DIGEST

1460 WJTI WI West Allis – 2/26 0642 – Running **Open Carrier** (again!), leaving KXNO. Moved on. **(JJR-WI)** [1460 may be worth a try if WJTI bugs you! – **Ed.**]

DX Loggings

0600-1800 ELT

AZ Phoenix – 3/10 0856 – Local ad popped, then ID at 0859: "We are the Valley's Fox News station. This is News-Talk 5-50, KFYI . . .", and into Fox News. Another ID at 0902 after a station promo, then local weather: ". . . from the Fox 10 Weather Team", then paid financial programming after station disclaimer. **(RV-TX)**

550 KLLV CO Breen – 3/10 0830 – With soft instrumental music and ID by woman at 0831: "This is the sound of love, KLLV, Breen" and then [she] read a passage from the Bible, and more instrumental music. Caught another ID by woman at 0856. (RV-TX)

AZ Marana – 3/7 0755 – 'Musica de alabanza' with exuberant audience; gal with legal ID at 0802: "You are listening to 580 AM KSAZ Marana-Tucson, 1150 AM, KCKY Coolidge-Phoenix" and back to the same upbeat SS religious music. Oddly, no mention in the ID of KASA-1540, which I thought was the flagship of the Radio Casa group. Fair/good signal, topping KUBC. **(JW-CO)**

580 WHYM TN Rockwood – **3/12 0716** – Poor, with "Radio 580" and "The Holler" mentions. "'Hard Look' feature at 7, 12 and 4 daily". **(JJR-WI)**

600 WSJS NC Winston-Salem – 3/11 0657 – Very poor, with "...by the North Carolina department of . . ." and "North Carolina High School Athl etic . . ." cut through. (JJR-WI)

630 WLAP KY Lexington – 2/26 0704 – Very poor, though clear calls in newscast. Possible CFCO in weeds. (JJR-WI)



- **690 CBKF-1 SK Gravelbourg 2/26 0704** Poor but in there, alone. Male, female anchors. "Chaine". (JJR-WI)
- 730 CKDM MB Dauphin 3/3 0617 C&W music and ID at 0621: "CKDM, The Parkland's best" between songs. Back in at 0627 with local weather by woman followed by ID by man: ". . . We're the Parklands' best, AM-730, CKDM", then more C&W music. Plenty of IDs during the period. (RV-TX)
- **GA** Atlanta 3/11 0602 With "WSB News" by man and woman: local weather, traffic, ad string at 0605. Bascially the same news, weather, traffic, ads cycle followed after ad string. Local KAMA phased fairly easily at this time. **(RV-TX)**
- **750 CKJH SK Melfort** 3/7 **0700** Out of AC music with a rare legal ID, followed by area news and weather (currently -22 degrees). Good signal. **(JW-CO)**
- 780 WJAG NE Norfolk 2/19 0859 "Become a carrier for the Norfolk Daily News" and other area announcements; ToH ID by man: "Serving Antelope, Pierce and Madison Counties, this is northeast Nebraska's news station News Talk WJAG Norfolk" and into Fox News. Generally fair. (JW-CO)
- 900 CKBI SK Prince Albert 2/26 0700 Poor-to-Fair! With LID plus two FM frequencies (92.5 and 95.9) given. Almost local level! (JJR-WI)
- 950 KWAT SD Watertown 3/8 0834 Fair, with mentions of Waverly, White River, Freeman, and Wagner during rundown of action in the South Dakota State High School girls basketball tournament. (RD-KS)
- 950 WAKM TN Franklin 3/12 0704 Poor, with ad for 'Capital One', up-tempo jock, LID, "chilly temps" through others. (JJR-WI)
- **1020 KMMQ NE Plattsmouth 3/11 0749** Poor, with lively SS and 'La Nueva' s logan. Lost to WPEO. KDKA gone. (**JJR-WI**)
- 1040 CKST BC Vancouver 2/26 0652 Very poor, though steady and listenable, with WHO nulled. "ESPN TSN 1040". (JJR-WI)
- **1050 KLOH MN Pipestone 2/25 0858** Area announcements; no ID and into news at 0900:30. Fair, at best. **(JW-CO)**
- 1060 KFIL MN Preston 2/26 0649 Very poor, though "FIL" popped out. 'Before the Last Teardrop Falls' by Freddie Fender. Never heard this early. (JJR-WI)
- 1060 CKMX AB Calgary 2/26 0649 Poor, in fade up, with "Funny 1060, an I-Heart Radio Station" into comedy. (JJR-WI)
- **1070 KHMO MO Hannibal 3/11 0717** Poor, with "I'm Bill Schuler, KHMO/K??? News. It's 6:17" over others. Steady. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1080 WOAP MI Owosso 3/11 0713 –** Poor, with "103-1, the O". In/out for a few minutes. 'The Love You Save' by the Jackson 5. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1110 WGNZ OH Fairborn 2/27 0756 –** Poor, with KFAB nulled while chasing others, "WGNZ Power and Light" popped out! (**JJR-WI**)
- 1120 KANN UT Roy 3/3 0703 Contemporary Christian music and ID: "KANN, Roy, Ogden, Salt Lake City" followed by religious program. (RV-TX)
- 1130 KSDO CA San Diego 3/10 0640 With Spanish religious talk programming. Heard "Radio Inspiración" announcement and internet information showing a connection between the two. Caught the 'Radio Inspiracion' ID in Spanish at 0659 which also included 1390 in Los Angeles (KLTX per AM Query), and 1240 in San Bernardino (KEZY per AM Query), followed by a 'KSDO' ID in Spanish also mentioning 'Hi-Favor Broadcasting'. No mentions of Radio Nueva Vida; and the Radio Nueva Vida website no longer lists KSDO among its stations. (RV-TX)
- 1140 KHFX TX Cleburne 3/11 0659 Caught Spanish ID: "Esta es, K-H-F-X (pronounced slowly and deliberately) once-cuarenta AM, Cleburne . . ." and then into either evangelic preaching or inspirational music. Sounds quite a bit like XEMR but without the DC hum. (RV-TX)
- 1150 KWKY IA Des Moines 2/26 0640 Poor, in brief fade up, over WHBY. EWTN Rosary being recited. (JJR-WI) (again on . . .)
- **1150 KWKY IA Des Moines 3/11 0743 –** Poor, with Rosary, while chasing others. No WHBY. Over others. Only fit. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1190 KDMR MO Kansas City 3/11 0711 –** Poor, with "Catholic Catechism . . ." with Father Charles Connor. Over others. No WOWO. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1200 KYOO MO Bolivar 2/24 1321 –** Fair, in KDMR splash, with ad for 'Pitts Chapel of Greenlawn Funeral Home' in Bolivar. **(RD-KS)**
- **1230 KINO AZ Winslow 2/22 0820 –** Out of C&W with man announcer saying "... on 1230 KINO Winslow, Real Country time . . ." followed by an ad. Barely readable through the QRM. **(JW-CO)**

- **1230 KWNO MN Winona 2/23 1759** Good with clear ". . . KWNO, Winona" heard in legal ID. (**RD-KS**)
- **1230** KTNC NE Falls City 2/24 1252 Fair, with liner: "The Home of the Huskers, FM 107.1 and AM 1230, KTNC", then into Three Dog Night's "One". (RD-KS)
- 1230 KHAS NE Hastings 2/22 0759 LID, then CBS News, I think. Rough, in QRM. (JW-CO)
- **1240 KNEM MO Nevada 2/24 1257** Fair in heavy KYYS splash with St. Louis Cardinals spring training baseball pre-game show. A few Cardinals affiliates on 1240 shown on the 2019 list, but this one by far, is the closest to Overland Park and probably the only one on 1240 that can be heard in the middle of the day. **(RD-KS)**
- **1240 KFOR NE Lincoln 2/26 0759 Fair, with "KFOR" noted in legal ID; mention of "...I-80 near York" in news story at 0803. (RD-KS)**
- **1270 WCMR IN Elkart 3/13 0704** Very poor, with "Solid Gospel 1270" and mention of "105.3" that popped out! (JJR-WI)
- **1270 KGNM MO St. Joseph 2/27 0718** Poor through others, "St.Joe's Classic Hits . . . ". 'The Warrior' by Scandal. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1310 WIBA WI Madison 3/6 0712** Fair, with time check: "1310 WIBA Newstime is . . . ". **(RD-KS)**
- **MI** Lansing 3/6 0706 Very good with ending of newscast: "You can follow 1320 WILS on Twitter . . .". (**RD-KS**)
- 1320 KHRT ND Minot 3/3 0759 Legal ID by man, sounding like "Solid Gospel for your heart KHRT Minot". Poor copy in the mix. (JW-CO)

LIVE and LANSING

- 1350 KBRX NE O'Neill 3/12 0832 Fair, with mentions by male announcer of "Holt County", "Boyd County", and the upcoming St. Patrick's Day celebration in O'Neill. (RD-KS)
- 1360 KBKB IA Fort Madison 2/26 0728 Poor Fox Sports 104.5 and 1360 weather. . .. clear and 17 w/others. (JJR-WI)
- 1360 WVRQ WI Viroqua 2/26 0731 Very poor, with Wisconsin Radio News, Wisconsin Radio Sports, local weather. "Vintage VRQ". OLDies. (JJR-WI)
- **1370 WLLM IL Lincoln 3/7 0656 –** Poor, with 'where to send donations', program notes. Religious teaching, calls. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1380 WHEW TN Franklin 3/12 0734 Poor, though SS "Bonita" was cutting through. Logged as WIZO in 1995. (JJR-WI)
- 1380 CKPC ON Brantford 2/26 0630 Very poor, though clear calls and newscast. Chasing others. Not common. (JJR-WI)
- **1400 KLIN** NE Lincoln 3/8 0809 Good, with ". . . on the Voice of Lincoln, 1400 KLIN" heard at the end of liner. (**RD-KS**)
- **1420 WHK** OH Cleveland 3/8 0650 Poor, with "AM 1420 The Answer" after ad cluster. Alone; atop. (JJR-WI)
- **TX** Corpus Christi 3/11 0717 Promo after local ads: "14-40 KEYS (pronounced as word) proudly presents the Veterans Roundtable . . ." and into 'Roundtable' program. (RV-TX)
- **1450 KQYX KS Galena 2/21 0838** Atop, with Southern Gospel music, then ID: ". . . 1450 The Dove, where every day's a blessing". **(RD-KS)**
- 1450 KWBW KS Hutchinson 2/21 0830 Fair, with ad for Hutchinson Funeral Chapel. (RD-KS)
- **1450 KNSI** MN St. Cloud 3/7 0637 Poor. "KNSI AM 1450 FM 99.3" and news stories in very brief fade in/out. (JJR-WI)
- **1450 KGFF OK Shawnee 3/9 0759** Atop with Gordon Lightfoot's "Sundown", then legal ID: "...1450 is KGFF, Shawnee". **(RD-KS)**
- **1450 WDLB WI Marshfield 2/26 0725 –** Poor, with winter weather advisory. "Six inches due. Minus 1 at WDLB", then lost. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1460 WKAM IN Goshen 3/13 0804 –** Poor, with lively SS. 'La Raza' sweeper 'tween songs. WJTI [again] had open carrier. **(JJR-WI)**
- **1460 KXNO IA Des Moines 3/11 0702 –** Poor, with "1460 KXNO, Des Moines' Sports Station" through WJTI's Open Carrier. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1480 KBXD TX Dallas 3/1 0857 –** Vietnamese chat, a bit of music, then legal ID: "You're listening to Viet Radio on KBXD 1480 AM, Dallas, Texas," followed by ads in Vietnamese. Wish they'd make up their minds on a format. Fair signal, mixing with others. **(JW-CO)**
- **1490 KDMO MO Carthage 2/27 0828** Briefly over KTOP, with ". . . with all your favorite music, Fabulous 1490 KDMO" in liner by female, after "To All The Girls I've Loved Before" by Julio Iglesias and Willie Nelson. **(RD-KS)**

