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Applications still being accepted ... We're still accepting, via e-mail, applications for the editorship of DDXD-W, the new editor to take over from Bill Hale as of the #1 issue in late September. We'd prefer that the new editor reside in DDXD-W land, or in the Central/Mountain/Pacific time zones. Please forward your applications to me at <<plsBCBDXER@aol.com>>. We've received an application from at least one very qualified individual, but inasmuch as we still have over three months to fill the post, we're not going to rush things. And we're still hoping to hear from someone who'd like to revive the NRC Contests.

GTG's ... Pick your time and pick your place; there's no lack of summer GTG's and conventions, including the *NRC Convention* in Dallas. Bill Hale warns that the 800-360-2242 Holiday Inn reservation number is apparently manned ONLY during the daytime; call during business hours, or use their regular number instead: 972-399-1010. See DXN #26 for more details.

IRCA Convention: IRCA's 40th annual convention, hosted by Mike Sanburn, will be held over the weekend of June 27-29 at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn, 700 Main street, South Portland Maine, 04106. Registration fee is \$35 which includes the Saturday night banquet. The telephone number for hotel reservations is 1-207-774-6151; mention the discounted room rate of \$69 per night. They have secured a tour of the WGAN, WZAN, WBAE, WPOR, WYNZ, WMGX combo operation near the convention site on Friday afternoon. We also have a guest speaker and phasing demonstration lined up. Be sure to attend and tell a friend. More info and links are found on the I.R.C.A. website at www.ircaonline.org. The DecalcoMania convention will be held coincident with the IRCA convention.

WTFDA convention: The WTFDA convention will be held at the Days Inn of Batavia, N.Y., right alongside exit 48 of the New York State Thruway (I-90). The reservation number is 585-343-6000, and tell them you're with WTFDA. The planning committee (Scott Fybush, Jim Renfrew, Jerry Bond, Greg Coniglio, Rick Lucas, and Guy Falsetti) has

made tentative plans for early arrivals to take a day trip across the border to Toronto, Ontario. Other tours, meetings, and DXpeditions are being offered. Contact the host committee in care of Scott Fybush by e-mail at wtfda2003@fybush.com, snail-mail at 92 Bonnie Brae Ave, Rochester NY 14618, or by phone at 585-442-5411 (10 AM-10 PM Eastern, no collect calls please!)

PNBCDXC Summer Get-Together: Phil Bytheway's summer Get-Together will be on Saturday, July 19, beginning at 2 PM and is open to all radio hobbyists - medium wave, SWBC, utility, TV/FM, or whatever. Feel free to bring stuff like receivers, antennas, QSL cards, etc, to show off or demonstrate. Also, bring your favorite junk food or drink. The GTG is at 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA. Please RSVP ... or if you have questions, call 206-784-5145 ... or you can e-mail Phil at phil_tekno@yahoo.com.

Get-Together in BC: Dan Sys's GTG will be held at 27423-32nd Avenue in the Aldergrove area of Langley, BC starting at noon August 23. This is 35 miles southeast of Vancouver on the #1 Freeway and 4 miles north of the Lynden-Aldergrove border crossing on Highway #13. E-mail: dsysca@yahoo.ca or phone him at 604-856-2130 for more details. Guest of honor will be Dario Monferini from Italy. They'll pass the hat around for pizza later in the day.

DX Time Machine From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the June 20, 1953 DXN: Hank Holbrook, Chevy Chase, MD noted that of six Brazilian stations reported, only PR3-860 had answered; but veries came through from 2XP (New Zealand) and 2LT (Australia), in addition to many TA's and LA's.

25 years ago ... from the June 12, 1978 DXN: John Clements was announced as the new editor of the NRC "Question and Answer" column.

10 years ago ... from the June 28, 1993 DXN: Contest manager Rick Dau ended up with the most points, 2381, in the annual contest, but Robert Kramer, Chicago, was awarded first place, followed by Earl Higgins, St. Louis, MO, who had won the year previous.

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>	
610	WAGG	AL Birmingham	WEZN
670	*New	VA Portsmouth (WRJR synchro)	WR2XJR
750	WSBX	IL Brookport	WNTX
750	WAAT	PA Olyphant	WQOR
850	WDJA	FL West Palm Beach	WFTL
890	WBPS	MA Dedham	WAMG
970	KXTP	WI Superior	WGEE
1150	KCUV	CO Englewood	KNRC
1150	WAMG	MA Boston	WBPS
1300	WXXU	FL Cocoa Beach	WTIR
1400	WFTL	FL Fort Lauderdale	WFFL
1420	WFFL	FL Delray Beach	WDJA
1460	WPNX	AL Phenix City	WHAL
1510	KNRC	CO Littleton	KCUV
1680	WTIR	FL Winter Garden	WLAA

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APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

670	NV	Las Vegas: 10000/600 U4
780	CO	Pueblo: 3000/760 U4
1100	NV	Las Vegas: 20000/2000 U2 (application modification)
1160	AL	Saraland: 15000/250 (15000 CH) U2 (application modification)
1180	FL	Havana: 1000/250 U4 (directional pattern would protect VOA-1180 Marathon, FL)

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

670	VA	Portsmouth: 0/700 N3 (synchro for WRJR Claremont, VA)
730	WA	Hoquaim: 1000/1000 U3
790	NV	Winchester: 1000/300 U4
840	CA	Modesto: 4000/10000 (4000 CH) U7

APPLICATIONS FOR EXISTING FACILITIES

630	WDGY	WI	Hudson: 1000/2500 U4 (would become third station sharing transmitter site with WCTS-1030 and WMIN-740)
870	KLSQ	NV	East Las Vegas: 5000/430 U2, city of license to Whitney, NV (this for the synchro for KLSQ Laughlin, NV, not the primary facility))
900	WCOR	TN	Lebanon: 5000/136 U1
1020	WIBG	NJ	Ocean City-Somers Point: 1900 (680 CH) D1
1050	KCAA	CA	Loma Linda: 1400 D1
1160	WYLL	IL	Chicago: 50000/50000 U4 (application was denied then reinstated)
1250	WKNX	MI	Bay City: 1000/129 U4
1260	WSUA	FL	Miami: 50000/20000 U4
1270	KSCB	KS	Liberal: 5000/25 U1
1280	WOWZ	VA	Appomattox: 5000/160 U1
1310	WCCW	MI	Traverse City: 15000/130 U4 (would share two towers at the WPMC-580 transmitter site)
1390	WRIG	WI	Schofield: 10000/7200 U4
1420	WKCW	VA	Warrenton: 50000/1000 U4 (proposes to use four of the new Kintronics low profile antennas)
1430	WOWW	TN	Germantown: 5000 D1
1520	WTRI	MD	Brunswick: 17000 (17000 CH) D3
1540	WBIN	TN	Benton: 1000/4 U1
1560	KILE	TX	Bellaire: 50000/10000 (50000 CH) U7

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

730	WSCC	SC	Charleston: 5300/108 U5
860	KTRB	CA	Modesto: 50000/40000 U4, city of license to San Francisco, CA
960	WLLL	VA	Lynchburg: 9000/42 U1
1000	WJBW	FL	Jupiter: 650/17 U1
1270	KESS	TX	Fort Worth: 50000/5000 U4
1300	KPMO	CA	Mendocino: 5000/77 U1
1320	WDMJ	MI	Marquette: 5000/135 U1
1360	KHNC	CO	Johnstown: 10000/450 U2
1370	KJIL	WY	Cheyenne: 1000/8 U1
1390	KJME	CO	1300/59 U1, relocate transmitter (will duplex into one of the KLZ-550 towers)
1400	KLIN	NE	Lincoln: 1000/1000 U1, relocate transmitter
1460	KTFW	TX	Waco: 5000/500 U4, city of license to Burleson, TX
1580	WANB	PA	Waynesburg: 720 D1

OTHERNESS

550	CKPG	BC	Prince George: new FM is on, AM will be DELETED in three months
700	WGOP	MD	Walkersville: SILENT (FCC again showing Walkersville as city of license)
760	WCIS	NC	Morganton: CP for 3500 D1 is on
880	-CP-	NV	Sparks: CP for new station CANCELLED
900	WNMB	SC	North Myrtle Beach: silent station is ON THE AIR
930	KYAK	WA	Yakima: CP for 10000/127 U1 is on
960	WPRT	KY	Prestonburg: CP for 3800/13 U1 from new site is on, station had been silent
1000	WJBW	FL	Jupiter: CP for 650/17 U1 is on
1000	KXRB	SD	Sioux Falls: CP for 10000/100 U4 is on
1060	WKNG	GA	Tallapoosa: application for 50000 D1 DISMISSED
1060	KHBC	HI	Hilo: CP for 5000/5000 U1 is on
1080	WSSI	MS	Carthage: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1100	KRKE	NM	Milan: SILENT
1130	WQIS	SC	Camden: SILENT
1150	KNRC	CO	Englewood: silent station is ON THE AIR
1160	WMLB	GA	East Point: CP for 50000/160 U5 expected to be on by the end of June
1170	WSOS	FL	St. Augustine Beach: CP for 710 D1 is on
1170	WMLE	GA	Cumming: will leave the air permanently when WMLB-1160 turns on their 50000/160 CP
1210	WILY	IL	Centralia: CP for 10000 (11000CH) D6 is on
1230	WBOK	LA	New Orleans: SILENT
1230	WQDY	ME	Calais: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1230	WCMA	MS	Corinth: silent station is ON THE AIR
1300	KPMO	CA	Mendocino: CP for 5000/77 U1 is on
1360	WMOV	WV	Ravenswood: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1410	KMYR	KS	Wichita: SILENT due to transmitter fire, will return soon
1420	WKAL	MI	Kalkaska: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1470	WBIT	GA	Adel: silent station is ON THE AIR
1470	WMBD	IL	Peoria: operating with 3800/1250 U1 after loss of three of their four towers
1470	WHRD	WV	Huntington: CP for 5000/72 U1 is on
1480	KAUS	MN	Austin: operating 250/250 U1 due to loss of tower, expects to resume normal operations in July
1490	KFXV	LA	Houma: SILENT
1500	WQCR	AL	Alabaster: SILENT

THANKS: Bill Hale, Powell Way, Ed Krejny, Pat Griffith, and Shawn Axelrod

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

Jerry & BKf

Team Effort ...

That's what makes the NRC so great! And all information, contributions, and editing for DX News, DX Audio Service, and all publications is done by unpaid volunteers as part of a team. Perhaps you have a little time to give to your club ... if so, please write to Ken Chatterton - P. O. Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661-0164, and let him know what talents and time you can offer to the club. Updates to the NRC AM Log are always needed. Why not write to Ken today?!

