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Station Test Calendar

KXTO NV 550 in March 0400-0600

From the Publisher ... The DX season is waning, supposedly ... but those who are still turning their radios on are still hearing plenty of DX, as reported inside.

Just a common-sense reminder to all NRC members: use the latest issue of *DX News* when placing orders, contacting people listed on the back page, etc. I revised all of the ad promos effective with this issue of *DX News*, and I was horrified to find a number of errors, inconsistencies, and in one case, a promo which completely omitted the price of the product. Obviously, NRC Publications cannot honor older prices for products which are continued to be sold; people move and change addresses and phone numbers, etc., etc.

We've included in this issue a few promos for publications available from IRCA; remember, both IRCA and NRC members receive the same discounts from either club, but you **MUST** confirm your membership with either club at the time you place an order, or you'll be expected to pay the full

price for the publication.

e-DXN ... I'm pleased to report that 176 folks have subscribed to e-DXN, as of mid-March. A number of these are e-DXN-only subscribers but still enjoy full membership privileges, including being able to download DXAS in MP3 format every month and to view DXN in .pdf form, which allows us to include color in for the first time in about 20 years, as the high cost of color printing and even colored paper became prohibitive.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the March 10, 1956 DXN: Howard Perkins, Euclid, OH delighted in the logging of 8 new stations on 2/27, while Ev Johnson, Mendota, IL reported his 1,200th verie a QSL card from KGW-620.

25 years ago ... from the March 16, 1981 DXN: KJNP-1170 North Pole, AK was profiled by Jerry Starr.

10 years ago ... from the March 18, 1996 DXN: KXBT-1640 Vallejo, CA was to begin operations on March 12, and Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA heard them testing at 2040-2100 March 9 ... Tony Fitzherbert profiled WIOD-610 Miami, FL.

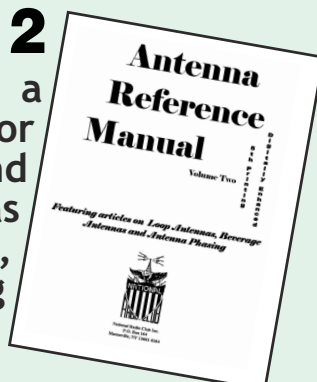
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AM

Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>	
1050 WTSJ	OH Cincinnati	WCVX	 <small>PHONE 548-2151 AREA CODE 913 PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS 67661</small>
1160 WBOB	KY Florence	WDJO	
1240 NEW	NV Beatty	KDAN [CP is for U1 1000/1000]	
1280 WGTX	FL DeFuniak Springs	WDSP	
1410 KHOL	ND Beulah	KDKT	
1510 KCUV	CO Littleton	KYOL	
1570 NEW	NC Winterville	WECU [CP is for U1 3800/200]	

CPs ON THE AIR

960 WPBI	FL North Palm Beach - New station has been reported as testing. However, there is nothing in the FCC on-line records authorizing their being on the air. Their Construction Permit is for U5 1200/250.
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GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1290 NEW	AK Sitka - CP granted for U1 2500/1200 at N57-07-38 W135-22-28.
1450 NEW	AZ Cameron - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N35-51-46 W111-25-52.
1590 NEW	HI Hilo - CP granted for U1 10000/10000 at N19-47-02 W155-05-25.
1690 NEW	QC Montreal - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N45-26-51 W73-37-57.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

660 KGDP	CA Oildale - CP granted to change City-of-License (CoL) from Orcutt and change to U4 5000/5000 from a new four tower site at N35-27-10 W118-56-40.
790 WPIC	PA Sharon - Operating on a Special Temporary Authorization with 400 Watts into a wire antenna, WPIC has been granted a CP for U1 1300/58 from a new 106-meter tower at the site of their former, downed antenna.
890 KDXU	UT St. George - Coordinate correction to N37-04-05 W113-31-08.
900 WLSI	KY Pikeville - CP granted to decrease day and night power levels and relocate their transmitter site to a new, 480-foot tower. When operational, WLKI will become U1 3500/125 from N37-27-57 W82-33-04.
940 WYLD	LA New Orleans - Coordinate correction to N29-53-57 W90-00-17.
950 WPEN	PA Philadelphia - CP granted to upgrade their day signal to become U4 25000/21000. The day facility will use its three original towers at N39-5828 W75-16-19 while the night signal will continue to emanate from the four WWDB-860 towers at N40-09-15 W75-22-10. Both patterns, although shaped differently, are directed southeast across New Jersey.
960 KALE	WA Richland - Coordinate correction to N46-14-34 W119-10-41.
1150 KXMG	OR Portland - CP granted to increase both day and night power levels to become U4 10000/63.
1190 KNUV	AZ Tolleson - CP granted to increase nighttime power to become U4 5000/400.
1230 WFAY	NC Fayetteville - CP granted to relocate the transmitter location to a new, shorter tower at N35-04-20 W78-52-26. WFAY remains U1 1000/1000.
1460 WDOG	GA Barnwell - CP granted to change their CoL here (from Allendale, South Carolina) with U1 320/45.
1490 WCOR	TN Lebanon - Coordinate correction to N36-12-26 W86-16-03.
1540 KMPC	CA Los Angeles - CP granted for U4 50000/37000, supplanting a previous CP for U4 50000/2900. This CP adds three towers, parallel to their standing three, affecting both day and night patterns.
1550 WKTF	GA Vienna - CP granted to increase daytime power to become U1 10000/23.
1580 KHGG	AR Van Buren - CP granted for U1 1000/49 slightly increasing their nighttime power, along with a move to a new transmitter site at N35-23-30 W94-19-54.
1600 WOKB	FL Winter Garden - License to cover issued for U1 2200/35, di-plexing into the

tower of co-owned **WLAA-1680 at N28-34-05 W81-31-08**. The station still has a pending application to change CoL to Ocoee, Florida with D3 4000/0. WOKB is currently operating under Special Temporary Authority with U1 2100/1250 from the 1680 tower.

1600 WPDC PA **Elizabethtown - CP granted to move to a new, shorter tower at N40-09-45 W76-34-36** using a Valcom antenna. When operational, **WPDC will become U1 1000/17.5** [listed as 18 Watts in most references].

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

940 KTON TX **Belton** - Applies to increase daytime power to become D3 4500/0. The application appears they intend to delete their nighttime authorization.

1400 KENT UT **Parowan** - Applies to increase day and night power levels to become U1 1000/1000.

1580 KTGR MO **Columbia** - Applies to decrease day and night power levels to become U1 214/8 from a new 164 foot tower at N38-57-45 W92-18-14.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1170 KHCM HI **Honolulu** - Licensed for U1 5000/5000, KHCM had a **CP for U1 6000/4490 CH 6000** on 1180 kHz which has been deleted from the FCC's database. The sole application left on file for KHCM is to move to 1180 kHz with U1 1000/1000 [update from last Issue].

1370 KPWL WA **Newport** - New station, not yet on the air, has a **CP for U2 5000/350**. This amendment requests U4 50000/500.

1400 KIGO ID **St. Anthony** - Licensed for U1 1000/1000, KIGO has a **CP to move to 1420 with U1 50000/16**. This amendment requests U1 32000/12.

1430 WDJS NC **Mount Olive** - Licensed for D1 1000/0, WDJS has a **CP to increase their day power and add night service as U5 10000/70**. This amendment requests U4 10000/5000.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

660 NEW FL **White Springs** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 4000/250. This amendment requests U4 50000/250.

670 NEW CA **Crescent City** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250, then amended to U2 250/250 and amended to read U7 500/250 CH 500. This amendment deletes request for CH operation.

750 NEW ME **Hampden** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U2 50000/1500. This amendment requests U2 50000/10000.

890 NEW TX **Mabank** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 400/250 and now has been amended to U4 20000/250 from a new three-tower transmitter site. If you'll remember, the applicant is the licensee of KTXV-890 in nearby Frankston, Texas, who stated in this application that if this facility is granted, he will apply to delete the Mabank station. I'm wondering why they just don't ask to move the operating station down the road.

910 WNDC LA **Baton Rouge** - Requests expedited treatment of their application for U4 1200/51 from a new 2-tower site, as they have lost their former site and are now silent.

970 KHVN TX **Fort Worth** - Licensed for U1 1000/270, KHVN applied to change their CoL to Bedford, Texas with U1 600/245, re-locating the transmitter site to that of co-owned KKGM-1630. This amendment requests U1 400/215 at the 1630 site. It is rumored that KHVN will go silent once the 1630 station reaches its five year anniversary.

1050 KCAA CA **Loma Linda** - Licensed for D3 1400/0, KCAA applied to add nighttime service as U5 1400/164. This amendment requests U4 1400/35. It is interesting to note that the two-tower (both 199 feet) array of KCAA is noted in the application as being "... a three wire folded unipole design" and the graphic shows a self-supporting tower sporting his unique set-up. If anyone is interested in seeing it, go to: http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getattachment_exh.cgi?exhibit_id=380097.

1120 WXJO GA **Gordon** - Licensed for D1 10000/0 CH 2500, WXJO applied for D3 10000/0 CH 10000 from a new transmitter location, along with a CoL change to Smyrna, Georgia. This amendment requests D4 10000/0 CH 10000 from

Smyrna, slightly altering their patterns.