- **1490 WGEZ WI Beloit** 3/8 0735 Very poor, with weather from "Fox 47" (Madison) and "... in Beloit" heard. Not heard in while (when WTIQ-MI is more common, I digress!). (JJR-WI)
- 1550 WIGN TN Bristol 3/13 0651 Poor, with Bluegrass and C&W totally killing the frequency! Calls. No CBEF. (JJR-WI)
- **1580 KCHA IA Charles City 3/13 0729 –** Poor, trading with KDOM, with calls and web info. No CKDO. OLDies. **(JJR-WI)**
- **MD Morningside 2/27 0743** Poor, with "Honda . . . in Washington", and other ads. Replacing CKDO. (JJR-WI)
- **1580 KDOM MN Windom** 3/13 0728 Poor, with local host, chatter on Southern Minnesota and calls. No CKDO. (JJR-WI)
- **1600 KMDO KS Fort Scott 2/24 1146** Fair, in KPRT splash, with live read by female announcer regarding shuttle service to Topeka, phone # of 785-925-0261. Did some searching and found out that is the phone # of the American Legion Hall in Fort Scott. **(RD-KS)**
- **1600 WZZW WV Milton 3/12 0759** Poor, with Capital One ad, (// WVHU) "News Radio 800 WVHU". Logged as WNST in '84. (JJR-WI)
- **1630 WRDW GA Augusta 3/12 0728 –** Poor, with with "ESPN" twice. KCJJ nulled. Weak for a change. Only fit. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1630 KRND WY Fox Farm 3/13 0645 Poor, but loud! 50/9 with KCJJ way under this! (JJR-WI)
- **1680 KRJO LA Monroe 2/26 0711** Poor, though fighting a weak WPRR. "My 99-7 FM". 'Tequila, Dan and Shay'. (**JJR-WI**)
- **1680 WTTM NJ Lindenwold 2/27 0740 –** Poor, with SS music. "Radio Unica" in middle of song. All alone. **(JJR-WI)**
- **MD** Lexington Park 2/27 0737 Poor, but 50/9. Flutter, would fade in minutes. NOS, calls, ads. (JJR-WI)

1800-0600 ELT

- 550 KTRS MO St. Louis 2/24 1829 Fair, with "The Big Five-Fifty, KTRS" ID heard after interview with local college basketball coach. (RD-KS)
- **660 WBHR MN Sauk Rapids 3/11 2258** Fair, with clear mention of "Sauk Rapids" in ad for local business; ESPN Sportscenter Update at 2300. **(RD-KS)**
- 660 KEYZ ND Williston 3/11 2245 Fair, in mess, with C&W oldie "The Church On Cumberland Road" by Shenandoah, then a "660 Keys Newsradio" ID during weather forecast; confirmed via webstream. (RD-KS)
- **680 CJOB MB Winnipeg 3/11 2321 –** Good, under KFEQ, with "CJOB" heard at the start of weather forecast ("...low tonight of minus 12..."). **(RD-KS)**
- 690 CBKF-1 SK Gravelbourg 2/21 1911 Male performer singing in French. Only French speaking station on this frequency, per The National Radio Club's AM Radio Log. (JDS-MN) [Another happy customer! Ed.]
- 710 KCMO MO Kansas City 2/21 1921 Station ID: "Seven-Ten KCMO", fFollowed by commercial for Oak Ridge Boys concert. Then fades out. (JDS-MN)
- 730 KWOA MN Worthington 2/23 2012 Fair, with liner: "Minnesota Timberwolves basketball is right here on The Fan . . . and 100.3 FM, KWOA, Worthington". (RD-KS)
- **730 CKDM MB Dauphin 2/23 2014** Good, with ID at the end of a long promo: ". . . 730 CKDM is your everyday source in the Parkland". **(RD-KS)**
- 740 KTRH TX Houston 2/23 2053 Fair, over/under CFZM, with Houston Rockets basketball. (RD-KS)
- 740 CFZM ON Toronto 2/21 1938 "Zoomer radio. We give you more variety in an hour than other stations give you all day", followed by song 'Nothing From Nothing' by Billy Preston. (JDS-MN)
- **740 CFZM ON Toronto 3/14 2100 Fair signal, with Oldies music and 'Zoomer' ID. (SMA-MB)**
- 770 KATL MT Miles City 3/3 2017 Atop, with NBC Sports Radio update, then "KATL" heard in promo for the Southeast Montana Athlete of the Week. First Montana logging for me on this SDR. (RD-KS)
- **780 WBBM** IL Chicago 2/21 1948 "Traffic and Weather on the Eights" followed by: "Streaming live, the wbbmnewsradio.com, and the radio.com app. News radio Seven-Eighty and One-O-Five-point-Nine FM". (JDS-MN)

- **790 KFGO ND Fargo 2/23 1821** Fair, with promo for coverage of Minnesota Twins baseball spring training game "Sunday on 94.1 FM and 790 AM, KFGO". **(RD-KS)**
- **800 WDUX WI Waupaca 2/21 2004 –** Out of ABC News, into local weather forecast ending with "WDUX" station ID, followed by high school basketball. **(JDS-MN)**
- **850 KOA CO Denver 2/21 2015 –** Traffic report, followed by 'CBS-4 Weather' with Denver partly cloudy and 26 degrees. "I'm Joe Navarro on KOA News Radio. Colorado's news, traffic, and weather station". **(JDS-MN)**
- **850 WQRM MN Duluth 3/3 1858** Fair, in KKOW splash, with ending of religious program, then ID: "This is WQRM . . .". **(RD-KS)**
- 880 WCBS NY New York 2/21 2028 "Traffic and Weather on the Eights", followed by "More than just the headlines. This is WCBS News Radio Eight-Eighty" and news at TOH. (JDS-MN)
- **880 WMEQ WI Menomonie 3/06 1854 –** Commercials including: 'International Women's Day', 'I-Heart Music Awards', 'Bemo Harris Bank, Eau Claire branch', 'Eau Claire Insulation and Exteriors', and 'Colfax Chevrolet', followed "News talk WMEQ" at 1857. (JDS-MN)
- 910 KCJB ND Minot 2/24 1853 Fair to good with "Islands In The Stream" by Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton, then liner by female: ". . . thanks for hanging out with 91 Country KCJB . . . on kcjb910.com", and followed by Lee Roy Parnell's "What Kind Of Fool Do You Think I Am". (RD-KS)
- 930 KWOC MO Poplar Bluff 3/5 1932 Good, with ads for events in Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff, mention of the Knights of Columbus in Poplar Bluff. (RD-KS)
- 930 KLUP TX Terrell Hills 2/24 1901 Good, with mentions of "WellMed Charitable Foundation" and "930 The Answer" heard in promo. (RD-KS)
- 940 CJGX SK Saskatoon 3/06 1939 Out of country music, then female announcer: "Dirks Bentley on GX Ninety-Four". (JDS-MN)
- 950 KFSA AR Fort Smith 3/5 2109 Atop, with ID for FM: "The All-New Hog Country 99.1", then into a modern C&W song. First time heard for me from any QTH. (RD-KS)
- 950 WAKM TN Franklin 3/5 2115 Fair, with promo for coverage of University of Tennessee basketball on WAKM. (RD-KS)
- 990 CBW MB Winnipeg 3/06 1959 Out of 'As It Happens' show, followed by "This is CBC Radio One, Nine-Ninety AM, Eighty-Nine-Point-Three in Winnipeg" into spot for "Information Radio tomorrow, six to eight-thirty on CBC Radio One Eighty-Nine-Point-Three". (JDS-MN)
- **1000 KSOO SD Sioux Falls 3/1 0553** Last part of "The Revolution" (an Outdoor program); ID as "Information 1000 KSOO"; program notes; ad for jerky-making kit. Fair, mixing with XEFV. **(JW-CO)**
- 1010 KSIR CO Brush 3/8 2251 Fair, with Denver Nuggets basketball. (RD-KS)
- 1010 WPCN WI Stevens Point 3/06 2011 "The greatest hits of all time", followed by 'Feeling Stronger Every Day' by Chicago, and "This is the True Oldies Channel" into "This Day In Music History". (JDS-MN)
- **1070 KHMO MO Hannibal 2/27 2059** Fair, with "Newstalk 1070 KHMO" heard in promo for the Larry Elder Show. **(RD-KS)**
- 1080 WNWI IL Oak Lawn 3/14 2140 Fair signal, with Polish music program. (SMA-MB)
- **1090 KMXA CO Aurora 3/14 2035 –** Good signal, dominating the frequency, with ESPN Deportes programming. **(SMA-MB)**
- 1140 KXRB SD Sioux Falls 3/6 2056 Caught tail-end of ID: ". . . on 100.1 and 1140 AM, KXRB", then into local ads. (RD-KS)
- 1140 KHFX TX Cleburne 3/8 2300 Good, with ". . . Cleburne y Fort Worth Texas . . ." noted in English/Spanish ID by male. (RD-KS)
- **TX** Corpus Christi 2/23 2149 Fair, in KCTO splash, with oldies by Tears For Fears and The Bee Gees, then liner: "Corpus Christi's retro hits, Retro 104.1". A big surprise; first time I've heard this one from any QTH. (**RD-KS**)
- 1150 WHBY WI Kimberly 2/23 2109 Fair-to-good, with University of Wisconsin basketball. Two 1150s in Wisconsin, but this is the one that's listed as an affiliate on the 2018-19 Badger Network. (RD-KS)
- **1220 KJAN IA Atlantic** 3/7 **2135** Fair, for a brief moment, with taped "KJAN, Atlantic weather" ID before weather forecast. **(RD-KS)**
- **1220 KMVL TX Madisonville 3/7 2132 –** Good with ID: "You've found the station that. . .1220 AM and 98.9 . . .KMVL", then into the Main Ingredient's "Everybody Plays The Fool". **(RD-KS)**

