

# DX News

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### CPC Test Calendar

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| WIRC | NC  | 630  | Feb. 19  | 0000-0030 |
| WLWL | NC  | 770  | Feb. 19  | 0100-0130 |
| CJYQ | NF  | 930  | Feb. 24  | 0100-0200 |
| KCSR | NE  | 610  | Feb. 24  | 0200-0230 |
| WTLA | NY  | 1200 | Feb. 24  | 0200-0230 |
| KVNU | UT  | 610  | Feb. 25  | 0230-0300 |
| KSIM | MO  | 1400 | Feb. 26  | 0100-0130 |
| KONA | WA  | 610  | Feb. 26  | 0400-0430 |
| KBRT | CA  | 740  | March 2  | 0300-0330 |
| HCJB | ECU | 690  | March 3  | 0100-0115 |
| KBSU | ID  | 730  | March 4  | 0200-0300 |
| KMA  | IA  | 960  | March 9  | 0200-0300 |
| WTCH | WI  | 960  | March 9  | 0400-0430 |
| WWCN | FL  | 770  | March 10 | 0300-0400 |
| KBTC | MO  | 1250 | March 16 | 0300-0330 |
| KALM | MO  | 1290 | March 16 | 0430-0500 |
| WOPP | AL  | 1290 | March 16 | 0530-0600 |
| WZZB | IN  | 1390 | March 25 | 0030-0100 |
| WSBA | PA  | 910  | March 25 | 0030-0130 |
| WBLA | NC  | 1440 | March 25 | 0330-0400 |
| WLIK | TN  | 1270 | March 31 | 0000-0030 |
| HCJB | ECU | 690  | April 7  | 0015-0030 |
| WYTI | VA  | 1570 | April 8  | 0000-0030 |
| HCJB | ECU | 690  | May 5    | 0145-0200 |
| HCJB | ECU | 690  | June 2   | 0200-0215 |

**WGAI-560** - P.O. Box 1408 - Elizabeth City, NC 27909 was to have conducted a DX test on Monday morning, February 12, between 1:00 and 1:30 am EST. Please send reception reports to Mr. Bob Carter. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

**KBOZ-1090** - 5445 Johnson Road - Bozeman, MT 59715 was to conduct a rescheduled DX test between 2:30 and 3:00 am EST, Monday, February 12. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. James A. Bender. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**WBSR-1450** - P.O. Box 8057 - Pensacola, FL 32505 was scheduled to conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 2:00 am EST Saturday, February 17. The test was to include Morse code ID's and oldies music. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Geoff Elkins, Assistant Program Director. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**WFNR-710** - 485 Tower Rd., Christiansburg, VA 24073 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, February 18, between 12:15 and 1:00 am EST. The test will be run at 500 watts from 12:15 to 12:45 and at 10,000 watts from 12:45 to past 1:00 am. The test will include rock music and Morse code IDs. Please send reception reports to Mr. Bob Travis. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

**WNAK-730** - 84 S. Prospect St. - Nanticoke, PA 18634 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, February 18 between 3:30 and 4:00 am EST. The test

will be run at 1000 watts and will include Morse code ID's, big band, vocals, and some c&w music. Please send reception reports to Mr. Robert W. Neilson/General Manager. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

**WLWL-770** - P.O. Box 1536 - Rockingham, NC 28380 will conduct a DX test on Monday morning February 19 between 1:00 and 1:30 am EST. The test will be conducted at 5,000 watts and will include Morse code ID's and music. Please send reception reports to Mr. Keith Davis. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

**CJYQ-930** - P.O. Box 8010 - St. Johns, NF, A1B 3M7 Canada will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 2:00 am EST, Saturday, February 24. The test will include oldies music, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs. The power will be 50 kW using a nondirectional antenna pattern. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Andy Newman, Program Director. (Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.)

**KCSR-610** - 226 Bordeaux St. - Chadron, NE 69337 will conduct a DX test on Saturday morning, February 24, between 2:00 and 2:30 am EST. The test will be run at 136 watts and will include polkas and Morse code IDs. Please send reception reports to Mr. Jeff Wing. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

**WTLA-1200** - P.O. Box 781 - Utica, NY 13503 will conduct a DX test between 2:00 and 2:30 am EST, Saturday, February 24. The test will include test tones, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs at 50 kW using a nondirectional antenna pattern. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Dave Doughty - Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**KVNU-610** - P.O. Box 267 - Logan, UT 84323 will conduct a DX test on Sunday morning, February 25, between 2:30 and 3:00 am EST. The test will be run at 1000 watts and will include Morse code ID's and something "distinctive". Please send reception reports to F.S. Weller. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

**KSIM-1400** - P.O. Box 1610 - Cape Girardeau, MO 63702 will conduct a DX test between 1:00 and 1:30 am EST, on Monday, February 26. The test will include test tones, voice IDs, Morse code IDs, and an unspecified selection of music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Dave Obergoenner Director of Engineering. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**KONA-610** - P.O. Box 2623 - Tri-Cities, WA 99302 will conduct a DX test on Monday morning, February 26 between 4:00 and 4:30 am EST. The test will include Morse code IDs and talk. Please send reception reports to Mr. Art Blum, Chief Engineer. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

*From the publisher ... I apologize for the tardy CPC listings above. They were temporarily "lost" on my computer. "DX Time Machine" returns next week.*

# AM Switch

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

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

When the FCC workers finally returned after their furlough and the blizzard they were greeted with mail bags three feet deep. We expect things to go slow for awhile yet BUT, we actually did get some fresh FCC info so it looks like we at the AM Switch desk are back in business once again. But our timing stinks! Within the week we'll resume our NASCAR activities with our upcoming trip to Daytona so AM Switch will again be missing from Issues 21 and 22. Hopefully the FCC (and the entire federal government) will continue to operate and we should have a LARGE AM Switch in Issue 23. This edition brings you all the info we have on hand as of February 4th.

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

|      | <u>Old call:</u> |    | <u>New call:</u>    |
|------|------------------|----|---------------------|
| 540  | *New             | AK | St. Paul KUHB       |
| 810  | WKNV             | VA | Dublin WPIN         |
| 890  | WCQR             | VA | Fairlawn WKNV       |
| 900  | WINF             | VA | Staunton WKDW       |
| 950  | KJJO             | MN | St. Louis Park KSGS |
| 990  | CKIS             | PQ | Montreal CKGM       |
| 1220 | KTSJ             | CA | Pomona KWPA         |
| 1230 | KGFI             | CA | Los Angeles KYPA    |
| 1240 | KPPC             | CA | Pasadena KXPA       |
| 1370 | WNCY             | IL | Lincoln WPRC*       |

\*Note: Change to WNCY was set aside, station remains WPRC.



## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

|     |      |    |   |
|-----|------|----|---|
| 760 | CFLD | BC | Burns Lake: night power to 1000 watts                             |
| 810 | WISZ | MI | Rockford: day power to 3800 watts (modifies existing application) |

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

|      |      |    |   |
|------|------|----|---|
| 580  | WTCM | MI | Traverse City: powers to 15000/800  |
| 1270 | KFCC | TX | Missouri City: 2500/850 U4 (ex-Bay City, TX, see AMS V62 Issue 27 for background on this station) |
| 1300 | KGLO | IA | Mason City: relocate transmitter, antenna to U4   |

## OTHERNESS

|      |       |    |  |
|------|-------|----|--|
| 630  | WMFD  | NC | Wilmington: station had to remove a tower which had become unsafe, now operating with a longwire antenna strung between the two remaining towers |
| 810  | WNSI  | AL | Jacksonville: silent station (since 1992) has been testing and may return soon (ex-WJXL)   |
| 970  | WVAO  | VA | Waynesboro: silent station is ON THE AIR   |
| 990  | WERK  | IN | Muncie: silent station scheduled to return to the air in March 1996  |
| 1040 | WJHR  | NJ | Flemington: this long standing CP for a new station has been sold to new owners so it may still have life  |
| 1120 | WKTD  | NC | Wilmington: new station is ON THE AIR  |
| 1450 | CBGA4 | PQ | Causapasal: will cease operation when new FM in Matane on 97.5 is on the air   |
| 1520 | WHIC  | KY | Hardinsburg: station is SILENT   |

**THANKS!** Ron Bailey, Shawn Axelrod, Dave Schmidt, Denis Picard, Andy Rugg, Sid Steele, Greg Myers, Les Johnson, Ed Krejny & MSJ

73 and Good DX, *Jerry & BKF* Jerry Starr & Bufalo K. Foonman

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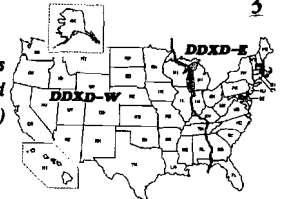
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between East and  
Central time zones)



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

## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RMBLINGS

- A nice Graveyard report this week from Bob Mielcarek of Milwaukee with 71 total loggings. And six new records, all on 1490. And in the stable is another update from Richard Turner.
- I know I've included a couple of "east" items this time, but every little bit helps!

## REPORTERS

|       |                 |                |   |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| BK-CA | Bob Karchevski  | Sunnyvale      | NC-183D and 4' box loop   |
| DS-TN | Doug Smith      | Pleasant View  | TS-680 ham rig & 160-meter dipole at 25', + station news  |
| MS-ON | Morris Sorensen | Scarborough    | unID help   |
| BM-WI | Bob Mielcarek   | Milwaukee      | lcom R70A, Palomar Loop   |
| MS-CA | Mike Sanburn    | Bellflower     | GE Superadio II   |
| DE-MO | Dennis Elya     | Jefferson City | GE Superadio III and the Delco <76472.2246@compuserve.com>  |
| JW-OR | Jack Woods      | Waldport       | Lowe Europa, Hammarlund SP-600 ALN-1 loop, Palomar loop amplifier with homebrew box loop <jwoods@ednet1.osl.or.gov> |
| JR-OK | John Reed       | Ponca City     | Receiver: Communication Electronics 373A-2 + Kiwa MAP; Antennas: Noise reduced wire, Kiwa MW loop                   |
| Ed-ID | Editor          | Meridian       | a no-show this week, along with hundreds of others!   |

## SPECIAL

- 950 KLIK MO Jefferson City - NRC Log book, 16th Edition, shows KLIK // 94.3. Not so anymore. Both play C&W music, but FM is now KAT Country. KLIK is still the same. (DE-MO)
- 1060 WPHC TN Waverly - 2/2 12:59 & 2/3 14:35 - Fair, with Cat Country 105 // 105.1 FM. Someone - don't remember who - reported this station was on a very limited schedule. Not anymore. (DS-TN)
- 1380 KRAM MO St. Louis - Don't know if anybody reported this yet, but KRAM is now // 104.1 with AC music. (DE-MO) [They have now, hi - Ed.]
- 1430 CKYC ON Toronto - Is now airing some Chinese programming. The reporter thinks the slogan may be CITI, Toronto Chinese Radio but not speaking Chinese he isn't sure<g>. There might be a call change here. (Internet newsgroup via DS-TN)
- 1560 WRSJ PR Bayamon - Recently posted a job opening on Compuserve, in which they mention an English-language news/talk format. Change from the listed Spanish easy listening? (DS-TN)
- 1580 KTGR MO Columbia - Still // 96.7 with AC, but also // WKBQ 104.1 and KRAM 1380 for the duration of the Steve & Dee Cee Show on weekday mornings (don't know the exact hours). (DE-MO)
- 1600 WINX MD Rockville - Another reporter says WINX-1600 is now being simulcast on WQRA-94.3. The hourly ID gives the FM calls but otherwise it's WINX AM-16 and FM-94. (Internet newsgroup via DS-TN)

## UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 710 CKVM PQ Ville Marie - KW-WI's unID in Number 13, with programming // CBF-690 ... This may be CKVM Ville Marie PQ, as I have heard them with SRC (FF CBC net) // CBF at times in the past. (MS-ON via Dave Braun via Dave Yocis)
- 1160 WKCM KY Hawesville - My unID from last report. Was able to catch weather for Hancock County. A check of my road atlas shows Hawesville in Hancock County. Call to station confirmed it was them IDing as 105.7. (BM-WI)
- 1660 WJDM? NJ Elizabeth - 1/28 0615 - Heard some signal fading up sporadically, but no audio. Would fade up to a peak, then abruptly cut off. (MS-CA)

**DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS**

- 640 KYUK- AK Bethel - 2/3 - Not heard. Very strong signal from KFI-CA. Weak signal under KFL, believed to be KGVW-MT. No ID heard. (JW-OR)
- 1070 WANM+ FL Tallahassee - 1/20 0300 - Tentative, with what sounded like slow code, different tone from normal code. (BM-WI)
- 1210 KGYN- OK Guymon - 1/29 0300-0400 - Nothing heard that might have been a station testing. Did hear KEBR with bad KDFC-1220 slop. From 0330-0400, KDFC slop lighter and KEBR (REL talk & music) dominant. 0400 Heard KPRZ ID as well as KEBR & K???-FM, Sacramento. If KGYN tested with 10 kw, their pattern nulled to the west. (BK-CA)

