

# DXN News

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### Station Test Calendar

WODI	VA	1230	Now to ?	0000-0005
KANA	MT	580	Nov. 19	0200-0400
KLCY	MT	930	Nov. 19	0200-0400
KEIN	MT	1310	Nov. 19	0200-0400
KGVO	MT	1290	Nov. 19	0200-0400
WFIL	PA	560	Dec. 10	0500-0600
WNTP	PA	990	Dec. 10	0500-0600

*From the Publisher ...* InDesign is great fun, but it would seem that I haven't mastered the learning curve just yet ... although I think I've corrected most if not all of the goofs I didn't spot in #7, not the least of which was not spotting the mailing permit number "pushed" out of sight, so that I had to hand-write "#598" on 489 DXN's ... always great fun on a Friday evening.

*From Wayne Heinen ...* "I Recently received this request via <http://www.nrcdxas.org>. I would encourage any member that may have interacted with Bill's grandfather to contact him directly: 'I was hoping to acquire any information you may have in your archives on my Grandfather Joseph J. Becker the "Hamilton Night Owl" who was the active Vice-President of your Club in 1934 (having logged 835 stations in 4 years) and then President of the NRC. Please reply if you have any information and I can send you a Xerox of an old NRC bulletin and an account from my grandfather on his DX'ing. Unfortunately many of my Grandfather's logs and paperwork have sadly disappeared over the years and there's very little solid information left to go by. Bill Becker - 18 Maywood Road - Asheville, NC 28804. [bill\\_becker@bellsouth.net](mailto:bill_becker@bellsouth.net).'"

*Welcome to these new members ...* Arno N. Hiller, Manito, IL; Clayton Rye, Hanlontown, IA; Joseph Wozniak, St. Louis, MO; Walter Mulvey, Midlothian, WV; Danny Roberts, Slayton, TX; David T. Lines, Spring City, PA; Richard E. Wood, Keaau, HI (rejoins); Melvin L. Flannagan, Jr., Charlottesville, VA (rejoins); Dan K. Phillips, Franklin, TN (rejoins) Freeman Bohannon, Harvey, IL (rejoins); Gerry Dexter, Lake Geneva, WI (rejoins); Robert H. Ruggley, Chicago, IL; Markarian Brothers, O'Neals, CA (rejoins); Paul Williams, Gainesville, GA; Tony Spiegel, Mt. Vernon, OH; Bert Newman, Birmingham, AL; James A. Lee, Buena Vista, VA; Harold Hermanns, Seminole, FL; John Tucker, Mesa,

AZ; Edward V. Hammond, Buckfield, OH; Rob Dittler, Ocean City, MD; David B. O'Hare, Carroll, OH; Denny Adkins, Huntington, WV; Norbert C. Wokasch, Colorado Springs, CO; Mark Henning, Hamburg, NY (rejoins).

*Unfilled positions ...* We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions, as described in detail in V73, #27, the June '06 DXN: A person to maintain the e-DXN site; one or more additional moderators for e-DXN; one or more persons to edit future NRC publications; one or more persons to scan or retype reprints currently in print; one or more persons to scan verie letters to be placed on the NRCDXAS web site; several persons to research and prepare a book in commemoration of the NRC's 75th anniversary; a "Confirmed DX'er" editor; a "DX Targets" editor; a technical column editor; a nationwide QSL coordinator (preferably a joint NRC/IRCA/WTFDA member); someone to type e-mail reports for members who don't have computers.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 74

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
9.	Nov. 17	Nov. 27	20.	Feb. 9	Feb. 19
10.	Nov. 24	Dec. 4	21.	Feb. 16	Feb. 26
11.	Dec. 1	Dec. 11	22.	Feb. 23	Mar. 5
12.	Dec. 8	Dec. 18	23.	Mar. 9	Mar. 19
13.	Dec. 22	Jan. 1	24.	Mar. 23	Apr. 2
14.	Dec. 29	Jan. 8	25.	Apr. 6	Apr. 16
15.	Jan. 5	Jan. 15	26.	May. 4	May 14
16.	Jan. 12	Jan. 22	27.	June 8	June 18
17.	Jan. 19	Jan. 29	28.	July 6	July 16
18.	Jan. 26	Feb. 5	29.	Aug. 3	Aug. 13
19.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 12	30.	Sept. 7	Sept. 18

### DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News:*

50 years ago ... from the November 24, 1956 DXN: Len Kruse, Dubuque, IA reported that in a letter verifying reception of the DX program from WTOW-1570, 0430 to 0500 on 11/11, Manager Edward Hearn wrote that they had been treated to a display of the Aurora Borealis from 0000-0100 on that morning.

25 years ago ... from the November 23, 1981 DXN: Mark Connelly's article, "Phasing Unit Construction and Use", covered the construction of a unit.

10 years ago ... from the November 25, 1996 DXN: Subscribers had a chance to report arrival times of DXN in an attempt to improve the delivery of DXN.



# AM Switch

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

	<u>Old Call</u>			<u>New Call</u>
1480	WLPH	AL	Irondale	WRLM
1490	NEW	NH	Berlin	WRTN
1540	WBKC	OH	Cleveland	WWGK
1600	KCRG	IA	Cedar Rapids	KGYM

# WVJS

OLDIES 1420

### CPs ON THE AIR

660	WBHR	MN	Sauk Rapids - CP to increase nighttime power to become U4 10000/500 is on the air.
1060	WIXC	FL	Titusville - CP for U7 50000/5000 CH 17000 is on the air.
1090	WILD	MA	Boston - CP for D1 4800/0 CH 1900 is on the air.
1170	KCBQ	CA	San Diego - CP for U4 50000/2900 is on the air from two transmitter sites. The day signal comes from four towers at N32-50-22 W116-59-51 while the night wattage emanates from five towers at N32-53-44 W116-55-32.
1180	WSQR	IL	Sycamore - CP to move here (from 1560) with U1 900/1 is on the air. I may note that this is the correct power, contrary to reports received here stating otherwise.
1200	WAMB	TN	Nashville - CP to delete their nighttime authorization to become D1 50000/0 CH 3800 has been granted and is now on the air.
1230	KZTS	WA	Sunnyside - CP to move here from 1210 kHz with U1 700/700 is on the air.
1540	KGBC	TX	Galveston - CP for U4 2500/250 is on the air from the adjusted coordinates of N29-18-55 W94-48-19. The new daytime pattern is directed mainly to the northeast with a minor lobe to the southeast, while the nighttime pattern remains as previous.

### ACTIONS

790	KBRV	ID	Soda Springs - CP granted to add night service as U1 5000/29 from the corrected coordinates of N42-38-39 W111-36-41.
1130	WEAF	SC	Camden - CP granted to increase their daytime power and add CH designation as U1 5000/7 CH 3200.
1140	WJNZ	MI	Kentwood - Coordinate correction to N42-56-09 W85-27-56.
1170	WQVA	SC	Lexington - Coordinate correction to N33-58-20 W81-16-40.
1220	WOEG	MS	Hazlehurst - CP granted to move to the 403' tower of WDXO-92.9 MHz at N31-53-34 W90-24-08 Hazlehurst and reduce power to become U1 164/33.
1380	KUVR	NE	Holdrege - Coordinate correction to N40-26-26 W99-24-00.
1500	WSMX	NC	Winston-Salem - CP granted to reduce power to D1 140/0, while relocating their transmitter to the WPOL-1340 tower at N36-04-26 W80-15-19.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1560	KVAN	WA	Burbank - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 50000/1600. This amendment requests U4 50000/700.
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### APPLICATIONS

1030	WDRU	NC	Wake Forest - Applies to move one of their four towers, resulting in a slight pattern change. The main lobe will be directed at 159 degrees instead of 149 degrees. WDRU would remain D3 50000/0.
1590	WHGT	PA	Chambersburg - Applies for U4 15000/15 from a new, 2-tower site.
1600	WKZK	SC	North Augusta - Applies to increase daytime power and add night service as U1 4000/27.

### AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

550	WASG	AL	Atmore - Licensed for U1 10000/143, WASG applied to move to 540 kHz with D3 1000/0 with a CoL change to Daphne, Alabama. An amendment
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was then filed for U1 3500/146 from Daphne, diplexing into the WIJD-1270 tower. The current application on file seems to have **deleted the frequency move** with no explanation. So the original paperwork either contained a typo, or the application on file was substituted with no official explanation.

- 960      **WFIR**    **VA** **Roanoke** - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, WFIR submitted an application to change to U2 10000/4650 while relocating to the WVBE-610 tower site, but was dismissed. They resubmitted the application addressing the FCC's concerns about interference to two South American superpowers on the frequency. Now, they've submitted another amendment with dozens of field intensity readings and requested a new nighttime power. If granted and built, WFIR would become U2 10000/4890.
- 1130      **NEW**    **OR** **Mount Angel** - Initial application was for U4 3000/250. This amendment requests U4 25000/490.
- 1220      **WIBQ**    **FL** **Sarasota** - Licensed for U5 1000/159, WIBQ applied for U4 5000/900 changing their CoL to Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Now they amended the application to read U4 2000/249 back at Sarasota.
- 1360      **KELE**    **MO** **Mountain Grove** - Licensed for U1 1000/60, KELE applied to move to Ripley, Ohio (correct) on 1200 kHz with D4 10000/0 CH 6500, then amended the application to read D1 1000/0 CH 1000. Now they've applied for D1 1000/0 CH 625. Again at Ripley. Again on 1200.

#### APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

- 1220      **WOTS**    **FL** **Kissimmee** - Application for U4 2500/200, initially dismissed, has been reinstated after they modified the nighttime so as not to interfere with co-channel station XEB.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

- 1440      **NEW**    **VA** **Hamilton** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 960/5000, then amended to U4 1000/5000, which was dismissed. Now they have made some changes to the parameters and requested U4 500/1200.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 540      **NEW**    **MN** **Sauk Rapids** - Applies for U1 250/250.

#### LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

860	<b>WAMO</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Millvale</b>	1570	<b>KVLG</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>LaGrange</b>
1490	<b>KWUD</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>Woodville</b>	1660	<b>WWRU</b>	<b>NJ</b>	<b>Jersey City</b>
1510	<b>WPGR</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Monroeville</b>				

#### HEAR AND THAR

- ❑ At 74, legendary broadcaster **Dick Biondi** is back on the air live from 9-12 Midnight Monday thru Friday on the "Oldies Channel", **94.7 WZZN** in Chicago. He told his audience it was great to be back. Back "On top of a pizza . . ." I'll bet.
- ❑ Back on the air: **WAMF-1300** Fulton, New York.
- ❑ Reported OFF the air: **WDFW-1120** Duffield, Virginia. Also, **KHRA-1460** Honolulu, Hawaii is off, possibly as a result of the Hawaiian earthquake of October 15.
- ❑ Thanks to **Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Kenneth Onyschuk, & Richard E. Wood.**

#### GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

# indicates record held by DXer from Alaska or Hawaii)

#### 1230 kHz:

KIFW	AK	Sitka	Richard E. Wood	Hilo, HI	<u>Miles</u> #2781
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#### 1340 kHz:

WVNH	NH	Madbury	Jeff Falconer	Clinton, ON	534
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## It may not be perfect ...

but the NRC AM Log is, simply, the best there is because of your contributions. Why not make the next edition even better? Send all corrections and changes to Wayne Heinen - 4131 S. Andes Way - Aurora, CO 80013-3831, or wayne@wayneheinen.com. Thanks!

