

# DX News

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### CPC Test Calendar

WKWN	GA	1420	Mar. 13	0000-0100
WEPG	TN	910	Mar. 20	0100-0200

**WKWN-1420** ... P.O. Box 829 - Trenton, GA 30752 will conduct a DX test Thursday, March 13, from 0000-0100 ELT. Per the engineer, there will be "very distinctive" music played, and he will try to include modulated CW ID's as well as possibly RTTY at 45.45 baud/170 hz shift and PSK31 IDs for those who may be able to copy these modes; the engineer running these tests is also an amateur radio operator and says he also might try SSTV pictures of the stations using Scottie DX mode. He says phone calls to the station during the test are welcomed - the station phone number is 706-657-7594. The test will run at a power of 2.5 KW, non-directional. Reception reports may be sent to Phil Patton, Chief Engineer. Via IRCA and DXMidamerica and arranged by Phil Patton.

**WEPG-910** ... 105 Ash Ave - South Pittsburg, TN 37380 will conduct a DX test from 0100-0200 ELT Thursday, March 20. Per Phil Patton, the engineer, the test will be run the same way as the WKWN test (above). Phone calls to the station during the test are welcomed - the station phone number is 423-837-7577. The test will run at a power of 5KW, non-directional. Reception reports may be sent to Phil Patton, Chief Engineer. Via IRCA and DXMidamerica and arranged by Phil Patton.

*From the Publisher ...* Keep your eye on the publishing schedule from now on out, as we start skipping weeks of publication next week, and starting in May DXN will be monthly through September.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
23.	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	27.	June 6	June 16
24.	April 4	April 14	28.	July 4	July 14
25.	April 18	April 28	29.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
26.	May 9	May 19	30.	Sept. 5	Sept. 15

### DX Time Machine

#### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the March 14, 1953 DXN: Roy H. Millar, Seattle, WA reported that he had ALASKA 100% LOGGED (the capitals are his). He logged Taiwanese stations BED33 (630) and BED24 (1040) on 12/10.

25 years ago ... from the March 20, 1978 DXN: An excerpt from Ripley's "Believe it or not" of 1944 profiled DX'er Ollie Ross, Vallejo, CA thusly: "Radio DX Champion has tuned in and verified every known station in the world. 1367 radio stations in 76 countries."

10 years ago ... from the March 15, 1993 DXN: Roy Millar, Marysville, WA, said of his verie from the KZAM-780 test "... must say that I never received a verie from such a 'minimal' tentative report, but I had no luck nulling KROW to any extent."

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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>
1170	KOWO MN Waseca	KOWZ
1240	*New OR Redmond	KRDM
1370	KMDR HI Pearl City	KJPN
1470	WPAO PA Farrell	WLOA
1520	WGAM MA Greenfield	WIZZ



## APPLICATION FOR NEW STATIONS

670	NV Las Vegas: 10000/250 U4
790	NV Winchester: 1000/300 U4
830	GA Sandy Springs: 50000/3700 U4
1160	MO Cleveland: 215/215 U4 (modifies previous application)

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

650	MI Manistique: 30000/212 (20000 CH) U7
770	FL Nassau Village-Ratliff: 50000/410 U4 (Nobody has been able to locate an entity called "Nassau Village" on any map, although there is a Nassauville near Ratliff in the Jacksonville area; perhaps another FCC typo?)
1170	OR Bend: 50000/550 U12
1570	NC Winterville: 3800/200 U1

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

630	WAVU AL Albertville: 1000/40 U1
660	WBHR MN Sauk Rapids: 10000/570 U4
730	KSUD AR West Memphis: 1000/1000 U4
760	WLCC FL Brandon: 10000/1000 U4
910	WFDF MI Flint: 50000/1000 U4, relocate transmitter (coordinates indicate a move to the southeast of nearly 50 miles although no city of license change is shown; would place the proposed new site near the Detroit metro)
930	WLLL VA Lynchburg: 9200/42 U1
950	KTBR OR Roseburg: 3400/20 U1
960	WPRT KY Prestonburg: 3800/13 U1, relocate transmitter
1080	WHOO FL Kissimmee: 19000 (10000 CH) D4
1130	WPYB NC Benson: 6500 (1000 CH) D1
1160	WYLL IL Chicago: modify application to 50000/50000 (50000 CH) U13
1350	WNNG GA Warner Robins: 15000/500 U2
1390	WRIG WI Schofield: 10000/7200 U4
1420	WKCW VA Warrenton: 50000/1000 U4
1480	KSBQ CA Santa Maria: 1000/61 (61 CH) U1
1510	WWBC FL Cocoa: 750 (750 CH) D1
1550	KIWA IA Sheldon: 282/11 U1
1560	KILE TX Bellaire: 50000/10000 (50000 CH) U7 (separate sites)

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

950	WWJK SC Moncks Corner: 10000/6000 U4, relocate transmitter (presently operating interim facility with 7000/135 U1)
1170	WPLX TN Germantown: 5000 D1, relocate transmitter
1240	KRDM OR Redmond: modify CP to show 750/750 U1
1270	WXYT MI Detroit: 50000/50000 U4, relocate transmitter
1280	KDKD MO Clinton: relocate transmitter
1280	WDNT TN Dayton: 1000/31 U1, relocate transmitter
1300	WTLS AL Tallassee: 1200/18 U1

1390	KZAR AR Rogers: 1000/30 U1
1390	KJME CO Denver: 1300/59 U1
1450	WLAY AL Muscle Shoals: relocate transmitter
1550	WKTF GA Vienna: 10000/23 U1

# 850 KOA

## OTHERNESS

640	*App MI Houghton: application for new station DISMISSED
840	WPGS FL Mims: CP for 1000 D1 is on
890	*App FL Winter Springs: application for new station DISMISSED
920	KWYS MT West Yellowstone: SILENT
1000	KXRB SD Sioux Falls: CP for 10000/100 U4 is on (night power incorrectly shown as 1000 watts in new Log)
1020	KAXX AK Eagle River: SILENT
1030	WAUL AL Brantley: request for additional time to construct this long standing CP was DENIED and the call was DELETED as noted in Issue #16. Licensee has filed a Petition for Reconsideration, so there's a slight chance this could return.
1050	KMAP CA Frazier Park: CP for 10000/7 U5 is on
1150	KCUV CO Englewood: SILENT (for technical upgrades in preparation for moving KNRC here from 1510 kHz in about two months)
1160	WYNS PA Lehigh: silent station is expected to return to the air soon, will relay WEEX-1230 Easton, PA
1240	KTIX OR Pendleton: CP for 800/800 U1 is on
1260	KSML TX Diboll: CP for 4500/72 U1 is on
1270	KFCC TX Bay City: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1290	KUOA AR Siloam Springs: CP for 5000/31 U1 is on (MSJ users note: they incorrectly show night power as 5000 watts in 2/12 Journal)
1350	KTIK ID Nampa: CP for 5000/600 U2 is on
1370	KJLL WY Cheyenne: application to move to 1380 kHz DISMISSED at applicant's request
1400	WWIN MD Baltimore: temporary operation with 500/500 U1 from old WWLG-1360 tower while new tower site to be shared with WOLB-1010 is being built)
1470	WLOA PA Farrell: SILENT
1480	WISL PA Shamokin: SILENT (again)
1510	KAGY LA Port Sulphur: silent station ON THE AIR; relays KMRC-1430 Morgan City, LA
1520	WLKM MI Three Rivers: CP to move here from 1510 with 430/8 U1 is on (shown in error on old 1510 frequency in Issue #18)
1550	WSHN MI Fremont: silent station is ON THE AIR (relaying WUBR-1490 Whitehall, MI which has returned to the air after a few weeks of silence)
1600	WEHH NY Elmira Heights-Horseheads: CP for 5000/170 U4 is on (FCC now shows this dual city of license)
1600	WMQM TN Lakeland: CP for 50000/35 U1 is on (ex-Milan, TN)

**THANKS:** Bill Hale, Dave Schmidt, Phil Boersma, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, Pat Griffith, Wayne Heinen, Michael Prokop, and Les Johnson

Despite the President's Day holiday and numerous "snow days" the FCC was still busy whilst we were away. The above should bring you up to speed.

73 and Good DX - Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

*Jimmy & BKF*

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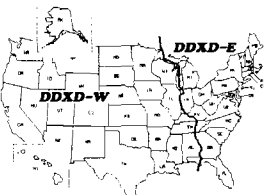
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## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ❑ This is the last of the weekly issues for Volume Year 70. Wow! Where did the time go? But I'll bet there are some more notable DX reports out there just waiting to see print in DX News. Deadlines here are one day prior to the Topeka deadline printed on the cover of our favorite DX magazine. We're waiting . . . . .
- ❑ Overheard in the radio room: "Spending lots of time on and around 1150. Having KCUV dark is a great help! Their site in 4.4 miles west of me and they've always made that part of the dial a mess." - **WH-CO**; "Conditions remain far below what they should be in February. I have yet to hear the Chicago stations under KDWN-720 & KKOH-780 or KSTP under KSJX-1500. I used to hear WJR on 760 now if anything it is just Denver. Mexico is better however." - **DKK-CA**;
- ❑ Once again I must ask . . . no, IMPLORÉ is more the word . . . that when sending in logs, to enter the station information in this order: Frequency, call letters, state/province abbreviation, city, date, and time. I don't care what the standard is for other clubs/reporting venues, but that's the way you see it in *DX News* and it is appreciated when I receive it in that order. I utter naughty words when I receive reports are formatted otherwise. Please don't make me say those things.
- ❑ Next deadline is March 20. CU here.