- **1230 KFPW AR Fort Smith 3/5 2159** Very good, with legal ID: "You're listening to the Voice of Arklahoma since 1930 . . . KFPW . . . Fort Smith . . .". **(RD-KS)**
- **1230 KFSP MN Mankato 2/23 1807** Fair, with ". . . 1230 The Fan, Mankato" heard during coverage of Minnesota State University-Mankato basketball. **(RD-KS)**
- **1240 KWAK AR Stuttgart 3/10 2258** Briefly in, with mention of "oldies", the FM translator frequency, and CLs that at first sounded like "KWAY". Took some sleuthing, but finally narrowed it down to this. **(RD-KS)** [They're on two translators, 96.1 and 102.7 **Ed.**]
- **1240 KBIZ IA Ottumwa** 3/10 2259 Atop, with legal ID: ". . . right here on your news, sports, and information leader . . . KBIZ, Ottumwa . . .". **(RD-KS)**
- **AR Fayetteville 2/23 2222 –** Good, with ". . . northwest Arkansas, Red Dirt Country 106.1" ID, then into modern C&W music. As indicated in AM Switch in the last issue, this one has indeed made the switch and is now simulcasting 1390 KFFK, as well. **(RD-KS)**
- **1270 WWWI MN Baxter** 3/7 **2227** Very good, with sports talk show "The Gold Standard" via SBNation Radio, then ad for Precision SUBIworks of Brainerd and weather forecast: "Here's a look at the 3 W I weather . . . " **(RD-KS)**
- **1270 KNWC SD Sioux Falls** 3/7 **2258** Fair, with ending of religious program "Intentional Living" with host Randy Carlson, then "Faith Radio 1270" heard in ID by female; confirmed by checking KNWC's schedule online. **(RD-KS)**
- **1280 KPRV OK Poteau** 3/7 **2153** Good, with "KPRV 1280" jingle ID sandwiched between Tom Jones' version of "The Green Green Grass of Home" and Air Supply's "Every Woman In The World". **(RD-KS)**
- **1320 KELO SD Sioux Falls 3/3 1929** Very good, with start of ad for Juna Sleep Systems in Sioux Falls, then gone at switch to night pattern. **(RD-KS)**
- **1330 KPTY IA Waterloo 3**/**7 2313** Fair, in KDTD splash, with modern pop music, ID as "107.3 The Party". No sign at all of KNSS at this time. **(RD-KS)**
- **MN Ortonville 3/12 0014 –** Atop, with ID: "KDIO, your home for classic country", then into Brooks and Dunn's "She's Not The Cheatin' Kind". **(RD-KS)**
- 1360 KLYR AR Clarksville 3/6 2202 In briefly, with University of Arkansas basketball. (RD-KS)
- **1360 KSCJ IA Sioux City 3/6 2258** Good with ID: "Your local source for news and information . . .KSCJ . . .". **(RD-KS)**
- 1370 KWTL ND Grand Forks 3/6 2344 LOUD with mentions of "EWTN" during Catholic-themed call-in program discussing Ash Wedesday. Only EWTN affiliate shown on 1370. (RD-KS)
- **1400 KTMC OK McAlester 3/5 1959** Fair, in mess, with only "KTMC" heard in the legal ID. **(RD-KS)**
- **1420 WIMS IN Michigan City 3/6 2259 –** Fair under KTOE with "WIMS" heard during legal ID. **(RD-KS)**
- **1420 WOC IA Davenport** 3/6 **2105** Weak but in there under KTOE with just "WOC" heard. **(RD-KS)**
- **1430 WYMC KY Mayfield 3/7 2124 –** Very good, over WGFS, with Mayfield vs. Warren Central high school basketball in the Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament. **(RD-KS)**
- 1440 WGEM IL Quincy 3/3 1845 Good, with start of promo: "WGEM is proud to support . ..". (RD-KS)
- 1440 KTNO TX University Park 3/10 2000 Fair, with 214 area code phone # heard in ad in Spanish, then ". . . KTNO, University Park . . ." in Spanish/English legal ID. (RD-KS)
- **1450 KATE MN Albert Lea 2/23 1859** Fair, with ". . . KATE, Albert Lea" heard in jingle during legal ID. **(RD-KS)**
- **1470 KWSL IA Sioux City 2/23 1842** Fair, in KCZZ splash, with "La Preciosa . . . Noventa Ocho Punto Siete Effay Emmay . . ." heard during liner. **(RD-KS)**
- **1490 KWXT AR Dardanelle 2/26 2225** Fair, with ". . . 1490 KWXT" heard, then into southern gospel music. **(RD-KS)**
- **1490 KOBM NE Omaha 3/5 2031 –** In there, amongst the pileup, with "Boomer Radio" heard in liner between Manfred Mann's "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" and the Beatles' "Hello Goodbye". **(RD-KS)**
- **1510 KCKK** CO Littleton 2/26 2148 Good, with "93.7 The Rock" ID after "Owner Of A Lonely Heart" by Yes. (RD-KS)

- **1510 KMSD SD Milbank 3/14 2150 –** Good signal, with oldies music and ID as "98.3 and 1510 KMSD". **(SMA-MB)**
- **1540 KEDA TX San Antonio 3/9 2013** Good, under KXEL, with Spanish music followed by mention (in English) of "... KEDA 53rd Anniversary celebration . . . ". **(RD-KS)**
- **1570 KNDY KS Marysville 3/10 1803** Good, with weather: ". . . the KNDY Weatherology forecast for northeast Kansas and southeast Nebraska . . .". **(RD-KS)**
- **1570 KBCV MO Hollister 3/9 2129 –** Fair with ". . . Branson-area weather forecast . . ." heard between Bott Radio Network programs. **(RD-KS)**
- **1600 KGYM IA Cedar Rapids 3/9 2107** Good with Iowa State University women's basketball post-game show. **(RD-KS)**
- **1610 CHHA ON Toronto 3/14 2100** Fair signals, with Spanish talk by two ladies. **(SMA-MB)**
- **1620 WNRP FL Gulf Breeze 3/6 2359 –** Fair, with "... 1620 AM and 99.3 FM . . . Gulf Breeze . . . " noted during legal ID. **(RD-KS)**
- **1640 WJSP WI Sussex 3/14 2045 –** Fair signal, with Relevant Radio programming. (SMA-MB)
- 1650 KBJD CO Denver 3/14 2050 Good signal, with Spanish religious programming. (SMA-MB)

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Report your verifications to the NRC eGroup and they will appear here, or send them directly to me at the above address. Odd that no one reported a WION-1430 DX test verification, as I know some were sent out!! Next deadline: 5/17/19 1 PM PLT. pb

- 930 KMPT MT, East Missoula. PPC, coverage map in 20 days for f/up. V/s Tom McGinley (K7QA), C.E. (JW-CO)
- 1260 KBXN **ID**, Weiser. Email in 1 day for Email report of their test. V/s Preston Lee, Announcer. (pb-WA)
- 1270 KNWC **SD**, Sioux Falls. PPC in 17 days on 4th try. V/s Clayton Heeren, CBRE [CE]. (JW-CO)
- 1430 KCLK WA, Asotin. PPC in 14 days for f/up. V/S ??, Traffic Mgr. (JW-CO)
- 1660 KWOD **KS**, Kansas City. PPC, "610 Sports Radio" magnet in 9 days for f/up. V/s ??, ToD (whatever that is). (JW-CO)
- 1680 WPRR MI, Ada. PPC, F/D form letter, small "Reality Radio" sticker in 46 days. V/s Sue Howard. (JW-CO)

Phil Bytheway, Seattle WA (pb-WA) **John Wilkins**, Wheat Ridge CO (JW-CO)

Verification Scanning Project

Many members have been involved with prepping, scanning and displaying the unique collection of verifications at www.nationalradioclub.org. The verification collections (some complete and some partial) currently on display include Kelly Andrews, Joseph "Joe" Brauner (SK), William "Bill" Burrows, Ernest R "Ernie" Cooper (SK), Carl "Skip" Dabelstein, Wayne Heinen, F. William Hendrick (SK), Kraig Krist, Robert "Bob" Karchevski (SK), Stuart Leland (SK), Roland "Len" Lindblade (SK), Norman "Norm" Maguire (SK), Alan "Al" Merriman, Stanwood "Stan" Morss (SK), Maurice "Bill" Nittler (SK), Jim Renfrew, Steve Sprague, and Ronald "Ron" Schiller (SK).

Volunteers, family and friends who made this project possible: Holly (Schiller) Anastasio, Ken Chatterton, Bruce Conti, Skip Dabelstein, David Gleason, Bill Hale, Harry Hayes, Wayne Heinen, John Herkimer, Kay Karchevski, Kraig Krist, Ginnie Lupi, John Malicky, Ron Musco, Sally Nittler, Bob Smolarek, Jerry Starr, Paul Swearingen and Ernie Wesolowski. If there is anyone I missed please contact me direct and I will add you to this list, so your efforts can be recognized.

We're still trying to track down portions of Ernie Cooper's collection including these BCB areas: Canada, South & Central America and the following US States CO, IL, MT, ND, OH, SC, SD, TN, TX,UT, WV, WY and his FM veries. – *Wayne Heinen*.