# Domestic DX Digest

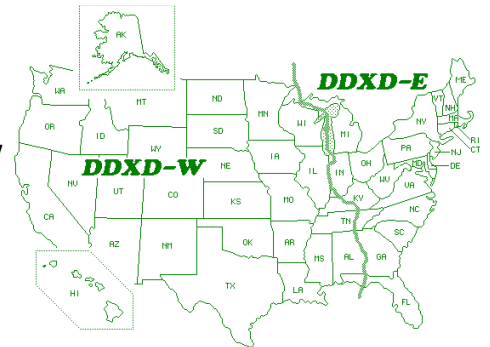
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## DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

### DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ✿ Two weeks ago we featured a Special Report by **Dale Park** on the Hawaiian earthquake of October 15, from his location on Oahu. This week we feature **Richard E. Wood's** experiences during the same event, from his location on the Big Island of Hawaii. You will find some great reading in this report, which comes at the end of this week's column.
- ✿ This week's edition is just packed with useful information! Thanksgiving is almost here, and I want to express how thankful I am for the continuing first-class reports from the DDXD-West contributors! Happy Thanksgiving to all! 73 Bill

#### Reporters

- DP-HI** Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- DP-HI\*** Dale Park, DXing in East Honolulu. Honda car radio.
- DP-CA1** Dale Park, DXing in San Mateo. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- DP-CA2** Dale Park, DXing in Fairfield. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- DP-CA3** Dale Park, DXing in Northern California. Chrysler PT Cruiser car radio.
- GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75, Quantum Loop antenna.
- JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp or GE Superadio III, Terk AM 1000 loop.
- JT-AZ** John Tucker KG7RS, Mesa. Drake R8B, 3' remote-controlled varactor-tuned box Loop, 60' Inverted-L, Quantum Phaser.
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop, 100-foot longwire.
- NK-IL** Neil Kazaross, Barrington. Drake R8A, west phased BOG system.
- REW-HI** Richard E. Wood, Keauau. Icom R75, 350 foot longwire to NE, 175 foot longwire to NNE.
- SA-MB** Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
- SP-WI** Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc. NRD-515, AOR LA350 loop.
- SS-KS** Steve Sprague, Coffeyville. DX-375, Select-a-Tenna.
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S Flag, E/W Flag, Modified 4 foot NRC Altazimuth loop, 15 foot vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/2 BUF-F amplifiers, Mini-DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1.
- Ed.-WI** Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

#### Station News

- 570 KQNG HI Lihue. 11/3.** Noted that this station and KAOI 1110 Kihei, which often simulcast, have dropped Al Franken for tape-delayed Stephanie Miller weeknights at 2306-0200. **(DP-HI)**
- 870 WWL LA New Orleans. 10/23 0105.** Is announcing a new FM // . "WWL-FM now on 105.3. The Big Two, WWL and WWL-FM. Stay tuned to 870, now also on 105.3." NRC AM Log, 27<sup>th</sup> Edition, says " // WWL-FM 95.7," so change the listing. **(REW-HI)** (This change actually appears to have taken place in April of this year, from what I have been able to research. The 27<sup>th</sup> Log reflects the addition of an FM // , but as Richard has pointed out, the listed frequency is wrong. **Ed.-WI)**
- 960 KQKE CA Oakland.** Per station website, station has replaced Al Franken with tape-delayed Thom Hartmann weekdays at 1206-1500, brought back Rachael Maddow, added the new Nova M network's Mike Malloy and pushed back Randi Rhodes to 0006-0200. **(DP-HI)**
- 1020 KCKN NM Roswell. 10/20 0025.** Noted with a new format. Listed in AM Log 27<sup>th</sup> Edition

as C&W; observed with SS and bilingual EE/SS gospel teaching, mailing address Miami. This program was followed at 0030 by SS from Radio Transmundial, i.e. Trans World Radio. Not known whether this format change is complete, as some C&W is still noted other days and nights. **(REW-HI)** (The KCKN website does show a large chunk of brokered religion, Monday through Friday 9 PM-5 AM Mountain. What Richard was hearing matches this schedule: "Leading the Way" in SS/EE and "Thru the Bible" SS version. According to the website, the format the rest of the time is Classic Country. **Ed.-WI)**

- 1110 KAOI HI Kihei. See 570 KQNG above. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1140 KCXL MO Liberty and:  
1160 KCTOMO Cleveland. When KCTO first came on the air in September, J.E. Lewis reported that the station was running programming from KCXL. This simulcast arrangement appears to be permanent, according to recent observations by both J.E. and Steve Sprague. J.E. also reports "I understand that 1160 is or has made some adjustments to its night pattern for unknown reasons. I live about four miles south of downtown and 1140 comes in a little better most of the time." **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1340 KOMY CA La Selva Beach. Per blog ltradio.blogspot.com, station drops Air America as of November. Apparently, according to the blog, the station owners are more concerned with the conservative programming on KOMY and sister station KSCO 1080. **(DP-HI)**
- 1380 KDXE AR North Little Rock. Per network website, station adds the new Nova M talk network. **(DP-HI)** (Nova M is a new liberal talk network formed by founders of Air America, but in competition with the older network. The fledgling network began operation on 10/30. In the meantime, Air America has filed for bankruptcy, raising questions about its future. **Ed.-WI)**
- 1460 KHRA HI Honolulu. Per spokesman on 11/8, station's contract with its main program provider Radio Korea of Los Angeles (KYPA 1230) ended, and the lack of programming is why the station remains off since the earthquake-related blackout of 10/15 (see Dale's "Special report" in DDXD-W #74-6 **Ed.-WI)**. Station hopes to return next month. **(DP-HI)**
- 1480 KPHX AZ Phoenix. Per network website, station is the flagship of the new liberal Nova M talk network as of 10/30, featuring Mike Newcomb (who leases KPHX for liberal programming), Mike Malloy and Peter B. Collins (who co-owns KRXA 540 CA). **(DP-HI)**
- 1600 KGYM IA Cedar Rapids. 11/4 1959. Local news "from the TV9 newsroom," PSAs, local sports update into legal ID: "You're listening to 1600 ESPN Radio, KGYM Cedar Rapids, Iowa." ESPN Sports Center followed. New calls, ex-KCRG. Format remains ESPN sportstalk, but gone is the slogan "The Zone." **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1600 KZGX MN Watertown. 11/5 0730. Good signals with lady singing. Have heard this during the last week or so and finally IDed it. KZGX is no longer in Spanish but in the Hmong language. This is a language from Laos. This should be easy to spot as it is very different from anything else on the frequency I have ever heard. **(SA-MB)**

#### DX Tests

- 1340 WWNH- NH Madbury. 11/5 2200. Gave hearing the DX test a heroic try. Nothing... not one sweep tone or tone-mod Morse CW "dit." Had five stations in there... none of which I could null out from the others... but I did give hearing WWNH the try. **(GH-IL)**
- 1340 WWNH- NH Madbury. 11/5 2200. Listened for the first hour, without success. Had to try, since I need New Hampshire. Thanks to **Paul Walker** for arranging this test! **(Ed.-WI)**

#### Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 860 UNID 11/1 2355. Man and woman alternating in FF. Caught words "cinquante... évidemment"; "Ici Radio Canada" ID followed by news. Quite good, over/under XEMO and occasionally an unID in EE, perhaps KPAM OR? Is this CJBC ON or CKBF-2 SK? Conditions would point toward CJBC, as Eastern/Mid-

western clears in this frequency range (WLW 700, WBBM 780 and WHAS 840) were in, while there was no sign of Prairie Province stations (CKRM 620, CHAB 800, CBW 990, CBR 1010) in the same range. However, would CJBC have a lengthy, serious ½-hour talk show at midnight, or would this be more likely on CKBF-2 at 11 PM local? Can Canadian DXers help? When (at night) do CJBC and CKBF-2 carry local programming and give local IDs? **(REW-HI)**

- 920      **KIHMt**   **NV**   **Reno. 10/30 0115.** Religious talk hosted by a "Father" with man and woman asking questions. Poor; over/under KVIN CA "Vintage 9-20 the Vine" with Music of Your Life. Heard in Fairfield. **(DP-CA3)**
- 960      **KKJXt**   **OR**   **Klamath Falls. 10/30 1055.** Mexican music underneath semi-local KQKE and in its slight null; no top-of-hour ID. **(DP-CA2)**
- 1110     **KFABt**   **NE**   **Omaha. 11/5 0110.** Noted with what sounded like an echo of "Coast to Coast AM With Art Bell" underneath KDIS CA and two seconds behind KAOI HI. Very poor. **(DP-HI)**

#### Correction to a Previous Regular DX Logging

In the Regular Loggings section of DDXD-W #74-4 there was a logging for **1240 KSAC Sacramento CA**, submitted by **Richard E. Wood** and dated 10/5. In the body, the station calls were incorrectly shown as KPAC (although correct calls were shown in the heading). The typo was made by your editor.

#### Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 540      **CBK**     **SK**   **Regina. 10/24 0159.** Promo for piano music by Miguel Caballeros "on CBC Radio One." CBC news at 0200, then at 0204 provincial weather, including temperatures for Swift Current, Saskatoon and Regina. "This Is CBC Radio One Saskatchewan." Good. **(REW-HI)**
- 540      **KRXA**   **CA**   **Carmel Valley. 10/24 0959.** News of a small plane crash in California; ID by a man "KRXA, serving the Monterrey area from Carmel Valley," into CBS news. Time check 7:03 into local news, mention of krx.com and promo for the Dudley Moore Show. Good, new. **(REW-HI)**
- 550      **KOAC**   **OR**   **Corvallis. 10/26 1000.** BBC news, followed by Oregon Public Radio ID and 7:07 time check, into a semiannual fund drive, phone 1-800-245-2345. Good over KMVI HI, new. **(REW-HI)**
- 550      **KUZZ**   **CA**   **Bakersfield. 10/27 2330.** C&W, mostly oldies. At 2335 female DJ: "8:35 on AM 55." Contest to win a Hank Williams Jr. CD. Good atop KMVI. **(REW-HI)**
- 570      **WNAX**   **SD**   **Yankton. 11/3 2300.** Ending weather "on the Voice of the Midwest, AM 570 WNAX Yankton." **(WH-CO)**
- 570      **KVI**     **WA**   **Seattle. 11/4 0300.** "Talk Radio AM 570 KVI Seattle" to Fox news. **(WH-CO)**
- 570      **WKBN**   **OH**   **Youngstown. 11/4 0758.** "Newsradio 570 WKBN" by a male announcer, and Ohio political ads. Good signal dominated the frequency. **(GH-IL)**
- 580      **KUBC**   **CO**   **Montrose. 11/7 1900.** "The information you need, the Country music you grew up with, KUBC Montrose" to Paul Harvey. **(WH-CO)**
- 580      **KSAZ**   **AZ**   **Marana. 11/7 2300.** "AM 580 KSAZ Marana-Tucson" to ABC news. Weak under WIBW. **(WH-CO)**
- 590      **KSUB**   **UT**   **Cedar City. 11/7 2258.** Poor under big pest KXSP with no sign of KFNS, with talk and a call ID in between ads. New! in simply superb conditions to Desert Southwest states. Been chasing this one for a long time. **(NK-IL)**
- 610      **KVNU**   **UT**   **Logan. 10/29 2300.** ID by a man: "6-10 KVNU Logan" into ABC news. At 2305 "That's the weather forecast from KVNU" into "Coast to Coast" with Art Bell (weekend night). Good; trace of KEAR at times. NRC Pattern Book shows a lobe to the SSW, which favors me. New, Utah #3. **(REW-HI)**
- 620      **KPOJ**   **OR**   **Portland. 10/27 0200.** Northwest Radio Network news. At 0204 "AM 6-20 KPOJ weather, temperature 45" and mention of 620kpoj.com. Promo for Randi Rhoades, ID as "Portland's only Progressive Talk station," into the Thom Hartmann talk show. Very good, wiping out my local KIPA. **(REW-HI)**
- 620      **KPOJ**   **OR**   **Portland. 10/29 2002.** ABC news (not Information network), slogan "AM 6-20, KPOJ" and mention of website; ad, PSA; into "Radio Nation with Laura Flanders." Fair to poor; SS station underneath, KEAR 610 splatter. Heard in San Mateo. **(DP-CA3)**
- 640      **KVUK**   **AK**   **Bethel. 10/27 0000.** Yupik choral music, and at 0015 a man in Yupik. Quite good over/under KFI. New, Alaska #12. KBYR, KFQD and KNOM were all

