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From the Board of Directors ... "The 2007 NRC National Convention is scheduled for the Rode-way Inn on North Curtis Road in Boise, Idaho for Friday, August 31 through Sunday, September 2, 2007. Frank Aden will be our host." More details, of course, will be announced in the near future.

DXChange ... Fred Vobbe - 706 Mackenzie Drive - Lima, OH 45805-1836 (419-228-6228) is selling the following items: Book: "Satellites Today" 2nd Edition. VG condition. The complete guide to Satellite Television, by Frank Baylin. ISBN 0-917893-01-8. \$2 + postage; book: "2003 WRTH" in VG condition. Clean. Only my signature under front cover. \$2 + postage; (1) 2XL Yellow T-shirt, New, with "2006 Stars Spangled Spectacular" and WLIO television on it. \$2 + postage; (1) VHS VCR, mono, good condition. Works well. Used to aircheck. \$10 + shipping. Shipping by USPS Priority Mail with tracking slip. Optional insurance. Preferred Pay Pal payment.

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

proficient with phpBB 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 "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.

DX Time Machine

From the Pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the February 23, 1957 DXN: Ralph Johanns, Buffalo, NY reported a verie letter from WHER-1430, "... The Nation's only All-Girl Station, keyed to women with 1,000 beautiful watts"; the CE was the only male at the station.

25 years ago ... from the February 22, 1982 DXN: The Louisville Publishing Committee warned that HQ could not remain indefinitely in Louisville, pointing out that Gary Atkins' job might require that he move to Macon, GA.

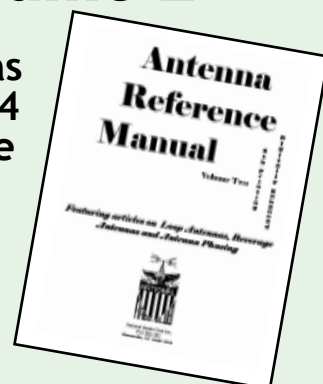
10 years ago: ... from the March 3, 1997 DXN: A news article reported that KRSN-1490 Los Alamos, NM, was silent. The station had been created as "KRS" during the Manhattan Project, which created the first atomic bomb, and was not a broadcast station but rather radiated through the town's power grid.

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Antenna Reference Manual, Volume 2

8th Printing Digitally Enhanced and Updated This book is a compilation of numerous articles on the subject of antennas for medium wave DX'ers, originally published between 1974 and 1981 in DX News. Some articles were formerly available as reprints. Includes articles on air-core and ferrite core loops, antenna tuners for longwire and Beverage antennas, and phasing units for use with Beverage antennas and longwires. 8 1/2" X 11" bound book format. Price: \$8.95 to NRC members; \$11.95 to non-members. Order from NRC Publications - P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO - 80047-3251. (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.)





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>
1400	KEWL	TX	Texarkana KKTK // KEWL-FM 95.1

570 KLIF AM
TalkRadio

CPs ON THE AIR

800	KBRV	ID	Soda Springs - CP for U1 50000/29 is on the air from two transmitter sites: N42-44-39 W112-12-28 days and N42-38-39 W111-36-41 nights.
950	WPEN	PA	Philadelphia - CP for U4 25000/21000 is on the air, increasing their daytime power. WPEN operates from two transmitter sites: N39-58-28 W75-16-19 days and N40-09-15 W75-22-10 nights. The night site is shared with WWDB-860.
1090	WWGC	AL	Albertville - CP to move their transmitter to a new site at N34-15-52 W86-16-44 is on the air. WWGC remains U1 500/0.
1100	WISS	WI	Berlin - CP for D1 1000/0 is on the air, moving from 1090 kHz.
1300	KACI	OR	The Dalles - CP adding night operation as U1 1000/13 is licensed and on the air. This caught us by surprise, as up until now the FCC showed this night operation as 'planned'. No application is even present in their files.
1360	KAHS	KS	El Dorado - CP for U4 1000/240 is on the air. They added one 170' tower to their two in order to increase their nighttime signal. Both patterns, although different sizes and shapes, head to the southwest.
1490	WWPR	FL	Bradenton - CP for U1 800/800 is on the air from a new tower site at N27-28-36 W82-32-09. This location is one tower of the former site of WBRD-1420.
1560	KILE	TX	Bellaire - CP for D3 50000/0 from a new 6-tower site at N29-19-37 W95-33-00 is on the air. Their CP for nighttime operation is still in the building stages. The pattern shoots over 497,000 Watts ERP at 015% in a fairly slender lobe.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1130	NEW	OR	Mount Angel - CP granted for U4 25000/490 from three towers (using all three day and night) at N45-04-35 W122-48-27. The day pattern is a basic round lobe headed 045% while the night pattern is identical in shape, only smaller, heading 225%. Mount Angel is about 13 miles northeast of Salem, Oregon.
1450	NEW	NV	Lovelock - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N40-12-22 W118-27-08.

ACTIONS

590	KSUB	UT	Cedar City - Coordinate correction to N37-41-50 W113-10-59.
930	WEOL	OH	Elyria - Coordinate correction to N41-16-10 W82-00-16.
960	KGKL	TX	San Angelo - Coordinate correction to N31-29-40 W100-24-52.
1230	KAAA	AZ	Kingman - CP granted to move to a new 199' tower at N35-09-49 W114-04-12. KAAA will remain U1 1000/1000.
1290	WVOW	WV	Logan - Coordinate correction to N37-51-21 W81-58-18.
1450	WYFY	NY	Rome - Coordinate correction to N43-12-18 W75-28-45.
1550	WIGN	TN	Bristol - CP granted to increase their daytime power to become U1 35000/6. We note that the application clearly states "31000 Watts". But all of the FCC references, as well as the grant, say 35,000 Watts.
1590	KMOZ	MO	Rolla - Coordinate correction to N37-56-40 W91-48-42.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

620	KJOL	CO	Grand Junction - Licensed for U1 5000/79, KJOL has a CP for U2 5000/320. This amendment requests U2 5000/330.
740	KKAG	ND	Fargo - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U7 50000/940 CH 7500. They conducted their initial tests and determined that none of the

three patterns were within the FCC's 'standard pattern' limits. This amendment requests augmentation in order to suppress radiation toward several adjacent- and co-channel stations. These applications are usually granted, so KKAG may be commencing their regular schedule soon.

1450 WVLD GA Valdosta - Licensed for U1 640/640, WVLD has a CP for U1 1000/1000 from a new, shorter tower. This amendment requests U1 860/860 from the new tower, but slightly taller than previously planned in order to accommodate three FM antennas.

APPLICATIONS

640 KFI CA Los Angeles - Applies to construct a new 675' tower to replace the one struck and felled by a small airplane in December 2004, and return to their original licensed U1 50000/50000 power levels. The tower, 75 feet shorter than the original, would be top-loaded to maintain the existing licensed radiation efficiency. KFI has been operating with U1 25000/25000 from a 200' tower since the accident.

810 WBIC GA Royston - Applies to move to 830 kHz with U2 1200/600.

1110 WGNZ OH Fairborn - Applies for D4 5000/0 CH 1700.

1310 WSLW WV White Sulphur Springs - Applies for D3 250/0 from a new transmitter site and a change in CoL to Bexley, West Virginia.

1390 WBLL OH Bellefontaine - Applies for U1 1000/22 from a new transmitter and a change in CoL to Grandview Heights, Ohio.

