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Station Test Calendar

KXTO	NV	550thru March	0400-0600
WDAB	SC	1580 Feb.27	0000-0100

WDAB-1580-Traveler's Rest, SC will conduct a maintenance test February 27 (early Monday morning from midnight to 01:00AM ELT at 5KW, non-directional, with Morse code ID's, sweep tones, and voice ID's. Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available). The station would prefer to receive recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette). Submit reports to les@highnoonfilm.com; please put "WDAB DX Test" in the subject line. All standard mail reports should go to Les Rayburn - High Noon Film - 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111 - Birmingham, AL 35216.

Thanks to the staff of WDAB for this test! Special thanks to member Paul Walker, Jr. who helped to arrange this test and is working with us to set up many more to come.

From the Publisher ... Kindly note new and temporary addresses for DDXD-East (congrats on your new job, Ginnie - sounds like a dream come true!) and Musings (and congrats to you, too, Dave, on your new job, which I assume you'll give details about when you come back). I'm typing up a few Musings while Dave is getting settled in and resolving a few health issues at the same time.

Long-time NRC member Relfe Luton included this note with his renewal check: "Heard of the NRC in 1947, April. WYN-900 kc. Rockingham NC ran a DX program for the club with information about joining. Sent \$2.25 to Ray B. "Pop" Edge, and he sent a nice letter. Member since. I am now 90 and have thoroughly enjoyed AM radio since 1921 when KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA made it here on 2-tube radio." And thanks for staying with us, Relfe!

DXN Submissions ... I've asked for this before ... and now again ... PLEASE send all submissions to me for DXN in attachment form, NEVER in the body of an e-mail. The reason is that e-mails include invisible characters which really screw up text alignment when the .pdf for printing DXN is produced. I've noticed a few of these characters (which show up in .pdf's as squares) in some col-

umns, also, but so far I've been able to swat them like little square gnats and get rid of them. At this point, if you have no styled text (underline, bold-face, italics) attachments in either Microsoft Word .rtf or even WordPad should work. If you have styled text in your submission, Word .rtf, WordPerfect, or Mac Word .rtf or even the ancient WriteNow all seem to work. Stick with one font (doesn't matter which) and use a generic style (like "Normal") to style your text and get rid of extra junk before you send the submission (and by "submission" I'm talking about anything from a full column to an oh-by-the-way statement). Otherwise, I have to retype stuff, and being my natural lazy self, I'd rather not, hi. I thank you.

Blasts from the past ... If you're an e-DXN member, you won't want to miss two favorite DXAS columns from Mark Durenberger now available in e-DXN, thanks to Fred Vobbe posting them. They're in the "All Radio Magazine" forum under "Blasts from the Past."

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 73

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
21.	Feb. 17	Feb. 27	26.	May 5	May 15
22.	Feb. 24	Mar. 6	27.	June 9	June 19
23.	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	28.	July 7	July 17
24.	Mar. 24	April 3	29.	Aug. 4	Aug. 14
25.	April 7	April 17	30.	Sept. 8	Sept. 18

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 25, 1956 DXN: Marv Robbins, Lincoln, NE, and Bernie Duffy, Staten Island reported on the farm laborer from White Lake, SD who broke into the studios of KELO-1320 armed with a shotgun and shot out windows and tower lights; he said that radio stations were doing a lot of harm, and he intended to eliminate them one-by-one ... KY W-1060 changed calls to WRCV, and WTAM-1100 became KY W.

25 years ago ... from the February 23, 1981 DXN: Dan Myers activated the "Flash Alert System", which notified participants of last-minute DX tests.

10 years ago ... from the February 19, 1996 DXN: Al Merriman, Chincoteague, VA reported a very possible reception of Saudi Arabia on 594, Jan. 17, at 0324.



AM

Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>			<u>New Call</u>
830	NEW	FL	Hilliard	WJFA
900	WCOR	TN	Lebanon	WKDA
1160	WOYE	FL	St. Cloud	WIWA
1260	WRJJ	DE	Newark	WAMS
1280	WDNT	TN	Dayton	WALV
1300	KPTL	NV	Carson City	KCMY
1350	WZNN	NC	Black Mountain	WZGM
1490	WCKD	TN	Lebanon	WCOR

GALLATIN'S FAVORITES
1130-WAMG

CPs ON THE AIR

910	WFDF	MI	Flint - License to Operate has been granted for U4 50000/19000 from eight towers at N42-03-57 W83-23-39.
1250	WNEM	MI	Bridgeport - License to Operate here (ex: Bay City) has been granted for U4 5000/1100 from four towers at N43-20-31 W83-53-57.
1660	WWRU	NJ	Jersey City - License to Operate has been granted for U4 10000/10000 from four towers at N40-49-13 W74-04-09, changing from U2.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

710	WEGG	NC	Rose Hill - CP granted to increase their power level to become D1 2500/0.
1590	WIXK	WI	New Richmond - CP to add night service has been granted. When operational, WIXK will become U1 5000/95.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

550	WSVA	VA	Harrisonburg - Application is to change the augmentation of one of the nighttime radials, due to the fact that when WHBG-1360 was dplexed into the WSVA array, it created a problem.
660	WPYT	PA	Wilkesburg - Applies for more daytime power as D1 1400/0.
690	KRGS	CO	Rifle - Applies to increase both day and night power levels to become U1 2300/16 from a new, shorter tower at N39-25-57 W108-07-46.
690	WNZK	MI	Dearborn Heights - WNZK is licensed for daytime operation on 690 kHz as D3 2500/0 and nighttime on 680 kHz as N3 0/2500. This application is for an increase in daytime power to become D3 5000/0. The nighttime operation is unaffected.
1150	WRUN	NY	Utica - Applies to reduce day and night power levels to become U4 4000/480. The current U4 5000/1000 operation utilizes five towers (3 day/5 night), but the new set-up will utilize four of those six towers day and night, altering both patterns.
1600	WPDC	PA	Elizabethtown - Licensed for U1 500/79, but due to the fact they lost their transmitter site they are operating under an STA using those licensed powers but from a 75 foot mast antenna. This application requests U1 1000/17.5 [correct] using a Valcom antenna from N40-09-45 W76-34-36.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1470	WAZN	MA	Marlborough - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, WAZN has a CP to change CoL to Watertown, Massachusetts with U4 1400/3400 from a new transmitter site at N42-24-49 W71-12-40. After conducting Proof of Performance tests, WAZN submitted this amendment requests the same parameters but with augmentations of the night array.
1560	WSQR	IL	Sycamore - Licensed for U1 198/18, WSQR holds a CP to move to 1180 kHz with D1 900/0. This amendment requests to add night service as U1 900/1.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

