



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>
970	WXQK	TN	Spring City
1050	WZAA	MD	Silver Spring
1340	KPTR	CA	Cathedral City
1480	WCIN	OH	Cincinnati
			WRHA
			WTOP
			KWXY
			WDJO



ACTIONS

1270	KZNS	UT	Salt Lake City - CP granted for U4 50000/670 co-locating with the array of KTKK-630 at 40-41-30/111-55-30.
1440	WDXQ	GA	Cochran - CP granted for U1 940/48 and to reduce their antenna from 310 feet to 190 feet.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

540	WLIE	NY	Islip - Licensed for U4 2500/220, WLIE has a CP for U4 10000/250. This amendment proposes U4 10000/220, reverting to their original night power level and pattern.
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APPLICATIONS

930	KNSA	AK	Unalakleet - Applies for U1 4200/4200.
1140	KHFX	TX	Cleburne - Applies for D4 15000/0 CH 15000.
1370	WVIE	MD	Pikesville - U4 50000/24000.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1410	WNGL	AL	Mobile - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, WNGL lost use of its two-tower site and is currently silent. They propose to move to a new location and return to the air with U2 5000/4600.
1430	NEW	NV	North Las Vegas - Initial application was for U4 5000/390. This amendment requests U4 5000/370. [night power correction from last issue]

AM on FM

630	KIDD	CA	Salinas - KYZZ (97.9) Salinas
690	KPET	TX	Lamesa - K286AO (105.1) Lamesa
1310	KZRG	MO	Joplin - K275BD (102.9) Joplin
1350	WRWR	GA	Cochran - WRWR-FM (107.5) Cochran

DISMISSALS

1010	WCNL	NH	Newport - Application for U2 10000/1500.
1190	WAGE	VA	Leesburg - Application to add 1300 Watts night operation onto their Construction Permit for D3 50000/0 moving from 1200 kHz.
1270	WNLS	FL	Eatonville - Application for U4 25000/5000. WNLS remains U2 5000/5000.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1320	WHHO	NY	Hornell
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HEAR AND THAR

☞ Returning to the airwaves: WNAK-730 Nanticoke, Pennsylvania; and KAGO-1150 Klamath Falls, Oregon (talk).

◆ Reported as Silent: WJNZ-1140 Kentwood, Michigan; WPLX-1180 Turrell, Arkansas; WYXC-1270 Cartersville, Georgia; WCDL-1440 Carbondale, Pennsylvania; and WKDG-1540 Sumiton, Alabama.

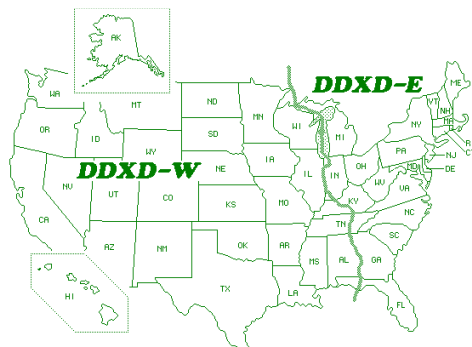
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(Division line
is between East
and Central time
zones)



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

DDXD-West

Best regards from the Pacific Northwest. Lots of interesting loggings this time. I continue to get inquiries from members who want to report, but aren't sure about how to format their loggings. It's easy: just send me: frequency, call, state, city, and details. That being said, I will take them any way you want to send them. Special welcome to Mike Riordan from Salt Lake.

Reporters

JDS-MN Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop
JW-CO John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
KDF-IL Karl D. Forth, Chicago, IL. Tecsun PL-310
MR-UT Mike Riordan, Salt Lake City, UT Sony SRF-59, Sony Walkman
TN-WI Tim Noonan, Oak Creek, WI Kenwood R-1000, Radio West Loop
WB-MO Walt Breville, Wentzville, MO Grundig 700 portable, Radio Shack 15-1853 loop.
WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Kiwa Loop Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp and Mini DXP5.

Station News

950 WNTD IL Chicago I saw a sign for "The Avenue" while at a Loyola basketball game recently. This station is still religion and Relevant Radio (including some Spanish programming) during the day, but has "The Avenue," with jazz/contemporary music from 0600-1900 daily. And they carry Loyola basketball. (KDF-IL)

1160 KSL UT Salt Lake The station's IBOC was off the air from 1/16 to 1/19. (MR-UT)

1700 XEPE BCN Tecate Noted recently on low power. Format has flipped from simulcast of 1090 XEPRS to simulcast of "The Walrus" 105.7 (XHPRS-FM). (MR-UT)

DX Logs (All Times ELT)

610 KDAL MN Duluth 2/2 1826 A very cold weather report with forecast high of 20, then callsign ID. Fair signal atop the frequency for a few minutes. (WB-MO)

