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*From the Publisher ...* We're obviously just a wee bit short of material this week, but that's somewhat normal for this time of the year. Not welcome, but normal.

Let's turn the rest of the front page over to our newest editor, Eric Conchie, who intended for this to end up in his first column ... but inasmuch as I'm not very eloquent this weekend, Eric gets the nod!

"Greetings from south-eastern Ontario, and welcome to my debut column as manager of the NRC's contests section of DX News! Let me start out by saying how much I appreciate the opportunity to do this column, and how proud I am to be a member of a club such as the NRC, which has as its members people who are as passionate about DX'ing as I certainly am.

"I thought I might "break the ice" by giving everybody a "thumb-nail biography" of myself. So, to quote the legendary Jackie Gleason from his variety show, "and AWAY WE GO!"

"I was born and raised in Willowdale, Ontario (a suburb of Toronto), where I lived until 6 years ago, at which time I moved to my present location in Tweed, ON, to be closer to my family, who had gravitated to this area a few years before. Now, I can almost hear people asking themselves, "Where the heck is Tweed, ON?" (actually, this statement is emblazoned on many t-shirts and caps around the area.) Well, it is almost exactly half way between our provincial capital of Toronto and our national capital of Ottawa.. To put it in a radio-related context, it is about 30 miles north of my nearest local station (CJBQ 800 Belleville, ON—and it will be interesting to see if any DX'ers are able to log this one, as they do completely ID on a regular basis, something which is sadly lacking from many stations now). As for DX'ing, I have been doing it off and on for approximately 25-30 years. I admit that I have stopped now and again for various lengths of time, but I am always drawn back to the dials at some point—hey, I can think of far worse "addictions" to have in my blood!

"As for non-DX pursuits, I am interested in many things old, from TV shows to movies (my

favourite old movie is "It's a Wonderful Life") to vintage electronics and automobiles. The older equipment has, to me at least, a mystique and charm that the newer equipment (while possibly technologically superior), just doesn't seem to have.

"In closing, let me say that I am looking forward to having both my postal mail box (P O Box 695, Tweed, ON K0K 3J0) and my e-mail box (nrcontests@hotmail.com) inundated with entries from all of you! Bring it on!!"

(And keep it OUT of my mailbox, hi - all future NRC Contest submissions should go to Eric, not to the ex-editor-and-still-publisher.)

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 71

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### DX Time Machine

#### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 5, 1953 DXN: The President/GM/CE of KEVT-690 wrote to Joe Brauner, Williamsville, NY, claiming that they did not test on the morning of 11/10, although Joe had logged 3 positive ID's. Harold Williams, Seymour, CT; Norm Maguire, Albuquerque, NM; and Gene Cameron, Spokane, WA were also denied verifications, although ID's had been heard.

25 years ago ... from the December 11, 1978 DXN: Charles A. Taylor, Bermuda, reintroduced himself, indicating that the last time he'd Mused was around 1966, when he was known as "C. Alan Taylor" "when Indianapolis was the hotbed of DX activity, with such other names as Dave E. Roys, Terry Liberty, and Charles Westenhoeffer."

10 years ago ... from the December 6, 1993 DXN: Tom Bryant, Nashville, TN reported that the Cayman Islands 1555 kHz transmitter apparently went off in August, but that he wasn't sure about the 1205 kHz station.

# AM Switch

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

### CALL LETTER CHANGES

1670 WRNC GA Dry Branch *Old call* WMWR *New call* [And it looks like a change in City-of-License, too.]

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

800 KPDQ OR Portland Granted an increase in nighttime power with a directional pattern. Will add one tower to become U2 1000/1000.

### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1030 K CA Elk Grove Wants U4 50000/50000 [Application is mutually exclusive with Folsom, below]  
1030 K CA Folsom Wants U4 50000/25000 [Application is mutually exclusive with Elk Grove, above. These two 1030 applications are for the Sacramento suburbs]  
1040 K CA Fowler Wants U4 2000/2000 [Fowler is located just south of Fresno]

### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1270 KNWC SD Sioux Falls Applies to raise daytime power, lower night power, and adjust both day and night patterns. New facilities would be U4 5000/2300.  
1570 WNSH MA Beverly Wants to raise day power to become U5 50000/85. The daytime pattern would be one lobe aimed at 296% and a slightly smaller lobe aimed at 089%. A minuscule amount of power (less than 200 Watts ERP) would be sent to the south. But, the 50 kW signal would cause more interference in fringe areas of co-channel WFTU Riverhead, New York's coverage area. So WNSH is trying to strike a deal with co-channel WPEP in Taunton, Massachusetts to turn in their license. With WPEP gone, less interference would be caused to WFTU close to home. The FCC and two other stations' decisions will decide the fate of this proposal.  
1600 KATZ MO St. Louis Application covers an increase in day power, a reduction in night power, and utilizing two directional patterns instead of just being directional at night. New facilities would be U4 6000/3500.

### ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

720 WVOA NY DeWitt Amendment is to change transmitter site and add CH operation. Would become U12 2500/390 CH 2500.

### LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

550	WAME	NC	Statesville	1290	WXKL	NC	Sanford
760	WCIS	NC	Morganton	1290	WQMC	SC	Sumter
760	WCPS	NC	Tarboro	1340	WADE	NC	Wadesboro
780	WWOL	NC	Forest City	1360	WWWJ	VA	Galax
880	WPIP	NC	Winston-Salem	1390	WADA	NC	Shelby
980	WBZK	SC	York	1400	WSMY	NC	Weldon
1010	WSPC	NC	Albemarle	1420	WCRE	SC	Cheraw
1030	WNOW	NC	Mint Hill	1430	WDEX	NC	Monroe
1040	WSGH	NC	Lewisville	1450	WCIE	NC	Spring Lake
1070	WGOS	NC	High Point	1460	WDOG	SC	Allendale
1090	WKTE	NC	King	1470	WLMC	SC	Georgetown
1130	WCLW	NC	Eden	1490	WPCI	SC	Greenville
1170	WCXN	NC	Claremont	1520	WARR	NC	Warrenton
1230	WCBT	NC	Roanoke Rapids	1560	WAGL	SC	Lancaster
1270	WMPM	NC	Smithfield	1580	WZKY	NC	Albemarle

**Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone? Check the back page - it's all right there!**

### ODDS AND ENDS

- ❑ KERB-600, Kermit, Texas, has been reported as being silent.
- ❑ WBKH-950, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has been reported as being silent.
- ❑ KKKH-1210, Laramie, Wyoming, reportedly is back on the air.
- ❑ The CRTC has approved CHYK-2 1230 in Kapuskasing, Ontario to be replaced by an FM station on 93.7 MHz with 3400 Watts. Once on the air, the FM and AM will simulcast for three months at which time the AM station will cease operation.
- ❑ WDCW-1390 Syracuse, New York has been reported as being back on the air with their "Joy 1390" slogan and religious format.
- ❑ WOBS-1530, Jacksonville, Florida is back on.
- ❑ Thanks, and a tip of the old AM Switch Watch Cap, go to Jerry Starr, Wayne Heinen, and Perry Crabil.

# KEYN

FM STEREO 104  
AM RADIO 900

### GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

& indicates record held by DXer from the Caribbean

### 1230 kHz:

WZNO	FL	Pensacola	Don Trelford	Runaway Bay, Jamaica	Miles 1039
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Remember all the GY DX records are on line at: [www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html).

