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Feb. 25	KUAI-720	5:30/6:00 AM
Mar. 23	KTGG-1540	4:30/5:00 AM

KSOK-1280, P. O. BOX 917, Arkansas City, KS 67005 will conduct a special DX TEST on Sunday morning, February 3, 1991 between 0500 and 0600 EST This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. David C. Foster (NOKAT), Chief Engineer for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

KBYR-700, P.O. BOX 102200, Anchorage, AK 99510 will conduct a special DXTEST on Monday morning, February 4, 1991 from 0400-0430 EST This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. A. G. Hiebert, Chairman/CEO for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WABS-780, 5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning, February 11, 1991 between 0000-0100 EST This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Bill Ashley, Chief Engineer. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WMYM-1570, BOX 1027, Minocqua, WI 54548 will conduct a special DX TEST on Sunday morning, February 10, 1991 from 0630-0640 EST This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Pete Rondello, VP/GM/CE. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

KOT2-720, P.O. BOX 78. Kotzebue, AK 99752 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning, February 11, 1991 from 0401-0500 EST. This test will consist of tones, Native American and Modern music. Our thanks to Mr. Pierre A. Lonewolf, Chief Engineer for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

WLIM-1580, Woodside Ave. Patchogue, NY 11772 will conduct a special DX TEST on Saturday morning February 16, 1991 between 0445-0515 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. George Drake, Vice President. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

KARY-1310, BOX 1310, Prosser, WA 99350 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning, February 18, 1991 between 0700-0730 EST This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Tony Imus. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

KIJAI-720, P.O. BOX 720. Eleele. Kauai, HI 96705 will conduct a special DX TEST on Monday morning. February 25, 1991 from 0530-0600 EST. This test will include Morse code ID's. Our thanks to Mr. Roger D. Rogelstad, Chief Operator for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the National Radio Club.

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DX Time Machine From the Pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the Jan. 25, 1941 DXN: 29 persons attended the 2nd Joint NRC-IDA Convention at Cleveland, OH on Jan. 18, 1941.

25 years ago ...from the Jan. 29, 1966 DXN: Dick Nelson, Northridge, CA listed for sale a Hammarkend SP-600JX, National 1830, Halticrafters SX-100, Hammarlund HQ140X, Heath Mohican, GE World Monitor, and several "hot" transistor portables.

10 years ago ... from the Feb. 2, 1981 DXN: This 44-pager included such items as Albert Edwards' Hawaiian Bandscan from Kalaheo, Kauai.

AM Switch

Jerry Starr

c/o WHOT Radio 4040 Simon Road

Youngstown, OH 44512-1320 Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and NRC members

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call: New call: 590 WCEO IL Wood River KEZK 610 WROQ NC Charlotte WGKL 1600 WTKZ MD Rockville WINX*

*After two applications to change from WINX to WTKZ the management of this station claims they will now keep WINX, WTKZ was set aside again and never used.

APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES 1200 WOPA IL Chicago: night power to 1000 watts



GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1500 WMJL KY Marion: reduce power to 175 watts 1520 KYND TX Cypress: power to 3200 watts (2800 CH)

OTHERNESS

710 CHYR ON Learnington: station has been monitored operating on this frequency at night instead of 730 kHz. It is unknown if this is temporary

WPNT IL Chicago: just weeks after the call/format change, this station has gone SILENT and has reportedly lost the lease for its XR site

920 CBO ON Ottawa: CBC has announced this station will leave the air permanently by the end of March 1991 to be replaced with an FM outlet

WRNE FL Gulf Breeze: silent as WFXP, is back ON THE AIR 980

1170 WBRW NJ Bridgewater: station went silent 12-28-90, is not expected to return soon, present owners cannot continue to operate the station and a prospective new owner, upon learning the ground at the station site has been found to be contaminated, has backed out as he would have been responsible for the considerable clean-up cost. This per a member whose next door neighbor worked at the station.

1180 WFGN SC Gaffney: silent station is back ON THE AIR

1240 WTME ME Lewiston: this operation turned in its license for 1530 kHz as noted several weeks ago and has moved this call to this frequency replacing the defunct WXGL. They continue to relay WKTQ-1450.

