

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar			
WPWA	1590	Jan. 16, 1995	0000-0030
WVWI	1000	Jan. 16, 1995	0200-0300
KUAU	1570	Jan. 16, 1995	0501-0530
KICY	850	Jan. 21, 1995	0530-0600
WXRS	1590	Jan. 21, 1995	0000-0030
KSYG	1010	Jan. 23, 1995	0315-0330
CFRY	920	Jan. 30, 1995	0100-0130
WAMR	1320	Jan. 30, 1995	0130-0200
KIYU	910	Feb. 6, 1995	0500-0530
WWOL	780	Feb. 11, 1995	0200-0400
KNZZ	1100	Feb. 12, 1995	0300-0330
KGYN	1210	Feb. 13, 1995	0200-0230
WREN	1250	Feb. 14, 1995	0100-0200
KERR	750	Feb. 20, 1995	0200-0230

WPWA-1590 - 12 Kent Road - Aston, PA 19014 will conduct a DX test on Monday morning between 12:00 and 12:30 am EST January 16. The test will be run at 3200 watts non-directional and will include Morse code ID's. WPWA will send a special QSL certificate to anyone who sends an SASE with their report. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Lloyd B. Roach, President/CEO. Arranged by the National Radio Club CPC.

WXRS-1590 - P. O. Box 1226 - Swainsboro, GA 30401 will conduct a DX test between 12:00 and 12:30 am EST Monday, January 23. The test will include voice ID's, Morse code ID's, and "regular programming" and will be run at 2,500 watts. Reception report may be sent to Mr. Jeff Wiggins Arranged by the NRC CPC.

KSYG-1010 - 2400 Cottondale Lane, Little Rock, AR 72202 will conduct a DX test between 3:15 am 3:30 am EST Monday, January 23. The test will include test tones and Morse code ID's. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Norm Laramée, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

From the publisher ... AM Switch does not appear this week because of the FCC holiday but will return in #16.

For those of you who joined recently: the new member book is at the publisher's and should be available before the end of January.

Unless something drastic happens, don't hold your breath for a dues increase right now. The last time the NRC had to raise its dues, by the way, was in July, '87, from \$20 to the present \$24 for a new membership. We'll take another look at the dues structure later in the year when non-U. S. A. rates, supposedly, will increase.

A little time perspective from Frank Wheeler, in his annual renewal note to Ron Musco: "I've en-

joyed my many years (I believe since 1935) in the NRC, won a couple contests, and received many stations through the NRC. I've received many 100 wattors on the West Coast, and IYA New Zealand 18 straight times, also KGU Hawaii (both verified). One year I was the first one to report that year to KFAR Alaska, having received them. They sent a nice Verie. Total BCB received to date 2655."

We mentioned that we were tentatively planning to conduct a survey, but other things got in the way. Now, we're back on track to publish a survey in probably the May issue. If you have any questions that you'd like to submit to be a part of the survey, send them to the publisher in Topeka or any NRC board member.

This must be important, because Radio Bulgaria sent three separate copies of it. (Get the ZIP code right, guys!) Your answers to their bimonthly quiz questions, which follow, should be postmarked by the 20th day of the second month, in order for you to be eligible for the prizes: 1. "A copy of Bojdar Dimitrov's fascinating book 'Bulgarians - Civilizers of the Slavs'; 2. "a colourful Radio Bulgaria T-shirt"; 3. "a surprise souvenir of this station". Now, here's the question: *Will the outgoing 1994 stay on in your memory and why?* Your answers are due by February 20 to Radio Bulgaria - 4, Dragan Tsankov Blvd. - Sofia, Bulgaria. (I think I'll hold out until they offer a coffee cup, hi.)

Welcome to these new members: Bill Alisauka, Douglasville, GA (rejoins); Larry Fussell, Brewton, AL; Juan Gualda, Charles City, IA; Richard Goldfinger, Oak Ridge, TN; Bill Collins, Prairie Village, KS; Antonios Kekajos, APO AP; Mark Damish, Norwood, MA (rejoins); Jim Rustik, Kent, WA; and John, rather than Allan Dunn (his father), Holbrook, MA, as I mis-announced in #13.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the Jan. 13, 1945 DXN: Clarence Burnham, Gloucester, MA, bemoaned the deteriorating DX conditions, stating that no TA's had been heard since December 10, and that the SA's were poorer than the last season ... Grant Batson, Westfield, NY received his verie from KFAR-660.

25 years ago ... from the Jan. 10, 1970 DXN: The NRC's first regular scheduled program on BCB DX'ing was to be aired Jan. 29 over R. Nederland, including PJB.

10 years ago ... from the Jan. 14, 1985 DXN: The Martens loop was being imported by Paul Swearingen and offered for sale @ \$95.

Domestic DX Digest

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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

As we all recover from Holiday festivities, this week's column is kind of sparse in quantity. But quality is what we're after, and that we have. Good loggings, all.

Les says he's happy to be DXing from the Midwest, as he has access to signals from coast-to-coast and beyond border-to-border. He also asks about the availability of a set of maps which show station's day/night patterns. Night, yes. Day, no. In fact, the club is working on a brand-spanking new Night Pattern Book, which is long overdue (the last one came out over 10 years ago). But is not a "piece of cake" to produce. I understand it's due pretty soon. Watch *DX News* for details. John J. is still cleaning up on 1340, with WLZR still off. What's the story on these guys, John?

This week's Words of Wisdom: "The person who receives no challenges in life is the person who does nothing" - Anon. This applies to DXing, too! So here's a challenge from me to you. DX, and report to the appropriate column editor. C'mon you WEST guys!!

A tidbit or two off the Internet spices things up again. Just another source of late-breaking info for you.

REPORTERS

SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM R-70 w/filter mods and PLAM board + 4' box loop/Quantum Loop/100' lw

BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale Radio Shack TRF

FA-ID Frank Aden Boise unreported, but usual equipment

JJR-WI John J. Rieger South Milwaukee Kenwood R-1000 & ICOM IC-R71 w/Kowalski Loop

LK-IL Lester Kleidon, Jr Chicago Superadio III or caradio

JG-CA James Gerik Ripon ICF-2010 barefootin'

Ed-ID Editor Meridian ICF-2010



SPECIAL

590 KSZZ CA San Bernardino - "KHTX-AM (590) returned to the air (12/19) with new calls (KSZZ), a new moniker (La Super Zeta), and a new format, Spanish. However, KHTX-FM (97.5) is still off the air." [Internet]

730 KBSU ID Boise - Finally, I can report the new U4 15000/500 \$ facility is on. After many months of tweaking, they've got their new transmitter hooked up to KIDO-630's 3-tower antenna site and sounds mighty fine. [Ed-ID]

900 KRGB CA West Covina - From the 12-7-94 Los Angeles Times: "Big-band station KGRB-AM (900) has switched over to a 'contemporary standards format', paired with nighttime NBC talk programming. Besides playing the music of such artists as Harry Connick, Jr., Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Barbra Streisand during the day, the station now features a live simulcast of Larry King's CNN show at 6 p.m., and talk programs hosted by Jim Bohannon at 10 p.m. and Bruce Williams at 1 a.m. (He's also on weekends at 10 p.m.) Big-band music is still heard from 7-10 p.m. (Since) the changeover two weeks ago (the station) has been calling itself AM-90 NBC, and hopes to change its call letters to KNBC-AM. The station has also petitioned the FCC for a power increase." (I haven't seen any word on this one in AM Switch, yet. So the paper might have based their info on the CL and power changes to station press releases - Ed.) [Internet]

[Can anyone from the "Southland" expand on the above Southern California items? - Ed.]

1190 KXBT CA Vallejo - 12/29 1633 - Heard with slogan *Classic Soul* - KXBT, which is different than what is in the log. (JG-CA)

1450 KIOV ID Payette - 1/2 - Back on, this time with Oldies. Wonder how long this will last. More details when I can dig 'em up. [Ed-ID]

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 940 UNID ?? - 12/17 0430-0730 - Station playing modern C&W music. Can't get ID under massive WJPC slop and CBM. (LK-IL)
- 1500 UNID ?? - 12/13 & 12/17 usually 0700-0715 - Oldies station with fast talking DJ. Under WTOP/KSTP. Can't seem to get ID. (LK-IL)
- 1600 UNID ?? - 12/18 0850 - Good signals with SS talk and romantic or ballad-type music. ID on the hour sounded like *This is KZ (or V) -- Radio for -- Denver(???)*. Does KYGO go SS at times? (SA-MB) [I E-Mailed Wayne Heinen for help on this one and, on 12/30 he responded: "Taint KYGO-1600 as they still haven't resumed night operation. I understand that will happen in a week or so, then the format switch. KKFN-950 goes all sports and KYGO-1600 moves the C&W from 950 to 1600. No SS programming, either." So, my guess is KGST-Fresno. They've been a real pest here lately, and have a nighttime lobe coming our way - Ed.]

NEWSRADIO 91
KBLG

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 580 WIBW+ KS Topeka - 12/19 0200-0230 - CID heard clearly at 0205 using FRG-7 & box loop. KFXD nulled about 90% signal gone. Not bad, considering I can hear [KFXD] towers from my roof! (FA-ID) [Me too, hi - Ed.]
- 690 HCJB- Ecuador Quito - Tried for it 0015-0045 24 Dec 94 with no success. XETRA dominant with CBU over/under. Also strong KNBR-680 slop. (BK-CA)
- 1300 WNQM TN Nashville - 12/26 0400-0430 - Tentative. Heard code at about 0420 and 0430. Just bits unable to confirm. Will send tentative taped report. (FA-ID)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 570 KLAC CA Los Angeles - 12/29 0010 - Poor, with QRM. Music and slogan *The memory station* - 570 KLAC. (JG-CA)
- KISN UT Salt Lake - 12/29 0020 - Poor, with Utah Jazz post game show. *Sports Radio* - 570 and *Utah's bowl source*. (JG-CA)
- KVI WA Seattle - 12/29 - 0022 - Poor, quickly faded in over KISN then back out. Heard VID and ad for *Washington Huskies* basketball. (JG-WA)
- 680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 12/16 0610 - With farm report for North Carolina, TC, ID as 680 WPTF and ad for a gun shop. Rare for me! (LK-IL)
- 730 WPAL SC Charleston - 12/20 0610 - With black oldies music, using *Power 73* slogan. I used two tall buildings to null WGN!! New! (LK-IL)
- 820 WYTA FL Largo - 12/15 0705 - In a mess, with WBAP/WOSU/CHAM, with weather for Tampa-St. Pete area. *The Team* sports talk, then back into the mud! New! (LK-IL)
- WBAP TX Fort Worth - 12/30 0040 - Poor, with VID then *Sports Bi-line USA* talk show. Faded out at 0044. (JG-CA)
- 830 CFJR ON Brockville - 12/16 0615 - Rock music, ID, ad, *Breakfast with Bruce and Daryl*. Under a weak WCCO. New! (LK-IL) [Reported as 11/16. May have meant 12/16? - Ed.]
- 900 CHML ON Hamilton - 11/23 0610 - Talk about new type of speeding tickets in Ontario. Many IDs. Downtown null-WLS. New! (LK-IL)
- 940 WCIT OH Lima - 12/18 0755 - Weather, ID, *News coming up...*, then covered by WMIX. (LK-IL)
- 1060 WKNG GA Tallapoosa - 12/10 0655 - C&W music into 1060 WKNG, then semi-local WHFB signed-on, knocking WKNG out. (LK-IL)
- 1550 KPIX CA San Francisco - 12/16 0645 - Good signals with good jazz program and lots of 95.7 FM or KPIX 97.5 IDs. Alone on frequency. (SA-MB)
- 1560 KKAA SD Aberdeen - 12/13 0610 - Discussion about Bosnia, C&W music, ID. Then faded under WPAD/WQEW. (LK-IL)
- 1580 KFQC IA Davenport - 12/15 0555 - Elevator music [which could be anything these days, hi - Ed.] with lots of IDs, ads for *Village Store*, *Firehouse Coffeehouse*. ID at first sounded like something nasty! (LK-IL)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 590 KUGN OR Eugene - 12/31 0914 - Heard *Garden Line* on Mutual network, VID at 1/2 hour, and a commercial for *Aerial Communications*. (JG-CA)
- 870 KIEV CA Glendale - 12/31/94 - 0951-1001 - Heard the end of a health-related talk show and the beginning of a local talk show mentioning where to recycle Christmas trees. Poor signal. (JG-CA)

