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From the Publisher ... Remember, send your DDXD-E loggings to Michael Shaw (address on page 3), not to Topeka. And a heartfelt WELCOME BACK to him, you betcha!

DXLD tidbits ... Glenn Hauser was kind enough to provide an interesting follow-up on the situation in Denver, which has changed since we ran his "DX Listening Digest" article in #5:

** U.S.A. Those interested in following the classical radio situation in Denver would be well advised to read the postings at the forum still sponsored by KVOD. KLVZ-1220 apparently backed out from switching to classical format as soon as it came out that Colorado Public Radio would be buying the 1340 station. CPR gets no respect from classical aficionados for its mainly news format. Meanwhile, there is a movement to block the transfer of KVOD to a new owner which would convert it to Spanish. <http://www.kvod.com/listeners/forum.htm> (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST 124, October 16)

** U.S.A. KVOD Listener Forum: Sorry, but the KVOD Listener Forum is currently unavailable. I am working on making other arrangements for our forum so this doesn't happen again, and that will take a little time. Look for the forum to reappear around the 15th of November. Sorry for the inconvenience. PS - this has nothing to do with a big corporate plot to silence the rowdy Denver classical listeners, nor does it have anything to do with Max or even Mega Bob (message at Listeners Fo-

rum page of <http://www.kvod.com> Nov 10 via gh, DXLD 136, November 10)

And the plot thickens. Meanwhile, KXTR-1250 continues to broadcast classical music in Kansas City, and Kent Plourde brings news (see DDXD-E) that WCCC-1290 in Hartford has suddenly switched to classical. Perhaps when inane, pandering talk shows fail to generate revenue, programming something a little more civilized begins to make sense?

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 18, 1950 DXN: Eugene Allen, Vallejo, CA, reported hearing WVCQ-1400 Kodiak, AK, each AM from 0400 to 0430 s/off; also Russian stations on 705 and 1015 kc/s, Chinese on 640, 880, and 1020 kc/s, along with JOHG-990, JOGK-930, JOCB-1350, JOTB-1030, JOQB-1070, and JOSB-1080.

25 years ago ... from the November 24, 1975 DXN: CPC Chairman Jerry Starr added up station tests as of November 10 and found that the NRC had scheduled 36 tests; IRCA, 35; and the NNRC (Newark News Radio Club), 7 ... the membership list in this issue included 725 members ... plans for Charles Wolff's "Wedge" antenna were included in this issue.

10 years ago ... from the November 19, 1990 DXN: Harold Frogde contributed "Bandscan desde Cartagena, Colombia" for this issue ... Denon had struck an agreement with the NAB to make a "Super" Radio which would include NRSC audio circuits, C-QUAM AM stereo, FMX stereo extension, expanded AM band reception, and an intermix AM/FM preset memory.

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old call</u>			<u>New call</u>
690	KHEY	TX	El Paso	KTSM
950	WMCJ	SC	Moncks Corner	WWJK
1250	WMXV	OH	Washington Court House	WCHO
1380	WPLB	MI	Greenville	WSCG
1380	KTSM	TX	El Paso	KHEY
1460	KMWX	WA	Yakima	KUTI
1530	KLEC	AR	England	KHTE
1680	KBJE	LA	Monroe	KRJO
1690	WAXD	GA	Adel	WSWK

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1090	NM	Farmington: 1500/250 U4
1340	AZ	Nogales: 250/250 U1
1480	VA	Glen Allen: 5000/1700 U4
1480	VA	Glen Allen: 5000/1800 U4
1490	GA	Cordele: 1000/1000 U1

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None. All the applications shown this issue and last are "Auction 32" applications. Applications which do not compete with any other applicant for the same facility will be processed in the usual manner. Multiple applicants for the same facility (mutually exclusive, in FCC-ese) will be given a limited time to discuss amongst themselves any financial or other solution that will result in competitors dropping their applications. Those that cannot come to some sort of agreement will enter Auction 32 where the facility will be granted (providing all technical aspects are correct) to the highest bidder.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

700	KMJY	WA	Newport: 10000/600 U2
910	KXEB	TX	Sherman: 1000/500 U4
920	KXLY	WA	Spokane: 20000/5000 U1
990	KXXL	TX	Wichita Falls: 2700/360 U4
970	KVWM	AZ	Show Low: 5000/195 U1
1350	WPFM	SC	Darlington: 1000/1000 U1
1460	WBCU	SC	Union: 1700/80 U2
1580	WKUN	GA	Monroe: 1000/1000 U1
1600	WKBJ	TN	Milan: 5000/39 U1
1620	WPHG	AL	Atmore: city of license to Gulf Breeze, FL

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1340	WWNA	PR	Aguadilla: 1000/820 U1, city of license to Aguada, PR, relocate transmitter
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OTHERNESS

540	KKGO	CA	Costa Mesa: despite reports to the contrary in several national publications, this station is not silent. The owner has announced his intention to surrender the license, but local monitoring reveals KKGO is still on the air. Stay tuned.
910	WPRP	PR	Ponce: CP for 4400/4400 U1 from new site is on
1190	KDAO	IA	Marshalltown: silent station is ON THE AIR
1280	KLDY	WA	Lacey: station is SILENT (was incorrectly reported on 680 in Issue #3. KBRD-680 Lacey, WA is still on)
1320	WLOH	OH	Lancaster: CP for 500/16 U1 from new site is on
1570	WFOG	NY	Riverhead: silent station is ON THE AIR
1630	WAWX	GA	Augusta: the FCC accepted this station's application for its full license to begin regular operations on 8 November but still shows WAWX as the call of record while WRDW remains licensed to the 1480 facility. Reports from Augusta claim these stations are simulcasting with no separate ID given on 1630.

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Rick Dau, Pete Taylor and MSJ
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

1330 CJYM
Classic Hits and Today's Favorites
CFYM 1210

Jerry & BKF

Domestic DX Digest

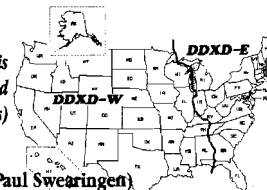
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between East and
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- For those of you in the United States, a "Happy Thanksgiving" wish comes with this edition of DDXD-West. For the rest of the readership, I've got extra turkey and fixin's, so come on over!
- We've got some OUT-standing loggings for your perusal this issue, so enjoy. And don't forget to get your DX reports in by Thursday afternoons.
- Reserved for your comments

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

690	KTSM	TX	El Paso - 11/4 - 690 exchanges call letters and format with 1380. Now news talk. [Ed.-TX]
1380	KHEY	TX	El Paso - 11/4 - 1380 exchanges call letters and format with 690. Now sports. [Ed.-TX]
1680	KAVT	CA	Fresno - 10/28 - On the air, presumably for testing purposes, from 2100-2300 with Radio Disney programming. Strong signal here. 10/29 heard with SS at 0900, then with Disney in evening. 10/31 2100 off the air again. Must still be in testing stage. Confusing. (GJ-CA)

The Beat 1650
KBJD-AM

TIS & OTHER STUFF

1160	TIS	TX	Cedar Hill - 11/7 1155 - Similar program to Farmers Branch on 1670, called itself "Cedar Hill Local Radio," but heard only while 1150 in Highland Park had lost its audio. Audio came back and splatter killed Cedar Hill before I could get a call. (JAC-TX)
1610	TIS/HAR	??	- 10/23 0430 - New TIS testing with . . . City of ?? Emergency Broadcast Radio Station . . . Still there 10/25 0444. So weak, tapping or IDing was impossible. Help! (GJ-CA)
1670	WTIW244	TX	Farmers Branch - 11/7 1150 - Noted this ID for "All New" AM-1670, operated by the city of Farmers Branch, heard on car radio in parking lot at Wal-Mart in Denton. (JAC-TX)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

550	KFYR	ND	Bismarck - 10/10 1405 - Weak under KTRS with K-Fire ID and North Dakota news read by woman. Confirms what I've suspected all along . . . that North
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Dakota can be heard from Iowa City in the daytime 365 days a year. And Bismarck is 579 air miles from here. (RD-IA)

640 WMFN MI **Zeeland - 10/14 1200** - Fair, in tight null of WOJ, with station ID during Notre Dame football pregame show: *AM 640 WMFN, Zeeland-Holland*. When I DXed from Iowa City as a college student in 1988, I could count on WJR as being my lone regular daytimer from Michigan. Now, KCCV dominating 760, the honor goes to this one. (RD-IA)

640 WCRV TN **Collierville - 10/31 0144** - Fair, with REL program, then ID: *WCRV, Collierville-Memphis*. Strange to hear this one in the middle of the night from my QTH. (RD-IA)

880 KJOJ TX **Conroe - 11/9 0200 - 0300** - Very good, with Houston local news and Reagan talk show. IDs as *950 KPRC Houston and 880 KJOJ Conroe - Houston*. Checked 950 and weakly heard KPRC, too. At times was boomin' in, so likely on daytime power/pattern. New. (MD- KS)

900 KCLW TX **Hamilton - 11/4 2043** - C&W music, GEICO and local ads, then *Over six decades of great Country music . . . right here on Country Gold 900 KCLW*. Poor under the XEs. A real surprise, especially if they were only running their allotted 10 watts. New for Texas #153. (JW-CO)

920 KPSI CA **Palm Springs - 11/2 2113** - With a sports talk program and ID. First time heard. (KR-AZ)

920 KVEL UT **Vernal - 11/7 1952-1957** - End of ABC election coverage by Doug Limerick, then long ID: *The Basin's first choice, KVEL in Vernal, News Talk Sports AM 9-20 KVEL, the greatest hits of all time, KVEL, AM 9-20 KVEL*, then political ad. New for me! The ID is a DXer's dream, I should send them a note of appreciation, hi! (RT-CA)

**NEWS TALK 930
KSEI**

970 WZAM MI **Ishpeming - 10/24 0647** - Fair, with WZAM 970 heard in local sports report that included mentions of *Marquette* and *northern Michigan*. First time ever heard, and a welcome catch as anything from the Upper Peninsula is tough here. (RD-IA)

1010 KCHJ CA **Delano - 11/7 1940** - Two SSers and one EE on channel. One SS faded up with *El Gallito* slogan, ads, then music. New from Davis. (RT-CA)

1010 KNWZ CA **Thousand Palms - 11/7 1946** - EE faded up [see previous logging - Ed.] with election coverage. *This is Marshall Gilbert on 10-10 K-News*. (RT-CA)

1050 KMAP CA **Frazier Park - 11/8 1940-45** - Faded up over KTCT, with Radio Disney. At 1945 a clear KMAP call ID was given by child, then signal disappeared. Checked FCC web site, which says their sign-off in November and December is 1645 PLT. Completely new logging for me. (RT-CA)