680 KNBR CA San Francisco 1/25 0100 fairly good w/ESPN pgm, ID, "All the sports talk you'll ever need, KNBR San Francisco." WSCR's IBOC was turned off this week. First Californian on an ultralight radio! (KDF-IL)

1030 WBZ MA Boston 01/30 0647 Sports followed by "six-forty eight WBZ" into commercial, followed by "WBZ news time six-forty nine." (JDS-MN)

1030 WEBS GA Calhoun 01/30 0656 Songs: *The First to Say Goodbye*, Gladys Knight, *Doctor My Eyes*, Jackson Browne, followed by Station ID: "WEBS Calhoun" into news with references to Calhoun. (JDS-MN)

1060 KYW PA Philadelphia 01/30 0714 "KYW news time seven-fourteen, followed by weather, current temp sixteen degrees. (JDS-MN)

1090 KAAZ AR Little Rock 01/30 0724 Religious programming *Truth for Life*, followed by Station ID: "KAAZ." (JDS-MN) One upon a time on a winter night when I was a sullen teenager living in the wilds of Northern Michigan, I heard a hyperventilating deejay shouting these call letters into the ether. It was at that exact moment that I realized I owned some kind of magic box. (JDT-WA)

1090 WFCV IN Fort Wayne 01/30 0728 Religious program followed by "Covering northwest Indiana, this is AM 1090, a service of Bott Radio Network." (JDS-MN)

1140 WJNZ MI Kentwood 01/30 0739 Local commercials: Happy's Pizza, Marathon, Checks Unlimited with references to southwest Michigan and area code 616, followed by soul music (JDS-MN)

1190 KQQZ MO St. Louis 2/1 0135 fair w/C&W mx, I heard a KQQZ St. Louis ID (ex-KRFD)

but didn't hear University City mentioned. This was on top of the frequency and would seem to indicate that the new CP is on. **(KDF-IL)**

- 1180 KERN CA **Wasco-Greenacres** 1/30 0759. Legal (?) ID: "KERN Greenacres-Wasco-Bakersfield, now bigger and better at AM 1180." They've always put Greenacres first in their ID, even when they were KERI, although officially it's "Wasco-Greenacres". A series of 30-minutes infomercials followed, with a local ID and/or ad inserted after each one. Dominated 1180 with fair/good signal past 0900, with usual pest KOIL barely noticeable. Maybe KERN on day power/pattern? A needed call change here, ex-KERI. **(JW-CO)**
- AM1180 KERN**
NEWSTALK
- 1210 KOKK SD **Huron** 01/30 0826 Local high school sports with references to Huron, Pierre and Aberdeen, followed by Station ID. **(JDS-MN)**
- 1220 CJRB MB **Boissevain** 02/03 2130 Station ID: "CJRB Radio 1220" followed by weather. **(JDS-MN)**
- 1270 KFLC TX **Fort Worth** 01/24 2002 Two men is SS then to EE ID "KFLC Ft. Worth - Dallas" mixing with KTFI and 2nd SS Station. **(WH-CO)**
- 1270 KINN NM **Alamogordo** 01/25 0100 Faded up with brief KINN call sign under the SS stations. **(WH-CO)**
- 1360 KSCJ IA **Sioux City** 1/29 0837. Iowa news; call ID and weather at 0838. Fair in QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 1420 WCOJ PA **Coatsville** 1/19 2100 dual legal ID with simulcast on 1570, mention of Philadelphia, web site, fair, new. **(TN-WI)**
- 1440 WROK IL **Rockford** 2/2 0711. "...NewsTalk 1440 WROK..." then male announcer chatting, CST time check. Always nice to hear a 'W' call here. **(JW-CO)**
- 1540 KZMP TX **University Park** 1/29 1800. ID near TOH: "ESPN Deportes Radio KZMP Dallas, KESN HD2 Allen," then SS sports. Another station that chooses not to use their legal City of License. Fair signal with KXEL mostly nulled. **(JW-CO)**
- 1700 KVNS TX **Brownsville** 1/26 0403. Station ID followed by oldies music. Station perhaps on daytime power? New one for me. **(MR-UT)**

Tentative/UNID

- 1270 WKBF IL **Rock Island** 01/25 0400 In most of the AM with heavy accented EE Id's and SS music and announcements. Sounded like "... KVL 1220 Odessa..." Listen to the MP3 at my website wayneheinen.com under BCB DX Unided Tapes. (ID'ed by several as WKBF on the NRC listserv -pls.) **(WH-CO)** Some great BCB DX, ham radio and other content at Wayne's site. Definitely worth exploring. **(JDT-WA)**