- 910 KFYI AZ Phoenix - 12/28 0600+ - Making their 3rd annual late-December visit here, with lazy signal. CBS News, TCs, local items mentioning Phoenix and Tempe + city landmarks and streets during traffic reports. [Ed-ID]
 940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 12/18 0800 - ID, news knocking out WCIT. (LK-IL)
 1320 KOZY MN Grand Rapids - In fair, over others, at 0937 on 12/13. Out of ABC Sports & 1320 KOZY pre-recorded sweep into oldies. Unneeded, but rare here. (JJR-WI)
 1340 KDLM MN Detroit Lakes - Poor-to-fair at 0940 on 12/13 with local ads/weather. 12 degrees here at KDLM Radio in Detroit Lakes. Small town and a live sound!! Nice & new! (JJR-WI)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 540 CBK SK Regina - 12/29 2332 - Clear, with CLA music, CBC news on the hour, local weather report. (JG-CA)
 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas - 12/12 2255 - With fair-to-good signals, in WGN null. Call-in program that seemed local in nature. Pacific TC and KDWN Las Vegas ID on-the-hour. (SA-MB)
 750 CKGB ON Timmins - 12/12 2248 - Good signals, with an ID as *The radio station that Northeast Ontario turns to for today's hot new country*, 750 CKGB and into C&W music. (SA-MB)
 990 WLDX AL Fayette - Out of sports with *Merry Christmas from your friends at WLDX at 1816 on 12/12*. 42 watts? New. (JJR-WI)
 1340 KSMO MO Salem - In fair at 1851 on 12/12 with station promo for local sports broadcast on 1340 KSMO. WLZR off. New. (JJR-WI)
 1600 KMNY CA Pomona - 12/28 2331 - Poor, with QRN. Talk show and slogan *Your on money radio*. (JG-CA)
 KYGO CO Lakewood - 12/17 1735 - Good signals, with C&W music. Heard IDs as *KYGO-AM and FM* as well as *98.5 FM*. Moved here from 950. (SA-MB)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

Totals	1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Russ Edmunds							
Various NJ & Eastern PA	27	37	32	40	38	49	224

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

/ / :parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net 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 IRN:Interstate Radio Net LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NBA:National Basketball Assn NFL:National Football League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier POL:political PRI:Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference 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

DDXD-East NEWS AND VIEWS



Mark Burns says WIBW was his first successful test, and it has whetted his appetite for more! Thanks to Jeff Multer for the recent letter, and thanks again to everyone for the good wishes throughout the holiday season.

SPECIAL

- 590 CKYC ON Toronto - This outlet will be off the air in early February 1995! CRTX OKed the Rogers sale transactions but did not give exact date. *Telemedia*, the parent company of CJCL, bought the 590 frequency and will move CJCL (The Fan) to that spot on the dial. However, the 1430 allocation that was to go to ethnic CIAO is rejected. So I hear through the grapevine...1430 may be clear soon! I could be wrong about 1430, but I heard it from a friend who works at CKYC, we both used to work for the people who own CIAO. (RH-ON)
 740 CBL ON Toronto - 12/24 0105 - Sign-off mentioned they would be back on the air at 6:00 this morning (a Saturday). Would be the same time as their Sunday sign-on (DB-DE)

- 1060 WAMT FL Titusville - 12/7 1910-1927 - Special fund raising show, gave phone numbers. I reported new address earlier as P.O. Box 1060, Titusville, scrap this. I phoned them Thursday AM and their mailing address is 6305 Highway 46, Mims, FL, 32754. Also phone number in Log is wrong, should be 264-1060. Promised a QSL for report. (DT-JAM)
 1400 WICK PA Scranton - 12/31 0002 - Sign-off announcement mentioned they would return to the air at 0545. (DB-DE)
 1490 WGCH CT Greenwich - 12/26 0306 - ID, promo after news. Seems to be 24h NSP, not 0558-0006 as in Log. (DY-CT)
 1600 WKWF FL Key West - Indeed, Jean Burnell's logs of WKWF relaying WKIZ are correct (not WKIV as I thought I was hearing). NRC member David Potter, just back from the Keys, also confirms that 1500 WKIZ is at least sometimes relayed on 1600. Wonder what's going on with ownership(s) here! (TK-FL)

DX TESTS

- 570 WMAM WI Marinette - 11/28 0100-0300 - Just off-frequency *Radio Reloj* hetrodyning with new here WAAX "Big Wax". WWNC gone to aurora. (JK-VA)
 580 WIBW KS Topeka - 12/19 0200-0230 - Contact! Code clearly heard at approximately 0205, 0210, 0217 and 0229. Tape sent next morning. (MB-IN) ...Tentatively heard very poorly during WCHS fadeouts. Possibly heard code at 0201, 0202, 0205, 0208, 0212, 0213, 0221 and 0225. WCHS very loud at times. (JK-VA) ...Tried but not heard, just WTAG. (RA-MA) ...Not heard under dominant CKWW, which in the last few years has become a semi-local here day and night. (JL-OH) ...Not heard, just WCHS and WTAG under WHP. (DS-DE) ...Not heard. (DY-CT)
 620 KGTL AK Homer - 12/3 0530-0630 - Only WSUN and UNID SS. (DT-JAM)
 760 CKQR BC Castlegar - 12/11 0300-0600 - Not heard, just WJR, nothing else. (RH-ON)
 790 WEAQ WI Eau Claire - 12/12 0230-0300 - Poor in CIGM null with talk by male announcer mentioning IRCA and asking for reports, also mentioned local weather in Eau Claire "We're heading for an overnight low of -10 in the Eau Claire area". Several code IDs noted as well as big-band music. (MB-ON) ...Only *Caracol* and UNID EE. (DT-JAM)
 940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 11/28 0100-0130 - Just loud WMIX "Where the stars shine at night", very weak WKGM and XEG "La Q" popping up once in a while. Possible TT at 0101, code at 0104, TT or fast code at 0115:30 with maybe a sound effect? Did I hear them? (JK-VA)
 1150 WHBY WI Kimberly - 12/5 0100-0200 - Possible slow code at 0102, mostly usual WDEL along with WMET using "WPGC" IDs, also tentative WCUE with REL. (JK-VA) ...Only WTMP. (DT-JAM)
 1300 WNQM TN Nashville - 12/26 0400-0430 - Code IDs only with GOS music barely audible under WJFK and WERE. (RA-MA) ...Code IDs under WJFK at 0408 and possibly 0412, also heard someone with a sign-on or sign-off announcement at 0359, was this them? (DB-DE) ...Heard GOS music into male announcer giving details of test, code IDs at 0408, 0414 and 0420 interspersed with more GOS and voice IDs. Fair-good signal. (JL-OH) ...With sign-on, several IDs 0359, about even with WJFK. (DY-CT)
 1330 WPPI GA Carrollton - 12/10 0500-0600 - Nothing heard until 0554 when they broke through with "you are listening to WPPI, home of ?" and back to music. Bits of music heard through the hour but not enough to identify. No tones or code heard. (DT-JAM)
 1370 KFJM ND Grand Forks - 11/28 0130-0200 - Not heard, just WSPD with *Bruce Williams* and a very loud WDEF "92.3 FM" and periods of testing with tones, etc. This could have confused people looking for KFJM, since WDEF was testing too. (JK-VA) ...DX Test heard well on 1/10/66 with ID, tones and music. No sign of them this time! (DS-DE)
 1460 KLTC ND Dickinson - 12/6 0230-0330 - Only WZNZ. (DT-JAM)
 1580 WVKO OH Columbus - 11/28 0130-0200 - Not heard, just usual WPGC "Business Radio 1580". WVKO does come in good some nights however. (JK-VA)
 1590 WGYJ AL Atmore - 12/10 0100-0130 - Heard slow code IDs, call to station confirmed reception. According to v/s Keith Hammond station was running 5 kw non-directional to test a new remote. New. (CC-PA) ...Not heard, mostly interference from KYOK and WALG. (DT-JAM)
 1590 WERA NJ Plainfield - 12/10 0430-0500 - Not heard, mostly interference from KYOK and WALG. (DT-JAM)

1590 WTRW WI Two Rivers - 12/4 0530-0600 - Not heard. (DS-DE) ...Not heard, mostly interference from KYOK and WALG. (DT-JAM)

UNID AND UNID HELP

540 UNID 12/12 2145 - Business Radio Network over/under WGTO and XEWA. Seemed to be from the westerly direction. WETC? (JK-VA) (Log shows WDAK-GA with BRN at times - db)

540 UNID 12/19 0200 - UNID with Gospel, likely Florence, SC, WWCS and WGTO in the clear with CJSB gone for good! (DS-DE)

730 UNID 12/30 1731 - Fair and on top with "Good afternoon, with ??WYSK?? news..." then lost to mess. Nothing in Log seems to fit. (DB-DE)

770 WVNN AL Athens - 12/14 0100-0300 - This is probably everyone talk UNID during the WABC silent period or WWCN. Both come in here well from time-to-time. (JK-VA)

850 UNID 12/10 1758 - CNN Headline News format. (JK-VA) (Log shows WRMR-OH and WUTK-TN with CNN - db)

920 UNID 12/13 1717 - CW and "FM 92.5 Wheels"?? (JK-VA) (Log shows a CP for WYMB, Manning, SC, which relays 92.5-FM, to move here from 1410, and my old FM Atlas (14th Ed.) shows 92.5 to be WHLZ "Wheels". If all of this is accurate, it would seem their CP is on. Jerry Starr, can you help? - db)

1160 UNID 11/21 2320 - Over/under WJJD with "Hot Country, Mix 106.5", seems westerly? (JK-VA) (I think WBND-KY, which relays WNKR-106.5 - db)

1160 UNID 12/7 2303 - SSB and sign-off. WAMB, but WAMB has been staying on recently? (JK-VA)

1220 UNID 12/31 0015 - Midnight Train to Georgia, GTO network // 1290 in WKNR null, is this CHSC? (DB-DE)

1240 UNID 12/20 1725 - With "This is The Team, Sportsradio 1240" out of sports, into national ad. (RE-PA)

1240 UNID 12/21 0655 - With call very clear as "WOCH", of which I have no record at all, but, of course, in my inactivity, I've still not yet ordered my new Log, either. (RE-PA)

1240 UNID 12/21 0701 - With "Good Morning to Glass County..." or "...Grass County...". I can't locate my NRC County Book - must get another, I guess. (RE-PA) (I went through my Rand McNally index quickly and didn't find either one! - db)

1290 UNID 12/19 0215 - Strong TT noted in null of WJBR with CJBK, suspect WFBG or WHIO on test. (DS-DE)

1570 UNID 11/11 2125 - "Prime Sports Radio Network, PSR", same as DB's UNID on 11/19. (JK-VA)

0000 to 0800 ELT

570 WBIL AL Tuskegee - 11/28 0230 - Fair with UC announcer and "Right here with your friends on WBIL". Auroral conditions, so no WWNC, new here. Not too bad for 139 watts! (JK-VA)