## Domestic DX Digest

West: Harry Helms ak6c@earthlink.net

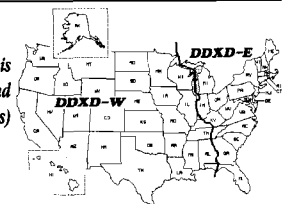
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**DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT**

(Division line is  
between East and  
Central time zones)



### DDXD-West

#### RANDOM STUFF

- I had to close this issue early for Thanksgiving, but there are several good items from the contributors.
- Upcoming frequency challenge frequencies/deadlines for loggings include 820/December 3, 830/December 10, and 840/December 24. Listen and report your results!
- Your loggings are welcome and wanted! Please follow the format you see below, including all pertinent information—frequency, call, state, city, date and time of reception, and details of your catch. **And please use ELT for all times, no matter what your local time zone.**

#### REPORTERS

**BK-CA** Bob Karchevski, Sunnyvale. R8A, two longwires, MFJ-1026 phasing unit.  
**GH-CO** Glenn Hauser, OK. Visit [www.worldofradio.com/](http://www.worldofradio.com/)  
**JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner/preamp.  
**KR-AZ** Kevin Redding, Mesa. Grundig S350, Sony ICF-2010, Space Magnet 2 loop.  
**MG-ID** Mark Griffin, Boise. CC Radio Inc.  
**VAL-DX** Shawn Axelrod and Wayne McCrae, DXpedition at Vallhalla Beach, MB. Icom R70s, various wires, MFJ-1026 phaser.  
**WH-CO** Wayne "Buy the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NRC AM Log!" Heinen, Aurora. Receiver, antenna.  
**Ed.-NV** Ye Editor, Las Vegas. Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010 w/Kiwa filters, Quantum loop & phaser.

#### FREQUENCY CHALLENGE RESULTS—780 kHz

780 KAZM AZ Sedona. 11/25 1246, "If its Arizona Sports, KAZM has 'em. We carry the Cardinals, Diamondbacks, Coyotes, and ASU Sun Devils." They carry ESPN football also. Then into a sports program. (KR-AZ)

#### STATION NEWS, NOTES, CHANGES, ETC.

960 KKNT AZ Phoenix. 11/22 MLT 0900. Pattern changed wiped out KOVO with promo for Arizona Warriors Basketball with full ToH ID and using a new slogan "The

4  
 1370 KXTL MT Patriot." First time for these calls here. (WH-CO)  
 Butte. 11/18 0300. ToH ID "Good Times Oldies KXTL Butte a Fisher Media Station" into CNN News. Add CNN to Nets & No longer Talk overnight. (WH-CO)  
 1640 KMMZ OK Enid. Per Glenn Hauser in DX Listening Digest, this new station was off the air as of 11/24 1222. It had been running an all-comedy format. (GH-OK)

UNID/HELP REQUESTED  
 1020 UNID ?? ??? 11/22 1640. Fair signals with non stop country music no IDs or ads. (VAL-DX)  
 1220 UNID ?? ??? 11/22 2243. Poor u/WKRS w/what sounded like "News Talk 1220 WACS." I'm stumped on this one. Stuff is close, but doesn't jive. (JJR-WI)  
 1460 UNID ?? ??? 11/23 0800. Poor signals with partial ID of "oldies 14-60 WD— ?? Park" into ABC news. (VAL-DX)

TIS AND OTHER STUFF  
 530 WPUS402 ND Devils Lake. 11/22 1604. Fair signals with info on the roads in and around Devils Lake. (VAL-DX)  
 840 ???? CA Redwood City? 11/25 1245-1250. Refer to my report in DXN 7108p4. Still hearing two pairs of pips but timing is roughly twice as long between pairs. Very loud in Redwood City/San Carlos area where CalTrans (California Dept. of Transportation) is doing heavy work on U.S.101. Probably a TIS station on stand-by. (BK-CA)  
 1610 WNHC787 MI Mackinac. 11/22 1940. Poor to fair signals with information on the bridge and driving instructions due to high winds. ID's as "Radio 5-30 or 16-10 WHNC". NEW. (VAL-DX)  
 1610 HAR WI ??? 11/22 2005. Poor signals with a repeated loop by a lady saying "Wisconsin Department of Public Transportation Traffic Radio AM 16-10." That was all ever heard no info. (VAL-DX)  
 1610 KOP796 MT Deer Lodge. 11/22 2207. Poor with fading. Info on the National Parks site at the Grand Kohrs ranch. (VAL-DX)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)  
 700 KALL UT North Salt Lake. 11/22 0915-0922. Tom Martino Talk program with local spots to "KALL NewsTalk Radio" ID. Weak, first time for these calls here. (WH-CO)  
 880 CKLQ MB Brandon. 11/23 0642. Poor, no WCBS. Calls, C&W. (JJR-WI)  
 940 CJGX SK Yorkton. 11/23 0639. Poor and alone w/"GX-94" non-IDs, time check, weather and live (not off bird) C&W format! (JJR-WI)  
 960 KOVO UT Provo. 11/22 0900. Out of ESPN SPT with full ToH ID for KZNS, KSOS & KOVO "The Zone." First time with these calls. (WH-CO)  
 1060 KDUS AZ Tempe. 11/24 2135-2212. Hockey Game between the Dallas Stars and the Phoenix Coyotes. Dallas leading at the third quarter. At night, this station transmits with only 500 watts of power. Fair reception with a UNID station in the background playing music. Signal frequently faded away. (MG-ID)  
 1080 KSCO CA Santa Cruz. 11/16 2354-0006. Art Bell Show. Talk about crop circles and balls of light. Ad for "After Dark News Letter". Followed by news and weather Poor with fading. (MG-ID)  
 1190 KMYL AZ Tolleson. 11/24 0300 on tape "The Talk of the Valley KMYL Tolleson-Phoenix." First time with these calls. (WH-CO) Ah, remember back in the early 1970s when this station was KRDS and its 250 watts could be heard in the east with WOWO off? (Ed.-NV)  
 1200 WPTO IL Chicago. 11/22 2055. Fair signals in a mess with Spanish programming and ID's as La Tremenda" new calls in use here. NEW. (VAL-DX)  
 1200 WRKK PA Hughesville. 11/22 2245. Poor, "1400 & 1200 WRKK" into talk. (JJR-WI)  
 1240 KXIT TX Dalhart. 11/20 0000. Taped "The Panhandle's best country KXIT, Dalhart." New one for me. (WH-CO)  
 1260 KSMLp TX Diboll. 11/21 0605. SS:MEX music "La Máquina" and "Qué Bueno" slogans New one for me. (WH-CO)  
 1260 KTRC NM Santa Fe. 11/23 0600 with a talk show recounting the top 10 callers and then ToH ID and into CNN news. New #748. (KR-AZ)

1260 KWNX TX Taylor. 11/21 0500. Ending ESPN programming to ToH IGÁ"ESPN Radio KWNX Taylor-Austin." (WH-CO) Wow, "Taylor Austin" sounds like the name of a country and western singer. Or maybe a NASCAR driver. The choice is yours, fellow NRCers. (Ed.-NV)  
 1270 WXYT MI Detroit. 11/22 2236. Poor and fading in/out. "AM 1270-The Sports Station" after local ad. (JJR-WI)  
 1430 KLO UT Ogden. 11/23 2258 with Westwood One Dolphins v. Redskins and ad for Family Tire then ToH ID. (KR-AZ)  
 1670 WMWR GA Warner Robbins/Macon. 11/22 2130. Poor signals with a mix of all four stations on the frequency. First time we ever logged every station on a single frequency at one time. New format of talk/sports and new calls. NEW. (VAL-DX)