Domestic DX Digest

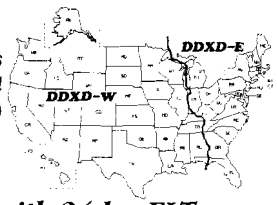
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Although a bit of DX is still surfacing, we seem to be in the throes of "Summer Season Blahs" as far as AM DX is concerned. Which means it's time to plan on that end-of-summer retreat to the NRC Convention! Details of the fun-fest can be found in a DX magazine near you.
- Some damage reports from recent tornadoes: **Wally Wawro** was first to report: "WMBD-1470 lost three towers over the weekend [5/10-12] thanks to a tornado. CE **Wayne Miller** has pics up at his website: <http://www.waynemiller.com/wmbd>. This is the second time in four years the station has suffered tornado related tower damage." **Jim Gilinsky** sends word that *The Peoria Journal Star* reports... "WMBD sustained damage to its 3-tower, night pattern, directional array in the May 10 tornado that past [sic] south of Pekin. They will be broadcasting, nondirectional, with reduced power 'for several months' until towers can be replaced." See the 1470 item for more details, as well as other storm damage items in "Station News". By the way, WMBD uses **four** towers for their nighttime array. Whoever wrote that story for the *Journal Star* must have gotten the details from a reporter for the *New York Times*. hi hi; **Patrick Griffith** writes: "I made a short trip to west KS, the OK panhandle, and southeast CO last weekend. I didn't do as much DXing as I wanted to, but here are a few items. Also I have added some tower site photos of KBUF, KGYN, and KXXX from the trip to my web site at <http://community.webtv.net/AM-DXer/>"; **Deane McIntire** writes: "Recent loggings, to see what one could do under the recent poor conditions using a Radio Shack TRF barefoot from Calgary AB (where it does not get dark until about 11PM local time (0100 ELT)). Despite this the high end of the band is often reasonable good at this time at this time of the year."
- Shreveport loses TWO sports-oriented stations. See if you can find the details... I know we're not in the habit of delving into Mexican activity here, but I've noticed another XE listed in the FCC database on 1630 kHz. Of course, there has been XEUT in Tijuana for some time now, but there is a new listing at Tizayuca, Hidalgo with the customary expanded band U1 10000/1000 setup. Tizayuca is about 30 miles northeast of Mexico City, so should be 'hearable' if conditions are right.
- Upcoming deadlines: Issue 28 - July 3; Issue 29 - July 31; Issue 30 - Sept 4.

REPORTERS

- BA-CO **Brian Avery Fruita** Sangean ATS404 receiver, and Radio Shack 15-1853 loop <yamsi531@msn.com>
- RA-NV **René Auvray Los Angeles** Jensen Plus Radio in a '97 Crown Victoria
- SA-MB **Shawn M. Axelrod Winnipeg** Receivers: ICOM ICR-70/Drake R8/ICOM R-7000; Antennae: 4-Foot unamplified box loop/Quantum Loop/Discone/145-Foot outdoor wire/100-foot indoor wire/MFJ 1026 Phasing Unit <<http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/index.html>>
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- PG-KS **Patrick Griffith Colby** NewMar NAV121 MKII portable on D-cell pack + rotatable dual 6" ferrite core loop
- PG-OK **Patrick Griffith Colby** NewMar NAV121 MKII portable on D-cell pack + rotatable dual 6" ferrite core loop
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- DP-CA1 **Dale Park (Honolulu)** DXING in Cordelia ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop

- DP-CA2 <DXFool@aol.com> **Dale Park Fairfield** Dodge car radio
- DP-CA3 **Dale Park** on the road in Silicon Valley Dodge car radio
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- Ed.-TX **Editor North Richland Hills** DX-398 inside the RS Loop

STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 740 WMIN WI **Hudson - Now carries religious/Starboard Relevant Radio.** Formerly carried EWTN's SS service [also see 1530 - Ed.]. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)
- 750 WNTX IL **Brookport - Abandons its brief attempt to trade off the WSB identity of a more famous occupant of 750, changing calls from WSBX. (100000watts.com)**
- 850 KACD CA **Thousand Oaks - Goes sports // KXTA 1150 Los Angeles.** Ex: classic country. (100000watts.com)
- 850 (WQST) MS **Forest - 6/6 - Is silent. (MSJ)**
- 910 KWDZ UT **North Salt Lake City - 5/8 0513 - Poor signal, with Radio Disney programming. Now on with these calls and format. NEW! (SA-MB)**
- 920 KVINt CA **Ceres - 4/25 1203 - Noted in passing with adult standards format (probably Westwood One) during band scan, just as I heard them back home in Hawai'i in January as KLOC. To clarify earlier reports, 920 aired adult standards as KLOC while KVIN-1390 was smooth jazz // KRVR-FM 105.3 Modesto The River. Now KVIN is on 920 and KLOC is Mexican again, per 100000watts.com. (DP-CA1)**
- 1050 KTCT CA **San Mateo - 4/25 0959 - Thanks to radio alarm, woke up to a Hotwire.com ad followed by slogan KNBR 1050 The Sports Leader and softer, quicker ID KTCT San Jose (?) into Fox Sports Update. Also heard the KNBR 1050 Sports Ticker and KNBR 1050 Traffic. So KTCT is no longer The Ticket but KNBR 2 á la ESPN2 and Fox Sports Net 2. A regular back in Hawaii. Incidentally, KTCT airs non-sports talk shows as a public service Saturdays and Sundays from 0800-0900. (DP-CA1)**
- 1130 KSDO CA **San Diego - Has been sold and is now running a Spanish format. I haven't listened to the format much yet, but an article in the San Diego Union... says it's a nueva vida kind of (Protestant?) religious format, which is basically what XEXX-1420 has been running recently. KSDO had been managed... by Clear Channel, who moved all the high-rated local and syndicated programming to KOGO-600 some time ago. (TRH-CA)**
- 1130 KWKH LA **Shreveport - Has dropped most of its sports programming and is now Classic Country as KWKH Country Legends 1130 AM. Ex: The Fan (100000watts.com and M Street Journal)**
- 1150 KNRC CO **Englewood - P/d letter in five days verifying testing on 4/28 and sign-on 5/ 5. V/s: Dave Herrald, Director - Deployment and Operations. FCC database now confirms call swap effective 5/9. 1150 is now KNRC and 1510 is now KCUV. Stations are still //. (PG-CO)**
- 1170 KLOK CA **San Jose - Station has moved to 655 Campbell Technology Parkway, Suite 225, Campbell 95008-5067, along with KLOK-FM 100.3, per visit 4/28 and confirmed by corporate website. Phone number is (408) 540-5683 and GM is Mike Murphy. It's in an office park with a big Entravision sign on the front of the building (Entravision Communications Corp. is the corporate owner). (DP-CA3)**
- 1220 KSFB CA **Palo Alto - Per visit on 4/23, station airs one hour of co-owned Salem Radio Network's Hugh Hewitt Show out of KRLA-870 from 1807-1900, otherwise the format is Protestant Christian talk and teaching plus praise music in the evenings. KSFB is co-located with KFAK-1100 in Fremont's Citibank building at 39138 Fremont Blvd., 94538-1305; phone number is (510) 713-1100. (DP-CA3) [Note: this is correct city-of-license - Ed.]**
- 1240 KALY NM **Los Ranchos de Albuquerque - 5/30 - Now: Radio Disney; ex: Regional Mexican. (M Street Journal)**



- 1240 WJMC WI Rice Lake - Adds some talk to its afternoon lineup, with Bill O'Reilly airing from 1 to 3 PM, and G. Gordon Liddy on from 3 to 5 (local times). The station will continue its format of information, light adult contemporary music, and sports broadcasts at other times. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)
- 1260 WLGS AL Birmingham - Has adopted a talk format // WYDE 101.1 Cullman AL. Ex: standards. (100000watts.com)
- 1280 KSLI TX Abilene - 5/29 - Goes talk; ex: standards. (100000watts.com)
- 1320 WRJS AL Birmingham - 5/23 - Now regional Mexican *La Mexicana 1320*; ex: black gospel. Sister station WAGG-610 changes calls (back) to WEZN. (100000watts.com)
- 1320 KCLI OK Clinton - 5/30 - Now: Spanish; ex: oldies. (MSJ)
- 1340 KRMD LA Shreveport - Now programming news/talk as *Super Talk Radio*; ex: ESPN sports. (100000watts.com and MSJ)
- 1360 WMFC AL Monroeville - 6/6 - Now black gospel as *WMFC Rejoice*; ex: Jones Good Time Oldies. (MSJ)
- 1390 KLOCt CA Turlock - 4/29 1737 - Noted in Mountain View with Mexican music, many ads for *Cinco de Mayo* events and sales. Caught mention of *Modesto* at 1752. Very poor, with QRM from KVTO-1400. Also noted during band scan in Cordelia on 4/25. Per 100000watts.com, the KVIN call sign moved from 1390 to 920, with the KLOC call sign and a new Mexican format being installed on 1390. (DP-CA3)
- 1390 WTJS TN Jackson - Lost its tower to recent tornado and storm activity. The tower also housed the antenna of WTNV 104.1 Jackson. (100000watts.com)
- 1460 WHAL AL Phenix City - Now black gospel as *Hallelujah 1460* WHAL. Ex: southern gospel (as WPNX), which moves to part of the day on WMLF 1270 Columbus GA, shared with ESPN Sports. (100000watts.com)
- 1460 WRJN WI Racine - 6/4 - Now programming a talk format; ex: sports/talk. (MSJ)
- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria - After losing three of their four towers to a tornado, station has returned to the air at 1:50 PM Sunday [5/11], and is now non-directional with 3800 Watts days and 1250 Watts at night. CE Wayne Miller welcomes DX reports. [Ed.-TX]
- 1480 KAUS MN Austin - Lost their northwest (#1 of 4) tower due to a recent storm, and is operating at 250 Watts non-directional until the new tower is delivered and set up. They may be an easier catch for those south of Austin as both day and night patterns are directed north. Called them and verified all info in current Log is spot on, except they are 24 hours, with NSP. [Ed.-TX]
- 1530 KSMM MN Shakopee - Has switched to religious/Starboard Relevant Radio; ex: Spanish religion [also see 740 - Ed.]. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)
- 1570 WGLL IL Auburn - Returns to the air with religion. (DX-midAmerica.com)
- 1570 WCLE TN Cleveland - 5/29 - Now programming Southern Gospel; ex: Adult Contemporary. (MSJ)
- 1680 KTFH WA Seattle - According to a posting on the Seattle Radio Board by well-known production/voice-over guy, L.L. Hemingway, founder of Cascade Broadcast Services, the station will call itself *The Bridge* and be broadcasting Hindi music and news. (Northwest Broadcasters at <http://members.shaw.ca/nwbroadcasters/recentnews.htm>)

UNIDs and PRESUMED

- 1140 UNID ?? - 5/11 2234 - Poor, way under WRVA. *Your good-time oldies station. Oldies 1140 ??WB. 50s/60s oldies heard 'til fade-out. Stumped! (JJR-WI)*
- 1270 KJUGp CA Tulare - 5/31 0228 - Poor, with C&W. *The classic hits you know and love, Classic Country 1270 ID. UNID sport station underneath during fades (probably KBZZ). (BA-CO)*
- 1600 UNID ?? - 5/25 2326 - AM 1600, all gospel, all the time. Very weak. (PG-OK)
- 1680 UNID ?? - 5/26 - Possible pirate or ??? Strongest in Long Beach area, over KAVT, with *Radio America* conservative talk programming. (MS-CA)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1610 WPBW809t CA Fairfield HAR - 4/25 1215 - Noted weak OC here during band scan, but no audio. The old Mike Hardester list says CalTrans has two transmitters on I-80 west and east of the I-680 junction in Cordelia, but these aren't listed in the

