

# DX News

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WRCS	NC	970	Jan. 12	0000-0100
WRNI	RI	1290	Jan. 20	0000-0100

*From the Publisher ...* Lots of western USA DX is penetrating eastern conditions, according to reports on the NRCDXAS reflector ... look for reports in DDXD this and next week. On the other hand, TA and TP conditions are less than extraordinary, with only a few TA's traveling inland recently. However, Pan-American DX dominates the southland, with many DX'ers picking up new catches from south of the border recently. It's a matter of sitting on frequencies and digging 'em out, and maybe the info in this DXN will help you identify that elusive DX. And - when you get it ID'ed, report it to the appropriate column. We have

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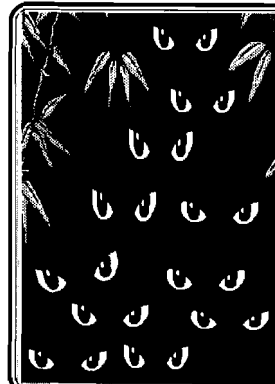
### DX Time Machine

#### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 12, 1952 DXN: Pat Reilley, Jamestown, NY reported two new catches on New Year's morning, namely HJKM-740, Bototá, Colombia, and HIL-790, Santo Doming, Dominican Republic.

25 years ago ... from the January 17, 1977 DXN: Common catches reported in Alan Merriman's IDXD were 525-R. Rumbo, Costa Rica (Clarence Freeman, Yreka, CA); 764-Senegal (Mark Connelly, Arlington, MA); 1403-Conakry, Guinea (Connelly and Freeman); 1555-R. Cayman, Cayman Is. (Connelly); and 1586-Langenberg, W. Germany (Connelly).

10 years ago ... from the January 13, 1992 DXN: Reported in Jim Renfrew's IDXD were such catches as 765-Senegal (Mark Connelly, Scituate, MA); 1314-UAE Dabiya (Brian Vernon, Nanisivik, NWT), and 1610-Anguilla (Connelly).



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# AM Switch

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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>
700	KSES CA Soledad	KMBX

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

720 NY Dewitt: 2500/390 U2 (modifies application shown last week)

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1110 AK Big Lake: 10000/10000 U1  
1210 FL Silver Springs: 5000/500 (2000 CH) U2  
1350 UT Fillmore: 5000/1000 U2

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

540 WLUX NY Islip: 1100/250 U4  
980 KICA NM Clovis: 1700/188 U1  
1140 WRMQ FL Orlando: 4600/245 U2  
1420 WKCW VA Warrenton: 10000/17 U1

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

640 WVLG FL Wildwood: 930/860 U1  
850 WDJA FL West Palm Beach: 50000/24000 U4  
910 KXEB TX Sherman: 1000/500 U4  
1240 KTX OR Pendleton: 800/800 U1  
1250 WMTR NJ Morristown: 5000/5000 U4

## OTHERNESS

550 WKNJ NJ Lakeside: request for additional time to construct DENIED, request for STA DISMISSED, request for reconsideration DENIED. This effectively, although not officially, means this long-standing CP is dead and makes way for the application for WLUX-540 to improve its facility as shown above. These actions were shown by the FCC for the Lakeside, NJ CP. We're not sure if it also affects the recently granted move of this facility to Harriman, NY. This could get a bit messy; we'll try to sort it out for you.

790 WRMS IL Beardstown: CP for 500/59 U4 is on  
1240 KSOX TX Raymondville: CP for 880/880 U1 is on  
1350 WPFM SC Darlington: CP for 650/65 U1 is on  
1360 KSRX KS El Dorado: CP for 1000/40 U5 is on  
1600 WQOP FL Atlantic Beach: CP for 5000/89 U1 is on

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, and Les Johnson

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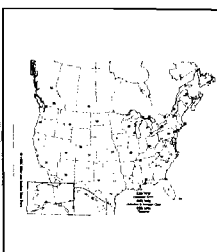


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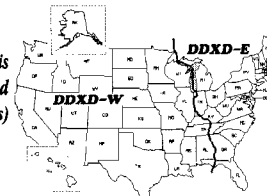
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**DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT**

## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ❑ This week they're saying: "WOW! The NH was a treat! Have 14 mins on tape. Years ago the local DXers used to get together on New Years Eve and DX all night. We'd swap tips and get our share of caffeine! SSS has been so/so lately, so tonight I'll have my own "all-nighter" trying for some overnight and SRS catches. My vacation this week has born much DX fruit! Tonight might be my last chance before I go back to work next week! Most of my NEW DX in 2001 has been on SRS followed by overnights. May we all have a super 2002! Well, the all-night session was nice. Quiet and peaceful with 2 new ones from Quebec! Listened til 8am local time as the sun rose and stuff is still coming in. I still am chasing 710-KXMR Bismarck ND, hi!" - JJR;
- ❑ Error make-up time... In Issue 12 I erroneously corrected a logging of Gary Jackson for the 1490 in Bakersfield. The calls remain KWAC. Sorry.
- ❑ Thanks to Phil Boersma for helping out with an unID from Issue 12.

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### STATION NEWS & NOTES

590 KAQQ WA Spokane - 1/1 -Now news/talk; ex: NOS. They also plan to change calls to KQNT. (100000watts.com)  
1280 KUDY WA Spokane - 1/1 - Changes to standards/NOS; ex: REL. (100000watts.com)  
870 (KAIM) HI Honolulu - 12/31 - Former religious station was removed from the air and bulk of programming was moved to KGU. Word has it that owners (Salem) plan to upgrade KRLA Glendale, CA (Los Angeles), since they no longer have to protect the channel to their west. KGU's news/talk programming has been moved to KHNR-650. (Various sources including AM@NRCDXAS list serv)  
880 KJOJ TX Conroe - Format changes from regional Mexican // KTTM 98.5 to Vietnamese. (100000watts.com)  
1190 KOWO MN Waseca - Has been sold and is rumored to be changing format from Classic Country to talk. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)  
1260 KTTF MO Springfield - Drops C&W. Now AP News and talk. (Tim Noonan at <http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing/#head>)

- 1350 KGHF CO Pueblo - 1/1 0720 - Noted relaying KCSJ-590, with IDs for the latter (*News Talk 590 KCSJ*) and *Coast to Coast AM* running. Likewise on (forgot to note time). Presume this is just temporary; maybe a change impending. (JW-CO)
- 1400 KREF OK Norman - 12/31 - Now sports, as *The Ref*; ex: news/talk. (100000watts.com)
- 1410 KRIL TX Midland - 12/31 - Now sports; ex: news/talk. Remains // KMND-1510. (100000watts.com)
- 1660 KAXW CA Merced - 12/27 2000 - ToH ID still KAXW 1660 and KRAN-1580, *Merced-Atwater*. Has NOT changed calls to KTIQ as yet. (DKK-CA)

#### UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 640 WMFN MI Zeeland - Likely CR-IL's unID in Issue 12. WMFN has CBS News at the top of hour, plus carries Westwood One's *AM Only* (NOS) feed overnights (2300-0600). (PLB-MI)
- 1010 UNID ?? - 12/31 0722 - Fair, with *Real Country*. No calls used. Looped South. (JJR-WI)
- 1190 UNID ?? - 12/31 0715-0721 - Fair and steady, with Aretha Franklin CD being tracked. After three songs and no ID, I left. No WOWO. Looped South. (JJR-WI)
- 1210 UNID ?? - 12/31 0811 - Fair, with live jock with TC and WTIX-690, K??? out of *Baton Rouge*, 1310 on the AM dial, 1310 ESPN and *Sports Gumbo* mention. Looped South. (JJR-WI) [Ring up WSKR "The Score" from Denham Springs (Baton Rouge). Checking the WTIX web site, there is a mention of "Sports Gumbo" at 0700 local. But no mention of being // to WSKR, or a 1310, but KEZM is also listed as "Sports" in the AM Log, so maybe there has been some affiliation made lately - Ed.]
- 1360 UNID ?? - 12/30 0611 - Poor, in WGEE null. Looping northeast. *The Music of Your Life on WOO?*. Last letter was V, P, E or similar. Stumped! (JJR-WI) [How about WKOP-NY? They throw a little bit of power your way. - Ed.]
- 1530 UNID ?? - 12/29 0300 - Poor, with WCKY nulled. Steady, with some fades. Sporting News Radio with no local ads, ID, NOTHING at ToH! Listened 30+ minutes. (JJR-WI)
- 1630 UNID ?? - 12/30 2105 - SS station playing music. Good signal looping N-S. (JTR-OK) [Isn't there an XE on 1630 from Tijuana? - Ed.]

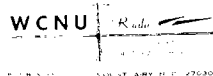
#### TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1610 UNID TIS ?? - 12/27 0500-0830 - Weak, almost inaudible (but on tape). Heard woman saying . . . *broadcasting on 1610 kHz* . . . and faded with no ID. Then male announcer came on saying it was 35 degrees several times, then faded. No ID or location in three hours of listening. First HAR heard on 1610. Hope it's in again, or someone else has heard this with similar format or programming. Help! (GJ-CA)
- 1610 WNFK966 CA - 12/29 0900 - Cal Trans, announcing . . . *Eastbound Highway 58 between Highway 99 and Interstate 5 is subject to congestion Monday through Friday. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes 223 [????].* (GJ-CA)

#### MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

- 540 KSRK CA Carmel Valley - 12/26 1959:30 - Nicely atop, with ToH ID at 2000: *The Talk of Monterey Bay*. Listed four cities in location. Went into CBS News. (DKK-CA)
- 550 KFYZ ND Bismarck - 12/28 1850 - Poor, but steady. Nice KFYZ 550. (JJR-WI)
- 560 KLZ CO Denver - 12/28 0818 - Good, with song by the Miami Sound Machine, a live ad for Ponderosa Clocks, then a taped ad for another local business, both ads mentioning a phone number of 303-477-INFO. All this followed by a time check and ID. (RD-NE)
- 560 WEBC MN Duluth - 12/22 2259 - Fair, with ad for a local jeweler, then ID as *Great Talk 560 WEBC*. . . (RD-NE)
- 580 CKUA AB Edmonton - 12/21 0900 - With Alberta news on the CKUA Radio Network. Fair in QRM; semi-rare here. (JW-CO)
- 580 CKPR ON Thunder Bay - 12/29 0231 - Poor, with AdCon and 580 CKPR. Not common. (JJR-WI)
- 590 WJMS MI Ironwood - 12/29 1743 - Fair and alone, with jingle, C&W song. Rare! (JJR-WI)

