

January 10, 1998 - Volume 35 - Number 16 - Edition 1139 - ISSN 899-9733 *************** IRCA WEB SITE: http://fly.hiwaay.net/~waholler/irca.htm *************** PUBLIHER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: sanser@pe.net ************ IN THIS ISSUE: Western DX Roundup..2, Central DX Roundup..5, Eastern DX Forum..7, Eastern DX Roundup..9, DX Worldwide II..13, Broadcasting Info rmation...15, From The AM DX News Flash...19, Back Page...20...... ***************** DX GET TOGETHER: There will be a DX get together on February 14 at the home of Bruce & Evelyn Portzer, 6546 19th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98115. DXers and other radio enthusiasts are welcome. Bring potluck refreshments, plus radios, QSLs, and other items for show and tell. The get together will start at 1 PM, at dinner time we will pass the hat around and order pizza. For more information, contact Bruce at 206-522-2521 or bportzer@brigadon.com CLUB POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE: CPC Chairman, "Hearing It Through The Grapevine" editor (anyone want to keep this going - let me know), Techniques" editor, IRCA Almanac coordinator as well as "DX Monitor" Publisher/Editor-in-Chief. Contact IRCA President Phil Bytheway, Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334. ********** DX TEST: Saturday January 30, 1998 - WVNS-670 Claremont VA will conduct a DX test at 20,000 watts daytime power between 12:00 & 2:00 AM EST. The test will include tones, code and voice IDs. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr Pat Murphy WVNS-AM, 410 Briar Hill Road, Norfolk VA 23502. Prepaid (not collect) phone calls (757) 461-6767. Arranged by Pat Murphy & Dave Schmidt. Even if you do not hear a test, be sure and mail a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run the test............... *************** 1998 IRCA CONVENTION: Anyone interested in hosting IRCA's 1998 convention...please contact Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117 *************** RENEWING: Please note the numbers above your name on the address label this is your expiration number, a 35-16 means your membership in the IRCA will expire with this issue. I will rubber stamp a reminder on the front page of your DXM and I will try to remind you 2 issues before you expire. If you have not renewed on time your name will be removed from the address list, so please try to renew early...Thanks....Pub...... PUBLISHER'S DESK: Having problems with publishing and then being sick over Christmas and New Years has not been fun. Trying to get back to and even keel and get ready for a treadmill date on the 29th of January at the medical center. I am trying to hang in there with the publishing until someone steps forward and takes over. I told Phil that I will try and hang in there for another volume but it will be my last one for sure. Got a lot of other things to do like walking for my health, working on my old tube radios, working in my garden, fishing and trying to hear some DX. Trying to do a good job publishing and meeting a lot of nice people while doing it is something to remember...73 and Good DX..



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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- 840 KMAX WA, Colfax 12/24 0859:55 heard ID going into news. Something like "KCLX 1450 and KMAX 840 Colfax" or close to that, lots of Las Vegas and Eugene QRM, KSWB phased. Presume it to be on 280 watts at this hour. Heard again 12/24 0959:55 with ID going into CNN news, "and you're listening to (Color?) Country K??L-99.5 FM in Pullman, KCLX 1450 AM in Colfax and also the new K-MAX, KMAX 840 AM also right there in Colfax. It's time for news." Even without KSWB phased, I could still hear in under KSWB clearly off Eastern Beverage. This one is a "Piece of Cake" to hear. I thought it might be tougher. Heard thanks to e-mail from Robert Wien and Stan Weisbeck. (PM-OR)
- CA, Los Angeles 12/22 1000 good with ID "Sports news, sports talk, One on One 1540 KCTD Sports, AM 1540, KCTD Los Angeles." Call change, ex-KXMG. (RW-CA)
- 600 KOGO CA, San Diego 12/1 0200 call ID; it has now reverted to the call I logged in 1963! (AWP-CA)
- KBYR AK, Anchorage 12/22 0405 fair with sports talk and weather (cold with snow, highs 700 in the 20s, colder on Christmas). (PM-OR)
- AK, Anchorage 12/22 0710 good mix with KXL, announcer said "7-50 KFQD" 750 KFQD giving info on Christmas activities in Anchorage. (PM-OR)
- KNOM AK, Nome 12/22 0335 heard in the clear but faded with KKOH off. Piano music, 780 and announcements, time checks, Christmas announcements about Nome. Haven't heard this in a while. (PM-OR)
- MO, Kansas City 12/22 ended a C&W song and the announcer Wayne Combs 810 WHB gave call ID at 0900. Heavy QRM from KGO although it was nulled. New, I never did hear KCMO here. (LBG-MT)
- 840 WHAS KY, Louisville 12/24 0406 fair above jumble with "WHAS" ID, with KSWB phased. Looking for Colfax, WA. (PM-OR)

- 850. CKMA <u>BC</u>, Abbotsford 12/26 0435 with "The Max" format. KHHO off, KOA dominant, third station is there too. Not exactly // to CHWK-1270, howerver, 5 out of the 6 songs heard were the same but were 2-4 minutes after they were on CHWK. It's like they're working off the same music list but with some options. CKMA crisp; CHWK muddy. Jingle "Good time rock 'n roll on The Max." (PT-WA)
- 980 ?KJOX? WA, Yakima 12/22 0441 tentative with ID "99.7 The Hawk, for people who are tired of talk." This had been 980 Yakima but 980 supposedly sports now. Called station earlier in week, they said they were KJOX now, but I'm not so sure! (RW-CA)
- 1030 WBZ MA, Boston 12/22 0530 fair with KTWO off, with info on Boston. (PM-OR)
 1060 KBGN D. Caldwell 12/4 0800-0828 had CKMX (nulled) and KDUS, then 1 or 2 more signals added at 0800 to create a seemingly hopeless jumble, until a surprise
 - clear call ID by woman at 0828. New! (AWP-CA)

 KKDS UT, South Salt Lake City "All the music you'll ever want to hear on KKDS AM 1060

 South Salt Lake." Poor to fair through CKMX. (PT-WA) (Date & time?--NJ)
- 1080 KOTK OR, Portland 11/22 0452 good with call IDs and "Hot Talk 1080." (AWP-CA)
 1150 CKFR BC, Kelowna 12/24 0314 "Kelowna's fun radio station, oldies 1150" simply overpowered local KEZX with promo & music. (PT-WA)
- 1310 KDIA <u>CA</u>, Oakland 12/18 0620 noted in passing with kids music, mentions of Radio Disney. Switch in format from full-service Black to children's did not occur per checks on 12/15, the scheduled date of the change, and 12/16. (5P-HI)
- CHLW AB, Saint Paul 12/22 1903 an unlikely freq.-lopper with news & weather. (PT-WA) 1330 KWLO A, Waterloo 12/22 0709 fair mixing with WMNN with adult standards and ID as "13-30 KWLO" into Carpenters song. (PM-OR)
 - WMNN MN, Minneapolis 12/22 0710 fair on top of channel with weather, it was then 27 degrees "In the Twin Cities." (PM-OR)
- 1360 KFIV CA, Modesto 12/22 0500 unbelievable strength alone and in/out of someone's open carrier (probably KOHU) with dual KFIV/KJAX ID (KJAX's was suppressed). Third station under with oldies. (PT-WA)
- 1400 KJDY OR, John Day on top at 0900 12/25 with Christmas greetings and ID. QRM from KSPT. (LBG-MT)
 - CIOR BC, Princeton weak but on top at 0900 12/23 with ID for "CKOR AM 800," it's parent station. New. (LBG-MT)
 - CJEK BC, Sparwood on top at 0800 12/24 with ID for itself and what sounded like CJKR-1450 (nothing like that listed). (LBG-MT)
- 1430 KFIG CA, Fresno 12/3 2259:30 with loud, almost shouted, "K-F-I-G, Fresno!" ID way over KVVN. (AWP-CA)

