

DX News

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CPC Test Schedule

WAMS .. 1380 DE Feb. 21 0000-0200
WILM ... 1450 DE Feb. 21 0100-0300

WAMS-1380 - Wilmington, DE will conduct a special test Saturday morning, Feb. 21 from 0000-0200 with 25 watts! The test will consist of tones and code ID's. Reports (with return postage) to: Dave Schmidt, PO BOX 11502, Wilmington, DE 19850.

WILM-1450 - 1215 French St. - Wilmington, DE 19801 will conduct a special test Saturday morning, Feb. 21 from 0100-0300 with 1000 watts. The test will consist of tones, code ID's, and special DX related programming. Phone calls will be taken (not collect) at 302-656-9800. Reports (with return postage) to Allen Ludell.

From the publisher ... A nice variety of columns and articles this time around, but the amount of DX seems to be dropping off.

New mailing woes ... The new wrinkle now, it seems, is that if you put a hold on your mail, the USPS will not continue the hold after 30 days, and so we're starting to get copies of DXN returned with the dreaded yellow "Return to Sender" label on them with the added notation: "Temporarily Away". We're not going to continue to send out DXN's and have them returned, costing the club double postage, so the first time I get your DXN back with the "Temporarily Away" sticker on it, your subscription goes on hold until you return and let me know you're back. And I hope all is well with the members who have been "Temporarily Away", some since October, apparently, as they've never let me know that they are safe and sound back home.

And ... any Canadian member who by now hasn't received all DXN's held during the recent strike should let me know so that I can resend them.

DXChange ... Randy Davis - 1905 Blackiston Mill Rd. - Clarksville, IN 47129-9004, 812-945-8070, has a Superadio III for sale at \$50.00.

Welcome to these new members ... Robert Hlivak, Kaneohe, HI (rejoins); Steven Wiselood, Thousand Oaks, CA; Richard Kowalczyk, Toronto, Ontario (rejoins); Lyle Stanton, Brooklyn, NY; Werner

Funkenhauser, Guelph, Ontario; Charles J. Diegel KCOAUQ, Nora Springs, IA; Benson Vess, Seattle, WA; Jennifer P. Weinbrum, Denver, CO; Eric Delmar, Santa Fe, NM; Chet C. Copeland (rejoins), Washington, DC; Phil Sullivan, Acton, MA (rejoins).

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:

50 years ago ... from the January 31, 1948 DXN: A letter from YSO-870, San Salvador, confirmed that they would broadcast a DX program on Feb. 4, playing dance music with English announcements after each selection; reception reports were solicited ... from Feb. 7, 1948: Ray Edge, Executive Secretary, reported the receipt of a sample copy of a new log book, the "World Radio Handbook for Listeners", from Copenhagen, Denmark, containing data on SW stations worldwide, and LW and BCB stations in Europe, the Near East, and North Africa; the price was \$1.00.

25 years ago ... from the February 7, 1973 DXN: Father Jack Pejza presented the second part of his "Beginner's Guide to the Ionosphere" ... CPC Chairman Jerry Star complained that it was difficult to recruit CPC'ers and called for more volunteers to help out.

10 years ago ... from the February 1, 1988 DXN: Bill Swiger offered five miles of 2-conductor, 16-gauge copper-coated steel, insulated wire on a wooden spool in "DXChange", and Bill Hale was looking for programs for his Commodore 64 ... Ray Moore, Walpole, MA reported that the Vatican on 1611 "boomed" in on 1-16 at 0329.

AM Switch

Jerry Starr
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Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

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

LETTER CHANGES

None

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1620	CA	Auburn:	10000/1000 U1
1620	IN	South Bend:	10000/1000 U1
1620	NM	Farmington:	10000/1000 U1
1660	MI	Kalamazoo:	10000/1000 U1
1680	NJ	Princeton:	10000/1000 U1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

900	KREH	LA	Oakdale: 2500/10 U4, city of license to Pecan Grove, TX (corrects power listed as 250/10 in Issue 14)
1220	WQSA	FL	Sarasota: 1000/141 U5, relocate transmitter

OTHERNESS

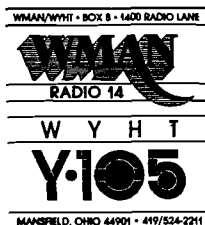
1060	KTOZ	MO	Springfield: silent station is ON THE AIR at reduced power with temporary antenna (tower was not toppled by vandals as first reported, a truck hit the guy wires and brought it down)
1190	WANN	MD	Annapolis: silent station has been testing on the air and is expected to return soon
1250	WKNX	MI	Frankenmuth: CP for 1000 D1 from new transmitter site is on
1670	*New	WI	Madison: new X-Band station is scheduled to begin testing 2/1 and has a target date of 2/15 to begin regular programming, nothing yet on the call letters for this new station

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Al Merriman, Wayne Heinen and Les Johnson
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Jerry & BKF

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Domestic DX Digest

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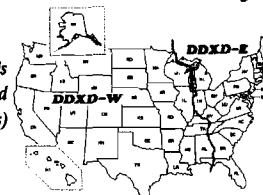
6124 Roaring Springs Drive - North Richland Hills, TX 76180-5552

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(Division line is between East and Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- For those of you new to the hobby, **Universal Radio** has a book called *Discover DXing!* which covers the AM, FM and TV aspects of our favorite pastime. I emphasize the word "new", as it's written for the beginner. Write them at Universal Radio Research, 6830 Americana Parkway, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 or check your favorite book store.
- New reporter **Don Moore** of Davenport, Iowa has an interesting unID needing your input.
- The onslaught on the Graveyard lists continues. See later. As **Kent Winrich** reported last issue, the new 1670 in Madison, Wisconsin is preparing to begin testing. But . . . the tests have been delayed until March. To stay posted on that development, check in to <http://www.execpc.com/~kwin/radio.html>. And . . . **Patrick Griffith** points us the Radio Aahs web site, wherein they are saying "Good-bye". If you hear any new formats on the former Aahs stations, be sure to report it.
- Thanks to **Thomas Reiser** and **J.D. Stephens** for the CPC donation, tips, and "want lists". And to **Shawn Axelrod** for Canadian help.

REPORTERS

FA-ID Frank Aden Boise FRG-7 with 4-foot box loop <wvll23a@prodigy.com>
CB-CO Craig Barnes - Wheat Ridge Drake R8, Sony ICF-2010
LB-MO Lou Buehler Winfield DX-390 and lazy susan
PMG-CO Pat Griffith Federal Heights Hammarlund HQ-180 with rain gutter antenna and GE Superadio III stock <n0nnk@webtv.net>
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KO-IL Ken Onyschuk Joliet GE Superadio II + Selec-A-Tenna
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Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills

SPECIAL

930	WAUR	IL	Sandwich - OFF THE AIR from 1/18. Heard Sports Fan Radio Network programming around 0100, but no IDs. Later in daylight from 10 AM to 3 PM, when WAUR suddenly returned. Heard fair-to-poor signals from WBCK-MI and WTAD-IL. Good to hear them again. (KO-IL)
1360	KHNC	CO	Johnstown - 1/20 - Noted back on the air. (CB-CO)
	KHNC	CO	Johnstown - 1/23 2359 - Station which has been off the air since the studio was destroyed by fire 11/29/97, was noted back on with the usual American Freedom Network programming and dual ID for KHNC 1360 and KTMG 1370 at the top of the hour. I couldn't hear KTMG, but presume they are on also since they // KHNC. The PO Box 430, Johnstown address remains good, per their web site. (PMG-CO)
1370	KTLS	OK	Holdenville - 1/23 - Now these calls, ex: KKNG, and format to oldies. (CK-INet)
1380	KWBK	TX	Beaumont - Changed to these calls 1/12. Ex: KJUS. (CK-INet)



UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1620 WZNF IL Rantoul? - 1/30 1229-1250 - Poor-to-fair, signal mixing with TIS stations. Rock music, then "95.3 update" giving first, current national news, then weather (very similar to Davenport weather), sports with scores for the (Chicago) Bulls and Blackhawks and then several Illinois college basketball teams. Then news item about the Rantoul police. Assume listed WZNF, Rantoul, on 95.3. They have no AM co-station per M Street, so neither harmonic, spur, nor expanded band. A few weeks ago had a "106.9 WXRL" here at 1255. Others have logged music stations here recently, too. (DM-IA) [My only guess is that a pirate in Champaign-Urbana is relaying FMers in the area. Any other takers? - Ed.]



DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 570 WHNZ- FL Pinellas - 1/24 2000 - DX test; no sign of it here, even with KFXD nulled. Just KVI. (FA-ID)
- WHNZ- FL Pinellas Park - 1/25 0325-0340 - Not heard (if on). KLAC-CA (NOS) dominates with KVI-WA (TLK) behind. KSFO-560 slop a problem too. NRC Night Pattern Book shows WHNZ beaming due south from near Tampa Bay. (BK-CA)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1610 Caltrans CA Unknown - 24 hours - Giving road conditions on Highways 50 and 80 into the mountains. Location unknown . . . will call Caltrans to find out. (GJ-CA)
- 1640 WPLR660 TX Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l - 1/28 - First noticed this and 1680 sister station using these calls. This coincides with Bill Harms' TIS list. I always suspected something was amiss here as American Airlines flies a lot of Boeing 767's, thus the old call of WCO 767. So log these two for a couple of call changes!! [Ed.-TX]