1080 KVNI ID **Couer d'Alene - 11/4 0829** - C&W tune, then *This is AM 1080 KVNI*, followed by Community Calendar. Political ads at 0833. Good signal, under KRLD. (JW-CO)

1080 KRPX UT **Price - 11/7 1945** - *KRPX Bulletin Board*, ads, into oldies rock. Over KOTK, KSCO, XEDY. New from Davis. (RT-CA)

1090 KNCR CA **Fortuna - 11/8 1947** - Noticed country music under XEPRS, so sat tight. Heard KNCR and *The Mighty 1090* at song close. Unneeded, but nice to hear, especially as their signal was so poor when I was up there last July. (RT-CA)

1110 KTEK TX **Alvin - 11/5 1830** - Fair, with *AM 1110 KTEK* noted during sign-off. (RD-IA)

1130 KLEYp KS **Wellington - 11/2 2024** - *KSU Wildcat* pregame show. Wellington ads at 2026. Poor, in QRM. ONE watt, s'posedly! (JW-CO)

1150 KIMM SD **Rapid City - 11/7 1802** - Poor-to-fair, with news, ABC-I think, followed by *KIMM Weather* by female. (MS-MB)

1170 KCBQ CA **San Diego - 11/7 - 2012** - *Election 2000, a special simulcast on KCBQ 1170 and KPRZ 1210*. In KLOK null. (RT-CA)

1180 KGOL TX **Humble - 10/16 0000** - Good, with disclaimer: Programs heard on KGOL . . . A first-timer here. (RD-IA)

1220 CHSC ON **St. Catharine - 10/24 0559** - Heard mentions of Ontario, and thought this might be Kenora until I noted 1220 CHSC in a contest promo. (RD-IA)

1230 WCLO WI **Janesville - 10/26 0736** - Fair, with *Newsradio 1230 WCLO* ID. Had been one of my closest unheard GYers. (RD-IA)

1250 KXTR KS **Kansas City - 10/24 1700** - Weak, in null of KCNZ, with CLA music and *KXTR* in legal ID. Lo and behold, another daytimer from Kansas. (RD-IA)

1270 WWVI MN **Baxter - 10/19 1821** - Up briefly, with *AM 1270, 3 W I ID*, then into Dr. Laura

(RD-IA)

1280 KDYL UT **Salt Lake City - 11/7 2304** - *Roger Fredinburg Show, Talkradio 1280 KDYL* ID. Good, in KUYL null. (RT-CA)

1310 KXTN TX **San Antonio - 11/3 2157** - With Tejano music. 2200: *Radio Tejano* slogan, then EE SID *KXTN San Antonio* and back to music. Few, if any, ads next hour, just Tejano music and *KXTN Tejano 107.5* slogans. Fair in KFKA null. A new one here, for Texas #152. 10% of all stations logged here are from the great(?) state of Texas. (JW-CO)

**Pure Gold 94
KOREAM**

1350 KMAN KS **Manhattan - 11/2 1830-1833** - ID and sports news. Dominant at tune-in, but slowly faded under KRNT. First time heard; reception reported. (BM-SD)

1350 KMAN KS **Manhattan - 11/2 1959** - KSU volleyball promo (*Hard hitting, hard lying(?) action - K State Wildcat volleyball here on Sports Radio 1350 KMAN*), then an audio clip of volleyball announcer going berserk, as if they'd just won the World Cup. Sheesh! (JW-CO)

1330 KKPZ OR **Portland - 11/8 2100** - Weather for Portland area, then clear *1330 KKPZ Portland, next is Life in the Word with Joyce Meyer*. Nice clear signal, with little slop from KCTC-1320. New from Davis. (RT-CA)

1350 KRLC WA **Clarkston - 11/8 1954** - Faded up over KSRO, with country music. IDed as *Connecting you with your home town, AM 1350 KRLC*, then faded down again. Murphy was on holiday, hi. New from Davis. (RT-CA)

1370 KGNO KS **Dodge City - 11/4 1958** - Fair, with song *Georgia on My Mind* and ID, *Great oldies on 1370 KGNO Dodge City...* (MS-MB)

1400 KADR IA **Elkader - 10/19 1814** - Weak, under KCOG (and in null of WGIL), with Don Henley song *Taking You Home*, then brief KADR ID. Probably my most difficult daytime GYer here. (RD-IA)

1410 KTCS AR **Fort Smith - 11/3 1844-1848** - With announcer reading local notices and giving ID for KTCS 99.9 FM between country tunes. First time heard; moderate auroral conditions; reception reported. (BM-SD)

1410 WDSK MS **Doveleand - 11/3 0020** - Fair, with ID: *And now back to Dr. Joy Browne on AM 1410, WDSK*. Slogan *The Talk Of The Delta* noted around 0036. Has been coming in well here several evenings since. (RD-IA)

1420 WOC IA **Davenport - 11/3 1759** - Political ad, then ID: *WOC, Talk Radio 1420, the Quad Cities Number One for News and Talk*, then SID *WOC Davenport*; quick weather forecast and ABC News at 1800. Fair, over KJCK. (JW-CO)

1430 WEEY IL **Ottawa - 10/16 1447** - Fair, under KASI, with local ads, an ID as 1430 WEEY, and AdCon music. First-time logged here, but don't know why I've never noted it in the daytime before. (RD-IA)

1430 WRTH MO **St. Louis - 11/4 1855** - Fair, with WRTH ID, *worth* slogan, promo for upcoming WRTH weather and nostalgic music. (MS-MB)

1450 KVSI ID **Montpelier - 11/5 2019** - *Country Oldies Show*, with REAL old C&W (Kitty Wells, Hank Williams). Network ads, then Montpelier and Soda Springs spots. Downright good in KGRE null. (JW-CO)

1460 KENO NV **Las Vegas - 11/4 1024** - *Sportstalk 14-60* revealed to be KENO with clear call ID, mentions of why it's good to advertise with KENO. (RT-CA)

1460 KCKX OR **Stayton - 11/3 2216** - Faded over 1-on-1 Sports, with Huskies FB, KCKX ID. Looking for KMCA. (RT-CA)

1460 WKAK TN **Jackson - 11/4 2304** - Good, with ID: *We play the best gospel music. We are WKAK, Jackson, still the voice of the community.* (RD-IA)

1470 WMBD IL **Peoria - 11/3 1836** - State and local news and frequent ads. *WMBD news time . . . each minute or two*. Generally fair, over/under QRM, with occasional good peak. Quite an opening to Midwest this late afternoon/early evening. (JW-CO)

1470 KAIR KS **Atchison - 11/3 1830** - Ad for upcoming event at Kemper Arena (Kansas City), then into distressing ballad *Daddy Won't Sell the Farm*. Faded, but came up later at 1850 with C&W, political ads, legal AM/FM ID at 1900. Fair, with KWSL and WMBD. (JW-CO)

1490 KPKE CO **Gunnison - 11/3 2014** - *Slogan Now more good times and great oldies from The Peak*. Very good signal over everyone on the frequency. (NJ-MT)

1490 KRTN NM **Raton - 11/3 2003** - Political ad for office in New Mexico. 2004 ID: *1490 KRTN Raton* by man. Poor, through others. (NJ-MT)

1540 KDYN AR **Ozark - 11/2 2359** - Fair, under KXEL, with badly distorted audio, simulcast-

			ing KDYN 96.7 with satellite C&W music, and ID: ... FM 96.7, KDYN, Ozark. (RD-IA)
1540	KASA	AZ	Phoenix - 11/7 2000 - ToH ID: <i>Kah Ah Essay Ah, Radio Casa</i> . Monster signal. (RT-CA)
1550	WLOR	AL	Huntsville - 11/6 2311 - Good, with ID: <i>Old school and new, WLOR 1550</i> , then into R&B music, which included a <u>Commodores</u> song that would obviously fall into the old school category. (RD-IA)
1550	KMRI	UT	West Valley City - 11/7 1915 - Finally IDed this one!!! In tight KYCY null, with call ID, local ads mentioning Salt Lake area businesses. Took almost a year to get this one!!! (RT-CA)
1580	WLIJ	TN	Shelbyville - 10/17 0717 - Fair, with weather and ID as <i>The All-New WLIJ Radio</i> . . . Wasn't sure if Shelbyville or Tullahoma was the correct city-of-license for this one, but Lee Freshwater's website sez the former, so I'll go with that. (RD-IA) [The FCC and The AM Log say "Shelbyville". Where did Tullahoma come from? - Ed.]
1620	KBLI?	ID	Blackfoot - 11/3 and 11/4 - Noted ESPN over KSMH. Very strong at times, but no IDs given . . . even at the pause just before the hour. (RT-CA)
1680	WTTM	NJ	Princeton - 11/5 1905 - Under WJNZ, with <u>Howard David</u> of the <u>NY Jets</u> football network (and CBS Radio's Monday Night Football broadcast team) doing play-by-play. The <u>Jets</u> were playing <u>Denver</u> at the time of this reception. (RD-IA)



DDXD-East

Well, ladies and gentlemen, it has been great fun. I've been able to communicate with some very cooperative and fun DX'ers, as well as some who persist in sending loggings in such a way as to cause more work for the editor, for what purpose, I can only guess. I've learned about Bob Pote's fine radio collection, and another's (who shall remain unnamed and eventually unaffiliated) body functions. I've been amazed by some fine catches and unconvinced by others (who've been warned to clean up their act). But most of all I've received an education in the quality of work performed by Bill Hale and Michael Shaw, issue after issue, as they just keep editing this column and complaining far less than I do. You meet all kinds of people in this business, and I believe I've met a few more! All submissions should now be going to Michael Shaw (see new addresses in the header on page 3). By the time you read this, any submissions to DDXD-E will be typed up (if snail-mailed) for about a week and then e-mailed to Michael; after that, they'll be returned to you; e-mail submissions sent to me are already routinely being forwarded to Michael, and I do believe he'll go back to a Tuesday deadline. On with it!