640 WOIT IA Ames - 12/28 0600 - "V" in code into BBC interval music and BBC News. Can't be anyone else, can it? (CC-PA)

WGOC TN Blountville - 12/28 0619 - Dixie accented male DJ with call sign, ads, weather, Lynn Anderson Rocky Top, Tennessee (very appropriate!). Weak in CMBC null. Are these the ones I heard with crowing rooster sound effects at various times in the early morning? (CC-PA)

710 WUFF GA Eastman - 12/28 0700 - Legal ID "FM 97.5 and AM 710, Big Wolf Radio, WUFF Eastman, Cochran, Hawkinsville". Fair in WOR null. New! (CC-PA)

720 CHTN PI Charlottetown - 12/19 0309 - Giving WGN a run for its money with OLD, "CHTN 720, Charlottetown's oldies" and "We're the oldies channel". (JK-VA)

740 CHCM NF Marystown - 12/24 0108 - Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas by woman, "VOCM...Christmas music..." and faded, but into more music, over KRMG for a bit but mostly under them. Finally got this guy, this night had very good TA and Canadian conditions. NF #1. (DB-DE)

760 WJR MI Detroit - 12/19 0055 - Noted with OC and tones, first time noted off in a while. (DS-DE)

780 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 12/19 0239 - Swamping out usual WBBM with CW, tentatively heard "Kicks Country" during a fade for NS #2 here. Still trying for CHNS, although they come in from time to time in Northern Virginia. CHTN was stronger. (JK-VA)

940 WNRG VA Grundy - 12/16 0705 - Good over null'd CBM with CNN Headline Sports, ID as "The music connection for all seasons, WNRG Grundy" into CW Christmas song. (MB-ON)

1070 KNX CA Los Angeles - 12/7 0130-0141 - Talk show, woman announcer ID as "You are listening to KNX Los Angeles". First CA here. (DT-JAM) (Congrats! - db)

1150 WTMP FL Temple Terrace - 12/5 0148-0205 - UC music, ID as "WTMP, Temple Terrace-Tampa-St. Petersburg" poor while trying for WHBY. (DT-JAM)

1240 WBAX PA Wilkes-Barre - 12/31 0730 - Satellite NOS (// WFAS-1230), caught part of ID as "More of the music you love, WEJL and W..." (DY-CT)

1280 WQUE LA New Orleans - 12/4 0501-0510 - Phone-in talk show, promo for show weekdays "on 1280 WQUE", fair. (DT-JAM)

1310 WGH VA Newport News - 12/2 0539-0545 - Sports talk show, clues as to ID "Old Dominion" and exact phone number as in Log, poor. (DT-JAM)

1340 WMBO NY Auburn - 12/26 0310 - Clearly enunciated ID, into It's Not Unusual. (DY-CT)

1360 WHBG VA Bridgewater - 12/3 0758 - Fair over WIXZ with You Are My Special Angel by Bobby Helms, 0800 ID as "The best oldies on AM Stereo 1360, WHBG Harrisonburg" into CNN News. (MB-ON)

1420 WBSM MA New Bedford - 12/29 0654 - Fair, on top briefly, with "it's 35 degrees at WBSM" then faded. Also heard 12/30 2359 with promo, ID and NBC News. First time heard here. (DB-DE)

1440 WHIS WV Bluefield - 12/23 0508 - Just in time to hear ID into show about John Denver. (CC-PA)

1460 WZNZ FL Jacksonville - 12/6 0159-0202 - Talk show, PSAs, ID as "All news radio, WZNZ Jacksonville, home of ? basketball", fair while trying for KLTC. (DT-JAM)

1590 WALG GA Albany - 12/4 0529-0600 - Talk show, partial ID as "...WALG...", poor, interference from UNID while trying for WTRW. (DT-JAM)

WIFN MI Marine City - 12/3 0752 - Fair over WAKR and WGGO with promo for Main Street Holiday Celebrations in downtown Port Huron sponsored by WIFN. Heard at various times during the 80's as WSMA. (MB-ON)

WPWA PA Chester - 12/31 0744 - Ads, including one for Marilyn Monroe trading cards, then clear call ID. (DY-CT)

0800 to 1600 ELT

550 CHLN PQ Trois Rivieres - 12/20 1100 - Fair in FF with skiing ad, call letters sung out, news. Now here days with CJSB splatter gone. (MS-ON1)

630 CHLT PQ Sherbrooke - 12/23 1530-1600 - Weak in WPRO null with FF programming. (RA-MA)

980 WONE OH Dayton - 12/10 1558 - Fair with promo for college basketball coverage on "980 WONE Dayton-Springfield". (MS-ON)

1000 WLNL NY Horseheads - 12/20 1542 - Fair with ad for Robinson Lumber in Elmira, Odessa, Dundee and Spencer, Navy recruitment ad, program How to Manage Your Money from Christian Financial Concepts into Youth for Christ Perspectives. (MS-ON1)

1300 WPNH NH Plymouth - 12/26 1540 - Oldies music, ID as "100.1 WPNH," in WAVZ null, fair. (DY-CT)

1320 WDER NH Derry - 12/26 1546 - CW music, promo "Your Christian voice of southern New Hampshire," Randall Terry show 1-2 p.m., many IDs, good. (DY-CT)

1380 WSYB VT Rutland - 12/24 1428 - Loud with local ads and promo for Lone Ranger and other old time shows. (HJH-PA2)

1540 WMDO MD Wheaton - 12/26 1336 - SS talk by 2 men, "R. Mundo" IDs, WTOF-1500 and WPGC-1580 also in at the time, 3 hours before sunset. (DY-CT)

WADK RI Newport - 12/29 1047 - G. Gordon Liddy, network ads, local ads, promo with ID for Sunday morning jazz show. (DY-CT)

1570 WBUG NY Amsterdam - 12/12 1559 - Fair with instrumental music, ID as "AM 1570 WBUG Amsterdam". (MS-ON)

1600 TO 2400 ELT

540 WWCS PA Canonsburg - 12/27 1618 - Presumed the one with BBC News // 5975, with CBGA1 fair-poor in WLDX null. (DY-CT)

CBEF ON Windsor - 12/21 2251 - Good in FF with movie reviews including little Women and Richie Rich into Christmas music // CBEF-690, CJBK-860, CBJ-1580, etc. Now dominant here nights with CJSB gone. (MS-ON1)

CBGA1 PQ New Carlisle - 12/27 1620 - FF news, CBGA ID. I had incorrectly reported this earlier as CBEF. (DY-CT)

- 550 WGR NY Buffalo - 12/19 2203 - Good with news including local items, ID by female as "WGR Newsradio 55", channel previously slopped by CJSB-540. (MS-ON1)
- 560 CJKL ON Kirkland Lake - 12/18 2325 - Good with "Seasons greetings from CJKL" into oldie *Walk Away Renee* by Left Bank. (MS-ON1)
- 570 CJEM NB Edmundton - 12/23 2119 - FF music, talk by man, fair-poor under usually unnullable WMCA. (DY-CT)
- 590 WBNW MA Boston - 12/19 1930 - Fair over CKYC with news, ID as "Bloomberg News Radio". (MS-ON1)
- 610 KARV AR Russellville - 12/19 1749 - Good but brief signal, CW music. Many "carve" slogans. New. I accidentally hit the VFO and got this! I have the frequencies 600, 610, 620, etc. programmed in the memory. When my elbow hit the VFO it shifted down to 610. (RT-NC)
- 630 CHLT PQ Sherbrooke - 12/18 2331 - Fair over local CJET with *Radiomedia* network ID, FF talk. (MS-ON1)
- 720 CHTN PI Charlottetown - 12/22 1827 - Fair-good in WGN null with *Good Time Oldies* network, local ID and traffic report at 1832. (MS-ON1)
- 730 WOHS NC Shelby - 12/18 2216 - In during loud XEX fades with "WOHS" IDs and CBS football. At 0000 I believe that they or WFMC signed-off with the SSB. (JK-VA)
- 760 WCHP NY Champlain - 12/22 1603 - Fair with ID as "WCHP 760", greetings from local advertisers, many of a religious nature. (MS-ON1)
- 770 WLWL NC Rockingham - 12/19 1758 - Sign-off announcement with anthem under WABC. (HJH-PA1)
- 780 CFDR NS Dartmouth - 12/21 1947 - Fair in WBBM null with Christmas greetings from *Halifax Cable and Electric*, CW music. (MS-ON1)
- 790 WMC TN Memphis - 12/13 1749 - Good with "You're listening to the Ken...Show on News Talk 790 WMC". New here. (JK-VA)
- 820 WNZE FL Largo - 12/13 1739 - With sports talk and "The team" and "Wins" IDs. Power cut appears to be at WBAP sunset. (JK-VA)
- WNZE FL Largo - 12/26 1739 - Several promos as Tampa Bay's #1 sports station, "The Team," "W(i)nze" and call ID, clear under WNYC. (DY-CT)
- WBAP TX Fort Worth - 12/27 2311 - Has to be the one, looping 5W, with "Sports Line(?) USA" talk, with guest Paul McGuire. Had to be a national program, as guest kept calling the 49ers "the best team in the NFL"! Possible ID at 2311, poor, dueling with WQSI way under WNYC. (DY-CT)
- CHAM ON Hamilton - 12/12 2010 - Very loud after WNZE fade-out with CW, "820 CHAM" and promos for the "820 CHAM Entertainment Guide". Rare here. (JK-VA)
- 840 WCTG SC Columbia - 12/11 1630-1650 - Fair under WHAS with public service program, Christian music, "Lighthouse 840" IDs. (RA-MA)
- 850 KOA CO Denver - 12/12 2124 - Clear with "It's 7:24 on KOA Sports Talk 85, here's Lance in southwest Omaha...". (JK-VA)
- KOA CO Denver - 12/27 2302 - *Nuggets vs. Pacers* basketball, possible ID by announcer at 2302, fair under WEEL. At recheck 2328 rose atop channel for a moment with promo leading into *Nuggets* post-game show. (DY-CT)
- 860 WAEC GA Atlanta - 12/12 1930 - Under/over WBGR with UC and "860-AM WAEC" IDs. (JK-VA)
- WBGR MD Baltimore - 12/12 1925 - With "WBGR" and promo for *America's Gospel Wakeup Program*. This station appears to be staying on day power many nights instead of powering down. (JK-VA)
- 880 WRFD OH Worthington - 12/13 1715 - With sign-off mentioning "...5000 watts during critical hours and a daytime power of 9000 watts on an assigned frequency of 880 kilohertz". (JK-VA)
- 900 WSSR DE Georgetown - 12/23 1600 - ID rose atop CHML and others, "WSSR, Unforgettable AM 900, Georgetown." (DY-CT)
- 910 CHRL PQ Roberval - 12/21 2058 - Good with *Ave Maria* into weather in FF mentioning Roberval and other towns in area, then into *Jingle Bell Rock*. (MS-ON1)
- 920 KARN AR Little Rock - 11/13 2146 - With commercial for convenience store in North Little Rock and mentions of "KARN". (JK-VA)
- CJCH NS Halifax - 12/12 1945 - Blasting in with rock oldies (Rolling Stones) and "All day, all night, all rock and roll oldies, 92 CJCH" for NS #1 at this QTH! (JK-VA) (Congrats! - db)
- 930 WEOL OH Elyria - 12/12 2119 - Good with "Lorain County's home town station, AM 930 WEOL". (JK-VA)
- CFBC NB St. John - 12/21 1955 - Fair with AHL hockey, *St. John Flames vs. Cape Breton Oilers*. (MS-ON1)