The nights are getting shorter, to be sure. On the other hand, sunrise and sunset is now more convenient for those who work normal shifts. Take advantage of that. See you next time. **(JDT-WA)**

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- BC-NH **Bruce Conti, Nashua** - SDR IQ, MWDX-5, variable termination Super-Loop antennas east and south.
- SC-IN **Steve Chappell, McCordsville** - Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna
- HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Midland** - Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
- SF-TN **Steve Francis, Alcoa** - Sanyo stereo, Select-a-tenna
- KK-VA **Kraig Krist, Manassas** - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE
- LW-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** - Sony 2010, Radio Shack loop
- DY-WV **David Yocis, Shannondale** - R8B, longwires
- MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** - Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

LOGGINGS

- 600 WSOM OH **Salem** - 2/3 1731 - over CJCL-590 slop with NOS songs, station promo "Youngstown's best variety of music is right here on AM 600 WSOM...when you want to hear the legends and great songs". **(MKB-ON)**

- 630 WAIZ NC **Hickory** – 1/30 1726 – Oldies (old oldies, like 50's oldies) music, IDs as "6-30 Big Ways," good with WMAL-DC, WBMQ-GA. **(DY-WV)**
- WBMQ GA **Savannah** – 1/30 1730 – Promos for "News-Talk 6-30 WBMQ," ads, fair with WMAL-DC, WAIZ-NC. **(DY-WV)**
- 640 WMFN MI **Zeeland** – 1/29 1154 - SS tunes; ID as "La Poderosa seis cuarenta AM & La Poderosa WMFN Zeeland Michigan"; "Informativa en la hora" SS news at 1202. Michiguide still shows them with Adcon format. Heard him say "poderosa" twice & both times it sounded like "poberota". **(HF-MI)**
- 660 WPYT PA **Wilkesburg** – 2/4 1730 – under partially nulled WFAN with financial show talking about buying gold, bottom of hour ID "WPYT Wilkesburg...serving greater Pittsburgh, this is AM 660" into USA Radio news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 690 WELD WV **Fisher** – 1/31 1813 – alone on frequency over CFTR-680 slop with "Oldies 690...WELD" DJ talk, "WELD" jingle into Cindi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun". **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 1/31 1815 - Oldies, slogan "the greatest hits of all times, the greatest hits on WELD AM 6-90"; lengthy ID promo at 1828 after WV ad string including a couple from Parkersburg. Decent peaks between waves of evil IBOC slop which washes frequency out completely; need USB. WV #17 **(HF-MI)**
- +++ - 1/30 1750 - Good with CINF off; "...AM 690 WELD" IDs and oldies. **(BC-NH)**
- WNZK MI **Dearborn Heights** – 1/30 1731* - sign off announcement to tune to 680, then off. Left gospel station which disappeared abruptly about 2 minutes later, then leaving WOKV & WSPZ. **(HF-MI)**
- WOKV FL **Jacksonville** – 1/30 1733 - mainly on top with call-in show & couple of call IDs. Disappeared abruptly at 1745 (may have still been there, but weaker) giving way to WSPZ. Need USB due to evil IBOC hiss. **(HF-MI)**
- +++ - 2/2 1759 – dominant over CFTR-680 slop with station promo "local news... world news...depend on us...news talk radio WOKV", ToH ID "WOKV Jacksonville AM 690 and WOKV-FM 106.5...it's 6 o'clock" into local news. **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 2/2 1757 - Good, ID as "News Talk Radio WOKV" into Sean Hannity Show. **NEW! (SC-IN)**
- WSPZ AL **Birmingham** – 1/30 1733 - Fox Sports Radio; mainly under WOKV till 1745 when WOKV dropped away; good peaks thereafter. ID as "WSPZ 6-90...the Sports Animal...WSPZ Birmingham". Need USB due to evil IBOC. Assume them still on top at 0017, 1/31 with many Fox Sports Radio spots. **(HF-MI)**
- WZAP VA **Bristol** – 2/4 1748 – alone on frequency with slogan "someone to turn to...690 AM WZAP", programming disclaimer "WZAP broadcasts a variety of programs...our programs do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff and management of WZAP..." into gospel talk. **(MKB-ON)**
- KFXN MN **Minneapolis** – 2/3 1745 – slogan "All sports, the Score" and "Scooooooore" at 1751. Well under WNZK, but came up suddenly. MN #27 & #1400 from MI (Midland and Brighton) **(HF-MI)**
- 750 KHWG NV **Fallon** - 2/2 2030 - Very poor and broken reception by male announcer. Sounded like "mighty Country sounds (songs)...AM..KHWG." Fortunately the call letters squeaked thru pretty much intact. Then into another song. **NEW! (SC-IN)**
- 810 WMJH MI **Rockford** – 2/3 1750 – fighting off nulled WGY with EZL SS vocals and instrumental tunes, "WMJH Rockford, Michigan" legal EE ID mixed in with SS talk at 1801. **(MKB-ON)**
- WJJQ WI **Tomahawk** - 2/2 1926 - Very poor, "Sports Talk Radio AM 810 WJJQ Tomahawk." **NEW! (SC-IN)**
- KBHB SD **Sturgis** - 2/2 1906 - Poor to fair, slogan "Five state radio KBHB" then several minutes local news. **NEW! (SC-IN)**
- 910 WSBA PA **York** – 2/5 1733 – over usual WAVL with website promo "...get the latest online at wsba910.com" into Wall Street report. **(MKB-ON)**
- 920 WURA VA **Quantico** – 1/30 1516 – Older Spanish music, lots of "Nueve Viente (9-20) AM" IDs, no legal ID in a couple of hours of listening. Good over WMMN-WV. **(DY-WV)**
- 930 WBCK MI **Battle Creek** – 1/29 1202 – "Country 93" with "Captain Friday" DJ. Does she change her name every day? Very good with no QRM. **(HF-MI)**

