

# DX News

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### CPC Test Calendar

WTIV	PA	1230	Oct. 12	00001-0100
WFRA	PA	1450	Oct. 12	0001-0100
WSGI	TN	1100	Oct. 19	0100-0600
KEYZ	ND	660	Oct. 19	0105-0600
KTGG	MI	1540	Oct. 26	0030-0130
KLER	ID	1300	Nov. 2	0300-0315
WODI	VA	1230	Nov. 16	0200-????
KQTY	TX	1490	Nov. 23/30	0159-0559

KQTY-1490 (P. O. Box 165 Borger, TX 79008-0165) will test on Monday, November 23, 1998 AND Monday, November 30, 1998. Code IDs will accompany their normal top-of-the-hour station ID at their allocated network ID breaks at 59:46 past the hour from 0159:46 to 0559:46 Eastern Time on both dates. KQTY is an SMN/Real Country affiliate. They will be using their normal 1000 watt non-directional signal. Reception reports should be sent to KQTY DX Reception Mr. George Grover, Station Manager). All DX tests above courtesy of Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.

**From the publisher ...** I don't know how you feel about receiving a 12-page DXN in your mailbox, but I know how I feel. Please retaliate by sending massive DX reports and articles to the appropriate editor! Oh ... and did you forget to volunteer to be "Formats" editor, too? No volunteers for that duty, either, as of October 3.

**Publisher's Lament ...** #30 is now being rather widely reported as missing and very late. Please file a formal complaint with your local post office; I'm doing the same locally. And #1? An equipment breakdown kept it at the printer's; I laid out this issue on Saturday, and I was to pick it up on Monday, October 5 and get it in the mail the same day, depending upon the availability of the hired help.

I have been informed that we need only to print "Return Service Requested" twice a year, rather than 30 times, above your address label, to be in compliance with mailing regs. So you'll see it only outside of the usual vacation times so that no DXN's should be returned by those whom the post office deem "Temporarily Away" after 30 days, and unless you move and refuse to send your new address to Topeka (happens about twice a month) you should expect to receive forwarded DXN's from your old address ... so I'm told.

Good news - the 18th edition of the NRC AM Radio Log is available - order from the Publication Center for immediate delivery.

**Mt. Vernon GTG ...** Information as received is a little sketchy on this one, but here's what I received from <<w0jrp@juno.com>>, John Tudenham in Joplin: The sixth annual Midwest Get Together will again be held in Mount Vernon IL SPONSOR-John Callarman DATE-October 23-25th Friday, Saturday and Sunday PLACE-Best Inns Of America LOCATION-Intersection of I-57 and Highway 15 Mount Vernon IL. There are at least 10 Motels in this intersection of all price ranges. John will reserve a room for our gathering at the Best Inn. Activities include station tours of WMIX AM and FM and possibly others, also a tour of an antique radio collection.

**DXChange ...** Randy Davis (812-945-0070, 1905 Blackiston Mill Rd. - Clarksville, IN 47129) is offering his Superadio III for \$50 plus shipping.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 66

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
3.	Oct. 9	Oct. 19	17.	Jan. 29	Feb. 8
4.	Oct. 16	Oct. 26	18.	Feb. 5	Feb. 15
5.	Oct. 23	Nov. 2	19.	Feb. 12	Feb. 22
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13.	Jan. 1	Jan. 11	27.	June 4	June 14
14.	Jan. 8	Jan. 18	28.	July 9	July 19
15.	Jan. 15	Jan. 25	29.	Aug. 6	Aug. 16
16.	Jan. 22	Feb. 1	30.	Sept. 10	Sept. 20

### DX Time Machine

**From the pages of DX News:**  
50 years ago ... from the October 2, 1948 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY reported that KRIS-1360 was in the clear on Sunday mornings 2:00 to 3:00 am, and that he was listening to YV1RF-1110 coming in at 8:00 pm ... from the Oct. 9, 1948 DXN: An article was reprinted from the Buffalo Evening News of Sept. 22, profiling Ray Edge as a dispatcher on Police Radio Station WMJ by day and a DX'er by night since 1928 with 1,450 verifications.

25 years ago ... from the October 15, 1973 DXN: Publishing from the New Jersey Pub Center commenced. Roger Giannini, IL, reported WDR, Langenberg on 1586, October 1, as his strongest TA.

10 years ago ... from the October 10, 1988 DXN: The "FM Station Address Book" was a new NRC publication offered at \$8.95.

# Domestic DX Digest

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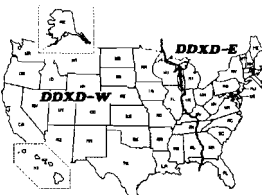
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**DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT**

(Division line is  
between East and  
Central time zones)



## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- o Thanks to Bill Alisaukas of Douglasville, Georgia for the CPC tip. Let's hope it's a GO.
- o A plea to those of you who send attachments for your E-Mail reports: include your equipment and e-mail address in the attachment, as that's all I save. And to everyone ... send all your data EVERY time. I do not save a massive list of every reporter's equipment, as I have heard some editors do. And remember to include time AND date in each logging.
- o Welcome to some new DX voices this week ... Greg Hall of Dallas, Texas, Jim Gilinsky of Peoria, Illinois, and Stephen Wiseblood of Santa Maria, California who check in with their initial contributions. More ... more!!!
- o Not a bad turnout for this early in the season. Let's make this DX season "one for the books"!!

