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CPC Test Calendar

WFRM	600	Jan. 31, 1994	0030-0100
WTRN	1340	Jan. 31, 1994	0030-0100
WFRB	560	Jan. 31, 1994	0100-0130
WRBW	940	Jan. 31, 1994	0200-0300
KELG	910	Jan. 31, 1994	0200-0230
WYNI	930	Feb. 1, 1994	0200-0230
WRB	1400	Feb. 3, 1994	0300-0330
WRBW	950	Feb. 7, 1994	0000-0030
WDMJ	1320	Feb. 7, 1994	0100-0200
WLAN	1260	Feb. 7, 1994	0100-0200
WGTO	540	Feb. 14, 1994	0200-0300
KIEZ	540	Feb. 14, 1994	0330-0400
KLER	1300	Feb. 20, 1994	0201-0230
WDLB	1450	Feb. 21, 1994	0230-0300
WIND	560	Feb. 28, 1994	0000-0030
WJXN	1460	Feb. 28, 1994	0130-0200
KOVO	960	Feb. 28, 1994	0200-0300

Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KIEZ-540 - 1188 Padre Drive, Suite 202 - Salinas, CA 95901 will conduct a DX test between 3:30 and 4:00 am EST Monday, February 14. The test will include Morse code, telephone tones, and Latin music. Reception reports may be sent to: Chief Engineer, Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

From the Publisher ... Another issue packed with DX and DX tips! Musings hadn't made it into my mailbox by Saturday, so look for double coverage next issue.

Eric Bueneman has resigned as "Bandscans" editor to devote more time to other interests, so that editorship is now open; any bandscans should be sent to the publisher temporarily. Of course, with the crush of excellent DX reports that column (and others) have had to be put on hold, unfortunately, so it may be some time before we have enough room for it.

Another DX CTC: February 18-20, in a "warm" cabin west of Fairbault, MN, hosted by MDXC. For more information, send an SASE to Randall Trapp - RR 3, Box 124 - Dodge Center, MN 55927.

Further north, Shaun Axelrod in "Winterped" says that Canada Post has announced that, effective March 1, it will cost 50¢ to mail a letter from Canada to the U. S. and 88¢ to overseas, for verte collectors who send SASE's to Canada.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the Jan. 22, 1944 DXN: The Jan. 15 DX program from KINY-1460 was not heard in the East because of poor reception conditions. It was reported that there are now three all-nighters on 1340: WEXL, WENR, and KCEN.

25 years ago ... from the February 1, 1969 DXN: The computerized NRC log (to be recorded on punch cards) was to be coordinated by Lon Bertram, 10 years ago ... from the January 30, 1984 DXN: Leading the NRC contests was George Sherman, followed by Jim Refewer, Paul Stephan, Armin Urtrek, Bill Hardy, Nancy Hardy, Karl Forth, Bruce Count, Mike Hogen, and Nolan Stephany.

WHVW-950 - 507 Violet Avenue - Hyde Park, NY 12538 will conduct a DX test between 12:00 and 12:30 am EST Monday, February 7. The test will include country music, test tones, and Morse code ID's. During the test, WHVW will switch between powers of 500 watts and 57 watts. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Al Weiner, General Manager Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WDMJ-1320 - Marquette, MI will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 2:00 am EST Monday, February 7; this test will be simulcast on WJAN-1260, Ishpeming, MI. The test will include voice ID's and dual Morse code ID's for both stations. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Clifford J. Groth, Director of Engineering, c/o WFAW radio - P.O. Box 94 - Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0094. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WGTO-540 - 821 Marshall Farms Road - Coose, FL 34761 will conduct a DX test between 2:00 and 3:00 am EST Monday, February 14. The test will include Morse code ID's and will be at 50 kW, day pattern. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Dave Edwards, KD4OLZ, Technical Assistant. Arranged by J. D.

2 AM Switch

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

Jerry Starr
c/o WHOT Radio
4040 Simon Road
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:	New call:	Old call:	New call:
600 CHRX	BC	1400 CKBD	KUNA
700 KOKE	CA	1460 KSGO	LA
850 WKIX	NC	1490 WYXL	MS
1120 WBIS	CT	1540 WPRX	CA
1190 KNBA	CA	1590 KCBT	CA

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

State	Call	Power	Antenna
CA	1400 CKBD	1460 KSGO	1490 WYXL
CA	1540 WPRX	1590 KCBT	1590 KCBT

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

None

OTHERNESS

Call	State	Change
590 WCSP	MS	Crystal Springs: FCC has issued notice asking the station to show cause why their license should not be revoked, has been silent since 1991, station has 30 days to respond or the license is CANCELLED
700 *App	TX	Forney: application for new station DENIED
840 WCTG	SC	Columbia: new station is ON THE AIR
880 WPIP	NC	Winston-Salem: new station is ON THE AIR
960 WKVN	PR	Quevedillas: application for 5000/5000 U3 has been DISMISSED
1180 WWHM	TN	Knoxville: CP for 10000/1 U1 is ON THE AIR
1230 WAYX	GA	Waycross: station is SILENT
1260 WCSA	MS	Ripley: everything said about WCSP-590 above also applies to this station, silent since 1991.
1450 KOV	ID	Payette: owners getting ready to return this silent station to the air with a Spanish format.
1560 WSQR	IL	Sycamore: station is SILENT

THANKS: David Lewis, Wayne Heinen, Ed Krcgny, MSJ

73 and Good DX

Gary BKF Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

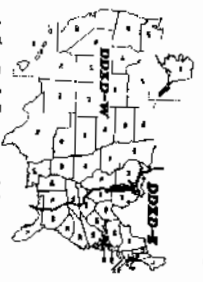


From NRC's DX Audio Service ...
'After Dark 3'
Four C-90 tapes in a holder now available for only \$9.50 postpaid. Listen to interviews with Jonathan Marks, Bruce Elving, and with Fred Vobbe answering your questions ... and features including profiles of WOLD-FM, the Kids format, and Steve Kemp's "Radio Roundup" ... and more! "After Dark #2" is also still available at the same price. Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mansville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax

Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale
495 Creekside Drive - Meridian, ID 83642-3241
East: Dave Braun
11 Mill Bend Acres - Wyoming, DE 19934-9523

(Distinction line is between East and Central time zones)



DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. EIT



Shawn Axelrod reports that the temps have been -20, C to -32, C with wind chill factors to -47. Br-tr-tr. But Rod O'Connor, reporting from Kodiak, Alaska says he was back East for the holidays and it's warmer in Kodiak than where he was visiting. But then, the co-old makes for g-o-od DX!

Welcome all new members. If you live in the Central, Mountain, Pacific, Alaska or Hawaii Time Zones, this is your place to tell the rest of the membership what you've been hearing. E-Mail for DDXD-W may be addressed to MTFH12A on Prodigy, or MTFH12A@Prodigy.com. If you're on any of the other Internet services, format your reports just as you see here. But as you know, I have to pay to receive your Internet messages!

John Wilkins gets an "A" for pointing out all my typing errors in Issue 14. But remember, I don't have all the call letters memorized (yet). So what a member reports, I usually type up, unless it's a fairly obvious error and I catch it. In the case of my logging KNZZ-1100 and reporting as being in Colorado Springs, instead of Grand Junction ... it was late, hi.

The call letters of one of the stations heard this week stands for "The Rice Hotel", the site of its original studios. Can you figure out which one?

SPECIAL

730 CKIG	BC	Vancouver - Announcing Vancouver's newest talk radio. Format change on 1/10. Phone-in shows with pop music interspersed (GS-BC)
760 KTLK	CO	Thornton - 1/3 1805 - Very poor with <i>Now you really do have a choice, AM 760 KTLK and Talk Radio the way it was meant to be done.</i> Sports call-in program at 825-8255. Lots of Broncos and Nuggets talk. Promo for Colorado Buffaloes basketball. Lots of KTLK IDs. I was too late for the 1800 ID, and gone by 1900. Log says KRZN. (WMC-R-MB) [See AM Switch in Issue 14 for CL change - Ed.]
	CO	Thornton - 1/8 0835 - Very good with all-talk format. K-Talk AM 760 IDs. Seems to be talk/business. Ex: KRZN. New. (SA-MB)
	CO	Thornton - 1/4 and 1/5 0250-0320 - Talk radio with AM-760 KTLK IDs. Thornton-Denver location at 0300, then Ar news followed by the Michael Reagan show. One more strong station to block KGU. (GS-BC)
810 KCHG	TX	Somerset - Lost their two-tower antenna site, and are now operating under a Special Temporary Authority with 100 watts days and 10 watts nights non-directional off a single tower on the southwest corner of Moursand and 1-410 (Loop 410) in San Antonio. (JB-TX)
	WA	Ephrata - 1/3 1928 - Very good with sign-off in progress. Mentions of K5PO (sister station?) and 50,000 watts, so CP must be on. Five-city ID including Ephrata, Moses Lake, Ellensburg, Yakima and Wenatchee. (CODXP)
	TX	Laredo - Is now simulcasting with KUBR-1210 San Juan. KUOL-1470 San Marcos and three Texas FMs as <i>La Radio Christiana</i> . Music is Contemporary Christian in EE, but in SS they have the Ranchero rhy thm with SS religious lyrics. Some segments of "preachings" resemble the old revival tent events with preaching, hymns and where to send money. Runner has it that KBRN-1500 will join this network ID, and when they return to the air (JB-TX)
890 KVOZ	TX	Laredo - 1/6 1858 - Multiple ID in SS only, listing stations in Radio Christiana network: KUBR-1210, KVOZ-890, KUOL-1470, KAFN-104.9, KCZO-97.1 and KIAV-104.9. Not 100% sure of FM CLs. Good in WLS null. (JW-CO)



Clinton

970 KNFX MN Austin - 1/9 1959 - Legal ID as KMFY Lake City-Rochester KNFX AM-FM Austin-Albert Lee Spring Valley-Preston. (KNFX-FM is licensed to Spring Valley). Drops news/talk for Modern Country→KMFY and KNFX-FM. (JE-MN)

1000 KBIB TX Marion - Correct address for this station, per someone's request, is: Route 1, Box 95C, Marion, TX 78124. Phone is 210-420-2083. (JE-1X)

1070 KNX CA Los Angeles - 1/17 0728-1045 fadeout - Just tuned in, then at 0631 OC for two minutes, then back on, on emergency power. All due to earthquake. For two or three minutes heard satellite feed of CBS Radio Network's Channel 43, then KNX anchors took over. As can be expected, much confusion at first, but then anchors and reporters pulled it together with what they termed "shortwave" (obviously VHF business band) radios and cellular phones from their staffers who were just roused out of bed. Tuned to KCBS-740 and from there were simulcasting portions of KNX broadcast. This is a good example of excellent local coverage, which no satellite-delivered, COMPUTER-OPERATED radio station run by a computer could ever have provided. [EL-1D]

1210 KUBR TX San Juan - See 890.

1240 CJOR BC Osoyoos - 1/13 1035-1052 - Still on the AM band. Heard with Okanagan Radio Sports and then Okanagan weather at 1036. (GS-BC)

1460 KDMI IA Des Moines - 1/6 2100 - Through the Bible and other REL programs. Regional Gospel Radio and AM 1460 KDMI IDs. Ex: KCGO. Haven't seen this in AM switch yet. (JW-CO) [Religious, huh? That's a new term - Ed]

1470 KNXN AZ Sierra Vista - 1/5 1900 - With Dominating the airwaves, KNXN Sierra Vista is the new Hot Mix 1470 and into music. Fair in QRM. Ex: KMFI. Undoubtedly my Hot Rocks 1470 unID of 12/31. (JW-CO)

KBCW MN Brooklyn Park - Station is silent pending sale. Same group has bought KLB-1400 and WTCX-105.1. A 3-station simulcast will begin this spring with Modern Rock. Silence has allowed me to hear KDMA-1460, KWSL-1470, WMBD-1470, KAUS-1480, and WTDY-1480. KBCW's transmitter is about 1-2 miles from here. (JE-MN)

KUOL TX San Marcos - See 890.