### REPORTERS

**RA-CA** Rene Auvray Los Angeles Jensen Plus Tuner in a '97 Ford Crown Victoria  
**WH-CO** Wayne Heinen Aurora R-390A Phased 10 meter stationary loops, 4-foot box loop and a few random wires <amradiologbook@aol.com>  
**BK-CA** Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale R8-A/two long wires/MFJ-1026mw <karchev@worldnet.att.net>  
**DKK-CA** Don Kasky San Francisco Drake R8A + Kiwa Air Loop <kaskeyfamily@yahoo.com>  
**JJR-WI** John J. Rieger South Milwaukee Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp — or— GE Superadio III, Terk AM1000 loop <<http://DX-midAMerica.com>> <<http://DXMW.com>>  
**KR-AZ** Kevin Redding Mesa Sony ICF-2010 <amfmdx@fastq.com>  
**MS-MB** Morris Sorensen Winnipeg Drake R8 with Quantum QX Pro loop; DX-392 barefoot in the cold and snow <mosor@shaw.ca>  
**JV-KY** John Vervoot Murray Yacht Boy 400PE  
**JW-CO** John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop, Quantum phaser <peakbagger3@juno.com>  
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### STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 850 C??? BC **Abbotsford - 02/21** - The CRTC has approved use of 850 kHz with a power of 10,000 watts in Abbotsford for use by Aboriginal Voices Radio. (Northwest Broadcasters)
- 1150 KDEF NM **Albuquerque - 2/18 2100** - ID as Radio Disney and KID Programming. Noted on 2/23 at 2200 with new SNR format. Also caught on 2/24 at 0915 with local sports programming. New SPT Format; ex: KID. (Thanks to John Wilkins for the tip). (WH-CO)
- 1380 KRKO WA **Everett - 2/25** - Is another step closer to getting 50,000 Watts with latest approval by Snohomish County Council. (Northwest Broadcasters at <http://members.shaw.ca/nwbroadcasters/recentnews.htm>)
- 1580 KVVY CA **Merced - 2/21 0205** - With classic C&W song. Format change. Lots of KBLA, KGAL, KMIK QRM. KVVY not often heard nights. (DKK-CA)

### UNIDs and ASSUMED

- 1200 UNID ?? - 2/22 2325 - UnID SS station over KYAA, strong at times. Mostly music; no IDs heard. Any guesses? (RA-CA) [Your location pretty much rules out any domestics. Maybe a new XE from Baja California or Sonora? - Ed.]
- 1640 KDZR OR **Lake Oswego - 2/23 2245** - Assumed the Radio Disney programmer here, faintly in N/S null of KDIA. Much better signal at 0300 on 2/25 when KDIA had a two minute pause at ToH. Radio Disney just kept playing music until KDIA returned. I'll eventually hear an ID (I hope). KBJA-UT cuts through KDIA quite easily when looped E/W; much easier than KDZR. (DKK-CA)

### DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

Nope

### TIS & OTHER STUFF

Maybe next time

**KHOW63**  
TALK RADIO

### 630 kHz Challenge

- 630 KHOW CO **Denver - 2/24 2220** - Good in CFCO null, with ID as *This is 630 KHOW with Talk at Night*. (MS-MB)
- 630 KPTT NV **Reno - 2/16 1956-2100** - Nulled KIDD-CA to eventually get a clear KPTT VID: *KPTT Reno ESPN Radio 630*. KPTT dominates here most nights. (BK-CA)
- 630 KSLR TX **San Antonio - 2/17 0240** - REL programming. Preacher expounding on the difference between the washed and the unwashed man. (KR-AZ)
- 630 CFCO ON **Chatham - 2/21 2307** - Good, with oldies and ID as *Classic Gold-CFCO*. (MS-MB)

### REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 540 WDAK GA **Columbus - 2/13 1959** - *This is your news, weather, and traffic station, Five-Forty, WDAK Columbus*. (JV-KY)
- 610 KCSR NE **Chadron - 2/20 0912** - Area (Nebraska, SE Wyoming, SW South Dakota) news items and announcements. A few obituaries at 0914. Weather and call IDs also noted. Fair at best. (JW-CO)
- 770 KTTH WA **Auburn - 2/18 0359** - Totally dominating KKOBB with end of Michael Reagan talk show. ID at 0400, then into ABC News. Really powerful signal. (DKK-CA)
- 790 CIGM ON **Sudbury - 2/24 0754** - Fair, with local ads, calls, and C&W. Dominating! (JJR-WI)
- 800 KXIC IA **Iowa City - 2/22 0704** - Poor, with local news and weather. Over ????. (JJR-WI)
- 830 CKKY AB **Wainwright - 2/20 0242** - Surprised by cutting through KNCO/KPLS easily with C&W music. Continued for the next hour. (DKK-CA)
- 850 KACD CA **Thousand Oaks - 2/17 1425-1430** - A C&W song followed by *1350 The Toad*. (RA-CA) [Rene: Please note this is the correct call and city-of-license. They are // KTDD-1350 as duly noted in the NRC AM Radio Log - Ed.]
- 970 WMAY IL **Springfield - 2/22 0700** - Poor, with legal ID and weather. Alone on frequency. (JJR-WI)
- 1050 WTKA MI **Ann Arbor - 2/24 0743** - Fair, under WLIP, with ESPN. *The Ticket 1050 WTKA*. (JJR-WI)
- 1110 WBCA AL **Bay Minette - 2/24 0704** - Fair, with *Great American Radio Network and NASCAR Racing* into a C&W song. All alone. (JJR-WI)
- 1130 WISN WI **Milwaukee - 2/20 0804** - Traffic sponsored by Fast Track and call ID. Rough with XEETCH and others competing. Always nice to hear a 'W' call. (JW-CO)
- 1140 KHTK CA **Sacramento - 11/24 0835** - SPT with Athlete Interview. Another try for a verie on this one. (WH-CO)
- 1150 KCKY AZ **Coolidge - 2/18 0941** - Ending SS Music with many *Radio Casa* mentions and a series of spots. Fair in the SRS mess. (WH-CO)
- 1150 KSEN MT **Shelby - 2/24 0935** - Ending *Paul Harvey News* with long string of local spots to KSEN weather. Faded up to be dominant for five minutes, and gone. (WH-CO)

1160 KENS TX **San Antonio - 2/24 0851** - Local Traffic report spots and morning show. First time here with KSL nulled. (WH-CO)

1190 WBSL MS **Bay Saint Louis - 2/24 0700** - Poor, under WOWO. Legal ID into song. (JJR-WI)

1210 KOKK SD **Huron - 2/24 1826-1830** - Funeral announcements and local spots. Dominant over usual KGYN. Rare. (WH-CO)

1230 KOY AZ **Phoenix - 2/26 2110** - Songs *Ramblin' Rose* and *Let it Be*, call ID and slogan at 2116. Fair-to-poor in zoo. (JW-CO)

1230 KINO AZ **Winslow - 2/20 2051** - With C&W hits. Gal with weather at 2054: . . . for the *keeno listening area*. More music to legal ID at 2059:54, barely readable. Haven't heard this one for a few years. (JW-CO)

1230 KORT ID **Grangeville - 2/21 2027** - With ID while solid atop during an ad break. Here on KORT *Twelve-Thirty*. Not heard since a frequency check in April 1958. (DKK-CA)

1230 KDIX ND **Dickinson - 2/23 2307** - Fair, with CBS news, weather predicting possible record lows for eastern Montana and western North Dakota, a promo for income tax preparation assistance, and ID, and oldies. (MS-MB)

1230 KJQS UT **Murray - 2/24 0858** - Local spots, ID at 0900 as . . . *only on ESPN Radio KJQS Murray - Salt Lake City*, then area news and sports. Faded at 0904. Call change here, last heard as KWUN. (JW-CO)

1240 KEZY CA **San Bernardino - 2/21 2100** - Atop in SS to the TOH ID. This guy is becoming a regular lately which irks me a bit as I tried for ages before finally hearing them. (DKK-CA)

1240 WSBC IL **Chicago - 2/21 1841** - Poor, with local ads and *Shadow Traffic*. Rare! (JJR-WI)

1240 WJON MN **St. Cloud - 2/23 2059** - Poor, with program announcements and ID mentioning St. Cloud. (MS-MB)

1320 KFNZ UT **Salt Lake City - 2/27 0320** - Atop with sports scores from *Sporting News Radio Network*. Somehow cutting through KMKY slop fairly well. No KCTC noticed in the backwash. Wish some giant cat would come along and eat the mouse so I could hear something on 1300-1310-1320. (DKK-CA)

1340 KTOQ SD **Rapid City - 2/23 2159** - Poor-to-fair, with Rapid City ads and other local announcements by female, and an ID. NEW! Graveyard #50 from Winnipeg. (MS-MB)

1350 KCOR TX **San Antonio - 2/24 1912** - Presumed, with romantica tunes. At 1918 a program note for *Amor en la Manana* on *Amor 95.1* which is KCOR-FM. Don't know if the AM is simulcasting the FM or if this was just a program note. Poor in QRM. (JW-CO)

1400 KMHL MN **Marshall - 2/22 2030** - Poor-to-fair, with country music, and a promo for *American Country Countdown . . . on Radio 1400, KMHL Marshall*. (MS-MB)

1400 KLBB MN **St. Paul - 2/23 2100** - Fair, with American standards/nostalgia. Dual ID with KLBP-1470. NEW! Have been after this one for a long time. New GY record? (MS-MB) [It may be. I could be! It IS!!! - Ed.]

1410 KMYC CA **Marysville - 2/16 2018** - Noted with a Hank Locklin tune. Continued with classic country until ID at 2029. Announcements indicated format change but I haven't been able to confirm this, as no C&W music has been heard on 1410 since. (DKK-CA)

1450 KSEL NM **Portales - 2/21 0857** - Jim Croce song, legal ID at 0859:52 as *1450 AM Gold, KSEL Portales, Clovis, and Cannon, your home for great songs and wonderful memories*. CNN News at 0900. Fair over others. (JW-CO)

1450 KWHW OK **Altus - 2/26 1859** - Legal ID wafting over the jumble at 1859:54: *KWHW Altus news time here is 6 o'clock. Here's ABC on 1450*, followed, indeed, by ABC News. 600th station logged since 1 September. (JW-CO)

1490 WABJ MI **Adrian - 2/23 1825** - Poor, in fade up, with calls, weather, and ads. (JJR-WI)

1490 CFPS ON **Port Elgin - 2/19 0418** - Poor, with 560 CFOS jingle out of mess. Rare! (JJR-WI)

1520 KVTA CA **Port Hueneme - 2/24 2033** - Play-by-play NHL game between Detroit and Los Angeles on the Kings network; call ID's during breaks. Fair, with loop actually pointed north-ish to avoid KOMA. (JW-CO)

1550 KUAZ AZ **Tucson - 2/24 2001** - NPR and local news, after KADZ power down. Fair signal. Last logged as KUAT in '83. (WH-CO)

1560 WPAD KY **Paducah - 2/24 2102** - With a Jim Croce song. Weather and call ID at 2105,

then back to music on *Memories 1560*. Spotty reception after this. Another nice 'W' call not heard for a couple of years. (JW-CO)

1560 KZQQ TX **Abilene - 2/24 2157** - Sporting News Radio programming, legal ID at 2159:52 as *Sports Talk, The New Zoo KZQQ Abilene*, then into *Sporting News Flash*. Listed as a daytimer - oh well, I'll thank them for giving me a needed call change; ex: KMPC here. (JW-CO)

1600 KLEB LA **Golden Meadow - 2/16 1948** - For the best variety of Cajun music, lock your radio on *Rajin' Cajun AM Sixteen-hundred, KLEB*. (JV-KY)

1660 KQWB ND **West Fargo - 2/22 2027** - Pre-game of Moorhead State basketball game. Call IDs and area spots. Rough, with KXOL and slop from KBJD-1650. (JW-CO)

## GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

							Miles		
<b>1230 kHz:</b>									
WHUC	NY	Hudson	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON			405		
<b>1400 kHz:</b>									
KLBB	MN	St. Paul	Morris Sorensen	Winnipeg, MB			388		
<b>Totals:</b>									
Morris Sorensen	Winnipeg, MB		1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
			4	6	8	10	14	8	50

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DDXD-E 7022

## DDXD-East

This edition features the results of our Frequency Challenge on 630 kHz. Good work, everyone! You're all invited to join the last three challenges of the season: **1480 kHz** – listen from February 26 – March 19; **960 kHz** – March 20 – April 1; and **1370 kHz** – April 2 – April 15. Email or snail-mail me your thoughts for challenges for next season!