- 1210 KPRZ CA **San Marcos-Poway** - Licensed for U4 20000/10000, KPRZ has applied for U4 20000/30000. This amendment requests U4 40000/10000.
- 1260 WI2XSO PR **Mayaguez** - Licensed for U5 1000/1000, this repeater of WISO has applied for U4 5000/1700. This amendment requests U4 5000/1800.
- 1320 KSDT CA **Hemet** - Licensed for U4 500/300, KSDT applied to change their CoL to Redlands, California with U4 230/400 from a new, three-tower site. This amendment requests U4 230/285 from Redlands.
- 1340 NEW MA **Westfield** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 940/940 from the former tower of WDEW-1570 (now WNNZ-640).
- 1400 NEW MN **Bemidji** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000.
- 1450 NEW CA **Catalina** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250, then amended to U5 500/250 adding Avalon to the CoL. This amendment requests U4 500/500 from Catalina-Avalon.
- 1480 WKGC FL **Panama City Beach** - Licensed for U1 500/0, WKGC applied to increase day power and add night service as U1 5000/74 from a new transmitter location. This was turned down by the FCC, so the owners are pleading their case and have now re-applied, this time for U1 5000/34.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

- 780 WAVA VA **Arlington** - Application for D1 15000/0 CH 10000 has been dismissed at the applicant's request.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

- 770 NEW AL **Fort Deposit** - Never having been built, records of this station have been deleted from the FCC's database.
- 870 NEW PA **Reading** - Never having been built, records of this station have been deleted from the FCC's database.
- 1180 VOA FL **Marathon** - The US government's VOA station directed at Cuba is now 'missing' from the FCC database. But reports indicate the station is still on.
- 1230 WNZT ME **Hermon** - Never having been built, records of this station have been deleted from the FCC's database. [At least it had call letters, hi]
- 1290 KKSL OR **Lake Oswego** - Gone, but not forgotten. Its X-Band sister, KPBC-1640, has been on the air for five years now, so the owners have turned in KKSL's license.
- 1340 WGAA GA **Cedartown** - Has silently slipped out of the FCC's database.
- 1380 KGXF CA **Salinas** - Ditto.
- 1400 WWTM AL **Decatur** - Ditto.
- 1490 WQSY GA **Cordele** - Ditto.
- 1490 WSNT GA **Sandersville** - Ditto.
- 1610 KALT TX **Atlanta** - This station, which didn't last very long on the air, is no longer listed in the FCC's database. So it seems the licensee (Family Worship Center Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana) has elected to abandon the station, leaving 1610 kHz to the TIS stations and the Canadians.
- 1700 WJCC FL **Miami Springs** - Another short-lived X-Bander, having disappeared from the FCC's database. The owners surrendered the X-Band license, as they probably figured their station on 1210 kHz served the intended coverage area better.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

- 750 WNDZ IN **Portage** - Licensed for D3 5000/0, WNDZ has a CP for D3 15000/0 by adding another tower to their standing two. They had applied to change their CoL to Calumet City, Illinois, which the FCC has dismissed.
- 770 NEW FL **Nassau Village-Ratliff** - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 50000/410. They applied to move the CP to Baldwin, Florida with U4 50000/500, which has been dismissed.
- 1600 WMCW IL **Harvard** - Station applied to change CoL to Weston, Wisconsin (a move of about 300 miles) and move to 1180 kHz with D1 10000/0 CH 3100.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1490 NEW MI Ironwood - Applies for U1 250/250.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

830	WFNO	LA	Norco	1250	KKHK	KS	Kansas City	1460	KRRS	CA	Santa Rosa
690	KSLJ	ID	Blackfoot	1330	KWKW	CA	Los Angeles	1490	WSIR	FL	Winter Haven
930	WYNI	AL	Monroeville	1330	WSPQ	NY	Springville	1490	KOMJ	NE	Omaha
1070	KATQ	MT	Plentywood	1390	WAVP	FL	Avon Park	1540	KMPC	CA	Los Angeles
1240	KTAM	TX	Bryan	1440	KTNO	TX	University Park	1660	WGIT	PR	Canovasas

HEAR AND THAR

☐ Reportedly back on the air: **WLVV-1410 Mobile, Alabama** with black gospel. But reported as OFF: **WLES-580 Lawrenceville, Virginia**, **WIPR-940 San Juan, Puerto Rico**, **KYDZ-1180 Bellevue, Nebraska**, **WJES-1190 Saluda, South Carolina**, **WVOS-1240 Liberty, New York**, and **KBRN-1500 Boerne, Texas**.

☐ **Fines are back!** Fined **WYNI-930 Monroeville, Alabama** \$10,500 for renewal application filing and public inspection file problems, but they still renewed the station's license!

☐ I saw a story in the paper where Western Union has discontinued the telegram!! Zounds! And **Notre Dame University** has sold their radio and TV station facilities in South Bend, Indiana.

☐ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, John Bowker, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre** and **Jerry Starr**.

NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

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Shared techniques for the new and experienced DX'er

DX'ing does not have to be a grim serious undertaking, with the DX'er frowning with great concentration in front of the receiver. Casual DX'ing (also known as Armchair DX'ing) is very possible, and a lot of fun. Pick somewhere you are comfortable (which might just BE an armchair!), the back porch, kitchen table, den, wherever. Take some cheapo headphones, a clock or watch of some sort, a pen, and the portable receiver of your choice. Set up the receiver in a way comfortable for you, and casually tune thru the band. I for one have made a good "catch" or two (WTOP in Washington DC, for one) with a small Shack of Radio's receiver (no not the venerated TRF; wish I still had the one I had in 1976) sitting in my lazy boy chair with the TV on. Jot program details, times, etc on the scrap paper for a possible reception report later. Or, to say the unthinkable, just listen and not write a thing if you don't want to send off a reception report (it's not heresy. Sometimes it is a blast to listen...just to listen). Armchair DX'ing is DX'ing too, and well worth a try.

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IRCA Slogans List (Winter 2005)

This completely revised Slogans List includes radio slogans from the U. S., Canada, and Mexico (over 3700). Prices: NRC/IRCA members: \$6.00 (U.S./Canada/Mexico/surface mail), \$8.00 (rest of Americas/Europe airmail), \$8.50 (Australia/Japan/New Zealand airmail). Non-IRCA/NRC members: add \$1.00. State club affiliation when you order. Send U. S. funds payable to Phil Bytheway to:
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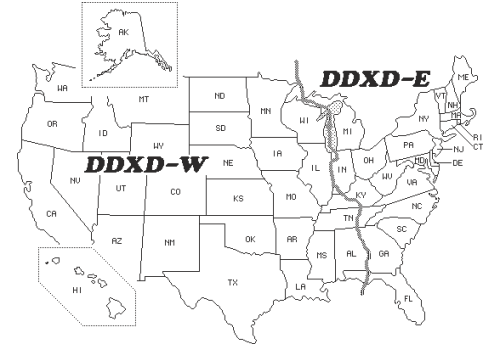
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FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- * Yes, "March Madness" is here again, and the airwaves are filled with basketball broadcasts! There is little doubt which team I am rooting for in the NCAA men's tourney, but in a broader sense, I am pulling for any **Vast Westland** team that can win it all. After all, the last year an NCAA champ came from DDXD-W territory was 1997 (Arizona)! And, only a few short weeks ago, the **Vast Westland** was denied a Super Bowl champion for the sixth straight year! Tell me, **ginnie**, what's the secret to these Eastern sports successes?
- * Lots of good stuff this issue, including a very successful DX test. Eight **Vast Westlanders** report hearing this test from a hard-to-hear East Coast state! Also in this issue: **Ernie Wesolowski** reports that local KYDZ 1180 has gone silent, and then follows it up with several good loggings in the 1170-1190 range; **Karl Forth** and **John Wilkins** find locals temporarily off, resulting in rare loggings; **Neil Kazaross** experiences an excellent opening to Washington state; and several others log new stations. Thanks to all for your continued support of this column!
- * One bi-weekly down and two to go until we start monthlies in May. CUN14! 73 Bill

Reporters

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|--------|---|
| BW-OK | Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa. R8, Quantum phaser, two 50-foot wires w/baluns. |
| CR-IL | Christos Rigas, Wood Dale. Drake R8, Quantum QX-Pro. |
| DP-HI | Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop. |
| DP-HI* | Dale Park, DXing in East Honolulu. Honda car radio. |
| EW-NE | Ernie Wesolowski, Omaha. Drake SW8, Quantum QX Pro loop. |
| GH-IL | Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B/Quantum Loop. Or GE SRIII/internal ferrite loop. |
| GH-KS | Gary Houdek, Munden. GE Superadio. |
| JW-CO | John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop. |
| KDF-IL | Karl D. Forth, Chicago. Drake R8, Sangean ATS-909. |
| NK-IL | Neil Kazaross, Barrington. Drake R8A, phased BOG System at 271 degrees: 355 ft // 532 ft, both terminated. |
| PG-CO | Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R-8, Kiwa 12" air core loop. |
| RA-CA1 | René Auvray, DXing in Baker. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-CA2 | René Auvray, DXing in Cajon Summit. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-CA3 | René Auvray, DXing in Hacienda Heights. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-CA4 | René Auvray, DXing in Hesperia. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-CA5 | René Auvray, DXing in Ontario. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-CA6 | René Auvray, DXing in Santa Fe Springs. 2006 Ford Taurus car radio. |
| RA-NV | René Auvray, DXing in Henderson. General Electric P2900A or Emerson World Band receiver. |
| RT-MN | Rick Turner, Bemidji. YB400PE, Select-A-Tenna 541. |
| SA-MB | Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit. |
| WH-CO | Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B Receiver, SuperPhaser, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, modified NRC Altazimuth loop. |
| Ed.-WI | Your editor, Madison. |

Station News

- 840 **KXNT NV North Las Vegas.** I have observed during my monitoring that KXNT seems to have fixed their pattern, since they haven't been noted much if at all when I phase null WHAS. If KXNT's pattern is indeed fixed, hearing Nevada just became considerably tougher. (NK-IL)

- 950 KKFN CO **Denver.** Local station noted with IBOC this morning, March 2. This makes nine area stations running IBOC. **(JW-CO)**
- 1010 KXXT AZ **Tolleson.** Per *Arizona Republic* and *Business Journal of Phoenix*, station's flip from liberal talk to religious actually occurred 3/1 (see DDXD-W 73-20). Loss of format was mourned 2/28 on Air America Radio and "Ed Schultz Show." **(DP-HI)**
- 1180 KYDZ NE **Bellevue.** Signed off for good on 2/28 at 12:05 AM CST, leaving 1180 open in the Omaha area. **(EW-NE)** (X-band counterpart KOZN 1620 remains on air. For more on this, see "Station News" in DDXD-W 73-11 and 73-15. Ed.-WI)
- 1490 KKAN KS **Phillipsburg. 3/8 0200.** "The Music of your Life on KKAN." No longer // FM and on longer than previously listed 0100 signoff. **(WH-CO)**
- 1510 KYOL CO **Littleton. 3/9 1400.** Station noted at local noon today IDing as KYOL, ex-KCUV. FCC website indicates call change occurred 3/6. Still with satellite oldies from Scott Shannon's True Oldies Channel. **(PG-CO)**