WSGX FL Sarasota: silent station is back ON THE AIR

KIST CA Santa Barbara: station is removing its 45-yearold 180-foot rooftop tower and is sharing the antenna of KSPE-1490. Major reason sighted is the fear that the rooftop system will no longer meet the RF occupational exposure rules. Over 100 people work in the building under the antenna.

1360 WVSJ NJ Washington Township: silent for a short period, station is back on the air from new XR site running temporary facilities of 1000/250 U1 but will be 5000/800 when completed.

WAPR FL Avon Park: silent station is back ON THE AIR 1390 WNUE FL Fort Walton Beach: silent station is back ON 1400 THE AIR

St. Anthony: station is SILENT KIGO ID

KTUS TX Galveston: silent station expected to be back ON THE AIR mid-February 1991

WPRW VA Manassas: station went SILENT 12-13-90 with what 1460 they are calling "transmitter problems"

1470 WOJY PA Farrell: silent station is being sold and new owners expect to return it to the air in 2-91

1480 KIOU LA Shreveport: station is SILENT

1490 WZKT VA Waynesboro: station is believed to be SILENT, a call to the station gets only a disconnection message from the phone company

1500 KRCK CA Burbank: target date of summer 1991 has been delayed due to zoning problems at the proposed new transmitter site

1570 KSRB AR Hardy: silent station is back ON THE AIR WBUZ NY Fredonia: the ten-year saga on this station may finally be near an end. The Circuit Court of Appeals in D.C. has refused to overturn the revocation of WBUZ's license. Owner Henry Serafin's only remaining hope would be an appeal to the Supreme Court and we understand that he is not inclined to do so.

1580 WTYO NJ Hammonton: silent station is being sold and new owners propose to return it to the air and relay WOND-1400 Pleasentville, NJ which they also own.

THANKS for Otherness items: MIKE RIORDAN, DAVE SCHMIDT, GUY BRENNERT (K2EFB) and M STREET JOURNAL

73 and Good DX, Suny & BKF Jerry Starr & Bufalo K. Foorman

BY JOHN D. BOWKER

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THIS IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF U. S. BROADCAST STATIONS ON THE INDICATED FREQUENCY AS PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION IN 1934. "S" MEANS SHARED; "SH" MEANS SPECIFIED HOURS; "T" INDICATES TRANSMITTER LOCATION; "D" MEANS DAYTIME OPERATION ONLY; "U" MEANS UNLIMITED TIME.

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Frequency (kc)	Call letters	Main studio and transmitter	Power	Time designation
880, regional (Canadian	WGBI WQAN	Scranton, Pa	250 w 250 w	S-WOAN. S-WOBI.
shared).	WCOC WSUI KLX KPOF KFKA	Meridian, Miss	500 w 1 kw LS 500 w 1 kw 500 w	
	KrKA	Greeley, Colo	11 kw LS	JS-KIOI.

William Hale

Domestic DX Digest - East

734 Burleson San Marcos, TX 78666

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

MIEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- A couple of AM closedowns in Canada highlight this week's SPECIAL notes Read on...
- Just when I thought we had the Canadian provincial abbreviations down pat, Mikee has thrown a monkey wrench into the works. He set the U.S. Postal Service still recognizes "PO" as the abbreviation for Quebec Personally, I don't think the USPS cares what the abbreviation is As soon as they see "Canada" in the address, it's gone. But, not wanting to raise the ire of Mr. Knitter any more than I already have recently, this column will revert back to the abbreviation "PQ". On another note, but along the same lines, new reporter Mike Brooker of Toronto (whom we welcome aboard) says Ottawa is actually located in the National Capital Region (Region de la capitale nationale), not Ontario This is just like the District of Columbia being a separate geographical region from the surrounding states Boy, the best DX catches in the world, plus Geography 101!! It doesn't get any better than this
- Remember to keep DX in your reports current 1 usually weed out loggings older than 30 days at my deadline, which is always one week sooner than the Topeka deadline. And reports sans time and/or date info will be omitted, as some is this week. And keep 'em on one side of the paper

