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CPC Test Calendar

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| WRIB | RI | 1220 | daily | 0255-0305 |
| WB3XNN | PA | 1620 | daily | 0915-1445 |
| KFBK | CA | 1530 | 1/24 | 0200-0600 |

From the Publisher ... A number of last-minute tests have occurred this month, but unless you were a member of the NRC listserv online, or have joined Les Rayburn's Flash Alert postcard system, you will not read about them until they are reported to DDXD. For more information, see the promos elsewhere in this DXN.

Renewals ... A few facts of life from the membership chairman: You can subscribe to *DX News* for as many years ahead as you dare: send \$28, \$56, \$112, whatever, in US funds. If you use PayPal, your subscription costs \$29 to cover at least part of what PayPal charges us for the service. If you rejoin after allowing your subscription to lapse, you may specify which previous issue you wish for your sub to be restarted from, although any further back than about two years I can't guarantee that I'll have issues readily available (the further back you specify, the further back I have to crawl into my attic crawl space, hi). Unless you specify a certain issue, I start from the current renewal period, and renewal dates are the first and fifteenth of each month. Back issues cost \$1 per copy; a full year, \$30. Replacement issues (for mangled, lost, damaged, sits-in-a-baggie, etc. DXN's) are always free. If you don't renew on time, your mailing info is dropped from the database, and once you're no longer a member, you do not have membership privileges, which include posting items for sale in DXChange, contributing to any DXN column, nor editing a DXN column (all situations which have come under question at one time or the other, believe it or not). If you do not send in address change info in a timely manner, you will eventually stop receiving DXN's, and if the USPS is forwarding your DXN's, you eventually will cause your club to have to pay \$.70 per forwarded issue, and whether we will shorten your subscription accordingly is still open to debate. Renewal dates are printed and highlighted on your label starting about two months before your anniver-

sary date; a bit longer for non-USA members.

Finally, I just receive a check for \$29 for renewal, and I've decided that rather than trying to refund a buck for the overpayment, which probably would end up costing more than a dollar when postage and bank and check fees are considered, I'm just going to ask our treasurer, Dick Truax, to designate \$1.00 as going to the CPC fund.

Welcome to these new members ... Gary Smith, Farmington, CT; Rene Tetro, Lansdale, PA; Roger Winsor, Portage, IN (rejoins); Don Sawyer, Suffolk, VA (rejoins); Thomas V. Newton, Salem, NH; Steve Martin, Woodbridge, VA; Mark Holloway, Dover, DE; R. C. Rippele, Chesapeake, VA (rejoins); Peter Woodruff, Grass Lake, MI; Jerry Canaday, Hyde Park, NY; Tim Harrison, Temecula, CA.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 72

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 15, 1955 DXN: Buddy Giles, Oklahoma City, OK reported that 1/3 was Alaska night, logging KFQD-703 0255-0315; KENI-550 0315-0335; and KFRB-900 0335-0405; all were in the clear, but KFQD had some splatter from WGN-720.

25 years ago ... from the January 14, 1980 DXN: IDXD editor Chuck Hutton managed to hear a very weak carrier on 536 kHz 12/19 with the BFO on and signal input from a 150-degree beverage antenna, but he had to continue his dream of hearing IDable content from the Falkland Islands.

10 years ago ... from the January 16, 1995 DXN: Frank Aden, Boise, ID reported hearing the WIBW-580 DX test on 12/19, which he termed "not bad", considering he could see the KFXD-580 towers from his roof and could only null KFXD by about 90% with his FRG-7 and a box loop.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

| Old Call | New Call |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 700 WCAT MA Orange-Athol | WJOE |
| 940 KHCM HI Waipahu | KJPN |
| 1170 KJPN HI Honolulu | KHCM |
| 1380 WHGT PA Waynesboro | WCBG |
| 1580 WAHI TN Knoxville | WNPZ |
| 1590 WCBG PA Chambersburg | WHGT |



AUXILIARY FACILITIES

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| 640 KFI CA | Los Angeles - Operating with U1 25000/25000 from their auxiliary 200' tower since the big tower was hit by a small plane. [See related story later] |
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CPs ON THE AIR

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| 900 WCOR TN | Lebanon - On the air with their upgrade to U1 5000/136. |
| 950 WQTK SC | Moncks Corner - On the air with upgrade to U4 10000/6000 after building five additional towers to their single stick site. |

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

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| 730 WSTT GA | Thomasville - CP granted to increase daytime power to become U1 25000/27. |
| 1410 KTME CA | Lompoc - Coordinate adjustment to N34-39-47 W120-22-58. |

CPs REINSTATED

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| 850 WFTL FL | West Palm Beach - Reinstatement of their 1999 CP for U4 50000/24000 at a new 6-tower site at N26-32-30 W80-44-30, which appears to be the same site as the CP on 640 kHz at Royal Palm Beach, Florida. |
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APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

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| 750 WNDZ IN | Portage - Licensed for D3 5000/0, WNDZ has a pending application to change city-of-license to Calumet City, Illinois and a later application to add one tower to their current two in order to increase their power to become D3 15000/0 CH 15000 at Portage. This amendment changes the CoL back to Portage with the 5 kW set-up. |
| 810 WDMP WI | Dodgeville - Resubmits their application to add night operation as U1 250/10. |
| 820 WCSN IL | Chicago - Applies to change city-of-license to Willow Springs, Illinois. |
| 850 WAIT IL | Crystal Lake - Applies to change city-of-license to Addison, Illinois. |
| 1360 WKAT FL | North Miami - Applies to move to the WINZ-940 tower site, using five of the six WINZ towers, and increasing their powers to be U4 50000/5000. |

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

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| 1140 KNEI IA | Waukon - KNEI has a CP to move to 1160 kHz with U1 530/26. This amendment now requests U1 880/26. |
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AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

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| 880 NEW FL | Florida City - New station, not yet on the air initially applied for U4 1800/450, but then amended the application to read U4 5000/1000 from Sweetwater, Florida. The latest amendment requests U4 4000/1500 from Sweetwater. |
| 1430 KMRB CA | San Gabriel - Licensed for U4 5000/5000, KMRB has an pending application to add three towers to the current three in order to raise their power to become U4 50000/11000. This amendment requests U4 50000/11000 by adding only one tower. The proposed patterns virtually stay the same as with 6 towers. |