1440 WROK IL Rockford - Coordinate correction to N42-16-45 W89-02-15.

1470 WKCK PR Orocovis - Coordinate correction to N18-15-24 W66-25-00.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

680 WRGC NC Sylva - Licensed for U2 1000/250, WRGC has applied for D1 5000/0 on 540 kHz. This amendment requests U2 5000/210.

1450 NEW TX Iola - Initial application was for U1 250/1000. This amendment requests U1 250/250.

APPLICATIONS REINSTATED

1450 KIOV ID Payette - Application to extend their Special Temporary Authority to remain silent while the FCC decides on their application to move to Notus, Idaho. Their current tower has become unstable and KIOV has asked to relocate.

1470 WBFC KY Stanton - Application for U1 2500/25 from a new transmitter location.

APPLICATIONS/CONSTRUCTION PERMITS DISMISSED

910 WPRP PR Ponce - CP was for U1 4200/4200.

1170 WLEO PR Ponce - CP was for U1 200/200.

1330 WGFT OH Campbell - CP was for U4 500/215.

1490 WTQS SC Cameron - New station, not yet on the air, was issued a CP for U1 1000/1000, then applied for U1 710/710 from a much taller tower. The application has been dismissed, leaving them with the CP.

1570 KBJT AR Fordyce - Licensed for U1 810/38, KBJT has a CP for U1 4700/35 on 1590 kHz. They then applied (Auction 84) for U1 3800/38 on 1010 kHz, which has been dismissed (see list which appeared last week), leaving them with the CP. [Correction from last issue]

1570 WBGX IL Harvey - Licensed for U4 1000/500, WBGX has a CP for U4 1500/500. They applied for U4 5000/500, which has been dismissed.

1590 KELP TX El Paso - Application was for U4 50000/800.

APPLICATIONS DENIED

1490 WDEP PR Ponce - Application was for U1 3600/790.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

590 KUGN	OR Eugene	1300 WWCH	PA Clarion	1510 WRNJ	NJ Hackettstown
1090 WISS	WI Berlin	1320 KSCR	OR Eugene	1530 WYMM	FL Jacksonville
1150 WJEM	GA Valdosta	1400 KRLN	CO Canon City	1580 WBCP	IL Urbana

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT GRANTED

1600 KUSH OR Cushing

HEAR AND THAR

- Back on: **WALE-990 Greenville, Rhode Island** with their usual format of Spanish music; **KETX-1440 Livingston, Texas** // their FM'er with C&W.
- **FINES:** For failing to timely file a license renewal application, and willfully and repeatedly engaging in unauthorized operation of the Station after its authorization had expired: \$7000 on **WZZA-1410 Tuscumbia, Alabama**, **WRMG-1430 Red Bay, Alabama** and **WPFC Baton Rouge, Louisiana**; \$3500 on **WCAZ-990 Carthage, Illinois** for willfully and repeatedly engaging in unauthorized operation of the Station after its authorization had expired; and for willfully failing to timely file a license renewal application: \$1500 on **WSAO-1140 Senatobia, Mississippi**, **WCLF-1500 New Roads, Louisiana**, and **KKAY-1590 White Castle, Alabama**.
- **TRIVIA time (with a prize!!):** In the **AM Log**, using up-to-date call changes, find at least three stations that use the same letters but are not in the same order. (Example: WABC, WBCA, WCBA). No, you can't use those as an answer. But, don't stop at three. If you can find four, five or six, your chance at being the winner is increased. Your answer must be verifiable by me. Here's how to enter your answer: Since eDXN is posted a week earlier than the print edition reaches members, it wouldn't be fair to those who only get the paper copy. So, here's how we'll work this: this Issue of DX News should hit the Internet on or about February 11th, but the print edition won't show up in mailboxes until February 20th (President's Day is on the 19th). So, in order to give those who subscribe to the print edition opportunity to win, I will accept no entries via mail postmarked prior to February 23rd and e-mail answers before March 1st. That March 1 date also applies to those who subscribe to the print edition but want to respond by e-mail. In the event there is more than one entry with an equal number of Call Letter combinations, the postmark on the envelope or time stamp on Internet replies will be the tie-breaker. **Okay . . . the prize . . . ALL RADIO - Volume III** - (Compact Disc) "Digital Radio, Friend or Foe". **Fred Vobbe** talks with engineer and author **Barry McLarnon** about digital radio, IBOC, and show examples of the adjacent channel interference that many DX'ers have talked about. This informative interview goes in depth with great detail about IBOC from the DX'ers stand point. (57 minutes). Since this is our first attempt to have a REAL contest with a winner, these rules may have to be tweaked in the future (if we have more contests). So bear with us, as our contest legs are a bit wobbly.
- Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Marv DeLorenzo, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, Dave Schmidt**, and **Blinky the Magic Squirrel**.

Alternative Format Officially On WHAT/Philadelphia

WHAT-A Becomes First Station To Broadcast Alt Music In HD Radio

via Brock Whaley

MARCONI BROADCASTING's WHAT-A/PHILADELPHIA is now broadcasting "SKIN RADIO, a mixture of Alternative, Hip-Hop, and local bands in HD RADIO on AM 1340 and online at www.skinradio.com.

MARCONI flipped the station to the new music format (NET NEWS 1/19) developed by KELLY MUSIC RESEARCH on JANUARY 19th after acquiring the station from INNER CITY BROADCASTING. The station is currently automated with prerecorded voice tracks on promos and "song tags" announcing title and artist after every song played.

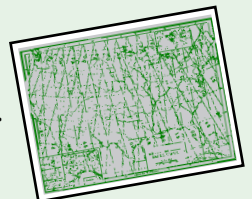
WHAT-A is the first radio station in the country to broadcast the Alternative music format in HD RADIO on the AM band. Traditional analog radios will still be able to receive the station's analog simulcast.

To help educate the market about HD RADIO, the station will welcome listeners to visit the studios for live demonstrations of the improved audio quality. WHAT-A will also be demonstrating the new audio technology at locations around PHILADELPHIA. Currently, the FCC allows AM stations to broadcast in HD from sunrise to sunset. The FCC plans to permit HD broadcasts 24 hours a day soon.

According to station owner and GM TOM KELLY, "Listeners are very impressed with the audio quality of AM on HD RADIO. And we are proud to put PHILADELPHIA in the spotlight with this revolutionary new technology on 'SKIN RADIO.' The young adult Alternative music audience in PHILADELPHIA has been starving for this music and now they have a reason to buy HD RADIO receivers."

Sunrise-Sunset Maps

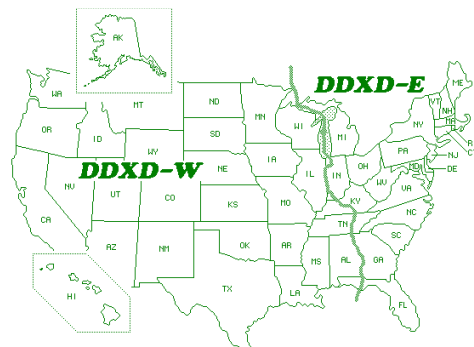
Monthly maps (12) showing the average monthly sunrise/sunset times for the U. S.; customize them for your location. \$3.25 for NRC members (\$4.50, non-members). Order from NRC Publications - P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO - 80047-3251. (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.)