- in good at the time. (REW-HI)
- 650 KSTE CA Rancho Cordova. 10/27 2345. ID "KSTE the Talk Station 6-50"; Dr. Laura, mention of kste650.com, and at 2400 ID by a man: "KSTE Rancho Cordova-Sacramento" into sports news. Very good over KRTR, new, California #158. (REW-HI)
- 650 KSTE CA Rancho Cordova. 11/1 1945. "AM 650 KSTE," local commercials, into "The Savage Nation." (JT-AZ)
- 660 CFFR AB Calgary. 10/27 0033. News. At 0034 "The time is 10:34... you're listening to All News Radio 6-60 CFR." Very good. (REW-HI)
- 660 WXIC OH Waverly. 11/5 0725. Ohio political ads and ID "...on WXIC" by a female announcer, followed by weather forecast, song dedication and religious song. Fair. New. (GH-IL)
- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock. 11/5 0045. Fair, wiping out WFAN. Calls, local ads. (JJR-WI)
- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock. 11/5 0730. "The Voice of the Navajo Nation... 660 KTNN (missed-- list of locations) Window Rock." Fair, "fought with" WXIC. New, first Arizona from here in 36 years of chasing DX. (GH-IL)
- 700 KGRV OR Winston. 10/24 0930. Call IDs, mixed Black gospel and standard religious music. Good, new. (REW-HI)
- 700 WLW OH Cincinnati. 10/27 0201. Male announcer: "Right now it is 42 degrees at Newsradio 700 WLW," followed by "WLW Reports" with news stories. Good. (REW-HI)
- 710 KIRO WA Seattle. 10/27 0403. "At 9:03 it's 57 degrees. I'm Phil Johnson, Kiro news." Good. (REW-HI)
- 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas. 10/28 0202. Fox Newsradio, woman saying "K-Dawn newstime 11:02" and local news; used slogan "Newstalk 7-20, K-Dawn." Good. (DP-CA1)
- 760 KCCV KS Overland Park. 11/5 1756. "Serving Kansas City (missed), KCCV 760 AM Overland Park" by a male announcer. Good signal. New. (GH-IL)
- 770 CHQR AB Calgary. 11/8 0816. MST time check and ID as "AM 770 chqr.com"; the news then continued with an item on US election results. Good signal, dominating usual pest KKOB on the longwire. (JW-CO)
- 800 CHAB SK Moose Jaw. 10/29 0200. ID by a man: "...brought to you by the Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce.... CHAB Moose Jaw, the greatest hits of all time." Quite good, new, Saskatchewan #4. (REW-HI)
- 800 CHAB SK Moose Jaw. 11/4 0729. Poor to very poor over CKLW and one or two others, with calls. (JJR-WI)
- 810 WGY NY Schenectady. 10/28 0132. "I'm meteorologist Jim... WGY weather." Good over KGO CA, first logging of this one this season. (REW-HI)
- 810 KSWV NM Santa Fe. 11/1 1845. "You're now up to date from AM 810 News," into SS ballads. Interesting English/Spanish station with good steady signal. (JT-AZ)
- 830 KNCO CA Grass Valley. 10/29 0202. ABC news with Neil Fox / / KKOH 780 but seven seconds ahead of local KGO 810. At 0205 PSA, plug for "Newstalk 8-30" website, back to Art Bell. Fair to poor; ripple fading. (DP-CA1)
- 840 KXNT NV North Las Vegas. 10/29 2305. Slogan "Thee Talk Station, KXNT. Thee Talk Station, KXNT"; back to show (Sean Hannity?) with Judy Garland/Barbra Streisand duet. Fair; QRM from KNCO 830 and KOA 850. Heard in Fairfield. (DP-CA3)
- 840 KTIC NE West Point. 11/2 0732. Local ad, news headlines, weather, call letter ID, and into C&W music. Listed as sunrise-to-sunset but it was 45 minutes before West Point sunrise. (JW-CO)
- 840 WHAS KY Louisville. 11/4 2355. "Newsradio 84 WHAS" into "Coast to Coast Live" with Howard Bloom. Lottery pick numbers at 2358, and news at 0000. Excellent signal with KXNT Las Vegas phased. New one and best AM DX so far! (JT-AZ)
- 850 KOA CO Denver. 10/23 0200. News; ID at 0203 "from the newsroom of 8-50 KOA." Driving conditions with Phil Michaels, weather with Marty Coniglio, ad at 0205 for Landrover Denver, east on Havana in Aurora, mentions of koa.com. Excellent with local KHLO, which had had technical problems (hum and double audio), off for maintenance. UnID SS in background, but no sign of hoped-for WEEL. (REW-HI)

- 850 KICY AK Nome. 10/23 1510. Old gospel vocals. At 1513: "30 degrees here in Nome.... In Nome public schools they're having Teriyaki beef steak." So the Nome school kids still aren't eating blubber! (See my report on KNOM 780, DDXD-W #74-1.) At 1514 time check "It's 14½ minutes past seven," and later an ad for the *Nome Nugget* ("don't leave Nome without it!"). Very good, new, Alaska #11 since I reactivated, perfectly clear since my local KHLO was off for maintenance and KOA had faded out. (REW-HI)
- 860 KPAM OR Troutdale. 10/26 1144. Portland weather by a man, who said "K-Pam news-time...," K-Pam promo. Fair to poor. Heard in San Mateo. (DP-CA3)
- 870 WWL LA New Orleans. 11/4 2200. ID at ToH: "The Big 870, WWL New Orleans" into program "Your Health Matters". Good signal with local 860 splatter phased out. First time heard in Arizona, but booming in on a New Mexico trip last month. (JT-AZ)
- 870 KLSQ NV Whitney. 11/7 2043. Good in peaks far atop WWL, which is deeply nulled by west BOGs. "...mas musica nortena... Radio Variedades... Ocho Setenta AM...." Likely on day power, as gone later. Best signal ever from them. (NK-IL)
- 890 KDXU UT Saint George. 10/26 2331. CNN Radio news brief, PSA, slogan "With 50 years of Broadcast Excellence in Saint George, this is Newstalk 8-90 KDXU"; back to Mike Reagan. Fair. (DP-CA1)
- 890 KDXU UT Saint George. 10/31 2305. "KDXU" ID by a man in the jumble. (REW-HI)
- 890 CJDC BC Dawson Creek. 10/27 0934. Weather "low today -2, tomorrow -4, thunder-showers.... Coming up your favorite songs on CJDC," into C&W vocals. Good. (REW-HI)
- 890 KDJQ ID Meridian. 10/27 1010. Oldies "At the Hop," "Blue Velvet," others, with "89 DJQ" jingles in between. Very good over CJDC and KBBI. New, big surprise, Idaho #3. (REW-HI)
- 890 KVOZ TX Del Mar Hills. 10/31 2300. SS/EE ID by a man: "KVOZ Del Mar Hills, Texas and KLDS 1260 en Falfurrias, Texas," followed by U.S and Mexican mailing addresses and "La Cadena Cristiana" ID. Good, atop KLFF CA and KDXU UT. New, Texas #14. (REW-HI)
- 920 KVEL UT Vernal. 11/4 2100. Utah Jazz vs. Golden State Warriors basketball game. ID at ToH as "K-Jazz 1320" (parallel with KFNZ?). (Probably. They are the flagship station of the Utah Jazz, but their slogan is K-Fans, not K-Jazz. Ed.-WI.) Excellent signal, dominating the frequency. (JT-AZ)
- 930 KNSA AK Unalakleet. 10/31 1000. ID by a man, "Alaska Public Radio," into NPR news. Good, new, Alaska #14. I heard this one several times in March and April with BBC News relay at 2200 and 2300, but never got an ID then. (REW-HI)
- 930 KRKY CO Granby. 11/1 1855. End of local news, weather (teens and single digits overnight). "New country and the Legends, 930 KRKY, Colorado Country" into C&W music. Fair to good signal. (JT-AZ)
- 940 KPSZ IA Des Moines. 11/5 2200. "Praise 940 KPSZ Des Moines, Today's Christian Music and the Word." (WH-CO)
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary. 10/30 1359. "Calgary Sporting Radio" ID. "Good morning, it's 7 o'clock on CFAC," into world news. Good. (REW-HI)
- 960 CFAC AB Calgary. 11/7 0300. Out of an ESPN Promo. "CFAC 960 AM Calgary, the Fan 960" to ESPN programming. (WH-CO)
- 960 WHAK MI Rogers City. 11/3 1810. Poor in WSBT null. "Thunder Country 94.1 and 100.7" ID, contest promo, C&W. (JJR-WI)
- 960 KMA IA Shenandoah. 11/6 2300. "AM 960 KMA Shenandoah" to ABC news. (WH-CO)
- 960 KKNT AZ Phoenix. 11/7 0005. Hugh Hewitt and Dennis Prager promo. "Arizona's NewsTalk 960 KKNT." (WH-CO)
- 960 KGWA OK Enid. 11/7 0200. Promo for BTR Network to "AM 960 KGWA Enid" to Fox news. (WH-CO)
- 960 KNDN NM Farmington. 11/7 0900. "Navajo Radio, KNDN Farmington, New Mexico, 960. All Navajo All the Time," to C&W music. Slightly off frequency and creating a growl on the frequency. (WH-CO) (John Wilkins also pointed out that this station is off-frequency in DDXD-W #74-6. Ed.-WI)
- 970 KHTY CA Bakersfield. 10/20 2338. Fox news, ID by man, "KHTY Bakersfield is the Mighty 9-70. Hot music of the '60s, '70s and '80s." Into nostalgia oldies. Very



