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Station Test Calendar

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| WKDK | SC | 1240 | Feb. 11 | 0000-0030 |
| WBIX | MA | 1060 | Feb. 24 | 0000-0200 |

WKDK-1240 ... P.O. Box 753 - Newberry, SC 29108 will conduct a DX test on February 11 from midnight - 12:30 a.m. ELT at 1,000 watts non-directional. The test, hosted by our own Powell E. Way III - W4OPW, will consist of phonetic voice IDs, Morse code, sweep tones and unique music. Powell will also take pre-paid telephone calls at (803) 276-2957. Reception reports may be sent to Powell at the station address above. The station will accept audio recordings on disk (.mp3 or .wav files), or cued up cassettes. E-mail reports to W4OPW@yahoo.com are OK but NO AUDIO FILES can be accepted via e-mail due to bandwidth restrictions. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to Powell and the management at WKDK for agreeing to conduct this test.

WBIX-1060 kHz Natick (Boston) MA (see below for QSL info) will conduct a DX test on February 24 from midnight - 2:00 a.m. ELT. The station will conduct the test at 40,000 watts power using their two-tower daytime antenna pattern. Programming will include a one-hour CD of Todd Rundgren Music with Morse code, sweep tones and announcements every 10 minutes or so. The Broadcast Test Committee will be handling all reception reports and verifications for this test. Both eQSL service and traditional paper QSLs will be offered. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format, audio files via e-mail or cassette recordings will be accepted as proof of reception. Send reception reports and recordings to: IRCA/NRC Joint BTC, Attn: WBIX DX Test, P.O. Box 3777, Memphis, TN 38173-0777 USA. E-mail reports and audio files may be sent to: KH2AR@comcast.net. The station is particularly interested in knowing the receiving equipment and antennas listeners use to hear the test. NOTE: All requests for paper verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to receive a reply. Our sincere thanks to WBIX Chief Engineer Grady Moates for agreeing to conduct this test, and to BTC member Paul B. Walker Jr. for his persistent efforts to arrange it. Jim Pogue - KH2AR@comcast.net

From the Publisher ... It's fitting that the last three pages of this DXN are penned by our next convention host, John R. Malicky, the Earl of the Exclamation Point!! Yes, NRC '08 will be in Pittsburgh, PA, for the third time! More info to come!

Les Rayburn provided this URL to a real-time clock that illustrates the grayline as it moves across the earth: <http://www.brunchboy.com/sunlock.shtml>. Says Les: "It looks like it might be fairly easy to customize to display where the sun would be (will be) positioned at the time that a DX test occurs."

DXChange: Bill Swiger, 304-842-4635, is offering a K9AY terminated loop (a compact directional receiving antenna) built by Al Merriman; it's brand-new and never used. \$240.00, shipped. **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; a "DX Targets" editor; several editors to take over languished columns, especially "DX'er's Notebook"; finally, a DXN publisher, by June 2008.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 75

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| 18. | Jan. 25 | Feb. 4 | 25. | Mar. 21 | Mar. 31 |
| 19. | Feb. 1 | Feb. 11 | 26. | Apr. 4 | Apr. 14 |
| 20. | Feb. 8 | Feb. 18 | 27. | May 2 | May 12 |
| 21. | Feb. 15 | Feb. 25 | 28. | June 6 | June 16 |
| 22. | Feb. 22 | Mar. 3 | 29. | July 11 | July 21 |
| 23. | Feb. 29 | Mar. 10 | 30. | Aug. 8 | Aug. 18 |
| 24. | Mar. 7 | Mar. 17 | | | |

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the January 25, 1958 DXN: Maurice W. Nittler, Englewood, CO noticed numerous Mexican stations broadcasting early Sunday morning, 1/12, including XET-990, XEOK-920, XEOR-1390, XEBX-610, XEWB-760, XEWA-540, XEW-900, XEYC-1460, and XEJ-970; XEBH-920 was AN on 1/12 and 1/13.

25 years ago ... from the February 7, 1983 DXN: Tony Fitzherbert kicked off a new column, "Station Profiles", with a profile of WROL-950.

10 years ago ... from the February 9, 1998 DXN: A new phenomenon on the AM band, the "talking house", was profiled in an article from the Indianapolis Tribune-Star.



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> |
|------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1280 | WLCG | GA Macon | WIBB |
| 1340 | KWWX | WA Wenatchee | KZNW |



CPs ON THE AIR

| | | |
|------|------|--|
| 1000 | WXTN | MS Benton - CP to change their City-of-License to here (from Lexington) is now licensed. Facilities remain D1 5000/0 at 33-06-39/90-02-21. |
| 1050 | WFED | MD Silver Spring - CP for U1 3500/44. |

ACTIONS

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|------|------|---|
| 730 | NEW | TX Big Spring - CP granted for U4 230/300 at N32-13-04 W101-29-25. |
| 930 | WHLM | PA Bloomsburg - CP granted for U1 2000/18. |
| 1330 | NEW | AK Fairbanks - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N64-51-39 W147-48-36. |
| 1540 | WBCO | OH Bucyrus - Coordinate correction to 40-45-51/82-56-05. |
| 1560 | WMRO | TN Gallatin - CP granted for U1 250/3, reducing day power. |

APPLICATIONS

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|------|------|---|
| 890 | KLFF | CA Arroyo Grande - Applies for U2 12000/12000. |
| 1140 | WMMG | KY Brandenburg - Coordinate correction to N37-59-09/86-11-04. |
| 1340 | WSOY | IL Decatur - Applies to relocate their transmitter to a new tower at N39-48-54 W89-00-08. |

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

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| 890 | NEW | CA Olivehurst - Applies for U7 350/250 CH 350. |
| 1190 | NEW | AR Pine Bluff - Applies for U2 10000/350. |

LICENSE REVOCATIONS

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|------|------|------------|
| 1280 | CFBN | ON Toronto |
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HEAR AND THAR

- Another weak week for the Feds.
- Back on: **WVZN-1580 Columbia, Pennsylvania** with SS programming.
- Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre and Dave Schmidt.**

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXer from North America (excluding Alaska)
+ record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage

1230 kHz:

| | | | | <u>Miles</u> |
|------|----|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| WKBO | MD | Cumberland | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON 423 |
| WKLK | MN | Cloquet | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON * 802 |
| WECK | NY | Cheektowaga | John J. Rieger | South Milwaukee, WI * 460 |
| WKBO | PA | Harrisburg | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON + 356 |

1240 kHz:

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|------|----|------------|----------------|------------------|
| WWWC | NC | Wilkesboro | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON * 696 |
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1400 kHz:

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|------|----|------------|----------------|------------------|
| WBTH | WV | Williamson | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON * 629 |
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1450 kHz:

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|------|----|----------|----------------|------------------|
| WLEC | OH | Sandusky | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON * 440 |
|------|----|----------|----------------|------------------|

1490 kHz:

| | | | | | |
|------|----|----------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| WUVR | NH | Lebanon | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON | 570 |
| WOHI | OH | East Liverpool | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON | * 408 |
| WSWW | WV | Charleston | Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON | * 570 |

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|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| TOTALS: | | <u>1230</u> | <u>1240</u> | <u>1340</u> | <u>1400</u> | <u>1450</u> | <u>1490 TOTAL</u> |
| Barry McLarnon | Ottawa, ON | 56 | 61 | 53 | 60 | 61 | 62 353 |

Public-radio news heads to FM

By Joanne Ostrow - The Denver Post January 17, 2008 (via Wayne Heinen)

Colorado Public Radio has found a home for news and information on the FM band.

CPR will purchase Christian-formatted 88.1 FM in Denver and this spring move KVOD, its classical-music station, there. Under an agreement announced Wednesday, CPR intends to move KCFR, currently at 1340 AM, to KVOD's old home at 90.1 FM. The 1340 AM frequency then will be offered for sale.

The deal represents the fulfillment of CPR's seven-year push to buy another FM station in Denver.

"It's great news for public-radio listeners," CPR president Max Wycisk said Wednesday.

Pending approval by the Federal Communications Commission, the transaction will locate CPR's news/information and music formats on FM in the metro area, expanding the coverage area and boosting the sound fidelity.

Many listeners were disappointed when the news-and-information channel ended up on AM in 2001 because some public-radio shows feature music and the sound fidelity is of lower quality on AM.

The purchase price for California-based EMF's 1,200-watt 88.1 FM, which currently simulcasts the "K-Love" Christian format, is \$8.2 million. EMF's K-Love will continue on 91.1 FM.

The changes will be implemented in late April or early May.

CPR expanded from one station that shoe-horned news and music into one unsatisfying format to two stations in 2001.

"The intent was always to have two FMs,"

Wycisk said.

Nonprofit Educational Media Foundation (EMF) has had 88.1 FM on the air for two years, broadcasting the Christian format from Mount Morrison and duplicating the main signal at 91.1 FM. That frequency is unaffected by the deal.

"It works out very nicely for us," Wycisk said.

Wycisk promised the purchase of the new station "will not involve a heavy on-air fundraising drive. We did not seven years ago; we won't now."

The challenge, he said, will be educating people to change their media habits. Wycisk said the switch could mean regaining some listeners who were lost when KCFR went to AM.

"Some people don't think of public-radio news being anywhere but at the left-hand side of the FM dial," he said.

CPR plans to continue to build news staff and add locally produced programming.

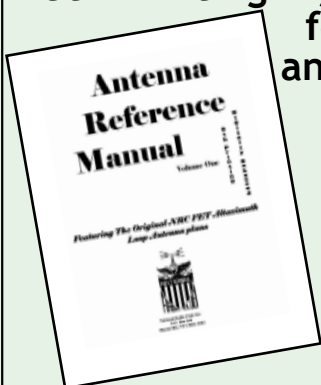
With two FM stations, CPR's primary coverage area will be 2.6 million listeners. While the two FM signals will cover metro Denver well, 90.1 FM is the stronger signal. The 88.1 FM signal will not reach very far north, for instance. Fort Collins classical-music lovers may be disappointed.

Various financing options are being pursued, said Marc Hand of Public Radio Capital, a nonprofit organization representing CPR in the transaction. The likeliest is "some form of tax-exempt bond funding, typical of public radio," Hand said. CPR was one of the first public-radio outfits to receive investment-grade bond ratings several years ago.



Antenna Reference Manual, Volume 1

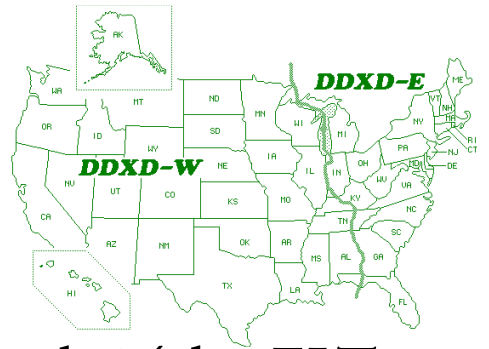
8th Printing Digitally Enhanced and Updated This completely-revised book features the plans for the original NRC 4' FET Altazimuth loop antenna. Completely revamped with digitally enhanced drawings and updated material sources, it also contains other articles on the subject of antennas for medium wave DX'ers, most originally published between 1969 and 1974 in *DX News*. It includes articles on air-core and ferrite core loops, antenna tuners for longwire antennas, and antenna couplers. This is the original book which has been available for over 20 years. \$8.95 to NRC members (\$11.95, non-members). 8 1/2" X 11" bound book format. 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

- ▲ It was great to hear from long-time DDXD-W contributors **Walt Breville** of Wentzville MO and **Gary Houdek** of Munden KS this week. One of Gary's loggings, 800 CKLW, closes this column's logbook for the year 2007. In fact, with a logging time of 12/31 2359 ELT, it is truly the definition of the last log of the year!
- ▲ With many things happening on the band this week, I spent a good deal of time at the dials. As a result I had several good loggings to report. Like the loyal **Vast Westlander** that I am, I dutifully sent them in to my DDXD editor. I thank myself for doing so, and thank the rest of this week's contributors for your great reports. Please keep them coming! **73 Bill**

Reporters

- BW-OK** **Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa. R8, Quantum Phaser, two 50-foot wires.**
- DP-HI** **Dale Park, Honolulu.** Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- DS-CA** **Dan Sheedy, Encinitas.** R75 / Q-Loop.
- FA-ID** **Frank Aden, Boise.** FRG-7 with 4-foot Box loop.
- GH-KS** **Gary Houdek, Munden.** GE Superadio.
- JW-CO** **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- PG-CO** **Patrick Griffith, Westminster.** Drake R8 and Kiwa loop.
- WB-MO** **Walt Breville, Wentzville.** Grundig 700 with a Radio Shack #15-1853 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.
- WW-MO** **Woz Wozniak, Saint Louis.** Grundig Satellit 800 and Terk Advantage loop.
- Ed.-WI** **Your editor, Madison.** Drake R8B with Quantum QX Pro loop or Sony SRF-59 Walkman radio barefoot.