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 600 WKLW KY Paintsville - 1/17 0638 - With GOS and ID as *Solid gospel 600*, WKLW, then more GOS. (LB-MO)
- 680 CJOB MB Winnipeg - 1/20 0620 - Fair signal, fading in and out, with phone-in talk program, sports and announcement *That is CJOB Sports*, then *CJOB news*. Ads for *McDonalds*, herbal tea coffee, etc. 0637 TC as 5:37 on *CJOB*. (LB-MO)
- 740 CBX AB Edmonton - 1/18 0730-0800 - Carrying *Radio Australia* program. ID at :00 as *CBC Radio*, CBX. (GJ-CA)
- 750 CKGB ON Timmins - 1/16 0703 - Weak, fluttery signal, drifting in over WSB for awhile, with weather, . . . *minus 23 in Timmins*. For CKGB, *I'm ????*. SID and . . . *for the next half-hour on CKGB Country Club Birthday Bash with your happy wishes on the air . . .* (etc). SID and C&W music. (LB-MO)
- 980 KOKA LA Shreveport - 1/25 0742 - Call ID with ads. Fading with QRM from KMBZ. (JR-OK)
- 1030 KBUF KS Holcomb - 1/6 0002 - With CL ID and C&W music format. With KTWO Phased. (CB-CO)
- 1050 WLIP WI Kenosha - 1/22 0750 - NOS music, call ID in phase null of XEG, then faded. (JR-OK)
- 1150 KSAL KS Salina - 1/4 0357 - With *KSAL Weather* and into local weather report. In KCUV null. (CB-CO)
- 1170 WWVA WV Wheeling - 1/23 0749 - Fading with strong QRM from KVOO, ads for Wheeling businesses. New here, first logging from WV. (JR-OK)
- 1360 KPOP CA San Diego - 1/3 0305 - With 1360, *San Diego's K-Pop* and NOS music. (CB-CO)
- 1440 WROK IL Rockford - 1/14 0640 - With CL ID and *Joey Allen* report on insurance fraud and Oprah comments on beef, legislation to ban malicious remarks on food. Ad for *Reading Genius* speed reading. New, for IL # 17. (CB-CO)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 590 KAQQ WA Spokane - 1/10 0908 - With Q-59, KAQQ, with music you love. NOS music. (CB-CO)
- CFAR MB Flin Flon - 1/10 0900 - With CL ID and Canadian weather. (CB-CO)
- 940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 1/19 1400 - Nice signal on groundwave in WAUR absence, with MBS News and *Rush Limbaugh*. No sign of regular WFAW. (KO-IL)
- 1080 KYMN MN Northfield - 1/24 0806 - Northfield local news in phase null of strong KRLD. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1170 WPLX TN Germantown - 1/17 0839 - Weak, getting beat up by KVOO. ID: *Listen to Don ??? and Big Band Johnson, Sunday at noon on ??* 1170 WPLX. NOS music. (LB-MO)
- 1190 KMYL AZ Tolleson - 1/11 1059 - With *The Music of Your Life*, KMYL 1190, Tolleson and NOS music. Needed the call change. (CB-CO)
- KMYL AZ Tolleson - 1/22 1200 - KMYL *Music of Your Life*, AM 1190 Tolleson and ?? FM 105.3 *Wickenburg* (?) into network news but too weak to tell which. Very weak but enough to ID. NEW! (FA-ID)
- 1220 KZEE TX Weatherford - 1/23 0810 - Ad for Mexican restaurant in Weatherford and oldies. Splatter from WBBZ, a local station, makes reception difficult. (JR-OK)
- 1240 KCLV NM Clovis - 0944 - Out of the mud, with CL ID and local announcements. Not heard in a while. (CB-CO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 590 KLBJ TX Austin - 1/16 1930 - Strong, with talk show and *News Radio 590*, KLBJ. (CB-CO)
- 770 KATL MT Miles City - 1/16 2217 - Fair, on peaks, with CL ID and oldies. (CB-CO)
- 810 WAPB TN Murfreesboro - 1/22 1745 - With ID, at pause during satellite standards. Tough skywave signal in WGY null during *Tom Leykis*. Still wanting WDDD. WOW! 6 Watts! (KO-IL)
- 890 KVOZ TX Laredo - 1/25 2008 - SS preaching with background religious music. New here. (JR-OK)
- 980 KRTX TX Rosenberg-Richmond - 1/16 2207 - With *La mejor musica, cada hora*, KRTX *Richmond-Rosenburg, Tejas y 100.7 FM*. SS ballads. New, for TX # 112. (CB-CO)
- 990 KZZB TX Beaumont - 1/16 2040 - Weak, on fades, with CL ID and REL programming. New. (CB-CO)
- 1020 KJJK MN Fergus Falls - 1/6 1944 - With CL ID and slogan *The oldies sound great every time you tune your radio to 1020, KJ-Oldies*. New, for MN #27. (CB-CO)
- KJJK MN Fergus Falls - 1/24 2131 - Oldies with call ID. Heard during fade of KDKA. (JR-OK)
- KVCS OK Perry - 1/16 2048 - Good on peaks, with *Your favorite country songs are played here*. We're AM 1020 KVCS. (CB-CO)
- 1080 KYMN MN Northfield - 1/24 0806 - Northfield local news in phase null of strong KRLD. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 11/22 2055 - Call-in talk with ID: *Newstalk 1100 KNZZ*. (JR-OK)
- 1180 KYET AZ Williams - 1/11 1943 - Strong, with legal ID and slogan *News when you want it*. Sign-off with station address, etc. (CB-CO)
- 1220 KTLV OK Midwest City - 1/16 1905 - With female speaker delivering prayer and CL ID in part of prayer.. New. (CB-CO)
- 1240 KELK NV Elko - 1/5 1901 - Out of the mud, with CL ID and oldies. (CB-CO)
- 1250 KZDC TX San Antonio - 1/16 1959 - Fair, on peaks, with KZDC, *San Antonio* in EE, then programming and ID in SS. *Esta es Radio ???, en San Antonio*. Several further mentions of San Antonio. My Log indicates "AOR". Is this a format change, or evening program?? New. (CB-CO)
- 1270 KTRT OK Claremore - 1/16 2240 - In briefly, with KTRT *Claremore* ID by female announcer. New, for OK #34. (CB-CO)
- 1330 KFH KS Wichita - 1/18 1852 - Weak, in the mess, with talk program with an astrologer/psychic giving readings/advice to callers. *Talk Radio KFH* slogan. At 1859 *KFH News Update* with Kansas news followed at 1900 by CBS News. (LB-MO)

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1390	KCRC	OK	Enid - 1/16 1958 - With KCRC, Enid and mentions of <i>Covering the whole state of Oklahoma, Sports Talk 1340</i> . Maybe a relay? New. (CB-CO)
	KBEC	TX	Waxahachie - 1/16 1949 - Good, on peaks, with <i>You're listening to KBEC, 1390, Classic Country in Waxahachie</i> . C&W oldies. New. (CB-CO)
	WRIG	WI	Schofield - 1/22 1845 - With ID in pause of satellite standards. In WGCI null. Good signal for 15 minutes. (KO-IL)
1560	KWCO	OK	Chickasha - 1/16 2106 - Armchair level, with ad for <i>Sonic Burger Brown Bag Special</i> . Several mentions of <i>... here in Chickasha</i> and <i>Here on KWCO</i> . (CB-CO)
1580	WOXR	AL	Oxford - 1/20 1930 - Weak, in the mud, with C&W music and <i>We don't just call it country. it's Country AM Country 1580 WOXR</i> . C&W music [natch - Ed.]. Log says NOS. (LB-MO)
1590	KWBG	IA	Boone - 1/20 1840 - Weak, in and out of the pile, with ad for <i>McCloud USA Phone Directory</i> . It's KWBG's <i>Tailgate Basketball ?? Wednesday night ??</i> . Ads for <i>Party ?? Balloons and Gifts</i> in downtown Boone, <i>Marla's Larger Fashions</i> and <i>??? Furniture and Carpets</i> in Boone. (LB-MO)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record-holder from North America

1230 kHz:	Miles				
KGRO	TX	Pampa	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	471
1240 kHz:					
KWLC	IA	Decorah	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	263
WCNY	MI	Cheboygan	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha	658
WHIZ	OH	Zanesville	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	323
WRTA	PA	Altoona	Ron Bailey	Shelby	492
WDNE	WV	Elkins	Ron Bailey	Shelby	269

1340 kHz:					
WBBQ	GA	Augusta	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	128
KNDE	NM	Aztec	Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, MN	*706

Totals:		1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Ernie Wesolowski	Omaha, NE	41	49	46	45	52	19	252

DDXD-East

Deadlines for DDXD-East are on Tuesdays.

I noted in an article in *The Economist* last week that an enormous number of radio stations have changed ownership in the last year since the passage of the Communications Reform Act last year. No doubt this explains the rash of station address changes that have been showing up here of late.

Perry Crabill writes from Winchester, VA that the December 1997 issue of *The Lowdown*, the monthly newsletter of the Longwave Club of America, has an alphabetical list of LF-MF beacon operators by call signs, giving locations and QSL addresses. The beacons heard by JA-NY in no. 13 are "PX" (1636.2 kHz) in Berlin, MD, and "MPK" (1642 kHz) in Chittenango, NY. Thanks, Perry!

STATION NEWS

820	WXEG	MD	Frederick - 1/25 0227 - ESPN sports, ID "WXEG Frederick," fair in CHAM null. Call change? (GM-PQ)
920	WTTM	NJ	Trenton - Report to address in Log returned. New address? (SK-PA)
960	CFFX	ON	Kingston - 1/26 1800 - Noted back on the air after ice storm silence. (AR*NY)
990	CJAD	PQ	Montreal - According to the Montreal newspaper <i>La Presse</i> , CJAD will begin broadcasting via the facilities of CKGM-990 from 0000 on 1/26. CJAD lost their four towers in the big ice storm, and had been broadcasting on 1410 since then, but didn't have enough power to reach their listeners on the West Island. CJAD's program director Steve Kowch hopes to get back on 800 around mid-April. The two stations came to this agreement to better serve the EE-speaking community. CKGM mentioned that during this silent period, they will re-evaluate their programming, and promised they would be back. In the meantime, CJAD is also still



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AKRON, OHIO 44313

1040	WJHR	NJ	Flemington - 1/8 1550 - New station on the air, no ads heard, DJ mentioned six towers in a row. Gave phone numbers as follows: office (908) 996-0172, studio line (908) 996-1017, fax (908) 996-7827, and Web site at www.flemington.net/wjhr . (PT-NJ)
1110	WSFW	NY	Seneca Falls - 1/26 1500 - Noted while driving through with C&W music, ID as "Classic Country, 1110 AM WSFW." (AR*NY)
1340	WCMI	KY	Ashland - Correction: This, and not Ashland OH, is what I heard and reported last week. (SK-PA)
1440	WJAB	ME	Westbrook - 1/25 2200 - ID is "WJAB." (PG-MA)
1450	WWNT	AL	Dothan - Report to address in Log returned; anyone have a new one? (DT-JAM)
	WTAL	FL	Tallahassee - Non-QSL letter says they are not on 24 hours per day. (DT-JAM)
1480	WTOY	VA	Salem - New address is: 504 23rd Street NW, Roanoke VA 24017- 5414. (SK-PA)
1550	WKQV	PA	Pittston - 1/22 1000 - Drops the WARM-590 simulcast, now all One on One Sports. ID only as "This is The Stadium, sports radio 1550, all sports, all the time." The FM here was recently sold and split off from simulcast, and apparently the AM was too. (SK-PA)
1680	WWCK	MI	Flint - 1/18 2330 - Here with distorted audio // FM. Not on 1570; and on 1/19 both 1570 and 1680 were silent. Per phone call to station, they have no plans to move to the X-band. With the 2010 before me tuned to a silent 1570, I was told that the 1570 transmitter was indeed on the air and that "there must be something wrong with (my) radio." There isn't. (TS-MI) [And I've seen other reports of this on the Internet, so I'll vouch for your radio, hi. - DY]