- good. (REW-HI)
- 970 WJED NY Buffalo. 11/3 1820. Poor. Chatter on blackouts, "AM 970" non-IDs, "716-845-  
(??)" to call-in info on the blackout. (JJR-WI)
- 980 CFPL ON London. 11/4 0610. Poor to fair with "AM 980," 401 traffic, Lake Huron info,  
519 area codes. No usual WONE. (JJR-WI)
- 1000 KTOK OK Oklahoma City. 11/7 0814. ID punching through the QRM (KOMO, KKIM,  
KXRB) as "NewsRadio 1000 KTOK," then bits and pieces of morning news.  
Fair at best. (JW-CO)
- 1000 KXRB SD Sioux Falls. 11/7 0822. "Vote 'Yes' on 7" political ad (video lottery), weather  
forecast, ticket giveaway promo, then into Country music. Good signal, on  
day power. (JW-CO)
- 1010 WINS NY New York. 10/29 2350. Sports talk. ID by a man: "Log on... right here on  
WINS radio." Good atop CFRB, KCHJ (Mexican music and rooster crows)  
and an SS with religion. Not enough for a report, but still stunning. New,  
NY #4 since I reactivated, and never heard here in the '80s when I heard  
WNBC (now WFAN) 660, WABC 770, WCBS 880 and WQXR (now WQEW  
and often heard) 1560. (REW-HI)
- 1010 CFRB ON Toronto. 10/29 2352. A man and a woman talking, "this Sunday evening on  
CFRB," discussing news "in Ontario." Over/under WINS and KCHJ. Un-  
needed, but always welcome. Immediately checked for CHWO 740, CJBC  
860 and CFGO 1200, but no sign. (REW-HI)
- 1020 KDKA PA Pittsburgh. 10/30 0106. Phone talk on financial strategy, over/under KTNQ  
CA. (REW-HI)
- 1030 WBZ MA Boston. 10/27 0134. Mention of the Charles River Bridge, promo "WBZ 24  
hours, the information never ceases, 24 hours a day, WBZ"; mention of wbz.  
com. Booming, dominant, loudest East Coast signal I have ever heard. (REW-  
HI)
- 1050 KTCT CA San Mateo. 10/29 2120. Noted that their broadcast of "NFL Sunday Night  
Football" was seven seconds behind KHTK 1140. Heard in Richmond. (DP-  
CA3)
- 1080 KSCO CA Santa Cruz. 11/3 0000. "You are listening to AM 1080 KSCO Santa Cruz and  
1340 KOMY Watsonville." Local weather, into "The Savage Nation." Good  
signal with KRLD phased. (JT-AZ)
- 1120 KPNW OR Eugene. 10/26 1138. Man with items about Eugene, Springfield, said "KPNW  
newstime 8:40"; Autowest.com ad, Elisabeth Rohm with PSA (about patha-  
loma virus). Good to poor; over then under KZSJ. Heard in San Mateo. (DP-  
CA3)
- 1140 KYOK TX Conroe. 10/30 1900. Sign-off announcement: "This wraps up another broad-  
cast day...." New. (SS-KS)
- 1150 KTLK CA Los Angeles. 11/3 2315. "L.A.'s progressive talk, AM 1150 KTLK," traffic re-  
port, Sales Genie and L.A. IMAX theatre commercials. Signal like local except  
unable to completely phase out the co-channel local station. (JT-AZ)
- 1160 KSL UT Salt Lake City. 10/29 2145. "Meet the Press" with Maryland U.S. Senate can-  
didates; at end woman with tagline "'Meet the Press' is a production of NBC  
News. This is Westwood One." PSA, station promo, ID "KSL-FM Midvale,  
KSL AM Salt Lake City" into ABC Information news. Good. Heard in Her-  
cules. (DP-CA3)
- 1160 WJJO KY Florence. 11/1 1942. Oldies, "Oldies 1160 WJJO" slogan and jingle. (SP-  
WI)
- 1170 KFAQ OK Tulsa. 11/3 2255. "Talk Radio 1170 KFAQ, standing up for what's right", into  
Mark Levine Show. Excellent signal. (JT-AZ)
- 1170 KCBQ CA San Diego. 11/3 2305. Musical ID "KCBQ", local news and traffic. Long, deep  
fades, otherwise good signal with KFAQ phased. (JT-AZ)
- 1170 KLOK CA San Jose. 11/4 0400. Man with ID "KLOK AM San Jose," woman with SS an-  
nouncement, musical interlude, ad, into feature. Poor. (DP-HI)
- 1210 KUBR TX San Juan. 10/31 2206. SS prayer request for Weslaco, ranchera-style religious  
songs. Gave mailing addresses in McAllen and Reynosa. Good over KZOO  
HI. The Tex-Mex border is good at SSS these days! (REW-HI)
- 1220 KNTS CA Palo Alto. 10/24 0916. Mike Gallagher Show in progress, interviewing Lou  
Dobbs. ID at 0918: "I'm Mike Gallagher right here on Newstalk KNTS," other  
IDs and promos. Good, new. (REW-HI)

- 1230 KIFW AK **Sitka. 10/27 1100.** ID by a woman: "KIFW Sitka, a service of (Southeast?) Alaska Broadcasting. Visit kifw.com. Now NBC news." At 1104 a woman: "Let's see what's going on in the Great State of Alaska" into Alaska news. Good, new, Alaska #13 and my first IDed Alaskan graveyard station in 49 years of DXing. **(REW-HI)**
- 1230 WSOO MI **Sault Sainte Marie. 11/9 0206.** Poor; calls during weather into ESPN. Fair, later down a bit, but in most of night! Well over an unID oldie and an unID religious station. Rare! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1240 KSAC CA **Sacramento. 10/30.** Noted in passing with ABC Entertainment Network news. Heard in Fairfield. **(DP-CA3)**
- 1240 KICD IA **Spencer. 11/3 1830.** Poor in fade up. Calls, sports in mess. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1240 WTAX IL **Springfield. 11/5 0200.** Poor; came out of nowhere. Legal ID into CBS news. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1290 KPAY CA **Chico. 10/31 2152.** ID by a man: "12-90 KPAY," into news (lead: John Kerry's remark), political ad for Assemblyman Doug Lamalfa. At 2200 legal ID: "Newstalk KPAY 12-90 Chico-Oroville-Live Oak, reliable newstalk for our community." Good. **(REW-HI)**
- 1320 KCTC CA **Sacramento. 10/30.** Noted in passing with CBS news seven seconds behind KCBS 740. Heard in Fairfield. **(DP-CA3)**
- 1330 KLBS CA **Los Banos. 10/30 1455.** Folk guitar and modern Portuguese music; EE ID "You are listening to AM 13-30 KLBS Los Banos, the Portuguese Radio"; woman with Portuguese announcement, time pips, into network news in Portuguese (direct from Portugal?). Fair; QRM from KCTC 1320. Heard in Vacaville. **(DP-CA3)**
- 1330 KWLO IA **Waterloo. 11/3 0400.** "Stars 1330 KWLO Waterloo-Cedar Falls" to ABC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 1330 KWKW CA **Los Angeles. 11/3 0700.** Woman in SS interrupted by fast-talking man in EE: "1330 KWKW Los Angeles." In the mix. **(WH-CO)**
- 1330 KOVE WY **Lander. 11/3 0800.** Birds calling, followed by "Good Morning. Radio Station KOVE Lander, Wyoming begins another broadcast day. KOVE operates on 1330 kilocycles." Fair over the pack. **(WH-CO)**
- 1330 KGAK NM **Gallup. 11/3 0804.** News in Navajo; EE "KGAK" call sign jingle to Navajo chanting. **(WH-CO)**
- 1330 WEBY FL **Milton. 11/5 1859.** Ad for Milton Dry Cleaners; legal ID: "1330 WEBY Milton-Pensacola-Gulf Breeze, Northwest Florida's Talk Radio." CNN news followed, but seconds into it the station disappeared (power/pattern change?). Fair and in the clear. New! **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1340 KATA CA **Arcata. 10/24 1059.** Ad for a realtor at Sun Realty Arcata, then at 1000 "KATA Arcata-Eureka" into network news. Good. **(REW-HI)**
- 1350 KSRO CA **Santa Rosa. 10/31 2235.** ID by a man: "13-50 KSRO, 35 minutes after the hour." Back to the Clark Howard show with talk about consumer protection and long-term car insurance. Very good. **(REW-HI)**
- 1350 KWMO MO **Washington. 11/4 0542.** Poor but clear, steady. Calls, classic country. NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1420 KSTN CA **Stockton. 11/1 2157.** Oldies. At 2200 ID by a man: "KSTN 14-20 Stockton, Power Oldies." Good over/under KKEA HI. **(REW-HI)**
- 1420 WVJS KY **Owensboro. 11/4 0640.** Poor, weak, with calls and nostalgia. Not heard in a while. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1440 WPRS IL **Paris. 11/4 0635.** Poor, briefly over others. "Paris Gold AM 1440" ID. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1440 KTNO TX **University Park. 11/4 2000.** Finally taped an EE/SS full legal ID. Very flowery, even mentioning Mortenson Broadcasting. **(WH-CO)**
- 1440 WGEM IL **Quincy. 11/4 2105.** Faded up in a quiet moment from KTNO. "WGEM AM Quincy." **(WH-CO)**
- 1440 KRDZ CO **Wray. 11/5 0900.** "Your home for Classic Hits on Colorado's High Plains, 1440 KRDZ Wray" to ABC news. This one is only audible for a short time at SRS and SSS; direction away from KEZW 1430. **(WH-CO)**
- 1450 KWBW KS **Hutchinson. 11/2 0202.** Noted with sign-off announcement, mentioning 1000 watts, followed by National Anthem. Barely readable through the jumble. **(JW-CO)**
- 1460 KXNO IA **Des Moines. 10/30 0020.** Fox Sports Network talk and national ads; at 0047

ID "on Fox Sports 14-60," then at 0100 legal ID: "You're listening to KXNO Fox Sports Radio Des Moines." Good over/under KABL CA. No sign of KHRA HI, which appears to have been off since the earthquake of 10/15! New, Iowa #3. (REW-HI)

- 1460 KABL CA Salinas. 11/3 2344. Pop song "I'm Coming Home"; slogan "14-60 KABL is The Paisano," ad for college loan program, PSAs, slogan "This is 14-60 The Paisano-- Now THAT'S Music!" Song "I've Got the World on a String" followed. Fair to good; KHRA still off. (DP-HI\*)
- 1490 KWOK WA Hoquiam. 10/21 0000. ID by man, "KWOK 14-90 Hoquiam-Aberdeen," back to ESPN sports talk of the Dodgers. Good over/under an unID SS. Usually dominant, the only Washington graveyard station heard here. (REW-HI)
- 1490 WMRN OH Marion. 11/4 2300. "1490 WMRN Marion" by a male announcer, then into Fox news. Weak. New. (GH-IL)
- 1520 WWKB NY Buffalo. 11/9 0222. "Buffalo's Left Channel AM 1520" slogan ID by a male announcer. Peaked briefly, and then faded. New. (GH-IL)
- 1550 KKAD WA Vancouver. 10/29 0015. ID by a man: "Sunny 15-50 KKAD." Standards such as "Serenade in Blue." Very good. (REW-HI)
- 1580 KMIK AZ Tempe. 10/29 2020. Tween hit "High School" (?); high-pitched woman DJ, Radio Disney promos // KDIS 1110 and KMKY 1310. Fair to poor; over then under KBLA CA. Heard in South San Francisco. (DP-CA3)
- 1600 WAOS GA Austell. 11/3 2201. Mexican regional music, three-station "La Favorita" Radio Network legal ID in EE (/ / WXEM 1460 and WLBA 1130). Fair, sounded far better than the listed night power of 67 watts! New! (Ed.-WI)

## *DX'ing In Hawaii Without Locals: The Quake Of '06 Silences Most Of Oahu And Maui - By Richard E. Wood*

An earthquake centered near Puako on the northwest coast of the Big Island of Hawaii and measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale struck at 0707 HST (1307 ELT) on Sunday, October 15, 2006.