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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ The publication date for this issue of *DX News* is February 19, an irony since the one day you certainly will not receive this *DXN* is on its publication date. That is because it is also President's Day in the United States, a day of no mail service. Nevertheless, to mark this important Holiday we present one of our all-too-infrequent **Vast Westland** trivia questions, this one on the birthplace of U.S. Presidents. Forty-two men have served as President. Of these, who was the first born in the **Vast Westland** to serve in the office? What is the total number of Presidents born in the **Vast Westland**? The answers can be found at the end of this column.
- ▲ This week our astute **Vast Westland** reporters have assembled a group of loggings fit for a Presidential review. So find your favorite chair, put "Hail to the Chief" on the stereo, read on and enjoy!
- 73 Bill

Reporters

- DP-HI** Dale Park, Honolulu. Station news.
- GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. Icom R75 / Quantum Loop.
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop, 100-foot random wire.
- PG-CO** Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R-8 and Kiwa loop.
- 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.

Station News

- 630 **KJNO** **AK** **Juneau**. Per phone call to sports director "Jason," station switched from ESPN Radio to Sporting News Radio a few weeks ago, though the ESPN Radio website still lists KJNO as an affiliate. **(DP-HI)**
- 1020 **KOKP** **OK** **Perry**. See 1580 KOKB below. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1270 **KIML** **WY** **Gillette**. Adds "Kim Komando Komputer Show" per program 2/3, airing it live Saturdays 1007-1300. Station slogan is "NewsTalk 12-70." **(DP-HI)**
- 1490 **KQDS** **MN** **Duluth**. Per *Duluth News-Tribune* and radio news website northpine.com, station switched from liberal talk featuring Ed Schultz and Air America to oldies on 2/1, using ABC's "True Oldies Channel" (aka "The Scott Shannon Channel"), despite having doubled its audience share over the spring and summer. Rumor has it on the blog lradio.blogspot.com that this is only a stunt and KQDS will switch to conservative talk soon. **(DP-HI)**
- 1490 **WGEZ** **WI** **Beloit**. Per website northpine.com, station changed its nighttime satellite feed 1/18 from Jones Radio's "Good Time Oldies" to ABC's "True Oldies Channel," and is now using the slogan "The Stateline's True Oldies Channel." The station stays local during the day. **(DP-HI)**
- 1580 **KOKB** **OK** **Blackwell**. 2/7 0859. SUV/car ad; dual legal ID at 0859:50 "KOKP Perry-Stillwater, KOKP Perry-Stillwater, and KOKB Blackwell- Ponca City....radio network". Not sure why KOKP was given twice, unless it is considered to be the "flagship" of this two-station network. (Answer: One of these two Perry stations is actually KOSB 105.1 FM, not shown as a // in the 27th Log-- thus this is a three-station ID, not two. A visit to their website reveals that the stations' format is all sports, not talk and sports as in the 27th Log, and they use the slogan "TriplePlay Sports, not the Log's "Double Talk Radio," so please make these changes in your Log. The three stations carry Fox Sports. **Ed.-WI**) Poor in QRM; one of these was slightly off-frequency at about 1580.03. **(JW-CO)**

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 540 **CBK** **SK** **Regina. 2/6 0000.** CBC Radio One to CBC News. Dominant this morning over Denver International TIS. **(WH-CO)**
- 680 **WPTF** **NC** **Raleigh. 2/3 1921.** "WPTF" by a male announcer slipped in during Kim Komando show. Weak. **(GH-IL)**
- 740 **CHWO** **ON** **Toronto. 2/6 2110.** Tommy Dorsey songs on program "Big Band Panorama"; occasional call letter IDs as well as "AM 740" non-IDs, a few ads, and mentions of www.am740.ca. Fairly good signal on peaks but with some fading and some QRM from XECW in the same loop direction. This is the only Ontario station that is heard with any degree of regularity here in Colorado. **(JW-CO)**
- 790 **CFCW** **AB** **Camrose. 2/6 2205.** In briefly with CFCW weather to C&W Music. **(WH-CO)**
- 830 **KUYO** **WY** **Evansville. 2/3 1928.** Out of religious music with sign-off announcement; ID as "KUYO Evansville-Casper" and stating that the station was owned by Wyoming Christian Broadcasting Company with 25000 watts daytime operation, and that they'd be back at 6:15 AM. Good signal. **(JW-CO)**
- 890 **KDJQ** **ID** **Meridian. 2/2 1000.** Out of oldies, "89-DJQ" jingle, with "KDJQ Meridian." Mixed with WPLX284. New and Taped. **(WH-CO)**
- 900 **CKBI** **SK** **Prince Albert. 2/2 0259.** "AM 900 CKBI Prince Albert" to net news. Fighting with the Sses. **(WH-CO)**
- 900 **CKBI** **SK** **Prince Albert. 2/8 0058.** Great signal with very little fading. C&W music, then into news followed by BN sports. Dual IDs for 900 CKBI and 95.9 FM in La Ronge. **(PG-CO)**
- 960 **KMA** **IA** **Shenandoah. 2/3 0904.** ABC news in progress, followed by gal with local weather "...on Regional Radio KMA Shenandoah. It's now zero"; faded briefly but heard again at 0910 with funeral announcements. Fair on peaks. **(JW-CO)**
- 980 **CJME** **SK** **Regina. 2/3 0839.** Regina spots; non-ID as "The Heartbeat of Saskatchewan, NewsTalk 980," then more spots; back to syndicated advice program with a 604 Area Code (BC) phone number announced. Fair with QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 980 **KDSJ** **SD** **Deadwood. 2/3 0932.** Area high school and college basketball scores; several call IDs and basketball program notes; mentioned kdsj980.com. Generally fair with fading. **(JW-CO)**
- 980 **KSVC** **UT** **Richfield. 2/3 0955.** "Community Bulletin Board" followed by ABC news, I think, at 1000, although it could have been another station (there were several mixing); at 1005 fellow says "Thanks for staying in tune to KSVC. This is the Talk of Mid-Utah;" weather followed. Up and down; fair on peaks. **(JW-CO)**
- 990 **CBW** **MB** **Winnipeg. 2/3 0839.** Manitoba weather (wind chill of minus 40 in Winnipeg), then area news. Good signal with local KRKS partially nulled. **(JW-CO)**
- 1000 **KKIM** **NM** **Albuquerque. 2/2 1030.** "AM 1000 KKIM, Christian Radio for New Mexico" and station promo with Albuquerque mailing address as in Log. **(WH-CO)**
- 1000 **KTOK** **OK** **Oklahoma City. 2/3 1900.** Ending local talk show. "See it tonight, read it tomorrow or hear it now, NewsRadio 1000 KTOK Oklahoma City, Depend on it," to Fox news. **(WH-CO)**
- 1000 **KOMO** **WA** **Seattle. 2/3 2000.** Ending promo for KVI 570. "KOMO 1000 News, your first stop in a weather emergency. Depend on it, KOMO Seattle," to ABC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 1000 **WMVP** **IL** **Chicago. 2/4 0500.** Out of PSA with "WMVP Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com. ESPN Radio 1000." Finally a legal ID for the tape collection! **(WH-CO)**
- 1010 **KCPW** **UT** **Tooele. 2/2 1020.** Out of NPR news. "88.3 FM, 1010 AM, NPR Utah KCPW" to local features. KSIR phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 1060 **KDUS** **AZ** **Tempe. 2/5 0200.** "AM 1060 KDUS Tempe-Phoenix" to SNR programming. **(WH-CO)**
- 1180 **WSQR** **IL** **Sycamore. 2/5 0721.** Nostalgia vocals; ads and PSAs, three call letter IDs, including this one: "Radio is for the good life-- songs that lighten the mood and light up your memory-- 1180 WSQR" and back to music at 0729. Fair for a few minutes before losing out to KYDZ. Should have been on one (1) watt at this time! I'm dubious. Anyway, a brand new one here, IL #34. Never heard