- 610 WIP PA PHILADELPHIA - Larry King himself said WIP doesn't carry him anymore
- 650 KUUY WY CHEYENNE - 1/3 0525 with automated C&W; after You Needed Me by Anne Murray and ad for The Inventor's Kit (1-800-933-IDEA) had 650 KUUY call ID (a) 0531 and back to wall-to-wall C&W (no ads or DJ) 'til 0600 legal ID KUUY Chevenne then - NBC Nx; fair with WSM nulled with a weak CKOM under; if legal ID was truly legal, then application to move from Orchard Valley has been granted (REH-ON)
- WIIX LA NEW ORLEANS - 1/6 0202 ID. The New WIIX, now has BRN and is my past unID (MH-NE)
- NCR OTTAWA announcing move to 91.5 mHz on January 7th and 920 CBO conducting tests on that frequency; 920 will sign off permanently on March 26th according to info received by another area DXer (MS-ON)
- WHOO FL 990 ORLANDO - now has IRN per annet on KSJB, who also has IRN (MH-NE)
- 1060 WHFB MI BENTON HARBOR - 12/29 1518 noted with Music that makes memories, AC/BBD mx; ex:C&W (WPF-IN)
- 1190 KBCO CO BOULDER - 1/5 1942 over 30 minutes of AOR mx, then annet KBCO is closed for inventory, thanks for listening to 973; no mention of 1190 and on after 1945, looks like they forgot to pull the AM's plug (MH-NE)
- 1210 KOKK SD HURON - is 450 watts nites per verie, and their phone # is 605-352-1933 (MH-NE)
- 1250 CBOF NCR OTTAWA - scheduled to move to 90.7 mHz on January 7th and is conducting tests on that frequency (MS-ON)
- WYWR OH CAMPBELL [a question was raised by Charles Reh about what he had 1330 heard on 1330 from ★ land Jerry wrote to relate what really went on at 1330/1390. Here is the straight stuff .. - Ed.] .. Somebody at HQ got a bit mixed up with the WHOT/WFMJ 1330/1390 switch and moved the facilities in addition to the calls and
 - QTH. We moved calls/programming to 1390 and WYWR took over 1330 but the facilities did not change WYWR is still U4 500/1000 and licensed to Campbell, OH 1390 (WHOT) is still U2 5000/5000 and licensed to Youngstown, OH. WYWR moved into our former (1330) XR site where the old studios and offices had been mothballed since we moved to our new location. They simply dusted off and went on the air... The WYWR address is the same as the old WHOT address. 401 North Blaine Ave, Youngstown 44505. So, there you are DX Freaks. Now change your Logs
 - accordingly.
- WPAD KY PADUCAH sked is LSR to 0100 (MH-NE) KAYX? MO LEXINGTON - 12/31 0006 dual sign-off w/92.5 FM; log sez KLEX, but anner 1570 said KAYX 1570 and 92.5 in Lexington ...; KAYX fits the slogan KX better than KLEX; I've heard a KAYX before on 1570, but never got a QTH (MH-NE)

EMERGENCY BROADCASTS

WRNJ NJ HACKETTSTOWN - 12/28 0510 way under WLUP with snow report from the NWS and mentions of WRNJ News, nice WRNJ Hackettstown with Operation Snowflake ID during bull on WLUP when Steve and Gary were at a loss for something stupid to say; NJ #35 (REH-ON)

1550 WSER MD ELKTON - 12/28 0450 running at full power, under CBE OC, due to heavy snows with mx, wx 4cast and request for owners of 4WD vehicles to call the station; unn (REH-ON)