All AM stations on the Big Island (620, 670, 850, 1060 and the Part 15 station on 1640) stayed on the air, but power was lost on most of Oahu and Maui. All Oahu stations went off the air with the exception of KSSK 590, KRTR 650, KKNE 940 and an apparent open carrier from KORL 1180. The situation on Maui was mixed. KMVI 550 and KAOI 1110 stayed on the air, but KNUI 900 went off.

The result was that numerous channels which are normally blocked, or where locals have to be carefully phased or looped out, were perfectly clear for reception from North America throughout the prime evening listening hours, and several new stations were logged. Many stations that had previously been weak, irregular and QRM prone were now local-like, and many reception reports were sent. Conditions to all parts of North America were good (Alaska through Mexico), although only one East Coast station, WPHT 1210 PA, was logged.

On a morning check at 0445 HST (1045 ELT), the great majority of Oahu stations had returned to the air at normal strength, except for KHRA 1460 and KHNR 870, which were still silent, and presumed KORL 1180 (not 100% certain) and KUMU 1500, both of which had open carriers. KNUI 900 on Maui was still off the air, leaving CKMO BC still in the clear. Here is what was heard this night, **ALL TIMES IN ELT:**

- 690 CBU BC Vancouver. 10/16 0251. Billy Strayhorn composition performed by Roberta Gambarini. Excellent; KHCM off.
- 760 KFMB CA San Diego. 10/16 0130. "KFMB San Diego information news" on Hawaii earthquake; at 0155 "760kfmb.com" and promo for KFMB screening of *Flags of our Fathers*. Clark Howard show at 0131. Excellent; KGU off.
- 760 UNID 10/16 0130-0330. Newstalk behind KFMB; probably WJR.
- 830 KLAA CA Orange. 10/16 0025. Program from Living Stream Ministries, followed by KLAA disclaimer. At 0030 ID by a man: "8-30 AM KLAA Orange-Los Angeles, 50,000 watts at 8-30 AM." Another KLAA disclaimer preceded Christian Patriot Radio, which played a brass band version of Horst Wessel-Lied (the National Anthem of Nazi Germany 1933-1945) before going into discussion of the North Korean bomb. Excellent; KHVH off.
- 900 CKMO BC Victoria. 10/16 0225. Balkan style trumpets. At 0301 ID by a man "You're listening to...on CKMO Victoria," into Greek vocal. Later, CKMO news at 1035,

- with promo for BBC World Service news at ToH, then at 1037 ID "CKMO, your passport for music from around the globe." Very good; KNUI off.
- 900 CKBI SK **Prince Albert. 10/16 0240.** C&W; PSA for Crime Stoppers: "A reward for up to \$2,000 will be paid by Saskatchewan police...1-800-200-TIPS"; ID "This is the home of...country, 900 CKBI. Good, KNUI off, new, SK #3.
- 990 CBW MB **Winnipeg. 10/16 0306.** Female host interviewing expert on North Korean bomb. Good over XECL. KHBZ off.
- 1040 WHO IA **Des Moines. 10/16 0155.** "Coast to Coast" with Art Bell from studios in Manila. Discussed the earthquake here in Hawaii. At 0158 time check "12:58 on 10-40 WHO," then a promo "on WHO 10-40 Des Moines" and mention of whoradio.com. Very good; KLHT off.
- 1080 KFXN OR **Portland. 10/16 0310.** ESPN sportstalk, discussed West Virginia team. ID at 0400. Good over/under KRLD.
- 1080 KRLD TX **Dallas. 10/16 0310.** Charlie Jones talk show discussed attacks on schools. ID "KRLD 10-80." Good over/under KFXN with KWAI off.
- 1180 KERI CA **Wasco. 10/16 0320.** SS promo for KERI religious show, "Escucha en...FM. Transformará su vida." Good over/under unID open carrier, probably KORL.
- 1210 WPHT PA **Philadelphia. 10/16 0230.** Talk show, apparently local, not network. ID "The Big Talker WPHT." Fair to good over/under KGYN; KZOO off.
- 1210 KGYN OK **Guymon. 10/16 0230.** ID by a man: "Playing the music you want to hear, Country Proud KGYN." Into C&W vocals. Good, mostly over WPHT.
- 1270 KJUG CA **Tulare. 10/16 0138.** ID by a woman, "This is KJUG... County's Classic Country," and at 0138 "This is Classic Country AM 12-70." C&W vocals. Good over XEAZ which had La Hora Nacional. New, first US station that I've heard on 1270. KNDI off.
- 1420 KITI WA **Centralia-Chehalis. 10/16 0206.** Vocal "Treat Her like a Lady," jingle at 0209 "Radio 14" (?), other oldies. At 0212 time check by a live DJ: "Twelve minutes after 11 on KITI," and a similar time check at 0221 with weather: "showers tonight." Good, new. KKEA off.
- 1460 KABL CA **Salinas. 10/16 0555 and all night.** Numerous IDs as "The Paisano. Now that's music." Many references to Sinatra, Bennett and other Italian-American crooners. Excellent, booming. KHRA off.
- 1500 KSTP MN **Saint Paul. 10/16 0140.** Art Bell on "Coast to Coast" live from Manila, talking about the quake here, mostly correct but mistakenly called this the "Main Island." Politically and demographically that would be Oahu. That's why we always say "Big Island"! At 0200 ID by a man "Radio KSTP 15-00 AM," into news. Good to very good, some KSJX. I tried at this time to catch WCCO 830 MN, but not a sign.
- 1500 KSJX CA **San Jose. 10/16 0200.** Vietnamese; woman mentioned "KSJX San Jose," Viet news. At 0203 ID by a US man: "Radio in your language, KSJX San Jose, a service of...Broadcasting." Into Vietnamese music. Good over/under KSTP. KUMU off.
- 1540 KMPC CA **Los Angeles. 10/16 0004.** IDs "On KMPC, Sporting News Radio," "KMPC 1540 the Sports Station," and "...here on AM 15-40 the Ticket." Very good; KREA off.
- 1540 UNID **10/16 0030-0130.** EE, mostly Gospel preaching, through KEDA and KMPC. Possibly KXEL IA.
- 1540 KEDA TX **San Antonio. 10/16 0032.** ID by a man, "Radio Jalapeña" (ending appears to be the feminine "a" to agree with the feminine noun "radio," not "Jalapeño" as listed in the 2007 NRC Log). SS ballads and ranchera music. At 0100 ID "KEDA San Antonio, Radio Jalapeña." Good over/under KMPC and possible KXEL. New.

## DDXD-East

### REPORTERS

- GL-NY Ginnie Lupi, Painted Post – DX-398 and Select-A-Tenna.  
 MM-FL Marc Manis, Winter Springs - GE SUPERADIO III  
 IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - GE SUPERADIO III  
 MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.

STATION NEWS, courtesy John Demmitt, Somerset, PA

1330 **WBHV PA Somerset** - as of 1 November, they have switched, from "Country Gospel," to "ESPN Radio."

#### LOGGINGS

- 550 **WAYR FL Jacksonville** - 10/30 1159 - non-commercial religious program, a weather forecast and the legal ID "This is Way Radio--WAYR Orange Park-Jacksonville. Way radio time--12 noon." Another religious program followed. Not bad, considering 50 kW WFLF-540 (Pine Hills/Orlando) was under it. I had to tune in to null WFLF. **(MM-FL)**
- 560 **WFRB MD Frostburg** - 11/07 0709 - battling CFOS groundwave with local news, ID as "from WTBO it's The Road Show...37 degrees on Election Day" into Elvis song. //WTBO-1450, per 27<sup>th</sup> edition of NRC log. **(MKB-ON)**
- 570 **WKBN OH Youngstown** - 11/1 0609 - "WKBN.com... "from W-K-B-N" faded in, then @ 0610, "I'm Mangino... will take calls about the Kerry comment... from five-seventy W-K-B-N." Reception poor with lots of fading. **(GL-NY)**
- 590 **WMBS PA Uniontown** - 11/1 0615 - Male reading sport scores; "... you'll be able to hear that game tonight on W-M-B-S." Lots of fading, pretty much disappeared by 0617. **(GL-NY)**
- 610 **WTVN OH Columbus** - 11/1 0620 - "Only on six-ten W-T-V-N." Auto dealer ad; mentions of Ohio; "traffic and weather together... six-ten W-T-V-N." Lots of interference. **(GL-NY)**
- 620 **WKHB PA Irwin** - 11/1 0622 - Monkees' "Last Train to Clarksville", then "This Magic Moment". Male DJ says "Wednesday morning on K-H-B", mentions Pittsburgh. Then "Sweet City Woman." Reception much better on 619 kHz. **(GL-NY)**
- 790 **WNIS VA Norfolk** - 11/04 1830 - Virginia Tech Hokies football pre-game show. Weak, but steady signal all but buried in the mix. "790, WNIS". **(IEN-GA)**
- 810 **CJVA NB Caraquet** - 11/2 1824 - presumed with FF song sung by female, waltz rhythm, lyric included "d'amour". Lots of fading, alternating with WGY. **(GL-NY)**
- 820 **WOSU OH Columbus** - 11/2 1829 - "Right now, breezy in Columbus" popped out, then disappeared into local WWLZ. **(GL-NY)**
- 830 **WCCO MN Minneapolis** - 11/2 1832 - "...for the Twin Cities and upper Midwest..." CBS News update with Jim Taylor. Extremely poor reception, barely audible. **(GL-NY)**
- 850 **WKNR OH Cleveland** - 11/6 0621 - "This is W-K-N-R" popped out at 0621, then "Cleveland area" BMW ad, singing "W-K-N-R". Lots of interference with NOS music from WYLF. **(GL-NY)**
- 910 **WLTP OH Marietta** - 11/2 1848 - "...on talk radio nine-ten W-L-T-P." Woman announcing a Hospice event with entertainment by John Gallagher. **(GL-NY)**
- WAVL PA Apollo** - 11/3 1655 - "nine-ten W-A-V-L" popped out of mix. Ad for "the good life", then Dr. Laura. Faded out. **(GL-NY)**
- 920 **CJCH NS Halifax** - 11/3 1658 - "Ires Tu", followed by CBC News: "from the national newsroom, this is Leanne..." Coverage included a rally in Edmonton supporting Canada's troops; Tylenol 500 in Halloween "goodie bags"; and a telemarketing scam run in the US by an Ontario man. Poor reception. **(GL-NY)**  
*I am quite sure Ginnie heard them with Broadcast News, rather than CBC news. It's been many years, if not decades, since privately-owned "affiliates" in smaller markets aired a few hours a day of CBC/Radio-Canada programs. Mike.*
- 930 **WDLX NC Washington** - 11/04 1920 - East Carolina University Pirates football post-game show. Decent signal fading in and out, and mixed with WWON in Waynesboro, TN. "Pirate Radio 1250 and 930 AM". **(IEN-GA)**
- WWON TN Waynesboro** - 11/04 2000 - Classic country, TOH ID, Newscast and local weather forecast. Decent signal with slight fading, mixing with WDLX in Washington, NC. "Legends 930" and "WWON, Waynesboro, Tennessee". **(IEN-GA)**
- WBEN NY Buffalo** - 11/3 1703 - "W-B-E-N news time is five oh three", then disappeared into static. **(GL-NY)**
- 950 **WVTS WV Charleston** - 11/3 1704 - Paul Harvey, then "time to have fun at the Charleston Ice Arena... 744-4-ICE." Weather forecast, temps up to 50° on Saturday. "Charleston's super talk on nine-fifty, W-V-T-S", into Sean Hannity show.



