

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar

WKWF	FL	1600	April 7	0030-0100
WWCN	FL	770	April 7	0030-0100
WHK	OH	1420	April 7	0300-0330

WWCN-770 - P. O. Box 9600 - Estero, FL 33928 will conduct DX tests from 0030-0100 am EST on April 7 and every Monday through Thursday during April at 1,000 watts directional between 12:30 and 1:00 am EST. The tests will include Morse code IDs inserted during their regular programming of old-time radio serials and vintage comedy. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. "Joey C.", Program Director. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WKWF-1600: Even though this is a test arranged by IRCA, absolutely no more info than what's listed above has ever appeared in *DX Monitor* nor in any of their electronic DX info releases.

From the publisher ... First, congratulations to NRC member Mark Connelly for being named ANARC "DX'er of the Year" at Kulpville; more info on page 13. NRC ANARC rep Dave Schmidt reports brisk sales of NRC products at Kulpville; also in attendance were NRC'ers Al Merriman, Ron Bailey, Jerry Redding, John Arthur, and Skip Arey (and maybe others, but Dave was too busy to take roll, hi!).

The new ANARC chairman of the board is Mark Meece, West Chester, OH, who has been associated with various scanner clubs in Ohio; he replaces Richard D'Angelo. The ANARC Executive board recently voted to add the Cumbre DX on-line club to the ANARC family, for a total of 18 clubs now associated with ANARC. Finally, the two-year executive board terms of Harold Cones, Skip Arey, and Meece expire at the end of this year, and Meece asked for clubs to consider individuals for nominations to run for these three seats. Only club representatives can nominate candidates (themselves or others willing to serve), so anyone in the NRC who has an interest in serving on the ANARC Executive Board should contact Dave Schmidt for more information.

Dave and crew signed up seven new members and renewed another; and Ron Musco has reported a significant number of renewals, re-joins, and new members, so it would seem that we're on the way back to 800 members. Thanks also to David Lewis, Mark Burns, and others over the past

few weeks who have sent in the names and addresses of potential members to receive a sample copy of DXN, and to Patrick Griffith who requested a package of samples to hand out at a Denver hamfest; I distributed a pack myself at a Kansas City hamfest recently. We're growing again!

Patrick Griffith also forwarded the address of the apparent verie signer of the DFW 1640/1680 stations: Joe Blair - DFW International Airport - P.O. Drawer 619428 - DFW Airport, TX 75261 <<jblair@mail.metronet>>.

Finally, Michael Condon is hosting a DX-Together at 505 E. Seward St. Poynette WI 53955 (608-635-7653) on Saturday, April 12. From Michael: "Food and refreshments the live long day and evening. Tour of double radio stations. DXing the AM, FM, & TV bands. We'll go out to dinner later and scan on into the evening or until signals fade."

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Don't forget the DX-together April 12th at my house. Lodging can be arranged. Food & refreshments served all day. I'm getting WISC TV 3 to do a story on the Spring and Summer Eskip conditions that plague them and promote the WTFDA and DXing in general. If you have a lo-band channel in your area, you may want to consider doing the same.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 64

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date			
25.	Apr. 11	Apr. 21	28.	July 11	July 21
26.	May 9	May 19	29.	Aug. 8	Aug. 18
27.	June 13	June 23	30.	Sept. 12	Sept. 22

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the March 29, 1947 DXN: Hal Wagner, N. Girard, PA reported hearing CMHA, Sagua la Grande, Cuba on 1275 kHz atop HJAT from 6:00 until 9:04 pm s/off on March 17, and again after 6:00 pm on March 18 and 19.

25 years ago ... from the April 1, 1972 DXN: Ray Moore assumed the duties of the NRC treasurer ... Robert Neal topped the Domestic Contest standings, followed by Ken Onyschuk, Jim Renfrew, Charles Gill, Keith Birlingmair, and Frank Wheeler.

10 years ago ... from the April 1, 1987 DXN: Peter Weeks, Fredericton, NB reported "exceptionally good results" using a Mark Connelly phasing unit in receiving stations from France, Monaco, Luxembourg, East and West Germany, and even the USSR.

2 AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<i>Old call</i>		<i>New call</i>
1190	KFEZ	MO	Kansas City KPHN
1240	KDDZ	CA	San Diego KSON
1310	KXTN	TX	San Antonio KPOZ
1330	WFBC	SC	Greenville WYRD
1340	KNHN	KS	Kansas City KFEZ
1340	KPHN	KS	Pittsburg KNHN
1450	KOZZ	NV	Reno KPIT
1490	WFLB	NC	Fayetteville WAZZ
1600	WKEN	DE	Dover WQVL*

*Note: WKEN change to WQCQ (Issue 16) was set aside in favor of WQVL



APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

540 TX West Odessa: no facilities shown
1090 NV Hawthorne: 50000/250 (2000 CH) U7

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

820 KCBF AK Fairbanks: 10000/10000 U1
990 WVNZ VA Richmond: 10000/5000 U4 (presently running STA for 1000/13 U1)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

800 KREI MO Farmington: relocate transmitter site
1100 WTAM OH Cleveland: build new auxiliary facility
1410 CFMB PQ Montreal: to 1280 kHz with 50000/50000 U4

OTHERNESS

540 WDMV MD Pocomoke City: station has been monitored IDing as "WBey-AM" reflecting the FM station they relay, but a check of the FCC Database 3-22 shows no official change yet

650 KHNR HI Honolulu: CP for new transmitter site is on

670 WVNS VA Claremont: studios for new station have been built and construction of their 4-tower transmitter in Surry, VA is underway; station will program an All News format to the Norfolk market. Interesting note: their towers were formerly used by the now defunct CJSB-540 Ottawa, Ontario. *Expects to be testing in "three to six weeks"

790 KKON HI Kealakekua: station was SILENT for a short period but is back ON THE AIR at reduced power of 1000/1000, no information if this power is temporary

930 WYNI AL Monroeville: station is SILENT

950 WEJM IL Chicago: station had been SILENT for several weeks but is again ON THE AIR

990 KIKI HI Honolulu: silent station is ON THE AIR

1010 WIOJ FL Jacksonville Beach: CP for 23000/4300 U4 and move to Baldwin, FL has been DISMISSED

1230 KWYZ WA Everett: previously reported to be back on the air; station is still SILENT and will remain so until it is sold per call to station 3-4-97

1300 WJSH IN Terre Haute: station's mystery operation on 1380 kHz (see AMS Issue 23) has been solved, sort of; seems there is a technical problem in their transmitter that causes an occasional frequency jump to 1380 then back to 1300 again. Station said the engineer is supposed to have a look at it. Station is presently operating on an erratic schedule and has been monitored on both 1300 and 1380 at the same time on several occasions. More later.

1280 *App PQ St.Constant: application for new station has been DISMISSED
1380 WMTD WV Hinton: CP for new transmitter site is on
1400 WZNG TN Shelbyville: silent station plans to return to the air in April 1997 (ex-WHAL)
1450 WQNT SC Charleston: silent station is ON THE AIR
1470 WIJK AL Evergreen: silent station is ON THE AIR
1540 KISA HI Honolulu: silent station is ON THE AIR and relaying KWA1-1080 Honolulu
1580 KEZD CA Windson: CP CANCELLED, call DELETED
1590 WERA NJ Plainfield: station became SILENT for good on 3-6-97 and will not return, has been bought by WWRL-1600, one of three licenses they bought so they could be CANCELLED to make way for WWRL's power increase (see Otherness Issue 22)

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Al Merriman, Dave Schmidt, Don Kaskey, John Hanz, David Lewis, Dale Parks, Mark Burns, Arnold Ziffel and MSJ.
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Jerry & BKF

CKUA Silenced Forever! -via Doug Smith

(Note: money figures quoted are in Canadian Dollars)

DATELINE EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA:

In the late evening of Thursday, March 20, 1997, CKUA AM and FM radio signed off at 12 midnight for what would be the last time. Earlier that evening, the locks were changed on the doors of the studios situated at the Alberta Block in downtown Edmonton. Staff were briefed earlier in the day and instructed on picking up severance pay. The closure has put 50 on-air talent and technical staff, including 27 full-time staff, out of work.

The reason for the closing of the station was an inability to raise funds through listener support and corporate donations to carry the 2.8 million dollar operating budget for CKUA's unique brand of folk and eclectic alternative music and spoken language programming. To date, only 1.4 million was raised; 400,000 from listener contributions and 1 million to date from corporate sponsorship. With a steady stream of losses stemming from the \$7,000+ dollars per day in operating costs, the board of directors decided to perform an orderly shut down of station operations at this time. It is estimated that CKUA, which broadcast over the entire province of 2 million people through a network of 1 AM and 16 FM transmitters, carried a listenership of approximately 80,000 of which only about 4,000 routinely contributed money towards the station's operation.

This sign-off comes in the second and final year of a provincial government subsidy which would have completed the transition of CKUA from a government-owned publicly funded station, to a private broadcaster.

CKUA had its beginnings on November 21, 1927 at Corbett Hall on the University of Alberta campus in Edmonton as a station operated by the Department of Extension. The station also earned the distinctions of being one of the first and longest running government owned and publicly funded stations in Canada, Canada's oldest educational broadcaster, and the only publicly funded radio station ever in Canada to be converted to private operation.

CKUA operated as the local Canadian Broadcasting Corporation affiliate for a number of years (until the CBC set up a station of their own) and at one time counted the likes of singer Robert Goulet and a local sportscaster (Bryan Hall, still on -air in Edmonton) among its employees.

The timing of the final sign-off and closure of the station is ominous in that it comes a couple of weeks before an annual fund-raising drive, and a few months before the station's 70th anniversary.