- them when they were on 1560. **(JW-CO)**
- 1240 KALY NM **Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. 2/6 0855.** New Mexico ads; basic legal ID by urchin at 0857:40, then back to Disney programming. Fair, barely above the zoo. **(JW-CO)**
- 1250 KIKC MT **Forsyth. 2/7 0939.** Weather for southeast Montana (“Kicks weather”) and back to music at 0940. Fair. **(JW-CO)**
- 1300 KOLY SD **Mobridge. 2/4 1852.** Announcement of local “Rock, Scissors, Paper” competition; the regional winner gets to go to Las Vegas for the national tournament- very exciting; “Weather Eye Weather” at 1853 was followed by a call ID and some music. Good signal on peaks, mixing with KKML. **(JW-CO)**
- 1310 WIBA WI **Madison. 2/3 1909.** “Sports Central on WIBA” by a male announcer. Weak. **(GH-IL)**
- 1530 KZNX TX **Creedmoor. 2/6 1858.** Traffic and weather, a couple of ads, then legal ID at 1900: “Make the switch to Austin’s home for the three-time world champion San Antonio Spurs on the Big 1530 KZNX Creedmoor-Austin, ESPN Radio” and into ESPN Sports Center. Good signal, still on day power. **(JW-CO)**
- 1560 WNWN MI **Portage. 2/4 0901.** “WNWN Kalamazoo-Portage” and “1560 the Touch” IDs by a female announcer. Briefly strong, then lost in the jumble. New. **(GH-IL)**
- 1570 KNDY KS **Marysville. 2/5 0506.** Female with a couple of call letter IDs; not much else discernible. Listed as a daytimer. **(JW-CO)**

ANSWER TO VAST WESTLAND TRIVIA QUESTION

Believe it or not, the first twenty-nine men to serve as President (or, in our quirky way of counting them, the first 30 Presidents) were all born in what is now the Eastern Time Zone. It was not until Herbert Hoover, born in West Branch IA, took office in 1929, that the **Vast Westland** could claim its first native-born President. That’s only four years before the NRC was formed! Andrew Jackson of Nashville TN was the first President to come out of the **Vast Westland**, but he was born in South Carolina. Abraham Lincoln, Illinois’ favorite son, came very close to the native-born title. Lincoln was born in what is now Larue County KY, a county whose western border defines the Eastern-Central time zone split.

Only eight of the 42 U.S. Presidents were born in the **Vast Westland**: Hoover, Harry S. Truman (MO), Dwight D. Eisenhower (TX), Lyndon B. Johnson (TX), Richard M. Nixon (CA), Gerald R. Ford (NE), Ronald Reagan (IL) and Bill Clinton (AR). Eight out of the last 13-- a good recovery following a dismal start!

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- MC-MA **Mark Connelly, Billerica** - R8A, DXP-6 phasing unit, dual-feedline Flag antenna (11.5 m horiz. by 5.5 m vert., base height 7 m, east-west axis).
- BC-NH **Bruce Conti, Nashua** - R8B, MWDX-5, 50 x 75-ft terminated broadband loops east and south.
- MD-MA **Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis** - JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced broadband loop 35’ per side, 140’ longwire, Mini-DXP3 phasing unit
- HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Midland** - Drake R8B + 215’ center-fed RW, 85’ end-fed RW, 125’ bow-tie
- IEN-GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - Drake R8B 135’ N/S Wire, Quantum QX loop v2.0, Quantum phaser, 2003 Isuzu Rodeo In-Dash Audio System 4340
- GW-NJ **Gary Wilt, Wood Ridge** – Icom R75, rooftop loop
- LW-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** – Sony 2010, RS loop
- MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200

STATION NEWS

- 990 WALE RI **Providence** – Station is back ON THE AIR following a month of silence. **(MD-MA)**

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- 940 - 2/8 2330 - Mystery 1 kHz test tone under CINW and WNRG again. Also heard 2/2 and 2/3 late night, but not during the day or evening. **(BC-NH)**

OFF-FREQUENCY

- 1040.12 CJMS QC **St. Constant** - 2/6 2020 - Noted 120 to 130 Hz high of nominal 1040 with audio

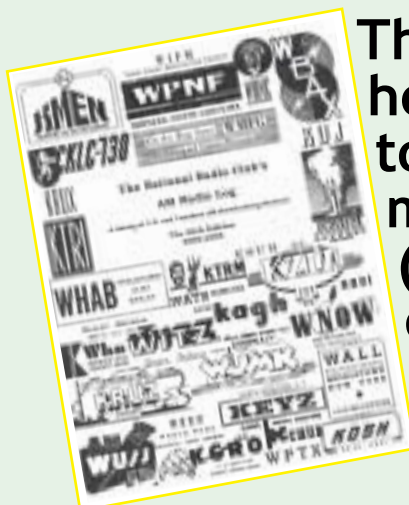
easily separable from other 1040 stations on R8A with 1.8 kHz IF bandwidth, upper sideband. Programming: old-fashioned American and Canadian-French country music. Strong and often-dominant signal. **(MC-MA)**