- 590 CKRS QC Jonquiere - 12/29 0610 - Fair at 10/9. Others nulled. FF talk, calls. QC #25. First new one on frequency in 15+ yrs! NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 600 KSJB ND Jamestown - 12/30 0730 - Poor, with full ID finally after 14 minutes of weather, ad, no calls. C&W. A real treat! (JJR-WI)
- 600 CKAT ON North Bay - 12/29 0223 - Poor, but steady, with calls and C&W. Nothing dominates 600 here. (JJR-WI)
- 610 KDAL MN Duluth - 12/29 1736 - Fair, with station promo into Beach Boy oldie. Seldom heard. (JJR-WI)
- 610 CHNC QC New Carlisle - 12/29 0650 - Very good at 10/9, with FF chatter, ads and ID at ToH. QC #26. First new on 610 in 22+ years! NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 630 KCIS WA Edmonds - 12/20 1112-1125+ - Atop, with local tele-talk show on environmental concerns. Local ads for Bremerton and Edmonds, etc. Stayed solid 'til 1127 when KPTT, etal came back. (DKK-CA)
- 650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley - 12/30 1820 - Weak, in WSM null, with Denver Broncos football running about one second behind the broadcast from KOA. (RD-NE)
- 650 WNMT MN Nashwauk - 12/22 2303 - Fair, in tight WSM null, with Minnesota Timberwolves post game show and an ID of *News Talk 650 WNMT*. (RD-NE)
- 660 CFFR AB Calgary - 12/27 0131- Atop, with *All You Need Is Love* and good signal, in KTNN null. (DKK-CA)
- 670 KBOI ID Boise - 12/31 1854 - Fair, under WSCR, with a nice ID: *The 50,000 Watt Voice of the Northwest, News Talk 670, KBOI*. What? You mean that honor doesn't belong to KOMO??? (RD-NE) [Population notwithstanding, I wouldn't be surprised if KBOI doesn't cover more of the "Northwest" than KOMO does - Ed.]
- 680 KNBR CA San Francisco - 12/28 0756 - Poor, with *KNBR dot com* promo, *Mike & Mike*, ID, AP News at :00. (JJR-WI)
- 680 WZMK MI Dearborn Heights - 12/29 1900 - Poor, with very muddy audio. REL program, ID and *AM 68* slogan into more REL. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 680 CJOB MB Winnipeg - 12/28 0756 - Poor, with calls and chatter. Not common here. (JJR-WI)
- 690 KGGF KS Coffeyville - 1/1 0839 - Got an ID, clearly popping out of the soup with: *You're tuned to the information superhighway, KGGF, Coffeyville, Independence.* (KR-AZ)
- 710 WTPR TN Paris - 12/31 0740 - Poor, with a jingle at end of news. Oldies. (JJR-WI)
- 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas - 12/30 1921 - Under WGN, with a local ad for Angel's Touch massage, then a promo for a sports talk show, followed by a KDWN ID. (RD-NE)
- 730 KLOE KS Goodland - 12/16 1344 - Faint, in null of KWOA, with Denver Broncos football and ads for several Goodland businesses including Earl's Chevrolet-Buick Company, Kamper Liquor, and a John Deere dealership. This is the westernmost station that one can expect to hear from Omaha in the daytime on a consistent basis. (RD-NE)
- 730 KKDA TX Grand Prairie - 12/24 0731 - Heard *Soul 73*, then news item about Dallas. Weak, floating above Spanish (Mexico?). K=5 today. (DZ-WI)
- 750 CJVR SK Melfort - 12/29 0852 - Good, with 750 CJVR ID and a list of New Year's Eve happenings in Melfort and Prince Albert. (RD-NE)
- 760 KTKRp TX San Antonio - 12/29 0828 - Ad for *Wolf Creek Ranch* . . . *about an hour from Austin*. Weak, behind WJR just past Sunrise. 0830 with a bible show, with jump in signal; switch from 1 kW to 50?, or was this something else? Then lost behind WJR. (DZ-WI) [I'd suspect another station jumping in there. A 'bible show' is one of the last things I'd suspect to hear from KTKR, plus their power-up time for December is 0815. KCCV's sign-on time should be 0830, so it might have been them - Ed.]
- 790 KSPD ID Boise - 1/1 2059 - ID as *Treasure Valley's* . . . *Family Radio all day long, KSPD 790, Boise*, then a spot for a jewelry store, then into *Israel News*. Fair, generally under KGHL. Listed as a daytimer. (JW-CO) [The FCC database shows a listing for them as 61 watts nights 'planned'. Maybe they are 'planning' - Ed.]
- 790 KXXX KS Colby - 12/11 1347 - Weather with current temperatures around Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas, then ads for Overhead Door Company of Garden City,



S&S Trailers in Ness City, and Mike Seltzer Jewelers in Wichita. A slightly better groundwave signal than KLOE. (RD-NE)

800 KDFO CA **Bakersfield - 12/27 0140** - With ID, Fox Sports Radio slogan and Bakersfield ads. Heard through very heavy KGO slop while nulling KPDQ. (DKK-CA)

800 CJAB SK **Moose Jaw - 12/28 0730** - Very good at 20/9. *Country 800* non-IDs, local mentions. (JJR-WI)

800 CHAB SK **Moose Jaw - 12/29 0803** - Broadcast News, non-ID as *Country 800*, talk of Moose Jaw hockey team. Weather, temperatures in Moose Jaw and Regina. Weak, but on top. (DZ-WI)

810 WHB MO **Kansas City - 12/24 0805** - Strong, mixing with WMJH. ESPN radio, then ID, Kansas City. Equal with WMJH at 0807, but gone at 0811. (DZ-WI)

820 WMGG FL **Largo - 12/30 0716** - Very good, dominating, with *La Mega Musica* . . . jingle. SS. (JJR-WI)

830 KPLS CA **Orange - 12/20 0421** - With . . . \_\_\_\_ is on the air on *Hot Talk Weekend* on KPLS. Legal ID at 0428: *KPLS, Orange. Radio on the Right*. Well over WCCO. New! (FM-IL)

830 KOTC MO **Kennett - 12/29 0818** - Poor signal. Waited three minutes for jock to say calls. Old C&W. (JJR-WI)

860 KARS NM **Belen - 12/30 1947** - Atop, with ad for Tierra Del Sol Country Club, followed by an ad that contained two mentions of Albuquerque, then an ID of KARS and into Spanish music. First time ever logged from anywhere. (RD-NE)

870 KFLD WA **Pasco - 12/30 0548** - With ESPN programming. QRM from SS unID; no WWL noted; splash from KMVP. Got ID at 0558; gone by 0559. Just made it. New. (KR-AZ)

880 WMDB TN **Nashville - 12/29 0758** - Man with mention of Nashville, then ID. Poor, mixing with a gospel station. (DZ-WI)

890 KDXU UT **St. George - 12/24 2100** - St. George ads, ABC News, call ID and into *The Michael Savage Show*. Steady, with QRM. (RA-CA)

900 CKBI SK **Prince Albert - 12/29 0847** - Good, with CKBI ID and a promo for New Year's Eve goings-on around Prince Albert. (RD-NE)

900 CKBI SK **Prince Albert - 1/1 0842** - C&W tunes; ID as *Country 900 CKBI*. Listed as OLD/AC. Fair with KPOF-910 slop. (JW-CO)

910 KPOF CO **Denver - 12/26 0758** - News from SRN. ID. Lots of splatter from WOKY 920, mixing with OLD. (DZ-WI)

910 WALT MS **Meridian - 12/10 0339** - First noted WSUI completely off the air about four hours earlier, and WSUI continued to alternate between that and open carrier through the wee hours. My persistence was finally rewarded at 0339 with a local ad that mentioned . . . *southern Alabama* and . . . *on Highway 45 South*. WSUI came back on with BBC programming at 0415. (RD-IA)

910 WJCW TN **Johnson City - 12/31 0739** - Poor, with clear calls. In with other. (JJR-WI)

910 WEPG TN **South Pittsburg - 12/10 0350** - Briefly atop the static, with a simple ID of WEPG. My 575th and (hopefully) final entry in the Iowa City logbook. (RD-IA)

910 WDOR WI **Sturgeon Bay - 12/27 1745** - Poor, with live sign-off. *Tune to FM*; no SB. (JJR-WI)

920 KVEL UT **Vernal - 12/15 0432** - Fair, in ultra-tight null of KYFR, with an ad for a tire business on east Main in Vernal. (RD-NE)

930 KRKY CO **Granby - 12/27 0831** - Surprisingly good signal, with the Monkees' Pleasant Valley Sunday, then an ID that included Granby, followed by current temperatures and road conditions around northeast Colorado. (RD-NE)

940 WCPC MS **Houston - 12/27 1738** - Poor, with calls after ad. Alone on frequency. (JJR-WI)

950 KRKS CO **Denver - 1/1 0917** - ID: KRKS and Jim Christiansen with *"The Heaven and Home Show*. Rare and QRMed by an XE. (KR-AZ)

960 WERC AL **Birmingham - 1/1 0105** - Fair, with *News Radio 960 WERC* ID in a weather forecast. (RD-NE)

960 KROF LA **Abbeville - 12/29 0206** - Fair, but steady, with calls and NOS. In WSBT null. (JJR-WI)

960 KZIM MO **Cape Girardeau - 12/28 0815** - Poor, in WSBT null, with calls and news. (JJR-WI)

970 KBUL MT **Billings - 1/1 1945** - Michael Reagan Show; ID as *News Radio 970 KBUL*; legal



ID at 2000. Listed as C&W. (JW-CO)

970 WWIT NC **Canton - 12/30 0538** - Fair, steady, with *Oldies 97 WWIT*. Reverted to old calls/format. (JJR-WI)

970 WDAY ND **Fargo - 12/29 1836** - Very Good at 30/9, with North Dakota State University Ladies Basketball . . . on 970 WDAY. Never in this well! (JJR-WI)

990 WLDX AL **Fayette - 12/16 2305** - Fair, in CBW null, with Christmas music off the bird and an ID: *Happy Holidays from WLDX*. (RD-NE)

1000 KOMO WA **Seattle - 1/1 0709** - PSA for Disabled American Vets, followed by *This has been a Public Service Announcement from Fisher Broadcasting and Como AM 1000* and back to talk program, a local show, I think. Pretty decent signal with minimal QRM. (JW-CO)

1020 KJJK MN **Fergus Falls - 12/24 0249** - Fair, in null of KDKA, with ad for a business in the town of Otter Tail. (RD-NE)

1020 WNTK NH **Newport - 12/28 0700** - Poor, with KDKA nulled. *Hometown Radio Station* mention, AP News, local ads with web address and area code, state news, calls, C&W music. A tape will be sent! New Hampshire #2. NEW! (JJR-WI)

1020 WRIX SC **Homeland Park - 1/3 0531-0545** - Good-to-fair, in KDKA null, tracking an instrumental album (mostly flute music). At 0543 IDed as AM and FM in weather forecast, then went into school closings due to ice storm, then back to music. New here. (EL-IL)

1030 WBZ MA **Boston - 12/14 2203** - Fair, with TC: *WBZ News time is ten-oh-three*. (RD-NE)

1030 WCTS MN **Maplewood - 12/31 0959** - REL comments; ID at 1000:05 as *WCTS Maplewood-Minneapolis-St. Paul*, then into another REL program. Poor, in QRM in the null of KTW. (JW-CO)

1050 KMTA MT **Miles City - 12/25 0828** - Fair, with Christmas music and ID as *Ten Fifty KMTA*. (RD-NE)

1070 KNX CA **Los Angeles - 12/15 0106** - Fair, with traffic check, a *KNX 1070* ID and southern California weather. (RD-NE)

1100 KNZZ CO **Grand Junction - 12/16 1832** - Readable in slight splash from KFAB, with a women's basketball game between the Mesa State Mavericks and the Metro State Roadrunners. I had never heard of these two schools before, so I had to wait for some local ads before I knew which station I had. (RD-NE)

1100 WCGA GA **Woodbine - 12/30 0707** - Poor, way down with WTAM nulled, with *News Talk* ??? W-C-G-A. Calls very pronounced. (JJR-WI)