## REPORTERS

PLB-MI **Phil Boersma, Spring Lake** – GE Superadion III.

MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Panasonic RF-2200; Grundig YB-400PE.

SC-IN **Steve Chappell, McCordsville** - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.

SC-ON **Saul Chernos, Burnt River** – Sangean ATS909 portable with 1000-foot 14-gauge longwire pointed NE-SW, 500-foot 22-gauge pointed N-S. Realistic TRF655 with Radio Shack loop.

BC-NH **Bruce Conti, Nashua** - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.

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

MD-MA **Marc DeLorenzo, Marstons Mills** – JRC NRD-525, Noise-reduced slopers, Mini DXP3 phasing unit.

RJE-PA **Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell** - Hammarlund HQ-150, 4' amplified air core loop.

RJE\*PA **Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell** - Car radio & whip.

JF-ON **Jeff Falconer, Clinton** - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.

PG-MA **Phil Greenspan, Marshfield** – GE Superadio III.

DH-NJ **Dave Hochfelder, New Brunswick** – Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.

HN-GA **Herbert Newberry, Newborn** – Kenwood R-5000, Quantum Loop, 1000' Longwire.

RR-NC **Rick Robinson, Hendersonville** – Sony 7600GR and Radio Shack loop.

AR-ON **Andy Rugg, Cornwall** - HQ-180, Kiwa loop.

LV-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** – GE Superadio III, Sony 2010, Radio Shack Loop.

## FREQUENCY CHALLENGE – 630 kHz

630 WAVU AL **Albertville**– 2/20 2146—HS Basketball, Huntsville Lee Generals vs. Albertville Aggies, "Regional Tournament Network on WAVU." Also ID'd as "The Greatest Gospel, here on AM 6-30 WAVU". BTW, the Aggies won. (RR-NC)

KVMA AR **Magnolia** - 2/19 0704 - "News from the Arkansas Radio Network is coming up next" and "Arkansas Razorback games brought to you by Reagan Cleaners." (SC-IN)



- WMAL DC Washington** – presumed with rebroadcast of Sean Hannity show. Good on both antennae. Slight high-pitched het on channel. (HN-GA)  
 + 2/19 1710 - Local promo, ID then back to Sean Hannity program. (RJE-PA)  
 + 2/19 1815 – “Beltway traffic reports at 6:15 on WMAL”. Excellent signal from late afternoon to early morning. (RR-NC)  
 + 2/19 2327 – “WMAL, home of the Terrapins” and live basketball. Later: “WMAL News time...” Regular at night. (SC-ON)  
 + 2/20 1800 - good at times in CFCO phase null over WPRO with ID “When winter weather hits, ‘Operation Storm Watch’ is here with the information you need on ‘News Talk 630’, WMAL Washington, a ABC radio station”, ABC News. (JF-ON)  
 + 2/23 0056 – “weekday mornings at 9 on WMAL” promo and local weather noted under major pest CFCO and MOJO-640 slop. (MKB-ON)  
 + 2/24 1722 – Presumed with Sean Hannity syndicated show. Weak signal fading under WPRO. Running // with 890 local WBPS. Presumed as only east coast station carrying the program at this hour. Commercial for Selec-Comfort beds. (PG-MA)
- WBMQ GA Savannah** – 2/23 1805 - Presumed ending CBS news, EST time check, then weather with temps seeming appropriate. Only CBS News station in Log in either time zone. (RJE-PA)  
 + 2/24 0728 – Financial news. “Savannah and Hilton Head’s number 1 talker, News Radio 9-30 WBMQ”. Very good signal for about 20 minutes then faded. (RR-NC)
- WNEG GA Toccoa** – 2/19 1024 – Singing jingle “W-N-E-G”, back to OLD/NOS music. Regular daytime. (HN-GA)  
 + 2/20 1600 – Cobb Co. news. “AM 6-30 WNEG” Very good signal. Heard from early morning to sunset. (RR-NC)
- WLAP KY Lexington** – 2/19 0241 – presumed with Art Bell show. Nightly battle with WBMQ, Savannah. (HN-GA)  
 + 2/20 1751 – Lexington ads, UK basketball news, “News Radio 6-30 WLAP”. (RR-NC)  
 + 2/21 0100 - “News Radio 630 WLAP.” The local 630 bad boy. (SC-IN)  
 + 2/25 0633 - Sports, time check, ID, then David Letterman ‘Top 10’ TV promo, another time check, another ID then weather. Atop channel, but not overpowering. Last heard long ago in North Jersey. (RJE\*PA)
- KJSL MO St. Louis** – 2/19 0200 - Very weak: “630 KJSL.” (SC-IN)  
 + 2/20 1808 – Religious programming, “The Sandra Kay Show on AM 6-30 KJSL”. (RR-NC)
- WIRC NC Hickory** – 2/19 1823 – Audio portion of WSOC-TV “Channel 9 Eyewitness News on 6-30 AM WIRC.” Country music programming. My 24/7 pest. (RR-NC)  
 + 2/19 2329 - A very weak “WIRC” surfaced over several contenders. (SC-IN)  
 + 2/24 1755 - C&W, then “Broadcasting from the — Valley,” then calls obliterated by WMAL. RR-NC says the missing word is “Catawba”, and is this. Unneeded, but not heard in a number of years. (RJE-PA)
- WMFD NC Wilmington** – 2/24 1743 - ESPN promo, local sports, ID. Semi-regular. (RJE-PA)
- WEJL PA Scranton** – 2/20 1710 - ESPN talk, then promo for Phillies Baseball “on ESPN 630/1240”. Usually in the mix at sunset. (RJE-PA)
- WUNO PR San Juan** – 2/24 2300 – good to excellent; dominant at times over WPRO! ID just after top of hour with string of calls and cities in Puerto Rico (including WUNO San Juan) and “Noti Uno.” Relog but not typically heard, and never heard so strong and clear. (DH-NJ)
- WPRO RI Providence** – 2/19 2306 – “Providence’s exclusive accu-weather” and “News-radio 630 WPRO.” Easiest 630 at night. (SC-ON)  
 + 2/20 1708 - News, then “Newstalk WPRO” ID. (RJE-PA)  
 + 2/20 1757 - poor with CFCO phased with medical call in show with doctor in studio, gave web site wpro.com, on top again at 1802 with traffic info. (JF-ON)  
 + 2/21 1800 - Excellent; “Newsradio 630 WPRO...” into “WPRO Providence” jingle ID and *News First*, then continuing coverage of the West Warwick night-



- club fire with NBC 10 television on an extended edition of *The Dan York Show* local talk. (BC-NH)  
 + 2/22 0709 - Very weak: Out of station promo, “On News Radio 630 WPRO.” (SC-IN)  
 + 2/23 2300 – good to excellent. Usual dominant here; relog. No trace of regular WMAL either. (DH-NJ)  
 + 2/24 1210 - Local here. Running local talk discussing the W. Warwick fire. (PG-MA)
- KSLR TX San Antonio** – 2/19 0400 - Very weak: “AM 630 KSLR San Antonio” then into maybe a Religious program. (SC-IN)
- WDGY WI Hudson** – 2/19 0700 - Mixing with others resulting in partial ID: “WDGY... Radio Rey.?” (SC-IN)
- CFCO ON Chatham** – 2/19 2350 – Essex District High School in PSA, local ads, ID. Day-time local is third-easiest here at night. (SC-ON)  
 + 2/20 1741 - strong (my 630 local) with info about lost and found pets, “Classic Gold CFCO” jingle, OLD music. (JF-ON)  
 + 2/21 1526 - Oldies over nulled WLAP. (SC-IN)  
 + 2/24 1300 – fair-poor on daytime groundwave with local news, slogan “where Chatham-Kent gets its news”, promo for CFCO’s contest line, 352-3054 (area code not mentioned, but it’s 519). (MKB-ON)
- CFCY PE Charlottetown** – 2/19 2255 – Country music and ID. Requires good east coast conditions. (SC-ON)  
 + 2/20 1749 – Presumed. Poor with classic C&W music, weather with Celsius temps in CFCO phase null. (JF-ON)  
 + 2/22 1750 - Good; promo “...on the friendly voice of the Maritimes, CFCY,” and “CFCY, home of the island’s country favorites,” C&W music, many “630 CFCY” IDs, over WPRO and CHLT. (BC-NH)  
 + 2/24 1720 - C&W, segued thru 1730, but ID’d @ 1735. Semi-regular evenings. (RJE-PA)  
 + 2/24 1913 - Good; C&W; ID, into “Waitin On Joe”. Above and below WPRO. (PG-MA)  
 + 2/25 1818 – Battling WPRO with C&W music, jingle “CFCY 630 Charlottetown” and Island Weather at 1825. (MD-MA)
- CHLT QC Sherbrooke** – 2/20 1810 - Fair; telephone talk in French on the Radiomédia network parallel flagship 730 CKAC, in WPRO null. (BC-NH)
- STATION NEWS
- 1400 WHTR NY Albany** – Station has been sold to WAMC, Northeast Public Radio (90.3 FM), for \$500,000. Pending FCC approval, WAMC will use AM-1400 as a “repeater”, exclusively carrying regular WAMC programming. WHTR is currently broadcasting // to WRCZ, 94.5. (GL-NY)
- 1490 WUBR MI Whitehall** – 2/21 – noted on the air after three weeks of silence. Now SPT, carrying ESPN // to co-owned WSHN-1550 (also back on after a longer period of silence). (PLB-MI)
- DX TEST
- 1440 WFNy NY Gloversville** – 2/23 0000 - not heard, just jumble of stations here, mainly WMKM. (JF-ON)  
 + 2/23 - 0001 - Nothing heard through jumble of at least two UNID stations with talk and religious fare. One of them had “Life on the Edge” program. (AR-ON)
- PRESUMED AND UNID
- 640 KTIBp LA Thibodaux** – 2/19 0135 – WW1 oldies, on top of slop. (HN-GA)
- 740 KRMGp OK Tulsa** – 2/19 0143 - Neal Boortz show (Cox Radio Network) in progress. Presumed from affiliate list. (HN-GA)
- 820 WBAPp TX Fort Worth** – 2/19 0149 – Presumed with Midnight Trucking Network program and break for ads for truckers. Armchair copy on loop. (HN-GA)
- 990 WDYZp FL Orlando** – 2/20 0117 – presumed with Radio Disney. Armchair copy, occasional fades. (HN-GA)
- 1400 WNExp GA Macon** – 2/19 1105 – presumed with R. Disney. On wire, in jumble. (HN-GA)