Special

1600	WEHH	NY	Elmira Heights - 10/31 2329-0021 - NOS format, frequent ID's as WEHH, one break mentioned WQAK. I have not seen any hint about this frequency change. I triple checked it to make sure I was on 1600 and not 1590. Interference from WWRL. (JR-NY)
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UnID and Presumed

560	WGAIp	NC	Elizabeth City - 11/2 1920 - The Carl Tobush show. (WM-MD)
590	UnID	? ?	- 11/04 2155-2235 - SS playing classical and old American show and movie music. Good stable copy on LSB. (DL-MD) (Maybe the Cuban? - pls.)
640	UnID	? ?	- 11/3 2015 - High school football game mixing with Spanish. (WM-MD)
680	UnID	? ?	- 11/2 1730 - "After the Loving", then gone. (WM-MD)
710	WUFFp	GA	Eastman - 11/1 2345 - C&W music in WOR nullo; mention of "97 FM". (WM-MD)
720	UnID	? ?	- 11/2 1740 - "Star-Spangled Banner" in WGN fade. (WM-MD)
850	WRBZp	NC	Raleigh - 11/2 1855 - "Sports radio 850, The Buzz". (WM-MD)
830	UnID	? ?	- 11/8 1923-2006+- Ranting & raving preacher . . . and of course, call in and send \$ o/ Relej till 2400 then zilch; Can't be WMMI or WCCO. Fair, QSBs to zilch. (HF-MI)
1280	UnID	? ?	- 11/3 1940 - C&W music in mess. (WM-MD)
1330	WRCA	MA	Waltham - 11/3 1935 - Tentative with Spanish talk. (WM-MD)
1050	UnID	? ?	- 11/2 2050 - C&W music. (WM-MD)
1060	UNID		11/6 1837 - "Real Country" ID's, KGF? (JR-NY)

1060	UNID		11/8 1759 - power cut at tend of Bible Basics program which was actually just selling some "Focus" miracle drug. WLNO? (JR-NY)
1520	UnID	? ?	- 11/2 2133 - Garth Brooks song under WWKB. (WM-MD)
1620	WTAWp	TX	College Station - 11/2 2035 "You're listening to the R. C. Stocum Show"; ad for Texas Waste Management; mention of College Station. (WM-MD)

Loggings

540	WWCS	PA	Cannonsburg - 11/03/00 1800 - "... WWCS Cannonsburg"; foreign language prior to the hour. \American English after the hour.... heavy co-channel (DL-MD)
550	WSVA	VA	Harrisonburg - 11/2 1815 - ID: into talk show; mention of Harrisonburg. (WM-MD)
+	WGR	NY	Buffalo - 11/03 1950 - "WGR Sports Radio fifty five" - Sports / Talk with heavy fades. (DL-MD)
+	WDUN	GA	Gainesville 11/7 2244-2252+ - "WDUN News-Talk 55"; lotsa spots/ ads; celeb nx; Fair u/WKRC; New, GA #17. (HF-MI)
560	WFRB	MD	Frostburg - 11/1 - 1730 - Helen Reddy song; ID given as "WTBO"; // WFRB. (WM-MD)
+	WGAI	NC	Elizabeth City - 11/03 1950-2010 - High school football game with Elizabeth City advertising; no ID at station break on the hour. Long fades. At times loud and clear at -80dbm. (DL-MD)
+	CFOS	ON	Owen Sound - 11/7 1854-1857 - Singing "CFOS"; discussion of the beer market; poor u/WMUZ "The Word Station". (HF-MI)
580	WILL	IL	Urbana - 10/31 1819 - local break during NPR news program. New. (JR-NY)
+	WCHS	WV	Charleston - 11/1 1750 - Weather forecast; "58-CHS" "It's 58 in the capital city". (WM-MD)
+	WGAC	GA	Augusta - 11/04 2004-2015 - "... and on www dot wgac dot com"; heavy co-channel. (DL-MD)
+	WTCM	MI	Traverse City - 11/7 1858-1906 - Dr. Laura; ABC Nx @ToH to 2304; lcl wx and political ads; many call IDs; Fair. (HF-MI)
590	WLVA	VA	Lynchburg - 11/5 2343-0000 - Fairly good with AC music including The Eagles, Billy Joel, Whitney Houston, and Bob Seger. "You're on The River, 5-90 AM WLVA" and legal ID of "WLVA Lynchburg 5-90 AM the River". (KP-CT)
600	WCAO	MD	Baltimore - 11/05 1150-1205 - "... on the heart beat of gospel, Heaven 600" "WCAO, Baltimore" Baltimore area events and advertising; loud & clear -65 dbm (DL-MD)
630	WMAL	DC	Washington - 11/05 1202-1210 - "... News Talk six thirty WMAL where you didn't miss a thing ..." -65dbm (DL-MD)
640	WWJZ	NJ	Mt.Holley - 11/05 1214-1230 - "Radio Disney, AM six forty"; Philadelphia area advertising. -85dbm (DL-MD)
+	WGST	GA	Atlanta - 11/5 1820 - Various ads; mention of area code 404; ID; into talk show. (WM-MD)
660	WMIC	MI	Sandusky - 10/13 1309 - local news and weather; I credit this to my new 500-foot wire. New. (JR-NY)
680	WCBM	MD	Baltimore - 11/05 1350 - "This is AM six eighty, WCBM" Baltimore area advertising. -55dbm (DL-MD)
+	WPTF	NC	Raleigh - 11/05 1700-1715 North Carolina area news and political advertising; "WPTF Time is five oh eight"; co-channel from WCBM. (DL-MD)
690	WOKV	FL	Jacksonville - 11/1 1732 - "Traffic and weather together, Newstalk 690", ID. (WM-MD) 11/05 1015-1745 "WOKV, Jacksonville's News, Weather, and Talk Station"; signal dropped abruptly at about 2145, probably going to night pattern. Left with QSA2 French (CIQC?). (DL-MD)
720	WGCR	NC	Pisgah Forest - 11/7 1730 - Good; local prayer requests, then full data sign off with anthem, leaving Oriente-Venezuela in clear. (BC-NH)
730	UnID	? ?	- 11/3 2051 - High school football game; mention of South Greene. (WM-MD)
+	WFMC	NC	Goldsboro - 11/05 2030:2045 - "... WFMC ..." Gospel music. Co-channel and fading -78 to -88 dbm (DL-MD)
+	WSCM	SC	Charleston - 11/7 1830 - "Newsradio 730 WSC" three-letter call IDs, many Charleston references, under WFMC. (BC-NH)



740	WGSM	NY	Huntington - 11/03 1659-1715 - Frequent idents as WHRI: "... This is WHRI eleven hundred and WHRI seven forty..." heavy co-channel. (DL-MD)
+	WVCH	PA	Chester - 11/3 2050 - High school football game; mention of Union; ID. (WM-MD)
750	WAUG	NC	New Hope - 11/7 1710 - Fair; "You have the power, WAUG" and UC music. (BC-NH)
810	WCTA	TN	Alamo - 11/9 2007-2023+ - TN environmental PSA; many, many ads; W/call ID @0020. Poor u//WGY? New, TN #24 (HF-MI)
820	WBAP	TX	Fort Worth - 11/1 2307 - Wrapup of Dallas Stars hockey; ID. (WM-MD)
830	WKTX	OH	Cortland - 11/2 1740 - Weather forecast; full sign-off; station address; ID. (WM-MD)
850	WYDE	AL	Birmingham - 11/1 1745 - Ad for The Window Factory; traffic report; "Y-Talk", mention of Birmingham. (WM-MD)
880	WBKZ	GA	Jefferson - 11/8 2255 - Just caught s/off anmt "... on WBKZ ... Athens & all NE GA, Z-88". Anmt o/Gospel mx, no anthem. Now I gotta pay attention as rlgS WRFD usually dominates this hour. WINU there after s/off. Good, New GA #18 (HF-MI)
+	WINU	IL	Highland - 11-8 2256-2323+ - There after WBZK s/off w/sports; "Sports ? Radio". Deep fades. Must be local px as lotsa tx (?? -pls.) re White Sox. "AM 8-80 WINU"; Fair, New IL #43; R. Progreso, in/out also. (HF-MI)
910	WSTK	NC	Jacksonville - 11/03 1715-1755 "WSTK AM nine ten, The Source" Jacksonville area business advertising and NC political advertising. (DL-MD)
920	CJCJ	NB	Woodstock - 11/4 2115 - Good; "CJ radio, Woodstock" and CHR music. (BC-NH)
940	WMAC	GA	Macon - 10/10 0203 - News Talk 940, Atlanta Braves, OMDC PSA, Coast to Coast. New. (JR-NY)
+	WMIX	IL	Mt. Vernon - 11/2 1947 - Nostalgia music; "Good evening, it's 6:47 at 940 AM, WMIX". (WM-MD)
+	CINW	PQ	Montreal - 11/4 2100 - Good; call letter ID, "The news watch never stops on 940 News, CINW Montreal. Montreal's only all news radio station, this is 940 News." (BC-NH)
950	WPEN	PA	Philadelphia - 11/3 1910 - Louis Armstrong tune; ID. (WM-MD)
960	WRNS	NC	Kinston - 10/31 1938 - Promo for local event; ID. (WM-MD)
+	WKVX	OH	Wooster - 11/3 1813 - PSA for gambling by the American Family Assc. followed by station promo "NASCAR Winston Cup Racing heard here on WKVX". Weak but steady signal; first time heard. (RCP-IN)
970	WFUN	OH	Ashtabula - 11/3 1816 - "Your Sports Giant, WFUN." Followed by ad for Geneva Ford on east Main Street in Geneva. Great signal until apparent power cut at 1818. (RCP-IN)
980	WYFN	TN	Nashville - 10/31 2200 - WYFN ID before SRN News. New. (JR-NY)
990	KWAM	TN	Memphis - 11/7 2322-2341+, 7-Nov; Promo for The Last Train to Glory Gospel show in Collierville and other shows; "AM 9-90 The Light" & "KWAM, The Light"; Fair+ mainly on top till 2330, WNOX & WLDX also there. New, TN #23 (HF-MI)
+	WLDX	AL	FAYETTE - 2330-2341+ - CAME UP @2330 TO COVER KWAM FOR FEW MIN. W/ID SPOT; C&W MX; POOR, NEW, AL #18 (HF-MI)
1050	WEVD	NY	New York - 11/2 1707 - Talk show; ID. (WM-MD)
1060	WPHC	TN	Waverly - 11/8 1811 - Five O'clock News, "Christian Radio" slogan, temperature for Nashville, ad for a funeral home in Dickson. New. (JR-NY)
1070	WCSZ	SC	Sans-Souci - 10/31 1959 - Interview with Clemson coach, ID as "WCSZ Sans-Souci-Greenville". New calls. (JR-NY)
+	WKOK	PA	Sunbury - 11/2 1710 - Promo for local event; ID; into news. (WM-MD)
+	WHYZ	SC	San Souci - 11/2 1905 - Station ID followed by station slogan "... Sports Talk right here on the South Carolina News Network". Then into a sports talk program. Several mentions of Greenville. Very impressive signal in local WIBC null. I have been hearing this station almost every evening at sunset with a signal rivaling WIBC at times. Not bad considering I live about 25 miles from WIBC's transmitter. New one for me. (RCP-IN)
1150	CKOC	ON	Hamilton - 11/2 1815 - Weather forecast; ID. (WM-MD)
+	KRMS	MO	Osage Beach - 11/8 0006 - Weak signal, network news, then "Decision 2000 on the Missouri Net from our studios in Jefferson City, here's Missouri Net News Di-