- FCC database. FCC, however, does list three TIS's in nearby Benicia. (DP-CA1)
- 1620 KFHX AZ Fountain Hills - 5/16 1400 - With ToH ID: 1620 KFHX *Fountain Hills, Arizona* going from 30s and 40s music show and into the *Perry and Lisa Show*. Lots of 70s music played. Not a bad sounding station. Can be heard on www.kfhx.org and is non profit. Streaming audio on Windows Media Player. (KR-AZ)
- 1620 WPF596 CA Milpitas - 4/29 afternoon - Noted in Redwood City with repeating loop of four announcements, including one on establishing a safe shelter in case of terrorist attack, then same announcement in Spanish. Poor audio quality. Underneath KSMH. (DP-CA3)
- 1620 UNID CA Yorba Linda - 5/10 2003 - HAR with taped info on the 91 Freeway Fast Track Express Lane. (MS-CA)
- 1620 WNZF285 CA Fullerton - 5/10 2330 - Cal Trans HAR with information about parking at Cal State Fullerton and road conditions. (MS-CA)
- 1620 KNEC996 CA Long Beach - 5/26 1750 - HAR tape loop with info on 405 and 710 freeway interchange and construction. (MS-CA)
- 1620 KNNN868 CA Santa Ana - 5/26 1800 - Cal Trans HAR for Orange County. Transportation Helpline at 1-800-724-0353. (MS-CA)
- 1620 WPKE794 CA Torrance - 5/26 1740 - Slogan: *City Sounds*. Tape loop for Torrance. Mention of web site: www.torrance.com. (MS-CA)
- 1670 WPIN401 CA Dixon - 4/24 local afternoon - Noted signs along I-80 freeway between Vacaville and Dixon to tune in to this TIS, which was inactive at the time. Per FCC database, the tower is located at 8638 Sparling Lane (within sight of the old VOA transmitter site towers), was launched 9/30/02 and when active runs 10 Watts. No sign of WPSH292 in nearby Woodland either. (DP-CA2)
- 1680 WPSH202 CA Foster City - 4/28 1738 - Heard in Santa Clara carrying NOAA radio with Bay Area weather (winds, waves, etc.), then Foster City PSAs from police department and Explorer Scouts, mention of website www.fostercity.org, and weather again. IDs as *Radio Foster City*. Town's website says station moved to 1680 in 2002. Also noted 4/29 with sound bite from Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge. Fair, for less than 10 Watts power. (Call sign is from city's website; FCC says it's WPUJ472.) (DP-CA3)
- 1690 UNID CA Bell Gardens - 5/20 2300 - TIS noted here with typical municipal information. (MS-CA)
- 1700 WPTZ516 CA Oakland Intl. Airport - 4/28 1732 - Woman barely audible underneath Ames Research Center TIS WPT201, while driving in Sunnyvale. Heading south-east towards San Jose station was getting stronger with parking info and mentions of Oakland. (DP-CA3)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 550 KFRM KS Salina - 5/24 2021 - Old radio drama *Night Beat* starring Frank Lovejoy. Slogan: *Wherever you can stick a radio, that's where you'll find us. Farm Radio 550, KFRM.* (PG-KS)
- 590 KTHO CA South Lake Tahoe - 4/25 1136 - AC oldies by Carly Simon, Bob Welch and Christine McVie, Rita Coolidge, and Gino Vanelli. DJ talk mentioned . . . *playing your favorites*, two ads, including one for Carson Valley Inn. DJ introduced the *Closet Classic: Tony Bennett's I Left My Heart In San Francisco*. Finally a slogan: *You're Listening to The Nation's Originals on K-Tahoe, AM 590*. Poor, with heavy KMJ-580 slop. (DP-CA1)
- 700 KALL UT North Salt Lake City - 5/9 0240 - With *The Laura Ingraham Show*. (KR-AZ)
- 740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 5/12 2325 - Fair, with *Clark Howard Show* talk. 740 KRMG, *Depend on it* ID at 2330. (BA-CO)
- 790 KXXX KS Colby - 5/25 0044 - *Farm and Ranch Radio, K Triple X.* (PG-KS)
- 790 KFYO TX Lubbock - 5/25 2356 - Lubbock and west Texas weather. *Lubbock's official weather station, 790, KFYO.* (PG-OK)
- 830 KNCO CA Grass Valley - 4/24 1412 - *Rush Limbaugh Program* with rumor that Saddam Hussein and some of his cronies were "spirited away" to Belarus, then dissing Gov. Howard Dean and other Democrats for being anti-war. // KSFO-560, KPAY-1290, KFBK-1530. Good. (DP-CA2)
- 860 KARS NM Belen - 5/26 0403 - Good, through XEMO, with classic C&W *Nothing Sure Looks Good On You*. Id at 0406: *The music you want to hear 24 hours-a-day, from*

880 KRVN NE Lexington - 5/22 0130-0225 - With *Midnight Trucking Radio Network*. Talk show about the USA takeover of Iraq. News at the top of the hour followed by Nebraska weather report. Reception mostly good, with a some fading plus some other station interference. (MG-ID)

920 KVIN CA Ceres - 5/9 0119 - Noted playing *Underdog* which definitely caught my attention. *You're listening to 920 The Vine* at 0120, and after a PSA or two, *The Vine 920*. Format still NOS (sort of) music. Ex: KLOC. (DKK-CA)

920 KLMR CO Lamar - 5/11 0647 - Fair, with C&W playing request songs - *Our special Mother's Day special - helping you to take care of that special mom. Tri-County Ford Ad*. During a fade at 0650, heard an unID: *Good Time Oldies* underneath. (BA-CO)

930 KAFF AZ Flagstaff - 5/11 0635 - Fair, with C&W. *In northern Arizona, this is Country Calif*. Severe fade at 0643. (BA-CO)

930 KRKY CO Granby - 5/31 0058 - Fair, with C&W. ABC News at ToH. *Country Radio, KRKY, Granby-Winter Park* ID. UNID *Rockies vs Giants* baseball game (on . . . *the Colorado Rockies Baseball Network*) underneath. New. (BA-CO)

930 WKY OK Oklahoma City - 5/24 2200 - Was listening to an unID, believed to be KOGA, when the station dropped power at 2200 and I caught *News Talk Radio, Super Talk 93, WKY*. (PG-KS)

960 KABL CA Oakland - 5/10 0759 - Poor, with NOS. *KABL jingle, then song Born to Loose*. Taken over at 0801 by KNDN sign-on. (BA-CO)

960 KNDN NM Farmington - 5/10 0801 - Poor, with sign-on and the playing of the SSB. *This is Navajo Radio, KNDN, Farmington, New Mexico* ID, followed by a LONG stretch of local commercials. (BA-CO)

970 KGET CA Bakersfield - 5/26 0429 - Strong, with *America Live* talk Show. ID at :30: *News Radio for Bakersfield, KGET*. (MS-CA)

990 CKGM QC Montreal - 5/17 2200 - Blasting in with ToH ID: *This is CKGM 990 Montreal. The Team 990. A chum radio station*. Into ESPN Sports Center. Not new, but once again dominating 990 with no sign of CBW. (PAL-MN)

1010 KGUYt OR Portland - 4/24 0010 - Raucous-sounding DJ with C&W oldies like *I'm a Stand-By-Your-Woman Man* by Ronnie Milsap, *These Days Too Many Lovers* by Crystal Gayle, *True Love Ways* by Mickey Gilley. Fair, under KIQL. (DP-CA2)

1060 KDUS AZ Tempe - 5/31 0255 - Good, with sports. *The sports authority, the Deuce, and Sporting News Radio* IDs. Ads for *The Sporting News*. (BA-CO)

1060 KTNS CA Oakhurst - 4/24 0946 - Engelbert Humperdinck song, an Oreck ad, weather for Sierras region . . . on FM 103.1 and AM 1060, with break for promo for show Saturdays from 6 to 8 PM, then back to adult standards music. ID at 0959, then AP Network News at 1000 including ad, followed by announcement: *And I'm Wayne DuBois in the KTNS newsroom . . . mentioning that Fresno Falcons* playoff hockey will air on sister station KAAT-FM 103.1 and 104.3, then weather sponsored by *The Bank of Madera County*, into song *Let's Dance*. Uses Jones Radio's *Music Of Your Life* service per website. Poor, with unID talk station way underneath and ripply, and heavy KTCT-1050 slop. (DP-CA1)

1060 KIJN TX Farwell - 5/25 2000 - 100,000 Watt FM 92 point 3 and 10,000 Watt AM 1060, KIJN, Farwell. (PG-OK)

1070 KNX CA Los Angeles - 4/24 0945 - KTLA-TV Ch. 5's Sam Ruben with entertainment report . . . on *Newsradio 1070 KNX* before fading out. Poor. (DP-CA1)

1080 KWJjt OR Portland - 4/24 1010 - With *Imus In The Morning*. Probably KWJ] per station website. Poor-to-fair, at times in null of KSCO, 50 minutes after sunrise. (DP-CA1)

1120 KZSJ CA San Martin/San Jose - 4/24 1059 - Full ID in EE: *This is 1120 AM, KZSJ San Martin, San Jose and The Bay Area*, into presumed South Vietnam national anthem, band music and VV announcement. Doesn't sound like my unID that I heard underneath KPNW a few weeks ago. Fair. (DP-CA1)

1130 KWKH LA Shreveport - 5/31 0051 - Good, with C&W. *We've got all the best, and here comes another one. Country legends, KWKH* ID. New, but I thought this was a SPT station. (BA-CO) [They changed formats around May 31st - Ed.]

1140 KCLE TX Cleburne - 5/31 0152 - Poor, but steady, with OLD. *All new solid gold, 1140, KCLE. Martin's Funeral Home* ad. 1140, KCLE jingle at ToH. Lost at 0210.

(This amazes me, as this is the 2nd time I've picked up this 710 Watt station over 800 miles away). (BA-CO) [The nighttime pattern is pointed right atchoo - Ed.]

1150 KNRC CO Littleton - 5/9 0247 - *The talk alternative, the new KALL with the Troubleshooter Tom Martino*. (KR-AZ)

1200 WKST PA New Castle - 5/17 2140 - Excellent, with ID: *News Radio 1200 WKST* and into *Pirate* baseball. New. (PAL-MN)

1210 CFYM SK Kindersley - 6/1 0100 - Local news at 0105. Good, with many mentions of *Radio 1210/1330*. (DM-AB)

1230 KXO CA El Centro - 5/26 0640 - Coming out of song *Land of 1000 Dances*. ID: *For the latest news on the stock market, listen to KXO 1230*. Local KYPA off! (MS-CA)

1230 KPRL CA Paso Robles - 5/26 0629 - Logged after 30 years of trying, with KYPA off this MM. ID: *The North County's choice for stimulating conversation, AM 1230 KPRL*. (MS-CA)

1230 KKPC CO Pueblo - 6/4 0559 - Coming out of *BBC World Update* with ID: *This is Colorado Public Radio, 1230 AM, KKPC Pueblo*, then into promo for classical music. New. (PAL-MN)

1230 KERV TX Kerrville - 6/1 1730+ - Very good, with 'classic' 50s songs from Perry Como, etc plus BBD tunes. Nice ID at :00. Usual KWTX, which I thought might have changed formats, was nowhere to be found. A first-timer, from here. [Ed.-TX]

1240 KMCL ID Donnelly - 5/29 0459 - Coming out of some kind of music with ID: *You're listening to Mountain Air - KMCL*. Then began mixing with pest KODY North Platte giving their ToH ID. New. (PAL-MN) [And a new GY record at 1241 miles! - Ed.]