- WBEN** NY **Buffalo** – 1/29 0050 - Jim Bohannon show; ID at 0058 and 0100 into CBS News. One in the mix taking turns on top. **(HF-MI)**
- 940 CJGX** SK **Yorkton** – 1/30 0657 – over WGRP with C&W songs, 0700 ToH ID “CJGX AM stereo 940 Yorkton, serving Saskatchewan and Manitoba” into local “GX 94” news and local sports, leading off with Saskatchewan junior hockey scores before getting to the NHL. **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 1/30 0014 - up suddenly on top with C&W songs, CST time check and local weather, ad strings at 0022 and 0032 with Yorkton ads. Only fair peaks, mixing with second C&W station. Need USB to reduce low side evil IBOC hiss. Heard with polka music & ID at 0031, 1/31. **(HF-MI)**
- KPSZ** IA **Des Moines** – 1/31 1839 – Iowa ads, “...KPSZ is moving Iowa...” station promo, real estate advice program. In/out with CJGX. Last logged as KIOA. Need USB to minimize evil IBOC. **(HF-MI)**
- WGRP** PA **Greenville** – 1/31 0031 - just caught ID as “...14-70 & WGRP 9-40” Buried quickly in the mess. 1470 WLOA is listed as the //. Need USB due to evil IBOC hiss. Listed at only 2watts, which I’m doubting. PA #54 & #1300 MWBC from Midland. **(HF-MI)**
- +++ - 1/30 0510 - Fair with CINW off; “Classic Country...” and “940 WGRP and WLOA 1470” IDs. **(BC-NH)**
- WIDG** MI **St. Ignace** – 1/30 1121 – presumed with EWTN program, Catholic Business Hour; ad break with only Catholic spots, nothing local. Need USB to minimize evil IBOC; fair stretches but totally washed out at times. **(HF-MI)**
- +++ - 2/2 1739 – over WGRP with local program promo “...join us as we travel across northern Michigan getting to know you” into EWTN program talking about Mother Teresa’s address to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington on this day in 1994. **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 2/5 1758 - Good; end of Ave Maria Radio program, EWTN promos, then gone. **(BC-NH)**
- WKGM** VA **Smithfield** – 1/30 1656 – on top of frequency with gospel program produced by local church, slogan “the ministry station WKGM”. **(MKB-ON)**
- +++ - 1/30 1701 - Good with CINW off; ID, “This is AM 940 WKGM Smithfield and all of Hampton Roads,” weather, and promo, “...on AM 940 WKGM, your ministry station.” **(BC-NH)**
- WMAC** GA **Macon** – 1/30 1723 – slogan “News-Talk 9-40 WMAC”; Neal Boortz Show. Evil IBOC hiss less than few hours earlier, but still need USB to copy. **(HF-MI)**
- +++ - 2/3 1903 – over C&W station (presumably WGRP) with local news into local weather, “...that’s your forecast on news talk 940 WMAC”. **(MKB-ON)**
- 950 WCTN** MD **Potomac-Cabin John** – 1/31 1701 – fighting WWJ/WIBX mix with Spanish pops, “WCTN Potomac, Cabin John...la nueve cincuenta...en Washington” ToH ID. **(MKB-ON)**
- 960 WTGM** MD **Salisbury** – 1/24 0752- in with “Sports Talk 960” station ID. PSA from former NHL star Pat Lafontaine about concussions, representing the American Academy of Neurology. New station. **(LW-NY)**
- 970 WESO** MA **Southbridge** - 1/24 0716 - in with program “Money Matters” with Carl Bean, on “News/Talk 970 WESO.” **(LW-NY)**
- 1090 WBAL** MD **Baltimore** - 1/31 1555 - Promos for Traffic on the 5s, MD Lottery, Fox Sports Radio & call IDs; CBS News at ToH. On top for time noted but trading places with another talker and religious station prior. No evil IBOC! **(HF-MI)**
- 1190 WBSL** MS **Bay St. Louis** - 1/18 0702 - Poor, caught “AM 1190 WBSL” ID. **(SC-IN)**
- 1200 WMIR** SC **Atlantic Beach** – 1/30 1838 – Lots of promos, local ads, IDs, good. **(DY-WV)**
- WTLA** NY **North Syracuse** - 1/11 0602 - in with local weather for area. Good signal with oldies music in 1200 mix. **(LW-NY)**
- 1210 WANB** PA **Waynesburg** – 1/30 1412 – CP is on the air, C&W music, lots of “Cool Country 12-10 WANB” IDs. Mostly over WPHT-Philadelphia. **(DY-WV)**
- 1250 WTMA** SC **Charleston** - 2/2 2355 - mixing with WGHB with call-in show, “I’m delighted to be a member of the WTMA family... politics... it’s the Huckabee Report...” ID as “Twelve fifty, twelve fifty (echo effect) WTMA...depend on it”. WTMA jingle, Jim Bohannon show. **(KK-VA)**
- WGHB** NC **Farmville** - 2/2 2355 - mixing with WTMA and ESPN station with station