KADS

P.O. BOX 949

ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

UNID and UNID HELP

580	UNID	-	1/26 0640 - GOS under WHP with music, talk. WKSK or WTLB? (RJE-PA)
690	UNID	-	1/19 0400-0445 - Sports Fan Radio mixing with WTIK and SS station, no sign of CBF. Never ID'ed. Didn't sound like often heard WJOX, fair signal. Maybe KGGF? (MD-NY) [Or WOKV? Or maybe WJOX; they're listed in the Log as being on the Fan network. - DY]
	UNID	-	1/23 1740 - Non-sports teletalk over, under WJOX with phone number 693-6690. Nothing in Log to match. (RJE-PA)
720	WWII	PA	Shiremanstown - LW's unID with "The Rock" ID's in no. 13 is this one. New slogan, same format. (SK-PA)
820	UNID	-	1/17 1845 - Caught end of SSB and sign-off by male in opera style; can't be too many sounding like this. Maybe WSWI or WWAM? (SK-PA)
1050	UNID	-	1/23 2310 - Jim Bohannon show, quick local ID that sounds for all the world like "News-Talk 870 WHCU." I have no listing for a // . Any ideas? (PT-NJ) [No, but WEVD carries Bohannon. - DY]
1340	UNID	-	1/20 1959 - Ad for Red Tag Sales at Carpet Mart on Main Street, and PSA for National Guard. Have heard same ad last several nights. Carpet Mart is based out of Reading, PA, so most likely WRAW. (SK-PA)
1430	UNID	-	1/26 0010 - Joel Vincent show, United Broadcasting Com pany, national weather, UPI news. Good. (GM-PQ)
1460	UNID	-	1/15 2100 - SS station, mention of Washington. New format for WKDV? Very energetic music and speaking. (SK-PA) [With the demise of Radio Aahs, could well be. - DY]
1470	WTRR	MD	Westminster - Could be JR-NY's unID in no. 13; calls are similar and they have One on One Sports. (SK-PA)
1550	UNID	-	1/5 1445-1500 - NOS // WSAM; music barely audible under CBE's talk. Never heard anything under CBE in the daytime before. (TS-MI)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

590	WOW	NE	Omaha - 1/16 0245-0250 - After suspecting for a long time that this was the unID C&W station mixing with WARM, WEZE, and others, heard them peaking long enough tonight with "Country delights on WOW." Fair signal. State #36 at this location. (MD-NY)
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- 730 WVFN MI East Lansing - 1/18 0455 - Tentative with mention of Lansing, giving MI area code in ad, then One on One Sports. Poor and alone, but readable, and apparently my recent unID. 50 watts. (SK-PA) [Probably on day power; too many reports of this one suddenly appearing lately. - DY]
- CKDM MB Dauphin - 1/10 0439 - "The original CKDM," several country songs back to back, ad for inventor's hotline. Signal fair to poor. (RCP-IN)
- 800 CKLW ON Windsor - 1/23 0024 - ID 0026, giving phone number to join them, whether in Canada or Detroit. "The best advice from a doctor, Dr. ... provides the latest medical news, weeknights from 9-11 P.M. on AM 800 CKLW." Over, under CHR; CJAD still absent from 800. (DP-PQ)
- 830 CFJR ON Brockville - 1/16 0140 - Live DJ, ID "103.7 The River and 830 CFJR," stated they lose the FM simulcast at 0600. Also speaking about the power outages. Blowing out WCCO, only heard during CFJR fades. Never heard before except at sunrise/sunset; still on day power? (SK-PA)
- 940 WMWR GA Macon - 1/18 0736 - "Coming up, the Art Bell show on WMWR," followed by Art Bell giving a sales pitch for one of his tapes on aliens from space. Fair, briefly in, new for me. (RCP-IN)
- 990 WZZD PA Philadelphia - 1/22 0044 - "Right here on WZZD," jingle, Christian music, local ad. Fair-good with CKGM off. (GM-PQ)
- 1020 KJJK MN Fergus Falls - 1/26 0550-0605 - Dominating KDKA with "KJ Oldies AM 1020" slogans, OLD music, legal ID at 0600 into ABC news, promo for skate party at 0603. Probably on daytime facilities. (PLB-MI)
- 1110 KFAB NE Omaha - 1/15 0015 - ID heard under WBT. (WM-MD)
- 1160 WYNS PA Lehighton - 1/26 0757 - C&W music, 'WINS Country' ID, fair in mess. (GM-PQ)
- 1200 WTLA NY North Syracuse - 1/23 0138 - Weak ID "WTLA 1200 AM, WSGO 1440 AM" in jumble, much stronger at 0143 with "Enjoy Phil ... in the morning on Unforgettable Radio WTLA 1200 AM, WSGO 1440 AM," into NOS instrumental. (DP-PQ)
- 1250 CHWO ON Oakville - 1/27 0020 - Comedy, BBD music, ads for Etobicoke, CHWO ID. Fair-good. (GM-PQ)
- 1260 WPZE MA Boston - 1/27 0026 - Radio Disney, ads for circus, "Yellow Sub marine" song, "Radio Disney AM 1260." Fair-good. (GM-PQ)
- WBUD NJ Trenton - 1/24 0655 - OLD music, ID 0656 "Oldies Radio," 0705 weather and call ID. Weak, alone on channel. (DZ-NY)
- 1280 WHTK NY Rochester - 1/27 0005 - "Talk Radio 1280 WHTK," ESPN news, fair-good with CFMB off. (GM-PQ)
- 1320 WATR CT Waterbury - 1/25 0700 - ID by man into network news, poor with unID behind. (DZ-NY)
- WDER NH Derry - 1/20 0757 - Weather, ID "Voice of inspiration, here on WDER," fair. (GM-PQ)
- 1340 WNBH MA New Bedford - 1/22 0225 - ID "Real Country WNBH," atop big jumble. Still hanging in at 0306. (SK-PA)
- WOUB OH Athens - 1/16 0100 - Young-sounding lake voice "1340 WOUB, Athens." Atop big jumble. (SK-PA)
- WIZE OH Springfield - 1/22 0306 - Heard "on WIZE," then NOS. Rose up above WNBH very clearly for a few moments, then back into the jumble. (SK-PA)
- 1350 WRNY NY Rome - 1/26 0032 - OLD // WADR-1480, poor. I guess this station does know it has 57 watts at night (see WADR-1480 and WUTQ-1550 loggings below). (GM-PQ)
- 1380 CKLC ON Kingston - 1/3 0302-0307 - Broadcast News into "CKLC Weather Center" forecast and old Fleetwood Mac song. Weak, but steady and clear. (MJW-CT)
- 1420 WBSM MA New Bedford - 1/26 0007 - "WBSM Accu-Weather," good. (GM-PQ)
- 1430 WDIC VA Clincho - 1/22 0000 - ID "AM 1430 WDIC, with your brand of country." Atop a shifting mix. (SK-PA)
- 1450 WTBO MD Cumberland - 1/18 0411 - Canned ID "The radio station Cumberland depends on, WTBO." Hung in strong, atop for 3 songs. Still strong at tune-out. (SK-PA)
- 1480 WADR NY Remsen - 1/26 0031 - OLD // WUTQ-1550, good. Another one that is certainly not 19 watts. (GM-PQ)

- 1550 WUTQ NY Utica - 1/26 0025 - OLD, ID: "Star stations AM 1350, 1480, and 1550, more great music," // WADR-1480. Good in CBE null. Supposed to be 3 watts? (GM-PQ)
- 1590 WMIM PA Mount Carmel - 1/14 0119-0123 - NOS, female announcer with ID at 0121, "Weekends on 1590, WMIM." Very weak. Supposed to be 17 watts? (MJW-CT)
- 1650 KGXL CA Costa Mesa - 1/9 0412-0430 - Semi-classical music, NOS after 0425, ID as "KGIL 1260 and 1650," poor. (DT-JAM)
- + 1/13 0347 - Music from various shows on Broadway, dual station ID "1260 AM KGIL and 1650 AM KGIL Costa Mesa," more music followed by another ID, "AM Stereo 1260 and AM 1650 All Stations, KGIL." Then back to music. Decent signal at brief moments, then goes into long, deep fades. (RCP-IN)
- + 1/25 0039 - ID "1650 KGIL" by woman, into show tune. Weak but clear, some WJDM-1660 splatter. (BS-PA)



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LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

- 870 WKAR MI East Lansing - 1/11 0835 - Station ID in EE at this time, then into program of SS music. Fair to poor in WWL null. (RCP-IN)
- 880 WRFD OH Columbus-Worthington - 1/25 0820 - REL program by slow-talking man, end of another program by Ohio minister, giving area code 614 phone number, ID 0845 into program with David Middleton. In null of WCBS. (DP-PQ)
- 940 WKGM VA Smithfield - 1/5 1530-1600 - ID "The ministry station, WKGM" over and under CBM. (TS-MI)
- 1040 WJHR NJ Flemington - 1/17 1412 - DJ speaking with music, way over the mike, "WJHR Jersey Hometown Radio." Format is light rock. Lots of up and down fades. (SK-PA)
- 1240 WATN NY Watertown - 1/22 1556 - Briefly over the mess, "Hi, Bruce ... joining us weeknights ... on 1240, WATN." (DP-PQ)
- CJRW PI Summerside - 1/22 1539 - C&W song "'What They Say,' on 1240 CJRW" ID at 1541, ad for telephone company ("PEI, we hear you") with long-distance plans, and ad for a musical comedy show in Summerside on 2/24. Much wanted, to complete AM coverage of PEI. (DP-PQ)
- CJMD PQ Chibougamau - 1/21 0801 - In FF, news with mentions of Alma, St-Felicien, Dolbeau, and Roberval, ad for a Chrysler dealer at 958 Third Street in Chibougamau, and warning about ice patches on the road in the Chibougamau park. (DP-PQ)
- 1310 WORC MA Worcester - 1/17 1440 - Presumed with University of Massachusetts Minutemen basketball, ad at 1443 with phone number 545-5626, "Now on the World Wide Web, your 1310-dot-com." Very fadey. (SK-PA)
- WDCT VA Fairfax - 1/20 0800 - Legal ID, news, poor-fair. (GM-PQ)
- 1440 WJLL NY Niagara Falls - 1/13 0900-0901 - "It's all happening on 1440, Wjll." Barely in front of WWTM, and only briefly. (MJW-CT)
- 1460 WBET MA Brockton - 1/17 1459 - Weather from meteorologist Russ Morley, ID "Full service radio for Metro South, WBET Brockton," into CNN news. Very clear. (SK-PA)
- 1510 WPUT NY Brewster - 1/27 1348-1404 - C&W, top-of-hour ID: "Country favorites of yesterday and today on WPUT, Brewster," into local news. Slow fades but mostly atop WNRB; WNLC a distant third. (MJW-CT)
- 1540 CHIN ON Toronto - 1/5 1545-1600 - In SS with long, strong peaks, Toronto PSA's and "Radio CHIN" ID's. Heard "CHIN AM 1540" at 1600, followed by Asian language news and talk. (TS-MI)
- 1570 WPGM PA Danville - 1/25 1530 - Religious program, ID, fair. (GM-PQ)
- WBUX PA Doylestown - 1/25 1530 - ID "On WBUX 1570," news, poor. (GM-PQ)
- LOGGINGS: 1600-2400
- 530 CIAO ON Brampton - 1/20 2257 - ID as "Hot 530," ads in EE, rap music. Fair. Fewer ethnic programs now. (GM-PQ)
- 590 WEZE MA Boston - 1/12 1928 - Ending syndicated religious program and ID, no sign of WARM. (RJE-PA)