 KVVN CA, Santa Clara 12/3 2205 weak with Asian talk under KFIG -- a surprisingly
 - CA, Santa Clara 12/3 2205 weak with Asian talk under KHIG -- a surprisingly crummy signal for only 45 miles. (AWP-CA)
- 1540 KXEL IA. Waterloo 12/24 with coast-to-coast "Road Gang" 0200-0300 ID. Had promo for something on the half hour between 6am-6pm. I also heard a "Newstalk 1540" promo but this could have been someone else. (PT-WA)
- 1550 KSFT MO, St. Joseph 12/22 fair with KRGO with adult standards, ID at 0647 "K-S-F-T." (PM-OR)
 - KRGO UT, West Valley City 12/22 0645 good with Christmas song and announcer said "KRGO." Apparently they haven't changed to KMRI. Fair-poor with KSFT. (PM)
- 1560 WQEW NY. New York 12/24 on the basis on WJDM's strength, was able to track this at times between 0129-0505, couldn't loop out KNZR. Eclectic NOS mix from Mathis to Mannheim Steamroller. Actually on top around 0500 news/sports. (PT-WA)
- 1580 ?CBJ? PQ. Chicoutimi 12/19 1926 probably the one in French all alone on car radio with what sounded like a quiz show. Also strong 12/22 2253 with a drama. (LBG-MT)
- 1600 KATZ MO. St. Louis on top at 0355 12/22 with Gospel music and IDs as "Gospel 1600," talking about St. Louis. (PM-OR)
- 1620 ?TIS? CA. Milpitas 12/23 0759 assumed the weak one with woman giving phone number 942-2300. I heard this one a few months ago announcing another 942-prefix number. (LBG-MT)
- 1630 WPJR341 MI, Detroit 12/14 0613 woman with tape loop mentioning call and Michigan Dept. of Transportation. Weak & mixing with the Metra station. (NP-AB)

- 1650 KGXL Costa Mesa 12/18 2115-2240 fair during test. Heard no announcements, just Broadway instrumental music. Called KGIL to confirm, taped report sent. (PM-OR)
- 1660 WJDM NJ, Elizabeth 12/24 Gonzo level with previously noted (but unID'd) urban format, ID at 0200 ("Elizabeth-New York" dual city ID). Slogan sounded like "All World Radio." Still good at 0530 tune-out. (PT-WA)
- 1680 WQO767 TX, Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport 12/24 0505 with American Airlines info. Very professional sounding female voice. Weak but clear ID. (PT-WA)
- 1700 WCMQ FL, Miami Springs 12/4 0623-0635 a welcome appearance with full ID in Spanish "La Nueva C-M-Q," good signal for the ID, then a little fadey. First tried 12/1 0655-0730, but only had some fluttering which disappeared about 0730, 1/2 hour past Miami dawn. (AWP-CA)
 - +12/24 0345-0359 non-stop disco Christmas music (Latin beat, English lyrics probably the Vincent Montana, Jr. LP). After multi-station ID, it was all news till 0532 tune-out. "Super Sonido" and several "CMQs" also heard. Had to use LSB mode for readability. (PT-WA)

LOCAL NEWS

670 KPUA HI, Hilo 12/14 noted with Christian programs such as Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision," running 0000-0300 EST Mondays. This arrangement is apparently left over from the days when KPUA aired Christian programs weeknights as part of it's deal to buy a local religious FMer. (5P-HI)

UNIDS

- 590 12/22 0835 unID looping NE with soybean report, many mentions of midwest states including MN, OK, KS, IA and NE. Faded under KID/KUGN in about 5 minutes. Perhaps WOW-NE? (RW-CA)
- 730 12/26 0244 1-second interval pips (about 800 kHz) atop CKLG. Suspect KULE. (PT-WA)
- 1030 1/22 with KTWO off, WBZ was really causing QRM on a Black Gospel station at 0600. Missed the ID as WBZ was creaming them, so will have to wait until KTWO is off again. There is a 50kw Gospel/UC station in MD, so who knows. (PM-OR)
- 1070 12/24 non-stop Christmas music noted under KNX/CFAX at times between 0129-0300. (PT-WA)
- 1260 12/22 long tale by storyteller 0358-0403 and then seemingly into urban music until 0430 final tune-out. CFRN on top; not KOIT unless there's been a format change. (PT-WA)
- 1280 12/22 0406 heavily accented English feature story. Sounded like CBC relaying a foreign SW service but not // CBK, CBU or CBR. Also noted 12/23. (PT-WA)
- 1600 C&W station mentioned an FM frequency ending in ".3" and gave call that sounded like KCKK. Sorry, I misplaced my notes on time & date. (LBG-MT)
- 1620 Who was the non-stop Christmas music station at 1845 on 12/24? Heard off southern wire and eastern wire. Maybe someone testing in mountain states or SW? Anyone else hear this? Low modulation, but in the clear. (PM-OR)
- 1660 Seemed to be a second station 12/26 0443 and later (N-S bearing; WJDM is E-W). No discernable audio. Frequency is slightly higher than WDJM's using LSB mode. (PT-WA)
- 1690 12/26 0439 seems to be English news (NE/SW bearing). OK, confess someone else out there has to be picking this thing up! Is it you? (PT-WA)

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[JcJ-MT] Your editor using an Icom IC-R71A, Yaesu FRG-7, Lafayette HE-30, GE Superadio III, 2 "Radio West" Loops.

SPECIAL INTEREST

1050 WDZ IL, Decatur. 12-24 good signal. 1523 noted with mentions of "We Love Our Country" and "Farm Radio 10-50 WDZ" ID. Country music format changed from CNN Headline News format. [EB-MO]

DOWN THE DIAL

620 WTMJ WI, Milwaukee. 12-8 fair, but much noise. 0731 with "WTMJ news time...." TC into morning traffic report. Not often heard here. [RCP-IN]

630 CFCO
ON, Chatham. 12-19 very good signal with some fading. 0729 with "Good Time Oldies" programming, spot for Sears, and then CFCO Sports with a Gary Patterson. First time heard. [RCP-IN]

640 KGVW MT, Belgrade. 12-24 weak in KFI null. 0906 w/Montana weather, spots, ID. [JcJ-MT]
650 KGAB WY, Orchard Valley. 12-27 briefly good when CKOM faded. 1002 with spot, "KGAB News" and many "kay-gab" slogans. Needed for call change, EX-KUUY. [JcJ-MT]

690 KECN ID, Blackfoot, 12-27 briefly weak, 0959 with ID. [JcJ-MT]

710 KGNC TX, Amarillo. 12-26 good in KIRO null. 0848 with local news, "KGNC Radio 71" and "KGNC Amarillo" legal ID into spot at 0853. [JcJ-MT]

750 WNDZ IN, Portage. 12-8 poor with much noise. 0752 with what sounded like rap followed by a Sears spot then "Welcome back to WNDZ." [RCP-IN]

810 WHB

MO, Kansas City. 12-23 briefly good in KGO null until KBHB increased power. All mixed with KGHL-790 splatter (we can see the KGHL towers from our front window.)
0900 with legal ID into NBC News, local news afterwards. Much needed for call change from KCMO. Not that easy to hear here. [JcJ-MT]

820 CHAM ON, Hamilton. 12-21 poor, but in clear in WBAP null. 1946 with Country Countdown program. "8-20 Cham" slogan. [JJR-WI]

830 CKKY AB, Wainwright. 12-22 weak in KUYO null. 1106 w/spots, "Key 83" slogan. [JcJ-MT] WFNO LA, Norco-New Orleans. 12-21 very good in WCCO null. 1950 with many local spots. SS programming, some EE. Full ID at 2000. Many mentions of New Orleans. New for me. [JJR-WI]

