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(WAAT	PA	750	Dec. 18	CANCELLED)
WFIF	CT	1500	Jan. 9	0030-0045
WVNE	RI	760	Jan. 17	0400-0500
KTNS	CA	1090	Jan. 23	0000-0100
WMAL	DC	630	Jan. 30	0100-0130
WILM	DE	1450	Jan. 30	0100-0300

The WAAT-750 test scheduled for Saturday, December 18 was cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. An ice storm went through the area on the 14th and damaged the antenna, according to Dave Schmidt.

WVNE-760 (52 Park View - Warwick, RI 02888) will conduct a DX test from 4:00 am - 5:00 am EST Monday, January 17, 2000. The test will include tones, voice IDs, and Morse code IDs. Power will be 25 kW directional daytime pattern. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Lincoln W. Hubbard (N1ATU) Chief Engineer. (Please note: Use this address for QSLs!) <<wvne@aol.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC. Also, the CE at WVNE is ALSO the CE at WARV-1590 in Warwick, RI and notes that WARV is now 24 hours, so that should make them a little easier to pick up.

KTNS-1090 - (40356 Oak Park Way - Oakhurst, CA 93612) will conduct a DX test from 12:00 am - 1:00 am EST Sunday, January 23, 2000. The test will consist of "Music of your life". The test will be run at KSTN's full daytime power of 1000 watts, and a non-directional antenna pattern will be used. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Larry W. Gamble, General Manager <<mtkaat@sierratel.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.

WMAL-630 (4400 Jenifer St. NW - Washington, DC 20015) will conduct a DX test from 1:00 am - 1:30 am EST Sunday, January 30, 2000. The test will consist of Morse code IDs inserted into regular programming at the top of the hour. According to CE John Butler, the station will be running "When Radio Was" at this time, an anthology of classic radio shows. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. John Butler; <<John.C.Butler@abc.com>>. Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC.

WJIB address ... From Lynn Hollerman: "Con-

cerning the WJIB-740 DX test on 12/20/99, I have received mail from the station owner alerting me to the fact that the address given for QSLs was out of date (2 years old), and mail sent there WILL NOT be forwarded. The CORRECT ADDRESS FOR QSLs IS: Mr. Bob Bittner Owner/Manager WJIB-AM - 443 Concord Av - Cambridge, MA 02138. And please remember to include a SASE with your reception report!"

TV Station Guide ... The WTFDA TV Station Guide is ready for advance orders. From now to the last day of February anyone, member or non-member, can purchase one for \$17.95. Any checks received on March 1 or later for \$17.95 will not be honored. After that date the regular hobby and technical price for the guide is \$19.95. The retail bookshelf price for the guide will be \$23.95. Shipping date should be around March 1. All the info in this guide came from Doug Smith. The Guide runs around 180 pages and is designed to fit in the binder of your choice. Mail your checks to WTFDA - PO Box 501 - Somersville, CT 06072, and if you include your e-mail address, you will be notified when your check arrives.

IDXD Convention ... The 2000 IRCA Convention will be in Billings, Montana on August 25, 26, and 27, hosted by John and Nancy Johnson. The web site for complete information is <<http://pages.prodigy.net/john_johnson/irca2000.htm>>. More details will follow for the non-computerized, we presume.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the December 31, 1949 DXN: Owen B. Roberts, Danvers, MA submitted a list of 136 stations from 34 countries in Europe and North Africa that he had heard between Dec. 16 and 24, stating that conditions then were as good as he had ever experienced.

25 years ago ... from the January 6, 1975 DXN: Ben Dangerfield reported receiving a confirmation card for his reception of 1016-Istanbul on September 12, which IDXD editor Alan Merriman noted was the first U. S. verie of this station, to his knowledge.

10 years ago ... from the January 1, 1990 DXN: Bill Swiger, Bridgeport, VA, reported hearing a strong signal on 1630 kHz from KS2XAH, Norfolk, VA.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call		New call
570	WRDT NC	Raleigh	WDTF
590	WOW NE	Omaha	KOMJ
600	WKLW KY	Paintsville	WKYH
630	KKPL WA	Opportunity	KXLI
940	*New PQ	Montreal	CKNN
980	WLMX GA	Rossville	WUUS
1060	KBNB TX	Gilmer	KOFY
1290	WTMC FL	Ocala	WCFI
1400	WTRR FL	Sanford	WSDO
1640	KKJY OR	Lake Oswego	KPBC



50,000 watts in Stereo

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

None

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1050	WPBS GA	Conyers: to 1040 kHz with 12000 (420 CH) D3
1060	KAHU HI	Hilo: 5000/5000 U1
1070	WIWH WV	Beckley: 10000 (7700 CH) D1
1320	WLOH OH	Lancaster: 500/16 U1, relocate transmitter site
1290	WRNI RI	Providence: 5000/10000 U4

OTHERNESS

560	CKJL ON	Kirkland Lake: CP to move to 101.5 FM is on
660	WORL FL	Altamonte Springs: new station is ON THE AIR
900	KREH TX	Pecan Grove: silent station is ON THE AIR (ex Oakdale, LA)
990	KTUB TX	Wichita Falls: station is SILENT to facilitate move to Farmersville, TX
1170	KOHO HI	Honolulu: silent station set to return January 15
1180	R.Marti FL	Marathon: Marti has increased power to 100000 watts, not shown in FCC actions as this station is not licensed or regulated by the FCC
1220	KLVZ CO	Denver: silent station (as KBNO) is ON THE AIR
1360	WNNJ NJ	Newton: CP for 2000/320 U4 from new transmitter site is on
1370	WLTH IN	Gary: station is SILENT pending sale
1550	WMDH IN	New Castle: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1560	KCJK IA	Iowa City: has returned to the air, had gone silent when programming was moved to their 1630 kHz X-band facility, presently simulcasting for all their listeners with "old radios that won't tune up to 1630".

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Phil Boersma, Shawn Axelrod, Sheldon Harvey & MSJ
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Jerry & BKF

What a Time-Saver - the
County Cross
Reference

A complete list of counties, parishes, and territories in the U.S. and Canada. Includes: alpha by county, and by state. Compiled by Bill Hale and designed and produced by Jerry Starr and Joan Helmen. \$6.50 for members; \$9.95 for non-members. Order item CCR from the NRC Publications Center, NY residents, please include sales tax.

Domestic DX Digest

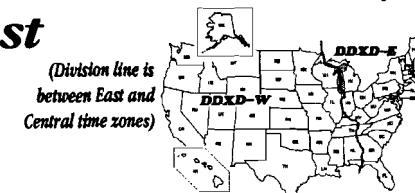
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT



(Division line is between East and Central time zones)

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- The FIRST DDXD-West for the next thousand years. And you are here! Welcome. A request from ye editor . . . for those of you who send in your reports via e-mail, please arrange your individual loggings as you see them here in DX News. By this, I mean the order of the data should be: frequency; calls; state; city; date; time; what you heard; your credit in (). If you submit the logging in any other way, it makes the cut-and-paste process a little more difficult. And DO NOT try to make your message appear like the column looks. Do not TAB TAB TAB or use numerous spaces to make the data line up. Just type the logging in the order as stated above. We keep getting the darndest-looking reports! And please keep the abbreviations to those we all know! Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Gary Jackson called the 1690 in Roseville, California and was told that land had been bought and equipment is there, and they are planning to be on the air by March '00. Gary promises to keep us updated.
- We welcome Morris Sorensen back to the DDXD-West reporting area, as he has moved back to Manitoba from Ontario. Also, the red carpet is out for three new voices in the column this issue: Guy Kudlemyer of Thurston, Oregon; Blake Lawrence of San Francisco, California; and Dan Lester of Seymour, Wisconsin. Good to have you all in the DX Den. And Shawn provides us with weather commentary from the Frozen North: "Now that is a good week of DX four new stations . . . Snow arrived at long last Dec 13 and today winter showed up at -18 C with -25 C for tonight . . . knew it would not last."
- Terry Jones of Plankinton, South Dakota relays this newspaper report: "Sorenson Broadcasting, based in Sioux Falls, announced the sale of its 17 radio stations to Gold Circle Waitt Broadcasting, of Omaha. The sale price: \$18 million. The sale becomes effective Jan. 1, with the licenses changing hands later in the year. Radio stations being sold include: KCCR and KXLS in Pierre; KYNT and KKYA in Yankton; KWAT, KIXX, KDLO, and KKSD in Watertown; KJJQ, KDBX, and KKQQ in Brookings; KORN and KORN in Mitchell, all South Dakota; KVPD and KUEL in Fort Dodge, Iowa; and KCUE and KWNG in Red Wing, Minnesota."
- A valiant attempt to fill in all the frequencies, but we fell a few short. Keep those reports coming and maybe we'll do it by the end of this DX season. We've got three weeks worth of catching up to do . . . so let's do it!

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REPORTERS

FA-ID	Frank Aden Boise FRG-7 + 4 ft box loop <n7sok@juno.com>
SA-MB	Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM ICR-70 & Drake R8 + 4 foot unamplified box loop; Quantum Loop; 145 foot outdoor wire; 100 foot indoor wire; MFJ 1026 Phasing Unit <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
AB-CA	Art Blair Folsom NRD-515 & Kiwa Loop
GB-FL	Gerry Bishop Niceville Drake R8, Sony ICF-2010, any antenna that helps <gerryb4991@aol.com>
RD-AZ	Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa Kenwood R-1000 and zepp antenna; GE Superadio III <lwdxr@juno.com>
CG-LA	Charlie Gaharan Thibodaux CCRadio barefoot
GJ-CA	Gary Jackson Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop
AK-WA	Andy Kahn Camas Superadio III and Select-a-Tenna <andyw@kpdq.com>
BK-CA	Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale R8-A/Two long wires/MFJ-1026mw <karchev@nortelnetworks.com>
GK-OR	Guy Kudlemyer Thurston FRG-7, KIWA Loop, MFJ 752-C Audio Filter, 180 ft. longwire, G-3 Macintosh <gwkuddles@aol.com>

BL-CA Blake Lawrence San Francisco Drake R8, Kiwa Loop <blake@deejay.com>
 DL-WI Dan Lester Seymour Superadio 2; MFJ 1026; 2 LWS <d-lester@execpc.com>
 MS-MB Morris Sorensen Winnipeg Grundig YB-400 barefoot
 JJR-WI John J. Rieger South Milwaukee FRG100, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner/Preamp and DZP-599zx audio noise reduction filter <johnrieger@webtv.net>
 PT-WA Pete Taylor Tacoma Sony ICF 2010, Kiwa air core loop <taytac@worldnet.att.net>
 RT-CA Rich Toebe Davis '97 Pontiac Delco AM-FM stereo-CD car radio <richtoebe@jps.net>
 EW-NE Ernie Wesolowski Omaha Drake SW-8 + 65' long wire =N/S & E/W or Radio West Loop
 JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop <peakbagger3@juno.com>
 DZ-WI Dan Ziolkowski Cudahy Sony 2010 with Kiwa Filters, Drake R8 + Kiwa Loop <DanZiolkowski@compuserve.com>
 Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills ICF-2010 barefooted

STATION NEWS & NOTES

590 WDIZ FL Panama City - 12/28 1520 - Still carries NOS format, using *The Breeze* as a slogan on local breaks from the satellite feed. Is not Disney as indicated in the Log. (GB-FL)
 590 KOMJ NE Omaha - 12/14 2333 - Christmas music, frequent *Magic 590* slogans, lots ads. Legal ID at 2359, then ABC News. Ex: WOW. (JW-CO)
 690 CINF QU Montreal - 12/15 2202 - Poor signal under CBKF1. With French- language announcements. New!! (SA-MB)
 940 CINW QU Montreal - 12/12 0404 - Poor signal under CJGX, with announcements about coming on the air soon. New!! (SA-MB)
 1120 WBZR FL Destin - 12/25 1900 - On past LSS with relay of WFSH-1340 Valparaiso-Niceville. Not uncommon weekends and holidays for them, and perhaps best chance to log this "daytime only." (GB-FL)
 1340 KTIK ID Nampa - Has been running announcements that they are going to 1350 at 00:00 MST Jan 1. (FA-ID)
 1540 KXPA WA Bellevue - 12/11 0100 - Noted relaying KSUH-1450 with Korean programming. However, they have different PSAs (2) in EE right after the 0100 3-station ID (also KWYZ). As per call, this is on 0100-0900 7-days a week. (PT-WA)
 1640 KPBC OR Lake Oswego - 12/11 2255 - Poor signal, under WKSH and KDIA, with religious programming. New!! (SA-MB)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

521 UNID ?? - 12/14 0115 - Fair signal with Morse code. Is this the airport beacon in Missoula that was mentioned in the last issue? (AK-WA) [Maybe. It gets out pretty good. The code for INE is pretty basic (dot dot, dash dot, dot) and is sent slow. If you have a tape of it, or hear it again, you can verify! - Ed.]
 1180 UNID ?? - 12/18 0019-0120 - Blake Lawrence reported KYET-Williams, AZ here with day power [on NRC AM news server - Ed.]. I heard KOFI mixing it up with two other stations. One was never clear enough, but second was heard to say ... *New Years Eve — it will be at 9 O'Clock at night all over the skies of the beautiful city of Williams ... and less than a minute later ... for information, call eleven-eighty KYUT.* Replay tape, the letters are quite clear. Does KYET use a different call in their promos? 12/20 0005-0106 - Try for better ID of stations on 1180 kHz. Could hear *Sports Talk 2000* on KOFI and constant SS music, some with vocals, most slow (ballads?). No talk between music selections except SS talk at ToH. Does KYET run SS music Sunday nights? (BK-CA)
 1240 UNID ?? - 12/13 2141 - Sounded like *Right here on KPON*, amid jumble. (PT-WA)
 1510 UNID ?? - 12/27 1738-1745 sign-off or pattern change - With SS. Too early for KGLF-TX. Checked SS map. (EW-NE)
 1540 UNID - 12/28 1705 - Poor signal, with *The Rosary* program, under KXEL. (SA-MB)
 1560 UNID ?? - 12/15 2103 - Newscast under KNZR. Complete dropout within a minute of tune-in. Very good level. Not much to choose from. (PT-WA)
 1680 UNID ?? - 12/15 1745 - This is a test of the remote (something) information radio system located at 1680 on your AM dial. There will be more information following as the system goes on-line, soon. Again, this is only a test. (GK-OR)



DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

740 WJIB- MA Cambridge - 12/20 0000-0020 - Nothing heard under KCBS. (FA-ID)
 740 WJIB- MA Cambridge - 12/20 0000-0020 - Nothing heard. (GB-FL)
 1660 WMIB+ FL Marco - 11/28 0122 - Host Phil Beckman in the studio said he'd just taken a call from a listener 600 km north of Stockholm. Seemed pleased that the test was getting out as well as it was. (GB-FL)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

530 TIS/HAR CO Fort Collins - 12/13 2030 - Fair, in null of Colorado DoT TIS, with info from Fort Collins Office of Emergency Management. Six-minute loop tape with winter preparedness info, definitions of weather watches and warnings. New here, for Colorado #100! (JW-CO)
 1610 TIS/HAR CA Placerville - 12/7 0630 - Strong, with weather and chain controls [?? - Ed.]. (GJ-CA)
 1630 TIS/HAR CA Los Angeles (Convention Center) - 12/7 0700 - Weak, with events at Convention Center and Staples Center. (GJ-CA)
 1640 WPPD271 FL New Smyrna Beach - 12/16 2100 - New station with local tourist info. Man's voice with frequent mention of "New Smyrna Beach." Tough copy under WKSH. (GB-FL)
 1670 WPNR210 CA Menlo Park - 12/10 0600 - Testing and asking for reception reports. *You are listening to a test broadcast on 1670 kHz from the city of Menlo Park, California.* Phone number is 650-858-3306. (GJ-CA)
 1670 WXKT502 CA Menlo Park - 12/15 1730 - Y2K and other disaster-preparedness and traffic-related info. *This is a message from the city of Menlo Park ... We have done everything possible to assure we are ready ... Mentioned phone number 858-2206 for more information. Near 100% readability on peaks, but long, deep fades. Calls could be WFKC502 (?). (GK-OR)*
 [Editors note: Strange as it may seem, there are two 1670 TIS stations in Menlo Park, California. WPMW520 and WPNR210 are the calls, and both have the same contact person, mailing address, and phone number (Jan Dolan, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, 650-858-3306) according to the FCC database. Gary Jackson also got the same address from them, with a contact of Commander Dominic Peloso.]
 1680 TIS/HAR CA Truckee - 12/14 0600 - Station at "North Star" testing for *Information Radio Systems*. This is a test of a remote test for a station that goes on-line soon. No ID, but contact is Bob Hamilton, NorthStar at Tahoe, PO Box 129, Truckee, CA 96161. (GJ-CA)
 1680 WPPD481 CA Redwood City - Ready to go on the air ... address is: San Mateo Radio Shop, Attn: Tony Yuson, 501 Winslow Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. (GJ-CA) [Phone number from the FCC web site is: 650-363-4455 - Ed.]
 1700 TIS/HAR CA Moffett Field (Mountain View) - Address for this is: Ames Research Center, Attention John Peterson, Mail Stop 158-2, Moffett Field, CA 95035. (GJ-CA)
RUSH IS RIGHT
on 780 WPTN
 Attention John Peterson, Mail Stop 158-2, Moffett Field, CA 95035. (GJ-CA)
 For you TIS-chasers: "A new TIS type station is testing 12/12 0725 on 1610 kHz from an unknown location in Hawaii. It is relaying Weather Station KBA99 with the flood warnings due to the bad weather we have been having, heavy rains etc. Every 30 seconds a male voice interrupts the broadcast with *Testing, one, two, three, four, five.* If it is new, it would be Hawaii's second TIS type as there is one on 530 kHz at Hawaii Volcano National Park here on the Big Island which I hear regularly." [Relayed from am@nrcdxas.org from Chuck Boehnke in Keauu, Hawaii (15 miles south of Hilo)]

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

550 KGME AZ Phoenix - 12/6 0859 - With legal ID, under KOAC. (AB-CA) [These are correct calls, Art - Ed.]
 560 KSFO CA San Francisco - 12/19 0230 - Fair-to-strong signal, mixing with KPQ- WA. *Art Bell's Dreamland* program with lots of station IDs and promos. *Hot Talk 560, KSFO.* (AK- WA)
 560 WEBC MN Duluth - 12/12 2257 - Fair, with Art Bell, news, ID. Battling an unID SS station ... probably WIND-IL. (MS-MB)
 580 WIBW KS Topeka - 12/28 2013 - With Kansas State University women's basketball vs ??? Difficult, even with KLIF-570 nulled as much as possible. [Ed.-TX]

- 600 KNRO CA Redding - 12/17 0300 - With country music (Ex: news/talk) Fair signal, under KOGO-CA and CKBD-BC. ToH ID: *Giant Country 600, KNRO Redding*. New here. Jockless and automated. (AK-WA)
- 600 WMT IA Cedar Rapids - 12/15 1747 - Mention of Cedar Rapids to sports report. 1755: Stock report from broker in downtown Cedar Rapids, and CST time check. 1758: ID 600 WMT. Poor, but alone. (DZ-WI)
- 600 KGEZ MT Kalispell - 12/14 0415 - Weak, under CKBD-BC, with oldies, weather report and the highs and lows for Kalispell. New. (AK-WA)
- 610 WDAF MO Kansas City - 12/11 0742 - Ad for Jenning, Scott and Cutter law firm. (CG-LA)
- 610 WDAF MO Kansas City - 12/14 0518 - With call ID. 0527 61 *Country* and ID to weather. Poor, behind unID talk. (DZ-WI)
- 630 KHOW CO Denver - 12/10 2301 - Fair-to-good, with ABC News, ID: *Your talk station, AM 630 KHOW*, ad for Denver's Rocky Mountain News. (MS-MB)
- 630 CFCO ON Chatham - 12/17 2059 - Good, with *Come Softly To Me* by the Fleetwoods, ID as *Oldies 630 CFCO*, news from Broadcast News. Not heard during my previous sojourn here because of CKRC (now on FM). (MS-MB)
- 640 WGST GA Atlanta - 12/16 0543 - ID *Newsradio WGST* to Dr. Laura minute. Fair and alone with night power, I presume. (DZ-WI)
- 640 CFOB ON Fort Frances - 12/9 1520 - Good, with lost pet announcements, many Fort Frances ads (Fort Frances General Supply), and Place Louis Riel Hotel in Winnipeg giving a 1- 800 number for locals to call. Fort Frances-International Falls weather, ID as *AM 640 CFOB*. (MS-MB)
- 660 KZTU OR Junction City - 12/20 1048 - Simulcasting KPAM-860, contemporary Christian music, IDing as *Power 860, KPAM*. (BL-CA)
- 670 KLTT CO Commerce City - 12/26 1815 - REL talk, ads and ID for *KLTT Commerce City and Denver*. Over/under WMAQ with loop. On day pattern. (EW-NE)
- 670 KBOI ID Boise - 12/15 - Still audible here, but much weaker than before. New night pattern is reportedly on with full 50 kW favoring points north. (BL-CA)
- 690 KOAQ NE Terrytown - 12/14 0222 - With oldies and ID. (EW-NE)
- 700 KGRV OR Winston - 12/17 1044 - REL programs, birthday greetings, ID at 1048 followed by Christmas music. Good. (AB-CA)
- 710 WNTM AL Mobile - 12/11 1531 - Ad for Perdido Beach Resort Millenium Celebration. (CG-LA)
- 710 KXMR ND Bismarck - 12/9 1505 - Very good, with weather, ID as *News talk 710 KXMR*. (MS-MB)
- 710 KGNC TX Amarillo - 12/11 0725 - With the Wrangler Rodeo Report. (CG-LA)
- 710 KGNC TX Amarillo - 12/26 2020 - With ID and sports scores. Under KDIS and presumed XEPS. (RD-AZ)
- 720 WGN IL Chicago - 12/12 0003 - With news, ID and time check. Talking about a story in the Chicago Tribune. Over KDWN. Rare. (RD-AZ)
- 720 KFIR OR Sweet Home - 12/13 0930 - With country music. Poor, under KDWN. (BL-CA)
- 750 KAMA TX El Paso - 12/11 2023 -With ID in SS: *Kah-Ahh-Em-May-Ahh El Paso* and into Mexican music. (RD-AZ)
- 780 WBBM IL Chicago - 12/26 0045 - With ID, then sports. Was fighting it out with KKOH. (RD-AZ)
- 790 KWSW CA Eureka - 12/19 1033 - All alone with NOS. This one's tough because KABC and KOOR usually ruin the frequency here. (BL-CA)
- 790 CIGM ON Sudbury - 12/8 0023 - Very good, with ID by man as 790 *CIGM* and country music. (MS-MB)
- 820 CHAM ON Hamilton - 12/27 1808-1831 - In the clear, at times, over WBAP, with Ontario Canada's 820 Cham. Had to be on day pattern this late! (EW-NE) [The Medium Wave viewer says they throw only 13 watts ERP at you on day pattern, and 4,261 watts your way at night - Ed.]
- 840 WCTG SC Columbia - 12/28 1100 - Remarkable daytime catch. ToH jingle 8-40 *WCTG Columbia* to CNN News. Back at 1105 with local ads, jingle for *WCTG Columbia* and then Ken Hamblin. WSB Atlanta was also strong at the same time. Odd propagation, not noted at previous winter solstices (when I've had the privilege to be home, hi). (GB-FL)