### REPORTERS

- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICR-70, Drake R8 + 4' unamplified box loop/Quantum Loop/145' long wire/100' indoor wire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- CB-CO Craig Barnes Wheat Ridge Drake R8, Sony 2010, GE SRIII, a 1 meter spiral loop, Quantum Loop <bevdxer@yahoo.com>
- LB-MO Louis Buehler Winfield ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop
- JG-IL Jim Gilinsky Peoria
- GH-TX Greg Hall, KG5RJ Dallas
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- JJR-WI John J Rieger South Milwaukee IC R70, KIWA Loop, MFJ959B preamp-tuner, DSP-599ZX Audio Noise Reduction Filter <johnjrieger@webtv.net>
- JR-OK John Reed, KA5QEP Ponca City Sylvania R1414/URR + noise reduced wire, homebrew ferrite loop, MFJ-1025 phaser <jtreed@poncacity.net>
- TR-IL Tom Reiser Chicago Sony ICF 2003 <reisert@aol.com>
- DS-TN Doug Smith Pleasant View Kenwood TS-940 ham rig & 160m 3/8 inverted L at 60'
- SCW-CA Steven Wiseblood Santa Maria DX-160 with 60' lw or GE Superadio III
- Inet Internet Resources
- Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills

### SPECIAL

- 860 KPAM OR Troutdale - Had a transmitter fire on Sunday, September 20th. They were off the air until Monday Morning, September 28. They came back on at about 6:30 (EDT) and are now using a brand new Harris 50 kW Transmitter ... and sound great. They are louder and cleaner, especially on low power at night. (AK-WA)
- 920 KYST TX Texas City - 9/30 - Format to Spanish news/talk. (INet)
- 1100 WSGI TN Springfield - 9/27 2230 - Fairly strong open carrier from my local, well over WTAM. A fair bit of hum on it too. Should be off at this hour. (DS-TN)
- 1380 WTJK IL South Beloit - 9/27 0705 - Poor, in a mess, with 1-On-1 Sports and ID as Sports Radio, the Jock. NEW. Ex:WBEL. (SA-MB)
- KZJZ MO St. Louis - 9/25 0904 - Former WKBQ, then former KKWK, with their new call and new format. Weather and ID as: You're listening to KZJZ St Louis. This is Jazz at Sunrise, then news by Diane White a (former St. Louis-area TV personality), then jazz music. (LB-MO)
- 1550 WCTZ TN Clarksville - 9/26 0136 - Fair with new format; black gospel. (DS-TN)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 9/27 2300 - Fair-to-good, with KXOL. Now on with sports.

Heard with 1-On-1 and ID The Sports Station AM 1660 WQSN 1470 W??? Kalamazoo. NEW. (SA-MB)

### HURRICANE SPECIAL

- 690 WTIX LA New Orleans - 9/27 2230 - Fair, with talk about Hurricane Georges. Thanks to Bill Dvorak in Madison, Wisconsin for tip on this one when I sent a tip out on amfmbvdx list saying that WWL lost power at 2225. (TR-IL)
- 870 WWL LA New Orleans - 9/28 0100 - Fair-to-good, with talk and news about Hurricane Georges. Simulcasting with WSMB and WTKL-FM. Station was out from 2225 on 9/27 for approximately 1-1/2 hours due to tree damage at transmitter site. (TR-IL)

### UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 680 WCAW? WV? Charleston? - 9/27 2248 - With satellite NOS. Gave ID for WONE-980. (DS-TN)
- 1260 UNID ?? - 9/27 2237 - Fair, with Radio Disney. (DS-TN) [The Disney web site shows three Radio Disneys on 1260: Boston; Cleveland; St. Louis - Ed.]
- 1630 UNID ?? - Regarding Christos Rigas' unID (Issue 30) ... this has been driving me nuts since February, as first appeared on 1610. No announcements, and they seem to have a daily "theme" (ie: Elvis, Rush, obscure late 60s/early 70s tunes). It loops exactly NE/SW from Peoria and comes in best west of here. Any help?? (JG-IL)
- 1640 UNID ?? - 9/26 0133 - Someone under KDIA with a similar format of adcon or oldies. (DS-TN)

### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 830 CKKY AB Wainwright - 9/23 0239 - With This is Key 83 slogan, C&W music, mention of Alberta, ad for "Iron Eater" water treatment device, weather for Wainwright, Lethbridge, & other Alberta cities. (CB-CO)
- 850 WYDE AL Birmingham - 9/26 0152 - Good, with Radio Disney. (DS-TN)
- 920 WAFS GA Atlanta - 9/26 0157 - Fair, with USA news, local weather, and call ID. (DS-TN)
- 980 KUPI ID Ammon - 9/14 0718 - With AM Stereo Cupie, Gold, Cupie 98 Gold jingle, Oldies, Nogenol ad & PSAs. New. (CB-CO)
- 1460 KBZO TX Lubbock - 9/2 0759 - With Radio Beso slogan in SS, followed by legal ID in EE. Brief news & into editorial/commentary. New. (CB-CO)
- 1470 KWAY IA Waverly - 9/22 0713 - In briefly, out of the mud, with CL ID. Over/under KWSL. New. (CB-CO)
- 1480 KPHX AZ Phoenix - 9/12 0700 - With legal ID in EE, then back into ranchera music. (CB-CO)
- 1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 9/26 0133 - Best in months, with black oldies and ID. (DS-TN)
- 1650 KKTR CA Costa Mesa - 9/26 0133 - Best in months, with Los Angeles traffic. (DS-TN)
- KKTR CA Costa Mesa - 9/28 0730 - IDing as K-Track with 24 hour traffic reports from LA area. Surprising that at 4:30 AM their time there are already tie-ups. Guess I'm just used to a small town. (JR-OK) [I'll bet what you heard was "K-Traffic". And you are fortunate to BE in a small town - Ed.]
- 1660 KXOL UT Brigham City - 9/26 0133 - Good, with oldies. Logged their FM for a new state in July. (DS-TN)
- 1690 KAYKt CO Aurora - 9/26 0132 - Good, even with WMDM with Radio Disney. (DS-TN)