- 860 WTZX TN, Sparta. 12-8 in very briefly under a very dominant WGOM. 1702 with "You're listening to real country WTZX Sparta, Tennessee." Then into country. [RCP-IN]
- 870 WPWT TN, Colonial Heights. 12-6 very poor with much interference. 1637 with station ID then into a talk show. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 940 WFAN WI, Ft. Atkinson. 12-17 poor in CBM null. 1811 with local news by female announcer. Several "WFAW" ID's. [RCP-IN]
- 960 KCGS AR, Marshall. 12-17 poor. 1800 sign off. "KCGS Marshall, Arkansas hopes that you will join us tomorrow for the best in southern Gospel." No SSB. First time. [RCP-IN]
- 970 KNEA AR, Jonesborough. 12-22 on top for an hour. 0700 with sign on and Gospel. There was a storm front to the SW of my location this date. Is storm front connected with this reception, WHA or WMAY were in yesterday at this time? [TMJ-IL]
 - WLKY KY, Louisville. 12-21 poor in null of others. 2215 with AP news format. "AM 9-70 WLKY Louisville." [JJR-WI]
- 990 KRMO MO, Cassville. 12-17 fair to poor. 1749 with country format, several country Christmas songs into local MO news at 1756. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1010 KXEN MO, Festus, St. Louis, 12-15 fair, 1740 with sign off, no SSB. [RCP-IN]
- 1040 WQBB TN, Powell. 12-18 deep fades mixing with WHO. 1724 with spot for Advance Paperco" and "Acton Transmission" in Knoxville. [RCP-IN]
- 1080 KYMN MN, Northfield. 12-24 on top. 0915-0935 with local spots, news, frequent mention of "KYMN" and Northfield. First time heard. [TMJ-IL]
 - WKGX NC, Lenoir. 12-7 fairly strong, but mixing with WTIC and KRLD. 1752 with spot for Milvars Fish House on highway 321 next to Bush Oldsmobile at the Lenoir-Hudson city limits. (RCP-IN)
- 1100 WSGI TN, Springfield. 12-7 very good signal in briefly. 1757 with country music, "WSGI" ID into USA News. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1160 WODY VA, Fieldale. 12-21 fair to strong w/WSCR nulled. 1915 with local southern Gospel countdown show. "AM 11-60 WODY." [JJR-WI]
- 1200 WLXX <u>IL.</u> Chicago. 12-24 good signal, dominant o/KVOO. 1516 with Tejano music and what sounded like "La Equis" slogan in SS. "AM 1200 WLXX" jingle in EE. [EB-MO]
- 1250 WIZZ

 IL, Streator. 12-24 good to poor signal, splash from WIBV-1260. 1502 noted with ABC News, network spots, local spots mentioning Streator into Christmas music. Fairly regular since KBTC went silent. [EB-MO]
- 1290 WCBL KY, Benton. 12-24 fair to poor signal in WIRL null. 1451 noted with country music format, local weather, spots, call letter ID in basketball promo into Christmas music. 1500 legal ID into NBC News. [EB-MO]
- 1490 WABJ MI, Adrian. 12-22 very poor in fade up & out. 0300 female announcer, ID. [JJR-WI]
- 1510 WLAC TN, Nashville. 12-24 good to excellent signal taking out KCTE. 1444 noted with Dr. Laura promo, "News, talk 15-10 WLAC" ID, weather for Nashville going into Rush Limbaugh program. [EB-MO]
- 1530 WSAI OH, Cincinnati. 12-24 fair to poor w/KPCR. 1437 noted with local spot cluster, "15-30 WSAI" ID's, weather forecast, jingle ID at 1442 into Christmas music. [EB-MO]
- 1550 KLFJ MO, Springfield. 12-16 briefly faded up in mess. 1812 with religious format, mention of program "A Star In The Darkness" playing December 21-27 at the Stained Glass Theater. Gave 690-6918 phone number to call for ticket information. "KFLJ Springfield Talk 15-50" ID. First time heard. [RCP-IN]
- 1570 WSWV VA, Pennington Gap. 12-21 fair, unusually dominant. 1730 with satellite fed soft A/C format. [JJR-WI]
- 1580 KGAL OR, Lebanon, 12-22, 1106 with ID after weather into Christmas music. [NJ-MT]
- 1660 WJDM NJ, Elizabeth. 12-20 fair signal. 0855 noted with Aahs World Radio, "All American Alarm Clock" mention. First time heard on the 10kW day power! [EB-MO]
- 1700 WCMQ FL, Miami Springs. 12-20. 0852 noted with SS contemporary music, legal ID in SS, mention of 92.3 FM. First time noted on 10kW day power! [EB-MO]

LOCAL CHANGES

1190 KHAD MO, De Soto. 12-24 good signal, dominant. 1427 noted with network and local spots and PSA's into Prime Sports. "You're listening to your Prime Sports connection, AM 11-90 KHAD De Soto, Missouri" at 1435. Format change from country music. No longer simulcast of KDJR 100.1. [EB-MO]

1600 KMJM MO, St. Louis. EX-KATZ. 12-20. 0800 noted with local news, weather, "Gospel 1600 KMJM St. Louis" legal ID at 0802 into "Gospel Trax." The KATZ calls are still used on 100.3 FM in Alton, IL. KMJM-FM 104.9 is licensed to Columbia, IL Before that the KMJM-FM calls were on 107.7 St. Louis, now KSLZ. [EB-MO]

UnIDS

1690 unID

12-25. UnID, possible pirate, NW/SE loop. 2250 tune in to 0030 12-26. Good signal with Big Band Oldies music. No ID's. Actual frequency was 1689.7kHz. Tuned out at 0015, back in at 0040 and they were gone. Any ideas? [TMJ-IL]

25 YEARS AGO

January 6, 1973 issue of IRCA's "DX Monitor" _ Jim Poterba of Yardley, PA logged KGHL-790 MT for state #41 _ Glenn Hobbs of San Jose, CA said he was 16 and DX'ed on a Hallicrafters SX-100 _ Credo A. Bisquera of Waianae, HI logged his first GY in 2 years, KDAC-1230 Fort Bragg, CA _ Carol Schweiger of Stoneham, MA tried for the WLIK test on Christmas Day, but didn't hear them.

OPEN MIKE

Would a fly without wings be called a walk? 1998 is here, hope 1998 brings all of you some great DX. How's your weather? El Nino has brought us a very mild winter so far. 73, John.



Eastern DX Forum

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Tom Jasinski, 419 North Raven, Shorewood, Illinois 60431 Greetings: I have now had about 9 months to play with my Drake R8A. is loaded with all kinds of "bells & whistles". Some are useful, some are not. Like I don't need the 400 memory channels. I understand that the R8B which is now out has 1000 memory channels! They could have spent the design efforts to make other improvements. Like having a clock timer with 6 or 8 separate on/off settings. You only get two on the same day! There are several problems I noticed with my set. is the ACG response. It is too fast. Even in the slow setting with AM Sync activated there is a rapid flutter that follows some signals. In the peaks there is a fraction of a second distortion of the audio. happens with the noise blanker off. The only way I can get rid of it is to back down on the RF Gain. Just below the ACG threshold the distortion stops. When the warranty expires in March this will be the first modification I will perform (add a capacitor to slow down the AGC just a little). I have also had to cut down the signal from the line audio output on the rear panel. When using a Radio Shack cassette recorder the raw signal was too strong and the cassette recorder would overload and distort! During my first use of the set during a late spring DX test I was surprised to find the tape useless with bad audio. I had to use a 4.7K and 33K Ohm resistor set up as a voltage divider to drop the level for the cassette recorder. So far this has worked well. A third problem is the clock noise. Even with the Quantum Loop 3 or 4 feet away I can hear the clock tick noise throughout the expanded band in the daytime. At night with poor skip the noise is also heard. I have had good luck pulling in a handful of TA's so far this season. Saudi Arabia on 1521 has been heard with good audio a few times this season using the Quantum Loop antenna. To use many of the features on the set you have to read through the manual and experiment a few times. Once by accident I locked up the front panel and all the keys stopped working. I fumbled for an hour until finally finding the description of the "LOCK" feature. Yes you can purposely LOCK up all the keys on the radio. My only wish is not having a top notch set like this many years ago. Best Holiday Wishes and good DX to all.