The demise of CKUA has also caused some inconvenience for Alberta Public Safety Services since CKUA was the host broadcaster for a province-wide emergency alert system which could be activated by any municipal official via a touch-tone telephone. During the wind-up of operations, CKUA has offered to leave their network of 16 FM transmitters (12 of which are stereo and 100Kw ERP) operating with a 400Hz audio tone for as long as possible.

Not sure about renewing?

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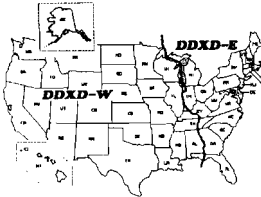
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between East and
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ☐ We're still not "settled in", but are ready for your end-of-season DX reports. Let's hear from ya!
- ☐ It didn't take long for the KMPC calls to be snatched up...
- ☐ **Pat Griffith** of Federal Heights, Colorado passes on this **HOT** address for our friends at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, operators of the two TIS stations on 1640 and 1680: Joe Blair DFW International Airport P.O. Drawer 619428 DFW Airport, TX 75261-9428 Joe promises to send a QSL, as soon as they are printed. Tim sez: "MEXICO: "K-Bach" is now "X-Bach". Owners heard that a station in the Monterey area was using "K-Bach" slogan so they changed their slogan. Tijuana transmitter will evidently be 25 kW. XETIN currently operating about 6am-6pm most days with Beatles format. Target date for classical music format is the last week of March on cable radio only, then the first week of April on "real" radio. Still no sign of anything on 1650. Our lame convention center TIS on 1620 WPJ551 announces address as 111 W. Harbor Dr., San Diego."

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SPECIAL

- 630 **KNRC** NV Reno - 10/23 0306-0312 - VID sounds like KNRC followed by *K-hit* slogan. Would appear that call letters are still KNRC and not KHIT. Very confusing. (BK-CA)
 950 **WEJM** Chicago, IL - Chicago Sun-Times reported on 3/20/1997, that Douglas Broadcasting has agreed to purchase WEJM from Evergreen Media. The plan is to change the call letters and switch to time-brokered ethnic/foreign language format. Douglas Broadcasting already owns WYPA 820 AM, WNDZ 750 AM and WVXX 103.1 FM in the Chicago area. (CR-IL)
 1090 **KFRD** TX Bellville -3/25 - Changed format to CNN Headline News. (INet)
 1150 **WLOC** KY Munfordsville - Back on air, but seems to be very weak (possibly just using the 61 watt night power). // 102.3 Munfordsville and 102.3 Louisville, with CHR format. Non IDs as *Mix 102*. Seems the FM in Louisville (WLRS) has bought the AM/FM combo to cover the area from Scottsburg, Indiana to Bowling Green, Kentucky with this synchronous signal. (ES-KY)
 1160 **WJMK** IL Chicago- 2/21 2132 - Oldies, ID as *Oldies 104.3*, Later ID'd as *Oldies 104.3* WJMK Chicago. In the mess with KSL and others. Historic WJJD call now gone? (MJB-MN)

- 1230 **KNUZ** TX Houston - Format change from News/Information to Music Of Your Life (MoYL), // with KQUE-FM 102.9. Calls remain KNUZ. (SHP-TX)
 1260 **KTAE** TX Taylor - 3/23 - Format change to Prime Sports Radio. (INet)
 1430 **KROO** TX Breckenridge - 3/21 - Changed calls to this. Still oldies. (INet)
 1440 **WCDS** KY Glasgow - No audio, but the scan feature of radio picked up an OC every time it came to 1440 here, so WCDS may be ready to return to the air, or could be on but experiencing "technical difficulties" in order to beat the February deadline. (ES-KY)
 1470 **KNTS** TX Abilene - 3/21 - Ex: silent, now Tejano. (INet)
 1560 **KMPC** TX Abilene - 3/21 - Now these calls and programming adult standards (ex:KBBA and SS). (INet)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1680 **WCA?** ??? - 03/23 0441-0449 - TIS? Very weak female voice barely over noise. Couldn't make out much, heard WCA and 1680 and mentioned 1640 several times. (DB-MB) [Twas the TIS from Dallas, and the calls are WCO767 - Ed.]

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 570 **KKFJ-** CA Alturas - 3/23 0300-0400 - KVI-WA with Laura Lee talk show battling KLAC-CA NOS music. Also got a bit of One-on-One Sports (KISN-UT ?). If KKFJ was on with 5 kW Non-D, they have a very poor antenna. No sign of them. In case of mistake, tried again 3/24 0330-0335 but nothing different. (BK-CA) - 03/23 0300-0400 - Test tried, not heard, only WNAX dominating, though much weaker than usual. (DB-MB)
 630 **KJSL+** MO St. Louis - 3/24 0303 - Heard strong signal with Morse *KJSL KJSL KJSL ST. LOUIS* repeated until 0311. At 0315 I heard song *I'm Falling in Love With You* followed by REL programming with a female announcer. (BF-IL)
KSJL+ MO St. Louis - 3/24 0302 - Poor, with CIDs, under KIDO. New. (TRH-CA)
KJSL- MO St. Louis - 3/24 0300-0315 - Jumble with KHIT-NV and possible KIDD-CA. No tones or code heard. Where does their day pattern point? (BK-CA) [Day antenna lobes go out at about 120 and 280 degrees. - Ed.]
 640 **WBOW-** IN Terre Haute - 2/16 0030-0100 - Test tried for, not heard. Only KFI and CFOB with Good Time Oldies, and maybe a little WOI at times. (DB-MB)
WHLO- OH Akron - 2/10 0100-0130 - Test tried for, not heard. Only KFI and brief appearance of KGVW - Belgrade, MT plus weak SS station. (DB-MB)
 690 **KSTL+** MO St. Louis - 3/24 0315 - Heard Morse *KSTL KSTL KSTL ST. LOUIS* repeated until 0326:15. This was under CBF with in FF. (BF-IL)
 690 **KSTL+** MO St. Louis - 03/24 0315-0330 - Heard with weak Morse code from 0315-0319 and a brief bit of code again at 0323. Interference from CBU with jazz program and talkative woman announcer. French station in Gravelbourg, SK nulled. (DB-MB)
KSTL- MO St. Louis - 3/24 0315-0330 - Null CBU-BC and XETRA-BCN very strong; null XETRA and CBU like a local. No chance for 17 Watts Non-D. (BK-CA)
 790 **KFGO+** ND Fargo - 03/03 0100-1030 - Heard at 0115+ in/out with strong KGHL, Billings. Sounded like regular programming, with weather reports and C&W music, no code or special IDs noted. Poor reception, much weaker than usual. (DB-MB)
 1070 **KHMO+** MO Hannibal - 2/17 0100-0130 - Test heard. Almost continuous code, varying from weak to strong, with brief pauses between code. Dominated frequency for 15 minutes over WTSO and KNX. No other programming noted. New. (DB-MB)
 1150 **KIMM+** SD Rapid City - 2/23 0200-0300 - Test heard. Heavy CKX C&W QRM. Heard CID at 0259 and VID, into ABC news after CKX suddenly faded to nothing on the hour! A surprise logging as CKX is local strength here at night. NEW. (DB-MB)
 1290 **KALM-** MO Thayer - 02/24 0100-0130 - Test tried, not heard. Only KKAR, Omaha dominating frequency. (DB-MB)
 1350 **KSLQ-** MO Washington - 03/17 0100-0130 - Test tried, not heard. Only KRNT, Des Moines as expected. (DB-MB)

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TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1640 WQO767 TX Dallas/Ft Worth- 2/21 2155 - American Airlines outbound flight information. S4 signal on unamplified loop. Seems strong for a TIS at this distance. (MJB-MN)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 3/24 0324 - Poor, but faded up at times, with female voice giving American Airlines info, mentioning station on 1680 kHz. Mixing with UNID music station. New. (TRH-CA)
- 1680 WQO767 TX Dallas/Ft. Worth - 2/21 2215 - American Airlines inbound flight information. S5 signal on unamplified loop, slightly stronger than 1640. Seems strong for a TIS at this distance. (MJB-MN)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 3/24 0332 - Poor, under huge XEXX/XEBG mixing product, but clear between songs on XEXX (XEBG runs OC at this time). Female voice giving American Airlines info, mentioning 1640 station. New (finally! This one was tough). (TRH-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 790 KGHL MT Billings- 3/18 0047 - ID *Montana's Good Neighbor* 790 KGHL, then into country music. (MJB-MN)
- 940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon- 3/18 0007 - Promo for Dr. Laura, then ID *The New Newstalk 940 WMIX Mount Vernon*. Solid, atop the frequency. (MJB-MN)
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary- 3/18 0000 - ID *Country Radio 960 CFAC The Hometown Team*. Solid, atop the frequency, in KMA null. (MJB-MN)
- 1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix- 3/16 0204 - ID *WMKT Talk Radio 1270*, in WKBF null. (MJB-MN)
- 1450 KBUN MN Bemidji- 2/21 0753 - ID in the mess: *Sports Radio 1450*. (MJB-MN)
- 1450 WRCO WI Richland Center - 2/21 0755 - ID, and cancellation announcements. (MJB-MN)
- 1480 WAUN AL Mobile- 2/23 0259-0300 - Ad for Alabama Tourism, then ID *This is WAUN Mobile*, then into news. Call change? Log lists WABB. (MJB-MN)
- 1520 WWKB NY Buffalo - 3/19 0000 - ID *Real Country from WWKB Buffalo* in KOMA null, with some KSTP slop. (MJB-MN)
- 1540 CHIN ON Toronto- 3/20 0035-0040 - Mentions of Toronto, urban music, EE ID *CHIN* by man with accent. In KXEL null. (MJB-MN)
- 1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 03/23 0417-0500 - Heard at medium level, but rapid flutter fading, up to 3 S-units every second or so, was irritating. Solid Gold Soul music program, ads, 800 number for requests. Excellent legal ID at 0459. Heard again 03/24 0200+, weaker, but no rapid fading. New. (DB-MB)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 990 WCAZ IL Carthage - 2/22 0818 - ID, mentions of Carthage and Hamilton. In CBW null. (MJB-MN)
- 1060 KGFX SD Pierre - 2/21 0900 - ID *This is KGFX Pierre*, then into funeral announcements. (MJB-MN)
- 1070 KFDI KS Wichita - 2/21 0855 - Ad for RV dealer, ID, in WTSO null. Into country music. (MJB-MN)
- 1320 WKAN IL Kankakee - 2/21 0820 - Weather forecast, ad for a store in Kankakee, then ID. (MJB-MN)
- 1350 WIOU IN Kokomo - 2/21 0815 - ID and promo announcement for high school basketball game. In KRNT null. (MJB-MN)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 550 KCRS TX Midland - 3/16 2303 - With news. KCRS-550 IS mixing with KSD and WCKY. (SP-WI)
- 610 WIP PA Philadelphia - 2/18 1915 - Ad for a car dealership in the Philadelphia Auto Mall. ID *Sports Radio WIP*. In WDAF null. (MJB-MN)
- 630 KJSL MO St. Louis - 3/18 2353 - With AM 630, KJSL, *the Salt and Light of St. Louis* ID, into religious programming. Promo spot for *Southwest Radio Church* at 2359. Verified this one as KXOK back on 18-Dec-1976 from Ft. Worth, TX. (SHP-TX)
- 680 CJOB MB Winnipeg - 2/20 2220 - ID, then into call-in program. In KFEQ null. Heard nightly since . . . not switching antenna pattern?? Rarely heard prior to this after sunset. As strong as KFEQ in opposite loop direction. (MJB-MN)

