

# DX News

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WILM	DE	1450	Dec. 15	0100-1230
WMRO	TN	1560	Dec. 30	0100-0130

*From the Publisher ...* We seem to be receiving a lot of last-minute renewals, which, with the slow mail delivery at this time of year, is not such a hot idea. Considering that you receive about a two-month notice (via highlighted text on your label) to get your renewal amount in before your membership expires, Ron and I just don't understand why it takes some members three months to get a check in. Perhaps you need to cough up the extra buck and use PayPal? It's not that I MIND hand-addressing single copies to you after your membership is cancelled for lack of payment ... I just can't fathom anyone not wanting their DXN waiting in their mailbox 30 times a year, hi! And as Mr. Tact (always) says, YOU can renew for MORE than one year at a time!

Now that the holiday season is upon us, why not send a Log or another fine publication to a fellow DX'er? However, before you send \$ to just ANY address on the back cover, kindly read the (fine) print at the top to discover who gets what. I'm sorry for the (slight) inconvenience, but in a volunteer organization, many people do the work, and we live all across the country ... so kindly do your part and send your checks to the correct address. It costs the NRC postage to return or forward items sent to the wrong address, which in the long run has an effect on the amount of dues we have to charge you. So if you can help us out and lighten our duties and the NRC's costs by sending your requests and checks to the proper address, we'd appreciate it.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
12.	Dec. 13	Dec. 23	22.	Feb. 28	Mar. 10
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16.	Jan. 17	Jan. 27	26.	May 9	May 19
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18.	Jan. 31	Feb. 10	28.	July 4	July 14
19.	Feb. 7	Feb. 17	29.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
20.	Feb. 14	Feb. 24	30.	Sept. 5	Sept. 15
21.	Feb. 21	Mar. 3			

### DX Time Machine

#### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 13, 1952 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY, found PJC-1 722, Curacao, coming in with a beautiful steady S-7 signal, playing popular American tunes with English announcements on 12/10 1901-1930, followed by marches until 1945, for a new country in his log.

25 years ago ... from the December 19, 1977 DXN: A survey of members revealed the following interesting facts and opinions, as compiled by John Bowker: the age of members was from 15 to 73, with the average age being 36 ... 63% of all members said DX'ing was their primary hobby ... favorite columns were DDXD, 74%; Musings, 68%; CPC, 62%; AM Switch, 52%; IDXD, 50% (based on rankings of 1-9) ... 38% said there were too few technical columns, 14% said too many, 25% declined to respond.

10 years ago ... from the December 14, 1992 DXN: Dallas Lankford's review of the Drake R8 was less than glowing; he stated that the clarity of signals on the R8 was less than on an R-390A, for example

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# AM Switch

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

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old call</u>		<u>New call</u>
1090	WXBK	AL	Albertville WWGC
1300	WSJX	IN	Terre Haute WBOW
1380	WNNY	NY	New York WLXE
1500	WMCC	IL	Zion WPJX*
1520	WIZZ	MA	Greenfield WGAM*
1600	WKEN	DE	Dover WIBF*

\*Note: Changes indicated by \* above are all cases where call changes have been set aside in favor of keeping the existing call.

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1570	PQ	Laval: 10000/10000 U4
1650	PQ	Montreal: 1000/1000 U1

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

980	WPGA	GA	Perry: 2600/80 U1
1280	WDNT	TN	Dayton: 1000/31 U1
1360	WGEE	WI	Green Bay: 10000/5000 U4

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

660	KZ2XTU	OR	Eugene: 0/140 N1 (synchro for KZTU Junction City, OR)
1150	WMET	MD	Gaithersburg: to 1160 kHz with 50000/1500 U4
1200	WKOX	MA	Framingham: 50000/50000 U4
1490	CJPR	AB	Crowsnest: to 94.9 FM
1510	WLKM	MI	Three Rivers: to 1520 kHz with 480/8 U1
1680	WTTM	NJ	Princeton: city of license to Lindenwold, NJ

## OTHERNESS

1080	WWDR	NC	Murfreesboro: silent station is ON THE AIR
1090	WKJM	TN	Hartsville: silent station is ON THE AIR
1330	WASN	OH	Campbell: silent station is ON THE AIR relaying WGFT-1500 and operating daytime only
1340	WSAJ	PA	Grove City: station is SILENT again, the automatic timer/sequencer that turns the unattended AM transmitter on and off broke, and according to CE Darren Morton its repair is a "back-burner project". WSAJ-AM carried a simulcast of the FM station and was simply turned on and off at the appropriate times on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It WILL return to the air, but there is no specific date.
1480	WEZC	KY	Neon: station is SILENT (corrects call error in Issue 10)
1540	KZMP	TX	University Park: CP for 32000/750 U4 from this city of license is on (corrects typo in Issue 10)
1570	KUAU	HI	Haiku: silent station is ON THE AIR

## CANCELLED LICENSES

Our resident NRC Computer Guru and Keeper of the Log, Wayne Heinen, after many long hours, has cracked the sorting code of the FCC Database and was able to run a call-by-call comparison between the FCC and NRC Databases. This has turned up a number of stations in the NRC Log that no longer appear in the FCC list. The FCC has historically put this information in the Public Notices on a hit-or-miss basis so this info often falls through the cracks. Each anomaly has been individually checked and the following stations are noted in the FCC Database as LICENSE CANCELLED / CALL DELETED:

790	KUTA	UT	Blanding
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**Citadel Southwest**  
Team Radio

900	WSNQ	MI	Gaylord
980	KZXX	AK	Kenai
1130	WKED	KY	Frankfort
1150	WCEN	MI	Mount Pleasant
1290	WHGR	MI	Houghton Lake
1310	WBRO	GA	Waynesboro
1320	WKPG	MS	Port Gibson
1380	WSIZ	GA	Ocilla
1400	WALZ	ME	Machias
1430	WBRB	MI	Mount Clemens
1430	WLAU	MS	Laurel
1520	WKBZ	MI	Muskegon Heights
1590	KYDE	AR	Pine Bluffs
1590	WMIM	PA	Mount Carmel

The FCC Databases are NOT without errors. Some of the Internet DX reflectors are filled with rumors and conjecture disguised as fact, so we're not interested in third-party info. But if you hear any of these stations with your own ears and are positive of the ID, let us know.

THANKS: Wayne Heinen, Bill Hale, Shawn Axelrod, Ed Krejny, & Dave Schmidt

73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

*Jimmy & BKF*

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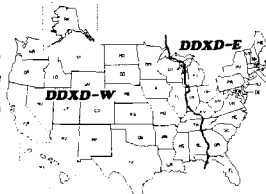
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## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- For the next DDXD-West Challenge (deadline December 20<sup>th</sup>), 'second-adjacent state' DX is what we're looking for. You have to jump over the state or province adjacent to yours to get eligible DX. The next week we'll be thinking of Season's Greetings, so for the deadline of December 27, the Challenge is to DX stations with an X (XEs are acceptable, but be reasonable), an M, an A, or an S in the call letters. Get it? Then we have our annual Christmas Break, meaning a two-week hiatus between DX Newses. So for the January 10 deadline, let's designate a frequency again. How about a Graveyarder? 1230 kHz. So be it. Remember to keep your reports in the true spirit of DX, not your regular, armchair copy stuff. (reprinted from last week). (Or, Vanity DX -pls.)
- Another wonderful turnout by a great group. Cold temperatures outside mean that DX heats up. So take advantage of the weather conditions and keep listening to the good ol' AM dial. And don't forget to report your loggings to DDXD!! See you next week. 73 to all.

### REPORTERS

- GB-FL** Gerry Bishop Niceville R8 with 20 meter outdoor wire; ICF-2001 with RS loop <gerryb4991@cox.net>
- RD-NE** Rick Dau Omaha Sony ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop antenna <rdau1965@yahoo.com>
- PG-CO** Patrick Griffith Westminster Drake R-8 and Kiwa loop <AM-DXER@webtv.net>
- TRH-CA** Tim Hall Chula Vista ICF-2010, Kiwa Loop <tim\_hall\_dx@hotmail.com>
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen Aurora R-390A + phased 10 meter stationary loops, 4-foot box loop and a few random wires <AMRADIOLOGBOOK@aol.com>
- WH1-CO** Wayne Heinen Aurora Hammarlund HQ-129X + phased 10-meter stationary loops, 4-foot box loop and a few random wires
- GJ-CA** Gary Jackson Sacramento
- BK-CA** Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale R8-A + two long wires/MFJ-1026mw <karchev@worldnet.att.net>
- DKK-CA** Don Kaskey San Francisco Drake R8A + Kiwa Air Loop <kaskeyfamily@yahoo.com>
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- KR-AZ** Kevin Redding Mesa Sony ICF-2010 alone, or with an RS 15-1853 Loop <amfmdx@fastq.com>
- DS-TN** Doug Smith Pleasant View <http://www.w9wi.com>
- MS-MB** Morris Sorensen Winnipeg Drake R8 with Quantum QX Pro loop; Realistic DX-392 with stock antenna; Grundig YB-400 with stock antenna <SMosor@aol.com>
- pls-KS** Paul Swearingen Topeka R-1000, Sanserino/Martens combo loop <plsBCBDXER@aol.com>
- RS-MO** Randy Stewart Battlefield barefoot Sony 7600G <jrs555t@smsu.edu>
- JW-CO** John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>
- Ed.-TX** Editor North Richland Hills DX-398 barefoot

### STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 610 **KDAL MN Duluth - 12/4 - Has changed its slogan from AM 610 KDAL to News Radio**

610 **KDAL**. The *News Radio* slogan has also been used by competitor **KQDS/1490** since it started carrying *Headline News* in March. (**Upper Midwest Broadcasting**)