- 850 KWOE IA Waterloo - 12/28 1735 - Poor signal, under KOA, with weather report. (SA-MB)
- 860 KPAM OR Troutdale - 12/20 1045 - Weak, under partially-nulled KTRB, with contemporary Christian music. IDed with the help of their 660 simulcast above. (BL-CA)
- 870 WWLp LA New Orleans - 12/30 0030 - With David J. Smith with *Review and Analysis of the News* religious program. (RD-AZ)
- 880 KWIP OR Dallas - 12/17 1059 - CL ID, several *Radio Unica* slogans. Good. (AB-CA)
- 880 KWIP OR Dallas - 12/19 0851 - Radio Unica SS programming. (BL-CA)
- 900 CHML ON Hamilton - 12/12 2058 - Fair-to-good, with song *Nobody Loves Me Like You Do*, news and sports from Broadcast News, ad for Canadian Automobile Association (CAA), *CHML Weather*, ID as *Hometown Radio 900 CHML*. As good, or better, than I sometimes heard them in Scarborough at night! (MS-MB)
- 920 KXLY WA Spokane - 12/12 0920 - With ad for Safeway and the Spokane Chiefs. ID at 0921. New. (RD-AZ)
- 930 KAGI OR Grants Pass - 12/15 0015 - Had to be more than listed 123 watts. Way over usual pest KKHJ. Local talk mentioning *Or-Cal trade agreement*, *Jackson & Josephine Counties*. (BL-CA)
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary - 12/9 2327 - Good, with country music, 960 CFAC ID, jingle ID sung out at 2332. (MS-MB)
- 1000 KTOK OK Oklahoma City - 12/11 1818 - Ad for Ferguson Buick. (CG-LA)
- 1030 WCTS MN Maplewood - 12/9 2334 - Fair-to-good, with man thanking sponsors, call letter ID, Christian religious programming, another ID at 0000. New for me at any location. (MS-MB)
- 1040 WHO IA Des Moines - 12/26 0038 - With ID and a trivia-type game ad by Ben and Bonnie. Then ads for WHO still being local radio and talking about how other stations are dropping local coverage, then a long list of names of cities and reporters covering news in Des Moines and Iowa. This was made possible by KDUS running allotted power for at least one night for the first time in three months. I hope it lasts. WHO sounds like a great station if it still provides local coverage. (RD-AZ) [I thought Ben and Bonnie was their morning drive team, but may have been doing a Christmas special? - Ed.]
- 1060 KDUS AZ Tempe - 12/20 0400 - One-on-One Sports and local ID. *AM 1060 The Deuce*. Allegedly running full 5 kW into their night array these days. (BL-CA)
- 1070 KWEL TX Midland - 12/10 1848 - Good signal with Latino music. Local spots for Burger King and others. *La Zeta* slogans. (JW-CO)
- 1080 WFTD GA Marietta - 11/28 1730 - Signing off with station info. No SSB or other anthem. Almost seamless switch to KRLD when WFTD pulled the plug. (GB-FL)
- 1090 KNCR CA Fortuna - 12/7 1101 - Dominated the channel with local ads, top of the hour call ID, *The Mighty 10-90 slogan*, into country music. (RT-CA)
- 1100 WCGA GA Woodbine - 11/29 1800 - No legal ID, just WCGA, *Wonderful Coastal Georgia, the most powerful station on the Atlantic coast from Norfolk, Virginia, to Jacksonville, Florida*. To USA News at ToH. (GB-FL)
- 1110 WBCA AL Bay Minette - 12/8 0728 - Ad for Faulkner Community College. (CG-LA)
- 1140 KCMJ CA Palm Springs - 12/21 1059 - Local news and weather, closing with . . . on *Memories 970 and 1140*, into NOS music. Kiwa loop took care of KHTK very nicely. (BL-CA)
- 1140 KSFN NV North Las Vegas - 12/16 1940 - *Cruisin' Oldies 1140 AM ID*, into 50s/60s music. KHTK surprisingly not much of a problem. (BL-CA)
- 1140 CHRAB AB High River - 12/10 2158 - Good, with *Through The Bible* ending, program announcements, ID as *AM 1140, Southern Alberta's Community Radio Station*, then into *Back to the Bible*. Years ago, I used to get Calgary on this channel mixing with KSOO-SD. (MS-MB)
- 1140 CHRAB AB High River - 12/30 0022 - Playing C&W. Station ad asking for news tips from cell phone users to call "pound 1140". Then into *Sail Away*. This was made possible by KCKY dropping to allotted night time power for a second consecutive day. CHRAB is an unusual visitor to Arizona. (RD-AZ)
- 1150 WMST KY Mount Sterling - 12/17 0739 - Fair, with weather, calls, ads, local mentions. (JJR-WI)
- 1160 WAMB TN Donnelson - 12/17 0746 - Fair, way over WSCR, with ID, ads, NOS. (JJR-WI)

1160 WAMB TN Donnelson - 12/27 0724 - Fairly good, with area mentions into a Glenn Miller tune. KSL way in the background with local basketball scores from previous evening. [Ed.- TX]

1160 KSL UT Salt Lake City - 12/26 2225 - With CBS coverage of the 49ers vs Redskins football. This was made possible by KCKY-1150 running allotted power for one night. Weak modulated sideband noted 15 kHz from KCKY at 1165 kHz. (RD-AZ)

1180 KYET AZ Williams - 12/26 2222 - With ads for Fibercon, Norelco, United Gold and Coin then into This Week in Golf. Putting out a phenomenally brutal signal for allotted power of 250 watts. (RD-AZ)

1200 WBCE KY Wickliffe - 11/28 1745 - Signing off with address (PO Box 28, Wickliffe, 42087) and . . . *from the staff and management of WBCE, good evening and God bless you. Off without SSB.* (GB-FL)

1200 CFGO ON Ottawa - 12/12 2159 - Good, with sports scores from ESPN, ID at 2200 as *CFGO Sports Radio 1200, the Team.* (MS-MB)

1210 KOKK SD Huron - 12/9 0920 - Poor-to-fair, by itself, with local sports announcements and ads for Huron area businesses and frequent IDs. Two male announcers hosting a "home spun" morning show with occasional country music. No sign of them the next morning, but back again on 12/13 @ 0900 with Dakota Country News on The Dakota News Network. Some competition from Philadelphia and Guymon. Finally faded into the noise by 1050. (DL-WI)

1220 KBZS CA Palo Alto - 12/12 0902 - ID *This is personal fulfillment radio, KBZS Palo Alto.* Hard to get as it is adjacent to local KOY. (RD-AZ)

1230 KGEO CA Bakersfield - 12/2 0859 - Good, over KWG and others, with legal ID and Internet address of www.liveradio.com. (AB-CA)

1230 KDAC CA Fort Bragg - 12/19 1000 - ID for KLLK Willits sneaked thru, then into CBS News. Previous owner of KLLK-1250 confirms via email that his former station now simulcasts with KDAC on 1230, also KUKI-1400. (Now if I could only hear KLLK; KOIT-1260 makes that impossible here so far.) (BL-CA)

1240 WDDO GA Macon - 11/28 2114 - Fade up with *Today's best gospel, 1240 WDDO.* New. (GB-FL)

1240 KEJO OR Corvallis - 12/19 0906 - News, local spots & NOS music . . . AM 1240 KEJO ID. (BL-CA)

1240 KBIZ IA Ottumwa - 12/16 0011 - Good, popping out of mess with calls, and back to slush! (JJR-WI)

1260 KTTS MO Springfield - 12/3 1755 - Fair, with traffic report, ad, and Classic Country AM 1260. (JJR-WI)

1280 KUYL CA Stockton - With non-stop Christmas music format; started around Thanksgiving with this format and the KJAX calls, but noted with KUYL calls 12/12 1800. Uses Ho Ho Ho 12-80 slogan. As they are apparently going oldies after the holidays, I don't think these calls will last. (RT-CA)

1280 KDYL UT Salt Lake City - 12/22 0535 - With ID, on 600 watts. Was well over local KTKP. Playing White Christmas. (RD-AZ)

1280 CJSL SK Estevan - 12/11 2101 - Fair, with news and sports from Broadcast News, CJ Country (?) Weather, country music. Some splatter from local CFST-1290. (MS-MB)

1290 WCHK GA Canton - 12/27 0010 - Brief fade up over half a dozen stations with ID for North Georgia's own . . . WCHK, then back to oldies format with Beach Boys' Wouldn't It Be Nice? (GB-FL)

1290 WCBL KY Benton - 12/22 1753 - With WCBL Sports in a fade up, including a promo for Vanderbilt at FSU basketball (that's Felony State University in Tallahassee). New at this time for #600 at the Niceville QTH. (GB-FL)

1300 KKSC CA Brawley - 12/30 0143 - With ESPN and ID ESPN Radio for the Imperial Valley. (RD-AZ)

1310 KTCK TX Dallas - 12/13 1819 - Ad for Charity Challenge. (CG-LA)

1330 KOVE WY Lander - 12/26 2213 - Playing C&W under presumed SS KWKW. (RD-AZ)

1340 KKYD CO Denver - 12/22 0520 - With ID and Catholic Family Radio. New. (RD-AZ)

1340 KRLV NV Las Vegas - 12/26 2210 - With ad for a Las Vegas sports bar that has a golf theme and for a publication, Las Vegas Sports News. (RD-AZ)

1340 KCQL NM Aztec - 12/22 0517 - Giving basketball scores and a story about Rae Carruth. Running ESPN Radio Sports. (RD-AZ)

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WRTH

1350 KBIDp CA Bakersfield - 12/29 2240 - With Anaheim Mighty Ducks hockey. It also could be KCKC, but KBID has had a habit of not dropping to its allotted 33 watts lately and they have been heard by several Phoenix area DXers. (RD-AZ)

1350 KSRO CA Santa Rosa - 12/13 0835 - News Talk 1350 KSRO ID, then into local weather. (AB-CA)

1350 KSROp CA Santa Rosa - 12/26 2209 - With San Francisco 49er football broadcast. (RD-AZ)

1350 KGHF CO Pueblo - 12/26 2205 - With Nat King Cole singing Tenderly. (RD-AZ)

1350 KRNT IA Des Moines - 12/12 2202 - Good, with CBS News, ads for History Channel and car insurance, ID. (MS-MB)

1360 KKMO WA Tacoma - 12/13 1958 - AM 1360 KKMO ID. Very strong. (AB-CA)

1380 KTOM CA Salinas - 12/26 2203 - With "KGO" ToH ID and no KTOM ID. Was carrying San Francisco 49er Football. 2205 again the "KGO" ID and weather. Back to football. It looks like KTOM runs unattended during the game and just runs the KGO feed in its entirety. (RD-AZ)

1400 KVBL CA Visalia - 12/14 1928 - ID and song Cry Like A Baby by the Box Tops. (AB-CA)

1400 KNND OR Cottage Grove - 12/18 0810 - Weak Signal, with country music and what sounded like a Satellite Magic. Call: Cottage Grove's KNND. New. (AK-WA)

1410 WRMN IL Elgin - 12/17 0755 - Good. Never heard this loud! Sports, ID, local ads. (JJR-WI)

1450 KVSL AZ Show Low - 12/26 2157 - With Whitley Strieber and Dreamland with break at 2157 and ID at 2200. Was in the thick soup by the time the ID was given. (RD-AZ)

1450 WKEI IL Kewanee - 12/24 1852 - Poor. Faded up in mess with WKEI Stock Report. New. (JJR-IL)

1450 KYLS MO Fredricktown - 12/23 1839 - Poor, with 1450 KYLS The Fox & oldies into ads. (JJR-IL)

1460 KKCS CO Colorado Springs - 12/22 0448 - With repeat of the previous days Michael Reagan talk show. (RD-AZ)

1470 KRAK CA Sacramento - 12/8 1905 - After noting KMYC's strength and after hearing KCTC and KVON at good levels, I went for this - and was rewarded with a strong set of call letters between C&W selections. (PT-WA)

1480 WCIN OH Cincinnati - 12/25 0242 - F Urban Oldies. "www.1480wcin.com". Nice ID! (JJR-IL)

1490 KORN SD Mitchell - 12/3 0809 - Man with legal ID. New state and best GY so far. (AB-CA)

1490 KOAC WA Forks - 12/3 0853 - Weather for "downtown" Forks. (AB-CA)

1490 KENS WA Toppenish - 12/18 0800 - Fair signal for a few seconds, and then gone. Spanish Ranchero music. ID in EE KENS Toppenish. New. (AK-WA)

1490 CFWB BC Campbell River - 12/11 0115 - Weak, under KRNR-OR, with oldies, ID, and mention of simulcast partner 1440 CFCP. New. (AK-WA)

1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 12/26 2152 - With ads for Earth Share, and Nick Coleman on air from 1 - 3 PM M-F and ID The Talk Station, AM 1500, KSTP. Unusually loud and clear signal. (RD-AZ)

1510 KFNN AZ Mesa - 12/5 0950 - With computer talk show and AM 15-10 KFNN clear ID. (BL-CA)

1510 KFNN AZ Mesa - 12/15 0914 - ID and traffic report. Huge signal, well over KGA. (AB-CA)

1510 KDKO CO Littleton - 12/22 0437 - With news and ads geared towards African Americans, then playing contemporary black music. (RD-AZ)

1520 KMPG CA Hollister - 12/5 1010 - Spanish, with spots for San Jose event. This is nearby, but difficult for me due to infernal KJQI splatter. KJQI not yet on at this time, tho. (BL-CA)

1520 KVTA CA Port Hueneme - 12/26 2033 - With weather and ID, then into Beyond the Beltway. Lost signal. Lost signal at 2035 power drop and antenna switch. New. (RD-AZ)

1530 WRPM MS Poplarville - 12/8 1232 - With Christmas songs. (CG-LA)

1530 KGBT TX Harlingen - 12/11 2020 - Strong, with SS call-in program Hablando de Deportes. Quince Treinta La Primera slogans, but no mention of 98.5 FM, so apparently not // at this time. Also mentioned <kgbt@compuserve.com> for E-mail. (JW-CO)

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- 1540 KCTD CA Los Angeles - 12/26 0157 - With a sports program. Heard over local KASA. ToH ID at 0200. (RD-AZ)
- 1580 WPGC MD Morningside - 12/28 0830 - Poor signal, with church announcements and gospel music. Rare here. (SA-MB)
- 1580 KMIN MO Maryville - 12/27 1855- Fair signal. Oldies music. Full ID. (SA-MB)
- 1590 KUNX CA Ventura - 12/10 0253 - Strong, fighting KLIV, with Radio Unica programming. On late with day pattern, perhaps. Seems regular lately. (BL-CA)
- 1600 KSGO UT Centerville - 12/12 0820- Poor signal, with Mexican music and Spanish talk. New!! (SA-MB)
- 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 12/29 2230 - A rare visit, with a talk program. Extremely weak and just barely above the noise floor. (RD-AZ)
- 1630 KKWY WY Fox Farm - 12/28 2232 - Very weak playing C&W and fighting with KCJJ. KKWY faded out at 2236 not to be heard for the rest of the night. Another infrequently heard station. (RD-AZ)
- 1660 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 12/7 2239 - Good, with ad for a local restaurant, promo for national sports headlines . . . on AM 1660 WQSN. (MS-MB)
- 1670 WTDY WI Madison - 12/26 2025 - With an unusual showing here. Had Bruce Williams, and into ads at 2030, then fade out. (RD-AZ)
- 1680 WJNZ MI Ada - 12/25 2129 - With Christmas music and 1680 Jams. (EW-NE)
- 1680 WTTM NJ Princeton - 12/25 2144 - With ESPN Radio. Over/under WJNZ. (EW-NE)
- 1700 KTBK TX Sherman - 12/13 1756 - Ad for Men's Wearhouse. (CG-LA)

DDXD-East

Deadlines are Tuesdays.

Thanks to reporters Steve Forrest, Gary Houdek, Richard Miller, and Loyd Van Horn, making their first appearance in these pages in my time as editor. And thanks, as always, for those of you who kindly sent holiday wishes. You are much appreciated!

Harold Frogde offers this bon mot as we start the millennium: "One of the cable pop news analysts was recently talking about who's going to cause problems this New Year. She said that it probably wouldn't be the organized militias but 'a few weird guys in the woods.' Sounds like a DXpedition to me!"

Joe Kureth says: "If any NRC member thinks DX on the BCB is dead, they're not listening! A simple combo of a GE Superadio and (new) Radio Shack loop has been a real DX asset here." Joe hears a whole different set of stations on the Superadio than on his Drake SW8 with the mega-950' longwire.

Mark Burns is wondering whether the Elian González dispute will provoke another spate of broadcast band jamming from Cuba. Well, we haven't heard anything yet, but then (as of this writing) the matter is still pending, so we'll see.

So this is the first DDXD East of the new millennium (or the first one of the last year of the old millennium, for all the precision minded folks out there). And it's one of the biggest ones I can remember. But there are still lots of you who haven't contributed since the last century! We are looking forward to hearing from you.

STATION NEWS

- 690 CINP PQ Verdun - 12/14 0130-0230 - Strong with mentions of "à demain, onze heures" (tomorrow at 1100), welcome tape loop, all the CNN liners, only in FF. Promoted as North America's premiere French news station, and "la seule nouvelles radio à Montreal" (all-news radio for Montreal). (TS-MI)
- + 12/15 1730 - On with regular programming, FF all news with "Info Six-Quatre-Vingt-Dix" (Info 690) non-ID's. (MB-ON)
- 710 CJRN ON Niagara Falls - Will be running special Ramadan program daily during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan (Dec. 9, 1999 to Jan. 7, 2000), at local sunset (i.e. around 1630-1645 EST). Broadcast consists of prayers, readings from the Koran, and Islamic chanting, in both EE and Arabic. CJRN also aired this special program during Ramadan last year. (MB-ON)
- 850 WYDE AL Birmingham - 12/15 1719 - Caught in WJAC null with station promo: "Like no other station in Birmingham ... WYDE," promo for WYDE news line at 942-8585, then lost to pest WJAC. (MB-ON) [Back to these calls, ex-WMKI, and apparently no longer Radio Disney? - DY]
- 940 CINW PQ Montreal - 12/13 0240 - Running continuous promos for new news program, "Going live December 14 all news, this is 9-40 News" and "9-40 News



- Montreal." (DL-MD)
- + 12/14 1507 - Poor on first day of new operation after a couple of weeks of loop tapes, mixing badly with possible WGMY and a One on One Sports station (which did not ID at 1600); EE ID at 1530 as "Metromedia ... CINW" spot after weather and before "9-40 News." (HF-MI)
- + 12/14 1721 - Began regular programming as announced, noted with "940 News traffic and weather together one the ones," "940 News headline sports" at 1745. Official calls are CINW, not CKNN or CIQC, but it's a moot point as they will never use them. (MB-ON)
- + 12/23 0219 - Very nice here getting by WPAT-930 slop with "9-40 News," Montreal ads, talk about the Montreal guys arrested in the U.S. for smuggling in the bomb stuff. (DY-NY)
- 990 WLZG NY Rochester - The umpteenth call/format change for Rochester, NY-990. Noted Dec. 10; 0805-0839 w/ mixture of soft oldies and MoR standards, IDs as "Legends 990 WLZG", "WLZG" jingles, calls from listeners on the "Legends Line" 222-2990, giving feedback on the new format. (MB-ON)
- 1280 WADO NY New York - 12/10 - Drive-by today revealed the main tower is completed; may be testing new power/pattern soon. I live 4 miles north, and hope they push all the extra wattage out to the Atlantic! (BG-NJ) [Then all our European friends will be complaining about the QRM to R. Tupi, Brazil, which is one of the more common TA's on the other side of the pond. - DY]
- WBZY PA New Castle - 12/8 0100 - Signoff, giving hours as 0530-0100. Last heard as WKST, but pest WADO stayed on. (SK-PA)
- WKFD RI Wickford - 12/6 1850 - Poor with calls only under WFEA. I've been after this one for a long time. (JEK-MD) [Listed as silent as of 7/99 in the latest Log, apparently reactivated. - DY]
- 1320 WTRI MD Brunswick - Re: PC-VA's report of this returning to the air: Unless they were recently silent again, as far as I know they've been back on regular schedule since April. I heard them testing in the late morning/early afternoon on 4/23-24 and back with SS programming the following week. Their 9300 D3 coverage map shows a minor lobe to the northeast and a major one to the southwest. At 34 miles northeast of their site, they have a solid signal here days; Perry's QTH is just within the .5 mv/m (primary) contour. (JEK-MD)
- 1390 WNIO OH Youngstown - 12/7 1800 - Dominating frequency with NOS tunes and top of hour ID: "You're listening to the music of your life on WNIO Youngstown and WRTK Niles," into CNN News. QSL'ed as WFMJ in 1978. WNIO call used to belong to Niles on 1540. (MB-ON)
- + 12/10 2100 - ID, news, NOS programming, good. New calls, ex-WFMJ, WHOT, WRTK. (JEK-MD)
- 1400 WNTW VA Winchester - 12/14 1015 - Planning to switch to a Christian contemporary format the day after Christmas, until then playing only Christmas music. (PC-VA)
- 1440 WJLL NY Niagara Falls - Is off the air because of a fire that destroyed much of their studio. Not known how long before they return. They were planning to move to a new facility in West Seneca, NY in a few weeks anyway, according to a news item I heard on WBEN-930. (MB-ON)
- 1520 WKBZ MI Muskegon Heights - Goes to full 10 kW day power/pattern daily at 0600, even though LSR here in December is 0815. (PLB-MI)
- 1560 KCJK IA Iowa City - 12/2 1824 - Heard ID on KCJJ-1630 "1630 and 1560 KCJJ," so this is back with a 1630 simulcast. (SK-PA)
- 1590 WPSN PA Honesdale - 12/16 0620 - Ad for Allen Memorial Medical Center, community events, ID. First time with this call, rare here. (RJE-PA) [Ex-WWCC. - DY]
- 1600 WMHG MI Muskegon - Has not used night DA in months; operating 5 kW ND NSP 24/7. (PLB-MI)

DX TESTS

- 740 WJIB MA Cambridge - 12/20 0000-0200 - Not heard except for weak open carrier and possibly a few bits of code. Unneeded, heard on DX Test in 1994. (MB-ON)
- 1660 WMIB FL Marco Island - 11/28 0000-0100 - Heard with oldies instead of the regular NOS with live DJ after every song saying "This is WMIB Marco Island, Florida."