HEAR AND THAR

- Back in Issue 13 we reported the collapse of KFI's monster tower after being hit by a small aircraft. Well, once again tragedy has struck Southern California. High winds did a number on the self-supporting tower of KSON-1240 and KURS-1040 San Diego, which also housed a low power TV and an FM station. At last report (January 7), KSON had returned to the air using the bottom 200+ feet which is remains of their bent main tower after the top section was removed. But KURS remains silent.
- Returning to the air is WCDL-1440 Carbondale, Pennsylvania; but reported to be silent: WJWK-1280 Seaford, Delaware.
- A slow week at the FCC, and we always enjoy hearing updates from our readership to keep us busy!
- Thanks to Dave Schmidt, Jerry Starr, and Perry Crabill.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

1340 kHz: KOLE TX Port Arthur Bill Dvorak Madison, WI

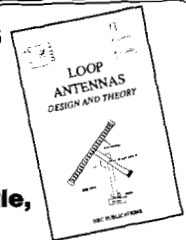
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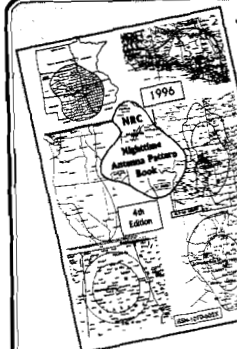


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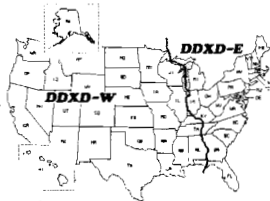
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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- Well, it's off and running for your new editor's first column. Thank you all for the fine turnout and for sending along messages of encouragement. A big thank-you also goes to the NRC Board and editorial staff for making me feel so welcome. Special thanks to **Harry Helms** for his help in making the transition, and for all his hard work as previous editor of DDXD-W. Enjoy your free time, Harry!
- My approach to DX submissions is not going to vary editorially from past practices. Times for all loggings must be reported in Eastern Local Time (ELT). Loggings should be timely, not over two weeks old by the time I receive them. Loggings should be useful; the more the details that help other DXers ID a station, the better. Report only DX; if it can be heard several times a season it is not DX. Do not overuse abbreviations. A list of acceptable abbreviations is periodically published in DX News (see #72-13 1/3/05, page 5). Obscure abbreviations will be editorially smoothed if the meaning is clear, and if meaning is not clear that portion of your log may be rejected.
- This from **John Rieger**: "Well, I got #2100 this morning (12/30; see 1120 WUST below- Ed.-WI). I feel great, because a year ago, I set this as a goal and really pushed myself hard to get to that point. Will be at the rig at SSS and SRS again tomorrow. There's still more stuff to hear, hi." Congratulations, John!
- John Wilkins** sends this word on the state of AM IBOC in Denver (see also Station News below): "At this rate, sunset/sunrise DX in metro Denver will soon be a thing of the past, with 6 locals now on IBOC." (KHOW 630, KKZN 760, KOA 850, KPOF 910, KCFR 1340, and KCFC 1490)
- Deadlines for this column are: e-mail submissions 1300 ELT Thursday; USPS mail received in Thursday's delivery. Loggings received later will be included in the following week's column. I look forward to your submissions! 73 Bill

REPORTERS

BL-CA Brian Leyton, Valley Village. DX-398, Radio Shack loop, 18" box loop.
DBJ-TN David B. Jones, Springfield. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.
DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
DS-TN Doug Smith, Pleasant View. Mobile in 2002 Ford Focus.
JJR-WI John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner/preamp.
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
PG-CO Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
PM-OR Patrick Martin, Seaside. Drake R8, 1500' Eastern Beverage.
RT-MN Rick Turner, Bemidji. Radio Shack TRF 12-655, Grundig S350.
WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B N/S and E/W flags, SuperPhaser II and random wires
Ed.-WI Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

STATION NEWS

540 **KLZ CO** Denver. "Z560" Has extended its contract with ESPN Radio, plus local morning co-host Jim Armstrong, for two years. (PG-CO)
 630 **KHOW CO** Denver. Running IBOC, first noted Dec. 29. (JW-CO)
 640 **KFI CA** Los Angeles. Per M Street Journal, station went off the air on 12/19 at around 1245 ELT (9:45 am local) when a Cessna plane struck its tower in La Mirada, killing both people on board. "The Cessna was on approach to nearby Fullerton Airport, and authorities are still trying to figure out why (the pilot) didn't steer clear of the tower, a well-known landmark on the approach to Fullerton," reports M Street. (Various news reports gave the tower height as between 850 and 900 feet.) (it is 760 feet Ed.-WI.) The top of the tower landed in a nearby parking lot. An engineer rushed to the scene and got the auxiliary tower connected, with the power back up to 25 kW on 12/20. "Now Clear



Channel begins the lengthy process of getting governmental permission to rebuild the tower and return KFI to its full 50-kw signal," says M Street. Reception here in East Honolulu has been poor to non-existent since then. (DP-HI)

740 **KVFC CO** Cortez. 12/31 0900. "News for the 4 Corners and around the world, News Talk 740 KVFC Cortez Colorado". At this hour they aren't // KDG0 1240. Evidently only // operation is all night on both stations. (WH-CO)
 1250 **WSSP WI** Milwaukee. Format change from REL to sports was made on 1/3 at 0100 ELT. Programming is local sportstalk M-F 5-9 AM and 2-6 PM, Jim Rome M-F 11 AM-2 PM, and Fox Sports the rest of the time (all times CST). (Ed.-WI)
 1340 **KCFR CO** Denver. Running IBOC as of early December. (JW-CO)
 1490 **KCFC CO** Boulder. Running IBOC as of early December. (JW-CO)

PRESUMED/TENTATIVE/UNID

620 **KTAR AZ** Phoenix. 12/19 0008. Basketball post-game show, probably Phoenix Suns vs. Washington; at 0013 ad string. Soon lost to tentative XESS. Very poor. (DP-HI)
 620 **KPOJt OR** Portland. 12/19 0606. "Best of The Ed Schultz Show" over/under probable XESS. Poor to very poor. (DP-HI)
 660 **KTNNt AZ** Window Rock. 12/19 0608. Barely penetrating noise with New Age (or tribal) flute music. Very poor. (DP-HI)
 1230 **UNID12/21** 0825. Male announcer in Navajo; obscure Oldies ("Little Green Bag," etc.). Probably KYVA or KINO. (JW-CO)
 1450 **WMOHt OH** Hamilton. 12/30 0545. Poor in and out; slogan "ESPN Radio 1450 the Ticket." Tentative, though 99% sure. (JJR-WI)
 1520 **KOKCt OK** Oklahoma City. 12/15 0606. Ad saying "right here in Oklahoma City" and giving phone number with 405 area code; into "America in the Morning." Very poor. (DP-HI)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