### 0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 620 KOTK OR Portland - 9/16 0905 - Portland's first news continues on K-News. (SCW-CA)
- 750 KXL OR Portland - 9/16 0916 - KXL Newstime is 6:15. (SCW-CA)
- 1180 KYET AZ Williams - 9/24 0944 - With Northern Arizona's Sports Radio, KYET, 1180, AM, into sports news. (CB-CO)
- 1230 KOBB MT Bozeman - 8/30 0846 - With AM, 1230, KOBB. In briefly, with local Montana & Northwest Wyoming weather, mention of ... here in Montana. New. (CB-CO)
- 1290 KCUB AZ Tucson - 9/18 0816 - In briefly, out of the mud, with KOWB nulled. CL ID & sports news. New. (CB-CO)

- 1470 KWSL IA Sioux City - 9/22 0902 - With CL ID, slogan *Classic 1470*, NOS format. (CB-CO)
- 1510 KGA WA Spokane - 9/21 0908 - *KGA's first traffic and weather together on The Morning Express.* (SCW-CA)
- 1590 KLIV CA San Jose - 9/22 0908 - *Wake Up San Jose*, morning weather and traffic, ABC News feature on President Clinton. (SCW-CA)
- 1700 KBGG IA Des Moines - 9/27 2227 - Calls under WCMQ. (DS-TN)

**1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT**

- 550 WAYR FL Orange Park - 9/27 2129 - Excellent, with *This is Way Radio*, WAYR Orange Park, into religious talk. Unneeded. (DS-TN)
- 690 WTIX LA New Orleans - 9/27 2222 - Good, with hurricane talk, local ads. (DS-TN)
- 1140 KZMQ WY Greybull - 9/24 2110 - C&W music, call ID weak in loop null of WRVA(VA). QRM and noise was high but positive ID. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1180 KOIL NE Bellevue - 9/24 2130 - Sports talk with ID *Sports station 1180*. Changed from previous NOS/OLD format. (JR-OK)
- 1190 WBSL MS Bay St. Louis - 9/27 ~2200 - Very good, with rebroadcast of Biloxi NWS 162.x MHz weather radio, hurricane warnings for Mississippi Gulf Coast. New. (DS-TN)
- 1270 WLIK TN Newport - 9/25 2025 - Poor, but clear under WKBF, with high school sports. Local ads: ...*in Newport on I-40* ... after listening for 26 minutes! (JJR-WI)
- 1320 KOZY MI Grand Rapids - 9/25 2008 - Fair, with female announcer and local announcements and live oldies. Unusual to hear. (JJR-WI)
- 1370 WLTH IN Gary - 9/25 1957 - Fair, with local chatter, carted ID into promos/ads. (JJR-WI)
- 1370 WCOA FL Pensacola - 9/27 2138 -Fair, with hurricane coverage, listener calls. New. (DS-TN)
- 1410 WLTV AL Mobile - 9/27 2233 - Religion, PSA for local AIDS/HIV charity. New. (DS-TN)
- 1700 KBGG IA Des Moines - 9/27 2227 - Calls under WCMQ. (DS-TN)

**GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE**

Totals:	1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
John Reed Ponca City, OK	1	1	4	3	5	5	19
Greg Hall Dallas, TX	3	1	1	1	1	3	10

**DDXD-East**

Deadlines are Tuesdays.

**STATION NEWS**

- 590 WEZE MA Boston - 9/24 - Address has expired; report mailed 8/25 returned today. (SK-PA)
- 830 WXII NC Eden - 9/22 - Has been topping the channel consistently for the last few weeks, so power increase seems to have happened. Is this signal getting out to the west at all, or just up and down the East Coast? (SK-PA)
- 1470 WKLZ MI Kalamazoo - 9/25 1600 - ID at this time, now using these calls, // WQSN-1660. (PLB-MI)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 9/25 0014 - Fair with One on One Sports, local ads, about even with KXOL in WBAH null. (SF-TN)  
+ 9/25 1555-1610 - With One on One Sports, simulcasting WKLZ-1470. (PLB-MI)