WDAB DX Test

- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0000.** Good signals with several Morse Code IDs heard along with sweep tones. NEW! **(SA-MB)**
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0000-0005.** DX TEST heard with code IDs and sweep tones. SC #1 for me! **(BW-OK)**
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0002.** Morse Code IDs and sweep tones heard, as advertised. No voice or other programming detectable. Several groups of CW/tones heard in the 0002-0035 period, punching through at fair strength at best. Only 2nd station logged from this state in 25 years! **(JW-CO)**
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0002-0012.** Heard with code and tones, and report sent. I last heard them 10/25/75 at sign-on when their calls were WBBR, and had QSLed them then, so sent along a copy of that QSL with this report. **(EW-NE)**
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0005.** Test heard here with sweep tones and Morse code ID: "VVV VVV VVV DE WDAB WDAB WDAB". Fair signal, with some slight QRM. (RT-MN)
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0014.** Plenty of Morse Code IDs and Sweep tones! Nice e-mail QSL back already too. Thanks to Les for the Test. **(WH-CO)**
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0015.** Maintenance / DX test heard with sweep tones and code from 0015 to 0102. No voice ID heard. Heavy interference from unID Radio Disney (presumed KMIK) and unID C&W with the slogan "We'll play anything country." **(PG-CO)** (KQRL; see "Regular Loggings" 1580 below. Ed-WI)
- 1580 WDAB+ SC **Travelers Rest. 2/27 0023.** Very good during scheduled DX test with code IDs, sweep tones, voice IDs in EE and SS. **(CR-IL)**

Spurs

- 1242/1258 KKHK KS **Kansas City. 2/28 0840.** KKHK noted on +/- 8 kHz of fundamental with usual SS programming. The fundamental 1250 was quite strong on peaks. Interestingly, no carriers were detected on the spur frequencies. **(JW-CO)**

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 890 KLFFt CA **Arroyo Grande. 3/5 0009.** Woman talking on phone to journalist Nicholas Kristof, just back from Darfur, Sudan. Poor to very poor. **(DP-HI*)**
- 910 KNEWt CA **Oakland. 3/05 0007.** "Online Tonight with David Lawrence" technology show in progress // KAOI 1110 and a second ahead of KQNG 570. Fair, with KNUI 900 QRM. **(DP-HI*)**
- 1470 UNID **2/24 1928-1930.** Talk show (may have been Clark Howard); suddenly faded. Who carries Clark Howard on this channel? **(RA-CA4)**
- 1590 UNID **2/23 0145-0152.** Oldies station playing the Beatles and Rolling Stones. Faded in and out. Who? **(RA-CA6)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 570 WNAX SD **Yankton. 3/5 2129.** "On WNAX where there's always...." Good signal; no WIND 560 slop. **(GH-IL)**
- 580 KSAZ AZ **Marana. 2/24 0927.** Call ID with what might have been country music (similar to Glen Campbell). Fighting through QRM, with KMJ trying to take over.

- First time. (RA-NV)
- 590 KXSP NE Omaha. 3/5 2149. "Omaha's new Big Sports 590." Good signal. (GH-IL)
- 610 WTVN OH Columbus. 2/26 1915. "610 WTVN" ID as part of a call-in program. Columbus area ads and another "Newstalk 610 WTVN" ID. Big signal, overrode WIP. (GH-IL)
- 640 WOI IA Ames. 3/5 2200. TOH ID: "This is 640 WOI Ames [missed]." Medium signal, with co-channel QRM. (GH-IL)
- 670 WSCR IL Chicago. 2/28 2002. Bears Talk, with lots of 1-800 ads and a few local spots, several call letter ID's and "The Score" slogans. Good signal, and finally enough for a report. Mixing with XESOS on the loop, but all alone on the longwire. Local KLTT was off the air, which helped a bit, to say the least. (JW-CO)
- 700 KXLX WA Airway Heights. 3/2 2057. Poor to fair through WLW phase null, with "The Ticket" slogan during a break in ESPN college basketball talk. Also noted earlier at 2046 when I checked for them. Has been the easiest Washington state low-bander this season (not that any are easy). (NK-IL)
- 710 KCMO MO Kansas City. 2/26 0500. "We're talking about it: 710 KCMO Kansas City's Fox News and Talk Radio" to Fox News. Fair in KNUS null; finally able to tape this needed call change. (WH-CO)
- 710 KXMR ND Bismarck. 2/26 0805. Out of local spots; "...your AM 710 KXMR forecast..." Fair in KNUS null. New for me! (WH-CO)
- 710 KIRO WA Seattle. 3/1 2104. Poor, with WOR phased out and receiver set to LSB mode to get by WGN slop. Mention of the New York Vinnie show "...on 'Kiro,'" during break in news. Some SS and KCMO QRM. New and most wanted!! (NK-IL)
- 830 CKKY AB Wainwright. 3/3 2359. Out of C&W Music; "Country count down on CKKY Key 83." WCCO nulled. (WH-CO)
- 830 KUYO WY Evansville. 3/4 0800. Full data sign on to SRN news. (WH-CO)
- 840 KMAX WA Colfax. 3/2 2051. Fair over/under phased WHAS. Ads ending; mentions of nearby Lewiston (Idaho) and other places, followed by "840 KMAX" and into Lars Larson. First time by sunset skip, thanks to KXNT presumably having fixed their pattern (Nevada much tougher now). These eastern Washington stations sure get out pre-sunset!! (NK-IL)
- 870 KFLD WA Pasco. 3/1 2059:30. Poor to fair with call ID; noted mixing with WWL (nicely nulled by west BOGs) during break in talk. Not new, as previously heard with Mariners, but first time that I nabbed the calls. (NK-IL)
- 880 KRVN NE Lexington. 2/23 2300. Weather forecast for four states including Nebraska; call ID into ABC news. (RA-CA2)
- 930 WLBL WI Auburndale. 2/18 0900. Wisconsin Public Radio call-in program. Station wanted listeners to call station and give money to Public Radio. Station ID "WLBL Auburndale," then weather. First time heard. (GH-KS)
- 930 WTAD IL Quincy. 2/27 0810-0815. With interview of chiropractor, nice "News Radio 9-30 WTAD" ID, into local news. Strong over WKY. (BW-OK)
- 970 KJLT NE North Platte. 3/2 0800. Weather ending; "KJLT North Platte 970" ID to SRN News. (WH-CO)
- 990 CBW MB Winnipeg. 2/24 2304. "This is CBC One in Manitoba, and here is your weather." Excellent in phase null of local KRKS. (WH-CO)
- 1000 KOMO WA Seattle. 3/1 2054. Poor to fair over/under WMVP phase null with bits of QRM from SS and KTOK, with gal newscaster giving a "Como" ID. (NK-IL)
- 1020 KCKN NM Roswell. 2/24 0936. Country music with call IDs between songs. Reception fair. First time heard since 12/25/02. (RA-NV)
- 1030 WUFL MI Sterling Heights. 2/19 0750. Weather, ID, religious music and PSA. Was on 500 watt PSSA at the time. (EW-NE)
- 1070 KILR IA Estherville. 2/21 2305. Briefly on top of KFTI and presumed KNTH with call letter ID, weather forecast and ad for chiropractic clinic. Not bad for 48 watts. (BW-OK)
- 1080 KSCO CA Santa Cruz. 2/24 0946. Mentions of a real estate show; call ID. Extremely weak. (RA-NV)
- 1170 WFDL WI Waupun. 3/5 1830-1900. Jim Cramer's "Real Money" program. Hearing this station was made possible because adjacent channel KYDZ 1180 has gone silent (see "Station News" above Ed.-WI). (EW-NE)

- 1170 KJOC IA **Davenport.** 3/6 0100. "The home of stirring talk and Chicago Cubs baseball, Super Talk 11-70 KJOC, Davenport-[]" into CBS news. Heard again at 0900. On both occasions, the signal was good, considering they are 1 KW, but I am unsure of the second city given in their ID. (RT-MN) (Might have been "Quad Cities." Ed.-WI)
- 1170 KJJD CO Windsor. 3/6 2000. Up briefly with sign-off by male with Spanish accent: "...KJJD. We will be broadcasting bright and early at 6 AM," then into Spanish before lost. Weak but audible under KJOC. (RT-MN)
- 1180 WV LZ TN **Knoxville.** 3/1 0700. Legal ID into local news, then ESPN sports. New, made possible because KYDZ has gone off the air. (EW-NE)
- 1180 WJNT MS **Pearl.** 3/1 0715-0745. CNN "Wall Street Journal Report." Station popped up with a good signal when it went non-directional at 0715 local sunrise. New; local KYDZ has gone silent. (EW-NE)
- 1180 KOFI MT Kalispell. 3/7 2037. Montana Grizzlies basketball (playing Eastern Washington), ad for "Pacific Steel and Recycling" and "Sawbucks (Starbucks?) Casino and Sports Bar," KOFI jingle. Weak WHAM in background with the Michael Savage Show. (RT-MN)
- 1190 KVS V KS **Beloit.** 2/23 2158. Ending high school basketball. "KVS V Beloit, Kansas, AM 1190 and FM 105.5" ID, then sign-off announcement and SSB. (WH-CO)
- 1190 WNWC WI Sun Prairie. 3/2 1900. Sign-off announcement. Very clear signal, made possible by adjacent channel KYDZ going off the air. (EW-NE)
- 1190 KMFX MN **Wabasha.** 3/3 2300. C&W music, local ads and ID // 102.5 FM. Local adjacent KYDZ 1180 has gone silent. Station last heard in 1976 with calls KWMB; at that time heard with SSB sign-off. (EW-NE)
- 1210 WMPS TN **Bartlett.** 2/21 0830. Call ID, PSA and "Music of Your Life." (EW-NE)
- 1230 KVOC WY **Casper.** 2/23 0700. "ESPN Radio AM 1230, KVOC Casper." (WH-CO)
- 1230 KSTC CO **Sterling.** 2/23 0800. "KSTC AM 1230 Sterling, Colorado..." to local weather. (WH-CO)
- 1230 KRSY NM **Alamogordo.** 3/4 2000. Mention of ESPN "right here on 1230 KRSY Alamogordo" to ABC news. New for me! (WH-CO)
- 1230 KKPC CO **Pueblo.** 3/5 0959. Out of NPR with "KKPC Pueblo, AM 1230" to NPR promo. (WH-CO)
- 1270 WCBC MD **Cumberland.** 3/3 2105. Fair to good with local weather, WCBC mentions, news for Allegany County and Cumberland, into "Savage Nation." (KDF-IL)
- 1310 KZRG MO **Joplin.** 2/20 0704. ID "Newstalk 1310 KZRG," into "Tom and Jim" local program. Needed call change, ex-KOCR. (EW-NE)
- 1310 KMKY CA **Oakland.** 3/8 0559. Plug by man: "Zach Braff from the movie 'Chicken Little.' Your music, your way, Radio Disney"; quickie ID by child "KMKY Oakland-San Francisco-San Jose," nutritional message. Fair to poor. (DP-HI)
- 1320 KCTC CA **Sacramento.** 2/23 2206. Came out of QRM with ads and call ID. Suddenly faded out. (RA-CA3)
- 1320 KCLI OK **Clinton.** 2/28 0859. Guy with EE legal ID at 0859:45 "This is KCLI Clinton-Weatherford-Elk City. La Mas Mexicana" and into more Latino music. Fair. Have not heard the "Azteca Copa" slogan for a long time so don't think it's one of their slogans any longer. (JW-CO)
- 1350 KSRO CA **Santa Rosa.** 2/26 0705. PSA from American Psychiatric Association "...on Newstalk 13-50, KSRO"; back to "Coast to Coast AM" with Art Bell, five seconds behind KAOI-1110. Very poor. (DP-HI)
- 1360 WWOW OH **Conneaut.** 3/2 1920. Good with high school basketball game, ID and ads. (CR-IL)
- 1390 WGRB IL **Chicago.** 2/17. Noted off the air entirely from 1740 tune-in to 1758 return, resulting in the two below loggings. (KDF-IL)
- 1390 WRIG WI **Schofield.** 2/17 1745. Over WTJS with "Big Rig" and WRIG IDs, high school basketball pre-game with mentions of Edwards and the Lumberjacks, local ads. Last heard on 1400, and that was in 1973! (KDF-IL)
- 1390 WTJS TN **Jackson.** 2/17 1746. Fair with local ad, WTJS ID; not heard in a long time. (KDF-IL)
- 1490 KDRO MO **Sedalia.** 3/6 2200. Out of C&W with ID "KDRO Sedalia" to CBS news. New for me! (WH-CO)
- 1490 KOMJ NE **Omaha.** 3/7 0300. "Great Music, KOMJ Omaha" to CNN News. Needed call