International DX Digest

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For loggings of stations outside the U.S. and Canada All times are <u>Universal Coordinated Time</u> (UTC)

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 549 **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, Sidi Hamadouche MAR 7 0300 Good; in-studio and telephone talk through the hour. MAR 10 0458 Fair; choral marching band national anthem, parallel a weak 531 kHz. MAR 15 0458 Fair; choral marching band national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 595 MOROCCO SNRT Oujda MAR 10 0300 Loud het against 594 Saudi Arabia. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros MAR 10 0559 Fair; announcement by alternating man and woman leading up to time marker. [Conti-NH]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales,* Washford et al. MAR 15 0400 Poor; time marker and BBC news. [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* San Sebastián MAR 7 0059 Fair; local promo, "Radio San Sebastián..." to SER network music. [Conti-NH]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros MAR 14 2300 Good; promo for F1 preview with Jim White, "Start your engines for all the latest news from the pitways and everything you need to know about the world's most glamourous sport," parallel 1089 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros MAR 9 0459 Poor; pre sign-on tones. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros MAR 7 0258 Good; ad string, "Football Index is reinventing football betting, you can buy and sell the world's top players." [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros MAR 10 0600 Fair; "Dani California" by Red Hot Chili Peppers. [Conti-NH]
- SPAIN RNE5 La Línea de Concepción//Piñeira MAR 9 0500 Good; servicios informativos parallel 684, 774, 855, 1107, and 1152 kHz. [Conti-NH]

Transatlantic carrier search: MAR 9 0413-0422 - On R75 with east-west long wire tuning at 9 kHz steps, 1 kHz below TA frequencies listening for 1 kHz hets: 531*, 549*, 558, 576, 585, 603, 612, 621(2), 639, 666(2), 684, 693*(2), 729, 738, 747, 756, 774(2), 783, 801, 837, 855*, 873, 882, 909, 936, 954, 999, 1026, 1044, 1053, 1089, 1116, 1152*, 1161, 1179, 1206, 1215, 1224, 1296, 1305(2), 1314(2), 1413, 1422, 1521, 1539, 1575 kHz. *=stronger ones; (2)=at least two carriers beating. One of my larger harvests. A few more were probably blotted by IBOC noise. [Hauser-OK]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- CUBA *R.Rebelde*, Caribe//Guantánamo-Antiguo MAR 9 0501 Good, over *R.Enciclopedia*; choral national anthem parallel 550, 600, 670, 710, 770, and 1620 kHz. MAR 14 0401 Good; midnight broadcast of the choral national anthem, an hour earlier now with Cuba on daylight saving time. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEEP *R.Educación*, México, DF FEB 22 1200 Mexican national anthem followed by ID announcement, "Seis Emisores... Radio Educación, diez-sesenta AM, en la ciudad de México..." ID also mentioned 104.3 FM, and other FM frequencies in the network, as well as the short wave outlet. [Vance-TX]
- 1120 **MEXICO** unID FEB 26 1159 Choral anthem; extremely poor in noise. Unheard a few future checks same time. Likely either XEPOP Puebla or XETQE Tabasco. [Krueger-FL]
- 2940.14 unID FEB 20 0700 JBA carrier seems to be real rather than receiver overload. Merits further pursuit, possibly second harmonic from an off-frequency MW 1470+. FEB 23 0430 Off-frequency with some JBA talk, language uncertain, s4-s6 vs storm crashes as spring is nigh. Cannot detect any signal on likely fundamental 1470.07 producing second harmonic. As I mentioned in October, one known harmonic on 2940 is HJNT Cali, Colombia, and this is probably it. MWOffsets shows three possibilities: 1470.063 WBCR Alcoa, Tennessee, 1470.075 *R.Huellas*, Cali, Colombia, and 1470.08 HCED1 *Ecos de Cayambe*, Ecuador. FEB 27 0729 JBA carrier from suspected second harmonic such as Cali, measured 2940.133 which would make the fundamental about 1470.0655 kHz. Or MWOffsets has WBCR, Alcoa TN on 1470.063; NRC AM Log says 77 watts at night. Perhaps a DX'er in Maryville/Alcoa could confirm the offset and harmonic. MAR 1 0049 JBA carrier presumed second harmonic from some LAm or NAm broadcaster on 1470.065 or so. Another measurement at 0658

UTC puts it on 2940.132 kHz. Others closer and/or with better antenna gain and/or with less noise should be able to ID this. [Hauser-OK]

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Bruce Conti WPC1CAT, Nashua NH; WiNRADiO Excalibur, variable termination Super/Ewe antennas 15 x 23-m at 60° northeast and 180° south.

Glenn Hauser, Enid OK; NRD-545 with ALA-330S or north/south not very long wire, DX-398 or PL-880 with internal antenna only, sometimes IC-R75 with ~100-ft east/west longwire.

Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL; IC-R75, NRD-535, long wires, active loop.

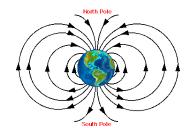
Robert Vance, El Paso TX; WiNRADiO G33DDC, various indoor and outdoor loop antennas.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

COSTA RICA: Regarding Hauser's unID 2940+ harmonic log, it has a pretty hefty signal on the south mini-Bev here in North Carolina. Noted a much stronger signal on 2860 at the same time (2345 UTC) however, and was rewarded with a nice ID from *R.San Carlos*, 2 x 1430 kHz. [Jay Novello, WOR via DXLD]

LATVIA: *Radio Center* will be on the air this March for the last time on their historical frequency AM 1485 before completely moving to new frequency AM 1602 from Riga, Latvia. March 27 and 28th from 19:00-20:59 UTC with very special programs for NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) Convention attendees. Radio Center Moscow, a pioneer of religious broadcasting in Russia, has been granted a license for operating a powerful AM transmitter in Riga, Latvia to deliver Christian programming in Russian language into every Russian community in Eastern Europe, including Russia proper, during a time when the Russian government has restricted the rights of many Christian groups. Due to growing restrictions and governmental interference, Radio Center is moving from Moscow to Riga while keeping our radio studio in Moscow. Our new frequency on AM dial is 1602 kHz. [Andrey Nekrasov, WRTH fb group]

73 and Good DX!



Geomagnetic Indices

Geomagnetic Summary February 2019

Via Phil Bytheway – Tabulated from online status daily (K = 0000 UTC).

Date	Flux	A K	S	pace Weather	Date	Flux	A K	S	pace Weather
2/ 1	72	17	4	minor, G1	15	71	4	0	no storms
2	71	17	3	no storms	16	71	3	0	no storms
3	71	11	3	no storms	17	70	4	2	no storms
4	71	7	3	no storms	18	70	6	1	no storms
5	71	5	1	no storms	19	70	3	1	no storms
6	70	10	3	no storms	20	71	3	2	no storms
7	70	4	1	no storms	21	71	11	3	no storms
8	71	8	4	no storms	22	71	4	1	no storms
9	70	10	1	no storms	23	71	2	0	no storms
10	70	6	1	no storms	24	71	2	0	no storms
11	70	9	3	no storms	25	70	2	1	no storms
12	70	6	3	no storms	26	71	2	1	no storms
13	70	13	2	no storms	27	71	10	4	no storms
14	71	10	1	no storms	2/28	70	26	3	minor, G1

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

DX Toolbox

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Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent and welcome to the DX Tool Box Column number 113.

It's Groovy Radio Time





Want to Go on a DX Vacation - Ask Gary DeBock

Looking for a dream location in the forward Pacific with the chance to track down MW stations from Africa and the Middle East-- in addition to the entire continent of Asia? Consider joining the November 1-7 ocean beach DXpedition at Poipu Kai on Hawaii's Kauai Island – the closest of the main Hawaiian islands to Asia. This point features an unobstructed salt water path to Asia and the South Pacific, as well as to North and South America.

My wife and I have once again booked our 6-day vacation through a Costco Travel package, which offers round trip airfare for two (nonstop each way from Seattle), great accommodations in newer 2-BR condos at the Aston at Poipu Kai, a full sized rental car and a \$50 Costco cash card-- all included in the \$2.3K cost. For two DX'ers who would share one of the comfortable condos, the cost of the entire trip (per person) would be about \$1,200. Three of us are already making plans for an awesome DX'ing vacation, and if you would like to join us in this hobby thrill of a lifetime, we would be honored to have you with us! Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA)

The November 2018 Kauai DXpedition report is available <u>here</u> and was published in the last issue of *DX News*.

Bits and Bites from the NRC listserv

From: Gary DeBock, Puyallup WA Re: New XHDATA D-808 Portable

As most North American DX'ers found out last year, the cost to purchase an XHDATA D-808 AM-FM-LW-SW-AIR SSB portable in the USA or Canada was significantly higher than in the rest of the world (around \$112, in comparison to around \$75).

Apparently an eBay seller is now offering new D-808 models to USA purchasers for around \$75, but you need to order through the Australian eBay system (link here).

You will need to pay AU \$12 shipping (about \$8), but the radio is shipped from China, and the total cost will still be far below the other eBay listings. I don't know if this is a quirk that will soon disappear, but interest in the model remains very high, so nail down your new D-808 at \$75.64 while you can.

A full 16 page article describing the development, features and 7.5" loopstick transplant procedure for the XHDATA D-808 model is available here.

From: Ed Muro

Re: New XHDATA D-808 Portable

Features look very similar to C. Crane's Skywave series.

From: Gary DeBock, Puyallup WA Re: New XHDATA D-808 Portable

Yes, Ed, the D-808 was "inspired" by the CC Skywave SSB model (to use a term very generous to the Chinese reverse engineers). Both are manufactured in Shenzhen, China, and the D-808 appeared a few months after the Skywave SSB, with amazingly similar features.

The full details of this wholesale design appropriation are unlikely to ever be revealed to the general public, but C. Crane has reason to deeply regret its decision to manufacture at the Redsun factories in Shenzhen. And most likely XHDATA company's 2018 restriction on direct shipment of the D-808 to North America was related to their fear of a copyright lawsuit by C. Crane.

From: Bill Whitacre, Alexandria VA

Re: Grayland '19 DXpedition

Thanks to a last-minute 'flash sale' from Alaska Airlines I made my 19th trip to Grayland, Washington a couple of weeks ago. Propagation conditions were not great but following the motto "everything's better at the beach" I persevered. You can see and hear what I heard on this webpage.