1120 WKCE TN **Maryville - 12/30 0700** - Poor, though clear and steady in KMOX null. Legal ID into AP News. NOS/MoYL. First new one on frequency in 14 years! NEW! (JJR-WI)

1140 CHRB AB **High River - 12/31 0801** - Good, with news stories mentioning High River, then a weather forecast for southern Alberta. (RD-NE)

1140 KSOO SD **Sioux Falls - 12/29 1819** - Poor, with WRVA nulled. *Eleven-four-oh KSOO* into talk programming. (JJR-WI)

1140 KCLE TX **Cleburne - 12/16 [no time]** - Fair with classic country music and an ad for Neal Suzuki in Cleburne. (RD-NE)

1140 KYOK TX **Conroe - 12/24 1824** - Church calendar mentioned for church in Houston: . . . *and that's what's happening in our local community* into black gospel. Strong, in mostly poor SSS conditions. (FM-IL)

1150 CJRC QC **Gatineau - 12/28 0657** - Fair, with calls twice in FF chatter. Alone. (JJR-WI)

1160 KENS TX **San Antonio - 0847-0849** - Bose Radio ad, promo for *Ask the Doctor* program, and another ad. Briefly good signal in KSL null. First time heard with sufficient info to report reception. E-mail verified by Mark Nicholson, Morning Show Producer. (BM - SD)

1190 KPHN MO **Kansas City - 1/31 0856** - Fair - WOWO nulled - with *Business Radio 1190 KPHN* in Imus break. (JJR-WI)

1260 KWYR SD **Winner - 12/30 0623** - Poor, but alone, with ads, 1260 KWYR, old C&W. *Country 1260* slogan not noted. (JJR-WI)

1310 KOKX IA **Keokuk - 12/23 2055** - NOS music, call ID. Weak, heard on loop only. New here. (JTR-OK)

1310 KMBS LA **West Monroe - 12/29 2100** - *Dead Doctors Don't Lie* medicine show. Liberty Works Network and call ID, followed by marching music. New here. (JTR-OK)

1320 KHRT ND **Minot - 12/29 0956** - Fair, with ID: *Keeping you informed . . . KHRT . . .* Odd to

hear this one at this hour with no sign of KELO. (RD-NE)

1350 KGHF CO Pueblo - 12/19 2259 - Good with ID: Your home for . . . AM 1350 KGHF, Pueblo, a Clear Channel . . . , then sunk back into the mess. (RD-NE)

1350 KGHF CO Pueblo - 12/23 2040 - Christmas music; Ray Stevens' Xerox Christmas Letter and call ID. (JTR-OK)

1370 WGCL IN Bloomington - 12/22 0605 - Fair, with 1370 WGCL ID at end of weather forecast. (RD-NE)

1370 WLTC NC Gastonia - 12/30 0638 - Poor, yet alone, with . . . on 1370, 1490 AM Rejoice Radio. Urban gospel. First new one on frequency in 16 years! NEW! (JJR-WI)

1410 WRMN IL Elgin - 12/30 0605 - Poor, and alone, with calls. Never heard at night!! (JJR-WI)

1440 KTNO TX Denton - 12/30 1900 - Fair, with legal ID in EE. SS programming, over others. (JJR-WI)

1450 KGRE CO Greeley - 12/31 2359 - Way atop, with Spanish music and an ID of KGRE, Greeley-Denver . . . Nice way to close out 2001. (RD-NE)

1460 KLTC ND Dickinson - 12/22 2159 - Good, with ID: You're listening to KLTC, Dickinson . . . (RD-NE)

1470 KEAN TX Abilene - 12/16 2018 - Country oldies, then an ID: . . . authentic country, 1470 The Ranch. Apparently no longer //105.5. (RD-NE)

1490 KBUR IA Burlington - 12/27 1724-1725 - Briefly on top with ad, time by male announcer at 1724:30 and furniture store ad. 530 miles at 760 watts. First time ever heard. (BM-SD)

1560 KLNG IA Council Bluffs - 12/19 1420 - C&W music, call ID, then faded. (JTR-OK)

1570 WRJQ WI Appleton - 12/31 0756 - Fair, with WRJQ Morning Show. Polkas. Calls flip to WSCO soon. (JJR-WI)

1580 KMIK AZ Tempe - 12/13 1911 - Fair, with AM 1580, Radio Disney ID. Gone, as expected, at 1915. (RD-NE)

1590 KPRT MO Kansas City - 12/31 0705 - Call ID and gospel music. Heard rarely here on low night power. (JTR-OK)

1590 KMIC TX Houston - 12/18 2120 - Houston Rockets basketball game, IDing as AM 950 apparently // KPRC. (JTR-OK)

1600 KNWA AR Bellefonte - 1752-1754 - PSAs for National Guard and United Way, message from teenager, ID by male announcer with Bellefonte/Harrison given as location. Licensed to Bellefonte, but studios are in Harrison. Poor signal in KCRG/KKCK sandwich. First time heard; reception reported. (BM - SD)

1660 KXOL UT Brigham City - 12/15 0301 - Fair, with bits of an ID: . . . music stars . . . KXOL . . . Brigham City . . . (RD-NE)

1680 WJNZ MI Ada - 12/30 2050 - Call ID: 1680 Jams and UC music. Strong signal, possibly daytime power. (JTR-OK)

1700 KQXX TX Brownsville - 12/30 2040 - Call ID and oldies. Over/under KTBK. New here. (JTR-OK)

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REPORTERS

MB-DE Mike Battaglino, at in-laws' in Wilmington - SONY 2010 and Radio Shack Loop.

MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.

SC-ON Saul Chermos - 1996 Toyota Corolla radio.

BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft Ewe antennas east and southwest.

PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.

JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - Drake R8B, pair of 135' terminated wires, MFJ-2026 phase box, etc.

HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - HQ-180, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Superadio II, Bose Wave.

GL-NY Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park - DX-398 and Select-A-Tenna.

WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.

RCP-IN Robert C. Pote, Greenwood - Drake R8A receiver and Kiwa Loop.

AR-ON Andy Rugg, on Highway 401 at Kingston - 1996 Buick car radio.

UNID, UNID HELP, PRESUMED AND CORRECTIONS

540 WWCSp PA Canonsburg - 12/15 2030 - Radio Disney. (WM-MD)

640 WWJZp NJ Mount Holly - 12/26 1737 - Radio Disney. (WM-MD)

790 WETBp TN Johnson City - 12/30 1715 - Strong signal w/gospel MX and ID, "Sunshine 79". Power cut w/no ID heard. (HJH-PA)

820 WMGGp FL Largo - 12/31 1725 - SS Format. Spanish talk and some music. Several mentions about Florida several Christmas songs sung in Spanish. Followed by a "happy holidays" in English. Fantastic signal and all alone. (RCP-IN)

870 UNID - - - - - 12/14 2125 - SS talk heard. (WM-MD)

960 UNID - - - - - 12/15 1707 - ESPN radio; "laser" sound; "you're on the team 960". (WM-MD)

1000 UNID - - - - - 12/31 1734 - Dr. Laura program in progress way under WMVP. (RCP-IN)

1110 UNID - - - - - 12/15 1650 - After Louis Armstrong song, "good time oldies" slogan, then gone. (WM-MD)

1120 UNID - - - - - 12/31 1810 - Tom Leykis program sneaking in under a dominant KMOX. Who carries Tom Leykis on 1120? (RCP-IN)

1160 WYLLp IL Chicago - 12/24 1810 - Religious Christmas music; mention of Indiana. (WM-MD)

1310 CIWWp ON Ottawa - 12/24 0642 - My local station WTLC was off the air enabling me to hear this oldie station. Several mentions of Ottawa followed by "This is Oldies 1310". First time heard. (RCP-IN)

1530 UNID - - - - - 12/29 2150 - Battling with WSAI and another UNID Sporting News Radio affiliate, with play-by-play of Saturday night NFL football. At break, local weather report with mention of snow flurries. At top of the hour, two network PSAs were aired back-to-back, but then just dead air and no station ID! The signal even faded up nicely too. Not much in the way of prospects via the Log, unless a daytimer was on. Any ideas?? (MB-DE)

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1540 UNID - - - - - 12/29 2211 - Fair but steady with spot with male announcer in English talking about employment opportunities for new multi-cultural radio station. Mention of FM 97.9. Female announcer followed in Spanish with music, then took a caller @2218. (MB-DE)

1710 UNID - - - - - 12/28 0035 - pirate here in utility station QRM with man preaching. Was still there later at 0839. I think this is the "Lubavitcher Radio" mentioned in last issue of "DX News". (JF-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

540 KWMT IA Fort Dodge - 12/26 0737 - c/w format George Jones and Melba Montgomery song followed by station ID at 0740. Followed by a Ronnie Milsap tune. Very poor signal. I haven't heard this one in several years. (RCP-IN)

CBK SK Regina - 12/28 0732 - Canadian weather given for all the western provinces, followed with the current temperature in Regina, 16 degrees. First time heard this DX season. Fair to good signal. (RCP-IN)

560 WVOC SC Columbia - 12/21 1700 - ID; ABC news. (WM-MD)

WGAI NC Elizabeth City - 12/21 2200 - "The home of the Tar Heels"; "Newsradio 560"; ID. (WM-MD)

WFBQ TN Memphis - 12/29 0803 - CBS News with Steve Cady, station ID "56 WHBQ". Then into a sports program. Poor to fair signal. (RCP-IN)

570 WNAX SD Yankton - 12/27 0740 - Discussion of farm prices, cattle markets, and feeder cattle. Followed by station break "Stay tuned to 570 WNAX, Big Country, the 5 state weather forecast coming up". Very good signal armchair level. (RCP-IN)

590 WARM PA Scranton - 12/15 1731 - "The mighty sound on WARM". (WM-MD)

610 WTVN OH Columbus - 12/20 1650 - ID heard in mess. (WM-MD)

620 WKHB PA Irwin - 12/30 1645 - Strong w/program by Well Ministry, local towns and

phone numbers mentioned. No ID heard. (HJH-PA)

WSNR NJ Newark - 12/31 1756 - fighting off WTMJ with ID: "Sporting News Radio for New York, 620 WSNR", "Sporting News Radio" jingle, into talk on upcoming college football games. To paraphrase Lou Gehrig, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth, to have actually heard a live ID on these suckers! \_ (MKB-ON)

640 WFNC NC Fayetteville - 12/20 1749 - Dr. Laura show; ID. (WM-MD)

650 WNMT MN Nashwauk - 01/01 0639 - Art Bell program in progress followed by ad for US Savings Bonds and website WWW.Savings.Bonds.com. Station ID heard at 0704 "Newstalk WNMT". Very tough in partial WSM null. Best in USB mode. (RCP-IN)

660 KSKY TX Balch Springs - 12/27 1810 - Ad for Sears custom windows followed by a slogan "Southern Gospel KSKY" followed by another ID a musical "660 K-Sky". then back to religious music. Very good signal. (RCP-IN)

670 WWFE FL Miami - 12/30 2005 - Good signal w/Spanish discussion program and another Spanish station behind, probably Cuba. Chicago very weak. ID in English, "This is WWFE 670, Miami". New. (HJH-PA)