- 710 **WDSM WI Superior - 12/2 - After eight months of News/Talk, station has reverted to Sports Talk. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)**
- 1080 **KYMN MN Northfield - Has dropped its locally originated Adult Contemporary format for ABC's Stardust format, which was once labeled as Nostalgia but is better described as Soft Oldies these days. They run CNN News on the hour. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)**
- 1080 **KRLD TX Dallas - 12/2 - Now carries CNN Headline News from 2200-2400 local. They drop the Bill O'Reilly talk show, which had only aired here for a couple of months, but Bill was snatched up by KLF-570 from noon to 2 PM. [Ed.-TX]**
- 1130 **WYXE TN Gallatin - 12/1 - Has switched to Spanish religion. (DS-TN)**
- 1260 **KWNX TX Taylor - 12/9 - Switches to sports/ESPN. (100000watts.com)**
- 1300 **KBZC CO Colorado Springs - 11/29 1541-1549 - Colorado Avalanche hockey, local spots. The Noise you can't ignore, The Buzz. Ex: KUBL and format change from C&W to talk. They also carry Kim Komando and CNN News. (WH-CO)**
- 1300 **KBZC CO Colorado Springs - 12/3 1200 - Ex: KUBL and ex: C&W. Heard with legal ID, talk format; CNN News, Jim Rome, etc. Slogan is The Buzz. (JW-CO)**
- 1570 **KSXT CO Loveland - 11/29 1638-1648 - Ending Colorado Avalanche Game with local spots and call sign ID. Ex: KHPN. (WH-CO)**
- 1570 **KSXT CO Loveland - 12/3 1000 - Smart Talk Radio for Loveland and the Rocky Mountain Region. Still BIZ/News Talk. Heard with legal ID, CNN News and Money Matters. Ex: KHPN. (JW-CO)**
- 1600 **KANM NM Albuquerque - 12/1 1758 - Over/under mess. Out of song by Texas Tornados: We've been playing the music of New Mexico for a long time. We remember skating at Iceland and Rollerdome. KANM, AM 1600. The Mix of New Mexico, into Have You Seen Her?. Apparently now Oldies, Ex: SS. New. (pls-KS)**

### UNIDs and UNIDs IDed

- 1100 **UNID ?? - 11/30 0325 - Poor, under WTAM, with religious sermon. (CR-IL) [Maybe KDRY-TX? - Ed.] [Or KKLL-MO -pls.]**
- 1160 **WKCM KY Hawesville - 11/29 0715 - Fair and loud, with Real Country. Faded out in minutes. Former UNID IDed by Tim Hall. Thanks! (JJR-WI)**
- 1180 **UNID ?? - 12/1 0511 - Pretty weak, bearing NNE/SSW from here and carrying Art Bell. (KR-AZ)**
- 1410 **UNID ?? - 12/2 0055 - Fox Sports Radio talking about Sunday's NFL games. (KR-AZ)**
- 1430 **UNID ?? - 11/30 0335 - Good, with ethnic programming in Hindi language. (CR-IL)**

### DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1470 **WLCR+ KY Shepherdsville - 12/1 0300 - With CID for WLCR WLCR 1470 SHEPERSVILLE KY USA at ToH. Excellent reception. VID heard at 0311. (GB-FL)**
- 1470 **WLCR+ KY Shepherdsville - 12/1 0348 - Very weak with code, over/under a mix of SS talk, Fox Sports, and oldies. Was able to read SVILLE and WLCR in code between 0348 and 0352. 1046 miles. (PG-CO)**
- 1470 **WLCR- KY Shepherdsville - 12/1 0300-0407 - Nothing heard that suggested a DX Test. Heard KBSN-WA and KELA-WA. (BK-CA)**

### TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 **TIS/HAR CA Fresno - 12/1 0500-0800 - Strong, announcing foggy conditions and how to drive in fog given by California Highway Patrol. GJ-CA)**
- 1610 **WPSG912 CA Mountain Pass - 11/29 2140 - Cal Trans station is getting out well with a short tape loop about road conditions on I-15. Female announcer, tape loop includes call letter ID. This station is near the top of a mountain near Mountain Pass (Halloran Summit), California, possibly located at the rest area. This station operates sporadically; its favorable location should allow it to be widely heard when it is on. Noted first on my (weak) car radio, then with better signals at home a few minutes later. New, for California #304, and station #1280. (TRH-CA)**
- WMSK  
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8	1230	KZZR	OR	Burns - 11/30 1845 - With ads and ID while atop. Into C&W music. (DKK-CA)	1420	WIGG	MS	ginning his show, after ABC News and network ads. (GB-FL) Wiggins - 11/29 1748 - The one I was after all week on 1420, with a lucky ID in a fade up: <i>This is WIGG</i> . . . This is one suspected, playing bluegrass music three days earlier around this time, and C&W on 11/24, but never an ID until this one. New here. (GB-FL)
	1260	KSGFt	MO	Springfield - 11/8 2308 - String of ads for businesses in Marshfield, Branson and Springfield. Lost in the mess. Verie letter back in six days! (WH-CO)	1430	WPLN	TN	Madison - 11/25 0759 - Good, with end of legal ID: . . . <i>public radio</i> , AM 1430 WPLN, Nashville. (RD-NE)
	1270	WKZT	KY	Fulton - 11/30 2349 - Weak: . . . <i>Right here on ? country</i> , WKZT, 1270 AM. Lost in jumble. New. (pls-KS)	1430	KCOH	TX	Houston - 11/30 1908 - Against severe slop from KMAJ-1440, a surprise. Out of spot for <u>Universal Carpeting</u> ; 1430, <i>This is KCOH Radio</i> . . . <i>www dot kcohradio dot com</i> . . . New. (pls-KS)
	1280	KAQQ	WA	Spokane - 12/4 1947 - Booming signal with Christmas music. Half hour or more after Spokane sunset, so probably has a PSSA.. ID noted. (DKK-CA)	1450	WSPB	FL	Sarasota - 11/20 1727 - Fighting the sunset fade-ins, ads for <u>Roaring 20s</u> restaurant, and <u>Colorama Printing</u> at 379-9999, on <u>Barber Road in Sarasota</u> . (GB-FL)
	1310	WDOD	TN	Chattanooga - 12/2 1724 - Poor, with WIBA nulled. Calls, and NOS off the bird. (JJR-WI)	1450	CHUC	ON	Cobourg - 11/22 1733 - Fair, with news with Port Hope mentions. Sports mentioning Grey Cup (CFL Championship), ad for a plumber in Port Hope, other local ads and mention of . . . <i>downtown Port Hope</i> . (MS-MB)
	1320	KYHN	AR	Ft. Smith - 11/30 2158 - With KLWN nulled: 1650, KWHN, into <u>Sutherlands</u> and other spots, out to <i>The one you depend on for Arklahoma AM, weekday mornings at 6</i> . <i>Newstalk 1650, KWHN, KYHN Ft. Smith, USA</i> . (pls-KS)	1460	KKOY	KS	Chanute - 11/25 0747 - Fair with end of weather forecast: . . . <i>log onto kkoj dot com</i> . . . (RD-NE)
	1320	WMSR	TN	Manchester - 12/2 1821 - Fair, in fade up, with calls, and local ads. (JJR-WI)	1470	WRGA	GA	Rome - 12/01 0300 - Legal ID for <i>WRGA Rome</i> , to news. Station is steady overnight network feeds for news and sports, numerous IDs programmed in. One of the better run automatads. (GB-FL)
	1330	KJLL	AZ	Tucson - 12/1 0554 - With ad for <u>The \$199 Computer</u> on Oracle Road. Very weak. (KR-AZ)	1470	WVOL	TN	Berry Hill - 12/1 0309 - ID for <i>WVOL</i> , music from <u>Hendrix, Roberta Flack</u> , other oldies. Weak under WLCR test and WRGA. (GB-FL)
	1330	KLBO	TX	Monahans - 11/30 1900 - Very good, with <u>Monahans High School</u> football (on a Saturday, it had to have been a playoff game). (RD-NE)	1470	KEANt	TX	Abilene - 11/26 2321-2330 - C&W with spots mentioning Abilene. Lots of <i>AM 1470 The Ranch</i> mentions. Dominant. (WH-CO)
	1340	KIJV	SD	Huron - 11/12 2000 - Fair, on top briefly, with <i>KIJV 1340</i> ID. NEW! (MS-MB)	1480	KYOS	CA	Merced - 12/4 0220-0300 - With C&W and soul music, pretty much dominating. ID at 0256. I had figured it was nearby Concord returning to the air after a many year hiatus. (DKK-CA)
	1350	WSMB	LA	New Orleans - 11/21 2018 - Ad for <u>Air Conditioner Ambulance</u> at 467-1400, ID for <i>It's health central with Dr. Dean Edell on Talk Radio WSMB, 1350 AM</i> . (GB-FL)	1480	WBBP	TN	Memphis - 11/25 0731 - Fair with ID: . . . <i>WBBP, it's 6:31 AM</i> , then into black gospel music. (RD-NE)
	1360	KPXQ	AZ	Glendale - 12/2 1840-1845+ - Solid atop, with <i>Bible Question Man</i> , many promos, many ID's. Christian programming. Sounds like they indeed do have 50 kW daytime. (DKK-CA)	1490	WTIQ	MI	Manistique - 12/2 0452 - Fair, over others. OLD. (JJR-WI)
	1360	KFIV	CA	Modesto - 12/2 1927 - Finally pushed through the QRM with <u>Michael Savage</u> . Trying to hear Ridgcrest who has recently came back on the air // KZIQ FM but no dice. (DKK-CA)	1500	WLQV	MI	Detroit - 12/1 0630 - Poor, with legal ID by female, under KSTP + others. Rare! (JJR-WI)
	1360	KPOP	CA	San Diego - 12/2 1920-1925 - Atop with weather, ads, promos and IDs. (DKK-CA)	1550	KAPE	MO	Cape Girardeau - 12/4 2300 - Local KLFJ was having massive problems (no audio, just a loud pulsing "motorboat" noise, about 10 pulses per second). KAPE was dominant in their null, with CNN News, school closings for southeast Missouri, <i>KAPE, Cape 1550</i> IDs, into <u>Jim Bohannon</u> . Listed as 48 watts night. New. (RS-MO)
	1360	KOHU	OR	Hermiston - 12/2 1900-1915 - With C&W music. (DKK-CA)	1560	KABI	KS	Abilene - 11/30 0800 - In the clear with time check: <i>It's seven o'clock and this is Dickinson County's news and information</i> . . . (RD-NE)
	1360	KKMO	WA	Tacoma - 12/2 1928 - With SS under KFIV. (DKK-CA)	1560	KBEW	MN	Blue Earth - 11/30 0808 - Good, with ads for <u>Minnesota State Lottery</u> and a local computer store, then weather (wind chill was -5!!!) and CLs. (RD-NE)
	1360	KRKK	WY	Rock Springs - 12/2 1919 - With rock oldies and ID through heavy QRM. (DKK-CA)	1560	KLTI	MO	Macon - 11/30 0634 - Fair with Gary Allan C&W song <i>Man To Man</i> off satellite, then a <i>KLTI</i> ID. (RD-NE)
	1380	WONO	IN	Fort Wayne - 11/22 1952 - Fair, with <u>Goodyear</u> tires ad, mention of CBS and Westwood One, then ID as <i>ESPN Radio 1380 is WONO, Fort Wayne</i> . NEW! (MS-MB)	1580	KTGR	MO	Columbia - 11/30 0827 - Fair with weather, then ID: <i>This is the Tiger, KTGR, Columbia</i> . (RD-NE)
	1380	KOTA	SD	Rapid City - 11/30 0935 - Good, over everything else on the channel, with end of local newscast, then weather: <i>25 degrees in downtown Rapid City. You're listening to Radio 1380, KOTA</i> . (RD-NE)	1590	KDAV	TX	Lubbock - 11/1 2226-2253 - Do-wop OLD format with local spots and call letter ID. Fair over KVGB. Last verified as KLLL in '88 (WH1-CO)
	1380	CKLC	ON	Kingston - 11/22 1742 - Poor, with <i>The Team 1380</i> and Ontario sports news. NEW! (MS-MB)	1610	CHWI	PQ	Montreal - 12/1 0600 - Poor, with two Montreal mentions in ethnic programming. This, after 2+ hours of listening to tape. NEW! (JJR-WI)
	1390	WMER	MI	Meridian - 12/1 2220 - Over/under WTJS. Out of languid Christmas song: <i>1390 AM, WMER, Solid Gospel</i> . Back into even more torpid music. New. (pls-KS)	1620	KBLI	ID	Blackfoot - 11/28 0835 - Atop in SS. Definitely the station creating the loud, pulsing noise lately. (DKK-CA)
	1390	WTJS	TN	Jackson - 11/25 2115 - High school football game with call ID. (JTR-OK)	1620	WTAW	TX	College Station - 12/2 0800 - ToH ID and into Texas and local news. (KR-AZ)
	1400	WEED	MN	Virginia - 11/14 1957 - Fair, with FRS? News, ID <i>You're listening to WEEP, Virginia, AM-1400</i> . Format was religion. New at this location and with these calls. (MS-MB) [That might have been "FRN" for Family Radio Network, a religious news service - Ed.]	1630	KKWY	WY	Fox Farm - 11/28 0837-0845 - Very strong and steady. C&W and ads. (DKK-CA)
	1400	KKTL	WY	Casper - 11/12 1857-1902 - ESPN promos. ToH <i>KKTL The Zone, Clear Channel Communications</i> ID then ABC News. Fair. (WH-CO)	1660	KRZI	TX	Waco - 12/2 0810 - <i>This is The Morning Report on KRZI</i> and into ad for <u>Texas Chem Dry</u> . Weather, with high for the day to be 45 degrees. (KR-AZ)
	1410	KERN	CA	Bakersfield - 12/2 0300 - Singing ID and into ABC News. (KR-AZ)	1680	KJRO	LA	Monroe - 11/19 2135 - Nice fade-up with gospel music, several IDs for <i>Rejoice 1680</i> and one for <i>KJRO Rejoice</i> . (GB-FL)
	1410	WLAS	IN	Lafayette - 12/1 0708 - Poor, over others. <i>20 in a row! Wolf Country 95.3</i> . C&W. (JJR-WI)	1700	KTBK	TX	Sherman - 12/2 0815 - Slogan: <i>The Ticket</i> with a story about <u>Rosie O'Donnell</u>
	1420	WKWN	GA	Trenton - 11/22 2306 - Very pleasant surprise to find them on with day power (had to be, nearly dominating at times). Frequent semi-IDs as <i>Classic hits KWN</i> and music such as <u>Van Morrison's Brown Eyed Girl</u> . (GB-FL)				
	1420	WRCG	GA	Columbus - 11/24 1807 - Mentioned here because <u>Ken Hamblin's</u> show begins at this time, with SSB, of course. Didn't know, for two days, who was signing off at this time. No station was, naturally, just the <i>Black Avenger</i> be-				