Mike Hardester, 118 Gaitway Court, Jacksonville, North Carolina. 6973 E-Mail: 2Lakota@Coastalnet.Com Greetings! Well, another DX Season is in full swing, and I am finally getting a breather from work (USPS), and wanted to pass along an observation for sending mail to both radio stations, and to relatives/friends. The standard disclaimer that this is coming from me and not the USPS is in effect. Many of us can recall the days when mail addressed simply to a person or radio station plus the city/state would almost always guarantee accurate delivery (actually, the post office at which I work is still like that!). For the most part, those days are gone, and the day of the 9-digit zip is upon us. Without going into a long discussion, here's a suggestion based on my daily observations of "missent mail." Make certain that the zip code (5 or 9 digit) is correct. If in doubt, call your post office. If possible, type the numerals or carefully print them. Also, if your print pitch is 12, use 14 pitch for the zip code: make it stand out from the rest of the address. We routinely recei ve mail where the city name is our name (Trenton - same as a few other cities), but the state and zip code are so illegible that the mail has to be returned to the sender. The USPS is far from perfect, but we do try to do our best and help...maybe the above will help get your DX report to the right city, and station CE. No DX here. Still waiting for the R-70 to get home from the Radio Doctor, and then hopefully some DX! Very 73 and a Happy New Year of DX

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de Mike

The letter that came on Friday from the lawyer was short--two sentences --and to the point. The first sentence told me who he was and the second one simply said: It is with great regret that I must inform you of the death of Mr. (John Charles) Keleher on August 21, 1997. I first had contact with Charley in 1971 not long after he joined IRCA. doing the CDXR at the time and when he reported from Lombard, Ill, I asked if he knew one of the founders of IRCA whom I knew had lived in Lombard at one time. It turned out that he did. After that, we met, and he probably became one of the few DXers I have really gotten to know on a face-to-face basis. After he moved to Fort Wayne, the route from his parents house to Fort Wayne took him to within a couple of miles of my apartment, so he would stop by to see me. In 1974, we flew together to the Seattle convention, but he had two weeks off while I only took one week, so I flew back while he took the train thru the mountains back to Chicago. I have often regretted since then that I did not take the time for the train trip myself. At that point, I needed the rest and it would have been good for me to see a part of the country I still have not seen. When I gave up CDXR in 1973, Charley was the one who took it over. I had not seen him in several years, but he would call every six to eight weeks and let me know what was going on. He had been downsized out of Zenith Electronics, where he had worked as an electrical engineer, and about that time had dropped out of IRCA. still asked what was going on in the club and how certain people were doing. I believe he was 57 years old. To my knowledge, he had never married, and was survived by one sister. He will be missed. My wife has written to the lawyer asking for details and also about his radio equipment and the radio logs/veries he left behind. The problem is that it has been four months so probably whatever is to be done with them has been done already. The lesson for me out of this is to make sure there is a list of people who are to be notified when something happens to me. In his case, he lived alone with only a sister up in Canada. I hope you all had a good holiday season and that 1998 will treat you even better than the old year did. 73.

EASTERN DX ROUNDUP

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Welcome to 1998 !!!! Back to a weekly schedule, hoping to find some time to DX...A fair amount of DX to report this week, so lets get to it

		STARS OF THE WEEK
(MB-ON)	Mike B	
(CB-NY)	Charle	s Bernth Eastport, NY VIA E-MAIL
(5P-HI) (RB-PA)	Dale P Rich E	
(KVJ-GA)	Karl J	Teter Lawrenceville, GA VIA-E-MAIL HQ-150/ATS-803A, Quantum & KIWA Loop
(EM-PA)	Ernest	e-mail jeterk@worldnet.att.net 7916 Burholme Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111 Drake R-8A, 100' l.w. , KIWA Loop VIA U.S.P.S.
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		LOGGINGS
550 MC	KTRS	St Louis 12/28 1503 Surprising to hear in semi-local WDUN shallow null, "Talk Radio-St. Louis" after ABC News (KVJ-GA)
550 NC	WTLI	Statesville 12/28 1707 also in WDUN null, w/southern gospel music, announcer Scott Wheeler mentions he is
		sitting in for the regular guy in this time slot(KVJ-GA)
600 OH	WSOM	Salem, 12/16 0755 fr o/combined CJCL & CKTB slop w/"WSOM Official Satellite weather", ID slogan as "Your memory
\$2. ******		station for Eastern Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania, WSOM AM 600" into Frank Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night". (MB-ON)
620 PA	WHJB	Greensburg 12/13 1615. Bobby Collins comedy routine about his parents' hearing into a station ID and then a
		Fleetwood Mac song. Fades and mixing with Newark, NJ. (RB-PA)
670 TN		Farragut 12/28 1600 good w/slogans "All American Radio", "AM-670 Stereo" syndicated religious programs (KVJ-GA)
740 PA	WVCH	Chester 1/3 1332 The Irish Hour until 1400 then into 30 min. infomercial for weight-loss concoction, followed by talk on health issues. WGSM off with feed problems. (CB-NY)
750 NC	WAVG	New Hope 12/12 1600-1605 Several ads mentioning Raleigh, then call letters into rel. pgm, competing with WBMD (EM-PA)
790 N	wlsv	Wellsville, 12/16 0734 fr-gd o/CIGM & WAEB w/end of local wx "In Wellsville it's 27 degrees at WLSV", into local high school sports report. This is not a pirate. Wellsville, NY is better known as one of the maildrop
800 FI	. WPLK	addresses for pirate broadcasters. (MB-ON) Palatka 12/29 1734 noted with "Speedy Cash" pawn shop
040 171		ad. (KVJ-GA) Earlysville 12/29 0832 Excellent w/ID between canned
840 V	WKIR	religious programs: "The Messianic Vision Broadcast" and "World Bible Society Broadcast"; with dual-city ID:Earlysville-Charlottesville (KVJ-GA)
840 V	WKTR	Earlysville 12/29 1630 second time, same day, this time with ID: "Serving Central VA w/10,000 wattsthe
920 II	I WBAA	Ministry Station" into "Prophesy for Today" (KVJ-GA) West Lafayette 12/29 1707 presume this, with NPR news, several mentions of Indiana during local break, and