1460	UNID	—	_____ - 2/7 1900 - fair, under WVOX, with frequent "Radio Disney" IDs. (LW-NY)
1490	WTIQp	MI	<b>Manistique</b> - 2/22 1853 - poor in mess with oldies music and "Cruisin' 1490" slogan. (JF-ON)
1580	KMIKp	AZ	<b>Tempe</b> - 2/19 1906 - Disney-type chatter when talkin' up the record and immediately tuned to 1560 WQEW, NY and verified the program content which also is Disney. KMIK is the only 1580 Disney listed at (100000watts.com) and two other popular MW DX internet sites. (SC-IN)
1620	WTAWp	TX	<b>College Station</b> - 2/19 0219 - Art Bell show. WDND partially nulled on loop. (HN-GA)
1640	WKSHp	WI	<b>Sussex</b> - 2/20 0221 - presumed with Disney kiddie fare. (HN-GA)
1650	KWHNp	AR	<b>Fort Smith</b> - 2/19 0226 - presumed with Art Bell // WTAW-1620. Mix with WHKT's Disney and KDNZ. (HN-GA)
1660	KXTRp	KS	<b>Kansas City</b> - 2/20 0225 - presumed with classical music behind WCNZ. (HN-GA)
1670	WTDYp	WI	<b>Madison</b> - 2/20 0238 - presumed with sports talk in background of local pest WRNC. (HN-GA)
1700	WJCCp	FL	<b>Miami Springs</b> - 2/20 0242 - presumed with SS:REL music, with WEUV surprisingly absent. KBGG noted way in back with talk. (HN-GA)

## STATION LOGGINGS

540	WFLF	FL	<b>Pine Hills</b> - 2/17 2203 - fair with CBS News on hour, Radio Shack ad and "Newsradio 540 WFLA" IDs. Weather report at 2306 for fair and sunny conditions with temps in the 60s and 70s. (LW-NY)
550	WDDZ	RI	<b>Pawtucket</b> - 2/21 0655 - Radio Disney. Only one listed on 550 and east coast very strong. New. (SC-ON)
570	KLIF	TX	<b>Dallas</b> - 2/19 0131 - ID at BOH "the Big Talk 570, KLIF." Heavy slop from WAAX, WWNC. Best on loop. (HN-GA)
580	WHP	PA	<b>Harrisburg</b> - 2/24 0740 - over CJCL slop with Wall Street report, slogan "Central Pennsylvania's business news on the big one, WHP talk radio 580". This one's a double whammy for DXers who chase 3-letter calls and state capitals! (MKB-ON)
650	WSM	TN	<b>Nashville</b> - 2/19 1046 - excellent groundwave for this time of day. Contest winner on telephone. "WSM, my only source for country." (HN-GA)
660	WXIC	OH	<b>Waverly</b> - 2/12 1759 - Country Gospel under WNBC, finally ID'ing as WXIC. New! (RJE-PA) + 2/18 1815 - Sign-off by general manager includes ID, power (1000 watts) and format ("Southern and country gospel music ... preaching"). New. (SC-ON)
680	WINR	NY	<b>Binghamton</b> - 1/26 1806 - Sinatra tune on the Dave Leonard Show. "Music just for you, 680 - WINR." (LW-NY)
	WCBM	MD	<b>Baltimore</b> - 1/26 1807 - fair with talk program and "680 - WCBM" IDs. Under and over WRKO and WINR. (LW-NY)
	WPTF	NC	<b>Raleigh</b> - 2/17 1750 - ad for Craig Anderson Toyota, mention of WB-TV 22, then Jerry Agar show with talk about Iraq, on "Newstalk 680 WPTF." (LW-NY)
740	WVCH	PA	<b>Chester</b> - 2/21 0706 - "740 WVCH, serving Newark, Philadelphia and ..." followed by Christian music and talk. Very strong with super-pest CHWO-ON in rare null. (SC-ON)
780	WCKB	NC	<b>Dunn</b> - 2/17 1758 - good with NC Net News, prayer, sign off mentioning Central Broadcasters Inc., 7000 watts, and "located 1 mile south of Dunn on Highway 421". (JF-ON)
790	CIGM	ON	<b>Sudbury</b> - 1/29 0000 - fair over WSKO, with C&W music and "today's country music, AM-790, CIGM." (LW-NY)
830	WCCO	MN	<b>Minneapolis</b> - 2/19 0150 - Commercial break and "WCCO" in jumble on longwire. (HN-GA)
850	KOA	CO	<b>Denver</b> - 2/19 0630 - Weather, then ad for Sunrise/Sunset restaurant with locations in Lakewood & Wheatridge, then ID, making their first appearance this season. (RJE*PA)
860	WSBS	MA	<b>Great Barrington</b> - 2/20 0735 - Sports, weather, ID, web site wsbs.com. Very strong with super-pest CJBC-ON in rare null. (SC-ON)



880	WRFD	OH	<b>Worthington</b> - 2/13 1800 - Strong in WCBS null with full ID. (RJE-PA)
	WRRZ	NC	<b>Clinton</b> - 2/14 1755 - Weak with local ad and ID under WCBS. (RJE-PA)
900	WCPA	PA	<b>Clearfield</b> - 2/21 0730 - Oldies, WCPA jingles, weather. New. (SC-ON)
950	WIBX	NY	<b>Utica</b> - 2/22 1706 - in WWJ null with CBS news (//WWJ, but with a 0.5 second delay), slogan "when you need news fast, News Radio 950 WIBX" into "Money Talk" program. (MKB-ON)
1020	KDKA	PA	<b>Pittsburgh</b> - 2/19 0151 - Blowtorch signal on both antennae. Local ads and local talk "on KDKA." (HN-GA)
1030	WQSE	TN	<b>White Bluff</b> - 2/20 0127 - Gospel music on "Christian radio 1030, WQSE, WPHC." No sign of WEBS; WBZ nulled. (HN-GA)
1040	WHO	IA	<b>Des Moines</b> - 2/19 0200 - Mike Reagan syndicated talk into legal ID: "WHO", network ads, into ABC News at TOH. (HN-GA)
	WPBS	GA	<b>Conyers</b> - 2/23 1813 - fair with GOS music, ID "Like a breath of fresh air, we are Atlanta's 'Praise 1040', WPBS", then quick sign off with no SSB played. New! (JF-ON)
1060	KYW	PA	<b>Philadelphia</b> - 2/19 0201 - "Accuweather on Newsradio 1060, KYW." Traffic report. Better on loop. (HN-GA)
1070	WIBC	IN	<b>Indianapolis</b> - 2/20 0134 - Break in Coast-to-Coast show "on 1070, WIBC." Slightly better on loop. (HN-GA)
1090	KAAY	AR	<b>Little Rock</b> - 2/20 0143 - Fire and brimstone-type preacher with his ministry "based in Little Rock." Up and down in slop on loop. (HN-GA)
1130	KWKH	LA	<b>Shreveport</b> - 2/19 0204 - Fox Sports. Nightly regular here, armchair quality. (HN-GA)
1150	WMRD	CT	<b>Middletown</b> - 2/7 1744 - oldies music, several IDs, in 1150 QRM. Last heard as WCNX. (LW-NY)
1170	KFAQ	OK	<b>Tulsa</b> - 2/20 0200 - ID at TOH in slop: "1170 KFAQ." (HN-GA)
1180	WXLA	MI	<b>Dimondale</b> - 2/20 0815 - "Mix 1180 WXLA," time (EST) and pop. New. (SC-ON)
1230	WCRO	PA	<b>Johnstown</b> - 2/22 1647 - just above jumble with "...on WCRO news..." (JF-ON)
	WHUC	NY	<b>Hudson</b> - 2/22 1733 - faded up with weather for the Hudson Valley, ID "Take us with you wherever you go, at home, work, or in the car, the 'Music of Your Life' is here on WHUC", Simon and Garfunkel song. New! (JF-ON)
1240	WGGA	GA	<b>Gainesville</b> - 2/19 1053 - Ad for AccessNorthGeorgia.com, promo for morning show "on 1240 WGGA." Back to NOS music. Best on wire. (HN-GA)
1250	CBGA	QC	<b>Matane</b> - 2/18 1749 - poor with 2 men in FF // CBEF-540 talking about the new Federal Government Budget in Canada. Rare. (JF-ON)
1260	WPNW	MI	<b>Zeeland</b> - 2/22 1700 - top of hour ID by woman: "WPNW AM 1260, word and praise for western Michigan" into gospel music, then faded into mush. Ex-WWJQ. (MKB-ON)
	WNDE	IN	<b>Indianapolis</b> - 2/22 1745 - fighting off WPNW with ad for Capital City Ford, ID as "this is Fox Sports Radio 1260 WNDE", into talk about Xavier University's 73-72 win over Dayton. (MKB-ON)
1270	WKBF	IL	<b>Rock Island</b> - 2/23 0620 - poor mixing with WXYT on west wire with weather report into NOS music. (JF-ON)
1290	WNBF	NY	<b>Binghamton</b> - 2/14 2312 - weather for area, on newsradio 1290 WNBF." (LW-NY)
1300	WKCY	VA	<b>Harrisonburg</b> - 2/18 1800 - faded up with ID "Hear Rush Limbaugh on 1300 WKCY, Harrisonburg and 970 WKCI, Waynesboro" into USA Network News. (JF-ON)
1340	WWLF	NY	<b>Auburn</b> - 2/18 1817 - poor with ID by child "You're listening to 'Wolf Radio', Radio Disney" then Abba song. (JF-ON)
	WMID	NJ	<b>Atlantic City</b> - 2/19 1720 - good with NOS music, ID "AM 1340 and FM 102.3, WMID" (WMID part sung). (JF-ON)
	WBBL	MI	<b>Grand Rapids</b> - 2/21 1914 - poor with start of high school basketball game on "WBBL, 'The Ball'". (JF-ON)
1360	WWWJ	VA	<b>Galax</b> - 2/16 1806 - poor over mess with storm info, Grayson County School closings, "3WJ" slogan used. (JF-ON)
1370	WHEE	VA	<b>Martinsville</b> - 2/19 1643 - poor with ad for Custom Auto Body in Martinsville. (JF-ON)