1310 KEIN MT Great Falls - 5/31 0045 - Very good, with ID at 0058, in the clear with no trace of usual CILW. (DM-AB)

1330 KOVE WY Lander - 5/27 0040 - C&W, ID at 0050 as AM 1330 KOVE. (DM-AB)

1360 WTAQ WI Green Bay - 5/3 0514 - Fair signal, fading up with local ads and WTAQ ID. New calls. NEW. (SA-MB)

1360 KRKK WY Rock Spring - 5/28 0040 - *Oldies 1360*, then an ad for CCRadio, and an ID at 0045. Excellent. (DM-AB)

1380 KTKZ CA Sacramento - 4/23 2359 - Announcement that KTKZ was the home of Fox News Radio in Sacramento, into co-owned SRN News. Probable KTOM underneath. (DP-CA2)

1380 KSRV OR Ontario - 5/31 0056 - Excellent, with ID at 0058. (DM-AB)

1380 KRKO WA Everett - 5/31 0059 - Under KSEV, with ID at 0100. (DM-AB)

1390 KLOC CA Turlock - 5/9 0128-0135+ - With lively music in SS, mixing with KLTX who had talk in SS. ID at 0132 in EE: *KLOC Turlock-Modesto-Merced*. Ex: KVIN. (DKK-CA)

1390 KLGn UT Logan - 4/28 1530-1545 - *News at the Bottom of The Hour*, followed by old pop classic music (John Denver). Station slogan: *From Paradise To Pocatello*. Reception was poor-to-fair. (MG-ID)

1390 KLGn UT Logan - 5/26 0038 - Good, with oldies/nostalgia, and many ID's with legal ID at 0100, then into CBS News. (DM-AB)

1410 KNTX TX Bowie - 6/1 1645+ - With syndicated show called *Second Bananas*, playing country tunes which only made it to number two on the chart. Listened for a legal ID at 1700 and 1800, but none was heard although it sounded like a 'live' announcer was on duty. First-time heard, although only about 65 miles away. Pattern favors Wichita Falls, not this-a-way. [Ed.-TX]

1420 KUJ WA Walla Walla - 5/2 0140-0205 - With a Glenn Miller medley. Frequency and station ID followed by announcements plus news from CNN Radio. Reception was fair with background "birdies". (MG-ID)

1430 KFIG CA Fresno - 4/23 2155 - *San Francisco Giants vs. Pittsburgh Pirates* baseball noted in passing // KNBR-680. Fair, with KVVN fading in at times. (DP-CA2)

1430 KEZW CO Aurora - 5/26 2330 - Fair-to-good, with many ID's. (DM-AB)

1430 KYKNt OR Salem - 4/23 2235 - *Portland Trailblazers vs Dallas Mavericks* basketball playoff game // KPNW-1120. Fair-to-poor, over/under KVVN and presumed KFIG. (DP-CA2)

1440 KMEDt OR Medford - 4/23 2229 - With Northwest Radio Network news before fading out. Faded back in with ad for *Southern Oregon Spectrway*, back to tape-de-

laid Sean Hannity Show. Poor, under KVON with Jim Bohannon and mixing with SS station (KDIF?). (DP-CA2)

1450 KTZR AZ Tucson - 5/11 0410 - Dominant briefly, with ID in SS. (MS-CA)

1450 KBFI ID Bonner's Ferry - 6/3 - Fair, with ID at 0100. (DM-AB)

1450 WKEI IL Kewanee - 5/31 0459 - *Celebrating 50 years*, (singing) WKEI. New. (PAL-MN)

1450 KGFF OK Shawnee - 6/1 0600 - *Legends 1450 KGFF Shawnee*. New. (PAL-MN)

1480 KGOE CA Eureka - 4/23 2202 - With ABC Information News seven seconds ahead of KGO. Mention of KGOE Eureka. Poor, over/under SS and C&W stations. (DP-CA2)

1490 WDBQ IA Dubuque - 5/9 0245 - Poor, with 1490 WDBQ Dubuque's News Talk Station. (JJR-WI)

1490 WTIQ MI Manistique - 5/5 0342 - Poor, though clear *Cruisin' 1490 WTIQ*. With oldies. (JJR-WI)

1490 KTTR MO Rolla - 5/8 0406 - Poor, with AM-FM ID in nice fade-up . . . and out. (JJR-WI)

1490 CFOS ON Owen Sound - 5/6 0331 - Poor, but clear promo for . . . *Radio on 560 CFOS*. (JJR-WI)

1510 KSBA CA Ontario - 5/25 0823-0830 - With *To Sir With Love* by Lulu, two BBD-contemporary tracks followed by CL ID. Faded out by 0830. (RA-CA)

1520 KVTA CA Port Hueneme - 4/23 2206 - Weather with slogan *Ventura County's News and Talk Source* into Jim Bohannon Show regarding Sen. Rick Santorum's comments about homosexuality. Fair-to-poor, over/under KMPG, with QRM from KFBK-1530. (DP-CA2)

1530 KFBK CA Sacramento - 4/26 0231-0245 - Rush Limbaugh replay of *Open Line Friday*. Excellent signal. (MG-ID)

1530 KFBK CA Sacramento - 5/12 2221 - Poor, with TLK. *Something you should know*, 790, KABC ID. (BA-CO)

1560 KNZR CA Bakersfield - 4/24 1105 - End of AP Network News, then California Highway Patrol traffic report, and weather mentioning Kern County. Faded out, but back in with AP News, station update at 1110. Poor, at an hour and 45 minutes after sunrise. (DP-CA1)

1580 KWYD CO Colorado Springs - 5/13 2153 - Fair, with TLK/SPT. *NASCAR Live*, and *Radio Colorado Network presents NASCAR two-thousand three, exclusively*. Promo for the *Dale Earnhart Tribute Concert*. (BA-CO)

1600 KUBA CA Yuba City - 4/25 1235 - With Engelbert Humperdinck song. At 1237, a liner, a song, and ID: AM 16 Hundred KUBA, *The Only Station For Great Singers, Timeless Melodies, America's Best Music* followed by song *Just In Time* by male, DJ John Black talk, YMCA PSA, plug for Women's Expo sponsored by sister station Cool 104, more adult standards. ID at 1259, CNN Radio News, a cutaway at 1303: *Keeping The Mid-Valley Informed For 54 Years, AM 16 Hundred KUBA*, then local news with Chris Gilbert with references to Appeal-Democrat newspaper, then weekend weather, slogan: *Throughout the Valley, only one station is nothing but Great Singers and Timeless Melodies, America's Best Music, AM 16 Hundred KUBA* into Frank Sinatra's Let's Fall In Love. Unlike many adult standards stations, this one has local DJs! Good with music station way underneath (KGST?), slight KLIV-1590 splatter. (DP-CA1)

1600 KCKK CO Lakewood - 5/29 0056 - Good with ID. (DM-AB)

1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 5/2 2250 - Fair, with New Orleans Hornets vs Philadelphia 76ers NBA playoff game. *Talk Radio 1640 WTNI* ID. (KDF-IL)

1680 KFSG CA Roseville - 5/20 2300 - With ID is EE, and religion in SS. New; ex: KSXX. (MS-CA)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

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DDXD-East

Not a lot to report this issue, but rumor has it's graveyard season, so c'mon, gang, let's get listening! Many thanks to Bruce Conti for guest editing the last DDXD-E!

REPORTERS

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200; Grundig YB-400PE.

PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.

JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box.

DH-NJ Dave Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro loop.

BDM-ON Barry McLamon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.

DS-PA Dave Schmidt, Avoca - Ford Escort car radio.

PEW-SC Powell E. Way, West Columbia - From the storage building DX site with the Hallicrafters SX-110 and a short gob of wire.

UNID

1100 UNID — — 5/12 0006 - WTAM signed off for transmitter maintenance. In their absence I heard a weak signal with piano music and Spanish vocal, peaking SE. Modulation level on voice announcements was too low to understand. Signal strength peaked around 0030, but voice still not readable. Some adjacent channel sideband slop. (PC-VA)

STATION LOGGINGS

750 WQOR PA Olyphant - Noted running tests 5/19 1700-1800+, 5/20 0700-0730+ - short period of tone, unmodulated carrier and low-level voice ID, repeating in 1 minute loop. Ex-WAAT. (DS-PA)

1050 WADC WV Parkersburg - 5/10 2000 - poor under CHUM on east wire with NOS music, ID at TOH "AM 1050 is WADC, Parkersburg - Masillon". (JF-ON)

1080 WWNL PA Pittsburgh - 5/24 2029 - End of religious program "Living in Times Like These" in WTIC-CT null. At 2030, announced "AM 10-80, WWNL, Pittsburgh, concludes its broadcast" and carrier was cut immediately. Channel then occupied by continuous musical programming peaking west, with occasional announcement for Classic Soul Hits, but no station ID despite listening the rest of the evening. (PC-VA)

1230 WTKG MI Grand Rapids - 5/7 0400 - Nice clear, well enunciated "AM 12-30 WTKG, Grand Rapids" ID, into ABC news. (BDM-ON)

1240 WWCO CT Waterbury - 6/2 0000 - good; dominant. CNN news and top of hour ID. Severe absorption conditions because of geomagnetic storm, so I'm doing some rare graveyarding. New. (DH-NJ)

WHMQ MA Greenfield - 6/2 0030 - fair to good at peaks. Gave weather report and ID'd as WHNP which is parallel. Severe absorption conditions. New. (DH-NJ)

WVOS NY Liberty - 6/2 0100 - fair. Call ID just popped up. Severe absorption conditions. New. (DH-NJ)

1310 CIWW ON Ottawa - 5/18 1959 - a rare Canadian slogan-meister that actually gave a top of hour call letter ID: "CIWW Ottawa is Oldies 1310" into *Chapel of Love* by the Dixie Cups. (MKB-ON)

1340 WSSC SC Sumter - 5/3 1300 - fair signal, community bulletin board, advertising. Gospel format and TOH ID. (PEW-SC)

WWLF NY Auburn - 5/9 2022 - over graveyard jumble with usual Radio Disney drivel, slogan "The Wolf" (i.e. WOLF-1490 Syracuse, which they //). (MKB-ON)

WBBL MI Grand Rapids - 5/11 0400 - ESPN, "here on your local sports leader, The Ball, 1340 AM WBBL Grand Rapids, poor. (BDM-ON)

1380 WPCH SC North Augusta - 5/3 1302 - fair signal with others faintly underneath. "We're the CSRA's newest station, WPCH, North Augusta...we're setting the standards." (PEW-SC)

1400 WINC VA Winchester - 4/29 2306 - "You're listening to Jim Bohannon on your home for the Baltimore Orioles, AM 1400 WINC." Fair, slightly over the rest of the pack. (BDM-ON)

WKNW MI Sault Ste. Marie - 5/5 0300 - "WKNW, Sault [pronounced Soo] Sainte Marie" ID, into CBS news, poor in mess. (BDM-ON)

WSAM MI Saginaw - 5/5 0630 - "1400 AM WSAM, Great Songs Station", announcer named Terry with time check and weather forecast, then woman with local news. (BDM-ON)

WJET PA Erie - 5/5 0635 - Several "JET Radio 1400" IDs, promo for "Valueline, Erie's radio shopping show for more than a decade", with phone # 461-1000, excellent, dominant. Last heard as WLKK. (BDM-ON)