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"Newsradio 920" slogan
WINE Brookfield 1/3 1100 Through noise sounded like
                                                                           (KVJ-GA)
940 CT
                 "Fairfield County's Newsradio". Thought this was an
                 oldies station.
                                                                             (CB-NY)
           WLYC Williamsport 12/15 1645 Pop song conclusion, call letters
1050
       PA
                 as a sung jingle, into Silent Night, faded into dominant
1070
       NC
           WNCT Greenville 12/5 21:00. Frequent mention of local
                 Greenville businesses (sandwich shop, tire dealers)
                 during a Greenville high school football game (state
           playoffs!). Occasionally dominant. (RB-PA) WNDB Daytona Beach 12/17 1640 Call letters momentarily popped
       FL
1150
                 out while monitoring this crowded freg. FL # 10 for me.
                                                                             (EM-PA)
           WHUN Huntington 12/17 1625-1645 Out of jumble the name
                 Huntington surfaced and 20 min later a complete station
                 ID was heard.
       NC
1170
           WCLN Clinton 12/15 1700 On the hour full ID & into network
                 news, briefly dominate over WWVA
1190
           WLAL Cobleskill 12/15 1630 From jumble, a woman's voice
           Clearly announced call letters , then gone (EM-
WHMM Westport 1/3/98 1000 Heard with NPR programming i.e.
Weekend Edition, Car Talk. //WSHU 91.1 (CB-
1260
       CT
                                                                            (CB-NY)
           WOOD Grand Rapids 12/17 1740-1745 "Gordon Liddy" pgm, into
1300
       MI
                 break with "You're listening to wood, W O O D , Grand
                 Rapids", area weather, call letters repeated as jingle.
                                                                            (EM-PA)
       NY
           WZZZ Fulton 12/14 1635 Woman gave call letters at sign off,
           then vocal rendition of SSB, under WJFK (EM-PA)
WDOC Prestonburg 12/16 1700 With local WSSJ nulled, very clear
call letter ID heard above jumble of WDCT in Korean and
1310
       KY
                 others.
                                                                             (EM-PA)
           WYUR Dearborn, 12/12 1708 fr w/anct "WYUR news time is 5:08"
                 into news about new area codes for the Detroit area.
                 another call change for these guys. They seem to change
                 calls almost as often as most people change their socks
                                                                             (MB-ON)
           WIBA Madison 12/17 1720-1725 Talk about Green Bay Packers,
                 then annumt said this weekend's game would be broadcast
                  on WIBA, later "this is WIBA's traffic watch", local
                 Madison ads.
                                                                             (EM-PA)
1350
       CT
           WNLK Norwalk 12/17 1750 Heard weather forecast ending with
                  "it's currently 52 degrees in Norwalk."
                                                                            (EM-PA)
1360
           WKOP Binghammton 12/6 0005 From jumble of many stations a
                 womans voice announced call letters clearly.
           WSYB Rutland, 12/17 0807 pr in nulled CKPC w/extended version
1380
       VT
                 of CBS News (went on past :05), anct at 0809 "25 degrees outside, WSYB news time is 8:09" into local nx. (MB-ON)
           WPLB Greenville, 12/13 0900 pr u/CKPC, caught legal ID at top of hour "WPLB Greenville, it's 9 o'clock", then faded
1380
       MI
                                                                             (MB-ON)
                  into mush.
1480
           WCNS Latrobe, 12/18 1722 pr and losing fight w/WHBC, ID as
                  "Oldies 1480 WCNS" into "Lover's Concerto" by the Toys.
1570
       WI
           WRJQ Appleton, 12/19 0700 fr and alone on frequency w/sign on
                  anct: "Good morning, this is radio station WRJQ Appleton
                  returning to the air..." into Big Band mx format. (MB-ON)
           CKMW Winkler, 12/20 0815 pr in graveyard-like jumble, noted woman w/sports report that was definitely Canadian (i.e.
1570
                  emphasis on hockey, and news about curling -something
                  that no U.S. sports report would ever broadcast, but
                  curling is the state religion in some parts of Canada),
                  finally heard anct at end of sports "the 1570 CKMW
                  forecast in a moment".
                                                                             (MB-ON)
1650 CA KGXL Beverly Hills 12/31 0349 Tuned in at 0119 head weak
                  signal with partial ID. Returned at 0349 to good signal with many ID's as "KGIL 1260 AM-24 hours a day." No
                  mention of KGXL. Some splash from WJDM.
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WCMQ Miami, Dec. 22 2207 fr w/fades w/soft SS ballads, 1700 semi-ID as "esta es la nueva CMQ". 'Bout time I heard this! WCMQ Miami 12/23 17:45. Heard spanish on this frequency with 1700 FI. a mention of 'Miami'. Signal weak but legible. (RB-PA) WCMQ Miami-Springs 12/29 0900-0930 EE ID at top of hour, 1700 FL ment.WCMQ-FM Miami Springs-Miami, WZMQ-Key Largo-Homestead-Miami and WBMQ Key West. Started fading out after 0930... ********* SPECIAL INTEREST WBOB Florence 12/10 * Adds "One On One Sports" per mention on 1160 network's "Papa Joe Chevalier Show." WNRB Boston 12/18 * Adds "One On One Sports" per mention on 1510 MA network's "Papa Joe Chevalier Show." ********** UN-IDEN: 12/23 17:47. Spanish talk and then some Spanish music. May be one of the new South Americans mentioned in the 1620 unid dx-flash. I'll have to research it. ******** T.I.S./H.A.R. 530 WPEW541 MD, Cooksville. Channel dominate daytime at home, but buried by co-channel QRM at night. Traffic information NSP. Non-emergency message noted 971226 0715. 530 possibly WNPM480 or probably WHNQ463 VA, Manassas. Prince William County tourist information and a mention of the Manassas Civil War Battlefield. Call letters not heard, but seemed operated by Prince William County, so call is more likely WHNQ463. 971225 1245. Signal best near (Harms-VA) Manassas rest area on I-66. 590 WPBJ222 MD, exact location uncertain. Poor signal heard along I-495 from I-270 to Virginia border 971225 1225-1235 // to WPDD643 on 1070. ID's as WPBJ-590 and WPDD-1070 (Not actual call letters, but a combination of the first four letters and their respective frequencies). (Harms-MD) WPFG387 VA, Fairfax; not noted on-the-air on a drive-by 971225 650 1235. Virginia DOT station. WPCV564 VA, Fairfax City; not noted on-the-air on a drive-by 650 971225 1230. Did notice sign near Tysons Corner on Westbound I-66 stating "tune to 650 KHz for travelers information when flashing." Virginia DOT station. (Harms-VA) 650 WPCV564 VA, McClean; WPFG387, VA, Manassas; WPCV564, VA, Fairfax; and WPFG387, VA, Fairfax not noted on-the-air on a drive-by 971225 1225-1240. Did notice sign near Tysons Corner on Westbound I-66 stating "tune to 650 Khz for travelers information when flashing." (Harms-VA) 1040 WPEI224 MD, Hanover (Baltimore-Washington International Airport). Is heard at home in Elkridge all day long? Usually alone in the daytime and mixing at night with co-channels (WHO, etc) at night. 971226 0700 Parking lot and gate information. Sometimes broadcasts NOAA (Harms-MD) weather. 1070 WPDD643 MD, Silver Spring. Mentioned that the transit system was operating on a Sunday schedule for Christmas. Strongest signal near milepost 29 I-495. ID's as WPBJ-590 and WPDD-1070 (Not actual call letters, but a combination of the first four letters and their respective frequencies). 971225 1215 1290 WNQI569 MD, Berwyn. Non-emergency message, female announcer. Mentioned a new program of issuing warning tickets to

aggressive Washington Beltway drivers who have their driving video taped. Signal strongest near milepost 30 on I-95. Used call letters. 971225 1210 (Harms-MD) 1290 WNVY507 MD, Rockville near I-270/I-495 Interchange. Same text as WNQI569 but different female announcer and call letters. Signal Strongest near milepost 29 on I-495. Not on 530 KHz. 971225 1220 (Harms-MD) 1610 WNVY506 MD, Dorsey The closest TIS to my home in Elkridge. Logged

for the record. Non-emergency announcement on 971225 1200. Used call letters and not heard on 530 khz.

(Harms-MD)

A big "Welcome Back" to Karl Jeter !!! Nice to have him reporting again. No time for me to DX lately..Lots of noise in my area this season...... Bill Harms has put together a really "neat" TIS Web site. It's going to be a GREAT companion to our Logbook site...Check it out at http://www.erols.com/wharms/tis.html

That's all for this week, remember, deadlines are every WEDNESDAY !!!!