- 810 NEW MN **Wilton** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 1000/450. This amendment requests U4 1000/400
- 940 NEW MT **Dillon** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U2 10000/350.
- 1230 NEW TX **Presidio** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250 and later amended to U1 800/720. This amendment requests U1 800/710.
- 1290 NEW AK **Sitka** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000. This amendment requests U1 2500/1200.
- 1300 KAZN CA **Pasadena** - Licensed for U4 5000/1000, KAZN had applied for U4 23000/4200. This amendment changes the requested nighttime power to 1000 Watts.
- 1340 NEW CO **Steamboat Springs** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 175/175, then amended to U1 1000/1000. This amendment requests the original U1 175/175.
- 1410 NEW VA **Midlothian** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 360/360. This amendment requests U4 350/350.
- 1460 NEW NV **Elko** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250 CH 250. This amendment requests U2 2500/250.
- 1520 NEW WI **Howard** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 350/1750. This amendment requests U4 250/3000.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

- 1490 NEW CT **Uncasville** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250. A later amendment requested U1 195/196, but was not accepted by the FCC.

APPLICATIONS AND CPs DISMISSED

- 990 KWAM TN **Memphis** - CP for U7 10000/330 CH 5000 has been deleted. KWAM remains U4 10000/450.
- 1490 WSGB WV **Sutton** - Applied to increase the height of their tower from 150 feet to 195 feet, while remaining U1 1000/1000.

AUCTION 84 APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

- 1450 NEW AL **Atmore** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250 and later amended to U5 10000/1200 on 1430 kHz. The amendment has been dismissed, leaving the original application.
- 1500 NEW SC **Murrells Inlet** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/250 and later amended to U2 5000/500 CH 1000 on 1520 kHz. The amendment has been dismissed, leaving the original application.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

590 KCSJ	CO Pueblo	630 KHOW	CO Denver	1350 KGHF	CO Pueblo
600 KCOL	CO Wellington	760 KKZN	CO Thornton	1410 KIIX	CO Fort Collins

LICENSE REINSTATED

- 690 KZEY TX **Tyler** - No reason given why the license was deleted.

LICENSE CANCELLED/CALL LETTERS DELETED

- 1620 KBLI ID **Blackfoot** - In a move opposite the trend, the owners have decided to turn in the 1620 license and retain their 690 facility.

HEAR AND THAR

- Reportedly back on the air: WALE-990 Greenville, Rhode Island.
- Thanks to Bill Dvorak, Wayne Heinen, and Håkan Sundman.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

<u>1230 kHz:</u>				<u>Miles</u>
XEEX	SI	Culiacan	Tim Hall	Sorrento Valley, CA
				815

Remember, all the GYDX records are at: <http://www.nrcdxas.org/GYDXA/>

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

Domestic DX Digest

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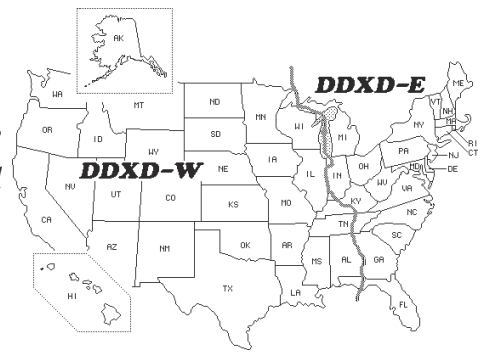
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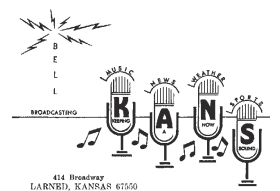
* DDXD-West readers may remember that in #73-17 we asked for examples of TV shows also carried on radio. Ken MacHarg, San José, Costa Rica, sends along these observations: "CNN Headline News is available to radio stations. WLBB 1330 in Carrollton, Georgia where my daughter lives, carries it 24 hours a day, including Nancy Grace, etc. at night. Larry King from CNN is also available to radio stations. Also, a number of radio stations around the country carry local TV news at night. For a while, WLKY-TV in Louisville owned WAVG 970 (now WGTK Ed.-WI) and simulcast almost all of their local news programming on the radio. Is 'Music and the Spoken Word' still produced by the Mormon Church? If so, there is/was a radio and TV version available of the same program." And Ken adds, "It's interesting to note your comment that TV programs carried on radio include 'Meet the Press'. I remember back when 'Meet the Press' was a radio program that was also carried on TV—the other way around. Maybe it was the same with 'Face the Nation', but I don't remember that one. Of course, in the 1950s, many radio programs moved to TV and were simulcast." Thank you very much, Ken, and it is great hearing from you!

* As is true for so many issues, we have a very informative "Station News" section again this week, thanks to contributions of fellow DDXD-W readers. If you learn of call, format, technical or other changes for **Vast Westland** stations, please pass them along. We look forward to hearing from you!

73 Bill

Reporters

DP-HI	Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
GH-IL	Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B/Quantum Loop or HB Indoor wire unamplified loop/MFJ ATU.
JJR-WI	John Rieger, South Milwaukee. GE Superadio III, Terk AM 1000 loop.
JW-CO	John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
KDF-IL	Karl D. Forth, Chicago. Drake R8, Sangean ATS-909.
LR-AL	Les Rayburn, Birmingham. Station news.
MS-MB	Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg. Grundig S-350 "barefoot."
RA-CA1	René Auvray, DXing in Hawthorne. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria car radio.
RA-CA2	René Auvray, DXing in San Pedro. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria car radio.
RA-CA3	René Auvray, DXing in Torrance. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria car radio.
SS-KS	Steve Sprague, Coffeyville. DX-375, Select-a-Tenna.
WH-CO	Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B Receiver, SuperPhaser, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, modified NRC Altazimuth loop.
Ed.-WI	Your editor, Madison.