UNIDs and UNID

590 UNID ?? - 1/8 2028 - Variety of Latin music, female announcer with many mentions in the next 1/2 hour of *La Copa Cabana*, probably the program's sponsor. Good on peaks, possibly a US station, since conditions were not favoring Latin America. Noted no SS after 2200. Could have signed off or gone back to EE. (CODXP)

1040 UNID ?? - 1/8 2320 - Underneath WHO with network (I think) talk show in EE. Ad for MacMillan Brothers with 602 area code. USA News at 2400. Also heard on loop. (CODXP) [Arizona is the 602 AC. Maybe that new Pinetop-Lakeside (near Show Low) station is on??? Haven't seen any action on this in AM switch, though - Ed.]

1220 UNID ?? - 1/8 2230 - Rather weak with oldies. Once, thought we heard KEZF 1220 ID, but it doesn't fit anything in the NRC Log. (CODXP)

1599.55 ?? - 1/8 2212 - Het here, with occasional scrap of audio. DXSF Log says WXTD Orlando is here. (CODXP) [I give... what's DXSF? - Ed.] [DX South Florida - pls.]

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

540 WSTH-GA Columbus - 1/3 - Tried, but not heard. (WMDR-MB) 1/3 - A no go. CBK dominant until 0208 sign-off, leaving XEWA atop channel. (HH-CA) - 1/3 0200 - Not heard. Channel dominated by CBK till 0209, then only one very weak UNID. (JE-MN) - 1/3 0200 - Not heard. Only CBK/XEWA. (SA-MB)

730 KURL-MT Billings - 1/10 0230-0300 - Mostly not heard, except for faint CIDs and one loud VID. Fighting KCBS-740 slop in spite of being null'd. (BK-CA)

KURL-MT Billings - 1/10 - CIDs at 0231 and 0235 and quick VIDs. Fair signal through partially-null'd XEX. (HH-CA)

KURL-MT Billings - 1/10 0230 - Heard VID followed by CID at 0130. Fair and on top, with WGN QRM. (JE-MN)

730 KURL-MT Billings - 1/10 0252-0313 - Not too difficult under a strong CKLG. Closest ID was at 0311-0312. (GS-BC)

KURL-MT Billings - 1/10 0235-0240 - Very good atop null'd CKLG with contemporary Christian music ending, voice ID and test announcement, Morse code, then weak tones. Heard once before. (BH-TWA)

740 KCBS CA San Francisco - 1/9 0515 - Noted with OC during SP. ID at 0600, and returned to air at 0700. Same SP noted on several previous Sunday mornings. (JW-OR)

750 WSB+ GA Atlanta - 1/9 0030-0210 - KXL talk dominant, but C&W (CW) and maybe KERK) also audible. #3 signal was sports talk at tune-in, ID'd as ESPN Radio Network at 0058. WSB ID at 0205. (GS-BC)

750 WSB-GA Atlanta - 1/9 - Despite no trace of usually dominant KOAL, only unID SS heard through null'd KEX [you meant KXL, right? - Ed.] on this "clear" channel. (HH-CA) - 1/9 - Not heard! Only regular KFOD and very weak KXL in tight SE null - nothing else. (RO-AK)

770 KUOM MN Minneapolis - 12/21 2326 - Noted local daytime on with OC. No legal ID. Test lasted past 0100. (JE-MN)

930 WZNN-NH Rochester - 1/8 0225 - Very poor with CIDs and TTs 0225-0229. Under WAUR/WKY/WBEN. New. (SA-MB)

1270 WMTZ-NJ Vineland - 1/2 - Tried, but not heard. (WMC-R-MB) - 1/2 0100 - Not heard. Only KWBE/WXYT/WKBF. (SA-MB)

WCCG-NC Belmont - 12/20 0025 - Very poor with very brief bits of code at 0023. (WMC-R-MB)

1370 KWNC-WA Quincy - 12/20 - Tried, but not heard. (WMC-R-MB)

1480 WDAS+ PA Philadelphia - 12/20 0102 - Very poor with very brief bits of code at 0102 and 0106. Way under WTDY. (WMC-R-MB)

1540 KXED-CA Los Angeles - 1/10 0330 - Not heard. Frequency dominated by KXEL. (JE-MN)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

1610 WTKW TX Austin - 1/4 0238 - *The Voice of the National Weather Service in the Capital City*. Weather conditions for Austin & San Antonio. Forecasts for central Texas. Call listed in previous [13th - Ed.] NRC Log as WXXKZ7. (CODXP) [That West Austin relay of the regular 162.xxx NWS transmission has been on about four years now. Their antenna is fairly high up, with great coverage in that area - Ed.]

1620 SBT TX Houston - 1/4 0137 - With 3-minute tape loop with tides, marine forecast for Houston-Galveston Bay. Generally good with no QRM. The only CIs heard were KGG98... 152.40 MHz. NOAA Weather Service in League City, Texas... transmitter in downtown Houston. (CODXP)

1629 ZE ?? - 1/4 0145 - UNID beacon. Poor with QRM de Houston weather station. (CODXP)

1629 ZE ?? - 1/4 0150 - Weak unID beacon. (CODXP)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

550 CHNO ON Sudbury - 1/10 0733 - Many ID's as *Oldies 55*. Finally CIs during news at 0730. Fair with XSD. (JE-MN)

730 KKDA TX Grand Prairie - 1/10 0242 - Heard during KURL test, with mention of Dallas-Fort Worth area and AC. Fair. (JE-MN)

740 KTRH TX Houston - 1/2 0630 - Poor, under strong (apparent) KCBS OC, with local weather (expected high 70_) and ID as *News Radio 740 KTRH*. Rare here. (JW-OR)

820 CHAM ON Hamilton - 12/18 0203 - Country & Christmas music and 820 *Cham*. (JE-MN)

930 WAUR IL Sandwich - 1/8 0200 - Good with oldies music, several WAUR IDs. Dominating for 30 minutes. (SA-MB)

1010 CFRB NY Buffalo - 1/6 0733 - Fair, on top with local news. (JE-MN)

1020 WTEO ON Toronto - 12/27 0058 - Weak, under CBR with CIs. Heard later that day with slogan *News-Talk 1010*. (JE-MN)

1080 KRLD TX Peoria - 12/20 0743 - Fair with religious shorts and ads for Peoria area. (JE-MN)

1200 CFGO ON Dallas - 12/21 0720 - Weak with CIs. (JE-MN)

1200 CFGO ON Ottawa - 1/5 0734 - Weak to fair with WOP-A and slogan *They're 1200*. (JE-MN)

1270 KNWC SD Sioux Falls - 1/2 0100 - Good with sign-off, mentioning that sign-on will be at 0700. (SA-MB)
 1290 KIVY TX Crockett - 1/3 0725 - With ad for Crockett State Bank 0625 T-agriculture outlook and KIVY Weathered for Slow Lumber Company. First time heard on 175 watt night power. (B-TX)
 1390 KRRZ ND Minot - 12/23 0106 - Weak with Cls and Bruce Williams. (JE-MN)
 1400 KVRP TX Stamford - 12/18 0730 - With C&W, SID 95 FM KVRP ad for Eisenheimer's (?) Heads or Tails Western Wear at 707 S. Kennedy in Haskell. 15th edition FM Atlas lists KVRP-FM 95.5 Haskell-Abilene, TX. Haskell is 15 miles North of Stamford and Abilene is 40 miles South. (B-TX)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

750 KMMJ NE Grand Island - 1/3 0805 - WSB faded out & KZXS-760 not powered up yet. Billy King signing *We Just Disagree. Seven-On-Five at K-Double-M-F. My name's Martin*. 22. 2 weather and commodity prices by Jack (McBride?) Dad to Scout Guides 3KC, a vaccine for calf scour disease. (B-TX)
 870 KORD WA Pasco - 1/8 0830 - Good with KORD IDs & C&W music. On top. (SA-MB)
 CKR BC Invermere - 1/9 1029-1036 - Full ID "The Network" at 1029, with CKR Radium-Invermere the last of 5 stations listed, then local news, weather, and sports. KORD came up quickly at 1032 (antenna change?). (GS-BC)
 930 WLBL WI Auburndale - 1/9 1232 - Weak, with Wisconsin Public Radio call-in show. (JE-MN)
 940 WCSW WI Shell Lake - 1/9 1234 - Ads for Shell Lake area followed by C&W. Weak. (JE-MN)
 990 KATD CA Pittsburg - 1/10 1042-1051 - ID, then pop vocal music. Bay Area traffic report at 1050 on the *Bay Area Morning Program*. (GS-BC)
 1310 KNPT OR Newport - 1/9 1045-1106 - Religious vocal music, ID on the hour and ABC nx, then *The Lutheran Hour* at 1105. (GS-BC)
 1320 KORO WA Aberdeen - 1/9 1106-1120 - Rarely above CHQM here. This was my best reception of it yet. On top with sports and weather... 49 in South Aberdeen. CHQM killed KORO from about 1115 (GS-BC)
 1390 WFIW IL Fairfield - 12/15 1550 - Poor with WFIW Fairfield into a local call-in program. No WGCI. (WMAcR-MB)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

580 CKUA AB Edmonton - 1/10 1915-1935 - Faded in over CKXR with world news and Alberta news and weather (5:15 News). ID at 1930, then classical music. (GS-BC)
 CKXR BC Salmon Arm - 1/8 2202-2219 - Gradual fade-in, over KFXD by 2245. Mix of C&W and pop music. *Network Radio* slogan IDs. Many Salmon Arm and Shuswap local ads. Gives both PST and MST time checks. (GS-BC)
 600 CKBD BC Vancouver - 1/8 2108 - Thanks to a phone tip, heard surf and seagulls, promos for contemporary Christian format starting noon Sunday 1/9 featuring artists such as Amy Grant. *Our call letters are CKBD, our slogan is The Bridge. Ex-CHRX/CIOR*. Canada has not allowed religious stations in the past, so we wonder if this is a policy change. (B&NH-WA)
 640 WGST GA Atlanta - 1/7 1846 - With Paul Harvey's *Rest of the Story* and News Radio 640 ID. New. (TR-IL)
 730 WOHG NC Shelby - 1/4 2135 - Fair with end of Hornets - Hawks NBA game. (TR-II)
 740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 1/7 1800 - Fair with a news story the sentencing of a drug king-pin. (TR-IL)
 800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City - 1/3 2159 - ID & religious comments in QRM de PIB/XEROX/KSOS. (CODXP)
 830 WADU LA Norco - 1/3 2157 - Out of SS pop song and into ID by female in EE. This is WADU Norco, Louisiana... and back to SS. Fair, with some WCCO QRM off side of beverage. (CODXP)
 840 KVIY TX Pharr - 1/3 1859 - With Pan American University bkb and PAU net. ID as KVIY Pharr-McAllen, Radio 84, the Voice (?) of the Rio Grande Valley, then back to bkb and suddenly lost at, presumably, the LSS power/antenna change. Good over WHAS. (CODXP)

850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake - 1/10 1808 - Very strong over KOA with WCCO QRM EZL/NOS and AM 850 WAIT. (JE-MN)
 870 KPRM TX Park Rapids - 1/10 1759 - Fair to strong with *Your big friend with 5,000 watts of power*, then power drop/pattern change. (JE-MN)
 1050 WEVD NY New York - 1/4 2313 - Fair with ad for Colony Records at 49th and Broadway. (TR-II)
 1080 KVIN ID Clear d'Alene - 12/29 1836 - Fair with ad for West's Pharmacy and other locals. Mentioned Coeur d'Alene Mall. Local weather and ID as News Source 1080 KVIN. (W-OR)
 WISS WI Bertha - 1/2 1620 - Fair with *You're listening to Wisconsin Badgers Basketball* on WISS and into BKGB game. (WMAcR-MB)
 1090 KYBG CO Aurora - 1/6 1707 - With Cls. Weak with WAQE. (JE-MN)
 1130 KITMR TX Edna - 1/5 1641 - Closing comments by female in SS, then EE sign-off with vocal SSB. Poor in QRM. New for TX #125. (W-OR)
 1190 KDAO IA Marshalltown - 12/14 1719 - Poor with KDAO *Marshalltown* and KEEZ Kansas City IDs at the exact same time. First time heard for both. One went into Christian music, but no idea which one. KDAO had local news and weather by woman. (WMAcR-MB)