I thought it was a preview of a new format, but they went back to satellite NOS the next night, so I didn't report it. Then I read in DDXD-West that there was an NRC Test at that time. Since it was only announced on the internet, I didn't know. (SK-PA) (Yes, they scheduled a test after DXN had gone to press -pls.)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 660 UNID — 12/15 1625-1702 – Nonstop Southern gospel music, went over WFAN a few times, finally spoke at 1700 and was blown away by WFAN, then gone. Either WXIC or WCRR, WORL's format is a mystery. (SK-PA)
- 690 UNID — 12/9 0128 – Male talk host asking callers if they could hear him, stated he was on 690 and 940, then 700 and 940, then 690 and 940. Gone abruptly at around 0132, before I could roll a tape, while speaking with an Arabic or east Indian caller. Not on 700 or 940. Strong with no fades or skywave. Mysterious, one of the strangest things I've heard on the radio. (TS-MI) [Maybe someone at CINF testing the transmitter, or a pirate getting a last chance to try the channel? – DY]
- 740 UNID — 12/14 1559 – Ad for business on Lowery Road near Route 352. (SK-PA)
- UNID — 12/16 1650 – Song "Snoopy Christmas," "We play all oldies, all the time." (WM-MD)
- UNID — 12/18 1740 – Poor, non-pop C&W and gospel, "... old time music," "Great Christmas music" and "Solid Gospel," call at 1800 was W???, into USA Radio network news. QRM from "Groovin' Oldies." (HF-MI)
- 800 UNID — 12/8 2050 – Canned ID "Today's New Country," same satellite and voice as CIGM-790. Possibly CJBQ as noted later? But they had a live DJ then; maybe the satellite is only at night? (SK-PA)
- 850 WJAC PA **Johnstown** – Is affiliated with WVSC-990 Somerset, so this is MB-ON's unID in no. 12. (GHD-WV)
- 880 KRVN NE **Lexington** – Carries the Denver Broncos football network, so this is probably JF-ON's unID in no. 8. (GH-KS)
- UNID — 12/4 1850 – Nebraska vs. Texas football on WW1, so it's not KRVN which is on the Nebraska net, signal gone at 1858. Maybe KJJR? I've been hearing a talk station that's gone at this time for the last few days. All this under KCBS. (SK-PA)
- 960 UNID — 12/3 1735 – Remote broadcast, announced // 93.5 (or 93.9) WMED-FM, but didn't hear any AM call. (RJE-PA) [Probably WILT // WSBG 93.5, see last issue and below. – DY]
- 970 UNID — 12/5 1700 – Carolina Panthers, end of game, lost to WAMD, WESO, and WWDJ QRM. Barry Finkel's Panthers list in Vol. 66, No. 30 doesn't show a 970 affiliate. (JEK-MD) [Offhand, WJMX sounds like a station that should carry them, though. – DY]
- 1230 UNID — 12/11 2105 – Break on Pittsburgh Penguins network. No 1230's on their 1998 list, no PA stations needed on 1230. (SK-PA)
- 1280 UNID — 12/1 1925 – Old Dominion vs. N.C. State College basketball game heard. (WM-MD)
- 1300 UNID — 12/10 2145-2206 – St. Louis Blues hockey, also someone else with the Generals. (SK-PA)
- 1450 UNID — 12/5 2059 – Ad for Southeastern University, clear for a moment. (SK-PA)
- 1460 UNID — 12/9 1730 – Promo for UPN 16 News in mess. (WM-MD)
- 1500 UNID — 12/9 1558 – End of religious program saying the church is located off I-96. (SK-PA) [WLQV, I'd imagine, as I-96 runs through Detroit. – DY]
- UNID — 12/9 1604 – End of ABC news, ad for business in Hanover. (SK-PA)
- 1560 UNID — 12/14 1708 – Talking about U.S. history in the period 1790-1810, quite strong with (I think) WQEW way under, but then when I checked back after 1715, only WQEW was there. (RJE-PA) [And it doesn't sound like typical WQEW fare. – DY]
- 1570 UNID — 12/21 2120 – Poor, "AM 15-70 the Word" and "AM 15-70 ... southern gospel music," ad for computer shop on Bardstown Road, in and out with EZL pop station, Kentucky? None of the 3 listed are close to Bardstown. (HF-MI)

- 1580 UNID — 12/8 1830 – OLD, teletalk, phone number 581-1580, announcer said it was "on Bell South," Southern drawl. No obvious fits, heard twice since. (RJE-PA)
- 1590 UNID — 12/14 1710-1712 – Somebody promoting a program, requesting listeners to fax something in. I thought I heard "... fax your questions to WTDB-Business Radio 1590 at ...," the number got buried by WAKR, and then when WAKR faded, it was gone. There is a WTVB on 1590 in Coldwater MI, and its sign-off time is 1715, but not listed as a BIZ format, and that seems rather unlikely. (RJE-PA) [Well, WTVB does get logged in the East every now and then, so it's not out of the question. – DY]
- UNID — 12/14 and 12/15 0615-0625 – Chanting, though it almost sounded like EE words, both days. We're into Ramadan, so this may be present for a few weeks, whatever it is. (RJE-PA)
- 1600 UNID — 12/16 1625-1650 – With Business news from "Business News Network," then regular news at 1630 from SRN (Salem Radio Network). WOHz-WV is only 1600 listed as BIZ format, but listed as BRN, and nothing on channel is listed for SRN. I'd still guess WOHz, but heard nothing further to substantiate it. Also heard an ad with an adjacent 412 (southwestern Pennsylvania) area code. Help? (RJE-PA)



LOGGINGS

- 540 WQTM FL **Pine Hills** – 12/8 1952 – "Call 416-0EAN to win a 540 Prize Pack," and "In Orlando, your home of NFL football, 540 The Team, your home for Buccaneers football." (SK-PA)
- 550 WGR NY **Buffalo** – 12/18 1630-1645+ – Fair, ESPN call-in show, ad for Andrews Jewelry in Williamsville, ID as "WGR 55," mainly over WKRC until it took over 1645. (HF-MI)
- 570 WWNC NC **Asheville** – 12/9 1746 – Steve Adams in the WWNC Weather Center, "54 degrees in Asheville." (SF-KY)
- WKBN OH **Youngstown** – 12/12 2249 – Good, "News Radio 5-70 WKBN and WNIO 13-90" ID spots, local news 2300. Web site is now www.570wkbn.com; WNIO not heard here. (HF-MI)
- 580 WGAC GA **Augusta** – 12/11 0702 – "Now ... on 580, WGAC ...," momentarily readable in noise. (PC-VA)
- 590 WKZO MI **Kalamazoo** – 12/11 1721 – "This is the Michigan Radio Network, AM 5-90 WKZO," during timeout in basketball game (or was it football?) (PC-VA) [This time of year for Michigan, football is over (sez this Michigan State alum). – DY]
- WMBS PA **Uniontown** – 12/16 1710 – Area news heard, mentions of West Virginia and Kentucky, time check, ID. (WM-MD)
- 600 WSJS NC **Winston-Salem** – 12/15 1710 – News and local weather, "Your WSJS Accu-Weather forecast," ending with "This is meteorologist ... 600, 1200 WSJS." (SF-KY)
- WREC TN **Memphis** – 12/9 1705 – "Airwatch 60" Memphis traffic report, ID, "News Radio 600 WREC," Brian Tiegland with weather forecast. (SF-KY)
- 620 WSAA FL **St. Petersburg** – 12/11 1844 – "In St. Petersburg you can get ... on News 9," no call ID but Florida area news items. (PC-VA)
- WJWR NJ **Newark** – 11/29 1720 – "New York's One on One Sports," ads for American Express Restaurant in New York, mentions of Manhattan and Queens. (WM-MD)
- WDNC NC **Durham** – 12/11 1745 – Two stations mixing, one with football and the other basketball, ID 1801 "AM 6-20 WDNC," presumed to be the one with Duke vs. Northwestern. (PC-VA)
- + 12/12 1650 – Promo for sports event, mention of Lynchburg, ID. (WM-MD)
- WRJZ TN **Knoxville** – 12/11 2359 – Broke through QRM with "This is ... WRJZ ...," then covered up again. (PC-VA)
- WWNR WV **Beckley** – 12/10 1709 – Phone report giving some type of schedule "for WWNR," too much fading and WJWR to get more. (SK-PA)
- WTMJ WI **Milwaukee** – 12/16 0132 – Ad for Wisconsin National Guard, "WTMH Weather Center forecast with John Millard," back to Art Bell. Over WJWR. (SK-PA)
- 660 WXIC OH **Waverly** – 12/14 0716 – Signing on with "Good morning, this is ... WXIC

- Waverly, Ohio, beginning its broadcast day. WXIC is owned and operated by ... Communications Corporation and broadcasts on an assigned frequency of 660 kHz with a maximum power output of 1,000 watts." Copied with nulled WFAN leaking through. (PC-VA)
- 670 WKFN TN **Farragut** - 12/15 1547 - End of interview, "on 670 WKFN, I want to thank ...," tough under WIEZ. (SK-PA)
- 690 WJOX AL **Birmingham** - 12/15 1723 - Sports talk, Birmingham traffic report for "JOX Jet Patrol," ID as "Hot as a locker room without the smell, Sports Radio 690 WJOX." (SF-KY)
- WOKV FL **Jacksonville** - 12/9 1650 - Florida political show, ad for Big Ten Heating and Cooling, "Jacksonville's Lennox Dealer." (SF-KY)
- 710 WDSM WI **Superior** - 12/18 1659 - Fair, CBS/WWI NFL game coverage, ID at top of hour as "All Sports WDSM," mainly over WOR. FF also heard, probably CKVM. New for WI #32. (HF-MI)
- CKVM PQ **Ville Marie** - 12/12 2252 - Tentative, occasionally atop but mixing badly with WOR, FF and instrumental pops to 2258, then FF spots and possible ID. One spot mentioned Montreal; does anyone know if they're relaying a Montreal station? Fair. (HF-MI)
- 720 WWII PA **Shiremanstown** - 12/9 0620 - Religious program in WGN null. No ID, but several references to Pennsylvania sponsors. Supposed to be D1, and not to sign on before 0730. (PC-VA)
- 730 WFMW KY **Madisonville** - 12/8 1900 - ID, C&W music. (BS-NJ)
- WDOS NY **Oneonta** - 12/16 1634 - Winning fight with pest WPIT, local news, announcement "WDOS time is 4:34, now back to the afternoon roundup." (MB-ON)
- WNAK PA **Nanticoke** - 12/17 0800 - Top of hour ID as "WNAK Nanticoke, Radio Northeastern Pennsylvania," into schmalzzy version of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," then lost to CKAC, WPIT. (MB-ON)
- WSCM SC **Charleston** - 12/8 1805 - Wiping out nulled CKAC w/local news and weather, promo for Dr. Laura show, and numerous non-ID's as "WSC" or "Newsradio 730 WSC" so you would think they have a hoary old 3-letter call! (MB-ON)
- WBZS VA **Alexandria** - 12/12 1000+ - Off the air, leaving WNAK with a good signal and NOS, tuning to 733 to avoid WWII-720 slop. (JEK-MD)
- CKDM MB **Dauphin** - 12/13 0723 - Alone on frequency, wiping out nulled CKAC with C&W music, ID as "Today's hot new country, 730 CKDM," detailed weather for entire province of Manitoba, ad for Agri-Core agricultural center, and promo for a draw to win a John Deere tractor. QSLed in 1976; I don't believe I've heard them since then. (MB-ON)
- 740 WNOP KY **Newport** - 12/13 1728 - "Real Jazz 740," announcements for activities in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Covington, but no call ID. (PC-VA)
- + 12/20 1715 - ID, slogan "Real Jazz," traffic on Pete Rose Way, becoming a common catch. (BS-NJ) [Traffic on Pete Rose Way is always a good bet ... just kidding! - DY]
- WGSM NY **Huntington** - 12/13 1650 - "According to the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, WGSM Radio ... broadcast day must end." Announcer suggested listening to WHLI-1100 [mustn't their broadcast day end too? - DY], then signed off with choral version of SSB. (PC-VA)
- + 12/14 1602 - Fair, many ID's as "1100 and 7-40 WHLI," "Standards of yesterday and today," Bill Houston announcer with EZL pop, Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, etc. Spot for Gil David morning program, Lori Blanchard with traffic, Joe with Long Island weather, address and phone as in NRC Log. Web site is www.whli.com and e-mail to info@whli.com. NY #42 here. I sent them an e-mail while listening, asking about WGSM/WHLI but no answer as of 12/16. (HF-MI)
- WPAQ NC **Mount Airy** - 12/11 1658 - ID, real bluegrass music. (BS-NJ)
- KRMG OK **Tulsa** - 12/11 1800 - ABC news, slogan "News Radio 7-40," promos for storm closings, then Dr. Dean Edell. (BS-NJ)
- KTRH TX **Houston** - 12/7 2300 - ID, news, weather, temperature in Houston. I was looking for KRMG and found this! (BS-NJ)
- WIRJ TN **Humboldt** - 12/13 0100 - End of the Temptations "You're My Everything," ID by female as "AM 740 WIRJ," then lost to KRMG. (SK-PA)
- WMBG VA **Williamsburg** - 12/13 1700 - "Your Golden 30's Station, WMBG 7-40

WTSO

- Williamsburg," ad for Holiday Chevrolet in Williamsburg at 1705. Difficult copy. (PC-VA)
- + 12/16 0600 - Fair-poor but alone on frequency with ID at top of hour "Your memories station, WMBG 740 Williamsburg," into MYL/NOS tunes. (MB-ON)
- 750 WAAT PA **Olyphant** - 12/13 1630 - Fair and alone on frequency, over WSB with end of gospel program from Boston, ID announcement reminding listeners to "be sure to report hearing this program on WAAT AM 750," PSA for glaucoma prevention from the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, into "WAAT's Catholic Radio Afternoon" program sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Scranton, PA. (MB-ON)
- WPDV WV **Clarksburg** - 12/15 0800 - Fair over nulled WSB, top of hour ID: "Serving Harrison County for over 50 years, this is AM 750 WPDV," into USA Radio news. (MB-ON)
- 760 WVNE MA **Leicester** - 12/13 1615 - Fair-good in WJR null with gospel program, announced in midst of program "At this time WVNE Leicester must reduce power as required by the Federal Communications Commission." (MB-ON)
- WCHP NY **Champlain** - 12/3 1545 - Program ending with polka-style song in FF, then switched to SS with screaming woman, under WJR. Tentative report verified by QSL on 12/11. (SK-PA)
- 790 WTSK AL **Tuscaloosa** - 12/11 0610-0645 - UC gospel programming with Brother Jay, ID, music. (GM-VA)
- WSKO RI **Providence** - 12/3 1952 - Excellent // WEEI-850 with Celtics basketball, "AM 920, the Score" slogan, legal ID at 2010. [Not AM 790? - DY] Later CIGM QRM. (JEK-MD)
- CIGM ON **Sudbury** - 12/13 1851 - Canadian sports news, then at 1856 "Prime Time Sports on the Telemedia Sports Network" and at 1900 "AM 7-90 CIGM, owned and operated by Telemedia Radio, Inc." After weather, 30 minutes of continuous C&W music without commercials. (PC-VA)
- 800 CJBQ ON **Belleville** - 12/10 1720 - End of PSA's, "That's what's happening in Springfield" (Belleville?), C&W. Live DJ mentioned contest "on 800 CJBQ," and an ad for a business in downtown Trenton at 1725. Over, under CKLW. (SK-PA)
- 810 WMJH MI **Rockford** - 12/9 1633 - End of Dan Rather commentary, canned ID "The songs you love; we play them all day on Magic 810, where the magic is the music." Alone. (SK-PA)
- 830 WMMI MI **Shepherd** - 12/9 1715 - Tentative with end of SSB dominated by female voices, and an extra "Ah-ah" or similar after "home of the brave." This is the only station that would sign off this early; WKTX would be 1745 and I've heard their signoff many times. Also there were a lot of uncommon western Ohio and Michigan stations coming in tonight. (SK-PA)
- WXII NC **Kernersville** - 12/15 1659 - Four-city ID (Kernersville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point), news simulcast with News Channel 12 at 1700, excellent signal but abruptly gone at 1700:40 power cut/pattern change. (SF-KY)
- WKTX OH **Cortland** - 12/12 1655-1700 - Christmas music in SS, ID in EE heard. (WM-MD)
- 840 WBHY AL **Mobile** - 12/8 1703 - "I'm Sandra ... for WBHY AM," tough under WHAS. (SK-PA)
- WCTG SC **Columbia** - 12/1 1705 - Ad for Holiday Inn Express, mention of Fort Jackson, SID. (WM-MD)
- 850 KOA CO **Denver** - 12/13 0117 - Denver Broncos update, ad for Rocky's Auto, ID "Sports Radio 850 KOA," Donna Star talk show giving number (303) 713-8585. Good signal, making its yearly appearance. (SK-PA)
- 880 KRVN NE **Lexington** - 12/18 1714 - Fair or better over, under WCBS, both kinds of music, Western and Country! "Blue" tunes, such as "Blue Shadows on the Trail" and two versions of "I'll Have a Blue, Blue Christmas," ads for Willis Shoe & Boot in Grand Islands, Peerless Irrigation in Kearney & Louisville, ID 1730 as "KRVN Lexington, Nebraska," giving CST/MST time checks and Nebraska news. (HF-MI)
- 890 WHNC NC **Henderson** - 12/14 1650 - Weather, gospel, ID assumed from hearing 919-693-xxxx phone number in local ad. Wiped out before 1700 ID time by Cuban fading in. (PC-VA)
- WBAJ SC **Blythewood** - 12/8 1703-1710 - Good with various short REL programs, one

- on Christians and Christmas in India. Sign-off gave address twice: 241 River Chase Road, Lexington SC, but missed zip, maybe 29072? New. (JEK-MD)
- 900 WJLG GA Savannah – 12/17 0454 – Very good with UC gospel music, ID after every song as “WJL 900, the Life,” omitting the “G”. At 0500 ID as “You’re walking in the Life, WJLG 900, the Life.” Lost at 0509. (PC-MI)
- WILC MD Laurel – 12/13 1731 – Fair in CHML null with news in SS, ID by woman in EE: “This is WILC AM 900, transmitting from Laurel, Maryland,” then back to SS. (MB-ON)
- WBRV NY Boonville – 12/13 1542-1559 – Part of ad “free removal of your old appliance,” business with Adirondack in name, partial ID at 1559 “all your friends here at the Moose, 99.3 and 101.3 FM.” Talking was tough under CHML, C&W was easy to hear. (SK-PA)
- WCER OH Canton – 12/7 0100 – “Tell your family you’re spending the holidays with WCER Canton.” What an ID – and after hours, too! (SK-PA)
- CHML ON Hamilton – 12/13 0110 – Art Bell program, sci-fi theme music spot “Classical Music on Space, the Imagination Station,” ad for Mr. Rooster, “900 CHML weather and traffic on the nines,” and “Hometown Radio 900 CHML,” over SS station, possibly XEW. (HF-MI)
- 910 WYLI OH Marietta – 12/10 2120 – Male announcer through clutter with calls, then SID as “Sports Radio 9-10 WYLI.” (PC-VA)
- WJCW TN Johnson City – 12/10 1706 – Call letters only through evening QRM. (PC-VA)
- CHRL PQ Roberval – 12/15 2235 – Presumed with FF talk, under WSBA. (JEK-MD)
- 920 KARN AR Little Rock – 12/9 1928 – “Dallas Cowboys Radio Network Station, Radio 9-20 KARN,” followed by ad for Internet Partners of America. (PC-VA)
- + 12/9 2147 – Weak to fair, “News Talk Radio KARN,” G. Gordon Liddy program. (JEK*MD)
- WBAA IN West Lafayette – 12/15 2200 – All jazz format, heard end of program “920 AM WBAA West Lafayette ... produced. Thanks for listening.” This is on 24 hours. I was sure it was them, just couldn’t get an ID before. (SK-PA)
- KB radio 1520
- KDHL MN Fairbault – 12/6 2208 – Break “on the Vikings network,” ad for steak house open at 9 a.m., ID “Your radio home of the Minnesota Vikings, on 920 KHDL.” Strong in mix, I’ll bet on day pattern. Only MN #8. (SK-PA) [Actually, I used to hear them regularly in Michigan in the early 80’s, so their night pattern does send some signal your way. – DY]
- WMNI OH Columbus – 12/14 1733 – Surfaced over CKNX with local news, ID “All the news you need when you need it, on the new 920 WMNI.” (MB-ON)
- WOKY WI Milwaukee – 12/18 2000 – ID at top of hour, heard in mix. (WM-MD)
- CJCH NS Halifax – 12/7 1950 – Fair to strong, all alone, with PQ at Halifax hockey, ad for First Choice Haircutters. (HJH-PA)
- CKNX ON Wingham – 12/12 1805 – C&W, “One Big Country Family, CKNX.” (DL-MD)
- 930 WDLX NC Washington – 12/10 1659 – Ad for Phonics Game, then “You are listening to News-Talk 9-30 WDLX, serving eastern North Carolina since 1942.” (PC-VA)
- 940 WMAC GA Macon – 12/10 0700 – Health commentary program, then “Your talk and information station, News-Talk 9-40 WMAC Macon.” (PC-VA)
- WGMY MI South Haven – 12/4 2145 – Good with calls, NOS (Andy Williams, Petrolia Clark) music, new. (MB-IN)
- KVSH NE Valentine – 12/3 2133 – Presumed with several mentions of Valentine, new. (MB-IN)
- 950 WGOV GA Valdosta – 12/10 2042 – Fair with calls, mention of Georgia, AC music. #10 on 950 for me, new. (MB-IN)
- WDIG OH Steubenville – 12/11 1919 – Live DJ “7:19 at WDIG,” playing more mainstream UC music. More dominant WGOV plays rap, not UC oldies. (SK-PA)
- WPEN PA Philadelphia – 12/10 1621 – Ad for Delco Furniture, then “WPEN is the place for ...,” before disappearing. (PC-VA)
- CFAM MB Altona – 12/20 1705 – Well over WWJ and other usual pests with PSA from Central Gas (subsidiary of Manitoba Hydro) for installing carbon monoxide detectors in the home, detailed weather for entire province of Manitoba, ads for Star Choice Digital Satellite Systems in the Altona Mall and C&C Electric in Altona. (MB-ON)
- 960 WRNS NC Kinston – 12/1 1803 – C&W song heard, “Fine Country,” “95.1” ID’s, strong