540 **CBK SK** Watrous. 1/02 1300. Mentions of CBC Radio 1 and a time check of 12 noon Central Standard Time. (RT-MN)
 550 **KFYR ND** Bismark. 1/2 0800. Heard with ID into news at the top of the hour. Mention of Paul Harvey coming up on the half-hour. (RT-MN)
 550 **WSAU WI** Wausau. 1/3 2005. ABC News, mentions of Wisconsin, ID and slogan "55-SAU" into Sports Talk Live, with KFYR nulled. (RT-MN)
 550 **KTRS MO** Saint Louis. 1/3 2340. "Radio in the heart of America, the big 550, KTRS" into a talk show on aviation with KFYR nulled. (RT-MN)
 560 **WEBC MN** Duluth. 1/4 1100. ID at ToH; "Duluth sports talk, AM 560, WEBC, Duluth-Superior." (RT-MN)
 560 **WIND IL** Chicago. 1/4 2200. ID at the ToH into news. "This is News Talk 560, WIND". Log says that they are SS, so they must have changed formats before I received this, but hadn't! NEW! (JJR-WI) (RT-MN)
 560 **KWTO MO** Springfield. 1/5 0000. ID at the ToH into ABC news. "This is talk radio, AM 560, KWTO." (RT-MN)
 570 **WNAX SD** Yankton. 1/5 0300. ID at the ToH, followed by news, then into Coast to Coast with George Noory. (RT-MN)
 590 **KOMJ NE** Omaha. 1/2 0530. Oldies music, CNN news, ID as "Magic 590." (DBJ-TN)
 640 **WOI IA** Ames. 1/2 0420. BBC World Service programming, brief call ID. (DBJ-TN)
 660 **KCRO NE** Omaha. 12/31 0800. Very poor; legal ID w/WFAN nulled. Thought I'd logged this, but hadn't! NEW! (JJR-WI)
 690 **KGGF KS** Coffeyville. 12/30 0736. Poor; local ads, farm report, calls. Alone. (JJR-WI)
 760 **WJR MI** Detroit. 1/1 0230. Totally dominant with "Forecast from the WJR Weather Center." Not common these days. (PM-OR)
 860 **KTRB CA** Modesto. 12/30 0305. "KTRB The Talk Station" and local promos. Good on E/W Flag (WH-CO)
 1010 **WIOI OH** New Boston. 12/29 0649. Poor; "1010 AM WIOI" in CFRB null. NOS. Trying for this for months! Was on my most wanted list. NEW! (JJR-WI)
 1060 **KBGN ID** Caldwell. 12/30 2100. Tuned in just in time to hear ToH news (USA Network), ID and weather, which matched the National Weather Service web page word

- for word. Supposed to be a daytimer, but the schedule on their website goes up to midnight. Hmm. NEW! (BL-CA)
- 1060.02 KIJN TX **Farwell. 12/16 0859.** Instrumental music; legal ID at 0900:55 "Jesus Radio, Jesus Radio, con el espiritu que mueve, KIJN 1060 AM Farwell, Texas, a Metropolitan Radio station"; CST time check ("tiempo de Tejas"); followed by MST time check ("tiempo de Nuevo Mexico"); phone numbers 1-866-481-3318 and 1-866-923-5456 were then announced. Fair in KRCN null. (JW-CO)
- 1110 WGNZ OH **Fairborn. 12/29 0750.** Poor in KFAB null; "W-G-N-Z" slowly over song. (JJR-WI)
- 1120 WUST DC **Washington. 12/30 0715.** Very poor with "From the MD shores...WUST Washington DC" into instrumental SSB. Tried for this for past four mornings. Finally nailed ID before SSB. NEW #2100! (JJR-WI)
- 1120 KPNW OR **Eugene. 12/17 0605.** Man with area weather, liner "...George Noory on Newsradio 11-20, KPNW;" back to "Coast to Coast AM." Poor to fair with KAOI 1110 splatter. (DP-HI)
- 1150 KASM MN **Albany. 12/29 0740.** Poor over others. MN, local ads. No calls heard. (JJR-WI)
- 1160 WSKW ME **Skowhegan. 12/31 0459.** Fair, with ESPN promos, legal ID "Sports news and scores around the clock, this is The Score, AM 1160 WSKW Skowhegan-Waterville-Augusta," into ESPN Sports Center. (Ed.-WI)
- 1240 WCBY MI **Cheboygan. 12/28 0600.** Poor; legal ID popped out of nowhere! Rare. (JJR-WI)
- 1240 WSDR IL **Sterling. 12-31 0600.** Poor in mess; legal ID, CBS news. (JJR-WI)
- 1340 KCQL NM **Aztec. 12/31 0000.** ToH call ID and Fox Sports fair with KCFC nulled. (WH-CO)
- 1340 KVRH CO **Salida. 12/31 2305.** Call ID and oldies format good in Phase null of KCFC. (WH-CO)
- 1370 KWRT MO **Boonville. 12-31 0713.** Poor in fade up, slogan "Classic Country AM1370 KWRT." (JJR-WI)
- 1400 WGIL IL **Galesburg. 12/29 0730.** Very poor but with clear calls in semi-local WRJN null. (JJR-WI)
- 1430 WION MI **Ionia. 12/30 0800.** Poor; "1430 WION;" through WXNT and WRTH. Rare. (JJR-WI)
- 1450 KOKO MO **Warrensburg. 01/02 0300.** Loud with local spots to call ID and oldies format. (WH-CO)
- 1490 WNDV IN **South Bend. 12/30 0518.** Poor; "U93" (slogan for // 92.9 FM Ed.-WI) given in New Years Eve countdown promo. (JJR-WI)
- 1500 KMXO TX **Merkel. 12/16 1836.** REL music; several announcements about an event at "Templo Ebenezer" in Abilene; local spots in EE and SS; fair at best in KSTP null; sign-off announcement at 1902. (JW-CO)
- 1540 KEDA TX **San Antonio. 12/17 1759.** Odd mix of songs with NOS song "Sincerely"; then Ray Charles' version of "America the Beautiful" after legal ID and "Radio Jalapeno" slogan; traffic in EE was followed by TexMex music at 1805. Good but mixing with KZMP and partially-nulled KXEL. (JW-CO)
- 1550 WKBA VA **Vinton. 12/29 1600.** Fair, with local daytimer WTUX inexplicably off at least 1/2 hour early. Southern GOS music, sign-off announcement. NEW! (Ed.-WI)
- 1660 KRZX TX **Waco. 1/1 0259.** Mixing in jumble with KXOL off, with "K-R-Z-X, AM 16-60" ID. (PM-OR)
- 1690 WRLL IL **Berwyn. 1/4 1400.** Fair-to-good with "Real Oldies 1690". This is 1 PM local time. (DS-TN)

TIS, HAR, Etc.