- change. (WH-CO)
- 1540 KMPC CA Los Angeles. 2/24 0258. Promo for a three-hour show on Friday; sports scores. Fighting through an unID SS station that was almost blocking it. (RA-NV)
- 1580 KQRL TX Waco. 2/26 2258. "KQRL AM 1580 Waco and KWGW 104.9 Mexia, George FM. We play anything Country." Prior to the WDAB Test. (WH-CO)
- 1580 KQRL TX Waco. 2/27 0300. Legal ID by man at 0300:05: "It's 2:00 in the Heart of Texas. KWGW Mexia-Waco, KQRL Waco, 104.9 George FM. We play anything Country" and into a C&W tune. Suspect this is my unID from Jan 11, although they were playing Gospel with what sounded like "Joy FM" slogans. (JW-CO)
- 1590 KLIV CA San Jose. 3/4 2359. Woman with area weather ("Currently in San Jose it's 59 degrees..."), "15-90 KLIV Community Calendar." Faded underneath KKZZ, so formal ID missed. Poor. (DP-HI*)
- 1600 KAHZ CA Pomona. 2/24 1843-1845. Weak to strong with fading. A man and woman talking in Chinese, with Chinese music in background. First time this station noted in Baker in the daytime. (RA-CA1)
- 1660 KXOL UT Brigham City. 2/23 2230. Fair, with call ID between songs. First time logged early in the evening. (RA-CA5)

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REPORTERS

- MKB-ON Fill-in editor, Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.
- HF-MI Harold Frodge - Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 65 ft. TTFD, 500 ft. unterminated beverages, NE-SW & N-S.
- PG-FL Paul Gray, Satellite Beach – Yaesu FT-840, G5RV Antenna
- IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Drake R8B 135' N/S Wire, Sangean ATS 909 & Select-A-Tenna, 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE Pioneer DEH-470MP.
- HN-GA Herbert Newberry, Milledgeville – Kenwood R-5000, Quantum loop, two random wires.
- DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu – station news
- JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8B, 1000 and 100 foot wires, Quantum Phaser.

STATION NEWS

- 750 WSB GA Atlanta – added a live local talk show "Hot talk with Chris Crock" Monday through early Saturday from 2200 to 0200, followed by "Re-Boortz" (Neal Boortz) from 0200-0500 Monday-Friday. Chris is conservative, but not as rabid as Neal. (HN-GA)
- 850 WTAR VA Norfolk – Per Hampton Roads Daily Press, station has dropped its talk format (Imus, Dr. Laura, Ed Schultz, Clark Howard, Tammy Bruce) in late January and switched to Fox Sports Radio, featuring Jim Rome. They also carry U. of Virginia sports and NASCAR races. (DP-HI)

News item from Dale that got partially mangled in DDXD-E, No. 22: Salem's news-talk stations have a collective website at <http://www.wheretheyouropinioncounts.com>.

DX TEST

- 1580 WDAB SC Travelers Rest - 2/27 0015 - Various sweep tones and Morse code above the mix, cutting through the static. I heard the test from 0015 to 0018. The test stopped and then I heard a Spanish version of "House of the Rising Sun" in the mix. (IEN-GA)

PRESUMED/UNID

- 580 WCHSp WV Charleston – 2/19 0224 – up and down in the slop with ESPN Sportscenter, mention of "talk radio 58" during local break. (HN-GA)
- 620 WRJZp TN Knoxville – 2/19 0246 – on top with religious program on "Joy 62". (HN-GA)
- 640 _____ - 2/25 1800 - Dedication segment read by the Mother of someone at the station, then accordion music by Sonny Slick (?). Also heard

the Copycat Polka on the Polka Palace. Good signal (S9) above the static with slight fading. However, it faded away just before the TOH ID. **(IEN-GA)**

- 920 WTCWp KY **Whitesburg** – 2/18 1851 – on top of slop with “Rock and roll oldies show on Fox 92.1”. **(HN-GA)**
- 1090 WHGGp TN **Kingsport** – 2/18 1947 – “The mighty 1090” in between oldies. On past their authority? Mixing with WBAL. **(HN-GA)**
- 1170 WQVAp SC **Lexington** – 2/19 1414 – fair on wires, after SS CHR music, male DJ included “Ritmo” in patter. **(HN-GA)**
- 1570 WSSAp GA **Morrow** – 2/19 1543 – black preacher mentioned “Our house in Morrow”. **(HN-GA)**
- 1660 WCNZp FL **Marco Island** – 2/22 0050 – EWTN program discussing problems in the Catholic church and the priests. **(HN-GA)**
- 1680 WLAAp FL **Winter Garden** – 2/22 0110 – Ranchero music in KRJO null on loop. **(HN-GA)**
- 1700 KBGGp IA **Des Moines** – 2/22 0123 – fair on loop with Ranchero style Mexican music, SS DJ patter. **(HN-GA)**

TIS/HAR

- 530 WQTJ503 MI **Lansing** – 2/24 1942 - HAR loop; This is Lansing’s only station that gives you road construction & traffic report updates. Good at times o/CIAO **(HF-MI)**
- 1580 WPSH NY **Buffalo International Airport** – 3/10 0955 - maybe this has been on for a while, but it’s the first time I’ve heard it. **(JR-NY)**

LOGGINGS

- 540 WFLF FL **Pine Hills** – 2/19 0136 – excellent on loop with “News-talk 540 WFLF” into Coast to Coast AM. **(HN-GA)**
- WWCS PA **Canonsburg** – 2/23 1728 – poor on wires with kiddie music, then “Radio Disney Pittsburgh” slogan by young girl, then back to insipid Radio Disney programming. **(HN-GA)**
- 550 WDUN GA **Gainesville** – 2/19 0200 – in the slop with Coast to Coast AM, into ABC news on “News talk 55, WDUN”. **(HN-GA)**
- 560 WVOC SC **Columbia** – 2/19 0208 – good on loop with local weather, “News talk 560 WVOC”, into Coast to Coast AM. **(HN-GA)**
- 590 WMBS PA **Uniontown** – 2/19 0231 – very dominant for 1000 watts with “Music of your life, this is 590 WMBS” into nostalgia music. **(HN-GA)**
- 600 WKYH KY **Paintsville** – 2/18 1731 – “you’re listening to WKYH, Paintsville, KY” into newscast, then local weather. Good, readable signal. **(HN-GA)**
- WSJS NC **Winston-Salem** – 2/19 0235 – Newstalk 600 WSJS” in slop. **(HN-GA)**
- 610 WTVN OH **Columbus** – 2/18 1739 – local talk show with mention of Dick Cheney’s “hunting accident”, solid signal. **(HN-GA)**
- 620 CKRM SK **Regina** – 2/26 0604 - C&W music; 6-20 CKRM SID; “CKRM, the radio station with make-over dreams”; Farm auction report. Mixing w/UNID infomercial station, probably WTMJ. **(HF-MI)**
- WKHB PA **Irwin** – 2/25 1738 - Polka Palace; Pittsburgh area ads at 1751; Birthdays & personal greetings at 1753. In/out w/News Radio 6-20 WTMJ, Milwaukee, well on top at times. **(HF-MI)**
- WDAE FL **St. Petersburg** – 2/21 1755 – mixing with WRJZ with “ESPN Radio on the Sports Animal WDAE”, legal ID at 1758: “620 WDAE, St. Petersburg”. **(HN-GA)**
- 640 WFNC NC **Fayetteville** - 2/25 2100 - TOH ID into CBS News. Decent signal just above the mix and static. “Newstalk 640, WFNC”. **(IEN-GA)**
- WHLO OH **Akron** - 2/25 2106 - ID given after FOX Newscast. Decent signal for the second or so it appeared. “Newstalk 640, WHLO”. **(IEN-GA)**
- +++ 2/26 2045 - Kent State basketball, poor u/WOI. **(HF-MI)**
- 670 WSCR IL **Chicago** – 2/19 0300 – over SS station with “Sports Radio 670, WSCR the Score” jingle into SNR scoreboard and audio clips. **(HN-GA)**
- WWFE FL **Miami** – 2/21 1812 – SS male and female discussion with mentions of Miami and Florida. **(HN-GA)**
- 690 WOKV FL **Jacksonville** – 2/18 1814 – “The Clark Howard show on Newsradio 690 WOKV”, over oldies station in background, possibly WELD, Fisher, WV. **(HN-**