**KFTM/KBRU**  
P.O. Box 430  
Ft. Morgan, Colorado 80701

**TIS & OTHER STUFF**

- 1610 TIS CA Hollywood - First heard 1/1 - Atlantic Sunset Underground Radio, operating with 1/10th of a watt, but covers several blocks all the way into Beverly Hills. Tape loop previews records, etc. Phone number is 213-6SUNSET. (MS-CA)
- TIS KY Paducah - 2/3 1427 - Local travel info WEEEELLLLCCCOOMME to Paducah!!! (excited announcer!) Weak but readable. New. (DS-TN)

**MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT**

- 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas - 2/4 0259 - ID before news. NEW, gave way to two unID SS stations, then CHTN came back under the unID SS. WGN went down for transmitter maintenance. They kept on going off and on, with all kinds of test tones, so it was kind of nerve wracking. (DE-MO)
- CHTN PI Charlottetown - 2/4 0228 - Young Girl by Gary Puckett & The Union Gap. Oldies Coast To Coast satellite network. Over unID SS station. (DE-MO)
- 970 WDAY ND Fargo - 1/31 0606 - 34 Degrees below zero now in Fargo with a wind chill of minus 62. No sign of usual pest Wave 970. (DE-MO)
- 1070 WIBC IN Indianapolis - 1/29 0708 - Heard ID, local talk about the Hoosier Dome. Creamed by WDIA @ 0715. No sign of KHMO. (DE-MO)

**0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT**

- 560 WHBQ TN Memphis - 2/2 1209 - Fair, with local WYOR off, with "Fabulous Sports Babe" sports talk show. (DS-TN)
- 820 WSWI IN Evansville - 2/2 1245 - Weak, with modern rock. (DS-TN)
- 830 KBOA MO Kennett - 2/3 0853 - C&W with ID and Cotton Country. (JR-OK)
- 920 WMOK IL Metropolis - 2/2 1251 - Weak, with C&W & calls, under WLIV. New. (DS-TN)
- 1420 WADX GA Trenton - 2/3 1422 - List of Trenton-area cold-weather shelters. (DS-TN)
- 1520 KMPL MO Sikeston - 2/3 1425 - With nostalgia. Calls weak in WLAC splash. New to Pleasant View log. (DS-TN)
- 1550 KAPE MO Cape Girardeau - 2/2 0855 - Only heard ID with Cape 1550. (JR-OK)
- 1590 WAIK IL Galesburg - 2/4 0812 - ID heard, then faded. (JR-OK)
- 1600 KVRD AZ Cottonwood - 1/28 0800 - Loud sign-on after SSB. ID: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. This is KVRD in Cottonwood, Arizona signing on . . . Mentioned Highway 89. Into news and BRN programming. (MS-CA)
- KXEW AZ Tucson - 1/28 0808 - With CLs in SS and into SS tune. (MS-CA)
- KYGO CO Lakewood - 1/28 0802 - At good level, in KMNY SP, with ID and Beverly Hillbillies theme. (MS-CA)
- 1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth - 2/3 1429 - Fair, with Radio Aahs Countdown. Expected a weak carrier from this one (1:30 pm local time), and was pleasantly surprised by listenable audio! (DS-TN)

**1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT**

- 570 KGRT NM Las Cruces - 2/2 2035 - C&W with ID, then faded. (JR-OK)
- 670 KWXI AR Glenwood - 2/2 2040 - Local news with ID and Quicksee Country. (JR-OK)
- 590 WMBS PA Uniontown - 1/20 1718 - In and out quickly, with singing ID. (BM-WI)
- 950 KKFN CO Denver - 1/29 2348 - Local sports talk program. Completely nulled local CLLK. Above unID Christian Contemporary station. (DE-MO)
- 1210 KOKK SD Huron - 1/22 1805 - End of ABC News . . . brought to you by the American Legion of Downtown Huron. (BM-WI)

1540 KXED CA Los Angeles - 2/2 2023 - Good, with rush hour traffic report in SS. Mentioned Glendale, and the Long Beach and Golden State freeways. Last heard in 1984. (JW-OR)

**GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE**

\* indicates North American record-holder

**1490 kHz:**

|      |    |                   |               |               |     |
|------|----|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| KOTN | AR | Pine Bluff        | Bob Mielcarek | Milwaukee, WI | 648 |
| WFKY | KY | Frankfort         | Bob Mielcarek | Milwaukee     | 370 |
| KJIN | LA | Houma             | Bob Mielcarek | Milwaukee     | 944 |
| WJMO | OH | Cleveland Heights | Bob Mielcarek | Milwaukee     | 340 |
| WJNL | PA | Johnstown         | Bob Mielcarek | Milwaukee     | 502 |
| WBCB |    | Levittown         | Bob Mielcarek | Milwaukee     | 704 |

|                   |                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Totals:</b>    |                    | <b>1230</b> | <b>1240</b> | <b>1340</b> | <b>1400</b> | <b>1450</b> | <b>1490</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Richard W. Turner | North Dartmouth MA | 10          | 4           | 3           | 6           | 7           | 7           | 37           |

**ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD**

/ :parallel to :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 NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier POL: political PRI: Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International



**DDXD-East**

Upcoming Tuesday deadlines: February 20 March 5, March 26, April 9.  
Doesn't look like the Alaska tests made it into the northeast ... a pity, since they came 27 days and one solar cycle after the great NW conditions of January 6-9. If ever we had a shot for Alaska, I thought this might have been the time.  
A number of folks sent in e-mail notices about KTRK-1670, which came on the air a few hours before our deadline today. The station will probably be off the air by the time this hits print.

**SPECIAL**

- 550 WPNW RI Pawtucket - Address in Log is incorrect; letter returned by PO. (BH-NJ)
- 730 WACE MA Chicopee - 2/3 0430 - ID as "WROL-950 Boston, WCRN-830 Worcester, WACE-730 Chicopee." Now 24 hours carrying IBN programs. (RM-CT)
- 890 WBPS MA Dedham - Per Boston Herald on 2/4, this station will be dropping SPT format in favor of ETH. (RWT-MA)
- 1110 WPMZ RI East Providence - Per letter from WHIM-1450, the address in Log for WPMZ is wrong. (BH-NJ)
- 1510 WXVX PA Monroeville - Previously silent station returned to the air 1/12 with new format of B:MOR (for example, lotsa Luther Vancross). New slogan is "Smooth 1510." (CC-PA)
- 1670 KTRK MD Fort Meade - 2/5 1140 - First noted at this time with 1 kHz tone, ID 1146 then into music complete with DJ Tom Wynns. Calls itself "K-Truck," "Kilo, Tango, Romeo, Kilo." Said they were operating under the Communications Act of 1934, 305-A, as amended. 5 kW non-directional ... no big deal here at 40 miles. Gave a phone number but did not work when I tried. Will try for a verie, maybe first heard. (JEK-MD)
- + 2/5 1741 - AC/DC tune, K-truck and KTRK IDs. Strong signal. Thanks to Joe Kureth for tip. (DY-CT)
- + 2/5 2000 - They're on the air!!! This is their first night, smokin' in with a doo-wop program. IDs as KTRK and "K-Truck." (RR-ON)
- + 2/5 2000 - On with a powerful signal, playing the blues. They mention receiving calls from all over. New York City listeners are complaining about the "Yellow

Brick Road" station's interference on 1660, presumably a reference to WJDM with their R. Aahs format. The signal is stronger than WJDM here. (JR-NY) 2/5 Time? - They're on, IDing as "K-Truck" and booming in here with rock. Supposed to be on for about a week, but says for the next 24 hours. (AM-VA)

### DX TESTS

640 KYUK

**AK Bethel** - 2/3 0400-0430 - Not heard. CBN dominated most of the time with fair-to-good signal with "CBC St. John's" ID at 0400, into R. Australia program to CBC news at 0430. During their occasional fades, the channel seemed to be an incomprehensible jumble of many signals. On one occasion, a second audio appeared for about 5-10 seconds, a US newstalk station with a monotone, businesslike male announcer reading news at a fast clip, KFI? A 1 kHz het, probably from Spain-639, very evident at 0400, but had faded away by 0420. This with the phasing unit tweaked for a null to the south; all sloop from WRKO-680 (3 miles south) and all co-channel QRM from Latin America was thus removed. (MC-MA) Tried, not heard. I hope people who heard the "tone" don't think they had AK, that was a het from probably Latin American on 641a kHz. This looped roughly N/S from here. (AM-VA) Not heard, just WNNZ. (RM-CT)

WWLS

**OK Moore** - 1/15 0100-0200 - Code ID 0105 and nothing else, as unID C&W and WCRV with REL drama dominated.

650 KYAK

**AK Anchorage** - 2/4 0400-0500 - Not heard, with HJKH phased. WSM was atop most of the time, but not particularly strong. Some classical piano music, possibly CKGA, emerged briefly. (MC-MA) Tried, not heard. (AM-VA) Not heard, just WSM, Colombia. (RM-CT)

750 KFQD

**AK Anchorage** - 2/4 0400-0430 - With WSB/CKGY nulled, CKGB dominant with C&W music. Traces of SS and WSB sneaked through the null at times. (MC-MA) Tried, not heard. (AM-VA) Not heard; just WSB, CKGB. (RM-CT)

1020 WIBG

**NJ Ocean City** - 1/6 0200-0600 - Not heard at 0200, just unID SS in KDKA null. But at 0455-0557 recheck, heard with weak signal in KDKA null, contemporary Christian music, live DJ with station address between records. (BH-NJ)

1070 WANM

**FL Tallahassee** - 1/20 0300-0330 - Good under WIBC with nearly wall-to-wall code IDs. (SF-TN) Code IDs at 0302, 0304, 0306, 0314. Very weak under WKOK, CHOK. Armchair copy of WKOK suggests they were on daytime power to cover flooding in the Susquehanna Valley. (JL-OH) Not heard; frequency dominated by usual pests WKOK and CHOK. (MB-ON)

1210 KGYN

**OK Guyton** - 1/29 0300-0400 - Not heard. (SF-TN) Not heard, just WGMP. (BH-NJ) Not heard under WGMP. (JL-OH)

1340 WOOW

**NC Greenville** - 2/5 0100-0130 - Not heard. (RM-CT)

1460 KLTC

**ND Dickinson** - 1/23 0230-0330 - Not heard. (SF-TN)

1590 WPWA

**PA Chester** - 2/5 0000-0030 - ID heard: "Good evening. You're listening to the DX Test for the National Radio Club from WPWA, Chester, Pennsylvania." Not needed here, but glad to hear again anyway. (RWT-MA)

### UNID and UNID HELP

530 UNID

1/21 1825 - Talk show, mentions of Marytown, area code 416. (WM- MD) [CIAO. - DY]

1430 UNID

1/28 0125 - Gospel music over WVAM's C&W. (WM-MD) [I'd guess that the GOS is probably WNJR; and the C&W is probably CKYC. But one would need to wait for an ID to be sure in either case. - DY]

### LOGGINGS: 0000-0800 ELT

560 WFRB

**MD Frostburg** - 1/28 0650 - C&W music, weather forecast, ID. (WM-MD)

CFOS

**ON Owen Sound** - 1/14 0735 - Poor with night pattern and 1,000 watts, "Radio Bible Class." Switched to day pattern and 7,500 watts 0758, suddenly at armchair quality. (RH-ON)

580 WCHS

**WV Charleston** - 1/25 0459 - Promo for "The Gary Burbank Show on Talkradio 580 WCHS ... join us tomorrow at 3." They might have been running Mutual's "American in the Morning"/Bohannon. Fair, did hang in for a while! (RH-ON)

CKAP

**ON Kapuskasing** - 1/22 0443 - AC format, Mariah Carey, Starship, etc. Live

## KAAN

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Bethany, Missouri 64424

CKWW

local overnight show with male host. Promos for "Don Cherry's Grapevine" brought to you by Northern Pizza, "Chrysler Morning Oldie" at 8:05 with the Coffee Crew, ad for Pontiac/Buick dealer in Kapuskasing, yuk yuk promo, "This is 580 CKAP Kapuskasing," "Serving Northern Ontario with all of your favorites, CKAP AM 58." Lots of fades and splash from CJCL-590, but great audio on peaks. All alone this morning. (RH-ON)

850 WYLF

**ON Windsor** - 1/25 0459 - Local show with male announcer giving out calls, female fielding calls. Very weak and didn't hang around long, in with CKAP, WCHS. (RH-ON)