Station News

- 920 WGNU IL Granite City.** Has switched from talk to contemporary Christian music. Slogan is now "the New WGNU." **(WB-MO)**
- 930 KMPT MT East Missoula.** Per *New West* weekly newspaper, under new management KLCY flipped to liberal talk featuring Jones Radio and Air America Radio on 1/3, changing calls to KMPT. Station is one of 57 that Gap West of Denver purchased from Clear Channel. GM Dave Cowan helped out in a previous attempt at liberal radio in Missoula, which died after a year. **(DP-HI)**
- 1340 KCFR CO Denver.** According to the *Denver Business Journal* of 1/16/08, Colorado Public Radio is purchasing FM outlet KFDN 88.1 Lakewood from EMF Inc. This will give CPR two FM outlets in Denver, one for each of its two services (In-Depth News and Classical Music). If the FCC approves the sale, KCFR and its news-oriented service will move to FM upon the sale's completion (projected for the spring). At that point, CPR will put the 1340 facilities up for sale. Thanks to **Patrick Griffith** for drawing attention to this situation on the NRC listserv. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1450 KMRY IA Cedar Rapids.** Per e-mail from station manager Kevin Alexander, station is now using HD radio and he admits it can affect side channels and therefore reception in the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City area of KXNO 1460 Des Moines. On the other hand, he expects KMRY reception in Tama and western Iowa Counties to be affected by KXNO's upcoming HD signal. KMRY website claims station is the first medium wave in Iowa with "a crystal-clear digital transmitter on the air!" It plays "Timeless Classics" plus airs polka Sundays

0800-1100. (DP-HI)

DX Tests

- 960 CFFX+ ON **Kingston. 1/15 0000.** Fair to good signal with only slight unID QRM. Voice and Morse code IDs and sweep tones. This short-notice test was arranged by NRCer **Saul Chernos** in conjunction with the station's last few hours before it was to go permanently off air (moved to 104.3 FM) at 0600 ELT. Test was to be done with 10 kw daytime power on day pattern. A few hours earlier in the evening Saul posted on the NRC list that the station was already on that power and pattern, and it was heard easily here with soft rock and "Lite 104.3" IDs. This signal was heard here not only on the R8B/QX Pro combo, but also with Sony SRF-59 and M37V ultralight receivers. (Ed.-WI)
- 960 CFFX+ ON **Kingston. 1/15 0001 and 0101.** At 0001 there was a very faint but audible voice identification of CFFX and its FM counterpart in addition to the announcement of a "special DX test" and declaring that the station would shut down its transmitter later that morning. Immediately following the voice identification was the following series: CW identifications, sweep tones, a longer version of CW identifications, followed again by sweep tones and finally a last series of CW identifications. After the concluding Morse code identification CFFX continued with its regular programming. At 0101 CFFX was again heard with faint voice identification, announcement of a special DX test and followed once again by a series of CW identifications and sweep tones. Was not only able to log it with the Sat-8 but also with the SRF-59! My very first logging of CFFX, as it is also my last. Thanks **Jim Pogue, Saul Chernos and Roger Cole** of CFFX for putting together a terrific once-in-a-lifetime logging! New (WW-MO)
- 960 CFFX- ON **Kingston. 1/15 0000 and 0100.** I didn't think I'd have much of a chance with KKFN 950 spewing The Horrible Hiss of IBOC right at me from just five miles down the road. I am directly in front of one of their minor lobes. But I gave it a shot for the first two hours of the test. I could detect some analog audio on 960 in the best null that I could create on KKFN. But it was too weak for me to determine who or what it was. Thanks anyway to all involved for arranging this test. (PG-CO)
- 960 CFFX- ON **Kingston. 1/15 0000, 0100 and 0200.** Nothing noted on my 0000 and 0100 ToH recordings. Had what *sounded like* Morse code from about 0159:00-0159:30 but it was garbled here and underneath the mush. I've reviewed my recording for the time periods that they used Morse code and sweep tones but nothing at all heard. So CFFX officially not heard in Tulsa. Thanks to all that arranged the test! (BW-OK)
- 960 CFFX- ON **Kingston. 1/15 0000, 0100 and 0200.** No sign of test, just KOVO in SS. (FA-ID)
- 1360 KKMO+ WA **Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315.** Got it here. Sweep tone, tones and voice IDs, solid signal. (FA-ID)
- 1360 KKMO+ WA **Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315.** Morse code ID and sweep tones. Rather weak. Semi-local KHNC phased. New for me and taped. (WH-CO)
- 1360 KKMO† WA **Tacoma. 1/13 0301-0312.** Tentative. No ID, but sweep tones, 1 kHz tone and college marching tunes heard weakly under KLSD (which is almost co-linear with KKMO and any nulling of KLSD pushed KKMO into the mud). Thanks to all who helped put this on. (DS-CA)
- 1360 KKMO- WA **Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315.** After reviewing my overnight recording, no sign of KKMO here in Tulsa. Thanks to **Jim Pogue** and KKMO for arranging the test! (BW-OK)
- 1360 KKMO- WA **Tacoma. 1/13 0300-0315.** Tried for, did not hear on a very crowded band. Only station IDed during test period was KSCJ IA. (Ed.-WI)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 960 UNID **1/15 0548.** Had tuned to this frequency to try to record any final sign-off message from CFFX (see "DX Tests" section above). Could not, as frequency was dominated by WSBT. However, did hear a weak US National Anthem which faded before station could be IDed. Suspected KMA with sign-on until **Steve Francis** on the NRC list pointed out that KMA is now 24 hours. Other suggested possibilities: WHAK (although it may also be 24 hours now) KFLN (but

4 AM MST sign-on seems early), or the three daytimers on 960. Or it could always be a station that plays the SSB at the same time every day, Mexican station style. **(Ed.-WI)**

- Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)
- 550 CHLN QC **Trois-Rivières. 1/16 2347.** Heard playing a taped loop in FF concerning the station's impending move to FM. Fair on a very crowded band. Although not new, hearing this station at night is very rare, and I am wondering if CHLN is running its 10 kw daytime power full time in its waning days on AM. Thanks to fellow DDXD editor **Mike Brooker** for posting word of this taped loop earlier on the NRC listserv. **(Ed.-WI)**
- 580 WCHS WV **Charleston. 1/10 1740.** Atop the mess for a minute with ID. **(WB-MO)**
- 580 CKUA AB **Edmonton. 1/13 0840.** Classical music program, occasional male announcer; program notes at 0858; ID by gal at 0859:52 "You're listening to original radio on the CKUA Radio Network across Alberta at 580 AM, in Edson at 103.7 FM, and around the world at ckua.com"; news, weather, and road conditions followed to 0807, then more music. Fair signal with almost no QRM or fading. **(JW-CO)**
- 630 CFCO ON **Chatham. 1/2 0714.** End of the song "The Twist." ID "CFCO, it's 7:14." Fair signal. **(GH-KS)**
- 730 WLIL TN **Lenoir City. 1/10 0012.** After a C&W song came "The legendary AM 7-30 WLIL," then back into more country music. Overall reception was fair with a good signal quality and slight to moderate QRM and QRN. New **(WW-MO)**
- 800 CKLW ON **Windsor. 12/31 2359.** End of "Healthy Talk" program. ID "CKLW welcomes in the New Year. The Information Station." First time I have heard this station in a long time. **(GH-KS)**
- 800 WSHO LA **New Orleans. 1/10 2259.** "WSHO." That's about it, except it was accompanied by extreme QRM and QRN. Reception and signal were barely audible. Not technically a verie, but a logging none the less. New **(WW-MO)**
- 810 WHB MO **Kansas City. 1/15 2100.** "SportsRadio 810 WHB Kansas City, the Power of Sports" to ESPN. Local KLVZ phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 910 KATH TX **Frisco. 1/9 2300.** Ending an EWTN program with network promo, "KATH AM 910" ID and promo about EWTN. New and taped. **(WH-CO)**
- 910 WAKO IL **Lawrenceville. 1/10 0559.** Ending Star Spangled Banner to full data sign-on for AM and FM. New and taped. KPOF phased. **(WH-CO)**
- 910 KINA KS **Salina. 1/10 0700.** Call ID in the noise to Fox news. Added to my tape collection. **(WH-CO)**
- 910 KBIM NM **Roswell. 1/10 0900.** Up briefly. "KBIM Roswell, it's 7 o'clock" in the noise. **(WH-CO)**
- 920 WGKA GA **Atlanta. 1/10 1745.** Burying semi-local WGNU. "NewsTalk 920 WGKA," mentions of Atlanta and Georgia. **(WB-MO)**
- 1040 WWBA FL **Pinellas Park. 1/10 1756.** ID, Dennis Miller show. Strong, way over WHO. **(WB-MO)**
- 1060 KYW PA **Philadelphia. 1/14 2334.** Newsradio format. "KYW newstime 11:34" by a male news anchor. Was listening on my Sony SRF-59 Walkman, a Christmas present from my wife Nina. Could hear this station with a fair signal through IBOC from local WTSO 1070, a tribute to that radio's selectivity and sensitivity (can regularly hear KYW using the R8B/QX Pro combo). **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1150 KTLK CA **Los Angeles. 1/4 0658.** Ad for Progressive Funding; ID "K-Talk AM 11-50... KTLK Los Angeles..." news brief, local ad. Poor to fair; QRM from unID co-channel. **(DP-HI)**
- 1190 WLLI TN **Humboldt. 1/9 2300.** "Hour after hour, day after day, we play the better variety of today's stars and legends. We're Real Country 11-90 WLLI Humboldt." Once again in a null of a local station (KRFT) with a fair overall reception and signal strength. QRM was moderate as was the QRN. New **(WW-MO)**
- 1230 KFUN NM **Las Vegas. 1/15 0100.** Ending C&W music. "You're listening to KFUN Las Vegas, New Mexico" to ABC news. **(WH-CO)**
- 1290 KMMM KS **Pratt. 1/14 0901.** "News, weather, sports and information and the greatest hits of the 60's and 70's. AM 1290 KMMM Pratt" to Fox news. Taped the call change for my collection. **(WH-CO)**

- 1290 KOUU ID **Pocatello. 1/14 1000.** "Country Cow KOUU Pocatello" and two other cities mentioned. Popped up over KMMM briefly. New for me and taped. (WH-CO)
- 1430 WFOB OH **Fostoria. 1/12 0342.** Bits and pieces of nostalgia, mixing with WIL and WXNT. Male announcer with "Timeless, WFOB" ID. Also heard after ToH with CBS news. This one is very rare here! Was listening on my Sony SRF-59 Walkman during a fit of insomnia. (Ed.-WI)
- 1540 KEDA TX **San Antonio. 1/14 0830.** EE traffic report, "Radio Jalapeño" slogan, then back to SS announcer. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1580 KBLA CA **Santa Monica. 1/14 0900.** Spanglish ID by male voice: "Está Usted escuchando KBLA Santa Monica-Los Angeles, 1580 AM," then into SS program, religious I think. Generally fair in QRM. (JW-CO)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- BC-NH **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 50 x 75-ft SuperLoop antennas east with remote variable termination and south 1150-Ω terminated.
- HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts (MARE) DXpedition, Brighton - Drake** R8B + 65' TTFD + 500' NE unterminated beverage
- HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** - Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop
- DL-MD **Dave Larrabee, Columbia** - SDR-14 on a pair of DX engineering active verticals using a Quantum Phaser.
- DL-ME **Dave Larrabee, East Corinth** - SDR-14 at feed point of dipole at 15 feet. Audio recovered postfacto from I/Q file.
- GL-NY **Ginnie Lupi, Painted Post** – DX-398, SRF-59 and Select-A-Tenna.
- LW-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** – Sony 2010, Radio Shack loop
- MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundigs G5 & YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200