Station News

- 790 **KFGO ND Fargo.** Per *Fargo Forum* newspaper, station dropped Ed Schultz (even though he broadcasts his syndicated show from there) as of 2/1 to bring back "The Jack and Sandy Show," which were let go in 2004 to make room for Schultz's nationwide program. Jack and Sandy had moved across town to 970 WDAY. (DP-HI)
- 930 **WKY OK Oklahoma City.** This station recently changed format to SS (see DDXD-W Station News #73 16 and #73-17 Ed.-WI), but still carries Oklahoma City Blazers CHL hockey in EE. (SS-KS)
- 930 **KSDN SD Aberdeen.** Per *Aberdeen American News*, the station's owner will make format changes to both KSDN and co-owned KGIM 1420 (see 1420 below) on 2/1. KSDN will carry more local full-service programming from 0500 to 2300

daily, and air "Agritalk" at 0900. ESPN Radio will move from KSDN to KGIM, and "Coast to Coast AM" will move to KSDN from KGIM. The two stations' general manager is Brian Lundquist. **(DP-HI)**

- 1010 KXXT AZ **Tolleson.** Per the *Business Journal* of Phoenix, station will drop liberal talk around 2/1 for religion due to it being sold to the owners of New Orleans' WLNO 1060. Cross-town 1280 KXEG was also part of the sale. **(DP-HI)**
- 1320 WPSB AL **Birmingham.** Has recently changed calls (ex-WZZK) and format. Is now Black talk, ex-Classic Country. Calls stand for "People's Station of Birmingham," and they use this phrase as an on-air slogan. For whatever reason, the audio sounds much nicer now too. This station used to "splatter" quite a bit, but now sounds rich and full but not over-modulated. The production quality of the programming is also quite good. **(LR-AL)**
- 1420 KGIM SD **Aberdeen.** Per *Aberdeen American News*, the station goes all sports on 2/1, picking up ESPN Radio from co-owned KSDN 930, sending "Coast to Coast AM" to KSDN and the syndicated "Bob and Sheri" morning show to FM, and dropping Rush Limbaugh and Ed Schultz (see also 930 KSDN above). **(DP-HI)**
- 1660 KQWB ND **West Fargo.** Per *Fargo Forum*, station is now the new flagship station of "The Ed Schultz Show" as of 2/8, the only liberal show on the otherwise conservative talk station. Per station website, its slogan is "Talk Radio 16-60" and the general manager is Nancy Odney. **(DP-HI)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 590 KFNS IL **Wood River. 2/3 0745.** "590 the Fan" by male announcer and reference to kfns.com. Fair signal in WKZO null. **(GH-IL)**
- 630 KHOW CO **Denver. 1/25 0906-0908.** News, traffic and weather for Denver and vicinity. Co-channel QRM from a C&W station (maybe KFXD) and adjacent channel QRM from KFI 640. Has been a frequent visitor since adjacent channel KFI 640 went to reduced transmitter power. **(RA-CA3)**
- 640 WWLS OK **Moore. 2/4 2314.** "WWLS the Sports Animal" by male announcer. Good signal over WCRV. New! **(GH-IL)**
- 690 WJOX AL **Birmingham. 2/3 0800.** "Coming up on 7 o'clock, this is WJOX Birmingham" by male announcer and two "Sports Monster" slogan IDs. Good signal briefly, then vanished. **(GH-IL)**
- 900 KTIS MN **Minneapolis. 2/3 0825.** Man with ID "This is KTIS AM 900 Twin Cities," then female announcer with area weekend happenings (prayer breakfast, Bible study, etc.). Generally fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 990 KTMS CA **Santa Barbara. 1/18 1006-1008.** "Imus in the Morning" radio show. Fighting through KFWB 980 QRM and other competing stations. Fading fast. **(RA-CA2)**
- 1050 WTKA MI **Ann Arbor. 2/4 1726.** Wolverines game and local advertisements. Ballgame was in progress over top of the hour, and did not hear any callsign ID then. Medium signal and bad CHUM interference. **(GH-IL)**
- 1060 KNLV NE **Ord. 2/5 0848.** Instrumental music; then male announcer at 0851 with the following statement: "Your favorite contemporary Christian music artists each and every Sunday morning on Memories 1060 KNLV," followed by more music. Fair, mixing with others in KRCN null until 0859 when KRCN powered up and became un-nullable. **(JW-CO)**
- 1140 KHTK CA **Sacramento. 1/24 0657.** Mary Hart with American Women in Radio and Television featurette on Sandra Day O'Connor, PSA; ID "Local Boy Makes Good...(sound bite)...on Sportsradio 11-40 KHTK Sacramento, a Fox Sports Radio Affiliate," into Fox sportscast. Poor. Piano music underneath from probable CHRB. **(DP-HI)**
- 1170 WFDL WI **Waupun. 1/29 0745.** Instrumental music, CBS news, ID and weather, Lutheran Hour. Good signal. WYLL's (1160) old transmitter site used to block reception of this station at this time. **(KDF-IL)**
- 1190 WOWO IN **Fort Wayne. 2/8 0745.** Traffic; "Time Saver Traffic and weather together every ten minutes on the fives - Fort Wayne's [?] with Charlie Rogers," then gal with EST time check, "wo-wo" slogan, and news. Fair at best, mixing with KVSF. First time logged this season. **(JW-CO)**
- 1230 KYVA NM **Gallup. 2/9 0948.** Out of ABC news with man saying "...KYVA radio news"