### DDXD-East

#### REPORTERS

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.  
 MKB-MI Mike Brooker, DXing at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) – Grundig YB-400PE.  
 MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – DX-396.  
 BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west and south Ewe antennas.  
 SC-ON Saul Chernos, Burnt River – Sangean AT5909 & Radio Shack TRF655, and Radio Shack loop & 1000-foot/500-foot longwires pointed e-w & ne-sw.  
 KL-NY Kenneth Lyon, Lockport – Unknown equipment.  
 JRM-PA John R. Malicky, Pittsburgh – Superadio III.  
 IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - AIWA CSD-FD89.  
 IEN\*GA Ira Elbert New, III, Statham - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE In-Dash Audio System CY310.  
 HN-GA Herbert Newberry, Milledgeville – Kenwood R-5000, Quantum Pro Loop, Quantum Phaser, Longwire.  
 JV-NY John Vervoort, Brooklyn – Grundig Yacht Boy 400 PE.  
 LW-NY Leslie Wood, East Meadow – Sony 2010, Radio Shack Loop.



#### CLEAR CHANNEL CHALLENGE – 780 kHz

780 WBBM IL Chicago – 11/19 2355 – blasting in as good as they used to be before the sun started going bloeoy, with local weather, ID as "WBBM news time 10:55" into CBS business news update. (MKB-ON)  
 + 11/21 1205 – fair-to-poor on noontime groundwave in between WJR-760 and CKLW-800 slop with CBS news, "News radio 780 WBBM" jingle. (MKB-MI)  
 + 11/21 1910 - Good; 24-Hour Traffic Center update, "WBBM news time" check, ads, and the Accuweather 5-day forecast, over R. Coro Venezuela with CFDR nulled out. + 11/25 0418 - Good; "For 35 years... since 1968 the news watch never stops, Newsradio 780 WBBM." (BC-NH)  
 WTME ME Rumford - 11/21 1555 - Good; local news, "Faith Matters in Maine" feature, and ID, "This is AM 780 WTME Rumford, and AM 1450 WKTQ South Paris, a service of the Gleason Radio Group. This is L-A's radio station, WCNM Lewiston, CNN 1240," into CNN Headline News, lost at 1615 power cut leaving CFDR in clear. "L-A" refers to Lewiston-Auburn, Maine. (BC-NH)  
 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 11/21 1756 - Good; C&W oldies, "CFDR, 780 AM Halifax, is Classic Country 780 Kicks," into an infomercial, then at 1830 In Touch Ministries program with WBBM starting to fade in. (BC-NH)

#### PRESUMED AND UNID

630 CFCYp PEI Charlottetown – 11/23 0507 – presumed with good signal, C & W tunes. No sign of CFCCO, which is usually here. New. (KL-NY)  
 810 UNID — — 11/16 1845 – Battle Hymn of the Republic in apparent s-off. Then open carrier with bad hum. (SC-ON)  
 1070 WINAp VA Charlottesville – 11/7 2126 – presumed with high school football playoff game, Western – 65 v. Charlottesville – 21 at 3:47 left. Most likely on day power as not normally heard here at night. (JRM-PA)  
 1120 UNID — — 11/17 2230 – "real country" slogan. I'm stumped! (JV-NY)  
 1140 KPWPb MO Piedmont – 11/17 0642 – "Playing the strong songs, Oldies 1140" and "Good Times and Great Oldies." At 0643 promised to check sports in eight minutes, but two minutes later WCJW-NY signed on. (SC-ON)

1200 **CFGOp ON** **Ottawa** – 11/10 2055 – presumed with sports talk on “Sporting News Radio.” Phone number 800-777-2907. (LW-NY)

1310 **WDOOp TN** **Chattanooga** – 11/16 0028 – presumed with “Music of Your Life”, Jones Radio Network. (HN-GA)

1340 **UNID** — — 11/15 2030 – WIBC and Dartmouth mentioned in collage football promo. Doubt WDCR-NH as ran Dartmouth College game in early afternoon. (SC-ON)

1380 **UNID** — — 11/15 2020 – Calls sounded like WMME in broken English, Spanish talk and Latin American music. (SC-ON)

1460 **UNID** — — 11/16 2224 – ESPN mentioned. 1460 kHz has a lot of ESPN affiliates. The polar ice caps will be gone by the time I get a proper ID on one of these all-sports stations! (JV-NY)

1470 **UNID** — — 11/10 1945 – mention of US Army Golden Apple Award; weather report. IDs that sounded like “Newsradio WNTW, 106.7 FM.” (LW-NY)

**WKAPp PA** **Allentown** – 11/22 1856 – In 1470 jumble, presumed with many “Oldies 1470” slogans. (LW-NY)

1520 **WWKBp NY** **Buffalo** – 11/16 0120 – haven’t heard this one in years. Surprised that it popped in. Very good, dominant, minor fades. Oldies of a “harder” type than top-40. New, on longwire. (HN-GA)

1540 **WBCOp OH** **Bucyrus** – 11/21 0722 – presumed in CHIN null with farm report on the Ohio News Network. (MKB-MI)

1570 **WCLep TN** **Cleveland** – 11/7 2141 – presumed, very good with interference and end of Bradley County high school football game, into bluegrass and gospel music. (JRM-PA)

1620 **UNID TIS PA** — — 11/16 1826 – NOAA weather, PA mentioned, K, P, 3, 2 among letters possibly heard in ID, possible reference to Meadville or something sounding like that northwest PA town. (SC-ON)

1630 **UNID** — — 11/17 1833 – Female preacher, likely African-American, in English with lots of Hallelujahs. No ID heard. During strong opening that yielded low-power pirates and TIS stations in MA, NY and PA. Pirate? (SC-ON)

**UNID** — — 11/17 1912 & 11/18 1802 – “This is a test ... 1-2-3-4-5” repeated over and over. (SC-ON)

1640 **UNID TIS NY** — — 11/12 2112 – Continuing loop message: “This is the New York State Department of Transportation, highway... radio systems, site number two.” (LW-NY)

**WTNIp MI** **Biloxi** – 11/22 0125 – presumed in WKSH null with Coast to Coast AM talking about earthquake prediction. (MKB-MI)

1670 **PIRATE MA** **Brockton** – 11/17 1810 – Caribbean music. Radio Communautaire de Brockton is presumed. (SC-ON)

1690 **WPTXp MD** **Lexington Park** - 11/11 0313 – presumed, dominant over WRLL, with CNN Headline News. WRLL oldies in background. (HN-GA)

**PIRATE MA** **Lynn** – 11/17 1810 – Caribbean music. Radio Kreyol in Lynn MA is presumed. (SC-ON)

1700 **UNID TISMD** — — 11/17 1956 & 11/18 1822 – 410 area code heard in phone number on loop tape. (SC-ON)

## STATION LOGGINGS

570 **WWNC NC** **Asheville** – 11/20 1745 – “newstalk 570, W-W-N-C” during break in talk show. On longwire during LSS. WAAX absent. First time heard this season. (HN-GA)