STATION NEWS

- 1280 CFBN ON **Toronto** – The Pearson International Airport TIS that tried to be a real station with an all-business format is now officially defunct. At the request of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, the CRTC revoked CFBN's license. <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2008/db2008-8.htm> (MKB-ON)

PRESUMED/TENTATIVE

- 950 WVTSp WV **Charleston** – 1/1 1635 – "on supertalk nine-fifty" popped out. Poor. (GL-NY)
- 1550 WNTNp MA **Newton** - 12/14 1300 - French language music program. Loud in central Maine 80% of the time. WNTN's web site indicates Haitian programming during this period. (DL-ME)

UNIDs

- 1470 - 12/30 0142 – in with sports talk about Patriots 16-0 season. "AM 1470 Fox Sports" non-IDs. (LW-NY)

TIS/HAR

- 1700 MI **Detroit** – 1/12 1721 – relay NOAA White Lake MI 162.55 MHz with segments for cities in surrounding states plus weather for "Northern suburbs, Ann Arbor-Detroit vicinity" & mentioning Detroit metro. Man and woman alternating. No ID other than the VHF relay. (HF-MI)

DX TEST

- 960 CFFX ON **Kingston** – 1/15 0559* - didn't try for the actual test from 0000 to 0200, but tuned in to hear them kill off the station: "this is Dave Holmes, it's coming up to 5:59 and Oldies 960 AM is about to go off the air permanently. Don't forget to switch your radio to 104.3 FM for more of your light favourites." Carrier dropped off immediately at 0600. (MKB-ON)



LOGGINGS

- 550 CHLN PQ **Trois-Rivières** – 1/14 0014 – under WGR with constantly repeating loop, announcing the station's impending demise: "la station CHLN de Trois-Rivières diffuse maintenant à la bande FM... pour continuer de nous écouter vous devez maintenant composer la fréquence cent six virgule neuf (106.9) FM, 89.5 sur le câble... merci de continuer d'écouter CHLN 106.9, le nouveau FM parlé de la Mauricie". (MKB-ON)
- KCRS TX **Midland** – 1/13 0559 – Sports-related "KCRS" ID into ABC News, then disappeared into slop. (GL-NY)
- 560 WIND IL **Chicago** – 1/11 2204 – Coming up to a fair level through lightning crashes. Slogan, "Your Choice for Intelligent Talk, WIND." (HJH-PA)
- 590 WMBS PA **Uniontown** – 12/31 1714 – "Volare" under FF talk, then "word scramble... on WMBS." "City of Uniontown" mention, then "WMBS on your computer." Poor reception. (GL-NY)
- 600 CKAT ON **North Bay** – 12/5 1750 – in with sports talk "on AM 600 CKAT". Weak under WICC and Cuban. (LW-NY)
- WICC CT **Bridgeport** – 12/31 2005 – McGruff the Crime Dog ad, then "Clark Howard on WICC." Poor. (GL-NY)
- 640 WNNZ MA **Westfield** - 12/14 1500 - NPR: "Here on six forty AM WNNZ" Dominant with a weak unidentified co-channel underneath. (DL-ME)
- WGST GA **Atlanta** – 12/31 1728 – Man talking about credit cards, then "Dave Ramsey Show" and "six-forty WGST dot com." Centrum Silver and thermometer ads. (GL-NY)
- WFNC NC **Fayetteville** – 12/31 1730 – "WFNC afternoon news" by woman faded in, then "WFNC news time is five thirty-one." Faded out. (GL-NY)
- 690 WIST LA **New Orleans** – 1/11 2143 - Discussion on New Orleans restaurants; slogan "AM 6-90 WIST". Mixing w/FF, CINF, USB helps w/IBOC hiss. (HF-MI)
- WOKV FL **Jacksonville** – 12/5 1700 – in with news on the hour "on News-talk WOKV 690 and 106.5". Then into Sean Hannity show. Good dominant signal. (LW-NY)
- 710 CJRN ON **Niagara Falls** – 1/6 0723 – Male voice with history of Niagara Falls. "This has been a Niagara Falls moment on Tourist Information Radio, CJRN." Good reception. (GL-NY)
- 720 WGCR NC **Pisgah Forest** – 1/5 1741* – Sign off including studio location by male, "... tomorrow morning at seven o'clock for another broadcast day... until then, God bless." SSB at 1743. (GL-NY)
- 820 WGGMVA **Chester** - 1/17 2052 - Mixed with WNYC and R. Reloj Cuba; "10,000 watts of... power, WGGM," lively urban contemporary gospel music, 2100 ID, "AM 820 WGGM Chester, Richmond, Petersburg." (BC-NH)
- 830 WEEU PA **Reading** – 1/5 1706 – after many minutes of Seahawks v. Redskins game, "ten seconds for station identification" followed by "The Voice eight-thirty AM, WEEU... your news and information leader, WEEU Reading." WTRU came up immediately following with preacher. (GL-NY)
- WCCO MN **Minneapolis** – 1/13 0659 – Male announcer giving list of upcoming sports games. Then temperature of 19, "good Sunday morning to you... six o'clock... this is WCCO Minneapolis-Saint Paul" into CBS News. Strong reception. (GL-NY)
- 850 WNTJ PA **Johnstown** – 1/1 0647 – "NTJ Morning Magazine" by man. Weather report includes 30 degree temp. "Radio PA news update" by woman. Poor. (GL-NY)
- WREF CT **Ridgefield** – 1/13 1633 – "The oldies channel... eight-fifty WREF." Misc. ad, then ad for Jewelry Designs in Danbury, a bridal show at the Amber Room Colonnade, Robins Eye Center with 203 area code phone number. Faded out, then OnStar ad and "Eight-fifty WREF...the true oldies channel." Logged with Sony SRF-59. (GL-NY)
- 860 WOAY WV **Oak Hill** – 1/5 1642 – Christian Bowhunters of America ad, then Christian talk, "from God's great outdoors." Lots of fading, then "... ministry on WOAY... AM eight-sixty WOAY" @ 1654. (GL-NY)
- WSBS MA **Great Barrington** – 1/13 1644 – "WSBS.com" by woman into "Black is Black" by Los Bravos. Lots of interference. (GL-NY)
- 930 WLLL VA **Lynchburg** – 12/30 0658 – GOS music, woman backed by choir. Applause

at end of song. Ad says "make heaven on earth", Christian bookstore "in the plaza", phone number 434-845-9056. Ad for MA Dalton in Lynchburg, phone 434-847-8458. "www.WLLLRadio.com" mention. **(GL-NY)**

- 950 **KOEL IA Oelwein** – 1/14 1750 – creaming WWJ with C&W songs, promo for local advertisers: "it pays to advertise on 950 KOEL" into "KOEL weather facts" local forecast. **(MKB-ON)**
- WROL MA Boston** – 1/4 0638 – Lots of religious talk/preaching with much fading. Eventually confirmed by Internet stream. **(GL-NY)**
- 960 **WELI CT New Haven** – 12/30 0719 – "I'm Governor Jodi Rell... stopholidaystress.com..." Poor reception with much fading. **(GL-NY)**
- WFIR VA Roanoke** – 1/1 0706 – "I'm Robin Reed on news-talk nine-sixty WFIR." Lynchburg news. **(GL-NY)**
- WSBT IN South Bend** – 1/15 1732 – over WFIR/WHAK mix with local weather "from your weather station, news talk 960 WSBT" into "Sports beat" sports talk show, discussing Notre Dame basketball. **(MKB-ON)**
- 970 **WBLF PA Bellefonte** – 12/30 1624 – "Nine-seventy WBLF" by male popped out of slop and immediately disappeared. **(GL-NY)**
- WJMX SC Florence** – 1/1 1652 – "On newstalk nine-seventy WJMX" popped out from WCHN mess and promptly disappeared. **(GL-NY)**
- 990 **WLGZ NY Rochester** – 1/2 0619 – "Tomorrow"; DL gives phone number 222-2990 @ 0620, then "Delta Dawn" by Helen Reddy. "WLGZ" singing ID @ 0624. Better on 991 kHz, lots of static. **(GL-NY)**
- 1000 **WIOO PA Carlisle** – 12/30 1635 – "It's Only Make Believe", then "we reflect back on over fifty years with classic country... WIOO and WEEO, the country original." Good until 1637, way over top of WMVP, then faded during "Stand By Me." **(GL-NY)**
- 1010 **CFRB ON Toronto** – 12/30 1639 – mention of phone number ending in "CFRB", then news. "... On CFRB." Traffic report. Spotty reception with lots of fading. **(GL-NY)**
- 1040 **WHO IA Des Moines** – 12/31 0602 – "WHO has been Iowa's weather... for... years... WHO... cloudy, 13 degrees in Des Moines." Lots of static and fading. **(GL-NY)**
- 1070 **WINA VA Charlottesville** – 12/31 0607 – "... on WINA" by woman popped out over other talk, then disappeared. **(GL-NY)**
- 1120 **KMOX MO St. Louis** – 12/31 0613 – General Steel ad, Emergen-C ad, Zantac ad. Faded, then came back with sports news with mention of Missouri, then "right here on KMOX... KMOX news time five seventeen" by man. Lots of static and fading. **(GL-NY)**
- 1160 **WPIE NY Trumansburg** – 12/8 1755 – discussion about cats, book entitled *Cat Planet*. Mention of Buffalo Bills network, "WBEN 930 & WPIE 1160 Trumansburg". "Sports Center ESPN" slogan. **(LW-NY)**
- WCCS PA Homer City** – 12/31 0624 – "mid-day café... only on eleven-sixty WCCS." Poor reception with WYLL and UNID sports. **(GL-NY)**
- 1220 **WHKW OH Cleveland** – 12/31 1640 – Dr. Bob Marshall's "Health Line" show, seems to be focusing on "Invisivein" product and air-dried sea salt. At 1659, "on twelve-twenty on your dial" heard, then christianjobs.com ad, then "WHKW... AM twelve-twenty The Word" heard. Poor reception. **(GL-NY)**
- WSTL RI Providence** – 12/31 1700 – While listening for ID from WHKW, "WSTL" popped out. Then heard WHKW ID. **(GL-NY)**
- 1240 **WSNJ NJ Bridgeton** - 1/13 1900 - Briefly above jumble; "...WMVB Millville, Vineland, wsnjam.com." New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1250 **WEAE PA Pittsburgh** – 1/12 2246 – "ESPN Radio 12-50", 1250ESPN.com spot; ads for Red River Steak House & Value City Shopping Center, in/out with WGL. **(HF-MI)**
- WGL IN Fort Wayne** – 1/12 2246 - Fort Wayne (presumably Indiana Pacers) vs Utah basketball; in/out with WEAE. **(HF-MI)**
- WARE MA Ware** – 12/24 1705 – in with weather report for area on "Real Oldies 1250 WARE", into Christmas music. **(LW-NY)**
- 1280 **WJST PA New Castle** – 1/18 1715 – creaming CFMB with slogan "just oldies, 1280 WJST", promo for "Songwriter's weekend, on the station playing the greatest hits", "WJST" jingle into "Oh Carol" by Neil Sedaka. **(MKB-ON)**