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610	WTVN	OH Columbus - 1/27 1626 - "Ron Corby is back where he belongs in Columbus, only on 610 WTVN." Return to Dr. Dean Adell show. Way over WIP. (SK-PA)					
	WNTW	VA Winchester - 1/26 1700 - End of talk show, tones, ID. (WM-MD)					
620	WZON	ME Bangor - 1/12 1925 - With "The Zone" promo, One on One promo over, under WHEN, WVMT. (RJE-PA)					
	WVMT	VT Burlington - 1/12 1920 - Diana Ross record, SID, weather. (RJE-PA)					
650	WKKQ	MN Nashwaak - 1/3 1733-1750 - Minnesota Vikings football vs. San Francisco, Tom and Jerry's ice cream ad, followed by "WKKQ, the official Vikings football station." In WSM null, good signal, obviously before their power cut. Heard again on 1/4. (MD-NY)					
690	WTIX	LA New Orleans - 1/9 1800 - ID at top of hour, then into news with a mention of Cher delivering eulogy for late Congressman Sonny Bono. Fair to good signal in CBF null. (RCP-IN)					
730	WMTC	KY Vancleve - 1/21 1730 - ID, sign-off at this time, mention of 99.9 FM. (WM-MD)					
750	WPDX	WV Clarksburg - 1/22 1738 - Country gospel music, ID atop WSB. First time heard at this location. While looking in vain for WAUG-NC. (RJE-PA)					
760	WMEN	TN Knoxville - 1/7 1740 - Program titled "Mind over Body," followed by legal ID. Much background noise, WJR barely heard. (RCP-IN)					
830	WCRN	MA Worcester - 1/21 1730 - Ending syndicated religious program, then multistation ID. PA Turnpike HAR's off all the past week. (RJE-PA) + 1/25 1615 - ID "WCRN Worcester," program promo, fair. (GM-PQ)					
840	KWDF	LA Ball - 1/16 1826 - Several gospel songs, legal ID at 1828, then back to gospel music. Poor to fair under WHAS, new. (RCP-IN)					
850	CKVL	PQ Verdun - 1/21 1715-1720 - Tentative with FF talk, Gene Pitney song. (WM-MD)					
920	WYMB	SC Manning - 1/4 2212-2226 - Talk show, ID as "Sports 24 hours, WYMB," very poor in QRM. (DT-JAM)					
930	WRVC	WV Huntington - 1/7 2200 - On top with ID on the hour, CBS news. (MB-IN)					
950	WXGI	VA Richmond - 1/16 1920 - Promo for all-night trucker's show on "Country Gold 950 AM," which is their new slogan. (SK-PA)					
960	CFFX	ON Kingston - 1/7 1803 - Local news and weather, followed by several CFFX ID's, mentioning that "CFFX is Good Time Oldies." New station for me. (RCP-IN)					
970	CBZ	NB Fredericton - 1/7 2202 - CBC news, weather for Nova Scotia, P.I., and New Brunswick (lots of snow and "ice pellets".) ID as CBC Radio One, into woman playing folk music. Very good signal. CKGM also dominating 990 at this time. (PT-NJ)					
990	KWAM	TN Memphis - 1/15 1730 - Traffic report for Memphis area, mentions of I-40 and I-240, station ID, then back to gospel music. Fair but mixing with CKGM at times. (RCP-IN)					
	CKGM	PQ Montreal - 1/15 1723 - Promo for Dr. Joy Brown followed by "AM 990 CKGM," into Dr. Gabe someone call-in show answering medical questions from listeners. Fair with some fading, new. (RCP-IN)					
1000	WIOO	PA Carlisle - 1/8 1736 - Briefly heard in WMVP null with ID "WIOO, your sports leader." New. (RCP-IN)					
1040	WYSL	NY Avon - 1/6 2130 - CNN news, spots, ID by female, "News 1040 WYSL Avon-Rochester." Other non-ID mentions of "News 1040." Quite good at times in null of unusually weak WHO. (PT-NJ)					
	WSGH	NC Lewisville - 1/22 1755-1800 - Lively SS program, ID at 1800 in EE, good in WHO null. (WM-MD)					
1050	WEVD	NY New York - 1/8 1800 - "Good evening, this is WEVD, it's 6:00 p.m.," brief fade-out then back in with stock market report, several WEVD ID's. Very poor signal, new. (RCP-IN)					
1060	WNPC	TN Newport - 1/21 1742 - C&W music, ID heard over KYW. (WM-MD)					
1100	WGPA	PA Bethlehem - 1/17 1732 - PSA by Kenny Loggins, then "Your original hit station, Sunny 1100, WGPA." Some good oldies over, under WTAM. Never heard on late before. (SK-PA)					
1110	KFAB	NE Omaha - 1/5 1600-1700 - Over, under two others with long, strong peaks. In 1630 local break during Dr. Laura show, heard ID "It's 3:30 at News-Talk 1110, KFAB," and later, "If news breaks out, we break in. News-Talk 1110, KFAB." Rare, best ever signal. (TS-MI)					
	WLOD	TN Loudon - 1/15 1745 - ID heard under WRVA. (WM-MD)					
1130	WKED	KY Frankfort - 1/7 2118 - NOS music, spots, etc., drifting in and out with WBBR null. ID "Music and memories WKED." (Seems like I've heard that somewhere before.) Another daytimer with a broken clock! (PT-NJ)					
1160	WSKW	ME Skowhegan - 1/18 1724-1752 - Ad mentioning Waterville (Maine), Prime Sports network program, non-ID at 1751: "The Score, AM 1160 and FM 107.9." Fair to good, and way atop usual WVNJ. (MJW-CT)					
1160	WODY	VA Fieldale - 1/7 2105 - REL music in the mix, with ID "You're listening to ... 1160 WODY ... Southern Baptist Church." (PT-NJ)					
1180	WJNT	MS Pearl - 1/29 2105 - Fighting usual WHAM, Cuban, at times dominant, with Mississippi mentions, ID "WJNT Pearl-Jackson," then into Bruce Williams show. Obviously forgot to cut power. (NSA-OH)					
1190	WGKA	GA Atlanta - 1/16 1733 - Broadway tune "I'll Hold Her Hand in Mine," followed by other Broadway songs. Fair signal in WOVW null, and was able to follow it to 1745 sign-off, no SSB heard. New station for me. (RCP-IN)					
1230	WSAL	IN Logansport - 1/25 1605 - Weather on "WSAL weather center," "WSAL News-Talk 1230, the radio station to depend on, for the ... news and information all day long." My farthest GY station yet at 789 miles. (DP-PQ)					
	WMOU	NH Berlin - 1/25 1658 - Boston Bruins radio network, "... major league sports station, WMOU, Berlin-?," with summary of NHL game between Montreal and New Jersey. (DP-PQ)					
	WECK	NY Cheektowaga - 1/25 1655 - For a brief appearance, "The WECK forecast for today ..., 1230 WECK," in jumble. (DP-PQ)					
	WERI	RI Westerly - 1/9 2231 - Popping up briefly from the muck, female announcer "It's Friday, January 9, 1998 ... I'm ... reporting from the WERI news room." Then into New England news items, and drifted away. (PT-NJ)					
1250	WZOB	AL Fort Payne - 1/276 1820 - C&W music, ID, mention of Leann Rimes. (WM-MD)					
1260	WPHB	PA Philipsburg - 1/19 1717 - C&W tune, 1719 ID, then ad for coal company. Strong peak at sunset, then gone within a minute. (DZ-NY)					
1300	WIMG	NJ Ewing - 1/15 1804 - ID "This is WIMG" during slight fade of WJFK. At 1810, ad for Liberty Ford in Burlington, NJ. (SK-PA) + 1/18 2230 - Signal weak and fading, mention of Trenton, ID, "Keeping gospel music alive." (PG-MA)					
1310	WIBA	WI Madison - 1/9 2158 - Hockey game weak but readable in the mix, ID "Madison's news, weather, and sports leader. You're listening to Badger hockey on 1310 WIBA, Madison." (PT-NJ)					
1340	WKSJ	NY Jamestown - 1/20 2028 - ID "1340 WSKJ," in the mix. Not heard in several years. (SK-PA)					
1350	WEZS	NH Laconia - 1/19 2359 - ID heard in mess, EZL and GOS music, poor- fair. (GM-PQ)					
1360	WNAH	TN Nashville - 1/15 1800 - While passing by, noted "... from Nashville, Tennessee. Each day at this time we present the Billy James show. And now, Billy James," and gospel music show. (SK-PA)					
1390	WDCW	NY Syracuse - 1/21 2004 - "Your radio is right where it needs to be. Don't ever change it. WDCW," then into religious program. Another one in the mix. (SK-PA)					
	WZHF	VA Arlington - 1/21 1959 - Coming out of CNN Headline News, then "on Washington's all-new positive talk, WZHF Arlington." In the mix. Last heard about six call changes ago as WMZQ. (SK-PA)					
1460	WWWG	NY Rochester - 1/17 2200 - Part of ID by male with forced bassy voice, "... on WWWG ...," back to black gospel. Shifting in the mix with WWKL, unID SS. (SK-PA)					
1470	WLNC	SC Georgetown - 1/15 2133 - Promo for community events announcements by female, several call mentions and ending with "WLNC 1470." Then into GOS music. Fair to good, especially for 147 watts. (PT-NJ)					
1480	WEZC	KY Neon - 1/27 1655-1700 - REL music, "The best in inspirational music," ID. (WM-MD)					
	WADR	NY Remsen - 1/15 2052-2102 - NOS, ID 2100, into CNN news, poor. Only 19 watts? (MJW-CT)					
1540	WDCD	NY Albany - 1/17 2220 - Song by "Angel of Mercy," DJ said they would be with them after the Super Bowl. "This hour brought to you by Jonestown					

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Home tells of its charms

'Talking House' promising new real-estate sales tool

By Jennifer Royer
Tribune-Star

Thanks to modern technology people can shop for clothes, jewelry — and about anything else — without leaving their homes.

And now it's possible to shop for a home without leaving your car, thanks to talking houses.

Yes, talking houses. The next time you're out looking at homes for sale in the Wabash Valley, you may come across a sign that says: "This house 'talks.' Turn your car radio to 1610 AM."

One Wabash Valley real estate agent says talking houses take much of the hassle out of home-buying for both the buyer and the real estate agent.

"This gives people an opportunity to find out about a home in a more subtle fashion," says David S. Boeglin of Pfister Better Homes and Gardens in Terre Haute. "They can find out about a home without calling a salesperson."

Instead of calling a real estate agent when you'd like to know more about a house on the market, you can simply turn your car radio to 1610 AM and listen to the house tell you about itself.

A typical message would go like this: "Hi, I'm the talking house at 123 Main Street in Terre Haute. I have three bedrooms, two baths and a fireplace.

As you can see, I am a contemporary style home with a two-car garage. A beautiful view is just one of my special features . . ."

Talking houses have broadcasters — or mini-radio stations — inside them.

Real estate agents are able to record a 90-second message which includes special features of the home and a telephone number to call if prospective buyers are interested.

The broadcaster, which looks similar to a telephone answering machine, is then tuned to a clear frequency on the AM radio dial, where the message is played continuously, 24 hours a day. The message can be transmitted about 250 to 300 feet.

So, if you're house hunting and see a talking house, you can pull off the road, tune in and get information about the house without talking to an agent.

And it saves agents time they would normally spend explaining each house to each potential

buyer. Boeglin said Pfister started in January using three of the broadcasters, developed by Realty Electronics, Inc., of Fond du Lac, Wis.

The broadcasters sell for about \$200 each. Realty Electronics is the only company manufacturing solid-state AM radio transmitters for real estate.