			GA)
	WJOX	AL	Birmingham – 2/21 1820 – with WZAP gone, in with U. of Alabama-Birmingham basketball talk show. (HN-GA)
	WZAP	VA	Bristol – 2/21 1815 –official power-down statement: legal ID, frequency, location, ownership. No SSB. Booming signal. (HN-GA)
730	WACE	MA	Chicopee – 3/7 1800 – over CHWO-740 slop with top of hour ID: “you’re tuned to 730 WACE, Chicopee-Springfield” into Information Radio Network news. (MKB-ON)
740	KRMG	OK	Tulsa – 2/19 0322 – dominant with CHWO nulled with “The Neal Boortz show on News-Talk 740 KRMG”. (HN-GA)
790	WVCD	SC	Bamberg – 2/18 1853 – good, readable with gospel music, mention of store in Denmark, SC, tire shop in Bamberg. WQXI Atlanta in background with GA Tech hoops. (HN-GA)
	WSFN	GA	Brunswick – 2/21 1835 – “WSFN” ID heard amid slop on longwires. (HN-GA)
820	CHAM	ON	Hamilton – 2/18 1842 – dominant with C&W on “820 the Legend”. (HN-GA)
830	WCCO	MN	Minneapolis – 2/19 0346 – local talk show on “Newsradio 830, WCCO”. Rare to hear here, WTRU in Kernersville, NC more dominant. (HN-GA)
900	WKDW	VA	Staunton – 2/19 0400 – on loop with “This is classic hit country, AM 900 WKDW, Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County”, back to C&W. (HN-GA)
910	WZMG	AL	Pepperell – 2/21 1912 – good on loop and longwires with mention “all of the playoff action will be heard here on WZMG” during girls high school basketball playoff game. (HN-GA)
930	WFXJ	FL	Jacksonville – 2/19 0427 – equally good on loop and wires with “the number one sports station in Jacksonville, 990 WFXJ, the Fox”. (HN-GA)
	WMGR	GA	Bainbridge – 2/19 0430 – in background of WFXJ with “990 WMGR”, back to easy-listening music. (HN-GA)
940	WCPC	MS	Houston – 2/19 0441 – gospel music on “940 WCPC”, sounding too good for 250 watts! Also, log shows them off at 2310. (HN-GA)
960	WFIR	VA	Roanoke – 2/21 1924 – “tune in again right here Monday morning for really accurate and dependable weather. Try it out. We’re news talk 960 WFIR”. No sign of WRFC, Athens, GA. (HN-GA)
990	WXCT	CT	Southington – 3/3 1818 – over nulled pest WLJZ with promo for Central Connecticut Women’s Forum, slogan “Talk radio for women, 990 WXCT”, ad for Care One Credit Counseling Service. I wonder if this format will fly, as Toronto’s “talk radio for guys” MOJO 640 wasn’t exactly a success. QSLed as WNTY in 1978. (MKB-ON)
	WNML	TN	Knoxville – 2/18 1930 – fair at peaks with “Fox Sports on the Sports Animal” sports talk, over C&W station, possibly WEIS, Centre, AL. (HN-GA)
1010	CFRB	ON	Toronto – 2/19 0515 – “you’re listening to the big one, news radio 1010 CFRB”. (HN-GA)
1040	WLVJ	FL	Boynton Beach – 2/21 2006 – in WHO null, “WLVJ” into Dave Ramsey talk show. (HN-GA)
1070	WIBC	IN	Indianapolis – 2/25 2152 – Indiana Pacers basketball, mainly over CBA. (HF-MI)
	WNCT	NC	Greenville – 2/26 2036 – East Carolina v. Tulane college basketball. Fair peaks mixing w/CBA & CHOK. (HF-MI)
	WFLI	TN	Lookout Mountain – 2/18 1941 – “WFLI” ID heard in slop with WIBC in background. (HN-GA)
1080	WTPS	FL	Coral Gables – 2/19 0530 – good on loop with “1080 WTPS”, into urban gospel. New calls and format, ex-SS religious. (HN-GA)
1090	WBAL	MD	Baltimore – 2/25 0008 – “Fox Sports Radio...for the best news & sports on BAL”. Mixing with “Oldies 10-90” CKKW. (HF-MI)
1150	WJBO	LA	Baton Rouge – 3/07 0401 – News and ID at TOH, then continuation of the syndicated Coast-to-Coast AM (see my WOAI listing for program details). Low to moderate signal, multiple stations underneath. (PG-FL)
	WCRK	TN	Morristown – 2/19 0552 – “you’re listening to your hometown radio, WCRK” into commercial break. (HN-GA)
	WJEM	GA	Valdosta – 2/19 0555 – in behind WCRK with “WJEM” ID, probably on 500

watt pre-sunrise authority. **(HN-GA)**

- 1160 **WOBM NJ Lakewood Township** – 3/07 0349 – Music program of traditional pop standards and easy listening. Caught brief ID, then signal faded out just before TOH. **(PG-FL)**
- WDJO KY Florence** – 2/28 1814 – over WYLL with “Oldies 1160 WDJO” jingle into *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* by the Tokens. Ex-WBOB. **(MKB-ON)**
 +++ 2/28 2335 - Too Good to be True. Just above the mix. “WDJO...hits of the 50’s and 60’s played here.” **(IEN-GA)**
- 1180 **VOA FL Marathon Key** – 2/19 0602 – Radio Marti with variety of SS music. WHAM in background on loop. **(HN-GA)**
- 1190 **WLIB NY New York** – 2/25 1834 – “Air America, NY’s Progressive Talk, 11-90 WLIB”; I thought it was religious before the ID. Mixing w/News-Talk 11-90 WOWO. **(HF-MI)**
- 1200 **WOAI TX San Antonio** – 3/07 0326 – ID and news at BOH, “News Radio 1200 WOAI.” Coast-to-Coast AM continued, guest Dr. Jay Marvin (?) discussing Earth as a nuclear reactor. Low but intelligible signal, moderate fading between WOAI and two Spanish music stations. **(PG-FL)**
- 1230 **WXLI GA Dublin** – 2/19 1418 – C&W songs, then “1230 WXLI”, back to C&W. Better on loop, slop on wires. **(HN-GA)**
- 1240 **WTWA GA Thomson** – 2/19 1420 – dominant with “How High the Moon” (*presumably a song title. Mike*), ad for road race in Thomson, then “1240 WTWA Thomson”, back to nostalgia music. **(HN-GA)**
- 1250 **WYTH GA Madison** – 2/19 1423 – very dominant with jingle “the best music ever heard, Star Station”, followed by “you’re listening to star station WYTH”, back to nostalgia, Louis Armstrong’s “Mame”. **(HN-GA)**
- 1260 **WNDE IN Indianapolis** – 2/25 1845 – NDE, MRN Radio Voice of NASCAR. Mainly o/Disney—probably WWMK, WWRC? & UNID oldies. **(HF-MI)**
- 1270 **WLIK TN Newport** – 2/21 2047 – “The Smokies’ oldies, WLIK” jingle, back to oldies after weather, local female DJ, some C&W mixed in with oldies. **(HN-GA)**
- 1290 **WHKY NC Hickory** - 2/19 0620 – “listen to Paul Harvey news and comments on 1290 WHKY”, then ESPN scoreboard. Better on loop. **(HN-GA)**
- WTKS GA Savannah** – 2/19 0623 – “Dr. Laura show on 1290 WTKS”, back to Dr. Laura. Better on wire. **(HN-GA)**
- 1300 **WNQM TN Nashville** – 2/21 2107 – in and out on loop with SS gospel songs, male DJ with “Radio Vida” slogan. **(HN-GA)**
- 1310 **WTLC IN Indianapolis** – 2/25 0748 – over CIWW with promo for “Accentuate the Positive” contest to recognize middle school and high school achievers, ID as “keep it right here on AM 1310 WTLC” into gospel song. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1340 **WALR GA Atlanta** – 2/19 1440 – computer show with female host (not Kim Komando) on “news talk 1340 WALR”. Better on wire, in the slop on loop. **(HN-GA)**
- 1350 **WZGM NC Black Mountain** – 2/21 2128 – good on loop with “WZGM Black Mountain”, back to Fox Sports. **(HN-GA)**
- WNNG GA Warner Robins** – 2/19 1445 – dominant on loop and wires with “1350 WNNG” jingle, nostalgia music. **(HN-GA)**
- 1370 **WSPD OH Toledo** – 2/21 2145 – up briefly then into the slop with PSA for Audubon Society with local Ohio phone number, “and now the Sean Hannity show on news talk 1370 WSPD”. **(HN-GA)**
- WCOA FL Pensacola** – 2/21 2154 – down in the slop on loop, heard “WCOA” ID during talk show. **(HN-GA)**
- 1380 **WTOB NC Winston-Salem** – 2/21 2201 – slow fades in and out with Mexican music, legal ID “Que pasa, la radio de las Carolinas, WTOB Winston-Salem”, back to SS. **(HN-GA)**
- 1400 **WRCC MI Battle Creek** – 3/3 0707 – fighting graveyard junk heap with GM OnStar ad, local weather, slogan “the unforgettable voice of WRCC”. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1420 **WKWN GA Trenton** - 3/4 1906 - Ad for a convenience store near Chattanooga, TN, ID and then silence. Good signal. “News-talk Radio KWN”. **(IEN-GA)**
- WHK OH Cleveland** – 2/21 2228 – “listen to Michael Savage every day here on news talk 14-20, WHK”, national ads, then back to Savage. **(HN-GA)**
- 1430 **WGFS GA Covington** – 2/19 1500 – good on loop and wires with TOH ID: “tradition and excellence since 1946, this is WGFS Covington” into CBS news, then back to oldies on “Hometown radio WGFS.” **(HN-GA)**