promo "... Wednesday night at 6 on Pirate Radio twelve fifty and nine thirty. The King of the AM dial". **(KK-VA)** "Pirate Radio" apparently refers to the East Carolina University Pirates, not an unlicensed operation. Mike.

- WARE MA Ware** - 1/21 2325 - Community Calendar, followed by local weather forecast. "Real Oldies 1250 WARE." station ID. **(LW-NY)**
- 1260 WNDE IN Indianapolis** - 1/29 1811 - slogan "Sports radio 12-60 WNDE"; Sports call-in show. Fair+ peaks on top of mess. **(HF-MI)**
- WRIE PA Erie** - 2/1 2355 - ESPN sports talk, slogan "ESPN Radio 'The Score'". Ad for Erie's General Electric Federal Credit Union. "Football Tonight", "Sports Center Nightly" ESPN programs. **(KK-VA)**
- 1270 WTJZ VA Newport News** - 1/31 2355 - endless religious singing, ID as "Twelve seventy WTJZ... Virginia...". **(KK-VA)**
- 1280 WFYC MI Alma** - 1/29 1802 - ESPN sports talk; Alma College spot after 1820 break. Fair over mess; evil IBOC hiss on both sides; LSB best. **(HF-MI)**
- WHVR PA Hanover** - 1/30 2355 - in WSAT mix with C&W songs. "... twelve eighty WHVR" ID into ABC news. **(KK-VA)**
- WSAT NC Salisbury** - 1/30 2355 - Mixing with WHVR, Olivia Newton John song "I Honestly Love You", slogan "ABC Memories... WSAT...". **(KK-VA)**
- 1290 CJBK ON London** - 1/29 2355 - in WFBG mix with ad for Warehouse Disposal in London. "Crime Solvers" program, ToH ID: "This is news talk twelve ninety CJBK" into news from the Canadian Press, followed by "Coast to Coast AM". **(KK-VA)**
- WFBG PA Altoona** - 1/29 2355 - Jim Bohannon show mixing with CJBK, ID after local weather: "That's your weather on the big twelve ninety WFBG". **(KK-VA)**
- 1380 WABH NY Bath** - 1/30 1641 - Poor, "We're the home team in your home town ESPN 1380 WABH Bath." NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1390 WCAT VT Burlington** - 1/23 1640 - Good and needed for call change, "Your home for the NFL, it's ESPN 1390 WCAT." Ex-WKDR. **(SC-IN)**
- 1410 WING OH Dayton** - 1/29 1800 - "AM 14-10 WING" ID, ESPN Radio. Fair over mess. **(HF-MI)**
- 1480 WCNS PA Latrobe** - 1/25 0719 - Poor, station promo "...Saturday mornings at 1480 WCNS." NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1540 KXEL IA Waterloo** - 1/17 0126 - "News/Talk 1540 KXEL" ID, into political talk program. **(LW-NY)**
- 1580 CKDO ON Oshawa** - 1/11 0619 - Time mentioned, into "CKDO Coffee Break" then commercial for Clarington tours. Good, on top, with several "107 FM and 1580 AM CKDO" ID's. **(LW-NY)**
- 1600 KYBC AZ Cottonwood** - 1/25 1921 - Appeared suddenly with very weak but in the clear ID, "...KYBC" then gone. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1650 CINA ON Mississauga** - 1/28 2220 - Equal to KCNZ with "Seena Radio" jingle and Indian film music, WHKT silent pending sale. **(SF-TN)**
- CJRS QC Montreal** - 1/31 0200 - In KCNZ null and under CINA with "... now the news in English from Jerusalem", fair with WHKT gone. Helpful webstreams for both this and CINA run about 15 seconds behind the AM signals. **(SF-TN)**
- 1670 CJEU QC Gatineau** - 1/29 2205 - Fair under WFSM and WTDY with children singing in French. Nice to finally hear something at night mixing with GA and WI - they've been the whole show on 1670 since 1998! **(SF-TN)**



NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W: country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL: call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL: National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID: singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

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!

International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Important notice: My new e-mail address is contiba@gmail.com. Welcome to new NRC member Steve Wood from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. If it wasn't already, this probably makes eastern Massachusetts the geographic center of international DX activity in the NRC! Members in silent states and provinces need to step up and represent before this becomes the MRC (Massachusetts Radio Club)! At least this week DXers in New Hampshire, Quebec, and West Virginia are gettin' it done too... Congrats to Marc DeLorenzo on country #102!

Transatlantic DX

- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg (49°17'N 6°41'E) JAN 21 2204 - News report about the French persons who died in Haiti during the major earthquake. Excellent during an electricity outage on the battery powered Sangean ACS 818 CST with the PK LW Loop! [Chiochiu-QC]
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *R.Luxembourg*, Junglinster (49°40'N 6°19'E) JAN 21 2140 - American oldies including an Aretha Franklin number interspersed with some French comments by male announcer that were hard to understand due to beacons on adjacent frequencies. Good signal, but poor reception overall. Often better on 233 kHz in AM narrow to get by something on either 235 or 236 kHz that was pestering this TA channel. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 531 **FAROE ISLANDS** *Kringvarp Føroya Útvarpid*, Akraberg (62°01'N 6°46'W) JAN 30 2217-2237 - Fair with light instrumental music including saxophone and piano pieces. At times mixing with two unID TAs (neither was Spain) but Faroes was clearly parallel to their webstream. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 531 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 5 2335 - Fair; telephone talk in Spanish parallel 585 and 855 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 531 unID JAN 27 0700 - TA het on the high side of 530 CIAO. Spain, Algeria, or Madeira? [Chiochiu-QC] Faroe Islands a likely possibility at this hour.
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 0°34'W) DEC 30 0520 - Arabic dance music briefly surfaced on the low side of a weak-fair 550 WGR, otherwise a loud and annoying het against the weakish 550 stations. [Chiochiu-QC] JAN 30 2240 - Loud and clear with Arabic teletalk. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 576 **GERMANY** *MDR Muhlacker* JAN 30 2248-2300 - Good with discussion in German on Iran and Afghanistan parallel to webstream via delicast.com. First time heard. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) FEB 1 0000-0003 - Good with news by man and woman in Spanish. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. JAN 23 2251 - Fair with futbol match in Spanish. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 27 0700 - Loud het on the high side of WVMT, no audio, noted on the Sony CFS-6000 and PK AM Loop combo. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 648 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Badajoz (38°53'N 6°58'W) FEB 5 2328 - Good; talk and nostalgic vocal parallel 855 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 693 **AZORES** *RDP Açores Antena 1*, Terceira (38°43'N 27°19'W) JAN 30 2141-2200 - Good mostly under but occasionally over BBC with man and woman in Portuguese taking phone calls and playing pop tunes. [DeLorenzo-MA] FEB 3 2210 - Apparent sports play by play, crowd noises in the background. Up and down reception but fairly good at peaks. Definite Portuguese language. Seemed to have interviews in between play by play so may have been a rebroadcast or sports program. [Wood-MA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. JAN 30 2129 - Excellent over RDP Azores discussing the political situation in Australia. In the clear with 690 CINF Montreal now silent. [DeLorenzo-MA] FEB 5 2355 - Good with discussion, over unID music likely from Azores. [Conti-NH]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 3 2223 - Another fútbol game with multiple announcers, including a woman. More crowds in the background. Definite not live as there were interviews and commentaries between play. All in Spanish parallel 855 kHz. Overall good reception. [Wood-MA]
- 819 **EGYPT** *ERTU Batra* (31°09'N 31°27'E) FEB 5 2325 - Good; discussion parallel 6290 kHz.