**UNID and UNID HELP**

- 610 UNID -- ----- 9/19 2135 - FF talk under WIP. (WM-MD) [Probably CHLC. - DY]
- 630 UNID -- ----- 9/22 1955 - Toronto Blue Jays network vs. Baltimore, no station listed on '98 NRC list. None of the likely suspects needed. (SK-PA)
- 690 UNID -- ----- 9/22 1915-1948 - SS station, several mentions of Puerto Rico and "*La Cristiana*," apparent sign-off 1948 with brief musical snippet, leaving CBF in the clear. Second night for this. WPHE uses EE ID's and should be off, so probably WADS or WNZK. Shouldn't these be off by then? (SK-PA) [WADS

has some kind of post-sunset authorization, and it sounds like them. Usual ID is "Radio Amor." - DY]

- 1400 UNID -- ----- 9/23 0000 - Presumably someone signing off with SSB. (WM-MD)
- 1630 UNID -- ----- 9/23 0255 - Church-style organ music in heavy flutter. (SK-PA)

**LOGGINGS: 0000-0800**

- 880 WVLR VA Moneta - 9/24 0249 - Canned ID "*106.9 WLQE. We love ...*"back to 3-way simulcast with WLQE-106.9 and WLVA-590. Heard 3-station ID on the hour, 3.5 minute newscast (too garbled to make out here, but it was CNN on WLVA-590). Only second positive nighttime station on this channel, over and under WCBS. (SK-PA)
- 980 WSUB CT Groton - 9/19 0200 - Tentative, mixing with WTEM, ID sounded like "*WSEV Rockingham-London*," then One on One Sports. This has been turning up near sunset since last spring, but no ID. (SK-PA) [I think they do ID as "Groton-New London." - DY]
- 1400 WKAV VA Charlottesville - 9/22 0005 - Presumed with ad for Hot Springs Ford on Route 209, then weather. Briefly strongest in the jumble, but not clear. This is the closest station to Hot Springs. (SK-PA)
- 1660 KXOL UT Brigham City - 9/24 0212-0225 - Ads for Motel 6 and Verbal Advantage, then "*1660 KXOL, KSOS*" followed by "*Memories from the 60's and 70's*" and Beach Boys tunes. Surprisingly strong under WBAH. (MD-NY)

**LOGGINGS: 0800-1600**

- 540 WETC NC Wendell-Zebulon - 9/22 2258 - End of Barry Farber show, ad for ERA Real Estate "*servng South Zebulon*," garbled ID, and then UPI News. Briefly atop, then in the mix. (SK-PA)
- 630 CFCY PI Charlotetown - 9/18 2215 - End of C&W song "Radio 101," "*We hope you'll spend your weekend with CFCY and the Island's country favorites*," then list of weekend programs. Clear, local-like signal. At 2221 "*It's 11:21. Don't forget to listen tomorrow for Tom Chapman*." (SK-PA)

**LOGGINGS: 1600-2400**

- 690 WOKV FL Jacksonville - 9/26 2000+ - CBS news at 2000, call mentioned, into Dean Edell show at 2006. Continued to be heard throughout the evening, Art Bell show 2106-2200, ID 2200, into CBS news. Excellent signal, way atop fairly quiet channel; could be on daytime pattern. New, FL #2. No trace of CBF; has the AM transmitter been shut down yet? (NSA-OH)  
+ 9/26 2130 - Good, "Dreamland with Art Bell" talk about crop circles, "*News-Talk 690 WOKV*" ID, Hurricane Georges update, local ads, and hurricane evacuation plan PSA. (BC-NH)  
+ 9/26 2330 - Duvall Ford ad, followed by "*News-Talk 690 WOKV*" ID, then back to "Dreamland with Art Bell". Very strong, clear signal. Usually this is CBF. (PH-MA)
- WTIX LA New Orleans - 9/26 2115-2200 - Talk show with callers reporting traffic conditions during hurricane, mentions of Louisiana, I-10, I-55, I-12, ID "*WTIX, New Orleans*" heard at 2200. Very weak, tough behind WOKV, new. (NSA-OH)
- 730 WBZS VA Alexandria - 9/5 2200 - Good, "Technology Today on the Business News Network" program, "*Business Radio 730, WBZS Alexandria-Washington*" ID, and SRN news. (BC-NH)
- 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 9/22 2230 - On after hours blowing out WLS. This rock music sounds better than most of the CHR stuff out right now, if you aren't bothered by the all-religious based lyrics. (SK-PA)
- 1070 CBA NB Moncton - 9/19 2200 - End of progam, "*You're listening to CBC Radio One*." (WM-MD)
- 1270 WLIK TN Newport - 9/11 2030 - High school football game, local ad mentioning Newport. (WM-MD)
- 1300 WSYD NC Mount Airy - 9/11 2042 - High school football game, mention of Mount Airy. (WM-MD)
- 1330 WEBO NY Owego - 9/17 2051 - PSA for the Volunteer Center, phone (607) 547-2300, repeated at 2159. In the mix. (SK-PA)