680 WINR NY Binghamton - 12/20 1338 - 1355 - Fair and steady signal dominating the channel when I passed through Kingston, ON. Nostalgia music and frequent ID's as "AM 680 WINR, your American Music Classic Station". By the time I hit Napanee, 20 mi. to the west, CFTR had taken over. (AR-ON)

710 KXMR ND Bismarck - 12/29 1758 - poor on west wire mixing with WDSM / KAPZ with ID "Newstalk 710, KXMR, Bismarck-Mandan" into Sporting News Radio stuff. New! (JF-ON)

KAPZ AR Bald Knob - 12/29 1805 - good over WDSM at times with C&W music // KWCK-99.9 (new format) and "Quick Country 99.9" slogans. I've heard this one many times, gets out good for 250 watter. (JF-ON)

720 CHTN PEI Charlottetown - 12/21 2135 - Oldies music; promo for Paul Harvey; ID. (WM-MD)

750 WPDV WV Clarksburg - 12/26 1706 - Station ID heard at 1707 "AM 750 WPDV" followed by what sounded like a Benny Goodman song. Faded up and disappeared rapidly. First time heard. (RCP-IN)

790 CIGM ON Sudbury - 12/15 1705 - "for today's country"; ID. (WM-MD)

800 WSVS VA Crewe - 12/20 1700 - Bobby Goldsboro song; "you're listening to WSVS AM 800." (WM-MD)

830 WKTX OH Cortland - 12/27 1658 - "Seasons greetings from WKTX's various sponsors such as Sable and Son Funeral Home in Youngstown, Westside Market, and Lakewood Beverage and Deli". A very good signal I listened until 1700 when they went to Hungarian language format. (RCP-IN)

KOTC MO Kennett - 12/29 1735 - Ad to advertise on "Cotton Country". Mentioned they are a member of the National Assoc. of Farm Broadcasters. Good signal. "Real Country" programming. S/off at 1745 w/anthem. (HJH-PA)

840 WHGH GA Thomasville - 12/21 1732 - Gospel music heard in WHAS fade; signoff; ID. (WM-MD)

WRYM CT New Britain - 12/30 1900 - Fair; "Transmitte WRYM New Britain, Hartford," and Spanish tropical music in WHAS null. (BC-NH)

850 WYDE AL Birmingham - 12/20 1733 - Ad for fish market on Highway 31; traffic report; promo for UAB basketball; ID. (WM-MD)

WYLF NY Penn Yan - 12/30 1850 - Good; nostalgia, "You found us, we're AM 850 WYLF," in WEEI null. (BC-NH)

860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 12/30 1820 - Weather, "In Parsons it's 27, in Coffeyville it's 27, and in Joplin it's 26... KKOW Pittsburg... your station for NFL Sunday," weak with CIBC nulled out, my first from Kansas! (BC-NH)

890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 12/22 1700 - Christmas message; signoff; "tune in for the best in southern gospel music"; ID. (WM-MD)

W-R-I-B + 12/31 1648 - Southern gospel music format. Station ID heard "This is Joy WKNV 890." They mentioned that they were ending their broadcast day. They played a final gospel tune then left the air at 1700. Very good signal rivaling WLS for a short time. First time heard. (RCP-IN)

900 WCPA PA Clearfield - 12/15 1800 - after Elton John song, "good times, great oldies on the classic channel"; ID. (WM-MD)

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910 WABI ME Bangor - 12/26 1700 - ID after Sinatra song; CNN news. (WM-MD)  
+ 12/30 1710 - Oldies "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "The Look of Love", then spoken "WABI 9-10... the place where you hear the best music", by male DJ. Good reception, my first Maine catch in almost 30 years of DXing! (GL-NY)

920 WHJJ RI Providence - 12/13 1707 - temperature check; news report; ID. (WM-MD)  
WIRD NY Lake Placid - 12/20 1825 - Chevrolet ad; promo for Lake Placid skiing; sports report. (WM-MD)

940 WCPC MS Houston - 1/1 1809 - Very good and alone w/several IDs. Mentioned that "Gospel Express" would not be heard this Tuesday afternoon as usual. (HJH-PA)

950 WROL MA Boston - 12/29 0810 - fair with promo for Congress 2002 gospel conference sponsored by WROL and visionnewengland.com, promo for Ray Flynn show "weekdays at 3 on AM 950". (MKB-ON)

WVTS WV Charleston - 1/1 1759 - Very strong signal and alone on channel. First time heard w/these calls and format which is now talk. Ending Sean Hannity Show. Ad for Phil Henry Show. ABC NX on hour followed by Bill Farber program. (HJH-PA)

960 CFFX ON Kingston - 12/27 1729 - "Good Time Oldies" format, as I motored by Kingston. Frequent ID's as "GTO 960" & occasional ad clusters. News came from CKWS - TV. Music ran over the hour at 1800, with news beginning 1802. CFFX call-letters not heard. (AR-ON)

970 WAMD MD Aberdeen - 12/14 2150 - ID heard after "Great Balls of Fire." (WM-MD)

1020 WPEO SC Peoria - 12/30 1730 - A 1 kW daytime signing off. "This is WPEO, Peoria, Illinois. We are now required by the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC, to leave the air. ... WPEO operates on an assigned frequency of 1020 kilohertz ... with a power of 1000 watts as authorized by the FCC. Thank you for joining us today. We invite you to tune in again tomorrow at 6:30. This is WPEO, Peoria. Cut carrier with no SSB. Equal in strength to KDKA-PA. (PC-VA)

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Gastonia, North Carolina

1040 KGGR TX Dallas - 12/27 1806 - Station Promo heard "KGGR 1040 The Mix serving the Dallas-Fort Worth area." This was followed by another promo "Great Gospel Radio keeping you in the mix". Very very good signal in WHO null. (RCP-IN)

WWBA FL Pinellas Park - 12/30 0656 - Commentator Mike Savage with *Savage Nation*. On the hour, "This is AM 10-40, WWBA, Pinellas Park, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, a Genesis Communication broadcasting station". (PC-VA)

1070 CBA NB Moncton - 12/26 1730 - report on weather in Canada; CBC news. (WM-MD)

1080 WNWI IL Oak Lawn - 12/26 1712 - alone with Polish language talk mentioning the Taliban several times. (JF-ON)

KRLD TX Dallas - 1/1 1825 - Very good, dominating over a weak WTIC. Ad for Metter Chrysler/Jeep on I-20, then back to CBS World Roundup. (HJH-PA)

1110 WJML MI Petoskey - 12/29 1705 - V/strong w/"1110-JML" ID's. Sports program called "Michigan Weekend". CBS NX on the hour. Needed. (HJH-PA)

1120 WBNW MA Concord - 12/23 0030 - Fair, competing w/KMOX. Business ads and information. ID, "You're listening to WBNW, Concord and WPLM-1390". (HJH-PA)

WKQW PA Oil City - 12/31 0706 - Announcement about recall of certain Whirlpool microwaves; ad for Mailbox Etcetera, with 4,400 locations worldwide, then "The Big Talker, Oil City, 11-20 KQW". Followed by news from CNN Radio. (PC-VA)

1150 CKOC ON Hamilton - 12/15 1954 - "All oldies all the time... keep your radios tuned to Oldies 1150"; ID. (WM-MD)

KRMS MO Osage Beach - 12/31 0030 - faded up over CKOC/WIMA/WGGH mess with a couple of "NewsTalk 1150, KRMS" mentions then gone. New! (JF-ON)

WLOC KY Munfordville - 1/1 1900 - Weak to fair w/Country MX. ID snagged on the hour, "In the heart of KY, this is WLOC-1150". New and much appreciated. First new one of the new year. (HJH-PA)

1200 WOAI TX San Antonio - 12/19 2200 - Portland-San Antonio NBA game; ID. (WM-MD)

1230 **WCRO PA** **Johnstown** - 12/26 2259 - Very brief "WCRO, Johnstown" ID popped out from the mess at the top of the hour, then disappeared. **(MB-DE)**

1260 **WNDE IN** **Indianapolis** - 12/22 1750 - Heard under many others w/ID, "Home of the NFL, Sportsradio WNDE." **(HJH-PA)**

**WWJQ MI** **Zeeland** - 12/25 0900 - good with ID: "Alternative talk radio, WWJQ AM, Holland - Grand Rapids" into *Focus on the Family*. **(MKB-ON)**

**WPHB PA** **Philipsburg** - 12/26 2305 - Briefly with local weather report-"Your 5-state weather forecast"- mention of snow flurries and temperatures in the 20's, and "radio 1260, WPHB" ID. Log lists them at 34 watts. **(MB-DE)**

1270 **WXYT MI** **Detroit** - 12/22 2107 - PSA for Volunteers of America; ID. **(WM-MD)**

**WTSN NH** **Dover** - 12/27 1605 - Commercial for Red Lobster, then "I'm ... WTSN News-room"; comments about the hazards of holiday overspending by consumers. **(PC-VA)**

**WDLA NY** **Walton** - 12/27 1547 - Nostalgia; with *Harbor Lights* and *On the Street Where You Live*. Several CLIDs, then full ID on the hour, "AM 12-70, WDLA, Walton, a Banjo Radio Group station. Overpowered later by WTSN-NH. **(PC-VA)**

1280 **WJAY SC** **Mullins** - 12/27 1705 - Report of funeral services in Marion, SC, for various people; mention of McGill Funeral Home, South Main Street, in Marion. At 1709, "That was the obituary column of ... WJAY. And now, from the ... management and entire staff of WJAY, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families everywhere." **(PC-VA)**

**CFYZ ON** **Toronto** - 12/27 2118 - Last letter of ID was pronounced as "Zed". a la Australia-speak. Airport Information Station; at 2120, "You are listening to 12-80, CFYZ, the voice of Toronto-Pearson International Airport. The Greater Toronto Airport Authority welcomes you to Toronto's gateway to the world." Very rough copy; tape loop fading in and out of evening babble. **(PC-VA)**

**WBZY PA** **New Castle** - 12/28 0628 - Patsy Cline with *Walking After Midnight*. Faded out, but back in at 0631 with "Now ... 12-80, WBZY News", only to be overpowered by QRM. Resurfaced with sports news and reference to "Sister Station 1200 WKST", also in New Castle. The present WBZY was WKST when logged back in 1990. **(PC-VA)**

1290 **WBNF NY** **Binghamton** - 12/15 2000 - Promo for talk show; "Newstalk 1290"; ID; ABC News. **(WM-MD)**

**CJBK ON** **London** - 12/22 2049 - ID; mention of CJBK.com. **(WM-MD)**

**WWFS IL** **Peoria** - 12/27 0840 - poor mixing with WHIO and WNIL in CJBK phase null with Fox Sports Net stuff, "Sports Radio 1290, WWFS" ID. **(JF-ON)**

**WNIL MI** **Niles** - 12/27 0853 - alone at times in CJBK phase null with oldies, and "Home-town 1290" slogans to legal ID at top of hour, then CNN News. New!! This has been on top of my most wanted list for years! **(JF-ON)**

1300 **WMTM GA** **Moultrie** - 12/22 2120 - After Dusty Springfield song, "Cruisin' 1300"; ID; "The Big Bopper". **(WM-MD)**

**WBZQ IN** **Huntington** - 12/27 0754 - poor over WOOD at times with oldies, "Stereo 1300, WBZQ" ID. **(JF-ON)**

1310 **CIWW ON** **Ottawa** - 12/15 2006 - "Radio Ottawa"; "Oldies 1310". **(WM-MD)**