- and then sank into the muck. (JW-CO)
- 1240 KBIZ IA Ottumwa. 2/3 2236. Poor; end of ad, "1240 KBIZ" into Iowa State basketball. (JJR-WI)
- 1240 KALY NM Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. 2/9 0959. Kid with legal ID and back to Disney programming. Fair. (JW-CO)
- 1270 WMKT MI Charlevoix. 2/8 0755. "1340 and 1270 WMBN and WMKT" by male announcer. Medium strength under WWCA. New! (GH-IL)
- 1300 WOOD MI Grand Rapids. 2/3 2330. Poor in KGLO null and local CFRW 1290 splatter with "Coast to Coast" and local ID. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1310 KLIX ID Twin Falls. 1/25 1006-1008. News, weather and traffic for southern Idaho and Washington State, and local ads. Extremely weak; slight adjacent QRM from KAZN 1300. First time heard in the Los Angeles area. (RA-CA1)
- 1310 KEIN MT Great Falls. 2/1 2300. "Great Music AM 1310, KEIN Great Falls." Fair in KFKA Null. (WH-CO)
- 1310 KLIX ID Twin Falls. 2/2 0100. "News Radio 1310 KLIX Twin Falls-Mountain Home" to Fox News. Fair in KFKA null. (WH-CO)
- 1310 KFLA KS Scott City. 2/3 0100. "KIUL Garden City-KFLA Scott City." Weak under KLIX. (WH-CO)
- 1310 KDLS IA Perry. 2/3 0505. " & on your community calendar right here on KDLS" surfaced briefly. (WH-CO)
- 1320 KELO SD Sioux Falls. 2/1 0700. "AM 1320 KELO Sioux Falls" to Fox News Radio. Fair in the mess. (WH-CO)
- 1320 KLWN KS Lawrence. 2/1 0859. "...on News Radio KLWN ..." heard weakly in the mess. (WH-CO)
- 1350 WCBA NY Corning. 2/4 1843. "Sports (missed) WCBA" by a deep voiced male. Surfaced out of terrible QRM long enough for callsign, then back into the mud. (GH-IL)
- 1350 CKDO ON Oshawa. 2/7 1724. "Oshawa's Oldies 107.7 FM and 1350 CKDO" by a male announcer. Several other IDs. Good signal. (GH-IL)
- 1440 WNFL WI Green Bay. 2/5 1700. "On 1440 WNFL... enjoy the game." Surfaced briefly under murderous QRM. A good new one for Super Bowl Sunday. (GH-IL)
- 1440 WZYX TN Cowan. 2/5 1853. "WZYX gives more for your advertising dollar" ID as part of an "Advertise by Radio" ad. Weak signal... surfaced long enough to hear the callsign and ad. New one. (GH-IL)
- 1450 KTIP CA Porterville. 1/30 1058-1100. Very weak. Ad for a meat company in Porterville, news of various California cities, call ID into Fox news. First time heard in the Los Angeles Harbor area. (RA-CA2)
- 1450 KVSI ID Montpelier. 2/6 0700. "KVSI Montpelier, the Voice of ..." covered by KBBS. New for Me. (WH-CO)
- 1530 KQNK KS Norton. 1/28 21905. Norton vs. Phillipsburg wrestling match— first time I have heard a wrestling match on radio. ID and Shop and Save ad. New for me— eight more Kansas stations to go! (SS-KS)
- 1640 KFXV OK Enid. 1/27 2125. Crescent vs. Covington-Douglas high school basketball, "The Score" ID and local ads. Fair signal, no ID heard. (KDF-IL)
- 1660 KXTR KS Kansas City. 2/5 1723. "The Classical Station KXTR" by a male announcer and Kansas City ads. Strong... overrode WQSN. New one. (GH-IL)

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NEWS FROM GINNIE

I am happy to report that I will be moving to the Corning, New York area on March 1 to join The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes (www.earts.org). While I'm in the throes of packing and un-, regular contributor Mike Brooker will be editing the column (Issues 22 and 23). Many thanks, buddy!

Please follow the schedule below for log submissions:

Issue 21 – Logs due February 15, to Ginnie at ddxdeast@gmail.com

Issue 22 – Logs due February 22, to Mike at aum108@idirect.com

Issue 23 – Logs due March 8, to Mike at aum108@idirect.com

Issue 24 – Logs due March 22, to Ginnie at ddxdeast@gmail.com



Please note my new email address.

Effective March 1, my new surface mail address will be: 165 WoodsEdge Drive, Painted Post, New York 14870.

REPORTERS

JLB-NY **Jerry Bond, Rochester** – Hammarlund HQ-140 –XA and 3 foot loop.
 MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
 PG-FL **Paul Gray, Satellite Beach** – Sangean ATS-818ACS barefoot.
 MH-NC **Mike Hardester, Jacksonville** – Radio in 2002 Highlander.
 RJ-NC **Russ Johnson, Lexington** – Sony 2010, Realistic TRF, Palstar R30C, longwires.
 IEN-GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE Pioneer DEH-470MP.
 RCP-IN **Robert Pote, Greenwood** – Drake R8A and Kiwa Loop.

STATION LOGGINGS

560 WFRB MD **Frostburg** - 1/28 2012 - "560 WTRO" ID. Subsequently learned that WTRO is ID'ing as "560-1450" as they are // WFRB. **(RJ-NC)**

WNSR TN **Nashville** - 1/31 0707 - Tennessee state news, Nashville weather and traffic reports. ID for Sports Radio WNSR. **(RJ-NC)**

700 WLW OH **Cincinnati** - 2/5 0451 - Noted off the air, UNID Spanish music heard way down under, WLW's carrier came on at about 0455 and then station came on the air at 0500 sharp. This is the first time that noticed WLW with a silent period. **(RCP-IN)**

780 WBBM IL **Chicago** - 1/29 2354 - News with ID, plus commercials for hair loss and "Geraldo At Large." Good signal, some fading. **(PG-FL)**

810 WGY NY **Schenectady** - 1/30 0001 - ID at top of hour followed by Fox News. Fair signal with some fading and interference from multiple stations. **(PG-FL)**

820 WOSU OH **Columbus** - 2/4 1912 - WOSU's Bluegrass Ramble! Good signal with Radio Reloj in Cuba and WBAP in Texas underneath. "You're listening to 820 AM, WOSU... Campus of Ohio State University". **(IEN-GA)**

880 WCBS NY **New York** - 1/30 0011 - Weather report with ID, then local news and sports with promotional spot, "When you need to know, we've got you covered." Good signal with slow fading and unknown Cuban station on same frequency. **(PG-FL)**

970 WOXL NC **Canton** - 2/4 1750 - A male voice said "serving all of North Carolina,WOXL." He also mentioned listening to 96.5 their FM sister station, not much else heard in the mess. **(RCP-IN)**

1000 KTOK OK **Oklahoma City** - 1/31 1805 - Station slogan heard "we are 1000 KTOK." Then into news story about President Bush's upcoming State of the Union speech. Heard in partial WMVP null. **(RCP-IN)**

WCCD OH **Parma** - 2/3 1751 - Good signal with gospel programming, saying "you're listening to Power Radio, radio for the new Millennium." **(JLB-NY)**

1030 WBZ MA **Boston** - 1/30 0032 - ID at bottom of hour with local weather and traffic report and commercials. "Boston's first, Boston's biggest, WBZ News Radio 1030." S9 signal, no fading, very clear, no other stations heard! **(PG-FL)**

1070 WFLI TN **Chattanooga** – 2/1 1749 – over CHOK/CBA mix with promo for southern gospel music program on WFLI, ad for Chattanooga Plumbing, into extended infomercial for Dr. Janet's glucosamine cream. **(MKB-ON)**