- 1400 WICK PA Scranton - 2/18 1831 - good with OLD music, "Wick Radio" and "Good Time Oldies" slogans used, promo for trip to Pike County Library and a fashion show in Dikson City. (JF-ON)
- WBAT IN Marion - 2/21 1930 - good with high school basketball pre game show; Marion High School Giants vs. Muncie Central Bearcats. (JF-ON)
- WKBI PA Saint Mary's - 2/22 1758 - good with ID "Elk County news at 10:30 and 12 noon on 'Classics 1400' WKBI, NOS music by Percy Faith and Orchestra. New! (JF-ON)
- 1420 WCED PA DuBois - 2/25 1946 - "Sports Spot 14-20, WCED, is your home for Penn State sports. Join the Nittany Lions as they hit the hard ones this season." Supposed to be on 500 watts night power, but I wonder. (PC-VA)
- 1450 WMAJ PA State College - 2/18 1835 - poor with "ESPN 1450" slogans, call in show about Penn State, call 814-272-9625. (JF-ON)
- WCTC NJ New Brunswick - 2/18 1836 - good over WMAJ with ID "WCTC sports talk time is 7:37", news about the Devils and Nets. (JF-ON)
- 1460 WBET MA Brockton - 2/20 0730 - over CJOY with ID as "radio for Metro South, here's the latest news on 1460 WBET", into local news sponsored by Walter Earl Chevrolet. (MKB-ON)
- 1490 WKVT VT Brattleboro - 2/19 1623 - "WKVT, Brattleboro's news and talk station" and Imus promo. New. (SC-ON)
- WLPA PA Lancaster - 2/22 1844 - good with SNR sports stuff, promo for Hershey Bears Hockey on sister station WHBO-92.7. (JF-ON)
- 1510 WAUK WI Waukesha - 2/21 0807 - over WLAC with promo for "Mike and Mike in the morning on Sports Radio 1510 Milwaukee" amid ESPN sports talk. (MKB-ON)
- 1520 WKVI IN Knox - 2/20 0752 - Mentions WKVI FM 99.3 and AM 1520 in Knox. New. (SC-ON)
- 1540 WNWR PA Philadelphia - 2/20 0728 - French talk. Schedule says they carry Radio France International at this time. New. (SC-ON)
- 1560 WATJ OH Chardon - 2/19 0704 - "WATJ Sports Radio 1560." Probably the SNR network station I've heard often but been unable to get an ID (until now). New. (SC-ON)
- 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 2/19 0223 - Local ads, "Iowa City" mentions. AC/OLD music. Pest WTEL in null. (HN-GA)
- 1680 WTIR FL Winter Garden - 2/18 0200 - good, dominant, with message from DOT and "AM 1680 WTIR Orlando, Winter Garden" IDs. No WTTM. (LW-NY)
- KRJO LA Monroe - 2/19 0230 - mix with WTIR. Smooth UC:GOS music and "Re-joice" slogan. (HN-GA)
- TIS, HAR
- 1609.9 TIS GA Macon - 2/19 1111 - rebroadcast of National Weather Service report for Macon. Zero-beat on USB at 1609.9 for best reception. (HN-GA)
- 1630 WQO740 PA Lehigh Valley - 2/18 1845 - Pa. Dep't of Transportation Highway Advisory Radio for the Lehigh Valley." Not often heard with X-band pests in IA and GA. (SC-ON)

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# International DX Digest

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

## Transatlantic DX

- 585 SPAIN RNE-1 Madrid FEB 27 0345 - Good thru annoying buzz with men in a discussion. Was parallel with others heard at same time such as 684, 729, 774 and 855. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 729 SPAIN RNE-1 Oviedo, et al FEB 27 0350 - Atop freq and all over CKAC with men in a talk program. Parallel to other RNE-1 stations. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1026 SPAIN SER synchros FEB 27 0443 - Good. News by man and woman. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1071 SPAIN Euskadi Irratia, Bilbao FEB 27 0455 - Very good with instrumental orchestra music and announcements by a man and woman in Spanish. Parallel to 1197. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1098 SPAIN RNE-5 synchros FEB 27 0403 - Good with a woman in Spanish, reading the news, I think, and parallel to others I heard like 1107 and 1503. May also be parallel to RNE-1. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1107 SPAIN RNE-5 synchros FEB 27 0404 - Good and parallel to 1098 and 1503 which I heard, with I think, the news read by a woman. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros FEB 27 0406 - Above another station, either a COPE or maybe the Croatian, with a woman in Spanish. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1143 SPAIN COPE synchros FEB 27 0503 - Fair, man and woman in Spanish. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1152 SPAIN RNE-5 synchros FEB 27 0505 - Good, man in Spanish and instrumental music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1197 SPAIN Euskadi Irratia, Vitoria FEB 27 0455 - Good with Spanish-type music and announcements by a man in Spanish. Was parallel with 1071. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli FEB 27 0408 - Good. Woman in Arabic. Faded quickly. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1503 SPAIN RNE-5 Monforte de Lemos FEB 27 0413 - Good with fast Spanish music and announcements by a woman. Listed as 2 kW. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1521 SPAIN SER Castillon FEB 27 0509 - Good with a woman and man in Spanish along with some bits of pop music. The Saudi had since faded into the Middle East sunrise. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1557 FRANCE Nice FEB 27 0526 - Super, with a man in French and musical bits. Maybe this is the new 150 kW transmitter from the old Monte Carlo site. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1602 SPAIN SER various FEB 27 0413 - Atop one or two others with a man in Spanish and some pop instrumental music. Parallel to a big 1575, also atop others. [Dangerfield-PA]

*Ben speaks:* TA reception has been gradually improving here during the last part of February. As you know, I keep a daily count of TA frequencies heard from as my barometer and in four of the last six days this figure has been more than 30 - a good sign. Last night the count went up to 70! Yes, the night of Feb 26/27 brought a big TA opening, mostly from Spain, the biggest of the 2002/2003 season so far. Of course I don't expect many repeats of this, but it was exciting. The first sign of this opening was, for me, on the low end of the band when some of the big RNE-1 stations appeared. This then spread to the middle and then to the high end. Things were still going strong after midnight. I had more than 40 Spain stations, more than half with good audio and most of them low powered. France was also in the mix, especially Nice-1557, some from Portugal and later Vatican-1611 was in. With my signal path theory, last night's path was on a line with Spain and North Africa to the east, and Colorado to the west (KDDZ).

## Pan-American DX

- 630 PUERTO RICO WUNO San Juan FEB 24 2300 - Spanish talk format, "NotiUno" and a string of IDs for various Puerto Rican outlets, including WUNO San Juan. Strong and dominant, blowing WPRO out of the water at times. Also a Spanish music station beneath it. [Hochfelder-NJ] The Ginnie Lupi *Frequency of the Week*.
- 690 MEXICO XEN México, DF FEB 23 1055 - Music, short mention of "Grupo Radio Centro México," national anthem, full ID mentioning "La 69 XEN," address, and power. News talk program. [Myers-FL]
- 1110 MEXICO XERED México, DF FEB 22 1048 - News items read by a man, brief music jingle between items. Mentions of "Red." [Myers-FL]

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## International News

**BELARUS:** 1170 morning schedule noted as follows; 0200-0400 VOR Sodruzhestvo, 0400-0500 VOR English, 0500-0700 BR1. [Olle Alm, FEB 17 ARC *Information Desk*]  
**GERMANY:** *Megaradio* outlets Regensburg 819 and Würzburg 1386 are now on air, apparently since 16 January. Regensburg is audible here in a mess when nulling co-channel Egypt. Würzburg would have to be confirmed with Bolshakovo off, until then not even a faint trace here also when nulling the Bolshakovo transmitter. Dr Hansjörg Biener and others reports that today at noon also the Nürnberg-based *Megaradio* transmitter was switched on. This is 1 kW on 945, the channel already in use at Munich. During darkness the transmitter has a reach of about 10 km. [Kai Ludwig, FEB 17 ARC *Information Desk*]  
**GUAM:** Former *TransWorld Radio* AM outlet KTWG 801 has been sold to a local Christian businessman according to *AWR Wavescan*. Assumed it will remain on the air, but maybe with a new callsign? [David Ricquish, FEB *New Zealand DX Times*, NZRDXL]  
**IRELAND:** All independent Irish re-broadcasts of UCB and *Cross Rhythms* are to end, possibly within months. *Irish Christian Broadcasters* (ICB) who are responsible for retransmitting various UK Christian radio stations such as UCB and *Cross Rhythms* in Ireland, have decided to permanently cease such re-broadcasts. They are now in the process of building their own high-tech studios and hope to be able to put their own programmes on air 24 hours a day as soon as possible. The new station will be similar to the UCB network in its format though based in Ireland and purely for and about Ireland. Two radio stations are planned. The first one will be a family Christian radio station similar to the old UCB *Europe*, consisting of adult contemporary / inspirational Christian music especially that originating from Irish artists, coverage of Irish Christian events and activities, plus Christian news, information, encouragement and teaching with a particular focus on that from the Irish churches. The second station will be Ireland's own answer to *Cross Rhythms* in the UK. For more information about these broadcasts click this link to this official website, [www.gracefellowship.ie/icb.htm](http://www.gracefellowship.ie/icb.htm). The 50 kW 549 kHz AM transmitter is situated in Northern Co. Monaghan, Ireland. When on full power, the daytime signal can reach the whole of Ireland and the western half of Britain with reasonable reception also across most of the English Midlands as far east as Leicester. [Christopher McCallion, HCDX via FEB 17 ARC *Information Desk*]  
**LATIN AMERICA:** A new Latin MWDX e-group on Yahoo features DX tips, loggings, solar weather alerts, propagation, etc. They plan to assemble a database of the audio IDs of as many Latin American stations as possible, so fellow DXers can use them to help with IDing what they hear on the radio. The address is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LatinMWDX>. [Matt L., Moderator, LAMWDX via FEB *New Zealand DX Times*, NZRDXL]  
**LEBANON:** 837 *Radio Lebanon* (Idaatu Ljubnian) booming in here with great signal at 1400 UTC, news in Arabic. At 1410 ceremonial announcement about new US made superpower transmitter of 1000 kW, "covering Egypt, Turkey, etc." and mentioned Bulgaria already too. Reception without using loop-antenna, just built-in aerial. [Rumen Pankov, BC-DX via FEB 17 ARC *Information Desk*]

73 and Good DX!