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			rector Bob Payne". Election coverage-discussion throughout the night sprinkled with KRMS ID's. (SC-IN)
+	WNDB	FL	Daytona Beach - 11/8 0200 - Weak signal, ad for the Bahama House on 2001 South Atlantic Avenue "In beautiful South Daytona Beach", then a second ad (Chrysler?), ending with "WNDB" jingle into CBS news. (SC-IN)
1200	CJBZ	ON	Ottawa - 11/1 1838 - "Sportsradio 1200, The Team"; nostalgia music. (WM-MD)
+	WOAI	TX	San Antonio - 11/2 1930 - "The Information Station, Newstalk 1200"; ID. (WM-MD)
+	WCHB	MI	Taylor - 11/3 1548 - Station ID at 1549 followed by ad for a Cadillac dealer in Detroit. Weak signal and garbled at times. (RCP-IN)
1210	VOAR	NF	St. John's - 11/4 1925 - Fair; "This is 1210 AM, VOAR" into contemporary Christian montage, in WPHT null. (BC-NH)
1240	WSKI	VT	Montpelier - 11/1 1715 - Nostalgia music; ID. (WM-MD)
1270	CJCB	NS	Sydney - 11/4 1920 - Fair; local ads, C&W music, over/under unID domestics and R. Reloj-Cuba. (BC-NH)
+	WDLA	NY	Walton - 11/06/00 1620-1625 - "Be sure to tell a friend; we're continous country, WDLA" (DL-MD)
1280	WHVR	PA	Hanover - 11/06 1628-1635 - "News Journal on twelve eighty WHVR ..." (DL-MD)
1290	WNBF	NY	Binghamton - 11/06 1900 - "WNBF Accu Weather ..." heavy co-channel. (DL-MD)
+	WHIO	OH	Dayton - 11/06 1905 - "... on News Talk 12 90 WHIO" heavy co-channel. (DL-MD)
1330	WBTM	VA	Danville - 11/07 1920-1935 "... reported in here in Danville, Virginia..." Election returns with frequent mention of Danville and Virginia area elections. -60dbm (DL-MD)
1350	CKAD	NS	Middleton - 11/4 1850 - Fair; Canadian Country Countdown, AVR ID, over WNLK. (BC-NH)
1360	WLTC	NC	Gastonia - 10/6 1902 - ID also mentions WGCD 1490 before preacher. New. (JR-NY)
1390	WKDR	VT	Burlington - 11/4 1835 - Good; Radio Vermont News and ID, "This is News/Talk 1390 WKDR Burlington, keeping you informed." (BC-NH)
+	WZHF	VA	Arlington - 11/08 1255-1330 - On the hour: "WZHF Arlington"; unkn language -75dbm (DL-MD)
1400	WABY	NY	Albany - 10/30 2000 - Black gospel music; ID. (WM-MD)
+	WIRA	FL	Fort Pierce - 11/5 1859 - Nostalgia music; ID in mess. (WM-MD)
1400	WWIN	Md	Baltimore - 11/08 1330-1340 - At the bottom of the hour: "Today's gospel, with the best of yesterday's, Spirit 14 hundred" -58dbm (DL-MD)
1410	KQV	PA	Pittsburgh - 11/07 1955 - "... On News Radio 14 10 KQV"; election returns. Lots of co-channel. (DL-MD)
1430	WNAV	MD	Annapolis - 11/08 1340-1345 - Popular music "14-30 WNAV ... here at radio park in Annapolis ..." very good signal, -56dbm, no fading (DL-MD)
1440	WLXN	NC	Lexington - 11/08 1630 - "... WLXN Lexington ..." CNN News on the half hour. Heavy co-channel (DL-MD)
1450	WOL	DC	Washington - 11/08 1620 - "WOL, Your News Talk Network" "... on WOL where information is power" co-channel competing as sunset arrives. -60dbm (DL-MD)
1480	WTOY	VA	Salem - 11/1 1850 - Fair; local ads, PSA urging African Americans to vote, call letter ID and urban contemporary music, over WSAR. (BC-NH)
1510	WLAC	TN	Nashville - 11/2 2140 - "Newstalk 1510"; ID; into talk show. (WM-MD) 11/6 1720-1740 - Good with the Phil Valentine Show. Promo for Rush Limbaugh, Nashville weather, mention of I-55 traffic, and CST time check. Conservative talk show with election talk and a call-in segment from Dixie Carter. ID's as "NewsTalk 15-10 WLAC". No sign of Boston's WNRB, very unusual. (KP-CT)
1520	KOMA	OK	Oklahoma City - 11/5 1805 - Beatle song "She Loves You" followed by "Johnny Angel". Station slogan heard "Great Oldies from the '50's here on KOMA". Fair to poor signal in local WKWH null; I very rarely here this station since I moved to central Indiana. (RCP-IN)
1580	KNIM	MO	Maryville - 11/8 1859 - "KNIM Maryville" ID during sports network program. (JR-NY)



- 1630 WRDW GA Augusta - 10/20 2034 - News Talk Sports 1630, Augusta Lynx vs. PeeDee Pride. New. (JR-NY)
+ KCJJ IA Iowa City - 11/5 1810 - Kansas City-Oakland NF me on Westwood One; SID. (WM-MD)

TIS and HAR

- 530 HAR NC Unknown stn first noted 11/2 at 0945 in Maysville, NC (on US17 near NC 58) w/M anncr: "This is a test of the Highway Information System. This is only a test." Good level in Maysville and decreasing to fair/poor approaching Jacksonville, but still over Camp Lejeune TIS. Decreasing to poor level heading north on 17 and gone in Pollocksville. Still going w/test announcement 11/4 at noon. (MH-NC)
590 WPBJ222MD - 11/05 1130 - "You are listening to The Montgomery County Transportation Communications Management Center Traveler's Advisory Radio System, WPBJ five ninty AM along Interstate 270 corridor ..." Audio only observable on LSB. (DL-MD)

Addresses, Formats, Stereo

- 1290 WCCC CT West Hartford - 11/1 - This station has made a dramatic change in formats, going from album rock to classical. The station had previously simulcast WCCC-FM 106.9. According to Matt Buckler's column in the *Manchester CT Journal Inquirer*, Mike Picozzi of the station says, "We're providing something different. Isn't that what local radio is all about?" The AM is still under contract to carry The Howard Stern Show on weekday mornings. According to the *Journal Inquirer*, WCCC has started broadcasting 24 hours on reduced power at night, instead of just daytime hours. (KP-CT) (Congrats to Mr. Picozzi to his enlightened leadership, I say -pls.)



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No time to chat this week, so we'll get right to it!

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 189 ICELAND NBS Gufuskalar, NOV 8 0125-0205 - Talk about US elections, then "Hill Street Blues" theme, "Upside Down", "Message in a Bottle". Very strong. [Renfrew-NY]
567 IRELAND RTE, Tullamore, NOV 5 2227 - religious-sounding folk vocal with harp accompaniment; to good peak over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
576 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE5 synchros, NOV 5 2226 - man and woman in Spanish / / 684; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
612 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, NOV 5 2226 - Arabic talk, music; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, NOV 5 2225 - woman in Spanish; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
639 SPAIN RNE1, La Coruña, NOV 5 2223 - // 684 with Spanish telephone interview; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
684 SPAIN RNE1, Sevilla, NOV 5 2223 - telephone interview // 639 & others; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
693 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, NOV 5 2223 - // 684 with Spanish talk; poor with het from Azores-693.7. [Connelly*O-MA]
711.04 WESTERN SAHARA Laayoune, NOV 5 2209 - preaching or political harangue by man in Arabic; loud, one of the best low-band TA's at this time. [Connelly*O-MA]
729 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, NOV 5 2211 - woman with Spanish news; through CKAC splash. [Connelly*O-MA]
738 SPAIN RNE1, Barcelona, NOV 5 2211 - // 729 with Spanish news; good, over occasional CHCM slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
756 SPAIN R. Euskadi, Bilbao, NOV 5 2212 - woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
774 SPAIN RNE1 synchros, NOV 5 2212 - Spanish news; over Arabic station, choppy. [Connelly*O-MA]
783 MAURITANIA Nouakchott, NOV 5 2214 - // 4845 with serious male Arabic talk; to good peak. [Connelly*O-MA]
836 AZORES RDP, Pico da Barrosa, NOV 5 2218 - pop jazz female vocal; to fair peak over Canaries-837 het. [Connelly*O-MA]
855 SPAIN RNE1, Murcia et al., NOV 5 2206 - Spanish news; fair, over others. [Connelly*O-MA]
864 FRANCE France Bleu, Paris, NOV 5 2205 - // 945 with emotional female French vocal; loud. [Connelly*O-MA]
873 SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 5 2218 - fast Spanish talk; poor to fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
909 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Moorside Edge et al., NOV 5 2202 - English news; to fair peak. [Connelly*O-MA]
945 FRANCE France Bleu, Toulouse, NOV 5 2125 - piano and romantic ballad // 1206; through WROL slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
972 LIBYA NOV 5 2137 - Arabic vocal; over Spain and others. [Connelly*O-MA]
981 ALGERIA Radiodif. Algerienne, Algiers, NOV 5 2140 - monster carrier with muffled / weak Arabic audio. [Connelly*O-MA]
999 SPAIN COPE, Madrid, NOV 5 2143 - Spanish business-related talk by man; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
1008 unID NOV 5 2145 - classical piano; poor to fair - more likely Netherlands than Canaries or Spain with this format. [Connelly*O-MA]
1026 SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 5 2200 - bits of Spanish news; over unID Mideast-sounding station (Iran?). WBZ was well nulled; the biggest problem was static from a storm somewhere. [Connelly*O-MA]
1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, NOV 5 2156 - male, then female, Arabic vocal; good, over Spain. [Connelly*O-MA]
1044 SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 5 2157 - Spanish newstalk; under Morocco. [Connelly*O-MA]