- 1290 WJCV NC **Jacksonville** - 1/13 1700 - Under *R. Disney* WDZY; promo/ID, "...on 1290 WJCV Jacksonville, Sneads Ferry, Richlands," and USA news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1300 WKCY VA **Harrisonburg** - 1/13 1700 - Through *ESPN Radio 1300* WAVZ; "...AM 1300 WKCY Harrisonburg... wkcyam.com," and Fox news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1320 WBRT KY **Bardstown** - 1/11 2100 - Nelson County (Bardstown) HS girl's Lady Knights basketball game coverage vs Marion County; later heard boy's game; ad for Bardstown McDonald's. Fair peaks mainly on top, but in/out. New. **(HF-MI)**
- CKEC NS **New Glasgow** - 1/13 2000 - Over WDER; Irish music, "94.1 East Coast FM" and news from the national newsroom of the Canadian press. **(BC-NH)**
- 1330 WFNN PA **Erie** - 12/24 1720 - ad for Harvey Davidson of Johnstown, PA on "ESPN 1330 and ESPN 1490". **(LW-NY)**
- 1350 WGPL VA **Portsmouth** - 1/14 1803 - over all comers with gospel songs, "the number one gospel music, WGPL...taking you home" by amped-up announcer in stereotypical gospel huckster voice. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1390 WPLM MA **Plymouth** - 1/13 1800 - Good; "EZ 99.1, it's 6 o'clock, and here we go with another hour of New England's unique blend of light classics," and EZ 99.1 jingle. **(BC-NH)**
- WNIO OH **Youngstown** - 1/13 1700 - Over unID *Westwood One* NFL coverage; "America's best music is here, 1390 WNIO Youngstown, and online at wnio.com," and "1390 WNIO News." New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1420 WHK OH **Cleveland** - 12/30 0148 - in with Lars Larsen show on "News-talk 1420 WHK", into *Westwood One* sports talk. **(LW-NY)**
- 1440 WNYG NY **Babylon** - 1/14 1800 - Briefly over WVEI; "This is WNYG Babylon, New York, and wnygspiritofny.com," into Bible study program. **(BC-NH)**
- 1460 WXBR MA **Brockton** - 12/14 1300 - "Southern New England's Best. WXBR Brockton" **(DL-ME)**
- 1470 WLAM ME **Lewiston** - 12/14 1300 - "ESPN Radio. "Live from the studio this is WLVP Gorham, and WLAM Lewiston-Auburn, eight seventy and fourteen seventy, Maine's Sports Station." **(DL-ME)**
- 1480 WADR NY **Remsen** - 12/14 1300 - "Central New York's beautiful music, fourteen eighty, WADR, fifteen fifty WUTQ Utica" Looks like they left the sports format. **(DL-ME)**
- WSDS MI **Salem Township** - 1/13 0716 - SS baladas; EE ID at 0717, "WSDS Plymouth-Salem". Per Larry Russell, IDs are scarce. Good o/infomercial. **(HF-MI)**
- 1490 WOHI OH **East Liverpool** - 1/12 0800 - over WBTA Batavia, NY groundwave with Geico ad, ToH ID by woman: "WOHI East Liverpool, Ohio AM 1490". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1530 WVBF MA **Middleboro** - 12/14 1300 - "You are listening to the Massachusetts Reading Network, fifteen thirty WVBF MA Middleboro, Taunton; ninety one point five WUML FM Lowell." Faded into IBOC hiss from 1540. **(DL-ME)**
- 1540 WGIP NH **Exeter** - 12/14 1300 - This station popped in and out from under a dominant WDCD every few minutes. At the top of the hour: "This is WGIR, New Hampshire's News Radio, live from Manchester." **(DL-ME)**
- WDCD NY **Albany** - 12/14 1300 - ToH ID amid religious programming: "WDCD Albany, WDCD HD, WPCR HD too, and on line fifteen forty wdcd dot com" Occasional co-channel form WGIP. **(DL-ME)**
- KTGG MI **Spring Arbor** - 1/11 1833 - light religious music, ToH ID: "KTGG AM 15-40 Spring Arbor & 15-10 WJKN Jackson". Good peaks, mixing with CHIN. **(HF-MI)**
- 1550 WITK PA **Pittston** - 12/14 1300 - In heavy co-channel from an ETH format station (probably WNTN who didn't ID at the top of the hour): "fifteen fifty, WITK for tonight a winter storm watch is in effect..." **(DL-ME)**
- WIGN TN **Bristol** - 1/14 1700 - Over *R. Disney* WDZK; "In God's Name, 1550 WIGN Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City... WIGN," and SRN news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1560 WAGL SC **Lancaster** - 1/14 1700 - Under *R. Disney* WQEW; end of radar weather forecast with call sign mention. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1570 WNSH MA **Beverly** - 12/14 1300 - "...from Henry's Fine Foods in North Beverly...", "Stay tuned here on WNSH AM fifteen seventy Beverly..." **(DL-ME)**

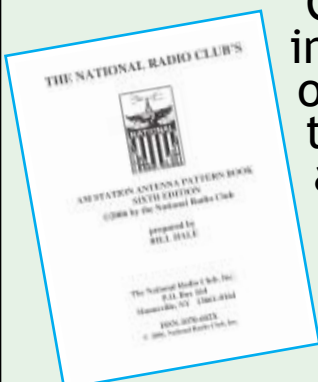
- WANR OH Warren - 1/11 2302 - Weak, ending song "Who's That Lady" by the Isley Bros. Slogan, "The Hottest Hits of the 50's, 60's and 70's WANR, Warren, Niles..." (HJH-PA)
- WECU NC Winterville - 1/14 1702 - Fair, over unID C&W music; promo/ID, "...and I listen to WECU 1570 AM," and urban contemporary gospel music. (BC-NH)
- 1580 CKDO ON Oshawa - 12/14 1300 - "You are listening to Oshawa Oldies, on CKDO" Announced simulcast on 107.7 MHz. (DL-ME)
- 1590 WARV RI Warwick - 12/14 1400 - Weak with a weaker co-channel not recoverable. "...the WARV weather forecast..." (DL-ME)
- 1620 WNRP FL Gulf Breeze - 1/11 2120 - "News Radio 16-20" slogan; spot for Pensacola Christian College; "The new sound--the sound of Gulf Breeze; Pensacola's hot news station"; Fox news. Fair on top. New. (HF-MI)
- 1630 WRDW GA Augusta - 1/11 2133 - "News-Talk-Sports, 16-30 WRDW Augusta"; stuff-for-sale program, including a ton of compost. Well over Sean Hannity on KCJJ. (HF-MI)
- 1640 WKSH WI Sussex - 1/6 - 1658 - Disney "AM sixteen forty, WKSH" Shows you how good clear channel real can be. Loud and clear at local sunset. (DL-MD)
- WTNI MS Biloxi - 1/11 2141 - "Talk Radio 16-40 WTNI"; Sean Hannity. Over Disney WKSH; need USB to take out IBOC hiss. (HF-MI)
- 1660 WWRU NJ Jersey City - 12/14 1400 - Ethnic program, sounded oriental. EE ID on the top of the hour: "WWRU Jersey City, New York, sixteen sixty AM, WWRU" (DL-ME)
- 1680 WTTM NJ Lindenwold - 1/11 2116 - All SS, Mexicana music; Philadelphia spot, ads for Gran Market Place en Nueva Jersey & Condor Taxi. Mixing with WDSS Ada MI Disney (which had an actual local ID @2117) but with better peaks. (HF-MI)
- 1690 WMLB GA Avondale Estates - 1/11 1813 - Non-Top 40 pop tunes; "AM 16-90, the Voice of the Arts". Well over WVON. (HF-MI)
- 1700 KKLf TX Richardson - 1/12 1550 - "Talk Radio 5-70 KLIF"; automotive call-in show with host Ed; ads for Texas Motors and Kwik Lube. Good on top of Detroit area TIS (HF-MI)
- WEUP AL Huntsville - 1/11 1608 - Soul & Gospel tunes; "WEUP the people's station, doing what you have in mind". Very good with no sign of KBGG. (HF-MI)

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Transatlantic DX

- 162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis (47°10'N 02°12'E) JAN 12 0514 - Two women in French discussion; man in French with dramatic reading; Beatles' Eleanor Rigby; 0528 program close, mentioned BBC; 0531 *France Inter* ID! First time I've heard that ID - only heard *R.France* IDs before. Good peaks in LSB. [Frodge-MI]
- 171 **MOROCCO** *R.Mediterranee Internationale*, Nador (35°03'N 2°55'W) JAN 12 0533 - Man and woman talk in French. Poor, cleanest in USB; parallel 9575 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
- 198 **ENGLAND** *BBC Radio 4*, Droitwich et al. JAN 12 0033-0042 - Man in English with BBC features. Fair, cleanest in LSB. [Frodge-MI]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) JAN 18 0100 - Talk in vernacular; a tight squeeze between 782 Syria het and WNNW-HD. [Conti-NH]
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** *RBWI Sitkunai* (55°02'N 23°49'E) JAN 13 2200 - Poor; end of presumed *CRI* program, brief open carrier, and off. New log! [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *R.Visión Cristiana*, South Caicos (21°30'N 71°31'W) JAN 12 0301 - Man in Spanish with many IDs during promo ad, RVC, RVC Int'l, and a station ID; spot for American Bible Assoc.; into religious music at 0307. On top. [Frodge-MI]
- 550 **JAMAICA** *RJR Llandilo*, Westmoreland JAN 15 0329 - Parallel 720 and 700 kHz, weaker than parallels which surface every night, and first time heard. [Allen-SC]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *ZIZ Basseterre* (17°19'N 62°44'W) JAN 12 0308-0315 - Excited DJ possibly in English, with Spanish and French pop tunes. Poor as usual, but better than usual. [Frodge-MI]
- 680 **CUBA** *CMHN R.Progreso*, Cienfuegos JAN 14 0423 - Good; IDs and parallel 690 kHz, listed as 1 kW. [Allen-SC]
- 740 **CUBA** *R.Angulo*, Holguín JAN 18 2300 - Fair, over nulled CHWO; "Esta es CMKO Radio Angulo, transmitiendo... Cuba" with reverb over music bed, then an interval signal-like series of notes and time check into an urban contemporary Spanish vocal. [Conti-NH]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** *YVKS RCR* Caracas (10°29'N 67°00'W) JAN 18 2301 - Good; promo string with many RCR mentions. [Conti-NH]
- 770 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Las Mercedes JAN 12 0241 - Spanish game call; fair with WABC (presumed) and IBOC interference. Parallel 5025 kHz strong; parallel 710 kHz fair also with IBOC interference. [Frodge-MI]
- 790 **CUBA** *CMAQ R.Reloj*, Pinar del Río (22°25'N 83°43'W) and unID JAN 18 2300 - Usual double minute markers and code IDs from two out of sync *Reloj* signals on this frequency, Pinar del Río and an unID location, the delayed signal the stronger of the two. [Conti-NH]
- 810 **COLOMBIA** *HJCY CARACOL* Bogotá (4°40'N 74°11'W) JAN 14 2335 - On top; "Radio Colombia Caracol" IDs plus Datsun and other ads. [Allen-SC]
- 820 **CUBA** *CMCA R.Ciudad de la Habana*, Santa Catalina (23°04'N 82°23'W) JAN 18 0058 - Presumed, over *R.Reloj*; woman with many Cuba references, lost to WNYC and urban gospel WGGM at hour. [Conti-NH]
- 840 **CUBA** *CMHW DobleVé*, Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W) JAN 15 0150 - Presumed "La Reina Radial del Central," fast talking woman with "Villa Clara" mentioned. [Allen-SC]
- 840 **CUBA** *CMKC R.Revolución*, Santiago de Cuba JAN 16 0151 - Parallel 1590 and 1280 kHz, briefly on top with many IDs in mix of Cubans and other stations. [Allen-SC]
- 850 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Nueva Gerona JAN 18 0100 - Minute marker and code under WEEI. [Conti-NH]
- 860 **CUBA** *CMDB R.Reloj*, Baracoa (20°21'N 74°29'W) JAN 18 0100 - Noted under CJBC. 0200 on top; hour marker, "..."