"Talking House" is trademarked by that company. Boeglin says Pfister is the first agency to use the machines in the Wabash Valley.

Boeglin puts a machine in a home immediately when one is put on the market.

He leaves the machine there for the first 10 to 14 days, which is when most people show an interest in the home anyway, he says.

"The peak time in the marketing process is the initial two weeks when people who drive by see the signs go up," Boeglin says. "This gives them an opportunity to find out about the home and hopefully, will encourage a prospective buyer to call us for additional information. It gives



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Talk to me: David Boeglin posts sign at Riley home.

us a chance to build some rapport."

While Boeglin says his agency hasn't done any scientific studies, every home he's used the machines in since January has sold.

"I don't know if we can attribute that success to [Talking Houses] or not, but where we've used the units, those particular homes have sold," he

says. Other Wabash Valley real estate agencies have noticed and shown an interest in talking houses, and Boeglin says he will consider buying more machines in the future.

"Listing inventory in the marketplace is still down, but as demand increases, we'll certainly look at buying more," he says. "I think thus far it has been a pretty effective tool."

Radio station is a dream-come-true

Charles Hecht was single when he began his quest to build Hunterdon County's first commercial radio station.

As WJHR gets ready to go on the air, he is married and the father of a 10-year-old boy.

"You have no idea what you have to do to get this far," said Hecht.

It has been 13 years and more than \$1 million after Hecht began researching the possibility of starting a radio station in Hunterdon.

Hecht expects to begin broadcasting from a new 3,500-square-foot building on Locktown Road in August. Programming for the station will include local news and events, traffic, weather, high-school sports and music.

Because there are no other radio stations that cater only to Hunterdon County residents and businesses, Hecht, who lives in the Pittstown section of Franklin, is confident the station will be successful.

"If you want to hear Hunterdon County traffic or Hunterdon County anything, it doesn't exist out here," he said.

Hecht has run his own broadcast consulting firm for the past 16 years.

In 1984, he began formulating a plan to put WJHR on the air. A year later, he filed an application with the Federal Communications Com-

By the numbers

- Five broadcast towers, each 199 feet tall
- Estimated employees: 10 full-time and five part-time
- 1040 on the AM dial
- 1,000 watts of power by night
- 5,000 watts by day
- More than \$1 million invested

mission. It was then that Hecht hit the first of many snags that stalled the realization of his dream.

A New York City station — WEVD (1050 AM) — fought against FCC approval, claiming the new signal would interfere with its broadcasts.

Hecht ultimately won that battle by setting up a directional antenna system, which direct a radio station's signal in a specific direction rather than in all directions. Five antennas will direct the signal away from New York, but still allow listeners in Somerset County to tune in.

After selecting a site in Kingwood, a change in the zoning designation for the property forced Hecht to find another home for the station. When he settled on an 18-

acre site off Locktown Road, a small intermittent stream on the property meant he had to obtain a wetlands permit from the state, which took years.

"I would leave the office in Trenton, and my head would spin," he said of his frequent and confusing visits to the Department of Environmental Protection. The state requires a myriad of tests to be done by the permit applicant to show that development of the site will not pollute the water, damage the environment or cause flooding.

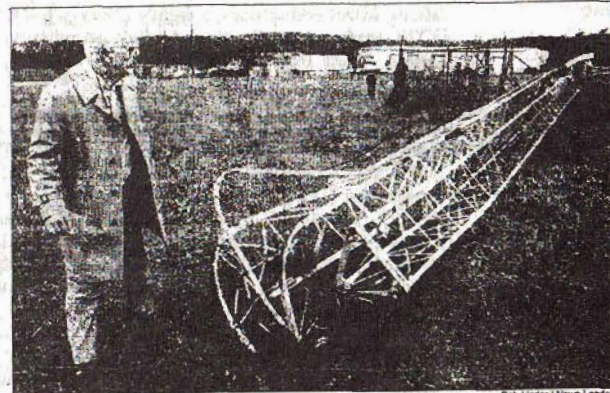
Dan Lohse recently hired Hecht to help set up WBRW (1170 AM) in Bridgewater, which returned to the air this year after being dormant for years.

The two stations will operate out of neighboring counties, and will likely compete for advertisers and listeners.

"Competition is good," Lohse said. "It makes people work harder."

It is unlikely another commercial radio station will be built in Hunterdon County, because there are few unused frequencies left, said Philip H. Roberts, executive director of New Jersey Broadcasters Association.

— By David Hagen
Courier-News Writer



Bob Linder / News-Leader

Ron Johnson, owner of KTOZ-AM, walks around the station's tower on West Bennett Street. Police say the driver of a dump truck that got hung up in the cable probably cut the wire to get free.

KTOZ-AM back on the air

For now, listeners can hear the station signal from about two or three miles.

By Mark Marymont
News-Leader

Radio station KTOZ-AM is still down, but it's not out.

The station is back on the air with limited power.

Last Friday, the tower at its West Bennett Street facility was torn down, apparently by an errant dump truck that had been moved from a field next to the KTOZ property.

"We are back on the air now with what is called a long-line that is suspended 10 feet above the ground," said KTOZ owner Ron Johnson.

"We have about 25 watts of power and a coverage of about two or three miles."

Johnson hopes to have more power on a 50-foot line by the weekend. "I'm not sure how much that will increase our coverage. The engineers are still working on that."

"We have heard from a lot of our listeners, offering to help," Johnson said, referring to covering repairs on the uninsured tower. "They have already been sending

in contributions, from \$20 to \$100, to pay the cost of getting a new tower up."

Springfield police are investigating the incident. FBI Special Agent Bill Deal is also checking federal statutes to see if his organization will get involved.

"If we are, we will coordinate with the Springfield police in the investigation," Deal said.

"The police have found some good evidence out here," Johnson said. "It was done by a single-axle dump truck that was parked in a field west of us."

Somebody apparently took it and was driving around in the field with our tower, apparently trying to turn around. One of the cables scraped the truck and tore off two air horns."

Johnson said when the truck got hung up in the wire, the driver cut the cable to get loose, "and that is when it came down."

While Johnson wants to know who was driving the truck, he's sure it was an accident.

"I think they just got out there and got stuck. It was a dumb deal, that's all," Johnson said.

The station, which airs an eclectic blend of jazz, Big Band, swing and blues music, is run by about 25 volunteers. They have raised a

KTOZ's tower

- Height: 228 feet
- Cost to replace: \$40,000 to \$80,000
- Time to replace: Four to six weeks
- Tower fund donations: Send to KTOZ-AM, 2607 W. Bennett St., Springfield, Mo. 65807. Or call 831-1060.

\$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the driver.

Johnson credits the FCC for helping him get an emergency variance to get the station back on at its limited capacity. He's also grateful to Springfield City Utilities for the loan of two 60-foot power poles and to Par Electric for installing them on Tuesday.

"Radio towers don't fall over every day, but we always try to meet the needs of our customers," CU spokesman Ernest DeCamp said.

Johnson, who has waged a long and often acrimonious fight with the U.S. Department of Labor over whether his volunteers should be paid, said this latest problem won't get him down.

"I have always said we took this little old station at the bottom of the list and built it up. We know we have listeners and we will keep fighting to keep this station on the air. This is just another stepping stone."

Springfield News-Leader
-via Randy Stewart



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- Music Store in Schenectady.* Over, under a religious station with woman talking about seeing balls of light in the sky — KXEL or CHIN? (SK-PA) [KXEL tends to have the more Art Bell-ish religious shows. - DY]
- 1550 WKBA VA Vinton - 1/25 1655 - GOS music, ID "WKPA 1170, WKBA 1550, Vinton-Roanoke-Salem." Fair-good. (GM-PQ)
- 1560 WRHC FL Coral Gables - 1/20 2045-2128 - I never thought I'd hear someone blowing out WQEW at night! Playing SS ballads, ID 2128 in EE "WRHC Coral Gables-Miami." Has to be on day power. (SK-PA)
+ 1/27 2000 - ID very weak under WQEW. (WM-MD)
- 1570 WSWV VA Pennington Gap - 1/15 2117 - Out of the mix for ID only (imagine that!) "WSWV-FM... all day at work on 105.5." Poor in a real mess. (PT-NJ)
- 1640 KXBT CA Vallejo - 1/29 2012 - Finally! Pop music and ads with ID "1640 KXBT Solid Gold" up briefly, then phone number 800-?-MOTOWN (maybe GO or GOLD?), fighting with DFW TIS. Poor with occasional fade-ups. (BS-PA)
TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS
- 1610 HAR MA Cape Cod - 1/25 1754 - Men giving directions to somewhere, mentioning Route 28, South Chatham (so I assume MA), a bridget, etc., and "it's four miles to the terminal." (DP-PQ) [This would be at the entrance to Cape Cod. - DY]
- HAR NC — - 1/29 1953 - Continuous talk by man, with mentions of "proceed north about 1.3 miles," "turn left at Irwin Road," also Exit 170, Route 147, Greensboro, and Raleigh. Up briefly from the slop, heard on both SR-III and R-70. (BS-PA)
- 1620 Pirate - — - 1/17 2156-2211- Tuned in to hear 50's song by the Coasters just finishing, followed by Isley Brothers song "Nobody Can Do the Twist Like I Can Do," followed by DJ saying "On the X, let's keep rockin, man. Just remember on 1620, if it don't rock it, we don't stock it." Followed by two more songs after which the DJ wished everyone a good evening, "1620 the Big X leaves the air, be cool." Very good signal to 2211 sign-off, little fading and some noise present. Anybody know where this is coming from? (RCP-IN)
+ 1/24 0654-0728 - Weak signal, 60's and 70's oldies, BTO "Takin' Care of Business" at 0658 and Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water" at 0727. Mixing with Niagara Falls and Shenandoah Valley (VA) TIS'es. Not WCTD-RI or "Valley Radio" in NJ. Any ideas? (JA-NY)
- 1690 HAR NC — - 1/28 0630 - North Carolina DOT HAR heard at this time with talk by man, mentions of "I-95," "Highway Advisory Radio," "1690 AM," "road construction," and possible call WP-J---, then synthe sized female with "The time is 6:30, the day is Wednesday, the date is 1-28-98," repeating in loop, with time updated each time. Anyone know the location? (BS-PA) Bill Harms notes there is a TIS at Clyde, NC with calls WPKJ606 operated by the North Carolina DOT, but on 1610 kHz.