LOGGINGS

- 660 **WBHR** MN **Sauk Rapids** – 2/7 1817 - Sports; “WBHR The Bear”; ads for Liberty Tax, Black Bear Casino in Carlton. Copyable peaks u/WFAN. Last logged as WVAL. **(HF-MI)**
- 670 **WIEZ** PA **Lewistown** – 2/7 1713 – “Playing the Legends, WIEZ”; listed as NOS, but nothing before mid-60s heard. Mainly u/WSCR, but nice stretch almost equal. I think they were there past 2300. PA #49. **(HF-MI)**
- 680 **WCBM** MD **Baltimore** – 1/26 1700 – in with news with Charles Gibson and “680 WCBM” IDs. **(LW-NY)**
- 700 **WLW** OH **Cincinnati** – 2/7 1733 - Gary Burbank Show. Hoping to ID QRM; in USB got weak talker which signed off @1745 w/US Anthem; in LSB, got series of hi-lo tones--not code, and not //350. **(HF-MI)**
- 710 **WFNR** VA **Blacksburg** – 2/7 1750 - Sports talk program; promo for Super-Talk 101.7; ad for Christiansburg Chevy dealer. On top of WOR till 1759 when it dropped down w/WOR on top; IBOC hiss also there. **(HF-MI)**
- 720 **WGCR** NC **Pisgah Forest** – 2/9 1814* - punching through nulled WGN with gospel songs, into old-school sign-off announcement: “WGCR, Gospel Carolina Radio now ends another day of broadcasting...join us again tomorrow morning at sunrise...until then God bless each and every one of you...and now our national anthem”. Off with SSB. **(MKB-ON)**
- 730 **WFMC** NC **Goldsboro** - 1/31 0630 - in with “AM 730 WFMC” ID. Local news, & weather for Wayne County area, then into gospel music. **(LW-NY)**
- 750 **CBGY** NL **Bonavista Bay** - 2/7 2205 - Good with WSB nulled out; *CBC Radio One* classical music parallel 640 CBN. **(BC-NH)** *The officially-recognized two-letter abbreviation for Newfoundland is NL (i.e. “Newfoundland and Labrador”), not NF. Hopefully the USPS won’t get it confused with the Netherlands or the Mexican Estado of Nuevo Leon! Mike.*
- 760 **WCIS** NC **Morganton** – 2/8 1755 – country-gospel songs in WJR null, TOH ID at 1802 by man with big-time southern drawl: “you’re listening to the finest in bluegrass gospel and southern gospel on WCIS in Morganton, North Carolina”. **(MKB-ON)**
- 780 **WPTN** TN **Cookeville** - 2/4 1700 - TOH ID into ABC News. Weak signal in the null of WCKB in Dunn, NC and WWOL in Forest City, NC. “WPTN, Cookeville”. **(IEN-GA)**
- 850 **WYLF** NY **Penn Yan** - 1/22 1735 - Local weather report, commercial for Mazda, then into NOS music. **(LW-NY)**
- 860 **WWDB** PA **Philadelphia** - 1/27 1700* - End of talk program. Then into local S/Off. **(LW-NY)**
- 920 **CJCH** NS **Halifax** - 1/22 1927 - in with Oldies music, “We are your new oldies station, 920 Halifax” ID. **(LW-NY)**
- 940 **WINZ** FL **Miami** - 1/22 1747 - in with commercial for John Elway furniture. “South Florida’s progressive talk on AM 940” ID, then into Randi Rhodes, talk show. Good, on top of freq. **(LW-NY)**
- 970 **WAMD** MD **Aberdeen** - 1/29 1825 - Fair, under WWDJ, with “Good Time Oldies WAMD” ID. **(LW-NY)**
- 990 **WNTP** PA **Philadelphia** – 2/8 1731 – over WLGZ/CKGM mix with local traffic report, ad for Philadelphia 76ers mentioning plenty of good seats still available for upcoming games at Wachovia Center, “News talk 990 WNTP” ID into news, leading off with death of Anna Nicole Smith. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1110 **WGNZ** OH **Fairborn** – 2/3 0825 – over WBT with promo for Saturday afternoon country gospel program on “Dayton’s legend for southern gospel music, 1110 WGNZ”, slogan “now you’re hearing a higher power, 1110 WGNZ” into gospel song. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1200 **CFGO** ON **Ottawa** - 1/31 0605 - in with “Sports Radio 1200 CJBZ” ID. **(LW-NY)**
- 1210 **KOKK** SD **Huron** – 2/4 0049 – noted during rare WPHT silent period with promo for Super Bowl XLI on Westwood One network: “the pre-game show begins at 4 o’clock on total sports KOKK”, into C&W song, fighting off another C&W station, which turned out to be KGYN. **(MKB-ON)**

- KGYN OK **Guymon** - 2/4 0107 - surfaced over KOKK with twangy traditional C&W, ID as "keep it here on KGYN, Guymon, OK" at end of local weather "for the five state area" (i.e. KS, NM, TX, CO, and the OK panhandle). **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 2/4 0106-0121 - Good in peaks with C&W music, weather forecasts & frequent IDs. At 0107 "Keep an ear on us, we'll keep an eye on the weather for you - KYGN Guymon" then into "High Plains Forecast." Also used slogan "High Plains Proud, KGYN." Powerhouse WPHT-1210 Philadelphia was off the air for "routine maintenance" per sign-off announcement at 0004. **(MD-MA)**
- 1230 WMOU NH **Berlin** - 2/2 2020 - Promo for "Forum" program with local phone number; briefly over GY mess. My most distant in-state signal at 122 miles. **(BC-NH)**
- WIXT NY **Little Falls** - 2/2 2100 - Multi-station ID during Utica vs. Manhattanville hockey coverage; over GY mess. **(BC-NH)**
- 1250 WLEM PA **Emporium** - 1/24 2345 - on top briefly with C&W music, "1250 WLEM" station ID. **(LW-NY)**
- 1340 WMSA NY **Massena** - 2/7 2100 - Fair; carrying "Oldies Radio" off the satellite, "More great oldies after this news update from 1340 WMSA Massena" into CBS news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1360 WPTT PA **McKeesport** - 2/3 0818 - still on 1360 (but for how much longer?) with U.S. Dept. of Transport/Ad Council PSA for child car seats, "now back to Wall Street Journal weekend on AM News Talk 1360 WPTT". **(MKB-ON)** As reported in *AM Switch 74-17*, WPTT were granted a CP to move to 910, swapping with WAVL (aka "Praise 910") Apollo, PA.
- 1380 CKLC ON **Kingston** - 1/25 1800 - in with oldies music, news on the hour & "CKLC News bureau" ID. **(LW-NY)**
- 1390 WFBL NY **Syracuse** - 1/25 1800 - in with weather report for the area, on "Talk Radio 1390 WFBL." **(LW-NY)**
- 1440 WAJR WV **Morgantown** - 2/4 1300 - "Your 1440 WAJR Accuweather Forecast" On top of the usual WNYG. New. **(GW-NJ)**
- 1570 WNST MD **Baltimore** - 2/4 1805 - "Sports Talk 1570 WNST, Super Bowl Sunday" Very good copy at this hour of the day, completely dominating the frequency. New. **(GW-NJ)**
- 1580 WLIM NY **Patchogue** - 2/2 1535 - Good; "Radio Fórmula 1580 AM" IDs, local ads, and wlim.com promo, all in Spanish, Mexican music. **(BC-NH)**
- 1590 WARV RI **Warwick** - 2/2 1526 - "Life Changing Radio, WARV" ID, promos for Billy Graham and warv.org; good with local WSMN nulled out. **(BC-NH)**
- 1600 WAMS DE **Dover** - 2/8 2000 - WAMS jingle through WWRL with local WUNR nulled. **(BC-NH)**
- WPDC PA **Elizabethtown** - 2/8 2010 - Columbia vs. ? high school basketball play-by-play, WPDC callsign ID into break; mostly under WWRL. **(BC-NH)**
- 1660 WFNA NC **Charlotte** - 1/26 1950 - in with "Sports Radio 1660 WFNA" ID. Then into sports talk. Fair, under WWRU. **(LW-NY)**
- 1690 WPTX MD **Lexington Park** - 1/29 1923 - in with political talk. Public service message from U.S. Army. **(LW-NY)**

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

First sign of spring? Some transatlantic frequencies have signals two or three deep, perhaps an indication of approaching seasonal enhancement with the transition toward spring equinox underway. Although typically not as strong as autumn, the potential exists for better than average DX. As the late great Ernie Cooper might have said, "Forward March!"