- 690 WTIK LA New Orleans - 3/2 2120 - ID *This is WTIK* into Jazz music. No sign of CBF. (MJB-MN)
- 710 WOR NY New York - 2/20 2215 - Ad for New Jersey Nets, ID, then into mess in WHB null. (MJB-MN)
- 750 CKGB ON Timmins - 2/20 2207 - ID *CKGB* into Country Music. In CJVR/WSB null. (MJB-MN)
- CJVR SK Melfort - 2/20 2205 - Hockey game, ad for a business in Melfort. ID *CJVR*. With WSB. (MJB-MN)
- 1060 WNRX MS Tupelo - 2/19 2315 - ID *This is the News Station WNRX Tupelo*, into UPI Network News. Looped north/south. (MJB-MN)
- 1090 KNWS IA Waterloo - 3/16 1820 - ID, religious news. In WAQE null. (MJB-MN)
- 1150 WGGH IL Marion - 2/18 1825 - ID, then *Southern Gospel Choice*, then into the mess. (MJB-MN)
- CKOC ON Hamilton- 2/21 2115 - Oldies, then ID. In KSAL/ KWKY null, with French station also mixing in. (MJB-MN)
- 1160 WPIE NY Trumansburg - 2/18 1850 - Hall of Fame Game, ID. Fighting with KSL and others. (MJB-MN)
- 1230 WIKB MI Iron River - 3/7 2216 - Mentions of Iron River, and Crystal Falls. ID, then into oldies. Dominant with loop NE/SW. (MJB-MN)
- WXCO WI Wausau - 3/7 2218 - ID, and promo for Rush Limbaugh. Looped E/W. (MJB-MN)
- 1430 WMYS IN Indianapolis - 3/2 2300 - ID *This is your station for great songs and great memories, WMYS Indianapolis*. In WRTH null. (MJB-MN)
- 1480 KSDR SD Watertown - 3/2 2012 - ID *Your Oldies Station KSDR*, and into oldies. (MJB-MN)
- 1560 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 3/11 2322 - Ad for a carpet cleaning service in Iowa City, weather. (SP-WI)

DDXD-East



Deadlines are Tuesdays: April 8, May 6.
Some nice examples this week from several contributors of what can be heard just by sitting on one frequency for some length of time.
Ed Krejny reports that he's finally been getting some QSLs back ... including one from WBBR-1130!

STATION NEWS

- 670 WVNS VA Claremont - Will be coming on the air shortly, daytime only at first. Some of the equipment for the station, including the towers and antenna phasing network came from the now deleted CJSB-540. The main lobe is SE from the site in Claremont over the Tidewater/Norfolk, VA area. There is also a very minor lobe off the back to the NW. Off the sides of the pattern to the NE and SW there are deep nulls. Reports to Pat Murphy, Operations Manager, WVNS, 410 Briar Hill Rd., Norfolk VA 23502. (AM-VA)
- 760 WENO TN Nashville - Per v/l, currently dplexes their signal into WAMB-1160's tower. They are planning on putting up their own tower on the campus of the owner, Trevecca Nazarene University, later this year. Contract engineer James "Carl" Campbell III would be interested in comparison reports. (EK-OH)
- 890 WYAM AL Hartselle - Per v/l, correct address is 1301 Central Parkway South (not SW as in *Log*). (EK-OH)
- 940 WMWR GA Macon - Per v/l, correct Zip is 31213. (EK-OH)
- 1050 WTKA MI Ann Arbor - Per v/l, alternate address is 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, same Zip as in *Log*. (EK-OH)
- 1160 WMVI NY Mechanicville - Per v/l, is GOS 24 hours a day. (EK-OH)
- 1430 CHKT ON Toronto - 3/14 1100-1159 - Heard with "East Indian" programming (either Hindi, Urdu or Tamil, I couldn't tell). Every 15 minutes or so there was an English ID which was "You're listening to Fairchild Radio, a new multicultural voice for Greater Toronto, AM 1430 CHKT". Into Chinese programming at noon, and on 3/15 (Saturday) sounded like Vietnamese. Ex-CKYC. (NW-ON)
- 1590 WERA NJ Plainfield - Per call to station, they went silent for good on 3/6. Station was bought by WWRL-1600 to take it off the air. (JH-NJ)

UNID and UNID HELP

- 1540 UNID - — - Re RJE-PA's unID in no. 20, WADK does not carry auto racing. Just news, talk, Brazilian jazz, and "Today's Soft Jazz." (AH-RI)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

- 640 WNNZ MA Westfield - 3/11 0639-0655 - A surprise visitor with talk and news, frequent call IDs in WHLO null. Ad for Dunkin' Donuts in Holyoke at 0644. Strong at times, but variable; new. (EK-OH)
- 730 WPAL SC Charleston - 3/9 0007 - "Power 73 WPAL Charleston, South Carolina" heard in mix with CKAC, others. (PT-NJ)
- 750 CKGB ON Timmins - 3/9 0025 - C&W music phased under WSM, spots, SID at 0033 and back to C&W. Good but fluttery at times. (PT-NJ)
- 790 WTAR VA Norfolk - 3/3 0057 - In with "Sports Byline USA" on "The new WTAR, 790." (LW-NY)
- 1200 WOAI TX San Antonio - 3/3 0030 - In with ID, "Clear channel radio, San Antonio." Heard a few times of late; remember when they had ETs on MM. (LW-NY) [I remember when they had a clear channel. - DY]
- 1360 WCGL FL Jacksonville - 3/13 0710 - Relentless promo'ing of bumper sticker contest, \$280 prize. Really hard sell for a GOS station. ID's aplenty. Mixing with WKAT, local pest WCHL off to the side. (JN-NC)
- WKAT FL North Miami - 3/13 0730 - SS talk, teletalk and ads, ID's about once a minute as "RCN, Radio Claridad, La Voz de los Hispanos en Florida". No R. Paz IDs heard as in Log. Legal ID given in SS only at 0800. (JN-NC)
- 1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 3/16 0050 - Ads heard and then ID, CA #1, music by the group War, weak signal but my best catch ever, been trying all winter for them! (RPS-NJ)

LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

- 1050 WKDL MD Silver Spring - 3/16 1456-1600 - Radio Aahs programming, ID as // WKDV. Good with some KYW-1060 splatter. (PT-NJ)
- 1530 WFIC VA Collinsville - 3/13 0935 - Bluegrass music by request including "Rocky Top", no GOS in evidence this morning. ID'ed by M as "The best in bluegrass, WFIC, AM 1530" and "Bluegrass 1530". (JN-NC)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 640 WFNC NC Fayetteville - 3/2 1757 - Wrapup of Charlotte Hornets game, ID "640 WFNC Fayetteville" into CBS News at 1800. Clear at times with QRM from WGOC, WWJZ. (PT-NJ)
- 690 WJOX AL Birmingham - 3/8 1845 - "Sports Fan Radio Network," SID, and ad for "Sports Fan Radio Online." Power cut 1900. Good sunset signal here. (LW-NY)
- 780 WWOL NC Forest City - 3/2 1820-1830 - GOS records and sign-off at 1830, "WWOL is owned and operated by Holly Springs Baptist Broadcasting Company, a ministry of Holly Springs Baptist Church." Armchair copy. (PT-NJ)
- 790 WQXI GA Atlanta - 3/3 1900 - Poor, weak through noise but alone on frequency with "You're listening to [...] WQXI Atlanta," quick fade into mess. (RKC-ON)
- WWKY KY Louisville - 3/3 1921 - Weak in noise and mess with "[...] talk 7-90, WWKY," into ads. During next couple minutes heard four (!) more "Talk 7-90 WWKY" IDs, then back to talk show about money. (RKC-ON)
- WETB TN Johnson City - 3/3 1817 - Rising through mess with C&W-type GOS into sudden ID by female voice. A few seconds later heard "John Barry on [...] stereo [...] WETB. Listen after [...] right here on WETB," into more C&W/GOS. Tough, lots of noise, over WPIC. (RKC-ON)
- WMC TN Memphis - 3/3 1849 - Presumed with traffic report mentioning overturned tractor trailer near the ramp from eastbound 240, said to get off at I-55 and Brooks Road to bypass trouble. Also heard mentions of Winchester, Airways, and Lamar Streets. Only thing close to an ID heard was "Winnie Winter, News-Talk 7-90 traffic" and "Talk 7-90." Locations check out on map. (RKC-ON)
- 800 WLAD CT Danbury - 3/4 1800 - AC into "24 hours a day, in stereo, Danbury's [...] information station, Radio 80, WLAD, Danbury," into news. Poor/fair through mess of CKLW and C&W's. (RKC-ON)