I'm still going through the wav files but there's enough on the webpage to give a flavor of what things were like. Antenna was the usual 160' DKAZ at 287 deg. literally 'on the beach' and in the puddles that collect during winter months on the back-beach. I'm sure my splashing around provided entertainment to the large number of razor clambers on the beach. Highlight so far is DWXI, the Delta Broadcasting System, on 1314kHz, a new Philippine station for me from Grayland; recording available here.

Enjoy and good DX to everyone.

From: Gary DeBock, Puyallup WA

Re: The New Radiwow R-108 The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

The Chinese-made Radiwow R-108 is a very compact AM-FM-LW-SW-AIR portable which has recently become available to North American purchasers via eBay, where it is currently offered at various prices (the lowest being \$49.98, including free shipping) in listings such as <u>this</u> one.

Since it is obviously an Ultralight-sized radio and a DSP-enhanced design with multiple selectivity options, four of the R-108 models were purchased for performance tests, technical investigation, quality control checks and comparison with similar models. The Radiwow R-108 is manufactured by the same company that builds the XHDATA D-808, so the styling is very similar, with dark grey cabinets, orange colored power controls and company logos, and lithium-ion rechargeable batteries. And like with the D-808, you will search the owner's manual in vain for any type of manufacturer's warranty.

This Chinese company certainly draws a lot of "inspiration" (to use a very generous term) from the C.Crane Skywave model (manufactured in the same Chinese city, Shenzhen, at the Redsun factories). Whereas the company's reverse engineers started their D-808 model with wholesale design appropriation of the Skywave SSB's technical innovations, the new R-108 matches the CC Skywave exactly in height, length and width, as well as in the location of the company logo, speaker, wrist strap, display, keypad, power control, tuning knob and volume control. As a crowning touch, the company's reverse engineers ensured that the R-108's screened-on tuning and volume control legends match those of the CC Skywave exactly.

Since only one of the R-108 test models has arrived here so far I haven't yet done a full technical disassembly, although to its credit the R-108 does have good shielding of the DSP chip, avoiding the irritating digital whine which occurs in recent (post 2012) Tecsun PL-310ET and PL-380 models when the display is grasped. The R-108 also seems to correct the internal heterodyne generation issues of the Tecsun Si4734 DSP chip models (PL-310ET, PL-380 etc.), although my first R-108 test model does suffer from a new digital issue-- intermittent, nasty oscillations at the extreme high end of the AM band (1650-1700 kHz). Whether this a congenital issue or not will be determined when the remaining three R-108 models arrive, but previous reviews of this model have mentioned uneven quality control.

The AM band performance does seem to be competitive with the Tecsun PL-380 model as far as sensitivity, DSP selectivity and digital functions, although the audio amp will max out more quickly on a weak signal. The multiple DSP options are quite good at this price point, especially when combined with the correction of the Tecsun PL-380's internal heterodyne issues. The AM antenna connections on the RF circuit board are highly accessible for enhanced loopstick transplant projects (see photos below), so assuming that the intermittent oscillations on the extreme high end of the AM band are limited to this one R-108 model, the R-108 could prove to be a real value winner as a "Supercharging" platform. More performance details and technical reports will be given when the other three R-108 test models arrive here, but so far, the model does appear to have good potential for AM-DX'ing, both as a stock and modified model.

Detailed photos are posted at the following links:

RF Circuit Board here.

Cabinet Disassembly (Digital and RF Circuit Boards) here.

Lithium-ion Rechargeable Battery here.

CC Skywave SSB and R-108... the identical sized Shenzhen "siblings" here.

73 for this time Shawn

Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

GRAVEYARD DX: UPDATE

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1490 kHz

KBKR OR Baker Tim Hall US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT 440

<u>DXer</u> <u>DX Location</u> Tim Hall – US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT <u>1230</u> <u>1240</u> <u>1340</u> <u>1400</u> <u>1450</u> <u>1490</u> <u>Total</u> 36 32 33 42 32 37 212

GRAVEYARD DX ACHIEVEMENTS

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1340 kHz Logged from January 1, 1960 to Present Updated as of March 14, 2019

Station Sta	te City	DXer	DX Location	Miles
WFMH AL	Cullman	Russ Johnson	Lexington, NC	392
WJOI AL	Florence	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	525
WXOR AL	Florence	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	572
WMRK AL	Selma	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	1077
WMRK AL	Selma	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	290
WFEB AL	Sylacauga	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	222
AFRN AK	Ft. Yukon	Frank Merrill	Nenana, AK	178
KIKO AZ	Apache Junction	Tim Hall	US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	416
KIKO AZ	Miami	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	532
KPGE AZ	Page	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	924
KENT AZ		Don Kaskey (SK)	Sacramento, CA	562
KBTA AR	Batesville	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	1769
KZNG AR	Hot Springs	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	717
KCAT AR		Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	1154
KBRS AR	Springdale	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	738
KBRS AR		Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	682
KATA CA	1 0	Carl Dabelstein	Lihue, HI	2433
KATA CA	Arcata	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	475
KCBL CA	Fresno	Richard E. Wood (SK)	Hilo, HI	2434
KVGC CA	Jackson	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	449
KOMY CA	La Selva Beach	Richard E. Wood (SK)	Hilo, HI	2325
KAVC CA	Mojave	Tim Hall	Burney, CA	735
KSFE CA	Needles	John Johnson	Billings, MT	821
KEWE CA	Oroville	Richard E. Wood (SK)	Hilo, HI	2415
KPYV CA	Oroville	Tim Hall	West Glacier, MT	725
KATY CA	San Luis Obispo	Frank Merrill	Nenana, AK	2347
KGLW CA	San Luis Obispo	Carl Dabelstein	Phoenix, AZ	504
KIST CA	Santa Barbara	Richard E. Wood (SK)	Hilo, HI	2390
KIST CA	Santa Barbara	Tim Hall	Crescent City, CA	564
KOMY CA	Watsonville	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	408
KDCO CO	Denver	Tim Hall	US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	484
KWSL CO	Grand Junction	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	686
KVRH CO	Salida	Wayne Heinen	Aurora, CO	102
WYBC CT	New Haven	Russ Johnson	Lexington, NC	567
WYBC CT	New Haven	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	316
WOOK DC	Washington	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	488
WOOK DC	O	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	401
WTAN FL	Clearwater	Neil Kazaross	Barrington, IL	1026

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WWFL	FL	Clermont	Shawn Axelrod	Orlando, FL	17
WROD	FL	Daytona Beach	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	1197
	FL	Daytona Beach	Marc DeLorenzo	Hyannis, MA	1051
WZAZ	FL	Jacksonville	Don Trelford (SK)	Runaway Bay, JMC	868
WDSR	FL	Lake City	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	1116
WPBR	FL	Lantana	Tim Hall	Tampa, FL	176
WTYS	FL	Marianna	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaĥa, NE	953
WPBR	FL	Palm Beach	Ernie Cooper (SK)	Provincetown, MA	1198
WITS	FL	Sebring	Russ Johnson	Lexington, NC	576
WFSH	FL	Valparaiso	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	393
WGAU	GA	Athens	Russ Edmunds	Parsippany, NJ	691
WBBQ	GA	Atlanta	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	831
WBBQ	GA	Augusta	Russ Edmunds	Parsippany, NJ	661
WGAA	GA	Cedartown	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	138
WOKS	GA	Columbus	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	1019
WOKS	GA	Columbus	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	758
WBBT	GA	Lyons	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA	526
WALH	GA	Mountain City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	465
WTIF	GA	Tifton	Ron Schiller (SK)	Monmouth Beach, NJ	811
KSKI	ID	Hailey	Mike Hardester	Modesto, CA	537
KSGR	ID	Nampa	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	756
KTIK	ID	Nampa	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	1004
KACH	ID	Preston	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	637
KXQZ	ID	Wendell	Tim Hall	Chula Vista CA	708
WSOY	IL	Decatur	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	768
WHPI	IL	Herrin	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	913
WJPF	IL	Herrin	George Santulli	Cranford, NJ	810
WJOL	IL	Joliet	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	714
WJOL	IL	Joliet	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	450
WBIW	IN	Bedford	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	707
WBIW	IN	Bedford	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	257
WTRC	IN	Elkhart	Denis Picard	Trois-Rivières-Ouest, QC	737
WTRC	IN	Elkhart	George Santulli	Cranford, NJ	605
WLBC	IN	Muncie	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	595
WXFN	IN	Muncie	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	605
WXFN	IN	Muncie	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA	433
KROS	IΑ	Clinton	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	760
KROS	IΑ	Clinton	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	343
KROS	IΑ	Clinton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	343
KLIL	IΑ	Estherville	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	165
KGGS	KS	Garden City	Tim Hall	Jackpot, NV	777
KFKF	KS	Kansas City	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	714
KNHN		Kansas City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	612
KSEK	KS	Pittsburg	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	858
KSEK	KS	Pittsburg	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	662
WCMI	KY	Ashland	Joe Fela	Newark, NJ	477
WCMI	KY	Ashland	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	362
WBGN		Bowling Green	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	596
WBGN	KY	Bowling Green	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	596
WBGN		Bowling Green	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	525
	KY	Hindman	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	668
WNBS	KY	Murray	George Santulli	Cranford, NJ	809
WEKY	KY	Richmond	Ron Schiller (SK)	Monmouth Beach, NJ	583
	LA	Shreveport	Frank Wheeler (SK)	Erie, PA	1005
WFAU	ME	Augusta	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	304
	ME	Veazie	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	349
WGAW		Gardner	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA	392
		Gardner	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	269
WNBH			Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	249
		Pittsfield	Niel Wolfish	Murray Harbour, North PEI	585
		Pittsfield	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	192
WLEW		Bad Axe	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	372
WLEW	MI	Bad Axe	Neil Kazaross	Barrington, IL	282