- 1560.22 ???? CO **Wheat Ridge.** Talking house. Usual info on house for sale about 1-1/2 miles from the shack. Wonder if they QSL? (JW-CO)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- JLB-NY **Jerry Bond, Rochester** - Hammarlund HQ-140-XA.
 MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
 MC-NJ **Mike Clancy, Jersey City** - DX-396.



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- BC-PA **Bruce Collier, York** - Drake R8B, 375' NE BOG phased against 240' N/S BOG w/MFJ1025.
 PG-MD **Pat Griffith, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg** - Kenwood R-600 and Palomar loop.
 WJH-MD **Bill Harms, Elkridge** - R9B, Homebrew K9AY.
 RJ-NC **Russ Johnson, Lexington** - Icom R-75, longwires.
 CK-OH **Chuck Kaufman, Lebanon** - ICF-SW77.
 JK-NJ **Jason Koralja, Surf City** - Sony ICF-SW7600GR and Terk AM-1000 antenna.
 GL-NY **Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park** - DX-398 and Select-A-Tenna.
 IEN-GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville** - Drake R8B, 135' N/S Wire.
 IEN*GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville** - Sangean ATS 909.
 LW-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** - Sony ICF-2010 and RS Loop.

UNID AND PRESUMED

- 600 KSJBP ND **Jamestown** - 12/23 2339 - presumed with C/W songs going out by request. (JLB-NY)
- WCAOp MD **Baltimore** - 12/29 1650 - presumed with "Heaven 600" slogan into gospel music, very weak under WICC. (JK-NJ)
- 1200 CFGOp ON **Ottawa** - 12/20 1943 - presumed with ad for DiTech.com, followed by "Sportsradio 1200, The Team" slogan. In and out with WOAI. (LW-NY)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 550 KFYP ND **Bismarck** - 12/23 2034 - K-Fire slogan. (JLB-NY)
- 560 WEBC MN **Duluth** - 12/23 2047 - Fox Sports Report and ID. (JLB-NY)
- CFOS ON **Owen Sound** - 12/27 1757 - good, with local weather, into oldies tunes. "CFOS and CFPS 1490" ID on the hour. (LW-NY)
- WQAM FL **Miami** - 1/5 2159 - Local ads for Coral Springs Pontiac-GMC and Palm Beach Kennel Club. "WQAM Miami - Fort Lauderdale" ID at 2202. This is probably old hat for those who live in this area but it's all new to me. WQAM is 974 miles due south of here and this is the first time I've ever heard them. (PG-MD)
- 580 CKPR ON **Thunder Bay** - 12/23 2032 - Strong signal with DJ saying "The 80's at 8 countdown continues on CKPR" followed by a Christmas Carol Contest announcement and jingle. (JLB-NY)
- CKWW ON **Windsor** - 12/23 2052 - "Silent Night" by Julie Andrews and "580 Memories -CKWW." (JLB-NY)
- 600 WMT IA **Cedar Rapids** - 12/23 2105 - Strong with weather on "News radio 600- WMT." (JLB-NY)
- 620 WDNC NC **Durham** - 12/29 1700 - "Today's Talk, DNC", very clear. (JK-NJ)
- 640 WFNC NC **Fayetteville** - 12/29 1652 - "This is the Sean Hannity Show on NewsTalkRadio WFNC." Fair under WWJZ. (JK-NJ)
- 650 WSRO MA **Ashland** - 12/27 1705 - Tom O'Brien Show and promo for Worcester Ice Cats hockey. (JLB-NY)
- 690 WOKV FL **Jacksonville** - 12/25 2200 - "Jacksonville's news, weather, and talk station - WOKV, Jacksonville. Depend on it. It's 10 o'clock." "Saturday Night America" repeat program with Rusty Humphries. Interference from Montreal. Christmas night power increase? (MC-NJ)
- 730 CKDM MB **Dauphin** - 12/23 2315 - Heard playing song "1985" and then several local spots and ID's. (JLB-NY)
- 750 WSB GA **Atlanta** - 1/3 1647 - Sean Hannity show, "NewsTalk 750 WSB" ID, traffic report. Poor with lots of electrical noise. New at this location. (GL-NY)
- 760 WCHP NY **Champlain** - 12/27 1558 - In the clear with FF programming and then legal ID in EE at 1600. Still in well at 1615 sign off. (JLB-NY)
- 780 CFDR NS **Dartmouth** - 12/27 1740 - C & W music, "twenty in a row on Classic Country... your favorite songs, your favorite stars... 780 Kicks". (LW-NY)
- 790 WGRA GA **Cairo** - 12/24 1758 - ID by man as "now... better than ever... we're the all new WGRA Cairo" and then more talk. This was in between Christmas songs. Fair mixing with R. Reloj, Cuba. (WJH-MD)
- WETB TN **Johnson City** - 12/24 1759 - Full sign off announcement by male announcer into the SSB. Mixing with at least two other stations. (WJH-MD)
- 840 WRYM CT **New Britain** - 12/27 1549 - SS programming but then a spot in EE for an upcoming Hartford Wolfpack hockey game. (JLB-NY)

WHGH GA Thomasville - 1/1 1758 - Caught tail end of sign off, steady in WHAS null. (CK-OH)

890 WAMG MA Dedham - 12/27 1552 - Many mentions of "mega" slogan and spot for business in downtown Boston. (JLB-NY)

900 CHML ON Hamilton - 12/29 1745 - Canada's Business Report into weather forecast at 1745. Canada's Business Report returned after the weather. Decent, steady signal. "AM 900 CHML Weather Center forecast..." (IEN-GA)

910 KLCN AR Blytheville - 12/31 1845 - "Holiday music for the mid-south, KLCN." (RJ-NC)

WHSM WI Hayward - 1/1 1724 - poking through with promo for whsm.com web site, "and now you're up to date with WHSM" (presumably at end of local news or weather), then lost to "Praise 910" WAVL pest. (MKB-ON)

920 CKNX ON Wingham - 12/24 1830 - Montgomery Transportation Company ad, then local weather. "AM 920 CKNX" ID. (LW-NY)

WOKY WI Milwaukee - 1/1 1703 - over null'd CKNX groundwave with slogan "your home for America's best music, AM 920 WOKY", local weather, "WOKY" jingle into *Hooked on a Feeling* by B.J. Thomas. A WOKY DX test had been scheduled to run on 1/2, but I beat them to the punch! (MKB-ON)

WYMB SC Manning - 1/2 0100 - numerous references to // 100.1 The Fan. Promo for Carolina Panthers football coverage. (RJ-NC)