1080 WWNL PA **Pittsburgh** – 2/1 1756 – battling nulled WTIC with *Bible Line* program from Calvary Community Church in Tampa, FL, top of hour sign off announcement: "WWNL Pittsburgh is now concluding its broadcast day..." **(MKB-ON)**

1110 WBT NC **Charlotte** - 1/30 0045 - "The Drudge Report" followed by commercials and promotional spot, "Know your world, Charlotte's morning news, with Al Gardner and Stacy Simms (?), weekday mornings 5 to 9, News Talk 1110 WBT." Strong, clear signal, slight fading. **(PG-FL)**

WJML MI **Petoskey** - 2/4 1806 - Strong after CBS News with weather, ID and a talk show. They disappeared abruptly at 1807 at apparent pattern change. **(JLB-NY)**

1190 WOWO IN **Fort Wayne** - 1/30 0132 - Program about polar bears followed by sound byte of The Doors' "Riders On The Storm." ID and Fox News at bottom of hour. Poor signal in the mud, somewhat intelligible. **(PG-FL)**

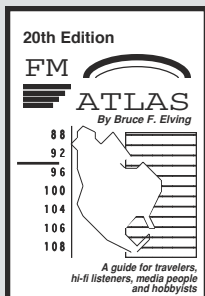
- 1220 WHKW OH Cleveland - 1/30 0155 - Cleveland Baptist Church service with ID at top of hour. Weak signal, moderate fading. (PG-FL)
- 1230 WCRO PA Johnstown - 2/6 1750 - faded in briefly with clear WCRO-1230 ID. (JLB-NY)
- 1340 WCMI KY Ashland - 2/4 0859 - poked through with "...right here on WCMI" and Ovaltine ad before being lost to groundwave pest WLVL and UNID Disney station. (MKB-ON)
- 1400 WTSL NH Hanover - 2/6 1700 - in nicely with a clear ID above the din followed by news. (JLB-NY)
- 1420 WKSJ TN Pulaski - 1/27 1637 - UNID oldies song followed by station ID "WKSJ," not much else heard before fading into the muck, first time heard. (RCP-IN)
- 1450 WIZS NC Henderson - 1/27 1755 - "WRAL news (TV) on WIZS-Henderson." (RJ-NC)
- 1490 WYYZ GA Jasper - 1/30 1759 - "24 hours a day, 7 days a week - WYYZ." Female announcer. (RJ-NC)
- WCVA VA Culpepper - 2/1 1859 - Call sign "WCVA" heard above the din. (RJ-NC)
- WSFB GA Quitman - 2/2 0559 - Very faint "WSFB" ID rising above the mush. (RJ-NC)
- WCLU KY Glasgow - 2/3 0559 - "... classic. This is WCLU Glasgow." Into network news. (RJ-NC)
- 1590 WTVB MI Coldwater - 2/6 0840 - good with ID and then sports including Super Bowl and local results. (JLB-NY)

PRESUMED/UNID

- 990 CBWp MB Winnipeg - 1/31 1812 - In with a very stable signal, female host of program was interviewing a local movie producer who was telling the advantages of shooting movies in Winnipeg, several other mentions of Winnipeg. I listened for a half hour but never did hear a legal ID. (RCP-IN)
- 1120 WKCEp TN Marysville - 2/4 1737 - promo for "Mike and Mike in the morning," also mentioned listening to "The Herd on ESPN Radio." I assume this was WKCE as it's the only one in 26th log with this format. Faded up briefly over KMOX. (RCP-IN)
- 1130 WBBRp NY New York - 1/30 0102 - "Bloomberg Business Radio," Jerry Nelu (?) reporting. No station ID, moderate signal, some fading, with Cuban station underneath. (PG-FL)
- UNID — — - 1/31 1750 - Radio Disney type fare, very good signal for several minutes but mixing with WBBR and KWKH at times, I can't find a listing in the 26th log for Radio Disney on 1130. (RCP-IN)
- 1640 WKSHp WI Sussex - 1/31 1650 - Believed the one with frequent "Radio Disney" IDs, possible local ID @ 1659 with "WK" and what sounded like "15-40 and 16-50." Is WKSH simulcasting, or was this something else? Fair to poor with occasional fades. (MH-NC)

IF QRM**By Perry Crabill, W3HQX**

A 10 kW transmitter near Hagerstown, MD, is transmitting digital signals on 454 kHz using FSK. These signals are getting into the 455 kHz IF of many AM receivers not only in the immediate area, but at some distance further away. This transmitter is at the site previously used for the Ground Wave Emergency Net (GWEN) and uses a 300-foot antenna tower. The digital signals are corrections for GPS receivers to provide greater position and elevation accuracy, similar to those operating in the 285-325 kHz marine navigation beacon band. Stu Benner, W3STU has provided a Web Page with more details at <http://ve3hls.tripod.com/noise/stu-458.html>. This reference mentions another such installation operating at 458 kHz at Hawk Run, PA. The designers of this system apparently did not give adequate consideration to the interference potential of the frequencies selected.



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The very bottom of solar cycle 23 is now forecast to occur during the later half of 2006. By all accounts we are essentially there with great mediumwave DX conditions reported worldwide. At one point during January, the NOAA/SEC described the solar disk as "spotless." As Ben Dangerfield surmises, although there will be ups and downs, expect the good conditions to continue.