1250 CHWO

**NY Penn Yan** - 1/18 0655 - Atop with NOS and several call mentions in promo for upcoming craft fair in Canandaigua. 850 #25 and NY #60. (SF-TN)

1380 WTVR

**ON Oakville** - 1/28 0145 - NOS music under WTAE. (WM-MD)

1460 WCMB

**VA Richmond** - 1/28 0140 - NOS music. (WM-MD)

1570 WPGM

**PA Harrisburg** - 2/2 Time? - Promo for Imus, news, ID "AM 1460," weather with Gary Bell. Local WBET covered them at sunrise. (PG-MA)

1660 WJDM

**PA Danville** - 2/1 0600 - Sign-on as "WPGM/WPGM-FM." Quickly faded. (PG-MA)  
**NJ Elizabeth** - 2/2 0710 - R. Aahs programming; caught ID at 1700 with R. Aahs mentions. Format change has taken place. (CRB-NY)

### LOGGINGS: 0800-1600 ELT

1070 WIBC

**IN Indianapolis** - 1/29 0905 - Fair over CHOK with local weather, ID promo as "News every hour where news comes first, 1070 WIBC," into sports report hosted by Colts play-by-play announcer. (MB-ON)

1370 WKMC

**PA Roaring Hills** - 12/28 0805 - Mention of grant to Butterick Company, free trade zone in Altoona, mention of Governor Ridge, then call letters, weak with WELV, WFEA. (PG-MA)

1570 WFLR

**NY Dundee** - 1/10 0813 - Ad for Graff's Greenhouse, Waktins Glen. Announcer Dick Evans, sports with Dave Garvey. News, weather, sports "for the Finger Lakes." (PG-MA)

### LOGGINGS: 1600-2400 ELT

560 WFIL

**PA Philadelphia** - 1/19 2258 - Ad for the "Spiritual Treatment Network," religious programming, forecast "for Philadelphia, South Jersey, and Delaware," "News of the Gospel" preached by male, ID as "Talkradio 560 WFIL." Poor with downfades, along with SS station (WIND or WHND). (RH-ON)

580 WIBW

**KS Topeka** - 1/29 1954 - Poor but audible in LSB with talk, call ID. First time heard with audio; last heard during DX test 12/19/94. (MB-IN)

KLBG

**LA Alexandria** - 1/29 2055 - Poor, in/out with ID as "Thanks for listening to KLBG, where God's Word is first priority," REL music. Taped report sent. (MB-IN)

820 WBAP

**TX Fort Worth** - 1/23 2210 - State of the Union address. (WM-MD)

870 WHCU

**NY Ithaca** - 1/12 1635 - Talk, Peter Ford, local newsmen discussing snow emergency in NYC area, many IDs. Great reception, no sign of WWL. (RCP-IN)

940 WKGM

**VA Smithfield** - 1/18 2135 - Religious program. (WM-MD)

950 WQBE

**WV Charleston** - 1/18 2035 - Dayton vs. Virginia Tech basketball game, mention of University bookstore. (WM-MD)

960 KZIM

**MO Cape Girardeau** - 1/11 1755 - News/talk, slogan used "Newstalk 960 KZIM." Reporter discussing failed attempt of around-the-world balloonist, fair in jumble. (RCP-IN)

970 WHA

**WI Madison** - 1/11 1744 - EDU/Talk, male and female discussing First Amendment rights, popped up suddenly over usual WAVG, gone by 1800. (RCP-IN)

1040 WJTB

**OH North Ridgeville** - 1/9 1720 - Black Gospel music featuring female choir, very good in WHO null. (RCP-IN)

1130 WBBR

**NY New York** - 1/24 1900 - ID, time check, hourly news break, mention of Wall Street, "Information Radio." (WM-MD)

WISN

**WI Milwaukee** - 1/10 1741 - Talk show in progress, host was bashing President and Hillary over Whitewater, travel office firings, etc. Seldom heard here, way over WBBR. (RCP-IN)

1140 WVEL

**IL Pekin** - 1/10 1800 - Black preacher talking about origin of human race in Africa, interesting, sign off at 1800. Fair in WRVA null. (RCP-IN)

1200 WCHB

**MI Taylor** - 1/6 1652 - Talk host interviewing people attending auto show, sounded like Chicago Auto Show? Fair. (RCP-IN)



- KFNW ND West Fargo - 1/9 1745 - REL station, has been something of a pest lately, way over WOA! at this hour. (RCP-IN)
- 1250 WTAE PA Pittsburgh - 1/10 1702 - News at top of hour, generous IDs, briefly in with talk, gone by 1715. Fair over usual WEMP. (RCP-IN)  
1/19 1815 - Tom Leykis show. (WM-MD)
- +  
1270 WXYT MI Detroit - 1/27 1845 - Call-in talk show, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1300 WOOD MI Grand Rapids - 1/27 1900 - End of call-in show, ID, "Newstalk 1300," NBC news. (WM-MD)
- 1370 WMIT WV Moundsville - 1/30 2105 - Good-poor with PSAs, mention of Moundsville, Chuck Harders' "For the People." Gone by 2109. Twenty rompin' stompin' watts! (MB-IN)
- 1440 WHIS WV Bluefield - 1/26 1850 - Discussion of college basketball. (WM-MD)
- 1470 WTKO NY Ithaca - 1/27 2000 - "Newstalk 1470, your information source"; ID, ABC news. Over WLOL's NOS. (WM-MD)
- 1480 WGVU MI Kentwood - 1/27 2320 - Discussion of race relations, NPR. (WM-MD)
- 1590 WWCC PA Honesdale - 1/7 2359 - End of John Denver song, mention of "50 years of service," ID and signoff, indicated operating at 2500 watts. Weak but clear. (PG-MA)
- 1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth - 1/19 2100-2130 - Finally got this one. Fair-good with medley of 60's and 70's oldies, WJDM jingles, and ID promo "WJDM, America's first station on the expanded band." (MB-ON)

### TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 680 WPHF584 NJ Highlands - 1/7 1548 - Noted during snowstorm with loop tape urging residents not to park on streets, and warning of floods during high tide. They QSL! Address: Borough of Highlands, Office of Emergency Management, 171 Bay Ave., Highlands NJ 07732. (BH-NJ)
- 1620 UNID 2/1 0110 - Not sure if Europirate, domestic pirate, or a new expanded band "legit" station. Heard "I'm Still Alive" by Pearl Jam; signal then faded into the mush and was covered by "PCH" and TIS's. (MC-MA)

### REPORTERS

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|--------|-----------------|---|
| CRB-NY | Charles Bernth  | Eastport NY: Car radio                            |
| MB-ON  | Mike Brooker    | Toronto ON: Panasonics RF-2200, RFB-45            |
| MB-IN  | Mark Burns      | Terre Haute IN: R8, Quantum loop, 80' LW          |
| MC-MA  | Mark Connelly   | Billerica MA: NRD525, ICF2010, tape recorder      |
| CC-PA  | Chris Cuomo     | Verona PA   |
| SF-TN  | Steve Francis   | Alcoa TN: Realistic TRF                           |
| PG-MA  | Phil Greenspan  | Marshfield MA: Superadio III                      |
| BH-NJ  | Bob Harrison    | Union NJ: Superadio III                           |
| JEK-MD | Joe Kureth      | Uniontown MD: DX-375, Superadio III               |
| JL-OH  | Jeffrey Less    | Toledo OH: Fisher series 80 tuner, 1' loop        |
| WM-MD  | William McGuire | Cheverly MD: DX380                                |
| AM-VA  | Al Merriman     | Chincoteague-VA: R8A, 2' box loop, slopers        |
| RM-CT  | Ron Musco       | Poquonock CT: HQ150, Radio West loop              |
| RCP-IN | Robert C. Pote  | Greenwood IN: R8A, Quantum loop                   |
| JR-NY  | Jim Renfrew     | Rochester NY                                      |
| RR-ON  | Robert S. Ross  | Somewhere in ON                                   |
| RWT-MA | Richard Turner  | North Dartmouth MA: STA300, FM200, Select-a-Tenna |
| DY-CT  | David Yocis     | Norwalk CT: R390A, Kiwa loop                      |



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**DX Digest**  
*Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.*

Hank Holbrook sends in his survey of recently heard Top End Band DX, the international items of which are shown below. A lot of activity up that way this week, with a widely heard signal from KTRK on 1670. And we get a piece of the DDXD story in IDXD, because the station is headed to Bosnia.

Jean Burnell has been working on local IDs for Spanish synchros, and we welcome to William McGuire! The internet is really heating up with Robert Ross and Alan Merriman in the information highway passing lanes!

When reporting, please follow the exact format you see below. If I have to "massage" your text, the job takes hours longer, which I'd much rather use for DXing! Deadlines are Sundays.

Jim

### TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA Bechar, Ent. Nat'le de Radiodiff, FEB 4 0225 - Good, DJ AA talk. Into AA string music. Local Drum interludes and AA vocals. [Ross-ON]
- 162 FRANCE RFO Allouis, FEB 4 0236 - Male DJ talk in FF. FF Music program. Lots of FF pop Music. Woman DJ talk. No actual ID heard so tentative only. [Ross-ON]
- 183 GERMANY Europe #1, Saarlouis, (Felsberg), FEB 4 0504 - Male EE DJ, EE pop music program, ID's as Europe # 1. [Ross-ON]
- 198 ENGLAND BBC Droitwich, FEB 4 0242 - Pop Music program, songs by Crystal Gayle and Elton John. ID's as BBC and male DJ with EE talk between songs. [Ross-ON]
- 216 FRANCE RMC Romoules, FEB 4 0402 - Woman FF DJ, ID as Radio Monte Carlo. Music interlude. FF pop music program. [Ross-ON]
- 252 ALGERIA Tipaza, Ent. Nat'le de Radiodiff., FEB 23 2255 - Good, woman and man DJ's exchanging talk in FF. News items after 2300 UTC. Mentions of Algerienne and other African Cities. [Ross-ON]
- 252 IRELAND, Atlantic 252, Clarkestown, FEB 4 0245 - Wicked signal this morning!!! Pop/Rock music program. Woman DJ with ID's as Atlantic 252. Male DJ with talk between songs. [Ross-ON]
- 531 ALGERIA Ain-El-Beida FEB 4 2222+ - slow AA music, male vocal and // 153. An unusually weak 530 made this possible. [Merriman-VA]
- 558 SPAIN / UNID RNE5 Valencia et al FEB 4 0436+ - playing "Stand By Me", good and // 684, 855 etc. SAH and bits of audio behind, Switzerland? [Merriman-VA]
- 567 IRELAND, R. 1, Tullamore, FEB 4 0403 - end of weather report, man said "becoming breezy"; then rock music was played. The signal was quite good on peaks, although it was nibbled-at by splash from CJEM's FF music upon occasion. [Connelly-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid et al., FEB 4 0402 - SS news // 639; over growl and WBNW slop. [Connelly-MA] FEB 4 2234+ - man in fast SS mentioning Spanish cities and numbers so assume sports scores, probably soccer. [Merriman-VA]
- 585 UNID A strong low-pitched het has shown up here the past couple of days. This is interesting as I have never before had anything here but Spain, not even a SAH. Anyone know the source? [Merriman-VA]
- 594 PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca, Muge, FEB 4 0401 - PP talk by man, cutting over strong WBNW-590 slop. Without the slop, this would have been excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 594 SAUDI ARABIA(?) / PORTUGAL JAN 17, 0315+ - AA music, was not // Morocco who had a man in AA at the time. 0324 Muge up briefly with a man in PP and again 0327 Muge up for a couple of minutes with man in PP. 0332 man in AA, rather emotional sounding talk, readable for 5 minutes to real good peak at 0336. This sounded just exactly like man on 1521 at 0330, but no direct // possible as 1521 had faded. 0350 fast AA music, female vocal, and very briefly seemed // 1521 but not in long enough to tell for sure but again not // Morocco. This faded completely at 0356 which is near sunrise in Duba, Saudi Arabia. 0414 Muge very good with man in PP followed by romantic music. No direct //s yet so still a bit tentative. [Merriman-VA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, Sevilla / Palencia, FEB 4 0401 - // 639 with taped excerpt of man giving SS political speech. This was followed by a female newscaster's comments. Good