Transatlantic DX

- 531 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 8 0215 - Parallel 621 with Spanish telephone news interview; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 00°34'W) FEB 7 0143 - Parallel 153 with instrumental music, then Arabic talk; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 558 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 7 0145 - Parallel 621 with teletalk; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ 1*, Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) FEB 7 0138 - Man in English, then plaintive eastern-European gypsy style female vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 603 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 8 0212 - Spanish parallel 1098; poor, over others (France and Madeira probably). [Connelly-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Sebaa-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) FEB 7 0132 - Woman in Arabic; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. FEB 7 0131 - End of Orff's "Carmina Burana," then man in Spanish; excellent, blasting past WZON, strongest low-band TA. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. FEB 8 0130 - Parallel 621, woman with news in Spanish; fair with CBN het notched. [Connelly-MA]
- 702 **IRAN** *VOIRI* Kiashar-Rasht (36°24'N 49°56'E) FEB 9 0227 - Presumed with Koranic recitations, 0230 announcement by a woman; poor, not enough signal to overcome s5-level local noise infecting the lower end of the band. [Conti-NH]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes (47°51'N 01°30'W) FEB 8 0208 - Parallel 1206 with bassy jazz; poor, in growl from presumed Western Sahara. [Connelly-MA]
- 720 **PORTUGAL** *RDP1* synchros FEB 8 0200 - Portuguese talk briefly atop huge jumble. Conditions were more "stoked" towards Europe than Latin America, so Brazil unlikely. With CHTN gone, this channel has become a total shooting-gallery for foreign DX. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg FEB 8 0153 - Parallel 1422 with classical piano; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) FEB 8 0152 - Emotional French vocal; to good peak. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 0125 - Good; French adult contemporary vocals, Option Musique jingles. [Conti-NH]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 8 0151 - Talk parallel 621; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) FEB 9 0025 - Excellent; Koranic recitations parallel 4845 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 9 0210 - Good with synchro echo; telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nancy (48°53'N 06°14'E) FEB 9 0212 - Easy listening orchestra instrumental parallel 945 kHz, fading up over *COPE*. [Conti-NH]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 9 0157 - Good with synchro echo; talk leading up to news with time checks for Spain and "Canarias," double time pips due to synchro echo marking top of the hour, then *RNE* fanfare, alternating man and woman with fast-paced news. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 02°14'E) FEB 3 0055 - Good; upbeat French vocal. [Conti-NH] FEB 7 0211 - French folk-group female vocal; to good peak. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 0222 - Good; the 1979 hit "I Was Made for Lovin' You" by Kiss, then a nostalgic French vocal. [Conti-NH]
- 873 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 8 0149 - Parallel 1116 with folk-style Spanish female vocal, then talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 882 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 8 0146 - Spanish talk; just slightly weaker than co-channel UK. [Connelly-MA]

- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford (51°10'N 03°21'W) FEB 8 0146 - Dramatic presentation with man and woman; good, over COPE synchros. [Connelly-MA]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Algiers (36°40'N 03°09'E) FEB 8 0144 - Arabic music at low audio level on monster carrier that was about equal to Flag-antenna-reduced local 890 WAMG. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5 Live* synchros FEB 8 0142 - Discussion about David Beckham going to the L.A. Galaxy soccer club and the growing popularity of the sport within the US, especially near the Mexican border; to good peak, blowing by 910 WABI. [Connelly-MA]
- 936 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 8 0139 - Parallel 621 with Spanish talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E) FEB 8 2227 - Fair in 950 WROL splatter; jazz instrumental, woman in French. [Conti-NH]
- 963 **PORTUGAL** *R.Renascença*, Seixal (38°38'N 09°05'W) FEB 7 2340 - Fair; news/talk in Portuguese about Brazil. [Conti-NH] FEB 8 0137 - Bits of Portuguese talk popped atop a jumble that probably included Spain and Tunisia. Almost no 960 slop with CHNS gone now. [Connelly-MA]
- 963 **TUNISIA** *ERTT Tunis* (36°48'N 10°10'E) FEB 8 2150 - Koranic vocals with string accompaniment; under Portugal. No longer carrying *R.Tunis Internationale*. [Conti-NH] According to Mauno Ritola, this is a cultural channel identifying as "Idha'at al Thakafiya." [Bengt Ericson, *ARC Information Desk*]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE Madrid* (40°28'N 03°52'W) FEB 7 2350 - In-studio discussion; over an unID Mid East or North African signal. [Conti-NH] FEB 8 0135 - Man and woman with news items including one mentioning "Nueva York"; loud! [Connelly-MA]
- 1017 **GERMANY** *SWR Cont.Ra*, Wolfsheim (49°53'N 08°03'E) FEB 8 0002 - Fading up nicely with news read by a man in German. [Conti-NH]
- 1017 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 8 0133 - Spanish news; over Germany. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 7 0222 - Spanish talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) FEB 9 0405 - Good; rock music, man in Danish. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 6 2300 - *TalkSport* ID; fair. FEB 7 0117 - Discussion of accidental air strike in Iraq; strong. [Connelly-MA] FEB 8 0010 - Excellent, with synchro echo; interesting discussion about road taxes on big cars and someone sending letter-bombs in protest. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 8 0130 - Parallel 621 with Spanish news; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 3 0103 - *RNE* news through sub-audible het caused by off-frequency synchro. [Conti-NH] FEB 8 0129 - Parallel 621 with woman in Spanish; strong but with tough low-pitched growl that obscured audio at times. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 3 0010 - Telephone talk over unID music. FEB 8 0040 - Excellent; artist interview in Spanish, then an English folk/rock ballad. [Conti-NH] FEB 8 0128 - Spanish newstalk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) FEB 2 2340 - Good; Spanish program parallel 7285 kHz. FEB 3 0013 - Excellent; man and woman in Croatian, parallel 7285 kHz. [Conti-NH] FEB 7 0224 - Slavic talk by man and woman; fair. [Connelly-MA] FEB 8 0047 - Excellent, solid s9+20; pop/rock vocals. [Conti-NH]
- 1170 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Sawa*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) FEB 8 0126 - Mideast dance-pop female vocal; generally over HJNW with WWVA deeply phased. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden International*, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) FEB 6 2254 - Parallel 6065 with Aussie-accented man in English, *R.Sweden* ID, segments of rock songs; to very good peak with WHAM phased to nil. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) FEB 8 0124 - Parallel 1377 with end of Aznavour-type vocal, then two men in French; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1214.95 **ALBANIA** *Fllakë* FEB 6 2240 - Possibly this with Slavic-sounding talk by woman; over growl from 1215.0 kHz UK. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin Radio* synchros FEB 3 0021 - Good; DJ promo to register online for contest that pays your highest bill, "Brass In Pocket" by The Pretenders. [Conti-NH] FEB 7 0229 - '64 hit "You Really Got Me" by the Kinks; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1251 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) FEB 6 2243 - Arabic music at low audio level on strong carrier. [Connelly-MA]
- 1269 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Neumünster (54°03'N 09°51'E) FEB 8 0101 - Good; man in