- Radio Reloj desde Habana, Cuba." [Conti-NH]
 870 **CUBA** CMDT *R.Reloj*, Sancti Spíritus (21°56'N 79°26'W) JAN 18 0100 - Noted under WLVP. [Conti-NH]
 910 **CUBA** *R.Cadena Agramonte*, Camagüey JAN 12 1102 - Fair, over WABI; "...de Radio Cadena Agramonte," man/woman with Camagüey news. [Conti-NH]
 960 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple sites JAN 12 1100 - Fair, over WELI; woman with news, syncopated clock, etc. [Conti-NH]
 1000 **COLOMBIA** HJAQ RCN Cartagena (10°30'N 75°26'W) JAN 16 1046 - Under WMVP; "La radio de Colombia" jingle. Cartagena sunrise 1124. [Conti-NH]
 1000 **MEXICO** XEOY *R.Mil*, Iztacalco, México DF (19°23'N 99°07'W) JAN 12 1100 - Fair; ranchera, "Vive México, Radio Mil" jingle, and choral anthem. (This was actually the anthem reported Jan 7 mixed with Colombia.) Then alternating man/woman in Spanish faded up over the anthem, UTC-5 time check; Colombia or Cuba. JAN 16 1149 - "Vive México, Radio Mil" jingle, ad string, and romantic nostalgia; under WMVP. México DF sunrise 1313. [Conti-NH]
 1020 unID JAN 16 0100 - "Radio Visión" unknown station with three honks of old-fashioned car horn at top of hour. Also heard on JAN 5. I've read about this one on someone's log, but can't locate info. [Allen-SC]
 1100 **CUBA** CMCH *R.Cadena Habana*, La Salud (22°53'N 82°26'W) JAN 14 0025 - Presumed this wobbler beating up on WTAM. [Conti-NH]
 1140 **CUBA** *R.Bayamo*, Media Luna JAN 12 0230 - Only slightly weaker than parallel 1150 kHz so I believe power is 5-10 kW and not 1 kW. [Allen-SC]
 1140 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, unknown location JAN 14 0300 - ID'd as *R.Rafael Rebelde* and *R.Rebelde*, forgot to check parallels. [Allen-SC]
 1140 **CUBA** unID - "Radio Tunas" is all I could decipher from tape recording. Probably *R.Bayamo* since no *R.Tunas* listed on Cuban websites. [Allen-SC]
 1150 **CUBA** CMKX *R.Bayamo*, Entronque Bueycito JAN 12 0230 - Often dominant and with many IDs. [Allen-SC]
 1160 **CUBA** *R.Bayamo*, Pílon JAN 12 0230 - No trace of this one in several hours of listening. [Allen-SC]
 1180 **CUBA** CMBA *R.Rebelde*, Villa María and CMDB Mayarí Arriba JAN 14 2313 - Two parallel stations a fraction second apart giving an echo effect and perhaps intended to jam *R.Martí*, also in mix. [Allen-SC]
 1200 **CUBA** CMGM *R.Sancti Spíritus*, Taguajay JAN 14 2300 - Parallel 1210, but weaker and often poor in mix. [Allen-SC]
 1210 **CUBA** CMGL *R.Sancti Spíritus*, Sancti Spíritus JAN 14 2300 - Often dominant with good IDs on hour parallel weaker 1200 kHz. [Allen-SC]
 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2 Hamilton JAN 14 0000 - Fair in WEIM null; Christian music, "You're listening to BBN broadcasting on WYFG FM..." and "BBN Worship Hour." [Conti-NH]
 1280 **CUBA** CMKC *R.Revolución*, Santiago JAN 11 0101 - Many IDs. Call letters from Cuban website (which usually doesn't give frequencies and is not always reliable). [Allen-SC]
 1440 unID - Unknown station with Morse code "BCR" heard on several occasions (and frequencies, I think) under presumed *R.Surco*, but ID given as "Radio s ee ko." [Allen-SC]
 1511 unID JAN 15 - 1511+ kHz carrier noted here both in evening and morning. Anyone know who it is? [Moore-FL] The Nov '07 edition of mwoffsets lists an unID 1511.026 kHz. [Conti]
 1590 **CUBA** *R.Revolución*, unknown location JAN 15 0239 - Parallel 1280, weak in Spanish mix which might have included *R.Rebelde* at ESP levels. [Allen-SC]

Doug Allen: Cubans dominate many high end frequencies on my south-favoring KAZ just as they do on the lower frequencies. I spent the past week IDing or re-IDing some of them such as *R.Bayamo*, *R.Revolución*, and *R.Sancti Spíritus* which are reported for the first time. In addition, I found a new *R.Rebelde* and a new *R.Progreso*. However, *Rebelde* and *Progreso* are so often relayed, I need to check these out a few more times to confirm what they really are. On 530, *R.Enciclopedia* continues to mix with *RVC*. (They're both strong and would often be armchair copy without the other.) This coming week, I'll try to identify additional regional networks and also point out the strongest stations of each network here in an effort to help others.

Transpacific DX

- 612 **AUSTRALIA** 4QR Brisbane (27°19'S 153°01'E) JAN 14 1704 - Woman with Queensland weather, outro, "And that's the weather forecast from 612 ABC Queensland," into *ABC Local Radio* program. Poor. [Park-HI]
 738 **AUSTRALIA** 2NR Grafton (xmtr in Lawrence) JAN 14 2008 1700 - *ABC/R.Australia* news theme in key of C#, woman with news parallel 612; faded out by 1704. Poor to very poor,

760 KGU interference. [Park-HI]

1098 **MARSHALL ISLANDS** V7AB MIBC, Majuro JAN 08 1120 - Island contemporary music with reggae beat, traditional island music; at 1126 man in Marshallese, fade-out then fade-in (ID missed); at 1128 national anthem, followed by dead air. Fair to very poor; 1110 KAOI interference. [Park-HI]

1566 **SOUTH KOREA** HLAZ Cheju Island (33°28'N 126°23'E) JAN 15 1231 - LSR here is 1218 from JAN 10 to JAN 15 when it reverses. 1566 Korea is listed in Chinese until 1230 and presumably switch their beam to a more favorable direction for us. West coast DXers report them long after west coast LSR. So I have been parked on 1566 at 1230 with zero results until this morning. Tuned in at 1231 to find a fair carrier. It continued at this level thru 1235 dropping to very weak at 1239 and fading out. This station probably not possible in northeast with a LSR around 1208 in Boston. However, should be real possibility in midwest where LSR is listed as 1312 in Chicago. *Can west coast DXers confirm that they do switch their beam at 1230?* JAN 17 1230 - Noted again this morning weak to fair carrier 1230 well after my LSR of 1217 UTC. I assume Korea changes their beam when they switch from Chinese to Japanese at 1230. [Moore-FL]

Contributors

Doug Allen K4LY, Inman SC; Kenwood TS-850, Flag antennas, 53-ft vertical, 80 meter dipole, 130-ft inverted V.

Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, 15 x 23-m SuperLoop antennas east with remote variable termination and south 1150-Ω terminated.

Harold Frodge, Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI; Drake R8B, 65-ft TTFD, 500-ft northeast unterminated Bev.

Ray Moore, Ft. Myers FL; Modified R1000, Super SCAF audio filter, passive 23-inch spiral loop.

Dale Park, Honolulu HI - Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.

International News

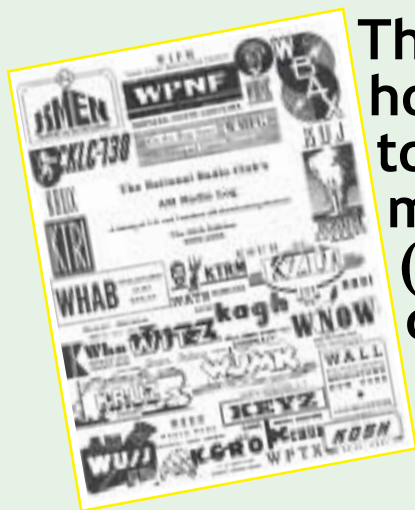
BENIN: After several years of preparation, *TransWorld Radio* will begin broadcasting programs from their new transmitting station in Benin (1566 kHz) on 1 February 2008. TWR was working hard to solve several technical issues with the new equipment before the transmitter could be officially switched on by Nautel's commissioning engineer, Tim Oaks. TWR-Africa's Regional Engineer, James Burnett, says, "The testing and commissioning of the transmitter hasn't gone entirely smoothly. There have been technical challenges, but these have not been of a nature that will prevent us from going on air." Following the initial switching on of the transmitter, further testing has been carried out. The transmitting station will be used to broadcast programs that have been produced by pastors, Christian organizations and church leaders in West Africa and has the potential to reach up to 63 million people. [www.twrafrica.org via Jim Renfrew, MWC]

CUBA: *R.Musical Nacional* website www.cmbfjazz.cu lists 1040 Villa Clara as the only AM station, plus 12 FM frequencies, with the qualifying statement, "Todas nuestras frecuencias estan sujetas a cambios, para sustitución a FM a mejoras en la potencia de nuestros transmisores." [Conti]

ITALY: *Rai* started to broadcast in DRM on 846 kHz from Santa Palomba. According to Andrea Borgnino it is on air with 25 kW. On his blog you can find several images of *Rai* Santa Palomba; www.mediasuk.org/archive/palomba.html. [Giampiero Bernardini]

73 and Good DX!

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Broadcast Test Report

A periodic update of station testing activities

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BTC 2007-2008 Mid-Season Report - Jan. 13, 2008

We are currently at approximately the mid-point of the 2007-2008 medium wave DX season, and it seems like a good time to give you an interim report on the work of your Broadcast Test Committee. As you can probably guess, many hours of work goes into contacting stations, scheduling and arranging tests, and making sure all the loose ends get tied up after the test actually runs. So far this season, the committee has contacted roughly 188 different stations in the United States and Canada with requests for DX tests. The majority of these stations were approached by sending a request package to a specific individual there, and included a detailed letter, a brochure about our hobby, a couple of maps showing the coverage success of some previous tests, copies of the two stories that ran in the local press about the WLPO test and an SASE. The list of stations, compiled by committee member J.D. Stephens, was taken primarily from club bulletins reporting individuals who were good verifiers or who had otherwise demonstrated a friendly attitude toward DXers. From these nearly 200 stations contacted, we received positive responses from 11 stations. Admittedly, not a particularly great return rate, but as most of us know, we are up against a lot of challenges in trying to get stations to test in the current broadcasting environment. In any case, we are very thankful to those stations who have agreed to test for us. One of the goals I set when I took over the position as BTC Coordinator was to use current technology as much as possible to improve the delivery of information to DXers. Committee member Brandon Jordan already had the highly successful and useful DXTests.info Web site up and running, and we have continued to use it to deliver timely and accurate information on tests. Another of our committee members and a decorated veteran of the CPC/BTC arena, J.D. Stephens, has broken new ground with the BTC Podcast. J.D. has done seven of these very informative presentations so far, all in an extremely professional and entertaining manner. Looking ahead to the rest of the season, I am preparing request packages for about another 40 stations. Additionally, a couple of our committee members are working on direct contacts with stations in hopes of scheduling tests by them in the near future. And we are still trying to nail down dates and times with a few other stations who have agreed in principle to test. We'll announce details on all these just as soon as we are able to firm them up. This brings me to a couple of requests I'd like to make of you in the DX community. First, "cold call" requests for DX tests is just one part of this process. Although we have "official" members of our committee, I like to think of everyone who listens for the tests as potential ex officio members. So, if you work at a station, if you have a friend or acquaintance who works at a station in your area, or would just like an excuse to meet your local chief engineer or station manager, why not approach them about the possibility of a test? Since station engineering personnel are often hams, if you are also a ham, this may be an area of common interest where your paths cross. If you make an initial contact with a station and they seem interested, please pass the info along to me. I'll be happy to make an official contact with the station and send them a request package. Second, as you can probably imagine, mailing out requests to stations is a somewhat costly enterprise. Each package requires about \$1 in postage plus the cost of the stamp for the SASE. In addition to this is the cost of the envelopes used, and paper for printing letters and other items. Contributions of stamps or cash to aid in this work would be very helpful. I'll be happy to send a receipt to anyone who needs one, and will make a full accounting of all contributions and expenditures in my end of the season report. Thanks in advance for any such financial assistance you can provide. The DX test season is now roughly half over. Although we currently only have one additional test on the calendar, please rest assured that your committee is still hard at work. But with numbers comes strength. If you can help get the ball rolling on a test from a station in your area, we gratefully welcome your help. In conclusion, I send my sincere thanks to fellow committee members: J.D. Stephens, Brandon Jordan, Joe Miller, Paul Walker and our newest member Saul Chernos. They each bring special talents and capabilities to our efforts, and I am very honored to work with all of them. Please consider doing your part to open the doors for a test from a station in your area. Working together, I believe we can get many more tests on the calendar, stations in our logbooks and QSLs in our collections. Thanks and 73s - Jim Pogue/KH2AR

KKMO DX Test Final Report

Perhaps Barry McLarnon in Ottawa summed it up best in an e-mail: "I think we easterners got

done in by mediocre conditions, not to mention the zillions of other stations on 1360." Still, quite a few folks on the west coast and as far east as the Rockies heard the test quite well. Here's the roll call of lucky listeners who put KKMO in their logs: Frank Aden - Boise, ID Bruce Bacon - Boise County, ID Martin Foltz - Mission Viejo, CA Mike Hawkins - Campbell, CA Wayne Heinen - Aurora, CO Patrick Martin - Seaside, OR Nick Hall-Patch - Victoria, BC, Canada Art Peterson - Richmond, CA Nigel Pimblett - Lamont, AB, Canada Bruce Portzer - Seattle, WA Steve Ratzlaff - NE Oregon Dan Riordan - Sherwood, OR Walt Salmaniw - Victoria, BC, Canada Dennis Vroom - Salmon Creek, WA (on a trusty SRF-59) Special congratulations to Bjarne Mjelde in Berlevag, Norway, on hearing the test. Although a relog for him, I was delighted to see this international participation from outside North America in our test efforts. Thanks Bjarne. Thanks also to all the "east of the Rockies" bunch who tried their best to hear the test, including Willis Monk-TN, Steve Francis-TN, Curtis Sadowski-IL, Doug Smith-TN, Paul LaFreniere-MN, Bill Dvorak-WI, Saul Chernos-ON, Bruce Winkelman-OK, Marc DeLorenzo-MA, J.D. Stephens in AL and yours truly also in TN. And although Barry McLarnon didn't manage to log KKMO, he says he did catch another "KK" station - namely KKBj in Bemidji, MN - a new one for him. Remember to keep checking the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