- 1053 MOROCCO Tanger, NOV 5 2158 - Arabic vocal and violin music; just over SER-Spain and others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1089 ENGLAND Talk Sport synchros NOV 5 0103 - Fair; sports news and scores. Talk Sport IDs into talk program. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, NOV 5 2246 - Spanish teletalk; barely over a rough growl. [Connelly*O-MA] NOV 5 0055 - Fair; telephone talk in Spanish // 1107, synchro echo, over assumed Slovakia. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, NOV 5 2155 - // 1152 with man in Spanish; over others. [Connelly*O-MA] NOV 5 0050 - Telephone talk in Spanish, fadey signal over an unID music station. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros, NOV 5 2230 - Spanish talk and teletalk; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, NOV 5 2155 - // 1107 with Spanish talk; through WAMG slop. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1179 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 5 2244 - Spanish talk; in jumbly pile-up. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE France Bleu, Bordeaux, NOV 5 2034 - good with disco music // 1377. [Connelly*O-MA] NOV 5 0030 - Excellent; English and French adult contemporary and nostalgia. Since going 24 hours, this has been a regular, and should be an easy target for inland DXers especially during local sunset or transmitter site dawn. [Conti-NH]
- 1214.95 unID NOV 5 2232 - 50 Hz het on low side of Spain-1215: either Albania or one of the Spain synchros a bit off channel I guess. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN COPE synchros, NOV 5 2231 - woman in Spanish; over Virgin-UK. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1224 SPAIN COPE synchros, NOV 5 2151 - Spanish teletalk; poor. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, NOV 5 2053 - man in Arabic; hollow "metallic" audio. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1305 SPAIN RNE5 synchros, NOV 5 2150 - fast echoey Spanish talk; over rumble. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY NRK, Kvitsoy, NOV 5 2233 - '60s-style lounge music (Jack Jones or similar); slightly over Spain and a barrage of slop from 59+50 CKEC-1320. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1332 ITALY Rome et al., NOV 5 2052 - excited Italian talk by man; fair to good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1377 FRANCE France Bleu, Lille, NOV 5 2034 - // 1206 with '70s-type disco song; good, often stronger than adjacent St. Pierre-1375.02. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1395 ALBANIA Filake, NOV 5 2048 - Slavic talk; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1404 FRANCE France Bleu synchros, NOV 5 2036 - // 1206 with disco music with a woman giving instructions (like a dance or exercise-workout lesson), then a romantic ballad followed. Mixed with others. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Heusweiler, NOV 5 2241 - classical music and opera vocal; to good peak over apparent Arabic talker (Algeria). [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, NOV 5 2008 - Arabic preaching by man; very good. At 2015, the directional pattern must have changed because the signal weakened. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1485 SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 5 2018 - Spanish sporting event coverage; very good, over an hour before sunset here. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1494 FRANCE France Bleu synchros, NOV 5 2038 - // 1206 with sentimental ballad; fair. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1512 BELGIUM Wolvertem, NOV 5 2047 - woman in English with newsmagazine type program; fair with some WNRB slop. [Connelly*O-MA] NOV 4 2310 - Fair; news in English, heavy WNRB 1510 interference. [Conti-NH]
- 1512 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Jeddah, NOV 5 2002 - man reading news in Arabic; slightly over Belgium. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA, Duba, NOV 5 1855 - het fade-up at 1.55 p.m. local, 2.5 hours pre-sunset. The earliest this has been heard in this area was a few years ago around Christmas at 1800 UTC (1 p.m. EST) on a sloper at E. Harwich. NOV 5 1925 - // 9555 & 9870 with woman in Arabic; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN Vatican R., NOV 5 2019 - Italian religious talk and a segment of classical music; fair with WVBF phased. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1550 ALGERIA RASD Clandestine, Tindouf, NOV 5 2022 - shrill female vocal, then man in Arabic; very good with WNTN/WDZK cardioid-nulled. Slight VOA-1548 het and a weak jammer in the background. [Connelly*O-MA]

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- 1584 SPAIN SER synchros, NOV 5 2000 - Spanish talk with synchro-echo; over Ceuta-1583.65 het. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN EI, Vitoria, NOV 5 2023 - calm Spanish talk by man; loud, way over SER's sports coverage. [Connelly*O-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, NOV 5 2229 - mellow soul vocal; good. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 540 MEXICO XEJAZZ MEXICO, Tijuana OCT 18 0649 - playing a Cole Porter song, "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To" in stereo. [Redding-AZ]
- 640 MEXICO XEJUA Cd. Juarez, CHIH 10/14 0200 - ID, mixing w/XEHHI: "Esta es XEJUA, Super Kah(?) Seis Cuarenta, La Caliente...". Not sure of the "Super K [Kah]" part, but that's what it sounded like phonetically. [Wilkins-CO]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, Basseterre, NOV 5 2359 - Caribbean accented woman mentioned local events in St. Kitts and Nevis. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 590 CUBA R. Musical Nacional, NOV 5 2352 - classical music; excellent, over VOCM with WEZE nulled. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 600 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMKQ, Urbano Noris, NOV 6 0030 - noted // 670 with Cuban jazz version of a medley of Souza marches including (surprisingly!) a couple having US patriotic themes; good, over other Latin Americans. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 620 CUBA R. Rebelde, Colon / Moa, NOV 6 0026 - // 670 with Spanish political talk by man; over WZON. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 630 CUBA R. Progreso, NOV 6 0024 - // 640 with Doors "Roadhouse Blues" ("I got up this morning and poured myself a beer."); over WPRO/CFCY/WSKN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 630 PUERTO RICO WSKN, San Juan, NOV 5 2224 - Puerto Rico regional news by woman in Spanish; good, dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, NOV 6 0023 - party time here with "Roadhouse Blues" by the Doors // other Progresos on 630, 690, and 890. Signal was blasting in over CBN/WNNZ/YVQO. NOV 6 0031 - another great Doors tune "L.A. Woman". [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogota, NOV 5 2355 - Spanish announcer exhorted fans to get excited about their Colombian team; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 670 CUBA R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, NOV 6 0026 - talk // 620 about Cuba's political affairs; dominant over YVLL/CKXB/WSCR mix. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, NOV 5 2222 - discussion of Bibles in US history, including one brought by the Pilgrims; excellent / dominant. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 690 CUBA R. Progreso, Jovellanos, NOV 6 0025 - // 640 with Jim Morrison & the Doors doing "Roadhouse Blues"; in mix with CINF & Anguilla. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 720 VENEZUELA R. Oriente, YVQE, Porlamar, NOV 5 2357 - "desde Porlamar, Isla Margarita ... transmite Radio Oriente"; huge, over CHTN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 720 COLOMBIA Emisoras Unidas, Barranquilla NOV 8 0005 - Fair; "...Barranquilla, Emisoras Unidas, la favorita del publico" and rustic music over unID Latin American stations. [Conti-NH]
- 720 VENEZUELA Oriente 720, Porlamar NOV 7 2240 - Good after WGCR sign off; Porlamar, isla de Margarita mentions in ad string, "Oriente 720 AM, la buena radio" and romantic music. [Conti-NH]
- 730 COLOMBIA Cadena Melodia, Bogota NOV 7 2357 - Good; "Melodia Bogota, otra estacion de la cadena Melodia, la radio lider de Colombia" over WFMC. [Conti-NH]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN Barranquilla NOV 7 2300 - Good; national anthem and ID "HJAJ 760 kilohertz" over R.Reloj-Cuba and an unID Latin American station. [Conti-NH]
- 820 unID NOV 6 0020 - grinding/buzzing signal hammering WNYC. Direction fix with Quantum Loop shows a bearing consistent with Cuba. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 820 MEXICO XEMVS Mexicali, BCN 10/23 0148 - Musica romantica; occasional "Nostalgia Ocho Veinte" slogans; no ads noted in 75 minutes of listening. Nice ID's at 0224 and 0245, anc'g the address as "Blvd. Francisco L. Montejano Numero 2200," or something very close to that. Generally good signal in WBAP null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 830 CUBA R.Reloj, Holguin NOV 5 0245 - RR code IDs under unID domestics in CFJR null. [Conti-NH]
- 860 MEXICO XEZOL Cd. Juarez, CHIH 10/14 0848 - Lite vocal music; 0900 ID with call letters, mentioned 1000 watts, then more mx. Listened to 0934 & heard no ads, only songs and "Ocho Sesenta"



- slogans. Fair/poor with KMVP QRM and KOA splatter. [Wilkins-CO]
- 870 CUBA R.Relej, Sancti Spiritus NOV 5 0235 - RR code IDs and beat of syncopated clock under WHCU. [Conti-NH]
- 880 CUBA R.Progreso, Pinar del Rio NOV 5 0230 - Fair; "Radio Progreso de la Habana, la onda de la alegría" and salsa // 890, in WCBS null. [Conti-NH]
- 890 CUBA R. Progreso, CMDZ, Santiago de Cuba, NOV 6 0032 - Doors tunes including "L.A. Woman" // 640. Slamming in; annihilating WBPS. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS VON, Bath Village, NOV 6 0000 - announcer "This is VON Radio, 895 kilohertz, 10000 watts of power", into Afropop-style female group gospel harmony. Talk by preacher in a room with reverberation followed. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 930 CUBA R.Relej NOV 5 0202 - RR code IDs under a mix of WBEN and WPAT. [Conti-NH]
- 940 MEXICO XEQ Mexico NOV 5 0145 - Fair; "la cadena Q" ID, nostalgia and romantic music, over R.Relej-Cuba in CINW null. [Conti-NH]
- 950 CUBA R.Relej, Habana NOV 5 0135 - RR code IDs under mix of WPEN and WIBX. [Conti-NH]
- 960 CUBA R.Relej, Guantanamo NOV 5 0130 - Fair but loud with news items, syncopated clock, RR code IDs over domestics. [Conti-NH]
- 1060.3 COLOMBIA unID city, NOV 6 0003 - Colombian team sporting event; briefly sliding by the 1060.0 stations. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1100 ANTIGUA R. ZDK, St. John's, NOV 6 0007 - Sunday night fire-and-brimstone preacher; very good with WTAM nulled. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1110 VENEZUELA R. Cartipano, YVQT, Carupano, NOV 6 0008 - "... ocho minutos, hora de Venezuela", into romantic vocal; atop WBT. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1130 MEXICO XEMOS Los Mochis, SIN 10/15 0410 - Soft Latin vocals; "Radio Mia" slogans after each. Legal ID at 0430 but mostly unreadable - sounded something like "...XELO, mil wats de potencia, en el once treinta de..." Call letters, of course, not XELO, but phonetically similar. WRTH lists R. Mia as XEMOS. Fair/poor with long fades and KRDU QRM. 10/20 0346 - Soft vocals; gal announcer with "Radio Mia" slogans; dedications; ID at 0402: "En Los Mochis...escuchando...X-E-mos ["mos" said as a word]...transmitiendo con mil wats...". Much of ID unreadable, but enough read this time to count it for a new one, XE #158, SIN #14. More music followed the ID, with no ads noted thru 0427, just a couple of brief program notes. QRM from another XE and KWKH. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1139.53 unID NOV 6 0010 - bits of Spanish talk and a fat het against WRVA/CBI/YV on 1140.0. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1160 BERMUDA VSB3, Hamilton, NOV 5 2120 - // 5975 with talk "You're listening to BBC World Service: Julian Marshall with News Hour."; strong, alone on channel. [Connelly*O-MA]
- 1180 CUBA R. Rebelde, NOV 6 0013 - // 670 with Spanish talk by a man and a woman about the provinces of Cuba, then syrupy '40s movie type violin music; loud, over WHAM. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1180 MEXICO XEDCH Cd. Delicias, CHIH 11/8 0112 - Pop vocals; 2-4 ads after each song, MST time checks (so CHIH is, in fact, now on MST, formerly CST); full ID at 0133: "Esta es XEDCH, Romantica Once Ochenta, transmitiendo desde Calle Segunda Norte 309, Interior(?) 107, Cd. Delicias, Chihuahua. Romantica 11-80, una emisora mas del grupo RADIORAMA de Chihuahua". Generally fair with loop due south, which nulled most of KOFI and KOIL. New for XE #159 and CHIH #35. [W Wilkins-CO]
- 1270 CUBA R.Relej, Camaguey NOV 5 0015 - Poor; RR code IDs under CJC/B, first time heard. [Conti-NH]
- 1410 MEXICO XECF(p) Los Mochis, SIN 11/6 0025 - Mexican League beisbol; Los Mochis ads at 0057. Generally fair but long fades. [Wilkins-CO]