UNIDS AND UNID HELP

- 526 ZLS 77 - 1/2 0125 navigational beacon looping south to southeast with Z-L-S CIDs; fair - good signal would seem to indicate a domestic (REH-ON)
- UNID ?? - 12/10 1732 fair under KKSU with Paul Harvey's The Rest of the Story, gone suddenly at 1732, so I suspect a power cut; if so, the December SR/SS Map suggests WKTY (RD-IA)
- 590 UND ?? - 12/27 1625 fair with Brother Wilson (?) REL call-in counselling pgm with callers from AL, TN, & NC; faded just as he was going to give address (RATSI); lost to WEEI at 1640 (GU-NU)
- 630 UNID - 12/16 1853 fair with | of CNN Headline News; this ian't KXOK, KHOW, 77 or KSLR; maybe much-wanted KIDO?? (RD-IA)
- 660 KTNN AZ WINDOW ROCK - this is Rich Freho's unID of 11/26; KTNN is on the IRN and has been mighty strong here nights lately (maybe more XR problems?) (RD-IA)
- 12/20 1806 weak under WHB with Rush Laimbrain (I mean Limbaugh) 710 UNID 77 (RD-IA)
- UNID 750 ?? - 12/24 1707 fair with man in Polish or Russian, possible REL pgm; looped SE; could this be WNDZ?? (SA-MB)
- UNID 77 - 12/31 1751-1800 under WABC with Newsradio slogan, CST TC, stocks, traffic; suddenly gone at 1800 (JR-NY)
- 800 WLAD CT DANBURY - is probably KG-PA's unID in #12 w/LK (MH-NE)
- 940 WMIX MT. VERNON - this is Mike Hardester's unil from a few issues back; they use ... on Broadway a lot in their weather updates (RD-IA)
 - WYLD LA NEW ORLEANS is probably MH-NC's unID in Issue 8; they are CST, UC (& GOS) and ID as AM 940 and Gospel 940 (MH-ME)
 - UNID - 12/8 1920 fair under KIOA with Dick Barkley's Original Rock 'N' Roll Oldies Show (1 KOII-1290 and a host of others); any ideas? (RD-IA)
- 1020 UNID ?? - 12/22 1635 unID call-in show under KDKA; hrd end of MBS Nx at 1635; MBS nx noted again at 1700, followed by C&W mx; not sure if there were one or two stations here; not easy to find a null in KDKA (JR-NY)
- 1030 AR FARMINGTON - is REH-ON's unID in Issue 12 w/LK; they've been had here KFAY with Larry many times (MH-NE)
- UNID 27 1110 - 12/27 0835 poor with a very excited preacher, under KFAB; looped E/W (SA-MB)
- CKGY 1170 AB RED DEER - is probably RD-IA's unID of Issue 12; the other MST stations [on 1170 -Ed.] have completely different formats (MH-NE)
- UNID 1310 - 12/29 0722 an oldies station w/annet Stevie Wonder on the all-new Wago (FM-IL)
- 1430 WRTH ST. LOUIS - Mike Hawk's un!D of Issue 12 is this, these CLs were formally on 590 and replace WIL (another 3-letter call gone south) (RD-IA)
 - PA ALTOONA had this one mentioned on KXEL as being on the IRN; probably my 12/21 unit of last issue (REH-ON)
- UNID 77 - unit) of DT-ON's w/Miami FB and mention of the Valley is probably 1590 Miami of Ohio and the Ohio Valley hope this helps (MII-NE)
- 1620 SBT 27 - 1/3 0350 mystery NDB with S-B-T CIDs (REH-ON)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1020 KCKN NM ROSWELL not a peep rate (IR-NY)
- 1200 WOAT TX SAN ANTONIO - 1/5 1839-1915 running OC leaving WOPA, WCHB and KINW (MH-NE) [On a Sunday evening??? -Ed.]
- 1330 KMBI WA SPOKANE - 12/17 0311-0314 weak with CIDs under KFH; WA #3; report and tape sent (RD-IA)
- 1330 KMBI WA SPOKANE 12/17 initial CIIDs only (FM-IL)
- 1530 WVFC PA MC CONNELLSBURG - 12/17 0031-0040 fair under WCKY with TT's and mention of WVFC every two minutes; the 1990 f/s jist sure comes in handy! (RD-IA)

1560 KTUI MO SULLIVAN - 1/3 0618 annet into TT followed by TC, temp and mention that KYUI will resume at 0700 (6:00 CST) (MH-NE)

WCDN OH CHARDON - 12/17 0320-0400+ w/CLA gold satellite feed and many breaks, noticed it was running same feed as WDFZ-740 during this time; probably the unID in 58-12 (JR-NY)

TIS AND NDB's

- 515 RRQ 1A ROCK RAPIDS 1/2 0245 navigational beacon, good for a few minutes over OS-OH and ONH-MO het from 513 (REH-ON)
- 521 GM SC GREENVILLE 12/31 0045 nav beacon taking turns with usually dominant GF in Cleveland OH; GF-OH is incorrectly listed as 522 in IRCA Almanac (REH-ON)
- 526 OJ KS OLATHE 1/2 0240 nav beacon with O-J CIDs mixing with ZLS at unknown location (REH-ON)
- 1610 KPC742 WV HARPERS FERRY 1/6 0827 weak and noisy (PC-VA)