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WBBL MI	Grand Rapids	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	579
WLAV MI	Grand Rapids	Bruce Conti	West Warwick, RI	763
WCSR MI	Hillsdale	George Santulli	Cranford, NJ	575
WCSR MI	Hillsdale	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	196
WMTE MI	Manistee	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	522
WMTE MI	Manistee	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	226
WAGN MI	Menominee	Ron Schiller (SK)	Monmouth Beach, NJ	766
WAGN MI	Menominee	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	575
WMBN MI	Petoskey	Shawn Axelrod	Valhalla Beach, MB	665
WMBN MI	Petoskey	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	609
WEXL MI	Royal Oak	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	416
WEXL MI	Royal Oak	Kraig Krist	Manassas, VA	393
KQBR MN	Brainerd	Don Trelford (SK)	Runaway Bay, JMC	2159
KVBR MN	Brainerd	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	886
KVBR MN	Brainerd	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	619
KDLM MN	Detroit Lakes	Andy Rugg (SK)	Waterloo, ON	781 705
KDLM MN	Detroit Lakes	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	705
WEVE MN	Eveleth	Morris Sorensen (SK)	Leaf Rapids, MB	710
WEVE MN	Eveleth	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	459
KROC MN	Rochester	Niel Wolfish	Toronto, ON	650
KROC MN	Rochester Willmar	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	482
KWLM MN WAML MS		Neil Kazaross Ernie Wesolowski	Barrington, IL	401 767
KXEO MO	Laurel Mexico		Omaha, NE	1028
KXEO MO	Mexico	Andy Rugg (SK) Russ Edmunds	Montreal, QC	929
KLID MO	Poplar Bluff	Charles Reh	Parsippany, NJ	552
KLID MO	Poplar Bluff	Gary Siegel	Leamington, ON Toledo, OH	498
KSMO MO	Salem	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	509
KICK MO	Springfield	Dave Whatmough	Hamilton, ON	822
KICK MO	Springfield	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	607
KQJZ MT	Evergreen	Ron Schiller (SK)	Coeur d'Alene, ID	123
KPRK MT	Livingston	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	817
KPRK MT	Livingston	Tim Hall	Jasper, AB	546
KATL MT	Miles City	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	599
KATL MT	Miles City	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	599
KYLT MT	Missoula	MB DXPedition&	Arnes, MB	819
KYLT MT	Missoula	Tim Hall	US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	540
KHUB NE	Fremont	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	716
KHUB NE	Fremont	John Wilkins	Wheat Ridge, CO	468
KGFW NE	Kearney	Neil Kazaross	Barrington, IL	576
KSID NE	Sidney	Tim Hall	US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	603
KTSN NV	Elko	Tim Hall	Jasper, AB	838
KTSN NV	Elko	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	574
KRAM NV	Las Vegas	Frank Merrill	Nenana, AK	2409
KRLV NV	Las Vegas	Tim Hall	Yellowstone Lake Village, WY	629
WDCR NH	Hanover	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	591
WDCR NH	Hanover	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	464
	Madbury	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	534
WWNH NH	Madbury	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	307
	North Conway	Bruce Conti	Nashua, NH	89
WMID NJ	Atlantic City	Bill Dvorak	Madison, WI	817
WMID NJ	Atlantic City	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	469
KNDE NM		Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	706
KSSR NM		Glenn Hauser	(near) Vega, TX	123
KSIL NM	5	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	1262
KKIT NM		Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	1154
WMBO NY	Auburn	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	367
WMBO NY	Auburn	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	311
WENT NY	Gloversville	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	363
WENT NY	Gloversville	Wayne Heinen	Orchard Park, NY	223
WKSN NY	Jamestown	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	367
WKSN NY	Jamestown	Russ Edmunds	Parsippany, NJ	263
WLVL NY	Lockport	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	932

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WLVL NY	Lockport	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	209
WMSA NY	Massena	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	433
WMSA NY	Massena	Russ Edmunds	Parsippany, NJ	281
WALL NY	Middletown	Denis Picard	Trois-Rivières-Ouest, QC	351
WALL NY	Middletown	Bruce Conti	Nashua, NH	173
WIRY NY	Plattsburgh	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	550
WIRY NY	Plattsburgh	Niel Wolfish	Howe Bay, PI	547
WOOW NC	Greenville	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	596
WOOW NC	Greenville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	535
WJRI NC	Lenoir	Wayne Heinen	Orchard Park, CO	499
WTSB NC	Lumberton	Russ Edmunds	•	605
			Syracuse, NY	
WCBQ NC	Oxford	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	321
WADE NC	Wadesboro	Russ Johnson	Lexington, NC	61
WGNI NC	Wilmington	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	814
WLSG NC	Wilmington	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	436
WAIR NC	Winston-Salem	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	739
WAIR NC	Winston-Salem	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	426
KPOK ND	Bowman	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	900
KGPC ND	Grafton	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	821
KXPO ND	Grafton	Tim Hall	Winnipeg, MB	104
WNCO OH	Ashland	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	942
WNCO OH	Ashland	Bruce Conti	Nashua, NH	574
WOUB OH	Athens	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	527
WIZE OH	Springfield	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	937
WIZE OH		Russ Edmunds	Little Silver, NJ	516
WSTV OH	Steubenville	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	425
WSTV OH	Steubenville	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	364
KIHN OK	Hugo	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	894
KIHN OK	Hugo	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	504
	Oklahoma City	Don Trelford (SK)	Runaway Bay, JMC	1711
KXXY OK	Oklahoma City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	866
KTOW OK			Atlanta, GA	675
KBNW OR	Sand Springs Bend	Karl Jeter Tim Hall	,	509
			US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	
KLOO OR	Corvallia	Tim Hall	Radium Hot Springs, BC	538
KLOO OR	Corvallis	Ron Schiller (SK)	Coeur d'Alene, ID	379
KWVR OR	Enterprise	Tim Hall	Jasper, AB	516
KWVR OR	Enterprise	Tim Hall	US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	467
KIHR OR	Hood River	Tim Hall	Monterey, CA	630
KBBR OR	North Bend	Richard E. Wood (SK)	Hilo, HI	2428
KBBR OR	North Bend	Tim Hall	Monterey, CA	488
KBBR OR	North Bend	Tim Hall	(in waters off) San Juan Islands,	
WCVI PA	Connellsville	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	486
WCVI PA	Connellsville	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	236
WSAJ PA	Grove City	Frank Merrill	Holland, OH	195
WOYL PA	Oil City	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	336
WOYL PA	Oil City	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	200
WHAT PA	Philadelphia	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	452
WHAT PA	Philadelphia	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	411
WYCK PA	Plains	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	272
WRAW PA	Reading	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	409
WRAW PA	Reading	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	349
WTRN PA	Tyrone	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	458
WTRN PA	Tyrone	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	348
WBRE PA	Wilkes-Barre	Karl Jeter	Stone Mountain, GA	695
WWPA PA	Williamsport	MB DXPedition&	Arnes, MB	1153
WWPA PA	Williamsport	Gary Siegel		341
			Toledo, OH	
WOKE SC	Charleston	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	896 642
WOKE SC	Charleston	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	643
WRHI SC	Rock Hill	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	487
WSSC SC	Sumter	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	563
KIJV SD	Huron	Frank Merrill	Milan, MI	748
KTOQ SD	Rapid City	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	953
WBAC TN	Cleveland	Dave Whatmough	Hamilton, ON	620