REPORTERS

NSA-OH	Neil S. Adams	Hinckley OH - ICF-SW7600
JA-NY	John Arthur	Belfast NY - Yaesu FT-767, 170' LW
PLB-MI	Phil Boersma	Spring Lake MI - Realistic 14-785
MB-IN	Mark Burns	Terre Haute IN - R8A, Kiwa loop, 80' LW
MD-NY	Michael Diers	Huntington Station NY - HF-1000, Kiwa loop
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell PA - Car radio and whip
PG-MA	Phil Greenspan	Marshfield MA - Superadio III
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township PA - Superadio III
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX-380
GM-PQ	Gilles Michaud	St. Laurent PQ - ICF-2010, Kiwa filters, SM-2, box loop
DP-PQ	Denis Picard	Trois Rivières Ouest PQ - R-5000, Kiwa loop, 145' attic wire
RCP-IN	Robert Pote	Greenwood IN - R8A, Quantum loop, Superadio III
AR*NY	Andy Rugg	Cornwall ON - On the road with car radio
TS-MI	Tom Sanders	Davison MI - Sony 2010
BS-PA	Brett Saylor	State College PA - R-390A, R-70, 150' LW, SR3
PT-NJ	Paul Thomas	Salem NJ - R8A, MFJ1026, 100' wires, 1' loop, active vertical
DT-JAM	Don Trelford	St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica - R-2000, LW
MJW-CT	Marty Waters	Wallingford CT - Superadio III
MJW*CT		DX'ing in Middletown CT - Car radio
DZ-NY	Dan Ziolkowski	Hamburg NY - 2010, Kiwa filters, Kiwa pocket loop



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

Finally catching up with everything, I think. Getting more familiar with my new (my wife's old) computer, learning how to access e-mail with my wife's new computer. This week I'm trying to see if accents make it to Paul through the Internet. (Perfectly! -pls)

My apologies to three reporters (Forth, Moore, DeLorenzo) whose print loggings were misplaced during all of the computer commotion of the last two weeks.

We have had lots of new reporters in recent weeks, just the way we like it in the National Radio Club. Deadlines here are Sundays, but stuff arriving later sometimes gets in; what doesn't is held till the next week.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 162 FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis JAN 24 2355 - Good; French rap music, France-Inter ID into news. [Conti-MA]
- 189 ICELAND Rikisutvarpid JAN 25 0020 - Good; man in Icelandic, blues/rock music. [Conti-MA]
- 198 ENGLAND, BBC Radio 4, JAN 25 0025 - Good; Radio 4 ID, local news, sports, and weather. [Conti-MA] JAN 25 0500 - Fair; BBC World Service Newscast. [Conti-NH]
- 567 IRELAND, DEC 28 0327 - with man and woman speaking in EE, sounded like a sports report at 0333, several female reporters, possibly with news, later heard speech, and man and woman conversation. Tune-out 0345, then noted woman announcer at 0402, no ID heard, tentative. [Forth-IL]
- 612 MOROCCO, RTM Sebba-Aioum JAN 18 0020 - Fair; man and woman in Arabic, string music, // 207. [Conti-NH]
- 693 AZORES, RDP Terceira JAN 17 2345 - Fair; classic rock/oldies music over RNE-Spain, // 837. [Conti-NH]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1 Barcelona JAN 17 2330 - Fair; talk about "equipo español" and World Cup, // 729 & 774. [Conti-NH]
- 747 UNID, DEC 27 0502 - poor-fair with man speaking, then sounded like a sing-along at 0504, couldn't ID language, audio gone but carrier still here 0515. [Forth-IL] (Dutch can sound very similar to EE, but hard to understand - Jim)
- 765 SENEGAL, RTS Dakar JAN 25 0630 - Tentative; man in monotonic French, audio similar to that typical of regular receptions during local sunset. [Conti-NH]
- 855 SPAIN Murcia, DEC 27 0419 - good for a few minutes with man in SS, guitar music, one of the strongest TAs during this time and the 1996 opening. [Forth-IL]
- 945 FRANCE Toulouse JAN 25 0610 - Poor; man in French and nostalgia, assumed to be R.Bleue, but potential 1206 and 1377 parallels weren't coming in at the time. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 DENMARK DR Kalundborg, DEC 28 0414-0429 - good with man in Danish, tape of man in EE talking about his band's new album, and a couple of EE pop tunes from that album. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 25 0605 - Good; man in Danish and European rock music. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 ENGLAND Talk Radio synchros, DEC 28 0500-0503 - fair with news by man and woman in EE through WBAL sideband. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1089 UNID, DEC 27 0425 - just barely with audio, sounded like man and woman speaking, maybe EE, but couldn't ID. Also heard 12/28 0255. [Forth-IL]
- 1134 UNID, DEC 27 0220-0500 - in and out, strong audio at times with instrumental music, best 0400 with man speaking, then instrumental version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". Also at 0500 with time pips and man speaking. In again 12/28 with variety of music, best at 0127 with "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Overall, this was probably stronger than Norway 1314. [Forth-IL] (Music variety and pips- sounds like Croatia - Jim)
- 1152 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros JAN 24 2320 - Fair; woman in Spanish and music // 1125. [Conti-MA]
- 1179 SWEDEN R.Sweden, Solvesborg JAN 24 2030 - Fair; end of Russian program, then ID "Radio Sweden, Stockholm ... on medium wave 1179 and on FM to greater Stockholm" and Spectrum On the Arts program in English. [Conti-MA]

- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy, 12/27 in most of the evening with man speaking, US standards, heard as late as 0600. Also noted carrier as early as 2200 the following afternoon, which is very unusual for a TA in this location. [Forth-IL]
- 1386 RUSSIA, VOR Kaliningrad JAN 24 2255 - Good; United Christian Broadcasters program of Christian folk music in English, "2 minutes before 11" UTC time check and UK phone number. [Conti-MA]
- 1395 NETHERLANDS Talk Radio, Lopik JAN 24 2215 - Fair; discussion/interview in Dutch. [Conti-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR Romoules JAN 24 2110 - Good; Arabic program with discussion and light music. [Conti-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA Duba JAN 24 2005 - Fair; man in Arabic // 9555, 9870, & 11935. [Conti-MA]
- 1611 NORWAY, LGB TLX Rogaland JAN 24 2135 - Fair; code IDs and data through Falmouth TIS. [Conti-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 730 MEXICO XEPQ? Melchor Muzquiz COAH, JAN 7 0201 - Ads, seeming to mention Muzquiz; "La Siete Treinta" slogans, male announcer with dedications, CST time checks, Announcer once mentioned "La Siete Treinta, con cinco mil wats de potencia." XEPQ has supposedly moved here from 710 kHz. Signal was mixing with XEX, KKDA and CKDM. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1000 MEXICO XEFV Cd. Juarez CHIH, DEC 23 0900 - nice ID: "En Juárez-El Paso, La Rancherita," then "Estás escuchando XEFV, La Rancherita, en el mil de su radio, con mil wats de potencia ranchera..." into music. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1100 MEXICO XENAS Navajoa SON, JAN 2 0140 - Ranchera music, young-sounding woman announcer, 0201 ID in QRM: "Estás escuchando XENAS, La Norteñita, con la música más bonita", also mentioned Organización Radiorama; soon faded. XE #142, SON #26, 1st new station of 1998. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1190 MEXICO XEPZ Cd. Juárez CHIH, JAN 7 0103 - Gobs of ads, phone requests, Latino music. The same ads were repeated after every song; many of them for auto parts or auto repair. Fair over/under QRM, pretty easy with semi-local KBCO silent. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1560 MEXICO XEJVP Cd. Juarez CHIH, JAN 1 0042 - SS language religion programs with an occasional EE Southern Gospel tune thrown in; ads for religious events and programs, call ID's. New slogan is apparently "La Nueva Radio Viva" to match their format. City of license has supposedly changed to Zaragoza, but do not know if this has taken place yet. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1685 COLOMBIA Mercaderes, JAN 25 0542 UTC - slow CW ID "MER E", with another unintelligible CW ID underneath [Saylor-PA]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 774 JAPAN JOUB Akita, DEC 27 1118-1202 - Best Japanese reception in over 50 years of foreign MW DXing on the East Coast. Mostly man speaking in JJ 1145-1200. By 1200 was considerably weaker but still strong enough to tape the NHK time pips on the hour followed by few words by a woman, then a brief musical interlude and then a man speaking. JJ carriers also noted on 828, 747 and 693 this morning. As is typical when the JJ stations are coming in there was not a single DU carrier. JOUB also produced audio DEC 28 1155 and DEC 29 1127-1156. DF perfect for Japan on all signals. I was really nervous on the 27th as 1200 approached as the signal was waiting fast but it held long enough for me to get a nice tape of the NHK time pips. [Moore-FL] (Very nice report, hope you don't have to wait 50 more years for the next time! - Jim)
- 1053 UNID, DEC 29 1207-1212 - Very interesting strong carrier here after JOUB faded out this date. Probably could have pulled audio from this one if tuned earlier. Definite DF for Far East. [Moore-FL] (My book shows China, India, Philippines, Malaysia - Jim)

Ray speaks: "This has been the worst TP season in years. Prior to recent Japanese invasion the last decent audio from 1098 Majuro, Marshall Islands on AUG 13 when I got a nice tape of island music. The Aussies have been particularly poor with only 4QD 1548 showing decent carrier and occasional traces of audio. I hope others were listening DEC 26-29 for I'm sure many exotic catches were available. It will be interesting to see if the West Coasters logged a bunch of TA's." (TA signals were heard in the northwest and in Honduras during this same period - Jim)

STATION NEWS

NETHERLANDS: 1224 Q-Radio: Letter in English without details signed by Peter Jansen, Director. Address: Postbox 151, 7200 AD Zutphen, Holland; email: q.radio@tip.nl. After 10 days for

a report on Jan. 15 transmission, 1 IRC. They are broadcasting with 50 kW (25 kW during nighttime) from the vessel "Communicator" in the Ijsselsee. 828 Arrow Classic Rock: Station info and stickers after 10 days, no QSL. [Passmann-GERMANY, via Hard-Core-DX]

NETHERLANDS (more): I just read on the Dutch teletext service that the local authorities in Apeldoorn did NOT approve the building plans of KPN for their 4 towers. These towers should act as antenna's for future-plan radio station "Radio Delta" on 171 kHz. Earlier, the Dutch minister Jorritsma said due to the strong limitations with respect to environment regulations it would be very difficult to get a license to rise up these towers anyway. She also said that she must approve a broadcast-license, so KPN will launch another plan in near future. [sources: NOS Teletext & BCDX via Robert Joosten in Hard-Core-DX]

PHILIPPINES: VOA's one megawatt Poro transmitter in the Philippines was testing on a new frequency - 1170 kHz - from 6th-14th December at 1600-1700 and 1800-1900 UTC. Programming were instrumental music, not regular VOA programming. The usual 1143 kHz channel apparently suffers interference from Taiwan in the target area so VOA are looking for a new channel. Certainly worth trying for in Europe at this time of year. [VOA Communications World via Dave Kenny in MediDX]