- signal. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 0255+ - woman in SS with teletalk, very good sig and // 855 etc. [Merriman-VA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, FEB 3 0543 - good with Koranic male AA vocal. [Connelly-MA]
- 612 IRELAND, RTE 2 FM, Athlone, FEB 4 0329 - light pop-rock vocal // 1278; briefly even with Morocco. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 1 0505 - SS news; fair to good. FEB 4 0406 - SS news breaking above the WZON/WVMT/ WSKQ slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, La Coruna et al., FEB 4 0400 - pips, woman mentioned R. Nacional Espana, then man read news in SS; good. [Connelly-MA] FEB 7 2150+ - loud, 2 men in SS, one very excited with sports play by play and // 855. Was loudest signal on the band at this time. [Merriman-VA]
- 648 SAUDI ARABIA, Jeddah, FEB 4 0255 - male AA Koranic vocal; fair. Traces of other signals (Spain ?) way under. [Connelly-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa et al., FEB 3 0538 - man in PP, then light female vocal; good with delay-line phaser set to null WRKO-680 pest. [Connelly-MA] FEB 3 0750 - good with romantic PP vocal, 0802 man in PP with probable news but going fast and still // 837. [Merriman-VA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS R.10 Gold, Lopik FEB 3 0540+ - loud, playing "Tell Laura I Love Her", now I know what the "10" means, it's the age group they program to. [Merriman-VA]
- 684 SPAIN RNE, FEB 4 0335 - Good for a few minutes with man speaking in SS. [Renfrew-NY]
- 684 YUGOSLAVIA(?) Beograd FEB 4 2215+ - instrumental music, way over Spain to 2216 fade. FEB 6 0044+ - man in ??, rather melancholy music, male vocal, 0049 woman in ?? mixing with and under Spain. Woman sounded like the one heard here before. [Merriman-VA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R. 5 synchros, FEB 3 0536 - EE talk; fair to good through CBF-690 / WRKO-680 slop. [Connelly-MA] FEB 4 0511+ - loud with man/woman in EE. [Merriman-VA]
- 711 UNID FEB 0055+ - man in AA, 0057:30 AA music, female vocalist, loud, big SAH and not // anyone I could find. During the period man was speaking there may have been a bit of audio behind from a second station. [Merriman-VA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland, FEB 1 0455 - man in Dutch; good. + FEB 4 0257 - DD teletalk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 CANARY IS RNE5 Las Palmas FEB 9 0230+ - woman in SS with a "litttle girl" sounding voice, fair and // 855 etc. WRTH no longer lists any Spanish stations here, guess Dutch QRM got too much for them. [Merriman-VA]
- 756 GERMANY, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, FEB 1 0502 - news by man in GG; fair over likely Spain. FEB 4 0258 - classical music; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, FEB 4 0258 - classical music; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 1 0458 - SS talk & teletalk by excited announcers; excellent with WABC phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE Radio 1, San Sebastian, FEB 6 0655-0700 - Regional time-out began with "Radio Nacional de Espana en el Pais Vasco" then local news by 2 men; back to full network program at 0700; SIO 333. [Burnell-NF]
- 774 EGYPT (?) Abis FEB 3 0025+ - AA music, mixing with and over Spain to good peaks. This scheduled to sign off at 2330 but maybe late for Ramadan? Don't think this was Morocco, C program signs off at 2400 and 827/1044 which were in well earlier were off. Tentative. [Merriman-VA]
- 774 MOROCCO Agadir C Jan 30 2350+ - AA sounding music, not the wilder Berber, very loud and completely over Spain. [Merriman-VA]
- 783 PORTUGAL R. Comercial, Mirandela/Porto FEB 4 0440 - man in animated PP, fair and seemed alone, low pitched het not present. [Merriman-VA]
- 792 SPAIN Date/time for log in last issue was JAN 12 0123+. [Merriman-VA]
- 819 EGYPT (t), FEB 4 0357 - AA vocal atop a mix of others. [Connelly-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Barossa, FEB 3 0600 - pips, PP news // 666; fair. [Connelly-MA] FEB 3 0838+ - 56 with pop music, 0850 loud with 2 men in PP but was gone by 0900. [Merriman-VA]
- 837 SPAIN COPE Sevilla et al FEB 3 0243+ - man in SS, // 1296 on top briefly but in and out with Azores next few minutes. Canaries should be off. [Merriman-VA]
- 837 SPAIN R. Popular de El Ferrol, El Ferrol del Caudillo, FEB 8 2255-2300 - Local ads and promos, just before 2300 "Onda Ferrol en 837 de onda media", COPE net program resumes at 2300; mixing with another COPE station and RDP Azores, SIO 332. [Burnell-NF]
- 846 ITALY, R. Due, Roma, FEB 4 0357 - classical piano music; fair through WEEI slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 4 0356 - spirited SS vocal & guitar; good. [Connelly-MA]

- 855 SPAIN RNE Radio 1, Santander, FEB 9 0654-0701 - Very clear with national net sports, into regional time-outs at 0655 when the frequency became a tangle of at least 4 RNE signals of significant strength, only one clear ID: "Radio Nacional de España en Cantabria", back to national net at 0700; SIO 322. [Burnell-NF]
- 873 SPAIN, SER, Zaragoza, FEB 4 0356 - SS talk, just slightly over many others. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 0150+ - woman in SS running teletalk, fair/good and // 1044. Seemed all alone for a change. [Merriman-VA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R. Wales / R. 4, Washford et al., FEB 4 0355 - EE panel discussion; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R. 5 synchros, FEB 1 0520 - EE talk by man & woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 927 BELGIUM (?) JAN 18 0451+ - TT, good but faded before possible 0500 s/on. [Merriman-VA]
- 936 SPAIN RNE5 FEB 6 0025+ - woman in SS on top of jumble and // 1125. [Merriman-VA]
- 945 FRANCE Toulouse JAN 17 2221 - carrying Foreign Service with woman in SS, loud. [Merriman-VA]
- 954 SPAIN R. Espana, Madrid FEB 4 0520+ romantic music, female vocal, very good. [Merriman-VA]
- 963 TUNISIA (?) International Service, Tunis FEB 5 2233+ - woman/man and back to the woman in what sounded like FF, nice signal on peaks but bad 960 slop. Was not Portugal as 594 was loud and not //. [Merriman-VA]
- 981 ALGERIA Alger, Berber Program, JAN 17 2338+ - 10/59 with wilder sounding music than normally heard here, sounding more like the Morocco Berber program. [Merriman-VA]
- 999 SPAIN COPE Madrid FEB 4 0534+ - man/woman in SS, good. [Merriman-VA]
- 1008 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland (t), FEB 4 0259 - believed this with 440 Hz test tones. This and CFRB were both blitzing WINS at the time; WINS's signal is "wimpy" on its temporary antenna set-up. [Connelly-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS / UNID SER Las Palmas JAN 18 2232+ - nice signal, string of spots and promos with more IDs in 4 minutes than you expect in a lifetime including a nice "...Radio Las Palmas, (numbers), Las Palmas de Gran Canarias". It appears that for the most part the SER and COPE stations in the Canary Islands do not run // to the same network stations in Spain and that WRTH is correct in that they do not normally run AN. In replaying the tape of this there is definitely a second station here with a man in ?? If the schedule for the Dutch station in WRTH is correct, wonder who this was? Sure doesn't sound like SS. [Merriman-VA]
- 1017 GERMANY, Rheinsender, FEB 4 0301 - news by man in GG; slightly over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN SER Reus et al FEB 4 0446 - man in SS, nice signal but bad WBZ slop and // 1044. [Merriman-VA]
- 1035 ITALY R. Due, Milano et al JAN 21 2127+ - man in fast II, nice signal, no slop and definitely // 846. Nice to ID this. [Merriman-VA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER, San Sebastian et al., FEB 1 0527 - SS teletalk; excellent. FEB 4 0302 - SS news by man; loud, atop a low growl. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO This is carrying the C Program, not Medi Un. Several times, both here and on 827 I have heard brief announcements that sounded like FF so possibly a bit of FF is mixed in with the Berber Program. [Merriman-VA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synchros, FEB 1 0530 - to good peak with mention of "the morning show on TalkRadio UK". FEB 4 0303 - caller complained about 12 and 13 year old girls posing suggestively in teenage magazines. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK, Danmarks R., Kalundborg, JAN 31 0359-0400 - guitar instrumental, then Danish talk; good. FEB 1 0526 - man & woman in Danish; good to excellent. [Connelly-MA] FEB 4 0450 - loud with woman in Danish, WRTH says this is Weather Report, I won't argue. [Merriman-VA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, TalkRadio UK synchros, FEB 4 0305 - strong, // 1053, with discussion of what the maximum penalty for rape should be; then talk about juries and pre-trial publicity. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA/SPAIN Nitra FEB 4 0452+ - on top with instrumental music, briefly mixed with Spain at 0453, man/woman in SS, Nitra back on top 0454, loud on peaks. [Merriman-VA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 4 0307 - to good peaks with SS flamenco guitar music. [Connelly-MA]
- 1125 CROATIA, Deanovec, JAN 31 0357 - vocal by men's choir, // 1134. Signal good on peaks (over Spain) and actually better than 1134 a few times. [Connelly-MA]

- 1134 CROATIA, Zadar, JAN 31 0357 - vocal by men's choir, // 1125. Generally over Spain. Fair with some WBBR slop. [Connelly-MA] FEB 4 0345 - Good with Balkan pop music. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1134 SPAIN R. Popular de Pamplona, Pamplona, JAN 25 2255-2300 - Local ads, ID just before 2300 "la Radio Popular de Pamplona", COPE net program with Jose Maria Garcia after 2300; SIO 222. [Burnell-NF]
- 1134 SPAIN R. Popular de Jerez, Jerez de la Frontera, JAN 26 2252-2300 - COPE net economic commentary, split to local ads at 2255:25 made a real mess of the frequency but ID "COPE Jerez" with frequency at 2258, COPE net again at 2300; SIO 222. [Burnell-NF]
- 1135 UNID JAN 16 2150+ - het on the high side of 1134, weak but in early enough in the afternoon that it is not a Latin American. JAN 20 2211+ - again just a weak het. This has been heard before, in fact is fairly regular but always very weak. Nothing reported from Nfld - anything being heard here in Europe? [Merriman-VA]
- 1143 SPAIN R. Popular de Oviedo, Oviedo, JAN 29 2255-2300 - Local ads and news items began with "COPE Oviedo" ID, into COPE net program at 2300; SIO 222. [Burnell-NF]
- 1143 KALININGRAD Mayak, Bolshakovo FEB 7 0557 woman in RR, 0559:30 Mayak IS twice through the noise. FEB 6 0116 - someone briefly loud with TT, probably Kaliningrad. [Merriman-VA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE5 Malaga et al JAN 21 2159+ - woman/man/woman in SS to fair peaks, and // 1125. This has probably been heard before but never enough audio to get positive //. My gift from Dave Schmidt, Mr. Musings, who was here for another short visit. [Merriman-VA]
- 1179 SWEDEN R Sweden Foreign Service, Solvesborg FEB 4 2156+ - man in EE giving phone number, E-mail address, ID, Swedish song, IS, brief anmt by man in Swedish, instrumental music and woman in Swedish at 2200 with probable news. A huge signal over 1180. [Merriman-VA]
- 1197 ENGLAND Virgin Radio, (ugh!) synchros, JAN 30 0015 - Ad for movie "Heat", pop music // 1215; SIO 232. [Burnell-NF]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin Radio synchros, FEB 4 0325 - Meat Loaf song, brief mention of UK sporting event, then early '80s British oldie "My House in the Middle of the Street"; good. FEB 4 0345 - "It's a Livin' Thing" by ELO; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, FEB 4 0344 - male a cappella Koranic vocal; huge. [Connelly-MA] FEB 4 2228+ AA music, male vocal, stronger than 1250 domestics. [Merriman-VA]
- 1278 IRELAND, RTE 2 FM synchros, Cork / Dublin, FEB 4 0329 - light pop-rock vocal // 612; poor to fair, in slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN/UNID FEB 3 0247+ - TT way over Spain as I came back to double check 837 // . 0251 COPE Valencia audible behind tone with man/woman, teletalk? 0252:30 on top with man in SS and instrumental music. TT faded 0257 but back strong at 0302 so probably not Sudan. BBC maybe? Again FEB 6 0318+ - TT over Spain. [Merriman-VA]
- 1296 SUDAN Rebia JAN 17 2144 - AA music/ flute, 2145 man/woman in AA, fair/good, 2214 wild sounding a cappella chant by a man, 2223 almost western sounding music with female vocal, last two checks very loud and all // 7200. This was readable virtually every time I checked for best part of an hour. [Merriman-VA]
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, FEB 5 0549 - woman in Norwegian seemingly talking about skiing and other winter sports; fair to good. [Connelly-MA] FEB 6 0320+ - S9+25 db with Everly Brothers "All I Have To Do Is Dream". [Merriman-VA]
- 1395 ALBANIA, Filake (Lushnje), FEB 5 0545 - Slavic talk by man & woman, atop a low growl. Holland, if on, should have been within a few Hertz; the growl may have come from low-powered Spaniards instead. [Connelly-MA]
- 1395 UNID (New Dutch?) JAN 18 0003+ - EE rock surfaced for about a minute barely over the S8/9 noise on the frequency, I listened for another 10 minutes and seemed to be more music but buried. A bit less 1390/1400 trash and this would have been good. [Merriman-VA]
- 1422 GERMANY, Heusweiler, FEB 5 0541 - GG talk; poor to fair, lots of slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1458 ENGLAND Fortune 1458, Manchester, JAN 27 1955 - Pop music, male announcer "here on Fortune 14-58"; weak but essentially alone at this time, SIO 242. [Burnell-NF]
- 1458 ALBANIA R. Tirana, Filake JAN 17 2149 - AA sounding music, 2150:45 woman /man in presumed Albanian and 2152 rock female vocal, a nice selection of music, nice signal on peaks and all // 6170. In again same time next afternoon but not as good. New. [Merriman-VA]
- 1485 SPAIN / UNID SER Alcoy / Castellon / Santander JAN 17 2156 - man in excited SS, 2200 calmer sounding man/ probably news, 2211 woman/man in SS and over S9. Great