KPEZ MO Kansas City - 12/14 1719 - See KDAO above.
 1240 KADS OK Elk City - 1/3 2252 - Good, over QRM, with weather & ID. (CODXP)
 1250 WREN KS Topeka - 1/7 1955 - Fair with *Back to Bethel* broadcast from a local church. (TR-II)
 1260 KIQI CA San Fernando - 1/5 1940 - NOS vocals on Gary Owens Show. *K-Joy* slogans. Fair at best in QRM. 540, which was very good. New, for CA #83. (W-OR)
 WNDI IN Indianapolis - 12/22 2305 - Fair with Cls, Leslie Marshall. (JE-MN)
 1320 KWHN AR Fort Smith - 12/19 1705 - Briefly with *News-talk AM 1320*. KWHN. (WMAcR-MB)
 1330 KFH KS Wichita - 1/7 2006 - Fair with promo for overnight programs into *GI Gross*. New. (TR-IL)
 1370 KXTL LA Lafayette - 1/6 2323 - Fair with reference to sister station oldies. New. (TR-IL)
 KTOP MT Butte - 1/7 1906 - Good with frequent IDs, weather for Southwest Montana and into Talknet. Last logged in 1984, at another Oregon QTH. (W-OR)
 1380 WPHM MI Salt Lake City - 1/4 1914 - Good with ad for insurance agency in Salt Lake, stock report and into C&W music. *1/31st-himer*. (W-OR)
 1390 KLGK UT Port Huron - 1/4 1859 - Legal ID and AM 1380 WPHM *Your Home for Sports*. ABC/I news. Weak-to-fair with WOJK. (JE-MN)
 1430 CJCL UT Logan - 1/8 2122 - C&W music, *Rocky Mountain Country* KLGK slogans, local ads. Very good on peaks, mixing with KCRG. (CODXP)
 1520 KMPL ON Toronto - 12/19 2044 - Fair-to-strong with sports format and IDs as *The Fan*. (JE-MN)
 1570 KQVR MO Sikeston - 1/7 2130 - ID as *Delta Radio* and local basketball game. (TR-II)
 1580 KGAF CA Lodi - 1/9 1910-2005 - With, and sometimes over, CHUB and some CKTA, with SS music and female announcer. ID at 2000 for Lodi-Stockton-Sacramento. (GS-BC)
 1590 KHIT TX Gainesville - 1/3 2206 - With C&W music, ad cluster at 2213. Good signal, mixing with KRZI. (CODXP)
 1600 KGST NY Sun Valley - 1/10 1943-2000 - Almost even with KZOK. C&W with *K-Hi Country 104.5* and *KHIT-AM and FM* IDs. (GS-BC)
 CA Fresno - 1/9 1908 - Fair-to-good with pfp of Broncos - Raiders football game in SS (apparently there's no Spanish word for "touchdown"). Hispanic Radio Network. ID in EE at 2000. (W-OR)

REPORTERS

JE-MN Jon Ellis Maple Grove, MN Sharp 8-band barefoot
 WMAcR-MB Wayne McAfee Winnipeg, MB R70 + 3 foot loop
 JB-TX Jim Boehm San Antonio, TX Superadio II + MFJ Audio Filter + amazing downport antenna
 JW-OR Jack Woods Waldport, OR SP-600, 100' long wire

- TR-IL Thomas J. Reiser Chicago, IL Sony ICF-2003 barefoot
- HH-CA Harry Helms San Diego, CA Hammarlund HQ-180/-160/-150, 2 Sanserino and Radio West loops phased together
- BK-CA Bob Karchewski Sunnyvale, CA National NC-183D + SM-1 Space Magnet
- GS-BC Gray Scrimgeour Victoria, BC brand new Sony ICF-2010
- RO-AK Rod O'Connor Kodiak, AK
- FW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge, CO Drake R-8, 4 loop
- CODXP DXPedition 20 miles NW of Denver, CO (John Wilkins & Chris Knight) Drake R-8 + 1400 NW-S5 Beverage, unterminated
- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg, MB ICOM R-70 w/PLAM board & 0.5, 2.4 & 4KHz filter + 4 box loop or 100 lw
- B&NH-WA Bill & Nancy Hardy Aberdeen, WA Yaesu FRG-7, Radio West loop
- Ed-ID Ye Editor Meridian, ID ICF-2010

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDX

I: parallel with/ or into (note: this symbol may not appear in all cases, due to software translation incompatibilities (-p1st): :00: on the hour AC/Adult contemporary AP: Associated Press BBD: big band BRN: Business Radio Net C&W: country & western CCR: contemporary Christian radio CHR: contemporary hit radio CID: code ID CL: call letter EZL: easy listening EE: English FF: French GOS: gospel IRN: Interstate Radio Net LSR: local sunrise LSS: local sunset NBA: National Basketball Assn NFL: National Football League NHL: National Hockey League NPR: National Public Radio OC: open carrier POL: political PSRA: pre-sunrise authority PPSA: post-sunrise authority QRM: man-made interference QRN: natural interference QTH: location REL: religious ROK: rock n' roll RS: regular schedule \$: stereo SID: singing ID SRS: sunrise skip SS: Spanish SSB: Star Spangled Banner \$\$\$: sunset skip TC: tune check TT: test tones UC: urban contemporary UPI: United Press International

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1040 AM STEREO

NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to new member Chris Meloche from London, Ontario. Hope to hear from you often, Chris!

Tidbits from the members: Joe Kureth mentions conditions to Canada have been excellent, in addition to the logs included, he heard CBW-990 for the first time in years. Jeff Kize mentions that conditions to the west are great for him, including many XE regulars. Mark Burns is noticing more activity on the graveyard frequencies at sunrise. John Hanz survived the ice storm of 1/8, and reports that WEVD and WCKY both have outdoors shows early Saturday mornings. Andy Rugg has resumed BCBDXing after several months activity - hope to hear from you often, Andy. Ron Bailey says WSSL-1440 may be off the air, he will be checking with a local ham in the area. Chuck Reh mentions that in addition to his logs here, he got his first TP since 1973 - Tahiti-738 on 1/3 at 0400. Dave Schmidt sends along a list of stations which were noted off during the 1/8 ice storm, it's included it at the end of the column. Loyd Van Horn says his UNID on 750 in the 1/10 DX News had talk programming. On with the show...

SPECIAL

- 610 WIOD FL Miami - 1/8 2201 - Weak. / WWSUN under/over Cuba/WIP, semi-auroreal conditions at times, with talk. (UK-VA) FL St. Petersburg - 1/8 2201 - Strong with "620 WWSUN and WIOD 610", simulcast talk. (UK-VA)
- 860 WRRF FL Cocoa - 1/7 0550 - Briefly in CIBC null with the marine weather forecast and "We're 860 WRRF". Ex-WWKO. (REH-ON)
- 1120 WBIS CT Bristol - Seems to be broadcasting in French and Spanish and possibly other languages. I spent a fair amount of time trying to ID this one which I didn't need. This was my UNID of 12/19. As it had FF I thought it might be WUSI but, alas, it always turns out to be WBIS. (UK-ON) There were other recent UNIDs that this would apply to also - db)
- 1170 WDJS MA Norfolk - 12/30 1615 - With NOS and sign-off over/under talker to same sign-off, likely Orleans, but not IDed. Also 1/2 1632 with apparent sign-off 15 minutes early, perhaps forgetting it was a new month? "AM 1170, the Music of Your Life". (RE-PA) I thought WDJS was all talk now? - db)

- 1300 WIMG NJ Ewing - 1/7 1630 - ID as "Great Gospel WIMG", Sports Beat, ice storm report than another "Great Gospel music" ID. I thought they were supposed to change per Dave Schmidt's report in issue #112 (JH-NJ)
- 1320 WILS MI Lansing - Has changed from classic country to "Stardust" BBD/NOS. Heard 1/7 1100-1200 // WFD-Flint, new slogan is "Unforgettable 1320". (TS-MI)
- 1350 CKAR ON Oshawa - 12/27 1644 - "Good time oldies, CKAR" into Beach Boys "Do You Wanna Dance". (RH-NJ) (FM Atlas shows their 94.9 relay to be CKQT, did AM or FM change call? - db)
- 1440 WGMT GA Bremen - 1/3 0659 - Sign-on wiped out WVMG with religious music, ex-WBKI (RB-NC)
- 1520 WTLN FL Apopka - 1/7 1800 - Way atop with gospel music, "Apopka-Orlando" ID, USA Network news, mentioned 24 hours. (DS-DE)
- 540 WSTH GA Columbus - 1/3 0200-0230 - A non-IDer topping WGTO/XEWA with USA news and *Solid* Gospel satellite feed. Possibly WSTH on day power, networks fit recent receptions. (SF-TN)...Tentative, no code IDs heard, no voice IDs deciphered. Did mention "Most in southern and country gospel". QRM from CJSB/WGTO. (HH-MD)...Not heard, only REL delivered from the bird called *Solid* Gospel dominating frequency. (JL-OH)...Not noted but not needed. (KMR-MD)...Not heard due to CJSB and CBEF. (AR-ON)
- 700 KOKE CA Soledad - 12/27 0830-0400 - Not heard. (SF-TN) According to a report in the 1/15 -IRCA DX Monitor this one ran the test from 0200-0300 during normal programming - db)
- 730 KURL MT Billings - 1/10 0230-0300 - Weak code heard at 0235, couldn't make much of it out but at 0236 definite code ID. Nothing else heard from them. Only XEX was heard before 0235, then heard code, then only CKAC heard afterward. First MIT (DB-DE)...Nope, just XEX, WBBI, CKAC and an UNID UC. (SF-TN)...Tried, not heard. (DS-DE)
- 750 WSB GA Atlanta - 1/9 0000-0500 - They were in loud with "The best of Clark Howard on News Talk 750 WSB". Couldn't wait 5 hours, no testing heard first 45 minutes, gave up. (JK-VA)
- 930 WZNN NH Rochester - 1/8 0200-0230 - Not heard unless they were the source of the 50-second TT at 0228. Heavy QRM from WTKZ/WBEN/WRRF. (SF-TN)
- 1270 WMLZ NJ Vineland - 1/2 0100-0200 - Code IDs at 0102 and 0112 followed by police siren TT at 0118 into more code IDs. TT followed by the last code ID at 0150. Poor under WXYT. (JL-OH)...Weak code IDs and tones, maybe a voice ID or two. Came in strong a few times but the channel dominated by WXYT, WCBC and others. Report sent to Dave S., hope it matches his log. (EK-MD)...Good signal on NE beverage with code and siren tone. #2400 heard. (KMR-MI) (Congrats! - db)...No sign of hey, just WCBC/KESS and a weak continuous TT. (SF-TN)...Not heard due to WXYT and presumed CKGT. (AR-ON)
- 1540 KXED CA Los Angeles - 1/10 0330-0400 - Two code periods made it faintly under CHIN's Portuguese teletalk in null of KXEL at 0340 and 0400. First new CA in 18 years! (SF-TN)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 680 UNID 12/27 1804 - Poor in WKKO null with Spanish news, many mentions of the Dominican Republic. (MB-MA)
- 770 UNID 1/7 1845-1900 - Someone equal to WABC at times with Barry Farber, faded at ID time (natch). WWCN? (DS-DE) Heard the same here a couple of nights, although a little earlier. I was guessing WVVN - db)
- 830 UNID Radio Caroline - 1/10 0500-0550 - Poor, ID as "Radio Caroline 830, broadcasting with 50,000 watts". Religious songs with man talking. West Indian or Caribbean accent, mixing with WCCO. (JH-NJ)
- 860 WTEL PA Philadelphia - Elliot Straus UNID on the 1/10 DX News is WTEL. Genya Gunther has been on there for the last 100 years! They still have some English programs on the weekend! (DS-DE)
- 950 UNID 1/8 2300+ - Good, BLK/RAP and "The heart and soul of Valdeslock for over a half century, (WAOT? WDOCF? Magic 95". Looped N/S. GA? (JK-VA) (WGCOW-Valdosta - db)