940 CINW PQ Montreal - 12/28 1841 - Canadian news and information. Ad for Montreal's light rock, Q92. Traffic, airport information and weather on the 1's. Steady signal of decent strength. "Montreal's official traffic station, 940 News". (IEN-GA)

WNRG VA Grundy - 12/31 1646 - in CINW null with ID by woman: "we are your home for solid gospel, AM 940 WNRG, Grundy, Virginia" into C&W-gospel song. (MKB-ON)

950 WXGI VA Richmond - 12/31 1700 - over WWJ/WROC jumble with Ovaltine ad, top of hour ID: "ESPN Radio 950, WXGI Richmond". (MKB-ON)

970 WOXL NC Canton - 12/26 0634 - Ad for Carolina Furniture, "96.5 WOXL" weather, and chatter. Generally over all. (WJH-MD)

WESO MA Southbridge - 1/ 1 2359 - Song "Midnight Highway", ID by male announcer "Country 9-70 WESO Southbridge-Worcester", and then AP Network News at 0000. Over all. Could be on full daytime power. Thanks to Barry in #mwdx for the tip. (WJH-MD)

990 WLGZ NY Rochester - 1/3 2108 - "W-L-G-Z" popped out of mess, then weird ad for something that sounded like "Mr. Grabber", creative home showplace ad, and "nine-ninety W-L-G-Z" singing ID. Extremely poor reception. New at this location. (GL-NY)

1010 WINS NY New York - 12/28 1845 - New York Lottery ad into sports. Weak signal buried in the mix. "1010, WINS". (IEN-GA)

CFRB ON Toronto - 12/28 2300 - News at 2300 with Heather Vale. Traffic and weather at TOH and then information about the Tsunami in southeast Asia. Good signal on top of a few others. "We've got you covered 24/7, Newstalk 1010, CFRB". (IEN*GA)

1070 WFLI TN Lookout Mountain - 12/24 1729 - REL music, commercial for Days Inn. Fair under CBA, with frequent "1070 WFLI" IDs. First time heard in years! (LW-NY)

1080 WKJK KY Louisville - 12/17 2056 - "Southern Indiana high school basketball excitement on News/Talk 1080, WKJK." High school basketball game between New Albany Bulldogs and Clarksville - Bulldogs won 57-41. Rising and fading against WTIC. First time visitor. (MC-NJ)

WGCX NC Lenoir - 12/30 1640 - Country song into ID by male as "the country legend 10-80 WKGX" in a break. He also talked about basketball in North Carolina. Blasting through WBAL slop and a null'd WTIC. (WJH-MD)

1110 WSWF NY Seneca Falls - 12/26 0758 - Brokered religious program for the Eastside Church of Christ in Shortsville. A multiple station ID for probably four stations. Did not hear the call WSWF but heard WCGR Canandaigua. In and out of the mess on the channel. (WJH-MD)

WJSM PA Martinsburg - 12/27 1503 - USA Radio News, followed by WJSM local news by a male announcer. It sounds like his name was Bill Reeves. WBT was

trying to fade in, but WJSM stayed on top for a few minutes. (WJH-MD)

KFAB NE Omaha - 12/31 0732 - Peaked through the QRM with local and regional news, and sports. ID as "News Radio 11-10 KFAB" by female announcer. Rare visitor here. (WJH-MD)

1120 WKQW PA Oil City - 12/21 1657 - Sean Hannity spot and then slogan "The Big Talker - WKQW Oil City." (JLB-NY)

+ 12/31 1759 - Popped in with ID by man as "You are listening to Venago County's (only) talk station, the big talker WQKW Oil City." Over KMOX, which was playing "Folsom Prison" by Johnny Cash, and a Spanish station. (WJH-MD)

WBNW MA Concord - 12/25 1705 - Local talk show about going to the dentist - Tooth Talk by Doctor Ben Lowenstien. ID and phone number. Very good signal. (WJH-MD)

1130 WRRL WV Rainelle - 12/30 1600 - TOH ID by female announcer as "hometown... gospel station WRRL Rainelle and (Rupert).... WRRL 11- 30." Fair over all. Also heard some country gospel-type music, which could have been from them. (WJH-MD)

1140 CHRB AB High River - 12/26 0704 - ID by female announcer as "thanks for listening to Southern Alberta's.... station, AM 11-40." Over all for at least a few moments. Heard at least two stations with country music the previous 30 minutes or so; CHRB was likely one of them. Also heard am1140radio.com web address in the din about 0738. This is my first AB station here in Maryland in over 20 years. DX is still there to be had! Even though the call letters were not mentioned, I will take it. I also heard a station with ESPN and at least two or three other stations in a semi-null'd WRVA. (WJH-MD)

1170 KOWZ MN Waseca - 1/4 0900 - ID, ABC and local news with mentions of MN traffic fatalities, University of MN Brainard, another ID and "news talk around the clock," in WWVA null. (CK-OH)

1200 WTLA NY N. Syracuse - 12/25 0420 - Christmas music and "WSGO 1440, WTLA 1200" IDs. (LW-NY)

WSML NC Graham - 12/27 1654 - News/talk and ID as "600 and 1200 WSJS." (JLB-NY)

1210 WSBI TN Static - 12/21 1729 - Popped in with a sign off announcement by man as "...this concludes another day of broadcasting for radio 12-10 WSBI. Join us again tomorrow for the area's... news and information and the (rest)..." (WJH-MD)

1260 CKHJ NB Fredericton - 12/18 1858 - Local spots in break in Foxworthy Countdown Show and then at 1900 heard slogan "Today's country-KHJ" followed by jingle. (JLB-NY)

WWVT VA Christiansburg - 1/1 1059 - Promo for an upcoming NPR program. ID as "this is Radio IQ, AM 1260 in the New River Valley, FM 88.9 Ferrum, and 89.7 in Roanoke and Charlottesville. WWVT Christiansburg-Blacksburg, WFC Ferrum." This was followed by BBC news. Fair through WWRC's open carrier. WWRC resumed programming right at 1100, which blew away any further reception of WWVT. (WJH-MD)

1280 WSAT NC Salisbury - 12/31 1900 - Song "Don't You Care" by the Buckingham, ID by man as "from the ... of Salisbury, this is ... 24 hours per day, WSAT," and then ABC News. Over and mixing with the co-channel crud. (WJH-MD)

1310 WXDX MI Dearborn - 12/26 0100 - Heard saying "This is Detroit's the X - WXDX 1310." (JLB-NY)

1320 WKIN TN Kingsport - 12/31 0756 - ID by man as "AM 9-10 WJCW and AM 13-20 WKIN", spot for Child Advocacy Center of Sullivan County, and spot for Literacy Council of Kingsport. (WJH-MD)