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- BELGIUM: 1512 RVI schedule winter 2000-2001 (29 October 2000 - 24 March 2001), 0600-0700 300 kW (Programme from R. Nederland Wereldomroep), 0700-0800 25 kW Dutch, 800-0830 25 kW English, 0830-1230 25 kW Dutch, 1230-1300 25 kW English, 1300-1500 25 kW Dutch, 1500-1700 25 kW (Programme from Deutsche Welle), 1700-1730 25 kW Dutch, 1730-1745 25 kW French, 1745-1800 25 kW German, 1800-1830 300 kW Dutch, 1830-1900 300 kW English, 1900-2000 300 kW Dutch, 2000-2015 300 kW German, 2015-2030 300 kW French, 2030-2100 300 kW English, 2100-2127 300 kW Dutch, 2127-2330 300 kW (Programme from R. Nederland Wereldomroep). [Paul Brems via Wolfgang Büschel, ARC Info-Desk e-mail]
- CUBA: 1500 R. Holguin, is a new station, heard by the Cuban DX-er Alexeis Marrero Cruz. Inaugu-

- rated in May 2000. FM 96.1. (ARC editor's note: A Radio Enciclopedia outlet is also reported on this frequency from Holguin. The same?) [WTFDA's VHF/UHF Digest via Pete Taylor, IRCA's AM-DX Newsflash via HCDX 70 in ARC mv-eko SEP 2000]
- FIJI: FBC's Engineering Department recently installed and commissioned a new Nautel 12 kilowatt AM transmitter for 558 kHz at its Naulu Medium Wave transmitting station on the outskirts of Suva. The transmitter carries Radio Fiji 1 - other frequencies are Drasa (near Lautoka) 639, Labasa (on the northern island of Vanua Levu) 684, Sigatoka 927 and Rakiraki 1152. Radio Fiji 1 programmes are all in the Fijian language, targeting an adult audience 25 years and older. Hindi is carried on Radio Fiji 2 - AM frequencies are Labasa 810, Sigatoka 1206 and Rakiraki 1467. Noticeably absent is 774 - this appears to have been replaced by FM 105.2. The FBX Engineering Department began with a 500 watts MW transmitter and one studio in early 1935. Today it has 12 transmitting stations housing 27 FM and 10 AM transmitters. [via <http://www.radiofiji.org> thanks to Paul Ormandy and David Ricquish in NZ DX Times. SEP 2000]
- GERMANY: 693 The latest announcement from Mega-Radio: On 1 December Zehlendorf 693 will go on air with 200 kW. This announcement should, however, be taken with some reservation. (Kai Ludwig 12.10.2000) 855 Berlin-Britz delivers at least here in a southern direction from the site a stronger groundwave signal than 990. Deutschlandradio stated on an inquiry from Mr. Ziegler at Döbeln: 990 is still using a power of 100 kW while 855 is now operated with just 25 kW. They are actually surprised about the signal strength findings but guess it could be the result of the current antenna arrangement: Due to some work 990 is not using it's usual mast but instead the transmitter feeds into the 855 mast. (Kai Ludwig 10.10.2000). The 990 signal also very poor here in Härnösand. (OA) 1431 Mega Radio, Wilsdruff is on air since about 0700 on 29th September. The signal is noticeably weaker than 1044, should indeed be 10 kW. (Kai Ludwig, 29.9.2000). [all items via ARC Info-Desk]
- HUNGARY: 1188 Marcali (ex 1251) as of 1600 UTC on 29 September started relaying VOA/RFE programming in Serbian/Serbo-Croatian. Two slots of VOA News Now in English have also been observed from October 2nd. 0200-0230 VOA News Now, 0230-0330 RFE, 0500-0530 VOA News Now, 0530-0600 VOA, 0700-0730 VOA, 0730-0800 RFE, 1600-1700 RFE, 1700-1730 VOA, 1730-1930 RFE, 1930-2000 VOA, 2000-2100 RFE, 2100-2130 VOA, 2130-0030 RFE. (Igor Pifat, Belgrade, 29.09.00, via Bernd Trutenau + additional observations) According to old web information Marcali used 1000 kW days, 500 kW nights when it was on 1251 kHz. The transmitter came on the air on 1251 early in 1987. (OA) According to Radio B2-92, the station is not going to continue their relay on 1188 kHz, because the Marcali site in southwestern Hungary does not provide sufficient coverage of the area which they are targeting at. However, the station would confirm reception reports for the test transmissions on 1188 kHz during the past days. The email address is: <radiob292@opennet.org>, snailmail: P.O. Box 104, YU-11001 Beograd, Yugoslavia. (BT 1.10.2000). According to Igor Pifat via HCDX 10.10.00 B2-92 has also regained access to its Belgrade facilities. [this entire item via ARC Info-Desk e-mail]
- KUWAIT: Radio "The Future" (hostile to Saddam Hussein) has dropped 1593 kHz after heavy jamming from Iraq and is now on new 1584 kHz, 1900-2000 in Kurdish and 2000-2300 in Arabic. ID at 2000 UTC "Huna Iraq ... mustaqabai". [Medium Wave News (UK), OCT 2000]
- NORWAY: 153 Ingøy: The transmitter was switched on for the first time on Wednesday 27 September with half power, increased on Thursday 28 to full power, 100 kW. As from Sunday October 1st the transmitter has been on 24 hours operation. 29.9.2000). The permanent programme feed of NRK Europakanalen with inserts of regional programmes from NRK Finnmark was established on Tuesday October 3rd. A special programme on October 6 1900-2300 was heard in most parts of Finland, Sweden and Norway and as far away as Newfoundland but apparently not in the UK. Ingøy is located west of Nordkap and north of Hammerfest. (DXLC) 216 Applications to use this frequency are now accepted and should be lodged by New Year's Eve. It is rumoured that further groups in addition to Northern Star International Broadcaster intend to apply. (DX-News 8/2000) 702 Vadsø remains on the air for the time being, but is expected to go off well before the end of the year. (DX-News 8/2000) [Entire item via ARC Info-Desk e-mail]
- RUSSIA: Nikolay Pashkevich in Moscow informs that both 153 kHz (Yunost) and 261 kHz (Radio Rossii) from Moscow are back on the air. This might be in connection with the loss of the powerful OIRT FM transmitters from the Ostanki. [Bernd Trutenau in Medium Wave News (UK), SEP 2000]
- SOLOMON ISLANDS: SIBC's regional stations are Radio Hapi Lagun, PO Box 78, Gizo, Western Province, 10 kW on 945, at 1900-1100 and 0300-0830 [sic], and R. Temotu, Lata, Santa Cruz Islands, Temotu Province on 1386. The latter is off temporarily due to problems with their 5 kW transmitter. [Maarten Van Delft via BDXC via DX Listening Digest via IRCA DX Moni-



ON LINE

Bill Smith via HCDX 47: This URL will allow you to generate a Sunrise/SUnset Monthly calendar for your location and that of any location in the world. Go to <www.sunrisesunset.com/calendar.asp>. [ARC mv-eko, SEP 25 2000]

There are now over 700 audio clips on the Interval Signals Archive. This is an online database containing clips of interval signals, signature tunes and identification announcements from domestic, international and clandestine radio signals from around the world. This can be found at <http://www.intervalsignals.com>. [ARC mv-eko, SEP 25 2000]

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SPECIAL REPORT: HOT NEWS FROM SHEIGRA, SCOTLAND (via Steve Whitt)

CROATIA: HRT 1125 noted off air; 1134 still operational (4/11)

FAROES: 531 observed with technical problems (big 2nd harmonic and other spurious signals now silent at 1730 4/11 perhaps for engineering work?)

GERMANY: R Bremen has English programming at 1700UT followed by French programme produced by France Info

ICELAND: RUV Iceland seems to have left MW altogether (666 & 738kHz are silent). Only 189 and 207kHz are heard plus the US Navy station on 1530kHz (schedule unknown but observed with local programming)

LATVIA: Relays VOA American Mosaic in English via 945, 1350 & 1422kHz at 2130-2200UTC (3/11)

MOLDOVA: R Pridnestroye from Grigoripol observed with sign-on at 1630 after Moscow 1/S; formally 1600hours.

RUSSIA: Radiostantya Chechnya Svobodnaya heard via a reactivated transmitter on 171kHz (site unknown) (1550UTC 29/10)

UNITED KINGDOM: UNID and unlisted RSL heard 1566kHz at 1800-1830 2/11 with talk about football (including Brazilian) followed by records presented by female presenter possibly with a Scottish accent. (County Sound phased null.)

USA: 1660 WMIB/WODX Marco FL - no sign of callsign change yet, 1670 WRNC Warner Robins GA - now IDs as "the new Cat Country 96"

VENEZUELA: 1470 R Vibracion Carupano; there has been some debate over the identity of Union Radio Noticias also heard on 1470. It is a network relayed by R Vibracion amongst other stations. Vibracion observed switching over at 0341UT on 29/10. Other stations that take Union Radio Noticias were announced on air as: Caracas 1090kHz; centre of Venezuela 1110kHz; east and Caribbean islands 640kHz; also relayed on 980kHz La Voz de el Tigre; 1370 R La Pascua; 1470 R Vibracion for Sucre state. Also on 8 FM frequencies. <www.unionradio.com.ve>

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Network listings for team sports stations

Pete Taylor (Tacoma, WA) reports concerning the NHL San Jose Sharks: My wife and I spent the night on the west coast of WA Sunday night and I notice the Sharks game being broadcast on KSJX-1500 San Jose. Since this is normally a Vietnamese language station, the broadcast stood out. Perhaps Sunday night is an exception to your list which shows KUFY-98.5.

And John Bowker reports concerning the NHL Tampa Bay Lightning: I'm not sure what you might do with this information, but here is the line up of the two stations in the Tampa Bay area that may be confusing you and Ken Onyschuk:

620-WDAE is all sports. They do not carry the Lightning.

1250-WHNZ is talk and sports and they often carry the Lightning. Nobody knows why.