- signal. (WM-MD)
- WILT PA Mount Pocono – 12/4 0109 – With clear “93.5 WSBG” ID, it’s my previous unID here. Not logged often, but often recently. No mention of AM calls, AOR format and not REL. Again 12/5 1903 with FM ID. (JEK-MD)
- + 12/9 1853 – ID as “93.5 WSBG,” no AM ID then or at 1900. (PC-VA)
- + 12/19 1745 – All alone with “93.5 WSBG” ID’s, strong signal on a bad skip night. Dual “WSBG-WILT” ID at 1753. Pattern must be messed up, so you guys out west should try for this. (HJH-PA)
- 970 WERH AL Hamilton – 12/8 1553 – Ad for Mars(?) Supermarket, event sponsored by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, C&W. Way down. (SK-PA)
- WLKY KY Louisville – 12/9 1844 – ID “9-70 WLKY Radio,” over others in flutter. (PC-VA)
- WAMD MD Aberdeen – 12/5 1955 – Calls, oldies. Never heard on night pattern (at 48 miles) until often in the past week. (JEK-MD)
- WJMX SC Florence – 12/15 1705 – End of ABC news, then TV-13 local weather. ID as “WJMX News-Talk 970” into Andy Thomas local talk show. (SF-KY)
- CBZ NB Fredericton – 12/5 1655-1700 – Presumed with CBC Cross Country Checkup program, discussing the recent WTO conference in Seattle. Call from listener, and gave phone number 1-888-416-8333. Above and all alone on channel to 1700 (pattern change?), then just OLD station (WAMD-MD) and someone with Carolina Panthers football. Finally got through on the 888 number, and learned that CBZ is not a CBC affiliate but does carry some CBC programming. (JEK-MD)
- 980 WYFN TN Nashville – 12/9 1755 – Choral and inspirational music, at 1800 “Merry Christmas from WYFN Nashville,” no WTEM. (PC-VA)
- CFPL ON London – 12/4 1937 – Break in basketball game, sounded like Bears vs. Raiders, “You’re listening to ... University basketball on ... network,” then call letters. Tough under hockey game on WTEM. (SK-PA)
- 990 WEIS AL Centre – 12/8 1854 – “Good morning; your country favorites are on the way from WEIS.” Supposed to be 30 watts. (PC-VA) [But then again, they thought it was morning. If you can’t distinguish day from night, no wonder you get the power fouled up. – DY]
- WNTY CT Southington – 12/7 1943-2002 – Presumed with pop Latin music, all in SS, poor. (DT*ON)
- + 12/16 1930 – Noted SS in fight w/nulled CBW, heard several “Radio Mundo” or “Radio Mundial” slogans. Stuck with them in the hope that this might be Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, or even just another Castro-blast, until hearing EE jingle “AM 990 WNTY” at 2000. Not needed; QSLed in 1978. (MB-ON)
- 1000 WMUF TN Paris – 12/9 1734 – “Remember our name, WMUF,” under poorly nulled WMVP. (PC-VA)
- 1010 WIOJ FL Jacksonville Beach – 12/15 2130 – Poor, calls and OLD music, way under WINS, CFRB. (JEK*MD)
- WINS NY New York – 12/9 1841 – “Traffic and transit on the ones,” Jersey and N.Y.C. traffic report, “Wins newstime 4:43,” then suddenly lost and CFRB booming in. (SF-KY)
- 1030 WQSE TN White Bluff – 12/14 2155-2203 – High school boys basketball game, Dixon County vs. Waverly Central Tigers, last score was 29-26 with Waverly leading. Tape of 8 minutes sent to station. Signal good to poor, over and under with WBZ, two male announcers. (RM-IN)
- 1070 KNX CA Los Angeles – 12/20 0429-0452 – Loud on peak over the jumble, with top stories at 0430, “KNX news time 1:31.” First time heard since the 70’s (and I had a longwire then!). (PLB-MI)
- 1080 WKGX NC Lenoir – 11/29 1730 – C&W sounding music, ad for local music store selling bluegrass records, weather, temperature, time check, mention of Lenoir, back to music. Poor-fair in WTIC null. Again 12/16 1755 with country bluegrass music under, over WTIC, ads for local stores. (WM-MD)
- WWNL PA Pittsburgh – 12/4 1700 – Good with detailed sign-off and new calls confirmed, WTIC nulled. (JEK-MD)
- 1090 KAAY AR Little Rock – 12/9 1634 – Severe thunderstorm warning for Saline and Grant Counties, “This is AM 1090 KAAY,” and “Instant information on the Arkansas



1100 WWWE GA *Radio Network,* also USA Radio Network sports report. (SF-KY)
 Carrollton – 12/9 1715-1728 – Presumed with SS religious program, light gospel music, gone by 1728. Mixing with WTAM, WCGA. (GM-VA)

WCBA GA Woodbine – 12/7 1815 – Excellent with full sign-off and instrumental “Ebb Tide,” same following evening but at the correct LSS time of 1730. WTAM nulled both times. (JEK-MD)

1110 WTIS FL Tampa – 12/11 1715-1731 – Loud for a while over WBT. Booming in with religious programming in Russian, then to sign off. (LVH-NC)

WMBI IL Chicago – 12/9 1711-1715 – Station contest, ID, Christmas music, sign-off with female announcer. Very good, over WBT. (GM-VA)

KFAB NE Omaha – 12/11 1755 – End of ad set, partial ID “on News-Talk 1110, KFAB,” back to talk show. Weak under WBT, top of hour ID blown out, no surprise about that! (SK-PA)

WGNZ OH Fairborn – 12/14 0805 – Fair in dogfight over WBT with ID as “AM 1110 WGNZ” at end of local weather, into fire and brimstone sermon by Pastor John Hagee. (MB-ON)

1130 WMGA GA Riverside – 12/11 0018-0020 – Pulled them out of nowhere with “The legendary 1130, WMGA.” (LVH-NC)

WDFN MI Detroit – 12/8 1600 – ID “Sports Radio 11-30 the Fan,” followed by Detroit area ads, but no call ID. WBBR nulled. (PC-VA)

WECR NC Newland – 12/16 1830-1833 – Calls, weather, full sign-off, no SSB, good with WBBR nulled. New, ex-WJTP. (JEK*MD)

1140 CHRAB AB High River – 12/11 2355-0012 – Absolutely amazing! Knocking out WRVA at times with Catholic religious programming. Then gave following ID: “...every Saturday at 8:00 on southern Alberta's family radio station, AM 1140,” by male. Then female came through with: “Celebrating the reason for the Christmas season, 365 days a year, southern Alberta's inspirational radio station, AM 1140.” I stepped away for a bit, then came back around 0010 and found them booming in with c&w music and the following ID “The community radio station for Parkland and all of southern Alberta, this is AM 1140, thanks for listening.” Then back to C&W. Per discussion in #MWDX of Efnct, found listeners in Wisconsin and Ontario picking them up. Someone forgot to change to nighttime pattern? AB #1. (LVH-NC) [I've heard this one (with other calls) around here when CFAC-960 is also in, so it can get out when conditions are right. Nice catch! – DY]

1150 WLOC KY Munfordville – 12/16 1841-1903 – Excellent, no significant QRM, with mostly late 50's and 60's oldies, poor cueing, and no live talk, “dead air” between songs. Gave a canned legal ID at 1841 and “We're Hart County's very own, WLOC.” No local ads heard, no ID at 1900, to 1903 tune-out. Very little signal on the Drake/LW. New, #37 on 1150. (JEK*MD)

WRUN NY Utica – 12/16 1835 – With “Big Frog 104” ID's, C&W, local ads. It's been good to excellent all this week, don't know if they are running day power at night, or just unusual conditions. (JEK-MD)

1160 WSCR IL Chicago – 12/6 2058-2100 – Basketball game, ID as “Sports Radio, the Score,” ad for DePaul University giving Chicago locations. (DT*ON)

WSKW ME Skowhegan – 12/14 2104-2107 – Local weather, “The Score,” calls and into ESPN sports. Good, way over WOBBM. (JEK-MD)

WVNJ NJ Oakland – 12/9 2047 – Jim Smith Chevrolet ad, calls, promo for “20 Greatest Stars of the 20th Century” program to air on 1/1. Excellent, no sign of WOBBM and first time heard at night. (JEK-MD)

1190 WOWO IN Fort Wayne – 12/9 1811 – Nearly impossible to hear the last few months, ut now booming in like the good old days before their power reduction. ID'ing as “Indiana's most powerful radio station” and “News-Talk 1190 Woe-Woe,” local sports talk show. Has something changed here again? (SF-KY)

1200 WCHB MI Taylor – 12/6 2123-2152 – GOS, ID in part “WCHB ... the People's Station,” fair. (DT*ON)

KFNW ND West Fargo – 12/15 2005 – Live announcer, “This is KFNW, good evening,” then mentioned something to occur December 14. Then, they or someone else with talk show giving number 1-800-849-8255, lost to black gospel. (SK-PA)

WOAI TX San Antonio – 12/3 2328 – Calls, sports talk. Good to hear this old “clear



channel” make it over the East Coast 1200 mess. (JEK-MD) [It's been dog's years since I've heard this one. – DY]

1220 CHSC ON St. Catharines – 12/19 1730 – Came up briefly at this time with good signal on a terrible skip night, “We care about St. Catharines and the neighboring communities, 1220 CHSC.” (HJH-PA)

1240 WWCO CT Waterbury – 12/4 2200 – Clear ID and CNN news. Piano music before sounded almost like a classical format, no mention of supposedly // WDRC-1360. (JEK-MD)

WJIM MI Lansing – 12/6 0000 – “Every morning on WJIM” heard in the jumble. (SK-PA)

WGVA NY Geneva – 12/16 2200 – Oldies music, “Oldies 1240,” ID. (WM-MD)

WVKZ NY Schenectady – 12/7 2359 – Call letters, “Radio Gets Results” singing announcement, then lost. (SK-PA)

1250 WBRM NC Marion – 12/3 1911 – Fair, used car ad in Marion, calls, PSA for savings bonds. (JEK-MD)

1260 CIHI NB Fredericton – 12/2 2218 – Good with Canadian Broadcasters Association announcement, Watkins TV & Appliance ad, weather. (JEK-MD)

1300 WMVO OH Mount Vernon – 12/10 2206 – Canned call ID, ABC NOS, during fade of unID hockey station. WJFK was weak tonight and easily nulled out. (SK-PA)

1310 WXMC NJ Parsippany-Troy Hills – 12/8 2126-2200 – Presumed with pop Latin music and some REL(?) talk in SS, poor, no ID heard. (DT*ON) [WSS] is more likely to make it out your way, I'd think. – DY]

WTLB NY Utica – 12/13 1740 – Booming in with station feature “DJ of the day,” Diana Smith, call letters. (JEK-MD)

1320 WJAS PA Pittsburgh – 12/13 1703 – Good under CJMR open carrier with CNN news, “1320 WJAS Pittsburgh” ID, local weather. (MB-ON)

+ 12/15 2344 – Ray Charles Singers with “The Shadow of Your Smile,” then ID “Where Pittsburgh swings to the original hits, 1320 WJAS,” into “Sleigh Ride” by unID female singer. (SF-KY)

CJMR ON Mississauga – 12/13 1700 – Noted off with open carrier, returned back on at 1800. (MB-ON)

1330 WTRX MI Flint – 12/10 1926-2000 – Sports talk show, ID as “Sports Extra, 1330 WTRX,” poor over, under WFLP. (DT*ON)

1340 WLEW MI Bad Axe – 12/4 0000 – Partial ID “WLEW 1340,” sounded like the guy who does the ID on WPHT-1210. Then ABC news, and at 0006 “WLEW weather” and C&W, in the jumble. (SK-PA)

WRHI SC Rock Hill – 12/2 2000 – Canned ID shot up in the jumble, “WRHI Rock Hill-Charlotte,” then laser sound. (SK-PA)

1350 WCBA NY Corning – 12/9 0708 – Surfaced over CKDO with ID as “AM 1350 WCBA,” into 50's oldie “Earth Angel.” (MB-ON)

WOYK PA York – 12/10 2125-2153 – Sports talk show, ads for York businesses, poor. (DT*ON)

1360 WLYN MA Lynn – 12/11 1814-1850 – Music, Chinese or another Asian, female announcer in EE, drowned out by WCKY at 1850, poor. (DT*ON)

WNJC NJ Washington – 12/10 2213-2305 – Pop Latin music, all in SS, poor over, under CKBC. (DT*ON)

WKOP NY Binghamton – 12/14 2307 – Good with calls, NOS format, WDRC and unID SS religious QRM. (JEK-MD)

1370 WFEA NH Manchester – 12/4 230 – Briefly good with NOS, ID, and CBS news. “Normal” conditions seem to be returning. (JEK-MD)

WBTV VT Bennington – 12/13 0743 – Surfaced briefly over WSPD with big-band era NOS music, ID by woman “1370 AM WBTV.” (MB-ON)

WMJT WV Moundsville – 12/8 1706 – Over WSPD with ID as “This is the new talk of the Ohio Valley, WMJT 1370 AM,” PSA from the Rutherford Institute. Heard under several call letter incarnations; QSL'd as WEIF in 1980. (MB-ON)

1380 WAOK GA Atlanta – 12/15 2326 – Briefly clear with “This has been church news on 1380 WAOK,” followed by ads. ID at 2330: “Atlanta's gospel choice, 1380 WAOK.” (SF-KY)

WMLP PA Milton – 12/4 2130 – Canned ID “Talk radio all night long, WMLP 1380 Milton.” Never heard at night, obviously on day power. (SK-PA)

1390 WRIV NY Riverhead – 12/10 1543 – Presumed with “Mention my name, Bobby Key, at White Plains Book Store.” (SK-PA) [In White Plains, WEOK would dominate

- here rather than WRIV, but I don't think there is a White Plains Book Store in White Plains – at least I've never seen it. – DY]
- 1410 **WBZA NY** **South Glens Falls** – 12/4 1839-1900 – Network talk show, "1410 WBZA" ID, QRM from WELM, poor. (DT*ON)
- CKSL ON** **London** – 12/12 2000 – "AM 1410 CKSL, where we play the hits of yesterday and today," then smothered by One on One Sports. If I hadn't heard the NOS, I'd have thought they were top 40/AC. (SK-PA)
- 1420 **WVJS KY** **Owensboro** – 12/4 2106-2121 – OLD pop music, "1420 WVJS" ID, QRM from WACK, poor. (DT*ON)
- WHK OH** **Cleveland** – 12/6 2125 – Presumed with REL program, mention of Summit County. It's the only one that fits. (JEK-MD)
- 1430 **WNSW NJ** **Newark** – 12/15 1930 – Promo for upcoming Perry Como Christmas special, "Sunny 1430." (RJ-NC)
- 1440 **WJL NY** **Niagara Falls** – 12/1 1722 – Song "Wayward Wind," PSA for holiday season, mention of U.S. Postal Service, time check, traffic report, ID. (WM-MD)
- WSGO NY** **Oswego** – 12/2 1640 – BBD instrumental, ad for Syracuse Agway. (RJE-PA)
- WHIS WV** **Bluefield** – 12/2 2300 – Caught ID in pause from unID SPT tak station. Seldom heard, though night pattern favors this direction. (JEK-MD)
- 1450 **WCRS SC** **Greenwood** – 12/11 2226 – Presumed with ad for bank in Spartanburg, popping up in the jumble. (SK-PA)
- WCLM VA** **Highland Springs** – 12/12 1859 – Presumed with ad or promo for something in Richmond, in jumble. (SK-PA)
- 1460 **WZNZ FL** **Jacksonville** – 12/1 1902 – Intro to talk show, ID. (WM-MD)
- WGNA NY** **Albany** – 12/4 2304 – Poor with multi-city ID, C&W format mention, rare here. (JEK-MD)
- WWKL PA** **Harrisburg** – 12/9 1723 – Ad for furniture store in Harrisburg, song "Battle of New Orleans," weather forecast. (WM-MD)
- 1470 **WMBD IL** **Peoria** – 12/4 1814-1850 – Network post-game sports talk show, CBS news, ID as "News Radio 1470 WMBD," weather, poor. (DT*ON)
- WTKO NY** **Ithaca** – 12/9 1745 – "Oldies 1470," ID. (WM-MD)
- WQXL SC** **Columbia** – 12/9 1705 – Traffic report with mention of Columbia, "The Voice of the Bible." (WM-MD)
- WHRD WV** **Huntington** – 12/7 1714 – Sign-off (despite Log listing as U1) with "At this ... time AM 14-70 WHRD, Huntington ends another broadcast day." (PC-VA)
- 1480 **WADR NY** **Remsen** – 12/23 2130 – Christmas music, ID's "This is 14-80 WADR, WUPQ 15-50," NOS. (DL-MD)
- WTOY VA** **Salem** – 12/20 1938 – Pretty good signal for 20 watts night power, "14-80, a W, a T, an O, and a Y." (PC-VA)
- 1490 **WCDO NY** **Sidney** – 12/13 2005 – ID "Your ... station, AM 1490 WCDO," popping up in the jumble. Station # 1,500. (SK-PA) [Congrats! – DY]
- WMRN OH** **Marion** – 12/16 2056 – In and out with Santa promo, "Kids say the darndest things ... Saturday from 9 to 10." (HJH-PA)
- WAEY WV** **Princeton** – 12/8 2230 – Promo "Hear Paul Harvey Monday through Friday on WAEY AM 1490," popped up in jumble. (SK-PA)
- 1500 **WDDZ IL** **Zion** – 12/2 1644 – Presumed with Radio Disney playing that horrible record that uses the music track of Buffalo Springfield's "For What It's Worth," under WTOP. (SK-PA)
- WMJL KY** **Marion** – 12/11 1640 – Message for Kentucky Bluegrass Association in (Fremont?), mention of Kentucky network, call letters, C&W. KSTP was alone for 10 minutes, then WMJL came in equal to or under them, and then pest WTOP returned 1644. (SK-PA)
- KSTP MN** **St. Paul** – 12/2 1734 – Mark Reeder with traffic report, under WTOP. Not heard in two years. (SK-PA)
- 1550 **WDZK CT** **Bloomfield** – 12/16 0625 – Radio Disney // WQEW-1560, heard ID as "Radio Disney 1550" but no calls. (RJE-PA)
- WWWN GA** **Vienna** – 12/7 1656 – UC music, "Your WWWN," in a big mix. (SK-PA)
- 1570 **WILO IN** **Frankfort** – 12/17 2201 – ID "Your full-service local information source, AM 15-70 WILO, Frankfurt," followed by news. Peaked momentarily above the crud. (PC-VA)
- WXLN IN** **New Albany** – 12/17 2033 – Basketball game between Jeffersonville and Silver Creek, with Jeffersonville leading 51-23, "WXLN AM 15-70" during time