73's and all the best......fresh



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DX WORLDWIDE II

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TRANS ATLANTIC

EGYPT: El Arish 1008 is now used for Foreign Service [Arctic]

GERMANY: SDR & SWF will cease their own prmgs 12/31/97 and become one station 1/1/98 as Südwestdeutscher Rundfunk (SWR); SDR1 SWF1 S4 & SWF4 willcontinue under new name(s), SDR3 & SWF3 will merge to a new pgm, S2 KULTUR willremain unchanged [Arctic]

IRAQ: "Republic of Iraq Radio" (Arabic: "idha'at jumhuriyat al-iraq") main progr is aired 0155-2315 on 11785(0900-1155) 11292(0600-0900, 1900-2305) 9755(1900-2300) 9715(0600-0900, 1400-1600) 1377(not 1600-1900) 1035 963 909 756 693(not 0300-2100) 585(not 0300-2100) 558 531(not 0300-2100) [WWDXC]

IRELAND: The station on 864 is back with an oldies format. It has a strong signal in partsof England and identifies as "Jukebox Memories". Givesaddress as Jukebox Memories, Media House, 21-23 Walton Road, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 0AA. This is the same address as EAP, East Anglian Productions, the guys which were behind the Big L event in August. [Elbe, MWC]

LATVIA: Country Music R, which broadcasts throughout Europe via Satellite willsoon start using the old Latvian 576 xr with 500kw [Arctic]

MOLDOVA: A distorted but positively identified spurious signal from R Moldova was heard in England on 1635kHz (in // with 1593kHz but not // 7520SW) around 2230 9/9/97. [Taylor/Whitt, MWC]

NORWAY: Radio Stella Maris has applied for one LW & one MW freq. LW freq would probably be 153 and located in SW Norway [Arctic]

PORTUGAL: R Comercial 558 in Faro has left the air; R Comercial seems to be dismantling its MW network in favor of FM [Arctic] SLOVAKIA; According to the Web site of Slovak Radio (www.slovakradio.sk) the current MW lineup is considerably different from WRTH97:

Location	kHz	kW	Ne
Rimavsk=E1 Sobota	567	20	S4
Zilina	567	14	S4
Orava	621	14	S4
Bansk=E1 Bystrica	702	200	SI
Bratislava	792	10	S4
Skacin	864	1	S4
Poprad	900	14	S4
Kosice	927	10	S4
Nitra	927	50	S4
Bratislava C.	1017	5	S4
Rimavsk=E1 Sobota	1017	50	S4
Bansk=E1 Bystrica	1035	7	S4
Presov	1071	40	S4
Nitra	1098	750	Sl

Notes:

- 1. Only Banska Bystrica listed on 702. Presov not mentioned.
- 2. Many of the transmitters listed as S1 in WRTH97 actually carry S4 (the regional and minority language network).
- Powers are assumed to be as in WRTH97, or (in some cases) as in earlier editions of WRTH.
 [Andy Sennitt, MWC]

UNITED KINGDOM: Manx Radio 1386 kHz is online at the address http://www.manxradio.com/
There you can read about the 1996 listening survey ("The results of the station's 1996 Listening Survey showed Manx Radio maintaining its position as Britain's most listened to radio station per head of population." On that homepage, you'll find quite some jingles of the station.[DSWC1]

TRANS PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA: Reception reports for the Parliament & News Network (2PB 3PB etc) can be sent via e-mail to their Sydney office pnn@your.abc.net.au; PNN does not carry any regionalor local programming [NZDXL]

CHINA: The scheduleof Beijing PBS is: 828 R Beijing 2130-1600; 927 Traffic Stn 2255-1400 (Su

0000-1400); Economic Stn 2155-1600 (Su 2225-1500) [Arctic] Adventist World Radio has plans for a MW service to NE China. "For 12 years we have been successful in being to China on SW from Guam, but we want to try MW to see if we can capture an even greater audience." Details of the plan are not yet available. Hours on the new stn will be limited during the test period but may be extended if response is positive. ['AWRecorder' newsletter, Aug 97 via WWDXC] (There's no indication of where their xr site would be, Guam seems rather far away, Russia or S Korea seem more likely sites.bp)

INDONESIA: RRI Bandung 3204 kHz has been off for almost 4 months. Mr. Idrus, the station manager said the transmitter is 'sick'. The station is fixing it [DSWCI]

JAPAN: NHK2 relays R Japan in EE at 1400 & II at 1415. FEN-810 IDs as "Eagle 810", 1575 has separate pgms during the evening. NHK1-819 Oita will move to 639 [Arctic]

KOREA (SOUTH): AFKN relays National Public Radio (including relays of BBC & RCI nx) during evenings, AFKN Seoul now uses 576 & 1530 [Arctic]

MACAO: Both AM stations are currently off the air: TDM is FM only, Vila Verde 735 has been off for about a year but plans to return [Arctic]

NEW ZEALAND: There is a list of NZ MW stations on the web at www.moc.govt.nz/comms/rrf/rrf.html. It's posted at the site operated by their equivalent to the FCC. The New Zealand DX League now has a Web site at www.navigator.co.nz/nzdxrf; it includes a list of NZ AM/FM stations, S Pacific beacons, and the SPARC Countries List [NZDXRL] "Classic Goodtime Oldies AM 15-21" is now fulltime on 1521 & gives address as PO Box 134 Tauranga[DXC] Reo Atumotu 1593 in Auckland has closed [DXC/NZDXL]

RUSSIA: R Rema 783 Vladivostok is new 1300 s/off, R 810 Vladivostok is inactive, R 1557 Vladivostok is new 1300 s/off [Arctic]

TAIWAN: Yen Sheng BC 1044 is now 24 hr Arctic

TONGA: Tonga Broadcasting Commission, is due back on 5030 soon with 1 kW 1900-1300, though not their top priority [Cushen on Media Network Sep 11]

LATIN AMERICA

BOLJVIA: Some splits - all are new stations: R Eucaliptus 875 in Eucaliptus, Dpto de Oruro, R Cruceña 1125 in Cotoca, Dpto de Santa Cruz R Porvenir 1125 in Tiquipava, Dpto de Cochabamba R Unión, Vinto, Dpto deCochabamba [from Booklet "La Radio en Bolivia" via Arctic]

COLOMBIA:

1140 HJFH new sked 0900-0300 1390 HJYW R Suramerica ex 1370 1460 HJTF R Turbo ex Ondas del Darién 1500 HJSH sked 1030-0300 [Arctic]

MÉXICO: XECMQ-1150 R Centro "Formato 21" ex 1320, R Variedades XEIP-1320 ex 1150[Arctic]

PANAMÁ: HOQ51 710 R Continente ex 700 some VOA relays, HO..-1250 R Hogar Penanamé a new relay of R Hogar 670 [Arctic]

VENEZUELA: YVSO 760 R Popular, ex La Peimera 760 [Arctic] A Venezuelan DXer has offered to help obtain qsl-cards from old and new reception reports from the following venezuelan radio station:
R.Barquisimeto, R.Lara, R.Universo, R.Cristal, R.Minuto, Super Criolla 1390, Radio Fe Y Alegria 850, R. Maracaibo, R.Juventud 840, Ondas Porteñas 640. Address is: Winter Monges, P.O.Box 1.116, Barquisimeto 3001-A Lara Venezuela, E-mail: winter@telcel.net.ve [DSWCI]

BEACON GUIDE

Jan Nieuwenhuis just released a NDB Database program, using parts of Mark Zee's data. With the program you can list the name, ID, frequency, latitude and longitude of NDB's in any sort of order you want. Currently the main database contains 4353 records. A comprehensive search option is available to search for a particular name, frequency or ID. Also included is a table with morse code for easy identification of the NDB. Just by clicking the code it is possible to search the database. If there is only one record found in the database, then the morse code will be displayed as large dots and dashes and it will be audible (if you want) through the speaker of your computer. Requirements: 386, 486, Pentium, 1.44 MB (3,5") diskdrive, 2.6 MB harddrive space, Memory: 4 MB or more, Operating system: 3.1/3.11 or Windows 95 Monitor: (S)VGA (640*480 or better) 256 colours Price: (includes cost of postage): 10 Dutch guiders, 10 German Mark, 4 GBP(rest of Europe) 7 U.S. Dollar(outside Europe, includes airmail postage). Method of payment: cash only. Address: Jan Nieuwenhuis, Vloedlyn 12, NL-1791 HH Den Burg(Texel) The Netherlands.

I guess that does it for this time. Have a good holiday season and see you in a few weeks. 73, bp.