- WCHA PA Chambersburg - 3/4 1819 - "Today's best new country, Froggy (?) 94.3." Mention of weather phone at 264-1144 sponsored by Marion's Fabrics in Greencastle. Also something called the "Froggy 94.3 Listener Sound-off." Fair to good but only lasted a minute or two. Seems to be // 94.3 FM in Greencastle; a call to the weather line confirms this. (RKC-ON)
- WSVS VA Crewe - 3/4 1650 - Fair in nulls of CKLW, CJBQ with C&W into "Celebrating our 50th anniversary in radio, your sound attraction (?) radio country WSVS," into C&W. Also heard weak ID at 1812. (RKC-ON)
- 810 WYRE MD Annapolis - 3/6 1811 - Just blasting in with 50's UC:OLD into "8-10 WYRE" ID and promo for DJ and radio show, then more UC until 1816 signoff. "AM 8-10 WYRE, the Voice of the Bay," went on to mention ownership, operation, and an invitation to tune to 103.1 FM. Unbelievable, local-like signal for 250 watts. (RKC-ON)
- KCMO MO Kansas City - 3/6 1756 - Surprised to hear this so early, with ad for RV store into talk, "you're on KCMO." Good, even with WGY which seemed weak until 1900, then in background with varying strength through 2100. Good IDs heard at 1831, 1840, and full ID at 1900 with "Kansas City's talk radio 8-10, KCMO," into Missouri vs. Nebraska NCAA basketball. Completely dominant 1835-1900. (RKC-ON)
- WQIZ SC St. George - 3/6 1829 - GOS into sign-off, "South Carolina's choice for Gospel music on the AM side of your dial, 8-10 WQIZ." Went on to mention ownership, assigned frequency, output power and broadcast resumption time. Excellent over WGY, KCMO. (RKC-ON)
- WCTA TN Alamo - 3/6 2053 - Weak C&W into "All day, every day (?) I depend on WCTA AM," anything else said wiped out by WGY. Heard weak C&W a few seconds later. Signal rose up to good for clearly heard call letters under slightly nulled WGY and HJCY. Seems to have been on after LSS; still hard to believe but my tape tells me otherwise. (RKC-ON)
- WCYK VA Crozet - 3/6 1758 - Up from mix with "Thanks for listening to Jean (?) [...]" WCYK AM Crozet and WCYK-FM in Charlottesville," into singing slogan, "We make it better (?), WCYK," into C&W and fade into mess. (RKC-ON)
- 820 WYPA IL Chicago - 3/5 1806 - Or is it still WSCR? Still with SPT and "The Score" slogans, "The Score, Sports Radio 8-20" into ads and PSAs mentioning Chicago. (RKC-ON)
- WXTR MD Frederick - 3/5 1800 - C&W into ID "Great country from WXTR AM 8-20 Frederick," excellent into Paul Harvey, then gone. Had heard from 1720 but only IDed as "82-Q" and "AM 8-20" until 1800. Able to get a good null on CHAM tonight. (RKC-ON)
- WNYC NY New York - 3/5 1729 - NPR news and commentary into female voice, "All Things Considered on WNYC AM and FM, New York," into weather and partial traffic report before fade-out. At first I thought it was regular WOSU until the ID. Good with CHAM somewhat nulled. (RKC-ON)
- 950 WQBE WV Charleston - 3/11 1905 - End of USA news and "You're listening to Hot Talk 950" and mention of West Virginia, into Michael Reagan show. No ID, but assume this. QRM from WXGI in WPEN phase null. (PT-NJ)
- 970 WINF VA Waynesboro - 3/12 1925 - "This has been [...] from the News Station, WINE." Fair, but only popped to the surface for a moment, then mixing with WWSW and WWDJ. (PT-NJ)
- 1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater - 3/8 1835 - ID, "all your favorite hits." Fair-good. (LW-NY)
- 1040 WSGH NC Lewisville - 3/6 1820 - "WSGH, The Ministry Station," good and almost alone on the frequency for a few minutes with REL records, overrun by WHO by 1827. (PT-NJ)
- + 3/7 1900 - End of REL sermon, ID, into religious music, fair-good. (LW-NY)
- 1070 WHYZ SC Sans Souci - 3/12 1843-1910 - UC music on "The Love Zone," many IDs, e.g., "We're back, WHYZ" and "WHYZ, Sans Souci-Greenville" on the hour. S9+50 dB at times, but variable, easy copy with CHOK, WIBC QRM. (EK-OH)
- 1150 WNLR VA Churchville - 3/11 1824-1830 - End of REL programming, female announcer saying "That was Focus on the Family, heard each night starting at 6:00. You're listening to WNLR." Weather report and disappeared with power cut. Good in phase null of WDEL. (PT-NJ)
- 1520 KMPL MO Sikeston - 3/15 1944 - NOS music killing WWKB, "More music and memories on the new 1520 KMPL." (PT-NJ)

- 1560 WRHC FL Coral Gables - 3/12 2100 - SS phased under WQEW, legal ID in EE at 2100. Good at times between shallow fades. (PT-NJ)
- 1200 WRKK PA Hughesville - 3/9 1730-1800 - Poor with show on finance, phone-ins, ID, and mentions of Web site. WAGE nulled. (EF-MD)
- WAGE VA Leesburg - 3/9 1730-1800 - Fair with C&W music, ID and "Keeping in touch with the voice of Loudon County." (EF-MD)
- 1260 WBUD NJ Trenton - 3/9 1706-1715 - Poor, poking through WCHV with ID, NOS songs like "Mack the Knife," faded out by 1715. (EF-MD)
- WCHV VA Charlottesville - 3/9 1700-1730 - Fair with AC format, Lou Rawls, Jackson Five, songs like "Respect" and "Jack and Jill." (EF-MD)
- 1320 WAMR FL Venice - 3/16 1850 - "1320 WAMR cares about our community," promo for community calendar-type announcements, fax them in or mail to address in Log. Atop mush only on S mini-bev, and mixing with WJGR. (JN-NC)
- 1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 3/8 2305-2315 - Poor with news/talk and ID poking through the QRM, QRN. (EF-MD)
- 1460 WRAD VA Radford - 3/8 2045-2115 - Poor with hockey game (Capitals?), ads for business in ROAnoke, and many "AM 1460 WRAD" IDs. (EF-MD)
- 1480 WADR NY Remsen - 3/8 2107-2200 - Tentative, fair to poor with endless NOS, ads for Radio Shack, Starz cable TV, JC Penny, IDs only as "Music and Memories." (EF-MD)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 530 HAR PA Philadelphia - WPTX842 - 3/2 1147 - Delaware River Port Authority, tape loops about construction on I-76 and Walt Whitman Bridge. (PT-NJ)

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/ :parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band 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 LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier 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 VID:voice ID

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Our family went comet-chasing at the Lake last night, the clear night in a week, and Hale-Bopp was spectacular, and then a few hours later a lunar eclipse was seen from our front porch, with Mars nearby. The night was completed with a few TAs. *Jim*