and her new baby. Since she is lesbian they were asking who the father could be and making jokes. (KR-AZ) [Yeah, those guys are just a bunch of 35-year-olds with 14-year-old brains and potty mouths. That's why I refuse to consider them a 'sports' station - Ed.]

990 DX CHALLENGE RESULTS (week 2)

- 990 WEIS AL Centre - 11/26 2148 - With high school basketball, in a break with a promo for . . . supporting Cherokee County . . . brought to you by Mayor (garbled) of Centre and WEIS. Struggling under WNOX for this. I doubt WEIS on night power. (GB-FL)
990 KTKT AZ Tucson - 11/30 1928 - Fair with promo: . . . here on your news and information station, 990 KTKT. (RD-NE)
990 KTMS CA Santa Barbara - 12/3 0316 - Powering through semi-local KATD, which means they left the day power on AGAIN! (DKK-CA) 990 WNOX TN Knoxville - 11/24 2154 - Being their usual dominant selves here, carrying Dr. Dean Edell. IDed as WNOX Newstalk 99. (GB-FL)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

Remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

Table with columns: Totals, Rick Dau, Omaha, NE, 1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450, 1490, Total. Values: 12, 8, 6, 6, 10, 3, 45

DDXD-East

Our DDXD-E Weekly Frequency Challenge on 1430 kHz was a big success, with 14 stations logged. I encourage everyone, including those of you who submit your loggings by mail, to participate in this activity! Just make sure your loggings arrive to me no later than the due date. Have fun!

REPORTERS

- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.
MB-IN Mike Burns, Terre Haute - Drake R-8, Kiwa Loop.
SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
MC-NY Mike Clancy, visiting in Amherst - Optimus 12-603A.
MC\*NY Mike Clancy, in the parking lot of the Amherst Red Roof Inn - 1991 Buick Skylark car radio.
BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4' amplified air-core loop.
JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phaser, etc.
MH-MA Mic Healey, Swansea - GE SuperRadio III, Benmar Navigator 555A Direction Finder, Select-A-Tenna.
RJ-NC Russ Johnson, Lexington - Sony 2010, Longwire, Intermatic timer, Sharp Mini-Disc recorder.
RWK-CT Rick Kenneally, Wilton - Drake R8B, Sony 2010, Quantum Phaser, QX Loop, lots of wire.
DL-MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Icom 8500 on random wire or loop.
DL\*MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia - TenTec RX340 on a long wire operating unattended, gathering 4-minute audio samples at the top of each hour.
GL-NY Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park - DX-398 and Select-A-Tenna.
HN-GA Herbert Newberry, Newborn - Kenwood R-5000, Quantum Loop, 600' Longwire.
RCP-IN Robert C Pote, Greenwood - CC Crane Radio, barefoot.
RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville - Sony 2010, SW7600GR, DX398, Terk and RS Loop antennas.
JJR-PA Joe Rocchino, Cuddy - Realistic DX-370 and Optimus SuperRadio Clone, RS Loop Antenna.
BT-NB Brent Taylor, Doaktown - Kenwood TS-680S & 60' top fed sloper, pointed NNW, at 55 feet.

DDXD-E Frequency Challenge table with columns: Deadline, Frequency. Rows: December 25 (790), January 1 (560), January 8 (930), January 15 (1330), January 22 (1600), January 29 (570), February 5 (1280), February 12 (910)

- BT\*NB Brent Taylor, Fredericton - Volkswagen Golf stock radio and aerial.
GAW-MA Garrett Wollman, Framingham - Sony 2010 barefoot.

- 1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 11/29 2305 - Indianapolis weather report "up to the minute on 1430 WXNT Indianapolis" ID. Nice ID fade up at right time from the news. (RR-NC)
WYMC KY Mayfield - 12/02 0702 - "In Kentucky, AM Stereo 1430 WYMC". (RR-NC)
WNAV MD Annapolis - 11/28 0005 - Up out of mush with "We have come to the end of our broadcast day..." and full signoff info. No NA. Wow, a station that still signs off! New. (RWK-CT)
+ 11/29 1425 - "Fourteen thirty, WNAV, your Annapolis hometown station" into Christmas music. (DL-MD)
WPNI MA Amherst - 11/27 0700 - Fair rising over WNSW with "Morning Edition", several spots for sponsors at top of hour, and NPR News. (RWK-CT)
+ 11/28 1522 - NPR talk program on Holiday movies; ID. (RJE-PA)
+ 11/29 1359 - Fair; "The valley's only all new and information public radio station," and "WPNI Amherst is made possible..." into NPR news from Washington, with WXKS nulled out. (BC-NH)
+ 11/29 1626 - discussion about root vegetables, with a recipe for Moroccan-style turkey couscous. "You can also find it on our website, which is..." Faded out at 1629. No ID, but was able to identify as PRI's "The World" program thanks to several members of the NRC AM listserv and visits to http://www.wfcr.org/pni.html and Public Radio International's website. (GL-NY)
WXKS MA Everett - 11/27 2345 - Tuned in to hear ID giving calls and mentioning Brookline and other cities, then "The Good Life". Fair under WNSW. New. (RWK-CT)
+ 11/29 1300 - Excellent; "America's best holiday music" Christmas NOS, top of the hour ID, "The legends of music play here, AM 1430 WXKS Everett-Boston," into more music, no news. (BC-NH)
+ 11/29 1605 - Local ads, promo, ID, then back to Holiday music. (RJE-PA)
+ 12/3 1510 - "...Favorite songs of the season." "You put up the tree, we'll decorate the radio, AM 1430 WXKS." (MH-MA)
WNSW NJ Newark - 11/27 0701 - Usually dominant WNSW in good with Middle Eastern singing, and recorded English ID at top of hour "WNSW is a multi-cultural station...". (RWK-CT)
+ 11/29 1700 - Good; Korean programming, tone marking top of the hour, "AM 1430 WNSW Newark-New York City," into a Korean pop vocal, over WENE. (BC-NH)
+ 11/29 2258 - in pile-up with CHKT and WENE live read spots for northern NJ restaurants; legal ID by male voice on top hour, mentioning owner Multicultural; then standards or show tunes (last vestige of previous format?). (GAW-MA)
+ 12/3 1940 - Solid signal! No commercials, various formats though the day. Beatles' "Black Bird" and Sinatra Song: "Christmas, I love you the Best." (MH-MA)
+ 12/4 1941 - string of Beatles tunes, including "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da", "Black-bird", and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." NOS music, and then ID: "AM 1430.... WNSW" at 2000. Choppy reception with lots of interference from CHKT. (GL-NY)
WENE NY Endicott - 11/26 0700 - Good mixing with WPNI-MA with usual sports programming, then recorded "Sportsradio 14-30 WENE Endicott. This is Binghamton's all sports station." (RWK-CT)
+ 11/27 1640 - Sports talk, Fox Sports Net promo, weather report. (RJE-PA)
+ 11/29 1359 - Fair; local ad for Endicott jewelers, the Sportsradio 1430 forecast, and The Jim Rome Show, over WPNI in WXKS null. (BC-NH)
+ 11/29 2259 - presumed under WNSW, CHKT; briefly popped up with Fox Sports Radio network bumper; faded out during legal; on top later with AP news, but faded again during post-news ID before returning to Fox Sports. Regular here. (GAW-MA)