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<u>DEADLINES</u>: 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Compiled:12/20/97 Much of this information is compiled from <u>M Street Journal</u>, DXM, and various other sources.

NEW STATION GRANTS:

NH. Hanover 720 khz. 50000/500 DA-2 NM. Bernalillo 890 khz. 4000/1000 DA-2

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

CO. Monument KCBR-1040 inc. to 5000-D, 2000-CH, ND-D GA. Atlanta WQXI-790 inc. to 28000-D, DA-N MI. Ypsilanti WWCM-990 inc. to 9200-D, DA-2 NC. Fairview WZTY-870 dec. to 350-D, ND

FACILITY & PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

CA. San Francisco KYCY-1550 inc. to 5000-D, DA-2 KS. Topeka WREN-1250 inc. to 25000-D, DA-2 PA. Shippensburg WSHP-1480 dec. to 460/10 ND TN. Shelbyville WLIJ-1580 inc. to 5000-D, ND

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

CA. Glendale KIEV-870 inc. to 20000/3000 DA-2

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

AL. Opelika WJHO-1400 becomes WANI
CA. Lake Isabella KVLI-1140 becomes KQAB
Turlock KCDR-1390 becomes KVIN
FL. Miami Springs WCMO-1210 becomes WMMA
GA. Carrollton WPPI-1330 becomes WBTR

NM. Albuquerque KZKL-1580 becomes KDZZ "Radio Disney"

 PA. Red Lion
 WGCB-1440 becomes WTHM

 VA. Chesapeake
 WVBV-1600 becomes WCPK

 WA. Selah
 KCHT-980 becomes KJOX

 Yakima
 KJOX-930 becomes KGER

FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 1):

CA. Fresno
Simi Valley
CO. Deer Trail
Johnstown
KGST-1600 was reg. Mexican, now Unica SS talk
KVCA-670 was tropical, now Unica SS talk
KTMG-1370 was talk/KHNC, rptd. silent
KTMG-1370 was talk/KHNC, rptd. silent
KHNC-1360 was talk, rptd. silent (KTMG/KHNC)
silent due to fire, to be back soon)

CT. Westport WMMM-1260 was silent, now nx/talk/classical

MD. Silver Spring WKDL-1050 was Radio Aahs, now SS CHR

MS. Oxford WSUH-1420 was nx, talk, rptd. silent (lost xmtr

site, looking for a new one)

FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 1) (CONT.):

MS. Poplarville Tupelo	WRPM-1530 was country, now s. gospel WELO-580 was nx, talk, rptd. silent (making
	tech. improvements)
MT. Billings	KMZK-1240 was rock, rap, now cont. Xtian
NJ. Trenton	WTTM-920 was sports, now religion//WCHR
NC. Charlotte	WILT-1480 was talk, now stds//WNMX-FM
Valdese	WSVM-1490 was country, talk, now oldies
OH. Toledo	WLQR-1470 was urban oldies, to be sports
PA. Pittsburgh	WTAE-1250 was nx, talk, now sports
SC. Charleston	WXTC-1390 was country//WBUB, now black gospel
TX. Pharr	KVJY-840 was AS, now Unica SS talk
San Antonio	KZDC-1250 was rock, now Unica SS talk
VA. Manassas	WKDV-1460 was Radio Aahs, now SS CHR//WKDL

FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 2):

CA.	Lake Isabella	KQAB-1140	was KVLI, oldies//FM, now talk
GA.	Carrollton	WBTR-1330	was WPPI, oldies/talk, now country, talk
			(sim. country 6-9 AM)
	Newnan	WCOH-1400	was JRN country, now JRN classic C&W
	Thomaston	WIGA-1590	was country//FM, now oldies//FM (keeps
			Ludlow Porch's talk show 9 AM-noon)
HI.	Hilo	KHLO-850	was silent, now JRN oldies
KY.	Jamestown	WJKY-1060	was country//WJRS, adds JRN C&W//FM
MA.	Worcester	WNEB-1230	was EZL//WJIB, now cont. Xtian
MS.	Booneville	WBIP-1400	was country, now Prime sports
MO.	Blue Springs	KOWW-1030	was classic country, adds JRN clas C&W
PA.	Loretto	WEBG-1400	was gold-based AC, now JRN oldies
TN.	Etowah	WCPH-1220	was stds., talk, adds JRN stds.
	Knoxville	WMEN-760	was rel. now ABC motiv. talk
	Murfreesboro	WAPB-810	was AS, adds JRN stds.
TX.	Brownfield	KKUB-1300	was country, rptd. silent
	Falfurrias	KPSO-1260	was C&W/Tej/rel//FM, now rel. (EE rel
			6 AM-1PM, SS rel. 1 PM-12 AM)
	Memphis	KLSR-1130	was country, rptd. silent
WA.	Yakima		was KJOX, C&W//KXDD, now religion
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Chuck Boehnke of Hawaii confirms earlier info on KHLO-850, off air since 2/97 per Chuck.

Pete Taylor of Tacoma, WA. passes on the following:

WA. Lakewood KNTB-1480 off the air for about a month now Tumwater KVSN-1500 plans to be on 1340 in early January

Larry Godwin of Missoula, MT. passes on the following:

Argentina-1620 being heard with fair power of late "Radio Cardinal" of Buenos Aires.

Several DX'ers sent me mail to confirm KGXL-1650 Costa Mesa, CA. is testing a lot of late. Per call to station, they will be on air on 1/1/98.

Ye editor also passes on the following:

CA. Los Angeles		now these calls ex-KTZN
	KCTD-1540	now these calls ex-KXMG
CA. Vallejo	KXBT~1640	expects to assume KDIA call letters in next few weeks (if this is the
		case what will 1310 Oakland be-
		come? They're still KDIA!)

KDIA-1310 Now Radio Disney, ex-R&B, changed CA. Oakland over at 12/16/97 at midnight PLT

Eric Buehneman of Missouri passes on the following:

(calls?)-1380 to be donated to a local church MO. St. Louis but will keep all-talk format.

That's all, have a merry Xmas and a good year of DX' in '98!!!

DEADLINES: 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Compiled: 12/30/97

Much of this information is compiled from M Street Journal, DXM, and various other sources.

NEW STATION APPLICATIONS:

CA. Mountain Gate new-1450 no facilities given NM. Taos new-1340 1000/1000 ND

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ACTIVITY:

IL. Chicago WMBI-1110 dec. to 4270-D, ND

FACILITY 3 PARAMETER APPLICATIONS:

AR. West Memphis KSUD-730 inc. to 1000/267 DA-2
CA. Los Angeles KLAC-570 inc. to 50000/50000 DA-2
MT. Flint West 600

WSNL-600 dec. to 235-N, DA-2 MI. Flint

NY. East Syracuse WSIV-1540 move to 720 khz. inc. to 1500 w.