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TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 531 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 23 0214 - // 684 with fast SS talk, rock music; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, MAR 16 2308 - AA male choir in a vocal style similar to Gregorian chants; good. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, MAR 23 0217 - excited / agitated AA male vocal & drums; strong, over fast SAH. MAR 23 0455 - AA male vocal & strings; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 558 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 23 0218 - SS talk // 684; fair.
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, MAR 16 2313 - man & woman in EE, then piano music; to fair peak. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 21 0240 - noted in passing with strong signal, man speaking in EN. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 23 0221 - EE talk only poor to fair at this time; quite a bit of WMCA/CJEM/Cuba-570 slop. MAR 23 0609 - medieval-type chamber music; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, MAR 23 0219 - // 684 with SS talk & rock; to good peak. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, MAR 23 0222 - good with excerpts from different rock songs, SS announcer talked about the music. One selection was very Irish-sounding, like something from "Riverdance". MAR 23 0612 - still loud at this time with SS talk. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 594 PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca, Muge, MAR 23 0225 - big-band jazz getting by WBNW/VOCM-590 slop. MAR 23 0437 - // 963 with piano music; poor to fair, mixed with others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 MADEIRA, RDP, Pico de Arieiro, MAR 23 0442 - // 666 with bits of PP music; through Spain & a low growl. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, MAR 23 0229 - // 684 with SS speech; good; someone else way under with 1 kHz tone test. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 IRELAND, Athlone, MAR 23 0232 - EE teletalk or phone interview mentioning youth problems; fair over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aiou, MAR 23 0458 - male AA Koranic vocal; over Ireland. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1, MAR 23 0231 - // 684 with SS speech / discussion; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruña et al., MAR 16 2321 - poor to fair with man in SS. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 23 0233 - // 684 with SS discussion; fair. MAR 23 0612 - // 585 with SS talk: still a good signal at this time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 648 SPAIN / others, MAR 23 0234 - bits of SS talk in a big multi-station mess. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, MAR 23 0613 - SS vocal music. This is not parallel to the RNE1's at this time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa, MAR 23 0253 - // Azores-693: mellow ballad; over jumble of others. MAR 23 0441 - operatically-influenced pop male PP vocal; // Azores-837. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 675 NETHERLANDS R. 10 Gold, Lopik, MAR 21 0234 - weak but steady with pop music, sung ID as "Radio Ten Gold", new. [Renfrew-NY]
- 684 YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA) R. Belgrade, MAR 21 0415 - VERY tentative, weak unintelligible audio, would have passed it by, except no other signals were evident from Spain, and two Croatia stations were coming in very well at the time. Wishful thinking or wise science? MAR 25 0320-0445 - less tentative than before, with more distinct snatches of Balkan vocals and accordion, announcer's voice too muddy to hear well. Loop aimed in same direction as 1134 Croatia powerhouse, about 90 degrees north of normal bearing toward Spain. I am very pleased to find evidence of this one at my poor location! [Renfrew-NY] (See "Ben speaks again" below - Jim)
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, MAR 23 0220 - HUGE with SS rock vocal that was frequently interrupted by the DJ. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 ENGLAND, BBC R.5 synchros MAR 8 0240 - Good; news about Referendum Party, and sports with feature on auto race in Australia. [Conti-NH] MAR 21 0417 - BBC program with male announcer, good. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 23 0234 - EE sportstalk including tennis news (with Wimbledon mentions) and recent golf results; good, over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, MAR 23 0253 - // 666 with mellow PP ballad male vocal; mostly under BBC UK. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 702 SLOVAKIA, Slovensko 1, Banska Bystrica / Presov, MAR 23 0239 - fair with sedate piano music // 1098. Bits of Spain & possible Morocco under. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune (t), MAR 23 0244 - monster open carrier presumably this one. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, MAR 23 0255 - good with woman in SS. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS Radio 1 Flevoland, MAR 21 0245-0340 - tentative with oldies and country, good signal with wide filter, but announcer just below intelligibility threshold during breaks, possible pips during fade at 0300. Dutch announcement heard during strong peak at 0340. Noted as late as 0545. Would like to ID this one. [Renfrew-NY]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland, MAR 23 0257 - Dutch news interview / teletalk; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, MAR 23 0257 - jazz; very good over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, MAR 9 2352 - drumming, chant; poor in WABC slop. Switzerland under, 10 Hz SAH resulting. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 24 0008 - LOUD with kalimba instrumentation & moaning-type vocal; way over Switzerland. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, MAR 16 2324 - classical music; fair to good. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, MAR 16 2330 - SS teletalk; fair with WABC phased. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 23 0258 - SS talk by man; evenly mixing with Egypt. MAR 23 0633 - still fair at this late time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 EGYPT, Abis, MAR 23 0258 - AA female vocal over/under Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 783 SYRIA, Tartus, MAR 23 0259 - bits of AA music; other station under with PP or SS talk; low-pitched growl present. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, MAR 23 0441 - // 666 with PP pop vocal; briefly noted through stronger Spain/Canaries. MAR 23 0635 -vocal & syrupy strings, // 666; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 23 0316 - woman in SS; fair over Cuba/WHAS-840 slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., MAR 24 0039 - SS music & talk; to good peaks (but choppy fades). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 864 EGYPT Santah MAR 20 0310 - Fair; Koranic chants. [Conti-NH]
- 864 ARMENIA Kamo, MAR 19 0117 - Fair signal, good at times. Man in Armenian, then another man, followed shortly by Armenian type music, and a female announcer and female singer. Seemed // to 1314. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, MAR 23 0318 - Koranic AA vocal; fair (a bit late for best signal). I checked 207 to make sure it wasn't Morocco. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 ENGLAND, BBC R.Wales MAR 20 0320 - Good; BBC World Service football news // 3955. [Conti-NH]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, MAR 23 0327 - // 549 with AA teletalk show with male host; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R.5 synchros, MAR 23 0328 - man & woman in EE; slopped. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 963 PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca, Seixal, MAR 23 0437 - // 594 with piano music; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 972 GERMANY, NDR Hamburg MAR 21 0130 - Fair; rock music, then woman in German. [Conti-NH]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, MAR 16 2337 - bits of AA talk in CBV/WTRY slop with semi-local WCAP phased. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 16 2340 - SS business talk; over others. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 16 2338-2356 - Fair with man in SS battling against Morocco. [DeLorenzo-MA] (May be in the Boston Metro Arbitrons? - Jim) MAR 23 0402 - good with SS news read by woman. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO RMI Sebaa Aioun, MAR 16 2335-2356 - Fair with North African music (drums and "mellow" AA chanting) over/under the Spaniard. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, Start Point et al., MAR 10 0013 - EE teletalk over unID music station. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK, Kalundborg, MAR 17 0520 - dance-rock vocal, man in Danish, then a slow ballad; good. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 21 0455 - very heavy audio with female announcer on narrowest filter in USB, heavy QRM from KYW, WRTH says weather report at this time. First time I've ever heard anything here. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 23 0401 - Danish news by man; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, MAR 23 0239 - // 702 with mellow piano, strings; fair with WTAM phased. [Connelly*H-MA] MAR 23 2351 - soft piano music over Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1098 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 23 2351 - SS talk under Slovakia. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 10 0012 - SS talk by man; fair through slop. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1125 CROATIA HRT Deanovec, MAR 21 0205 - Weak, but // to distinctive jazzy bass music on 1134. New. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1134 CROATIA, HR, Zadar, MAR 10 0011 - Slavic talk by man & woman, over/under Spain; fair with WBBR phased. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 24 0325 - faint, but steady with music. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1134 SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 10 0011 - SS talk mixed with Croatia. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1188 HUNGARY Szombathely, MAR 17 0320 - Fair, with soft music, and // to a stronger 1251. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1197 LESOTHO, BBC relay, Lancer's Gap, MAR 24 0052 - BBC announcer; just over jumble with tough slop at times. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin R. synchros, MAR 16 2351 - fair with Sheryl Crow's "All I Want to Do is Have Some Fun". [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 17 0024-0043 - barely readable with rock and pop music but did peak nicely at 0039 with Bruce Springsteen's "Secret Garden". [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN, COPE synchros, MAR 23 2347 - SS talk; slightly atop the others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, MAR 16 2353 - man in AA; to good peak, really slicing up the 1250 domestics. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 23 0500 - AA flutes, violins, & chorus. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1251 HUNGARY Marcali, MAR 17 0320 - Good, with soft pop music and // to 1188. No sign of Libya at time. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1269 GERMANY, Neumunster, MAR 10 0007 - bits of GG talk; hammered by CJC.B. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, MAR 10 0005 - man in Norwegian, then pop-rock vocal; fair to good. MAR 16 2356 - loud with a Johnny Cash Old-West style train song. MAR 18 0513 - classical piano music; huge S9+30, best TA at the time. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 21 0140-0505 - Strong signal through the night whenever I checked it. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 23 2344 - male country-style ballad vocal with organ & piano, then man in Norwegian; good. MAR 24 0043 - woman in Norwegian, then C&W / folk vocal; massive, S9+40! [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1314 ARMENIA Yerevan, MAR 19 0124 - Barely detectable signal but did seem to be // to much stronger 864 with Armenian type music and female singer. Also heard last fall, and as before, this signal was mixed with Norway which broke on top a little later. [Dangerfield-PA] (See "Rich speaks" below - Jim)
- 1332 ITALY, Rome et al., MAR 23 0503 - II talk, showtune-style female vocal; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, MAR 9 2347 - soft-spoken AA talk by man; poor in slop. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 24 0055 - huge het and bits of chant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN, Arganda, MAR 23 0540 - man & woman in SS; in slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1395 NETHERLANDS, Lopik, MAR 23 0514 - man & woman in Dutch; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, MAR 23 0425 - fair with 1958 oldie "Come On,