- + 12/3 2210 - Lots of Sports talk, then "Sports Talk Radio 1430 - The Team." (MH-MA)
- WDEX NC Monroe - 11/30 1851 - Gospel music. "The very best of gospel music on WDEX" ID. Dominated frequency over WMNK. (RR-NC)
- WMNK NC Morganton - 11/29 0913 - "Welcome back to the morning edition of the WMNK Swap Shop" This is the dominant daytime station on 1430. (RR-NC)
- WVAM PA Altoona - 11/28 1658 - ESPN Radio promo, local promo, IDs. (RJE-PA)  
+ 11/29 1700 - Mixing with others w/"Stay tuned for Sportscenter...You're listening to ESPN radio 14-30 WVAM Altoona." New. (RWK-CT)
- WPLN TN Madison - 11/29 2200 - "This is NPR and Nashville Public Radio on 1430 WPLN Madison" ID. It's very odd to hear NPR on AM radio in this area. (RR-NC)
- WHAN VA Ashland - 11/28 0702 - Ashland weather, "VNN (Va. News Network) here on 1430 WHAN" faded up from news. (RR-NC)
- WDIC VA Clinchco - 12/02 0643 - Local weather report "on AM 1430 WDIC." (RR-NC)
- CHKT ON Toronto - 11/26 0001 - Good with end of Middle Eastern program, then announcement about programs for Toronto's Afghan community "... on AM 14-30 CHKT, Fairchild Radio, Toronto" then a program in Tamil. (RWK-CT)  
+ 11/27 1640 - Presumed with Chinese over/under WENE/WNSW. Makes the channel difficult with the strongest station (WNSW) in Korean and the second (CKHT) in Chinese. (RJE-PA)  
+ 11/29 2000 - Poor; heard partial ID, "AM 1430 CHKT... international communities of greater Toronto," through WENE. (BC-NH)  
+ 11/29 2258 - over/under WNSW; Asian-sounding music, seemingly used as bumper; later ID, female voice in English, "14-30 CHKT"; then more Asian music. New. (GAW-MA)

## STATION NEWS

- 620 WTRP GA LaGrange - 11/20 1304 - heard S7 on loop, with oldies music - part of their news/talk/sports/oldies format. Legal ID noted. Was reported silent in IRCA's "Broadcasting Information" column. (HN-GA)
- 790 WSVG VA Mount Jackson - This station signed off at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2002, after being on the air since 1954. Owned by the Shenandoah Broadcasting Company, WSVG and its FM companion WSIG-96.9 have been sold to Shenandoah Valley Television. The new owners anticipate that they will be on the air in 60 days and are currently keeping the new format under wraps. WSVG featured local programming, along with country, bluegrass, rock-country and folk music. It will be missed by its loyal audience in the Shenandoah Valley. (PC-VA)

## DX TEST

- 1470 WLCR KY Louisville - 12/1 0300 - easily cutting through WMBD and oldies station (likely WTKO, Ithaca, NY) with numerous "WLCR" code IDs (---.---.---) that began almost immediately after the top of the hour. (MKB-ON)  
+ 12/1 0300 - Test came through loud and clear, Morse Code that is. Several voice announcements barely heard under a dominant WMBD in Peoria. Tape made and sent to station. (RCP-IN)

## UNID AND PRESUMED

- 910 UNID — — - 11/28 1809 - Travelers information radio network ID heard. Mention or welcome centers in Florida also a mention of the "AM 910 welcome center." Many hotels in Florida mentioned. I listened for 10 minutes and no ID given. Very good signal. (RCP-IN)
- 1130 WFXHp SC Hilton Head Island - 11/18 0811 - Didn't expect this 1000W daytimer at this distance and time of day. Quiet conditions, S9 on loop, dominant. Orientation just north of east. Only station with ESPN sports and orientation. (HN-GA)
- 1220 WAXOp TN Lewisburg - 11/21 0048 - in 20 over slop on loop, with deep male voice, "Lewisburg" at 0050. Some C & W music heard. This station fits, but listed

- as 1000, D1. On after hours? (HN-GA)
- 1370 WLOVp GA Washington - 11/24 1239 - presumed with NOS music (NRC lists it as AC). Sounds like satellite-fed program. S7 on loop, poor on wire. (HN-GA)
- 1380 UNID — — - SS with Mexican banda music and talk throughout post-sunset 12/1, 2 and 3. Only thing heard resembling a slogan was "La Estacion de la Paz" or perhaps a two-syllable word at the end starting similarly to 'paz'. No calls in either EE or SS hear at either TOH or BOH. Only thing listed in log as Mexican is WWRI-FL, which given hearing WWMI 12/2 isn't totally improbable. (RJE-PA)

## STATION LOGGINGS

- 530 CIAO ON Brampton - 11/29 0635 - Hindu religious program, chanting in unknown language with references to Lord Krishna in English. Toronto weather report at 0643. First time heard at new location. RVC was silent. (RR-NC)
- 560 WOOF AL Dothan - 11/20 1758 - Station ID heard while sitting on 560. Very poor signal. (RCP-IN)
- 570 WNNC NC Asheville - 11/22 1754 - During SSS, in on loop with occasional fades into S9 slop. Armchair quality at peak with drive time local talk show. (HN-GA)
- WIDS KY Russell Springs - 11/22 1800 - "WIDS" in slop at top of hour. Loop oriented NW/SE. Some WAAX off end of loop. New. (HN-GA)
- 590 WMBS PA Uniontown - 11/22 1815 - In partial WDWD null, "great oldies back to back on AM 59, WMBS." Old fashioned DJ banter. Very 60s! S9 on loop, some WDWD pestiness. New. (HN-GA)
- KOMJ NE Omaha - 11/27 0600 - "This is your Kansas City ... Football Station, Magic 590, hear all the action at home or away on KOMJ Omaha, Council Bluffs." Locally originated news. (DL\*MD)
- KBHS AR Hot Springs - 11/28 0723 - Ernest Tubbs song "Waltz Across Texas" followed by several classic country songs. Ad for Topp Shoe Store in Benton, followed by temperature at the KBHS Studio of 21 Degrees. Great signal for several minutes. (RCP-IN)
- 600 WSJS NC Winston-Salem - 11/22 1830 - High school football playoffs - regional matchups across NC. 10 over S9 on loop, nothing on wire. Moderate fades. Some WERC in background off end of loop. New. (HN-GA)
- 610 WTVN OH Columbus - 11/22 1835 - "News, weather, sports on newsradio 610, WTVN." On top of 10 over S9 slop on loop. New. (HN-GA)
- WIOD FL Miami - 11/29 0000 - Very weak: "South Florida's News Radio 610 WIOD." (SC-IN)
- 620 WWNR WV Beckley - 11/28 2000 - "Talk six twenty, WWNR Beckley. Now CBS covers the world at the tone." Followed by CBS News. (DL\*MD)
- 630 CFCO ON Chatham - 11/18 1155 - "Dancing in the Streets" followed by ID: "up to the minute traffic reports from Chatham to Detroit every morning and afternoon on Classic Gold 630 - CFCO." (MC-NY)
- WAVU AL Albertville - 11/22 1844 - In slop on loop, with W/N-S orientation, heard "W-A-V-U", then more gospel music. Very congested S9 sloppiness, with WAVU on top. New. (HN-GA)
- 640 WFNC NC Fayetteville - 11/21 1755 - good with calls, weather, then Sean Hannity show. New. (MB-IN)
- 660 WCRR VA Rural Retreat - 12/1 1638 - "... Southern Gospel Meeting, WCRR. Okay, that was the Lever (?) Brothers' "Sunday Afternoon." Gradually fading in over WFAN-NY; good signal for 550 watts. (PC-VA)
- 670 WIEZ PA Lewistown - 11/28 0822 - Voice said "join us right here on WIEZ AM and FM, it's presently 25 degrees here at WIEZ." Fair signal in partial WSCR null. (RCP-IN)
- 690 KGGF KS Coffeyville - 11/28 0726 - Call letters heard in mix of WTIK and UNID stations. (RCP-IN)
- 740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 11/22 2358 - high school football postgame show on "newstalk 740, KRMG." 10 over on loop with CHWO in null. (HN-GA)
- 760 WCPS NC Tarboro - 11/29 1657 - "Oldies but goodies on WCPS AM 7-60 Personality from Baby Bouncing Boys". Again, "AM 7-60, WCPS". Pushing out SS programming, which may have been WLCC-FL. (PC-VA)
- 780 WBBM IL Chicago - 11/19 2241 - host gave time of 9:41 PM and then went to female