- 950 WROL MA Boston - 12/17 1610 - Good over WWJ with local weather, ad for *Jim Kelly's Travel Professionals* promoting travel to Ireland, ID announcement "A merry Irish Christmas from the staff and management of WROL AM 950" into *White Christmas*. WWJ is now the dominant pest here with CKBB gone. (MB-ON)
- WPEN PA Philadelphia - 12/13 2030 - Under/over tentative WROL with NOS and "The station of the stars, 950 WPEN" then Chuck Cecil's *The Swinging Years*. (JK-VA)
- WXGI VA Richmond - 12/10 1704 - Briefly topping WWJ and WPEN with end of unidentified network news, then announcement "49 degrees in Richmond, now on AM 950 WXGI here's Merle Haggard" into CW song. (MB-ON)
- 960 WHAK MI Rogers City - 12/9 1654-1700 - Fair in CFFX null with weather and program announcements by female, short religious talk by male then sign-off announcement "WHAK in Rogers City now concludes its broadcast activities for today..." (MS-ON)
- 970 WZAN ME Portland - 12/25 2101 - ID "Portland's Hot Talk". Up loud at 2205 with ad for downtown Portland. QRM from WWSW. (HJH-PA2)
- CBZ NB Fredericton - 12/9 1957 - Poor-fair in partial WNED null with weather for Maritime Provinces into detailed forecast for inland New Brunswick. (MS-ON)
- 980 WAAV NC Leland - 12/9 2247-2330 - *Talknet*, news, promo for program "...on WAAV", poor with interference from two UNIDs. (DT-JAM)
- WXBQ VA Bristol - 12/18 2230 - Over usual WWRC with "News Talk 980 WXBQ". (JK-VA)
- CBV PQ Quebec - 12/9 1708 - Poor-fair on top briefly in FF with news, not // local CJBC-860 at this time. (MS-ON)
- 990 WZZD PA Philadelphia - 12/12 2025 - Fading up from time to time with CW/REL and "990 WZZD" IDs over/under WIVK and CKIS. (JK-VA)
- CKIS PQ Montreal - 12/12 2017 - Rare here, with "Oldies 990" IDs and Beatles music while looking for never heard WCMF. (JK-VA)
- 1000 WIOO PA Carlisle - 12/8 1652 - Poor-fair in WMVP null with some CFRB splatter. ID "Your hometown favorite WIOO", Christmas greetings from WIOO staff and management, song *Let It Snow*. (MS-ON)
- 1010 CFRB ON Toronto - 12/9 1945-2010 - Talk show, news, clip with "CFRB's Hal Vincent...", can get liquor at LCBO with credit card (only a Canadian would understand this!) over/under two SS. A real surprise, and they were needed. Too close to home when in Scarborough. (DT-JAM)
- 1030 WXSS TN Memphis - 11/13 2040 - These guys are clobbering WBZ lately. Loud at this time with "You're locked into Praise, Praise 1030 AM...the best of the best". Also in many other nights with REL/GOS. (JK-VA)
- 1040 WSKE PA Everett - 12/13 1610 - Poor-fair in CHUM splatter with local ads and many Everett mentions. (MS-ON)
- 1050 WEVD NY New York - 12/7 1930-2120 - Play-by-play of basketball game, *New Jersey Nets vs. ?*, "call 1-900...and mention WEVD", poor, UNID SS interference. (DT-JAM)
- 1060 WFLE KY Flemingsburg - 12/20-12/22 1645-1700 - Noted weakly under KYW with CW music, IDs, block of local spots each day at approximately 1650. An interesting frequency at SSS with WBIV and FF Canadian both silent. (RA-MA)
- 1070 WKOK PA Sunbury - 12/13 1607 - Fair in CHOK null with local news sponsored by an area pharmacy, "WKOK" ID and time check by female. (MS-ON)
- 1120 WUST DC Washington - 12/9 1625 - Poor, mixed with WADN in WHIT null, ethnic program in UNID language, many Maryland mentions in ads. (MS-ON)
- WADN MA Concord - 12/9 1620 - Poor with community calendar type program with mention of presentation by *Scandinavian Club of Sudbury*. In WHIT null. (MS-ON)
- 1130 WLBA GA Gainesville - 12/13 1658 - Good with SS salsa/ranchera and "La Mexicana". At 1700 EE ID as "This is WLBA-1130, Gainesville". (JK-VA)
- KWKH LA Shreveport - 12/10 1812 - Good with classic country and a female DJ with "AM 1130 KWKH, it's 5:13". (JK-VA)
- 1140 CBI NS Sydney - 12/19 2207 - Good over WRVA with weather for Atlantic Canada into CBC program *That Time of the Night* originating from CBC Calgary. (MS-ON1)
- 1150 WIMA OH Lima - 12/30 1649 - Promo for "the powerhouse of northwest Ohio, 11-50 WIMA," into network talk, fair and atop. (DY-CT)
- WCRK TN Morristown - 12/18 2307 - Over usual WDEL with "When you need to know what's happening in Hamblen County keep your radio tuned to AM-1150 WCRK". Not bad for 500 watts. (JK-VA)

- CKOC ON Hamilton - 12/12 2052 - Rare here but good at this time with OLD and "Oldies 1150, CKOC, the only game in town". (JK-VA)
- 1160 WAMB TN Donelson - 12/5 2221-2231 - Play-by-play of CBS football, Raiders vs. ?. Female announcer gave ID in part as "It's time for ? WAMB", interference from WOBM, was sudden short breakthrough. (DT-JAM)
- 1180 WHJM TN Knoxville - 12/7 1710 - Poor-fair in WHAM null with Gospel music, "1180 WHJM" ID by man at 1718. (MS-ON)
- 1190 WAJL FL Pine Castle - 12/30 1729 - Woman with religious talk, gave Orlando address, promo for morning show "here on Love 11-90, WAJL," fair in WOWO null. (DY-CT)
- 1210 WKNX MI Frankenmuth - 12/30 1623 - Polkas (EE, instrumental, and Polish), ads for Saginaw and Frankenmuth, "checking out our WKNX weather," fair over WGMP. (DY-CT)
- 1220 WENC NC Whiteville - 12/31 1632 - Ode to Billie Joe, ID, New Year's promo, good. Station #500! (DY-CT) (Great! Keep on going! - db)
- 1240 WFOY FL St. Augustine - 12/4 1815-1900 - Sports phone-in talk show, ID in part as "...time for ? WFOY", poor with UNID interference. (DT-JAM)
- WJTN NY Jamestown - 12/22 1730 - Atop with ID and local spot, over WVOS, WCEM mess. (RE-PA)
- WGCV VA Petersburg - 12/20 1735 - Atop with ID and weather, first time here, over/under UNID. (RE-PA)
- 1260 WNRK DE Newark - 12/26 1737 - Oldies music with woman announcer, ad for Karate for Kids franchise and Rittenhouse Motors then into remote from TGI Friday's Happy Hour. Very strong signal. (HJH-PA1)
- 1290 WSTK VA Colonial Heights - 12/26 1656 - End of program, ID, CNN Business Watch, fair in jumble. (DY-CT)
- WVOW WV Logan - 12/27 1710 - Local sports, weather, ID, Paul Harvey, fair. (DY-CT)
- 1320 WATR CT Waterbury - 12/20 1742-1800 - Fair, fadey signal with others during "call into Santa" show. Santa signed-off and IDed, then into CBS News. (HJH-PA1)
- WJGR FL Jacksonville - 12/30 1845 - Paul Harvey news, quick "WJGR Jacksonville" ID, into Paul Harvey's *The Rest of the Story*. (DY-CT)
- WARA MA Attleboro - 12/23 2300 - Full ID heard with WJAS in. May or may not have been the ethnic sounding station heard later. (HJH-PA2)
- WKRK NC Murphy - 12/20 1640 - Good signal with others, CW music with woman DJ. Resurfaced loudly at 1724 with ID "Your best mix" into *Norih Carolina Network Sports*. (HJH-PA1)
- WLEE VA Richmond - 12/20 1700 - Ending talk show by woman then sign-off with no anthem. Very strong signal. (HJH-PA1)
- CKEC NS New Glasgow - 12/31 2137 - Oldies, New Year's dance party, ID, dominant. (DY-CT)
- 1330 WMLT GA Dublin - 12/1 1745-1817 - End of music, into talk, business news, ID in part as "This is WMLT 1330 and W??? 990", poor, interference from WJNX. (DT-JAM) (Can anybody help with who these guys simulcast? - db)
- 1340 WEPM WV Martinsburg - 12/26 1706 - Mostly atop with weather by woman, jingles, then back into CW music. (HJH-PA1)
- 1360 WWLG MD Baltimore - 12/13 2134 - Good with NOS and "Legends 1360 WLG" over WAOZ. (JK-VA)
- WMNS NY Olean - 12/12 1600 - Poor but on top briefly with news from "WMNS news center". (MS-ON)
- WCHL NC Chapel Hill - 12/23 1659 - Lincoln-Mercury dealership ad mentioning "the Tar Heel state," 2 IDs as "13-60 CHL", poor under WDRC and UNID CW station (WNJC or WDXZ). (DY-CT)
- 1380 CFDA PQ Victoriaville - 12/30 2159 - Promo for "La musique des Quebecois," call ID in FF. (DY-CT)
- 1390 WRSC PA State College - 12/23 1753 - Atop with talk, ID and ad break. (DS-DE)
- 1400 CJFP PQ Riviere du Loup - 12/19 1841 - Fair over semi-local WSLB with Riviere du Loup ad in FF, Christmas music including *O Little Town of Bethlehem* in EE. (MS-ON1) (Just rub it in! - db)
- 1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh - 12/7 1900 - Fair with mention of "News Talk Radio" and ID by man "all the news all the time...this is 1410 KQV". (MS-ON)
- 1420 WXGM VA Gloucester - 12/26 1755 - Good signal with many local ads, "Extra 99.1" ID, AC music. Full AM-FM ID given at 1800. Previously heard as WDDY. (HJH1-PA)

- 1450 WWSC NY Glens Falls - 12/19 1652 - Weather, ID, local ads, fair-good in pile. "The station of the tri-counties" and "5:00 Report" with Lisa Green beginning at 1655. (DY-CT)
- 1460 WCMB PA Harrisburg - 12/2 2123 - Up briefly with "News Talk 1460 WCMB". New here. (JK-VA)
- 1510 WWBC FL Cocoa - 12/10 1705-1730 - GOS, partial ID "here on 1510". At 1728 "At this time WWBC concludes its broadcast day", instrumental religious number and Bible reading, then gone. (DT-JAM)
- 1570 WZCC IN New Albany - 12/8 1734 - Fair with ad for *Christian Brothers Auto Repair* "at the Valley Station Shopping Center", into promo for *Focus on the Family* program, "heard Monday through Friday at 8 AM and 10 PM on Inspiration Radio WZCC, New Albany-Louisville". Heard as WOB5 in 1989. (MB-ON)
- WBUG NY Amsterdam - 12/18 2300 - Loud but fadey at this time with "FM 101.1 and AM 1230" ID, faded on call here so I don't know which 1230. Had CW music. NRC Log lists at 204 watts. (HJH-PA1) (Recent reports indicated that it was WLFH-1230 - db)
- WPTW OH Piqua - 11/13 2206 - Fair with "WPTW Piqua" IDs then NOS. I'd like to catch a "bug" as in WBUG! (JK-VA) (Trade ya! - db)
- WANR OH Warren - 12/7 2200 - Fair with talk show, IDs as "WANR Metro 157" and "WANR Warren". (MS-ON)
- WQTW PA Latrobe - 12/16 2259 - Local ads mentioning Greensburg, Jeanette and Monroeville, has syndicated sports call-in show. Mostly weak signal among many other weak ones. NRC Log lists as 224 watts. (HJH-PA1)
- WSWV VA Pennington Gap - 11/11 2204 - SSB sign-off after KC's *Top 40 Show* was over. I think these guys are only using thier 191 watts at night. MB-IN must have caught them during auroral conditions? (JK-VA)
- WYTI VA Rocky Mount - 12/31 1608 - CW music, ID, local ads, all alone. (DY-CT)
- 1580 CBJ PQ Chicoutimi - 12/2 2301 - Loud over usual WPGC with FF and "Ici Radio Canada". They must be running U3 these days since they are rare here. (JK-VA)