- Let's Go" by Ritchie Valens. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1431 unID (UKRAINE suspected), MAR 18 2255 - a whopper of a 1 kHz het against local WXKS: noted on car radio during drive home from work. Saudi Arabia - 1521 and several other potent high band TA's were noted about the same time. [Connelly-B-MA]
 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, MAR 18 2304 - religious music, then American- accented EE preaching by man; good. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 23 0506 - hymn (GG male vocal); to good peak. [Connelly*H-MA] MAR 23 2325 - soul-style EE religious vocal; LOUD! [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1485 SPAIN, SER synchros MAR 15 2350 - Fair; telephone talk in Spanish // stronger 1575. [Conti-NH] MAR 18 0511 - man & woman in SS; poor to fair over mess. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 23 2341 - // 1584 with SS teletalk; over unID with AA-sounding vocal. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1502 ANGOLA, E.P. de Benguela, MAR 23 2340 - music; poor, hetted by weaker 1503 stations. WTOP was easily phased: more slop was coming from WNRB. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1512 BELGIUM R.Vlaanderen Int'l, Wolvertem MAR 15 2330 - Poor; Brussels mention and vocal in English, too much local WNRB-1510 slop to be listenable. [Conti-NH] MAR 23 2328 - Dutch (or Flemish) talk; poor to fair through WNRB slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, MAR 23 0302 - male a cappella Koranic vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1530 VATICAN, R. Vaticana, MAR 17 0005 - classical piano music; good with WSAI phased. UnID third station with AA-sounding talk was behind both Vatican & WSAI. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 23 0510 - Slavic talk mixed with WSAI. [Connelly*H-MA] MAR 23 2338 - classical music; atop the pile. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1530 SÃO TOME & PRINCIPE, VOA, Pinheira, MAR 23 0307 - EE news about the summit meeting in Finland, ID "This is the Voice of America"; briefly over WSAI. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1539 GERMANY, ERF, Mainflingen, MAR 18 0505 - hymn / choral vocal, rising over Spain; WDCD slop was reduced by phasing & regeneration. [Connelly-B-MA]
 1539 SPAIN, SER, Valladolid, MAR 18 0505 - initially atop the channel with fast-talk SS news, then Germany became dominant. [Connelly-B-MA]
 1544 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, MAR 9 2358 - in SS at the time, audio was very "boxy" and telephone-like. Fair with WDCD phased. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 15 2310 - Fair; music and announcements in Spanish. [Conti-NH] MAR 23 2330 - fast guitar strumming & AA-style violins; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1548 KUWAIT, VOA, Kuwait City, MAR 17 0009 - fair to good with VOA EE news report about the impact of the Ohio Valley flooding. [Connelly-B-MA] MAR 15 2300 - Fair; VOA news in English over an unID UK station. [Conti-NH] MAR 19 2324 - Strong with regular VOA programming in EE. What I wanted to note was that when I heard them from Greece the weather for India was being given, so they must have a signal directed that way, and the path eastward toward India would then put the station's signal on a path to Northeastern N.A., helping to account for the consistent strong showing here. [Dangerfield-PA] MAR 23 2331 - VOA EE interview show; fair to good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1557 FRANCE Nice MAR 16 0010 - Good; French vocals and easy listening. [Conti-NH] MAR 23 0512 - nostalgic-type FF vocal; fair through WQEW slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1557 unID's, MAR 23 2337 - at least 2 stations: one with vaguely Balkan or Middle Eastern sounding music, other with opera; slop made it tough to tell much more. France is generally not on at this time. There are numerous possibilities here (consult the various NF reports and the WRTH). [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1566 SWITZERLAND, R. Eviva, Sarnen, MAR 10 0003 - GG female vocal; poor in WQEW slop. MAR 18 0500 - light music, then news in GG; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
 1566 SWITZERLAND, R. Eviva, Sarnen, MAR 23 0513 - man in GG; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1566 unID's, MAR 23 2333 - two or three station mess: top one with orchestral music was probably Switzerland, another had talk in an unID language. The heavy WQEW slop could only be effectively held off for about 30 seconds per DCP-2 phase null adjustment. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 10 0001 - // 1584 with SS talk; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 23 2334 - // 1584 with SS teletalk; over probable Italy (woman talking). [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1584 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 10 0001 - // 1575 with SS talk; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
 1584 CEUTA, RadiOle, MAR 23 2335 - SS music mixed with SER Spain teletalker. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1584 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 23 2335 - // 1575 with SS teletalk; in mix with Ceuta.

- [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1602 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 23 2335 - SS talk apparently // 1575; mixed with other (EI Vitoria ?) that had music. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1619.5 NETHERLANDS PCH R. Scheveningen, MAR 16 0452 - In TIS mess, with about 6 code groups per minute, chirping sound in between. MAR 20 0140 - Heard on car radio! MAR 24 0323 - good over Shenandoah TIS. After much looking for this one, seems a regular now. Robert Kramer's Home Page indicates quite a few loggings of this one. Can anyone come up with an address for it? [Renfrew-NY]

Jim speaks: "MAR 21 was a great TA night here, with hets everywhere, and much audio too. Better yet, I logged two new ones. I can only imagine what coastal DXers were hearing! MAR 24 brought one of my best loggings, a tentative reception of Belgrade 684."

Ben speaks: "Once again it seems to me that the TA season is winding down and there doesn't seem to be anything new coming in here. The regular biggies like 684, 1089, 1134 and 1314 are doing OK, but most of the others are mushy. Not many signals here until after 2330 although on MAR 20 there were some fair ones starting about 2247. Did find a fair opening on MAR 19 around 0100 during which I again had signals from Armenia, but it didn't last long. But we all should be on the lookout for Eastern European openings in the next few weeks. Saw Al Merriman up at Kulpville on MAR 15, but he hasn't heard much lately."

Rich speaks: "Last night (MAR 15 UTC) there was a fantastic opening on the high end of the MW band. Highlights included Radio Eviva in Switzerland on 1566 kHz with ridiculous strength at 0505, Germany on 1422, Holland on 1395 and other west Europeans. Earlier, especially around 0340, Saudi Arabia on 1521 was stronger than I've ever heard them, about equal with Buffalo. At 0311 on 1314 kHz, there was a station playing music which reminded me of Iran. I looked in the WRTH to see Armenia's 1000 kw station listed there. The time fits current Armenian dawn twilight. Unfortunately, signals faded during the spoken word portions. Norway was there later on."

Ben speaks again, this time in reference to Renfrew's tentative Belgrade 684 logging: "I was listening in most of last evening which would be MAR 24 to MAR 25 and I did note an unusual amount of TA activity though not many really good signals. I counted 37 TA frequencies by sunset and 40 more before going to bed. I did not notice Belgrade-684 in particular but thought that Seville was not as good as usual and that at times another station was behind. The strongest and best of the night were BBC-693, UK Talk-1089, Monte Carlo-1467, and Wolverton-1512. Ireland-567 was also pretty good, as was Croatia-1134, and Spain-1044. Also was pleased to find no buzz on the LW band for the second straight night and LW stations such as Monte Carlo-216 and Ireland-252 were strong and clear. But to get back to 684. When I have a question there I check 585, 855, or 774, and if the programming is not the same as 684, it's probably Belgrade. Belgrade is a powerhouse almost anywhere in Europe including parts of Spain, and where we were in Greece I didn't hear a peep out of Seville. So go for it, Jim. If you get a report out you are almost certain to receive a reply and a new country." (No RNE signals were noted on parallel frequencies either - Jim)

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, MAR 24 0036 - man & woman in accented EE; fair in RVC-530 slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 538.08 unID, MAR 23 0215 - weak het / carrier on low side of CBT/CBGA1. [Connelly*H-MA]
 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, MAR 24 0035 - cocktail lounge jazz saxophone version of "Danny Boy"; good with WGAN phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 580 PUERTO RICO, WKAQ, San Juan, MAR 24 0037 - Puerto Rico SS news bubbling out of a jumble of other SS signals and apparent Jamaica with soca & reggae music. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 590 unID, MAR 24 0030 - non-stop light classical piano music; over Cuba/VOCM with WBNW phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 595 DOMINICA, DBS, Hillsborough, MAR 24 0025 - pop / soul vocal, Caribbean EE announcer; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 640 CUBA, R. Progreso outlets, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, MAR 24 0022 - old-fashioned romantic Latin American vocals, talk by woman with frequent Cuba mentions. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 670 SURINAME, RADIKA, Paramaribo, MAR 24 0019 - Hindi (or similar language) talk; in & out of mix with Venezuela, Cuba, & WMAQ. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJA, Barranquilla, MAR 24 0006 - RCN network news in SS (/770); atop WJR. [Connelly*Y-MA]

- 770 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJXX, Bogotá, MAR 24 0006 - // 760 with RCN news in SS; under WABC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, VON, Bath Village, MAR 23 2359 - Caribbean EE talk; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 1020 TURKS & CAICOS, Caribbean Christian Radio, MAR 23 2356 - loud (over KDKA/YVRS) with preacher mentioning to send letters and donations to "Voice of Revival" show, P.O. Box 1610, Anniston, AL 36202. [Connelly*Y-MA]
 990 unID, MAR 8 0200 - Fair to poor; "la emisora Dios, para todo la familia" and religion in Spanish. [Conti-NH] (Domestic? - Jim) (Re: Bruce Conti's SS religious unID: this is likely WALE in RI. Heard SS religious program similar to what he logged (lots of Dios mentions, etc.). The tip-offs were a west loop heading from Harwich (rather than expected south) and a mention of an "iglesia en Central Falls". Noted MAR 23 0340 - in messy mix with WCMF/WZZD/CFGM/CBY/others. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1760 CUBA R.Progreso, Pinar del Rio MAR 20 0115 - Fair; radio drama // 890, harmonic of 880. [Conti-NH]

STATION NEWS:

AUSTRIA: After a break of more than two years Austria Radio (ORF) resumes broadcasting on Medium Wave 1476, with 60kW from Vienna-Bisamberg, scheduled from MAR 21. The daily transmissions (1700-2300 UTC) will consist of relays of "Oesterreich 1", the Home Service news, information & culture channel; "Radio 1476", open access/educational radio: programmes provided by free radio groups, students, journalistic schools etc; but under the auspices and responsibility of ORF (due to restrictions in the current broadcast law); relay of "Radio Austria International", German and English services (2200- 2300), with "Intermedia" on Fridays. ("Intermedia" is the new name of RAI's media magazine "Kurzwellen-Panorama".) This is a low-budget test, and reception reports helping to establish the range of transmission and quality of signal will be welcome. Useful reports will be honoured with a special limited-edition QSL. The groups involved in "Radio 1476" are: "Wien Weite Welle" (Radio & Internet) "Uniradio" (Institute for Publicistics and Communication, University of Vienna) "Freak Radio" (Handicapped and the Media) "Institut fuer Technikfolgenabschaetzung" (Institute for Evaluation of the Consequences of Technical Development, Academy of Sciences, Vienna) "Radio Schoepfwerk" (Free Radio) "Tribuene Afrikas" (African Tribune) "Polycollege Stoebergasse" (Free Access Radio training in adult education) "Radiotheater" (Institute for Theatrical Sciences, Vienna) "Romano Centro" (Roma and Sinti minorities) "Verein Freies Radio Wien" (Free Radio) "Europaeische Journalismus Akademie" (European Academy for Journalism) Coordination and production: Polycollege. [Wolf Harranth OE1WHC, Host, Kurzwellen-Panorama/Intermedia in Grupo Mediterraneo DX #21]

CAYMAN ISLANDS: "A couple of months ago I had occasion to renew my acquaintance with Mr. Loxley Banks, General Manager of Radio Cayman. About the time I had to head back to the ship, I asked him if he would list all on-air operations in the three-island group. He hastily scribbled out a list...and I realize that many details are lacking. Here's the Cayman status as of January 15 this year. AM 1205 Radio Cayman (Note...this operation is NOT an endangered station contrary to previous reports. Demand to keep the facility on the air has been great enough to justify needed equipment repairs and upgrades." [Tom Bryant-TN] (excerpt from longer message that also concerned FM and TV - Jim)

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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

Well, Formats should be back on a regular schedule now. John Hanz writes that WPAT-930, Paterson, NJ, once America's most listened to easy listening station, now carries Korean programming from 0001 to 1800 daily and Spanish and Spanish sports the rest of the time. WBRW-1170, Bridgewater Township, long silent, is back with adult standards. Also from the Garden State, the *New York Daily News* reports that WXLX-620 will be bought by One on One Broadcasting, as a local outlet for their satellite - fed sports. Good luck in going up against WFAN, all local sports. WXLX, once WVNJ, the radio station of the defunct *Newark News*, with easy listening music, has a very directional signal out across Long Island, from a six tower array, in Livingston, NJ.