600 **WSJS NC** **Winston-Salem** – 11/15 1848 – NC Wolfpack high school football (versus Florida State). WSJS listed in Wolfpack list. New. (SC-ON)

730 **WSC SC** **Charleston** - 11/24 0751 - Buried deep in the static, news, traffic and weather from Charleston, SC. Car fire in Summerville, then local weather with Rob Fowler. “Traffic and weather on the 10’s, Newsradio 730, WSC.” (IEN\*GA)

760 **WJR MI** **Detroit** – 11/12 1645 – good with midday news block ads and traffic watch, on “760-WJR.” (JRM-PA)

790 **WTNY NY** **Watertown** – 11/17 0724 – heard with CBS news and local features. No sign of usual WLSV. (KL-NY)

800 **CJBQ ON** **Belleville** – 11/17 1958 – C & W, ID “Q-Country CJBQ”, in over CKLW which is usually dominant but now on reduced power. (KL-NY)

830 **WEEU PA** **Reading** – 11/18 2022 – in surprisingly well with “Savage Nation” talk show. ID “voice of Berks County, 830-WEEU.” (KL-NY)

**WFNO LA** **Norco** – 11/19 Nov 1834 – “La Fabulosa,” Mexican music and mention of New Orleans. New. (SC-ON)

850 **WREF CT** **Ridgefield** – 11/22 1744 – “La Bamba” and Santana tune, on “Oldies 850”. (LW-NY)

940 **WCPC MS** **Houston** - 11/26 1734 - Local weather and then local obituaries read by male announcer. Gospel music followed. Steady signal with a little static. “WCPC...Houston.” (IEN-GA)

950 **WGOV GA** **Valdosta** – 11/20 1756 – Local DJ, end of the “afternoon traffic jam” on “magic 95, W-G-O-V.” On longwire during LSS. Not a daytimer here. New. (HN-GA)

1000 **WYBT FL** **Blountstown** – 11/20 1802 – between C & W songs, FM ID “WPHK 102.7”. Good signal on longwire during LSS. No sign of WMVP. New, a pleasant surprise. (HN-GA)

1010 **CFRB ON** **Toronto** – 11/21 1203 – fair on midday groundwave with ad for 401-Dixie Auto Mall, slogan “news that makes talk, talk that makes news, News-talk 1010 CFRB”. (MKB-MI)

**WNTK NH** **Newport** - 11/22 1545 - Excellent; college volleyball play-by-play, UNH Wildcats vs. Northeastern University Huskies in the Atlantic East championship, claiming to be the first radio coverage of a volleyball game in history, “Talk Radio WNTK 99.7 FM New London, New Hampshire.” (BC-NH)

1040 **WJTB OH** **North Ridgeville** – 11/22 1604 – fair on groundwave with woman reading local birthday announcements: “right here on WJTB we have some birthdays coming up...” (MKB-MI)

1070 **KNX CA** **Los Angeles** – 11/17 0700, 11/20 0645 – IDs, weather, traffic reports, CA ads, etc... (SC-ON)

1130 **WCLW NC** **Eden** – 11/16 1803 – Bluegrass, full ID in signoff. New. (SC-ON)

1150 **WRUN NY** **Utica** – 11/18 2323 – “Utica’s own for soft and smooth oldies... eleven-fifty.” DJ Mike Matthews was heard earlier in the evening. Good signal and alone on frequency. (JV-NY)

1200 **WRKK PA** **Hughesville** – 11/22 2127 – Bruce Williams show, “1400 and 1200 AM, WRKK.” NRC Log shows 250 watts at this time; good signal for power. (KL-NY)

1210 **WGAO OH** **Dayton** – 11/17 0657 – “AM 1210 WGAO” and urban music. New. (SC-ON)

1230 **WFAS NY** **White Plains** – 10/29 2027 – “What The World Needs Now” followed by ID: “tell your friends... AM-1230, WFAS.” Station only shows up at night during a high A Index; Index was 180! (MC-NJ)

**WCMC NJ** **Wildwood** – 11/15 0718 – Calls, nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)

1240 **WGBB NY** **Freeport** – 10/29 2032 – Ads for the South Shore Tribune and Auto Body shop in Island Park. Returned to “Is the World Serious” where the topic was the Nassau County tax reassessment. 180 A Index gets credit for this one! (MC-NJ)

1250 **WHNZ FL** **Tampa** – 11/11 0300 – Local ID at TOH: “WHNZ, Tampa”, into CBS news. On longwire, good. New. (HN-GA)

**WARE MA** **Ware** – 11/20 2005 – fair, alone at the time, with weather report and frequent “Real Oldies, 1250” IDs. (LW-NY)

1260 **WPHB PA** **Philipsburg** – 11/11 1800 – “I Got Spurs That Jingle, Jangle, Jingle” followed by ID: “WPHB, Philipsburg... State College – the only station you need.” Then CNN News about the death of Art Carney. Signal good, faded during news. (MC-NJ)

**WBNR NY** **Beacon** – 11/20 2042 – with “WFAS 1220, WBNR 1260” ID and into music, with Neil Diamond tune. (LW-NY)

1290 **WTKS GA** **Savannah** – 11/11 0305 – ABC News, station promo, “Newstalk 1180, WTKS”, back to talk show. On longwire, in jumble. (HN-GA)

1300 **WJFK MD** **Baltimore** – 11/12 2046 – Ad about classic old-time radio shows available on CD. Mention of sports memorabilia show at Best Western of Baltimore, Sunday, November 16. (LW-NY)

**WTIR FL** **Cocoa Beach** – 11/18 2123 – Loop tape mentioning Florida traffic and safety rules plus local attractions. Good on peaks and fading in and out alongside WJFK pest. I received WTIR many times when they were on 1680, but it’s