**WIBA WI** **Madison** - 12/26 2200 - Putting in quite a respectable signal during CIWW fades. Slogans, "Newsradio 1310, WIBA" and "Your all-Badgers Sports Station". **(HJH-PA)**

1320 **WATR CT** **Waterbury** - 12/31 1622 - good at times with NOS music and promo for "CBS News on WATR". Only second time heard here. **(JF-ON)**

**WDER NH** **Derry** - 12/31 1629 - poor briefly over mess with call letter ID, spot for business in Merrimack. New! **(JF-ON)**

1330 **WESR VA** **Onley** - 12/22 1750 - C & W Christmas music; ID. **(WM-MD)**

1350 **WTOU OH** **Akron** - 12/22 2225 - Ad for Bankers Casualty Life in Akron; "your home for University of Akron basketball"; "Fox Sports 1350"; "the sports revolution." **(WM-MD)**

1360 **WKOP NY** **Binghamton** - 12/26 1733 - good with ID: "we are the only music of your life, 1360 WKOP" into Perry Como song. **(MKB-ON)**

1370 **WKMC PA** **Roaring Spring** - 12/28 0755 - through nulled WSPD with run-down of winning state lottery numbers, slogan "where you're home for the holidays... on 1370 WKMC". **(MKB-ON)**

**WKJF MI** **Cadillac** - 12/29 0900 - over WSPD with top of hour dual ID: "all sports

radio, 1310 WCCW Traverse City and 1370 WKJF Cadillac", into usual ESPN junk. **(MKB-ON)**

**WTAB NC** **Tabor City** - 12/31 1700 - noted in passing with ID "North Carolina's best country, WTAB". **(JF-ON)**

1380 **WKJV NC** **Asheville** - 12/30 1658 - poor in slush with end of a church service giving address in Asheville, weather report. New! **(JF-ON)**

1390 **WKDR VT** **Burlington** - 12/22 0815 - Very strong and mostly alone with local news and ID's. Ad for Periwinkle Jewelers. **(HJH-PA)**

**WLCM MI** **Charlotte** - 12/30 0900 - good with top of hour ID: "Today's Christian music is playing on 1390 AM WLCM Charlotte-Lansing, Lansing's Christian messenger" into promo for "Curse Free TV" - a nifty little device that claims to eliminate all foul language from TV and video programs! Charlotte was pronounced "shar-LOT" with accent on final syllable (unlike usual pronunciation of Charlotte, NC) **(MKB-ON)**

1410 **WPOP CT** **Hartford** - 12/26 1655 - over CHKT-1430 slop with promo for the Sugar Bowl "right here on Hartford's ESPN Radio". **(MKB-ON)**

**WHLN KY** **Harlan** - 12/29 1812 - Good w/promo to listen to Kentucky Scoreboard at 25 past the hour. "California Dreamin'" by Mammás & Pappas. **(HJH-PA)**

1420 **WEMB TN** **Erwin** - 12/25 1710 - Mention of a bank in Johnson City; ID; C & W music. **(WM-MD)**

1450 **WOL DC** **Washington** - 12/26 2240 - Good in nulled WILM with the "Madison, the Black Eagle" talk program. **(MB-DE)**

1460 **WMBA PA** **Ambridge** - 12/27 2110 - End of high school basketball game, post game show and mention of "you're listening to high school basketball on WMBA." Also local ads for an unid business in Aliquippa and the Maple Restaurant in Ambridge. Deep fades, but holding its own. **(MB-DE)**

1470 **WWBG NC** **Greensboro** - 12/25 1700 - "You're listening to Greensboro's news, talk and sports station"; ID; news. **(WM-MD)**

1490 **CFPS ON** **Port Elgin** - 12/14 2331 - Surfacing above all w/forecast for heavy snow. ID as CFOS Network. Heard on the Bose Wave. **(HJH-PA)**

1530 **WLSP MI** **Lapeer** - 12/28 2200 - Fair; Sporting News Radio, dead air with no ID through the top of the hour, again 12/30 at 0100, in WSAI null. **(BC-NH)**

1550 **WCTZ TN** **Clarksville** - 12/27 2100 - good at times over / under CBE with GOS music, ID "Serving north Tennessee and southwest Kentucky, this is 'The Light', WCTZ, Clarksville, Fort Campbell", into SGN News. Ex WKVL for me. **(JF-ON)**

**WMRE WV** **Charles Town** - 12/30 0040 - Fair; nostalgia, "...the great songs are back on the radio here in the tri-state on Memories 1550 WMRE." **(BC-NH)**

1580 **WILA VA** **Danville** - 12/31 0630 - Fair; "The hottest names in the music industry on the Countdown... that's the Countdown each Sunday 1 to 3 right here on WILA" and classic R&B/soul music. **(BC-NH)**

**WLIJ TN** **Shelbyville** - 12/31 0650 - Fair; "here at WLIJ," rooster crowing, and a rustic C&W vocal, then a banjo instrumental leading into the top of the hour ID and Information Radio Network news. **(BC-NH)**

**WZKY NC** **Albemarle** - 12/31 0725 - Fair; oldies, "Little Deuce Coup," call letter jingle, and "Crimson and Clover," mixing with WLIJ. **(BC-NH)**

**WPGC MD** **Morningside** - 12/31 0750 - Good; traffic report "...on Heaven 1580, Washington's number one choice for gospel," and Joy in the Morning. **(BC-NH)**

1630 **KCJJ IA** **Iowa City** - 12/28 2040 - Good; a capella "1630 KCJJ" jingle, "We're the station for the best hits and the best variety." **(BC-NH)**

**WRDW GA** **Augusta** - 12/28 2045 - Good; "News/Talk/Sports 1630, WRDW" and Sporting News Radio, in KCJJ null. **(BC-NH)**

1640 **WKSH WI** **Sussex** - 12/28 2100 - Good; SRN news, verses from the Bible about marriage, "You're listening to 1640 AM WKSH Sussex, Milwaukee. We are Life's Message, a listener supported ministry, broadcasting 24 hours a day in AM stereo," and a plea for volunteers. **(BC-NH)**

1660 **WQSN MI** **Kalamazoo** - 12/15 2023 - ID heard under SS. **(WM-MD)**

1680 **WJNZ MI** **Grand Rapids** - 12/15 2026 - DJ speaking; "1680 jams". **(WM-MD)**

+ 12/30 1833 - urban music with female voices and male rap: "you got me thinkin' you want me"; spoken "... Grand Rapids, your number one for hip



hop and R'n B... 656-1680." Well over WTTM with a strong signal. New! (GL-NY)

1700 IkeaRadio ON Etobicoke - 12/30 1700 - Ikea, a Swedish-based home furnishings chain, is using 1700 kHz for promotional purposes at its outlet in this Toronto suburb. Very low wattage carries a couple miles in each direction. Mixing with WEUV AL. Was using FM 104.9 a month or two ago, but obviously abandoned this. (SC-ON)

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1610 PA Wilkes Barre-Scranton - 12/30 0010 - Fair; NOAA weather radio, "Here is the National Weather Service forecast for the entire area including Wilkes Barre and Scranton." (BC-NH)

1640 NY Pomona - 12/29 1730 - Fair; "...Rockland County residents' information station, 1640 AM. We aim to keep Rockland County residents informed," in WKSH null. (BC-NH)

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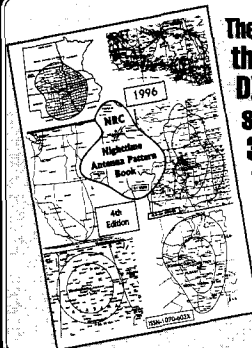
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# International DX Digest

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

Well, it's now 2002, the last palindromic year of our lives, since most of us will not make it to 2112. Of course, most of our readers have already experienced one palindromic year, 1991, so we are among the rarest of people in the history of the world who have experienced two palindromic years in their lifetimes (since the year 1000). If your name is Anna, Bob, Elle, Lil, Nan, or Pep it should be an auspicious year for you! If your name is anything else, just slog along as before.

Welcome to Jeff Ball, recently returned to membership! Since Jeff has a good cornfield story, we'll go right to it here, we're all ears: "I can relate to your wires in the cornfield story. A few years ago we had a very early warm spring here and the farmers got an early start. Very early on Sunday morning, my young son awoke me to tell me that there was a big tractor in the field by our house. I turned just in time to see my radio slide across the small table, smash against the window frame, and watch my lead-in wire slide beneath the window. By the time I got dressed, and out to the field, the farmer had stopped. He never could quite understand why 1000 feet of wire was strung out in his field. My explanation only confused him more. But the story gets better or worse depending on how you look at it. In the field to the west of my house I had strung out 1/2 mile of fence wire. I thought that I better get it out before that farmer showed up. To my horror, they must have plowed the field earlier in the week, because the wire was gone. I still to this day expect an angry farmer to show up at our door with a tangled mess of wire and wanting an explanation. Needless to say I have decided to keep the wire out of the fields for a few years then go get proper permission next time around. I sure hope that guy has a short memory." *Jim*

## TRANS ATLANTIC DX

- 252 IRELAND Atlantic 252, JAN 5 0628 - with sports talk, no longer music. [Renfrew-NY]
- 549 IRELAND United Christian Broadcasters, Monaghan, DEC 13 0122 - chorus of "O Come All Ye Faithful"; to good peak over Germany with RI-550 Disney station phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 567 IRELAND RTE R.1, Tullamore, DEC 13 0110 - loud with Frank Sinatra old-time vocal with Count Basie's orchestra doing back-up. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS R. 10, Lopik, DEC 13 0105 - "True Blue" by Madonna, then "Take It to the Limit" by the Eagles; very good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R. 5, Droitwich et al., DEC 12 2331 - woman in English; over others. DEC 13 0103 - news about Palestinian attacks in Israel; good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 702 SLOVAKIA Slovensky Rozhlas, Banska Bystrica & Presov, DEC 13 0127 - // 1098 with piano music, Slavic talk; poor. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 711.04 WESTERN SAHARA RTM, Laayoune, DEC 12 2312 - Arabic vocal at low audio level on fair carrier. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS Flevoland, DEC 13 0129 - Dutch talk by woman; loud. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 756 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio, Braunschweig & Ravensburg, DEC 13 0118 - classical piano music; fair to good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND RSR, Sottens, DEC 13 0129 - French ballad; poor to fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 864 FRANCE Bleu, Paris, DEC 13 0132 - early '80s disco hit; to fair peak. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R. Wales, Washford, DEC 12 2306 - English interview; over others. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM BBC, Moorside Edge et al., DEC 12 2345 - man in English; in tough WABI slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS Onda Cero, Las Palmas, DEC 12 2349 - non-SER Spanish talk, then vocal with drunk-sounding male singer. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1017 GERMANY SWR-1, Wolfsheim, DEC 12 2351 - pop music; under unidentified carrier. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1017 unID DEC 12 2351 - monster blank carrier; over Germany. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Sport synchros, DEC 12 2302 - English news; fair to good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK Danmarks R., Kalundborg, DEC 12 0435 - club-style female dance vocal; good. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM Talk Sport synchros, DEC 12 2257 - amusing teletalk with phone-in mentioning radios having "manufacturing defects" because "other stations are heard in the back-