# *International DX Digest*

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

Saludos Long Beach Island (LBI), New Jersey, DXpedition team! I enjoyed working the dials with LBI via the mIRC #mwdx channel over the weekend of November 4; looking forward to their report. In the meantime, transatlantic DX now starts rolling in here by 2000 UTC, 3:00 p.m. Eastern time, with Albania especially strong on 1215, 1395, and 1458 kHz. Local dusk is primetime for transatlantic DX, before regular signals from France, Spain, and the UK settle in for the night.

## Transatlantic DX

- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *R.Luxembourg*, Junglinster (49°40'N 06°19'E) NOV 4 0424 - Loud and clear with French rock tune and male DJ in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 00°34'W) NOV 4 0145 - Excellent; string music and wailing vocals parallel 153 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ 1*, Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) OCT 29 0447-0500 - Fair, parallel to 252 kHz with opera music including "The Toreador Song" from Bizet's "Carmen." Announcement at 0500 included, "Get the RTÉ Guide for full details." [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. OCT 28 0337 - Fair with ID, "Five Live," into report on harassment of British tourists in Malaysia. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 720 **CANARY ISLANDS** *RNE5 Finca España* NOV 10 0144 - Fair in WGN null with CHTN off, over unID sub-audible het; telephone talk parallel excellent 585 and 855 kHz signals. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg OCT 28 0349-0407 - Fair with classical music, clear ID, "Deutschlandfunk" at 0400 into the news in German. [DeLorenzo-MA] NOV 5 2207 - Good; man in German parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) NOV 4 0520 - Good; Option Musique jingle, announcement in French, into French nostalgia. [Conti-NH]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros NOV 10 0040 - Good, over Egypt; romantic vocal parallel an excellent 585 kHz signal. [Conti-NH]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges (45°56'N 01°10'E) NOV 10 0250 - Good, better than usually strong 945 and 1206 parallels; French nostalgia, then instrumental music. [Conti-NH]
- 819 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Batra (31°09'N 31°27'E) NOV 10 0115 - Good, solid signal, much better than 12050 parallel; typical Middle Eastern music featuring flute and strings. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros NOV 3 2332 - Good; "En Cope..." promo and ads, Spain and Canarias time checks into telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy (48°53'N 06°14'E) NOV 4 0210 - Good; orchestra instrumental, then a man and woman in French, parallel 945 and 1206 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Santah (30°45'N 31°08'E) NOV 10 0108 - Excellent! Koranic recitations. [Conti-NH]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford (51°10'N 03°21'W) NOV 6 2200 - Excellent; "This is BBC Radio Wales," fanfare, "It's 10 o'clock..." into news. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros NOV 10 2205 - Good; man and woman with news in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia*, Grigoriopol (47°14'N 29°24'E) NOV 3 2230 - Russian news items separated by attention signals, and pop/rock music intermissions; fading over/under *COPE* Spain and unID Koran. [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **MOROCCO** *RTM A/C*, Sebâ-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) NOV 9 2350 - Good; Koranic recitations, then a brief announcement and choral national anthem, signed off after the top of the hour leaving *SER* Spain in clear. [Conti-NH]
- 1053.07 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli NOV 4 2235 - Good; Koranic vocal, then talk, parallel 675 kHz, all in a fleeting moment; by 2245 the signal took a dive, just a sub-audible het against *TalkSport*. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) OCT 28 2130-2140 - Fair with American rap music and three young DJ's (two male and one female) joking around and laughing in Danish. [DeLorenzo-MA] NOV 3 2245 - Good; pulsating disco/techno music. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros NOV 9 2300 - Good; "Around the world, around

the clock... TalkSport, on the hour news," into news "...from the Sky News Center." [Conti-NH]

- 1125 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Deanovec (45°42'N 16°29'E) NOV 4 0015 - Good; news parallel excellent 1134 and 7285 kHz signals. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) NOV 9 2321 - Excellent; in English, "... a look at international news" with attention signal between items, 2323 "You're listening to Croatian Radio, the Voice of Croatia" with fanfare, then sports and weather, parallel 7285 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden International*, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) NOV 4 2155 Good; woman in Swedish parallel 6065 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **ALBANIA** CRI relay, Fllakë (40°57'N 19°40'E) NOV 3 2215 - Good; Asian music, accented woman in unID language, Asian operatic female vocal; Serbian program per EMWG and WRTH. [Conti-NH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) NOV 6 2230 - Excellent; *France Info* ID over music bed into news. [Conti-NH]
- 1395 **ALBANIA** TWR Fllakë NOV 8 2140 - Good; monotone talk by a man, 2145 folk instrumental interlude, 2158 inspirational English vocal, then sign-off announcement by a woman, one cycle of music box interval signal and off. [Conti-NH]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) NOV 5 2147 - Good; classical piano parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1458 **ALBANIA** CRI relay, Fllakë (40°57'N 19°40'E) NOV 8 2058 - Announcement by a soft-spoken woman, into signature Chinese orchestra music leading to the top of the hour; signal fading below the noise floor. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules (43°47'N 06°09'E) NOV 6 2300 - Excellent; Arabic program, TWR ID with web address, 2315 sign off with announcement and one cycle of interval signal. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** BSKSA Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) NOV 4 2110 - Good; news in Arabic parallel 9555 and 9870 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1548 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia*, Grigoriopol (47°14'N 29°24'E) NOV 5 2128 - Excellent; woman in Serbian, piano interludes, parallel 6000 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne (43°46'N 07°25'E) NOV 5 2118 - Good; news / talk in French. [Conti-NH]

*Ben speaks:* TAs have been rather poor here recently compared to early October and I can't add much. 1395 Albania (or thereabouts) has been in prior to 2200 sign-off with some Slavic language program and 1134 Croatia is in nightly with local-like signals while *Radio Nacional de España* signals on 585, 684, 774 and 855 have been good at times. The low end has been better than the high end. Compared to last year at this time TAs are not nearly as good and have not been coming in an hour before sunset as they did then. I'm wondering if the sunspot low has passed. I do note rather good reception recently from the west here and as reported by others. 850 KOA Denver is a nightly regular for example.

We are taking a trip to Portugal and Spain. I'll have my Degen-1103 with me and hope to check TAs from close-up. I'll report anything interesting. I'm interested to see if 873 AFN is still on, or any other AFN stations.

#### Pan-American DX

- 730 **MEXICO** XEEBC *Inolvidable*, Ensenada OCT 21 0555 - Romantic ballad "Enamorado." 0600 ID by a woman, "XEEBC Ensenada, Inolvidable, 5000 wats de potencia, radio... Inolvidable." Man: "730, sietecientos treinta, cuarenta años de experiencia." 0602 PSA from Federal Legislative Council, then an old romantic ballad. Good, occasional XEX which had a preacher, beautiful signal for listed 250 watts night power. New. [Wood-HI]
- 780 **MEXICO** XEMF *R.Nostalgia*, Monclova (26°56'N 101°27'W) OCT 20 0443 - "Atención campesinos... de Chihuahua... para aumentar sus ingresos, sus prestaciones..." 0444, "XEMF, Juan Alberto... Es un placer atender a las empresas." 0445, "Radio Nostalgia 780 AM," romantic vocal "Era una rosa." 0457 national anthem by a band, all three verses. 0459 straight into another, highly inspirational anthem with band and mixed choir, many mentions of "libertad... por Dios," also three verses; probably the Coahuila state anthem. 0502 XEMF ID and program continued with lively music, so is 24 hr. Good to very good over KKOH and WBBM, amazing for listed 500 watts night power. [Wood-HI]
- 820 **CUBA** CMDE *R.Reloj*, Contramaestre (20°18'N 76°15'W) NOV 4 0550 - Minute marker and code ID under WNYC. [Conti-NH]



- 840 **CUBA** CMHW *DobleVé*, Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W) NOV 4 0225 - Good in WHAS null; Spanish pop music, "Desde Santa Clara... ¡Qué DobleVé!" and telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEW *La Voz de la América Latina*, México (19°18'N 99°08'W) OCT 16 0525-0900 - All night political rally, interviews with pollsters, voters, candidates. Good to very good. KNUI off after earthquake, interference at times from CKMO and CKBI. [Wood-HI]
- 920 **MEXICO** XERE *La Tremenda*, Celaya OCT 20 0502 - National anthem, three verses, military band. 0506, "Esta es La Tremenda, 5000 vatios, 920 AM," into fascinating medical advice show sponsored by Dr. Abel Cruz, interviews with Dr. Cruz and his patients. Frequent plugs for Dr. Cruz's medical books, pharmacies, consulting rooms, etc. Advice on health of all parts of the body. 0530 "Radio Fórmula, La Tremenda, XERE, 5000 vatios, 920 AM." 0557 "Radio Fórmula, cadena nacional..." and national anthem, choral version, then "Radio Fórmula 920 kilohertz AM, para Guanajuato y Salvatierra." Now 24 hr, ex-*La Comadre* and *R.Cañón*. Good to very good, always dominant, another XE under. My third XE on 920; my first from Gto. [Wood-HI]
- 1050 **MEXICO** XEG Monterrey OCT 20 0813 - Ad, "envíe su order a Laboratorios Mayo," into ranchera with accordion. Mayo Labs is a long-time advertiser on XEG, possibly even the station owner. Good, over KTCT. [Wood-HI]
- 1060 **CUBA** unID NOV 4 0350-0505 - Over/under KYW and presumed XEEP; Cuban nostalgia, mentions of Bayamo. [Conti-NH]
- 1110 **VENEZUELA** YVQT *R.Carúpano*, Carúpano (10°40'N 63°18'W) NOV 4 0300 - Fading in and out of nulled WBT; "En Venezuela..." time check into nostalgia, sounded like a *R.Venezuela* time check, then at 0310, "Esta es Venezuela Carúpano" ID. [Conti-NH]
- 1130 **VENEZUELA** YVRL *R.Ideal*, Maiquetía (10°33'N 66°55'W) NOV 4 0402 - Presumed with choral national anthem in WBBR null. [Conti-NH]
- 1140 **MEXICO** XEMR Monterrey OCT 22 0330 - Promo, "El mejor deporte por MR Monterrey. Monterrey contra Guadalajara." Soccer game, probably the same one heard simultaneously on 920 XELT Guadalajara. Very good, some KHTK. [Wood-HI]
- 1410 **MEXICO** XECF *R.Unica*, Los Mochis OCT 22 0403 - "XECF Radio Unica, 10,000 wats de potencia, desde Los Mochis, Sinaloa, xecf.com." Back to rancheras. Good. [Wood-HI]