990 UNID 1/17 2300 - In strong way over WTVK with "990 AM and 100.7 FM, the New River Valley's Kool Country". Assume this is near Ramoke, VA? Also in with "Country from the heart, 24 hour Kool Country". New CP? Daytime station on at night? If so, no more CBWI (JK-VA)(Per a report in a recent *DX Monitor*, this is WINRV, Narrows, VA on at night with 5000 watts, which they (mistakenly?) received a license for. They relay WBNK-100.7 - db)

1200 UNID 1/2 1625-1650 - Someone with the NBC-TV audio feed for the Denver Broncos vs. Los Angeles Raiders NFL game over/under variously WKOX, WAGE, WKRL and WSNM. Might this have been WGNV? (RE-PA)

0000 to 0800 ELT

580 CFRR ON Ottawa - 12/29 0755 - Fair in WTAG null with ad for Eaton's (department store), ID as "5 before 8 on CFRR" into talk on foods that are eaten only at Christmas time (such as fruitcake - yuck!). (MB-MA)

620 WSKQ NJ Newark - 12/29 0649 - Poor in WVMY null with Spanish news (possibly a relay of Radio Marti, to judge by the anti-Castro rhetoric), promo for a New Year's Eve party in Passaic. (MB-MA)

WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 12/28 0734 - ID, local news, ID again as "620 WTMJ". Report sent (LVH-NC)

WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 12/29 0232 - Sports talk and station promo. QRM from the Cuban. (JEK-MD)

630 WMAL DC Washington - 12/29 0655 - Fair in WPRO null with long list of weather related cancellations, promo for *National Symphony Orchestra* concert. (MB-MA)

670 WFTF FL Miami - 12/13 0605 - Very good, man with talk in Spanish. "Radio Fe" ID, address in Miami, ad for *Priority Mail*, another ID and more \$5 talk. (CV-ON)

680 WCNN GA North Atlanta - 1/2 0043 - ID as "Atlanta's only all news radio station". Weak, mixed with others. (RH-NJ)

700 CHSJ NB St. John - 12/29 0712 - Fair in WLW null with promo for CHSJ Country Classic contest, ad for *Mark's Work Warehouse* into song by Dolly Parton. (MB-MA)

780 CFRR NS Dartmouth - 12/21 0624-0645 - So/so, music, weather, traffic, man and woman announcers. Heavy WBBM QRM on longwave, nulled WBBM and some line noise on loop. (HH-MD)

890 WFKJ PA Cashtown - 12/29 0700 - Fair-good over WLS with ID as "proclaiming the gospel to the world, we are Working For King Jesus, WFKJ" into usual gospel program. (MB-MA)

950 WJPC IL Chicago - 12/27 0100 - Rap music, time and ID with rap jingle. In less than three seconds from KRRC ID. However, then came WWJL (LVH-NC)

WWJ MI Detroit - 12/27 0100 - "Newradio 95, WWJ" ID, then faded out and KRRC came back in about 6 seconds. Coils be a record! - hi! (LVH-NC)

KPRC TX Houston - 12/27 0100 - ID as "AM 950 KPRC Houston" then to what I think was ABC news, but that is when WJPC came blaring in. (LVH-NC)

990 WTVK TN Knoxville - 1/2 0110 - CW, "This is Cool Country" ID, some WZLD, no CKIS. (RH-NJ) "Cool Country" ID may be WNKV-VA, see UNID above - db)

1030 WYSL NY Avon - 12/30 0729 - Poor, mixing with WBZ, ID as "1030 News Talk" and "Your hometown station", multiple call IDs noted, mention of CNN news. New log. (PI-NJ)

1110 KEAB NE Omaha - 12/28 0741 - With news, local weather and ads all with many references to Omaha and Nebraska with time given as "KF news time is...". Mixed at times with others including CKTY. (LK-ON)

1150 CJRC PQ Gatineau - 12/28 0110-0115 - In good with French talk. (KMR-MI)

CJRC PQ Gatineau - 12/30 0722 - Poor under WCNN in French with report on local ski conditions, local weather. (MB-MA)

1160 WSKW ME Skowhegan - 12/25 0103 - ID, ads, Gene Aubry's *Here Comes Smith Glass*, local WYNI off for night. (RH-NJ)

1270 WEIC IL Charleston - 1/2 0131 - ID, faded, ID again at 0132, playing games with KESS. (LVH-NC)

WCBC MD Cumberland - 1/2 0200 - ID, then to news, faded under KESS and UNID talk show. (LVH-NC)

WXYT MI Detroit - 12/24 0001-0009 - CNN news, weather, ID "News Talk Radio 1270, WXYT". Leslie Marshall talk show. Remember this as WXYZ. (RI-IN)

WXYT MI Detroit - 1/2 0100 - While listening for WMLZ test, gave ID then went to news. (LVH-NC)

0800 to 1600 ELT

KESS TX Ft. Worth - 1/2 0136 - Spanish music, then ID as "La Fabulosa", many Ft. Worth and Dallas mentions. (LVH-NC)

1300 WSSG NC Goldsboro - 1/7 0700 - "AM 1300, WSSG Goldsboro" heard weakly on PSRA and WSYD and WLNC QRM at top of hour. (RB-NC)

1350 CKDO ON Oshawa - 1/10 0300 - *Oldies Coast to Coast*, ad break, strong. (DS-DE)

1400 WJPS IN Evansville - 12/29 0615 - Poor, in the clear for a minute with ID, local ads. New. (MB-IN)

1440 WCIG GA Brunswick - 1/3 0747 - Fair with several IDs, *Straight Talk* program, ad for *Spectrum Stores*. (RB-NC)

WVNG GA Cochran - 1/3 0654 - Asking me to buy my Georgia lottery tickets at *R&R One Stop Food Store*. Then "Citizen's Bank of Cochran presents this Bits and Pieces from the history of the Cochran community by ? K. Lofton". (RB-NC)

WJIL NY Niagara Falls - 1/2 0720 - With news and sports and a call ID followed by weather and back to the *Polar Spotlight*. Tons of other stations. (LK-ON)

WCCL PA Carbondale - 12/30 0749 - Fair with ID as "WCCL AM 1440", report on weather related cancellations, PSA from *Mothers Against Drunk Driving*. (MB-MA)

1450 WWNT AL Dothan - 1/6 0400 - On top with legal ID "News Talk WWNT Dothan" into CBS news. My most southerly graveyarder during non-auditorial conditions. AL #160. (REH-ON)

1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 12/27 0051 - Good with WTOP off. Some Spanish QRM from an XE or YV. ID 0100 into ABC news. (JEK-MD)

1590 WGGO NY Salamanca - 1/1 0726 - With a series of ads, local sports scores and "catch all the action on WGGO, Salamanca". Several more IDs later. Jumbled with many others but up and over at times. (LK-ON)

WWCC PA Honesdale - 1/1 0712 - With CW music then a local ad for *Dynasty Limousine* and "the lakes region's first station for information, 1590, WWCC". More CW music, strong with fade. (LK-ON)

0800 to 1600 ELT

540 WLIX NY Islip - 12/27 1129 - Poor-fair on groundwave with *Word for Today* religious program, ID as "WLIX, Long Island's Christian Radio". (MB-MA)

560 WHND MI Monroe - 1/9 1430-1500 - Very weak, starts to appear under WIND - also weak - near the I-94/I-69 interchange near Marshall, MI (TS-MI2)

590 WKZO MI Kalamazoo - 12/26 0835 - Fair with ID, REL programming, new. (MB-IN)

620 WVMT VT Burlington - 12/23 1505 - Fair-poor, woman with mentions of *Waterbury Mall*, local weather from "WVMT Weather Center". (CM-ON)

WTMJ WI Milwaukee - 12/23 1559 - Fair with *Jingle Bells*, time pips at 1600, ads for *Carpet Town*, G. Gordon *Liddy Show*, ID. (CM-ON)

740 WGSN TN Huntington - 1/8 0920 - Fair with NOS, old jingles/ID, WYCH off. (DS-DE)

790 WEIB TN Johnson City - 1/14 0801 - Poor but on top with religious music, ID at 0801. (DB-DE)

820 WSCR IL Chicago - 1/9 1500-1530 - Weak but there all the way to Lansing with sports talk covered by CHAM north and east of Lansing. (TS-MI2)

840 CHUR ON North Bay - 12/28 0805 - Fair in WRYM null with sports, local weather, typical Canadian non-ID "Good times, great oldies from three decades of rock and roll. *Oldies 840*" into Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's *Maracas Express*. (MB-MA)

950 WJPC IL Chicago - 1/9 1300-1345 - Good with rap music past Benton Harbor. Covered by WBCB east of Paw Paw. Many call letter IDs and time checks on what's meant to be a continuous music station. (TS-MI2) And if they didn't tell you after every song it was a continuous music station, how would you know? - db)

990 CKIS PQ Montreal - 12/29 0759-0818 - Very good atop channel for a few minutes and then fading, QRM from WTM-VA and WNTY-CT. Traffic, local news, weather. "Oldies 990". Also heard 12/30 1530 very good atop channel. (HH-MD)

1040 WSKW PA Everett - 12/29 0817 - Fair with no trace of WHO with *Your Body and Your program* talking about fetal alcohol syndrome, ads at 0820 for *Everett IGA* and *First National Bank of Everett*. (MB-MA)

1110 WHIM RI Providence - 12/18 1520 - CW, good signal. Reasonably clear much of day here in winter. (RH-IN)

1140 WKLZ VA St. Paul - 12/20 1422-1424 - ID "107.3 WKLZ", then to CW music. (LVH-NC)

1160 WSKW ME Skowhegan - 12/23 1431 - Fair with Christmas music, male announcer with ID at 1432, talk about Christmas, much stop. (CV-ON)

1250 WQXA PA York - 12/28 1400-1438 - Fairly good, takes good opening to log this one. Splash from WCHEM-1240. Popular and traditional Christmas music. QSL'd as WNCW 1/16/49 and as WXXU 11/25/89. (HH-MD)

1260 WEZE MA Boston - 12/20 1430-1445 - Good with call-in talk show, female announcer, local ads and ID. Was going to write up a report for WNRK to send to DS but WNRK was nowhere to be found. (JEK-MD)

CHHI NB Fredericton - 1/8 0840 - Strong with local ads, ID, surprised to hear this so late! WNRK was off. (DS-DE)

1280 WEIM MA Fitchburg - 1/10 0756-0830 - Commercials, news, music in and out. Most QRM from CJMS. A lot of good meaty material for a great report! (HH-MD)

1420 WLIS CT Old Saybrook - 1/7 1557 - In WHK null with B.J. Thomas song, legal ID at 1600 "You're listening to the voice of the Valley Shore, 1420 WLIS Old Saybrook". Into ABC news. (REH-ON)

WASR NH Whiteboro - 1/7 1533 - In WHK null with call ID and meteorologist Doug Anderson with the weather followed by Sears ad. NH #15. (REH-ON)

WLNA NY Peekskill - 1/4 1559 - In WHK null with high school sports promo and legal ID "Your sports authority, WLNA Peekskill". Into local news. (REH-ON)