- ground at night". (I think that's what we call DX.) Good signal and nothing in the background either. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 13 0020 - Fair but steadily improving signal; "You're on Talk Sport!" telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA Slovensko 1, Velko Zeluzie DEC 13 0040 - Fair; light music and man in Slovak. [Conti-NH] DEC 12 2253 - Slavic talk; fair / jumpy at first, loud at 2350 UTC re-check. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN RNE R.5 synchros, DEC 13 0138 - Spanish talk; mixed with second station (possibly UK). [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1116 SPAIN SER synchros, DEC 13 0139 - SER Spanish teletalk with two women; good, actually better than many Spaniards running much more power. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1134 CROATIA Hrvatski R., Zadar, DEC 12 2251 - Slavic-language romantic ballad; excellent. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 13 0050 - Fair; Slavic rock music. [Conti-NH] JAN 5 0132 - the only TA audible tonight, with instrumental music, fair level. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1179 SWEDEN (t) R. Sweden, Solvesborg, DEC 12 2353 - likely this with smooth jazz vocal; over SER talker. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE France Bleu, Bordeaux, DEC 12 2355 - "Stand by Me" by Ben E. King (1961); to good peak. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM Virgin R. synchros, DEC 12 0350 - EE talk with phone caller, advert, then song using a sample of Simon & Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson". [Connelly\*B-MA] DEC 12 2356 - "Beautiful Stranger" by Madonna; excellent. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1242 FRANCE Marseille, DEC 13 0440 - Radio Bleue. Fair, man, woman in FF. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1296 UNITED KINGDOM R. XL, Langley Mill, DEC 12 2358 - bits of Hindi music; poor to fair through WJDA slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY NRK, Kvitsoy, DEC 12 0400 - Norwegian news; fair. DEC 12 0423 - modern rock male & female vocal; good, over splash from CIWW/WLOB-1310 and CKEC/WDER-1320. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1341 NORTHERN IRELAND BBC R. Ulster, Lisnagarvey, DEC 12 2359 - music, English talk; poor in slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1458 UK London Sunrise Radio, DEC 13 0437 - Weak, music which sounded ethnic and a man in EE, I think. Another station below, perhaps Albania. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE TWR, Roumoules, DEC 12 2243 - Arabic talk by man; fair over WZOU slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1494 FRANCE synch., DEC 13 0429 - Radio Bleue, weak, with pop music. Someone behind it, but I couldn't do anything with it. Maybe another Bleue. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1512 BELGIUM R. Netherlands, Wolvertem, DEC 12 2241 - woman in English, then old-fashioned "torch song" type vocal (Julie London or similar); fair to good, over WWZN slop. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 13 0715 - Big signal, and a huge surprise; man and woman in Dutch or Flemish with brief pop music interludes, on a high-band opening with no useable transatlantic signals below this frequency, and it all faded away by 0745. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA Duba DEC 12 2315 - Fair; Middle Eastern music. [Conti-NH] DEC 12 0256 - Arabic vocal; fair. [Connelly\*B-MA] DEC 12 2228 - // 9555 & 9870 with Koranic male chant in an echoey room; good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1521 SPAIN Castellon, DEC 13 0453 - SER program, fair. Man, woman in SS. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1530 SAO TOME VOA, DEC 13 0451 - Clear behind WSAI with man commenting in accented English. // to SW 7290. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1530 VATICAN CITY R. Vaticana, DEC 13 0250 - classical music; fair with WSAI phased. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 13 0619 - Good; interval signal in WSAI null, apparent transmitter site dawn enhancement. [Conti-NH]
- 1539 GERMANY ERF Mainflingen DEC 13 0705 - Tentative; little audio through excessive WPTR splatter, but a strong het against 1540. [Conti-NH]
- 1548 ENGLAND unID DEC 13 0650 - Man and woman with news/discussion in English, likely BBC R. Bristol, over an unID music station. [Conti-NH]
- 1557 FRANCE Nice, DEC 13 0409 - Good, the best of the Bleues, with man and woman in FF and the usual easy listening type music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 ITALY Genoa etc., DEC 13 0410 - RAI Uno loud and clear. Man talking in Italian and at the time, no Spanish stations heard. Later, the SER stations were behind. I was surprised that RAI was on at this time. Checked other frequencies and there were signals. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 13 0635 - Good; news or discussion in Italian, transmitter site dawn enhancement. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 SPAIN SER synchros, DEC 13 0147 - Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1584 CEUTA RadiOle, DEC 13 0148 - non-SER tropical Spanish music; dominant. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN various, DEC 13 0425 - Eskadi Radio Vitorio seemed to be the strongest of one or two

- other Spanish stations. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1611 VATICAN, DEC 13 0520 - Fair signal. I stayed up long enough to hear their IS and regular sign on just to make sure they hadn't closed down or such. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 13 0625 - Good; program separate from 1530, directly off the east Ewe antenna without phasing. [Conti-NH]
- Ben speaks:* "First of all, I want to thank you, Jim, for getting me back on the track on Marconi Day, Dec. 12th. Here I was, buzz all over the band and no TAs, feeling sorry for myself, when your DX tip came on the List, and you had heard Croatia-1134 earlier. So after posting my complaints I went down to my den around 0410 and checked, starting with the 1500's. Lo and behold, there was Nice-1557 way up and Italy-1575 also way up and alone at the time. I don't know why the Italians were on that early, but beggars can't be choosers. Also had weaker signals from other RAI frequencies. I continued checking out last night's opening for an hour after that until Vatican's 1611 sign on at 0520 when I quit. In between noted several France Bleues, 1467, several from Spain, and a couple from UK such as 1458 and 1548. However, there weren't many signals on the lower half of the band, and the LW was still disturbed by a strong buzz even though I did manage a couple there. I really didn't check the LAs, but perhaps I should have. I think the solar disturbances are hurting the low end TAs but seemingly helping the high banders. By the way, it is sad that Norway-1314 is closing down. This was one of the good, interesting stations, and the best chance to log Norway. I understand also that Sweden-1179 is either off or on reduced power, Back to the dials for another adventure tonight!" (look for my bill in the mail - Jim)
- Mark speaks:* "It was cloudy, windy, and just a bit above freezing when I got out to Rockport at 5:15 EST (2215 Z) on 12 DEC. This wound up being a solo session: the other local DX'ers must have been too busy with Christmas shopping. High band conditions, initially, were superior to those on the lower end of the dial. An interesting pattern of reception was occurring. The northern Europeans were good and Caribbean / Venezuelan stations were also coming in well at times. Surprisingly suppressed were signals from Spain, Morocco, and Algeria: normally the best TA's as a group. UK stations on 693, 882, 909, 1053, 1089, 1215, etc. came in well: especially loud were Virgin - 1215 and BBC - 693. Radio XL Birmingham - 1296, with its Indian programming, surfaced for a while. Ireland - 567 was good as were the Dutch stations on 747 and 675 (which was almost local quality). France Bleu stations were there, but not up to customary shore receiving site strengths. Croatia - 1134 and Slovakia - 1098 were huge. 756 was the best German. Ireland's United Christian Broadcasting station on 549 popped up to a good level: over Germany with no sign of the usual Algerian pest. 783 seemed to be the German instead of usual Mauritania (but too many competing signals on that channel to be sure). Saudi - 1521 was strong, but 1548 had a 3-station jumble instead of typically-alone VOA Kuwait. I heard quite a few other TA's besides those above. Venezuela dominated the Latin American scene. Domestic DX was ruled by Canadian Maritimes stations. I got a nice ID out of VOWR-800. The Newfoundland CBC stations on 600 and 640 were running an interesting feature on Marconi that I paused on for a while. The 1710 NYC-area Jewish pirate was coming through with English language talk about Chanukah. All in all an interesting DX session, even if conditions were actually better on some of my summer Rockport and Cape Cod outings. It will be interesting to read about others' Marconi 100th anniversary loggings."
- TRANS-ATLANTIC DX**
- 530 TURKS & CAICOS R. Vision Cristiana Internacional, South Caicos, DEC 13 0044 - local-like with religious Spanish talk. Second station way under sounded Spanish (Costa Rica ?) and a weak third station sounded English. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 535 GRENADA GBC, St. George's, DEC 13 0042 - soca-style Christmas vocal with steel drums; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 550 VENEZUELA MUNDIAL, Caracas Dec 28 0257 - Latin music, Mundial id and time checks between songs. good level in KTRS null. [Ball IL]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS R. ZIZ, Basseterre, DEC 13 0220 - reggae / soca male vocal with interrupting DJ; excellent with WGAN phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 560 UNID DEC 29 0436 - with numbered "Radio 560 La Poderosa" IDs and bugle sound effects. Semi-local KLVI nulled. Began to fade at 0512 during "... La Poderosa ... transmitiendo ... las grande ..." ID. [Ponder-TX]
- 567.9 CENTRAL AMERICA JAN 1 1129-1139 - Spanish speaking station with man and woman shouting rapidly and excitedly. Heavy 570 kHz splatter. Have been hearing this station since July but this is first time with readable audio. No clues as to identity, however. Direction finding indicates most likely Costa Rica. [Moore-FL]
- 580 MEXICO XEFI Chihuahua, CHIH, DEC 31 0600 - with "Radio Mexicana" singing ID, then commercial spot for local business in Chihuahua. Good ID at 0603, "Escuche Radio Mexicana XEFI ... 5 mil watts ... en Chihuahua ... Grupo Radiorama" using "Radiorama" jingle at the