- signal for 3 2 kw transmitters and // 1044. Second station behind occasionally with music may have been the other Spanish Net station. [Merriman-VA]
- 1503 UNID FEB 8 0001+ - very weak instrumental music on a S9 carrier in briefly. The Polish transmitter here is supposedly testing so may have been them. There is a carrier here fairly often but audio is scarce. [Merriman-VA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, Duba, FEB 4 2021 - fading up to fair level with AA talk by man, better than 1520 domestics on this pre-sunset reception. [Connelly-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN, Vatican R., FEB 5 0539 - Vatican IS repeated several times; just slightly above a jumble of others. This seemed a little weaker than usual; luckily, WSAI was down to almost nothing - the unruly jumble probably had Sao Tome and several Latin Americans in it. [Connelly-MA]
- 1566 AZORES Vila do Porto FEB 3 0840 - music, female vocal, fair peaks in and out of the noise as dawn approached. [Merriman-VA] FEB 4 2115 - excited PP announcer, crowd noises; poor to fair through WQEW-1560 / WNSH-1570 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 5 0538 - fair on peaks with fast-paced SS newstalk // 1584. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 ITALY Radio Uno, Genova et al JAN 17 2234+ - man in fast II, fair/good and // 1332. Probably the Spanish stations under. [Merriman-VA]
- 1584 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 5 0538 - fair on peaks with fast-paced SS newstalk // 1575. [Connelly-MA]
- 1593 GERMANY, Holzkirchen, FEB 5 0537 - Slav-sounding talk by man; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1619 NETHERLANDS PCH Scheveningen Radio - most evenings and early AMs with CW IDs. Several reports sent in recent years, has not QSLed. [Holbrook-MA] FEB 4 0350 - Fair, PCH repeated in morse code. [Ross-ON] (Robert, note correct frequency - Jim)
- 1620 unID, FEB 1 0610 - not sure if Europirate, domestic pirate, or a new expanded band "legit" station - what was heard was "I'm Still Alive" by Pearl Jam; signal then faded into the mush and got covered by PCH / TIS's. [Connelly-MA]
- 1677 IRELAND?, DEC 29 0440-0445 - In EE with navigational warnings for Irelands and northwest Ireland. Dredging at Portland PORT. Anyone know location and address? Only heard once. [Holbrook-MD]

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, FEB 10 0445 - Strong with usual news program, and code IDs. [Renfrew-NY]
- 590 UNID, DEC 23 2145 - SS programming. [McGuire-MD] (I think William is reporting this EST, so probably Cuba - Jim)
- 600 CUBA R. Rebelde, JAN 16 0203 - fair to good although sandwiched between locals CJCL-590 and CKTB-610 with man in SS with news, possible sports promo at 0205 (sounded like play-by-play segment), followed by "Rebelde" ID by man. [Sorensen-ON]
- 620 CUBA Havana, DEC 12 0350 - SS female announcer saying the news. [McGuire-MD]
- 620 UNID, JAN 12 0238 - SS talk with male announcers giving play-by-play of fast-paced sports event, many references to "Santiago", faded after about 5 minutes. [Sorensen-ON] (Cuba or Dominican Republic? - Jim)
- 640 GUADELOUPE RFO Pointe-a-Pitre FEB 3 0845+ - good with man/woman in FF, mixed with SS station - Cuba? - while waiting for the AK test. [Merriman-VA]
- 641A UNID FEB 3 0400+ - het on the high side of 640 during AK test which seemed to loop due N/S from here. I assume this is a LA but guess it could be domestic. On Jan 4 this was in again, fairly strong at times but was unable to get any audio so possibly OC. [Merriman-VA]
- 690 ECUADOR HCJB, FEB 4 0600-0615 - test not heard, nor was that broad hash signal evident, only CBF and EE sports (WJOX?). [Renfrew-NY]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TWR Bonaire, DEC 18 0100 - Well on top with instrumental music, SS talk by a man with a couple of "Radio Transmundial" IDs, into SS Christmas music. [Sorensen-ON]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS R. Paradise, Basseterre, JAN 16 0143 - // KTBN 7510 kHz with Trinity Broadcasting Network EE religious show on parenting. [Sorensen-ON]
- 900 MEXICO XEW Mexico City, JAN 16 0230-0400 - Fair to good, first noted 0230 with SS talk, seemingly about a Mexican drug dealer who was being extradited from Onterrey to Houston (also heard on CNN that evening), and again at 0400 atop local CHML with Mexican news. [Sorensen-ON]
- 938 CUBA, R Reloj, Colón, Matanzas FEB 7 1742+ - strong with usual M&W news, "RR" minute tones. [Krueger-FL]
- 1025 TURKS & CAICOS IS Caribbean Christian Radio JAN 21 0330+ - Christian music, request for financial support, ID, and slightly off 1020. From the rather mournful sound of the

- request for support it appears this might be heading for the rocks which is good in a way since they need a new one for the transmitter. [Merriman-VA]
- 1090 CUBA R Guama, Stanta Lucia, Pinar del Rio FEB 7 1710+ - strong news and local events by man and woman, canned "Esta es R Guama, la hora de la familia, la Guama nacional" and shortly after, into novela. [Krueger-FL]
- 1320 PUERTO RICO WUNO San Juan, DEC 11 0100 - SS news and talk, buried underneath others. [McGuire-MD]
- 1560 PUERTO RICO, WRSJ Bayamón, JAN 8 0715 - Mention of the "Newsource" and "The News Station." Ad for a mutual savings bank in San Juan. Meteorologist Mike Deplatzi discussing temperatures in the 70's. Ad for Sabin Chemical. Reception received in the middle of the big blizzard with WQEW off. Combination of weather report, San Juan mention, time one hour later, and format lead me to Puerto Rico. Faded in and out from 0715 to 0810. [Greenspan- MA]
- 1685 COLOMBIA MER Mercaderes - often heard evenings and AM hours, often good. Has anyone been able to obtain a QSL? No luck here. [Holbrook-MD] (I don't even have an address - Jim) FEB 4 0041 - Beacon CW Morse code, fair. [Ross- ON]
- 1700 BRAZIL CRJ Maraba, JAN 15 0520 - tremendous signal spreading all over the place. A DXer reported a QSL a year ago or so but no luck here. [Holbrook-MD]

*Terry speaks:* "One of these days, when it's actually warm like it's supposed to be, I'm going to make a day of it at Fort DeSoto island park at the southern tip of the county, armed with the NRD-525, Superadio III and a short length of wire (well, long enough to trip beach-goers), as I suspect there's a couple of never-before-heard (by me) local Cubans that would make it on daytime water path. Would like to think I could pull an XE or two, maybe Jamaica as well since Cayman on 1205 is a regular (albeit with almost no audio) at my QTH local daytime."

#### TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 270 RUSSIA Khabarovsk, Far East, FEB 3 1025 - Fair with man speaking RR. [Woods-OR]
- 279 RUSSIA Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk FE, JAN 29 1058 - Poor with RR talk, a brief musical sequence, about 20 seconds of dead time, into news in RR. [Woods-OR]
- 594 JAPAN JOAK Tokyo, JAN 29 1123 - Fast JJ talk by man. Fair signal. NHK1. [Woods-OR]
- 774 JAPAN JOUB Akita, FEB 3, 0954 - Poor to fair with EE lesson; talk about telephones. [Woods-OR]
- 850 HAWAII KHLO Hilo, FEB 2 1425 - Fair with NOS/OLD over KOA. [Woods-OR]
- 1314t JAPAN, JOUF Osaka, FEB 2 1412 - Very poor with pop music and Asian talk by woman. Believe JJ. [Woods-OR]
- 1476 RUSSIA Tavrichanka FE, FEB 3 1412 - Fair with RR talk and popular music, Russian sound. [Woods-OR]

#### STATION NEWS

- BOSNIA: A mobile studio is being run by US IFOR troops from Tuzla - primarily with hard rock music - and the ID "AFN-Bosnia, Voice of the Balkans". ABC News reported frequency is 1030 with omni-directional 4 kW transmitter, known as "Radio I4 Rock"; but reported in Italy testing on 1030 before operating on 1020 kHz. Also heard in Holland and UK. [F. Magrone in *Medium Wave News* FEB 96] (see next item! - Jim)
- BOSNIA/USA: KTRK-1670 is going to take it on the road, according to info received from Gerry Bishop: "Bigg Donn announced tonight (FEB 7) that they're going to pull the plug tonight at midnight EST. Said they're going to take it to Bosnia. I called for more info. Didn't get a specific date they'll be on the air there, but Spc4 Perkins told me the freq will be 1143 kHz. They'll run local programming during the day, with satellite fed AFRTS at night. I'll be back in Vicenza, Italy, with NATO air ops from late April until July, and will look for this one when I'm there. Perkins said they'll be up on one of the hills around Tuzla, which should help put the signal out to the US sector. I wish them well. The XYL has restated her position that I not set foot in anything that is or was part of Yugoslavia. I may have to violate this and go to Slovenia, however. After all, a pin in the map is a pin in the map. In any event, I do not hope to experience this operation with ground wave propagation." [Bishop-FL] (KTRK address is: ABS, 601 N. Fairfax St., Room 340, Alexandria, VA 22314.)
- COLOMBIA: Re: Craig Barnes logging of 770 HJXX, NOV 18 2220 with ID "La Voz de los que no tienen voz". A very interesting slogan - "The voice of those without a voice." This slogan or a variant is sometimes used by community social-activist stations broadcasters in Latin America. Its use by one the largest commercial networks in Latin America is, well, interesting. Usually Colombia's other major network, CARACOL, is criticized for being so

- hand-in-hand with Colombia's business and political power structure. There is a lot of overlap at high levels between CARACOL, high govt officials, and officials in a number of Colombia's largest companies. There is good reason to believe that this taints CARACOL's objectivity in reporting news unfavorable to the govt or major Colombian companies. RCN is not that much better, but I think the overlap has been less visible for them. Looks like they are trying to turn this to a commercial advantage. I would want to know a little more, but I suspect this is more than just a little hypocritical. [Moore-IA]
- GERMANY: ERF Mainflingen will start on 1539 JAN 4, 24 hours, 700 kW night, 120 kW day. [Haenssler in *Medium Wave News* FEB 96]
- IRELAND: RTE Radio 1 (567 kHz) is facing a major shake-up as the latest figures show it is losing listeners to the country's commercial broadcasters. The station is now operating 24 hours a day to introduce new programmes and presenters to appeal to the 25-40 age group. [O'Donnell via BDXC UK in *Medium Wave News* FEB 96] United Christian Broadcasters moved from 864 kHz to 549 kHz on JAN 6, using 1.65 kW, to avoid Paris. [BEFF in *Distance* JAN 22]
- NORWAY: Jan Alvestad in Norway has been investigating why Kvitsoy 1314 has a dirty signal ... "Today [JAN 16] I was on the phone with the engineer currently working at the Sveio transmitter site. He said that the Kvitsoy signal is being phase modulated. This is a test but judging from his comments it seemed the test would last until this kind of operation becomes a standard. What does the PM signal carry? For one it has an RDS-like part, in this case consisting of the ID "NRK AM". The signal is also being used for GPS purposes ... he also said the same kind of system is currently tested elsewhere in Europe, and he mentioned some of the frequencies: BBC 198, Germany 153 and 756 (he wasn't completely sure about the German frequencies) ... The engineer claimde the signal could pose problems to certain receivers, particularly those employing synchronous detection. This is potentially a serious threat to our hobby ..." [in *Medium Wave News* FEB 96]
- RUSSIA: Sakhalin Radio 271, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, is back on the air after 3 years silence. Local programmes 20-21, 22-2230, 08-0815. [Media Round-Up via BE/MV/EKO in *Medium Wave News* FEB 96]
- SAN ANDRES ISLAND/USA: J. D. Stephens notes in Phil Bytheway's *AM-DX Newsflash* that, per verie letter from the station, WSUA-1260 Miami is an affiliate of the CARACOL network. This, and not Isla San Andres, must have been my 1260 kHz CARACOL station on DEC 7 as reported in IDX. Oh, well. [Yocis-CT]

#### UNIDS, QUERIES, ETC

"I may have the answer to George Holland's question about the "crash sound" in 153 kHz. I believe he is hearing the packet signals for GEWN (Ground Wave Emergency Network). There are 20 channels for this system, starting with 150.625 kHz, all the way up to 174.375 kHz, at intervals of 1.25 kHz. Transmissions are a series of 1200 baud data bursts with 600 Hz shift of two seconds' duration each. The signals have a hissing sound, like an open two-way radio unswitched. GEWN is a military survival communications network, supposedly invulnerable to the electromagnetic pulse generated by a high-altitude nuclear burst." [Crabill-VA]

Tim Cook (in *Medium Wave News*) is looking for a schematic for the Worcester Electronics Laboratory's SM-2 "Space Magnet" ferrite bar loop antenna, as his has stopped working. Anyone with info, please contact Tim via e-mail at [timcook@erinet.com] or let Jim know through the mail and he will send it on to Tim. (Has he checked NRC Reprints, possibly the archived files? -pls.)