- WDNY NY Danville - 5/5 0700 - "WDNY AM and FM" heard at TOH, then after news, "other songs on the way... coming up on Y93-9 FM and 14 FM, WDNV", poor to fair. (BDM-ON)
- 1410 WLSH PA Lansford - 5/9 2000 - top of hour ID: "WLSH Lansford-Lehighon-Hazleton, the station you grew up with" into *I Started a Joke* by the Bee Gees, then lost under some ESPN sports talker. (MKB-ON)
- 1450 WILM DE Wilmington - 5/9 0300 - IDs, talk about University of Delaware, phone # 302-645-4253, fair. (BDM-ON)
- WKIP NY Poughkeepsie - 5/9 0533 - "You've found the Music of Your Life", then musical "WKIP 1450" ID and back to music. (BDM-ON)
- WCTC NJ New Brunswick - 5/9 0607 - Local news, with mentions of New Jersey and Middlesex and Monmouth counties, good, on top. (BDM-ON)
- WHTC MI Holland - 5/10 0105 - Good, with weather forecast, several IDs, mentioning whtc.com website and the "WHTC weather hotline at 392-3088", then fading back into the jumble. New, 1450 #51, and beats the existing GY DX record for this station. (BDM-ON)
- WMAJ PA State College - 5/10 0600 - ESPN stuff, ID "1450 WMAJ, State College - Bellefonte", fair in usual mess. (BDM-ON)
- 1470 WMMW CT Meriden - 5/13 2315 - fair. Call ID following PSA for Coast Guard. New. (DH-NJ)
- 1490 WUSS NJ Liberty - 6/4 0020 - good. Oldies and ID'd as "solid gold 1490 WUSS." New. (DH-NJ)
- WKNY NY Kingston - 6/4 0050 - fair. Call ID just popped up; tape replay confirmed it. New. (DH-NJ)
- 1580 WGYM NJ Hammonont - 6/3 0000 - good. Carrying Jim Bohannon and ID'd as 1400 WOND. New. (DH-NJ)

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Transatlantic DX

- 153 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Bechar APR 30 2234 - Arabic music at low audio level; first TA noted. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN *RNE R.1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. MAY 1 0000 - Time pips, Spanish news; fair. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0114 - Parallel 684 with discussion; fair to good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 684 SPAIN *RNE R.1*, Sevilla MAY 15 0113 - Parallel 621 with fast Spanish talk; good with WRKO phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 783 MAURITANIA *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott APR 30 2323 - Parallel 4845 with stern-sounding Arabic man with possible religious talk; louder than adjacent CFDR/WTME-780. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 837 AZORES *Centro Regional da RDP*, Pico da Barrosa MAY 15 0109 - Country vocal, then Portuguese talk by man; over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN *COPE* synchros MAY 15 0116 - Parallel 999 with Spanish talk, bouncy music; now slightly over Azores. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN *COPE* synchros MAY 15 0125 - Parallel 837 with Spanish teletalk; loud. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 890.98 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Algiers MAY 15 0127 - Arabic vocal at very low audio level on strong carrier. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 945 FRANCE Toulouse MAY 15 0128 - French music; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 981.04 ALGERIA RTVA *Chaîne 2*, Algiers APR 30 2318 - Group Arabic vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 999 SPAIN *COPE* Madrid MAY 15 0106 - Spanish talk and segments of rock music; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1008 SPAIN *SER* synchros MAY 15 0103 - Parallel 1179 with Spanish news; good, over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1017 SPAIN *RNE R.5* synchros MAY 15 0104 - Man and woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN *SER* synchros MAY 15 0101 - Parallel 1179 with fast-talk Spanish news by woman; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM *TalkSport* synchros MAY 1 0029 - English teletalk; poor with WBAL phased. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0056 - Mixed with two others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1098 SPAIN *RNE R.5* synchros APR 30 2348 - Spanish talk; fair. Strong Brazil-1100 provided some slop. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0055 - Parallel 1152 with talk; loud. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN *RNE R.5* synchros MAY 15 0050 - Parallel 1152 with Spanish telephone interview; fair, over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN *COPE* synchros APR 30 2343 - Woman in Spanish; to good peak. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN *RNE R.5* synchros MAY 15 0050 - Parallel 1107 with Spanish telephone interview; fair to good. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN *SER* synchros APR 30 2316 - Spanish newstalk; over slop from aggregately-nulled WJFF/WHAM. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0048 - Teletalk, then jazz interlude; good. At 0134 now local-like; annihilating Cuba/WHAM-1180. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux MAY 15 0135 - Parallel 1557 with alternate version of "As Tears Go By" (original versions were by Marianne Faithfull and the Rolling Stones in mid '60s). Fair signal. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN *COPE* synchros APR 30 2340 - Two men in Spanish; good, over others. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0040 - Parallel 1296 with Spanish talk including apparent advertising; over UK and others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM *Virgin R.* synchros MAY 15 0105 - "Clocks" by Coldplay; over Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 1287 SPAIN *SER* synchros MAY 15 0023 - Parallel 1575 with muffled Spanish talk; poor to fair.

- [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1296 **SPAIN** COPE Valencia APR 30 2340 - Parallel 1215 with Spanish talk; over music station (UK?) and some WJDA slop. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0021 - Spanish teletalk; loud, over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1359 **SPAIN** Arganda MAY 1 0022 - Spanish discussion; through CKBC/WLYN/WDRG slop. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 14 2340 - Pretty good at early fade-up time; very loud about an hour later. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1359 unID MAY 15 0034 - Maybe Egypt with Arabic-style flutes; way under monster-loud Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1377 **FRANCE** Lille MAY 15 0032 - Parallel (loud) 1557 with French talk about Americans; slopped by WMYF. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1422 **GERMANY** DeutschlandRadio, Heusweiler MAY 15 0018 - Classical music; over apparent unmodulated carrier station; to fair strength. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1503 **IRAN** IRIB Bushehr MAY 15 0016 - Bits of Koranic vocal; under Spain. Het from Angola-1502 also present. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1503 **SPAIN** RNE R.5 synchros MAY 15 0001 - Man and woman with news in Spanish; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1512 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Jeddah MAY 15 0029 - Male Koranic chant; loud, easily getting by WWZN. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba APR 30 2258 - Bits of Arabic talk, mostly just a het against WIZZ with WWKB phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1521 **SPAIN** SER Castellón MAY 15 0025 - Parallel 1575 with woman in Spanish, then piano music; fair. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1548 **KUWAIT** R.Sawa, Kabd-Kuwait City MAY 1 0015 - Pop-style female Arabic vocal, then talk; fair. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 15 0008 - Dance style vocal, then hypnotic Arabic group vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1557 **FRANCE** Nice MAY 15 0010 - Tropical jazz instrumental; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1584 **CEUTA** RadiOlé MAY 14 2327 - Man in Spanish, then musical interlude; way over SER. This was one of the first TA's fading in: imagine if it ran big power! + MAY 15 0011 - Spanish pop vocal, then woman mentioned Melilla; huge signal! [Connelly*R-MA]
 1602 **SPAIN** R.Vitoria, Vitoria MAY 15 0013 - Spanish music at low audio level; over SER station and WUNR slop. [Connelly*R-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS AND CAICOS** R.Visión Cristiana, South Caicos MAY 31 0558 - Spanish gospel tune followed by a few announcements, then top-of-the-hour jingle, "Radio Visión Cristiana, marcando la hora," time-check, "Uno de la madrugada en punto en Nueva York," followed by triple legal IDs for WWRV New York 1330 AM, WVIP 1310 AM Mount Kisco and 530 South Caicos, Turks and Caicos, British West Indies. Good signal at tune-in. [Chiochiu-QC]
 535 **GRENADE** GBC St. George's MAY 15 0118 - Soul male vocal; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 640 **GUADELOUPE** R.Guadeloupe, Pointe-à-Pitre MAY 25 0436-0439 - Woman in French, very weak under a weak WNNZ. [Chiochiu-QC]
 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR, Caracas MAY 15 0111 - RCR mention; fair to good, dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
 860 **VENEZUELA** YVYE or YVOL, MAY 1 0035 - Several Caracas adverts and mentions in Spanish talk. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1000 **BRAZIL** ZYK522 R.Record, São Paulo APR 30 2349 - Reverberated Portuguese preaching; over Spain-999 het with WCMX phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1019.92 unID MAY 1 0032 - Somebody slightly off channel. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1020 **VENEZUELA** YVRS Mundial Margarita, La Asunción MAY 15 0130 - Spanish talk, Margarita ID; over second Spanish-speaker (probably R.Calendario), neither KDKA nor Turks & Caicos was audible. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1039.6 **VENEZUELA** YVLB La Voz de Carabobo, Valencia MAY 15 0131 - Spanish talk and het against the 1040 jumble. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1050 **VENEZUELA** R.Nacional, unID city, MAY 15 0132 - Spanish talk with Venezuela and Caracas mentions during baseball game coverage; WEVD phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1080 **VENEZUELA** YVQJ R.Barcelona, Barcelona MAY 14 2354 - Spanish mentions of local Venezuelan baseball teams; over phased WTIC. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1100 **BRAZIL** ZYK694 R.Globo, São Paulo APR 30 2347 - Reverberated Portuguese talk, many adverts for São Paulo businesses; good. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1110 **VENEZUELA** YVQT R.Carúpano, Carúpano, Sucre MAY 13 0313 - Tentative! Woman in

- Spanish noted way under a strong WBT. Way too poor and also too much WBT to clearly pick up any words though. If I would have been able to get an ID, this would have been a new one for me and my second station from the YV Sucre state. (The first one was YVRZ Dos Mil on 1500 in Cumaná noted around sunset on an auroral evening in SEP '01.) [Chiochiu-QC] MAY 15 0053 - Long list of telephone numbers, then R.Carúpano ID followed by uptempo music; good / dominant. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1130 **BRAZIL** ZYJ460 R.Nacional, Rio de Janeiro MAY 15 0051 - Booming Portuguese talk; good with WBBR phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1140 **VENEZUELA** La Voz del Caribe, Porlamar APR 30 2344 - Venezuelan sporting event; over CBI/WRVA. [Connelly*rw-MA] + MAY 14 2356 - Spanish advertising with Porlamar mentions, then start of sporting event with reverberated public address announcements and Venezuelan national anthem. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1160 **BERMUDA** VSB3 Hamilton MAY 15 0100 - Lilybolero interval music, time pips, then BBC news; over WSKW. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1180 **CUBA** CMBA R.Rebelde, Villa María MAY 13 0142 - Fair with intense fading, good-quiet strong and poor peaks, over / under weak remains of nulled WHAM; sometimes interference from powerlines. Man in Spanish with mention of Rebelde. [Chiochiu-QC]
 1210 **VENEZUELA** YVZT R.Anzóategui, Barcelona MAY 1 0010 - Venezuelan sports coverage; over VOAR with WPHT phased. [Connelly*rw-MA]
 1320 **MEXICO** XESR Santa Rosalia BCS MAY 10 1200 - National anthem, opening announcement, partially readable: "Bienvenido a Radio Cachania a partir de... primera... del dia, con la música... 18 horas... programación... Radio Cachania. Muy buenos dias." Have not logged this one for a few years, although it's probably them that I often hear playing the Mexican national anthem at this time. [Wilkins-CO]
 1490 **VENEZUELA** YVPR R.El Sol, Maracaibo MAY 25 2102 - Popular Latin American music, ID as Radio El Sol; fair, interference from two unID stations. [Trelford-JMC]
 1520 **MEXICO** XEART La Radio Los Estrellas, Jotutla MAY 25 - Fair; popular Latin American music, ID as "La Radio Los Esterellas." [Trelford-JMC]

Don speaks: I have a mystery station here on 1680. For the past four nights there has been a station there playing Latin American music (not tropical or ranchero). There are no voice announcements, even at the top of the hour, only a few seconds dead air between numbers. I think it might be a new station, and they are testing. There is nothing in the daytime, tried just before typing this, though WCNZ was coming through. Evidently WTIR has gone silent and a new Spanish station in Orlando area is testing there.