1330 WESR VA Onley - 12/18 1626 - Heard ID and "classic country" slogan followed by "Big Iron" by Marty Robbins. (JLB-NY)

WBTM VA Danville - 12/18 1637 - Heard "Newsradio 1330-WBTM" slogan. (JLB-NY)

1340 WGAW MA Gardner - 12/31 0030 - Sitting on 1340 listening to the mess, someone playing "City of New Orleans", plus there was an ESPN in there, but heard a clear liner for "AM 1340 WGAW", which is Gardner, MA. Nice and new! (BC-PA)

1360 WHBG VA Harrisonburg - 12/29 1649 - over sports talker (presumably WCKY) with

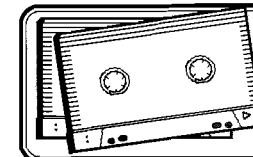
- promo for www.valleyradio.com web site into "WHBG extended weather" local weather. (MKB-ON)
- 1370 WKAT FL N. Miami - 1/1 0158 - "WKAT serving Miami and Dade County. Classical 1360." Mozart's Symphony #33. Very strong. (RJ-NY)
- 1380 WVMR WV Frost - 12/29 1659 - creaming usual pest WSPD with C&W version of *Me and Bobby McGee*, into sign-off announcement by woman: "It is now time for WVMR Frost, West Virginia to leave the air... WVMR is a broadcast service of Pocahontas Communications Cooperative". (MKB-ON)
- 1400 WBBB WV Wheeling - 12/18 1808 - A male announcer with an ID as "1400 WBBB, real music from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. 1400 WBBB." Into "Santa Claus is Coming to Town". (WJH-MD)
- 1410 WNER NY Watertown - 12/25 1500 - ID by a male announcer as "14- 10 ESPN is WNER Watertown, the Winner, Watertown's sports authority." into network news. CNN News and another network. I am not sure which one was for WNER. (WJH-MD)
- 1430 WMLH PA Lansford - 12/31 1120 - Still running Christmas music, and according to website will through 1/7! Should make for easy ID. Heard with what sounded like Air Supply then spot for Beacon Diner. Repeated at 1130. Then liner "the station you grew up with, 1410 WMLH". Near but new! (BC-PA)
- 1450 WPAM PA Pottsville - 12/31 1100 - with local 1440 WTHM still silent, was checking the adjacents when I found classic rock on 1450. TOH confirmed WPAM. Slogan is "The Phoenix", running Jones classic rock format. Not exotic, but new! With WTHU & WILM phased. (BC-PA)
- 1480 WNBX VT Springfield - 12/18 1611 - ID by man as "real Oldies WNBX" in between songs. Signal disappeared at 1615, antenna change? (WJH-MD)
- 1500 WLEA NY Hornell - 12/18 1624 - ID by man as "WLEA where news comes first" was heard in between two Christmas songs. Over all for a few minutes. (WJH-MD)
- 1510 WLQV MI Detroit - 12/31 0100 - Good, with "AM 1500 WLQV Detroit" ID. "A member of the Christian Broadcasting Network." Then into religious sermon. (LW-NY)
- 1540 WAUK WI Waukesha - 12/18 1505 - Heard with spot for CBS 58 TV and "Milwaukee's sports" mention. (JLB-NY)
- 1550 WDRF SC Woodruff - 1/2 1719 - Ad for Northrup S&L "building for SC and upstate in Woodruff, S.C.," over weak WLAC. (CK-OH)
- 1570 WNWR PA Philadelphia - 12/26 0901 - Heard in the clear saying they were the 50,000 watt multi cultural voice of the Delaware Valley. (JLB-NY)
- 1580 CBE ON Windsor - 12/29 1710 - "CBC Radio One" ID into program "The In Between". (JK-NJ)
- 1580 WBFJ NC Winston-Salem - 12/30 1705 - A program against abortion, note that January is Human Life Month, a TC, and a friendly greeting to listeners. Clear IDs at least three times. On top in the jumbled mess. (WJH-MD)
- 1580 WPEP MA Taunton - 12/21 2206 - Huge signal with USA Radio News, Promo for the Twilight Zone radio program, weather forecast for Bristol County, IDs and a promo for the Charlie Brown program. (WJH-MD)
- 1580 WTLK NC Taylorsville - 12/22 0601 - ID by male as "You are listening Easy 86 WACB Taylorsville." WACB and WTLK are in the same town and owned by Apple City Broadcasting. This could be an intentional simulcast or it could be that someone flipped the wrong switch. The FCC says WTLK is on 1570. This was followed by something sponsored by Alexander's Funeral Service. Over all. (WJH-MD)
- 1580 WSSA GA Atlanta - 12/22 0616 - ID by man as "WSSA Atlanta, the new 15-70". Anti-gun crime spot right before the ID which may have been from WSSA. Over all for at least a few minutes. (WJH-MD)
- 1580 WGYM NJ Hammonton - 12/19 1500 - Heard saying "This is news talk radio WOND-1400 Pleasantville and WGYM-1580 Hammonton" and then into news. (JLB-

- NY)
- 1590 WDAB SC Traveler's Rest - 12/27 1800 - SS, then brief ID, then off - no formal sign off. (JLB-NY)
- 1600 WTCL FL Chattahoochee - 12/30 1858 - Vocal version of "The Star Spangled Banner." I think I heard the announcer say it was by Marvin Gaye. After the SSB at 1859, heard at least three IDs. The last one was "WTCL Chattahoochee." Assume this is a sign off. (WJH-MD)
- 1660 WCCF FL Punta Gorda - 12/30 1900 - Promo for news radio WCCF 15- 80 and country station on 92.9, Click and Loan ad, promo for (Anne Henderson) talk show, and legal ID "WCCF Punta Gorda, Newsradio 15-80, Charlotte County's only news talk radio station, serving you around the clock." Into ABC news. Over all. (WJH-MD)
- 1670 WLIJ TN Shelbyville - 12/31 0659 - Blue Grass music, a quick ID by man "15-80 WLIJ Shelbyville Tennessee", and USA Network Radio News. (WJH-MD)
- 1680 WTVB MI Coldwater - 1/3 0904 - over nulled WAKR with ABC news, PSA from Spring Arbor University mentioning www.arbor.edu web site, "and now the WTVB extended forecast" local weather, ad for Windows, Doors and More in Coldwater into *Cherish* by the Association. (MKB-ON)
- 1680 WEHH NY Elmira-Horseheads - 12/22 0915 - Adult standards and slogan "AM 1600 - the new WEHH." (JLB-NY)
- 1680 WFNA NC Charlotte - 12/31 0000 - NCAA football game, Texas Tech v. California, Holiday Bowl. "Westwood One, AL 1660 WFNA, the leader of the South" ID. New. (LW-NY)
- 1700 WMWR GA Dry Branch - 1/3 1718 - "Talkradio sixteen seventy, WMWR" ID followed by ad for JC Penney Salon and promo for the Jim Fisher program "every morning from 6 to 9". (PG-MD)
- 1700 WTTM NJ Princeton - 1/3 1709 - Ad for Mercer County Community College with web site www.mccc.edu. (PG-MD)
- 1700 KVNS TX Brownsville - 12/23 2134 - ID, promo for Dr. Laura and then back to an encore broadcast of the Michael Savage Show. (JLB-NY)