#### QSLs

With Rich McVicar on the road for a time, I am going to share this interesting e-mail item from Terry Krueger that might normally appear in his column: "CMBQ 1290 KHZ 1 Kw Habana is the flagship station of the smallest Cuban network. CMBQ is the callsign; do you want me to relay your report to their chief engineer for a QSL letter? Radio Enciclopedia is a cultural station, playing light music and providing information about cultural affairs. It simulcasts on FM here in Havana on 93.7 mhz. 73's and good dxing. Arnie Coro host of DXers Unlimited Radio Havana Cuba" [Krueger-FL]

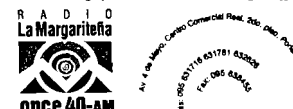
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# Formats

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*Changes in programming status; reported by listeners*

John Hanz of Old Bridge, N.J. advises that WVNJ-1160 has entered the adult standard race for listeners in the New York City area, offering the old WNEW format, and hoping to hire some former WNEW staffers. With an expected power increase to 20,000 watts, WVNJ anticipates successful competition with three Long Island stations, WQEW, WFAS-1230, WMTR-1250, WVOX-1460, and two area FM stations. While DX'ing, your editor noted that WAGE-1200 is now country, WARD-1550 airs One-on-One Sports (at least at night), and WWKB-1520 is indeed a country station, albeit automated. This will be better than nothing here, as the only big country station in the New York City market, Evergreen - owned WYNY-103.5 is rumored to be contemplating a format change to dance. WYNY has a very loyal following of listeners - in the suburbs, outer Queens, and Staten Island, but it does not sell in inner city Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, and most of Queens. This rumor prompted WGSN-740 to drop its satellite - fed adult standards for satellite - fed country music, according to a source. However, the directional WGSN signal, protecting Toronto, goes away from much of the NYC area. I hope that the country music stays on WYNY. It is live assist, too.

Here are format changes from the *M Street Journal* ....

|        |      |    |                    |   |
|--------|------|----|--------------------|---|
| 612(!) | KUAM |    | Guam               | - Rock music.   |
| 630    | KNRC | NV | Reno               | - Country music // FM (Is this the NRC's new west coast station? WNRC - FM is at Nichols College, MA. John Malicky and Chris Cuomo visited its studios!). |
| 730    | WSTT | GA | Thomasville        | - Black gospel.   |
| 770    | KPBC | TX | Garland            | - Christian teaching programs.  |
| 790    | WLSV | NY | Wellsville         | - SMN Real Country.   |
| 790    | WSVG | VA | Mt. Jackson        | - JSN CD Country.   |
| 800    | WPLK | FL | Palatka            | - SMN Adult Standards.  |
| 810    | WTHV | GA | Hahira             | - SMN Urban AC.   |
| 830    | WETR | NC | Eden               | - Talk and beach, rhythm and blues.   |
| 850    | WPTB | GA | Statesboro         | - One on One Sports.  |
| 850    | KHCO | HI | Hilo               | - To format country music in February.  |
| 900    | KGRB | CA | West Covina        | - Ranchero.   |
| 900    | WGSN | SC | North Myrtle Beach | - Adult contemporary.   |
| 900    | KKRT | WA | Wenatchee          | - One on One Sports.  |
| 910    | WFDF | MI | Flint              | - News, talk, sports, four networks!  |
| 910    | KBIM | NM | Roswell            | - News and talk.  |
| 920    | KVEC | UT | Vernal             | - Oldies and talk.  |
| 940    | KFRE | CA | Fresno             | - News and talk // KMPH-FM.   |
| 940    | WCND | KY | Shelbyville        | - WW-I Standards.   |
| 960    | WJCM | FL | Sebring            | - JSN Oldies.   |
| 980    | WAZS | SC | Summerville        | - Country music, sports, rhythm and blues, and childrens' programming, something for everyone!  |

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|------|------|----|------------------|--|
| 980  | WHAW | WV | Weston           | - Talk and country music.  |
| 990  | CKGM | PQ | Montreal         | - Ex-CKIS, oldies, now all talk and sports.  |
| 1010 | WMOX | MS | Meridian         | - All talk.  |
| 1010 | KTNZ | TX | Amarillo         | - News, talk, sports.  |
| 1060 | CFCN | AB | Calgary          | - Adult standards.   |
| 1060 | KUKQ | AZ | Tempe            | - Rock variety "KUPD-2".   |
| 1060 | WKGQ | GA | Milledgeville    | - Urban.   |
| 1070 | WZBZ | NY | Plattsburg       | - Talk.  |
| 1080 | WOAP | MI | Owosso           | - Adult standards.   |
| 1090 | KYBG | CO | Aurora           | - Drops sports for CHR // KQXI.  |
| 1120 | WBNM | GA | Gordon           | - WW-I / CNN Headline News.  |
| 1130 | CKWX | BC | Vancouver        | - All news.  |
| 1130 | WKED | KY | Frankford        | - WW-I Standards.  |
| 1160 | WKYN | KY | Florence         | - All Imus!!!  |
| 1190 | WPSP | FL | Royal Palm Beach | - Sports, three networks.  |
| 1220 | WJAX | FL | Jacksonville     | - Easy listening // FM.  |
| 1220 | WENC | NC | Whiteville       | - Black gospel and rhythm and blues.   |
| 1240 | WULA | AL | Eufaula          | - Urban.   |
| 1240 | WRAQ | NC | Brevard          | - Reach Southern Gospel.   |
| 1240 | KXYL | TX | Brownwood        | - Tejano and regional Mexican.   |
| 1250 | KTIM | AZ | Wickenburg       | - Talk.  |
| 1250 | WKBL | TN | Covington        | - Southern gospel.   |
| 1280 | WFYC | MI | Alma             | - PRN Talk.  |
| 1300 | KLER | ID | Orofino          | - JSN Country Music.   |
| 1310 | WTLC | IN | Indianapolis     | - Mix of black gospel, talk, and rhythm and blues.                                 |
| 1330 | WFTO | MS | Fulton           | - SMN Country Music // FM.   |
| 1330 | KUKU | MO | Willow Springs   | - SMN Oldies // FM.  |
| 1350 | WJBD | IL | Salem            | - SMN Country.   |
| 1350 | WGDN | MI | Gladwin          | - WW-I Country Music // FM.  |
| 1360 | KCMG | MO | Mountain Grove   | - Country music // FM.   |
| 1360 | WRAH | SC | Easley           | - CSN Children's programming.  |
| 1360 | WHJC | WV | Matewan          | - Bluegrass to 0900, Christian country to 1400, and country from 1400 to sign off. |
| 1380 | KLIZ | MN | Brainard         | - One on One Sports.   |
| 1400 | WBIP | MS | Boonville        | - SMN Real Country Music.  |
| 1400 | KGMY | MO | Springfield      | - WW-I Adult Standards.  |
| 1410 | KNAL | TX | Victoria         | - WW-I Adult Standards.  |
| 1420 | KITI | WA | Chehalis         | - Oldies.  |
| 1430 | KHBM | AR | Monticello       | - Southern gospel 0500 to 1500, and Christian country 1500 to 0500.                |
| 1430 | KMRC | VA | Morgan City      | - Prime Sports.  |
| 1430 | WBLL | SC | Batesville       | - Oldies, rhythm and blues, talk // WJRC.  |
| 1440 | WRAJ | IL | Anna             | - Talk.  |
| 1450 | WIBM | MI | Jackson          | - Oldies.  |
| 1450 | WMBH | MO | Joplin           | - News and talk // KQYX.   |
| 1450 | KIRK | MO | Kirkville        | - News, talk, sports.  |
| 1450 | WQNT | SC | Charleston       | - Talk.  |
| 1460 | WBAN | IL | Rantoul          | - Religion.  |
| 1490 | KOTN | AR | Pine Bluff       | - News and talk.   |
| 1490 | KXRE | CO | Manitou Springs  | - Regional Mexican // KRRU.  |
| 1490 | WWIL | NC | Wilmington       | - Southern gospel and Black gospel.  |
| 1520 | WKMG | SC | New Berry        | - Oldies, rhythm and blues // WJRC.  |
| 1530 | KHPY | CA | Moreno Valley    | - Classic country.   |
| 1550 | KWBC | TX | Navasota         | - Classic country.   |
| 1550 | WXVA | WV | Charlestown      | - PRN Talk.  |
| 1560 | WTKN | AL | Daleville        | - Talk // WWNT-1450.   |
| 1580 | WTKT | KY | Georgetown       | - Drops all Christmas (!) for urban format.  |
| 1580 | WAMY | MS | Amory            | - Talk and sports.   |
| 1590 | WATX | TN | Algood           | - Talk and sports.   |



....And....1660 WJDM-EB NJ Elizabeth - "EB" = Extended Band, will program CSN Childrens Programming! Uncle Wigley, Alice in Wonderland and Scuffy the Tugboat will be heard from coast to coast!!!! (TF).  
 All for now.

# Musings of the Members

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We're up to 4496 now, with the addition of veries from KFB759-1610 (Maine), WCGW-770-Test, WMXH-750 and WNWR-1540. KFB759 says they have 2 TIS stations on 1610, 8 miles apart, with different messages. Both are in Acadia National Park. WMXH is the result of a follow up, and WNWR says currently they are operating daytime only, but are planning to go full time around August. They are affiliated with WUST-1120 and are "multi-cultural" and the call letters stand for New World Radio. 12/18 bits of the Test from WCGW-770 squeaked though WABC's right-wing talk with some Morse Code, verie already in. Also, mention of "NE AL" in there, undoubtedly WVNN, but not enough for a report yet. 12/19 WBAL-1090 on open carrier a tone, and off altogether at times, but nothing new heard there. 12/20 On 820, and ID noted from WQSI under WNYC, but not enough for a report. That Albany, NY area TIS on 1610 in again, but I still don't know where to send my report. Report sent to WNWR-1540 at twilight, they sign off with the National Anthem. 12/27 Unneeded WSYB-1380 noted at 1:05AM and WHMP-1400 at 1:06AM, on top. 12/28 WETR-830 ex-WWMO, in under WCRN, which ID's with WROL-950/WCRN-830/WACE-730 and WWMR-FM. CFJR was in there, also. 12/31 WYRV-770 noted 4:50-5:16PM and report sent, under WABC, of course. 1/2 the 1st report for 1996 went to WLUX-540, ex-WLIX. I've been trying for a log on this one for several weeks, and it's finally in well enough to report, 3:53PM and on. 1/6 no sign of the WIBG-1020-Test, only KDKA and a Spanish. At 4:45PM, WMXH-750 in again and a combined follow-up and new report sent, and this time it produced a fine verie. 1/8 no sign of the WOOW-1340-Test. 1/18 On 1320, a station in Allentown, PA whose calls were heard several times, 2-2:15, sounded like WCKV, but listed in the log as WTKZ. A phone call to them, seeking a mailing address said the calls are indeed WTKZ, but they sure sounded like WCKV to these old ears! That late afternoon, a surprise logging of an outlet in France noted on 1467, 4:45-5:15PM. It seems as though WQEW's Monday AM Silent period is no more. They ran all night on Monday 1/22. And with WMVP-1000 now NSP, I can't think of ANY station which signs off Monday mornings! So, why schedule most of the Special Tests

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Monday mornings? Wouldn't Saturday and/or Sundays be better? Forward - March! (Yes, ask Musco about that!-DWS) (But cover your ears when he comments on Monday tests, hi! -pls)