More Zephyrs from Zecchino: The mighty 590 is back with R.Rebelde and good audio. The 670 is somewhat diminished in strength with absolutely putrid audio. 660 and 690 R.Progreso are consistently back of late, both strong here. Took bearings on these over the weekend, some discrepancies from established lines. 1290 R.Taino seems to be off the air, now audible is Dobleve outa Santa Clara, I think, will check the 'list'. 1260 R.Encyclopedia is a bit off its usual strength as well, while 1270 Musical which was good in the fall is now down in the muddle. 910 Metropolitana is gone, now Reloj from some local hellhole or other is busting in here on the key, will write up all as soon as bearings are completed. First time in months the dread Red Plague has given local a respite from its toxic choking fumes, impossible to get near the beach until just this Sunday past.

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Special Report In Patagonia - A DXpedition at the End of the World

by Rocco Cotroneo

What follows is the story of a test (or should I say a "taste") for a future serious medium wave DXpedition at the end of the world, *la fin del mundo*, as Argentines call their extreme Patagonia

region. Since I live in South America, I had always wondered how conditions were like down there, if I could find a place comparable to legendary Nordic AM DX sites like the Scandinavian ones, Newfoundland, Grayland, or in this hemisphere, like New Zealand and Australia DXped spots.

The adventure was fast, just two nights, but exciting and the answer to my question is definitely yes. Approaching the South Pole too, things are great for radio. At 53 south, a 100 km from the end of continental Americas, I suspect this has been the most austral DXped ever.

What was I doing there? Not tourism, not Chatwin remembrance but work... Yes, it was also a free round trip. I was covering the new Argentinean president Nestor Kirchner in his hometown, Rio Gallegos, and had decided before leaving Rio de Janeiro to take my AOR 7030, together with some basic stuff in the photographer bag I usually carry for fast DXpeds. Wires, camping battery, earphones, minidisk recorder, frequencies lists. The idea was to take a 2-3 days off, after the assignment. There was not much I could arrange in advance, as my newspaper asked me to leave home with just a 24 hours advice. A fast search on the Internet and a few telephone calls almost killed my dream in advance. There was not one single hotel or "estancia" (farm) for tourism open in this season out in the countryside. Everything there closes down after Easter break for winter. I cried out when in Rio Gallegos with local tourism office. No way. Then Adrian came...

I knew him through a friend of a friend of the president of the local ham club. The Rio Gallegos radio club was my last and desperate resource to find a place far enough from my city hotel, where conditions were extremely noisy and the only exotic thing I could hear were Falkland Islands on 530 and 550, right off this coast. Argentineans, true, are lovely people. The ham gang helped me immediately, even without understanding, as often happens with them, what I was talking about. Adrian himself has nothing to do with radio. He is a nice *estanciero*, a sheep farmer, in his thirties, who was heading to his land with his Toyota jeep, some stuff for the farm and four dogs. He just said, "Ok, come with me. Just know that we have no electricity after 10 p.m. and we eat lamb twice a day, everyday." I had a camping battery with me and I love "cordero." What could I ask more?

The place: The "Estancia el Relincho" is located at 240 km west from Rio Gallegos, not far from the Chilean border. It's hard to imagine a place in the middle of nothing like this. The first electric pole is 18 km away, the first tiny town at 40. Around the estancia, in theory, it's possible to put an array of a ten, fifteen 1km-long beverage antennas... and sheep don't like wires too much, I was told. I had only two 200-m tiny wire rolls with me. After a three hours drive, we arrived there at 9 p.m. It was freezing and dark outside and Adrian helped me to lay the wires on the ground. Any other antenna arrangement would have been difficult. I had only 48 hours to spend here and the first night was about to start.

As from an azimuthal map I made before leaving, the most interesting target was supposed to be South Pacific. I laid the first wire at approximately 240, beaming New Zealand and Australia, and the other one at a right angle, heading South Africa and Asia. I was not very interested in Europe or Middle East for a number of reasons: first, the location was too far from the Atlantic Ocean, secondly Europe and its powerhouses are common catches for me in Brazil. Last but not least local sunset hours, usually good for TA reception in South America, were not usable because the energy generator in the estancia is too noisy until it is turned off. As for North America, I had not the slightest idea whether reception was possible. I was more worried about interference from Argentina and Brazil if putting a north wire. It was a blind date.

What happened? When I switched on my radio, at 23 p.m. the first night (0200 UTC) I realized I was going to have a painful problem. My battery has six hours autonomy and austral winter nights are long. I had to spare energy as much as possible to get through the most interesting hours. My laptop had enough battery charge and grey line software advised me I should wait at least 0400 (all times are UTC from now on) for Tahiti sunset and 0530 for New Zealand. On the northern front, the whole Americas would have been in the dark by 0330. Propagation would then decide what to listen to.

Surprisingly, the dial was crowded with local and semi local signals on any frequency. I had expected a quieter situation. Patagonia is well away from densely populated areas, Central Argentina is 2.000 km away as the most populated areas in Chile. Still, all Buenos Aires stations were strong and stable, as Santiago's. Peru on 1470 and 1500. The big Brazilians (1040, 1100, 1220, 1280) made up easily the big distance, too. Inland AM propagation is not easy in Latin America. I have never heard Peru from Rio de Janeiro, for example, and just a few stations from Chile and Venezuela, in special conditions. Another interesting discovery was the huge number of split, off-frequency stations, mostly presumably from Chile and Peru.

X-band was crowded too, with Argentinean pirates, but the first real DX came in right here, at the very top of the dial. At 0400, after a long no-stop music program followed by ABC news, 1700 kHz revealed to be *Oldies Radio* KQXX Brownsville, Texas. Not bad. The signal stayed here, weak and with long fading, all night long. Propagation was heading north at 0415, when TWR Bonaire boomed in on

800, fading out the Mec station in Rio de Janeiro. Few minutes later was Ecuador's turn, *Radio Splendid Cuenca* on 1040, to kill the dominant São Paulo station. Distances were getting interesting. *Splendid* is supposed to be a 10 kW at a good 6.000 km. Signal was strong. At least my wires were working.

At 0420 an even stronger signal came in on 1090. US, definitely, with sport, mixed with another station. "Sporting News Radio," damn... no way to ID it... On 750 and 810 two big *Caracol* from Colombia and I realized that the west side of the continent had almost totally faded out the Atlantic side, Brazil and La Plata dominant stuff. At 0520 everything was clear, I was experiencing a US West Coast opening! On 740 "traffic and weather together" with San Francisco temperatures announced the KCBS strong ID "all news 74." At 0600, on 1530, ABC news started after an exciting KFBK jingle from Sacramento, California. Network programs with talk shows, with fast fade-outs, showed up on 810 and 1200. The big signal on 1090 was still on. Now I am almost sure it was nightlong "Sporting News" program from *Mighty 1090*. The former, I guess, XEPRS transmitter from the Mexican border for San Diego, California.

It was time to check Pacific channels and excellent Bruce Potzer's *Pacific Asian Log* was the right tool. A carrier on 738 preannounced me Tahiti, but it never turned into a real signal to listen to. Just few seconds with soft music. My Pacific wire was too short and I decided to focus on high frequencies. At 0650, yes, it came in... *Radio Sport* from New Zealand. I taped a tentative ID from what was possibly the Wellington 5 kW outlet. I think I had never been able to ID such a weak signal in my whole DX life. The quietness of the estancia did it and I also want to thank veteran New Zealand DXer Paul Ormandy who confirmed the catch. Just the time to listen to weak music on 1098, another talk station on 1593 and the battery died... At 0720, with five more hours of darkness... Hawaii? Australia? Japan? I will never know if even more exotic catches were to show up or not.

Second night was much less exciting. Propagation was all the other side. More common catches like Virgin Islands on 1620 and Bahamas on 1540, a good WTOP ID on 1500, suggested me that US West Coast is not a everyday meal here and that I had been lucky enough the previous night. (Thanks also to Neil Kazaross to and Mark Hattam for helping me on 1620 and 1540). My battery kept on until 0830 but Pacific bubble was so weak that no significant emerged from 1503, 1314 and 1098 carriers.

It was a great experience anyway, I could not expect more from such a fast planning. California is 10.000 km away and 2,5 kW New Zealander "just" 8.000. Next time I will need a couple of car batteries, more wire and most of all a couple of volunteers with their receivers and experiences to share the excitement.

*** Audiofiles and pictures are available on the multimedia version of this article, www.faiallo.org/patagonia.html

International News

AFGHANISTAN: See the IBB schedule dated May 20 at http://sds.his.com:4000/fmids_z/schedules/cur_freqsked.txt. It notes the operation by IBB on 1296 at Kabul (Pol e Charki). Also operating is 1107 Afghan government. Both 400 kW omni. [Ydun Ritz, May 21, via *MWC E-Mail News*]

CROATIA: A foreign service of *Hrvatski Radio*, besides SW frequencies also broadcasts on MW 1134 (not parallel 1125). Heard programs in Croatian, Spanish: 0230-0300, English: 1800-1803, 0200-0230 (May). Program at 1800 is only 3 minutes duration. - Robert Petraitis, Lithuania in an email, May 9. I hear *Voice of Croatia* in English at 2200-2203UT with news. [Steve Whitt, May 17, via *MWC E-Mail News*]

CUBA: Nice second harmonic of *R.Reloj* right in the middle of the 160 meter ham band at 1900 kHz (2 x 950). Caught several voice IDs, as well as their Morse code ID "RR" at 0803. Spanish language news program, with second time pips, and 5 tone signature on the minute. There were several American ham operators on frequency trying to figure out from where the signal was coming. I caught the call sign of one and sent him an e-mail. [David Hodgson KG4TUY, May 12, via *MWC E-Mail News*]

ITU: June 16 marks the official inauguration of Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) broadcasting in Geneva during the International Telecommunications Union's World Radio Conference 2003.

MALTA: *Radju Malta* is on 998.85 kHz 24 hours a day. Noted on this slightly off channel frequency for more than a week now. [Stig Hartvig Nielsen, May 25, via *MWC E-Mail News*]

NETHERLANDS: New allocations on the AM frequencies to take effect June 1, per Max van Arnhem, The Netherlands:

C01 (1008): Radlon Media : Smooth FM
C02 (675): Music Country: Country FM
C03 (1395): Quality Radio - Liberty Radio
C04 (828): Quality Radio - Radio Tropical
C05 (1224): Quality Radio - Laser

C06 (891): Radio 538
C07 (1332): No allocation yet; Radio 192 has to leave this frequency
C08 (1035): Quality Radio - Radio Paradijs
C09 (1584): Quality Radio - 1584 AM Utrecht

C10 (1602): No allocation yet
C11 (1485): No allocation yet

C12 (1557): Quality Radio - Amsterdam talks

Arrow Classic Rock noted on 675 and 828, both in parallel at 1000 UTC 1st June playing Steely Dan record and similar back to back rock songs, *Arrow* automated ID and www.arrow.nl. Then at 1530 UTC 1st June with a repeated tape loop about the move of *Arrow Classic Rock* to 675. Quote from their website: "As yet the ministry of OC&W has granted no frequency/frequencies to Arrow. So far this ministry has had insufficient 'ear' for our unique music of Pink Floyd, Neil Young, Led Zeppelin, etc. Because Arrow must hand in the AM as a result of the herverdeling of frequencies 828, she has corresponded for as of Sunday 1 June a.s. provisionally on the AM 675 (the former frequency of *Radio 10*) to transmit." [Steve Whitt, June 1, via MWC E-Mail News] 73 and Good DX!