- + 9/19 1913 - In briefly with "official weather" over WRCA. (BC-NH)
- 1350 WFLP PA Erie - 9/20 2200 - ESPN Radio, then ID "WFLP Erie," ABC news, atop the mix. Have been chasing this one a long time. (SK-PA)
- 1360 WYSN PA Somerset - 9/23 1920 - Ad for Pennsylvania Power, ID, "Sunny 1330." (WM-MD)
- 1370 WHEE VA Martinsville - 9/11 1927 - Local ad, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1380 WSYB VT Rutland - 9/11 2050 - High school football game, mention of Brattleboro. (WM-MD)
- 1440 WJYL NY Niagara Falls - 9/22 2315 - ID heard in mix, Black music show "Soul Cafe". (WM-MD)
- 1450 WDIY RI West Warwick - 9/15 1930 - Disney program, atop WFTQ. (RJE\*ME)
- 1490 WIFE VT Windsor - 9/12 2030 - C&W, over, under WFTQ. (RJE\*ME)
- 1580 WONZ NJ Hammonton - 9/12 2000 - Promo for station's program, ID as // WOND-1400. (WM-MD)
- 1660 WBAH NJ Elizabeth - 9/12 2007 - Weaker than WCMQ but still readable. (RJE\*ME)
- 1670 WNML GA Warner Robins - 9/12 2015 - Quite strong with sports teletalk about Southeastern Conference. (RJE\*ME)
- WTDY WI Madison - 9/25 2010+ - Heard with Bruce Williams talk show, strong signal fighting with WNML. (NSA\*OH)
- 1690 WMDM MD Lexington Park - 9/12 2012 - NASCAR program. (RJE\*ME)  
+ 9/19 2200 - Excellent, "WMDM-FM Lexington Park, southern Maryland's first choice for news and weather information," ID, C&W music. (BC-NH)  
+ 9/25 2010+ - Heard almost nightly here now with Bruce Williams talk show. Excellent, very listenable signal from around sunset, with some QRM later at night but still good. (NSA\*OH)
- 1700 WCMQ FL Miami Springs - 9/12 2010 - SS at moderate level. (RJE\*ME)

#### TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1630 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth Airport - 9/24 0012 - Mentions of loading and unloading of passengers only, for various terminals follow different colored signs, valet parking price per day. Shot up for this, then gone. Address? (SK-PA) [You mean 1640, Steve? - DY]

#### INTERNET UPDATES

From Scott Fybush's "North East Radio Watch": WNFT-MA-1150 has been sold to Mega Broadcasting, the owners of WNEZ-CT-910 and WLAT-CT-1230. WKPE-MA-1170 has been donated to U.Mass. Boston, and will likely join the WUMB-MA-91.9 network of stations. WNTN-MA-1550 is also being sold, this one to Colt Communications.

#### REPORTERS

NSA-OH	Neil Adams	Hinckley OH - Sony ICF-SW7600, Superadio III
NSA*OH		On the road at Brookpark OH - Car radio
PLB-MI	Philip Boersma	Spring Lake MI - Local news
BC-NH	Bruce Conti	Nashua NH - R8B, MWDX-5, noise-reduced 100' LW's
MD-NY	Michael Diers	Huntington Station NY - HF-1000, Kiwa loop
RJE*ME	Russ Edmunds	DX'ing in Jonesport ME, car radio & whip
SF-TN	Steve Francis	Alcoa TN - TRF, Select-a-Tenna
PH-MA	Paul Hansen	Marlboro MA - Sony 7600-G
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township PA - Superadio III
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX-380

# International DX Digest

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

I logged my 1700th medium wave station from Rochester this morning. Was it a rare TA, an exotic auroral reception. or a west coast domestic? No such luck! In fact #1700 is my closest station heard! It's a micro-power "talking house" real estate station just a few blocks away from my house on 1610 kHz. I hope you are doing much better than this!

Jim

#### TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 549 ALGERIA Les Trembles, SEP 26 0152 - fast AA talk; fair to good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, SEP 26 2335 - // 621 with SS talk by man & woman; fair. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, SEP 26 2333 - operatic female SS vocal; good. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 648 GAMBIA R. Gambia, Bonto, SEP 26 2331 - African music; poor to fair during a powerful opening to West Africa (e.g. Senegal at local level). SEP 26 2343 - African drums, a bit better in strength than it was 12 minutes earlier. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 684 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, SEP 27 0026 - // 855 with '50s type vocal, then SS talk by man; good despite some WRKO splash. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 693 AZORES RDP, Santa Barbara, SEP 26 0202 - PP news by man; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 27 0022 - // 837 with "I've Got My Mind Set on You" by George Harrison; good. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA Laayoune, SEP 26 2325 - AA talk by woman, then reggae song; at light audio level on a monster caRier that was 15 dB (!) better than WOR-710. SEP 27 0021 - AA vocal & strings; still bombing WOR into the background. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 747 BURKINA FASO Ouagadougou, SEP 26 2253 - // 4815 with highlife music; light audio, fair caRier. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 26 2321 - SS talk by man; now dominating over Burkina Faso. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL Dakar, SEP 26 2250 - kalimba instrumentation and male African folk vocal; absolutely local-like, up to 20 dB stronger than adjacent WABC. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 837 AZORES RDP, Pico da Barossa, SEP 26 2318 - PP talk by man, then segments of rock oldies including "Rock Around the Clock" and "Rock 'n' Roll Music"; HUGE, way over Canary Islands and louder than the mess on 840. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, SEP 26 2248 - fast SS talk; to good peak, mixed with Azores. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 855 SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al., SEP 27 0026 - // 684 with segments of a '50s-influenced group vocal, then man in SS; fair with WEEI phased. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 873 SPAIN SER synchros SEP 20 0110 - Fair; salsa music // 1044. [Conti-NH]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SEP 26 2315 - emotional SS vocal ballad; excellent, trashing WCB-880. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, SEP 26 2245 - AA talk by man; fading up. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 907.8 GAMBIA R. Syd, Banjul, SEP 26 2313 - man with speech or sermon; poor. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, SEP 26 2312 - SS news; good. SER not noted. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, SEP 26 2311 - Berber type vocals; only modulating about 10%. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, SEP 26 2301 - SS adverts including one about English language lessons; excellent. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA Duba SEP 19 2250 - Fair; Koranic recitations // 9555 & 9870, sign-off at 2300 with anthem. [Conti-NH]