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WBAC '	TN	Cleveland	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	455
WKRM '	TN	Columbia	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	460
	TN	Greeneville	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	735
	TN	Greeneville	Russ Edmunds	•	495
				Blue Bell, PA	
	TN	Knoxville	Andy Rugg (SK)	Pointe Claire, QC	848
WKGN '	TN	Knoxville	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	741
WLOK '	TN	Memphis	George Santulli	Cranford, NJ	950
WCDT 7	TN	Winchester	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	687
	TN	Winchester	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	511
	TX	Abilene	Tim Hall	C	922
				US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	
	TX	Burnet	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	700
	TX	Corsicana	Frank Wheeler (SK)	Erie, PA	1139
KSET	ΤX	El Paso	John Wilkins	West Des Moines, IA	974
KLBK	ΤX	Lubbock	John Wilkins	West Des Moines, IA	711
KRBA	ΤX	Lufkin	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	665
	TX	Pampa	John Johnson	Sheridan, WY	714
	TX	Port Arthur	Carl Dabelstein	Lincoln, NE	769
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	TX	San Angelo	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	565
	TX	Victoria	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	860
KVIC	TX	Victoria	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	860
KTMP	UT	Heber City	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	940
KTMP	UT	Heber City	Tim Hall	US 6/50 at NV/UT Border, UT	170
	UT	Manti	Wayne Heinen	Colorado Springs, CO	367
WVNR		Poultney	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	253
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WVNR		Poultney	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	181
	VT	St. Johnsbury	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	479
-	VT	St. Johnsbury	Bruce Conti	Nashua, NH	119
WKEY '	VA	Covington	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	1184
WKEY	VA	Covington	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	329
WHAP '		Hopewell	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	563
WHAP		Hopewell	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	450
	VA	Orange	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	372
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	VA	Orange	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	506
	VA	Pulaski	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell, PA	368
		Anacortes	John Campbell (SK)	Malnagen, Norway	4042
KLKI	WA	Anacortes	Tim Hall	Chilkoot Inlet, AK	901
KLKI '	WA	Anacortes	Nancy Johnson	Billings, MT	689
KLKI	WA	Anacortes	Tim Hall	Jasper, AB	362
KTCR	WA	Kennewick	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	1053
		Kennewick	Tim Hall	Jasper, AB	463
		Raymond	Tim Hall	Vancouver, BC	180
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		Tumwater	Ron Schiller (SK)	Coeur D'Alene, ID	292 DG174
		Tumwater	Tim Hall	Georgian Strait (near Parksville),	
KWWX	WA	Wenatchee	Tim Hall	West Glacier, MT	300
KWWX	WA	Wenatchee	Tim Hall	Trail, BC	167
WXKX	WV	Clarksburg	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	479
WXKX	WV	Clarksburg	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	317
WEPM		Martinsburg	Barry McLarnon	Ottawa, ON	423
WEPM '		Martinsburg	Steve Francis	Alcoa, TN	415
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WMON Y		Montgomery	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	269
	WV	Welch	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	311
	WI	Ladysmith	Joe Kureth (SK)	Uniontown. MD	820
WLDY	WI	Ladysmith	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	490
WJYI	WI	Milwaukee	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	326
•	WI	Milwaukee	John Johnson	Sheridan, WY	952
	WY	Jackson	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	1387
	WY	Wheatland	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	933
KWOR		Worland	John Rieger	L'Anse, MI	936
	AB	Brooks	Shawn Axelrod	Winnipeg, MB	655
	AB	Brooks	Niel Wolfish	Winnipeg, MB	655
	AB	Brooks	Tim Hall	Omak, WA	372
CJCM .	AB	Grand Centre	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	708
CINL	BC	Ashcroft	Tim Hall	Peril Strait, AK	740
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CINL	BC	Ashcroft	Tim Hall	Glacier National Park, MT	391
CINL	BC	Ashcroft	Tim Hall	Finlayson Channel, BC	333
CFKC	BC	Creston	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	286
CKGF	BC	Grand Forks	Nancy Johnson	Aberdeen, WA	285
CKGF	BC	Grand Forks	Tim Hall	Lake Louise, AB	194
CKCR		Revelstoke	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	316
CKCR		Revelstoke	Tim Hall	Fernie, BC	171
CIVH	BC	Vanderhoof	Tim Hall	Chilkoot Inlet, AK	560
CIVH	BC	Vanderhoof	Phil Bytheway	Seattle, WA	450
CIVII	BC	Vanderhoof	Tim Hall		373
				Lake Louise, AB	
CINC		Norway House	Shawn Axelrod	Swan River, MB	194
CKHV	NL	113	Niel Wolfish	Louisbourg, NS	511
CFLW	NL	Wabush	Neil Kazaross	Pawtucket, RI	794
CJLS	NS	Yarmouth	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	768
CJLS	NS	Yarmouth	Russ Edmunds	Little Silver, NJ	472
	NT	Yellowknife	Morris Sorensen (SK)	God's Lake Narrows, MB	898
CKNR	ON	Elliot Lake	Andy Rugg (SK)	Nuns' Island, QC	440
CKNR	ON	Elliot Lake	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	329
CFCH	ON	Hearst	Morris Sorensen (SK)	Leaf Rapids, MB	840
CFBQ	ON	Parry Sound	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	310
CKAR1	ON	Parry Sound	Ron Schiller (SK)	Monmouth Beach, NJ	463
CKRE	ON	Red Lake	MB DXPedition&	Valhalla Beach, MB	125
CKOX	ON	Woodstock	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	176
CHAD	QC	Amos	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	381
CJAN	QC	Asbestos	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	645
CJAN	QC	Asbestos	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	589
CJAF		Cabano	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	273
CHRD		Drummondville	Neil Kazaross	Pawtucket, RI	279
CHRD	-	Drummondville	Andy Rugg (SK)	Montreal, QC	73
CFOM	QC	Quebec	Gary Siegel	Toledo, OH	706
		Quebec	Charles Reh	•	646
			MB DXPedition&	Leamington, ON	857
CKVT	QC	Temiscaming		Arnes, MB	
CFSL		Weyburn	Carl Dabelstein	Omaha, NE	695
		Cd. Acuna, COA	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	142
		Ciudad Obregon, SON		Poway, CA	574
		Ciudad Serdan, PUE	Tim Hall	Houston, TX	757
		Guadalajara, JAL	Tim Hall	Chula Vista, CA	1174
		Los Mochis, SIN	Tim Hall	Rancho Bernardo, CA	704
		Matamoros, TAM	Tim Hall	Junction, TX	348
			Ron Schiller (SK)	Monmouth Beach, NJ	2354
		Monterrey, NL	Tim Hall	Fort Stockton, TX	394
			Don Trelford (SK)	Runaway Bay, Jamaica	1455
XEBK	MEX	Nuevo Laredo, TAM	Tim Hall	Big Bend National Park, TX	263
XERCH	MEX	Ojinaga, CHI	Tim Hall	4.5 mi NW of Fort Davis, TX	79
XESL	MEX	San Luis Potosi, SLP	Tim Hall	San Antonio, TX	531
XEZE	MEX	Santiago Ixcuintla, NA	Y	Tim Hall16 miles west of Cabo S	San Luca
ZBM2	BER	Hamilton	Charles Reh	Leamington, ON	1185
ZBM2	BER	Hamilton	Marc DeLorenzo	Hyannis, MA	714
CMHU	CUB	Cienfuegos	Don Trelford (SK)	Runaway Bay, Jamaica	330
		Guantanamo Bay	Ron Schiller (SK)	Lighthouse Point, FL	543
WNOZ		Aguadilla	Cesar Objio (SK)	Santo Domingo, DR	180
WWNA		Aguadilla	Shawn Axelrod	Marigot, St.Martin	269
		Charlotte Amalie	Tim Hall	Crane Beach, Barbados	499
		San Pedro Sula	Ron Schiller (SK)	Lighthouse Point, FL	920
		Belo Horizonte	Pete Taylor	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	211
ZYH886		Sao Luis	Neil Kazaross		3577
				Ogunquit, ME	1092
		Barranquilla Bagata	Ron Schiller (SK)	Lighthouse Point, FL	
HJFB		Bogota	Carl Dabelstein	Lihue, HI	5806
DEC 40		Guangzhou	Pete Taylor	Hong Kong	95 46 2 7
BEC48		Matsu	Frank Merrill	Nenana, AK	4627
BBC	G	Lisnagarvey	Ron Schiller (SK)	Monmouth Beach, NJ	3190

August 2018 Rockwork Cliff DXpedition

The Grand DXing Tour of Multiple Ocean Cliff Turnoff Sites

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Introduction: Somehow during the past few years a wild and wacky ocean cliff on the Oregon coast near Manzanita has become a South Pacific DXing hotspot, drawing a serious contingent of

west coast hobbyists each summer despite the straight down plunge of 500 feet (152 meters) to the rocky ocean beach below. For the first time ever we had 5 DXers participating this year, each with his own version of portable, breakdown antennas that could be constructed and disassembled repeatedly for sunrise DXing sessions. Initial skepticism that an ocean cliff can really enhance transoceanic DX signals seems to have given way to passionate conviction!

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Unfortunately this year we would all face a new challenge – a huge increase in the "sleeping squatter" population, which had spread out and occupied prime antenna space at almost all of the Highway 101 turnoffs. Most of these individuals seemed to be motivated by saving the cost of a motel fee, although quite a few of them seemed to be living out of their vehicles, with various related personal issues. Driving up each morning at 0400 local time and setting up our antennas right next to these total strangers in total darkness right next to the plunging ocean cliff made for some exciting DXing sessions, in more ways than one.

Despite the wild local environment the South Pacific DX certainly didn't disappoint, with the best signals ever received from 558-Radio Fiji One, 1017-A3Z in Tonga and multiple Kiwi stations. DXpedition partner Tom Rothlisberger scored the biggest haul of South Pacific Longwave NDB beacons ever received on the North American west coast (55) on August 7 and 8, and I was able to track down the long range Australian beacon 260-NF on Norfolk Island (500 watts at 6.694 miles/ 10,773 km) myself with my Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight and 12 inch Longwave FSL on August 8. Craig Barnes joined us for the first time from Colorado, and was an extremely quick learner with his modified Tecsun PL-380 Ultralight and 3.5 inch Frequent Flyer FSL. Nick once again joined us from



Victoria BC, running relative DX signal strength tests at the various turnoffs – occasionally leaving Craig and I to guard his gear from the squatters as he went elsewhere. Finally Chuck joined our group during the latter part of the week, setting up his broadband loop and Perseus-SDR wherever there was enough space in between the squatters.

Because of the squatter proliferation I had a very interesting time, driving in overnight from Puyallup WA during the early morning of August 1 and setting

up my multiple monster FSL's at the usual Rockwork 4 turnoff at 0400 local time – only to have a squatter walk up in the total darkness, demanding to know what I was doing on "his" turf. Although his claim to the real estate was a total farce I decided that chasing DX right next to his audio QRM was not going to accomplish much, so Craig and I moved to Rockwork 5 for our first morning session (which turned out to be awesome). In the next few days Craig and I (who worked together as a team) would end up at Rockwork 3, 4, 5 and 6 on various days, all because of the search for antenna space in between the squatters. All of the other DXers had similar challenges, with the exception of Tom (who was able to stay at Rockwork 4 for the duration, apparently by being big enough to scare away the squatters).

During this DXpedition I would use a couple of 7.5 inch loopstick XHDATA D-808 models as my primary receivers, with 531 kHz (only) recorded by a 7.5 inch loopstick CC Skywave SSB model. Two 15 inch and one 17 inch Monster FSL antennas provided some serious DXing gain, boosting up the distant South Pacific DX signals to strong levels. As usual the "Kiwi Cliff" provided a strong NZ-favoring mix of South Pacific DX, with Tom reporting 62 Kiwi and 43 Aussie MW stations for a total of 105 DU stations received on his Perseus-SDR and broadband loop during this trip. But it certainly seemed like Tom's record west coast haul of 55 Longwave South Pacific beacons really put this DXpedition on the all-time map – many of which were received for the first time in North America. Tom's own August 2018 Rockwork 4 DXpedition report (including many dazzling drone photos of the ocean cliff environment) is posted here.

My own August 2018 Rockwork DXpedition video (showing the multiple FSL and Ultralight radio setups at Rockwork 6 on August 9th) is posted <u>here</u>.

Listed below are the South Pacific signals from New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Tonga received during the trip, along with a 500 watt Longwave beacon from Norfolk Island (in between NZ and



Australia). With the exception of the two Longwave beacons all of these were recorded at the Rockwork ocean cliff near Manzanita, Oregon from August 1-9 with 7.5" loopstick portables (CC Skywave SSB and XHDATA D-808) and "Airport Unfriendly" 15" and 17" FSL antennas. Signals which reached an S9 level at some point in the recording are marked with a **bold and underlined** frequency. As usual, sincere appreciation is expressed for all who assisted in station identification, especially my Kiwi English translator, Theo Donnelly of Burnaby BC.