- who talked about the full moon. She said November's moon is the "Frost Moon" and also said listeners should "boo" at this moon because (1) it ruined viewing of the meteor shower, and (2) had a very faint eclipse that could only be seen by professionals. She also mentioned "Star Date" Magazine and gave phone number - 800-STAR DATE. (MC-NY)
- 790 **WAEB PA Allentown** - 11/27 1000 - "CBS News from WAEB", then commercials for Radio Shack and Purple Pill. Call letters repeated at 1005 and 1006. Used to be covered up by semi-local WSVG-VA, now off the air pending a sale. (PC-VA)
- WETB TN Johnson City** - 11/30 0755 - Gospel in the middle of the morning mess. At 0800, "Your Johnson City station, WETB, Johnson City", then into USA Network News. (PC-VA)
- 800 **CKLW ON Windsor** - 11/17 1355 - car talk show. Caller named Leonard sounded confused about what program he was on, wanted to talk about retirement. Finally asked a question about his car! Host worried that they might not be on next week. ID: "with the news and information you have come to rely on - this is AM-800, CKLW - a CHUM radio station." (MC-NY)
- 830 **WCRN MA Worcester** - 11/28 0740 - over CHAM-820 slop with big band song, ID as "Swing 830 WCRN...still on the chilly side at 18 degrees". (MKB-ON)  
+ 12/2 0605 - "8-30, WCRN", heard through dominant SS programming. Later, "8-30, WCRN and the Associated Press Sports (?) News ... to keep you entertained and informed 24 hours a day". (PC-VA)
- 860 **KKOW KS Pittsburg** - 11/28 0846 - Slogan heard "This is the Four State Farm Voice 860 KKOW" followed by a farm report. Excellent signal almost local. (RCP-IN)
- KGHT AR Sheridan** - 11/28 1800 - Man said "this is KGHT 880 Radio." Then into news at the top of the hour. Fair to good signal with quick fades. (RCP-IN)
- 920 **WGOL AL Russellville** - 12/3 0531 - C&W mixing with CKNX-ON. Woman's voice, "WGOL, Real Country". Thanks to DX Tip from Pete Dernbach. (PC-VA)
- 960 **WFGL MA Fitchburg** - 11/25 1528 - poor on east wire with ads, call ID, then gone. New! (JF-ON)
- 970 **WJMX SC Florence** - 11/29 2052 - "First Light, weekday evenings, after the 5 o'clock news on Newstalk 9-70, WJMX-AM", then into The Savage Nation talk show. At 2100, "For 55 years since 1947, Newstalk 9-70, WJMX, Florence, a Root Communications station", then into ABC News. (PC-VA)
- 980 **KCAB AR Dardenelle** - 11/28 0815 - Fair: "Local news, weather and sports every 30 minutes on River Talk 980 KCAB." (SC-IN)
- 990 **WNRV VA Narrows-Pearisburg** - 12/3 1657 - In evening jumble; "We now return to the 3WR-WNRV Christmas music festival, continuing through Christmas day, sponsored in part by Timbrook Funeral Home in Timbrook". (PC-VA)
- WLEE VA Richmond** - 12/3 1700 - "News ... weather ... 9-90 WLEE, Richmond; 13-40, WHAP, Hopewell". Tone beep on the hour, then into news. I've been trying for this one for years! (PC-VA)
- 1070 **WDIA TN Memphis** - 11/18 0755 - Morning drive/news program. Many local ads and IDs, 10 over on loop. WIBC dominant on wire. (HN-GA)
- CBA NB Moncton** - 11/19 2301 - CBC news report on oil tanker accident in Spain. Ontario Minister speaking about global warming. Former Prime Minister Mulroney's portrait unveiling. Local weather followed by ID: "CBC Radio 1 - 1070 - Moncton." (MC\*NY)
- WAPI AL Birmingham** - 11/23 0038 - with WFLI in partial null, high school football postgame show on Alabama Radio Network. New. (HN-GA)
- WFLI TN Lookout Mountain** - 11/28 0759 - over CHOK with gospel program from the Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, 0800 top of hour ID: "with 50,000 watts, this is WFLI, Lookout Mountain-Chattanooga, Tennessee". QSLed on equipment test in 1977. (MKB-ON)
- 1080 **WTIC NY Amherst** - 11/17 1700 - when local WUFO signed off, this was right behind it, talking about the ice storm in New England. Announcer was talking about power failures, interviewing a homeowner in Torrington. Gave school closings, of which there were plenty! (MC-NY)
- 1110 **WBCA AL Bay Minette** - 11/29 0700 - Station ID heard "You're listening to classic country, WBCA - 1110." Followed by news at top of the hour. Great signal and alone on the channel. (RCP-IN)

- 1150 **WGOW TN Chattanooga** - 11/23 0106 - out of ABC news, mention of Titans game on WGOW. 10 over on loop. New. (HN-GA)
- WIMA OH Lima** - 11/27 0200 - Commercial supporting recycling in Ohio. ID given as "This is where West Central Ohio gets its news... Lima's Newsradio, 11-50 WIMA," then into ABC News. (JJR-PA)
- 1230 **WHIR KY Danville** - 11/23 2145 - call letters heard, nothing else. (MB-IN)
- 1240 **WDXY SC Sumter** - 11/22 0559 - "til noon, NewsTalk 1240 Sumter and NewsTalk 1310 WDKD Kingstree." (RJ-NC)
- WDNE WV Elkins** - 11/29 2259 - "Oldies WDNE Elkins." (RJ-NC)
- 1340 **WBBT GA Lyons** - 11/24 2259 - "WBBT-Lyons, the station that is giving you \$500." (RJ-NC)
- WNBS KY Murray** - 12/1 2129 - Commercial break at the bottom of the hour, and then two full IDs, "WNBS 13-40" and back into syndicated talk show, hosted by a female, at 2130. Held the frequency for about 5 minutes, fair to poor, before fading down into the graveyard jumble. New, and farthest GY heard from here. Distance is 1329 statute miles. (BT-NB)
- 1370 **WXXI NY Rochester** - 12/4 1559 - Out of John Denver's "Rocky Mountain High," w/ "WXXI" ID and then into NPR's All Things Considered at 1600. New. (BT\*NB)
- 1380 **WSYB VT Rutland** - 11/29 1517 - Local Ads, ID weak under WTMC-DE. (RJE-PA)  
+ 12/4 1547 - Local weather information, followed by ad for the Hallmark Channel, full ID of WSYB, and then ads for Big Mike's Auction, Price Chopper and cupid.com before going back to the Mitch Albom show at 1550. New. (BT\*NB)
- WTYM PA Kittanning** - 11/29 1620 - Beatles' "Here, There and Everywhere", promo and ID's over/under WSYB. (RJE-PA)
- WNRI RI Woonsocket** - 11/29 1633 - Ad for "Chan's Restaurant in beautiful downtown Woonsocket", weather report, ID. (RJE-PA)
- CKPC ON Brantford** - 11/29 1640 - Monkees' "Last Train to Clarksville", ID, weather report. (RJE-PA)
- CKLC ON Kingston** - 12/4 1550 - Rising up over WSYB with the "Kingston weather forecast" at 1550, and then full ID for "All time favorites, CKLC. This was one of the "Team" stations until that network folded earlier this year. New (BT\*NB)
- WBTK VA Richmond** - 11/29 0659 - "You can listen to Focus on the Family weekdays at 6:30 am and 8 pm, here on WBTK. Here on AM-1380 WBTK Richmond." (RJ-NC)  
+ 12/4 1700 - "WBTK" ID. (DL-MD)
- WKJV NC Asheville** - 12/4 1705 - "Thirteen Eighty WKJV, Ministry to the Bible Belt... listen to the North Carolina News Network on WKJV." (DL-MD)
- 1390 **WMPO OH Middleport-Pomproy** - 11/26 0259 - "ESPN 1490, WMPO, Middleport-Pomproy." Then ABC news. (RJ-NC)
- WNIO OH Youngstown** - 11/26 0559 - "Good morning, it's 6 o'clock, 32 degrees on 1390 WNIO with the news this morning brought to you by Zinn's Crack Cream." (RJ-NC)  
+ 11/29 1350 - Holiday music, local ads, ID, promo, SID. Surprising to hear this strong at this hour. (RJE-PA)
- WZHF VA Alexandria** - 11/29 1645 - SS ad for something "on Richmond Highway in Alexandria." (RJE-PA)
- WRSC PA State College** - 11/29 1656 - Station event promos, ID, promos for upcoming PSU Women's Basketball games. (RJE-PA)
- WVAA VT Burlington** - 11/29 1504 - C&W, "All American Country" promo, local sponsor, ID. (RJE-PA)  
+ 12/3 0758 - good with run-down of sponsors for Christmas food drive, "thanks from WVAA, All-American country" into C&W song. Ex-WKDR. (MKB-ON)  
+ 12/04 1556 - Full station ID between two Merle Haggard songs, "WVAA, All American Country." Ran a contest and asked the lucky winner to call 655-6754 to claim his prize. Had no listing for this station on 1390 but ran a search for the phone number on the Internet and came up with the former call of this station, WKDR, matching that phone number. This new call seems



- to have been in effect for only a very short while, according to the Hard Core-DX site. New. (BT\*NB)
- WDCW NY Syracuse - 12/2 0635 - News, ID in the mud. (RJE-PA)
- WKLP WV Keyser - 12/2 1725 - "Vaya con Dios" female vocal, then ID. (RJE-PA)
- WWMI FL St. Petersburg - 12/2 1758 - Heard with "WWMI, St. Petersburg-Tampa" ID sneaking through UNID SS. (RJE-PA)
- WADA NC Shelby - 12/3 0200 - ID given as, "We are WADA Shelby, Classic Country 13-90". ABC News at top of hour. (JJR-PA)
- 1400 WBBV WV Wheeling - 12/1 0259 - "Welcome to... we're WBBV, Wheeling-Steubenville." Then NOS music. (RJ-NC)
- WMFA NC Raeford - 12/1 0559 - "Signing on for another fabulous broadcast day, WMFA operates on an assigned frequency of 1400. WMFA business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday." (RJ-NC)
- WHHV VA Hillsville - 12/2 0658 - "AM 1400 Hillsville, Virginia - your gospel music radio station." (RJ-NC)
- WLSB TN Copperhill - 12/2 0700 - "Radio 1400 WLSB AM Copperhill-McCainsville-Blue Ridge-???-Murphy-Gainesville." (RJ-NC)
- 1410 WLSH PA Lansdale - 12/1 1648 - heard on 1409.9. Good with CKSL phased. Low in frequency with ID "The station you grew up with, WLSH, Lansdale" into NOS Christmas music. (JF-ON)
- WNER NY Watertown - 12/1 1650 - poor with CKSL phased with Bills FB, ID "ESPN 1410, The Winner, WNER". Ex- WOTT/WUZZ for me. (JF-ON)
- 1460 WBRN MI Big Rapids - 11/18 2107 - over CJOY with end of AP news, slogan "over five decades of local news, sports and weather, this is WBRN AM 1460" into ESPN sports. (MKB-ON)
- WDOG SC Allendale - 11/27 0659 - "ABC news is coming up at 7 and then Rick on the radio after that here on The Dog." Then C&W music into ABC news. (RJ-NC)
- 1470 WBTX VA Broadway - 11/28 1700\* - sign off announcement mentioning "we sign off at this time in compliance with federal regulations on daytime broadcasting... thanks for listening and may the Lord bless your evening". No SSB. (MKB-ON)
- WMBD IL Peoria - 12/1 0300 - dominant with top of hour ID while awaiting WLCR test: "The Illinois Broadcasters Association's station of the year, this is News Radio WMBD 1470 Peoria" into ABC news. (MKB-ON)
- 1570 WDCY GA Douglasville - 11/24 1259 - with local WKVQ in total null, heard female voice "Douglasville", followed by Pentecostal preacher. S7 on loop with high noise floor. New and rare. (HN-GA)
- 1640 WKSH WI Sussex - 11/18 1649 - DJ talking to young woman about her cat, who likes to lick her feet. Song followed by kids wishing each other happy birthday. Talk about morning show, then ID: "1640 WKSH Sussex-Milwaukee." Reception fair until hotel put the outside lights on! (MC\*NY)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 12/3 2147 - Sports "Radio sixteen sixty, WQSN." Quite a bit of SS co-channel from presumed WWRU. (DL-MD)

#### NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//: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 NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) 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

### For Beginners ...

the world of DX'ing can be confusing, but both new and experienced DX'ers can find answers in Russ Edmunds' column, "Target DX." If you have a DX question, just send it to Russ at <<wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>> or 753 Valley Rd. - Blue Bell, PA 19422-2052 and he'll answer it in a future column. Remember - you're not alone - we all started at the beginning - once!

# International DX Digest

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

How to use the information in IDXD: The following logs can be a valuable resource for DXers, novice and experts alike. Look at the time and location of reception. Note trends, including reporters' comments. Is reception common during local sunrise, transmitter site dawn, or during auroral conditions? Pay particular attention to clues that may assist with identification of a radio station; language, long, medium, and short wave parallels, slogans, program names, and references to various locations. What equipment was used? Save back issues of *DX News* for reference, and check what was being received last year in the same timeframe as your current listening session. Create a target list, then give it your best shot, and don't forget to share the results with your friends here at IDXD.

#### Transatlantic DX

- 639 SPAIN RNE R.1 La Coruña NOV 4 0029 - Parallel 774 with Spanish talk; in CBN slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 774 SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros NOV 4 0027 - Spanish talk; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 783 MAURITANIA R.Mauritanie, Nouakchott NOV 4 0025 - Arabic group vocal, flute music, Arabic talk; to good peak. + NOV 15 0214 - Parallel 4845 with man in Arabic; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA] + NOV 23 2242 - Parallel 4845 with talk by man and woman; poor. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros NOV 28 0153 - News by man and woman in Spanish; to fair peak. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Chaîne 1 Algiers NOV 4 0030 - Arabic talk; loud. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 999 SPAIN COPE Madrid NOV 15 0226 - Enthusiastic Spanish talk, teletalk; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK Danmarks R., Kalundborg, NOV 16 2307 - Possibly this with dance-club music; poor to fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA Hrvatski R., Zadar NOV 15 0224 - Slavic song with US country influences; to excellent peak. + NOV 16 2245 - Mellow soul-influenced male vocal and guitar; over Spain. [Connelly\*B-MA] DEC 4 0142 - Had been absent for several days but it was in tonight with a fair signal, with a female singer and pop songs. We'll be visiting Croatia next May. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros NOV 16 2305 - Man and woman with news in Spanish. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux NOV 15 0223 - Parallel 1377 with pop male vocal; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN COPE synchros NOV 16 2304 - Fast Spanish talk; fair, dominant. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1377 FRANCE Lille NOV 15 0223 - French talk, pop vocal parallel 1206; fair. + NOV 16 2301 - French news; loud. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR Roumoules NOV 16 2251 - Instructional-type talk by man in Arabic; good. + NOV 28 0459 - Piano music; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA Dubai, NOV 15 0216 - A cappella male Arabic Koranic vocal; good. + NOV 16 2254 - Parallel 9555 and 9870 with interview between Arabic man and woman; fair. + NOV 29 1940 - Pre-sunset het fade-up. + NOV 29 2359 - Fast Arabic talk; good. [Connelly\*B-MA] DEC 5 0100-0115 - Presumed with sermon-type talk by man in Arabic. Occasional sounds like hollow crowd "jet" noises in the background, but that may have been applause, conditions or adjacent interference from WKBW with basketball play-by-play next door on 1520. Fair to poor most of the time, with a few fades up to even strength with the domestic, and nice het throughout. Using wide CW mode setting on TS-680S ham rig. Flux was 149, A was 10 and K was a 2 at the time. [Taylor-NB]
- 1548 KUWAIT R.Sawa NOV 20 2310 to NOV 21 0110 - I think this was the U.S.A. sponsored *Radio Sawa* using the VOA facilities. Good signal with Mid East pop music and a female vocalist, announcements in Arabic. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1550 ALGERIA RASD Clandestine, Tindouf NOV 16 2256 - Female Arabic vocal; briefly over domestics. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1557 FRANCE France Bleu, Nice NOV 28 0501 - Man in French with news; through WQEW slop. [Connelly\*B-MA] NOV 29 0420 - Big signal with man in French talking. [Dangerfield-PA]

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1575 **KUWAIT** Clandestine Iraq? NOV 20 2314 - Good, with Mid East music and announcements in Arabic. First time I've heard this one in a while, if indeed it is the same station. 1548 kHz was also up at the time. [Dangerfield-PA]

*Ben speaks:* Still waiting for a decent TA cycle. The last two weeks has been mostly auroral or rather I should say, signals mostly from the south. On Nov 20 some high-end TAs in the Mid East broke through briefly, most notably on 1548 and 1575 plus one on 1566 I couldn't ID. On Nov 29 (Thanksgiving night) Nice-1557 was quite good. A number of LAs otherwise. Dec 3/4 began quite auroral with several Venezuelans and Colombians, then swung to TAs later on when such as 1134, 1098 1089 and 1521 were in, but not too loudly. What bothers me the most is the lack of sunset and pre-sunset TA DX. In other seasons there could be 20 or more of these signals an hour or more before sunset. It's not happening this year. Yet.

#### Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *R. Visión Cristiana Internacional*, South Caicos NOV 23 2320 - Talk about "el Señor," then *Radio Visión* slogan; loud. [Connelly\*A-MA] DEC 4 0323 - Excellent; man talking about "Dios" with Spanish music in the background. [Chiochiu-QC] Absolutely blasting in with a solid signal and no fading. Spanish religion with dual WWRV / RVC ID in English at the top of the hour. Signal was covering the 40-watt CDOT TIS 12 miles south of me. Distance from me is 2360 miles ESE. [Griffith-CO]
- 535 **GRENADA** St. George NOV 28 0444 - Weak, with man in English. What's happened with this station? Lower power, bad facilities, or just poor conditions? [Dangerfield-PA]
- 540 **MEXICO** XEWA San Luis Potosí, NL NOV 4 0336 - Fair signal, in mess with two domestics; Spanish talk by a woman with a mention of what sounded like "gran Cadena Doble-U," but not parallel 900. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *R.ZIZ* Basseterre NOV 23 2308 - Instrumental steel-drum version of "Margaritaville"; excellent. [Connelly\*A-MA] DEC 4 0347 - Talk in Caribbean English by a young announcer, possible mention of "Zed Eye Zed"; then into what sounded a slow-tempo soca song; fair signal, but lot of jumpy fades with some slop from CHLN 550. + NOV 24 0254 - Stronger and steady now with teletalk between this young man and a listener, then into reggae music. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 570 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, NOV 24 0003 - "RR" code beeps; under WMCA. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 570 **MEXICO** XETJ Torreón, Coahuila DEC 2 1320 - Playing tropical music under KNRS and by 1325 getting blown away by splash from KSAZ coming on to day pattern. [Redding-AZ]
- 570 **MEXICO** XEBJB Monterrey, NL DEC 3 1301 - "NotiRadio" from *Grupo Radio Alegría*, local and national news, sports, "opinion editorial"; end at 1309 with "BJB" slogan, and mentioned 5000 watts and "...cubriendo Nuevo León, Coahuila..." Fair at best with KLZ 560 splatter. [Wilkins-CO]
- 620 **MEXICO** XEGH *Bonita*, Rio Bravo, TAMS DEC 3 0102 - Just tuned across frequency and managed to catch a legal ID, "Eh-kees Eh Heh Ah-chay... con mil watts de potencia..." (location mentioning "Estado de Tamaulipas") mixing with a bunch 'o' domestics. Same full ID ran again 0106. No sign of XEBU which I usually hear on this channel. New log. [Stewart-MO]
- 640 **GUADELOUPE** *R.Guadeloupe*, Pointe-à-Pitre NOV 23 2312 - French talk; rising over the Venezuelan. [Connelly\*A-MA] DEC 4 0418 - Relaying *France Info* with a news report from "les Andes Boliviennes." Fairly strong signal, over/under Venezuela and others. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **MEXICO** XEHHI Hidalgo Del Parral CHIH DEC 1 0715+ Fair mixing with pest WWLS. Spanish music with several "Radio Uno" live IDs and jingles. New here. [Loy-IL]
- 640 **VENEZUELA** YVQO *Unión R.*, Puerto La Cruz NOV 23 2311 - Parallel 1090 with Venezuelan news; mixed with Guadeloupe. [Connelly\*A-MA] DEC 4 0421 - Woman with newscast; atop Guadeloupe. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 650 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** HIAT *R.Universal*, Santo Domingo NOV 23 2331 - *Universal* mention and Dominican Republic based talkshow; over others. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 660 **MEXICO** XEEY Aguascalientes, AG DEC 4 0154 - Coming in very strong tonight on all three wires under WFAN (but nicely phased with two wires at once), with a string of local ads and telephone numbers, several mentions of Aguascalientes. Back to music at 0158. [Renfrew-NY]
- 670 **VENEZUELA** YVLL *R.Rumbos*, Caracas DEC 4 0342 - *Notirumbos* newscast; good at times with barely a trace from Cuba and possibly WWFE, haven't heard the usual doorbells this time between the items and announcements as usual. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 690 **ANGUILLA** *Caribbean Beacon*, The Valley NOV 23 2336 - Parallel 6090 with country-style