- new for me on this frequency. (JV-NY)
- 1310 WADB NJ **Asbury Park** – 10/29 2010 – “Don’t Give Up On Us, Baby” followed by semi-ID: “the great songs that we play are sure to bring up great memories – WADB.” Then “What The World Needs Now” followed by ID “WADB, 1310.” New. (MC-NJ)
- WNBF NY **Binghamton** – 11/12 2052 – in clear with Bearcats v. Golden Knights basketball game to be followed by Jim Bohannon show and overnight Coast-to-Coast. (LW-NY)
- 1370 WSPD OH **Toledo** – 11/16 0035 – station promo “newsradio 1370, WSPD”, then back to Coast-to-Coast. Good and dominant on longwire. (HN-GA)
- 1390 WNIO OH **Youngstown** – 11/16 0045 – singing jingle “...13-90 W-N-I-O.” NOS format. Maybe ABC Stardust overnight? In the mess, fair on longwire. (HN-GA)
- WVAA VT **Burlington** – 11/16 2206 – “...American country thirteen-ninety WVAA”, followed by a country tune and quickly lost to pest WDCW. Lotsa WKDM spillover. (JV-NY)
- + 11/22 1820 – good with C & W music, “All American Country, WVAA 1390” IDs. Local weather at 1826. (LW-NY)
- 1400 WRAC PA **Williamsport** – 11/16 0635 – ID mentions AM on 1200. New. (SC-ON)
- 1410 WSCW WV **South Charleston** – 11/15 2010 – “Southern gospel weekend... on Charleston’s Christian Radio Network.” New. (SC-ON)
- WING OH **Dayton** – 11/16 0055 – ESPN college basketball talk on “sportsradio 1410, the WING.” Good, on top of slop on longwire. (HN-GA)
- WELM NY **Elmira** – 11/21 0757 – mixing in graveyard-like jumble with talk on local high school sports: “...and you can hear the game here on WELM.” (MKB-MI)
- 1480 WJFC TN **Jefferson City** – 11/7 1941 – fair with moderate fades, with high school football game, Governors v. Patriots. Local ads, ID and 865 phone exchange confirmed with a verie back in 4 days, signed by Willis Walker, AGM. New. (JRM-PA)
- + 11/20 1810 – between C & W songs, heard legal ID with country twang: “WJFC 1480, Jefferson City.” Very poor in the slop, on longwire. New. (HN-GA)
- WJR MI **Detroit** – 11/22 0709 – blasting in on second harmonic (2 x 760) with talk on Ohio State v. Michigan game. (MKB-MI)
- 1530 WRTP NC **Chapel Hill** – 11/16 1645 – “His Radio” ID and gospel music (mostly country and rock). New. (SC-ON)
- 1540 WYNC NC **Yanceyville** – 10/29 1745 – fair with full sign off, 1000 ch power and 2500 day power, owners – Semora Broadcasting, Inc. New. (JRM-PA)
- CHIN ON **Toronto** – 11/21 0710 – a big pest here too, with Italian talk. (MKB-MI)
- WPEP MA **Taunton** – 11/15 2100 – “WPEP News Talk 1570.” New. (SC-ON)
- WNNR FL **Fernandina Beach** – 11/19 1709 – WNNR, Jacksonville’s sports super station” ID and Sporting News Radio. Ex-WGSR. (SC-ON)
- 1580 WHLY IN **South Bend** – 11/18 2148 – “thanks for tuning in to the station that plays South Bend’s best music, Radio Hollywood”, followed by “Mack the Knife.” “Radio Hollywood WHLY” at 2151. Moderate signal, very steady and alone on frequency. Log lists as 500 watts at night. Used to receive WHLY when it was on 1620 kHz. 1580 is not an active frequency for me, so it’s always a treat to log something here. New. (JV-NY)
- 1590 WPWM PA **Chester** – 11/15 0710 – “Praise 1590” and Philadelphia phone number in announcement. New. (SC-ON)
- WVNA AL **Tuscumbia** – 11/15 0819 – Alabama National Guard ad, calls. New. (SC-ON)
- WHPY NC **Clayton** – 11/16 1701 – Full ID and “Christian Radio.” New. (SC-ON)
- 1600 WMQM TN **Lakeland** – 11/19 1610 – Memphis announcements, gospel music, and station phone number (901-332-8030). New. (SC-ON)
- + 11/22 0700 – creaming near-local WAAM with ID as “This is WMQM Lakeland-Memphis” into hard-shell gospel program from the Act Whole Truth Ministry. (MKB-MI)
- 1620 PIRATE MA **Boston** – 11/18 1738 – Caribbean music, man talking quickly in French, “Radio Energie” ID at 1742. New. (SC-ON)
- 1650 KDNZ IA **Cedar Falls** – 11/20 0640 – good signal with Dirk Van talk show. “KDNZ

- Cedar Falls-Waterloo” ID at 0700, then CBS News. (KL-NY)
- 1690 WSWK GA **Adel** – 10/29 1759 – tape with “Wild Adventures Theme Park” info – [www.wildadventures.net](http://www.wildadventures.net). (JRM-PA)
- + 11/20 1817 – booming in on day power, with “WDDQ 92.1 FM” singing ID. Lots of Wild Adventures “barker” type announcements. (HN-GA)
- WPTX MD **Lexington Park** – 11/24 0547 – CNN Headline News. “You’re listening to Newstalk 1690 WRTX.” Good signal. (KL-NY)
- TIS/HAR
- 1630 WPQF661 PA **Glenfield** – 11/17 1800 – Web site given: [www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us) and ID. New. (SC-ON)
- KNAA585 NY **Jamaica** – 11/17 1910 – Web site: [kennedyairport.com](http://kennedyairport.com), mentions of JFK Airport. New. (SC-ON)
- WPWL406 RI **Narragansett** – 11/18 1723 – ID, mention of Interstate I-95, and web site: [www.dot.state.ri.us](http://www.dot.state.ri.us). New. (SC-ON)
- 1650 WPNP867 MA **East Boston** – 11/17 1835 – Logan International Airport TIS with airline list and other info. New. (SC-ON)
- WPMU972 PA **Bridgeville** – 11/19 1958 – ID and web site ([www.dot.state.pa.us](http://www.dot.state.pa.us)) caught while WHKT-VA (Disney) was either on open carrier or completely off. WHKT soon came back very suddenly. New. (SC-ON)
- WQWK899 MI **Birmingham** – 11/22 0715 – in like ton of bricks with detailed local and statewide weather, ID as “This is WQWK899, the City of Birmingham advisory radio station broadcasting on 1650 kilohertz AM.” (MKB-MI)
- 1700 KNAA585 NY **Jamaica** – 11/17 0756 & 1840 / 11/18 1800 – Brooklyn Tunnel, East Tunnel in Nassau, JFK, and other references to NYC. Operates at JFK Airport. (SC-ON)
- “WLND” MI **Westland** – 11/21 0741 – TIS (though information is intended more for local residents than travelers) with ID as “WLND, your source for city events”, run-down of local events, such as the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Westland city hall, and curbside trash pick-up schedule. Several mentions of [www.ci.westland.mi.us](http://www.ci.westland.mi.us) web site. “WLND” calls are likely fictitious. (MKB-MI)

## International DX Digest

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

Next Frequency of the Week Challenge deadlines: 820 kHz - Dec 4, 830 kHz - Dec 11, 840 kHz - Dec 26 (after the NRC editors' needed one-week holiday break), 880 kHz - Jan 2, and 890 kHz - Jan 8.

820  
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Country

- Frequency of the Week: 780 kHz
- 780 VENEZUELA R.Coro, Coro NOV 20 0116 - Good; “Por Radio Coro, 780 AM, 24 horas con tu señal el grande,” and salsa music, no sign of WBBM Chicago. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- Transatlantic DX
- 612 MOROCCO RTM A, Sebaa-Aioun NOV 20 2250 - Arabic vocal; at light audio level on fair carrier, WGIR phased. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE R.1 synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. NOV 20 2249 - Spanish talk; through WZON slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR Roumoules NOV 22 2332 - US accented preacher; poor to fair. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA Duba OCT 27 0239 - Fair with a cappella Arabic vocal: on extended schedule for Ramadan. + NOV 5 0023 - Lots of “Arabiya” mentions; loud, best TA by a wide margin. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1550 ALGERIA RASD Clandestine, Tindouf NOV 20 2313 - Parallel 7460 with pop vocal having Spanish flamenco influences; briefly over WBSC-SC/WDZK-CT. [Connelly\*P-MA]