Transatlantic DX

- 225 **POLAND** *Polskie Radio*, Solec Kujawski (52°22'N 19°48'E) JAN 29 0512-0532 - Loud and clear with man in Polish and pop tunes including Bryan Adams' "I Do It For You" and Sting's "Fields of Gold." [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *R.Luxembourg*, Junglinster (49°40'N 06°19'E) JAN 31 0216 - Rock music, Supertramp "Give a Little Bit," Texas "So in Love with You"; www.rtl.fr says that's what they're playing now, so there's a match; pretty well faded out by 0241. [Brandi-NJ]
- 252 **ALGERIA** *Rdf Sonore*, Tipaza (36°35'N 02°27'E) FEB 4 0448-0501 - Man and woman in French with Arabic vocals; as much talk as music. Fair peaks; USB cuts out beacon. Hoping to be able to check it against a strong het and muddled audio on 531 but doesn't seem to be parallel and 153 not up. Interference up at 0501, probably Ireland. [Frodge-MI]
- 252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown JAN 31 0141 - Variety of music (rock, big band, etc.), ID at 0200, into two minutes of news, another ID, talk about wisdom of Irish-American returning to Ireland; telling this person about lack of friendliness (i.e., high crime rate), feature called "Holy Water Cooler." [Brandi-NJ]
- 558 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 4 0501-0511 - Man with news in Spanish; fair four minutes then into the muck. Back up again at 0509 with Spanish commentary but more side-splash. [Frodge-MI]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) JAN 28 2225 - Fair with a man talking about his recent visit to Wexford, England. [DeLorenzo-MA] FEB 4 0430 - Presumed with lively interview program in heavily accented English. Fairly loud at times with moderate splash from 570 stations. [Hayes-PA]
- 576 unID FEB 5 0408 - A very weak signal was present, at one point it may have been parallel to 153 Algeria, but this may be very wishful thinking. In any event, I have never heard anything here before. [Renfrew-NY]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) JAN 31 0255 - Music, time pips, ID "Radio Nacional de España." [Brandi-NJ]
- 612 unID JAN 31 0318 - Arabic music like call to prayer until 0330, change of program with occasional talks, music, time pips at 0400, into possible news; fading out by 0405. [Brandi-NJ] Morocco is typical, but difficult to positively ID. Try for parallels at 207 and 711 kHz.
- 657 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) FEB 5 0310 - A slight hint of *R.Cinco* programming, just not enough to get a good parallel with *R.Cinco* web audio. [Renfrew-NY]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *Arrow Rock Radio*, Lopik (52°01'N 05°03'E) FEB 1 0143 - Rock music; parallel feed at mms://arrowstream.atinet.nl/arrowrock; fading in and out of audibility, poor at best. [Brandi-NJ]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 747*, Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) FEB 4 0411-0420 - Excellent with woman in Dutch and somber funeral-like music. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 10 2345 - Excellent, heavy synchro echo; rock vocal and talk. [Conti-NH]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E) FEB 10 0258 - Good; easy listening instrumental. [Conti-NH]
- 954 **SPAIN** *Onda Cero Radio*, Madrid FEB 10 0500 - Fair; markers and dual time check for Spain and Canaries into news. [Conti-NH]
- 972 unID FEB 10 2325 - Briefly good with pop music, not parallel 684 or 855 *RNE*. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia/RMR*, Maiac (47°14'N 29°24'E) FEB 5 2059-2112 - Good in peaks with news feature by woman in Russian with the sun still shining brightly here an hour before sunset; minor splatter from 1000 WCMX. Thanks to Mauno Ritola, Chuck Hutton, Walt Salmaniw and especially Vlad Titarev in the Ukraine for their help! Country #94 heard. [DeLorenzo-MA]

- 999 **MOROCCO** RTM A, Tanger FEB 4 0050 - Presumed; Koranic recitations fading up and at times over COPE Spain, after RMR Moldova 0000 sign off. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** COPE Madrid FEB 10 2225 - Good; local ID/promo, "...nueve cientos noventa nueve onda media." [Conti-NH]
- 1026 **SPAIN** SER synchros FEB 5 0236 - Some sort of movie ("películas") review, including "Walk the Line," and talking about Johnny Cash, also playing "A Boy Named Sue," mention of Sundance, at 0259 a Cadena SER promo, 5+1 pips at 0300, "Cadena SER, Servicios Informativos" ID, time check, "son las cuatro, las tres in Canarias," new. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1062 **DENMARK** Danmarks Radio, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) FEB 3 2324-2329 - Loud and clear with female DJ in Danish and Ike & Tina Turner's cover of "Proud Mary." Abruptly cut carrier at 2329 which is their scheduled signoff time per EMWG. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** RNE5 synchros FEB 4 0405 - Good, over unID music and a cacophony of hets; fanfare and "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos." A strong het on the high side, approximately 1107.14 kHz, seems to be an off-frequency RNE5 synchro. [Conti-NH] FEB 5 0350 - A fairly strong signal but badly damaged by two hets, one on the high side, the other on the low side of 1107, a music piece by a female soloist was enough to finally get an exact parallel with the Radio Cinco web feed. Previously a tentative reception, now a new one. Still no idea what the hets are from. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1206 **FRANCE** France Info, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) JAN 29 2250-2257 - Strong in peaks with discussion between two men in French. [DeLorenzo-MA] FEB 4 0245 - Up quite loudly with French talk for about a minute or two then inaudible. Presumed to be this. [Hayes-PA]
- 1214.95 **KALININGRAD** Voice of Russia/R.Mezhduradnoye, Bolshakovo (54°54'N 21°42'E) FEB 6 2245-2250 - A "growl" on the low side of 1215 became enough of a signal to hear music that was decidedly not Virgin Radio, and sounded Slavic. It took a few moments to tune to the channel on the DX Tuners receiver in Berlin, and this sounded like the same kind of music, Slavic female vocals, but meanwhile the signal on the Drake had faded out, so nothing to parallel. I initially thought it was Albania, scheduled with Serbian from China Radio International at this time, and usually reported around 1214.85, but on DX Tuners the program identified as R.Mezhduradnoye at 2300. So another one that got away (so far). There was a strong het on 1548 at this time, perhaps Moldova got away, too. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** Virgin R. synchros FEB 4 0300 - Poor to fair signal with little splash from 1210 kHz. Numerous "Virgin Radio" ID's heard including jingles after most songs. Another weaker station also present on this frequency. [Hayes-PA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules (43°47'N 06°09'E) FEB 4 2245 - Very noisy, but TWR interval signal noted at sign-off. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) FEB 4 2259-2302 - Loud and clear in peaks with male a cappella religious vocal in Arabic, time pips and ID at 2300, apparent news until 2302 signoff. Parallel to 9555 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]

Ben speaks: I'm just checking in with my take on current conditions so won't list my TAs as I am sure others are reporting them and I don't want to be repetitious. The super conditions of last week seem to have tapered off and my nightly frequency counts are down to around half the 90 or so I was hearing then. The high end has been better than the low end the last few nights and in fact I have detected a semi-auroral condition on some occasions. I have been getting pretty good signals out of the upper 1400s and the 1500s, especially around 2300, and three nights ago had big signals from 1467 and 1557 France, and also 1548 Kuwait and 1575 U.A.E. between 2245 and 2315. Also noted again, but this was about a week ago, huge signals from the Saudis on 1440 and 1521. And about then is when I noted parallel Belgium stations on 927 and 1512 around 0400. I do think that the good conditions will continue and that there will be ups and downs.