CKHW 1090

- out. Faded up over jumble, then back down. (PC-VA)
- WNST MD** **Towson** – 12/18 1503 – Ex-WKDB, USA Radio news, followed by alternative medicine program. ID 1531 "WNST Towson" and "Catholic Family Radio." Appears to be a new format, related to call letter change? (PC-VA) [I think they were WNST when they were "Nasty 15-70" sports, no? – DY]
- WANR OH** **Warren** – 12/18 0634 – ID "AM 15-70 WANR Warren," mixed in with many others. (PC-VA)
- 1580 **WSWV VA** **Pennington Gap** – 12/15 0700 – ID, way under WISP, into news. (RJE-PA)
- WJVA IN** **South Bend** – 12/21 2113 – Fair, mix of Christmas and C&W music, "AM 15-80 ... country WJVA." (HF-MI)
- WSMO NC** **Camp Lejeune** – 12/8 1640 – ID in talk segment. (RJE-PA)
- + 12/18 0730 – Song "She Got the Goldmine, I Got the Shaft," and ID "You're listening to 15-80 WSMO." (RJ-NC)
- + 12/18 1646 – New call, ex-WWJV, with C&W, ID at 1701 "... Country, WSMO Camp Lejeune." (PC-VA)
- 1590 **WVKO OH** **Columbus** – 12/3 1745 – Promo and ID. (RJE-PA)
- WLBN KY** **Lebanon** – 12/17 1650 – Promo "One timeless song after another, and the latest news from 24-hour Newswatch, along with the Mutual Network. The station of your life is 15-90, WLBN." Atop the evening chatter long enough for easy ID. (PC-VA) [Guess nobody told them that the Mutual Network has gone the way of all flesh. – DY]
- WSMN NH** **Nashua** – 12/16 1635 – Weather, local ad, ID. (RJE-PA)
- WHPY NC** **Clayton** – 12/15 1648 – Hymn, then promo for broadcast birthday greetings, ID, more REL music. Last heard in 1972! (RJE-PA)
- WCBG PA** **Chambersburg** – 12/17 0630 – Weather, ID. First time at this location. (RJE-PA)
- WCAM SC** **Camden** – 12/9 1710 – Atop with two local ads, traffic, and a partial ID before WAKR came back. New. (RJE-PA)
- 1600 **WOKB FL** **Winter Garden** – 12/23 0029 – Caught "WOKB Winter Garden-Orlando" ID, weak in a real jumble.
- WINX MD** **Rockville** – 12/12 1020+ - Off? WPDC-PA good and unID SS with R. Unica programming. Very frustrating as I listened for many hours without a local ID or mention. (JEK-MD)
- WMCR NY** **Oneida** – 12/9 1440 – Atop with "MCR Radio wishes you Happy Holidays," then holiday music. Rare, and very early, no sign of usual WWRL, WPDC, WHOL mix. (RJE-PA)
- WTTF OH** **Tiffin** – 12/16 1650 – Briefly atop with weather, ID. New. (RJE-PA)
- WJSA PA** **Jersey Shore** – 12/17 1625 – Ad for Montoursville merchant, promo. (RJE-PA)
- WFIS SC** **Fountain Inn** – 12/10 1800 – Atlanta Hawks vs. New Jersey Nets NBA game, numerous ads for local businesses in Laurens, S.C. Quite strong. (RJ-NC)
- 1630 **KCJJ IA** **Iowa City** – 12/16 1830 – Local news, weather forecast, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1650 **WHKT VA** **Portsmouth** – 12/8 2015 – Charlotte vs. Hampton Roads Admirals minor league hockey game. (WM-MD)
- TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS
- 830 **TIS GA** **Atlanta** – According to the local newspaper, "Park Radio 830 AM" is now operating at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, with a signal range of 2 miles. (TP-GA)
- 1610 **TIS GA** **Watkinsville** – 12/16 0640 – First noted at this time with woman giving "information for December 16" and "Mars Hill Road will have one-lane traffic," but no other location clues, Causeway Infor Radio was co-channel at the time. Again 12/17 1730 with woman, except did copy phone number (706) 769-3975 twice each pass, which turned out to be Oconee County Emergency Management in Watkinsville. Poor-fair peaks through Tarpon Springs. Nothing about this one in FCC online TIS database. (DC-FL)
- WPLS727 MI** **Port Huron** – QSL received. (GHD-WV)
- WNXY474 OH** **Dublin** – QSL received. (GHD-WV)
- 1640 **TIS FL** **Unknown** – 12/12 0120 – Relaying NOAA Weather Melbourne, poor to fair but readable on top of pile. A commercial station or a TIS? (DC-FL)
- + 12/18 0021-0058 – Per David Crawford tip, hearing this unknown station





with nonstop relay of Melbourne (FL) NOAA Weather Radio (WX)70 162.55 MHz), which I believed is also still relayed via Orlando (KIH)63 162.475 MHz), clear but weak. Is this a new interior central or central-East Coast Florida TIS? Frequency is blocked daytime locally by nearby 820 kHz MW harmonic. (TLK-FL)

UNID MA? **Boston?** - 12/13 1750 - Briefly good with poorly accented FF, some WKSH QRM. If this is the Boston pirate, does anyone in the area have any info like "call letters," station slogan, or actual location? (JEK-MD)

1660 WDCX OH **Cincinnati** - 12/6 1545 - ID "You are listening to WDCX, located at 460 W. Crescent Villa Rd. in Cincinnati, Ohio, operated by USA Digital Radio, and owned by Ultron Corporation" in a long tape loop, with test tones, snippets of records, part of a stage play. I'm sending a report; hopefully I'll have details on this, or someone else will. (SK-PA) [Probably a transmitter testing facility. - DY]

OFF THE INTERNET

Sheldon Harvey of CIDX sends this information on the latest 690/940 situation:

"I took a look at the webpages of 940 News and Info 690, our two new all-news radio stations in Montreal. The "Under Construction" panels are gone and some information, albeit limited, is now available on the pages.

"First the two URLs: "940 News" <http://www.940news.com>; "Info 690: <http://www.info690.com>

"The information on both sites is very basic. Each page has a link to the other station. One interesting piece of information appearing on both pages is the notation that they are broadcasting on the two most powerful AM frequencies in Canada. I think a few other stations across the country might have something to say about that!

"On the 940 News site, there are links to CNN Radio and to Bloomberg News. On the Info 690 site, there is just one link. That is to AFP- Agence France Presse, which further down on the page is noted as being the station's source of international news.

"Of particular interest on the Info 690 site is the mention that LCN will be available on the station from 10 PM to 5 AM Eastern, Monday to Friday, and from 10 PM to 6 AM on Saturday and Sunday. LCN is the all-news French language cable TV service of the TVA television network in Montreal. This confirms rumours which were circulating that the LCN network audio feed might replace Info 690 programming during the overnight period.

"The launch of the two all-news stations went on as planned on Tuesday morning, December 14, at 11 AM Eastern, with really little fanfare. 940 News was a little bit more ambitious than Info 690 with their introductory kick-off. Both stations now seemed to have settled down into the half-hour news wheel format. "A lot of self promotion was done on the first day of broadcasting, with the story of the start up of the stations appearing in most of the hourly newscasts.

"Again, the official call letters of the two stations are CINW 940 News, and CINF Info 690. The simulcasts are appearing on 600 and 850 kHz., the former CIQC and CKVL stations. Metromedia CMR, owners of the stations, have received authorization from the CRTC to simulcast for a period of up to six months. Whether they will do so remains to be seen.

"On a final note, I received a few phone calls from some people who thought they were hearing other stations coming in behind the signals of the two services. Actually what is happening is that the stations have decided to employ sound effects behind several of the featured items on the station. At times there are what sound to be newswire teletype sounds in the background. At other times, there are sounds of people talking, plus other background sounds and effects, I assume to create the image of a "busy" place. Interesting, but somewhat annoying after some time." [Sounds like the traditional sounds of WINS in New York! DY]

And, as usual, from Scott Fybush, information from his wonderful weekly e-mail newsletter, "North-east Radio Watch," used by permission:

"Just as it did in Dallas and Denver this fall, Crawford Broadcasting has dropped the religious format from WDCZ (990) in Rochester, replacing it with a locally-generated (or, in any event, very slickly voice-tracked) standards format as "Legends 990," WLGZ(AM), complete with PAMS jingles. For those keeping score, this is callsign number six (WNYR, WEZO, WRMM, WCMF, WDCZ, WLGZ) and format number eight for 990 in the twenty years it's been on that frequency.

"Not only was WEHH (1590 Elmira Heights-Horseheads [NY-DY]) still silent, there was a mound of fresh dirt where its tower once stood on Latta Brook Road in sight of Route 17. NERW wonders whether WEHH will eventually return as a diplex on co-owned WELM (1410)'s nearby towers.

"We stop in Schenectady to note the sale of Off-Track Betting's AM station, WVKZ (1240). Ernie Anastos' company is paying \$137,000 for the graveyard, which will drop its sports programming (including horse-racing!) to simulcast the adult standards of Anastos' WUAM (900 Saratoga Springs)

as 'the Moon.'

"A last-minute message from Sheldon Harvey up in Montreal informs us that 690 is diplexing off the CIQC (600) site, while English sister "940 News" (whose calls will in fact be CINW, not the previously-announced CKNN) is diplexing off French-language CKVL (850)'s towers a few miles to the east. Simulcasts will reportedly continue on 850 and 600 for up to six months."

ADDRESS UPDATES

770	WEW	MO	St. Louis - Mailing address is invalid. (SK-PA)
940	CINW	PQ	Montreal - Temporary address is 89 St. Charles N., Longueuil PQ J4H 1C5, Canada. Phone is (905) 686-6786 and CE is Robert Achby. (DT*ON)
1240	WEBJ	AL	Brewton - Mailing address is invalid. (SK-PA)
1380	WMJR	KY	Winchester - Does anyone have a correct address for this station? (GHD-WV)
1450	WYFY	NY	Rome - Mailing address is invalid. (SK-PA)
1510	WJKN	MI	Jackson - Address is 1092 Jackson Crossing, Jackson MI 49202. Tom Krawczak of the station called me on the telephone and interviewed me on air concerning my hearing this station. (GHD-WV)

REPORTERS

PLB-MI	Phil Boersma	Spring Lake - Realistic 14-795
MB-ON	Mike Brooker	Toronto - Panasonics RF-2200, RFB-45
MB-IN	Mark Burns	Terre Haute - R8, Kiwa loop, 80' LW
PC-MI	Peter Campbell	Ann Arbor - Radio Shack Optimus
PC-VA	Perry Crabbill	Winchester - R8, Kiwa loop, 100' RW
DC-FL	David Crawford	Gainesville - Loggings sent via TLK-FL
GHD-WV	Harvey DeLeurere	Hendricks -
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell - Car radio and whip
SF-KY	Steve Forrest	Somerset - ICF-2010, Radio Shack loop
HF-MI	Harold Frogde	Midland - R71A, 85'/170' RW's, 100' broomstick coil
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes	Wilkes-Barre - Trans-Oceanic, Kiwa pocket loop
BG-NJ	Bob Galerstein	Maywood - Drake R8B, Kiwa Loop
GH-KS	Gary L. Houdek	Munden - UNID help
RJ-NC	Russ Johnson	Lexington - CC Radio, 160m inverted "vee"
SK-PA	Steve Kennedy	Coal Township - Superadio III
JEK-MD	Joe Kureth	Uniontown - SW8, 950' NE LW
JEK*MD		Same location, but on the Superadio III, RS loop
TLK-FL	Terry Krueger	Clearwater -
DL-MD	Dave Larrabee	Columbia - R8500, LW's
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly - DX380
RM-IN	Richard J. Miller	Mishawaka - DS-392, Terk AM Advantage antenna
GM-VA	Greg Myers	Richmond -
TP-GA	Ted Powers	Columbus - Local news
TS-MI	Tom Sanders	Lexington - ICF-890
BS-NJ	Bob Smolarek	High Bridge - Superadio I
DT*ON	Don Trelford	Scarborough - YB-305, wire over outdoor balcony
LVH-NC	Loyd Van Horn	Brasstown - R72, 175' LW WNW-ESE, Autek QF1-A filter
DY-NY	David Yocis	New York - R71A, random wire



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

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

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PLEASE NOTE my new e-mail address: <renfrew@localnet.com>. The old address is no longer working.

Reporters! Please follow the exact format that you see below. Making modifications requires a lot of extra time on my part that I would rather use to be with my family, to save the world, and/or to DX with!

Not much time to research items from other publications. This is the deadline week that I would most like to skip altogether because of Advent/Christmas responsibilities at church.

Nothing like DX'ing to enrich out lives. Radio has encouraged my interest in languages over the years, so when I paid for an oil change at the corner gas station, I said "tessekur edereb" (thank you) to the Turkish men who run the place. Their jaws came close to hitting the floor. Who knows, when I finally hear that Turkish station on 1062 kHz, maybe I'll have some friends to help me write the letter!

I hope all have a happy, safe, peaceful holiday and New Year.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 558 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, DEC 12 2326 - SS talk; in WGAN slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
567 IRELAND RTE, Tullamore, DEC 12 2326 - "Stand By Me" by Ben E. King from 1961; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
576 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE5 synchros, DEC 12 2325 - SS talk; over other. [Connelly*O-MA]
585 SPAIN RNE1, Madrid, DEC 12 2324 - fast SS talk by man; just slightly stronger than Tunisia-585.25. [Connelly*O-MA]
585.25 TUNISIA ERTT, Gafsa, DEC 12 2323 - AA vocal, 250 Hz het against Spain-585.0. [Connelly*O-MA]
612 IRELAND Athlone, DEC 12 2321 - man & woman in EE; under Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]
612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, DEC 12 2321 - emotional male AA vocal & drumming; atop Ireland. [Connelly*O-MA]
621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, DEC 12 2319 - SS talk; in Cuba/WZON slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
639 SPAIN RNE1, La Coruna, DEC 12 2317 - a bit of SS talk; getting dumped on by Cuba/CBN-640 mix. [Connelly*O-MA]
675 NETHERLANDS R. Ten Gold, Lopik, DEC 13 0011 - Dutch talk, into Buddy Holly song "It Doesn't Matter Any More"; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
684 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, DEC 12 2310 - SS news mentioning the military; huge signal. [Connelly*O-MA]
693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Droitwich et al., DEC 12 2308 - news item about a car that went into a river, then an item about the International Olympic Committee corruption investigation; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
693.7 AZORES RDP, Santa Barbara DEC 12 2309 - bits of music, het against stronger UK-693. [Connelly*O-MA]
711.04 WESTERN SAHARA Laayoune, DEC 13 0015 - bits of AA vocal music, through tough Cuba slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
729 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, DEC 12 2306 - // 774 with SS news; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
738 SPAIN RNE1, Barcelona, DEC 13 0018 - SS talk by woman; in CHCM slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
765 SWITZERLAND RSR, Sottens, DEC 12 2305 - Radio Suisse Romande mentioned by woman in FF, then light instrumental music with classical influences; very good. [Connelly*O-MA]
774 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, DEC 12 2303 - SS news; good, over one or more AA station. [Connelly*O-MA]
792 SPAIN SER, Sevilla, DEC 12 2300 - // 1044 with news with segment of SS speech / public address; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
836 AZORES RDP, Pico da Barrosa, DEC 12 2259 - man in PP; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, DEC 12 2258 - SS teletalk // 1296; slightly over a pile-up of others and het from Azores-836. [Connelly*O-MA]

- 846 ITALY Rome, DEC 12 2257 - soft piano music; sloped. [Connelly*O-MA]
855 SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al., DEC 12 2253 - // 864 with woman in SS; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
864 EGYPT Santah, DEC 13 0019 - Koranic male vocal; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
864 SPAIN RNE1, Socuellamos, DEC 12 2253 - // 855 with SS talk by woman; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
873 SPAIN SER synchros, DEC 12 2254 - // 1044 with brief segment of music, then high-speed talk by man in SS; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Wales, Washford, DEC 13 0023 - EE interview; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
891 ALGERIA Algiers, DEC 12 2251 - AA vocal at low audio level on good carrier. [Connelly*O-MA]
909 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Moorside Edge et al., DEC 12 2249 - EE discussion; to fair peak, over WABI/CHRL slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
954 SPAIN R. Espana, Madrid, DEC 12 2248 - SS teletalk over SAH and bits of audio from a Mideast-sounding station (Turkey or Qatar ?) [Connelly*O-MA]
963 PORTUGAL R. Renascenca, Seixal, DEC 12 2247 - PP talk; mixed with others (likely Spain/Tunisia). [Connelly*O-MA]
981 ALGERIA Radiodif. Algerienne, Algiers, DEC 12 1928 - powerhouse het against WCAP on the car radio at pre-sunset fade-up. + DEC 12 2245 - man in AA at light audio level on monster carrier. [Connelly*O-MA]
1035 PORTUGAL R. Nacional, Lisboa, DEC 13 0028 - romantic PP vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, DEC 12 2243 - rustic violins and Berber-style screaming vocal; strong, over SER-Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
1044 SPAIN SER synchros, DEC 12 2254 - // 873 with fast SS talk; under Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]
1053 MOROCCO Tanger, DEC 12 2242 - AA strings, drums, vocal; over Talk Radio UK. [Connelly*O-MA]
1053 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Radio synchros, DEC 12 2242 - man & woman in EE; under Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]
1071 SPAIN EI, Bilbao, DEC 12 2240 - emotional SS ballad; just getting by strong CBA. [Connelly*O-MA]
1098 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, DEC 13 0030 - // 684 with man in SS; to fair peak. [Connelly*O-MA]
1107 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, DEC 13 0030 - SS talk; over low growl from something slightly off channel. [Connelly*O-MA]
1134 CROATIA HR, Zadar, DEC 12 2233 - mellow vocal and instrumental; a little bit over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, DEC 13 0031 - SS talk in jumble; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
1224 SPAIN COPE synchros, DEC 12 2224 - SS talk; slightly over rough growl. [Connelly*O-MA]
1251 LIBYA Tripoli, DEC 12 2223 - group AA chant; to good peak, way over unID talker. [Connelly*O-MA]
1296 SPAIN COPE, Valencia, DEC 12 2222 - fast SS talk; fair, over unID station with AA-sounding music. [Connelly*O-MA]
1305 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, DEC 12 2221 - SS talk with some synchro-echo. [Connelly*O-MA]
1385.92 GUINEA Labe, DEC 12 2220 - African-accented FF talk by man; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, DEC 12 2207 - Christmas choral music; to fair peak through slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, DEC 12 1925 - pre-sunset het fade-up. DEC 12 2200 - man in AA, then interlude of AA string music; fair to good over SER-Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
1548 KUWAIT VOA, Kuwait City, DEC 13 0038 - VOA "special" (slow) EE talk mentioning Hong Kong; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
1575 KUWAIT CLANDESTINE, Al Mustaqbal, DEC 12 2355 - AA vocal, strings, drums; over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
1583.65 CEUTA RadiOle, DEC 12 2353 - bits of SS music, mostly just a het. [Connelly*O-MA]
1602 SPAIN EI, Vitoria, DEC 12 2354 - SS talk (non-SER); poor. [Connelly*O-MA]



1480 AM
RADIO INTERNACIONAL

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 UNID, DEC 11 0259 - Still a semi-regular here. Noted with SS male singing, poor in RVC null. [Thomas-FL]
- 535 GRENADA, St. George's, DEC 11 0127 - Soft-spoken women in EE at poor/fair level. [Thomas-FL] DEC 13 0004 - very good with US preacher talking about family arguments. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 540 NICARAGUA, Managua, DEC 7 2300 - YNOW noted in passing with ID as "R. Nicaragua" (not Corporación). Poor under WQTM & WDAK. [Thomas-FL]
- 550 JAMAICA, Montego Bay, DEC 8 0033 - Fair with nice reggae. [Thomas-FL]
- 550 VENEZUELA Mundial, YVKE, Caracas, DEC 13 0003 - Mundial ID; slightly over other Latin Americans. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, Basseterre, DEC 12 2327 - "Oh Holy Night" sung by a male vocalist in a black gospel style; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 555 UNID, DEC 10 0145 - There's someone else here with ZIZ and causing a SAH. Carrier detectable in ZIZ null and roughly looped CenAM/northern SAM. Absolutely no hope for audio. [Thomas-FL]
- 567.9 UNID, DEC 12 0133 - Fair carrier with weak acoustic guitar. Garble from 570 masked anything useful. [Thomas-FL]
- 570 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Cristal, HIMB, Santo Domingo, DEC 13 0006 - R. Cristal mention; under Reloj-Cuba. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 580 COLOMBIA DEC 12 2359 - "R. Monteria" mentions and an HJ call, not sure if the actual ID of this station or a different network affiliate (with this one probably the listed HJHP Cali). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 580 JAMAICA, Galina, DEC 8 0010 - RJR atop with news about firefighters. [Thomas-FL]
- 580.6 UNID, DEC 10 0158 - Someone hetting the crowd on 580. [Thomas-FL]
- 600 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, DEC 12 2322 - SS talk (// 710) about "Guanranamo ... provincia oriental"; huge. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 627.5 UNID, DEC 12 0212 - This one finally produced some audio, but not enough to even wager a guess. SS male singing and a well-modulated SS male appeared for about 5 seconds this time. Carrier is usually pretty good but readable audio is rare. [Thomas-FL]
- 630 PUERTO RICO WSKN, San Juan, DEC 12 2319 - phone-in SS talkshow with local mentions, then announcer used EE expression "Y2K" and laughed; way over CFCY & WPRO. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, BOGOTA, DEC 13 0008 - SS talk about Colombian 'loteria', then RCN Antena Dos ID; loud. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 652.5 UNID, DEC 10 0223 - The only time I've heard this one. Male shouting in SS, then a heartfelt ballad. Quickly gone; hasty DF says deep CenAM/northern SAM. [Thomas-FL]
- 660 CUBA R. Progreso, CMHG, Santa Clara, DEC 12 2316 - almost operatic SS male vocal // 890; over WFAN. DEC 13 0010 - // 890 with Strauss waltz; huge, totally dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 670 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, DEC 12 2331 - dominant with SS talk about events in Cuba. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 680 PUERTO RICO WAPA, San Juan, DEC 12 2311 - SS baseball coverage with mentions of Puerto Rican cities including Caguas; atop WRKO. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, DEC 12 2332 - EE preaching (// 6090) about the need to spread the word of God; loud. Montreal not noted (though audible a couple of hours later on the car radio on Route 6). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 700 COLOMBIA R. Net, HJXC, Cali, DEC 13 0013 - // 810 with SS sports; dominant over Jamaica. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 700 JAMAICA, Montego Bay, DEC 9 0421 - RJR battling WLW with local spots. Conditions very good to the south tonight. [Thomas-FL]
- 710 CUBA R. Rebelde synchronos, DEC 13 0014 - SS // other Rebelde outlets; annihilating WOR. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 720 JAMAICA, Kingston, DEC 10 0239 - One of the less frequent Jamaicans here. JMC fair under Cuba with phone-in show. [Thomas-FL]
- 730t TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, Port of Spain, DEC 9 0335 - Popped on top for about 5 minutes with distinctive island music and accented EE female. No ID heard, but DF agrees. [Thomas-FL]
- 730 MEXICO XEX-730 has also been noted blasting in at 1200 UTC with the Mexican national anthem. It wasn't



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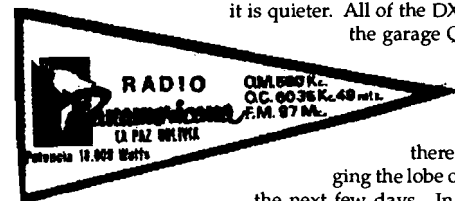