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## Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** R.Visión Cristiana Internacional, South Caicos OCT 29 2322 - Spanish talk comparing spirituality to clean water, listeners in Venezuela addressed. Over 59 strength: the loudest non-groundwave station audible! + NOV 4 0006 - Atop Route 3 jct. 495 TIS. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 535 **GRENADE** GBC St. George's OCT 29 2324 - Bits of English talk; in local noise. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** R.ZIZ, Basseterre OCT 29 2318 - Talk about a construction project, "that's the latest news on ZIZ" mention; to good peak. + NOV 4 0005 - Soul music vocal; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 560 **MEXICO** XEXZ La Zeta de Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Zac NOV 19 1206 - Surged atop channel for "La Zeta de Zacatecas" slogan slipped between otherwise segued ranchera tunes. First time specifically ID'd here in Krum. + NOV 21 0535 - Production promo with lots of corny voices, followed by full ID: "En la banda de amplitud modulada transmite XEXZ, Punto del Oro de la Radio, En... sesenta kilohertz. XZ, La Zeta de Zacatecas, en se grante (?) del Grupo Radiofónica Zer, desde la ciudad mas... del país, Zacatecas, México." The "Zer" is very heavily echoed, and when I heard this a night or so earlier under less clear conditions, it sounded like "Grupo R.Sierra." [Callarman-TX]
- 570 **CUBA** R.Relej, Santa Clara OCT 29 2317 - News, ticks, "RR" code beeps; over WMCA. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 620 **MEXICO** XENK Radio 620, México DF NOV 19 1229 - Commercial for Lotería Nacional and complete legal ID in KMKI null, while hoping that something else (say needed XEGH) would be my sunrise visitor here. [Callarman-TX]
- 640 **MEXICO** XEYQ R.Uno, Fresnillo, Zac NOV 20 0407 - Noted with "Radio Uno" slogan and telephone conversation with a male fan making requests and dedications; several mentions of Zacatecas. + NOV 21 0528 - Mexican national anthem at this odd time, a version I hadn't heard before with a pipe organ as the lead instrument, followed by full announcement, which included: "Esta es Radio Uno (drum roll) La Número Uno, seiscientos cuarenta kilohertz, punto de oro en su radio, XEYQ, desde... prestigio, para toda el estado de Zacatecas... Radio Uno es parte de la Grupo Radifónica Zer." I have probably heard this station before this month, but passed it by because slogan "Radio Uno, La Número Uno" is used by the dominant station here, XEHHI. [Callarman-TX]
- 660 **MEXICO** XEEY La Consentida, Aguascalientes, Ags NOV 19 1201 - Mexican national anthem loud and nearly clear and, hoping for needed XEAR, I turned on the tape and got a full announcement for this often heard station. [Callarman-TX]
- 680 **HONDURAS** HRN synchros NOV 22 0300-0504 - Talk show format with "HRN" ID approximately every 30 minutes, sign-off at 0504. Occasionally peaking to good signal level and dominating the channel. You might find the following link concerning the La Voz de Honduras (HRN) network interesting: www.radiohrn.hn. The WRTH lists 10 kW outlets on 670 and 680 kHz. [Beu-TX]
- 680 **MEXICO** XELG LG La Grande, León, Gto NOV 21 0508 - Well atop channel (unlike first log last week when it barely squeezed through) with classic romantic male vocal with old style guitar work, then "LG LG LG La Grande" singing logo and time check. [Callarman-TX]
- 690 **MEXICO** XETRA Tijuana BCN NOV 8 0105 - Ad for Palm Springs casino; "Sportsnight" with Lee "Hacksaw" Hamilton and Lakers and Chargers talk, "on Xtra Sports 6-90 and 11-50." Heard in North Highland. Fair; probable CBU fluttering underneath, 680 KNBR interference. [Park-CA]
- 690 **MEXICO** XEMA Fresnillo, ZAC NOV 25 1200 - XE anthem, prayer(?), then opening announcement: "Desde Fresnillo, Zacatecas, en el centro del país, transmite XEMA, La Madre de Toda... ahora con mas potencia - cincuenta mil wats..."; also gave address matching WRTH. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]
- 700 **MEXICO** XELX R.Mexicana, Zitácuaro, Mjch NOV 21 0557-0601 - After trying to pull something out from two, maybe three stations fighting at threshold level, this one surged atop at the right time. After female vocal on a cumbia ended at 0558:15 gave production ID, including "XELX 700 AM, diez mil wats, Radio Mexicana, studios y oficinas... Boulevard Revolución 676... Zitácuaro, Michoacán, teléfono 1... 53-00-25 (sound of racing car motor) Radio Mexicana, mas grande de Michoacán." After the production ID ended, put on instrumental lullaby and woman announcer again gave XELX call and slogan, wished us goodnight, and played a vocal version of the Mexican national anthem, which ended 0601, followed by silence. This is estado número 21 logged in Krum (counting Distrito Federal). [Callarman-TX]
- 710 **CUBA** R.Rebelde synchros OCT 27 0331 - "Rebelde, la Cubanísima" ID, slogan "La Emisora

- de la Revolución"; over WOR. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEPQ La Sabrosita, Cd. Muzquiz, Coah NOV 20 0012-0103 - Found ranchera music (plus XEX's talk programming) in KKDA null. At 0058 gave XEPQ ID, then listed all the stations operated by Organización Radiofónica del Norte. Followed by sports program that seemed to be titled "Discuradas Deportivas," using Stars and Stripes Forever as theme. First time identified here in Krum. [Callarman-TX]
- 750 **MEXICO** XETI R.Fiesta, Tempoal, Ver NOV 19 1205 - Hoped conditions would be different at sunrise, so I might find someone else from México on this frequency. No such luck. [Callarman-TX]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ RCN Barranquilla NOV 4 0003 - Colombian political speech; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 830 **MEXICO** XEVQ Navolato, SIN NOV 26 1353 - Male announcer fielding calls from Culiacán - seemed to be a phone-in contest of some sort; area ads at 1357. Generally fair; no ID heard. [Wilkins-CO]
- 860 **CUBA** R.Relej, Baracoa NOV 22 0140 - Fair; minute markers, RR code IDs, syncopated clock, and news in Spanish, over an unID Latin American station in CJBC null. [Conti-NH] NOV 22 2315 - Relej program; dominant. [Connelly\*A-MA]
- 1020 unID NOV 22 0200 - Pulsing warbling jammer, loud over KDKA Pittsburgh and an unID Latin American signal. [Conti-NH]
- 1060 **MEXICO** XEEP R.Educación, México DF NOV 22 0614 - Presumed in KYW null with a variety of soft Spanish female vocals, ballads, and even C&W/folkie-sounding tunes, played non-stop with no talk heard between songs. Finally gave up on getting an ID at 0645. [Brooker-MI]
- 1070 **MEXICO** XESP R.Juventud, Guadalajara, Jal NOV 25 0059 - Station ID that slipped onto my tape while trying to see what else was under XEANT with Wichita inaudible. I caught only parts of the ID: "información... gusto a través de XESP, Radio Juventud... diez setenta de amplitud modulada (equipo?) con diez mil wats... en Guadalajara, Jalisco." I could not connect any specific programming with it, but I'll take the ID for Mexican #119 in my Krum log. [Callarman-TX]
- 1070.03 unID OCT 30 2342 - Spanish male vocal; briefly dominant over weak CBA groundwave. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1100 **MEXICO** XETGO R.Alegría, Tlaltenango, Zac NOV 26 0052-0116 - Best signal yet from this one, with readable commercial breaks 0052-0056 and 0112-0116. There's a Santa Claus "ho ho ho" commercial I've heard several times, plus a traffic safety announcement from the Zacatecas government mentioning Jalisco also, and several other production announcements. I wasn't sure this was XETGO (there are two other Spanish-speakers heard here when Cleveland is absent), and one mention that repeated an e-mail address (partially "HMJArroba... con-punto-mx") caused me, briefly, to think I had something new. Several complete legal IDs in 0112-0116 break, after fading into mix at 0100, and "Radio Alegría" slogan heard in one of them (did not hear "Alegría Digital" mentioned). This one should be widely heard among our Corazoners in the central part of the county. There is another "Radio Alegría" listed on this channel, so be careful. [Callarman-TX]
- 1110 **MEXICO** XEES Chihuahua, Chih NOV 24 0155 - Playing chamber music with KFAB nulled out and XEVS in the background. Nueva, primera vez. [Redding-AZ]
- 1110 **MEXICO** XERED R.Red, México DF NOV 21 0028-0031 - Movie talk by man in Spanish mentioning Hollywood stars such as Pierce Brosnan, Johnny Depp "el hombre mas sexy," George Clooney, Justin Timberlake and others, went past bottom of hour. At 0031 took telephone report with political content. Later, at 0428, had commercial string, including one of the ubiquitous PSAs for the "Secretaría de economía," then slogan ID, "Radio Red, once-punto-diez." There was another station playing rancheras which was unidentified. That's not unneeded XEWR unless the format's changed. [Callarman-TX]
- 1120 **MEXICO** XETR Panorámica, Cd. Valles SLP NOV 21 0020 - Commercial cluster in progress on one of possibly three Spanish-speakers with KMOX not heard at all. Close monitoring of the tape brought out two mentions of "Panorámica", but not enough to claim this one for the log. Later in the evening, station with primarily cumbias seemed to insert word "Enamorita" between segued selections. There was another station that was mostly talk. Checked 1120 off and on between 0400 and 0615 this date but unable to clearly identify anybody here. I've taped XETQE (with XETVH-1230 ID) and "Preciosa" slogan but no complete legal ID for XEPOP on this frequency before. XETR was my favorite Mexican verie from the '60s in the Panhandle. [Callarman-TX]
- 1130 **MEXICO** XEETCH Etchojoa, SON NOV 25 1325 - Rustic fiddle music; call ID's in two