**RAY ARRUDA - 47 BURT STREET - ACUSHNET, MA 02743-1939**

1996 has started out very snowy over a good part of the E. DX continues at a steady clip with the logging of WJDM on 1660 along with some DX Tests. Veries are back from WVLK-590, WCGW-770, WDCS-1190 and WIXN-1460, all Tests. 1/6 first new logging of the year was WIBG-1020-Test noted weak under KDKA 4:02-4:32AM with code ID's, voice ID's and music by various female artists. Per ERC phone tip back on 12/13, report taken on WJDM-1660 from 5:50-6:25PM with Spanish music, many 1660 ID's and oldies from 6PM on. Am I the last one to hear them? (No, Alfonso Bedoya hasn't heard them yet!-DWS) Going back to Monday AM 11/20, the WOON-1240-Test was not heard here 1-1:45AM (35 miles W of here) but was widely reported elsewhere. They are noted here during the day behind WUOK. Nighttime on 1240 here is usually a mess with a single station surfacing to the top just briefly every once in a while. Sorry to see DAVE BRAUN leaving as DDXD editor, he will be missed. The nicest photo ever to appear in *DX News* since I've been a member was on V36#12P36 112/18! 73

**GERRY THOMAS - 3635 CHASTAIN WAY - PENSACOLA, FL 32504**

I had been trying to log NJ from Pensacola for the past 18 years with no success whatsoever. Now, I tune to 1660 and hear WJDM booming in, I never imagined it would be this easy! Anybody know their power?(1000 watts, non-directional last report I got-DWS) There is another new-bander on 1630 that has yet to be IDed but its poorly modulated RandB/Gospel type music is sometimes weakly audible here during the day and is looped SE/NW so peninsular FL or AL/MS are possible origins. This expanded band is really something, like DXing in the 1920's. The Quantum Phaser has undergone a significant design change. While the original design performed well at my relatively low RF venue, driving over to within the shadow of a local 5kw'er (to simulate big city conditions) revealed inadequate isolation

between the 2 to-be-phased antennas. After chasing possible PCB component lay-out and ground loop problems, it turned out to be capacitive coupling of the contacts of the rotary switch. The only solution was the use of a special, very expensive (>\$40) RF switch which sent the prospective price much to close to \$200. This was, in my opinion, far too expensive for a MW-only phaser. So, I've abandoned the relatively sophisticated, fairly flexible Quantum Phaser for a simpler, less flexible design. It should, hopefully, be just about ready by the time you read this. I'm trying to keep the cost below \$100 but we'll have to see. Oh yeah, it's come to my attention that the epoxy I used on the early Quantum Loops to secure the nylon shaft extension on the variable capacitor has poor aging characteristics. The results is a potential release of the epoxy and a slipping tuning knob. Also, I've really beefed up the tilting mechanism on Quantums made within the past year or so in order to prevent thread stripping from overtightening. I now use a steel threaded insert that is impossible to strip. If your Quantum Loop has suffered from any of these weaknesses, please let me know. Repairs, as always, are free, upgrade costs are limited to the cost of materials. Finally, I had a real nice visit from NICK HALL-PATCH of Vancouver, BC a few months back. It's always nice to spend an afternoon talking DX with a expert like Nick. One more thing, the Q-Sticks are now ready. The MW model is \$52, the MW/LW model is \$72. Shipping for either is \$3 to the US, club members get a 5% discount. That's it for now. 73's

**ROBERT KRAMER (N9MBK) - BOX 59681 - CHICAGO, IL 60659**

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It has been quite an eventful time since I last Mused. 1st off, in May, I met a local ham, Renee, whom I had spoken to on the radio, but never met. We fell in love and were married on 11/11. She is interested in DXing, but mostly TV and 2 meters. She tolerates all the strange noises that come out of radios totally and instead of bugging me to get rid of some radios, she wants more!!! A perfect match! DX wise, I reached a major milestone on 1/6 with the logging of station 4000 in the form of CFXL-1140. This is just a short time after I reached 1000 on longwave. On the morning of 1/6, great conditions to the NW were noted with such stuff as CBX-740, CBR-1010, CFAC-960, CFXL-1140 and CFYM-1210. On 1/8, another great opening up that way was noted with the highlight being CJDC-890 through my 50000 watt local WLS (that's right, WLS was on when I heard them!). The phasing unit I got from MARK CONNELLY really helped with that one. It was my first logging

ever through a 50000 watt local. Also noted that morning: KFYZ-550, CJWW-600, CKQR-760, CFXL-1140, KKFN-950 (through local WEJM). Another fairly decent logging occurred in Nov. with Medfer Beacon STLMO-1690 being weakly noted with a fairly lengthy CW message, only parts of which were decipherable. In all, a great DX period. 73 (Congrats to Renee and yourself, Robert. In all the years I did DDXD, Robert became known to all as Robert KRAMMER, somehow an extra 'M' was stuck in there for about 8 years!-DWS)

**KARL D. FORTH - 2444 W. BELLE PLAINE - CHICAGO, IL 60618**

The biggest DX story of the season here has been the 1st new TA loggings since 1977. On 1/9, I tentatively heard RNE-Spain on 855 at 11:22PM CST with Spanish male talk. No ID was heard but the language was definitely Spanish. Later heard a female announcer. Also heard the next evening at 9:33PM with instrumental music. The following evening, 1/10, RNE stations on 585 and 684 were heard in parallel, roughly between 9:45-10PM (more details in IDXD). Also, the 1st audio from Kvitsoy-1314 was heard at 11:20PM with talk and instrumental music, after many tries. After reading about some of the big TA openings in Nov., I was really on the lookout for the right conditions. Past TA openings here have generally occurred in mid-winter rather than in the fall, in the late evening rather than sunset, and on the higher frequencies. There's been no sign of several stations reported in the midwest and west this season, Saudi Arabia-1521 and Vatican-1611. On the domestic scene, it's been a pretty good season, with above-average conditions noted in several directions. I received one of those KDKA-1020 tower pieces encased in lucite that I mentioned last time. Also, congratulations to ROB and RENEE KRAMER on their recent marriage. Some domestic highlights next time. 73

**KEN ONYSCHUK - 1016 LOIS PLACE #204 - JOLIET, IL 60435**

And a Happy New Year to members and hard working editors! My oldest son, Wayne, bought me a new "weather radio cassette recorder" for Christmas. Really, it's a Sony CFS-B77 radio-cassette recorder. It's not a DX tool but I needed a new recorder after I left the last one in CO! Last year, I logged just 1 new station, the Carribbean Christian outlet on 1020 on 2 nights. Locally, WJOL-1340 changed ownership, out went the nice music and female jocks. Now its news and talk blocks from 6-9AM and 4-6PM, otherwise its just local and syndicated talk shows, local

sports. Its FM station, WLLI-96.7 plays rock music and carries the IHL Wolves hockey games. Nearby in Morris, WCSJ-1550 with just 6 watts nites, plays nice Big-Band music. Its FM, WCFL-104.7 is a public supported Christian station. I've heard nothing on WSCR's nite operation on 820. WWCA-1270 remains silent and the frequency is dead mostly. On to DX TESTS: I've heard nothing. On 10/23, WDJL was a dud since WMVP decided to stay on, 11/13 WVAM-1430 was covered by WMYS, the 11/27 WJYM-730 test was unheard. I tried for the CKGY-1170 test but fell asleep. Based on my personal schedule, I just don't stay up late anymore, past 1AM. So perhaps, JoAnn and I will forward to another move eventually. DX is lousy here, there is no roof-top TV antenna to connect to. New in 1996 is another country music station as 94.7 WLS debuts, but probably will change calls soon, whenever the FCC gets around to it. Both Chicago All News stations on 670 and 780 are running old time radio shows in the 11PM-1AM time slot. So when I need sports scores, I tune to mostly dependable KYW-1060, a no-nonsense station I like. One thing I found out here is that I'm far enough W from WIND-560, with their night pattern aimed NW from 180/Cline Ave., Gary, IN, I am able to hear Bruce Williams late night on WEBC. Finally, as sports editor of the DXAS, I request members to send me a postcard with any changes on stations of your area pro-sports teams, I do read *Broadcasting* and *Billboard* regularly at local libraries but some info is missing, so I would appreciate your help. What a season to be a Bulls fan, it's fun! 73s

**JEFF H. ROSS - 7 TIMBERWICK DRIVE - FLEMLINGTON, NJ 08822**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. 1995 was a fruitful DX season here with 86 new stations added to the log. Hopefully this year will be more productive (if I'm lucky). Radio Shack has a speaker for \$19.95, the XTS25, which sounds terrific (to my ears) with the receivers I've tried it with. It uses a single 4 inch driver which seems ideal for voice and CW in addition to bring quite efficient (even the R8 drives it to very loud levels). Ramsey Electronics offers an amplified ferrite rod antenna kit for \$79.95 which would lend itself to outside mounting with a rotator. If anyone in the club has used this antenna, I'd appreciate your dropping me a note with your thoughts about its performance. That's all for now, good DX to all!

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**ANDY RUGG (VA3TEE/VE2EM) - 375 IVAN CRESCENT - CORNWALL, ON K6H 7C7**

I've spent some more time at the dials and have some more DX to report. This far inland, the TA openings remained disappointing. During a sunset bandscan with my R390A, on 12/10 I stumbled across WRMR-850 at 5:05PM, way over WEEL. My former local CKVL was at the bottom of the pile. The evening of 12/14, old friend Norway-1314 was booming in. It was clearly audible on the Grundig Satellit 650 portable. The 12/18 test from WCGW-770 was an easy catch on the TRF, my 1st new one on 770 since 1963! On 1/6, during another sunset bandscan on the R390A, I stumbled across both CKGB and WMXH-750 between 4:05-4:45PM. WMXH was a new one while CKGB was a frequency change, previously verified on 680 in 1961. On 1/10 Demark-1062 squeaked through on the HQ180 between 12:30-12:45AM, it was country #72 heard on the BCB. At sunset 1/14, I was scanning 640 on the HQ180 and was surprised to hear a weak ID from CFRA-580. It must have been a spurious combo of local CJSS-1220 and strong semi-local CFRA-580. The spread between their frequencies is 640. The 1/15 test from WWLS-640 was not heard, there was just too much from CHOG and an UNID French station. The French programming seemed to be Radio France and not the CBC. I also logged and reported 4 routine call changes, there were WEEL-850, WZBZ-1070, WDFN-1130, and CKYC-1430. TA hets have been common on 882, 891 and 909 but no audio has been heard. New veries are in from WCGW-770-Test, WNEZ-910-Test, WDCS-1190-Test and CJBK-1290. Thanks to NRCer TOM MULVANEY for the WCGW-770 test and verie. After 36 years of on and off BCB DXing, my totals are 1794 logged and 1703 verified. 73 and Good DX! (See you at Kulpville this year?-DWS)

**BILL ANDRES - 719 W. JOHN STREET - FRACKVILLE, PA 17931-1003**

In the time I've spent in metro Frackville, it has never snowed more to the S of here, as we do sit perched, like some weatherblasted jaw-a topographical dare-taunting Alberta to do its worst. But 20 inches is plenty, I suppose. Doubtless it occured to many that daytimers might've had some problems signing on that next morning. There was some decent DX that Monday afternoon, with local WMBT off the air, presumably with a satellite dish buried under a fathom of snow. Nothing new on 1530 (except WSAI at 1PM) but adjacent 1520 yielded WTRI playing what sounded like an oldies format, or at least someone was there with "Venus". WTRI did ID with a fellow named Greg-something playing piano

chords between the letters. WWKB loomed for the duration, of course. On 1510 (certainly to've been rendered inaudible had co-linear WMBT been on) was a weak and virtually unintelligible non-music format which IDED as WJIC. I thought I heard them say // 101.7 FM. During the WJIC ID, though, the city-of-license didn't sound like "Salem" (probably Canton, the city of license for their FM WNNN-DWS). They went into ABC news. While they'd been fading and UNID, I caught a 1-800 number and phoned, only to talk to a weary, snowed in Dean Witter rep who had no idea why I expected a radio station. "Must've gotten a wrong number" he said. He'd been pleasant enough, so I didn't hit him with my usual "Hey-pal-I'm a DXer!" Figuring he'd had a bad enough morning as it was, I didn't have the heart to badger him for a Dean Witter verie or coverage map. Tuesday evening 1/9, there was WJDM-1660, clarion, above and well beyond anything on the dial for some sort of regular schedule sounding tests and a canned ID at the inappropriate hour of 9PM which mentioned 1660 and 1530. No nibbles on 1530 here, though. Soothing standards on 850 mostly atop a few dozen all-sports stations IDED as WRMR. Address to send your 3 song favorites as per NRC log. For those disposed (as I'd been) to taking a breather from the all night frenzy, just to listen to good radio, might I submit the all night KMOX show Monday mornings, standards, big-voiced host, sounds like 1963 all night radio. For '50's and '60's rockers, there's Joe Donovan all night on WHAS with a nice collection of non-obvious 45's and a whale of a station ID jingle ala WRUF-Gainesville. 73 (Try again for Kulpville this year? I'm sure the snow will melt by that time!-DWS)