UKRAINE: 1373.44, JAN 15 2125 - I've an unidentified station, never heard before. Non-stop instrumental music (modern piano mx, some jazz-fusion mx) from tune-in at 2125 UTC; short announcement by man at 2155, maybe in some east-european language; abruptly off at 2158 after some more music. Good signal, 9 - 9+10 on peaks, some fading; low modulation with background rumbling. Somewhere from former Yugoslavia? (Fabrizio Magrone, Italy via Hard-Core-DX) I'm not sure on this one, but the Ukraine has had a notorious drifter that has moved up and down from its nominal 1377 over the years. [Connelly-MA] Maybe it's worth of mention that not only Ukrainians but also many Russians are drifting incoherently in the wildest places on AM band. Sometimes in evenings in Europe one can find numerous split frequencies with a decent signal. 1040 - where it may be - comes to my mind first. [Jari Lehtinen, Lahti, Finland] Indeed Mark was right. Yesterday evening and this evening I've an Ukrainian station with the Promin program wandering in the 1373.44 - 1373.90 kHz range with good signals, making reception of St. Pierre & Miquelon next to impossible. Let's hope it will go back to where it belongs, just after our trans-Atlantic friends have logged it. Thank you Mark for your tip! [Fabrizio Magrone, Forlì, Italy] This stn has been heard even on around 1370 kHz making reception of NA on this frequency difficult... Furthermore, Ukrainian radio has not been 24 hours since last summer. That is why many frequencies are now free for long-distance reception during European nights. Last August I heard the Thai stn on 1377 kHz after the s-off of the Ukraine tx on 1377 kHz. BTW, it seems that Ukraine has serious technical and energy troubles. Many transmitters are drifting & night time services closed etc. Possibly the night service was cut not only because of economical reasons but also because of energy shortage caused by troubles at Chernobyl where one reactor is still in use? [Jorma Mantyla, Kangasala, Finland] [above messages via Hard-Core-DX]

ROMANIA: For several days I have noticed a Romanian station drifted down from 1593. On Jan. 18th at 1740 UTC it was on 1592.3 with popular music program and IDs sounded like Radio Targu Mures. Only parallel I found was possibly on 1197 but can't tell for sure. Could this be Harghita transmitter drifting. Maybe someone with better reception can confirm. [Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland] New WRTH has Targu Mure(s) on 1197/1323/1593 (Harghita) 0500-1200 1400-2000. [Piet Pijpers, Netherlands] (messages via Hard-Core-DX)

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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

Here is the first Formats column of 1998. Bill Alisandras (hope I spelled your name correctly, Bill, as your handwriting was slightly better than is mine!) ('tis "Alisaukas"-pls) of Georgia, wrote that WPPI-1330, Carrolton, GA, is now "News-Talk 1330". It carries the UPI Network and CBS News on the hour, with, according to *M Street Journal*, a call change to WBTR. He also sent some radio listings from newspapers in the Carolinas and Baltimore, for which I thank him. This column tends not to use newspaper listings in that it has been found that the information often is out of date, or is inaccurate. This column needs your reports of what you have heard in your home area.

Ken Evans, in West Virginia, wrote that WTAE-1250, Pittsburgh, has gone to an all sports talk format, and that some of the displaced WTAE talk show hosts have landed work at WWVA-1170, which has dropped its longtime country music format for news and talk. Robert Pote has written that WSYW-810 (250 watts, with downtown rooftop antenna in Indianapolis) has dropped the Radio Ahs childrens' format for classic country music. WSYW-FM, at 107.1, features classical music with live DJs.

Locally, WMMM-1260, Westport, returned to the air at 0600 on January 5, 1998. Now owned by Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, it airs NPR feed and other talk and feature shows. SHU also owns WSHU-91.1, with NPR programming and classical music. On a New Years' trip to Boston, I noted that WSR0-1470, Marlborough, has gone to a full service combination of locally produced and syndicated talk, targeted to Boston's western suburbs "Metro West". WNRB-1510, Boston dropped its mix of business news and religion, as One on One Sports continues its trend of purchasing extremely directional stations to air its automated, satellite-fed generic sports. I doubt if it will attract legions of area listeners who care about the Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins and sports at the dozens of colleges in the area....all well covered by WEEL-850 and WBZ-1030. In preparing this column, a trend I have seen developing is that many major market highly directional stations have staked their lives on either satellite provided sports talk or childrens' programming, neither of which involves a sales staff or on air staff (or good ratings!), and a contract engineer can be called to patch up problems with the antenna system. Thus, one is looking at low cost radio. Here are the latest format changes, mostly from MSJ.....

610	KSKE	CO	Vail	- Talk and One on One Sports.
610	WIOD	FL	Miami	- As of 12-29 news and talk, moved here from far more directional WINZ-940.
670	KVCA	CA	Simi Valley	- Unica Spanish talk.
680	WRMD	FL	St. Petersburg	- Tropical.
730	WUMP	AL	Madison	- One on One Sports.
760	WMEN	TN	Knoxville	- ABC Motivational Talk (MSJ). Center button on my car radio (TF).
800	KVOM	AR	Morrilton	- Soft adult contemporary.
810	WAPB	TN	Murfreesboro	- JRN Standards.
840	KVJY	TX	Pharr	- Unica Spanish Talk.
850	KHHO	WA	Tacoma	- Sports // KJR-950.
860	WTZX	TN	Sparta	- Bluegrass.
880	KJOJ	TX	Conroe	- Religion 0600-1300, talk // KPRC 1800-0600.
920	WTTM	NJ	Trenton	- Religion // its FM, WCHR.
930	KGER	WA	Yakima	- Religion, Read Broadcasting Network.
940	WINZ	FL	Miami	- Now talk, WIOD's programs have moved here.
990	WNRV	VA	Narrows	- Country music // WPSK-FM.
1050	WKDL	MD	Silver Spring	- Spanish CHR.
1060	WJKY	KY	Jamestown	- JRN Country // FM.
1130	KHTH	CO	Dillon	- Oldies.
1130	WDFN	MI	Detroit	- Sports and One on One Sports, which is now on another extremely directional (nine towers) major market station!
1140	KQAB	CA	Lake Isabella	- Talk.
1140	KLTK	MO	South West City	- One on One Sports.

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1250	KZDC	TX	San Antonio
1260	KPSO	TX	Falfurrias
1290	KJEF	LA	Jennings
1310	WTIK	NC	Durham

1330	WTRE	IN	Greensburgh
1340	KIKO	AZ	Miami
1340	KRMD	LA	Shreveport
1350	WIOU	IN	Kokomo
1370	KCRV	MO	Caruthersville

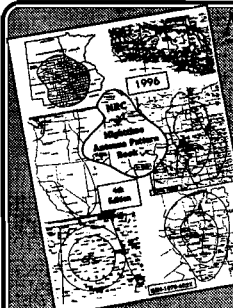
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1400	KFTM	CO	Fort Morgan
1400	WCOH	GA	Newnan
1400	WBIP	MS	Booneville
1400	WEBG	PA	Loretto
1400	WZNG	TN	Shelbyville
1420	KTAN	AZ	Sierra Vista

1460	WKDV	VA	Manassas
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1470	WLQR	OH	Toledo
1480	WTLT	NC	Charlotte
1490	WSVM	NC	Valdese
1490	WBTA	NY	Batavia
1490	WDLC	NY	Port Jervis
1510	KNNS	KS	Larned
1520	WNWS	TN	Brownsville
1530	WRPM	MS	Poplarville
1550	WOCC	IN	Corydon
1550	WMRE	WV	Charlestown
1560	KIQS	CA	Willows
1560	WAHT	SC	Clemson
1590	WGTA	GA	Thomaston
1600	KGST	CA	Fresno
1600	KYGO	CO	Lakewood
1600	WKWF	FL	Key West

- Prime Sports.
- JRN Standards and talk.
- Talk.
- Contemporary Christian.
- SGN Southern Gospel.
- Unica Spanish talk.
- All religion.
- All cajun radio!!!
- Spanish religion 1200-2000, otherwise religion in English!
- Radio One Country music.
- Soft AC and WW-I oldies.
- One on One Sports.
- Oldies and talk.
- Country music and talk, ABC Oldies 1800 to 0600.
- Black gospel.
- Talk and sports.
- Oldies and talk.
- Country and Spanish 1800-2300.
- JRN Classic Country.
- Prime Sports.
- JRN Oldies.
- Talk.
- Talk and sports, this call was once on 50 kw 1550 in Tucson!
- Spanish CHR // WKDL-1050, fortunately the signal from six in line towers is directional into Metro DC!
- Sports format is planned, to drop urban oldies.
- Standards // WNMX-FM.
- Oldies.
- Soft adult contemporary.
- Oldies, drops country music.
- ABC Adult Standards.
- Spanish.
- Southern gospel.
- Oldies.
- WW-I Standards.
- BCN Country music.
- Oldies.
- Oldies // FM.
- Unica Spanish Talk.
- Country oldies // KCKK.
- One on One Sports.

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870 WQRX-AL	1350 WGAD-AL	94.1 WZBQ-AL	101.1 WFMH-AL
920 WJRD-AL	1400 WAVD-AL	95.3 WFFN-AL	101.9 WSGC-TN
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1230 WJBB-AL	1490 WHBB-AL	97.7 WEZZ-AL	105.5 WRTR-AL
1240 WARF-AL	1560 WAGC-AL	WKLD-AL	105.9 WKXM-AL
1270 WGSV-AL	1570 WCRL-AL	97.9 WDMT-AL	106.3 WKNU-AL
WKSJ-AL	WIZK-MS	98.3 WKEA-AL	106.9 WODL-AL
1290 WDLP-AL	1590 WVNA-AL	98.5 WINL-AL	

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

590 WCAB-NC	1000 WIOO-PA	1240 WJNC-NC	1450 WGNC-NC
620 WDNC-NC*	1050 WLON-NC	1250 WBRM-NC	1540 WTXY-NC
730 WOHS-NC	1080 KASH-AK	1280 WSAT-NC	1590 WCSL-NC
850 WRBZ-NC	1090 WBZB-NC	1340 WJRI-NC	
900 WAYN-NC	1200 WSML-NC	1380 WTOB-NC	96.7 WKRX-NC
980 WAAV-NC	1230 WMFR-NC	1440 WLXN-NC	97.9 WLGQ-NC
			106.1 WNMX-NC

FLORIDA GATORS

Mick Hubert, Scot Brantley

540 WQTM-FL	1130 WWBF-FL	1430 WLTG-FL	100.9 WJAQ-FL
570 WHNZ-FL	1170 WKFL-FL	1450 WWJB-FL	101.7 WDJY-FL
770 WWCN-FL	1230 WONN-FL	WSPB-FL	102.3 WPHK-FL
790 WAXY-FL	1250 WQHL-FL	1480 WODX-FL	103.7 WRUF-FL
830 WNZS-FL	1260 WIYD-FL	1490 WXVQ-FL	104.9 WAAZ-FL
850 WRUF-FL	1320 WAMR-FL	1570 WQAI-FL	105.5 WJQR-FL
900 WMOP-FL	1340 WDSR-FL	WYMR-FL	
920 WMEL-FL	WITS-FL	92.1 WMMK-FL	106.3 WAFC-FL
940 WLGH-FL	1350 WDCF-FL	WJXR-FL	
980 WTOT-FL	1380 WELE-FL	94.3 WNFB-FL	
1000 WYBT-FL	1400 WZHR-FL	95.3 WXCX-FL	
1050 WJSB-FL	1410 WQBQ-FL	97.3 WLQH-FL	