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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

550	KCRS	Midland TX, embroidered hat but no verie of any type in 10 days. Will try a polite follow-up. (Griffith—CO)
770	KAAM	Garland TX, prepared card in 29 days after a follow-up. V/s Hubert H. Beavers. (Wilkins—CO)
790	WTSK	Tuscaloosa AL, p/d e-mail in 6 weeks after an e-mail follow-up. V/s Greg Thomas, OM. (Myers—FL)
880	KGHT	Sheridan AR, prepared card in 24 days after a follow-up. V/s Illegible. (Wilkins—CO)
890	WEEZ	Laurel MS, p/d letter in 18 days. V/s Jackson Walker, Dir. of Programming. (Jones—TN)
900	KHOZ	Harrison AR, n/d letter, stickers in 21 days after a follow-up. V/s Bill Wilcox, CE. (Wilkins—CO)
930	WHON	Richmond IN, f/d letter in 29 days. V/s Dave Strycker, GM. (Jones—TN)
940	KPSZ	Des Moines IA, f/d letter, program guide, bookmark in 7 days after a follow-up. V/s Paul Guthrie, PD. (Wilkins—CO)
1020	KINF	Roswell NM, p/d letter, embroidered emblem, business card, t-shirt in 10 days. V/s Tracye Nelson, Promo Mgr. (Griffith—CO)
1080	KRLD	Dallas TX, p/d letter in 70 days. V/s Erik Disen. (Jones—TN)
1110	WBT XERED	Charlotte NC, n/d card in 21 days. (Jones—TN) Mexico, DF MEXICO, p/d e-mail in 1 day after an e-mail follow-up. V/s Domingo Camacho. (Myers—FL)
1150	KNRC	Englewood CO, p/d letter in 5 days confirming testing on 4/28 and 5/5 sign-on. V/s Dave Herrald, Dir. Deployment/Operations. (Griffith—CO)
1370	WVOL	Nashville TN, p/d letter, sticker, coverage map in 6 days. V/s John Heidelberg. (Jones—TN)
1380	WKJV	Asheville NC, n/d letter, stickers, coverage map in 28 days. V/s Tony Maynor, Station Mgr. (Jones—TN)
1550	KZRK	Canyon TX, prepared card in 8 days after 4 th follow-up. V/s Chris Knight, Marketing. (Wilkins—CO)
1560	WPAD	Paducah KY, p/d letter in 12 days. V/s Illegible. (Jones—TN)
1600	WIDU	Fayetteville NC, f/d prepared QSL sheet in 2 mo. after 3 rd follow-up. V/s Wesley Johnson. (Myers—FL)

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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!

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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

Freq	Call	Location	New Format	Web Site	
				970 WOXL	Canton, NC Rock
560	WLLZ	Monroe, MI	NWS/TLK	MSJ	
				970 WVOJ	Jacksonville, FL Tropical
570	WTNT	Bethesda, MD	NWS/TLK	MSJ	
				980 WYFN	Nashville, TN REL
570	CKGL	Kitchener, ON	NWS/TLK	Web Site	
				990 WVSC	Somerset, PA C&W
600	KSJB	Jamestown, ND	C&W	Kennedy	
				1010 KCHJ	Delano, CA SS:MEX
620	WTRP	La Grange, GA	OLD	Web Site	
		100000watts.com		1010 WSPT	Stevens Point, WI TLK
620	KMJC	Mount Shasta, CA	NWS/TLK	DX Midamerica	
				1010 KIQN	Tooele, UT NWS
670	WWFE	Miami, FL	SS:NWS/TLK/SPT	Heinen	
				1040 WWBA	Pinellas Park, FL NWS/TLK
700	KALL	North Salt Lake, UT	TLK	MSJ	
		AM Switch		1090 WTNK	Hartsville, TN C&W
740	WGSM	Huntington, NY	Korean/	MSJ	
		Brokered Kennedy		1110 WBCA	Bay Minette, AL GOS
750	WQOR	Olyphant, PA	REL	MSJ	
				1110 WJSM	Martinsburg, PA REL
830	WMMI	Shepherd, MI	OLD/TLK	MSJ	
		Web Site		1130 KSDO	San Diego, CA SS:REL
850	KACD	Thousand Oaks, CA	SPT	Braun	
		100000watts.com		1130 KWKH	Shreveport, LA C&W
860	KTRB	Modesto, CA	NWS/TLK	MSJ	
		Web Site		1140 WLOD	Loudon, TN NOS
860	KBEE	Salt Lake City, UT	C&W	MSJ	
				1150 KCCT	Corpus Christi, TX SS:REL
880	KWIP	Dallas, OR	SS:MEX	MSJ	
				1160 WKCM	Hawesville, KY C&W
900	WATK	Antigo, WI	NOS	DX News	
		DX Midamerica		1160 KENS	San Antonio, TX KID
900	WNMB	North Myrtle Beach, SC	OLD	MSJ	
				1170 KJOC	Davenport, IA TLK
900	WURD	Philadelphia, PA	NWS/TLK	DX Midamerica	
				1190 WPSP	Royal Palm Beach, FL SS:CHR
910	KRAK	Hesperia, CA	NOS	MSJ	
				1220 WEZU	Stillwater, MN NOS/TLK
910	KWDZ	Salt Lake City, UT	KID	MSJ	
		AM Switch		1230 WCMA	Corinth, MS SPT
930	WMGR	Bainbridge, GA	AC/EZL	MSJ	
		ILST		1240 WTID	Jasper, AL OLD
930	WRVC	Huntington, WV	Rock	Web Site	
				1240 WSYY	Millinocket, ME SPT
940	WIDG	Saint Ignace, MI	SPT/TLK	MSJ	
		Web Site		1240 KRAL	Rawlins, WY AC/OLD
960	KALE	Richland, WA	SPT	Web Site	
				1260 WLGS	Birmingham, AL TLK
970	WFUN	Ashtabula, OH	TLKd/SPTn	nrcdxas.org	
		Kennedy		1260 WWRC	Washington, DC NWS
970	WNIV	Atlanta, GA	REL:TLK	100000watts.com	

Freq	Call	Location	New Format	Heinen	
	Source			1400 KIGO Saint Anthony, ID	C&W
1270	WMLF	Columbus, GA	GOS	MSJ	
1280	KSLI	Abilene, TX	TLK	1400 WHGM Savannah, GA	UC:OLD
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1280	KRVM	Eugene, OR	NWS/TLK	1410 WING Dayton, OH	SPT
	MSJ			Web Site	
1290	KALM	Thayer, MO	NWS/TLK	1410 WHAG Halfway, MD	NOS
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1310	WHEP	Foley, AL	TLK	1410 WIQR Prattville, AL	SPT
	MSJ			MSJ	
1320	WRJS	Birmingham, AL	SS:MEX	1410 WSCW South Charleston, WV	REL
	MSJ			MSJ	
1320	WWWR	Randolph, VT	TLK	1420 WCOJ Coatesville, PA	TLK
	MSJ			MSJ	
1330	WELW	Willoughby, OH	OLD	1420 KXOW Hot Springs, AR	TLK
	MSJ			MSJ	
1330	KUKU	Willow Springs, MO	NWS/TLK	1430 WION Ionia, MI	NOS/TLK
	MSJ			Web Site	
1340	WJRI	Lenoir, NC	NWS/TLK	1450 KBFS Belle Fourche, SD	C&W/TLK
	MSJ			Web Site	
1340	WMTE	Manistee, MI	NOS/MiT	1450 WTBO Cumberland, MD	NOS/TLK
	MSJ			MSJ	
1340	WMON	Montgomery, WV	REL	1450 KFSD Escondido, CA	CLA
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1340	KEBC	Oklahoma City, OK	TLK/UC	1450 WKLA Ludington, MI	NOS/TLK
	MSJ			Web Site	
1340	KVRH	Salida, CO	OLD	1460 WHAL Phenix City, AL	UC:GOS
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1340	KYNS	San Luis Obispo, CA	NWS/TLK/SPT	1470 WHRD Huntington, WV	REL
	MSJ			MSJ	
1340	KRMD	Shreveport, LA	TLK	1480 KAUS Austin, MN	EZL/TLK
	MSJ			Hale	
1350	KBID	Bakersfield, CA	EZL	1480 WYMR Bridgeport, AL	GOS
	MSJ			MSJ	
1350	WRKM	Carthage, TN	SPT	1480 WABB Mobile, AL	CHR
	MSJ			Web Site	
1360	KUIK	Hillsboro, OR	TLK	1490 KBUR Burlington, IA	OLD
	MSJ			Web Site	
1360	WGFA	Watseka, IL	NOS/AGt	1490 KUGR Green River, WY	AC/EZL
	MSJ			Web Site	
1370	KUND	Grand Forks, ND	NWS/AOR/JAZZ	1490 KPKE Gunnison, CO	Rock/TLK
	MSJ			Kennedy	
1370	WSHV	South Hill, VA	UC:GOS	1490 KBLF Red Bluff, CA	AC/EZL
	MSJ			MSJ	
1380	WPCH	North Augusta, SC	NOS	1490 WRLA West Point, GA	AC/EZL
	MSJ			MSJ	
1390	KJAM	Madison, SD	AC	1490 KSYC Yreka, CA	NWS/TLK
	MSJ			Heinen	
1390	KLOC	Turlock, CA	SS:MEX	1500 WGEN Geneseo, IL	NWS/TLK
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1390	KXSS	Waite Park, MN	SPT	1500 WFIF Milford, CT	REL
	MSJ			Web Site	
1400	WLTA	Alpharetta, GA	REL:TLK	1500 WQMS Quitman, MS	AC/EZL
	MSJ			MST	
1400	KBYG	Big Spring, TX	OLD	1500 WTNE Trenton, TN	NOS
	MSJ			MSJ	
1400	WBIP	Booneville, MS	C&W	1520 WIZZ Greenfield, MA	AC/OLD
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1400	KHCB	Galveston, TX	SS/CC:REL	1520 WEXY Wilton Manors, FL	SS/ETH
	MSJ			DXAS	

Freq	Call	Location	New Format	MSJ	
1540	WBIN	Benton, TN	REL	1570 WCLE Cleveland, TN	GOS
	MSJ			DX News	
1540	KGBC	Galveston, TX	REL	1570 KTAT Frederick, OK	Tejano
	MSJ			MSJ	
1550	WAMA	Tampa, FL	SS:MEX	1570 WFTU Riverhead, NY	OLD
	MSJ			MSJ	
1550	KKAD	Vancouver, WA	TLK	1580 WEAM Columbus, GA	GOS
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1560	KLNG	Council Bluffs, IA	REL/GOS	1580 WTTN Watertown, WI	OLD
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1560	WAGL	Lancaster, SC	SS:MEX	1590 WATX Algood, TN	REL:AC
	MSJ			MSJ	
1560	KTXZ	West Lake Hills, TX	SS:Rock	1590 WZUM Carnegie, PA	REL
	MSJ			MSJ	
1560	KIQS	Willows, CA	AC/EZL	1590 WPWA Chester, PA	REL/UC:GOS
	MSJ			MSJ	
1570	WGLL	Auburn, IN	REL	1670 KHYP Moreno Valley, CA	OLD
	MSJ			100000watts.com	
1570	WTWB	Auburndale, FL	REL	1680 WLAA Winter Garden, FL	SS
	MSJ			100000watts.com	