- German with news, parallel equally good 1422 signal. [Conti-NH]
- 1296 **SUDAN** *SRTC Reiba* (13°34'N 33°32'E) FEB 3 0320 - Fair, over/under Spain; Koranic recitations slightly delayed versus parallel 7200 kHz. [Conti-NH] FEB 7 0233 - Arabic chanting; over Spain and UK. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Radio XL*, Langley Mill (52°33'N 01°46'W) FEB 8 0109 - Excellent! Lively sub-continental Indian Bollywood-style vocal. [Conti-NH]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 3 0310 - *RNE* talk, over low-level hum of an unID sub-audible het. [Conti-NH] FEB 7 0233 - Woman in Spanish, some synchro-echo; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1332 **ROMANIA** *România Actualități*, Galati (45°25'N 27°54'E) FEB 8 0130 - Presumed this with pop/rock music; signal barely above noise threshold. [Conti-NH]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC Radio Ulster*, Lisnagarvey (54°30'N 06°04'W) FEB 8 0145 - *Radio 5 Live* talk; over an unID music station. [Conti-NH]
- 1359 **SPAIN** *RNE Arganda del Rey* FEB 7 0235 - Parallel 621 with woman in Spanish; fair to good through slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) FEB 7 0236 - Nostalgic style French vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1395 **NETHERLANDS** *The Big L*, Trintelhaven (52°38'N 05°25'E) FEB 7 0237 - Sam Cooke's "Another Saturday Night" from '63; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 7 0238 - Parallel 621 with teletalk; poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** *RTA Algiers* (36°40'N 03°09'E) FEB 3 0410 - Presumed this with Koran vocal; over Germany. [Conti-NH]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) FEB 7 0239 - Woman in German; fair with choppy fading. [Connelly-MA] FEB 8 2335 - Fair; man in German, parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **IRAN** *IRIB Sarasary*, Bushehr (28°58'N 50°51'E) FEB 8 2345 - Fair; Middle Eastern instrumentals with strings and flute. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE5 Piñeira and La Línea de la Concepción* FEB 8 0114 - Parallel 621 with fast Spanish talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1512 **BELGIUM** *R.Vlaanderen International*, Wolvertem (50°59'N 04°18'E) FEB 7 2255 - Good; "Rikki Don't Lose that Number" by Steely Dan, ID and news in Flemish. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA Duba* (27°20'N 35°45'E) FEB 6 2235 - Parallel 9555 and 9870, pop Arabic music with chorus and orchestra; good. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 0044 - Good, over *SER* Spain; man speaking in monotonic Arabic. Seems to be operating 24 hours now, noted past usual 2303 sign-off over the past couple weeks. [Conti-NH]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) FEB 3 0045 - Good; man and woman in Arabic, *R.Sawa* ID, contemporary Mid East vocal. [Conti-NH] FEB 6 2238 - *R.Sawa* ID, synthesizer bumper music, then teen-girl pop vocal; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne (43°46'N 07°25'E) FEB 7 2255 - Phone interview; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) FEB 6 2236 - *Farda* mentions in newstalk; loud. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 2145 - Pop Mideast vocal; over an unID het about 1 kHz on the low side. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 540 **MEXICO** *XETX Nuevas Casas Grandes, Chih* FEB 6 0300 - *XETX* full legal ID, "La Rancherita de Paquimé" slogan, mixed with *DIA TIS*. [Heinen-CO]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *ZIZ Basseterre* (17°19'N 62°44'W) FEB 8 0213 - High-energy soca/hip-hop fusion; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 720 **VENEZUELA** *YVQE Oriente 720*, Porlamar (10°56'N 64°12'W) FEB 7 0202 - *R.Oriente* and Venezuela mentions; atop pileup with Jamaica, *WGN*, others. [Connelly-MA]
- 900 **CUBA** *CMKP R.Progreso*, Cacocum-San Germán (20°44'N 76°20'W) FEB 2 1000 - "Radio Progreso Habana Cuba" top of the hour ID. New for me and taped. [Heinen-CO]
- 900 **MEXICO** *XEDT Cd. Cuahutémoc, Chih* FEB 2 0558 - *XEDT* Ciudad Cuahutémoc 900 full ID followed by national anthem. [Heinen-CO]
- 960 **CUBA** *CMDJ R.Reloj*, Guantánamo (20°07'N 75°13'W) FEB 8 0137 - *Reloj* program; dominant. With *CHNS* gone, this one is often now the 960 top-dog. Luckily (for 963 TA listening) this and sometimes-noted *CFFX*, *WFGL*, *WEAV*, *WELI*, *WTGM*, *WFIR*, and *YVRB* are all weaklings compared to old *CHNS*. [Connelly-MA] FEB 9 0440 - Woman with news, plus code, clock, etc., well over *CFFX*. While the absence of *CHNS* helps, it's definitely stronger than usual, maybe due to a power increase or transmitter upgrade? There was no sign of usual *R.Reloj* outlets on 930 or 950 kHz. [Conti-NH]

- 1000 **MEXICO** XEFV Cd. Juárez (31°41'N 106°26'W) FEB 4 1204 - "La Rancherita XEFV Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico" ID to more music. [Heinen-CO]
- 1020 **CUBA** R.Reloj, unknown location FEB 7 0221 - Reloj news and time markers; way over KDKA. [Connelly-MA]
- 1520 **PUERTO RICO** WVOZ R.Voz, San Juan (18°21'N 66°09'W) FEB 3 0420-0500 - Presumed; continuous salsa music under uncooperative WWKB which wasn't nullable enough to pull up a readable ID. [Conti-NH]

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

Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO; R8B, north/south Flag, east/west Flag, modified 4-ft NRC Altazimuth loop, 15-ft vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo with two BUF-F amplifiers, Mini DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1.

73 and Good DX!

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The State of the Art DX Contest

Here are the standings as of February 9. Changes since the last update are listed below. Refer to the January 15 *DX News* for the last complete listing, or e-DXN and ¡BAMLog! online for the current list of all log entries including updates. While I was busy attempting to make gains in the transoceanic contest by identifying France departments, Richard Wood responded with China, Japan, and North Korea to maintain his comfortable lead. I expect Wayne Heinen will challenge John Wilkins in the Pan-American contest based on his recent *International DX Digest* logs, but with three months remaining it's still anyone's game to win.

Pan-American Scores

- *Bruce Conti = 805
- John Wilkins = 436
- *Wayne Heinen = 357
- Nancy Johnson = 249
- Ron Bailey = 141
- Bert New = 102
- Jeff Hawk = 78

Transoceanic Scores

- †Richard Wood = 3081
- *Bruce Conti = 1702
- †Dale Park = 425

* Ineligible for prizes.

† Hawaii combined with Pan-American.

Pan-American DX

	Miles	Pts
Bruce Conti, Nashua NH (42°43'N 71°31'W)		
<u>Cuba</u>		
LT 640 CMDQ Las Tunas (20°57'N 76°57'W)	1533	15
<u>United States</u>		
DE 1600 WAMS Dover (39°10'N 75°33'W)	323	3
NH 1230 WMOU Berlin (44°28'N 71°10'W)	122	1

Transoceanic DX

	Miles	Pts
Bruce Conti, Nashua NH (42°43'N 71°31'W)		
<u>France</u>		
Aquitaine 1206 Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W)	3449	34
Ile-de-France 864 Paris (48°41'N 02°14'E)	3452	34
Limousin 792 Limoges (45°56'N 01°10'E)	3481	34
Lorraine 837 Nancy (48°53'N 06°14'E)	3613	36
Midi-Pyrénées 945 Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E)	3564	35
Nord-Pas-de-Calais 1377 Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E)	3435	34
<u>N.Ire.</u> 1341 BBC R.Ulster (54°30'N 06°04'W)	2990	29
<u>POR</u> 963 RR Seixal (38°38'N 09°05'W)	3217	32
<u>Sudan</u> 1296 SRTC Reiba (13°34'N 33°32'E)	6331	63
<u>TUN</u> 963 ERTT Tunis (36°48'N 10°10'E)	4195	41

	Miles	Pts
Richard Wood, Keaau HI (19°35'N 154°58'W)		
<u>China</u>		
FJ 765 CNR Fuzhou (26°07'N 119°21'E)	5384	53
JL 1206 Korean Sce, Yanji (42°54'N 129°31'E)	4592	45
ZJ 810 Hangzhou (30°15'N 120°10'E)	5260	52
<u>Japan</u>		
Na 684 JOAG Nagasaki (32°45'N 129°52'E)	4665	46
<u>N.Korea</u> 873 KCBS Sinuijo (40°00'N 124°26'E)	4880	48

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73 and Good Luck!