- end of the ID. Music played next was ballad "Love Me With All Your Heart" (in Spanish). [Ponder-TX] DEC 29 2240 - playing banda and ranchera, using slogan Radio Mexicana like a zillion others. Had an ad run with local Chihuahua businesses. Much QRM from KMJ which was also weak in the poor AU CX as of late. New. [Redding-AZ]
- 580 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Radio Monti Cristi, DEC 26 0502 - Upbeat latin music, full id. Local level for several moments. JAN 01 0101. Local like signal with Full top of the hour ID. Then into upbeat latin music. [Ball-IL]
- 590 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Radio Santa Maria, La Vega, DEC 27 0326 - What appeared to be religious program, ID at bottom of the hour, then into upbeat latin music. Local level for several moments in KFNS null. [Ball-IL]
- 590t VENEZUELA Radio Continente, Caracas, DEC 27 2358 - Tenative. Weak signal in KFNS null. Classical music. At the top of the hour heard Continente mentioned three or four times and a partial address. occasional fade ups over the next half hour with classical music. Does anyone know if their format is classical. [Ball-IL]
- 630 PUERTO RICO WUNO, San Juan, DEC 13 0041 - talk about "pueblo puertorriquense"; in duke-out with CFCY & WPRO. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 640 VENEZUELA Union R., YVQO, Puerto La Cruz, DEC 13 0039 - Venezuelan national and Porlamar-area news items and advertising; briefly dominant over CBN. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogota, DEC 13 0218 - Antena Dos ID, sports coverage, mentions of Sante Fe and Colombia; good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 660 MEXICO XEDTL Mexico City, DF, DEC 29 0519 - with "Instituto Mexicano de la Radio" and "La Candela" IDs. Good ID at 0541, "XEDTL 660 kilohertz en amplitud modulada con 50 mil watts de potencia ... transmitiendo desde sus estudios de Mayorazgo 83 ... en la Colonia Xoco ... 03330 Ciudad de Mexico, Distrito Federal ... emisora integrante de Instituto Mexicano de la Radio." Also used "La Candela ... en la Voz Tropical" ID at 0547. [Ponder-TX]
- 660 UNID DEC 29 0602 - presumed XEFZ, Monterrey, NL, with "Grupo Radio Alegria" ID, followed by Mexican National Anthem, then signal gone at 0605. Had been mixing with SS religious station earlier. [Ponder-TX]
- 670 VENEZUELA R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, DEC 12 2315 - numerous Venezuela and Caracas mentions, upcoming local events occurring on different days of the week; fair-good. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 680 PUERTO RICO WAPA, San Juan, DEC 13 0037 - Puerto Rico talkshow mentioned local municipal agencies; easily getting through WRKO. Second Spanish talker under: probably Venezuela. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, DEC 13 0214 - preaching; mixed with unID Spanish with CINF phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 699.64unID DEC 13 0102 - het, bits of Spanish talk; poor. This should be easy for DXers in FL. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 705 ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES NBC 705 Radio, Kingstown, DEC 13 0035 - Caribbean English announcer; fair during a momentary pause in WOR slop. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 720 VENEZUELA R. Oriente, YVQE, Porlamar, DEC 13 0034 - Porlamar and Oriente mentions; mixed with CHTN and possible Brazil. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 13 0200 - Good; "Se va! Se va! Se va!" as a homerun ball leaves the park in baseball play-by-play, over WGN with CHTN nulled out. [Conti-NH]
- 740 VENEZUELA unID DEC 13 0225 - Baseball play-by-play in CHWO null, either Maracaibo or Puerto Ordaz are possible. [Conti-NH]
- 750 VENEZUELA RCR Caracas DEC 13 0130 - Excellent; "El strike" called in baseball play-by-play, over WSB. [Conti-NH] DEC 13 0033 - Spanish baseball coverage, advert for company with offices in Caracas & Maracaibo (phone numbers given); loud; over CBGY. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN Barranquilla DEC 13 0150 - Excellent; enthusiastic fútbol play-by-play, RCN jingle, "equipo Santa Fé" was one of the teams. [Conti-NH]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, DEC 13 0052 - soca version of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; good over CFDR/WBBM/YV's. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- JAN 01 0638 2001 year in review program, local ads, including Top's Photo Studio phone number 494-2161 and Port Purcell Market. Good signal in very tight WBBM null. New country #19 [Ball-IL]
- 780 unID DEC 13 0203 - Spanish-language religion; in mess. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, DEC 13 0225 - Spanish talk about Bible history; well over VOWR/WCCM/others. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 810 MEXICO XEUX Tuxpan, NAY, DEC 30 0520 - playing a variety of music, mariachi, a tropical song, ballads. Uses the slogan La Tremenda. QRM by KGO which was down in the mud due

- to AU CX. Got 0531 bottom of hour ID. New. [KR-AZ]
- 820 ST. KITTS & NEVIS Trinity Broadcast Network, Charlestown, DEC 13 0228 - // 7510 with promo for gospel music video, Bill and Gloria Gaither program; good, over Cuba growler. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 840 CUBA DobleVé, Santa Clara DEC 13 0604 - Good; start of a music program hosted by a man and woman "en DobleVé" over WHAS. [Conti-NH]
- 870 MEXICO Guachochi, CHI, JAN 1 1400 - playing very old and rustic music. The station announcer stated that they transmit in the Tohono O'odham language. I presume the music was O'odham and its the same stuff that XEETCH plays. The instruments are only fiddle, guitar and drum with no vocal. Slogan at top of hour ID was La Voz de la Tarahumada. After the news at the hour, more traditional Mexican music was played. [Redding-AZ]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS VON, Bath Village, DEC 12 2343 - drumming, advertising by reverberated Caribbean female announcer "... open through December 24"; fair. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 910 VENEZUELA YVRO, RQ-910, Caracas, DEC 13 0240 - salsa music, timecheck, RQ slogan, then ballad. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 30 0638 Upbeat latin music. Time check and "RQ-910" ID after each song. New. [Ball-IL]
- 940 CUBA R. Reloj, DEC 13 0241 - Reloj ticker and beeps; over two other Spanish-language stations with CINW phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1050 MEXICO XEBCS La Paz, Baja California del Sur DEC 17 0300 - Heard playing many live jazz recordings, especially those with piano quartets. Played "Summertime" and then at 0300 ads for local stores around La Paz, then top of hour ID. A new one for me hidden in a slender null of XEG. [Redding-AZ]
- 1080 VENEZUELA YVQJ, R. Barcelona, Barcelona, DEC 12 2300 - R. Barcelona ID, local adverts, mixed with WTIC. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1090 VENEZUELA Union R., YVSZ, Caracas, DEC 13 0242 - Union R. and Caracas mentions; over UK het with WBAL phased. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1100 ANTIGUA R. ZDK, St. John's, DEC 13 0025 - Caribbean English talk, local adverts; under WTAM. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1110 VENEZUELA R. Carupano, YVQT, Carupano, DEC 13 0024 - local Porlamar and Carupano mentions; over low growl from something on 1109.58. [Connelly\*R-MA] DEC 13 0005 - Good; "beisbol profesional venezolano" baseball play-by-play, over WBT. [Conti-NH]
- 1140 VENEZUELA La Voz del Caribe, Porlamar, DEC 13 0245 - blasting in over CBI: high-energy salsa, then ID "Porlamar, La Voz del Caribe". [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1375.02 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO, St. Pierre, DEC 12 0259 - cocktail lounge style female vocal with jazz, then man in French; to good peak, but jumpy. [Connelly\*B-MA]
- 1390 MEXICO, Tecate, BCN XEKT 0729 DEC 31 - with ID XEKT Tijuana, San Diego, Tecate then the same ID at 0731. Heard quite a series of ads and then programming. Appears to be some sort of a news/talk format. [Redding-AZ]
- 1550 MEXICO XEBG Tijuana BCN, DEC 11 0954 - with a singing ID and then playing "Una Pagina Mas", weak and fadey. Then into a Mexican Christmas song. [Redding-AZ]
- 1579.9unID DEC 13 0251 - possibly a domestic pirate here with Haitian-sounding talk on the low side of 1580. [Connelly\*R-MA]
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, DEC 13 0252 - // 6090 with preacher talking about Adam; over TIS jumble. [Connelly\*R-MA]

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 1475 UNIDENTIFIED TP, DEC 30 1206-1210 - good carrier. I tuned here after Thailand 1575 faded into the noise. Been after this one for a long time and might have heard something this date if had tuned in earlier but spent all my time on 1575. Obviously a TP since all of South America, the Caribbean and most of Central America in sunlight at this time. [Moore-FL]
- 1503 AUSTRALIA, DEC 24 1053-1108 - man talking at threshold level. Rare December "down under" opening produced 18 TP carriers between 1638 and 1332 kHz but this was only one to produce any audio. All these stations peaked unusually early, more than an hour before local sunrise (1213), and had faded substantially by 1115. [Moore-FL]
- 1575 THAILAND VOA, DEC 30 1153-1204 - VOA Burmese program parallel to 9890 kHz 1153-1159. Naturally, it faded for top of hour VOA announcement but definitely parallel 9890. Then, to my surprise, came back at 1200-1204 in a different language, which, if my ears didn't deceive me, was English. Good signal but high noise level. Carefully reviewing my tape I was able to pick out a few American accented words and phrases, "ultimate . . . reaction", "it is not clear", "impact". Man and woman apparently discussing news. Bruce Portzer's wonderful Pacific-Asian Log shows Radio Saranrom using VOA's transmitter 1200-1230 running VOA's News Now in

English on Sunday. The transmission is beamed 355 degrees, perfect for eastern North America. DEC 22 1152-1156 man in Oriental language with short musical interludes. Briefly peaked at 1155 with intelligible audio (if I understood Burmese) by man - otherwise mainly threshold audio in the noise.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CHINA: Noted 2230 on Dec 20 a presumed NEW, high-powered CNR1 station on 1134. ID's in CC and EE ("China National Radio"), parallel with the other CNR1 stations like 1377, 1359, 981 etc. but even stronger (S9+5 on a non-amplified K9AY). Neither WRTH, nor Bruce Portzer's PAL lists this. From the Northernmost DX-er in the world, [Bjarne Mjelde via hard-core-dx]

IRELAND: The former 500 kW Atlantic 252 transmitter at Trim, Co Meath in Ireland has dropped continuous music and now carries a repeated 10 minute loop tape (changed each day) of what TEAMtalk 252's output will sound like (sports news & interviews - all football yesterday (Jan 3), more variety of sports today). Launch date is 25 Feb (re www.atlantic252.com) or just February (re http://www.teamtalk.com) [Alan Pennington, Caversham, Jan 4, BDXC-UK, via DXLD]

LUXEMBOURG: At 1900 a canned announcement, very close to or even verbatim: "Hier ist RTL. Im Rahmen einer Kooperation hören Sie nun ein Programm von World R Network." After this announcement RTL faded into the WRN satellite feed, obvious from an appearing background hum. IDs in English, French and German for "World R Network Euromax", announcing the upcoming CRI programs in these languages. The gaps after each CRI broadcast (as well-known they are of 57 minutes duration only) were filled with WRN promos, advertising the WRN satellite services, inviting listeners to write to Beijing, "and do not forget to mention that you heard them on 1440 AM." At 2200 again a RTL announcement ("you heard within a cooperation a program of World R Network"), and yes, they still give it to us: The close-down announcement, using as bed the track of the James Last orchestra dedicated to R Luxembourg, and the anthem of Luxembourg. A relic of the old days, simply cut. So we have the interesting situation that WRN arranges the whole 1440 kHz service for CRI while CLT-UFA maintains the point of view that simply World R Network is relayed by RTL, "within a cooperation" of course. I guess CLT-UFA keeps the RTL identity on 1440 only to provide some logical frame, especially for the religious stuff; I think today actual RTL programming was carried for just 15 minutes. On the technical side the feed from Beijing is no longer of the infamous telephone quality; a quite large amount of noise is somewhere muted by a noise gate, reminiscent of the old R Moscow/landline feeds. More annoying is the evident hum caused at WRN London, or is the downlink/audio equipment at Luxembourg to blame? Regarding the power: There was the usual signal strength boost when the religious stuff started at 1815 and no signal decrease at or after 1900. This suggests that high power (would be 1200 kW if the gossip is true) is in use for WRN/CRI, but it must be taken into consideration that Marnach has a variable antenna system, and I think they can change patterns without carrier break. However, a pattern towards Germany is in use for Mega-Radio, so actually a mere antenna change could hardly result in an increased signal. [Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 1, BC-DX via DXLD]

PALESTINE: Palestinian Broadcasting Headquarters Destroyed (13 December 2001) Israeli troops have destroyed the broadcast centre and main transmitting mast of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) in Ramallah. Following heavy overnight bombing of the radio and TV studios, bulldozers were brought in on Thursday to raze what remained of the building to the ground. The main 225 metre high broadcasting antenna was blown up. An Israeli army spokesman said the station and other Palestinian media had been inciting violence against Israel, a claim rejected by Palestinian officials. Transmissions on mediumwave 675kHz have been silenced, and the PBC is now producing and transmitting programmes using the facilities of independent stations on the West Bank. These stations broadcast on FM. Besim Abu Samay, Director of Voice of Palestine radio, said the Israeli operation was an attempt to strangle free speech, and programmes were "going ahead as usual." An official statement from PBC said that "the radio will continue to broadcast information, despite the latest attack, because it has a "professional duty to carry the truth and reveal the daily Israeli violations". [(© Radio Netherlands Media Network via DXLD)]