OTHER STUFF

- 1610 RCC ?? - 12/14 1825+ - Weak beacon here, looped SE/NW, had four long tones between morse code calls. (HJH-PA1)
- 1610 WNCY224 NY Westchester County - 12/18 1850+ - Weak-fair with holiday week events at Westchester County Center, heard previously in Thornhurst but now stronger in Wilkes-Barre using the loop. Call may be WNXY, a little too weak to be absolutely sure. (HJH-PA1) (Mike Hardester's Travelers Information Station list in Updater 5.6 of the *IRCA AM-FM Almanac* says it is WNZY - db)
- 1630 TIS FL Jacksonville - Regarding Chris Cuomo's calls of KHB39, this is not the 1630 calls but rather the assigned VHF calls for what's being relayed (namely 162.55 MHz NOAA weather radio). Any chance member Lynn Gillis of Jacksonville can provide more on this? (TK-FL)

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- RA-MA Ray Arruda, Acushnet, MA: SX-122, HQ-180A, Radio West and Palomar Loops
- MB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON: Panasonic RF-2200, Panasonic RFB-45
- MB-IN Mark Burns, Terre Haute, IN: Drake R-8, Quantum Loop, 80' longwire
- CC-PA Chris Cuomo, Verona, PA: Grundig Music Boy, Select-a-tenna
- RE-PA Russ Edmunds, WB2B/JH, Blue Bell, PA: Nissan car radio, whip
- HJH-PA1 Harry J. Hayes, Wilkes-Barre, PA: Superadio II, Superloop
- HJH-PA2 Harry J. Hayes, Thornhurst, PA: Superadio II
- RH-ON Russ Horton, Mississauga, ON:
- JK-VA Jeff Kitz, Boynton, VA: Panasonic RQ-V52 AM/FM walkman
- TK-FL Terry Krueger, Clearwater, FL:
- JL-OH Jeffrey Less, Toledo, OH: Panasonic RF 5000A
- DS-DE Dave Schmidt, New Castle, DE: HQ180A, SM2, R390A, MWDX5
- MS-ON Morris Sorensen, Scarborough, ON: Sony ICF-2010 with McKay-Dymek DA-9 ferrite loop, Panasonic RF-B65
- MS-ON1 Morris Sorensen, Kemptville, ON: Panasonic RF-B65
- RT-NC Robert J. Tiara, Hendersonville, NC: R-5000, 24" amplified ferrite loop, many longwires
- DT-JAM Don Trelford, St. Anns Bay, Jamaica:
- DY-CT David Yocis, Darien CT: R71A, Kiwa loop
- DB-DE Dave Braun, Wyoming, DE: R-5000, Quantum Loop



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

Many reports in my mailbox after a week in San Diego. I hope I can fit them all in during these two days before leaving town again. By next column I'll be back on schedule. Up-coming IDXD deadlines are JAN 14, JAN 21, JAN 28, FEB 4, FEB 11. Material arriving after the deadline may be held over for the following week.

Only a few loggings of the recent HCJB Test, too much buzz from Cuba for most of us.

Welcome back to John Bryant, adding Oklahoma to our list of IDXD reporting states and provinces. For those wondering, here's the full list so far for this DX season: NH, MA, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, DC, VA, NC, FL, IL, IA, WI, LA, OK, KS, CO, OR, CA, HI; NE, NB, PQ, ON, MB, BC; Jamaica, UK, Sweden, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador. If your state/province doesn't appear here, drop us a line!

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 540 MEXICO XEWA San Luis Potosí SLP, DEC 27 0637 - Noted with "WA" IDs and music, with XETIN off (per IRCA log). [Renfrew*CA] JAN 2 0459 - Heard back home through CBEF with strong signal with frequent IDs as "WA", with Ottawa now on FM this one is easy again. [Renfrew-NY]
- 540 COLOMBIA R. Auténtica HJKA Bogotá, DEC 26 0830 - SS religious talk, SS version of "O Little Town of Bethlehem," ID, "Feliz navidad." [Yocis-CT]
- 540.3 NICARAGUA YNOW, Managua. Here most evenings as a het on blockbuster XEWA. Heard IDs at presumed +0400 S/F on several occasions in Fall 1994. [Bryant-OK]
- 550 MEXICO XEPL Cd. Cuatemoc CHIH, DEC 29 0128 - Heard through mess with "XE(PL) La Superestación" ID and then mention of Chihuahua. [Renfrew*CA]
- 610 CUBA, R. Reloj, DEC 6 0349 - Standard code, chimes and SS news by man under WIP. First time heard on this frequency, WRTH lists two, both 1 kw. [Braun-DE]
- 640 CUBA Guanabacoa et al., DEC 24 0610 - Reloj program // 660. This is normally a Progreso outlet (as is 660). [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 26 2330 - Good, "Radio Progreso, cadena nacional" ID and news over WNNZ. [Conti-NH] One of several Cubans who visit here most evenings. This channel often is equal with semi-local (1 kw) WWLS. Sounds to me like Progreso is running far more than the listed 150 kw. [Bryant-OK] (Given the serious energy crisis in Cuba, I doubt they are running any more than usual. This one does get out well, year after year - Jim)
- 660 CUBA Santa Clara, DEC 24 0609 - Reloj program with man & woman doing news in SS with timeticks every second and "RR" code once a minute. Signal was hacking up WFAN. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 690 CUBA R.Progreso, Jovellanos, DEC 24 0005 - Buzzing of defective xmtr dominant in CBF null, remained a nuisance 0515 thru 0545 ruining any chance of hearing the HCJB DX test. [Conti-NH]
- 690 ANGUILLA University Network, St. John's, DEC 24 0450 - Poor, jazz instrumentals and usual phone number announcements, this time // 1610, mixing with buzzing of R.Progreso-Cuba in CBF null. [Conti-NH]
- 690 ECUADOR, HCJB Quito, DEC 24 0515-0545 - Not heard over WMZK. [Less-OH] DEC 24 0515-0545 - No sign of them. Frequency was dominated by what seemed to be "good old fashioned jamming". Lasted 'til after 0130, then 690 was "clear again". No chance to hear HCJB, or anything else for that matter! Fortunately this was verified on last years DX test. Jamming was looped N-S and was best "heard" on south wire. Now who could be jamming from due south??? I don't think this could have been widely heard with all the extra noise on the frequency. [Tiara-NC] DEC 24 0515-0545 - CBF dominant, growl on channel, no sign of test. CBF included many renditions of "O Holy Night" after 0530. [Braun-DE] DEC 24 0525 - Salsa music, not // R.Progreso, fading in and out of buzzing and Anguilla, suspect R.Deportes-Colombia. [Conti-NH] DEC 24 0515- 0545 DX TEST - Not heard; CBF strong over buzz from Cuba, occasionally strong het from 693. Anguilla was heard before 0500. [Yocis-CT] (Buzzing is a bad transmitter, not a jammer, from Cuba - Jim) The three tones that you mentioned in issue #14 were indeed part of CBF's "O Holy Night" marathon, I made a note of them while listening. [Braun-DE]

- 690 ECUADOR, HCJB Quito, DEC 24 0518 - The May test was better. An "HCJB" code ID and fragments of other code characters were all that I could hear of the test this time around. A severe rainstorm with wind gusts of 75 mph (120 km/h) prevented me from stringing outdoor wires at the Harwich site. I used two phased indoor loops this time around to null CBF from the northwest. This left a very strong Cuban (Jovellanos) with its bad hum and Anguilla (with EE preacher) at times. None of the non-code program content got through this severe QRM. I listened from 0515 through 0545. Interestingly, adjacent Spain-684 had a huge signal; sometimes it slopped onto 690. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 700 VENEZUELA R.Sur, Puerto Ordaz, DEC 27 0010 - Good, Spanish reggae, rap, and merengue, over an UNID Latin American station. [Conti-NH]
- 700 VENEZUELA R.Popular, DEC 29 0035 - Zulia beisbol with commercial announcements for a super mercado and películas from Video Wao, Radio Popular ID, briefly over R.Sur-Venezuela. [Conti-NH]
- 700 JAMAICA JBC R.One, Montego Bay, DEC 29 0140 - Radio One jingle and reggae music briefly over R. Sur/R.Popular, again at 0213 with announcement and Radio One-derful jingle, first time heard this season. [Conti-NH]
- 700.2 MEXICO UNID, DEC 29 0500, DEC 30 0501 - National Anthem heard here at sign-off, seemed off-frequency each time I heard it, with music strong and listenable, but announcements too shallow to cut through XETRA slop. Time suggests CST location. DEC 31 0422 - Heard partial announcement "Cadena Coper" (I think) and an ad for the "Lotería Nacional". [Renfrew*CA]
- 730 MEXICO XEEBC Ensenada BCN, DEC 30 1758 - With call letters, ID as "Radio Acir", power (mil vatios), and location. A new station on the air since I was last here. [Renfrew*CA]
- 760 COLOMBIA, HJA] Barranquilla, DEC 24 0604 - good with RCN ID, folkish SS male vocal // 770. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 770 COLOMBIA RCN, Bogotá (presumed), DEC 8 0400 - with news, many mentions of Colombia, Bogotá, etc. In KKOBB null. [Bryant-OK] DEC 24 0604 - RCN ID, folkish SS male vocal, // 760; under WABC. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 770 MEXICO XEIH Fresnillo ZAC, DEC 28 0624 - Heard with music, "La Mexicana" ID, and laser bursts between songs - just like my reception of NOV 14 in Rochester. [Renfrew*CA]
- 780 COLOMBIA R. Almirante, Rohacha, JAN 4 0047 - "Radio Almirante" shouted out in the mess. [Renfrew-NY]
- 810 COLOMBIA CARACOL, Bogotá, DEC 15 0310 - Fair, futbol play-by-play, complete with jingles, "Caracol" mentions, and a "Goooooal", // 5075, in WGY null. [Conti-NH]
- 820 MEXICO XEBA Guadalajara JAL, DEC 28 0635 - With "La Consentida" ID heard through XEYX Mexicali. [Renfrew*CA]
- 830 VENEZUELA R. Sensación, JAN 3 2316 - Loud and clear, very early for this location. First sign of auroral night! [Renfrew-NY]
- 840 CUBA Dobleve, Santa Clara, DEC 15 0400 - Good, IDs as "Dobleve" and "la ritmo de la noche", followed by "la hora romántica" program, over WHAS. [Conti-NH] 24 0556 - Cuban anthem, then off. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 850 UNID, JAN 4 0100-0300 - Steady stream of merengue music, a few announcements, but none on the hour. WEAF (FL) also heard during this time. The only thing resembling an ID was a shouted "Super ???". Venezuela and Colombia were in strong tonight so probably Bogata or Caracas, but the "Super" may be Puerto Rico. [Renfrew-NY]
- 860 UNID, DEC 18 0550 - SS vocals, UNID anthem began at 0555 after brief announcement by man in SS and lasted until 0601, then carrier off. [Braun-DE]
- 885t MONTSERAT ZJB, JAN 4 0108 - Island music, weak; still looking to ID this one. [Renfrew-NY]
- 890v UNID, DEC 18 0800-0830 - SS station on the high side of 890 with ID ad "Radio Cahr-ay-UNN". What is it? [Andres-PA] (Probably R. Galeon, Santa Marta, Colombia, whose name is pronounced "Gal-ay-OHN". This one is often reported on the high side of 890.
- 890 MEXICO XENZ Fiesta Latina, Culiacán, DEC 18 0719 - with mariachi-type music and caught a couple of "équis-e-enza" I.D.'s - fair signal, battling it out with WLS Chicago. (Chandler-ON in DX Ontario JAN 1995)
- 930 UNID DEC 28 0640 - SS station heard weak through KKHJ 930 null with "Radio Ideal" slogan. [Renfrew*CA]
- 1000 MEXICO R. Mil, Mexico DF, JAN 2 0738 - With WMVP off, Radio Mil with typical 4-note whistle ID. I was looking for Brazil to no avail. UNID C&W and woman with call-in program underneath. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN Cartagena, JAN 2 0739 - Noted with RCN ID and mention of Informe Radio Nderlandia. [Renfrew-NY]