- [Conti-NH]
 864 **EGYPT** *ERTU Santah* (30°45'N 31°08'E) FEB 5 2300 - Fair; Koranic vocals and a woman in Arabic. [Conti-NH]
 936 unID JAN 31 0150 - Koranic vocals in clear with 940 CINW off the air. Best guess is Morocco. [Conti-NH]
 963 **FINLAND** *Radio 86, Pori* (61°28'N 21°35'E) JAN 31 0334-0354 - Fair relaying China Radio International in both Chinese and Russian. ID and URL in Russian at 0354. MW country #102 heard from Mass. Thanks to Sylvain Naud for help via Real DX! [DeLorenzo-MA]
 1116 **SPAIN** *SER synchros* FEB 4 0155 - Very weak; interview with two women, one on the phone. Just barely could make out Spanish words. Signal occasionally would rise above noise floor but never able to get much. Some sort of theme music heard at 0155. [Wood-MA]
 1431 **UKRAINE** *Radio 3 / R.Kultura, Kopani* JAN 23 2158 - Fair; choral music, off at 2200. Probably won't log this again until next autumn as receiver sunset is fast approaching 2200. [Conti-NH]
 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE5 Piñeira and La Línea de la Concepción* FEB 5 2320 - Fair; talk parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 590 **MEXICO** *XEPH México DF* JAN 31 0233-0320 - Presumed with salsa music, lots of "590 la más caliente" IDs, news at 0315 consisting of a number of quick, whimsical items with musical interludes and mostly Mexican themes. Mostly dominant, but occasionally faded down to nothing for a minute or two. [Yocis-WV]
 600 **CUBA** *CMKV R.Rebelde, Urbano Noris* (20°35'N 76°08'W) JAN 9 0403 - Contest inviting Cuban listeners to choose between two classic rock songs, "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zep and a Rolling Stones number. The woman announcer was very charismatic. Very good to good. JAN 28 0422 - Woman speaking against racism and taking phone calls from listeners. Briefly good atop CKAT, then overtaken by interference, on the Sony SRF-A1 barefoot while walking the dog near the Cérés Park in Pierrefonds. Conditions toward Latin America generally very poor. [Chiochiu-QC]
 640 **CUBA** *R.Progreso, multiple sites* JAN 27 0638 - Man in Spanish heavily interfering with the Toronto station. Later heard some African music, not sure if *R.Progreso* or *R.Guadeloupe*. [Chiochiu-QC]
 680 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde, Ciego de Avila* JAN 30 2313 - Under WRKO and an unID Spanish music station; parallel 5025 kHz. [Barstow-MA]
 690 **COLOMBIA** *HJCZ R.Recuerdos, Bogotá* (4°37'N 74°03'W) JAN 30 0504 - New log and thanks to the guys at RealDX. [Barstow-MA] JAN 30 0628 - Ranchera, "Los bailados de siempre están en Radio Recuerdos," then a classic cumbia track. Poor to fair, but dominant over apparent Cuba which was IDed earlier and residual hash. New! I have 610 HJKL, 650 HJKH, 760 HJAJ, 770 HJXX, 810 HJCY, 1070 HJII, and 1070 HJCG, so this is my 8th Colombian on medium wave. First new Colombian in ages! In 700 WLW null! It's hard to null out WLW without also semi-nulling Colombia, but a semi-null is better than a total null! [Chiochiu-QC]
 690 **CUBA** *R.Progreso, Jovellanos* (22°49'N 81°10'W) JAN 30 0025 - Fair, over/under WELD with CINF off; alternating man and woman along with telephone news/talk parallel 640 kHz. [Conti-NH] JAN 30 0115 - Parallel 640 kHz. At 0404 on top and at least one or two Spanish stations under them. [Barstow-MA]
 710 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde, multiple sites* JAN 27 0628 - Noted in passing very briefly. Holding its own against WOR. [Chiochiu-QC]
 750 **VENEZUELA** *YVKS RCR Caracas* (10°29'N 67°00'W) JAN 21 2320 - Talk about the victory of a baseball team. Good mixing with WSB while walking the dog with the Walkman! This one seems to be having a comeback at their mighty 100 kW power level. [Chiochiu-QC]
 760 **COLOMBIA** *HJAJ RCN Barranquilla* (10°53'N 74°49'W) JAN 27 0630 - Colombian news items, followed by political gov-related news with time pips and RCN jingle in a tight WJR null! [Chiochiu-QC]
 780 **VENEZUELA** *YVMN R.Coro, Coro* (11°23'N 69°40'W) JAN 23 0932 - End of Rúa Musical 780, followed by a program of música llanera. Fair in deep fades and adjacent channel splatter with WBBM nulled as much as possible, though, not completely. Also heard on the Sony CFS-6000 portable with slightly less splatter in AM normal mode, instead of AM wide, a few days later! Seems like I found a replacement for my Sanyo MCD-S830. [Chiochiu-QC]
 890 **CUBA** *CMDZ R.Progreso, Chambas* (22°11'N 78°54'W) JAN 25 2201 - Cuban tropical music noted in passing good but in heavy interference (co-channel WLS and WCBS-HD). Heard



on the car radio getting back from the university. [Chiochiu-QC]