**RICK DAU - 1703 HILL AVENUE #34 - SPIRIT LAKE, IA 51360-1252**

Some sad news to report from the Hawkeye State radio scene. 11/23 marked the end of the glorious 36 year career for sports broadcaster Frosty Mitchell as he did his final football broadcast for the IA Sports Network. At 62, Mitchell decided now was a good time to hang it up, and many thousands of loyal Hawkeye fans, myself included, will miss hearing his golden voice on the Midwestern airwaves. WMT-600 and 96.5, the stations for which Mitchell was general manager and chairman of the board, have been sold to Palmer Broadcasting, Inc. which owns Marconi-Award winner WHO-1040 and has a sports network of its own. Overall, Mitchell has been involved in 14 transactions of radio stations changing ownership hands, including KGRN-1410 in Grinnell, where he

began his broadcasting career many years ago. As for me, no immediate plans for a radio career, but I can tell you that I've been busy on the DX scene as of late. New catches here include, on regular schedule, KXLY-920, KEZW-1430, WDAP-1530, CKDO-1350, and on DX Tests, WGDN-1350, WCGW-770, WVLC-590 and WANM-1070. I've also logged WJDM-1660 on its test schedule, but no sign yet of the Bluff City, TN station on 1680 (not heard in the Aynor, SC den since late Dec., Rick-DWS). From 12/22-28, I spent time in FL with my family, and while I didn't have much time for DXing, I did manage a daytime logging of WQAM-560 on a clock radio in an Orlando hotel room. The warm weather I enjoyed while I was there was enough to convince me to move to the Sunshine State, and that's what I plan to do, hopefully as soon as late March or early April (this quite obviously means that the get together I had slated for South Bend, IN 3/15-17 has been cancelled). In all likelihood, I'll relocate to Gainesville, and I'll be very much looking forward to corresponding with other FL DXers once I get settled in. 73 and Good DX.

**BOB MIELCAREK - 1909 W. RAMSEY - MILWAUKEE, WI 53221**

Greetings once again from the tropical paradise of Milwaukee. Well, at least it seems that way compared to what's been happening out E. The DX season still has a few months to go, but my favorite season starts in Feb., when the good old boys from Nascar run at Daytona. In the meantime, DX has been slowed but a few new ones have found their way in. WSGI-1100 was heard with full data sign-off 6PM 1/4. 1/5 brought in a new Canadian, CBR-1010 along with WAEB-790 with storm related closings. WYZQ-1600 was good to me again the next night as KUSH got on top long enough for me to catch a spot for OK State Cowboys basketball. DJ told me they've had reception reports from Germany. My verification rate has been so bad I'm thinking of giving up. I've sent out 33 reports and have only received 6 veries so far, including WSWV, KJEL, KSIR, KZIM, WCGW and WOHS.

**ROBERT C. POTE - 766 ASHFORD LANE - GREENWOOD, IN 46143-9048**

Hi. I'd like to reintroduce myself, I'm 54 years old, married and am a maintenance welder at Allison Div. of GM in Indianapolis. I've been into DXing since the early '60's when I was living in Markham, IL., my native state. I've only recently gotten back into DXing in a serious way. I have been monitoring the AM band since 6/95. In that

short time, I have logged over 330 stations in 33 states, 6 provinces and 3 countries. I'm still hoping to hear the W Coast, but I doubt I will with my present set up. My furthest W stations are KSL and CFAC. I originally got started with a Superadio III then progressed up to a Radio Shack 392 coupled to a Quantum loop. I now have a Drake R8A that I acquired over the holidays. I still haven't mastered all of the buttons and functions but it is quite a receiver. I have it hooked to the Quantum Loop and I also have a longwire of sorts in my attic that I use for shortwave listening. However, for AM listening, the Quantum Loop is hard to beat. I recently made the acquaintance of MARK BURNS, a fellow NRC member who lives in Terre Haute, IN., about 80 miles from my location. He graciously drove over here and helped me familiarize myself with the R8A. We plan on getting together for a DX session sometime in the near future. He informs me that his inlaws have a place out in the country where he has a longwire antenna setup that he uses on his Drake R8. This will give me a chance to put my Drake through the paces. I have sent out about 30 reception reports since June and still haven't heard from about 10 stations. Received nice verification letters from stations I heard involved in the DX TESTS, I certainly appreciate the efforts of J. D. Stephens and all involved in the DX TESTS. As I have heard a couple stations I probably wouldn't due to the tests. I am planning on taking a trip out to AZ this summer so I will take my trusty DX392 and Quantum Loop with me and maybe I can hear some of the W Coast clear channels from there. In closing, I would like to say that the hi-light of my week is receiving *DX News*. I try to read it over a space of a couple of nights so as to savor its contents. It is interesting to see the members reports from around the country and the distances some of the stations are received. I'm really amazed at some of the loggings from members who live in Hawaii and Australia. It makes me envious. Well, I better end this, don't mean to hog the column. Good DXing in '96! (And welcome....or is that re-welcome.....to the NRC, Robert. We'll look forward to your R8A results in a future report!-DWS)

**BART CRONIN - 10615 ROBBERS ROOST ROAD - EDMONDS, WA 98020**

6 AMs are off the air in the Puget Sound area, many recently noted in prior issues. 3 are former "Country Gold": KBLV-1540, KTOL-1280 and KENU-1330 and they are for sale. KWYZ-1230 was off for several weeks but is now on mostly duplicating KJUN-1450 and KJUN-FM. KJTT-1110 is also off as is KNTB-1480. KCPL-920 apparently sold its tower site and pulled the plug. KMTT-850 has

been sold with new call letters and format probably by the time you read this. Rumor has it the old calls of KTAC will be reactivated but with a Tacoma oriented news and talk format competing with KLAY-1180.

K-106 FM (Kickin' Country) has changed calls to KCIN but the AM 1090 remains as KRPM. There are rumors the duplicating AM will be changing calls and format shortly. As noted in a prior issue, KRPM was on 770 and swapped frequencies with KNWX (the old KING-AM). KJR-950 has tested its new 50kw rig but due to severe interference, the FCC has told the station to 'cease and desist'. Its new location is in an industrial area with shipping containers stacked 5 high within 50 feet of the towers. 3 nearby cranes are also creating havoc. The station has reportedly filed several law suits against the Port of Seattle, so the move could drag on. The 2nd of 3 stations that are moving due to the Port expansion project, KBLE-1050, moved its transmitter in late Dec. and is now sharing a tower with KKDZ-1250. Night power was lowered from 452.5 to 440 watts. The old tower on the waterfront is due to be taken down soon. KMPS-1300's move and power increase apparently will be later this year. KIRO-710, its FM and KNWX-770 will be moving studios from the formerly co-owned KIRO-TV building in early Feb. '73's.

**BURTON ZACKS - 227 8th STREET - PROVIDENCE, RI 02906**

The bad weather that we have been experiencing here in New England has really been good for DXing, helping me cross the 600 stations heard milestone, details in DDXD. I hope to reach 700 before I leave for Atlanta in the late spring or early summer. I am relocating to GA because my father's death this past Oct. has ended the need for me to remain in RI. This state is a great place in which to live if one is independently wealthy and happily married, neither of which applies to me. Otherwise, it is a struggle with a sinking economy and a tough social life as compatible single females leave for better prospects elsewhere. I have many relatives in GA and FL and some good business prospects. It will be interesting to see how DX in Atlanta and Providence compare. Regionals throughout the S should be possible except S and W TX. Radio access to the midwest should be better than from here and Mexico should be easier. I suspect that Latin Americans should be about same as from here, being about 1000 miles closer probably just about offsets a much more inland location. An Atlanta DX location will have more emergency broadcast DX opportunities as there is more severe weather and the S

Atlantic and Gulf coast hurricane zones are within easier radio reach. I will get in touch with KARL JETER and any other area DXers when I arrive.

**DAVID A. GASQUE - 1027 LAKEWOOD DRIVE - ORANGEBURG, SC 29118-9396**

There's been a few changes in the Columbia, SC radio market, I'll go over them quickly. WVOC-2 (ex-WCOS)-1400 drops their 24 hour.CNN Headline News format to take up all sports starting 1/22. They will carry Atlanta Braves baseball, selected University of SC sports events, most likely the non-revenue sports as sister WVOC-560 carrier the football and basketball games, and possibly Charlotte Hornets basketball. I would not be surprised to see them pick up the Charlotte Panthers football broadcasts also. The remainder of the programming come from the One on One Sports Network. There is talk that WVOC-2 may pick up the old call letters of WCOS again to avoid confusion with their sister station, WVOC-560. WVOC-560 has made recent changes in their nighttime schedule: 8-9PM Dr. Dean Edell, 9-12AM Michael Reagan, 12-2AM Jim Bohannon, 2-5AM Art Bell. They drop the slogan 'Radio Fifty-Six' and now use 'Radio Five-Sixty'. Til next time, '73's to all, may your TA splits be abundant! (David, I forwarded your report to PETE KEMP since it would be of value to his column-DWS)

**CHRISTOPHER R. CUOMO - 670 THIRD AVENUE - VERONA, PA 15147-1349**

In a recent MUSING, I mentioned my volunteer work announcing at WXXV. I must sadly announce that the station has been sold, and I am no longer 'employed' there. As it turns out, I was the last announcer on the station, but I didn't know about it at the time. On 1/1, I was doing my usual Monday afternoon shift, when the station engineer arrived around 3PM. Soon afterward, he was joined by Del King, who had been involved with several Pittsburgh stations over the years. He began taking pictures, at that point I became suspicious but said nothing, he probably wanted some pictures to see how the place had changed since he was involved with it briefly in the mid 80's when it was WNVU. The next day, the station was off the air. I called the station GM, who said that 'antenna maintenance' was being done, just how serious it was he did not know, but would call me when he heard anything more. 2 days later, he called to inform me the station had been sold and he was informed he had lost his job. When I told him about the meeting I noticed on 1/1, he said he knew nothing about it. It appears the 'antenna

maintenance' was nothing more than a delay to hammer out a sales agreement. And it appears Del King is involved in some capacity in the new ownership of the station, which returned to the air 1/12 with a B:MoR and no announcers or advertising. As of today (1/23) I still have heard neither, but have heard a few pre-recorded PSA's and carted ID's about every 20 minutes. I have been busy working 6 nights a week since last Sept. and as such, my DX has been done weekday mornings. The extra pay comes in very handy and I am contemplating the purchase of a new receiver, like a Drake R8 perhaps. I plan on being at the Knoxville convention and hope to have Chad Stevens taken out of cold storage and do a little announcing on convention radio, WNRC. (Doing a talk show?-FM and DWS) Would the member (I forgot your name, sorry) in MA, I believe, who sent me a copy of a QST article regarding an earlier inquiry to the Radio Boys book I found, please get in touch with me again. Your letter was in a large batch of mail my mother inadvertently threw out. If anyone else wrote to me and didn't get a reply, please try again as your letter may have been in there as well. 73s.

**DAVE SCHMIDT - P O BOX 11502 - WILMINGTON, DE 19850-1502**

This is everything received through 1/31, I made an extended trip back to DE 1/20 thru 1/31 but left the computer in SC. ERC will agree with me on this, this is the way the MUSINGS column looked every week 10+ years back! On my return back to SC, noted WCKO-1110 still off, even though the network they're tied in with is still giving an ID for it, along with WCKN-1270, WCOO-1380 and an FM in Hattiesburg, MS. WCKO has been off since mid Dec.! My route takes me right past WDSC-800 (one I rebuilt in '91) and nothing was heard coming out of the tower, and stopping by the studios (on route 501 just S of Dillon) found all the lights out and a sign on the door: "closed". And still nothing is noted 2/3 as I do the column. Tried Dept.: I was up at 3:50AM on 2/3 to try for KYUK-650, and sticking to it from 4-4:30AM, only WGST with talk and WGOC with country was heard with good signals, an UNID talker was #3, likely WFNC. If I didn't try, they would have been there! It's interesting to note that, this year, 3 NRCers have been nominated "DXer of the Year" by ANARC! And speaking of ANARC, it would be good to have a showing of NRCers at the Kulpsville 'Winterfest', to be held in March at the Holiday Inn. Kulpsville isn't one of these 'out in the middle of no place' towns, its right at the Lansdale exit of the NE extension of the PA Turnpike. For me it is a good alternative convention (it's close),