- 1440 WNFL WI **Green Bay** - 2/25 1738 - "Talkin' Brewers" program //620 WTMJ Milwaukee. Caught call ID at 1806; mixing w/Disney both times. **(HF-MI)** *With a call like WNFL don't tell me they're not the Packers' flagship! Mike.*
- 1490 WPCI SC **Greenville** - 3/4 1803 - Blues fading in and out of the static. Decent signal as ID was given only to fade into the static. "This is WPCI, Greenville. AM Stereo for 1490". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1500 WTOP DC **Washington** - 3/7 0213 - Local news program in progress; multiple ID's. "You're listening to WTOP Radio, news/traffic/weather." Fair signal, some fading, multiple stations on same frequency. **(PG-FL)** *Now WTWP ("The Washington Post"), but you will only hear actual call used for top of hour legal ID. Mike.*
- WAYS GA **Macon** - 2/19 1510 - very good with *Don't Go Breaking My Heart* by Elton John & Kiki Dee, "Oldies on 1500 WAYS". Oldies came here from 105.5 WAYS-FM, replaced by ESPN sports on FM. **(HN-GA)**
- 1520 WWKB NY **Buffalo** - 3/7 0201 - ID at TOH, "A new station, a new choice 1520 WWKB Buffalo," followed by CNN Radio News. Poor signal competing with multiple stations, moderate fading. **(PG-FL)**
- WKVQ GA **Eatonton** - 2/19 1516 - dominant with "This is Star Station 1520 WKVQ Eatonton, WLRR 100.7 Milledgeville". **(HN-GA)**
- 1540 WAKY KY **Greensburg** - 2/25 1853 - C&W music with relayed WGRK ID. Mixing with News-Talk 15-40 KXEL, Waterloo, IA. **(HF-MI)**
- WOGR NC **Charlotte** - 3/4 1830 - Gospel music. Decent signal in and out of the static. "You're listening to WOGR, Charlotte...Word of God Radio". **(IEN-GA)**
- WTBI SC **Pickens** - 2/19 1530 - church service in Pickens, "sharing the light of the gospel, 1540 WTBI" into another church service in Greenville. Best on wires. **(HN-GA)**
- 1550 WAZX GA **Smyrna** - 2/19 1533 - "La qué buena" in SS DJ patter, then Mexican song. Another SS Mexican station in background, possibly WKTF in Vienna, GA. **(HN-GA)**
- 1560 WQEW NY **New York** - 3/7 0056 - "Radio Disney" station, music and "Kid of the Month" spot. ID at TOH. Poor signal in the mud. **(PG-FL)**
- WAGL SC **Lancaster** - 2/19 1540 - oldies on "1560 WAGL", good on wire with some fading. **(HN-GA)**
- 1600 WAOS GA **Austell** - 2/19 1554 - slogan "La Favorita" in SS patter by female DJ, better on loop. **(HN-GA)**
- 1620 WDHP VI **Christiansted** - 3/6 2350 - "The X Zone, where fact is fiction and fiction is reality." Guest Brian Fike discussing UFO sightings over Canada. ID at TOH over network commercial, "You are listening to WDHP 1620 in the US Virgin Islands, Christiansted. We are located in St. Croix." Good signal with some fading and competition with several stations. **(PG-FL)**
- WNRP FL **Gulf Breeze** - 2/21 2333 - good on loop with "Classic country WNRP" after C&W song. **(HN-GA)**
- WHLY IN **South Bend** - 2/19 1600 - poor on loop with "1620 WHLY South Bend" legal ID at top of hour. **(HN-GA)**
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City** - 2/21 2335 - good on loop and wires with "16-30 KCJJ" jingle. **(HN-GA)**
- WRDW GA **Augusta** - 2/19 1602 - dominant with ABC news, then "news, talk, sports, 16-30 WRDW Augusta" into Sporting News Radio talk. **(HN-GA)**
- 1640 WTNI MS **Biloxi** - 3/6 2315 - Jim Bohannen Show, discussion of Vietnamese Americans returning to Vietnam, also professional baseball in Vietnam. ID at BOH, "WTNI, the official recovery station of South Mississippi, 1690 WTNI." Excellent signal over a "Radio Disney" station. **(PG-FL)**
- +++ 2/21 2339 - very good on loop with local talk show, discussing the UAE port ownership crisis on "News talk 1640 WTNI, Biloxi, MS." **(HN-GA)**
- 1660 WFNA NC **Charlotte** - 2/19 1612 - good on longwire with "WFNA" in jumble. **(HN-GA)**
- 1670 WMWR GA **Dry Branch** - 2/19 1615 - SS DJ with patter between songs. New format, now SS (Mexican), ex-news/talk. **(HN-GA)**
- 1690 WWAA GA **Avondale Estates** - 3/6 2250 - Peter Werbe, host of the Mike Malloy Show on Air America, program on right wing art. ID at TOH, "Your progressive talk station, AM 1690 Air Atlanta." Slow fading, strong signal. **(PG-FL)**

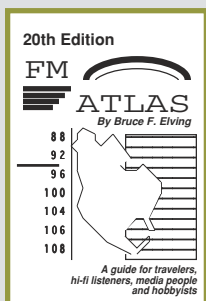
+++ 2/19 1620 – dominant with “Air America 1620 WWA”, promos for “Progressive (i.e. Air America) talk, 1690 Atlanta”. Avondale Estates is an Atlanta suburb in Dekalb County. (HN-GA)

WRLL IL Berwyn – 2/22 0115 – behind WWA with “Classical Gas”, slogan “Real oldies WRLL” into more oldies. (HN-GA)

1700 KKLf TX Sherman – 2/22 0131 – “now let’s check KLIF traffic”, behind KBGG. KLIF is // KKLf. (HN-GA)

1710 _____ NY Brooklyn – 2/24 1621 – “Radio Moschiach and Redemption”, fair at times with EE preaching and Hebrew chanting. (HF-MI)

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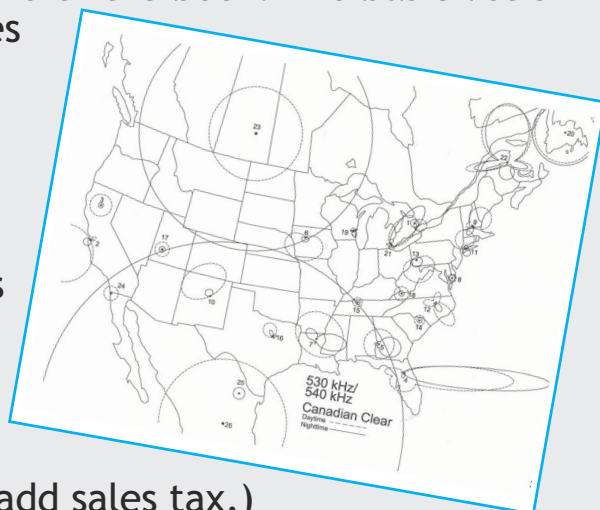
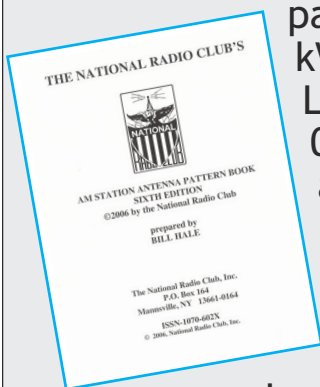


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International

DX Digest

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

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Forwarded by John Bryant from the Premium Receiver Group; "Researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research predict that the next sunspot cycle will be 30-50% stronger than the one just passed. The cycle is forecast to start 6-12 months later than normal, starting in late 2007 or early 2008. The peak is forecast to be in 2012. The forecast is based on a plasma model of the sun's interior. For more info: www.ucar.edu/news/releases/2006/sunspot.shtml." - Warren K2ORS, operator of experimental longwave station WD2XGJ Tower Hill, Wayland, Massachusetts, at 137.7796 kHz. Visit www.w4dex.com/wd2xgj.htm to learn more.

Wells Perkins adds, "More sunspots in the next cycle! Read this; <http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0603/06sunspots/>." So it looks like wild times are ahead for mediumwave DXers. In the meantime, enjoy the solar minimum.

Transatlantic DX

- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg (49°17'N 06°41'E) MAR 3 2300 - Music with castanets in French, news top of the hour with a bell. Huge signal. [Barstow-MA]
- 252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ R.1*, Clarkestown MAR 3 0125 - Playing oldies, "Oh Lonesome Me" and Patsy Cline after that; in good. [Barstow-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 00°34'W) MAR 3 0143 - Arabic vocal and strings; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) MAR 3 0148 - Old vocal "September Song" (...from May to December), talk by male DJ, then "We've Only Just Begun" by the Carpenters; fair. Parallel to 252, which was a little better. [Connelly-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) MAR 1 0105 - Good with Frank Sinatra song. MAR 2 2338 - Dylan song "Blowing in the Wind"; good signal. [Barstow-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Sebaâ-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) MAR 1 2200 - Chanting, in big time, the most consistent TA in the past month. [Barstow-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synthros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. MAR 3 0045 - Spanish interview; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 **EGYPT** *Voice of the Arabs*, Batrah (31°09'N 31°27'E) MAR 2 2328 - Fast talking man in Arabic. MAR 3 2310 - Man and woman talking back and forth in Arabic. Good signal at times with 620 splatter. New. [Barstow-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. MAR 3 0046 - Parallel 621 with phone interview; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) MAR 3 2330 - Parallel 4845 with Arabic telephone interview; fair strength, but audio level was low. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synthros FEB 23 2201 - Spanish news; slight echo on audio. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.5 Live* synthros MAR 3 0200 - *BBC Radio 5 Live* ID, news by man and woman; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) FEB 23 2212 - Two men in Spanish; good/dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synthros MAR 3 0012 - Spanish teletalk; excellent, way over unID music station. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synthros MAR 3 0204 - Parallel 1089 with talk about cricket match in India. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) MAR 1 2309-2317 - Good despite a raucous het with pop music and woman in Danish. Easily pushing aside 1060 KYW on car radio on Route 6 in Sandwich, MA. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synthros MAR 3 0203 - ID "TalkSport 1089 and 1053," then talk about a cricket match with an English team visiting India, comments about warnings given for bad behavior; good signal, overpowering 1090 WBAL at times. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synthros FEB 23 2358 - Echoey Spanish talk; loud, totally overpowering adjacent 1100 kHz. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107.13 **SPAIN** *RNE5* "Todo Noticias," Caceres FEB 24 0001 - Spanish news;



splittable (in upper sideband) from the main pack of *RNE* synchros on 1107.0 (and 1106.77 Egypt). This station was reported on 1107.127 kHz by Mauricio Molano, listening from near the transmitter site in Spain. [Connelly-MA]

- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 23 2220 - Spanish discussion/teletalk; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) FEB 23 2210 - Slavic vocal that was a possible remake of a Neil Diamond song; huge. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *SER* synchros MAR 2 2205 - Spanish news; fair, slightly over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) FEB 23 2215 - Woman in French; fair to good. MAR 3 2310 - French talk; way over unID music station (Israel?). [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin R.* synchros FEB 23 2151 - "Brown Sugar" by the Rolling Stones; fair, over Spain. MAR 3 2306 - "Brown-Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison from '67; excellent. [Connelly-MA] MAR 4 0025 - Good; The Eagles "Hotel California." [Conti-NH]
- 1242 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Marseille (43°16'N 05°18'E) FEB 23 2221 - Parallel 1206 with a woman in French; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1251 **LIBYA** *Voice of Africa*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) FEB 23 2222 - Man in Arabic, string music; very good. Hets from 1249.5 (WKBR) and 1250 (other domestics). [Connelly-MA] MAR 3 2335 - Fair; man in Arabic parallel 7320 kHz. First time I've been able to make positive ID with a parallel. [Conti-NH]
- 1269 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Neumünster (54°03'N 09°51'E) MAR 3 2302 - Good; woman with news in German, parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1269 **SPAIN or CANARY ISLANDS** FEB 23 2223 - Bits of Spanish talk (rather than expected German) getting by the tough CJC and WTSN slop at times. Not enough to parallel other *COPE* channels (if Spain) or determine different programming (if *ECCA* Canaries). [Connelly-MA]
- 1287 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 23 2226 - Parallel 1116 with monotone-voice talk by a man; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE* Valencia MAR 3 2255 - Fair; discussion in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros MAR 3 0310 - Good, over unID music; telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitsøy* (59°03'N 05°26'E) MAR 3 0130 - Bits of music, then a man in Norwegian; fair. [Connelly-MA] MAR 4 0050 - Excellent; woman host in Norwegian, rock/folk music including a cover of "You are So Beautiful." [Conti-NH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) FEB 24 0005 - Fast-talk French news by man and woman. [Connelly-MA] MAR 3 0004 - Good; man in French with news. [Conti-NH]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** Algiers (36°40'N 03°09'E) FEB 24 0008 - Arabic male vocal and orchestra; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) MAR 3 2315 - Good over unID music; woman and man in German parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1422 unID MAR 3 2304 - Fair; North African tribal sounding music, perhaps Yoruba, man in unID language, no sign of Germany which was strong on 1269 parallel 6190 kHz. Algeria is supposed to be off the air after 2000. Maybe Iran? Germany started fading in by 2310 before I could secure an ID. [Conti-NH]
- 1458 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Sunrise Radio*, Brookmans Park (51°44'N 00°11'W) MAR 3 0145 - Fair; subcontinental Indian music and telephone talk hosted by a woman. The Edinburgh UK DX Tuner was used to assist with identification, where *Sunrise Radio* was dominant over *Capital Gold*. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* (43°47'N 06°09'E) FEB 23 2205 - Preacher in English; fair. [Connelly-MA] MAR 2 2315 - Good; end of Arabic program, one cycle of interval signal, then off at 2316. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) FEB 20 2250-2303 - Good with Arabic teletalk, parallel to 9555 and 9870 kHz, music bridge at 2258, news at 2300 until sign-off at 2303. [DeLorenzo-MA] FEB 21 0400 - Heard a high pitched het on 1520 knocking out WWKB. Surprise! On 1521 I finally got my first TA. Time pips, male Arabic voice; fair to good. I've been a DXer some 35 years and this is a first! [Newberry-GA] FEB 23 2141 - Two announcers in Arabic, then instrumental music; loud. MAR 2 2150 - Arabic talk; good. MAR 6 2130 - Parallel 9555 and 9870 with Arabic discussion followed by bits of music interspersed with talk; good, still the "top dog" of transatlantics when you're listening more than an hour before sunset. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) FEB 24 0009 - Group Arabic chant, drums; loud, over two UK stations. [Connelly-MA]

- 1548 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Bristol, Mangotsfield (51°30'N 02°28'W)* FEB 24 0010 - BBC talk program; momentarily over Kuwait and a third station (likely also UK) which had big-band jazz. [Connelly-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info, Fontbonne* FEB 23 2207 - French news. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E)* FEB 25 2301-2337 - Good with pop music, frequent IDs, female DJ in presumed Farsi. Note that the ID is pronounced "Radio far-DUH." Some splatter from 1570 CFAV. [DeLorenzo-MA] MAR 3 0211 - Mideast techno-disco; to fair peak. No jammer noted. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé, Ceuta (35°53'N 05°17'W)* FEB 23 2145 - Jazz-style vocal; dominant. MAR 2 2159 - Pop Spanish vocal, RadiOlé mention, then into another song; to good peak. MAR 6 2133 - Spanish pop music; fair over presumed SER. This was in the clear because there's not much in the way of strong signals here on adjacent 1580 and 1590 during pre-sunset listening. [Connelly-MA]

Marc speaks: Not much time for DX lately but did note a good signal from 1575 R.Farda on Feb 25 and I was again amazed at reception of 1062 Denmark on my car radio!

Roy speaks: Have been checking out the AM band for DX last few months as TV DX has been dead. Also being two miles from the big pond here on old Cape Cod and a choice DX location makes me want to contribute to the club. Though living on a street with many houses, I am fortunate to have woods to my north, about 200 feet of woods, and I have 200 feet of antenna wire. What's a man to do! When the recent snow recedes, I will string the wire. Been thinking of buying a new Palstar R30-CC receiver as opposed to buying a used Drake R8 or R8A on eBay. Any comments on this would be appreciated. <RoyBarstow@hotmail.com>.

Pan-American DX

- 650 **COLOMBIA** *HJKH RCN Antena Dos, Bogotá (04°34'N 74°04'W)* MAR 2 0145 - Noted soccer game, parallel 760, 770, and 980 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
- 750 **CUBA** *CMHV R.Progreso, Trinidad (21°48'N 79°59'W)* MAR 11 0135 - Fair in WSB null; salsa parallel 890 kHz. Not much transatlantic activity, and Cuba was the best I could do for Latin American DX. [Conti-NH]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** *HJAJ RCN Barranquilla (10°53'N 74°49'W)* MAR 3 0054 - RCN IDs, sports-related talk; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 1310.38 **VENEZUELA** *YVSM R.Nacional de Venezuela, Barcelona* MAR 3 0135 - Het, bits of Spanish talk. This has been noted here for several months, but until I read the last Newfie report, I was writing it off as a probable USA station. My home location can be a better place to hear this than at local shore sites where 1310 WLOB groundwave is much stronger. [Connelly-MA]
- 1700 **MEXICO** *XEPE Cash 1700, Tecate (32°32'N 116°59'W)* MAR 5 0501 - CNN Headline News parallel local stations KHNR-97.5 and 870. Fair. [Park-HI]

QSL Information

A shortwave QSL of interest to MW DXers:

- 6090 **ANGUILLA** *Caribbean Beacon, QSL card for a DEC 15 2004 reception (two follow-ups), sent direct to the station (not to Gene Scott's organization), signed by Doris Lussington (no title), also mentions beacon@anguillanet.com. I sent \$1. This is a new verified country on shortwave, although I have previously received the exact same card for medium wave receptions on 690 and 1610 kHz. [Renfrew-NY]*

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 Jim Renfrew, Byron NY (43°05'N 78°04'W); Drake R8B, Quantum Phaser, 1000-ft longwire, 100-ft shortwire.

International News

- CROATIA:** As observed by DXers, the Croatian transmitter operator OIV started with DRM test transmissions on **594 kHz**. The newly purchased transmitter (made by RIZ) is located at the Deanovec site and provides a power of 10 kW in DRM mode. It is fed to the same antenna as the 100 kW *Glas Hrvatske* on 1125 kHz on the same site. The program feed for 594 is Croatian Radio's *Hrvatski Radio 1* and *Glas Hrvatske*. This is a long-term DRM trial. [Bernd Trutenau, *ARC Information Desk*] Listeners in Germany are complaining about the high noise level caused by this transmitter when they try to tune in to co-channel *Hessischer Rundfunk*. Even in Sweden the noise is a problem. [Olle Alm, *ARC Information Desk*] The DRM transmissions are now restricted to 07-15 UTC. [Bengt Ericson, *ARC Information Desk*]
- FRANCE:** *Paris Live Radio* - Their web site www.parislive.fm announces that their temporary licence (3 month) will start the 24th of March 2006, on **963 kHz**. Paris Live Radio will be an English-language station aimed at foreign visitors and English-speaking residents in the French capital. [Thierry Vignaud via Bengt Ericson, *ARC Information Desk*]
- MALAYSIA:** 1475 *Voice of Malaysia* (Suara Malaysia), RTM's external service in Tagalog for the Philippines, seems to have changed its schedule to 1300-1530 (formerly 1030-1300). I haven't been able to confirm that the new schedule is being followed regularly every day, but has been heard between these times on several occasions. Reception is surprisingly poor round here for a service supposed to be using 700 kW. [Alan Davies, *ARC Information Desk*] Finnish DXers agree that the actual power appears to be much lower than the official figure. [Olle Alm, *ARC Information Desk*]
- PAKISTAN:** The new transmitters recently added on 1134 Quetta, 1170 Peshawar, 1332 Lahore are now reported to operate with a power of 100 kW. The 1332 transmitter has been reported as heard in Finland. [Olle Alm, *ARC Information Desk*]
- PORTUGAL:** *Rádio Club Português* which is aired on MW 1035 kHz 100 kW Belmonte and 783 kHz 10 kW Canidelo, the sole two active R.Comercial transmitters, has partly changed its name (and emblem). While retaining "RCP" on its logo, the ID on the air is solely "Rádio Club." [Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal]
- SPAIN:** The station noted out of frequency is the *R5-Todo Noticias* outlet in Cáceres. Observed on 1107.127 from five km away of the transmitter site. There is another Spanish station out of its nominal frequency. EAK69 in Almería (COPE network) is on 1224.995 (nominal 1224). [Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, Spain via *e-DXN*]
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** Dubai 657 EMI (AsiaNet) at Sadiyat Island has chosen a new Thales 100 kW unit, is scheduled on air in March 2006. This is the third consecutive order from EMI to Thales within the last three years and follows the implementation of high power mediumwave turnkey projects at Dhabiyya I and II. [Thales, Radio News, Winter 2006, *BCDX*]

73 and Good DX!

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News from the NRC Board of Directors

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National Conventions - Poll Results

Late last year, we solicited your comments and ideas about our annual practice of holding a national convention for the NRC and DX Audio Service members. There had been a lot of discussion in e-mail exchanges so we felt it was time to ask some specific questions and that was done in e-DXN, on the Audio Service and here in *DX News*. I promised to summarize what came in without editing – and this is it.

There were 15 respondents and I have named them at the end of this report. If you did not respond and would now like to add comments, I'll see that the convention planners (and hosts) see your remarks.

With respect to the basic idea of holding a national convention, all but two felt it was a good idea – the two who were hesitant mentioned great difficulty in traveling significant distances plus the expense of such trips. No one said we should stop having national conventions. More than half, however, suggested we should offer more support to regional conventions since they would involve less travel and, usually, are held for only one day in someone's home. So the cost of being with other dx'ers and having a fun day of chatting is greatly reduced by the regional get-togethers.