SPAIN: A new update of Spanish MW Stations List was uplod at: <http://www.aer-dx.org/listas/eaenom.htm>. The list is compiled by Martín Estévez, ee@aer-dx.org, and edited by Pedro Sedano, editor@aer-dx.org; both are members os AER Asociación Española de Radioescucha (= Spanish Radiolisting Association). The data of every station are: QRG, Name, Location, Network, Kw, Observations, Tx Location, QSL, Address, Tel. and Fax. There are 3 PDF files sorted by frequency, by location and by network. [Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Spain, PSEDANOR@coitt.es]

TUVALU (follow-up): "Glenn, Regarding the supposed demise of Tuvalu: the website "Tuvalu Online"

<http://www.tuvalu.f2s.com> has a good sized news archive about the country. A few articles mention global warming as a big concern of theirs, and one article says they're talking to NZ about relocating 3000 citizens due to things like less fresh water. But there's no mention of a mass evacuation. To the contrary, the text of a speech, given by their UN ambassador to the general assembly on 16 Nov 2001, says they're worried that if global warming continues, Tuvalu may cease to exist several DECADES from now. It sounds like there's a true story here but someone embellished it a bit, sort of like Mark Twain's famous quote about rumors of his death being greatly exaggerated." [Bruce Portzer, WA, Dec 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST]

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## Holiday Daytime Band scan—Wilmington, DE by Michael Battaglin

Okay, you're probably asking, "So what's the big deal about a band scan in Wilmington, Delaware of all places?" Well, first of all, that's where my in-laws live and since I found myself there for a few days over the holidays, I figured it would be a good idea to bring the Sony 2010 out of mothballs (along with a Radio Shack loop) and see what the airwaves had to offer. For many DX'ers west of the Mississippi (and east of it, for that matter), the state of Delaware can be a rather elusive target, so I thought that it would be informative and interesting to share with the membership what of the state's stations could be heard from my listening post at the dining room table of my in-law's house in North Wilmington just a tenth of a mile or so from the highest point in the state of Delaware—the Ebright Azimuth—a "whopping" 447.85 feet above sea level!

The stations listed were heard on two consecutive afternoons, the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of December. Given family commitments that I had to juggle, the upper reaches of the band were not covered as in-depth as I would have preferred, but I made sure to include the noteworthy Delaware stations I could hear. As one would expect, given Delaware's central location in the mid-Atlantic region, the stations heard represent a geographic distribution across six states (including Delaware, of course). A quick glance at my mother-in-law's road atlas revealed that most stations were within a 100-120 mile radius, with the exception of the clear channel powerhouses. I have listed their signal strength on a sliding scale from "poor" (readable with much difficulty) to "very good" (local-like in strength). If a frequency is not listed it is because I either: 1. didn't get to it (1200 and above) or, 2. there was no readable signal present (below 1200).

540	WDMV, Pocomoke City, MD	Poor
560	WFIL, Philadelphia	Good
580	WHP, Harrisburg, PA	Good
590	WARM, Scranton, PA	Fair
610	WIP, Philadelphia	Very Good
640	WWJZ, Mt. Holly, NJ	Very Good
660	WFAN, New York	Good
680	WCBM, Baltimore	Fair
690	WPHE, Phoenixville, PA	Very Good
700	WWTL, Walkerville, MD	Fair
710	WOR, New York	Good
720	WWIL, Shiremanstown, PA	Fair/Good
730	WKDL, Alexandria, VA	Poor
740	WVCH, Chester, PA	Very Good
750	WBMD, Baltimore	Poor

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770	WABC, New York	Good
780	WABS, Arlington, VA	Poor
790	WAEB, Allentown, PA	Good
800	WTMR, Camden, NJ	Good
810	UNID, NOS music	Poor
820	WXTR, Frederick, MD	Poor/Fair (//WTOP) with WNYC also
830	WEEU, Reading, PA	Very Good
860	WWDB, Philadelphia	Good
880	WCBS, New York	Fair/Good
890	WFKJ, Cashtown, PA	Fair
900	WURD, Philadelphia	Very Good New calls (to me), "Info 900" ID
910	WSBA, York, PA	Good
920	WCHR, Trenton, NJ	Fair/Good
930	WYUS, Milford, DE	Fair
940	WADV, Lebanon, PA	Good
950	WPEN, Philadelphia	Very Good
960	WHYL, Carlisle, PA	Fair/Good
970	WAMD, Aberdeen, MD	Fair
980	WTEM, Washington, DC	Fair
990	WZZD, Philadelphia	Very Good
1010	WINS, New York	Fair
1020	WIBG, Ocean City, NJ	Fair
1030	WBZ, Boston	Good
1040	WJHR, Flemington, NJ	Good
1050	WEVD, New York	Poor/Fair
1060	KYW, Philadelphia	Very Good
1080	WTIC, Hartford	Good/Very Good
1090	WBAL, Baltimore	Good/Very Good
1100	WTAM, Cleveland	Good
1110	WNAP, Norristown, PA	Fair/Good
1130	WBBR, New York	Good
1150	WDEL, Wilmington, DE	Very Good
1190	UNID (SS w/Tejano Music) w/WLIB, New York	Fair
1210	WPHT, Philadelphia	Very Good
1230	WCMC, Wildwood, NJ	Fair
1260	WNRK, Newark, DE	Fair/Good station is on w/continuous Christmas music
1290	WJBR, Wilmington, DE	Very Good towers are almost in my in-law's backyard!
1340	WHAT, Philadelphia	Fair/Good w/W MID, Atlantic City, NJ underneath
1380	WTMC, Wilmington, DE	Good all-traffic, all the time. Two transmitters cover the state, one near Wilmington in the north, the other near Rehobot Beach (I believe) in the lower end of the state
1450	WLIM, Wilmington, DE	Very Good

(From the publisher: Members with good memories will recall that the last bandscan to be found within this publication occurred quite a number of years ago when Bruce Conti was still editing "Target DX". And quite frankly, not only I but several members of NRC's Board of Directors were not unhappy to see bandscans disappear from DXN ... as they had little use for most other DX'ers, especially when they were presented not as DX information tools but as "look-what-I-can-hear" pieces, more for gratification of the presenters than for use by our readers.

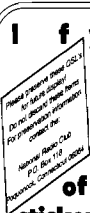
Comes now Michael, who always sends in good stuff to DXN, with a very useful bandscan, highlighting Delaware stations, which are tough catches for most DX'ers. And so his bandscan sees print.

Does this mean that we're going to print all bandscans sent in from now on? Hardly not! Will we print some? Could be! But as I ask my English students who struggle with the concept of a thesis for an essay, or a topic sentence for a paragraph: "What's your point?" If you present a bandscan with a point, or organized to be of use to other DX'ers, we'll print it, as space allows. Who knows - if we get a lot of useful bandscans, maybe we'll even find a bandscan editor!

Now: before anyone types up a bandscan and e-mails it to me, I'm asking that you peruse the submission guidelines at <<<http://nrcdxas.org/articles/Pubguide/index.html>>>. I'm not going to spend a lot of time of editing sloppy submissions ... and a BIG part of sloppy would be no tabs in front of frequencies, for example. Study those guidelines; follow those guidelines.

So - if you would with any submission to this magazine, make it useful for other DX'ers. Follow the format for typing up submissions that DDXD editors request. And include your name in the text of the submission. Good luck! -pls.)

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# Musings

## of the Members

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I am still member for few hours, my membership will end the 2nd January, it is indeed a little difficult to say my feelings after almost 20 years of membership, to say goodbye, but unfortunately, the reasons to let the clubs are more than the reasons to stay, one is the cost of the bulletin to Europe is becoming too high ... \$52. It is not your decision, I understand, the postal costs are going up every year. Another reason is the real poor quantity of US & Canadian stations which can be heard in my area, I live in north Italy, and thus I have a good old JRC 525 with a 3 kHz crystal filter and a good loop, the only stations I regularly pick up are on 1390, 1440, 1470, 1500, 1510, 1590, ... and the expanded band 1610-1700 kHz. ... information about these stations are often reported in north European DX bulletins WEBS. Surely I will miss the good friendship the NRC dx-club is promoting and however I wish to assure if the MW GOLD RUSH era will come again, I will surely rejoin the most great DX-Club devoted to the MW Dxing existing in the world. My best wishes to all members for good dxs in the 2002, and as Ernie often wrote: Forward March !!

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Having received and read DXNEWS V69#10, I thought I'd respond to WALT BREVILLE'S MUSING on satellite radio and the future of broadcasting. A friend of mine (much more flush with cash than me!) has just obtained an XM satellite radio in his car. I rode around with him the other day, checking out the service. There were some problems, especially going under bridges, where the signal sometimes would drop out (I understand XM eventually wants to add some 'gap fillers' in such situations). But on the open road, the signal on the channels we listened to was steady and strong. From what I heard, the selection on XM's music channels was more diverse than commercial broadcast radio, where playlists are ridiculously restrictive. But of course there is no local news or traffic or weather reports, which could be missed in an area so meteorologically volatile as Michigan! I personally see satellite radio's effect on broadcasting to be analogous to satellite TV's effect on broadcast and cable TV. It will be noticeable, but I do not see even 25% of broadcast stations failing due to this new service. But perhaps stations will once again steer towards more local programming and orientation. Perhaps also their playlists will open up and become more interesting as well. Speaking of silent stations, WSHN-1550 is off the air. Their FM continues broadcasting (Country), so I don't know what is going on with their AM. Meanwhile, WKBZ-1520 remains off; it went silent last March. I worked at this facility when it was WKJR, and it saddens me to see it abandoned and dark.

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My annual (now) report, Not much DX reporting, do a little listening, but stations verifying by Email are no help and big owners count the bottom line in these tough times. Am still computer free so have to do annual update via MUSINGS. I'm in my 62nd year with the NRC membership with close to 4200 stations verified. Receivers are a Hammerlund HQ180A and a Drake R8A. Keep a regular watch on the Spanish pirates in Lawrence now on 1620 and 1670; a 3rd one was on 1700 occasionally but not heard lately. A surprise in finding Hank Ward's Letter to the Editor in a non-radio publication recently. Hank hosted the Ponca City NRC Convention. Also correspond with Ray LaRocque, the last Radex editor, and Frank Johnson, who I met at the White Plains convention. Still subscribe to the *M Street Journal* but since their move to Littleton, NH (Journal is still mailed from TN), their listing of applications and grants has gone downhill. Am still farming, and at 77, the 12 hour+ days are a bit more tiring. And farming is tough in this town that is a real "Yuppiesville". They like my open land and woods but they complain regularly about noise of the tractors, pumps, and the harvesting of a winter supply of "Bambi Burgers". And to PAUL, congrats on the 400, hope we see 800! (If you can still ride a tractor at 77, maybe I can ride a desk chair in front



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of a computer that long! Of course, that would put me at around 1,060 issues; egad!-pls.) (For the complaints, Stan, just tell them you're going to install a 12-tower AM directional antenna system for a new station you're opening on 540! That'll quiet things down!-DWS)