- religious song; dominant. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 710 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde* DEC 4 0341 - Good signal under WOR with monotonous talk by a man (Fidel Castro, I think!), parallel 670 (way under *Rumbos*) and 1180 (under WHAM). I usually hear either *Deportivamente* or monologues on this station before 0400 when the adult contemporary program "Estación" begins. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 720 **MEXICO** XEDE Saltillo, COAH DEC 3 1159 - Full ID with call letters, mentioned 5000 watts, and slogan "La Unica." XE anthem at 1200 was followed by male announcer with time and temperature, another "La Unica" slogan, then ads and PSAs. New slogan, apparently. Fair in WGN/KDWN null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 720 **VENEZUELA** YVQE *R.Oriente*, Porlamar NOV 23 2230 - Venezuelan adverts and telephone numbers. [Connelly\*A-MA] DEC 4 0041 - Good with South American type pop music, vocals and announcements in Spanish by a man with mentions of Porlamar and nearby Margarita. At the time WOR seemed to be conducting an IBOC test, or at least that's what it sounded like. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 730 **COLOMBIA** HJCU *Cadena Melodía*, Bogotá NOV 24 0005 - *Radio Melodía* ID. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas NOV 23 2233 - RCR mention, political talk about socialists; over WSB. [Connelly\*A-MA] DEC 4 0103 - Very strong. Man and woman in what sounded like an arena, doing a sports event. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 4 0312 - Very strong with Spanish talk by a woman, no WSB for a moment. + NOV 4 0339 - Schedule notice about some listeners from Oriente that cannot hear the usual programming on this network (Radio Caracas Radio), fair slightly under WSB. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ RCN Barranquilla DEC 3 0259 - Dominant signal in null of WJR: ads, ID "Cadena Mundial, RCN," time pips, top-of-the-hour time check, then into news. + DEC 4 0314 - Blasting in with a talk show that mentioned several Latin American countries such as Mexico, Nicaragua and Colombia. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 770 **COLOMBIA** HJXX RCN Bogotá NOV 23 2342 - RCN ID; dominant. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 770 **VENEZUELA** YVKK Valencia DEC 4 0102 - Just below WABC with man in Spanish and *Nacional* IDs. The Bogotá station was heard at the time although the 760 Colombian was OK. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 780 **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** ZBVI Roadtown, Tortola NOV 23 2344 - Caribbean English talk about sports; over *R.Coro*. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 780 **VENEZUELA** YVNM *R.Coro*, Coro, Falcón DEC 4 0321 - Very weak with brutal next-to-adjacent splatter from local CJAD 800 in WBBM null, with promos or ads (too weak to determine which of these were aired), *Radio Coro* ID audible at 0322. At 0401 surfaced again very poor in CJAD splat with tropical music, there was another threshold level Spanish station even weaker underneath. YVOD *Ecos del Torbes* goes off at 0400, so most likely HJZG *La Voz del Valle* in Cali. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 800 **NETHERLANDS ANTILLES** PJB *Trans-World Radio*, Bonaire NOV 23 2246 - *Radio Transmundial* ID, Spanish religious talk; good with WSKO-790 slop phased. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 840 **HAITI** 4VEH Cap Haitien NOV 23 2255 - Accented French religious talk. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 880 **VENEZUELA** Two Stations NOV 23 2348 - Two stations with news feed of Venezuelan political discussion, about two second delay between the audios. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 890 **CUBA** CMDZ *R.Progreso*, Chambas DEC 4 0359 - Good to poor, Cuban jingle song (a sort of an anthem?), with canned ID, "Radio Progreso, cadena nacional, la onda del alegría. En... el sol de la Habana, primer territorio libre en America," and time check, followed by the program "Perspectiva." [Chiochiu-QC]
- 895 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** VON Bath Village NOV 23 2309 - Soca music; fair to good. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEW México, DF NOV 4 0337 - Fair and slightly atop nullled CHML with Spanish talk by a woman (the voice was similar to what heard on 540), so maybe a satellite delay? [Chiochiu-QC]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEWB Veracruz, VER DEC 3 0140 - Never logged this relay officially before, mostly because it isn't usually as strong as it is this evening. Distinct echo on XEW's programming. Noted while trying to ID XEOK (see below). Anyway, new log. [Stewart-MO]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEOK Monterrey, NL DEC 3 0140-0203 - Well under XEW/XEWB most of the time, with news/talk-type programming, possibly a call in show. Miraculously came up way over XEW at ID time,

## Del Rio to honor Wolfman Jack

By John MacCormack  
San Antonio Express-News  
via Greg Hardison

DEL RIO — Nearly four decades later, lawyer Arturo Gonzalez can still clearly picture the polite, dark-haired East Coast disc jockey who showed up without notice at his Pecan Street office back in late 1963.

Wolfman Jack got his start in Del Rio four decades ago on XERE, a super-powerful station that broadcast from Mexico. Seven years after his death, fans and city fathers are planning a statue and museum.

"He introduced himself as Bob Smith, and he wanted to know who was the owner of radio station XERE," recalls Gonzalez, 94, who at the time sold advertising contracts in the United States for the super-powered station in nearby Ciudad Acuña, Mexico.

"I said 'What can you do?' and he said 'I'm a radio announcer and I can sell whatever you have to sell.' And I think he was on the radio station that same night, selling baby chicks — 100 for \$2.98," Gonzalez said, chuckling.

Once on the air, the mild-mannered, clean-cut Smith became howling, growling Wolfman Jack, and the rest, as they say, is rock 'n' roll history.

Now, nearly 40 years after he left XERE for another super-powered station in Tijuana, Mexico, and seven years after his death from a heart attack, the Wolfman is coming back to Del Rio.

If all goes well, at this time next year, a larger-than-life bronze statue of the great capped howler will loom over a downtown intersection. A Wolfman Jack museum and a music festival will be in the works.

During his six months in Del Rio, the late-night XERE DJ mesmerized teenagers across America and beyond with his radio antics, ultra-hip delivery and anything-goes playlist. His border broadcasts were powered by a 250,000-watt transmitter — five times the juice allowed on the U.S. side.

"Wherever ya are, and whatever ya doin', I wancha ta lay ya hands on da raydeeeo, lay back wid me, and squeeze ma knobs. We gonna feel it ta-night. ... OOOOOO WWWWOOOOOoooo. This is Wolfman Jack down here with da keywords. Gonna get you some soul," he would howl.

"Get naked, blow da evil weed, kiss your teachers. Wolfman play the best records in the business and then he eat 'em," growled the lupine mystery man, according to the book "Border Radio," by Gene Fowler and Bill Crawford.

The Wolfman was an instant sensation. Gonzalez recalls that soon after he hit the airwaves, hawking everything from chickens to virility pills, advertising sales boomed, and he had to hire another dozen young women to handle the flood of orders.

"He was bringing in a lot of money, and when he left, sales went way down," he said.

But in the grand visions that Del Rio mover and shaker Jay Johnson has for this dusty border city, the Wolfman can still make cash registers ring.

"Del Rio deserves to be a hotshot town, and it will be, and Wolfman Jack will seal the deal," he said.

"This thing is going to be flat-out explosive. Wolfman Jack was really the catalyst who pulled together the world of rock 'n' roll. He was heard in Australia, in Asia, in Europe and Canada," said Johnson, who owns a bed and breakfast and several restored buildings here.

So far, all systems are go. A nonprofit foundation is being formed, and Del Rio officials have signed on to the project, as has the Wolfman's widow, Lou Smith of North Carolina.

"I'm just tickled pink that they want to do that. Del Rio is the place where Robert W. Smith became Wolfman Jack," she said.

Michael Maiden, a nationally known sculptor, is already at work on a model, and former Wolfman publicist Mike Venema is looking up old buddies from James Brown to Alice Cooper to help out.

Three weeks ago, Venema and Maiden, who is based in Oregon, came to Del Rio and met with Johnson and other local boosters. Both came away sold on the project.

"We're committed to Del Rio. It's the perfect place, and Acuña was fantastic as well. It was very reminiscent of an earlier time," Venema said.

Maiden, appropriately best known for his wild-life sculptures, grew up on a ranch near Walla Walla, in eastern Washington, and had his first encounter with the Wolfman when he was 13 or 14.

"I'd listen to him late at night on my little Montgomery Ward transistor radio. He would fade in and out," recalled Maiden, 52.

"And I thought he was a black man. Most people did, and he kind of perpetuated that. He was one of the DJs who made black music popular," he said.

"Until late in his career, no one knew what he looked like. I most certainly didn't until 'American Graffiti,'" the 1973 hit movie by George Lucas in which the Wolfman played himself.

The sculptor is coy about exactly what the bronze Wolfman will look like.

"My job is to try and make this icon recognizable. He was a wild and crazy guy, and kind of a whimsical character, and he's not going to be standing straight up and down like Jefferson Davis," he said.

Both Maiden and Venema say they are confident the \$130,000 needed for the sculpture will be easily raised once the word gets out.

For Del Rio, a quiet border city on U.S. 90 known to most travelers as no more than a gas stop

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though! Full ID 0200 mentioning "Radio Acir, Las Noticias de Hoy" and "Monterrey, Nuevo León." Then a program intro, "XEOK, Grupo Acir, presenta Salusalde" (?? - that's what it sounded like after numerous tape replays anyway), evidently a call-in show because they gave phone numbers that were impossible to decipher through XEW/XEWB echo. New log for me. [Stewart-MO]

960 CUBA R.Relej, NOV 23 2350 - Reloj program; over probable Venezuelan. [Connelly\*A-MA]  
970 VENEZUELA Mundial Oriental, Barcelona NOV 23 2353 - R.Mundial ID; loud, way over WZAN. [Connelly\*A-MA]

1020 VENEZUELA YVRS Mundial Margarita, La Asunción NOV 24 0015 - Margarita ID; good. [Connelly\*A-MA]

1050 VENEZUELA unID city, NOV 23 2358 - Spanish talk, advert for business in Falcón province; over WEVD. [Connelly\*A-MA]

1080 VENEZUELA YVQJ R.Barcelona, Barcelona NOV 23 2258 - Radio Barcelona jingle. [Connelly\*A-MA]

1090 VENEZUELA YVVSZ Union R., Caracas NOV 23 2257 - Caracas mentions in news, Coca-Cola advert; dominant. [Connelly\*A-MA]

1180 CUBA CMBA R.Rebelde, Villa Maria NOV 23 2359 - Rebelde La Habana ID; way over WHAM and mixed Latin Americans. [Connelly\*A-MA] NOV 28 0118 - Over WHAM with Spanish talk by a man with a "Rebelde" mention; strong at tune-in, but faded away very quickly, under WHAM. [Chiochiu-QC]

1200 VENEZUELA YVOZ R.Tiempo, Caracas NOV 28 0121 - Briefly in with Spanish talk by a young man and "Tiempo" ID; interference from CFGO. Relog. [Chiochiu-QC]

1375.02 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO St. Pierre NOV 16 2302 - News mentioning Etats-Unis; excellent. [Connelly\*B-MA]

1500 VENEZUELA YVRZ Dos Mil, Cumaná, Sucre NOV 28 0126 - Presumably the Spanisher with a sports game (beisbol?) under WTOP. Very little understandable due to the WTOP quite huge signal level. [Chiochiu-QC]

Bogdan speaks: Congratulations to Saul Chernos for hearing Puerto Cabello on 1290; this is indeed a pretty rare catch, especially inland. I'm afraid CFMB-1280 is too strong where I live, but I will try for YVNG 1380 from the same city, during auroral conditions.