- Indian languages, a Women's Rights PSA in Spanish, then more fiddling around. Good signal and alone on frequency! [Wilkins-CO]
- 1160 **BERMUDA** VSB3 Hamilton OCT 30 2337 - with BBC talk 10 seconds delayed from parallel 5975; good, slight WTTT slop. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1170 **MEXICO** unID NOV 19 1251-1307 - Checking this channel at sunrise through Tulsa partial null, looking for someone besides XEUVA, but only clue was a taped singing "La Ley" that seemed to be part of a time check. Possibly XEMDA, Monclova, Coah. [Callarman-TX]
- 1180 **CUBA** R.Rebelde, Villa María OCT 27 0225 - Parallel 5025 with modern pop upbeat vocal. + OCT 29 2308 - Cuban news parallel 5025; fluttery. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1250 **MEXICO** XESJ R.Salttillo, Saltillo, Coah NOV 25 0012-0030 - A variety of music, punctuated by frequent slowly read time and temperature breaks by woman, sometimes twice per break, if there are announcements in addition to music. At 0025, local male announcer said, "Escuchando Hasta (Licér?) Ranchero, a través de XESJ Saltillo," over ranchera theme. I did not hear "Radio Saltillo" slogan. Mexican # 118 heard in Krum. [Callarman-TX]
- 1250 **MEXICO** XEDL Hermosillo, SON NOV 24 0133 - Program notes, call ID, "La Fuerza de la Palabra" slogan, then program of 40s-50s trio music, male announcer. Nice music - too bad the signal was only fair at best. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2 Hamilton OCT 30 2338 - Man and woman in English with religion; just under WEIM groundwave. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1290 **MEXICO** XEDA R.Trece 1290, México DF NOV 27 0458 - Had been dominant earlier and was still atop at this time, completing a program that apparently was a biography, with music, of John Lennon. Full call letter ID caught, then at the top of the hour began noticias con Jorge Santa Cruz. [Callarman-TX]
- 1320 **MEXICO** XECPN La Mexicana, Piedras Negras, Coah NOV 26 0008-0030 - Off and on sometimes rising strongly above the harsh buzz it's off-frequency operation causes here. Plays some fine old romantic ballads with local announcer talking extensively about the music with occasional mention of "La Mexicana." At the bottom of the hour, though it had faded into buzz and mud, I heard the "La Mexicana, La Mexicana" singing ID that I heard from this one when I was in the Valley a year ago. I heard neither call letters nor location, though, so I'm not ready to count this one in my Krum log yet. After 0030, R.Unica outlet (undoubtedly Houston) dominated the channel. [Callarman-TX]
- 1330 **MEXICO** XEWQ Monclova, Coah NOV 26 1104 - Full call ID and music, over growly conditions. New here. [Loy-IL]
- 1390 **MEXICO** XERW R.Fórmula, León, Gto NOV 27 0426-0430 - Best catch and biggest surprise of the evening. Earlier, I had heard commercial string for Rio Bravo and other valley sites and came back in hopes of taping XEOR. (The other Tam. station XEXO has been heard more often here.) Commercial string, including one for a CD, apparently, for a singer whose name sounded like Lupita something, was in and surprise ID, strong and relatively clear, from XERW, mentioning R.Fórmula and León, was there. Continued with usual Fórmula net talk. There was at least one more Mexican signal and no sign of English speakers here. [Callarman-TX]
- 1410 **MEXICO** XECF La Mexicana, Los Mochis, Sin NOV 25 0004-0010 - Remains the dominant Mexican signal here. Noted with extensive promo for its parent group, "Radio Sistema del Noreste, el Grupo Radio Lider" and mention of a "gran fiesta de centenario" (certainly not of the radio station, but couldn't catch for what), then "La Mexicana, catorce diez AM con la música de la sierra, band, ranchera y norteña, es la se alegre, La Mexicana." [Callarman-TX]
- 1430 **MEXICO** XEOX Cd. Obregón, Son NOV 27 0520-0600 - Carried sports cast, which appeared to be host recapping, with play-by-play excerpts, Mexican fútbol accounts. Particular emphasis was placed on a game between Obregón and Los Mochis. A nice commercial string at 0528 was taped, but could not drag out call or slogan. I did here XEOX, Cd. Obregón ID when I tuned back to the channel, but wasn't quick enough with the recorder to get it on tape. Closing announcements for the sports program at 0557 and beyond indicated the program was produced in cooperation with XEMCM, Radio Fama, 1030. "The Bull" from Tulsa was the only U.S. station noted here, and it peaked at inopportune times. [Callarman-TX]
- 1430 **MEXICO** XEWD WD, Cd. Alemán, Tam NOV 27 0520-0600 - In and out; strongest I've ever heard Cd. Alemán here in North Texas with music program, local commercials for Cd. Alemán merchants and other Valley area sponsors, and "WD" slogan. Presumably the one beginning the Mexican national anthem at 0558:20 as I chased the other one on frequency. XEHI on 1470 was also strong. [Callarman-TX]
- 1540 **BAHAMAS** ZNSI Nassau OCT 31 0007 - Caribbean-accented man; mixed with weak WADK and WPTR groundwave. [Connelly\*B-MA]