1520 WTRI MD Brunswick - 1/3 1505 - With the end of the news and an ad about becoming a radio announcer for WTRI, weather and into a syndicated talk show. Severe fade and QRM in null of an unusually weak WWKB. Only 500 watts! (LK*ON)

1580 WWOE NC Camp Lejeune - 1/8 0926 - Very good over WPCC with "Morningstar" ID, religious music. (DS-DE)

1590 WARY RI Warwick - 12/27 1146 - Fair-poor with local weather and rundown of local church events. Now the dominant daytime here since WQQW went silent. (MB-MA)

1600 TO 2400 ELT

550 CHIN PQ Trois-Rivieres - 12/27 1745 - Poor in EF with sports, local weather. (MB-MA)

570 CBML PQ Val d'Or - 12/29 2345-2359 - Classical music // CBM-940, QRM from CJEM (not heard since '94). Of course the signal went under at ID time but it's the only one that fits the NRC Log. 40 watts. (JEK-MD)

680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 12/29 1651 - Creaming nulled WRKO with ad for *Bumpers Ford-Mercury*. ID as "WPTF News Talk 680" with traffic report. (MB-MA)

710 WAQI FL Miami - 12/12 1858 - Very good, man with Spanish talk, phone chat, time pips on hour followed by great ID in English, back to man in SS with more talk. (CM-ON)

CKVM PQ Ville Marie - 12/31 1705 - Dominating channel with "CKVM" ID jingle into US and French music. (KMR-MI)

720 CHTN PI Charlotte town - 12/28 1714 - Good with promo for *The Top Six at Six* program, ID as "Classic Hits 720 CHTN" into *Monday Monday* by the Mammas and Pappas. My 5th province heard at Kripalu. (MB-MA)

CHTN PI Charlotte town - 12/29 1830 - Good on NE beverage with oldies and mentions of *Charlottetown Mail*. (KMR-MI)

760 WVNE MA Leicester - 12/31 1610 - Very strong with religious music, ID. (RE-PA)

780 CDR NS Dartmouth - 12/27 1631 - Fair-good with *Skywatch* local weather giving temperatures in Celsius (which I'ded them as Canadian), Atlantic time check and slogan "The all new 780 Hits Country" into CW song. Another notorious Canadian non-ID'er. When did they change from CHR to country? (MB-MA) (Just report to *DDXD-East* was on 12/21 - db)

CDNR NS Dartmouth - 12/29 1950 - Good with ASI time checks and ads for Halifax stores, one was *The Sports Outlet*. Format change to CW music, used to be #1 most wanted station. On NE beverage. (KMR-MI)

800 CHRC PQ Quebec - 12/27 2306 - With a song by Martine St. Clair and the weather. Mixed with CJAD and CKLW and with fade. (LK*ON)

840 KWPN NE West Point - 12/18 1719 - Very good with Nebraska weather, ID, sports update, ad for *Englehart Communications* in West Point, *FTD* ad, spot for lottery tickets, ID. (CM-ON)

850 WKIX NC Raleigh - 12/28 1706 - Fair over pest CKVL with ad for *Bobby Murray Chevy-Geo*. "WKIX" ID and time check into Bobby Vinton's *Roses are Red*. (MB-MA)

CKVL PQ Verdun - 12/31 1925 - Great signal with French hockey talk with some English hockey player interviews. (KMR-MI)

860 WOAY WV Oak Hill - 1/14 1727 - Good with weather forecast but no mention of towns, then announcement that "At this time WOAY must restrict its power to serve..." sounded like some town mentions. "...in accordance with FCC regulations" then gone. (DB-DE)

880 KGHT AR Hot Springs - 12/29 1754 - Good with CW music, ads for *Chicken Palace*, *Walker Chevrolet* and businesses in Jacksonville. (KMR-MI)

900 WILC MD Laurel - 12/21 1625 - Fair, man and woman with talk about Latin America in Spanish, local promos including a business in Langley Park, US news. (CM-ON)

910 CHRL PQ Roberval - 12/23 2320 - French talk, hockey scores. (RH-NJ)

920 WMEL FL Melbourne - 1/8 2325 - Good while looking for CJCH with "Classic talk radio, tell a friend about WMEL". (JK-VA)

930 WNGR GA Bainbridge - 12/6 1759 - Fair under WNZS with female group singing ID and into news at 1800, power cut noted at 1803. (RB-NC)

WFMD MD Frederick - 12/21 1606 - Good with news about Frederick County, reporter for "WFMD" time check at "4:10", open line phone with number 664-WFMD. (CM-ON)

WZNN NH Rochester - 12/29 1703 - Fair with ID as "WZNN News Talk 930 time is 5:03", "Friends don't let friends drive drunk" PSA. (MB-MA)

WPAT NJ Paterson - 12/29 1700 - Fair with ID as "Hi, this is Larry King and you're listening to WPAT Paterson, AM 93". (MB-MA)

940 WFAW WI Fort Atkinson - 12/26 - Heard "ESPN" jingle then "...and AM 940 WFAW", faded back out. Soon after heard "AM 940 WFAW" back to ESPN. Report was sent. I love the Superdo! (LVH-NC)

970 CBZ NB Fredericton - 12/28 1659 - Fair-good with promo for *As If Happens* program on CBC Radio into *The World at Six* CBC news at 1800 AST, hence the name. (MB-MA)

1000 WKVG KY Jenkins - 12/28 1647 - Fair-poor until lost to WMVP with ID as "WKVG southern gospel country" into gospel music. (MB-MA)

WIOO PA Carlisle - 12/28 1639 - Poor under CLUP with ID as "WIOO AM one hundred" after Four Seasons song. (MB-MA)

WRAR VA Tappahannock - 12/28 1645 - Poor in mess, noted woman saying "the music continues on WRAR". (MB-MA)

CFLP PQ Rimouski - 12/27 1639 - Good over WMVP with french ad for *Canadian Tire*, ID as "Radio Mtl.". (MB-MA)

1060 WBIV MA Natick - 12/27 1736 - Creaming KYW with Spanish talk, news or commentary or program called *Ordas at la Solidaridad*. (MB-MA)

1110 WBCA AL Bay Minette - 12/5 1800 - Heard faintly under WSLV with ID copied during sign-off announcement. (RB-NC)

WNNW NH Salem - 12/27 1635 - Spanish song, mixed with several others. (RH-NJ)

WSLV TN Ardmore - 12/5 1759 - End of *Gospel Jubilee* program, ad for *Colonial Bank* then into sign-off at 1800 with "WSLV, Ardmore, Tennessee-Alabama". Fair-good in WBET null. (RB-NC)

1130 WISN WI Milwaukee - 12/25 1705 - While in my car on Highway 64 East going into Hayesville, NC. Full ID then to local news. WI #1 lifetime! (LVH2-NC)

1150 WDEL DE Wilmington - 12/29 1734 - Fair with ID as "WDEL news time is 5:34", local weather and weather-related cancellations, "Newstalk 1150" jingle at 1736. (MB-MA)

1160 WVNJ NJ Oakland - 12/12 1630-1711 - Classical Christmas music, ID "This is WVNJ, Oakland". First time for new station. Regular since with gospel music. (RH-NJ)

WODY VA Fieldale - 12/30 1705 - With mentions of Monroe County at end of news, then ID. New. (RE-PA)

1170 WCTF CT Vernon - 1/2 1632 - Using sign-on announcement for sign-off. I do not believe CP for 2500 watts yet on, as just as weak as ever. (RE-PA)

1180 WFGN SC Gaffney - 12/30 1730-40 - "Your home of the best southern country and gospel music" on P55A loud under WHAM. (RE-PA)

1190 WHIS VA Bluefield - 1/2 1900 - Solid signal while simulcasting WHIS-1400 with both call letters and frequencies given at top of hour. (RB-NC)

1200 WKRL NY North Syracuse - 1/2 1620-30 - With classic rock, "K-Rock" program in/out with CRCO, WKOX Bruins hockey and an UNID with football. (RE-PA)

WSML NC Graham - 12/30 1642-45 - With religious music, ad, then sign-off. Mentioned "Graham-Burlington" frequently. When heard again 1/2 1645+, was carrying a program from *Family Radio*. (RE-PA)

- 1440 WBAT** PA Honnedale - 1/9 1800 - Way atop with ID, USA news, 15 watts? Yeah, sure! (DS-DE)
- 1390 WREED** NC Rocky Mount - 2324-2330 - Local ads and ID "Turn up the country WREED 1390". This one's getting to be kind of regular up here...new antenna or pattern change? (JEK-MD) (Also more regular here this year - db)
- 1400 WBAT** IN Marion - 12/24 2015 - On top with Christmas message, ID then gone. New. (MB-IN)
- 1440 WTVZ** FL Winter Park - 1/4 1805 - Excellent signal after WGMI sign-off with "WTVZ, Winter Park-Orlando" and "Wins, America's newest all sports radio station". Four new loggings this week on 1440 (total of 12) while normally dominant WSSL has not been heard at all? (RB-NC)
- 1440 WTVZ** FL Winter Park - 1/5 1805 - Fair with "This is Central Florida's place for sports, Sports Radio 1440 AM, WTVZ, Winter Park-Orlando". 1440 #40 and FL #150. (SF-TN)
- 1510 WSSH** MA Worcester - 12/27 1705 - Fair with promo for Bruins hockey on "Sports Radio WEEI", obviously. // WEEI-590. (MB-MA)
- 1510 WSSH** MA Boston - 1/1 2355-0000 - Talk America Radio Network sports talk, list of other stations on net. (RH-IN)
- 1510 WSSH** PA Annville-Cleona - 1/1, 1/2 & 1/3 1645 - Is no longer silent (former W4HT) but is back with CW music and talk of welcome back to the station. Lots of local ads and news. In very strong, like a local. (LK-ON)
- 1510 WSSH** WI Waukesha - 1/1 1606 - During dead air on the USA radio news on a strong UNID I heard "right here on Milwaukee's most '2...' and the silence ended on the UNID. W4UK was still audible under UNID with a Vince Gill song. Verified at 1613 with the Drake R-8 and Kiwa Loop. (LK-ON)
- 1580 WOXR** AL Talladega - 12/28 1840 - Good with frequent mentions of Oxford. "WOXR" call AL then into talk about Auburn basketball. Thought I had a new one for a second. Ex-WEEY. (KMR-MI)
- 1580 WOXR** FL Ft. Lauderdale - 1/8 2345 - In with the usual OLD/ROK way over CB/WPCC with "103.5 WSHF" ID. (JK-VA)
- 1590 WAIK** TN Shelbyville - 12/28 1900 - Fair with CW music then into *The Conch's Show*. (KMR-MI)
- 1590 WAIK** IL Galesburg - 1/8 2110 - Good with ID, oldies music, new. (MB-IN)
- 1590 WAIK** NH Nashua - 12/27 1717 - Poor in jumble, noted "WSMN time is 17 after 5 o'clock" then lost. (MB-MA)
- 1600 WKEN** OH Akron - 1/8 2349 - Good here and in southern VA with "1590 WAKR Akron". Don't know why DS thinks they have a problem? Maybe DA system skewed to the SE? HI! (JK-VA)
- 1600 WKEN** PA Honnedale - 1/9 1800 - Way atop with ID, USA news, 15 watts? Yeah, sure! (DS-DE)
- 1600 WKEN** DE Dover - 1/7 1824 - Very strong with ID, ads. This ain't supposed to be heard here at all at night! (DS-DE) (That is probably why I have more sleep than usual at night from them, used to be able to null splash on 1590 and 1610, but very difficult now. Maybe the new owners don't know where the switch is! - db)
- 1600 WKEN** NY New York - 12/27 1727 - Poor under dominant pest WJXY with ID as "WVRL, the spirit of New York" into usual Bible-thumper. (MB-MA)
- 1600 WKEN** WV Milton - 1/4 1829 - Popping in with ID as "one of America's great radio stations". Sounded like WWSI. (W-MD)