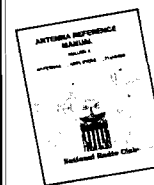
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International DX Digest

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

With just a couple of dedicated stateside DXers reporting this week, here's an interesting look at what DXers located across the oceans are receiving. Transatlantic and transpacific logs are representative samples courtesy of *Medium Wave News*, the magazine of the Medium Wave Circle <www.mwcircle.org>, *Frekvensnytt* magazine from Finlands Svenska DX-Förbund, and *DX Times* from the New Zealand Radio DX League <<http://radiodx.com>>.

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *R. Visión Cristiana*, South Caicos JAN 2 0100 - Mentions of *Radio Visión Cristiana*, WWRV-1330 and WVIP-1310 by a woman in English at the top of the hour. [Turner-MN]
- 910 **VENEZUELA** YVRQ RQ910 Caracas JAN 03 2244 - Plaintive love ballad. Poor to very weak, but all alone. At 2341 a tune by Bacilos, followed by "RQ nueve cientos diez AM Center..." and phone numbers, ID announcement, then a salsa tune. Very good. New! [Chiochiu-QC]

Bogdan speaks: I was extremely excited to finally get RQ910. Previously I had Spanish on 910 on several occasions, on the Sanyo radio which is poor between 800 and 1000 kHz, but without getting an ID. This is Venezuela number 13, I believe (haven't checked my logbook yet). Curiously, I could only get this one on the car radio; at home nothing on both the Sangean 818 and the Sanyo receivers. I tried to install the Justice AM antenna, but the results were poorer reception than without the antenna. Later this evening I got 600 R.Rebelde Cuba well for a few minutes on the Sanyo before it got covered by WICC Bridgeport. I should try to use once again the Realistic DX 150A receiver I have from an Alberta DXer to see if using the random wire (the Justice AM antenna isn't good at all) I can pick up RQ910 at home. I'll try it soon. Also, what is happening with 760 HJAJ RCN Barranquilla? Even though I wasn't too active in DX recently, I haven't identified them at all. Only once I thought I heard them, but they were very poor and buried slightly under weak remains of nulled WJR. They did run lower power during the fall of 2002. Are they doing this again?

Transatlantic DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *R. Visión Cristiana*, South Caicos OCT 7 2318 - Man in Spanish. [Rooney-Ireland] NOV 7 0900 - Kom med ett WWRV ID. [Nylund-Finland]
- 570 **CUBA** CMDC *R. Reloj*, Santa Clara OCT 26 0612 - Spanish rolling news, time clicks and IDs. [Davies-UK] NOV 1 0741 - News, time checks, and continuous time pips. [Whitt-UK]
- 580 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** HIAX *R. Montecristi*, Montecristi NOV 7 0600 - 2 stationer gick på frekvensen. *R. Montecristi* spelade music och kom upp ibland. Tur att jag hörde ID:et. [Nylund-Finland]
- 580 **PUERTO RICO** WKAQ *R. Reloj*, San Juan NOV 7 0623 - Var dominant över Montecristi. [Nylund-Finland]
- 610 **UNITED STATES** WIOD Miami OCT 26 0634 - Miami event promo and "Newsradio 610 WIOD" ID. [Davies-UK]
- 740 **BRAZIL** ZYH446 *R. Sociedade da Bahia*, Salvador NOV 13 0555 - Discos românticos, including Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You." [Davies-UK] NOV 14 0032 - The only transatlantic DX heard during the "big storm" (auroral conditions). [Whitt-UK]
- 850 **UNITED STATES** WEEL Boston OCT 21 0619 - Presumed; sports talk. [Williams-UK] NOV 6 0023 - Good; "WEEL Eagles Radio Network." [Whitt-UK]
- 880 **UNITED STATES** WCBS New York OCT 21 0628 - Man with ID, "WCBS news." [Williams-UK] OCT 27 0640 - Ad break in rolling news format. [Davies-UK] OCT 31 0851 - "WCBS news time 3:51," also good at 2310 with extended weather forecast. [Whitt-UK]
- 940 **CANADA** CINW Montreal SEP 27 0654 - Presumed; man with "Montreal news." [Rooney-Ireland] OCT 26 0702 - Fair; rolling news and "940 News" IDs. [Davies-UK]
- 1020 **CUBA** CMAP *R. Reloj*, Bahía Honda NOV 5 0702 - Pips and Morse RR ID; also NOV 3 at 0721. [Whitt-UK]