From the BoD

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News from the NRC Board of Directors

PLANNING AN NRC CONVENTION

More than one person has recently asked what it takes to host such an event. Several years ago, we published a complete set of directions, and it may be that just giving the basics will help you decide if YOU would like to be a leader and host an NRC Convention.

In January, the DX Audio Service asked its members what makes a good convention, so we have re-written the "instructions" to include some of those thoughtful ideas. The main thrust is to plan events on the Saturday of the chosen weekend so some members can leave the hotel to take part in a worthwhile event (or events) in the community, while others can stay at the hotel to relax and chat with other dxers.

Here are the steps we recommend in planning a convention:

The most critical matter is to find a hotel with affordable room rates and with a meeting room that will accommodate 30 to 40 people. Sometimes the room rate can be balanced against a hotel policy of allowing a few extra people to stay in the room at no or little extra cost.

A restaurant should be located either in the hotel or virtually next door. In a few cases, we have had a cafeteria or fast-food eatery plus a really nice restaurant within an easy walk of our hotel.

Selecting dates for the convention has been a recent issue. We know that the weekend just before Labor Day works for many members, but no one has come up with an alternate date along with an offer to be the host.

For an outside tour, local points of interest have proven popular. A local radio station or transmitter site has often been a draw for our members. We observed how attendees in Kulpsville found nearby Pennsylvania-Dutch events of interest, and Akron offered several automotive museums. In fact, a tour planned for a local radio transmitter site didn't happen because of other city events in Akron.

Publicity, program pamphlets, ID badges, and other up-front costs can be handled with a little advanced thinking. Hosts are not expected to stand any expense for the convention. The NRC Board is committed to helping a host with the details to do everything possible to make the annual event memorable.

Did you notice? Nowhere did we specify any geographic limits for the convention! For most of our many years, the annual meeting has been held in the east and midwest. But it isn't written that we must stay in that little circle – after all, Topeka? Aurora? Dallas?

Omaha? We had some fantastic conventions in those cities. How about YOURS?

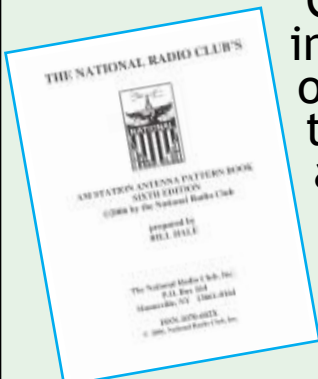
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The NRC AM Station Antenna Pattern Book

This Sixth-Edition Antenna Pattern Book now includes daytime and "Graveyard" frequency patterns for the first time. Stations

in Alaska and Hawaii are listed on separate pages at the end of the book. The basic list of U.S. and Canadian stations comes from the 26th Edition of the National Radio Club's AM Radio Log. Mexican stations in the states bordering the United States plus those

stations elsewhere which are easily heard in the U.S. and Canada are also included. All data is up-to-date as of November 1, 2005. Prices: \$16.95 to USA/Canada NRC members, \$22.95 USA non-members, \$25.95, Canada non-members/all overseas orders. Order from NRC Publications - P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO - 80047-3251. (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.)



Musings of the Members

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Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Our deadlines are each and every Friday, but you have to send something to us to make the column possible, right?

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Hi fellow DXers. Time for me to MUSE again as I haven't written in several years. I retired October 2005 after 46 years as a journeyman welder and 2 years serving

Uncle Sam (US Army). I used to DX back in the late 1950's when I lived in Illionois but dropped out after getting married, busy with job and kids, etc. I rekindled my interest in DXing around 1995 after buying a GE Superadio III and being amazed at how sensitive the radio was. I joined the NRC in 1995 after seeing an ad in *Popular Communications* or *Monitoring Times*. After joining the club and reading what kind of equipment other members were using, I decided to upgrade, first to a Radio Shack DX392 with a built in tape recorder (to tape tests) and a Selectatenna and then later on, acquiring a Drake R8A and Quantum Loop antenna. I eventually purchased a Kiwa loop but since have sold it and went back to the Quantum loop. I do most of my DXing during the fall and winter months as I spend the summer months attending antique radio swap meets or old radio club meets. I have about 90 radios in my collection of whch most are Bakelite table sets although I do have 7 console models in working order. I do all my own repair work and have quite a collection of tubes and capacitors, etc., that I have picked up along the way. To all the DXers out there that are interested in old radios, I would advise to join an old radio club for support of the hobby and check out Ebay for tubes and old radios. DXing and old radios go hand in hand. Whenever I attend a quarterly meeting of the Indiana Historical Radio Society, I always talk up the NRC and hand out copies of DX NEWS. Getting back to DXing, this season is proving to be quite productive so far. I have heard 8 new stations plus WFIL-560 and WNTP-990 during the recent DX TESTS that they conducted. Sadly I missed the Montana Big Sky tests that were held. The Pacific Northwest is the only area of the contry that I haven't heard in addition to Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. My best catches this season have been KTNN-660 and KSEV-700 under a virtually un-nullable WLW. 700 and 1530 are two frequencies I don't have much luck with although I did catch KFBK-1530 several years ago, well enough to send a report. My top best catches of all time are CKOM-650, CHTN-720 with WGN off and PJB-800. All 3 verified which made my day. I don't spend much time sending out reception reports these days as the return rate hardly warrents the expense of the postage. The only time I try for a verification is during a DX TEST or if a station is actively seeking reception reports. I'm curious what AM radio will be like in years to come? What with satellite radio becoming popular. I have XM radio in my wife's Buick, and on a recent trip, it was great to listen to music without a commercial every 5 minutes plus trying to find a station between towns. I know this isn't the place to mention satellite radio but that is a fact of life. I redeem myself when I am home however as I am addicted to talk radio. I enjoy Mike McConnell on WLW in the mornings and Bill O'Reilly on local WXNT-1430 in the afternoon, and then its Neil Boortz on KDKA in the evening with some DXing in-between. Well, I'd better wrap this up. Thanks to all responsible for conducting the DX TESTS for the club and for letting me opine. (and thank you Bob for the fine Musing!-DWS)

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I'm adding some input to Bob's report above on what will happen with AM radio in the future. My thoughts are that AM radio will still continue to fill the need of "Local", where you'll be able to hear school closings, local sports, and what your neighbor down the road is trying to sell from their yard or garage. It'll be survival for the fittest, and as a business, the station owner might have to ride around in a Ford instead of that classy BMW. One source that is going to take of is, I feel, Internet Radio. In the early days, most computers couldn't handle audio streaming, but with what is available now, you can enjoy the audio streaming while doing your other computer work with the audio being in full blown stereo! And the wireless internet available in a lot of areas makes it possible for internet radios to pick up a few hundred stations, FREE! The next few years in listening should be rather interesting!

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 there!

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