OTHER STUFF

- 530 KPDD612** IN Michigan City - 1/9 1300-1320 - Message gives coverage area as from I-94/U.S.-20 interchange in Indiana to the Michigan state line, but can be heard a few miles on either side. Weather from WX1-57 South Bend also heard here. (TS-IN)
- 530 TTS** MI Kalamazoo - 1/9 1350-1400 - No call letters, Kalamazoo County events and attractions. Best signal is about 10 miles west of town, noticeably weaker in town. (TS-MI2)
- 1610 WPCD802** PA Philadelphia - 12/30 1633 - Philadelphia International Airport TTS with Valley Forge Park TTS null'd. First time here. (RE-PA)
- 1620 WNWZ910** IL Bensenville - Probably Barry Finkel's UNID of 12/18 (Issue 13). However, the phone numbers are 350-344x. (REH-ON)
- 1620 WNT7218** IL Glen Ellyn - 1/5 0320 - Was finally able to make out location on this one as Glen Ellyn. No state mentioned but a check of Rand McNally found one in Illinois and a call to 708 directory assistance verified the phone number of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center (469-5000). This one is just a stones throw from WNWZ910. Illinois #140. (REH-ON)
- 1625 UNID** 1/8 0445 - Phrase with crummy signal and even worse audio made for tough copy. Played ROK music and sounded like they called themselves *Radio Confusion*. Mail drop location sounded like Westcoville PA. Looped NW/SE. (REH-ON)
- 1699a QVY** PA Donora - 1/7 0415 - MedFER with nine "QVY" IDs on code followed by six dots and then repeated. Good signal, don't know why I missed this one before. (REH-ON) (The *Lowdown* shows their frequency as 1698.8 - db)

REPORTERS

- RB-NC** Ron Bailey (AAAS), Shelby, NC: Icom IC-765, 7 beverages
- MB-MA** Mike Brooker, D'Xing at the *Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health*, Lenox, MA: Panasonic REF-45
- MB-IN** Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN: Drake R-8, Quantum Loop, 80' longwire
- RE-PA** Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA: HQ-150, 4 NRC altaz FET loop
- SF-TN** Steve Francis, Alcoa, TN: 1970 Realistic TRF 12-675
- JH-NJ** John Hanz, Old Bridge, NJ: Hallicrafter S-120, Alpha-delta sloper
- RH-NI** Rich Harrison, Hewitt, NJ: Grundig Satellit 3400, SM-2, Select-a-tenna
- HH-MD** Hank Holbrook, Dunkirk, MD: Hammarlund SP-600, Colegrave Loop, 50' longwire
- LK-ON** Laurence Kearley, Orleans, ON: Sony ICF-SW1, Select-a-tenna
- LK-ON** Laurence Kearley, Odessa, ON: Drake R-8, Kiwa Loop
- JK-VA** Jeff Kitzel, 1600 Avon St. Ext., Charlottesville, VA 22902-9705: Grand Prix GPX-A2833 AM/FM walkman, 100% barefoot
- JEK-MD** Joe Kureth, Uniontown, MD: Optimus Digital barefoot
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- CM-ON** Chris Melochie, London, ON: Yaesu FRG-8800, 4 loop
- REH-ON** Chuck Reh, Leamington, ON: R-390A, Sanserino Loop, Realistic 1R-3000 open reel tape deck
- KMR-MI** Ken Romstadt, Ottawa Lake, MI:
- AR-ON** Andy Rugg, Cornwall, ON: HQ-180, Radio West Loop
- TS-IN** Tom Sanders, on I-94 near Michigan City, IN: Car radio
- TS-MI** Tom Sanders, Lansing, MI: JVC Car radio
- TS-MI2** Tom Sanders, on I-94 and I-69: Car radio
- DS-DE** Dave Schmidt, New Castle, DE: HQ180A, SM-2, Superadio II
- IYH-NC** Loyd Van Horn, Brassstown, NC: Drake R-8 with E/W Dipole, Icom R-72 with 25 longwire, GE Superadio III
- IYH2-NC** Loyd Van Horn, Highway 64 East in Brassstown, NC: Datto AM/FM car radio
- IW-MD** Jim Weber, on I-695 west of Baltimore, MD: Datto radio, 2' vertical auto beverage
- DB-DE** Dave Braun, Wyoming, DE: R-5000, Palomar Loop



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Since space is scarce in DXN, let's get right to it:

PAN-AMERICAN DX

Jim

- 526 BAHAMAS JAN 1 0542 - "ZLS" beacon good on peaks with QRM. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
595 DOMINICA DBS DEC 29/JAN 2 0100 -0300 - Heard nightly with weak to fair signals. [Bryant*TX]
640 CUBA R. Reloj/R. Progreso, JAN 1 0911 - Noted with "RR" code IDs over KET. Heard later at 0417 with R. Progreso programming. Two stations, or the same transmitter switching networks? [Wilkins/Knight-CO] (Probably one transmitter, although I've usually noted Progreso or Rebelde switching to Reloj after midnight - Jim)
660 MEXICO XEACB Cd. Delicias CHIH, DEC 13 1304 - Horoscope, ads for local stores, several mentions of "El Popular". New slogan? Strong as usual. [Wilkins-CO]
705 ST. VINCENT NBC JAN 1 0145 - Noted as a het only twice and with low audio on this date. This rarely makes it to OK even as a het, never heard audio before. Directional? [Bryant*TX] (I don't think so - Jim)
740 CUBA, JAN 9 0708 - Reloj Cuban over/under CHCM with local WTJB phased and CBL off. [Connelly-MA]
760/7a CUBA (t), JAN 2 0712 - off-channel station with talk that sounded like the Reloj pgm. Heavy sloop from HJA/WJR, 760. [Connelly-MA] (Also noted here with definite Reloj ID - Jim)
770 MEXICO XEZA Los Mochis SIN, DEC 31 1330 - Poor in KKOB semi-null with ranchera music, ads with mentions of Los Mochis. [Wilkins-CO]
770.6 HONDURAS San Pedro Sula, JAN 4 0118 - Ads, mentions of Hondurans, scraps of audio until finally nailed down ID at 0159 "Radio Norte ... San Pedro Sula ... arriba en Deportes" and into talk, possibly sports. Rough KKOB-770 sloop, been trying to ID this for months, HR #6. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
780 MEXICO XESFT San Fernando TAMA, JAN 4 0116 - Ads, "La Bronca Nortena" slogans, salsa music, over/under WB3M. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
815 UNID DEC 30 0125 - Het noted here. Looped South America and have R Atalaya noted here in WRTH 93. Ideas? [Bryant*TX]
831 UNID, JAN 4 0441 - EE pops, including "You're Having My Baby", also like SS vocals. Faded and carrier disappeared around 0500, must have signed off, though listed at 0600*. Probably R Znicca, Nicaragua. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
885 MONTSERAT ZJB DEC 29 - JAN 2 0100-0300 - Heard nightly with fair signals during this time. [Bryant*TX]
890 CUBA R. Progreso, JAN 1 0417 - With New Year's Eve party music // 900 and 640. Excellent on peaks. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
895 ST. KITTS VON DEC 29 - JAN 2 0200 - Audio heard nightly until 0200 sign-off. Normally fair to weak. [Bryant*TX]
925 UNID DEC 29 0340 - Het noted here, clearly looped South America. Any ideas? [Bryant*TX]
1020 TURKS & CAICOS, JAN 1 0200 - Generally dominant with KASR with EE religious programs, nice ID at 0200 "Caribbean Christian Radio ... from the island of Grand Turk, capital of Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies". Still haven't heard this at home on the loop. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
1024.4 COSTA RICA R. Mil Veinte, San Jose, DEC 29 - JAN 2 - Noted here most evenings with moderate level SS audio, somewhat distorted usually. [Bryant*TX]
1030.7 UNID, JAN 1 0310 - Slow Latin vocal, het strong at times, but audio not always there. Also heard JAN 3 0916 with what sounded like UC or GOS music. If so, might be WXS5 Memphis. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
1070 COLOMBIA HJCG Bogota, JAN 1 0355 - New Year's Eve party music, "R. Santa Fe" slogan at 0355, then more music. Fair/poor in KNX null. HJ #16. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
1165 ANTIGUA CRL DEC 31 0100 - Noted here with good signal with EE Christian program. Have they curtailed their evening schedule? [Bryant*TX] (May only source of info is WRTH - Jim)

- 1205 CAYMAN ISLANDS R. Cayman DEC 29 - JAN 2 - Noted most evenings with solid het and occasional audio. Very undermodulated, as usual, with the world's most laid back occasional DJ. [Bryant*TX]
1300 VENEZUELA YVERZ Cumana, JAN 4 0811 - Long YV songs, man briefly after each with unreadable slogan, finally heard R Dos Mil at 0828, followed by "Informativo Dos Mil" (short news brief), then more music. Over/under mostly null'd K5TF. Next to impossible at home QTH, since pointing loop SE from therepicks up bad splatter from local KDKO-1510, YV #4. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
1500.77t COLOMBIA Cali, JAN 4 0742 - HJ music, mention of what sounded like "R. Mil Sesenta", but the last word garbled, was probably "R. Mil Quinientos". Rough with 1500 splatter. Another one that would be impossible at home QTH, 25 miles to the SW. [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
1500 MEXICO XEAL Mexico DF, DEC 31 1204 - Holiday program with mentions of "campesnas" (beals) and sounds of bell-ringing, hundreds of ads in next 45 minutes, "Radio AI" slogans. Fair at best in K5TF null. Announced a couple of times "con mas de 50 mil watts de potencia", not sure how they can have more than 50,000 watts, hi. New catch, XE #122, DF #13. [Wilkins-CO]
1505 ANGUILLA DEC 29 0210 - Noted with low level audio, never better than this through the week. [Bryant*TX]
1520 MEXICO XEIBC Cd. Juarez CHIH, DEC 24 0700 - Good peak, then downhill in KOMA null. XE anthem, quick "R. Paso del Norte" slogan, then into SS version of "Auld Lang Syne", short sign-on announcement followed at 1305. [Wilkins-CO]
1549.6 UNID, DEC 31 1250 - SS station here, presume XE or LA rather than US. Man with SS talk, just could make out an occasional word or two, looped SSB. [Wilkins-CO]
1612.03 unid, JAN 2 0810 - distorted audio - talk in EE briefly surfaced. [Connelly-MA]
1685 COLOMBIA Mercaderes, JAN 1 0548 - "MER" beacon very good signal, no QRM. Anyone got an address for this? [Wilkins/Knight-CO]
John Wilkins speaks: "Hets noted 760.7, 900.5, 1025, 1030.7, 1549.6, 1129.55. These are "no idea" hets. Also hets with "good idea" of who it is (but still unid/no audio) on 655, 595, 885, 895, 1505." *John Bryant speaks:* "Following off-frequency hets noted during TX Coast DXpedition: 540.32, 760.6, 770.6, 831.0, 1100.3, 1500.5, 1510.6, 900.4, 1030.65, 1109.65." (Some of these have been IDed, see above - Jim)