And Rick Dau (Iowa City, IA) reports on my NFL information: I have two additions and one correction from the NFL lists you provided a few weeks ago. Per monitoring through the season, I've noted that KXIC-800 in Iowa City is carrying the Chicago Bears and the WKIJ-1290 in Sparta, Wisconsin is carrying the Green Bay Packers (perhaps simulcasting WCOW 97.1, which I see is on the Packers network). Also, KRNV-880 in Lexington, Nebraska, which has done Denver Broncos football in past years, is not on the network this year.

Here is 2000/2001 National Basketball Association (NBA) flagship information from the new "NBA Guide" via Ken Onyschuk. Please send me any network lists you may have. Thanks.

Atlanta Hawks	750	WSB-GA	Steve Holman
Boston Celtics	850	WEEI-MA	Howard David, Cedric Maxwell
Charlotte Hornets	1110	WBT-NC	Bob Licht, Mike Gminski, Gil McGregor, Gary Vaillencourt
	99.3	WBT-NC	
Chicago Bulls	1000	WMVP-IL	Neil Funk, John Paxson
Cleveland Cavaliers	1100	WTAM-OH	Joe Tait
Dallas Mavericks	570	KLIF-TX	Matt Pinto, Brad Davis
	1270	KESS-TX	(SS) Edgar Lopez
Denver Nuggets	950	KKFN-CO	Jerry Schemmel
Detroit Pistons	950	WWJ-MI	George Blaha, Larry Henry, Vinnie Johnson, John Loy
Golden State Warriors	680	KNBR-CA	Tim Roye
Houston Rockets	950	KPRC-TX	Gene Pederson, Jim Foley, Jeff Hagedorn
	920	KYST-TX	(SS) Adrian Chavarria
Indiana Pacers	1070	WIBC-IN	Mark Boyle, Bob Leonard
Los Angeles Clippers	1150	KXTA-CA	Michael Smith
Los Angeles Lakers	570	KLAC-CA	Chick Hearn, Stu Lantz
Miami Heat (a)	610	WIOD-FL	(EE) Mike Inglis, Ed Pinckney
	830	WACC-FL	(SS) ++
Milwaukee Bucks	620	WTMJ-WI	Ted Davis, Dennis Krause (home games only)
Minnesota Timberwolves	130	KFAN-MN	Chad Hartmann
New Jersey Nets	710	WOR-NY	Bob Papa, Albert King
New York Knickerbockers	660	WFAN-NY	Marv Albert, Gus Johnson, John Andariese
Orlando Magic	580	WDBO-FL	(EE) Dennis Neumann, Jeff Turner
	1220	WOTS-FL	(SS) Joey Colon
	1400	WSDO-FL	
	1440	WPRD-FL	
Philadelphia 76ers	610	WIP-PA	Tom McGinnis
Phoenix Suns	620	KTAR-AZ	Al Mcloy, Eddie Johnson
Portland Trail Blazers	1190	KEX-OR	Mike Rice, Brian Wheeler
Sacramento Kings	1140	KHTK-CA	Gary Garould
San Antonio Spurs	1200	WOAI-TX	(EE) Jay Howard
	1350	KCOR-TX	(SS) Paul Castro
Seattle Supersonics	950	KJR-WA	Kevin Calabro
Totonto Raptors	590	CJCL-ON	Chuck Swirsky, Jack Armstrong
Utah Jazz	1320	KFNZ-UT	Rod Hundley, Ron Boone
Vancouver Grizzlies	TBA		
Vancouver Grizzlies (99)	980	CKNW-BC	Don Poier, Jay Triano
Washington Wizards	980	WTEM-DC	Dave Johnson

710 KNUS

(a) Ken did not list the Miami Heat; the Heat home page lists WIOD and WACC for the current season. The announcers are from last year.

++ I do not know the name(s) of the announcer(s).

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DX'er's Notebook

Shared tips, topics, and Internet info

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Having started last week with the general beginnings of a discussion on the future of DXing, NRC, and *DX News*, I've been trying to get the remainder of this thing organized so it flows to some extent for those of you reading this, without too much flipping between topics. But in trying to organize this I run into a couple of problems. One is that there is quite a bit of overlap between different threads. Perhaps I'm trying too hard to organize this, instead of letting it follow its own course. Another is that there are so many good points throughout this discussion that I find myself trying to get all of it in, but there is just too much to fit in one column. Tired of the excuses? For the majority of the membership, who were not a part of this discussion on the listserv, let us know your reactions to what you're reading here, whether it be in a *Musing*, or directly to me. There are plenty more opinions to follow in the coming weeks.

We'll start with messages generated by Paul's response last time on the possibility of *DX News* being distributed in electronic form.

Mike Pietruk <pietruk@shellworld.net>: Paul - While I can understand your stance based on what happened in the past, I'm afraid that this dooms DX NEWS as a publication that folks will be willing to pay for as this current distribution approach is both costly and untimely as compared to the alternative. Moreover, if you fear is of folks taking the data and exploiting it, paper copy can be easily scanned into electronic form quite easily. Thus, NRC needs a more sound reason than "living in fear" as to why DX NEWS only has a paper edition and no electronic delivery. Even staid publications such as *Value Line* and the *WSJ* have "smelled the coffee" and have taken advantage of what this medium can offer. When the IRCA developed and introduced SDXM a year or so back, I quickly jumped on board considering the \$10 a year price both a bargain as well as something that would give me quick delivery of the info. Yes, Paul, I understand the fears you and other board members have. And, if I were in your shoes, I might react similarly. However, if you have a desire of seeing the NRC flourish in the coming decades, you will have to figure out how to deal with those fears and allow technology work for you rather than pretending it doesn't exist.

Kevin Redding <lwdxer@juno.com>: Mike, I have to echo your sentiment about being in IRCA. The SDXM is the single reason I am in IRCA and I really like it. The DXN is a great publication and its fine if they want it in paper. I read it but I think the best part of the NRC has nothing to do with paper. As a matter of fact it is an electronic publication called DXAS and if you wanted to be a jerk, you could copy billions of them and send them everywhere. I am positive that any method used can be copied whether its paper in a Xerox, a CD in a burner, a tape in a high speed dubber, or an e-mail to copy the DXN and send out unauthorized copies. I hope that people aren't doing that but I am sure it probably happens. The only way to make sure that it doesn't get disseminated too easily is give everyone a PGP key who gets the e-copy and encrypt it to that key. That would give some people fits though and that's way too much for some. I am sure that there are some who have their hands full just with e-mail without anything as complex as that. I have heard several times that NRC will not go to e-news and I suppose that's fine. As long as they don't have it and IRCA does, I will continue to be in both clubs. I really like the e-DXM. I just have a hard time with people saying you can't have both. Its a pretty strange thing.

Mike Pietruk: Phil - cudos to the IRCA for coming up with the sDXM concept and running with it. This is the best way of getting timely info into the hands of folks who want it as quickly as possible at little or no cost to the distributors. And, unlike constraints brought about by issue lengths, an electronic edition can always be expanded or contracted as needed.

Phil Bytheway <phil-bytheway@teknologic.net>: SDXM FYI... Tips can be reported as late as the weekend and are organized and in the DXers mailbox by Tuesday noon. Hardcopy is at least 1-2 weeks later... and is currently only 21x/year whereas the SDXM is 35x/year. Currently about 40% of IRCA membership get their bulletin via email... and about 2/3 of those exclusively by email. And this has been going on since August '96. If you organize it right, you can scan all of 'em in a matter of seconds. All files kept in ASCII (and I have them), but could easily be converted to MSWord or PDFs... I have the tools. YEARS worth could be put on a CD. End of plug, hi.

Mike Pietruk: Harry - Well stated on all accounts. I use a text reading program while working with SDXM, as an example, to do quick FINDS of something I may be interested in — your example of locating references to 1630 is a good example of this. Moreover, if I felt the need to save my SDXM issues, a couple of floppies would easily store a year of issues taking up far less room than the paper.

Yes, after the embarrassment the NRC experienced with their station data several years back, the kneejerk reaction is to bury one's head in the sand and resolve to avoid electronic distribution. That might have worked 5 or so years back with email and web delivery of content was in its infancy and only computerphiles inhabited the net, but today the user base has greatly expanded. If the NRC wishes to flourish in the future, it will have to embrace those info sources the coming generations have decided to use. If not, it will go the way of other organizations that have failed to recognize that things evolve; and to survive, one has to figure out how to become part of that evolution.

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: I'd guess that's overstated some, Mike. At least if you're talking about the near term future.

Mike Pietruk: Russ, I'm talking about the future in terms of a decade or 2, not this year, next year or perhaps a couple beyond that. What happens if the membership ages and isn't joined by younger folks who are more apt to want computer access. I've seen church congregations who have failed to understand how times change and wish to remain with what the older congregation feels more comfortable with. As fewer and fewer families join these congregations and the aging congregation dies or moves away, Sundays are ever more lonely. Soon, these congregations struggle more and more to pay the bills — and need I go on. The successful congregations, on the other hand, seek to blend the best of the past and today with an eye to what may be needed in the future. NO one, in this case, is suggesting doing away with the traditionally popular publications. Rather, they are suggesting creating something of today to join the ranks.

Russ Edmunds: Right church, wrong pew, I think. I view this as SDXM's figures probably represent a near-max for now in a hobby (any radio hobby, really) where the average age increases daily owing to younger people not coming into these hobbies at anything approaching the rates of decades past. This severely limits the potential audience for electronic media, as there are many people who either do not even possess a computer (nor want to) or who are only minimally functional with it. I would estimate, absent any figures, that the % of NRC/DXAS membership subscribing to the lists is considerably less than SDXM's 40%. That is in part explainable by the fact that not everyone who might go for an SDXM would also want to become involved here - in fact I know of some who've tried and dropped off the lists owing to being unwilling to deal with the great volume of postings. Eventually, whenever that is, and it could be a decade or more, we'll likely be largely electronic. NRC won't die by not going electronic, nor will it die, as some have suggested, by DX not being there, but rather by the biggest threat to the club's continued existence, and for IRCA's and a host of others — the threat of an increasingly aging membership, and diminishing younger blood coming in, both resulting in a diminishing membership...

Paul Swearingen <PlsBCBDXER@aol.com>: "The successful congregations, on the other hand, seek to blend the best of the past and today with an eye to what may be needed in the future." I don't think this analogy flies, Mike; have all DX'ers evolved now to DX'ing only DTV? What does the membership want? That question is what has driven my efforts for the past 12 years, not to mention previously when I was editing "Musings of the Members". DX'ing the AM band and getting news about the hobby in print form both involve a certain amount of nostalgia, which is an issue that we haven't discussed much. I suspect that the NRC would lose about 3/4 of its membership if we converted to an electronic delivery system. And THAT money talks big-time, both in lost subscription dollars and increased per-piece postage costs for having to mail out a magazine at full boat by not having 500+ addressees.