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- part of XEX's sign-on announcement, as they're on 24 hours. Is there some kind of government regulation in Mexico requiring all radio stations -even NSPers - to play the national anthem at a specified time each day, such as at 1200 UTC? I may be wrong about this, but I recall hearing somewhere that there is such a law in Brazil. [Brooker-ON] (Mexican stations are supposed to play the National Anthem at local midnight, although not all do. As well, there is more than one time zone in Mexico, so the absence of a National Anthem doesn't rule out a particular time zone. There is also a nation-wide program that stations are supposed to run on Sunday evenings (I think), but, again, not all do. Brazil has a national program every evening, at 2300 I believe. DX Chronologists should see "Gerry speaks" below- Jim)
- 740 MEXICO - I run timer tapes at night on 740 from 59:30 to 00:30 each hour, hoping to catch long-needed WIRJ or WNOP. The playback of last night's 8pm EST taping had clear copy of the Mexican National Anthem, sung by a children's chorus! It was in progress when the tape started, and no sign of them after the Anthem ended. XE daytimers are permitted to stay on until 7, so it's something in the Central Time Zone. (now that really narrows things down!) Has anyone ever heard this and gotten an ID? [Francis-TN]
- 750 VENEZUELA RCR, YVKS, Caracas, DEC 12 2335 - Venezuelan SS sportstalk; slightly over CBGY classical music. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 760 MEXICO XEABC Mexico City DF, DEC 13 1201 - presumed, under nulled WJR with Mexican national anthem. WRTVH lists several Mexicans on 760 but how reliable is WRTVH's Mexican MW info? I mean, is it as outdated as their Cuban MW list? [Brooker-ON]
- 765 UNID. In every night with a poor/fair carrier and intermittent audio. Usually just a muffled SS male but plaintive SS singing heard once. Audible here 0200-0300 the week of DEC 5. DF ranges from 172-176 degrees and suggests any of a half dozen possible QTHs. [Thomas-FL] (See Gerry's disclaimer below - Jim)
- 770 COLOMBIA, Bogotá, DEC 10 0303 - HJXX fair with R.Colombia ID (not RCN). [Thomas-FL] DEC 12 2336 - // 760 with SS sports play-by-play; huge, nearly alone on channel with barely a trace of WABC. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 800 NETH ANTS., PJB, DEC 8 0329 - TWR good atop with EE announcer & ID. Switched to SS at 0330. [Thomas-FL] DEC 12 2337 - SS religious talk by woman, then violin, piano, and celeste mood music. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 810 COLOMBIA, Bogotá, DEC 11 0430 - HJCY noted in passing at a super-loud level with news and ID. [Thomas-FL] DEC 12 2338 - frenetic SS sports coverage; under Puerto Rico, no domestics noted. DEC 13 0013 - sports // 700; mixed with others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 810 PUERTO RICO WKVM, San Juan, DEC 12 2338 - SS Puerto Rico mentions and talk about the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; atop Colombia. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS TBN, Basseterre, DEC 12 2340 - over domestics with southern US preacher talked about relations and "blaming things on everybody else". [Connelly*O-MA]
- 890 CUBA R. Progreso, CMDZ, Santiago de Cuba, DEC 13 0010 - Strauss waltz // 640; local-like, 100% dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS VON, Bath Village, DEC 13 0009 - old-style soul female vocal; excellent. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 900 CUBA R. Progreso, DEC 13 0024 - // 890 with mellow vocal and acoustic guitar; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 900 MEXICO, Mexico City, DEC 10 0332 - XEW good in Cuba null with female choral singing. [Thomas-FL]
- 1010 MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH, DEC 5 0201 - Legal ID, partially readable with call letters and "...desde la pequeña ciudad de Nuevo Casas Grandes." or similar; slogan is "La Ranchera". Generally poor and mixing with XEVK and at least two other SS-lang stations. New here, XE #155, CHIH #34. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1040 MEXICO XEHES(p) Chihuahua, CHIH, DEC 4 0152 - Been hearing this with religious programming for several weeks. Occasional mentions of Chihuahua, so presume this one, although actual ID has escaped me. Call letters may have changed along with format. New slogan is "Radio Luz Diez Cuarenta, La Radio Cristiana". Heard on this date with lite REL vocals & slogans to 0200, then MST time check; after 0201, more upbeat REL mx. Good on peaks in WHO null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1040 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Cadena de Noticias, HION, Santo Domingo, DEC 12 2244 - Radio Cadena Noticias & Radionoticias mentions; over jumble, domestics not noted. [Connelly*O-MA]

- 1050 MEXICO, Monterrey, DEC 10 0345 - XEG, La Gigante del Norte excellent in XEQOO null withlite LA music. [Thomas- FL]
- 1050.3 UNID, DEC 10 0346 - Mark Connelly's unid carrier also noted at weak level and being obliterated by XEG and XEQOO. DF seemed to be Honduras/Nicaragua but highly uncertain. [Thomas-FL]
- 1080 VENEZUELA R. Barcelona, YVQJ, Barcelona, DEC 12 2239 - reverberated SS talk with Barcelona mention; over/under WTIC. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1080 MEXICO XEDT (p) Cd. Cuauhtemoc, CHIH, Dec 11 0021 - Odd mix of US C&W tunes and male announcer in Indian language. I have heard this exact combination before on another Cuauhtemoc station, XEPL-550. The language has some inflections that sound almost German, and for a long time I thought XEPL was broadcasting in German, although this did not make much sense. No ID's heard, but several mentions of "Cuauhtemoc" throughout. XE NA at 0201, apparently XEDT signing off, since only XEDY was left after that. All this in KRLD null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1100 ANTIGUA R. ZDK, St. John's, DEC 12 2238 - "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" by a children's chorus, then Caribbean-EE preacher and organ music; good, over WTAM/LA's. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1110 MEXICO, Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, DEC 13 0106 with ad for a concert at a discotheque in Matamoros next Saturday night. Baile, baile, baile. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 1135 UNID - A fair to good carrier appears here (along with a het from Spain-1134) some nights between 0100-0400. The only audio has been an unintelligible, muffled SS male. Signal is tightly looped on Guatemala so I'm guessing that this is LV de la Costa Sur, a station that was a semi-regular here the last time I DXed seriously a couple of years ago (WRTH says it's on 1130, though). [Thomas-FL] (See Gerry's disclaimer below - Jim)
- 1170 unID DEC 12 2231 - excited talk, possibly a sporting event, through phase-nulled WWVA. Language seemed to be an Africanized version of either PP or FF, perhaps Haitian Creole. Eventually this was lost to Colombia & a second SS station. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1210 VENEZUELA R. Anzoategui, YVZT, Barcelona, DEC 13 0033 - several Venezuela mentions; briefly dominant over WPHT, VOAR, and an apparent Reloj Cuban. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1466-1468 UNIDS - Over the past weeks, carriers have been noted around here suggesting at least three different stations. A station heard on 1466.2 (DF 120 deg, Hispanola/PR) was almost good at times with upbeat SS music including steel drum. Noted a carrier on 1468.1 later and thought the 1466.2 station had drifted but both faded up at the same time (along with a weak het from France 1467). The 1468.1 produced audio (mentions of Valencia, Caracas, Isla de Margaritas, etc), a DF of 123 deg, and a shouted, ID-like "Latina Radio" which suggested this was R. Latina, Valencia, Venezuela. More recently, a station has appeared on 1467.3 and looped 142-deg. This one does not sound commercial but rather like a provincial Cuban flea-powered station and DF points right at Cardenas, Cuba (R. Ciudad Bandera, CMGE). As of today, I haven't heard the 1466.2 unid in weeks but the others make intermittent appearances. Anyone in southern Florida hearing these? [Thomas-FL] (See Gerry's disclaimer below - Jim)

Gerry speaks: "My DX report contains some DF bearing errors. I just got back from Washington, DC and was checking the loop in my new (old) DX shack and discovered the errors. I had been DXing in the master bedroom but, with the colder weather coming on, the neighbor's aquarium heater started wreaking havoc with reception so I moved back to my old location over the garage where it is quieter. All of the DX that was reported in Sunday's report came from the garage QTH which apparently has developed a site problem. I'm usually able to resolve DF to within a degree or two pretty reliably but as I was checking the loop for daytime DX today, I noticed a skewing in the pattern. The loop's fine but there's something in or around the shack that is dragging the lobe off true. I'm going to be trying to track this down in the next few days. In the meantime, if you haven't already submitted (or incorporated my loggings into) your next DX report, please delete the following loggings of mine until I can track down the problem: 765, 1165, a1466-1488. I wouldn't want to mislead anyone (or be misled myself)." (Well, I decided to run them anyway, with the disclaimer - Jim)



John Speaks: "Apparently, all or part of Chihuahua is on MST now, ex-CST. More than once in Nov and Dec, I've noted CHIH stations using MST. If this is true, does anyone know which areas have changed, and where the lines of demarcation are?"

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SWEDEN: The SAQ- Grimeton, Sweden station, which periodically activates on 17.2 kHz., will be going on the air for two special transmissions to mark the New Year. January 1, 2000 at 1200 UTC, and January 2, 2000 at 0600 UTC. For complete details of these broadcasts and the station itself, please check out their webpage: <http://www.telemuseum.se/grimeton/newyear.html>. [Sheldon Harvey, QC, in Medium Wave Circle e-mail list]

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K-State station marks 75 years

By Matt Moline; Special to The Topeka Capital-Journal

MANHATTAN — Not many Kansans would consider a pair of ordinary-looking windmill towers as worthy candidates for the prestigious National Register of historic Places.

But to broadcasting pioneers at Kansas State University's radio station KKSU, the towers are priceless antiques - the original antennas for the state's first public radio outlet, which went on the air 75 years ago in December.

The two towers officially were declared national landmarks on Aug. 27, 1983, thanks to timely intervention by a group of station staffers, including former manager Ralph Titus, who lives in Manhattan.

Although Titus acknowledges the 140-foot twin spires would have been barely tall enough to catch enough wind to pump well water in a thunderstorm, the antenna-tipped towers managed to blanket the state - and much of the nation - with loud-and-clear educational radio programs for more than two decades, beginning Dec. 1, 1924.

"A lot of people on campus at the time thought they were ugly and wanted to get rid of them," Titus said Sunday. "They're not pretty, but they are of great historic interest."

Replaced by a 425-foot-tall transmitter completed in 1947 at the north edge of campus, the vintage towers stand near Nichols Hall, site of the original studios of the station, initially known by the call letters, KSAC - short for Kansas State Agricultural College. The call letters were changed in 1984 to reflect the school's shift to a broad-based academic curriculum.

"Besides the fact that the first towers were built by an Illinois windmill company," Titus said, "the first transmitter itself was picked up from a Navy surplus sale."

Because KKSU's original broadcast frequency was known as a clear-channel assignment, the station's signal could be received by listeners from coast-to-coast, enabling the school's research and extension service to enroll more than 11,000 long-distance learners in home economics and animal husbandry classes during 1925, according to Titus.

"K-State had truly become a college of the air, as it was promoted at the time," Titus said, "with a campus that was said to extend from California to New York, and from Texas to Canada." In 1932, the station set another broadcasting milestone, one that enabled county extension agents across the state to show illustrated filmstrip presentations in community schoolhouses, while simultaneously piping in an audio track broadcast over the air from Manhattan.

"We've heard a lot of stories that a lot of these one-room schoolhouse didn't have electricity at the time," Titus said. "But somebody would usually drive up a car equipped with a generator to a window, and run an electrical cord inside so everybody could hear and see the program."

Current manager Larry Jackson expects to begin transmitting a digital signal sometime after the year 2005, while also returning to a full-time broadcasting format. Since 1929, KKSU has shared the 580 AM frequency with WIBW in Topeka.

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DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and requests by NRC members

Perry Crabill <pcrabill@visuallink.com>: Here are my comments about counting stations: I keep my all-time log in a GWBASIC computer program I wrote myself. It has a separate sequential file for each channel, 530-1700 kHz, and I add each station as I log it for the first time. Another program is arranged to access these files for a master print-out, which I do from time to time, and this provides a station count. I avoid counting a call letter change as a new station by editing the file, adding an asterisk as a suffix to the station's old call, and the program doesn't include such calls in the overall count.

More on DXing in cars:

John D. Bowker <wa2wen@juno.com>: Ragnar, I'm going to have to buy you a genuine Radio Shack cassette recorder (\$29.95) that fits on the car seat next to you. I will then buy you about 30 feet of speaker wire and put a 1/8 inch plug on one end, and then (here's the tricky part) solder the other ends onto the terminals of the rear speakers in your Buick. It will run out of the trunk, into the back door and across the back floor to the recorder that's up on the seat next to you. Guaranteed no one will notice...especially when you're alone in the car. The plug connects into the "Aux" input of the recorder. Sound crazy? Uh-uh. I have been doing that for 25 years and many of the IDs on the Travellog come from such a hook-up in my cars and motorhome. I am careful to keep the C Cells in that recorder reasonably fresh or you get awful bass distortion. About 10 hours of recording is max. Seriously, you'd be stunned at how clean a recording you can get that way. I'll also have to buy you a cassette too, I guess. Doesn't work well without one. Problems with this? Two. 1) The trunk mechanism doesn't understand about light-weight wires and tends to snap them unless they are dressed properly around the springs and counterweights. 2) Indexing the cassette. You wind up with a C-90, or whatever, loaded with all these IDs and you have no way of telling about the radio dial setting at the time a couple of weeks ago when you made the recording. We solved this by carrying a lap-top with us...but that's beyond the scope of this course. PS: OH! I forgot the most important part. When you're done recording the cassette, you send it to John Bowker. And he is most grateful.

Ragnar Danneskjold: John, Are you sure your name isn't Santa Claus? You know what, I never thought of doing that. I am sure it would work very well. Sometimes I wonder how smart I really am. I know it would work but never ever thought of it. My next question though, is won't the audio in the tape recorder overload with that much signal as comes out of the back of the car? "Guaranteed no one will notice...especially when you're alone in the car. The plug connects into the "Aux" input of the recorder." Who cares who notices. I already know that I am eaten up with the DX bug. Everyone else knows that I am eaten up with the DX bug too. "Sound crazy? Uh-uh. I have been doing that for 25 years and many of the IDs on the Travellog come from such a hook-up in my cars and motorhome." I was kind of wondering how you got all those logs. I was thinking that you would be crazy to try to stop at 5 minutes to the hour and start recording outside the car. "I'll also have to buy you a cassette too, I guess. Doesn't work well without



one." You really are Santa Claus. I might try that setup you gave me one of these days. "1) The trunk mechanism doesn't understand about light-weight wires and tends to snap them unless they are dressed properly around the springs and counterweights." I'm a test engineer. I am sure I can find a way to destroy both the trunk mechanism and the rear speakers. "2) Indexing the cassette. You wind up with a C-90, or whatever, loaded with all these IDs and you have no way of telling about the radio dial setting at the time a couple of weeks ago when you made the recording. We solved this by carrying a lap-top with us...but that's beyond the scope of this course." That's why you need to carry a mike too and dub in your voice to give the freq. Laptops are nice though. I have one and love mine to death. I need to keep my job for a long time so I can hang on to this laptop forever. It's one of the few perks I have with my job that I really like.

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@hotmail.com>: With all of the DXing I do in the car, and all of the talking about it I've done here recently, I never thought of such a thing, either!! Of course the car has a cassette

"player" built into it, but it won't record, obviously. I'll have to look into that!

Blake Lawrence <blake@deejay.com>: This week within two days I received two eBay purchases: A Drake R8 and a Kiwa Loop. Merry Christmas to me. These are the toys I always wanted when I DXed the first time around, in the early 70s. I can only imagine what I could've heard then, with a clearer band, fewer 24/7 schedules, more local IDs, etc. Can't wait to haul the R8 to the seacoast and throw out (and throw back) a beverage or two.

Russ Edmunds: Not to mention that you had a much better location then in terms of QRM from other stations, etc...

Blake Lawrence: One local station vs. dozens...the middle of Colorado vs. the middle of a large city...I think I see your point, hi.

Bill Fairbanks <BILLFAIRBANKS@worldnet.att.net>: Blake, Congratulations on your acquisitions. It is rare that both were on Ebay at about the same time...the Kiwa Loop is especially difficult to find. I thoroughly enjoy my R8-B and Kiwa Loop set up and nothing works better with the possible exception of an R-390A and Kiwa Loop. I use both but the bells and whistles on the R8 series of receivers are hard to beat. Have fun with your new toys.

Blake Lawrence: The R8 was on eBay about 3 weeks before I saw the Kiwa Loop. I suggest to anyone to log onto Ebay often and search for the particular product you want...if it's not there today, it may be there tonight! The Kiwa Loop was put up for sale by someone who ordered one from two places at the same time, knowing that it'd take a while to get it. When one arrived, he forgot to cancel the order for the second one, and when it arrived, he put it on eBay without even opening the box! I ended up paying about what I would have for the Kiwa direct from Yakima, but I only had to wait a week for it to arrive. I got lucky with that, but karma paid me back this week with a pretty severe hard disk crash. C'est la vie.

John Sanders <jmtdanders@yahoo.com>: Dear NRC members, Hi my name is John Sanders. I have a question: I having a problem on getting Latin American stations from the following countries: Colombia, Cuba, and Venezuela. Can someone please help me? Thanks!

Paul W. Smith, W4KNX <sunray2@gte.net>: Hi John, where are you located? I wish I had your problem <grin> Where I live in Florida, every other AM frequency is Cuban. They broadcast with Ungodly high powers aimed at the US. If you let us know what part of the country you are in, we might be able to help.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Yes, you can have all the Latins I hear here in AZ. Where are you so we can try to help you.

Paul Swearingen <PlsBCBDEX@aol.com>: John: We need to know your location before we can give you any meaningful help. However, here in Topeka, the dominant station at night on 1000 (with the Chicago and Oklahoma City stations nulled) is the one in Cartagena, Colombia. It really gets out most of the year.

Randy Stewart <jrs555t@mail.smsu.edu>: Absolutely the same situation in Springfield MO—RCN Cartagena on 1000 is a "pest" many nights. Its 10kW on the northern coast of Colombia seems to get out better than, for instance, RCN's network flagship station in Bogota on 770, which runs a whopping 100 kW. Paul didn't mention Venezuelans, but they tend to be as difficult for me here in southern Missouri as some of the Colombians are easy. (The best bets for Venezuela here are R. Rumbos 670, which came sometimes be heard underneath the Cuban blowfish -er, blowtorch, also a 100kW station on 720 whose slogan I can't remember at the moment, and Ecos del Torbes on 780.) And yes, we do need to know your location before we can give you specific targets to shoot for—your local stations, which U.S. or Canadian stations tend to dominate on various frequencies, etc. Your ability to log ANY AM-band DX is highly dependent on your location and the local interference situation with which you live. The same Venezuelans that are rare or non-existent for me are logged easily all up and down the east coast, for instance. Here in the Plains, we merely have to null out the Chicago and Kansas City clears on 670, 710 and 890 to hear the Cubans loud'n'clear on those frequencies. But again, the "best bets" for Cuba vary from region to region.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Here in AZ we get to hear R. Mil stations from Mexico.

Russ Edmunds: Does anyone have any suggestions as to how best to handle bringing two or more longwires into a house at the same point, and to be able to select among them, and yet to minimize interaction between either the ends of the wires themselves, or their lead-ins. I'm not planning to phase anything at this point. I have tried, in past installations, to use shielded lead-in, with the shield grounded,



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but that's tended to either do nothing or add to the problems, although part of that could be due to mismatches due to the type of cable used. Ideally, I'd like to be able to do 3 or 4 wires, all coming to roughly the same point outside. Is there some kind of a shielded switcher I could use (either inside, or, if weatherproof, outside where the wires would first come near one another?) Thanks!

Fred Vobbe <fredv@nrcdxas.org>: What I did was to run the antennas into some relays. What happens is that only the antenna which is selected will energize, else it's at ground. When I turn off the power, even the antenna that is selected will de-energize and ground. Everything in the shack goes through a "patch bay" so I can pull off the termination/ground and put the antenna into a specific receiver.

Russ Edmunds: I don't know how I would do that - relays don't seem to be something I've ever played with. Any particular kind of relay? How do they become energized - simply by being connected to the radio?

Fred Vobbe: I use the open frame style, although you can use just about any SPDT relay. The antenna comes into the wiper of the relay. In the position where the relay is "relaxed", that contact is fed to ground, (or in my case to a patch which allows me to use it separately). This makes every antenna at ground when not in use. When the relay is activated, it pulls down the wiper to another contact, and interrupts the one it was normally on. This breaks the ground, and switches the antenna to a common "buss". A single RG-58 loops from each "make" contact of each relay. When an antenna is selected, the contact closure routes the antenna to the buss, and then to the antenna input of the radio. Each relay is controlled by a single rotary switch. This way it's impossible to bring on more than one relay at a time. Voltage is routed through the switch and then from the switch contact to each relay. The switch sits next to the rig(s) and the relays are near the floor with than antenna feeds. Relays are all low voltage, (+12DC). For you purists, the antennas are matches for different bands, and my 80/40 meter dipole is a flat 1:1.0 on CW portions, ditto the A3S tribander, the folded dipoles, and the offset dipole. Relays are P&B model PR11A which I got over at Fair Radio for \$1.25 each. Do you think this would be a good article for the NRC page at <http://www.nrcdxas.org/articles/>?

Russ Edmunds: Yup! And/or in DXN. And I had you followed in your explanation until you got to that word "except" (that one causes more problems!! <grin>) and started talking about the patch. Years and years ago, back in my pre-NRC days (pre-1963, would you believe?) I used a rotary switch (likely not a shielded one) to switch between 3 longwires erected in a triangle, and even to somehow (I forget the details) use all 3 at once as a single longwire. The I used another rotary switch to switch whatever I'd selected with the first one between 2 different antenna tuners. This crazy setup (and I also forget what I used as lead-in) actually produced some directional effects, too, particularly the N-S leg.

Fred Vobbe: I was tempted to leave that out, but I do use the patch at times, especially if I need to do some test bench stuff, and need to lock the WWV receiver to a counter or spectrum. I just put the receiver up on the shelf and run a small cable down to A4, which is my folded dipole for E/W and it works perfect. I'll work on something over the holiday. If I make the web page, then all the things are there for Paul and DXN. The page will have the text, the pictures, and all the schematics & art. I imagine you could do some phasing as well with that setup.

We'll have more on this subject next time.