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 558 UNID het DEC 29 0330. [Bryant*TX]
585 SPAIN RNEI Madrid, DEC 29 - JAN 2 0100-0300 - Presumed as regular het with very low level SS audio most mornings. [Bryant*TX]
621 CANNARIES RNEI Santa Cruz, DEC 29 - JAN 2 0130-0300 - Presume this, noted as het, low SS audio at 0310 DEC 29. [Bryant*TX] JAN 5 0536 - SS helitalk (man & woman); fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
666 UNID het DEC 29 0320 - scraps of audio. [Bryant*TX]
684 UNID het DEC 29 - some audio. [Bryant*TX]
711 MOROCCO (t), JAN 8 2350 - AA talk; poor. [Connelly-MA]
765 SENEGAL? JAN 1 & 2 0150 - Strong het noted, seemed to loop south of Europe. Senegal on late? [Bryant*TX] JAN 2 0700 - FF talk, man mentioned Dakar; signal was fair to good (best TA at the time); JAN 8 2137 - woman in FF; fadey. [Connelly-MA]
774 SPAIN, JAN 2 0705 - SS news by man; good. [JAN 8 2349 - man in SS over others; good with WABC phased. [Connelly-MA]
855 SPAIN RNE Murcia - Presume this with het or low level SS audio 0100-0300 throughout DXpedition. [Bryant*TX]
891 ALGERIA Algiers, JAN 5 0545 - AA talk & music; fair. [JAN 8 2131 - AA talk, including telephone caller; good. [Connelly-MA]
1017 GERMANY SWF DEC 30 & 31 0100-0200 - Presumed with het. [Bryant*TX]
1035 PORTUGAL R. Comercial, DEC 29 0324 - Het only. [Bryant*TX]
1044 MOROCCO RDM DEC 29 - JAN 2 0100-0300 - Strongest Euro het most AMs, but never audio! [Bryant*TX] JAN 5 0550 - AA a capella group vocal, then talk. [JAN 8 2129 - A.A talk at low audio level on big carrier. [Connelly-MA]
1044 SPAIN San Sebastian, JAN 2 0739 - man & woman in SS; over others. [Connelly-MA]
1053 ENGLAND, JAN 9 0002 - sign-off with ID "This is BBC Radio 1 on medium wave." Jumble (Morocco / Libya ?) left after BBC went off. [Connelly-MA]
1053 MOROCCO Presume RIM Tanger here most AMs during DXpedition. Het only, never as strong as 1044. [Bryant*TX]

10899 ENGLAND, JAN 2 0746 - rock music; poor to fair. JAN 8 0650 - EE talk, then reggae version of "Every Day of the Week" ('50s R&B oldie by the Students); easy with WBAI. Phased. [Connely-MA]

1107 UNID DEC 29 - JAN 2 0100-0300 - Weak to fair het every evening. Novi Sad, Yugoslavia or Egypt?

1107 SPAIN, JAN 9 0010 - man & woman in SS; poor to fair in sloop. [Connely-MA]

1215 ALBANIA Lushnje DEC 29 - JAN 2 - Het only. [Bryant-TX]

1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba, JAN 8 2112 - female AA vocal good on Euro-sloper; killing WWK/WGAM with no nulling needed. This was the only really-loud high-band TA at the time. [Connely-MA]

1566 AZORES, JAN 8 2115 - PP talk in WNSH-1570 slop; the bearing to Azores is not different enough from that to WNSH to allow phasing of 2 relatively-short wires to help much. [Connely-MA]

1575 UNID DEC 29 0145 - Het because much weaker. looped Europe, Germany? Heard this date only. [Bryant-TX]

1584 SPAIN, JAN 2 0801 - SS talk; poor. [Connely-MA]

HARMONICS

2010 MEXICO XEUB Unknown location. First noted in late november, this one is being heard again, e.g. 1/13 @ 1143 with ID & around same time on 1/14. Both days this stn was completely gone (not even a carrier) by 1300 when western XEs on 2020, 2640, & 2800 were still in. Therefore suspect this is in eastern Mexico, rather than western. Believe I heard a QTH of ??-lan, perhaps Manantlan? Not in 1993 WRTH, hopefully will be listed in '94 one. Assume 3x670. [Moore-IA]

2020 MEXICO Radio Lobo Chihuahua. This one continues to be heard in evenings and mornings with good and sometimes excellent signals. A couple times this has been stronger than anything on 60 meters! 2 x 1010 harmonic. I would expect this would not be too difficult to hear, especially here in the central part of North America. [Moore-IA]

2300 USA WCEN Mount Pleasant, Michigan 1/8 0158-0207 with instr music, complete ID, into Mutual nx. Strongly crystal clear signal. Heard again the next morning around 1230, but not a trace since. Probably just a one time screw-up! 2 x 1150. [Moore-IA]

2440 UNID 1/13 1204-1211 woman with Span ballads. Threshold level. [Moore-IA]

2640 MEXICO XEJI Mazatlan 1/12 1235-1325 with religious program to 1300, then ranchera music, ads, announcements. ID as "La Ra R". Mention of Mazatlan in one ad. Also in 1/13 & 1/14. Poor. 2 x 1330 harmonic. [Moore-IA]

2800 MEXICO XELH Acaponeta, Nayarit 1/14 1302-1319 with ranchera ballads & ad for a store "agu en Acaponeta". Generally poor, but faded up for the ad. In as an unid on 1/12 & 1/13. 2 x 1400. While listening to this, it was covered up from 1305-1307 by a station in English ending USA network fix & into "west Texas" weather. Not sure who on 1400 in west Texas has USA net-nx. [Moore-IA]

2900 MEXICO UNID 1/12 1331-1336 station w/ threshold ranchera music. on 1/13 heard EE news here at 1200, but nothing at 1400 or on 1/14. At this time would have to be west Mexico or a domestic Spanish station. [Moore-IA]

Don speaks: I subscribe to a number of e-mail lists pertaining to various Latin American countries & regions. I also maintain a small list of people to whom I forward a few interesting items each week from these lists. This is not DX info, but background, cultural type, information. If you have access to INTERNET e-mail and would like to be added to the list, send me a message to MOORE@TNU.MCREST.EDU (Don Moore) (Don sent me a sample - some incredible insider's info about recent events in the Mexican state of Chapas - Jim)

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[Bryant-TX] John Bryant, Gulf Coast Texas Dyke Expedition, Aransas Pass National Wildlife Refuge and Mustang Is. State Park; NRD 525 with 4' ferrite rod antenna. (John, your disk didn't read!

- Jim)

[Connely-MA] Mark Connely WA1ONJ, Billerica MA; Drake K8, two slopers (approx 37 m, each) via noise-reducing transformers to Super-MWDX-5 Phasing Unit & MWT-3 Regon. Tuner.

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252	Algerbahu	U/U		1165	CRJLbz	Jerry Baker E	EB
340	KOYIB	Mitchelle Imperial Opa		1170	WDRBlbz	Mildred Drake	EB
540	WQYBspu	U/U		1170	WDISL	Albert E. Crady P	ES
550	KLLVI	Dave Williams M		1190	KEXq	Shane Ruark E	MS
550	WLMWAI	Doug Walker		1190	KREZLmz	Thomas E. Beal P/GM	EB
550	WQAMI	Chris Visser Exec Prod		1200	WOWOqb	WGNVI	GM
580	CKY	Sandy Tolman ExSecy		1200	KREWB/bzh	Shawn C. McGrath Ope	ES
580	KKSUI	Ralph S. Titus GM		1210	WOCGLq	Sam A. Virgilio TSu	EB
610	KDALF	Nike Langewin Opm		1210	KCCS	Dan Sheets PD	EB
610	WFLQlbmz	Kurt Andrews PD		1220	KINNlbz	Robert Vaughan P/GM	WH
620	XEBUlpbz	Reyna Salmeon de Boone		1270	WJTCmb	William Carson CE	RT
640	KFI	Mark Loefel GM		1270	WXXYlzh	Neil Schwartz CE	EB
640	WCRVlbmz	Mike Vanhooser CE		1300	KRLQlzb	Eddie Thurmond ProdM	WH
660	KSKYrh	Tom Nichols O		1300	WOODlm	Donald Missad CE	EB
670	WYLSI	Tun Craddock PD		1340	KCOJlpu	Dan Kelley OplD	GM
690	WZAPp	John Farnola CE		1350	KRULCb	Melva Prasil M	GM
700	WLMWB	Paul Jellison		1360	WLVNq	Michael J. Klein CF	HH
730	KWREIH	Steven D. Rotz CE		1380	WNLQI	Augustine M. Cawley	ES
740	KBOEF	Scott Erving GM		1410	KQVI	Stephen L. Conit CF	RT
760	WMTCP	John D. Weigand DoE		1410	WECOLmzb	Bob Brown VPl/GM	RT
760	KHPI	Tert Billiter GM		1420	CVRLRpb	Bayne Opseth CE	WH
770	HJHXq	Antonio Fardo Garcia Gte		1460	WGNAl	Jack Shaler CE	ES
780	KDDW	Martin Stebbert GM		1480	WISLP	Tom Kutza	ES
810	WMTDSI	Dutch Doellich CE		1480	WPPWCl	Raymond Wolterden P	ES
810	WMTDSI	Robert E. Cortlew III P		1510	CKOTI	Robert Lamers E	ES
820	WBAPlb	Clay Sheely CE		1530	WRCPJ	David Moore M	ES
830	CFTR	Gerg Hinton PD		1540	WPNCl	Jeff Maivore VP	ES
830	XELKSpz	Francisco J. Llamas A Lic		1550	CBEqbr	Manuel Pacheco SUT	RT
840	WKTRI	Tine A. Deame M		1550	WRDML	Ludo C. Ruisse P	ES
860	KTRJpb	Bessie Paipras O		1580	KVCQClmzb	John S. Carson Jr, NVD	MS
870	WFLQlm	Gene Elke		1580	KCMW	Robert A. Van Buhler MOE	TR
870	WKARI	Gene Purdum Prod		1580	WDABI	Michael M. Adamson GM	ES
880	CKLQIb	Sieve Fortier		1580	WNZLI	Ted Byrer GM	ES
930	WNUVz	Kent Ashon CE		1600	WBBDI	Robert O. Backstrom DoE	ES
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940	WMLXlm	Jack Chor M		1610	WNLXT450l	Carl Shulak	HH
940	KOOLm	Tom Sheldon PD			Delaware Tompke		
960	KOVOLm	Gary Blau VP Eng					
1000	WLNtJo	Benjamin R. Reed PD					
1000	WLLPpu	Robert L. Rundall AGM					
1010	CFRBPqz	Fina Garza					
1030	WBZqz	Stephen Carney OADX					
1050	KNOBIm	U/U CE					
1100	KNWWEB	Robert F. Turner					
1120	WLSlTmz	Jay Clark PD					
1130	KEKH	Alan Pendleton GM					
1140	WXLZl	Johnny La Fite AE					
1150	WCRAI	P. Kevin Mays Opm					
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Formats

Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

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Here is the post holiday blues formats column! First, WYNY-1160 is on the air from Teaneck, N.J. The original owners who never got the station on the air were to locate the station in Oakland, a very northern suburb, and serve Bergen County with a full service news, information, talk and adult standard format. The new owners are formatting classical music and taped Bergen County news five minutes before the hour, until 6:00am. At this time, Bach, Mozart, and friends are placed on the back shelf and Black Gospel programming takes over! The station does ID for Oakland, but the address is Box 10, Teaneck, NJ, 07666. The translator joins others in the Jersey Meadows, and the signal goes AWAY from Oakland, 20 miles NW of the site! The phone number in the Log is incorrect; I called it and got a management consulting firm! So the new owners of WYNY, whose primary lobe goes right over New York City and out to sea want to match wits with religion formatted brokered WMCA, Christian Contemporary WWDJ, and Black Gospel WRRL!

Also here...WSPR-1270, Springfield is now on the air with Spanish programming, and WSRC-1400, in Stamford now airs full service news and information plus jazz. And "All Jewish all of the time" WJIR-1300, Spring Valley now airs Spanish and Haitian programming from sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday...the time of the Jewish Sabbath.

This column comes courtesy of the *W Street Journal*, Eric Beneman, and Editor in Chief Paul Swearingen, who cleaned out his files and sent me a pile of material. Much of this information has been in the column; that which has not appeared is here.