John Callarman <JohnCallarman@email.msn.com>: External pressures here at home caused me to cut off previous post before making one corollary point ... a point that was well made by Mike Pietruk about responding to the realities of current trends. I am, as I said, satisfied with NRC and DX News as it is now ... but I also recognize the value of electronic publishing in my other hobby, genealogy. I am working on a family history document that is now nearly 1,100 hard copy, 8.5 x 11 pages in length and is nowhere near done. Given the cost of publishing a book of that size and the relatively (pun partially intended) small market for it, not to mention the amount of time it would take to convert the computerized version to hard copy, electronic distribution is both easier and less costly, provided the recipient has the capability of reading the product. My 1,100-page document fits on an iomega 100-mb ZIP disk, for example, with room to more than double, and that's in Micro-Soft Word 97 format. If ease of preparation and speed of distribution were the only considerations, electronic publication would be a no-brainer. But as FM has always been a better way to deliver interference-free, high fidelity programming than AM, and digital is a better way than analog, it takes the market - the consumers - years, even decades, to catch up with the technology and the politics of change. Mike's church congregation analogy, "the successful congregations, on the other hand, seek to blend the best of the past and today with an eye to what may be needed in the future," sums it up very well.

Mike Pietruk: Russ - I suspect that the AM LOG and AM Switch are examples where having them in electronic form would make life a lot easier for many. I'm certain that a skilled programmer could write a piece of software that could take an electronic yearly station book such as the LOG and then interface it with AM SWITCH for instant updating. Now, wouldn't that be a lot better than having to manually enter things. And, oh yes, taking this a bit farther, perhaps the LOG could itself be a living

document with updates being entered as received and then retrievable in its most current form from a secured webpage.

Russ Edmunds: Unfortunately, 'twasn't I who said that, hi. However, I stand by my prior comment that in my opinion, the single largest gating factor to converting (as opposed to adding) an electronic format for DXN is the number of members who would be able and willing to receive it that way. And, by the way, I realize that as time goes on, that concern will diminish.

Mike Pietruk: Russ, I agree that, in time, this will be a non-issue. I believe Phil's stats concerning the value to the IRCA of SDXM testifies to where RADIO DXers are ultimately headed to. It is because of SDXM that I rejoined IRCA last year. It's because of the convenience and the price that I prefer this form of delivery. The frequency of the hard and soft copy delivery shows why this area offers great potential. Right now, the PTB at NRC are obviously not interested. I hope that this will, in time, recognize the value electronic delivery offers them and will become comfortable that the "risks" are far less than the "benefits".

Wayne Heinen <Nrclog@aol.com>: "suspect that the AM LOG and AM Switch are examples where having them in electronic form would make life a lot easier for many." Obviously many are not familiar with the complete lack of reliability of the FCC and the various releases that carry these updates. The log can be updated in various ways but most data must be hand entered as it is received in a very diverse variety of formats. As to the secured web site, I already put an average of 20 hours a month in on the database... I don't see me freeing up much more time for a project like that until after I retire, so you've got a ways to wait

Doug Smith <w9wi@bellsouth.net>: "We just don't intend to make it easy for anyone else of his ilk to follow the same electronic path." I guess I should add my voice to the list of those suggesting that it will be impossible to stick with this position forever. There certainly was significant harm done to the club by the incident in question. I don't see that electronic distribution of DXN will be a significant risk to the club though. Especially in PDF format. (I'm not particularly fond of PDFs - the reader is a bit clunky, and the files are much larger than they need to be and harder to manipulate - but that's also a fair bit of security. It's much harder to pass around a large PDF than a text file.) What's to stop me from passing around my copy of DXN? I suspect some of that is already happening with the printed bulletin - I've my doubts an electronic version would see much more illicit distribution. Especially when you consider the risk that people will leave the club altogether rather than pay future necessary dues increases to cover paper distribution. That said, I would hope that paper distribution will continue to be available for my lifetime. Personally, I prefer a physical bulletin I can read on the front porch... I guess a question that needs to be asked; would a significant reduction in the number of members receiving physical copies of DXN force a significant increase in dues for those who continue to want a physical copy? (I suppose to a large degree that would depend on where the dues for "electronic membership" would be pegged) The AM Log is a tougher issue. For an electronic edition to be of value it would have to be distributed as a text file or some kind of database. (so that users could update it from AM Switch) But that would make it too easy to pass around illicit copies. I will say that I've found the PDF CD versions of Monitoring Times and QST to be quite useful and the graphics/pictures to be of excellent quality. Indeed, I have a large number of 1997/1998/1999 QSTs and 1999 MTs available for the cost of shipping, the disks have made the printed copies obsolete... Unfortunately, some of the QSTs require a proprietary program to do text searches. Since I run under Linux, this is a problem. If NRC does go to electronic distribution, it needs to be certain it uses a platform that supports all major OSs.

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: "However, we are in an era where standards are taking hold and once something is digital it can be converted to new digital storage formats." I disagree. In the digital world, standards are far from taking hold. Probably the only "universal" format is a text file. Many formats are incompatible, and it seems to be getting worse. Digital radio is a good example; each nation seems to be implementing their own version. The United States is working on IBOC and "pay radio" via satellite, while Canada is implementing their own version based on the European standard. Internet audio has RealAudio, MP3, and who knows how many versions of Windows Media Player codecs. What about competing platforms; Apple vs. IBM? WebTV? Then there's all the word processing and publishing tools; Acrobat, Word, Works, Word Perfect,.... Have you ever tried to download a document created with the latest Acrobat only to get errors because you need an upgrade or the full version? I've never had that problem with a book. You can probably tell that I'm somewhat passionate about this subject. Also, digital storage is not immune to deterioration. Compact disks are supposed to have a predicted shelf-life of only 30 years or so before dust and impurities do their thing. Magnetic storage deteriorates by the forces of nature. Then there's the occasional computer crash that tends to catch one off guard. Technology still has many issues to resolve before becoming a practical replacement of printed material for the populace. Long live the "low-tech" DX News. I've probably taken up too much space already on this subject. You know my opinion. Back to DXing.

Harry Helms <ak6c@earthlink.net>: Bruce, Even if the CD media deteriorates, the bits on it can be copied/duplicated ad infinitum without any loss of quality from the original. I'm also passionate about books, as anyone looks up my name at Amazon.com or in a card catalog at a library can tell. But I'm a realist. When my company goes from zero revenues in e-books to having 20% of our revenues come from e-books in less than 18 months, something is definitely in the wind. Dollars are never wrong, hi!

Harry Helms: Hi Russ, Yes, it is easier to simply abscond with electronic files, but that wasn't the point of my remarks. I was pointing out that keeping materials in strictly hard copy form offers zero protection against unauthorized duplication or use. If someone wanted to rip off the content of the new NRC log, say to produce a competing print product, it would be cheap and easy to do so. And why not store copies of master files at multiple locations, like my company does, to protect against theft/loss? That's a very basic security measure. As far as the number of people who would opt to print. . . . you made a good point. It depends on individual preferences. I use a lot of .PDF documents, and I always ask myself whether I really need a hard copy before clicking the print button. More often, I just print a page of two from a document. But the experiences with the electronic version of DX monitor, plus my own experiences with our e-books, have me convinced that electronic publishing is a direction we will eventually be moving toward for time-sensitive, niche material. To close the loop on this discussion, here is a link to my company's web site in which my business partner Jack Lewis discusses some advantages of e-books: <http://www.llh-publishing.com/rants/rant01.htm> I'm the "H" in LLH Technology Publishing, the company I co-founded after we sold Hightext Publications in late 1995. Thanks for all the input, folks; it was much appreciated. And thanks to Paul for the great job he has been doing with DX NEWS!

Paul Swearingen: Well, thanks to you for excellent food-for-thought material! I see that there's plenty of material for investigation (when I have time, hi).

Robert Foxworth <rfoxwor1@tampabay.rr.com>: "I don't ever want to see DX News replaced with something on-line." I agree, as long as we are fortunate to have dedicated people such as PLS in charge. It's just really enjoyable to grab a can of 'tuning oil' and sit down after a day's work and actually read the bulletin, and not stare at a CRT to do it.

And now for something completely different...well, a different subject anyway. We hear from John Callarman on his recent DX adventures:

John Callarman <JohnCallarman@email.msn.com>: After threatening for several years (since I last taped and logged a station in Illinois in the early '80s), I have finally started a brand, new log of stations taped. The 1,100-page-and-growing Callarman Family Genealogy takes first precedence but I'm now trying to get my locals first, during the daytime, in on-the-hour breaks, and going potluck from time to time at night. I now have 17 stations in the Krum log ... nothing reportable or of interest except, perhaps, speculation that KZEE-1220, Weatherford, Texas, is running much more than 8 watts at night, even at only 46 miles. It was strong and dominant in XEB null 10/30 2210 EST with a big band tune, followed by Jimmy Durante's "The Glory of Love." Format appears adult standards rather than oldies. Also of casual interest as I try to sort out the Texicans from the Mexicans was a Spanish-speaker on 1590 2203-2210 EST 10/30. Several mentions of "Bonita, Bonita" in singing slogan form (rather than as simple adjectives) points toward XEVOZ, dominant during music, fading during speech. (That part of DX hasn't changed.) Right now, I'm using an Optimus STA-795 from Radio Shack and the RS 15-1853 antenna. Signals generally speaking are not so powerful as on either of the car radios, but since I'm currently a mere beginner again, there are lots of things to log before I get serious. We still have much construction to do on the remodeled turn-of-the-century house before I can begin my antenna projects. I have not yet put in line the DL-1 I bought last year from Alan Merriman and am trying to figure out how to convince the XYL that a Drake R8, a good Onkyo FM-tuner, a 40-foot tower for a four-element monobander for 10-15-20 meters, a couple of FM antenna towers so I can use my Andy Bolin phasing unit and a K9AY array won't detract from her landscaping work. We have enough space for all that ... and enough money ... but I've learned in the past 32 years not to buy stuff unilaterally. We have entered into a handshake contract for a driveway, including radial curve, to park our visitors and will build a two-car garage next spring, perhaps with an attached room for all the radios. So until that space is committed, the antenna battle ... oops, discussion ... is postponed. Sadly, the thrill of DX is understood only by 50-percent of the Callarman household. John Callarman, Krum, Texas, 7 miles west of Denton, 49 miles north-northwest of 20 Metroplex FM antennas.

OFF THE INTERNET...

From Scott Fybush's *NorthEast Radio Watch* dated October 30, 2000:

Out west, the folks at Saga checked in to let us know their intentions for the WHMP (1400 Northampton) simulcast on East Longmeadow's 1600, lately WPNT. The goal for the new station,