WIMA DX Test Final Report

After a weekend of tests from a trio of "West of the Rockies" stations, we returned to the Midwest for a test from the ever-popular WIMA in Lima, Ohio. Their fine rig got out quite well and but them in logbooks from Oregon to Vermont. Here's the list of those who have thus far reported or tentatively reported hearing the test:

Roy Barstow - Old Cape Cod, MA; Saul Chernos - Toronto, ON; Steve Francis - Alcoa, TN; Scott Fybush - Rochester, NY; Dave Hochfelder - Albany, NY; Steve Howe - Saint Albans, VT; Tom Jasinski - Shorewood, IL; Joe Miller - Troy, MI; Willis Monk - Old Fort, TN; Nigel Pimblett - Dunmore, AB; Steve Ratzlaff - NE Oregon; Curtis Sadowski - Paxton, IL; Brett Saylor - State College, PA; George Sherman - Minnesota; J.D. Stephens - Hampton Cove, AL; Joe Wozniak - St. Louis, MO; Mark ? - Markham, ON; Herb ? - Hudson Valley, NY; Shawn Axelrod - Winnipeg, MB

In keeping with the latest craze to take over our hobby, quite a few veteran DXers heard the test on their new "Ultra-Light Radios," thus presenting a new challenge and achievement for them.

Thanks to everyone who tried for the test, and congratulations to those who logged it.

And a very special thank you to Fred Vobbe and the engineering crew at WIMA for their special efforts on behalf of DXers and radio hobbyists. You've gone the extra mile and we are indeed grateful.

Remember to keep checking the DXTESTS.INFO Web site frequently and listen to the BTC Podcasts for news and late-breaking developments.

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Western Weekend DX Test Final Report

The long-delayed final report on the three DX Tests aired Dec. 15-17 is finally ready. My sincere apologies for taking so long to put this together, but work, family, travel, the holidays and life in general have all conspired to keep me away from much hobby activity. Hopefully things have now returned to something close to normal - whatever THAT is. In any case, on to the results. Not surprisingly, very few DXers on the eastern side of the Rockies heard much from these tests. As a matter of fact, it was just plain tough for some listeners right on the coast to hear them.

The first test of the weekend was Saturday morning the 15th from KLAA-830 kHz in Anaheim, Calif. Those definitely hearing the test include Martin Foltz in Mission Viejo, Calif.; Walt Salmaniw in Victoria, British Columbia; and Art Peterson in Richmond, Calif., who reports hearing only the Morse code IDs. Wayne Heinen in Aurora, Colo., reports hearing some tentative Morse code, Mike Stonebridge in St. Isidore, Alberta, says he had some "iffy" sweep tones and possible Morse code. Dave Hascall in Indianapolis reports a very tentative ID on KLAA Morse code, but a definite ID on new logging WEEU in Reading, Penn. The list of those who tried without success to hear the test include Frank Aden in Boise, Idaho; Paul LaFreniere in Grand Marais, Minn.; Phil Bytheway in Seattle; Pete Taylor in Tacoma, Wash., with QRM from KIRO and CKKY; Patrick Martin in Seaside, Ore.; J.D. Stephens in Hampton Cove, Ala.; Saul Chernos in Burnt River, Ontario; Jim Gill in Bradenton, Fla., with QRM from Radio Capital in Mexico City; Marc DeLorenzo in South Dennis, Mass., with QRM from WCRN in Worcester; Steve Francis in Alcoa, Tenn.; Les Rayburn in Birmingham, Ala.; Bill Dvorak in Madison, Wis.; and Nigel Pimblett in Dunmore, Alberta.

Sunday morning presented DXers with a real challenge when graveyarder KQMS-1400 kHz in Redding, Calif., conducted a test. This "heard" list is pretty short, but I think most of us agree that any graveyard test heard by anyone is a good one. Those lucky enough to add KQMS to their logs include

Martin Foltz in Mission Viejo, Calif.; Bob Coomler in Cloverdale, Calif., who reports hearing both Morse code and voice IDs; Walt Salmaniw in Victoria, British Columbia, who heard only the Morse code; Bruce Portzer in Seattle and Mike Sanburn in Bellflower, Calif., who also managed to add KENT in Utah to his log at the same time. Quite a few other DXers tried without luck for the test, including Curtis Sadowski in Paxton, Ill.; Willis Monk in Old Fort, Tenn.; Mike Stonebridge in Alberta; Barry McLarnon in Ottawa, Ontario; J.D. Stephens in Alabama and Wayne Heinen in Colorado who reports IBOC QRM from KGNU. Tim Hall said he'd planned to try for the test but a changing work schedule messed him up and he forgot to try for it. Believe me Tim, you aren't the first person this sort of thing has happened to!

Finally, Monday morning brought what looks to be the most widely heard of the three tests with KEVT-1210 in Sahuarita (Tucson), Arizona. Although no special tones or Morse code were used, the list of loggings is impressive. They include: Martin Foltz (3 for 3 for the weekend), Bill Block in Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Patrick Griffith in Westminster, Colo., who heard them under KGYN; John Wilkins in Denver; a very tentative from Barry McLarnon in Ottawa, Ontario; John Sampson in northwest Phoenix who had them mixing with KGY. Curtis Sadowski in Paxton, Ill., reports lively Mexican music for a tentative reception; George Sherman in Minnesota; Art Peterson in Richmond, Calif.; another tentative by Bill Dvorak in Wisconsin with IBOC QRM from presumed WOAI; Wayne Heinen in Colorado with QRM from KHAT and KGYN; a very tentative report from Konnie Rychalsky in southwest Connecticut; Bill Nittler in Belen, New Mexico; another tentative from Saul Chernos in Burnt River, Ontario; and Glenn Hauser in Enid, Okla. I've also received postal reports from Curtis McMenamin in Vacaville, Calif.; Philip Chiello Jr. in Elm Grove, Wis.; and James Wallace in Charleston, W. Va. Perhaps one of the most interesting reports received was from Frank Schuettig in Bali, Indonesia, who tuned in the test remotely via the DX Tuner in Tucson. The list of those who tried for this one is about the same length as the other two, and includes largely the same cast of characters. Most of the QRM appears to have originated with KGYN, IBOC from presumed WOAI, CFYM, KTBK and WPHT. Joe Miller has produced a beautiful QSL card for the test so as soon as I can get to it I'll begin sending them out – including a special one for Frank in Indonesia. Please give me just a little breathing room as I have some other BTC tasks that need to take priority over the QSL duties – including ensuring that all is in order for the upcoming CFFX test. Thanks for your patience everyone, and I hope DX continues to be good for you. And by the way, I was 0 for 3 all weekend! Rats.

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NRC Contest

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An annual DX contest which encourages DX'ing and offers prizes

Sea Gain Contest Is On!

Now for something completely different, we have a contest in the 2000+ miles "sea gain" category thanks to Mark Connelly issuing a challenge from his Rockport, Massachusetts, DXpedition site. I've responded with my own logs compiled from IDXD since September 17. Both entries are a testament to the power of sea gain, whether on the shore or 35 miles inland.

A note about synchro scoring: Logs identified as synchros without a specific location are worth a minimum one point, because at least one station was received. Logs where obvious synchro echo was heard are worth two points, because at least two stations had to be received to produce the echo caused by a delay between stations. Mark's initial entry didn't include many of the Spain synchros, anticipated to add some 20 stations in follow-up entries.

Why 2000 miles for the sea gain contest? Looking at the distances logged here, transatlantic reception in the 2000 to 4000 mile range is quite common. The minimum distance could've been set at 4000, except that if a transpacific DXer entered the contest then it would've been much more difficult for transatlantic contestants to compete because typical distances across the Pacific are so much greater. At the same time, the 2000 mile minimum prevents the transatlantic DXers from loading up on Cuban signals. Are there any transpacific DXers out there willing to take on the transatlantic contestants? Next week, a 1000 miler update.

Mark Connelly, Rockport MA (112 pts)
549 *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles, Algeria 3698 mi.
549 *DLF* synchros, Germany
550 *YVKE* Caracas, Venezuela 2224
567 *RTÉ 1*, Tullamore, Ireland 2922

585 *RNE1* Madrid, Spain 3370
594 *RTM* Oujda, Morocco 3657
594 *R.Renasçenca*, Muge, Portugal 3180
603 *France Info*, Lyon-Tramoyes 3610
612 *RTM A*, Sebaa-Aioun, Morocco 3509

- 648 *GRTS Bonto*, Gambia 3781
657 *RNE5 Madrid*, Spain 3370
660 *YVNA Coro*, Venezuela 2152
670 *YVLL Caracas*, Venezuela 2227
675 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Benghazi 4768
675 *Arrow Rock*, Lopik, Netherlands 3447
684 *RNE1 Sevilla*, Spain 3373
693 *RDP1 Terceira*, Azores 2265
693 *BBC 5*, Droitwich 3152
700 *ZYK686 São Paulo*, Brazil 4805
702 *BSKSA Duba*, Saudi Arabia 5725
711 *France Info*, Rennes 3276
711.05 *RTM W.Sahara* 3362
720 *RNE5 Finca España*, Canaries 3157
720 *YVQE Porlamar*, Venezuela 2219
738 *RNE1 Barcelona*, Spain 3625
740 *ZYH446 Salvador*, Brazil 4335
747 *Radio 5*, Flevoland, Netherlands 3452
750 *YVKS Caracas*, Venezuela 2227
756 *DLF synchros*, Germany
756 *R.Euskadi*, Bilbao, Spain 3334
760 *ZYH588 Fortaleza*, Brazil 3773
760 *HJAJ Barranquilla*, Colombia 2203
765 *RSR Sottens*, Switzerland 3664
774 *Middle East R*, Abis, Egypt 5353
780 *YVMN Coro*, Venezuela 2155
783 *Nouakchott*, Mauritania 3600
783 *Rock y Gol*, Barcelona, Spain 3625
792 *France Info*, Limoges 3443
792 *SER Sevilla*, Spain 3364
800 *PJB Netherlands Antilles* 2110
818.94 *RTM Rabat*, Morocco 3433
819 *ERTU Batra*, Egypt 5356
830 *YVLT Caracas*, Venezuela 2227
837 *RDP Pico da Barrosa*, Azores 2217
837 *France Info*, Nancy 3578
846 *Rai*, Roma, Italy 4073
860 *ZYJ459 Rio de Janeiro*, Brazil 4839
864 *ERTU Santah*, Egypt 5361
864 *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette 3415
882 *BBC R.Wales*, Washford 3123
890.97 *Chaîne 1*, Algiers, Algeria 3829
909 *BBC 5 synchros*, UK
945 *France Info*, Toulouse 3525
954 *Onda Cero*, Madrid, Spain 3370
963 *R.Renasçenca*, Seixal, Portugal 3174
963 *R.Euskadi*, Vitoria, Spain 3357
972 *NDR Info*, Hamburg, Germany 3605
981 *Chaîne 2*, Algiers, Algeria 3829
990 *SER synchros*, Spain
999 *VOR Maiac*, Moldova 4555
999 *COPE Madrid*, Spain 3370
1000 *ZYK522 São Paulo*, Brazil 4806
1008 *Punto R*, Las Palmas, Canaries 3212
1053 *RTM A*, Tanger, Morocco 3424
1053.08 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli 4442
1062 *TRT-1 Diyarbakir*, Turkey 5402
1071 *Euskadi Irratia*, Bilbao, Spain 3334
1100 *ZYK694 São Paulo*, Brazil 4805
1134 *HRT Zadar*, Croatia 4112
1161 *El*, San Sebastián, Spain 3375
1170 *R.Sawa*, Al Dhabiya, UAE 6650
1179 *Romania Actualitatea*, Galbeni-Bacau
1179 *R.Sweden Int'l*, Sölvesborg 3703
1188 *RTM B*, Casablanca, Morocco 3406
1197 *Euskadi Irratia*, Vitoria, Spain 3357
1200 *YVOZ Caracas*, Venezuela 2224
1206 *France Info*, Bordeaux 3410
1214.79 *Fllake*, Albania 4397
1215 *VOR Kaliningrad* 3984
1242 *France Info*, Marseille 3706
1251 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli 4442
1269 *DLF Neumünster*, Germany 3580
1296 *COPE Valencia*, Spain 3567
1296 *Radio XL*, Langley Mill, UK 3161
1332 *Romania Actualitatea*, Galati 4575
1341 *BBC R.Ulster*, N.Ireland 2957
1359 *RNE Arganda*, Spain 3396
1368 *Manx R*, Isle of Man 3024
1377 *France Info*, Lille 3400
1395 *Big L*, Netherlands 3446
1422 *RTA Algiers*, Algeria 3829
1422 *DLF Heusweiler*, Germany 3593
1431 *R.Sawa*, Arta, Djibouti 6828
1440 *RTL Marnach*, Luxembourg 3539
1440 *BSKSA Damman*, Saudi Arabia 6372
1449 *Misurata*, Libya 4542
1458 *Sunrise*, Brookmans Park 3242
1467 *TWR Roumoules*, France 3728
1494 *France Bleu*, Bastia, Corsica 3905
1512 *RVI Wolvertem*, Belgium 3442
1512 *BSKSA Jeddah*, Saudi Arabia 6175
1521 *BSKSA Duba*, Saudi Arabia 5725
1521 *SER Castellón*, Spain 3567
1539 *R.Aap Ki Dunyaa*, UAE 6650
1548 *R.Sawa*, Kuwait City 6123
1550 *RASD Rabouni*, Algeria 3623
1557 *France Info*, Fontbonne 3784
1566 *County Sound*, Peasmarsh 3237
1575 *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya, UAE 6650
1584 *RadiOlé*, Ceuta 3447
1593 *VOA Kuwait City* 6123
1602 *R.Vitoria*, Vitoria, Spain 3357
- Bruce Conti, Nashua NH (147 pts)**
531 *Chaîne 1*, El Ain Beida, Algeria 4099 *mi.*
531 *RNE5 synchros*, Spain (2 pts)
531 *DRS Beromünster*, Switzerland 3744
549 *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles, Algeria 3741
549 *DLF synchros*, Germany
550 *YVKE Caracas*, Venezuela 2233
558 *RNE5 synchros*, Spain (2 pts)
567 *RTÉ 1*, Tullamore, Ireland 2956
567 *RNE5 synchros*, Spain (2 pts)
576 *RNE5 synchros*, Canaries/Spain
585 *RNE1 Madrid*, Spain 3411
594 *BSKSA Duba*, Saudi Arabia 5763
603 *France Info*, Lyon-Tramoyes 3648
603 *RNE5 Monte Viejo*, Spain 3333
603 *RNE5 La Corchuela*, Spain 3407
612 *RTM A*, Sebaa-Aioun, Morocco 3553
621 *RNE1 synchros*, Canaries/Spain