Jim speaks: It's now Feb 10, and the excellent TA conditions have abated. Feb 7, 8 and 9 were poor by comparison to the previous week, with only a few of the TA regulars (621, 1089, 1134, 1206, 1215) poking through. My apologies to the DDXD side of things, but when TAs are in I don't even check the domestic channels!

Marc speaks: My big thrill was 999 Moldova. Quite sure that it was Russian I was hearing on 999, I posted the clip on Real DX. Hutton heard it and sent it to Walt Salmaniw, a Russian in British Columbia I believe. Walt sent it to his friend in the Ukraine, Vlad Titarev, who confirmed it as Voice of Russia from Moldova. The Internet is a wonderful thing!

0528-0553 - Variety Spanish religious program with music, exhortations and discussions. Different male speakers; one sounds a lot like that Mexican astrology dude on Telemundo, the one with the Liberace capes. "RVC" ID at 0552. Very good peaks; LSB helps with tone from strong 531 het. Well on top 'til 0538 when other Spanish challenged, presumed CIAO. [Frodge-MI]

- 670 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas (23°00'N 82°30'W) FEB 4 0305 - Good; a long speech by Castro, many mentions of Venezuela, parallel 5025 and *RHC* 6060 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 730 **MEXICO** XEPQ Ciudad Múzquiz JAN 28 0405 - Call sign ID under KWOA; fair. [Heinen-CO]
- 770 **MEXICO** XEACH Monterrey (2540'N 10011'W) JAN 19 0228 - Full ID surfaced while tuning up for taping WVNN test. [Heinen-CO]
- 1020 **CUBA** *R.Reloy*, unknown location FEB 10 0330 - Good, causing significant interference to co-channel KDKA. [Conti-NH]
- 1020 unID FEB 10 0345 - Fair, French talk and music over/under *R.Reloy* with KDKA nulled. [Conti-NH]
- 1030 **MEXICO** XEYC Ciudad Juárez (3144'N 10629'W) JAN 22 0002 - *Radio Fórmula* network ID and XEYC call letter ID; fair. [Heinen-CO]

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International News

FRENCH GUIANA: MW reception in Cayenne: 1060 *RFO* St. Laurent and 1070 *RFO* Matoury are no longer broadcasting. 5055 *RFO* Matoury is no longer broadcasting (was once useful for getting a parallel to *RFO* St. Pierre on 1375). The following nearby MW stations were inaudible from Cayenne Dec 6 at 0840z before sunrise: Guyana 560 and 760 kHz, Suriname 600, 725, 820 and 914 kHz. If still operational, they must be low powered. FM transmitters appear to be replacing MW and domestic SW services in Cayenne. [Anker Petersen, "DXing in the Middle of Anywhere," *NASWA Journal*, Feb 2006, via Jim Renfrew]

MEXICO: 1090 XEPRS is now simulcast on 105.7 XHBCE. Slogan has changed from "The mighty 1090" to "The mighty double X." Still Fox sports. 690 XETRA is now running Spanish news (and talk?) from the "W Radio" network. [Tim Hall, *Corazón DX*]

SOUTH AFRICA: The transmitter at Ga-Rankuwa has burnt down and 702 *Talk Radio* is off air. Frantic arrangements were made to activate it on 540 kHz. See www.702.co.za for latest details. It's the old *Radio Bop* 540 kHz transmitter at Ga-Rankuwa (just north of Pretoria), 50 kW and omni-directional. [John Plimmer, *Coastal Roundtable*] <http://iafrica.com/news/sa/881367.htm> [Doug Smith, W9WI]

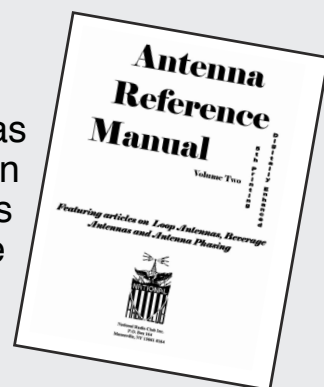


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Agriculture	59	Public Affairs	70
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Alternative Rock	260	Religious	834
American Indian	4	Rock, AOR	546
Arabic	1	Russian	(both AM) 2
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Comedy	1		
Current Hit (contemporary)	634		
Disco	1		
Diversified	287		
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Filipino	2		
Folk	16		
Foreign	63		
French (all AM)	3		
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Golden Oldies	19		
Gospel	627		
Greek	4		
Inspirational	102		
Irish	1		
Italian	2		
Japanese	1		
Jazz	365		
Korean (all AM)	10		
Light Rock	41		
MoR	219		
Native American	8		
New Age	25		
News, All (283 AM)	753		
News-Talk (1036 AM)	1279		
Nostalgia	115		
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Other	220		
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Bill's remarks - Obviously, this listing is highly subjective. When polled of their station's format, the response reflected the opinion of whoever filled out the paperwork. Who's to say what is the difference between "American Indian" and "Native American"? Or "Jazz" and "Smooth Jazz"? Or "Black", "Soul", and "Urban Contemporary"?

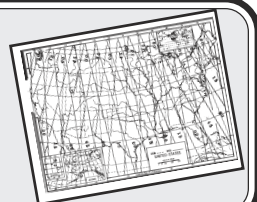
Am I to believe there are only 25 Spanish-language, identified herein as "Tejano", stations in the US? Shoot, I can hear 25 right here in the Fort Worth-Dallas area alone. Then there are the broadcasters in single-station cities which play C&W (conspicuously absent from this list) in the morning, has a 'Tradio' show followed by polkas in the afternoon and Mexican and/or rock at night. What are they, "Variety"?

Where are some of these specialized stations located? The lone "Japanese" station is, no doubt, in Hawaii, while the 2 "Russian" formatted stations are likely in Alaska beaming their religious programming westward. The "Irish" station is most likely in Boston, and the "Greek" stations are probably on Florida's West Coast. "Vietnamese"? I'll bet in California and in the Houston area. The "Arabic" station? I'm guessing the Detroit area. "Polish" and "Polka"? Upper Midwest for sure.

But **Ken** is dying to know exactly where that lone "Disco" station is. He obviously wants to dust off those platform shoes and play his "Saturday Night Fever" album.