- 540 KIEZ CA Carmel Valley - All Spanish (M).
- 550 KSD MO St. Louis - Talk, USA News (EB).
- 560 MHBO TN Memphis - SEN Sports Talk, "All Sports 56" (EB).
- 580 WLEO MS Tupelo - Unistar AM nostalgia and soft AC (EB).
- 580 KBBX TX Lubbock - AC/KRIB-FM (M).
- 590 KTHO CA South Lake Tahoe - JSN soft AC (M).
- 590 WOW NE Omaha - Hot country music (EB). What is the difference between hot and other country music? (TF).
- 630 CHED AB Edmonton - Country music (M).
- 630 CFEF ON Smith Falls - Full service (M).
- 710 KEFL LA Shreveport - News talk (M).
- 710 WHB MO Kansas City - Country music (Paul Swearingen).
- 800 CKLM ON Windsor - Adds SEN Sports (M).
- 888 KGHY AR Sheridan - Southern Gospel (M).
- 900 KZDA AK Fort Yukon - Public radio, variety (Red O'Connor).
- 900 KRRR WA Wenatchee - Alternative//FM (M).
- 920 WHEI FL Melbourne - Talk (M).
- 930 WSLI MS Jackson - SEN Sports Talk (EB).
- 930 KRQB WY Sheridan - Country music (M).
- 959 KKIC ID Meridian - Spanish (M).
- 959 MDIG OH Steubenville - Urban contemporary (M).
- 990 WROO FL Orlando - SNM Adult standards (M).
- 1010 KFSE CA Thousand Palms - Talk (M).
- 1010 WOLB MD Baltimore - Talk/WOL-1450, Washington (M).
- 1010 WELS NC Kingston - Southern gospel (M).
- 1020 CCR Grand Turk Island - Religion, "Superradio 1020"
 - Ex-WISM, oldies, now CSN Pre-teen (M). And the call comes from the refrain of "Old McDonald's Farm"!! (TF).
- 1090 WELD WI Eau Claire - News and talk (EB).
- 1150 KCPS IA Burlington - News, talk, sports (M).
- 1150 WBAG NC Burlington - News, all Texas rock, blues, and country (M).
- 1160 KENS TX San Antonio - News, all Texas rock, blues, and country (M).
- 1170 WDFB KY Junction City - Religion, some//FM (EB).
- 1190 WHMT IN Humboldt - JSN Oldies (M).
- 1200 WYOS MO Bolivar - News, talk//WHIS (M).
- 1215 Virgin UK London - JSN Country (M).
- 1230 KIPW AK Sitka - Oldies/CHR (EB).
- 1230 MCKI GA Augusta - Unistar adult contemporary (M).
- 1230 WENI NY Elmira - Urban, Black gospel (M).
- 1230 WLOV PA Reading - All talk (M).
- 1270 WVKY KY Louisa - Ex-WAGO, now SNM Real Country (M).
- 1270 KWBE MN Rochester - Country music (M).
- 1270 KWBE MN Rochester - ASN Sports (M).

- 1280 WYAM WI Neenah - Unistar AM only nostalgia and soft AC (EB).
- 1300 WXXU FL Cocoa Beach - Black Gospel, Urban AC (M).
- 1320 KHSJ CA Hemet - Adult standards (M).
- 1330 WFUP PA Erie - Ex-WFYZ, talk and sports (M).
- 1340 KRVD CO Denver - Ex-KDSN, now CSN Pre-teen (M).
- 1340 KAND TX Corsicana - Country music and talk (M).
- 1350 WZQR NC Black Mountain - Country music (M).
- 1370 KNGC KS Dodge City - SNM Real Country (EB).
- 1370 KTCF TX Rollingwood - SNM Urban Gold (M).
- 1380 WGSU SC North Augusta - Unistar and Sun talk (M).
- 1390 WRIG WI Schotfield - Unistar Standards (M).
- 1400 WULF CA Alma - JSN Oldies (M).
- 1400 WWRK GA Elberton - Sports (M).
- 1430 KQIL OK Tulsa - Sports (M).
- 1440 KDNM TX Denton - Spanish (M).
- 1470 KRXX AZ Sierra Vista - CHR and talk (M).
- 1530 WXYZ PA Northeast - Ex-WFUP - see 1300, adult standards (M).
- 1570 WKDB MD Towson - Now CSN Pre-teen (M), was religion, gospel (M).
- 1580 WBCP IL Urbana - SNM Urban Gold (M).
- 1590 MONX IL Evanston - Adds brokered talk in English to its other ethnic programming (EB).
- 1600 WXTG FL Winter Garden - Black Gospel, Urban AC (M).

And the word here is that WOR-710 is up for sale.....if bought, look for motivational talk, Black Gospel, or pre-teen on 710! Stranger things have happened in this business.

Thank you to our contributors for this column, and to all of our contributors over the past year. You certainly help to make this a good column, in the premiere DX journal in the country! Thank you very much!

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Now and Then John D. Bowker

Dial changes in AM markets, from 1930 to 1948 to 1992

OKLAHOMA CITY MARKET

Year	Frequency	Station
1930	900	WKY
	1010	WNAD
	1310	KFXR
	1370	KGFG
1948	800	KTOW
	890	KBYE
	930	WKY
	1140	KLPR
1992	640	WWLS
	800	KQCV
	880	KBYE
	890	WKY
	1000	KTOK
	1140	KPRW
	1220	KILV
	1340	KXXY
	1400	KNOR
	1450	KGFF
1460	KZUE	
1490	KOKC	
1520	KOMA	



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DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

This edition of *Target DX* looks at some long wire antenna installation tips. Now that we're halfway through the season, perhaps it's time to consider upgrading your antenna system. Give these tips a shot...

BOW-AND-ARROW

The "bow-and-arrow" method is one way to get those wires up high in the trees without the risk of climbing. Mark Connelly demonstrated this method last season, installing antennas at Tom Beaton's home. I've since proved-out this method by stringing up new wires at my location, taking advantage of the 50 to 75-foot tall New England Pines in my yard. Here's what you need to know to try this yourself:

REQUIRED TOOLS

A good practice bow-and-arrow set is required. The bow should be 50-inch with a 20-lb draw. Properly balanced wood arrows are preferred. Practice sets meeting these specifications are available at most stores that carry sporting goods, including K-Mart, for around \$18.00 US.

While you're at the sporting goods store, pick up a roll of fishing line, and a roll of nylon rope too. The fishing line should be 40 to 50-lb single filament lightweight line, usually in 365-yard rolls, for about \$5.75 US. And select a medium strength roll of brown or camouflage nylon rope, 50 to 100 feet.

For the antenna itself, stranded, insulated 16 to 18 gauge wire is recommended. HAM tests and local electronics supply stores are good sources of wire. Wire can also be ordered by credit card from a national distributor, such as Allied Electronics. 18 AWG, MIL-W-768 Type MW, .016" Wall PVC, 80-d-eg C, 1000V, stranded tinned copper is listed in the Allied catalog at \$10.50 US per 100-foot roll, or \$70.59 per 1000 feet (Allied Electronics, Fort Worth, TX, 1-800-433-5700).

ANTENNA INSTALLATION

First, the arrows need to be modified. Drill a small hole at the tail end of each arrow. The hole should be just large enough for the fishing line. If you don't have a drill, then try carefully tapping a small nail through to make the hole. If the tail of the arrow doesn't have an end cap, then wrap the end with tape first

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to prevent the wood from splitting. Remove the tape afterward.

Next tie the fishing line to the tail end of the arrow, through the hole. Tie the fishing line tightly, and then cut off the excess line so that it can't get tangled on a tree limb.

Now shoot the arrow over a tree branch with fishing line in tow. This may take some practice. The arrow may get hung-up in the tree. Wiggle the fishing line to get the arrow to drop down. If the arrow doesn't drop or gets stuck, pull it back and try again.

Once the arrow has dropped down within reach, with the fishing line over a strong and high branch, secure the arrow with fishing line to the ground so it can't be pulled up again. Go back to the fishing line roll, cut the line and attach it to the nylon rope. Then go back to the arrow, and pull the rope over the tree branch with the fishing line. Pull just a few feet of rope over the tree branch, and then secure the fishing line to the ground or wrap it around the tree trunk.

Now you're ready to attach the antenna wire. Cut the rope back at the roll, tie the insulator to the rope, and tie the antenna wire to the insulator. Wrapping the antenna wire and rope knots with electrical tape is suggested to prevent the knots from unraveling. Raise the antenna wire up into the tree by pulling down the remaining fishing line and rope back at the other end. With the antenna wire in position, tie the rope around the tree trunk, and one end of your wire is now secured.

You can choose to run the other end of the wire directly to your house, build slopers, or use the same method to run the wire from tree to tree (don't forget to attach the lead-in). The idea is to get the antenna wire as high as possible, above the noise. And you'll have fun trying to explain this to inquisitive neighbors!

TERMINATIONS

Dan Bartek Jr. of Wahoo, NE checked in to ask about terminating wire antennas. More specifically, Dan asked if my 25-meter long wires were terminated.

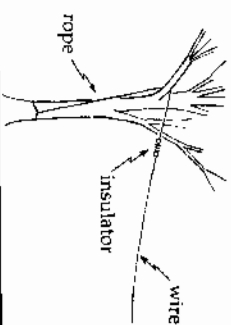
Normally, terminations are used on Beverage length wires to improve nulling by eliminating signal off the back end. In other words, a terminated Beverage should provide the highest gain for signals in the direction that the wire is run from the receiver. Without the resistor, signals will also be received from the opposite direction.

The question is how will a terminating resistor affect the characteristics of a shorter wire? I tried this using a variation of the Neil Kazarsos termination method. The far ends of each of the antennas are 50 to 75 feet high in the trees, supported by ropes per the "bow-and-arrow" method. Neil likes to terminate Beverage antennas with a 560-ohm resistor connected to another 100 to 200 feet of wire, instead of direct termination to ground. So I simply mounted a 560-ohm resistor on the insulator, and replaced the rope with more wire, to try to emulate this method of termination.

The results of this installation have been inconclusive. In some cases, I believe noise levels actually increased from local sources, and I haven't noticed any significant differences in nulling capabilities with the MWDX-5 phasing unit. However, it's an interesting concept, worth continued investigation, perhaps with parallel wires for closer A/B testing.

SOME FINAL TIPS

If your trees are really thick with branches, you may want to try using a lighter gauge fishing line such as 15-lb for bow-and-arrow installation. If the line is too heavy and suspended by several branches, then the arrow may not be heavy enough to drop down from the tree with the fishing line in tow. If you choose to use lighter fishing line, then a light gauge wire or heavier gauge fishing line will need to be used between the light gauge line and the rope. A 15-lb fishing line may not be strong enough to pull the rope and antenna



wire through, and will break, especially if the insulator or rope gets caught on leaves or twigs along the way.

If you live in an electrically noisy home, where reception is plagued by emissions from televisions, fish tank heaters, etc., then you may want to consider using noise reducing transformers to complete your installation. Having your wire high above the noise won't help much if the lead-in wire is picking up the house noise. Refer to the noise reducing transformer articles by Mark Connelly or Dallas Lankford in back issues of *DX News*. A nice reprint package is also available from the 1994 *NRC Product Catalog*. Order A69 NOISE & INTERFERENCE REDUCING ANTENNAS, Wraight, Lankford, & Connelly, \$22.00, NRC Publications Center, P.O. Box 164, Mannsville, NY 13661-0164. You'll be suprised at the results. It really works!

One more tip: protect all lead-in wire and terminating resistor solder joints from the weather with silicon caulking compound. Otherwise, long term exposure will eventually cause solder joints to become resistive due to oxidation, thus reducing antenna performance.

TARGET DX CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contributions to this column are always welcome. If you have any tips that you would like to share, write to me at the address on the column header, or I can be contacted by E-mail at "bc@lexicon.com" on Internet. Suggested topics of discussion may include (but are not limited to) DXing parallels, reception report tips, DXing the splits, DXpedition preparations, computer automation and record keeping, or suggested target lists for trans-continental, international, sunrise and sunset skip DX. 73s

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