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 526 BAHAMAS ZLS, Stella Maris, SEP 26 0158 - "ZLS" code beacon; fair to good through R.V.C. splash. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 530 TURKS & CAICOS R. Vision Cristiana, SEP 26 0157 - local-like with SS talk, R. Vision Cristiana ID. [Connelly\*H-MA]

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- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, SEP 26 0155 - "Stranger on the Shore" by Mr. Acker Bilk (big instrumental hit from 1962). To good peak with R.V.C. nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 27 0035 - Caribbean EE DJ, soca music; very good. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 540 MEXICO XEWA, San Luis Potosi - MonteRey, SEP 26 1005 - "W de Mexico" slogan, then mellow SS ballad; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, BasseteRe, SEP 26 0150 - Caribbean EE sports scores; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 570 CUBA R. Reloj, SEP 26 0150 - man and woman with SS news, clock ticks, and on-the-minute beeps; local-like. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 580 CUBA R. Rebelde, Mantua / Baracoa, SEP 26 0148 - SS talk // 590, 600 et al.; under unID SS music station. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 580 PUERTO RICO WKAQ, San Juan, SEP 27 0034 - SS talk "primera en Puerto Rico"; over WTAG/CJFX. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 590 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMHI, Santa Clara, SEP 26 0147 - SS speech // 600 et al.; through WEZE. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 600 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, SEP 26 0147 - SS speech // many other channels; huge. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 605.6 CUBA R. Rebelde outlet, unknown city, SEP 26 0146 - a Rebelde outlet with SS talk // 600, 620, 710, et al. was noted here with a fair to good signal, but the audio was poor, with a lot of hum. This had been noted back in May on 604.5 kHz (not identified at that time). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 620 CUBA R. Rebelde, Colon / Moa, SEP 26 0144 - // 710 with SS talk, hum on caRier; strong / dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 630 PUERTO RICO WSKN, San Juan, SEP 26 0144 - Puerto Rico SS news items; over WPRO and others. An hour earlier, on the car radio, this station had WPRO and CFCY consistently beaten along the stretch of Route 6 from the Sagamore Bridge to Harwich. Conditions this evening were quite auroral. SEP 26 0930 - "Cadena" jingle, fast SS newstalk; atop WPRO. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso, AUG 28 0355 - ID as R. Progreso, don't know which outlet, but way over domestics. [Kennedy-PA] SEP 26 0416 - // Progreso-660 with SS female vocal; dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 27 0250 - Good; "la onda de la alegria" ID, disco and salsa music, ad for Gilberto Santa Rosa concert on "FM estereo o con onda media" // 740 & 890. [Conti-NH] SEP 27 1011 - fair with Radio Progreso ID's and Cuban love songs. // 890, which was coming in like a ton of bricks. Not heard in Toronto in years thanks to CHOG. [Brooker-ON]
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogota, SEP 26 0143 - SS mentions of a business with branches in Manizales and Bogota; loud. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 660 CUBA R. Progreso, CMHG, Santa Clara, SEP 26 0416 - // 640 with female SS vocal; over/under WFAN. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 670 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMQ, ARoyo Arenas, SEP 26 0416 - // 600 with SS talk; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 670 VENEZUELA R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, SEP 27 0030 - booming ID "R. Rumbos, la emisora de Venezuela", then into sports program. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 680 CUBA R. Rebelde, SEP 26 0920 - // 600 with SS telephone interview; under WRKO. A second SS station, probably WAPA, appeared occasionally. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 690 BRAZIL R. Dragao do Mar, ZYH587, Fortaleza, SEP 27 0025 - PP teletalk, reverberated announcements mentioning Fortaleza and "igreja" (church); atop Florida domestic, no trace of CBF thanks to the aurora.3Connelly\*D-MA]
- 700 COLOMBIA R. Net, HJCX, Cali, SEP 26 0910 - R. Net ID, Colombia mentions; slightly over second Latin American & WLW. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 27 0120 - Fair; news and Radio Net IDs, over an unID Latin American station in WLW null. [Conti-NH]
- 705 ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES Kingstown, SEP 26 0141 - soul female vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 26 2327 - fair with mellow pop / soul vocal. [Connelly\*D-MA] SEP 27 0225 - Poor; lively soca music through thunderstorm static. [Conti-NH]
- 710 CUBA R. Rebelde, SEP 27 0240 - Excellent, way over WOR; salsa and merengue // 600, 620, 670, & 5025. [Conti-NH]
- 720 JAMAICA RJR, Kingston, SEP 26 0959 - religious music, then clear "Radio RJR" jingle; good with CHTN nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA] Assumed this with reggae and disco music, Caribbean-accented English DJ, briefly fading up over Venezuela, otherwise well under. [Conti-NH]
- 720 VENEZUELA R. Oriente, Porlamar SEP 27 0200 - Good; sounded like a live broadcast from a music festival, finally IDed at 0230 as "Radio Oriente, la senal . . . de Venezuela." [Conti-NH]
- 720 VENEZUELA R. Oriente, YVQE, Porlamar, SEP 26 2323 - Isla Margarita mentions; under