- 1070 FRENCH GUIANA, RFO Matoury (Cayenne), DEC 24 0625 - FF talk by man; poor to fair, briefly atop SS station (presumed R. Zulia). CHOK was phased (with 2-loop cardioid pattern) and CBA had open carrier. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1150 MEXICO UNIDS, DEC 29 0553 - Station with MST timechecks and ID as "Energia Once Cincuenta", looped slightly south of next logging. DEC 29 0558 - ID as "Radio Popular", end of "Linea Directa" program, a short flute SID, then National Anthem, followed by ID again as "Radio Popular, XE??, Mexico DF", and then I think more stations were listed but I was losing the signal at this point. [Renfrew*CA]
- 1350 MEXICO UNID, DEC 30 0552 - Heard with R Centro whistle played on an organ, then National Anthem at 0556. I later found Tijuana 1270 here during the day as a spur, so perhaps them? [Renfrew*CA]
- 1370 MEXICO XEHF Nogales SON, DEC 27 0241 - IDing as "Radio Norsteña", never caught location but this one was pretty regular at night. [Renfrew*CA]
- 1370 MEXICO XEHG Mexicali BCN, DEC 27 0241 - About even with XEHF and IDing as "HG". There was also SS KWRM to complicate these loggings. [Renfrew*CA]
- 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, RFO, DEC 23 0524 - Very strong signal, but, as usual here, no sign of the audio. [Braun-DE]
- 1380 MEXICO UNIDS, DEC 28 0500 - Possible sign-off announcement mentioning "XEQQ Colima". Nothing like this listed, so perhaps a network station. There is an "XEUU" in Colima on 1210 on the same network as 1380 Tecate, but the IRCA List shows them IDing as "XE doble U". DEC 28 0602 - Two Mexican National Anthems heard one after the other, one went off the other stayed on. Time suggests CST locations. [Renfrew*CA]
- 1540 MEXICO XEHOS Hermosillo SON, DEC 28 0326 - Weak through KXED with "La Poderosa" IDs. [Renfrew*CA]
- 1550 MEXICO UNID, DEC 28 0350 - Weak in XEBG partial null (I can see their Tijuana tower from the window) with whistle ID (just like Radio Centro 1030), so perhaps the ORC net, but which station? [Renfrew*CA]
- 1685 COLOMBIA, Mercaderes, DEC 19 0429 - MER beacon code ID's; fair. [Connelly-MA]

Jim habla: "As usual, lots of fun DXing from San Diego in between family activities. Not as many spurs from Tijuana stations noted this time. 860 had a strong daytime spur on 885. 1420 had a strong spur on 1200. 1270 had a strong spur on 1350."

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 738t TAHITI RFO, NOV 26 0635 - poor to fair (at times) but with long fades. alternating FRENCH female/male announcers prattling on about music selections and playing FRENCH vocals (and possibly a Tahitian on at 0645). Music sounded like Saturday night stuff, French ballads and vocals - soft keyed though, not raunchy. I monitored this on-and-off to 0800, when they went into apparent news to 0805 (heard "Le Journal d'hier" or similar Yesterday's News or Newspaper?) Back to music a 0805. Very definitely FRENCH and not Spain (no Iberian TAs were heard e.g. 666, 684, 774, 1035 --- not even 621.) [Funkenhauser-ON in DX Ontario JAN 1995]

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 567 SPAIN RNE-5 Murcia etc., DEC 22 2335 - Fair with fem singer doing pop songs. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 585 SPAIN Madrid, DEC 24 0241 - energetic dialogue with several men & women in SS; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 28 0012 - SS talk by man, fair. [Yocis-CT]
- 603 SPAIN Sevilla / Palencia, DEC 24 0242 - man & woman in SS; fair on peaks, 4 Hz SAH present. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 SPAIN Lerida, DEC 24 0245 - bits of SS talk, fast (10 Hz) SAH with other station (probably Morocco) under. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO RTM Sebaa-Aioun DEC 28 0015 - AA talk by woman, poor. [Yocis-CT]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS Santa Cruz de Tenerife, DEC 26 0611 - SS talk by man & woman; excellent, strongest TA at the time. This one can be loud even when stations from Spain aren't strong. [Connelly-MA] 621 SPAIN RNE1, DEC 26 2230 - Good, Radio Nacional ID and UTC+1 time check, man and woman with news. [Conti-NH]
- 639 SPAIN La Coruna et al., DEC 24 0246 - man & woman in SS; to good peak, slight CBN slop / het. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN Madrid, DEC 24 0246 - excited SS talk, getting through the WFAN slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL Lisbon, DEC 22 0420 - Very strong with pop and Christmas music, male vocals, and PP announcements by a man. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 24 0247 - 2 men talking PP; good. [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 24 0430 - Fair, nostalgia and talk in Portuguese in WFAN slop. [Conti-NH]

- 684 SPAIN Sevilla, DEC 24 0410 - woman in SS; monster signal nearly equal to those of adjacent domestics WRKO-680 and CBF-690. [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 24 0443 - Music, talk by woman, quite strong. DEC 25 0329 - SS ballad, fair. DEC 28 0330 - SS talk by man and woman, best ever, S9+15. JAN 1 0206 - Beatles' "Michelle," good. [Yocis-CT]
- 693 AZORES Santa Barbara, Terceira, DEC 24 0250 - PP group discussion; loud, BBC was audible way under. DEC 24 0411 - excellent with classical music followed by PP talk. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 ENGLAND, DEC 24 0550 - BBC with EE talk & interspersed music; to fair peaks. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 702 unID's (probably MOROCCO & SPAIN), DEC 24 0251 - carrier with 4 Hz SAH was strongly hitting WLW/CHSJ-700. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711 MOROCCO Laayoune, DEC 20 0113 - Very strong with man chanting the Koran, then a woman in AA. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 24 0252 - tentative, bits of AA talk, huge het against WOR/Cuba-710. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN Barcelona, DEC 24 0253 - man & woman in SS; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, DEC 24 0256 - Christmas music, then man & woman in SS; over others & CBGY/WSB/YVKS-750 slop. [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 1 0218 - Presumed with US oldies, faded before end of song, but conditions, loop bearing favor this rather than Holland. Good on peak. [Yocis-CT]
- 747 HOLLAND Flevoland, DEC 24 0414 - "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano, then a female Dutch vocal; atop SS station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 SPAIN Bilbao, DEC 24 0259 - SS vocal music; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 SPAIN synchros., DEC 24 0301 - news by woman in SS; loud. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 783 PORTUGAL Miramar, DEC 21 0113 - Fair signal with soft orchestra music and female vocals. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 792 SPAIN Sevilla, DEC 24 0303 - SS news by man; fair through WLKW slop. DEC 24 0419 - SS teletalk; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, DEC 24 0421 - 2 men talking in SS; excellent signal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 846 ITALY Rome, DEC 24 0304 - II news; poor in WEEI-850 slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN Murcia et al., DEC 24 0306 - fast SS talk by woman; good. DEC 24 0601 - SS telephone news interview; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 24 0446 - SS music // better 684. [Yocis-CT] DEC 28 0020 - SS talk by man // 585, 684, poor. [Yocis-CT]
- 873 SPAIN Zaragoza, DEC 24 0423 - fast SS talk in WLAM/WWL-870 slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS La Laguna, DEC 24 0426 - bits of SS talk getting through heavy WCBS-880 slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, DEC 24 0309 - AA talk; good. [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 28 0025 - AA female vocal; fair. Low-band conditions were mediocre with a lot of domestic QRM. [Connelly-MA]
- 954 SPAIN Madrid, DEC 24 0319 - SS talk; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL Lisboa, DEC 24 0327 - PP talk, then upbeat female Christmas vocal; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN San Sebastian, DEC 21 0555 - fast SS talk by man; very good. [Connelly-MA] DEC 24 0325 - fast SS talk by 2 men; good over low-pitched growl. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO RTM, Sebaa-Aioun, DEC 24 0020 - Weak with Arabic vocals under SER-Spain. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 SPAIN, DEC 24 0336 - excited SS talk, maybe a sports report; to fair peaks over slop from WBT/WHIM-1110. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1107 EGYPT Batra, DEC 28 0147 - male AA vocal; to fair peaks over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1197 MOROCCO Agadir, DEC 22 2130 - Classical music than FF talk by a man. [Beaton-MA]
- 1215 ENGLAND VIRGIN RADIO synch., DEC 22 0335 - Very good signal. Rock music (But I wouldn't know one song from another). [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 23 0537 - woman in EE, man in EE, then blues vocal; fair to good. DEC 26 0604 - song by the Cult, then man in EE; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1224 BULGARIA Vidin, DEC 16 0443 - Opera-like soprano, then two men and a woman talking in what sounded like Bulgarian. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1269 GERMANY Neumunster, DEC 28 0200 - GG talk; poor in CFGT/WTSN/CJCB-1270 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1278 FRANCE Strasbourg, DEC 16 0520 - Fair and // to other B net stations with man and woman conversing. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy, DEC 23 0539 - woman in Norwegian; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1323 GERMANY Wachenbrunn, DEC 16 0510 - Good with man doing news in EE. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 27 0527 - tentative, solemn Russian-style music; trashed by CKEC-1320. [Connelly-MA]

- 1332 ITALY Rome, DEC 27 0525 - II news // 1575; poor in WRCA-1330 slop. [Connelly-MA]
 1368 unID, DEC 27 0522 - bits of classical music; in tough slop. [Connelly- MA]
 1377 FRANCE Lille, DEC 16 0520 - Good and // to other B net stations with man and woman conversing in FF. [Dangerfield-PA]
 1386 RUSSIA (KALININGRAD) Bolshakovo, DEC 22 0524 - fair with accented EE talk by man & woman. DEC 27 0459 - Midnight in Moscow theme; fair. [Connelly-MA]
 1386 UNID, DEC 23 0517 - Music poor in domestic slop, vocals by woman. Best signal on this frequency I have heard here. [Braun-DE]
 1395 ALBANIA Lushnje, DEC 16 0450 - Very strong with man and woman talking in (I think) Albanian. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 26 0555 - US Black Gospel female vocal, then talk by man & woman in unidentified language; to good peaks. Another station, possibly Spain, was under. [Connelly-MA]
 1404 FRANCE NET B synch., DEC 16 0520 - Fair and // to others with man and woman talking in FF. [Dangerfield-PA]
 1422 GERMANY Heusweiler, DEC 28 0212 - classical piano music // 1539; fair. [Connelly-MA]
 1467 MONACO TWR Monte Carlo, DEC 17 2145 - Good with soft music, man and woman speaking in AA. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 27 0450 - choral religious music; poor. [Connelly-MA]
 1494 unID / RUSSIA, DEC 27 0458 - a 2-station mix here. The first station atop had acoustic guitar & Middle Eastern - sounding vocal. This first made me think of Jordan, but then a woman started speaking FF. Maybe this is the Moroccan that used to be on 1492.7 or so. Russia then rose atop the channel briefly with the Midnight in Moscow theme music. [Connelly-MA]
 1530 SAO TOME, DEC 20 0403 - In well with VOA news, Newline than Daybreak Africa show. // 7405 [Beaton-MA]
 1530 VATICAN, DEC 27 0505 - Slavic-sounding talk over/under WSAL [Connelly- MA]
 1539 GERMANY Mainflingen, DEC 28 0208 - classical piano music; excellent, tearing up WPTR/CHIN-1540! [Connelly-MA]
 1557 FRANCE Nice, DEC 16 0520 - Very clear with man and woman speaking in FF, // to other B stations. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 19 0652 - FF talk by woman, fair with WQEW on regular MM SP and nothing else in well on 1560, didn't even need to use LSB! [Braun-DE]
 1557 MALTA Cyclops, DEC 20 2355 - Good with man in GG. Only once have I heard Nice and Malta at the same time. [Dangerfield-PA]
 1575 ITALY Genova et al., DEC 27 0511 - mentions of "Radiotelevisione Italiana" and "RAT" (pronounced "rye"), II talk by man; to good peaks over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
 1575 SPAIN SER, DEC 30 0200 - Good, telephone talk and news // 1044, heard possible local ID as "Radio... ?" at 0205, on tape but couldn't decipher, and it didn't sound like R.Cordoba or R.Pamplona listed in WRTH. [Conti-NH]
 1584 SPAIN, DEC 20 0440 - echoey talk by man in SS. [Connelly-MA] Armchair strength with woman in SS giving the news [Dangerfield-PA]
 1593 GERMANY RFE Holzkirchen, DEC 16 0407 - Man making announcements in a Slavic language, interspersed by choir music. [Dangerfield-PA]
 1593 unID (GERMANY or UKRAINE), DEC 20 0439 - Slavic-sounding talk; in bad slop. DEC 27 0514 - possible Slav talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
 1611 VATICAN, DEC 21 0604 - talk, then classical music. DEC 23 0410-0425 - Finally audio here for a new country. Low level of talk by male in Eastern European language (Ukrainian scheduled), followed by well heard Vatican Radio interval signals and into scheduled Byelorussian. Really exciting here! [Bryant-OK] DEC 23 0506 - Talk by woman in Russian-type language (WRTH says Latvian), interval signal at 0511, good signal, all // 5882. [Braun-DE] DEC 24 0510 - Man and woman talking in unknown language // 5882. [Yocis-CT] DEC 26 0547 - part of a Latin Mass, "Silent Night" played on organ, then there was Slavic talk by a woman; signal was loud. DEC 27 0516 - LOCAL-LIKE with female Slavic talk, then soft music. This one gets out like a shortwave station and should have no trouble reaching western USA / Canada. It's often stronger than Anguilla on 1610. [Connelly-MA]