- 631.28 YVKA RNV Caracas, Venezuela 2239
639 RNE1 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
648 BSKSA Jeddah, Saudi Arabia 6199
657 RNE5 Madrid, Spain 3411
660 YVNA Coro, Venezuela 2156
666 RDP1 synchronos, Portugal
675 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Benghazi 4808
675 *Arrow Rock*, Lopik, Netherlands 3480
684 RNE1 Sevilla, Spain 3416
693 RDP1 Terceira, Azores 2310
693 RNE1 synchronos, Spain
693 BBC 5, Droitwich et al. 3187 (2 pts)
702 *Chaîne 1*, Djelfa, Algeria 3950
702 Col de la Madone, France 3822
702 BSKSA Duba, Saudi Arabia 5763
711 *France Info*, Rennes 3313
711.06 RTM A, W.Sahara 3407
720 RDP 1 synchronos, Portugal
720 YVQE Porlamar, Venezuela 2233
729 RNE1 synchronos, Spain
730 XEX *Estadio W*, México 2276
738 RNE1 Barcelona, Spain 3665
747 RNE5 synchronos, Canaries/Spain
747 JOIB Sapporo, Japan 6185
747 *Radio 5*, Flevoland, Netherlands 3485
750 YVKS Caracas, Venezuela 2236
756 DLF synchronos, Germany
756 *R.Euskadi*, Ganguren, Spain 3374
760 HJAJ Barranquilla, Colombia 2201
765 RSR Sottens, Switzerland 3701
774 JOUB Akita, Japan 6423
774 RTM A, Agadir, Morocco 3475
774 RNE1 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
780 XEMF Monclova 2003
780 YVMN Coro, Venezuela 2161
782 *R.Syria 1*, Tartus, Syria 5400
783 Nouakchott, Mauritania 3645
792 *France Info*, Limoges 3481
800 PJB Netherlands Antilles 2117
819 ERTU Batra, Egypt 5393
819 RTM A, Rabat, Morocco 3477
837 COPE synchronos, Canaries/Spain
837 *France Info*, Nancy 3613
846 *Rai*, Roma, Italy 4110
855 RNE1 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
864 *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette 3452
864 RNE1 Socuellamos, Spain 3499
882 COPE synchronos, Canaries/Spain (2 pts)
882 BBC *R.Wales*, Washford, UK 3159
890.98 *Chaîne 1*, Algiers, Algeria 3870
927 VRT, Wolveterm, Belgium 3477
936 *Rai* synchronos, Italy
936 RNE5 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
940 XEQ *Besame*, México 2276
945 *France Info*, Toulouse 3564
954 *Onda Cero*, Madrid, Spain 3422
963 *R.Renascença*, Seixal, Portugal 3217
972 NDR *Info*, Hamburg, Germany 3636
972 RNE1 synchronos, Spain
999 VOR, Grigoriopol, Moldova 4587
999 *R.Quran*, Tabuk, Saudi Arabia 5750
999 COPE Madrid, Spain 3411
1000 XEOY *R.Mil*, México 2274
1044 SER synchronos, Spain
1053.07 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli, Libya 4483
1053 *TalkSport* synchronos, UK
1062 DR, Kalundborg, Denmark 3613
1062 *Rai* synchronos, Italy
1089 *TalkSport* synchronos, UK
1098 RNE5 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
1107 *R.Beograd 1*, Novi Sad, Serbia 4257
1107 RNE5 synchronos, Spain
1116 *Rai* synchronos, Italy
1116 SER synchronos, Spain
1125 *VivaCité*, Houdeng, Belgium 3483
1125 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, El Beida 4891
1125 RNE5 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
1134 HRT Zadar, Croatia 4148
1170 *R.Sawa*, Al Dhabiya, UAE 6682
1179 *R.Sweden Int'l*, Sölvesborg 3733
1206 *France Info*, Bordeaux 3449
1214.65 *R.Tirana*, Fllakë, Albania 4433
1215 *Virgin Radio* synchronos, UK
1269 DLF Neumünster, Germany 3612
1287 *Galei Zahal*, Ramle, Israel 5506
1287 SER synchronos, Spain
1295.54 COPE Valencia, Spain 3608
1296 *Radio XL*, Langley Mill, UK 3195
1305 RNE5 synchronos, Spain (2 pts)
1314 RNE5 synchronos, Spain
1359 RNE Arganda del Rey, Spain 3438
1377 *France Info*, Lille 3435
1386 RBWI Sitkunai, Lithuania 4080
1395 *Big L*, Trintelhaven, Netherlands 3479
1422 RTA Algiers, Algeria 3870
1422 DLF, Heusweiler, Germany 3628
1431 *R.Sawa*, Arta, Djibouti 6868
1449 *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Misurata 4583
1457.63 Fllakë, Albania 4433
1458 *Sunrise*, Brookmans Park 3277
1467 TWR Roumoules, France 3766
1485 SER synchronos, Melilla/Spain
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1512 BSKSA Jeddah, Saudi Arabia 6199
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1539 *R.Aap Ki Dunyaa*, UAE 6682
1548 *R.Sawa*, Kuwait City 6156
1548 VOR, Grigoriopol, Moldova 4587
1550 RASD Rabouni, Algeria 3668
1557 *France Info*, Fontbonne 3822
1575 *Rai* synchronos, Italy
1575 *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya, UAE 6682
1602 SER synchronos, Spain
1602 *R.Vitoria*, Vitoria, Spain 3397



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International DX verie/taped totals listed by continents

| Year Started | DX'er | Location | Last Update | Eur | Total Veries | Ctries | As | For | NA | SA | Af | Oc |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|-----|--------------|--------|----|------|-----|-----|----|----|
| 1940 | Morss, Stan | MA | 1993 | 221 | 3922 | 84 | 3 | 424 | 218 | 65 | 14 | 1 |
| 1933 | Geary, Kermit | PA | 2001 | 152 | 6554 | 115 | 2 | 1106 | 571 | 291 | 28 | 62 |
| 1958 | Dangerfield, Ben | PA | 2005 | 152 | 436 | 130 | 13 | 337 | 85 | 45 | 35 | 8 |
| 1938 | Anderson, Roger A. | VA/NY/PA | 2007 | 128 | 1448 | 105 | 5 | 514 | 227 | 78 | 28 | 48 |
| 1950 | Krejny, Edward | OH | 1996 | 91 | 2733 | 76 | 0 | 441 | 208 | 126 | 10 | 6 |
| 1958 | Merriman, Alan | VA | 1994 | 88 | 1615 | 93 | 4 | 368 | 212 | 47 | 14 | 3 |
| 1952 | Schiller, Ron B. | NJ | 1999 | 72 | 2103 | 86 | 3 | 254 | 136 | 34 | 8 | 1 |
| 1946 | Moore, Ray | MA/FL | 2005 | 59 | 253 | 107 | 7 | 252 | 95 | 52 | 24 | 11 |
| 1986 | Axelrod, Shawn | So Man | 2007 | 57 | 2487 | ? | 10 | 338 | 192 | 38 | 12 | 29 |
| 1965 | Sampson, John | NJ | 1965 | 38 | 445 | 54 | 1 | 72 | 23 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 1973 | Sgrulletta, John | NY | 2007 | 34 | 92 | 76 | 5 | 92 | 40 | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| 1976 | Renfrew, Jim | NY | 2003 | 19 | 540 | 56 | 1 | 91 | 59 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 1957 | Callarman, John | ? | 1970 | 17 | 740 | 50 | 6 | 138 | 72 | 20 | 3 | 20 |
| 1962 | Edmunds, R. J. (taped) | NJ | 1998 | 14 | 897 | 43 | 1 | 56 | 50 | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| 1964 | Fela, Joseph | NJ | 1965 | 11 | 738 | 24 | 0 | 35 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 1962 | Musco, Ron | CT | 2003 | 10 | 1392 | 50 | 1 | 54 | 40 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| 1965 | Neff, James R. | NY | 1971 | 10 | 30 | 29 | 1 | 87 | 70 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 1931 | Holland, George B., Jr. | NY | 2006 | 5 | 885 | 22 | 1 | 58 | 46 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| 1958 | Phillips, Dan | TN/AL | 1974 | 5 | 567 | 26 | 0 | 40 | 21 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| 1964 | Heinen, Wayne | NY | 2006 | 5 | 472 | 14 | 0 | 21 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1966 | Bruner, Jesse R. | KY | 1966 | 5 | 132 | 23 | 0 | 27 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 1947 | Luton, Relfe | NC | 1973 | 3 | 1049 | 23 | 0 | 142 | 102 | 4 | 0 | 33 |
| 1964 | Whatmough, Dave | ON | 1999 | 3 | 1014 | 13 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| 1969 | Falconer, Jeff | ON | 2000 | 2 | 1091 | 22 | 0 | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 1977 | Wolfish, Niel | ON | 1977 | 2 | 397 | 11 | 0 | 20 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 1959 | Dabelstein, Carl | NE | 1959 | 1 | 2310 | 40 | 0 | 207 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 1958 | Wesolowski, Ernie | NE | 2007 | 0 | 1967 | 26 | 1 | 70 | 55 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 1975 | Heinen, Wayne | CO | 2006 | 0 | 1582 | 14 | 2 | 115 | 109 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 1975 | Swearingen, Paul (taped) | KS | 2008 | 0 | 889 | 23 | 0 | 126 | 64 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| 1976 | Froemming, Gary | AZ | 2004 | 0 | 624 | 24 | 1 | 131 | 157 | 25 | 0 | 9 |
| 1962 | Davisson, Tim | OH | 1962 | 0 | 474 | 11 | 0 | 38 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1968 | Bytheway, Phil | WA | 1982 | 0 | 457 | 9 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1992 | Taylor, Pete | CA | 1993 | 0 | 375 | 26 | 19 | 58 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| 1962 | Edmunds, R. J. (paper) | NJ | 1998 | 0 | 266 | 7 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 1968 | White, Thomas | VA | 2005 | 0 | 255 | 12 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1973 | Mount, Paul | NJ | 1995 | 0 | 230 | 6 | 0 | 25 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1969 | Karchevski, Bob | MA/CA | 1975 | 0 | 204 | 24 | 0 | 141 | 112 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 1965 | Long, John | CT | 1968 | 0 | 101 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1967 | Floden, Eric | ONT | 1970 | 0 | 93 | 16 | 0 | 65 | 61 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 1964 | Edmunds, R. J. | NY | 1999 | 0 | 76 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1975 | Bartek, Daniel, Jr. | NE | 1976 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

This IDXA is tabulated by European veries/tapes, with total veries as the tie-breaker. Thanks to Roger Anderson and Ernie Wesolowski for sending in updates, although I managed to "hide" them for quite a few months. Although non-renewing members are routinely deleted from this list, if you've rejoined and don't see YOUR name in the listing above, send in your totals so we see YOU here next time!

Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXA; you probably have a month or more. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadian catches should not be included in NA totals for either U. S. or Canadian DX'ers. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. And please update only from what you see above. Our next column will feature European totals.

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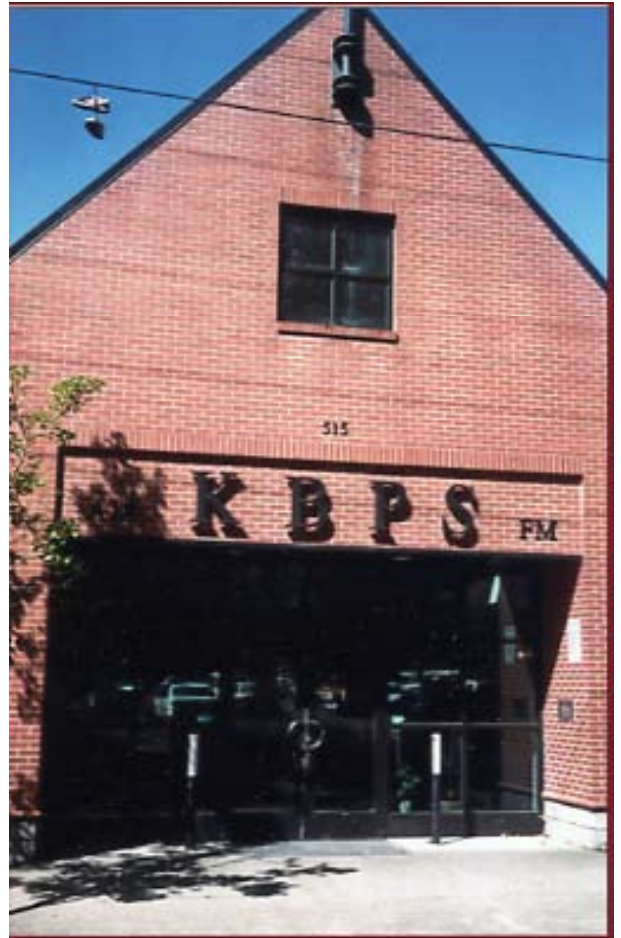
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KBPS - Portland, Oregon

Double your pleasure, double your fun; at KPBS, there's 2 stations for one! On another beautiful morning in the northwest U. S., it's Day 5, Thursday, August 30, 2007, of the Boise, Idaho and Oregon Passage Tour. Amazingly, while arriving in Boise on the first day, August 26, a 30-year anniversary from 1977 coincided exactly to returning to Idaho! While the Boise 2007 convention begins tomorrow, on our second day and last stop in the Rose City, "P-Town", or Portland, we find on-air 24 hours the homes of KPBS-1450 is Oregon's second-oldest station, behind KPOJ-620, coming on March 23, 1923, and is owned and operated by the Benson Polytechnic (High) School. Automated late evenings and nights, with oldies and rock on weekends, their main programming is variety. It's a "tweak" of the Disney format termed "Kid Rhythm Radio": mainly from 7 am to 3 pm weekday and "live" student interaction like the "Justine & Jay Show" Today! Also, as part of the elective "Radio Broadcasting" curriculum, 90 students are enrolled. Given a sporting chance, their and other Portland high school games are aired, too. On the flip side, at 3700 watts, and conducting at the highest level is KPBS-89.9, Portland's classical station. Owned by the KPBS Public Radio Foundation, 89.9 FM has local hosts during the day, BBC World Service news on the hour six times weekdays, and programs from PRI (Public Radio International). They also have two repeater stations at 90.1, Hood River, KQHR, and 96.3, The Dalles, K242AX. As this story originally began, KPBS-89.9 Program Director John Dodge first responded for a visit made today. With an excellent review for the FM, my interest then commenced towards the AM meeting with Instructor Steve Naganuma first, then General Manager Bill Cooper. Successfully graduating well as the "Voice of the Portland Public Schools", 1450 AM boasts that "We thought of being Disney before the real Disney started!" Even Phil Nike of Oregon and Nike running shoe fame is involved, donating a personal \$10,000 check each summer to fund an internship which includes Portland State students. Nike himself is a graduate of the Portland public schools. "Ironically", a pair of Nike shoes hang from the wires in front of KPBS! Behind the studios, in a warehouse-type setting, is the AM's 1946 200-foot Blaw-Knox tower, self-supporting, and a Nautel transmitter with a new, digitally-ready and ¼ the size, one arriving in less than a year. With the school's address at the main entrance on 12th Street, on one side of KPBS is the football field with the ground radials from the antenna underneath! So, when students yell "charge" at a game, they really mean it! Unfortunately no encore here, as 89.9 FM will soon dismiss itself from "class", moving to another "district". However, now through September, make it a note to remember, from Bach to Brittany, Strauss to Sting, and Mozart to Michael, leave KPBS on while you sing!



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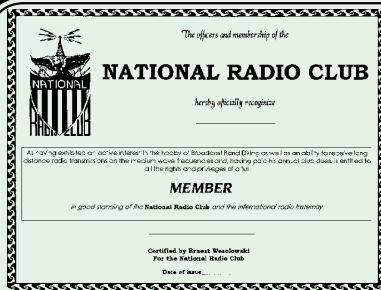
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Greetings, everyone, as I begin my 27th year in the NRC with thanks to our Musings Editor. Also, thanks to Frank Aden again for hosting Boise 2007 as I hope all of you enjoyed the convention story from Volume 75, Issue 2. However, I do apologize for the spellings of “1884” and “Grace Kelly” on page 18 (John – probably my errors, resulting from not checking the scan of the copy you sent -pls.). They should have read, respectively, “I-84”, or Interstate 84, the highway which was the dividing line for tower sites north and south of Boise, and, as my friend Jim clarified, on page 18, George Burns teamed with Gracie “Allen”, not the former princess of Monaco! Thanks again to NRC Publisher Paul Swearingen, or in a few months FORMER publisher, for publishing my report. Regarding Boise, I had a great time seeing our members, plus those from WTFDA, and I thought the merging of the two clubs’ conventions was a great idea and look forward to that again. Of note, from Boise I learned from 3 members who are working at positions in their local markets. From Mark and Lina Jones, Mark is now General Manager and Program Director at talk station WVBG-1490 in Vicksburg, MS. Then from “Rocky W. Shore”, or Ron Gitschier, Rocky now “rocks” every Friday afternoon on “The Blizzard” with oldies on a low-power FM, WFBO-93.3 Flager Beach, FL. Ron also performs engineering for them. This trip, which lasted 8 days, included a great time visiting the Boise and Portland radio markets, with 26 stops and 4 visits duplicated, two state capitals in Idaho (Boise), even though access to the building was closed, and Oregon (Salem), and 3 college football stations, Boise State, Oregon State, and Oregon. The last stop on Thursday, August 30, at 5:30 pm PDT was at KPNW-1120 in Eugene just after business hours while earlier passing the brush fires on both sides of Interstate 5 heading south out of Corvallis! The brief stop to KPNW clichéd my second visit in 2007n to the two dominant stations on 1120. The other, on Monday, April 2, was at “The Voice of St. Louis”, KMOX! Of interest, while “Newsradio 1120 KPNW” may stand for “Pacific Northwest”, KMOX means “K(west of the Mississippi River), MO for Missouri, and the X for Christmas Ever when they signed on in 1925”! finally a huge thanks during NRC-Boise to my “pilots’ or drivers Ernie Wesolowski and George Greene. And that’s your drivetime news at 5! Now to the local scene. On Saturday night, November 10, a tribute and benefit (for MDA) show saluted 50 years of broadcasting in radio and TV, given in honor of WJAS-1320 personality Bill “Chilly Billy” Cardille at the Byham Theatre, downtown. Produced by WJAS personality Mike McGann, the show included speeches, new talent entertainment, and oldie groups singing their past hits. A member of the PA Broadcast Hall of Fame and WJAS personality since 1993, Bill has won numerous awards, but his “claim to fame” was his TV work at then WIIC (now WPXI)-11. For 23 years, Bill was host to two very popular Saturday shows, “Studio Wrestling” in the afternoon for 15 years until 1975 and at night for 21 years until 1983, “Chiller Theatre”, featuring one or two horror movies, sights, gags, and a cast of characters. Previously, my “casting call” was a visit again, after 20 years, to tour and pick up a prize at WEAE-1250 ESPN, meeting some of the staff on Wednesday, September 12. Now it appears WEAR is using IBOC, as the hiss is there on adjacent channels. Also, kudos to Wayne Ryan in Ontario for being a frequent caller overnight on the weekends to the ESPN national show with “Bobby V” (Valvano). After the WEAE visit, I stopped at 4736 Penn Avenue in the city to find WPYT-660 and WLFP-1550 (ex-WURP). With a pending change of ownership, both stations run satellite programming from the Business Talkradio Network out of Connecticut. As explained, WLFP, now licensed to Reserve Township, still has their single tower in Braddock, PA, but will eventually move to the hill across the Allegheny River with the 660 tower which is licensed to Wilkinsburg. Plus, though the small staff was cordial, getting a QSL will be a tough task. After 4 months, a tough task was convincing and failing the local market to accept the “Man Station” format on WTZN-93.7 over one month ago. Having fired the personalities, they’ve returned, temporarily, to a “DJ-Less” Top-40 and formerly successful “B-94” format, though the old WBZZ calls belong to 105.7 in Malta, NY. Interestingly, Tester Broadcasting’s KTMB-99.1 (ex-KTPD) on the trip in Idaho was just starting to run “The Man” format! Finally, and I guess a sign of the times when stations move and/or are bought out. From my NRC Kulpville and a November 2005 trip, three stations have changed addresses and/or formats. First, still with sports, but having their address about 60 miles north of Williamsport, PA is WLYC-1050 (standing for LYcom-

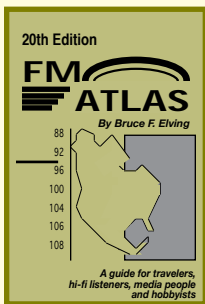
ing county) in Mainseburg, PA. The second is WFBS-1280, licensed to Berwick PA; then was oldies; now is a satellite station for WICK-1400 with sports in Scranton, PA. It was there I met an interesting person and then owner, plus a friend of our Editor, Kevin Fennessy, with WFBS standing for Fennessy Broadcasting System. The third, along with Kermit Geary, was a visit to legendary WEST-1400, still licensed to Easton, but no a satellite station with President, el President, Mathew Braccili's Hispanic WHOL-1600 Allentown. Having met Mr. B., congrats to him, but sad to see WEST move out, oh, well! Anyway, a very belated Happy Thanksgiving (WHTG) which was also my WBDY (birthday!) and happy holidays to all, especially to members Chris Cuomo, Clarke Ingram, Cary Simpson, of WTRN, and Curt White! 73's and good DX!

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