John Clark, of Greenfield, NY, updates us on the Albany market. WKAJ-900, Saratoga, now airs a big band and nostalgia format. WMVI-1160, Mechanicsville, now carries a black gospel format. And WSTL-14120, South Glens Falls now simulcasts 93.5, WZZM, Corinth, with country music.

In Connecticut, WWCC-1240, Waterbury, now airs old adult standards, supposedly simulcasting WDRC-1360, Hartford. And WMRD-1150, Middletown, intending to be a full service outlet for that city, has resorted to carrying United News and talk. And once full service WREF-850 is now automated, satellite fed from ABC "Oldies 850".

Up in Boston, WNTN-1550 has abandoned much of its ethnic programming for an "Easy Adult Contemporary" format, with some local talk. And WNFT-1150 ceases to utter the word "Cool" frequently in preadolescent tones - its Kidstar feed, with that network, has vanished. WNFT simulcasts its FM, WKLB, with country music. Bob Bittner suggested on his "Let's Talk about Radio" that 1150 might be well advised to broadcast to the only large market not yet tapped by radio - the singles market. Many single folks are found in urban areas. Bob still owns WKBR-1250, "The Voice of Manchester", which now airs commercials with its easy listening music. However a 19 minute (and counting when I switched the radio - to WJIB!) cluster of commercials, public service announcements, and spots about the environment are a bit much! Also in Metro Boston, and WKBR does reach the far north suburbs, WRPT-650, Ashland, with automated, satellite fed talk from "Talk America" is on the air. A real gem to pop up is WJLT-1060. "J-Light", carrying easy listening contemporary Christian music, is licensed to Natick. I would imagine that WRPT, WJLT, and WBPS all share the massive five tower array once built for WBIV-1060, on the Ashland - Framingham border, with the highly directional signal pushing into Boston, away from KYW-1060, Philadelphia.

Steve Posner from Houston notes, via E-Mail (to akftrain@aol.com) that KNUZ-1230, Houston drops its news and talk for adult standards, from its FM, KQUE. Here is our column, mostly from the *M Street Journal*.

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|-----|-------|----|---------------|---|
| 540 | XETIN | BC | Tijuana | - To be classical // KKKO. |
| 540 | KKGO | CA | Costa Mesa | - Classical. |
| 600 | WVAR | WV | Richwood | - ABC Real Country music. |
| 610 | WSNG | CT | Torrington | - WW-I Standards // WDRC. |
| 610 | KZSS | NM | Albuquerque | - ABC Motivational Talk. (Huh?! - TF). |
| 610 | KVNU | UT | Logan | - News and talk. |
| 630 | KKPL | WA | Opportunity | - ABC Adult Standards. |
| 670 | WVNS | VA | Claremont | - New station, ABC News. |
| 710 | CJRN | ON | Niagara Falls | -Oldies and sports. Most interesting transmitter site - 12 towers for the 2500 watt night signal. |
| | | | | - Sports and talk, ex-WQIX. |
| 820 | WWLZ | NY | Horseheads | - All weather. |
| 840 | KABN | AL | Long Island | - ABC Adult Standards. |
| 840 | KVJY | TX | Pharr | - ABC Urban Gold and gospel. |
| 910 | WTLM | AL | Pepperell | - To be gospel // KTCY. |
| 910 | KXEB | TX | Sherman | - Sports. |
| 920 | KORK | NV | Las Vegas | - News and talk. |
| 940 | KSWM | MO | Aurora | - Talk // WZBZ. |
| 960 | WEAV | NY | Plattsburgh | - All regional Mexican. |
| 970 | KAFY | CA | Bakersfield | - WW-I Country // KRTX. |
| 980 | KSGM | MO | Chester | - AP News. |
| 990 | WVNZ | VA | Richmond | |

1000	WDJL	AL	Huntsville
1020	KFFR	AK	Eagle River
1030	WNTL	MD	Indian Head
1040	WJNA	FL	Boynton Beach
1060	WPHC	TN	Waverly
1110	KJTT	WA	Oak Harbor
1130	KCIB	NM	Milan
1140	KSLD	AK	Soldatna
1140	KNEI	IA	Waukon
1150	KRMS	MO	Osage Beach
1150	KDMN	TX	Highland Park
1190	KFEZ	MO	Kansas City
1220	KDFC	CA	Palo Alto
1220	WQSA	FL	Sarasota
1220	WJUN	PA	Mexico
1220	KZEE	TX	Weathersford
1230	KWYZ	WA	Everett
1240	WULA	AL	Eufaula
1240	WIOV	PA	Reading
1250	WKNX	MI	Frankenmuth
1280	KPRV	OK	Poteau
1300	WXXU	FL	Cocoa Beach
1300	WJSH	IN	Terre Haute
1310	WDOZ	MI	Dearborn
1320	WAGF	AL	Dothan
1330	KENU	WA	Enumclaw
1340	KNHN	KS	Kansas City
1340	KPHN	KS	Pittsburg
1340	WYCK	PA	Wilkes-Barre
1350	KCHK	MN	New Prague
1350	KRHD	OK	Duncan
1360	KELE	MO	Mountain Grove
1360	WNNJ	NJ	Newton
1370	KWNC	WA	Quincy
1380	WAMS	DE	Wilmington
1380	KSWO	OK	Lawton
1390	WEED	NC	Rocky Mount
1400	KJOK	AZ	Yuma
1410	WMYQ	MS	Newton
1430	WTIT	MA	Amherst
1450	WMBH	MO	Joplin
1450	KKBY	WA	Puyallup
1460	KHTX	CA	Salinas
1470	KBUL	KY	Fort Knox
1470	WVBS	NC	Burgaw
1470	WPAO	CA	Farrell
1480	KRHT	PA	Concord
1480	WQKS	KY	Hopkinville
1490	WGCD	SC	Chester
1490	KNEL	TX	Brady
1500	WKIZ	FL	Key West
1510	KNOB	CA	San Rafael
1520	KSFS	SD	Sioux Falls
1530	KXTD	OK	Wagoner
1540	KTGG	MT	Spring Arbor
1540	WBIN	TN	Benton
1560	KCJJ	IA	Iowa City
1570	WBUX	PA	Doylestown
1580	WNTF	FL	Mt. Dora

- WW-I Oldies.
- All weather.
- Oldies // WINX-FM.
- ABC Adult Standards.
- WW-I Adult Standards.
- Talk.
- WW-I Oldies // KMIN.
- ABC Oldies.
- ABC Real Country music // FM.
- ABC Adult Standards.
- Traffic and news.
- News and talk.
- Classical // FM.
- One on One Sports.
- Reach Southern Gospel.
- Oldies and talk.
- All Korean.
- CHR // FM.
- News, talk, sports, and Spanish from 8:00pm to midnight.
- Oldies "Memories 1250".
- JSN CD Country // FM.
- Travel information.
- ABC Oldies // WSDM-FM.
- Now AC // WNIC.
- All black gospel.
- Alternative // KGRG.
- JSN Adult Standards.
- JSN Adult Standards / KNHN.
- Easy listening / WICK.
- Polkas and ABC Oldies // FM.
- News and talk.
- AFA Contemporary Christian.
- ABC Adult Standards.
- Branson Country.
- News and talk // WILM, using WILM's tower.
- News and talk // KRHD.
- Reach Southern Gospel.
- Talk, sports, oldies, WW-I oldies 6:00pm to 6:00am.
- Country music // FM.
- News, talk.
- Sports.
- All Korean. In Puyallup??!!
- Dance CHR // FM.
- Reach Southern Gospel // WXLN.
- FBN Gospel.
- MGS Contemporary Christian.
- All weather, 25 watts.
- ABC Urban AC.
- Gospel.
- ABC Oldies.
- Bloomberg News.
- Classical / KKHL.
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- Bloomberg News.
- Classical / KKHL.
- Prime Sports.
- Regional Mexican.
- SKY Contemporary Christian.
- Reach Southern Gospel.
- ABC Hot AC.
- All AP News, expected to put on a local news format soon.
- United News and Talk.

1580	WPGC	MD	Morningside	- Black Gospel "Heaven".
1580	WVVO	OH	Columbus	- Black Gospel.
1590	WBHN	NC	Bryson City	- WW-I Country Music.
1590	WAUB	NY	Auburn	- ABC Classic Rock // WLLW.
1590	WPWA	PA	Chester	- CSN Childrens' programming.
1600	WNGA	GA	Nashville	- Religion.
1600	WMHC	MI	Muskegon	- ABC Urban AC moves here from FM
1650	KBTL	CA	Costa Mesa	- New station, all Beatles // KGIL.