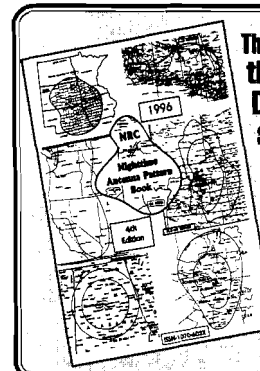
- 1540 **MEXICO** XEHOS La Poderosa, Hermosillo, Son NOV 27 0442-0519 - As I tune back and forth between 1540 and 1430, with back-to-back lively ranchera music and "La Poderosa"-plus slogans dropped in. Caught Hermosillo, Sonora, with one "Poderosa" mention, some commercial (and secreteria stuff, which told me it wasn't a U.S. station) taped as well. This was strongest of several Spanish signals here that weaved in and out. [Callarman-TX]
- 1550 unID NOV 20 2223 - Spanish talk with Venezuela mentions; in jumble with WBSC-SC and Algerian clandestine. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1570 **MEXICO** XERF Cd. Acuña, Coah NOV 24 0404 - With KMIK behaving which is rare, caught XERF with "La Hora Nacional." [Redding-AZ]
- 1620 **US VIRGIN ISLANDS** WDFP Frederiksted, St. Croix NOV 22 0728 - BBC World Service programming. Good signal under local WTAW. [Beu-TX]

*Callarman auroralizes:* Wednesday night, November 19, (0000-0600 GMT NOV 20) found the northern clears from Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and others dominating the clear channels for the first time in many days, but 24 hours later, the band had totally turned around. Even KMOX was a no show on 1120 and KFAB was the weakest it's ever been on 1110.

*Connelly's DX trifecta:* A DXpedition to Plymouth, MA on a cold rainy night (20 NOV) featured what seemed to be auroral conditions, but very little Latin American or any other kind of useful DX. Local DXer Steve Clang showed up and it was good to talk to him for a while. He's gung-ho to log some new DX, now if only the ionosphere would cooperate!

On Friday, 21 NOV, about eight of us gathered for the regular Boston Area DXers meeting in Stoneham, MA. Phil Schoenheiter, N1PZU, a friend of mine since grade school days in Arlington, MA, attended a BADX meeting for the second time.

Ray Arruda's DX get-together in Acushnet, MA on Saturday 22 NOV was a great time. John Malicky drove all the way from Pittsburgh, about an 11-hour trip. He brought literally thousands of photographs, many radio-related. Though DX conditions were still "naïf" as the Sheigra guys say, getting together with the crew of about 10 DXers at Ray and Arlene's was fun. An excellent dinner at the nearby Cafe Roma capped off the afternoon.



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## Transpacific DX

- 612 AUSTRALIA 4QR Brisbane, Queensland NOV 1 1151 - Tentative; Spike Jones' version of "William Tell Overture (Feedlebaum)," male DJ mentioning many requests for this song considering this is Melbourne Cup week (Australia's answer to the Kentucky Derby); suddenly off at 1153, revealing weaker station with teletalk noted (New Zealand?). Fair before going off; other station very poor. [Park-HI]

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## International News

GERMANY: According to Horst Rauch of Wuerzburg, Germany, the Wuerzburg transmitter on 1386 kHz is active again, this time with a special program of AFN Bavaria, Vilseck. The power seems to be lower than nominal 5 kW (1 kW only?). [Karel Honzik, MWC E-Mail News] Received with ID as "AFN Bavaria, The Big Gun." [Steve Whitt, MWC E-Mail News]

73 and Good DX!

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# Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Here is the NRC column which is almost as exciting as feathers! When sending your items in, please keep them radio related, equipment related, listening related and even if you're related to Uncle Earl, well, that'd be fine too. Your support keeps the column going!

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Dave wants me to tell you a story — but first a private communication to Dave: Hey, 6 weeks after you told me that WUAM-900 was on the air and my "it's silent" report was phony, we drove down the Interstate past Saratoga Springs. 15 miles north of town I could not hear WUAM — but the new WABY-1160 from way down in Mechanicville was coming in fine. They simulcast 900 as you well know. I needed a legal ID from WABY so we listened more to them. But as we passed the exit for Saratoga Springs, I punched up 900 and, by golly, there was WUAM! Five miles down the road, WUAM was gone again. I guess their coat hanger antenna was bent. End of saga. BUT we listened to that Sunday afternoon program on WABY for TWO (2) hours and not once did the announcer give anything like a legal ID. In fact, at 4:00 PM, he said he had to give a station break — my heart went pitter patter — and he said "this is WABY with all the best music" ...or words to that effect. By then we had just gone through the toll booth on I-88 on our way toward Binghamton and I turned it off, resolved to send you a blistering condemnation of the stations you work for. However, I still don't have a legal ID from WABY-1160. End of that saga too. Now, for two years or more, I've been debating on the smartest way to approach the FCC for a low-power station to serve the two-mile radius of my present residence. This community is a Senior Citizen locale of 17,000 population; you are supposed to be at least 55 years old to live here. We are 20 miles or so south of Tampa and 12 miles east of St. Petersburg. There are no open AM or FM frequencies, and you can well understand that there isn't a commercial broadcaster anywhere that is anxious to tailor its programs to the "over 55" group. I am, therefore, assembling an application to the FCC for an experimental authorization on the AM band strictly to test program concepts for senior citizens. I would go for a low-power FM station (and may, later on) except the FCC isn't accepting applications for those at this time. Fred Vobbe has been constructively involved in our thinking — local ordinances are finally being overcome, I believe, and the mere fact that our community is not incorporated (we're not a city or town or village) is only a detail I'm assured. Oh! One itsy-bitsy problem. The major mode of transportation here is on golf carts (over 4,000 of them here). Unfortunately, the ignition system in a golf cart puts out a screeching sound on AM radios — so any mobile audience we might have wanted is lost before we start. I'll keep you posted. (Gee, what one has to do to get a report, but thanks very much John, always can count on you!-DWS)

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Hello all! Another outstanding NRC 2003 trip and convention from August 24th to September 3rd! Thanks again to John, Wally and Bill. Looking forward to seeing Scott and the gang in 2004. Will also be attending RAY ARRUDA's get together on 11/22 (somebodys birthday?). Highlights of the trip hopefully next MUSE. I had the "Royal Carpet Tour" at WMC-790 with CE Skip Alexander. Also met CE Jim Alexander at KCDB-980 who signed my verie from KARV-610 21 years ago from Louisville 1982! 73's

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My apologies for missing last week; we had a station that didn't want to cooperate and stay on at the right power level. It's amazing to see how much technology has changed with broadcast transmitters; just as long as 25 years ago, a 5000 watt transmitter would take up about 15 feet of space and generate enough heat to let the station never have a heat bill! Now, a 5000-watt transmitter is 6 feet high, 18 inches wide and has to be heated by an external source! And at the latest NAB show in Philadelphia, they now have a frequency tuneable 1000 watt transmitter that is about 18 inches high and 18 inches wide! In a trip through Carbondale, PA last weekend, WJKN-1440 was noted off. I still have a key for this place but didn't want to investigate further since I don't work for the owners any more, and it's located on the back porch of a house that is privately owned (the house was the studios for years). Info has gone to Mr. Bill. Send along your reports and you'll see them "in the fold"! 73's