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# DX'er's Notebook

*Shared tips, topics, and Internet info*

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A few more comments on the Daytime DX topic...and some remembrances of another longtime DXer.

## DAYTIME DX

**Don Trelford** <dondorvilla@angel.com>: Have intended to join the discussion on DXers Notebook for some time now, but by the time I get around to writing something, the topic is finished.

I wonder if a listing of all talk show call-in phone numbers, plus name of show, would speed up IDing a station, as usually they only give the number and not the name of the show, and of course you have to wade through an hour of talk for the ID, and just then the station fades out or the interference takes over!

For best day-time catches, it has been some time since I got any, since down here in Jamaica, it seems to be dominated by Cuba, with a station on almost every frequency. Back in Canada. I got a few, most notable WWSM (call now changed) 1510 in Annville-Cleona, PA at noon, mid afternoon, both on the same day WFIE, 1500, Milford, CT and KLTI, 1560, Macon, MO, both in a truck radio, while in a parking lot in Scarborough, ON, and years ago, in early afternoon, Bonaire on 800, while in my car in Belleville, ON; CJBQ was off the air for some reason.

Regarding west coast reception, very rare these days, did get 2 of the new x-banders from CA, when those frequencies first opened up, also got KEX, Portland, OR and KSL, Salt Lake City, once. It was nothing like the 40s, when I had 19 QSLs from CA, including graveyarder KUCB, Blythe, CA, then 250 watts, also notable, graveyarders KRAL, Rawlins, WY, KOBE Las Cruces, NM, WKJB Mayaguez, CA, KGIW, Alamosa, CO, KRPI, Moscow, ID, all from Toronto, of course they were on frequency checks in early morning hours. Also, further west KHON, Honolulu, HI, KPOA also Honolulu, HI and KMVI, Maui, HI, 550 at 1000 watts. More later.

**Carl W. Dabelstein** <ckdabel@msn.com>: Back in July 1975, while I was living in Lincoln, Nebraska, John McKinney, the Engineer in Charge of the Grand Island FCC Monitoring Station, invited the members of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club to visit the station. I was one of about 20 members that toured the station on a Sunday afternoon. I had the wonderful opportunity to use one the FCC's Racial receivers at the station attached to one of the six Beverage antennas situated there and tuned the BCB. I distinctively recall hearing KNBR on 680 kHz at about 1:30 p.m. that Sunday afternoon. I sure would have liked to have spent some time there listening at night! Interestingly, two years later, on Labor Day weekend 1977, John was one of the featured speakers at the NRC Convention in Lincoln.

**Pete Lee** <sunshine@angelfire.com>: First I guess I should define what I consider daytime DX. It would be non-critical hours reception; the time between two hours after local sunrise and two hours before local sunset. Anyone have any comments on this? I guess this means SRS would be \_before\_ local sunrise and SSS \_after\_ local sunset.

Monday thru Wednesday had the usual two+ stations under KHOW-630 from noon on; but yesterday I almost ID'ed one of them. "Course the "troubleshooter" show (this is the live broadcast) has absolutely \_no\_ dead air except for the split seconds between the cue tones, none of which is near the TOH.

WLW was all alone and in the clear at 2pm; tried for 1530 but it was a jumble with Colorado Springs the weak boss. Is WLW the only station that can regularly be heard coast-to-coast on any given night?

**Paul Swearingen** <PlsBCBDXER@aol.com>: Strictly speaking, I use 10 am - 2 pm as "pure" daytime DX time for reporting purposes. But unusual conditions make any time designation arbitrary...like reception of CBW-990 in Topeka at high noon... so I'd say if you can see the sun, it's daytime!

**Pete Taylor** <ptdx@att.net>: I would add WWL, KMOX and WBBM. I'm sure there are others, depending on what co- and first adjacent stations are near your location.

**Paul Swearingen** <PlsBCBDXER@aol.com>: WLS-890 and WHAS-840 were regulars in SoCal when I was there in the mid-'80's, and WSM-650 put in occasional appearances against KFI's co-channel interference, but locals added on those channels since then probably would make current reception almost impossible.

## ROY MILLAR

The following messages were sent to the list in response to John Callarman's notes on the death of Roy Millar, which was included in a Musing in No. 20.

**Talk 1670 Radio**



**Charles Hutton** <charlesh3@msn.com>: Sorry to hear it too. I had been asking around about the long time local DX'ers and just wasn't moving fast enough. I'm sorry I didn't get to meet him after moving to Seattle and if I had just gotten around to calling sooner I would be able to chat with one of the NRC legends.

John - by chance did you have any contact with Roy's family? I wouldn't mind calling them at this point to see if his QSL's are available. Slim chance, but worth it.

The good news is that Bart Cronin is still around. Bruce Portzer invited him to his get-together this month but Bart can't make that date. We'll catch him later.

**David Hogg** <NEMCO99@aol.com>: John Callarman, that was a very enlightening article that you did on Roy Millar. It saddens me to realize that he is gone — but your article allowed us to appreciate him as you did. Great article.

**Patrick Martin** <mwdxer@webtv.net>: I also am very sad to hear about the death of Roy Millar. I was fortunate to meet him at a GTG in Seattle I believe. Thanks John for sharing. It is very tough to lose someone you love. I wish the very best for his family.

**Phil Bytheway** <pbwt@netzero.net>: Folks - Roy's QSL collection was sent to the CPRV several years ago. Unfortunately, he also tossed his somewhat large sticker collection... I'm sure he had some "classics".

I met and spoke with Roy several times over the years and we always had good discussions about "tape" DX... as I am in a similar situation here. He always had good ideas and knew the band extremely well... we often discussed "targets". I'm still amazed that he found the time to listen to up to 5 recordings per DAY at his peak!

I'm planning on attending the NRC convention in Dallas... already have my plane reservation thanks to Delta frequent flyer miles.... hope to see a bunch of you folks there!!

**Steve Francis** <Amdxmail@aol.com>: Wonder why his wife wouldn't let him DX in real time, yet didn't begrudge the time he spent listening to the recordings??

**Russ Edmunds** <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: The getting up out of bed in the middle of the night to DX was the problem, and it's not uncommon. It took me years to get my wife to finally 'accept' it, although I do it infrequently anymore owing to it being harder for me to get up that way and, absent some special event, not as rewarding as sunrise or sunset.

**John Callarman** <JohnCallarman@msn.com>: Exactly.

**Benjamin Dangerfield** <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net>: Thanks, John, for the fine piece on Roy Millar. I never met him but always followed his IDXD reports with much admiration. He was one of the few on the west coast who ever reported logging TAs. As for his taping so as not to have to get up in the middle of the night I think my wife would have appreciated that too!

**Bill Hale** <w\_r\_hale@sbcglobal.net>: Mr. Millar holds many GYDXA records in the pre-1960 category on every frequency. The lists are available on-line at <<www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html>> for those who are not aware of them. Call up any of the Pre-1960 lists for his records.

## RECEIVERS

We'll start our look at various portable receivers this time from some recent messages on the listserv. We'll look at some of these in more depth in future columns (once I have more time to organize the information after basketball season is over in a couple of weeks).

**Tim Davisson** <rdavisson@neo.rr.com>: About 3 years ago my wife found a G.E. Superadio I in a thrift store. It looked practically brand new. Thank heavens I was with her shopping (rare for me), and I grabbed it for...and get this \$7.00!

Yes, there \*is\* something wrong with it: something in the FM receiver section is screwed up...but who cares? The AM section is PERFECT! I lucked out!

By the way...I'm new on these lists...so forgive this question if it's been asked 27,000 times. But—is the C.C. Crane \$150+ AM radio really THAT much better than the Superadio? I mean as a portable AM "DX" receiver? I don't know anybody who has one, but you see them advertised quite a bit. Thanks, guys.

**Neil Kazaross** <neilkaz@earthlink.net>: I ask the membership...what's your opinion of the CC Radio...isn't it a bit expensive for what it does?

**Powell Way** <powell@conterra.com>: And the answer is NNNNNNNNOOO!

**Russ Johnson** <k3pi@radiointel.com>: It is not. I would argue that it isn't better, period. The SR is a far better value. If the SR had a more accurate dial, it would be slam dunk.



**Kevin Redding** <amfmdx@fastq.com>: Tim, It depends on what you want. The GE sounds better. The CCRadio has a digital readout. If you want a DX radio that is easy on you the get the CCRadio. If you want a radio that sounds great and will DX, then get the Superadio. They are both very nice radios but do things a little differently.

**Mike Pietruk** <pietruk@panix.com>: Whether the CC Radio is worth the money is a subjective question. While I understand why some would suggest that it isn't, I last December bought the new CC Radio Plus and am most pleased with it. Yes, AM reception is more or less equivalent to the Super Radio II. However, one gets 5 presets on each of its 4 bands, tuning is far more precise and convenient, and reception on the WX band is great. Moreover, there are line out and in jacks something the Superadio II never had except for the headphone jack.

As a total package, The CC Radio wins hands down as it ought to given the price differential. Whether that price differential is worth it for the individual, that is subjective as to what one wants and expects from the unit. Given what the CC Radio is and the total package of features and conveniences, I'd argue it is fairly priced.

About the only shortcoming I have discovered is the lack of a handle for securing carrying which I believes requires the purchasing of the offered carrying case which I ordered within days of receiving the receiver. My only regret is that I waited so long to buy the CC Radio.

**Frederick Vobbe** <fredv@nrcdxas.org>: See if you can locate a Sony ICF-2010 (just recently discontinued), or save up for a Drake R8B. It's much more money, but the investment and results are far better than you would get with a Superadio. The Superadio is good for low end DXing, but it lacks some things that the other radios I mentioned have.

**Russ Edmunds** <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: Pretty much everything I can remember seeing here and in DXN about it points in that direction (that the CCRadio is expensive for what it does). I seem to recall comparisons indicating that the SR I is equal or perhaps better.

**Bruce Conti** <BACONTI@aol.com>: I love my CCRadio. It might be a little pricey, but it's a great bedside clock radio. I use it as an alarm clock, for listening to weather radio, and for AM DX listening. The ergonomics are outstanding for tuning around in the dark while laying in bed at night. I have the five preset push buttons tuned to favorite nighttime talk shows, and tuning around via the up/down step buttons makes it easy to keep track of where I am on the dial when casually DXing. It runs on internal AC supply or DC batteries. I operate exclusively with batteries and they last about a year.