### Transpacific DX

- 153 **RUSSIA** *R.Rossii*, Komsomolsk OCT 22 1450 - Man/woman Russian discussion. 1458 "Radio Rossii, zdravstvuite." Items from "Moskva, stolitsa" and Khabarovsk. No sign-off wording, but at 1500 six pips (five short, one long) and carrier cut. Quite good. [Wood-HI]
- 189 **RUSSIA** *R.Rossii*, Belogorsk OCT 22 1450-1500 - Parallel 153 and good; off and carrier cut same time. [Wood-HI]
- 873 **JAPAN** JOGB *NHK2* Kumamoto OCT 16 1442 - English lesson, explanations in Japanese, sentences in U.S. English: laughing out loud, my research focuses on. Quite good. [Wood-HI]

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Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; R8B, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m terminated corner-fed broadband loops east and south.

Ben Dangerfield, Wallingford PA; R8A, DXP-3A phaser, four slopers, Kiwa loop backup.

Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis MA; JRC NRD-525, Mini DXP-3 phasing unit, noise-reduced broadband loop, 150-ft longwire.

Richard Wood, Keaau HI; Icom R75, longwires 350-ft northeast, 175-ft north/northeast.

### International News

**MEXICO:** The 690 XETRA ring-bound "Media Kit" is entitled "XETRA 690 AM Station Information / W Radio 690 AM." Therefore claims that the callsign is XERA or XEWR are incorrect. XERA reports are based on the indistinct pronunciation of the announcer in one of the legal IDs. [Wood-HI]



73 and Good DX!

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# Broadcast Test Report

*A periodic update of station testing activities*

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## Results KEVA 1240 & WWNH 1340 DX Tests

### WWNH 1340 khz, Madbury, NH

"The DX'ers Best Friend", Paul Walker did it again, arranging for a DX test from the rare state of New Hampshire. This is perhaps the 8th or 9th test that Paul had either personally conducted or played a key role in arranging during the past three seasons. And it looks like he may even pull off another one from hard to hear South Carolina soon. (Stay tuned for details) Paul, thank you doesn't cover it. WWNH currently does not have a "record holder" for it's best DX...one of the loggings below can now claim that record. Visit Bill Hale's great Graveyard DX Achievement web site for details: <http://www.nrcdxas.org/GYDXA/>

Here are the results: WWNH actually performed an last minute DX test on September 30th, prior to the announced test in October. A few lucky DX'ers were up late and on the e-mail lists (it pays to be connected to the Internet) and snagged this "mini-test". Rene Tetro of Landsdale, PA heard the test "loud and clear". Other "probable" loggings included Russ Johnson and Bert New of Watkinsville, GA. Joe Miller of Troy, MI heard some tones, but not enough to claim reception. Ditto for Bill Harms. Willis in Old Fort, TN also heard brief bits of code and sweeps, but his local, WBAC in Cleveland, TN made reception very difficult.

The Main Event on November 5th saw mixed geomagnetic conditions, and receptions reflected it. First to report success was Wade Smith of New Brunswick who copied sweep tones, Morse code, and TV show themes. John Sgrulletta of Mahopac, NY pulled out the sweeps and code as well. Barry McLarnon of Ottawa, Ontario returned to his winning ways, logging yet another test. What is his secret? Peter Jernakoff sent in a nice MP3 of his recording from Delaware, and Jeff Falconer submitted a detailed written log of details from the test, confirming his reception from Clinton, Ontario. Michael Diers used a Watkins-Johnson HF-1000 (nice rig!) and a Kiwa loop to pull in the test from Huntington Station, NY. While Brent Taylor needed only a Sony 2010 and the Radio Shack loop to pull this one in from Doaktown, NB in Canada. Ron Musco used the Drake R8B and a set of longwires to log WWNH, noting that the sweep tones made all the difference in Poquonock, CT. A Drake R8 and some attic mounted wires helped Jim Chenard of Blairstown, NJ add this one to his log, and yet another Drake R8 owner, Brett Saylor found success in Central, PA. (Maybe Drakes are the secret weapon?) Saul Chernos used his trusty car radio in downtown Toronto to pull in some "faint sweep tones", so maybe the magic isn't in the rig afterall. Dave Hochfelder heard sweep tones and the theme from "Jeopardy" in Highland Park, NJ, and another success story came in from Michael Procop who logged the test in Bedford, Ohio using a Kenwood R600 and a homebrew loop antenna. A Quantum Loop and a Drake R8B were the tools de jour for Phil Greenspan in Marshfield, MA, and he gives them credit for his logging of the test. Vermont got into the act with another successful test logging from Steve Howe in St. Albans. He's been hearing them all this season! Another superstar DX'er, Mark Connelly noted the sweep tones during the test. WWNH is a daytime regular for him, but hard to hear at night. Dave Pyatt used the rock solid NRC 545 receiver along with a 40" homebrew box loop to snag a new one from his shack in Burlington, Ontario. Nice catch, Dave!

We have also heard reports of possible receptions from California and even Australia, but we've haven't yet received the recordings to verify these. I haven't calculated the distances for these receptions, but the one that is furthest away should automatically qualify for the NRC Graveyard DX Achievement listing on Bill Hale's web site. There is currently no record holder for WWNH. Visit his site to see how to submit your logging: <http://www.nrcdxas.org/GYDXA/>

Paul Walker's "relief operator" failed to show up on time, forcing Paul to stop the test early at around 12:40AM EST. Paul had to be back on the board at 6AM, so he really had no choice. Some folks tuned in late to try for the test, and missed any chance of hearing it because of this situation. Lesson learned: Get em while they're hot! :)

Many found that this New England state will remain out of their logs for a bit longer, trying but failing to log the test. These included Les Rayburn of Helena, AL who dug through almost four hours of recordings without a trace, Doug Smith of Nashville, and even Neil Kazaross came up short too, making the bitter medicine easier to swallow. If Doug and Neil didn't hear it then conditions must have been bad! James Niven usually has good ears in Moody, Texas, but was lone star blue after this test. Bill Dvorak of Madison, WI had to taste defeat, as did Randy Stewart of Battlefield, MO.

Propagation to Southern states was also poor, with Chris Johnson of South Carolina failing to hear this one, and the some Yankees joined their Rebel brother's misery, like Jim Renfrew of Byron, NY who reported, "no love from NH." Mike Brooker of Tronto, NH also had no love, and joining him in disappointment was Martin Foltz of Mission Viejo, CA, proving again that conditions must have been poor when all-stars like these fail to log new ones.

### *Soapbox*

WWNH Sweep Tones coming through loud and clear in SE PA. -Rene Tetro, Landsdale, PA

I've been after this one for years! -Ron Musco, Poquonock, CT

The channel was pretty jammed and this was faint through the jumble. Sweep tone make it out much better than the Morse Code. -Jim Chenard, Blairstown, NJ

Kind of handicapped here. I have a local on 1340 that I could null, but the null is in the wrong direction, so I had really no shot at this one, though I did try for it. -Randy Stewart, Battlefield, MO

A shame ... had just gone to the radio for a post-midnight DX session. This would explain why I heard nothing the final 2 hours of the test. Thanx for your efforts just the same. -J.D. Stephens, KY

In general 1340 was "mush" about 50% of the time, a country station calling itself "God's Country" about 40% of the time, somebody running the New England Patriots - Indianapolis Colts game about 8% of the time, and snippets of the WWNH test the other 2%. On a non-auroral night WWNH's groundwave simply cannot compete with the blob of skip signals. It is too close (about 40 miles) to present any serious skywave signal of its own. -Mark Connelly, Billerica, MA

### *KEVA 1240 kHz Evanston, WY DX Test Results*

In what is becoming an annual event, Michael J. Richard of KEVA conducted another DX Test on October 23rd, 2006. While we didn't have the nearly perfect conditions that allowed last season's coast to coast receptions, this year's test still allowed a number of lucky DX'ers to pull in this graveyard giant!

Our special thanks again to Michael J. Richard! He not only has conducted these tests, but worked tirelessly to arrange the upcoming Montana DX tests (along with other members of ABDX!), so we all owe him a lot.

Here we go: Frank Aden of Boise, Idaho started off the reports, logging the sweep tones and code almost immediately after the test started, shortly after Midnight Mountain Time. Mike Hawkins of Campbell, California joined in next, followed by reports from Tim Hall of San Diego, Martin Foltz of Mission Viejo, and Mike Sanburn in Bellflower, CA. Tom Kraft of Billings, MT used a Kenwood R600 and the all mighty Kiwa Loop to pull the test in "easily", and Terry Keyowski of Regina, Saskatchewan noted how helpful the "sweep tones" were in logging the test from his location over 800 miles away. Kevin Redding logged this one from Gilbert, AZ using only the CCRadio portable with no problem. While Phil Bytheway of Seattle, WA forgot to turn on his recorder! His paper log details were first rate though, allowing enough for a successful reception report. But as Steely Dan observed, "they've got a name for the winners in the world, and I want a name when I lose"---so many of us went to bed disappointed this year. Among them were John Wilke of Greenfield, WI, Doug Pifer of Albany, OR, and your editor, Les Rayburn of Helena, AL. Bob Foxworth of Tampa, FL reported "not a peep" of the test from his shack, but Willis in Old Fort, TN reported a "possible reception" with some mystery tones and bits of Morse Code. Bert New of Watkinsville, GA also heard the "mystery tones" and fast Morse Code--- He reported that the sweep tones sounded similar to those used in past tests...but couldn't claim the logging just yet. The news was all bad for Paul LaFreniere of Grand Marais, MN, who listened for the entire test without success. Barr McLarnon who usually hears pin drops from his shack in the Great White North, couldn't pull this one out. Doug Smith, another DX'er with a top notch shack failed to log this one as well from Nashville. Joe Miller, who has done the wonderful designs for many of the DX test QSL cards this year, tried without success for this one too. His Troy, MI shack proven to be just too far away this year. Dave Hochfelder of Highland Park, NJ also felt the "agony of defeat" this time around.