All for now. Send or E-mail your local format news in to your Formats column. 73's.

Geomagnetic Summary

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High "A" values indicate possible auroral conditions

Geomagnetic Summary January 30 1997 through March 5 1997

GEO - Geomagnetic activity pca - polar cap absorption
maf - major flare SA - Solar Activity
mas - major storm spe - satellite proton event
mis - minor storm ss - severe storm

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
1/30	74	11	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
1/31	72	8	1	very low	quiet	-
2/ 1	71	3	2	very low	quiet	-
2	78	6	1	low	quiet-unsettled	swa
3	80	3	1	very low	quiet	swa
4	81	5	0	low	quiet	swa
5	75	3	4	very low	quiet-active	swa
6	74	9	1	very low	quiet-active	swa
7	76	2	2	very low	quiet	swa
8	75	17	2	very low	quiet-mas	swa
9	73	16	5	very low	quiet-mis	-
10	72	21	3	very low	quiet-mis	-
11	z	18	2	very low	quiet-active	-
12	z	7	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
13	71	4	0	very low	quiet	-
14	71	3	2	very low	quiet	-
15	72	3	1	very low	quiet	-
16	72	7	2	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
17	73	18	2	very low	quiet-mas	-
18	73	6	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
19	72	1	0	low	quiet	-
20	73	3	3	low	quiet-unsettled	-
21	73	9	2	very low	quiet-active	-
22	74	6	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
23	75	10	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
24	75	8	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
25	74	5	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
26	74	12	3	very low	quiet-active	-
27	74	18	7	very low	quiet-sev	-
2/28	73	35	2	very low	quiet-active	sev 0300
3/ 1	74e	10	1	very low	quiet-unsettled	-
2	72	13	0	very low	quiet-active	-
3	74	5	2	very low	quiet	-
4	74	2	1	very low	quiet	-
3/ 5	75	6	3	very low	quiet-unsettled	-



22 Musings of the Members

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Rambblings and Reminiscences about "Off-Season" (Spring/Summer) DX

Even though it's March and there's snow on the ground here as I write this, the imminent reduced publication schedule of DX bulletins heralds the oncoming spring, the end of what some call the "DX season". In the old pre-E-mail days of paper-only DX information - especially during late spring and summer - we'd have to wait quite a while to find out what great stuff was getting logged by DXers on holiday at the shore, etc.

In the '60s, when I was a "kid", I heard some of my best DX in August when the family went to Dennisport on Cape Cod. At the hired cottage near Lower County Road (a short walk from the seaside), the old Lafayette HA-63A and a short wire - haphazardly strung through pine trees in the small backyard - pulled in better stuff than I got at home in the western suburbs of Boston with much better antennas (including the "WA1ION DX Lab" Menotomy Rocks Park Beverage). The superiority of the Cape Cod location was especially evident when it came to Brazil and other deep South Americans, as well as Africa. (Differences on Europeans weren't as great.) Splits such as Senegal (then on 764), Surinam (725), and Haiti (1035) came in at "window-rattling" levels. Even Paraguay (Caaguazu-645) and Sierra Leone (1205) were fairly regular on the Cape. There were "tons" of Ecuadorian and Costa Rican 5 kHz splits that are no longer with us. In 1964, on a summer night that must have been auroral, I remember a tremendous run of Latin American DX on a simple Realistic TRF portable near the salt marsh behind West Dennis Beach. There were all sorts of hets and growls and almost every channel had Spanish on it. It was super then, but even today no one will convince me that there isn't any good DX in the summer!

By the early '70s, I graduated to an R-390A and a few of us here in eastern MA (besides myself, DXers such as Gordon Nelson, Bill Bailey, Marc DeLorenzo, Stan Morss, Tom Farmerie, & Ray Moore) did call each other on the telephone or have informal get-togethers to discuss loggings during those month-long stretches between DX bulletins. Nelson (WA1UXQ) had the most impressive ham and MW DX shack with racks of receivers (Collins, Hammarlund, Racal, Rycorn), tape recorders, stripchart recorders, scopes, frequency counters, and spectrum analyzers. He wrote propagation-analysis software for the hulking IBM mainframe computers at MIT and he had connections to the Air Force and the National Security Agency. His Watertown, MA attic looked like an FCC monitoring station or something from a James Bond movie. A huge altazimuth loop inhaled Israel-737 and other exotica as junior DXers watched in justifiable awe.

Meetings were also held at Bill Bailey's place. Bill (W1YPK) had quite a Beverage farm out between the woodlots and cow pastures in the rolling hills of Holden. He frequently hauled in medium-wave goodies from the Persian Gulf area and deep into Russia. Before retirement he was some kind of "big wig" in the US Army, I think. Bill's house was a most impressive half-timbered English Tudor that looked like it dropped in right out of Oxford or Kent. Suffice it to say that a group of blue-jeaned DXers eating pizza and drinking beer in the formal (almost church-like) dining room with its walnut panelling and diamond-paned windows looked more than slightly incongruous! Bill's shack sported one of Nelson's Beverage phasing boxes and two R-390A's: THE serious DXer's receiver of that day. I think he also had a Hammarlund HQ-180A, the #2 receiver among the practitioners of international medium-wave DXing circa 1974. (Other popular receivers included the Collins 51J4 and the Hallicrafters SX-28A.)

Aside from the Boston area group, I had some get-togethers on Cape Cod with Skip Wolsieffer (WA1CML) and Marc DeLorenzo. Skip and I had a "duke out" of his National HRO-500 versus my Collins R-390A on some sunset African medium-wave splits from his shack in Osterville. After that, high frequency sensitivity was tested on, of all things, CB skip from Brazil! When all was said and done, both receivers did equally well. My parents moved from Arlington to West Yarmouth in 1974 and, for a while, Marc DeLorenzo was renting a house less than a mile away. Even in July we had some good DX get-together sessions with wall-to-wall South Americans when an aurora was in progress.

I suppose that in other DX "hotbeds", such as Seattle, DXers had "off season" get-togethers, phone, and mail correspondence to bridge the long gaps in DX magazine publication.

I do remember New Jersey and Long Island being highly-active areas for DX get-togethers in the '70s. I went to a summer "DX barbecue" over at Bob Foxworth's in Mineola, LI that was very well attended. Of course, the DXers in NY and NJ were hearing most of the same stuff that was being logged in Massachusetts.

Spring and summer aren't the end of the DX season, just of the high-latitude season. Tropical and sub-equatorial DX will be in the spotlight during the warmer months to come. That means

Down Under and South Pacific for West Coast DXers and Africans and Brazilians on this end. Of course a lot of wire at a beachfront location (coupled with a bit of auroral flare-up) is the best way to attack long-haul trans-equatorials effectively. Anything else would be an inefficient compromise. Better weather will make getting out of the house for DXing a worthwhile activity, especially when the DXpedition can be a group effort. Besides action here in the east, there have been some legendary summer DXpeditions along the OR, WA, and BC coastline. I'm looking forward to reading of their exploits this year and the incredible "Australian pile-ups" at dawn. Perhaps some day I'll be able to visit the Pacific Northwest to meet the renowned DX crew there in person. The best way to do this would be during a serious Trans-Pacific Beverage DXpedition. I think that Newfoundland "DX master" Jean Burnell is actually planning such a trip. David Clark from Ontario has already ventured out that way and found it very worthwhile (and an interesting contrast to his Newfie DXpedition efforts with a completely different set of target stations).

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Greetings from the flooded Bluegrass State. Time again for my annual muse. To date, I have received eight reception reports for the March 2 test I did at WCGW-770. This is quite a drop off from the last two years when I had over 20 reports each time. Our little kilowatt was reportedly heard in LA, IL, IN, WI, NY, PA, CT and Ontario. I have already sent out verification letters to all those sending correct reports. There won't be much radio activity going on from here for a while due to a flooded basement. I've had to totally disassemble my DX/Ham Shack. My wife and I are looking into having a drainage system installed, which will mean it will be several weeks before I can listen to a decent radio from here while all the jack-hammering goes on. Hope everyone in Kentucky and surrounding states survived all the water with little or no problems. I was really quite lucky. My basement is at garage level, so the water only got a few inches deep before running out through the garage and down the driveway to the street... but what a mess on carpeting, and electrical equipment! Some folks in my neighborhood lost nearly everything, including one who lost a Classic 1978 Corvette when water swallowed it in his garage!

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1. Just had it confirmed from V of Russia that the station I heard at 1830z in EE on 1467kHz was from the Maiac (Moldova) transmitter site. I wonder if anyone can discover if the 1548 1000kW sender is back in business?

2. I wonder if someone can tell me if the South American "El Gato" lottery has a rival/partner called "La Gata" and if so, is it in Venezuela as well? I hrd a station on 1450kHz with UTC-4 t/c and also an ad for Banco Delasco. HELP!

3. Tune in to "Kiwi DX", New Zealand's DX program on ZLXA, the Radio Reading Service, every third Tuesday of the month at 0830z, repeated the following Sunday at 0430z, on 1602kHz, 3935kHz and 5960kHz alternate 7290kHz. Hosted by Paul Ormandy, featuring news and tuning tips relevant to NZ DXers.

4. Convention '98 Update: Things are under way and many DXers have expressed their interest in attending. The Convention will start on Thursday the 5th of February at 3 p.m. with a welcome with a full program of activities on the Friday and Saturday, farewell and clean-up on Sunday. Friday is "Waitangi Day" here in NZ and is a holiday for most. Registration forms will be posted soon.

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