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By Wayne Heinen

570	WVMI	Biloxi	MS	Silent 4/2003	1260	KIMB	Kimball	NE	Silent 10/2002
580	WTSB	Lumberton	NC	Silent 8/2000	1260	WCLC	Jamestown	TN	Silent 10/2002
580	WOFE	Rockwood	TN	Silent 10/2002	1260	KLDS	Falfurrias	TX	Silent 10/2001
590	WRAG	Rockrollton	AL	Silent 12/2001	1270	KPBA	Pine Bluff	AR	Silent 4/2003
700	WGZS	Dothan	AL	Silent 11/2002	1270	WWCA	Gary	IN	Silent 5/2001
720	WWDF	Richland	MS	Silent 11/2001	1280	KVWG	Pearsall	TX	Silent 5/2003
790	WSVG	Mount Jackson	VA	Silent 11/2002	1330	WPRN	Butler	AL	Silent 3/2003
880	WYKO	Sabana Grande	PR	Silent 3/2002	1330	WFTO	Fulton	MS	Silent 10/1998
900	WWLK	Eddyville	KY	Silent 12/2002	1330	WOLD	Marion	VA	Silent 5/2003
900	WDDT	Greenville	MS	Silent 2/2003	1340	WSAJ	Grove City	PA	Silent 12/2002
900	WFRO	Fremont	OH	Silent 7/2002	1390	WKIC	Hazard	KY	Silent 10/2002
920	KWYS	West Yellowstone	MT	Silent 2/2003	1400	KVLA	Vidalia	LA	Silent 5/2001
940	WGRP	Greenville	PA	Silent 4/2003	1400	WEEP	Virginia	MN	Silent 12/2002
950	KTBR	Roseburg	OR	Silent 11/2002	1400	WBTB	Beaufort	NC	Silent 5/2001
960	WKVN	Quebradillas	PR	Silent 4/2003	1400	WHLF	South Boston	VA	Silent 3/1999
1010	KGUY	Milwaukie	OR	Silent 10/2001	1420	WSUH	Oxford	MS	Silent 12/1997
1020	KAXX	Eagle River	AK	Silent 2/2003	1450	WCOX	Camden	AL	Silent 12/1994
1050	KCAA	Loma Linda	CA	Silent 8/2001	1450	WDLK	Dadeville	AL	Silent 12/2001
1050	KLPL	Lake Providence	LA	Silent 10/2001	1450	WJXN	Jackson	MS	Silent 10/2001
1080	WALD	Walterboro	SC	Silent 4/2001	1450	WYFY	Rome	NY	Silent 3/2003
1090	KNUZ	Bellville	TX	Silent 4/2003	1460	KCNR	Shasta	CA	Silent 3/2003
1100	KRKE	Milan	NM	Silent 5/2003	1470	KVLH	Pauls Valley	OK	Silent 1/2000
1130	KHTH	Dillon	CO	Silent 3/2003	1480	WEZC	Neon	KY	Silent 10/2002
1130	WQIS	Camden	SC	Silent 3/2003	1480	KKEL	Hobbs	NM	Silent 2/1998
1150	WSPZ	Tuscaloosa	AL	Silent 3/2000	1490	KFXV	Houma	LA	Silent 5/2003
1180	KYET	Williams	AZ	Silent 7/2002	1500	WQCR	Alabaster	AL	Silent 5/2003
1210	KKHI	Laramie	WY	Silent 11/2002	1500	WDEE	Reed City	MI	Silent 5/2001
1230	WBOK	New Orleans	LA	Silent 5/2003	1510	KROB	Robstown	TX	Silent 10/2001
1230	WLNK	Kinston	NC	Silent 4/2003	1520	WHOW	Clinton	IL	Silent 11/2002
1230	KEEE	Nacogdoches	TX	Silent 7/1997	1520	KDYS	Lafayette	LA	Silent 11/2002
1230	WABN	Abingdon	VA	Silent 4/2003	1530	KVDW	England	AR	Silent 1/2002
1240	WULA	Eufaula	AL	Silent 10/2002	1530	KHPI	Moreno Valley	CA	Silent 10/2002
1260	WCSA	Ripley	MS	Silent 8/1992	1540	WRSM	Sumiton	AL	Silent 4/2003
					1560	KDDA	Dumas	AR	Silent 1/2000
					1560	KOCY	Chickasha	OK	Silent 11/2002

1560	KKUZ	Sallisaw	OK Silent 12/1999	WTMZ-970 City of License is Dorchester Terrace -
1560	WRSJ	Bayamón	PR Silent 4/2003	Bre (?) (FCC database chops it off!)
1570	WIZK	Bay Springs	MS Silent 11/2001	WXNI-1230 Westerly RI - Need a Good Mailing
1580	WNTF	Bithlo	FL Silent 4/2001	Address
1590	WABV	Abbeville	SC Silent 5/2001	WMIZ-1270 Vineland, NJ - Current Language and
1590	KDAE	Sinton	TX Silent 10/2001	Format
1600	WNGA	Nashville	GA Silent 12/2003	WDRC-1360 (and relays) are these all //WBBR- 1130 all night?

Other questions that need answers for the NEW LOG

WDNZ-570 Is This //WDNC per WDNC web site
NOT //WPTF as previously reported ?

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Network listings for team sports stations

Herb Newberry reports that WSB and Turner Broadcasting are contemplating changing their announcer arrangements for the Braves. Formerly, Skip Caray/Pete Van Wieren worked together, and Don Sutton/Jo Simpson worked together. Both teams rotated between radio and TV every four innings. This year they are experimenting with six combos - Skip/Pete, Skip/Don, Skip/Jo, Pete/Don, Pete/Doe, Don/Jo - each working some radio and some TV. Eventually it is believed that Skip/Pete will do radio only, while Don/Jo will do TV only.

Here are two of the missing MLB network lists. I just checked the <http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com> web site, and it still has the 2002 network list.

Boston Red Sox SS 2003 J. P. Villaman, Juan Baez, Luis Tiant

http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/bos/schedule/bos_schedule_spanishradioaffiliates.jsp (05/22/2003) (via Gayle Yeager)

1110	WBKG-CT	1220	WRIB-RI	1310	WORC-MA	1410	WMSX-MA
1120	WPRX-CT	1270	WSPR-MA	1360	WLYN-MA*	1490	WHAV-MA
1200	WKOX-MA						

New York Yankees (EE) 2003 John Sterling, Charlie Steiner

<http://www.allsports.com/mlb/yankees/Broadcast.htm> (05/22/2003) (via Gayle Yeager)

570	WSYR-NY	950	WIBX-NY	1300	WAVZ-CT	1410	WPOP-CT
590	WARM-PA	1010	WQYK-FL		WTMM-NY		WELM-NY
600	WICC-CT	1150	WRUN-NY	1320	WEEX-PA		WNER-NY
620	WHEN-NY	1160	WPIE-NY	1340	WBRK-MA	1420	WACK-NY
	WVMT-VT		WYNS-PA		WALL-NY	1430	WENE-NY
630	WVMT-VT	1180	WHAM-NY		WENT-NY	1490	WKNY-NY
640	WNNZ-MA	1240	WWCO-CT		WIRY-NY		
770	WWCN-FL t		WJTN-NY		WWPA-PA	99.7	WSKO-RI
800	WLAD-CT	1270	WTSN-NH	1380	WABH-NY	103.5	WUUF-NY
880	WCBS-NY*	1280	WHTK-NY	1390	WEOK-NY	107.7	WNSA-NY

t = This station broadcasts both the Florida Marlins and the New York Yankees.

What a Time-saver - the County Cross Reference

A complete list of counties, parishes, and similar political divisions in the U. S. and Canada. Two lists are included: alpha by county, and by state. Compiled by Bill Hale and designed and produced by Wayne and Joan Helmen. \$7.50 for members, \$10.95, non-member. Order "CCR" from the NRC Publications center; NY residents, please include sales tax.

Musings of the Members

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Some years ago I bought an Internet Office 500 UPS for my regular Compaq PC to keep from losing data and messing up the operating system if the 120-volt AC power failed. It worked very well, and I was especially pleased to find that it caused no RFI in the longwave, broadcast, or shortwave bands. I bought a second Internet Office 500 UPS later for the backup computer and was happy with it too. The older unit failed after a number of years of service, and a new gel-cell battery didn't take care of the problem; also, the manufacturer wasn't interested in repairing it. I decided to replace it with a different make, and bought an APC Model CS-350 UPS. It did the job, but unfortunately caused low-level RFI when I was using the Kiwi loop, and I finally gave up on it. My advice to others is to make sure that the dealer will take back a UPS if it causes interference in your receiving setup. As it is, I'm looking for someone who doesn't DX to give the APC unit to. I was disappointed by WTAM's Silent Period on 5/12. As I've reported in DDXD-E, I heard a weak station on 1100 kHz that I couldn't identify. It had Spanish musical programming, but all of the voice announcement modulation levels were too low to be readable. I remember WTAM having a Silent Period back in 1936, when they were on 1070 kilocycles (Before Kilohertz), allowing me to hear LR1 in Buenos Aires. I sent them a report and received a QSL card six months later. I was 16 years old then, and it was quite a thrill. Ever since Daylight Saving Time arrived I've been neglecting the DX hobby, and have logged only two new stations. One was RNE-1359 in Madrid, and the other was WTNI-1640 in Mississippi, the new X-bander. Both of these were logged courtesy of NRC DX Tips alert messages.

Jerry Starr - Youngstown, OH

Hi All, As you probably read on the front page of DX News I am stepping down as editor of AM Switch after 560+ columns in DX News and 200+ in the DX Audio Service. I recently retired after 40 years with the same stations (which may be some sort of local record) and 45 years in the radio business. Bonnie and I are looking forward to the freedom to travel at will, unfettered by work schedules and deadlines. I really don't want to have to plan trips and activities around the AM Switch publication schedule, and it wouldn't be fair to members to produce the column ahead of time. The luxury of electronic mail is that AMS can include the very latest info even if it comes in on the last day of the deadline. Bill Hale was my personal first choice to take over AM Switch and he has kindly agreed to do so. He has a keen understanding of FCC information and a passion for preciseness that will be a great asset. Bill has asked if I would continue to edit AMS through the end of Volume 70, Issue 30, and I will do so. He is presently busy with his duties as NRC Convention co-host. The transition will be planned thoroughly and should appear seamless to the membership. To all of you who have received the proof versions and have carefully proofread them I owe a great THANK YOU. I will provide this mailing list to Bill and hope he might consider continuing to send out a proof version to all of you. The more eyes scanning the column the more accurate it becomes. I'll still remain active in NRC and may even have time to try some actual DXing. With all of the time I can devote to DXing being taken up with producing AM Switch for nearly 20 years I've really missed time spent at the dials. I guess it'll soon be time to see if the HQ180A still lights up. 73 de starr. (Best of luck Jerry!-DWS)

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This is being written on 4/23/03. I mention the date because for the last few nights, I've noticed something new on the AM band. WSAI-1530 has been broadcasting, at night, with the In-Band, On Channel (IBOC) digital system. Up til now, it's my understanding of IBOC on the AM band was limited by the FCC to daytime hours only, due to interference concerns. If my monitoring of WSAI is any indication, those concerns are justified. Since WSAI is the only station I've noticed doing this, so I assume it's some sort of nighttime transmission of IBOC. At any rate, I've come to a few conclusions myself of IBOC at night: This system puts the digital component on the two adjacent frequencies, keeping the regular (analog) transmissions on the main carrier frequency. Thus, WSAI is generating two sidebands of intense 'white noise' on 1520 and 1540. These sidebands are the most horrendous adjacent channel interference I have ever heard from any station in 30 years of DXing. They render 1520 and 1540 unlistenable and unDXable here. (WSAI has a very strong night time signal here, but at least it used to be confined to 1530!). I would also guess that lower-powered stations on 1520 such as WKWH or WMLM are probably suffering from much increased interference to their night time signals. CHIN-1540 may also be affected. In short, if this IBOC system becomes common on the AM band at night, smaller stations will be potentially severely affected by the increased interference. And DX will also suffer greatly. It may not be an overstatement to say widespread use of IBOC will completely kill mediumwave DX.