- 939.9 **MEXICO** XEQ *Besame*, Iztapalapa, México (19°19'N 99°05'W) JAN 30 1000 - Off-frequency het noted several mornings since CINW went dark, but not strong enough to produce audio. "Classic Country 940 and 1470" WGRP has been the dominant signal here. [Conti-NH]
- 940 unID JAN 30 0315 - At least two Spanish-language stations noted here with CINW off. (A little later had in English broadcasting a game on the west side of the east-west Flag, possibly Wisconsin.) Best in LSB with AGC off. [Bartsow-MA]

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- Steve Wood, Harwich MA; Drake R8B, 40-ft longwire antenna.
- David Yocis, Shannondale WV; Drake R8B, longwires.

International News

- GERMANY:** 594 *Hessischer Rundfunk*, medium wave stations at Weiskirchen and Hoher Meissner on January 1 switched off forever. [Wolfgang Büschel via MWDX, *ARC Information Desk*] 729 DRM transmissions from 729 Putbus have not been heard since January 1st. [Olle Alm, *ARC Info Desk*]
- MOLDOVA:** The transmitter in Maiac on 621 kHz (relaying International Russian Radio) was switched off on 1 January. [Oleksandr Egorov, Ukraine in open_dx via Bernd Trutenau, *ARC Info Desk*]
- PORTUGAL:** RCP-Rádio Club Português, 1035 Belmonte is operating at just 50 kW after a very brief period of tests at full power. 783 Avanca has been off the air since October because the transmitter tuning circuit was part damaged, part stolen. It will take a bit of time until the new pieces arrive, are installed and tested. The perpetrators were obviously looking for copper. [Carlos Gonçalves via Ydun Ritz medium wave info, *ARC Info Desk*]
- SERBIA:** 1503 *Radio 202* power increased from 1 to 10 kW. Reception reports are welcomed. Best time to listen is from 1800 UTC because *R.Zavidovici*, Bosnia is on the air on the same frequency from 0700 to 1800 UTC. The announcement for "202" in Serbian is "Radio Dvestadva." E-mail reports can be sent to mimis@cuckovic.org or to milan.misic@rts.rs. [Svetomir Cuckovic via Bengt Ericson, *ARC Info Desk*]

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SWF - Space Weather Forecast pca - polar cap absorption
 maf - major flare SWT - Space Weather today
 mas - major storm spe - satellite proton event
 mis - minor storm ss - severe storm

Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx	Date	Flux	A	K	Space Wx
12/ 1	72	0	0	no storms	1/ 1	75	1	2	no storms
2	71	0	0	no storms	2	78	0	0	no storms
3	72	0	0	no storms	3	76	3	0	no storms
4	72	0	0	no storms	4	73	2	0	no storms
5	72	4	1	no storms	5	77	1	0	no storms
6	72	2	0	no storms	6	77	0	0	no storms
7	71	1	0	no storms	7	78	0	0	no storms
8	72	0	0	no storms	8	77	1	0	no storms
9	73	0	0	no storms	9	82	0	0	no storms
10	74	0	0	no storms	10	84	2	0	no storms
11	72	0	0	no storms	11	89	8	1	no storms
12	75	2	1	no storms	12	93	4	2	no storms
13	76	2	0	no storms	13	91	5	1	no storms
14	79	6	0	no storms	14	90	3	0	no storms
15	82	1	1	no storms	15	85	2	1	no storms
16	83	3	0	no storms	16	84	1	0	no storms
17	87	2	1	no storms	17	83	2	1	no storms
18	84	2	0	no storms	18	82	2	1	no storms
19	82	1	0	no storms	19	84	1	0	minor
20	84	2	0	no storms	20	81	9	3	minor
21	83	1	1	no storms	21	83	5	0	no storms
22	82	2	1	no storms	22	82	3	2	no storms
23	78	3	1	no storms	23	85	5	1	no storms
24	77	0	0	no storms	24	85	4	0	no storms
25	76	3	2	no storms	25	81	4	1	no storms
26	76	3	0	no storms	26	80	2	0	no storms
27	77	2	0	no storms	27	78	1	1	no storms
28	76	0	0	no storms	28	76	3	0	no storms
29	75	0	0	no storms	29	73	1	1	no storms
30	77	0	1	no storms	30	75	4	2	no storms
12/31	80	1	0	no storms	1/31	75	3	1	no storms

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