### *Soapbox*

Those sweep tones cut through everything! -Mike Hawkins, Campbell, CA

KEVA 1240 heard on DX test, heard sweep tones, code IDs and a telephone busy signal. -Martin Foltz, Mission Viejo, CA

Not sure if I am hearing the KEVA test. At 0205 I heard a high pitch noise, perhaps a sweep tone. At 0225 a short burst of CW. I did log a new station WFOY in Florida. -Willis, Old Fort, TN

It was heard quite easily here in Billings, MT with code and sweep tones. The only challenge is local KMZK also on 1240. -Thomas Kraft, Billings, MT

I heard the last test (2005) fairly well, but my "local" on 1240 seems to be the king on the frequency tonight, as it usually is. -Doug Pifer, Albany, OR

Last night the KEVA DX test boomed into Southern CA!!! What a treat, I have logged them here before but this one is always welcome here. -Mike Sanburn, Bellflower, CA

KEVA test heard near Yorkton, Saskatchewan on Sunday (1271 km/800miles). Heard sweep tones, Morse ID, and "off-hook" beeps for over two hours breaking through the "sludge" on 1240. No voice heard, either from KEVA or any other station on that frequency. This was the first time I heard sweep tones on a DX test, and it sure did help. -Terry Keyowski, Regina, Saskatchewan

I figured it would be a long shot from New Jersey ... Thanks to everyone who put the test together though! -Dave Hochfelder, Highland Park, NJ

I listened for an hour (then fell asleep). I heard many sweep tones... but only a couple spurts of code. A shame I didn't have my recording set-up. -Phil Bytheway, Seattle WA

# For Beginners

*Shared techniques for both the new and experienced DX'er*

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Are you in a condo or apartment? (I am!). No outside antenna because some association watches your windows like hawks? Electrical noise everywhere? This isn't uncommon nowadays. Sometimes a solution is a DXpedition. Originally an Amateur Radio term, Hams would haul gear to spots with few or no hams, and "activate" it. What does this term mean to us as AM BCB DX'ers? In a nutshell, taking receivers, antennas, logs, etc., to a noise-free location and spending time at the dials. I may not be in an ideal location, but sometimes I can GO to the ideal location.

DXpeditions can be extremely simple (Many years ago when your author was onboard a DE then undergoing overhaul in the Pacific Northwest the urge to DX hit. DXing from a shipyard is not the answer. I took my Radio Shack TRF, my *Communications World*, and a notebook and found a hotel room well away from the shipyard for the weekend.).

What to bring? Much depends on where the DXpedition site is. If it is public property (a state park or such), get permission before setting up. It always pays off.

These are some suggestions, not all inclusive:

Batteries (for places with no A/C), antenna wire, tents, rope to help string up antennas, sleeping bags, flashlights, first aid kit (hopefully it won't be used!), chow (granola bars, ready-to-eat items, etc.), chairs, a folding table to serve as an operating table. Anyone can increase this list ad infinitum.

DXpeditions can be embarked on solo or in a group. Sometimes the tales told on these DXpeditions are worth more than what is (or is not) heard!

A check of the weather at the DXpedition site before you shove off is well worth it. If a portable computer is required for logging, ensure its battery is charged. If contemplating a "first time" DXpedition, there are many NRC members who have been on several of them. Advice from experienced DXpeditioners can help much.

However a DX'er chooses to go, DXpeditions are a blast, and an amazing amount of DX can be logged that might not be logged in the home shack.

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# *Domestic DX Achievements*

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**Domestic DX totals listed periodically in different categories**

<i>Name and location</i>	<i>Yr</i>	<i>Last Upd.</i>	<i>SH</i>	<i>SV</i>	<i>TDV</i>	<i>PV</i>	<i>DCV</i>	<i>TDH</i>	<i>PHDCH</i>	<i>TDt</i>	<i>St</i>	<i>PTDCV</i>		
Geary, Kermit-e PA	26	7/01	50	50	5448	10	√	5939	10	√	2768	49	10	√
Chatterton, Ken-n NY	45	11/78	50	50	1101	10	√	1845	10	√	0	0	0	
Axelrod, Shawn M.-s MAN	86	2/03	50	0	0	0	√	2005	10	√	0	0	0	
Krejny, Ed-nr Cleveland, OH	50	11/96	49	49	2729	10	√	3265	10	√	0	0	0	
Wesolowski, Ernie-Omaha, NE	58	1/04	49	49	1966	9	√	2321	9	√	0	0	0	
Falconer, Jeff-Clinton, ON	69	7/00	49	49	1070	10	√	2799	10	√	0	0	0	
Whatmough, Dave-Hamilton, ONT	51	1/00	49	49	1030	10	√	2061	10	√	0	0	0	
Holland, George Jr., vic. Albany, NY	31	10/06	49	49	828	9	√	828	9	√	0	0	0	
Fela, Joseph-cent. NJ	61	10/78	49	48	1045	9	√	1861	10	√	400	40	7	√
Foxworth, Robert-Long Island, NY	57	11/78	49	48	270	7	√	1000	10	√	400	44	9	√
Forth, Karl-vic Chicago, IL	70	11/78	48	48	1088	10	√	1771	10	√	1077	48	10	√
Anderson, Roger-Arlington, MD	38	1/02	48	48	1017	9	√	1017	9	√	0	0	0	
Schmidt, Dave-se PA/n DE	65	11/79	48	48	1006	8		1250	8		400	40	4	
DeLeurere, Harley-Hendricks, WV	55	10/78	48	48	59	10	√	59	10	√	0	0	0	
Francis, Steve-nr Knoxville, TN	70	09/06	48	36	37	0	√	2739	9	√	719	45	5	√
Musco, Ron-nr Hartford, CT	62	2/03	47	47	1262	9	√	1391	9	√	108	28	3	
Arruda, Ray-nr Boston, MA	63	10/06	47	47	1150	9	√	1292	9	√	0	0	0	
Renfrew, Jim-Rochester, NY	76	10/05	47	45	449	10	√	1709	10	√	68	35	8	
Pimper, Dennis-NE, UT	39	12/04	47	45	425	6		2540	7		651	40	5	
Edmunds, R. J.-n NJ/e PA	62	9/99	47	42	263	6	√	2001	9	√	806	41	8	√
Rigas, Christos-vic Chicago, IL	81	3/98	46	44	382	6	√	862	7	√	0	0	0	
Kureth, Joe-Uniontown, MD	61	1/00	46	41	342	7	√	2162	10	√	0	0	0	
Truax, Dick- vic. Louisville, KY	72	12/78	46	17	20	3		935	6	√	120	35	5	√
Wilkins, John-Denver/Des Moines	62	3/00	45	45	1931	7	√	2250	7	√	290	35	0	
Sampson, John-Omaha, NE	54	12/78	45	45	912	6	√	912	6	√	0	0	0	
Edmunds, R. J.-Syracuse, NY	64	9/99	45	31	75	5	√	533	9	√	0	0	0	
DeLorenzo, Marc-e MA	62	9/00	45	0	0	0		1172	9	√	0	0	0	
Jeter, Karl-Atlanta, GA	69	3/84	44	44	1193	6	√	1574	6	√	0	0	0	
Heinen, Wayne-NY	64	1/06	44	44	429	9	√	480	9	√	30	14	0	
Swearingen, Paul-e KS	75	1/05	44	2	2	0		784	7	√	760	44	7	√
Wolfish, Niel-Toronto, ONT	78	2/93	43	43	493	10	√	1285	10	√	402	39	6	
Onyschuk, Ken-Homewood, IL	67	8/03	43	13	16	0		1060	6	√	0	0	0	
Bond, Jerry-Rochester, NY	62	10/78	43	0	0	0		785	8	√	50	10	2	
Heinen, Wayne-CO	75	4/06	42	42	1170			1487	5		541	36	5	
Sampson, John-Hutchinson, MN	60	10/78	42	42	336	6		336	6		0	0	0	
Wallace, Jim-Columbus, OH	69	10/78	41	36	137	3	√	795	7	√	0	0	0	
Hayes, Harry J.-ne PA	70	7/98	41	30	185	3		1354	9	√	641	39	9	√
Boersma, Philip-w MI	73	10/78	41	24	50	3		520	6		0	0	0	
Malicky, John-Pittsburgh, PA	70	11/87	40	38	902	7	√	1461	7	√	1184	40	6	√
Taylor, Pete-Durham, NC	52	3/00	40	38	208	6	√	891	6	√	0	0	0	
Hardy, Nancy-coastal WA	69	12/84	40	2	3	0		778	5		0	0	0	
Reed, John-Ponca City, OK	95	1/03	40	0	0	0		656	6		0	0	0	
Ponder, Stephen-Shreveport, LA	75	8/89	39	39	721	5	√	769	5	√	10	4	4	
White, Thomas-Arlington, VA	68	1/92	39	38	243	7	√	994	7	√	0	0	0	
Kureth, Joe-Southern Pines, NC	63	6/71	38	26	92	2	√	878	7	√	0	0	0	
Houdek, Gary-n KS	75	2/05	37	26	54	1		374	4		0	0	0	
Wolfish, Niel-Winnipeg, MAN	85	2/93	37	10	25	4		813	9		113	10	4	
Bailey, Ron-Shelby, NC	92	1/05	37	4	4	0		1529	5	√	0	0	0	
Harrison, Bob-ne NJ	82	6/98	36	36	772	7	√	996	7	√	0	0	0	
Karchevski, Bob-San Francisco, CA	69	10/78	36	36	198	5		249	5		197	35	5	
Mount, Paul-ne NJ	73	2/86	36	33	224	6	√	489	7	√	199	26	5	√
Hardison, Greg-Atlanta, GA	64	11/78	36	19	42	5		900	6		0	0	0	
Smolarek, Bob n NJ	82	6/02	36	7	7	0		817	5	√	78	16	5	



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11/7 - Noticed with interest NRCer Wes Boyd's WPIC/Sharon, Pa. (790 kHz.) puts a nice signal into greater Akron with their new tower and 1300 watts...about 8:30am today, 11/7. Also, much to my chagrin my own WAKR Akron (1590) had a power failure and a emergency power generator burn-up this morning...and thus we were totally off the air from about 6:20 am til 9:45am EST. It was election day...of all days to be off the air. I was, as a DXer, able to take advantage, and picked up WAIK Galesburg, Ill. at 8:55am on top of the channel. Not sure if it's new for me (probably is)...have to check the log when I get home tonight. One funny thing of our off-the-air status...our morning guy on WAKR, while awaiting coming back on the air, was listening to 1590 on our modulation monitor (we have a 200-foot interted "V" antenna hooked up to our mod. monitor)...and he heard Coldwater, Michigan and another station in Spanish...which we assume is suburban Chicago. With Daylight time starting 3 weeks earlier in March, SSS and SRS should be different, shouldn't it? 73's.Tim

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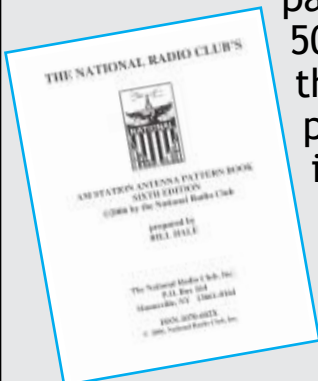
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