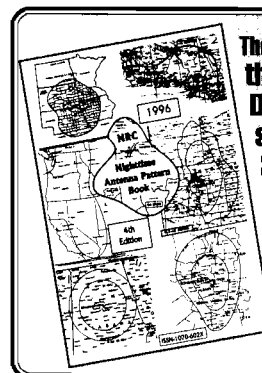
**Ronald C. Gitschier** <wgsr1570@nrcdxas.org>: I'd recommend that you "scour" the Radio Shack supply system for a Radio Shack DX-398. They sold for \$199 (++) and they're getting rid of them for about \$99. It will take some looking as the closeout is many months old, but some folks seem to infer that you MAY still find one in the system. Someone on the list here might chime in with some better information. I'd put my money on the DX-398 vice the CC radio any day. For more cash, get the Sony 2010 before they completely disappear forever, they too are discontinued.

I too love trolling around the thrift stores and flea markets for the very same reasons!! Happy hunting.

**Russ Edmunds**: So far as I know there are none of these (2010's) available, even at the Sony warehouse stores.

**Powell E. Way III**: I go to the store in Gaffney SC fairly often, and I asked someone there if they have ever seen one, and the answer was no, just the model above it and it was ONE. The one I didn't get for \$350.

**Brian Leyton** <bleyton@cpe-usalco.com>: If anyone is interested, I saw one at the Fry's store in Burbank, CA a couple of weeks ago. Not sure if it's still there, but I suspect that it might be...



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530	WPUJ624	Mead CO, prepared card in 13 days. V/s Ron Mead CTMC Oper. Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
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620	KJOL	Grand Junction CO, p/d letter, sticker in 15 days after a follow-up. V/s Dwight C. Morgan, DoE. (Wilkins—CO)
	CKRM	Regina SK, p/d letter, business card in 15 days. V/s Willy Cole, PD. (Griffith—CO)
640	KTIB	Thibodaux LA, p/d letter in 14 days. V/s Shane Warner, PD. (Myers—FL)
740	CHWO	Toronto ON, "Beach Party 2003" card, bookmarks, schedule, station history in 5 days for e-mail rpt. of DX Test. V/s Brian Smith, QSL Mgr. (Brooker—ON)
890	WBAJ	Blythewood SC, p/d letter, schedule, religious booklet in 7 days. No v/s. (Myers—FL)
930	KAFF	Flagstaff AZ, p/d letter, business card in 72 days. V/s Peter Bruce, AM Music Dir. (Griffith—CO)
960	KKNT	Phoenix AZ, f/d letter in 9 days for follow-up. V/s John Timm, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
	KLTF	Little Falls MN, confirmation on report in 10 days after a follow-up. V/s Jack Hansen, President. (Wilkins—CO)
1030	4VLB	Port-au-Prince HAITI, Radio Ginen, f/d prepared card in 6 wks for FR rpt. and \$1.00. V/s Jean-Lucien Borges. (Myers—FL)
1060	WKNG	Tallapoosa GA, p/d letter in 8 days. V/s Red Jones. (Myers—FL)
1070	WINA	Charlottesville VA, p/d letter, fridge magnets in 12 days. V/s David Barish. (Myers—FL)
1150	KSAL	Salina KS, p/d letter, coverage map, KS weather map, stickers, KY94 license plate in 14 days. Returned enclosed \$1.00. V/s Jerry Hinnihus, VP/GM. (Griffith—CO)
	KIMM	Rapid City SD, p/d letter, key ring, copy of station log in 7 days. V/s Wayne Janke, PD. (Wilkins—CO)
1260	KZNI	Idaho Falls ID, f/d letter in 17 days after a follow-up. V/s Carl Watkins, CE. (Wilkins—CO)
1280	KDOL	Henderson NV, prepared card for a 1994 logging. V/s Betina Blair. (Wilkins—CO)
1400	KSRR	Provo UT, f/d letter in 6 days after a follow-up. V/s Robert Morey, Station Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
1450	KMMS	Bozeman MT, f/d letter in 6 days for taped report. V/s Dave Cowan, Mktg. Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
1480	KYOS	Merced CA, p/d letter, KTIQ-1660 sticker, Sacramento Kings schedule in 32 days. V/s Virginia Yee. (Griffith—CO)
1570	KVTK	Vermillion SD, p/d letter, schedule in 46 days. V/s Randy Hammer, OM. (Griffith—CO)
1580	KIVA	Albuquerque NM, prepared card in 60 days after 6 <sup>th</sup> attempt for a '99 reception. V/s John Aragon, Owner. (Wilkins—CO)
1670	KHPY	Moreno Valley CA, f/d letter in 21 days. V/s D.L. VanVoorhis, Owner. (Griffith—CO)

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# Professional Sports Networks

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is a mini-"contest". During the recent "ad-fest" in San Diego I timed the football game using my usual method. I start timing when the football is hiked, and I stop timing when I think the play action has completed. Sometimes I might stop a second too soon or a second too late. All time for a play is charged against the offense, so if there is an intercepted pass and a runback, all of the time is charged to the offense. What was the total playing time for the game? Which team, the Raiders or the Buccaneers, had the ball for longer? I will tell you that the game was longer than most of the games I have timed in the past few years. Try to guess, but don't send me your guesses. I will give the statistics in the next column.

I have not found any National Basketball Association (NBA) network lists except for those on the nba.com web site, where the lists have a "do not reproduce" statement. If have any NBA lists, please send them to me. Also, with spring training beginning, it is time to start collecting Major League Baseball network lists; I have four that I received today (but have not processed). If you find a network list online, please send me only the URL. There is no need to send me the list, as I can download it from the web. And if you are going to send me a list, I would prefer the entries in my standard format - "1000 WMVP-IL". That way I do not have to reformat the entries. And there is no reason to send me the data in an HTML-formatted attachment. I prefer plain ASCII text. I have never seen a need to send a plain-text e-mail message in any format other than plain ASCII text. I routinely do not process attachments.

Here is one National Hockey League network list.

Phoenix Coyotes 2002/2003 Kurt Keilback, Bob Heethuis (via Art Blair)

600	KVNA-AZ	980	KNTR-AZ	1230	KATO-AZ	
610	KNML-NM	1060	KDUS-AZ *	1340	KIKO-AZ	93.3 KDKB-AZ *
780	KAZM-AZ	1130	KQNA-AZ	1400	KJOK-AZ	106.7 KPPV-AZ

Here is the flagship information for the Arena Football League, from Arena Football League flagships and nets from www.arenafootball.com via Bob Pietsch:

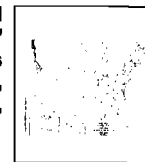
Arizona Rattlers	860	KMVP-AZ
Buffalo Destroyers	107.7	WNSA-NY *
	1240	WJTN-NY (Net)
	1330	WSPQ-NY (Net)
Carolina Cobras		Unknown
Chicago Rush	1000	WMVP-IL
Colorado Crush	760	KTLK-CO
Dallas Desperados	1310	KTCK-TX
Detroit Fury	1130	WDFN-MI
Georgia Force	790	WQXI-GA
	610	WPLO-GA (SS)
Grand Rapids Revenge	1340	WBBL-MI
Indiana Firebirds	950	WXLW-IN
	95.9	WPZZ-IN
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# KMOX's Nan Wyatt is slain at home

By Greg Jonsson and Heather Ratcliffe,

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - via Bill Hale

KMOX radio personality Nan Wyatt was shot to death in her home in Twin Oaks in St. Louis County on Tuesday evening, police said.

Police sources said Wyatt, 44, was found with gunshot wounds in the bedroom of her home.

Wyatt, one of the most recognizable voices in St. Louis broadcasting, has hosted the morning drive-time "Total Information AM," St. Louis' top morning radio show, since 1996. She also was a regular on the "Donnybrook" television show Thursday nights on KETC (Channel 9).

Police said the shooting took place about 6 p.m. Tuesday and they responded to the scene after receiving a call.

About 6:30 p.m., police found Wyatt's husband at an optical store on Telegraph Road, not far from the St. Louis County police's 4th Precinct station. One officer suggested that he was trying to find the station. He was being questioned by officers Tuesday evening.

Wyatt's husband had taken the couple's 7-year-old son, Drake, to a relative's house Tuesday evening, but it was unclear whether that was before or after the shooting.

Wyatt's house, in the 1300 block of Woodland Oaks Drive, is on a one-block street off of Big Bend Road. It is separated by a stand of pine trees from the rear of the Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, the same church where the funeral of Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck took place in June.

At KMOX, Wyatt has been paired with Charles Jaco, Steve Jankowski, and most recently Doug McElvein. The news, traffic, weather and sports show airs from 5 to 9 a.m. Wyatt also had worked for a brief time at WBBM-AM in Chicago.

Wyatt was known for her in-depth political reporting. She had won several reporting awards, including the National Associated Press Award for Enterprise Reporting.

"She was just a consummate professional," said Karen Carroll, general manager of KMOX until she was succeeded by Tom Langmyer earlier this year. "She was very dedicated. . . . She was just a large part of the wheel."

Wyatt was a cornerstone of the radio station, Carroll said. Wyatt was the first person co-workers turned to for sources, information and advice. Wyatt was dedicated to providing fair, balanced reporting on the stories she covered and was al-

ways first to the newsroom in a crisis, Carroll said.

She reportedly met her husband while in Chicago, where she hosted an afternoon radio show.

Wyatt had recently told friends that she was going to file for divorce after years of working on her marriage.

Patty Wentz, general manager at KWMU radio and a close friend, said she believed Wyatt had filed for divorce in late December. Wyatt wanted to talk about the divorce with Wentz, who said she went through a difficult divorce several years ago.

"She had been going through a lot," Wentz said. "It had been a long haul. She just called me and said, 'It's time to get together. It's time.'"

Wyatt was a dedicated mother to her son, who turned 7 on Friday, Wentz said.

"Her son was the sunshine of her life," Wentz said. "The sun rose and set on her son."

Wyatt's grace and professionalism stood out to her partners on the "Donnybrook" show.

Martin Duggan, the host and producer of the show, said he selected her about four years ago to replace Anne Keefe, who retired.

"She was very good at her job, on top of news," Duggan said. "She had a great personality. She was quick-witted, that's an important quality on a show like this."

Ray Hartmann, a "Donnybrook" participant and former owner of the Riverfront Times, said Wyatt was gracious and humble in succeeding Keefe, one of the best-known personalities in St. Louis radio and television history.

The transition was a challenge, he said. Wyatt tried to build on Keefe's tradition rather than trying to upstage her reputation, Hartmann said. Wyatt's devotion to charities stood out, both Duggan and Hartmann said.

"Nan had to get up at 3 or 4 in the morning to do her job at KMOX," Hartmann said. "But she was still happy to do a charity event the same night."

Post-Dispatch columnist Bill McClellan, a close friend who worked on "Donnybrook" with Wyatt, said she was one of the hardest-working journalists he had met. She was also a great person to spend time with, he said. "She was a great person to have a drink with and talk about politics or life," McClellan said. "She was great fun."