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### International News

AUSTRALIA: During the Nov 2002 Grayland DXpedition, John Bryant reported 4BC 1116 "as the most reliable Aussie," a great signal for 5 kW. The real reason is because they have a true rarity in Australia; a directional array. Their main lobe is about 25 degrees whereas Grayland is about 44 degrees, so we are close to being directly down the bore. Who knows what their ERP is, but it's surely many times the 5 kW transmitter power. Details are at [http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/qld/bris\\_gc/planning/final\\_lap/lap\\_brisbane.pdf](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/qld/bris_gc/planning/final_lap/lap_brisbane.pdf). [Chuck Hutton, IDXD]

MEXICO: I listened to XEEBC 730 ID this morning and they are now announcing 5 kW. That explains why so many more people are hearing them now. Slogan is still "Radio Acir, la frecuencia de hoy," sometimes they seemed to say "las noticias de hoy." I did not hear anything like the "Radio Viva" slogan that has been reported. [Tim Hall, Dec 5 Corazón DX]

Don't forget to monitor Ginie Lupi's *Frequency of the Week* for IDXD. 73 and Good DX!

22 on the way to West Texas and the Big Bend National Park, a hip tourist attraction is sorely needed.

With mild sarcasm, some locals refer to Del Rio as "the gateway to Ciudad Acuña," the much larger Mexican city across the river that offers a more glamorous nightlife.

The Wolfman project has surfaced just as Del Rio is launching a revitalization of Main Street, a dowdy thoroughfare of retail shops and fading classical buildings.

The city recently won backing for the Main Street project from the Texas Historical Commission, and coordinator Ginger Lyons said Wolfman Jack fits right in.

"Including him in our Main Street plan is vital. We could use any tourist attraction we can get. Everyone here knows the story of Wolfman Jack, and we're very proud of him," she said.

If Wolfman Jack does for Del Rio what another rock icon has done for Lubbock, the project could prove a real magnet. Each year, 35,000 to 40,000 people visit the Buddy Holly museum, which opened in 1999.

"Many people come here because Buddy Holly was from here. They make pilgrimages to Lubbock, Texas, for that reason alone. We get people from Britain, Australia and all over Europe," said Connie Gibbons, museum director.

The official launch of the Wolfman Jack project in Del Rio is set for March 15, and at that time a model of the statue of rock 'n' roll's most famous DJ may be unveiled.

The museum would feature Wolfman artifacts and photos to tell his life story. But given the Wolfman's love of invention and hyperbole, exactly what happened here 40 years ago may never be known.

In his autobiography, "Have Mercy," the Wolfman gives a lurid, action-packed account of his arrival at Del Rio and his armed takeover of XERF, later known as "The Wolfman Jack Radio Shootout Saga."

According to this somewhat apocryphal account, the Wolfman and a buddy arrived in Ciudad Acuña to find XERF in receivership, and quickly engineered a coup to reclaim it from hostile hands.

With guns and bribes, lawsuits and hustle, according to the Wolfman's tale, he took over XERF. He then remade its programming from a loony collection of huckster preachers and hillbilly music (the original Carter family, "Johnny Cash's future in-laws," had broadcast to the nation from Ciudad Acuña's high-powered towers) to become the hottest rock station in the world led by the most notorious underground DJ.

"I was truly glowing in those days on XERF, because I was a young buck doing my thing right where I always wanted to be, hitting the airwaves with gale-force blues, rhythm and blues, and the most soulful rock 'n' roll, all sent your way through the treetop tall platinum-coated driver tubes of the most powerful commercial station on the planet," Wolfman wrote.

According to the book, the final battles for XERF were won in a shootout in a cheap Del Rio hotel between the Wolfman and "Montez," the evil Mexican who wanted to reclaim the station, and a follow-up ambush in the Coahuilan desert.

"I've still got a little crease on the end of my nose from that first bullet. The second one dug into the back side of the van's door frame, six inches behind where my head had been," wrote the Wolfman about the late night ambush.

Lou Smith also has vivid memories of Del Rio as a cowboy town with a Spanish flavor. She said the men who met her husband on the Mexican side of the bridge wore guns and cartridge belts crisscrossed on their chests.

And much of what the Wolfman wrote about actually happened, including problems with rival factions and the federales, and a late night on-the-air cry for help from XERF, Smith said.

"We were staying in the Del Rio Hotel, and as we were falling to sleep, listening to the radio, they broke right into the show and started yelling 'pistoleros, pistoleros.' They were calling for the police and for help," she recalled.

"Wolf jumped up and went over there to help those guys, and I don't know exactly what he did." Arturo Gonzalez only chuckles when told of such accounts.

Forty years later, he remembers no lawsuits, no shootouts and no armed takeovers, only a polite and reliable guy named Bob Smith who, when seated behind the microphone, became a jive-talking crazy man.

"If you met him, you probably wouldn't think that much of him, but on the radio he brought out a lot of excitement, and a lot of people were happy to listen to him," he said.

"He was very impressive, very dedicated and very reliable. We believed everything he would tell us. That's the kind of relationship it was," he said.

And, said Gonzalez, a Del Rio memorial to the Wolfman is long overdue.

"He was my friend, and I think he deserves it. He put Del Rio on the map. And he was a good man. If he could help someone he would. That's the kind of man I remember," he said.

## Musings of the Members

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Another year coming to an end and now over 60 years in the NRC. I listen occasionally but at 78, I'm still a full-time farmer and running a mail order nursery business, 12 hours a day and pretty much 7 days a week. The all-night DX sessions are just too much and would net few new stations with all the locals on 24 hours. Verified all 50 states when it was possible; now, it's rare to hear west of the MS on a regional channel or a clear. DX and stamp collecting are in the same boat, older members in both groups and fewer younger start ups. In the 30's, XER-XERA were heard at sunset in New England and throughout the US, sparked an interest in trying for other stations. For the old timers, the new edition of "Border Radio", an up-grade of the original book, with 100 more pages and more pictures, is a trip to the past, available through the Texas Press, hard cover with pictures of Doc Brinkley, Paul Kallinger and Wolfman Jack. Local WLYN now repeats WUMB's folk music 24 hours a day for a temporary breath of fresh air on the AM band. The AM band here is pretty well dominated by Spanish and religion mixed with sports, talk and Radio Disney. May get active again when I retire, have the HQ180A, HQ150 and Drake R8A ready and kept in shape, have an SX42 and a couple other sets in various conditions when the time comes.

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Pardon me Paul & Dave, for I have sinned (for not Musing more often!) (And your punishment will be listening to commercials by Howard Lesko!-DWS). Anywho, a brief re-intro for those uninitiated, 47 years old, legally blind and on kidney dialysis, leaving plenty of time for DXing. When I can't sleep due to my conditions, I DX, I sleep when I can and DX when I can't. I was worried about my 600-foot longwire antenna burning the early hours of 11/11 (two tornado warnings an hour apart). The antenna, totally homebrew, withstood 60 MPH+ winds and torrential rain. I witnessed one of the tornados and the 'roar' of the freight train as a funnel cloud passed through. Fortunately, there was only one touchdown in the area. The station in Jasper, Ga was noted on the air so evidently not damaged by the toonado. In closing, if you're not a subscriber to the DX Audio Service, please contact Fred and subscribe; I just received the new tape, and it's a scream! Really entertaining, especially the air talent on WNRC-1710. Hope all have a good DX season! 73

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After hearing ABC's Paul Harvey mention SCOT FLYBUSH and his radio station transmitter site calendar on his 11/18 broadcast, I thought it has been a long time since an NRC member got national publicity like this! Time will tell on how much national interest he gets on this. Hope it goes well. I'm 54 now, a member for just over 30 years, and married to JoAnn for 7 1/2 years in our rented home. My children are grown, 2 of 3 are married. BOB HARRISON'S recent Muse echoed a lot of my feelings about radio. I use a CCrane, a 22-year-old Superadio II, and a Yacht Boy 304 for DXing. Have done little this year due to changes in radio programming that turn me off. I've also spent enough time to try to find suitable work after one of the best phone jobs closed its doors in April, doing survey work. Currently I'm giving out local newspaper samples, hoping I can get somebody to take a trial offer. On the radio, 1270 has been quiet for a long time as WWCA; it's supposed to return as an EWTN affiliate. WKBF, 150 miles W of here, has been an erratic daytime visitor. I'd really like to get Catholic radio back on; the former WYPA-820 and WAUR-930 is really missed. WKKD-1580 is still simulcasting WONX-1590 with Spanish. I'm waiting for it to switch to a simulcast with WCGO-1600. With the many AM stations adding night power and some changing frequency, can someone provide us with these coverage map additions periodically? I can't afford to buy a lot of radio gear books but I can draw reasonably well. I'd like to help with the new patterns. With local sports talk stations doing

poorly in the ratings, someone should get smart, drop the format and bring back live big band music like the old WJJD. I do like the talk show hosts Bill O'Reilly and Chuck Harder when I have time. The new 2002-03 Broadcasting and Cable Yearbook should be out by the time this reaches print, I'll hopefully see this \$180 book at the local library. Good DX!



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