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Due to the paucity of Musings lately, (in part due to my own lack of contributions), I thought I would check in for the first time in several years. First, note new address above; we moved in Oct. 2004 about 12 miles south of our former location north of Lawrenceville. The move was mainly to get my wife closer to her job as a teacher here in Gwinnett Co. and lessen her commute. As a quick re-intro, I am now in my 32nd year as an NRC member, having joined in 1973. I am self-employed, with a drafting/design business, working with glass companies locally and around the SE, to prepare their shop drawings. This April will begin my 15th year doing this. My aforementioned wife, Nancy, is a special-ed teacher. We have one son, Aaron, who is in 5th grade at the same school where Nancy teaches. My older son, Kevin, from my first marriage, is attending University of GA in the business school. Since our move, I have been virtually inactive DXwise, with just too much work and family stuff taking most of my time. In fact, the only new logging lately was a nice one, WNAX-570, finally bagged when I noticed several others in the SE hearing them...one station I have wanted for a long time! Totals in this shack are 2036 logs, 1665 veries since about 1969 when I started DXing in high school in Conover, NC. I am still using the trusty HQ-150, purchased used over 30 years ago from NRCer Dick Truax of Louisville. I also have a 12-655 TRF and a Sangean ATS-803A. Antennas are a Kiwa MW Loop and a Quantum Loop. As an incentive to get me back to the dials, I recently purchased a Quantum Phaser, and strung up a "Back-yard fence" antenna. We live on a small suburban lot in what is termed a "conservation subdivision", which means there is more greenspace than usual. Our lot is bordered on one side by a nice wooded area, and a buffer in the back. There is probably room for some short clandestine longwires, but for now I opted to string along the 6-foot wooden fence that borders our backyard. A recent phone call to the local "Ham Radio Outlet" hooked me up with a TV repair shop that works on tube sets, so I took in the HQ-150 for an alignment and check-up...needed one new tube (first one replaced in 30 years!). While there, noticed they had a pile of old radios and saw a Zenith Transoceanic and an HQ-180! I am going to check back with them to see if the 180 is in working order and how much. I really would like to upgrade to a modern rx, though, and have been checking out the Palstar R30 and the ICOM R75, as I want to keep it around \$500 or so. The Palstar seems to be getting favorable press, so we'll see. I am hoping to spend a little time DXing before this season ends, so stay tuned. 73, Karl

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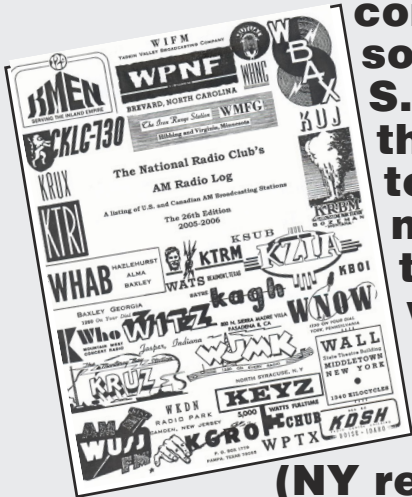
Hello, folks. I would like to relate to you an incident I had with a station that blatantly refused to power down after sunset. For purposes of professional confidentiality and to protect our clubs' interests, Station A will be a local station I liked to listen to. Station B several states away will be the station that refused to acknowledge that they were cheating. I called Station B to complain in a polite, diplomatic manner about my problem. I asked for the chief engineer. The receptionist told me that there is no chief engineer at the station. She asked me what was my problem. I told her in a nice polite diplomatic way as to what was my complaint. She told me she was new in the radio business. Then she proceeded on telling me I don't know what I was talking about! Those who think they know it all truly annoy us who do know! I went to Station A with my problem. They told me in so many words that they didn't want to bother with my problem. They gave me an FCC office address to complain to. In my letter to the FCC, I made no mention of DX'ing, IRCA, NRC, etc., to protect our clubs' interests. I just stated the pertinent facts. I kept it to myself that I went out to the FCC on Station B. Playing cop is not the issue here. The issue is I don't tolerate rude behavior and I didn't like my listening pleasure of Station A being ruined. I would never be a beggar or a servant to Station B just for a DX test and a QSL card. People with high self esteem avoid asking such stations for DX tests and a QSL card. When I have a problem with a station not powering down after sunset, I approach the station in a polite diplomatic manner. 90% of the time, I get results. In fact, a CE several states from me gave me his cell phone number to call up to 2230 if his station's automation didn't power down. Point here: radio stations are not doing us a favor by powering down after sunset. It is their legal responsibility to do so. We should

be asking stations who are cordial and professional towards us for DX tests and QSL cards. A DX'er told me as to what I did to Station B was "playing cop, rude, harassing the station and a disservice to our hobby". This DX'er also said to the effect that if a station is not powering down after sunset, turn a blind eye. I don't buy that. In this age of deregulation of the FCC, our hobby is under attack. More stations going on the air, stations knowingly cheating, and the awful fact that the FCC might allow stations to run IBOC 24/7. If we turn a blind eye to this, our hobby will go away. A final note: I reemphasize: if you need to go to the FCC about a station, please don't mention the IRCA, NRC, DX'ing, etc. Just tell them the pertinent facts. You are trying to listen to a Spanish music station several states away, and some station not powering down after sunset is blocking your listening of such station. Keep it to yourself. If you do all of the above, then it is your private business. It is none of any one else's business period. 73's.

(Mike - Allow me to point out two things. First, by trying to play cop (and that IS the point here) you are going to harm other DX'ers' possibilities to hear DX from stations which do not power down, or up, on time. Second, although you say that you did not identify yourself as a radio hobbyist, I would bet dollars to doughnuts that if Les Rayburn tried to get either Station A or Station B to run a DX test, he'd now receive a hostile reaction from both. I might also mention that the NRC has gone on record as opposing attempts by our members to force stations to adhere to FCC regulations. We are a hobby organization, not a police force nor a volunteer arm of the FCC -pls.)

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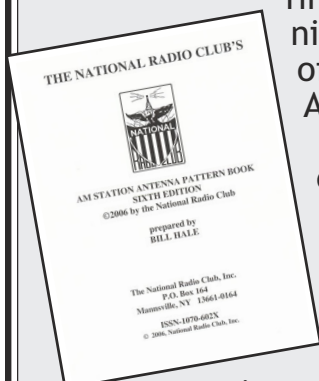
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