# Geomagnetic Summary

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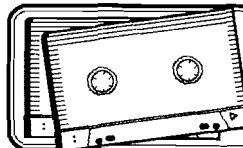
High "A" values indicate possible auroral conditions

## Geomagnetic Summary December 31 2002 through February 15 2003

SWF - Space Weather Forecast  
maf - major flare  
mas - major storm  
mis - minor storm  
pca - polar cap absorption  
SWT - Space Weather today  
spe - satellite proton event  
ss - severe storm

Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space	Wx	Today
12/31	115	6	1	no storms	no storms	1
1/1	115	8	2	no storms	no storms	6
2	118	8	2	no storms	no storms	6
3	138	15	3	no storms	no storms	7
4	143	12	2	no storms	no storms	5
5	148	6	2	no storms	no storms	6
6	162	6	2	no storms	no storms	7
7	163	8	2	minor	minor	6
8	174	6	1	minor	minor	6
9	183	5	2	minor	minor	6
10	185	12	3	no storms	minor	8
11	189	9	3	no storms	minor	7
12	173	10	3	no storms	minor	7
13	241	10	2	moderate	unsettled	6
14	229	10	2	moderate	quiet-unsettled	6
15	218	6	1	low-moderate	quiet-unsettled	5
16	216	5	3	low-moderate	quiet-unsettled	3
17	212	7	2	low-moderate	quiet-unsettled	6
18	211	6	0	low	quiet-unsettled	1
19	214	13	2	low-moderate	quiet-active	7
20	222	8	2	low-moderate	quiet-unsettled	7
21	225	11	1	low	quiet-unsettled	3
22	130	18	5	minor	minor	7
23	136	18	3	minor	minor	7
24	130	15	3	minor	minor	7
25	129	26	2	minor	minor	7
26	125	17	3	no storms	no storms	8
27	121	10	3	no storms	no storms	6
28	126	12	2	no storms	no storms	5
29	124	12	3	no storms	no storms	7
30	121	23	1	minor	minor	6
1/31	120	13	1	minor	no storms	6
2/1	126	11	3	minor	minor	9
2	127	34	4	moderate	minor	8
3	127	34	4	moderate	minor	8
4	133	17	3	no storms	no storms	8
5	135	16	2	minor	no storms	7
6	140	9	1	no storms	no storms	7
7	150	14	3	minor	minor	6
8	147	11	2	no storms	minor	6
9	139	12	3	no storms	no storms	6
10	141	14	2	no storms	no storms	8
11	136	16	3	no storms	no storms	6
12	135	10	2	no storms	no storms	4
13	132	9	3	no storms	no storms	9
14	131	7	3	no storms	no storms	6
15	131	19	2	minor	no storms	6



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# Musings

## of the Members

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Does anyone besides me find the current radio commercials for H & R Block annoying? The tone of voice used really upsets me, and I hear these blurbs all over the dial. Several years ago I got tired of hearing the "Hooked on Phonics" ad for teaching children how to read. Geico's ads are also somewhat annoying, but the ones for H. & R. Block are definitely the worst in my book. Incidentally, the H & R stand for Henry and Richard. I notice that there is interest in providing broadband access for computer communications to ISP's via power lines. I fear that such a system would create radio interference, and hope that it gets shot down. There are already consumer systems for providing telephone extensions and other services within the home over the house wiring. While I haven't personally heard of any interference cases, I wonder how harmless such systems might be. I haven't knowingly participated in the Frequency Challenge competitions, but I note that so far at least four of my loggings in DDxD-E happened to be on a frequency of the week.

**Brian J. Lambe - Charlotte, NC**

Hello everyone!! This is my first musings!! My name is Brian Lambe and I have been an NRC member for a year and a half. I am 22 years old, and also hold the amateur radio call KE4QZB. I have been a ham now for 8 years and mostly do CW work. I LOVE AM DXING, it's such a challenge!! Every night I fall asleep listening to either WHO or WBBM! It is so cool to hear the weather reports for these locations and how REALLY cold it does get up there!! I try to tell people about what they can hear on their AM radios at night, but many of them look at me as if I am strange! In July of 2001, I bought a Radio Shack Superadio "Clone" and used it to log many stations that I could never hear on my simple alarm clock radio!! Santa then brought me a NICE SONY ICF-2010 in December 2001 and I have since logged many new ones, including KOA 850 in Denver, which is my farthest west station so far, as well as KKWY in Foxfarm, Wyoming. Last July, I had the pleasure of taking my ICF-2010 to Calgary, Alberta and doing some DXing from there. LOTS of fun—real cool hearing KOMO in Seattle, WA!!—Slim chance if any that I will ever log KOMO from NC, but you never know!! Anyway, I think this club is TERRIFIC and I want some of the older guys to know that there are a few of us younger guys in the hobby. A special thanks goes out to RUSS JOHNSON in Lexington, NC, who gave me a sample DX NEWS, which made me want to join!! Thanks for making this club great everyone, glad to be a part of this awesome hobby!! Happy DXING!! (And were glad to have you 'in the fold' too, Brian, and hope that you'll check in with us often!-DWS)

**Paul McDonough, Medford, MA**

This is about the proliferation of local stations on the X-band in and around Boston, MA. I'm not including "real" stations on X-band that I can hear at night.

\*1580 Radio Concorde (WRCB - assume Radio Concorde Boston) - sometimes EE

Last logged Jan 29th at 1155 ELT. ID as "Rah-dee-oh Con-cooord". Fair signal strength on Feb 25th, 2003.

\*1610 Fench/Haitian Creole lang station heard on 29 Oct 2002. Not heard again. But 1700 kHz station not heard at this time. Did they switch freqs temporarily?

\*1610 Heard "Ron Racka(sp?), the Talking House Guy". Heard 29 June 2001 at 1255 ELT. Advertising condo on Powderhouse Blvd in Somerville (next town over from Medford) for \$399K.

\*1620 Radio Energie - IDed 1657 ELT on 27 June 2002. Had speaker named (something) Mohammed in English from Peace Mission in New York. Strong on Feb 25th, 2003.

\*1640 Radio Nouveaute (WRNM Radio Nouveaute Massachusetts). This was the first of the X-banders in French/Haitian Creole. First heard by guy Mohrmann(sp?) in VT, who called Jerry Berg in Lexington, MA, who called me. I called advertiser on station, who gave me phone number of station member. He told me they had license of WRNM (Radio Nouveaute MA) and was broadcasting to local community. He was surprised that I heard them in Medford. Station located in Mattapan. Weak to fair signal strength lately. Station seems to be FMing (no clear heterodyne of carrier when listening in USB). Fair signal strength when heard on Feb 25th, 2003.

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\*1650 TIS Logan Airport. Strong on Feb 25th, 2003.

\*1660 Radio Cadillac - Advertising billboard. Heard 1237 ELT on 28 Aug 2002. Two "DJs" taking phone calls for tickets. Repeats every 5 minutes (roughly). No longer heard on Feb 25th, 2003.

\*1670 Allston-Brighton Free Radio. Logged Feb 25th at 0947 with Howard Zinn on War. Pushing 2 hour video of Zinn at phone number 212-209-2950. On Feb 3, 2002, heard website ABFreeRadio.org mentioned with phone 617-254-2728. Weak to fair signal strength in Medford on Feb 25th, 2003.

\*1690 Radio Kreyol (Creole). Could not find ID in my log book. But am listening to it as I type this 25 Feb 2003 at 0928 ELT. DJ switching back and forth between EE and FF/HC (French/Haitian Creole). Talking about "Beauty is not in the clothes she wears, not the figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair. It's in her eyes, gateway to her heart." Then into Elton John's "Goodbye Norma Jean" at 0958 ELT. Strong in Medford on Feb 25th, 2003.

\*1700 Radio Bel Ayiti ("Beautiful Haiti"). Heard ID on 2 Oct 2002 at 2210 ELT after Mitt Romney/Shannon O'Brien debate (for governor of MA). Strong in Medford on Feb 25, 2003.

Heard with Drake R8 and Quantum loop in Medford, MA.

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Paul's report above reminds me of one of my trips out to Long Island last fall. Stuck in traffic on the Long Island Expressway, I took a spin over the Xband. TIS and Airport Info was on 1610, 1630, 1640, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700. The pirate was strong on 1710, and naturally 1660 was taking its share of 1650 and 1670! Its nice to see the band getting some daytime use someplace! As we come to the close of the season, don't forget us; we'll be waiting for YOUR report. Let us know what you've picked up this year that falls into a 'great' catch category! If anyone is looking for parts for their receivers, we're still kin to some parts and can possibly steer you in the right direction for tubes, etc. Glad to see RON MUSCO in the drivers seat of the CPC! Good luck!

## R. Tikrit-1544 Discovery Profiled in WSJ

by Paul Swearingen

The DX hobby has finally achieved first-page status with the *Wall Street Journal*.

The Wednesday, February 26 edition of the *Journal* profiled Swedish DX'er Bjorn Fransson's discovery of R. Tikrit-1584, which most observers feel is a CIA operation. Fransson apparently heard a broadcast in Arabic February 3 and turned to Arabic-speaking students in his math class for help. When he played a tape of the broadcast, they told him that what he thought was "R. Secret" was in fact "R. Tikrit", and Tikrit was Saddam Hussein's home town.

The opening of each broadcast includes the phrase, "For all of Iraq and for all Iraqis, this is Radio Tikrit." But Iraqi sources do not list such a station, although they do list a "Mother of Battles Radio" station, according to the WSJ.

Another DX'er, Egyptian Tarek Zaidan, said that a R. Tikrit announcer sounds "remarkably similar to an announcer on Radio Information, an overtly American-run station beamed into Iraq from 'Commando Solo' planes flown by the 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing," according to the WSJ.

Zaidan said that this similarity suggested that Tikrit programs were recorded in studios used by the Pentagon.

Tikrit's message has been quite different from the U. S. military's Radio Information broadcasts, which the WSJ says make no secret of their affiliations and even include recordings of Pentagon briefings. At first, R. Tikrit "railed against the U. S. and Britain as 'ravens of evil' and urged Iraqis to prepare to battle America," the WSJ said. But recently, the station denounced Hussein as a "tyrant". This reverse tactic is used by "black clandestine" stations who hope to confuse the enemy into believing that the station has shifted loyalties.

Meanwhile, Fransson doesn't have much hope of obtaining a verie from R. Tikrit, even though he sent an e-mail message to an "Iraqi opposition radio station in London in the hope that it might lead him to Radio Tikrit," the WSJ said.

"I'm basically a collector," Fransson said. "I like making contact with different people, but I don't know who these people really are."

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