WTVN-610 inc. to 50000-N, DA-N OH. Columbus

FACILITY & PARAMETER GRANTS:

CA. Los Angeles KXTA-1150 inc. to 50000/44000-N DA-2 San Luis Obispo KGLW-1340 dec. to 790/790 ND MA. Framingham WKOX-1200 inc. to 50000/50000 DA-2 SC. Blythewood WHAJ-890 dec. to 10400-D, ND Ridgeland WNFO-1340 dec. to 213-D, ND KCHG-810 add 250-N, DA-2 TX. Somerset

CALL LETTER CHANGES:

WZZK-610 becomes WEZN AL. Birmingham AZ. Sierra Vista KLTW-1420 becomes KTAN CA. Los Angeles KXMG-1540 becomes KCTD FL. Pinellas Park WMTX-1040 becomes WWBA West Palm Beach WEAT-850 requests WDJA

KS. Larned
MN. Minneapolis
NH. Hanover
MBNW-1170
MBNW-11 KTCJ-690 becomes KXBR "The Bear" new-720 becomes WQTH

OK. Duncan KRHD-1350 requests KKEN

KSWO-1380 requests KXCA Layton OR. Astoria new-1700 becomes KCHT

KSKD-1040 becomes KLVP "K-love" Tigard

RI. Pawtucket WPNW-550 becomes WLKW TX. Falfurias KPSO-1260 becomes KLDS KPAD-1540 becomes KZMP Fort Worth UT. Salt Lake City KISN-570 requests KNRS

WV. Charles Town WXVA-1550 becomes WMRE "Memories"

FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 1):

KIKO-1340 was soft AC & WW1 C&W, becomes soft AZ. Miami AC & WWl oldies

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KTAN-1420 was KLTW, cont. Xtian, now talk/sports
    Sierra Vista
                    KVOM-800 was country//FM, now soft AC
AR. Morrilton
    Mountain Home
                    KTLO-1240 was country, talk, drops talk
                    KDIA-1310 was R&B Oldies, now Disney's children's
CA. Oakland
                    KHTH-1130 was country, now oldies
CO. Dillon
                   WKWF-1600 was sports, adds 1 on 1 sports
FL. Key West
                   WIOD-610 was talk, to be nx/talk 12/29 WINZ-940 was nx/talk, drops nx 12/29
   Miami
                    WNRB-1510 was variety, now 1 on 1 sports
MA. Boston
                    KSID-1340 was oldies, country, adds Rush Limbaugh
NE. Sidney
                    KAWL-1370 was country, talk, drops talk
    York
                WDLC-1490 was country, now oldies
NY. Port Jarvis
                   WTIK-1310 was religion, now SS religion (noon-8PM)
NC. Durham
                   WAHT-1560 was talk, now oldies
SC. Clemson
                   KTLT-610 was sports, adds 1 on 1 sports
TX. Houston
                    WNRV-990 was country//WRIO, now country//WPSK-FM
VA. Narrows
FORMAT CHANGES (SECTION 2):
AL. Decatur
                     WAVD-1400 was oldies, now talk/sports
                     WUMP-730 was sports, talk, adds 1 on 1 sports
    Madison
                    KLIH-1250 was KEZQ, stds., now SGN s. gospel
AR. Little Rock
                    KRLN-1400 was AC, talk, now oldies, talk
CO. Canon City
                     KFTM-1400 was country, adds SS 6-11 PM
    Fort Morgan
                     KYGO-1600 was classic C&W, now country oldies//
    Lakewood
                               KCKK
                     KSKE-610 was talk, adds 1 on 1 sports
    Vail
                    WDRS-1340 was sports, adds 1 on 1 sports
FL. Lake City
    Saint Petersburg WRMD-680 was SS contemp., now tropical
                     WOCC-1550 was country//FM, now oldies
IN. Corydon
                    WTRE-1330 was country, adds Radio 1 country
    Greensburg
                    WIOU-1350 was oldies, adds talk
    Kokomo
    Rensselaer
                   WRIN-1560 was ABC country, to be ABC oldies 1/1
                    KNNS-1510 was KANS, AC, to be ABC stds. 1/1
KS. Larned
                     KJEF-1290 was country//FM, now all cajun
LA. Jennings
                    KTOC-920 was classic country, rptd. silent
    Jonesboro
Shreveport
MD. Cambridge
                     KRMD-1340 was country //FM, now 1 on 1 sports
                     WCEM-1240 was country, now talk
                    WDFN-1130 was sports, adds 1 on 1 sports
MI. Detroit
MO. Caruthersville KCRV-1370 was country, talk, adds ABC oldies (6 PM
                               -6 AM)
                     KHAD-1190 was country//FM, now Prime sports
     De Soto
                     KPHN-1190 was talk, adds WW1 Imus
     Kansas City
    South West City KLTK-1140 was C&W, talk//KWMQ, now 1 on 1 sports
                     WSPW-1170 was WBRW, AC, now 1 on 1 sports
 NJ. Bridgewater
                     WBTA-1490 was oldies, now soft AC
 NY. Batavia
                     WNWS-1520 was country, talk, now SS
 TN. Brownsville
                     WZNG-1400 was country, now talk
     Shelbyville
     Sparta
                     WPZX-860 was country//FM, now bluegrass
                     KJOJ-880 was religion adds talk "Super Talk" (
 TX. Conroe
                                keeps rel. 6AM-1PM, sim. KPRC 6PM-6AM)
                      KHHO-850 was talk, now sports//KJR-950
 WA. Tacoma
                     WMRE-1550 was WXVA, talk, now WW1 stds.
 WV. Charles Town
                      WXEE-1340 was country, rptd. silent (donated to
     Welch
                                council of S. Mountains WV, must return
                                to air by 1/31/98)
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Ye editor passes on the following info:

CA. Costa Mesa KGXL-1650 now on air, came on 12/30/97, sim.
KGIL-1260, show tunes, 1650 Culver
City TIS has moved to 1690 per on-air
annmts.

Vallejo KXBT-1640 rumored to be changing calls to KDIA and move studies to Oakland per Radio Digest Online. They don't say what will happen to KDIA-1310's calls tho!

Mark Strickert of Illinois passes on the following:

IL. Tinley Park TIS-970 "Chicago Southland" propaganda for I-80 travellers

Eric Buehneman of Missouri passes on the following:

IL. Decatur WDZ-1050 was CNN Headline nx, now C&W/Farm "Farm Radio 1050"

Eric also confirms earlier info in this column on KHAD-1190 MO.

Stan Weisbeck of Spokane, WA. also confirms that KMAX-840 Colfax, WA. is on the air, I checked FCC database, they run 10000/280 ND.

Thanks to all, have a happy new year and good DX in 1998! 73's...

FROM THE AM DX NEWSFLASH

Bill Harms - wharms@iname.com Loggings from 9/10 December 1997.

- 1215 UK, Assume Virgin Radio with music at 2255 UTC 9 Dec 1997. Arm Chair copy for a couple of minutes. Almost as loud as the domestics on 1210 and 1220. (Harms- Maryland, USA)
- 1134 Croatia, HRT strong signal, besting New York on 1130 at times.
 Heard arm chair copy of Betty Davis Eyes at 2338-2341UTC 9 Dec
 1997 into talk by male in Croatian. (Harms- Maryland, USA)
- Norway, no doubt who this one is with monstrous signal throughout the evening. Heard a male announcer speak in Norwegian at 2345 UTC 9 Dec 1997. They were stronger than the domestics on 1310 and 1320 on my car radio between 0104 and 0119 when I picked my children up from a church activity. Also heard a few notes of music and possible SS talk. There was a definite SAH. (Harms-Maryland, USA)
- Buropean Pirate??. Monitored channel 0052 to 0122:30 UTC 10 Dec 1997. Heard bits and pieces of talk and music. Unfortunately, due to poor reception, I was unable to identify the language used or the songs played, except one. 0118 to 0120:30 I heard the Song "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley and the Comets. The signal cut off abruptly at 0121 and back on at 0121:15 with possibly a man speaking. The signal disappeared at 0122:30 Listened until 0130, but did not hear any signal. Please help me identify this guy! Did anyone in Europe or North America hear this? This reception was made within the hour, so my report is not a copycat report. A check of the web revealed a 1 Kw Greek pirate on 1626. See http://www.frn.net/greek-p.html (Harms Maryland, USA)
- 1700 NY, TIS at John F. Kennedy Airport. Mixing with Miami at 0030 UTC 10 Dec 1997. Heard reference to "Broadcasting on 1700 on your AM dial" and "Port Authority of New York and New Jersey." Not heard at 0130. Possibly a test broadcast? JFK Airport still on 1630 KHz (Harms Maryland, USA)

Other TA carriers, hets, etc heard tonight include 891, 936, 963, 1053, 1062, 1107, 1143, 1188, 1197, 1242, 1251, 1269, 1287, 1332, 1368, 1386, 1395, 1431, 1521, 1566. Unfortunately, I did not stick around long enough to ID these guys.

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