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- 1130 **UNITED STATES** WBBR New York OCT 25 0617 - Fair; business reports. [Davies-UK] Excellent, a regular dawn signal; this morning popped out of nowhere up to S9+10 with a programme promo. [Whitt-UK]
- 1390 **HONDURAS** HRVC *La Voz Evangélica*, Tegucigalpa NOV 17 0458 - Songs, ID, "La Voz Evangélica de Honduras," and after a fraction of a second the name of the programme you've just heard, "al descanso con Dios." Thanks to Giampaolo Galassi, Henrik Klemetz, and Andy Lawendel for sorting out the ID on this one. [Davies-UK]
- 1390 **UNITED STATES** WFBL Syracuse NY OCT 28 0400 - ID and CNN Radio News. [Davies-UK] OCT 29 2204 - Good; full ID, "Talk Radio 1390 WFBL" after news at 2205, then local weather and programme promo; a frequent visitor on this frequency. [Whitt-UK]
- 1430 **MEXICO** XETT Tlaxcala NOV 11 0544 - Fair; "Once y cuarenta y cuatro, 1430 Radio Tlaxcala" and advert, "Piensa mejor, vota con la cabeza." [Galassi-Italy]
- 1470 **COLOMBIA** HJTB *Ondas de Ibagué*, Ibagué NOV 19 0304 - Middle of the road Spanish songs, chimes, "Esta es Ondas de Ibagué..." and national hymn. UK first. [Davies-UK]
- 1470 **MEXICO** XEAI *R. Fórmula*, México OCT 25 0625 - Spanish middle of the road songs, "Radio Fórmula" IDs. [Davies-UK] OCT 26 0501 - *R. Fórmula* ID, also heard NOV 2. [Whitt-UK]
- 1540 **UNITED STATES** WDCD Albany NY OCT 23 2229 - Good; IDs as *Pulse 96.7* promoting adult contemporary Christian music in the Capital District. [Whitt-UK]
- 1560 **UNITED STATES** WQEW *R. Disney*, New York OCT 24 0439 - Var morgonens starkaste. *Radio Disney* program. [Ehnvall-Finland] OCT 25 0650 - *Radio Disney* pops, "Walking on Sunshine." [Williams-UK] NOV 7 0830 - Spelade Britney Spears. [Nylund-Finland]
- 1570 **CANADA** CFAV Laval QC OCT 24 0502 - "Radio Nostalgie AM 1570" och franska sånger. Svarade snabbt. [Nylund-Finland] NOV 1 0707 - Presumed; slow French talk. [Whitt-UK]
- 1590 **UNITED STATES** WARV Warwick RI OCT 29 0703 - ID and studio talk about the devil. [Davies-UK]
- 1620 **US VIRGIN ISLANDS** WDHP Frederiksted OCT 20 2259 - Local programming and full detail legal ID. [Whitt-UK] NOV 12 0455 - Pop with West Indies accented DJ. [Davies-UK]
- 1640 **UNITED STATES** WTNI Biloxi MS NOV 7 0120 - Good; halftime break in sports game, ads, PSA, and ID as "Talk Radio 1640 WTNI." [Whitt-UK]

Transpacific DX

- 650 **ALASKA** KENI Anchorage OCT 2 0925 - Poor; political news talk, then on half hour "Newsradio 650 KENI." [Edwards-Australia]
- 690 **MEXICO** XETRA Tijuana OCT 24 0643 - Dominant with commercial for Villa Ford, then a Toyota dealership. Ident 0645 as "Extra Sports 690 and 1150." [Clark-NZ]
- 820 **UNITED STATES** WBAF Fort Worth TX OCT 1 0809 - *Midnight Trucking Network* show, then local ID, "News/Talk 820 WBAF." [Edwards-Australia]
- 850 **UNITED STATES** KOA Denver OCT 2 0855 - Fair; talk, local ads and ID. [Edwards-Australia] OCT 30 0752 - ID as "Newsradio KOA," Ted Bell on the Phil Henry show; good. [Norrie-NZ]
- 1170 **UNITED STATES** KFAQ Tulsa OCT 2 0735 - Talk back with "Talk Radio 1170 KFAQ, standing up for what's right" IDs, over KLOK Spanish. [Edwards-Australia]
- 1380 **MEXICO** XECO México OCT 1 0954 - Typical great tunes but dominated by KTKZ. [Edwards-Australia]
- 1410 **MEXICO** XECF Los Mochis OCT 1 0740 - Surprisingly over usually dominant CFUN. [Edwards-Australia]
- 1470 **PERU** CPN Lima NOV 17 0810 - Fair; lady talking in Spanish. [Forsyth-NZ]
- 1560 **UNITED STATES** WQEW *R. Disney*, New York OCT 3 0836 - Good with *R. Disney*. [Edwards-Australia]
- 1570 **MEXICO** XERF Cd. Acuña OCT 24 0508 - Always dominant with regular "La Poderosa" idents, Spanish talkback. [Clark-NZ] OCT 30 0746 - Like a local this night; ID as I tuned in. [Norrie-NZ] NOV 15 0740 - Very good; Spanish talk. [Forsyth-NZ] DEC 2 0800 - Full ID with power and coverage areas. [King-NZ]
- 1640 **UNITED STATES** WTNI Biloxi MS OCT 2 0758 - Good hear on peaks with "Talk Radio 1640 WTNI" ID over usually dominant KDIA. [Edwards-Australia]

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International News

CUBA: 6060 kHz, *R. Reloj*, thanks to Cody/Petersen tips in DSWCI *DX-Window*, this one heard after *R. Habana Cuba* went off on Dec 29. It is reported from time to time circa 0700-0900, but this is the first time I have heard it. Strong RHC-level signal, all news, with time ticks in the background and UTC-4 time checks every minute after a longer pip, followed by "RR" in Morse code. Quick "full" ID on the hour and half hour, e.g. at 0700, "Radio Reloj, tres de la madrugada. En el año del 45 aniversario del... de la revolución, transmite Radio Reloj de la Habana, Cuba. Hoy es miercoles, 29 de diciembre de 2004." Minute announcements are "Radio Reloj, tres, doce minutos." I don't know what time *R. Habana Cuba* left the air; there was an open carrier on the frequency at 0658, *Reloj* popped on at 0700 and lasted until 0740 when it departed equally suddenly, leaving a Brazilian slightly off frequency. It certainly does bring back memories of the old Costa Rican *R. Reloj* on 6006 kHz. This one looks like a pretty big operation; see their website at www.radioreloj.cu/. [Jerry Berg, BADX]



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A short reintro: I was a member from 1964 to 1971. Other life requirements prompted me to curtail the DX life, but I have never really stopped listening to the radio. But during the month of December, something that I never heard before happened. On 12/10, I was listening to a jumble on 1130 while driving home, when up popped traffic and weather on "News 1130" followed by metric wind and temperature, plus a time check of 6:36, which was 2 hours behind me. WBBR then took over for a while, off and on with CKWX topping the channel also at times. I have never heard two stations on the same frequency from the west and east coast of North America at the same time. Many stations were heard during the November auroral event; some were listed in DDXD East. KFXZ-1520 was ID'ed as "The new Z 1520" with soul music. Locally, WAKE-1500 is now operating 24 hours NSP with "Music Of Your Life", so the CP of 25 watts U4 must be on. Total stations heard: 3117. Until next time, 73's. (Thanks for the report, Roger; I remember getting a report from you some time back, on the railroad letterhead, and this one showed up a couple weeks back but nothing in between-DWS)

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Tests with the experimental station continue. We received our first reception report from JOHN SGRULLETTA in NY; he'll get the first verie from this 'totally unique' station. This station must operate 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset (January times are 0930 til 1500), and on the colder days, I've noticed skywave interference up to within 10 miles of the station on certain days. The tests should continue up through the end of January. Where have our members gone? Usually, the Christmas/New Years time was a good time for DXing and reports, but our column has gone the route of the 'low-carb' experience. Let's put some fat back in the column. YOUR reports are welcomed! 73

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