- CHTN groundwave. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 730 MEXICO XEX, Mexico City, SEP 26 1001 - "La Equis de Mexico" ID; to good peak with CKAC nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 750 VENEZUELA YVKS, Caracas, SEP 26 0350 - presumed this with SS news from the world-wide media including "R. Francia Internacional". [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, BaRanquilla, SEP 26 0138 - SS talk with apparent advertisements for a Colombian automobile parts and repair company; excellent. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 27 0305 - Woman in Spanish // 770, over R.Reloj-Cuba and rumbling het. [Conti-NH]
- 760 CUBA R. Reloj, AUG 28 0625 - Don't know which outlet, mixing with presumed Florida and WJR. [Kennedy-PA]
- 760 BRAZIL R. Record, ZYH888, Fortaleza, SEP 26 2251 - man in PP with religious-oriented talk and local mentions; dominant. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 770 COLOMBIA RCN, HJXX, Bogota, SEP 26 0138 - // 760 with SS talk mentioning car parts; gm d, dominating over WABC. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA R. Coro, Coro SEP 27 0308 - Good; high energy salsa and rap, jingle ID and "once ocho" time check. [Conti-NH]
- 780 VENEZUELA Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal SEP 27 0315 - Faded up nice over R. Coro with Ilegales "La Morena" disco mix and nostalgic music // 4980. [Conti-NH]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBV1, Roadtown, Tortola, SEP 26 2348 - local Caribbean EE phone-in talkshow with mentions of lawyers, court proceedings; good, over SS Latin Americans & CFDR. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA Ecos del Torbes, YVOD, San Cristobal, SEP 26 0900 - Venezuelan anthem at sign-on, then booming ID "Transmite Ecos del Torbes en San Cristobal!"; LOUD. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 780 VENEZUELA R. Coro, YVMN, Coro, SEP 26 0902 - R. Coro ID; mixing with Ecos del Torbes. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, SEP 27 0015 - Afro-Caribbean flute jazz, then man in SS "de antilles holandesas, transmite Radio Transmundial"; monster signal, alone on channel. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 810 PUERTO RICO WKVM, San Juan, SEP 27 0040 - romantic song in SS done by Nat King Cole, SS DJ mentioned that it was the "enamoradas" show, then WKVM ID and a dedication to someone in Caguas; good signal, well over HJCY/WGY/CJVA. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 820 CUBA R. Progreso SEP 27 0330 - Poor; brief good fade in with "la onda de la alegria" ID and salsa music // 890. [Conti-NH]
- 830 CUBA R. Reloj, SEP 26 0859 - Reloj news and time show; under WCRN. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 840 CUBA CMHW Doblevem Santa Clara, AUG 28 0600 - sign-off, way over WHAS. [Kennedy-PA] SEP 26 0858 - SS talk with Cuba, Santa Clara, and Habana mentions; over WHAS. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS VON, Bath Village, SEP 26 2314 - soca, Caribbean dance music; to fair peak. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 900 MEXICO XEW, Mexico City, SEP 26 1006 - // XEWA-540 with SS ballad; good, over Cuba and others. [Connelly\*H-MA] SEP 27 1008 - killing CHML with ID as "Doble U de Mexico" and soft ballads. Not often heard in Toronto because of CHML. [Brooker-ON]
- 940 COLOMBIA RCN Cucuta SEP 27 0400 - Fair; "la radio de Colombia" jingle ID through R.Reloj-Cuba and an unID Latin American station. [Conti-NH]
- 940 MEXICO XEQ, Mexico City, SEP 26 1008 - festive SS vocal music, automated "Q" (coo) slogan inserted between songs; good with the loop pointed southwest (peak Mexico, null Canada). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 950 CUBA CMHI R. Reloj, Sancti Spiritus, AUG 28 0408 - Usual R. Reloj format, except only a woman was reporting the news. Very good on usually jumbled frequency. [Kennedy-PA]
- 960 CUBA R. Reloj SEP 27 0405 - Good; man and woman with news, R code IDs and syncopated clock. [Conti-NH]
- 1000 unID SEP 27 0430 - "La senal del Caribe" ID and high energy merengue/salsa not parallel R.Tachira-4830, under RCN-Colombia. [Conti-NH] (No idea here - Jim)
- 1000 MEXICO XEOY Mexico City DF, SEP 27 1043 - fair over Chicago with ID promo as "Siempre los mejores momentos de su dia, Radio Mil". Tentative, but I suspect this one rather than YVNM Morón, Venezuela (which also IDs as "Radio Mil") because there seemed to be a nice opening to Mexico this morning, with XEWA-540, XEX-730 and XEQ-940 all blasting in. [Brooker-ON] (Certainly XEOY is widely heard - Jim)
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN, HJAJ, Cartagena, SEP 26 0820 - // 760 with political SS talk; dominant. [Connelly\*H-MA]