- AUSTRALIA NF, Norfolk Island, 500 watts. <u>AUG 8 1209</u> The low power air navigation beacon made its first appearance in 7 years during a superb Longwave propagation opening. Received with a Tecsun PL-380 and 12" Longwave FSL, the same propagation opening was used by DXpedition partner Tom to track down an awesome total of 55 beacons from Australia, NZ and the Pacific.
- ALASKA ACE, Homer, 50 watts(?). <u>AUG 9 1208</u> Fairly rare Alaskan air navigation beacon with TWEB weather broadcast was one of the highlights of a Longwave Alaskan opening.
- AUSTRALIA 2PM, Kempsey, 5 kW. <u>AUG 1 1245</u> Call-in talk on the "Help Line" with the Super Radio Network mentioned (at the 22 second point); also showed up on most sessions with the Australian lottery numbers around 1320.
- AUSTRALIA 4KZ, Innisfail, 10 kW (presumed). <u>AUG 8 1252</u> Classic soft rock format at good strength matching the website info, but no IDs showing up for me or Tom; there isn't much doubt about identity, however.
- NEW ZEALAND More FM, Alexandra, 2 kW. <u>AUG 8 1300</u> The obscure modern rock station usually managed at least one S9 peak each morning, and was fully competitive with Kiwi co-channel PI for the first time. This TOH recording demonstrates its potent capability at the cliff.
- 531 NEW ZEALAND PI, Auckland, 5 kW. <u>AUG 7 1248</u> Pacific island music at a huge level at 1248 on 8/7 was typical from this low band powerhouse, which was frequently in an all-Kiwi snarl with its overachieving co-channel More FM.
- AUSTRALIA 6WA, Wagin, 50 kW. <u>AUG 9 1254</u> Last chance reception on the final day of the DXpedition before being immediately swallowed up by Fiji; this was its fourth appearance in four years at the cliff. Although this was a somewhat dicey recording, the operative words (from 30 to 35 seconds) are "you have to be extremely careful of the vanity publishing area"). ABC website Podcast material matching the "operative words" on the Nightlife program (proving 6WA reception) is <u>here</u>.
- **FIJI** Radio Fiji One, Naulu, 10 kW. <u>AUG 1 1252</u> The donated Japanese transmitter still puts out awesome signals for this native-language powerhouse, including this S9 island music with a Song Medley ID ("Radio Fiji One, na domoiviti") at 1:38 into this recording at 1252 on 8/1. This was its strongest signal ever at the cliff. <u>AUG 9 1255</u> More of the typical island choral music, with good strength. <u>AUG 8 1331</u> "I Love a Rainy Night" (the old Eddie Rabbitt song) sung in Fijian style at 1331 on 8/8.
- NEW ZEALAND Radio Sport, Invercargill, 5 kW. <u>AUG 5 1307</u> One of the tougher Kiwis came through with Yankee-accented Fox Sports News relay //792, showing up for the first time in three years.
- **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Wellington, 50 kW. <u>AUG 3 1320</u> After demolition of its old tower the Radio New Zealand big gun has sometimes sounded anemic on the west coast, but certainly not at this time, with Indian-accented English.
- 576 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Sydney, 50 kW. <u>AUG 5 1253</u> The RN network big gun sounded pretty anemic on the "Kiwi Cliff" throughout the entire trip, such as this time, when it was barely stronger than the "dwarf Star."
- 576 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Hamilton, 2.5 kW. <u>AUG 5 1253</u> The "dwarf Star" manages music under 2RN, which is // 657-Star at the same time (as recorded <u>here</u>).
- **AUSTRALIA** 7RN, Hobart, Tasmania, 10 kW. <u>AUG 6 1306</u> The RN network Tasmanian must have somehow hacked into the Kiwi propagation pipeline; at the time it was much stronger than its 576 parallel.

- NEW ZEALAND Radio Ngati Porou, Ruatoria, 2 kW. <u>AUG 6 1306</u> This is one of the toughest possible catches from New Zealand. During the 7RN recording some choral music is audible under Tasmania, and after about a minute I decided to check for a Maori net parallel on 603-Waatea (at 2:08 into the recording). Much to my surprise 603 had the same choral music, nailing down reception of this station with legendary weakness (for the first time in 4 years).
- 594 **AUSTRALIA** 3WV, Horsham, 50 kW. <u>AUG 3 1326</u> This Oz big gun was mostly cannon fodder for the Kiwi co-channel Star, rarely even managing a decent signal-- one more victim of the cliff's preference for New Zealand.
- **NEW ZEALAND** Star Timaru/Wanganui, 5 kW/2 kW. <u>AUG 3 1326</u> Another Kiwi overachiever, this low powered network was socking it to the Oz big gun 3WV all week, including with this powerful Christian music // 657.
- 603 **AUSTRALIA** 2RN, Nowra, 10 kW. <u>AUG 1 1256</u> Mostly MIA or way under Radio Waatea, it did manage a very rare moment of dominance.
- NEW ZEALAND Radio Waatea, Auckland, 5 kW. <u>AUG 3 1318</u> This Maori net flagship station was one of the stronger Kiwi signals, but never quite reached the blistering levels of 531-PI, 567 and 657. This beautiful music was typical.
- 639 **AUSTRALIA** 2HC, Coff's Harbour, 5 kW. <u>AUG 1 1318</u> Call-in talk format apparently // 531.
- 639 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Alexandra, 2 kW. <u>AUG 1 1317</u> This low power relay had its best signal ever at the cliff with male conversation // 567.
- NEW ZEALAND Star, Wellington/Tauranga, 50 kW/10 kW. AUG 6 1238 The flagship Star station sure was playing the part with Christian music at an overwhelming level, including an ID at the end of this recording. AUG 2 1302 Star's New Zealand news at very good strength.
- 675 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Christchurch, 10 kW. <u>AUG 5 1241</u> Very good strength // 567 with female Kiwi English speech.
- **AUSTRALIA** 2BL, Sydney, 50 kW. <u>AUG 5 1259</u> The Oz big gun was usually dominant over the Kiwi oldies station Magic, such as with this S9 signal (with 6 pips at the TOH).
- NEW ZEALAND Magic, Auckland, 10 kW. <u>AUG 2 1228</u> Despite the Kiwi-slanted cliff this oldies station lost out to 2BL almost every session. One rare moment of dominance was at this time.
- NEW ZEALAND Magic, Christchurch, 5 kW. <u>AUG 3 1256</u> Usually pretty tough to track down with decent strength, this oldies relay had one of its best signals ever with "That'll Be the Day."
- 756 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio New Zealand National, Auckland, 10 kW. <u>AUG 3 1308</u> Good signal // 567 with male Kiwi English speech.
- NEW ZEALAND Radio Kahungunu, Napier-Hastings, 2.5 kW. <u>AUG 1 1218</u> The overachieving Maori station was its usual potent self with island music and Maori chants; it was usually slightly stronger than its 603 parallel (Radio Waatea).
- 774 **AUSTRALIA** 3LO, Melbourne, 50 kW. <u>AUG 9 1239</u> Female speech at good strength // 702.
- NEW ZEALAND Radio Sport, New Plymouth, 5 kW. <u>AUG 4 1234</u> This Kiwi relay of Fox Sports News (during our sunrise sessions) had a rough time up against 3LO, but was audible with Yankee English during the early part of this recording.
- 792 **NEW ZEALAND** Radio Sport, Hamilton, 5 kW. <u>AUG 8 1327</u> Showing up weakly with Yankee-accented sports talk.
- 855 **UnID-DU** <u>AUG 9 1316</u> Strong rhythmic music not // 702 and not sounding like NZ's (Christian) Rhema network. According to Nick this mystery station was also heard by Bill W at Grayland on the same morning. No parallels were available, but evidence seems to indicate the 2 kW station 3CR in Melbourne, Australia.
- 936 NEW ZEALAND Chinese Voice, Auckland, 1 kW. <u>AUG 2 1309</u> One of the most incredible signals of the entire DXpedition the 1 kW ethnic station pounds into the cliff at an S9 level ocean cliff propagation at its finest!
- 963 **NEW ZEALAND** Star, Christchurch, 10 kW. <u>AUG 3 1309</u> Good strength through some splatter with Christian music // 657.
- 1017 **AUSTRALIA** 2KY, Sydney, 5 kW. <u>AUG 8 1304</u> The Oz horse racing station gamely tried a matchup with its Tongan co-channel in this recording, but should have stayed behind the gate.
- **TONGA** A3Z, Nuku'alofa, 10 kW <u>AUG 1 1314</u> Yikes! The rejuvenated Pacific island big gun thunders into the cliff with the strongest signal I've ever heard recorded in North America, featuring island music... almost loud enough to wake up the sleeping squatters.

<u>AUG 1 1221</u> – This booming Tongan island music was received on the same morning. <u>AUG 2 1318</u> – On the second day, Tonga "only" reached an S9 level with its beautiful island music. <u>AUG 3 1250</u> – The new Big Gun DU pounds in with S9 music. <u>AUG 8 1304</u> – The 5 kW Australian station 1017-2KY tries to make it a horse race, but ends up folding in the clutch. <u>AUG 8 1304</u> – The exact same segment was recorded on the stand-alone 7.5" loopstick XHDATA D-808 model (all the others were assisted by the 17" FSL antenna). Even the hot-rodded portable receives a fine signal from Tonga (and a sinking signal from Sydney).

1026 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Kaitaia/Whangarei, 2/2 kW. <u>AUG 5 1326</u> – Male Kiwi English conversation at fair level // 1035.

1035 **NEW ZEALAND** Newstalk ZB, Wellington, 10 kW. <u>AUG 2 1320</u> – Certainly an underperformer for the power level, suffering from an IBOC pest near the frequency. It managed a weak signal at this time.

NEW ZEALAND Radio Sport, Wellington/Christchurch, 5/2.5 kW. <u>AUG 8 1318</u> – Easily the strongest of the Radio Sport frequencies, with a couple of network ID's and an advertisement.

Other Resources

Supercharging the XHDATA D-808 model (7.5 inch Medium Wave and Longwave Loopstick Transplant Article): can be found here.

Top Ten Signals from the South Pacific can be found here.



Unreported Domestic Stations

One station was reported to DDXD this issue for the first time since at least Volume 67 (1999-2000): WKXR-1260. In addition, three long-silent stations on the unreported list have now been permanently deleted: WGSB-1060, KBHC-1260, and WAGS-1380. Thus, the count of unreported stations over this period falls to 352 (out of 4,697 full-service AM stations currently licensed in the U.S. and Canada – i.e., excluding TIS/HAR stations and Canadian LPRTs). The full unreported list was last printed in issue 85-19. Can you hear and report one next time?

NOAA Space Weather Outlook

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Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels throughout 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 very high levels. Very high levels are expected on 29/30 Mar; high levels are expected on 11 Mar, 14-19 Mar, 27-28 Mar, and 31 Mar - 06 Apr; moderate levels are expected on 12/13 Mar and 20-22 Mar; mostly normal levels are expected 23-26 Mar. All elevated levels of electron flux are anticipated due to influence from multiple, recurrent CH HSSs.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to range from quiet to G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels. G1 conditions are expected 11 Mar due to possible glancing blows from the 8 Mar CMEs. Active conditions are expected 12 Mar - 15 Mar due to waning CME activity followed by HSS effects from a negative polarity CH. Unsettled to quiet conditions are expected 16-17 Mar as CH effects wane.

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