Chet Copeland <CHETCOP@webtv.net>: [John Figliozzi posted this at swprograms@topica.com listserv. I posted a version to the AMDX list earlier from the St Louis paper, but it was maybe too long to get on our 'roundup' version? Let's see if this makes it. The URL is: <http://www.nypostonline.com/entertainment/19312.htm>: The "On Radio" column written by John Mainelli tells about a new report that says that the average number of people listening to [commercial] radio has dropped 12% in the last decade—an unprecedented 3% drop in the last year—and the pace is picking up speed. The author of the report, Jim Duncan of Duncan's American Radio is quoted at a Paine-Webber Media Conference held this week in New York as saying, "I don't think the industry is going to do anything about it until the advertisers revolt." And so far, there's no sign of that. The story says, "Even advertisers whose commercials are running in breaks as long as 10 minutes—and up to 16 minutes in the top-rated Howard Stern show—seem not to complain." The two reasons cited in the article for the audience decline are: (1) commercial clutter, and (2) "it [commercial radio] keeps pumping out the same old, same old." Darin Yelin of TD Advertising is quoted as saying, "Music programming has become dull and boring and a lot of stations are playing the same music." (Duh!! JAF) Duncan also complained about "non-innovative programming" in recent years, and warned that (quot-



ing the article, not Duncan) "today's revenue-crazed radio giants are facing imminent threats from satellite radio as well as proposals to allow new low-power FM stations in several cities." The article closes by stating that "old fashioned radio is far from its death throes" because "radio and broadcast TV are still the primary media for advertising". (The folks at Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Radio must love reading this! Think I'll also send a few more dollars to my local NPR station. JF)

Bob Smolarek <radiobob@ptd.net>: That's nothing new about the plethora of ads on the radio. I remember in the 60's stations would play a song and then have an ad or two, then another song, back to an ad. They made big deals about Twin-Spins! You remember the jingles, WABC Twin Spin! And playing the same songs over and over, that has always been the case. I remember being sick in bed around 1974 and listening to the radio all day long and after two days being totally tired of all of the songs. I remember listening to talk WWDB 96.5 a few years ago and they had tons of commercials. It's nothing new for sure. It shows that radio is healthy.

Joseph Dube <kk4tr@webtv.net>: It basically breaks down to advertising means money. The more adds the more money. I guess you could say its the American way!!

John R. Tudenham <jotud@juno.com>: I don't believe that advertisers are getting their money's worth in today's commercial radio, especially on music stations. They run long blocks of commercials and most people I know riding in a car just change stations as many have similar formats. These music only stations seem to enjoy good ratings but provide little other service to the public. If I were an advertiser I would probably run on a station that had good local news coverage, or talk station, sports, etc. In this small market we have 9 local stations owned by two companies.

Rick Lewis <ricklew@primenet.com>: Joseph, The only problem is that like anything else, too much can be worse than not enough. As listeners drown in a sea of ads, individual advertisements lose their effectiveness. Better to charge a bit more and carry fewer ads, but that doesn't seem to apply anymore.

Doug Smith <w9wi@bellsouth.net>: Yep. That, and as stations keep dropping information and useful announcements & simply play the music, they become little better than a jukebox. Problem is, "NO" radio station, no matter how well programmed, can be a better jukebox than your cassette player! The chances that a significant proportion of your town's listeners "exactly" share your musical tastes are absolutely zero. Stations have to realize that while their competition for advertising money are

newspapers and TV, their competition for audience is not any medium at all — it's tapes & CDs. Digital will do nothing to fix that; CDs have been digital for years (though most buy them only because they're convenient & durable) and can offer all the text information digital radio can. Radio will have a future ONLY if it learns to offer what tapes & CDs can't. That being timely information - both about the community and about the music. When's the last time you heard a DJ say anything intelligent about the record they just played?? By the way, I fear television is going the same way as radio here. Even the Internet is seeing the beginning of over-commercialization!

John Callarman <jcallarman@register-news.com>: John Tudenham is right when he says, "I don't believe that advertisers are getting their money's worth in today's commercial radio, especially on music stations. They run long blocks of commercials and most people I know riding in a car just change stations as many have similar formats. These music only stations seem to enjoy good ratings but provide little other service to the public." Any hope that advertisers will revolt seems remote to me, considering past history, and it's getting worse instead of getting better. Chains dominate retail advertising now and while it used to be national products that made buys via advertising agencies, now most of the chain stores do as well. It's much easier to buy via ratings than from a local ad salesman, and ratings are based more on the memories of the listeners who are called than on what they are specifically listening to at the time of a call. It's easier to remember "13-Q" than "WKQT" or "Froggy" than KFRG. I thought at least 30 years ago that advertisers would recognize that someone who can't remember call letters probably couldn't remember their message, either, but the only thing that's revolting is the decreasing local service... in nearly every business... not just radio. Rick Lewis says, "As listeners drown in a sea of ads, individual advertisements lose their effectiveness." Very true, particularly where the spots all sound the same, and, like the station IDs, have little or no local content. A few local operators are hanging in there, giving good service. Columbia, Missouri is a case in point, where multiple ownership strengthens each station's commitment rather than diminishes it, as John Tudenham and I learned at a mini-gathering a couple of summers ago. "It shows that radio is healthy," says RadioBob of the advertising glut, and that's correct as far as income is concerned. But I've noticed when I was in broadcasting and looked at ratings based upon audience at a given time that we were lucky if there were more than 20 percent of the people called listening to any radio station at all. If those figures from 20 years ago still hold, my challenge would be to try to attract some of the 80 percent that aren't listening! I recall one survey period when WOAI had 20 percent of the nighttime audience

in Southern Illinois...and KXOK-630, which was only a jumble at night...had a high rating after sunset.

More from this discussion next time. Now some antenna and receiver talk...

Michael N1XTV <thousandislands@mediaone.net>: Hi, all...Just wondering if anybody uses the Terk antenna for dx. I'm trying to decide between it and the lower-priced Radio Shack model. Any thoughts?

Peter Campbell <peterc@nctta.org>: Recently the National Radio Club's DX NEWS printed an evaluation of the CCRadio that was extremely positive. It made me want to go out and buy one! However, there have been numerous posts made to various internet newsgroups that have been very very critical of this radio. If there are any other owners of this radio, their comments about it would be helpful before I pull out my VISA card.

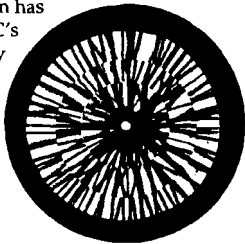
Eric Floden <Eric_Floden@pch.gc.ca>: I have a CCRadio purchased last December. I find it performs very well indeed on MW (don't use it for much else). In fact when compared to my Sangean 909, it is FAR better. Compared to my GE Superadio II it is slightly better on the whole for reception, the edge going to the CCR for tuning ease. No external antenna involved here. Compared to my new (& granted, I am still working the bugs out of the antenna situation) AOR 7030+, it is better on 2/3 of the MW frequencies! This is with the AOR using the best of: 2 whips; one 60' LW; and a TERK. Needless to say, I am (a) disappointed in the AOR so far (though I hope it's early days yet), and (b) very pleased with the CCR. Comparisons from Vancouver, BC. In all cases, the CCR is judged using ONLY its internal antenna.

Russ Edmunds: There have been numerous comments both here and in DXN prior to this, both pro and con. I have not seen the unit, but I have read all of the comments. The comments have been very mixed. This can lead me to conclude one of two things: either the unit-to-unit quality is extremely variable or a large number of DX'ers trying out or testing the machines are coming to very differing conclusions based on similar facts. Clearly, if I were assured that the first was true, I would avoid it! But, since I cannot be sure that the first is "not" true, I would still be extremely hesitant to buy at this time until this sorts itself out. The other receivers mentioned in the latest review have been around longer, and have track records which speak for themselves, either positively or negatively. If I were in your situation, I would wait it out if I could, and, if I were really anxious to buy something now, I'd but one of the other receivers which have proven to be good.

Charles C. Boehnke <kale@juno.com>: A couple of months ago a friend of mine brought a CCRane Radio around for me to check out. We only used it in the daytime but I was very impressed with its ability to inhale weak signals on MW and the good selectivity. It did a good job nulling my four locals, 10 kw at 18 miles, 10 kw at 15 miles, 5 kw and 1 kw at 8 miles. Every station in Hawaii was received at varying levels and everyone was good enough to ID if not actually enjoy programming. Some are close to 300 miles over mountains from my location. All testing was done outside the house (metal roof) and was directly compared to my Sony ICF-S5W which I consider to be the best mediumwave portable ever built. All in all the CCRane performed well and was basically about as good as the Sony, a surprise to me! We just used the built in antennas for our testing. However, the Sony's FM was superior to the CCRane although we did not play with the FM that much. For mediumwave DXing I'd say the CCRane is an excellent choice for a portable. It is NOT a communications receiver and shouldn't be considered in the same category. I don't know what the CCRane's battery life would be but I would imagine the digital circuitry would tend to eat batteries faster than the Sony's strictly analog innards. I have had excellent battery life with the Sony being well over 40 hours with Alkalines. I think the CCRane is an excellent portable radio! The only real fault I would have is that it seems a little overpriced at \$169.

Bill Fairbanks <BILLFAIRBANKS@worldnet.att.net>: This discussion has been 'brewing' since the radio first hit the market; fueled no doubt by CC's outrageous advertising claims. The consensus seems to be that it's a pretty good radio for the money; everybody loves the digital readout and the bells & whistles that the SuperRadio III doesn't have. However, there is a substantial crowd that believes that the level of performance varies widely between units...a common fault with the SuperRadio III and other lower priced radios, I might add. Several 'poster's' have claimed to have purchased more than one radio (SuperRadio III and CC) before they got one that they were happy with. That's not too good in my book but probably no worse than the quality of some of Radio Shack's gear. After all, these are far from 'high-end' receivers. In any event, I would go ahead and buy one assuming that you have the right to return it if your not satisfied with the performance.

Mauno Ritola <ritola@pp.inet.fi>: "Compared to my new...AOR 7030+,"



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it is better on 2/3 of the MW frequencies!" If you find this portable radio better than AOR 7030+, there must be something wrong with your AOR.

Paul Swearingen: From the feedback I've received, CCRane pretty much unconditionally guarantees the radio to satisfy and has been quick to respond to complaints. When you consider that the company pretty much has put their reputation on the line with their advertising claims (admittedly hyped) and the performance of this radio, consumers should expect no less. As I stated in the original review in DXN, if you already have all the features in your present receivers, you may not "need" to purchase a CCRadio unless you want all these features in one package.

Blake Lawrence <blake@deejay.com>: I've been searching the net and have found many sources of Beverage Antenna info. Several people reading this post have probably seen many of them. Can anyone save me some time and point me toward the single, best, most complete how-to?

Neil Kazaross <neilkaz@interaccess.com>: I have been using them in a variety of QTH's for BCB DXing for almost 25 years and will be happy to share my experiences with you. Basically you string as much wire as possible in a straight line with great directivity once you get out to a couple wavelengths long. 1 KM in Newfoundland simply works wonders for Brazilians even on the high end of the band where it is over 5 wavelengths long. At the risk of offending others I must say that there is a tremendous amount of misleading info in BCB DX literature about Beverages and some of it is simply BS when compared to actual usage. However, there is some decent info out there as well. I'd suggest using two Bev's and phasing them to reduce QRM from pests and let great DX roll in.

Ragnar Danneskjold: Run a wire at least 1000 feet long but shorter than about 3500 feet. It is best to have it above the ground but it is not necessary. Pound a ground rod into moist soil. If you are in the desert, bring a few gallons of water or drive the rod into the river bed. Connect the wire to the rod using about a 600 ohm resistor. Play with the value until you get the best result. I have had every thing from 480 ohms to 77k ohms work best. 600 though will get you in the ball park 99% of the time. Connect it to your rig on the other end. The end farthest from the rig will be the direction of reception. I have found that for me, just running a long wire of 1000 feet or more is fairly directional even without the rod. I lay the wire right on the desert floor and it works about as good as anything.

Russ Edmunds: Check the most recent issue of DXN for the NRC Catalog. There are many publications there which should be all you should need!

Joseph Dube <kk4tr@webtv.net>: The other day there ere a few fellas who were interested in beverage antennas. I've included a few sites in which the subject is covered pretty well. Enjoy!!

- 1) Baby beverage antenna for everybody — on Nordic Shortwave Center
<http://www.nordicdx.com/antenna/wire/babybev.html>
- 2) W3LPL on Beverages
<http://www.contesting.com/km9p/w3lpl.html>
- 3) The Low Bands
<http://www.angelfire.com/md/k3ky/page20.html>
- 4) Collection of Beverage Antenna Information
<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/1138/bev-page.html>

And one more request for information...

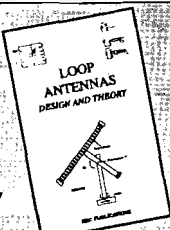
Mauno Ritola: The latest Adventist World Radio schedule lists their affiliate stations in Latin America, but no frequencies are given. So my question is: does anyone know the frequency and power of R. Adventista in San Salvador and R Adventista Panamá? I think I saw a report of a "R Adventista" being heard from unknown source on 1560 kHz, maybe it was one of these?

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Canada
Manitoba, CBW, 990, Winnipeg, partial detail card in 31 days for mint stamp (used). (Walker—MI)
Ontario, CFCO, 630, Chatham, no detail confirmation letter, bumper sticker in 1 week for mint stamp (used). V/s George Brooks, Program Director. (Walker—MI)
Saskatchewan, CJGX, 940, Yorkton, f/d card and 'thank you' card in 22 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Bryan Mireau (VE5YF), Engineer. (Walker—MI) USA
Arizona, KPXQ, 1360, Glendale, "Thanks" scrawled on KCTK / KPXQ card, and ballpoint pen in 17 days. V/s "Angela". (Wilkins—CO)
Colorado, KLLV, 550, Breen f/d letter in 9 days. V/S Sharon Harper, Sec'y. (Wilkins—CO)
Kansas, KOFO, 1220, Ottawa, f/d letter in 9 days. V/S Bradley A. Howard, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
Indiana, WFRN, 1270, Elkhart, p/d letter, window sticker, and station schedule in 14 days for mint stamp. V/s Edwin Moore, General Manager. Moore noted in his letter the station is running only their low power both days and nights. (Walker—MI)
Indiana, WHLY, 1620, South Bend, f/d 'fill-in-the-blank' letter in 7 days for mint stamp. V/s Laura E. Dobslaw. (Walker—MI)
Indiana, WLYV, 1450, Fort Wayne, letter in 42 days. V/s Brian J. Thumz, PD. (Kennedy-PA)
Indiana, WTRC, 1340, Elkhart, letter, business card in 11 days. V/s Allen Strike, PD. (Kennedy-PA)
Iowa, KXTK, 940, Des Moines, letter in 254 days. V/s Calvin Biermen, Production Director. (Kennedy-PA)
Massachusetts, WBZ, 1030, Boston, f/d card in 20 days for mint stamp. (Walker—MI)
Massachusetts, WJDA, 1300, Quincy, letter, station postcard in 10 days. V/s James D. Asher, Pres. (Kennedy-PA)
Michigan, WKAR, 870, East Lansing, letter, program guide, bumper sticker in 13 days. V/s Harold Beer, CE. (Kennedy-PA)
Michigan, WQSN, 1660, Kalamazoo full detail letter in one week for mint stamp (used). V/s Ken Lanphear, Operations Manager. (Walker-MI)
New Mexico, KLMX, 1450, Clayton, f/d letter in 14 days. V/S D. Ray Blakeley. (Wilkins—CO)
New York, WCHP, 760, Champlain, letter in 7 days. V/s Brand B. Lloyd, PD. (Kennedy-PA)
New York, WCJW, 1140, Warsaw, letter in 6 days. V/s Lloyd Lowe, Pres/GM. (Kennedy-PA)
New York, WGSN, 740, Huntington, verification note written on station stationery, original report returned, in 11 days for mint stamp (used).
(Walker—MI) New York, WNBZ, 1240, Saranac Lake, letter in 9 days. V/s Tammy Madore, Office Mgr. (Kennedy-PA)
North Carolina, WCLN, 1170, Clinton, confirmation on scratch paper with logo in 8 days. V/s Pat Dixon, GM. (Kennedy-PA)
North Carolina, WPTF, 680, Raleigh, confirmation details written on original report for mint stamp (used) in 11 days. Signer's business card included. V/s Al Bunch, General Manager. (Walker—MI)
North Dakota, WDAY, 970, Fargo Partial detail letter in 8 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Wayne Hiller, Program Director. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WIMA, 1150, Lima, n/d letter, station history, football broadcast schedule, magnet and coverage map in 14 days for mint stamp. V/s Dave Ryan, Program Director. (Walker—MI)
Ohio, WRMR, 850, Cleveland, no detail letter in 12 days for mint stamp (used). V/s "WRMR Engineering Staff". (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, KYW, 1060, Philadelphia, F/d card in 12 days for mint stamp. (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, WCCS, 1160, Homer City, n/d letter, bumper sticker in 7 days for mint stamp. V/s Kellie Sue Erwin, Office Manager. (Walker—MI)
Pennsylvania, WESB, 1490, Bradford, letter in 6 days. V/s Donald Fredeen, GM. (Kennedy-PA)
Tennessee, WIRJ, 740, Humboldt, verification note on original report, noted they were heard in New Zealand back in the 'frequency check' days, in 6 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Bill Carter. Note: This is the 'Groovin' Oldies' station (satellite fed) everyone hears at night, but they don't run an ID at the top of the hour window! (Walker—MI)



Texas, KGKL, 960, San Angelo, note on report & sticker in 118 days for f/up. V/S P. Curnutt (?). Wilkins—CO)

Virginia, WHKT, 1650, Portsmouth, n/d letter in 19 days for mint stamp. V/s Doug Stewart, Group Marketing. (Walker—MI)

Virginia, WHKT, 1650, Portsmouth, letter in 6 months. V/s Doug Stewart, Group Marketing. (Kennedy-PA)

Virginia, WRAR, 1000, Tappahannock, unsigned verie letter in 6 days. (Kennedy-PA)

Wisconsin, WKSH, 1640, full detail fill-in-the-blank confirmation letter, bumper sticker, program schedule card & religious literature in 11 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Frank P. LeTourneau, General Manager. (Walker—MI)

Wisconsin, WTDY, 1670, Madison, n/d letter and window sticker in 10 days for mint stamp. V/s Roy Simmins III, Engineer. (Walker—MI)

México

Sonora, XEPB, 950, Hermosillo, ppd/card in 43 days on 5th f/up. Card sent in cassette mailer - thought it was a goodie package, but only contained the card! (Wilkins—CO)

Our thanks to Steve Kennedy, Coal Township, Pennsylvania, Bob Walker, Fenton, Michigan [Bob, good to have you on board-Ken], and John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Contests

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Promotion of the DX hobby through competitive listening.

Happy Holidays, and welcome to the third Contests column. As always, thanks to all of you who entered! I hope the last contest gave all of you a fair chance.

There were some complications I hadn't thought of that might have not "equalized" the chances for all our members. I will try to avoid this in the future.

Thanks to all of you for your support and suggestions! Here's how we stand:


<u>Contest One</u>	<u>Contest Two</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>DX'er and location</u>
none	48	48	Ronald K. Bailey Shelby, NC
21	322	343	Nancy Johnson Billings, MT
53	none	53	Mike Sanburn Bellflower, CA
none	105	105	John Tudenham Joplin, MO
67	598	665	John Wilkins Wheat Ridge, CO

The next contest will be interesting, in my humble opinion. The idea is to get as many stations as possible that are airing locally-originated music. That is, not a satellite feed. I'm not going to nitpick about live announce versus hard-drive, etc. Just any station playing music originating from their own facilities, rather than a satellite network studio. The scoring will remain the same as usual.

One more note: if you trade airchecks, I am interested in hearing from you.

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

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The Ups and Downs of a Top 40 Pioneer

By Harvey Geller

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via Karl V. Jeter

New York City, the late '50's. While an im-
portunate planet awaits confirmation of
reports that Charles de Gaulle will momentarily
emerge from retirement to assume command of a
tottering French Republic, Bill Edmonds, an enter-
prising newsman at radio station WMGM, places a
transatlantic call to the General's residence in
Versailles.

Deejay Jerry Marshall, who has ravished his
audience with news bulletins and "teasers"
throughout his mid-morning disc show, interrupts
a Newport commercial at 10:28 a.m., jubilantly
announcing that De Gaulle has indeed been con-
tacted and will soon reveal his decision "live" and
"exclusively" on WMGM's 50,000-watt clear chan-
nel outlet. Edmonds mans the mike and 200,000-
plus Easterners eavesdrop on an historic conver-
sation ...

EDMONDS: General, I would like to ... [pause
to the crackle

of overseas static] Are you there, General?

VOICE: Oui ... Oui?

EDMONDS: I would like to have you make a
statement for our listeners about the crises in
France.

VOICE: I am an old soldier... If and when I take
over the government, it will not be by dictatorial
means. The people of France deserve a good govern-
ment.

EDMONDS: Can you say at this time when you
will be taking over?

VOICE: It is too soon ... Monsieur, could you
tell me, please, who I am speaking to?

EDMONDS: My name is Bill Edmonds, one of
the "Minute Men" here at WMGM ...

VOICE: MGM, the motion picture company?

EDMONDS: Yes, well-we have a radio station
here in New York City, blanketing the entire East-
ern Seaboard of the United States ...

VOICE: Oh, I see. But, of course, everybody
knows that the best station in New York is WINS!
Vive la France! (click).

A stunned WMGM staff checks with the New
York Telephone Company and is told that
Edmonds' overseas call hasn't yet been completed.
Slowly it dawns. It is a hoax, a colossal canard, soon
to be the most celebrated in the annals of radio
broadcasting.

WMGM's general manager, Art Tolchin, is fu-
rious. He phones WINS' general manager, Jock
Fearnhead, curiously suggesting that Fearnhead's
new program director, Mel Leeds, is the villainous
jackal. He threatens. "The next time I see Melvin,
I'm gonna punch him in the nose." Fearnhead ad-

vises, "If Leeds really is responsible, you should
hire him." *Time* magazine and the international
news services detail the hoax. *The New York World-
Telegram's* front page waggishly headlines, "Who
Had De Gaulle to Call De Gaulle?"

Long presumed but unconfirmed until now,
the hoax was hatched by Leeds, with the
aid of audacious staff newscaster, Tom O'Brien.
Performed to the backdrop hum of a "ham" tape,
it starred O'Brien as De Gaulle and featured
O'Brien's Scandinavian stewardess fiancée as an
oversees operator. "The strange thing," Leeds now
confesses, "is that none of us discovered till months
after that De Gaulle never spoke a word of En-
glish."

Leeds, who projects the eurythmy and de-
meanor of a hebetec Fred Astaire, was a prime tar-
get of 'the payola investigations in the late '50's.
He was also the man who brought deejay Alan
Freed, "Roscoe," Humble Harve, Tom Clay and
Peter Tripp to the West Coast, pioneered free-form
"underground" radio in LA and, 10 years earlier,
as an unglorified wargod of the rock revolt, intro-
duced Top 40 radio to New York.