John speaks: "I've not had much luck hearing audio from Europe this year. I've had three bursts of Euro het evenings this fall: Latter two weeks in September, latter two weeks in November and scattered evenings in December. Nary ANY useable audio. The usual visitors here are 531, 585, 666, 774, 855, 1134 and 1611."

UNIDS, ETC.

After reading Renfrew's report about possible Arabic chanting on 684, I thought about it and came up with the following possibility: Perhaps it was Spain, and the music was from the group

Azúcar Moreno. Their music has the flavor of Arabic chants, and I've heard their music on stations from Spain before. Sometimes Azúcar Moreno appears on various Univision TV programs too, such as Onda Max, Siempre en Domingo, or Super Sábado Gigante, so you can keep an eye out for them in the local TV or cable listings. [Conti-NH] (I suspected it was something like this - Jim)

STATION NEWS

AUSTRIA: This weekend AM radio dies, in Austria. The state broadcaster ORF will turn off all its AM transmitters as they now cover the whole country on FM. [Internet via Doug Smith and Bill Hale, DEC 30, 1994]

CUBA: Regarding Rich Dau's question about Radio Reloj appearing on channels listed for Radio Rebelde: "According to e-mail from Arnie Coro [of Radio Habana's "DXers Unlimited"] some time ago, they will switch format "on-the-fly" where coverage of one service is adequate and they need to provide the other. This, on account of power shortages." [Funkenhauser-ON]

CUBA: "Radio Metropolitana Havana CMBL moved from 860 to 950 kilohertz. Now using a new Czech-built 5 kilowatt into a nice 300 ft. tower. Should be a good catch for AM MW DXers in the U. S. and Canada. The station is located in Havana, the capital city, and has a parallel FM outlet on 102.9 MHz. Radio Ciudad de la Habana CMCH is still on 820 kHz running its 1977 vintage NEC 10 KW rig. They have a lot of music programming in the evenings. Also a parallel FM on 98.7 MHz. Radio COCO (still uses the CO call sign, grand-fathered because it was the first Cuban station on short wave with 5 kw back in 1937) is on 980 kHz with a 5 kW Czech by Tesla SRV-5 and 300 ft tower. They also have a parallel FM on 97.7 MHz. QSL requests written in Spanish are easier to answer for them. Hope this little info will help fellow AM and FM band DXers. The postal service is very, very slow and sometimes correspondence is simply lost." [Arnaldo Coro (R.H.C. DXers Unlimited) via FidoNet in *Tropical Tuning* #33, DEC 28, 1994]

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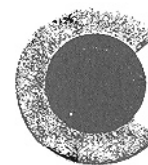
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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

On a trip to Maine on Sunday, December 21, 1994, I heard several interesting developments on the radio. The first was WCRN-830, Worcester, which is all religion, a combination of teaching programs and easy listening Christian music. Its signal carries all the way to Auburn, ME, and is lost west of Worcester, so will be a difficult catch for most of us. Then a stop in the driveway of WSR0-1470, Marlborough, for photographs of the modern wooden studio building with huge glass wall and three towers as the brokered Spanish stopped for the day and its oldies format began "Good times...great oldies!". The Cadillac in front of the place belonged to the host and the tiny old subcompact next to it belonged to the board operator, I will bet! Next stop on the dial was at 740 to savor Bob Bittner's WJIB which was playing nice Christmas music (obviously that hour was not sold - Sunday is ethnic day at WJIB!). At 1:00pm, the music stopped and three NRC members were heard on "Let's Talk about Radio"...Bob, Scott Fybush, and Peter George were heard talking about formats in a program that would interest all of us. What a fine idea! If you are within 75 miles of Cambridge, try this program - it is a delight. One comment, though, and that is that the pre-teen format did start in a defunct Little Rock Station, and went to both a Minneapolis station and the dark WYIC-1110, Noblesville, IN. Neither the format nor WYIC lasted...it went through many formats, and was perhaps the most directional daytime station in America with no less than five towers. This column is brought to you by *The M Street Journal*, Burney McClurkan, Dave Braun, and your editor. Unless credited they come from *M Street*. Here we go.

540	WETC	NC	Wendell-Zebulon	- Country music mornings, Spanish afternoons (DB).
550	KCRS	TX	Midland	- AP News.
560	WHND	MI	Monroe	- Brokered ethnic.
620	WZON	ME	Bangor	- ESPN Sports (TF).
620	WJDS	MS	Jackson	- Prime Sports.
630	KIDD	CA	Monterey	- WW-I standards.
730	WVFN	MI	East Lansing	- Prime Sports.
740	WVLN	IL	Olney	- News, talk.
750	WAUG	NC	New Hope	- Gospel "The Triangle's Community Forum" (DB).
790	KKON	HI	Kealahou	- Hawaiian, news and talk.
810	WCNF	VA	Crozet	- AP News // WINF-900 (DB).
830	WCRN	MA	Worcester	- Religion, easy listening Christian music (TF).
850	WATT	IL	Crystal Lake	- WW-I Standards.
850	WJAC	PA	Johnstown	- SMN Adult Standards.
870	WLAM	ME	Gorham	- MYL, hits 1940's to 1960's // for the most part on 1470 and 730 (TF).
890	WBMA	MA	Dedham	- Spanish Christian and some English, // WBIV, easily heard into Maine, lost quickly west of Worcester (TF).
900	WSWN	FL	Belle Glade	- SMN Urban Gold, gospel.
900	WCZN	ME	Brunswick	- Alternative // FM (TF).
900	WINF	VA	Stauton	- AP News // WCNF-810 (DB).
910	WGOL	VA	Lynchburg	- Adult contemporary (DB).
930	WTAD	IL	Quincy	- Talk.
960	WFGL	MA	Fitchburg	- Religion, "Good Life Radio" (TF).
960	KOVO	UT	Provo	- Standards // KDYL.
960	KALE	WA	Richland	- AP News and talk.
970	WZAN	ME	Portland	- ESPN Sports and "Hot Talk 97" (TF).
1000	WKDE	VA	Alta Vista	- Religion, gospel (DB).
1020	WCIL	IL	Carbondale	- WW-I CNN Headline News.
1030	WBGS	WV	Point Pleasant	- New station, talk and religion.
1050	KHFN	NM	Los Ranchos de Albuquerque	- AP News.
1050	KKRX	OK	Lawton	- WW-I Standards, EFM Talk.



1060	WAHT	FL	Titusville	- Standards, country music and talk.
1080	WRES	KY	Louisville	- AP News "The News Station" (DB).
1110	KAOI	HI	Kihei	- News and talk, AP News.
1140	KCXL	MO	Liberty	- JSN Oldies.
1150	KDMM	TX	Dallas	- Nostalgia, WW-I 1940's thru 60's (Burney McClurkan).
1160	WMLD	GA	East Point	- Urban adult contemporary "Classic 1160".
1160	WJJD	IL	Chicago	- All talk.
1160	WSKW	ME	Skowhegan	- All sports, Prime Sports (TF).
1190	WBSL	MS	Bay St. Louis	- Hot AC
1200	WQLS	AL	Ozark	- WW-I Adult Standards.
1210	WGSF	TN	Bartlett	- WW-I CNN Headline News.
1220	KRGO	CA	Fowler	- Spanish hits // KXEX.
1220	WSME	ME	Sanford	- UPI News.
1230	KTKX	FL	Pensacola	- Adds sports talk to travel info (M) and real estate info (TF).
1230	WSSO	MS	Starkville	- JSN Team sports.
1230	KELY	NV	Ely	- JSN Oldies.
1230	WKBO	PA	Harrisburg	- WW-I CNN Headline News.
1240	KPOD	CA	Crescent City	- Country music // FM.
1240	WLAG	GA	LaGrange	- FTP, EFM news and talk.
1240	KSQR	CA	Sacramento	- Ex-KSAC, Spanish // KOQO.
1240	WWNC	NC	Wilkesboro	- Reach Southern Gospel
1240	KRAL	WY	Rawlins	- JSN soft adult contemporary.
1250	WNVL	KY	Nicholasville	- Urban "Power 1250".
1260	WBNR	NY	Beacon	- Talk and sports.
1270	WVKY	KY	Louisa	- PRN news and talk.
1270	KVCL	LA	Winnfield	- JSN easy listening.
1290	WTMC	FL	Ocala	- WW-I CNN Headline News.
1290	KSLR	MN	Benson	- SMN AC // FM.
1300	KYNO	CA	Fresno	- SEN, ESPN sports.
1300	WKXI	MS	Jackson	- SMN Urban Gold.
1300	WERE	OH	Cleveland	- Bloomburg Business News, and news, talk.
1310	WMTG	MI	Dearborn	- This old station, once one of the top Detroit rockers will become pre-teen!
1310	WTIK	NC	Durham	- Gospel programming was Spanish (DB).
1320	WWWB	NC	Greensboro	- AP News.
1320	WOMG	SC	Columbia	- AP News.
1330	KWKW	CA	Los Angeles	- Spanish talk.
1330	WBTM	VA	Danville	- Adult contemporary, some talk (DB).
1340	KQIL	CO	Grand Junction	- WW-I adult contemporary.
1340	WLBC	IN	Muncie	- SMN Real Country.
1340	WMQX	NC	Winston salem	- Gospel.
1340	WADE	NC	Wadesboro	- Religion.
1340	WALL	NY	Middletown	- News and talk.
1340	KAME	TX	Victoria	- News and talk.
1350	KYXZ	AR	Cabot	- Classic rock // FM.
1350	WEZS	NH	Laconia	- Easy listening, as Bob Bittner said on his radio show, only one of three real easy listening stations in the country! (TF).
1360	WELR	AL	Roanoke	- FTP, EFM, News, talk.
1360	KZIQ	CA	Ridgecrest	- JSN Soft AC // FM.
1360	KRYS	TX	Corpus Christie	- Sports 0700-0900, CWM // FM the rest of the time.
1370	KFRO	TX	Longview	- WW-I adult standards.
1370	WZAO	WV	Moundsville	- TBN, PRN talk.
1380	WKBQ	MO	St. Louis	- Talk.
1380	WAGS	SC	Bishopville	- Reach Southern Gospel.
1410	KFMS	NV	North Las Vegas	- CSN Childrens Programming.
1430	WRXO	NC	Roxboro	- Nostalgia "Oldies 1430 - WRXO, the music from the great times of your life." (DB).