GEORGIA TECH YELLOWJACKETS

580 WMGA-GA	1110 WEBS-GA	1420 WRCG-GA	WCSL-NC
620 WTRP-GA	1230 WXLI-GA	WKWN-GA	93.5 WIJA-GA
630 WNEG-GA	1240 WGGA-GA	WEMB-GA	93.9 WMTM-GA
680 WCNN-GA*	WTWA-GA	1430 WGFS-GA	98.7 WISK-GA
730 WOHS-NC	1250 WYTH-GA	WDAL-GA	99.1 WBAW-GA
740 WBAW-SC	1270 WYXC-GA	1450 WKEU-GA	99.5 WDMG-GA
800 WJAT-GA	WTMQ-GA	WMVG-GA	101.1 WTGA-GA
850 WPTB-GA	WJJC-GA	WGNC-NC	102.1 WKEU-GA
860 WDMG-GA	1300 WMTM-GA	1480 WGUS-GA	102.3 WLKQ-GA
900 WEAS-GA	WNEA-GA	1490 WMOG-GA	WKRZ-GA
940 WMAZ-GA	1340 WGAA-GA	WCHM-GA	102.9 WMJE-GA

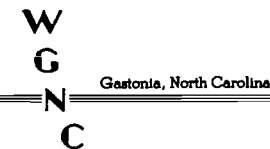
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980 WPGA-GA	1370 WLOP-GA
1050 WMNZ-GA	1390 WISK-GA
WLON-GA	1410 WKKP-GA
1100 WLBB-GA	WLAQ-GA

WSNT-GA	103.7 WPUP-GA
1560 WIJA-GA	103.9 WXIS-GA
1590 WALG-GA	104.5 WYYY-GA
WTGA-GA	105.1 WHEL-GA
WWWN-GA	105.5 WIFO-GA

MARQUETTE GOLDEN EAGLES

810 WJJQ-WI	1130 WISN-WI*
940 WFAW-WI	1230 WCLO-WI
1050 WSGC-WI	1400 WRJN-WI

92.5 WJJQ-WI
WBWI-WI
102.3 WQTC-WI



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Larry Clisby, Steve Reid

640 WBOW-IN	1400 WBAT-IN
930 WHON-IN	1450 WAVG-IN
960 WSBT-IN	WAOV-IN
980 WITY-IL	1460 WKAM-IN
1190 WOWO-IN**	1480 WRSW-IN
1230 WJOB-IN	1540 WLOI-IN
WSAL-IN	1550 WCVL-IN
1240 WHBU-IN	1560 WRIN-IN
1260 WNDI-IN	1590 WPCO-IN
1270 WORX-IN	
1340 WBIW-IN	92.1 WROI-IN
1350 WIOU-IN	WZDM-IN
1380 WHWD-IN	

92.7 WZBD-IN	100.9 WIRE-IN
WSKT-IN	102.3 WCBK-IN
94.3 WREB-IN	WFPC-IN
WRCR-IN	103.9 WIMC-IN
95.7 WLRX-IN	104.7 WITZ-IN
95.9 WKUZ-IN	105.5 WQRK-IN
96.3 WJAA-IN	105.7 WQFE-IN
96.5 WAZY-IN*	107.1 WBNL-IN
96.7 WLOI-IN	WSYW-IN
WORX-IN	107.3 WRZQ-IN
97.7 WLQI-IN	107.9 WAMW-IN
98.3 WZZY-IN	
99.3 WCJC-IN	

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

540 WGTI-VA	1240 WTON-VA	1360 WBOB-VA	95.3 WXBX-VA
610 WSLC-VA	WKOY-VA	WHBG-VA	96.7 WJMA-VA
620 WNNR-WV	1260 WCHV-VA	1380 WLRV-VA	98.3 WLCQ-VA
850 WTAR-VA	1310 WSLW-WV	1400 WHHV-VA	103.1 WKJC-WV
970 WFOV-VA	1330 WRAA-VA	WINC-VA	103.9 WXCF-VA
1200 WAGE-VA	1340 WHAP-VA	1420 WKCW-VA	104.7 WVGO-VA
1230 WABN-VA	WXEE-WV	1450 WMVA-VA	104.9 WNDJ-VA
WXCF-VA	1350 WNVA-VA		105.3 WVMJ-VA
WFVA-VA			105.5 WKDE-VA
		93.5 WBBC-VA	106.3 WNVA-VA
			107.9 WPTG-VA

* flagship station

** WOWO carries selected Purdue games, and then only when

Indiana University is idle

All of the above networks are for the 1997-98 NCAA basketball season. I will continue to take network lists for the next three weeks. 73, and Good DX.



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Here are some hockey updates from Bob Galerstein and Bob Karchevski (via e-mail).

NHL Anaheim Mighty Ducks 1110 KLRA-CA is the new flagship.
AHL Hartford Wolfpack 1410 WPOP-CT
IHL Phoenix Roadrunners went out of business after last season.
And from a local Pittsburgh newspaper in the Chicago Public Library:
NHL Pittsburgh Penguins 102.5 WDVE-PA and Fox Sports Pittsburgh Radio Network

I still need many NBA and NHL lists; please send me any you have.

STATION SNAPSHOT

Live From the Spare Bedroom

It's 5:30 in the morning and dawn is purpling the sky over the Sonora desert. It's time for Buck Burdette to begin his daily commute to the studios of KBUX(FM) in Quartzsite, Ariz. Buck throws back the covers, stops in the bathroom to brush his teeth and then walks into the spare bedroom of his house.

His commute is over. In our continuing search for America's smallest commercially licensed radio station, we may have a winner in KBUX. While the story of this tiny station is amusing, it's also inspirational in what some might consider an age of impersonal megalopolis radio. Buck Burdette and his wife Maude are KBUX. The studio and transmitter are in their spare bedroom. The antenna site is in their backyard.

There are no employees, and the Burdettes are about as far as you can get from absentee owners, because at least one of them is always at the station. Buck chose every piece of music, and that's his voice you hear between selections, not a voice-over guy who sent in the tracks via ISDN. KBUX is about as personal as radio gets.

Great Idea

The Burdettes were running a trailer park in Quartzsite when Buck became frustrated that he could barely pick up any radio stations in the desert.

"I figured, why not start my own station? So I looked at a few pamphlets and started on the paperwork," he said. What was Buck's previous broadcasting experience? "I used to be a locksmith, and I once changed the locks at a radio station in Rochester, N.Y." That's good enough for the FCC, so by 1988 Buck had his license. What he did not have was enough money to build his Class A FM station in what most of us would consider a conventional manner.

Lacking the funds for even a 1 kW transmitter, Buck popped for a 100 W mono AEG, which he has since replaced with an equally powerful but stereophonic

ic Harris transmitter. Antenna towers are also expensive, so Buck came up with a less costly alternative.

"I located an 80-foot wooden pole, stuck 8 feet of it in the ground and put a four-bay Comark antenna on that, giving me an effective radiated power of 200 watts." Buck knew he wasn't going to be able to afford an airstaff or a fancy automation system, so he came up with a solution that probably wouldn't have occurred to most experienced broadcasters.

"I'd heard about these Metrotech 500-logger tape machines that could run 14 hours non-stop on a single 10-inch reel, so I bought a couple of those, used, of course." Buck's entire on-air music library is on nine of these 14-hour tapes, which run on the air at 1-7/8 ips. "I had this engineer from Palm Springs stop by one day and he was amazed at how good the sound was, considering the speed of the tapes," said Buck, adding that the engineer said he never would have thought of doing such a thing. Probably not.

The rest of Buck's audio chain consists of a Ramko stereo console, an old double-slot Collins cart playback machine, an ITC record/play cart, a couple of Technics turntables and some consumer-grade CD players and cassette decks. Production is done on the audition side of the on-air board.

It all sits in the spare bedroom, along with the transmitter. Buck pops in once or twice an hour, stops the tape at the end of a song, drops in some spots, maybe does the weather, restarts the Metrotech and goes about his business. Just before bedtime, Buck makes sure he's got enough tape on the Metrotech to run overnight, and then he hits the hay in the next room, as KBUX keeps cranking out what may be the oddest mix of music on the radio anywhere.

What might you hear in the average KBUX quarter hour?

"You might hear a country and western, then a polka, and then a classical piece, a big band thing, some organ music, all in a row, anything except rock," said Buck, who assembled the

format from his personal collection of some 3,000 records. "People tell me that they've never heard a format like this and they really love it. We get lots of folks who come to Quartzsite every winter in their campers and they always say how glad they are that we're still on the air."

In addition to being glad, they should be amazed, considering Buck's sales figures. Buck is the station's only real sales person, and by his own admission, not a very good one. KBUX grossed \$17,000 in 1996. Did he turn a profit? "Not really. I used the money for my own living expenses. I don't have many costs that are specific to the radio station, just the music licensing fees."

Occasionally, Buck finds somebody willing to sell advertising on a straight commission basis, but usually he's on his own. Buck admits that he's a little disappointed by his revenue trend.

"I thought it would be a little bit better, that I'd make enough money where I could lease some equipment and put my transmitter up on one of the mountains, get national advertisers, and make it a little worthwhile. I never figured that I'd become a millionaire off this station."

Small bucks for KBUX

Now and then Buck gets an inadequate offer for KBUX ("they want it for nothing"), but despite his barely adequate billing, he has no plans to get out of the business. "I'll turn 65 next year, so I'll be retired, and this will be more of a hobby, really. If I get my license renewed I'll just keep running as long as I can, because the people out here tell me they just love what we do."

By the way, Buck says if you're ever in Quartzsite, please feel free to stop by and visit. He regrets that he can't put you up for the night, but you see, the spare bedroom is occupied.

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Radio World
-via Jerry Starr

Musings of the Members

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You could call this "Adventures in the X-Band." Being primarily a DXer of foreign stations my domestic dialings come most often in the daytime when I phase almost everything in sight while awaiting the hour of sunset. I have, however, gotten into the X-Band of late. But first I must say that I have to cope with an ever-present noise - a sort of drone - that is heard on the 1600's into the mid-3000's on every open frequency. This isn't the 60 cycle buzz that comes and goes in the LW band and the low end of the MW band. It's different, but no problem when a signal gets above it, even a weak one, and isn't even noticeable behind such as WJDM or the Canadian time station on 3330 or the ham band. But on to X-Band DX.

1610: Philly airport is a local but can be phased to bring in other TIS stations.

1620: Well, I have been able to log the Argentine religious station a few times with good signals over the myriad of TIS's but usually what I get is the gal at Shenandoah National Park above a few others. Connecticut Turnpike used to be number one. But on 1-29 around 9:00 PM I had a big signal from a station with a religious format; chorus and all. It suddenly disappeared but returned in a couple of hours. No ID and the format didn't match any of the stations slated to move here.

1630: I usually get 2 signals here; JFK Airport and/or an open carrier.

1640: By day there's a mix from WVCH-740 and WURD-900 but that goes away when they cut power to a few watts each. At night I sometimes get a mix from WBZ-1030 and WIP-610. But on 1-29 the dominant station was KXBT with California Bears basketball.

1650: Only one I get here is KGXL with its show music, but not every night. They do cut power at sunset.

1660: Semi-local WJDM.

1680: Dallas Airport which is also heard sometimes on 1640.

1700: WCMQ which is always very good.

There are also mixes on 1670 and 1690, but they will be covered when the regulars come on. The mixes are a pain, but when you have 2 dozen locals, a sensitive receiver [R8A], three outside wires and an amplified phaser you can expect them. That's about it for now. Will be on that cruise to the Middle East for 2 weeks in Feb and hope to Muse about it when I return.

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