I then asked where national conventions should be held. I was reminded by several members of an earlier practice of alternating the meetings, first to the east of the Mississippi River, and then the next year in the west. Several responders mentioned not holding successive conventions in the same state or even in the same region of the country. "Off the beaten path" was one comment, provided it was near public transport and had cheap hotels. In addition to places I had suggested in my poll questions, Nashville and Albuquerque were brought up, as well as places in California. More than one said we should leave it up to the volunteer host.

The question of "when" the national meeting should be held was next. There was absolutely no unanimity of opinion here. There is a connection with school calendars for some, but schools all over the country work on different schedules. Many start right after Labor Day but just as many start in mid-late August. Should we meet in the autumn months at summer resort places to keep the hotel costs down? If we have some really fun things for the spouses to do, mid-summer would be a natural to tie in with a family vacation. Several said Labor Day weekend was the worst of all choices since there is so much traffic and the hotel costs were at their peak. One responder picked up on the idea of holding the convention at mid-week to avoid weekend traffic. One suggested we work with the Winter SWL planners for their annual meeting in Pennsylvania – we share many common interests, he pointed out.

My final question dealt with the program for the convention. Here we reached a consensus with little doubt. A 2 or 3-day convention is most desired. Anything less makes a long trip hardly worthwhile and anything more than that is too expensive and gets in the way of other vacation or absent-from-work plans. The interests in program content were varied – about half said they enjoy tours of local broadcast stations and half said they prefer to learn more about dx'ing and stories about radio stations through talks, demonstrations and seminars. Everyone who thought of it mentioned that chatting with other dx'ers was a primary reason for attending.

I thank each of the following for commenting and I expect a few more may now want to chime in with some ideas: Bob Antoniuk, Paul Burkhardt, Carl Dabelstein, Tim Davisson, Mark Durenburger, Russ Edmonds, Scott Fybush, Harry Helms, Nancy Johnson, Jim Marmack, Ken Onyschuk, Jim Renfrew, Paul Swearingen, Fred Vobbe, Ernest Wesolowski. If you thought you had sent some comments to me, and you're not listed above, please let me know: John Bowker, PO Box 5192, Sun City Center, FL 33571 or by e-mail: jbowker@tampabay.rr.com

Starting in April, the Board will be publishing a request for a host (or hosts) for the 2007 National NRC/DXAS Convention. Watch for it – because it will be YOUR chance to incorporate all your ideas and to show how a convention should really be run!

Are you expiring?

We hope not! To avoid expiration, mail your remittance to P. O. Box 5711 - Topeka, KS 66605-0711 early. Allow at least three weeks after mailing your check or money order for new renewal data to appear on your mailing label. Really late? Renew via PayPal!

Broadcast Test Report

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A periodic update of station testing activities

QSL's From The Other Side of the Coin

In our effort to make it easier for stations to agree to include us in their maintenance plans, we have lately offered to take on the duties of responding to reception reports if they do not have the resources, time, or desire to undertake it themselves.

This experience has given me the unique experience of being on the receiving end of verification requests from DX'ers...and I've learned some lessons that I think may be useful for those interested in obtaining QSL's.

WDAB DX Test: Lessons Learned



In February of 2006, WDAB conducted a maintenance test and Paul Walker arranged for them to include test material including phonetic voice identifications, sweep tones, and Morse Code IDs. WDAB conducted the test at 5KW daytime power and on their non-directional pattern. The test was widely heard throughout the US and Canada.

The station is small, and with limited resources asked if we could handle the QSL duties directly. We agreed and when the test was announced, we posted the following QSL instructions (verbatim) :

Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) Station would prefer to received recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette).

Submit reports to:

les@highnoonfilm.com

Please put "WDAB DX Test" in the subject line.

All standard mail reports should go to:

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While these instructions are obviously coming from a volunteer, who is also a DX'er himself, they are not dissimilar to instructions I've received from stations. More and more, folks would prefer to verify receptions via e-mail and the easiest way for them to be sure that you heard them is to listen to a recording. This isn't the case for everyone, maybe not even the majority, but it's the trend. Apple has sold a ton of those little I-Pod things, so it's safe to assume that MP3's are here to stay ... while cassette recorders are getting harder to find.

In the case of the WDAB test, the instructions were designed for one reason, to make my life easy. Pure and simple. I run a television production company and don't have a lot of time for my hobby. So the instructions were designed to make it easy for me handle the QSL chores.

If a station is answering your request directly the same principal applies. Imagine the over-worked engineer who may be taking care of multiple stations, with no assistants to answer mail. He's pressed for time and couldn't care less about your hobby...so how do we approach this guy to get our QSL?

Make it easy for him to answer. Let's see how DX'ers did in that department with the QSL requests that I received.

- Total Reports received: 78
- % received via standard US Mail: 45%

Right off the bat, we've got some obstacles. Remember, the station asked for reports to be sent via e-mail, and only if that wasn't an option, send them via US Mail. But in reality about half of my mail reports were from people who also reported via e-mail!

Why? I assume that these folks really wanted a printed QSL card, rather than the .JPEG Picture file attachment that was sent via e-mail. In reality, there is no difference. Both are created in Photoshop, and for US Mail requests, I simply print them out on an ink-jet printer. Anyone who receives the file attachment via e-mail can do the same.

But the impact to the station is very real. I spent almost \$35 dollars in ink cartridges printing out the mailed request vs. pennies for the e-mail replies. Printing, addressing envelopes, applying postage, etc. took at least three hours of my personal time ... while answering the e-mails was done during a single lunch hour.

As an experiment for this article, I grabbed ten US Mail requests at random to look at which ones had made it easiest for me to reply. My criteria was simple...I was looking for DX'ers who had made it easier for me to respond. I wanted a detailed written report or a clear, short recording on CD. And I wanted them to have included a self addressed stamped envelope so that I didn't have to spend time addressing letters.

Here are the results of grabbing ten requests at random. Names have been omitted to protect the innocent.

1. No SASE. Clear written report. Return postage included.
2. No SASE. Clear written report. Return postage included.
3. No problem at all. SASE, CD with short audio clip.
4. No SASE. Cassette tape used. Tape not "cued" to the start of best reception, so I spent almost 30 minutes listening for sweep tones and code.
5. No SASE. No return postage included. Cassette tape, also not cued...and this one even included audio from other frequencies. I was confused for almost an hour and I'm a DX'er!
6. No SASE. Return postage included. Cassette used but cued to short audio clip.
7. No SASE. Return postage included. Cassette used but test was easily heard throughout.
8. No Problems! SASE included. CD with MP3 audio clips, short, easy to verify.
9. NO SASE. CD audio included. Short clips.
10. Cassette...recorded almost a half hour before the test began...and tape not cued. No return postage included. Verifying this report and returning reply took over an hour.

Easy to see where some folks went wrong, right? Granted, my instructions did not specify that I wanted an SASE included, or that CD's were preferred to cassettes. But I think an SASE is just common courtesy and the best bet of all to have a report verified.

For me, cassette players have become relics. I have two teenage children, both in college. In none of our cars or our home is there a single cassette player remaining. I eventually borrowed one from the editorial production vendor that we use for our television work.

It's also hard to understand why anyone would send a tape with over an hour's worth of audio to a station, especially without cueing it first to the section where the test signal is clearest. Who has time to listen to that much audio? Certainly not many engineers or station managers.

Those who sent reports by e-mail also made some mistakes. Among those were the following examples:

- Very large sound files sent via e-mail. One was over 18 megs in size, which many Internet Ser-

vice Providers (ISP's) would never allow to be delivered. Do a Google search to find free encoders to turn those huge .wav files into small .mp3 files.

- Unusual sound formats. I received recordings in Real Media (.rm), AIFF, and even .AVI formats. Since I work in television, I have software to allow me to play virtually any format...but I would not assume that is the same for the average radio station. The safest choices are .MP3, and .WAV. Try to keep files sizes under 4 Megs.

- Reception reports sent to the various e-mail lists, rather than directly to my e-mail address as requested. If I hit the "reply" button, my response and your QSL card are going to be sent to the IRCA list or the NRC list, etc..etc. If you want a QSL card, send the report directly the station or their representative.

Broadcast Test Coordinator Soapbox



Our hobby is in a state of change. In order for us to be successful as DX'ers in the future, we are going to have to learn new techniques and we're also going to have to conduct ourselves in a manner that demonstrates the utmost courtesy for broadcasters.

My father would have said, "put yourself in the other guy's shoes". If you want a station to respond to your request for a QSL or verification letter, make it easy for them to do so with a minimum amount of time, effort, or money being expended. With my new found viewpoint on the other end of the request, I'd offer the following advice:

- If the station asks for e-mail reports then do everything in your power to accommodate them. Libraries offer free Internet access almost everywhere in the country. Set up a free e-mail account using services like Yahoo (www.yahoo.com) or MSN (www.hotmail.com).

- Using the US Mail? Make it easy for them to reply. Include a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) If you fear that you'll miss out on those stickers or other goodies that won't fit into a business sized envelope, then simply send a larger one with plenty of postage. Hey, you're the one who wants this stuff. Why make it hard on the station?

- Send a compact disc (CD) instead of a cassette. Face it, everyone has a CD ... not everyone has a cassette player these days. If you don't have a computer, find a friend who is willing to dub them to a CD for you.

- If you must send a cassette, then make the recording as short as possible. "Cue" the tape to the point where the signal is clearest. Don't expect anyone to listen to a half hour of static trying to pick out some weak code or a voice ID.

- Be polite. I responded to QSL requests to WDAB within nine days of the test, but had already received four "follow up" e-mails and one letter wondering when the QSL's would go out. Get real...give the station at least 30 days before sending out any follow up.

- Be polite. If the card is late, very late, or never comes at all...don't spoil the hobby by sending out nasty follow up letters or saying how disappointed you are that they can't make time to verify your reports. QSL's are the bonus prize... and we need to view them as such.

On a positive note, along with many of the written reception reports many included cash (more than enough to pay postage—all of which I returned), station stickers, items that showed me what their part of the country was like (brochures, maps), etc. Almost ever letter included sincere thanks and words of encouragement.

Likewise, hardly an e-mail report was received that didn't include a big "Thank you", which we passed along to WDAB. Even with the extra time and effort required to provide the verifications, I certainly enjoyed the experience. It was fascinating to hear what the station sounded like from various parts of the country. Interesting to compare the sound of a Drake R8B to that of a Sony 2010. Encouraging to hear that most DX'er have to deal with at least as much noise as I do in Alabama...and satisfying to be part of arranging a test that was widely heard.

Here's to future DX tests and receiving QSL's from all of them!