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- 1430 KCRX NM Rosewell - WW-I Adult Standards.
- 1440 WLPZ ME Westbrook - Still all sports (TF).
- 1450 KVML CA Sonora - Talk and sports.
- 1480 KBEA KS Mission - CSN Childrens "Radio Aahs".
- 1480 WISL PA Shamokin - WW-I oldies, talk.
- 1500 WKGA IL Zion - Drops Mexican for country music.
- 1500 WBZI OH Xenia - Contemporary Christian.
- 1510 WSSH MA Boston - Spanish again (TF).
- 1510 WAUK WI Waukesha - Sports.
- 1520 KAMX NM Albuquerque - To be pre-teen programming.
- 1530 WJJG IL Elmhurst - To be talk in January '95.
- 1530 WJDM NJ Elizabeth - Brokered Spanish.
- 1530 KXTD OK Wagoner - CSN Children "Radio Aahs".
- 1540 KMBY CA Capitola - Motivational talk from the Personal Growth Network (M). Middle button on my car radio! (TF).
- 1540 WYNC NC Yanceyville - Gospel, not news and talk (DB).
- 1570 WQTW PA Latrobe - Prime Sports.
- 1580 KTGR MO Columbia - Country music // FM.
- 1580 WZKY NC Albamarle - PRN News and talk.
- 1590 WPLW PA Carnegie - K-Love, contemporary Christian.
- 1600 WRCC GA Warner Robbins - JSN Team sports.
- 1600 KCRG IA Cedar Rapids - AP News.
- 1600 WSNF MI Muskegon - Prime Sports.



And a happy, healthy 1995 to all!

TOWER TIP

WAVG - 970 - Louisville, KY
5,000 / 5,000 Watts U4

CONTRIBUTED BY: Dick Truax

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Two towers on west side of Hamburg Pike just north of Jeffersonville. Towers are visible from I-65.

TOWER TIP

WDJX - 1080 - Louisville, KY
10,000 / 1,000 Watts U4

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR: 4 towers north of New Albany visible from I-64 & I-265. Exit I-265 to State St. South then north on Daisy Lane to towers.

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of the Members

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----- It's been a while so a quick re-intro: I've been a member since 1977 and have AM DXed from Boston, Houston, Nashville and now here, just down the road from now-famous Branson, MO. Age is 52 and have played guitar professionally with CW artist Mickey Gilley since 1978. Equipment is a Kenwood R2000 and a Worcester SMI loop (a most wonderful gift from long-time member JOHN CALLARMAN). Have spent the last few days discovering the undeveloped lot next door and stringing up more wires in addition to the 170 ft. N/S longwire that runs down to the shore of Table Rock Lake. That wire used to be 240 ft. doubled up on itself but whipped around trees saw it differently and now I have 2 same length wires, somewhat parallel, anyone know of a real simple technique to phase these? (Get one of MARK CONNELLEY's phasing units, they work-DWS). Right now, no change if I tie them together. After fighting the jungle next door, a 200 ft. W/E wire was erected. Upon nursing my wounds, I switched both wires back & forth and what a difference in directional reception, hey, I could phase these 2 as well, huh? There is a change when I tie them together. The next project will be a 300 ft. N/S wire on the empty lot but will have to be center tapped. DX has been spectacular at this location, had caught CBK-540 at all previous locations except here. On 11/14, I was driving home from work around midnight and had the car radio set on 540, heard some jazz and was sure it was pest KEWA owning the channel, but a CBK ID had me rushing home to a tape recorder where I copied them right up til sign off, and I haven't heard them since! I don't normally chase veries but a tape was sent out for this one. WXSS-1030 has become a regular pest starting around 4PM every day into the night, have they done a pattern change or a power increase? First catches on the E/W wire were WRJZ-620 & WIVK-990, so it looks like it works! My next target is for my first AZ here, KTAR-620, which was heard in Nashville & Houston, maybe the E/W wire will help. Internet address is 71533.657@compuserve.com. Wishing all a happy merry and excellent holiday DX!

GREG MYERS - P O BOX 4360 - VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23454
----- Greetings from the beach! I hope everyone is getting the good DX! I've only been able to listen at sunset but have already gotten my 2nd VT thanks to reports in DDXD-E, also got NB#2, NS#2 & #3, ME#2 and Bermuda-1160, as well as other goodies. Reached a personal milestone with my 500th verie (no call letter changes) from the WRIB-1720-Test, which also gave me all states E of the MS veried for a total of 36 states from VA. My "Caribbean Curse" was finally broken with veries from Radio Rebelde-670, JBC-700 & VON-895. Speaking of veries, DAVE, are you still CE at WCET-1460 & if so, did you get my report? (Yes, but just 'on call'-DWS) Also will be looking forward to the tests from WMIZ & WNRK again, I've always seemed to miss the WNRK tests in the past. Anyhow, I hope everybody has or had a great Christmas & best of DX in the New Year! 73

WALT BREVILLE - 1149 INNSBROOK ESTATES - WRIGHT CITY, MO 63390-9801
----- After another long absence from these pages, I'm back in MUSINGS! This year marks 30 years since I first joined the NRC! I'm now 56 & fully retired after 29 years with the Postal Service followed by 2 years of school bus driving. I've dabbled in almost all forms of DX listening, my totals will never set anything on fire (about 1000, maybe 1100 stations heard from 43 states, the log book got lost!) but I never have gotten AM ECB DXing & the NRC out of my blood & doubt if I ever will in this life. A big reason I have kept on is that I have learned not to take this DX hobby too seriously, relax & enjoy it more not knocking myself out with too little sleep or too much frustration over striving for totals. Even back in the glory days of few all nighters, there were mysteries of reception failure. In about 64-65, many receptions of ID were reported by Great Lakes area DXers but I could never hear a peep from that state, not only never from St. Louis (I lived at the Coral Drive address in Afton just outside the St. Louis city limits til last July) but even on trips to CA, I never heard an ID station. I aim to travel NW someday & see if ID really exists! I got the video of the Nashua convention and watched it with great delight. After seeing so many movie stars, TV stars, et al, on my 20" TV screen, it was delightful to see the faces of ERC, PLS, DS & others right on my TV! Plus a cameo appearance of JERRY BOND, the 1st NRCer I ever met while still in the Air Force at Watertown, NY in early 64! We last saw each other at the 82 Louisville convention. My DXing life is better since moving to this rural subdivision/resort, with buried power lines, one AM & one FM local with 10 miles, all others being 25 to 45 miles away. The last few weeks enjoying a little DX on all 3 bands, AM

FM & TV, best being KMSD-1510 on 11/23, well after their sunset time, evidently the operator forgot to switch to night power, that's a cause of DX possibilities nowadays! 73

KARL JETER - 1890 ABINGER LANE - LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30243
----- Lots of interesting stuff to report this time, most important is the birth of Aaron Lee Jeter on 11/18, weighing in at 71lb8oz and I'm happy to say he & mom are doing fine. 2nd, in this day of difficult DXing conditions, it is nice to report that trans-continental DX is possible! In my last MUSE, I mentioned a tentative reception I had that was among my best, and now I am reporting that on 10/15 7:33AM EDT, I logged CKWX-1130 for a brief time with CW music and a female anc'r giving an ID for the CKWX Weather network followed by temps given in Celsius, then into more CW music. I listened to the tapes over & over in total disbelief and finally decided to send a tentative report. Lo & behold, on 11/25, I received a verification! So that makes BC province #7 heard/verified at this shack. So take heart, there still is good DX out there, I guess its just a matter of good luck & patience. The CKWX reception occurred just minutes after I had logged KAAB-1130 (previously reported in DDXD-E). I wish, on the other hand, that the same good luck & patience applied at attempts at CPC tests: lately, only a tentative on the KPAS-1500 test on 10/30 & another tentative on KDDD-800 on 11/21. My tentative report to WLS-1600 was verified, sort of, no actual verification message, just a business card stapled to my original report and a bumper sticker. Did they answer others this way or is this a non-verie? Most of the other recently scheduled tests were tried, except those scheduled on 12/2-4-5 with 0 results. Other recent veries received, all from DX Tests: KA2XAU-1620, WDAS-1480 (after a follow up for their 93 test), WNAM-1280, KKAR-1290 & WEZY-1200. Verie count now at 1522. While we were in St. Louis over July 4th, my dad was in the process of cleaning out the basement and he came across my original "DX machine", a Realistic DX120. I bought this on a close-out in 1971 to replace my RCA AM/FM portable that I began to DX with (I still have the RCA!). I used the DX120 til the mid 70's when I bought an HQ150 that I still use today, I gave the DX120 to my younger brother. It still works, but compared to the HQ150 or ATS803A, it isn't much a "DX machine" anymore but it did give me 6 or 7 CA logs in the early 70's, so it served its purpose. That's it, 73

from the publisher's desk

The Old Philco

South County Times by Dwight Blitkofer
-via Walt Breville

Late on black, Kansas nights, wind would moan around the farmhouse. The attic above my second story room would crackle with ghostly sounds (though I never believed in ghosts).

A companion on those nights was an old Philco radio. It was a chunky table model, given to so much static that my parents abandoned it for a newer, smaller radio.

The radio took a long time to come to life. A peek into the back would reveal tiny points of orange light in the tubes that glowed steadily brighter as they warmed. A static of static would announce it ready to receive AM waves bouncing from the ionosphere.

I quickly discovered that nights could bring the joys of amplitude modulation travel into my bedroom.

I roamed the dial, searching for identification of faraway stations.

Some nights the Voice of St. Louis crackled to life at 1120 AM. The eastern shore for my AM waves lapped at Columbus, Ohio. The Rockies blocked signals from farther west than KOA in Denver.

Texas was rich in powerful stations. WOAI in San Antonio was a sure bet. Spanish broadcasts beamed from the Mexico border.

The old Philco moved to the barn. Lowell Thomas and The News was on CBS every evening at 5:30. While I milked the cows, Lowell gravely talked about the Berlin Wall and fighting in a place called

Vietnam. The news was followed by The Back To The Bible Broadcast and then Garner Ted Armstrong bringing the plain truth about the world today and the world tomorrow.

Eventually the Philco was trampled by a steer that didn't want to face the plain truth of a ride to the stockyards in Wichita.

A new transistor radio still pulled in those night-time megawatt stations. Kansas teens imported rock from WLS in Chicago and KOMA in Oklahoma City.

A favorite 60s late-night show was called Bleeker Street. It was hosted by a very laid-back DJ from KAAV in Little Rock, Ark.

An often played out was a ballad about a deckhand and some hemp rope on the Titanic. It ended with the captain of the ship so mellow from the smoking hemp that reports of an iceberg ahead never phased him. The rest is history.

On overnight drives back to Kansas, I still dial the AM radio.

While miles spin below my tires and my family sleeps, I tune in national truckers' radio broadcasts from WWL in New Orleans or Iowa livestock reports from DeMoines. Talk show hosts banter with nocturnal callers from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Dallas-Ft. Worth. Once, Montreal news faded in and out.

Noelalgia, magic and adventure still haunt AM radio in the night. And Philco memories live on.



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