- 1030 MEXICO XEQR Mexico City DF, SEP 27 1018 - fair in nulled WBZ with local weather, many mentions of "Ciudad de Mexico" and "Distrito Federal". [Brooker-ON]
- 1100 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJAT, BaRanquilla, SEP 27 0002 - SS Colombian news // 1170; excellent / dominant. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1160 BERMUDA VSB3, Hamilton, SEP 26 2303 - // 5975 with BBC radio drama; excellent, alone on channel. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1170 COLOMBIA CARACOL, HJNW, Cartagena, SEP 27 0002 - // 1100 with SS news of Colombia; good, over others. [Connelly\*D-MA]
- 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, SEP 26 0825 - // 600 with uptempo SS vocal and big-band jazz accompaniment; very good. [Connelly\*H-MA]

*Steve speaks:* "Auroral conditions tonight, but most of the unlogged stuff isn't clear enough to make out. It's either mixing with the usually heard stations or in heavy flutter."

*Duxbury DX Pit Stop Notes from Mark Connelly:* "On Friday night and Saturday night (25 & 26 SEP 1998), I did some listening and heard quite a bit of southerly DX. Friday night / Saturday morning from E. Harwich was "primo" to Cuba, the western Caribbean, and northwestern South America. The long-sought mystery signal in the 604 - 605 kHz region has finally been ID'ed. It's a Cuban Rebelde outlet parallel to 600 kHz. It was noted at 0146 UTC on 26 SEP, this time on 605.6 kHz. Pre-dawn on Saturday featured some Mexicans and a really good signal from RJR Jamaica on 720. On Saturday afternoon, on my return trip from the Cape, I did a sunset DX "pit stop" at the west end of the Powder Point Bridge in Duxbury, MA. This site really "cranks in" the DX from Africa and Brazil, because of its direct salt water exposure on those bearings. Senegal-765 and Western Sahara-711.05 were just about pegging the S-meter. Some tastier treats like Brazil on 690 and 760 (both Fortaleza), Gambia on 648 and 907.8, Burkina-Faso on 747 showed up. Everything from the Canary Islands was loud (much better than the Spain stations). Many Caribbean and Venezuelan stations came in with big signals as darkness progressed westward. Seldom-logged WKVM Puerto Rico had a good signal on 810. I'm getting ready for NEWFIE '98!"

#### TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 972 SOUTH KOREA HLCA Tangjin, SEP 18 1328 - announcements by woman in KK; into KK popular vocal music, 1330 more announcements by woman in KK. Fair. [Wiseblood-CA]
- 1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ Cheju, SEP 18 1312 - Strong with talk by man in KK, 1326 talk with background piano music. Brief choral anthem, then announcements by man in KK. [Wiseblood-CA]

*Ray Moore speaks:* Still checking the TPS's every morning just before local sunrise. That's not so heroic since I'm working in the office at 5:00 AM every day and the DX desk is just behind my work desk. And every so often something really exotic makes its way into the receiver. Back in 1989 QST had an article on W1GKK who had confirmed every one of the 372 countries on the ARL country list in spite of relatively simple equipment and antennas. He said, "what's putting him at the top of a very special heap, is *being there*." That's the secret. If they're there and you're not, you're not going to get them." That is the secret of exotic DX catches - *being there*. (Hope you made it through the hurricane OK, Ray - Jim)

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SPAIN: RNE RADIO 1 Catalunya is transmitting in 801 KHz from Girona with 10 Kw. Reports to: Gran via Jaume I, 60 17001 GIRONA, Catalunya, Spain. [Jordi Brunet e-mail via Hard-Core DX]

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An intense wave of gamma rays, emanating from a catastrophic magnetic flare on a mysterious star 20,000 light years away, struck the Earth's atmosphere on August 27, 1998, providing important clues about some of the most unusual stars in the Universe. Scientists said the gamma radiation posed no health risk to humans. The wave hit the night side of the Earth and ionized (or knocked electrons out of) the atoms in the upper atmosphere to a level usually seen only during daytime. This astonishing blast of ionization was detected by Prof. Umran Inan of Stanford University. "It is extremely rare for an event occurring outside the solar system to have any measurable effect on the Earth," Inan said. It was so powerful that it blasted sensitive detectors to maximum or off-scale on at least seven scientific spacecraft in Earth orbit and around the solar system. The wave of radiation emanated from a newly discovered type of star called a magnetar. Magnetars are dense balls of super-heavy matter, no larger than a city but weighing more than the Sun. They have the greatest magnetic field known in the Universe, so intense that it powers a steady glow of X-rays from the star's surface, often punctuated

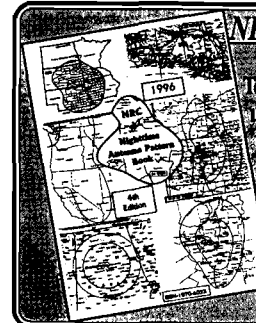
by brief, intense gamma-ray flashes, and occasionally by cataclysmic flares like the one observed on August 27. Astronomers think that all these effects are caused by an out-of-control magnetic field — a field capable of heating, mixing, and sometimes cracking the star's rigid surface to bits. [From NASANews@hq.nasa.gov, via hard-core-DX]

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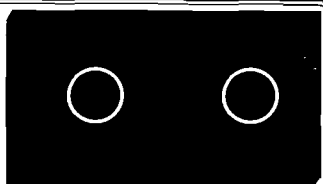
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