The primogenitor of Top 40's tight playlist for-
mat was, undoubtedly, Your Lucky Strike Hit Pa-
rade, a twice-weekly one-hour barrage of the most
bromidic songs of that age, first heard on CBS-ra-
dio in the mid-'30s. Its promiscuous concubine was
an anonymous juke box in a nameless bar on 15th
Street in Omaha, Nebraska, in the mid '50's. Its
probably patriarchs were Bill Stewart, formerly of
the Todd Storz radio chain, and Storz himself.
Stewart often reminisces on how the formula was
born "around 1955" in that Omaha bar.

From Odd Mix to Top 40

"We were sitting there and the jukebox was
playing, coming up to the same song. I can't re-
member what the song was, but it was rock and
roll. We must have sat there for four or five hours
... I guess it was midnight or whatever time they
closed and everyone was gone and they were kinda
giving us motions like we were supposed to leave.
And the waitress went over and put a quarter in
the juke box ... Played the record three times in a
row ... The same record we'd heard all night long."

While Stewart's nostalgic narrative is engaging,
it is not astonishing. The wonder is that Top 40
hadn't arrived earlier. Martin Block, who hosted
The Make Believe Ballroom (a show that one critic
described as "a careful selection of the most dread-
ful music ever put on records") for 25 years on
WNEW, NY, had already discovered that his

Hooper was highest an Saturday mornings, when
he programmed the Top 24 juke box titles, culled
from *Cash Box*, and lowest on Thursday nights,
when he auditioned new, unfamiliar sides. The
Todd Storz format was nothing more nor less than
Your Lucky Strike Hit Parade rockin' round the
clock.

While Stewart was experimenting with his
closed music list at KOWH in Omaha,
Leeds, who had served his musical apprenticeship
with several Brill Building publishers and at
WNEW (assisting Al Trilling in the music library
while helping produce the Art Ford and Rayburn
and Finch shows) was a junior executive at Gen-
eral Artists Corp.

"In 1956," says Leeds, "I heard about an open-
ing at KOWH. Bill Stewart interviewed me at the
McAlpin Hotel in New York. Along with half a
dozen other hopefuls I was shipped to Omaha and
put through a 'crash' program." Out of that group
Leeds was the only one selected for a position in
the Todd Storz operations. He was dispatched to
WHB (Kansas City, Mo.) where, for several months,
he worked under Bud Armstrong. "But I was itch-
ing to get back to New York, and I heard that WINS
was looking for a program director."

Days of WINS and Roses

"Their format was neither fish nor fowl ... no
ratings to speak of. They had sports with Bill Stern
and women's sports with Maggie McNellis. I was
interviewed by Fearnhead and chosen in July, 1957,
to revamp the operation. It emerged as a loose Top
40: about 60 titles including new sides and stan-
dards with meaning—a 'Pick Hit of the Week,' and
'Album of the Week.' Murry the K (Kaufman)
joined us and along with Alan Freed and Jack Lacy
and a lot of wild ideas, we were #1 within six
months. And we stayed there."

"I wish I could say I was responsible for the
success of Alan Freed. But he was the King, bar
none—the guy who took 'race' music out of the
ghetto and christened it rock and roll ... his was
the one show I couldn't control. He even refused
to play the station's jingles.

"Our logo, 'You're listening to 10-10, WINS,
New York, was heard after every record. It got so
that if we missed playing it, we got complaints
from our listeners. I tried to pattern the station af-
ter the *Daily News*: sensationalism. If there wasn't
any news, we'd invent it. We did things in those
days that were unheard of. We kept our listener
on the edge of his seat."

Promotion man Tony Richland recalls his early
years with Famous Music, contacting people at
WINS.

"I was too young and green to ever get to see
Leeds personally. But I was envious watching the
'heavies' walk into his office—Mo Shulman, Mel
Turoff, Danny Winchell. Leeds got credit for a lot
of Top 40 innovations in those days. But in recent

pieces about radio in the '50's I never see his name
mentioned. It could be that I thought he invented
a lot of the stuff that he didn't because I was a kid
and didn't know. But he was very powerful."

The Probe

When the payola scandal hit the front pages
with Freed, Peter Tripp, and Leeds as its
major New York targets, WINS president Elroy
McCaw came to Leeds' apartment and suggested
he take an extended cruise to the Caribbean.

Mel told him, "I wouldn't take a trip across the
Hudson—it would only prove my guilt." But
McCaw finally prevailed upon him to accept a new
position, as general manager of KDAY in Los An-
geles.

The trial in Criminal Court was based on New
York's antiquated commercial bribery law: the state
would have to prove that the employee accepted
gratuities without the knowledge of his employer.
But when Leeds, his lawyer established, had asked
management for a raise, he was told, "Go to your
record company friends for the money." In Sep-
tember of 1962, the state prosecutor moved for a
dismissal and all charges against Leeds were
dropped.

"The people I took money from," Leeds attests,
"were those I made arrangements with ... I was
hired as a 'consultant' by a number of top labels. I
had meetings with them in their offices, listening
to masters, helping them select releases. And I paid
taxes on that money—in fact the station's account-
ant handled my returns. It's laughable. People are
under the impression that there were hundreds of
thousands involved. The highest figure for any one
year didn't exceed \$10,000. I never solicited. Men
would come to me and put records on my desk
with \$500 bills attached. I never accepted these
records and we didn't play them."

Probe Refugees

"Alan Freed was a 'consultant' also," says
Leeds, "but he was involved with copyrights—not
just cash ... Alan was incensed when the investiga-
tions began. We tried joking but still it was all
downhill after that.

"He abused his body. He didn't seem to care
anymore. He started living in the past, never quite
adjusting to the fact that he was no longer the Great
Pied Piper."

Performer-music historian Ian Whitcomb in his
newly published book, *After the Ball (Pop Music
From Rag to Rock)* affirms, "Freed lived for rock 'n'
roll and he died for her too—destroyed by the pay-
ola investigations of the late '50's."

At KDAY, a "daytime" station, Leeds en-
listed an all-star cast of probe refugees—
Freed, Tom Clay from Detroit, Jay Michaels from
Pittsburgh, Peter Tripp from New York. "Even
though we made a lot of noise in the short time we
were on the air, we had two strikes against us. In

the winter months we'd be off the air at 4:30 p.m. while the rest of the stations were raising hell."

Leeds' next assignment next assignment was KBLA, a "50-watt teapot station in the San Fernando Valley." Bill "Roscoe" Mercer and Humble Harve (Miller) were imported from the East. "But," Leeds maintains, "the station couldn't be heard beyond Magnolia Boulevard." Leeds quit KBLA in 1965, sold commercial packages for a couple of years, then rejoined radio with KLAC as both assistant program director and program director for sister station KMET-FM.

Broken Bones

In October 1970, while driving on the Ventura Freeway, Leeds swerved his car to avoid hitting a station wagon loaded with youngsters.

"I later discovered that I had shaved off 110 feet of fencing. Every bone on the left side of my body

was broken. I had a brain concussion and suffered loss of memory." Doctors spent nine months piecing him together.

Recovered now, but no longer in broadcasting, Leeds expresses a desire to return to radio. "It can be the most exciting medium in the world. But there are too many pirates borrowing other's formulas. In the late '50's, program directors would come to New York and tape WINS for 24 to 48 hours straight. Our slogan, 'The Station That Other Stations Listen To,' may have been corny, but it was true. There was something new happening there every day. We were willing to experiment: grabbing at ideas that were fresh, timely, exciting. Some, after 15 years, are still being aired."

Perhaps its most memorable ID was a solemn, stentorian-toned pronouncement: "We are the only station in the world that can make this statement... You are tuned to 10-10, WINS, New York."

New station to offer training for disabled

By Robert Feder, Chicago Sun-times Columnist

The first radio station in the country operated entirely as a training facility for the disabled soon will sign on in Chicago.

A Chicago-based investment group announced plans in October to buy west suburban WAUR-AM (930) for \$4.4 million from Catholic Radio Network for conversion to a sports/talk outlet operated by the Radio Center for People with Disabilities.

Brad Saul, a 26-year broadcast veteran and executive director of the nonprofit center, said the plan was an outgrowth of his own battle with multiple sclerosis.

"My hope is that I can help people learn a career where they can contribute, get off welfare and become productive, tax-paying citizens," he said.

"We're the only minority group anyone can join at any time in a split second."

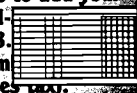
Pending approval of the sale by the Federal Communications Commission, the center plans to take over the station early in 2000 with a lineup of syndicated and locally produced programs on disability-related issues as well as some Notre Dame basketball and Schaumburg Flyers baseball games.

In a time-brokered arrangement with the new owners of WAUR, Catholic Radio Network will continue to air its Catholic Family Radio programming during afternoons through March and during evenings through the end of 2000.

Catholic Family Radio also airs on WYPA-AM (820).

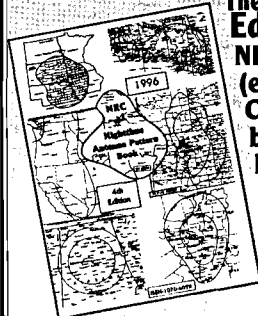
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of the Members

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Perry Crabill W3HQX - 225 Milam Drive - Winchester, VA 22602 <<pcrabill@visuallink.com>> It's been a long time since I've sent in a musing, despite being an NRC member for years. Up until a couple of years ago my serious DXing was in the LW aeronautical beacon band 190-530 kHz, beginning in January 1990. I had logged 1,250 beacons, many of which were only 25 watts; some of these were as far west as New Mexico, Colorado, and Montana. I also logged quite a few Caribbean and South American beacons too. My best DX was Easter Island and French Oceania, with powers of 1 KW; both of these were over 5,000 miles. I finally gave the long waves up because of serious local noise problems, and began building up my BCB log, which also started in 1990. I'm now up to 550 identified stations. Incidentally, I don't bother with QSLs. I have been using a Drake R-8 since January, 1992. Before that I used a Kenwood R-5000 bought in March 1989, but didn't keep formal logs. Earlier receivers were an Icom R-71A bought in March 1986, a Kenwood R-2000 dating back to July, 1983, and a Kenwood R-1000 bought in 1982. Neither the R-1000 or R-2000 were too satisfactory for BCB or other serious DXing because of intermod problems. I got rid of the R-1000, but use the R-2000 in my bedroom. The Drake R-8 has been very satisfactory, although the AM synchro feature doesn't have a very good lock. I find that the R-8 works much better using USB or LSB for exalted carrier reception with the 2.3 kHz filter. Being able to select sidebands also helps minimizing slop from strong or poorly modulated adjacent channel stations. I found a two-foot home-brew square loop very helpful when I tried it out, and finally graduated to the Kiwa loop, whose tilt feature comes in handy for better nulling. My wire antenna is 100' long, but less than 30' above ground. My QTH is in northwestern Virginia, about 70 miles from Washington, DC. Our AM locals are WNTW-610 and WINC-1400. I do a lot of my DXing around the morning and evening drive-time hours, and find them very productive. I also spend some time later in the evening mining crowded channels for occasional fadeups with fairly good luck.

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Greetings everyone from Brasstown, again. Been away for a while from the hobby, but am proud to be back. Here is a quick reintro/update: 20 years old, been Dxing since the womb (Larry and Gayle Van Horn of MT are my parents), began AM DX in 1993 from New Orleans. KMOX-1120 was my first catch and have been hooked ever since. I am now attending Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC majoring in journalism and have 3 semesters left. Here at the DX ranch in B-Town, I am using an ICOM R-72 with 175' longwire oriented WNW-ESE, with plans on adding some more longwires soon. Was in NRC from around 93-96 but then senior year in high school and hitting the work force after graduation and attending community college took all my time. I was working at a local newspaper as Sports Editor and worked many 18 hour days into the wee hours of the morning. But just recently recaught the DX bug and have been hitting the radio hard. Good catches recently include HRQO-1220-Honduras (Per tip from mom, another good thing about having 3 Dxers in the house) and of course my favorite catch of CHRB in High River, Alberta (see my DDXDE log this issue). Now up to 642 in B-Town (that is with 2 years off since 93') and 733 lifetime. Good to be back and looking forward to sharing many more wonderful times at the radio with all fellow NRC members! 73's!

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Hello, all. This has been one of my better seasons in several years. As usual, most of it is done in the car and at SSS and SRS. And I've recorded an almost even split between new calls and new stations heard, which is an improvement also. Lately, I've been hanging out on 1590 and 1600 as there seem to be the two frequencies here where there is the greatest likelihood of multiple stations bubbling up to the top of the heap over time, as well as the best concentration of potential new ones to be heard within a reasonable estimate. I'd already beaten 730 and 1250 to death earlier in the season, hi. Of course, with spending lots of time on stations where stations pop rapidly up and then back down, I've got a number of unIDs. These, along with the ID'ed loggings sent to DDXD. Getting to the theme of the time here, I'd have to classify my best DX catches a bit. My best domestic non-graveyarder was KSVC-980, Richfield, UT, received from Parsippany, NJ on 12/6/71. That one was taped and verified. I grade this as better than KRKO-1380-WA, owing to KRKO being heard on almost a clear channel. My best graveyarder is

tougher to call, but probably a three-way tie between WMFJ-1450, Daytona Beach FL [12/21/70, veried], KFLZ-1450, Fond du Lac, WI [1/19/76, taped] and WFLA-1400, Fort Payne, AL [2/12/73, taped]. All are in the vicinity of 900-1100 miles. WMFJ & WFLA were heard in Parsippany also, while KFLZ was from Kinnelon, about 8 miles to the north. I don't think I'd even try to guess at my best foreign catch - I don't think I could. Most of my better ones were TA's, and most were also heard by several others within a few years of when I heard them, if not on the same days, as happened on many occasions. Lots of times, these involved simultaneous DX'ing while on the telephone, and not always locally, hi. Someday, I hope I'll be able to engage in some serious foreign DX again, but it may never be possible from this QTH due to all sorts of electrical noise. I do hope, though, to be able to lug some decent equipment (at minimum a loop, hi) up to the family's summer cottage in Maine — that ought to do it! 73's

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Been a few years since I've checked in, so I'll combine two of Dave's topics - re-intro and best catch/verie. Age is 41, been with the NRC continuously since 1974, the same year I got my novice ham license. I've been in the sports broadcasting business since 1981, currently announcing for two teams in the area in one capacity or another, along with doing radio/TV spots. On to more important stuff! Back in the fall of 1975, there were great conditions from the northwest to the east. In Jerry Starr's DDXD, he regularly reported such catches as KUUU-Seattle dominating 1590. On November 12 of that year, around 2:30am, I "stumbled" onto 1260 and lucked into receiving CFRN from Edmonton. Incredibly, it was topping the channel at times for about 20 minutes. About one month later, a beautiful picture QSL card was received. Had I been a little more DX savvy back then, I would have tried for such goodies as CBX-740 (received the same night by Bob Foxworth, who lived just a few miles away from me on Long Island) and my still most wanted catch, CBU. Too much static at the current DX shack prevented me from taking advantage of CBF's absence. One of my most interesting QSL's was delivered here about two years ago from KATZ-1600, for a reception going back to 1976! These days, I only QSL "K" stations, new countries and DX Tests. When recently reorganizing my records, I found the reception details for KATZ (local WWRL was off the air - the good old days!?) At the same time, "Confirmed DX'er" reported a verie signer from KATZ. Off went a letter, and two weeks later came the confirmation, with the Engineering Manager saying he showed the report to current employees who were at the station back then. They confirmed it. Now, I'm trying the same thing with ZNS-1 for a 1973 reception. This time, I sent a cassette recording of a clear ID from September 10th of that year. (Remember when WPTR and KXEL would sign off Monday mornings, leaving ZNS-1 in the clear?) Still awaiting a response. My other QSL holdout is KRMG, last picked up five years ago. Two letters with no response. Anyone have luck with a verie signer on this one?...Speaking of remember when - remember when KSL-1160 was arm chair copy many nights after the former WJJD would sign off? This as late as the mid-seventies...Recently added a Drake R8B to the shack. It's everything advertised but beware of quality control problems! The first one shipped had a miscalibrated meter and passband. That was returned, and the replacement had major component failure! After speaking with a technician at the place, we agreed to have him "burn-in" another and then ship it. That worked. The major ham/short-wave store I dealt with was very helpful and cooperative - no problem there - but this was sloppy quality control by Drake...Just realigned and put a new battery in my original DX receiver, a Heathkit GR-78. Works fine, except the meter died. It's the same black faced, vertical, 0 - 5 scale meter that was used in one of the Heath QRP rigs - I believe it was the HW-7. Anyone know where I can get a spare? 73!

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Aloha from my DXing location back in Hawaiian Paradise Park, near Kea'au, SE of Hilo near the eastern tip of the Hawaiian Islands. I am pleased to be active again in DXing and the NRC membership after a hiatus of about 7 years. To reintroduce myself, I was born in Dundee Scotland and began DXing in Newcastle upon Tyne. NE England, in 1957. Best catches from there were WOAI, KSL, a hundred Brazilians, many US graveyards, Vietnam, Okinawa, Goa (Port. India), Japan and S Africa. I emigrated to the US in 1963 and Dxed the E Coast, Midwest, Southern and Hawaiian locations, including here in Paradise Park in an off-power location with several beverages on which I caught 13 European countries, Paraguay, Surinam, Chile (RNCL Punta Arenas-890 the best) and N Americas as far as CBJ-1580 and CBA-1070. From 1981-83, I taught English in Abha, SW Saudi Arabia, from which I caught several Brazilians including 1400, Mozambique-1493 and Bojhututwana-1196, all these with modest antennas on my apartment balcony because it was politically unwise to conduct a DXpedition in the desert. Back in Hawaii since 1983, I moved later to work in Kailua Kona, where the economy is stronger than in the DX paradise of the E side of the Big Island. I still work there (I own Richard's Fruitstand at the Kailua Kona Farmers Market, and work there Wednesday through Sunday). In

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Kona, the many III stations dominate the dial and US mainland stations are weaker. But in Kea'au, most HI stations can be reduced or eliminated with beverages or a loop while N American stations are loudly audible on virtually every frequency throughout the hours of darkness and with winter now beginning, N CA, W OR, WA and BC continue audible half an hour after local dawn, this makes it harder to hear other continents. But since moving back to Paradise Park (this time, unfortunately, on power, with increased power line noise) I have also enjoyed good reception of Europe (BBC-1295) and the Middle East (abu Dhabi-1323, Saudi Arabia-1521, India-1566, BBC-1410 and others). A delightful surprise upon reactivating was to find the X-Band in use. WTIR-1680 is audible dusk to FL dawn and it is nice to have an E coast state in nightly as a beacon to conditions. Since reactivating, I haven't heard the more northerly easterners which used to be regulars such as WPMT-1210, KYW-1060, WHAM-1180, WCBS-880, WQEW-1560 and WBZ-1030, but perseverance and extending my beverages should bring these back in. On the other hand, WLW-700 and WHAS-840 seem even better than before. I was sorry to read (DXN V67#2, DDXD-W) that PAT ROBERSON on his vacation in HI heard only one mainland station, KPNW-1120. He must have been in an extremely poor noisy location. It is often my loudest mainland, with KMOX under it. I've heard about 15 Mexicans since reactivating, also Cuba-890 and others, Turks-530 is always a powerhouse. The X-Band has been introduced in Australia too. Be very careful in ID'ing, as I haven't heard a single Aussie X-Bander in English, only AR & GK. 73 (And a welcome back to you, Dr. Wood; nice to have you back in 'the fold' and hope you'll check in often!-DWS)

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Been a LONG time since I've appeared in these pages so I thought it was time for a reintro. I'm 50 and single and spent 19 years on the air at WECO-940/101.3 Wartburg, TN. I began DXing casually in the late 60's. I became a serious DXer in '70 and joined the NRC in '82. I drifted away from the hobby in the late 80's, but after losing my mother this August, I've decided to get back in the hobby to fill the void in my life. In my earlier days, I used a variety of consumer portables. First DX-worthy receiver was a Superadio which unfortunately was stolen, just after I had replaced the batteries. That was replaced with a Superadio II and a Quantum Loop was added in '95. Have added another rig to the shack this year, an R8A courtesy of FRANCIS SORENSON. In keeping with the suggested theme, there are a couple of loggings that stand out for me. One is KFI-640. With the breakdown of the clears, I doubt I'll ever hear this guy again. Another is WKWF-1600. This was my first catch on the Superadio and the pattern book shows this guy running a directional antenna pumping the 500 watt signal into the Atlantic. Another notable was WSNE-1170. Heard this guy at sign on running a pre sunrise power of 11.4 watts. Would also like to mention a few other standouts in my log. While not the best of DX, they do have a significance to me. WNST-1600 heard this guy running a test and decided to send him a report. It was my first report sent and my first verie received. WHIY-1190, I wasn't even DXing when I bagged this one. I was trying to hear Fort Wayne Komets hockey on WOWO and this guy was eating him alive. He was operating under emergency authorization because of flooding in the area and this daytimer was the only station in the county. Was interested in his broadcast since Moulton is not that far from Tuscombia where I was born and raised. That brings us to WVNA-1590. Somehow I was able to hear my old hometown local here in E TN on a couple of occasions. Sent a report and got a nice verie signed by the DJ and traffic director who had been with the station since it signed on in '55 and whom I knew. One other standout in my log is WKYK-940, the first CPC test I logged and arranged! Running long so I've gotta get outta here, until later, 73's (And also glad to have you back 'in the fold' with us Tom, hope you'll check in often!-DWS)

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I had to cancel the WAAT test for 12/18 due to a lot of damage that was sustained from a ice storm on 12/15 in the area of their transmitter. Their 1600 watts is fed into a unipole system (a set of 3 wires mounted on the outside of the tower with insulated bars; the tower itself is grounded), and a combination of wind and ice made the wires get grounded against the tower, which the transmitter did not like as it burnt up a couple of chokes (used in the output circuit). And at the same time, the modulation transformer went bad! They're back up to speed as on 12/20, and I'll reschedule the test for sometime in January. A noticeable signal absence here is WJMW-550; it's been off since about 12/10. The land where their 4 towers are located was for sale, and the license was for sale; part of the condition of sale was to have the towers moved, which in this day/age is harder to do than the FCC paperwork! So it's off; evidently no buyers of that one. That leaves WGR audible in the daytime here on 550. In continuing with our theme type Musings, those in the broadcast business, we invite those in the business to send in your reports; let us know what you do behind the scene. And we invite check ins from EVERYONE, so make sure you send in your reports! Best of the new year to all!

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