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MUDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 570 WMAM WI MARINETTE 12/24 0756 fair with mention of Wisconsin-Michigan ID: Your home for the holidays, AM 570, WMAM - Christmas song; WNAX nowhere to be found (RD-IA)
- 580 WELO MS TUPELO 1/6 0140 PSA for radio w/phone # as given in Log; wx, ID into OLD mx w/WIBW and WOW splash; new (MH-NE)
 - CKPR ON THUNDER BAY 1/7 0400 continuous mx from The Music Radio Network (PC-VA)
- 590 WCBO IL WOOD RIVER 1/6 0109 hrd ID during a WOW pause; only #4 hrd thru WOW (MH-NE)
- 610 KCSR NE CHADRON 1/6 0150 ID in WDAF's null; good for 118 watts; only NE's needed now are KBRX and KBRL (MH-NE)
- 620 WSUN FL ST. PETERSBURG 1/6 0546 noted with Alternative to Country on the FM is Classic Country WSUN over WTMJ! (WPF-IN)
 - WTMJ WI MILWAUKEE 1/5 0634 surfaced briefly in local WUSQ-610's slop (PC-VA)
- 650 WSM TN NASHVILLE 1/6 0605 hrd with <u>Accurrenther</u> despite AM Log listing SP S:0600-0700 (PC-VA)
 - CKOM SK SASKATOON 12/24 0627 good in WSM null with ID Let The Good Times Roll by The Cars; CJWW-750 also in well this morning (RD-IA)
 - CKOM SK SASKATOON 1/5 0349 noted with Knockin' on Heaven's Door by Guns and Roses; I show this as Oldies, but had an ad mentioning North Battleford; in WSM null, tremendous conditions to the west tonight (WPF-IN)
- 660 KTNN AZ WINDOW ROCK 12/23 0100-0104 IRN, ID: 50,000 watts of country music power, AM-660, KTNN, NBC Nx (KVJ-GA)
 - WFAN NY NEW YORK 1/6 0235 poor fair, mixing w/others; announcer urging listeners to call the "Fan Line" 1-900-# given; ix ID (CJ-TN)
- 680 KNBR CA SAN FRANCISCO 1/4 0100 very good at times with Golden State Warriors
 NBA BKB and ID; 1st CA relog this year (DLH-IN)
 - KNBR CA SAN FRANCISCO 1/5 0307 noted going back to Talknet, first timer while looking for WNZK night operation I'll take it, hi; I just got done watching Midnight Caller on tape...did this help?; in WPTF null (WPF-IN)
 - WCAW WV CHARLESTON 12/24 0736 fair with C&W song EST TC and WCAWID; WV #2 (see you all in Bridgeport!) (RD-IA)
- 690 WPDQ FL JACKSONVILLE 12/17 0230 w/strong signal over CBF and Healthy, Wealthy & Wise call-in show; must have been using day pattern (JR-NY)
- 730 WJMT WI MERRILL 12/17 0200-0210 hrd with NBC Nx and Talknet, local ID and wx; good with CKAC nulled (JR-NY)
 - CKDM MB DAUPHIN 1/5 0319 with Star Country non-ID and harness racing results from Winnipeg; promo Hrd 6 times every week; mentioned Swan River; new (WPF-IN)
- 740 WLWI AL MONTGOMERY 12/16 0116 MoYL format, with IDs as AM 74, WLWI, mixing with WIACCHCM/WDFZ (JR-NY)
 - WLWI AL MONTGOMERY 12/30 0216 fair with Unistar NOS and call ID drop-in:

 This is Dick Heatherton with more of your favorite original hits right here on AM 74,

 WLWI; think they were the one with NBC Nx :00; in well for about a half hour, then
 lost to WDFZ/WIRJ and never returned (REH-ON)
 - KRMG OK TULSA 1/7 0300 ABC-I Nx followed by TalkNet; Log sez SP:M0201-0600 (PC-VA) [That darn Log again!! - Ed.]
 - WIRJ TN HUMBOLDT 12/17 0248 noted in passing a 1st-timer, luck or skill, hi; no sign of usual WDFZ (WPF-IN)

- CHCM NF MARYSTOWN 12/16 0130 hrd with VOCM news, though first noted under CBL before its 0110 sign-off; R. Reloj signed on at 0449 on 12/16, so CHCM was audible for some hours (JR-NY)
- 800 WTMR NJ CAMDEN 12/26 0800 fair in CKLW null with dual ID WTMR Camden-Philadelphia - GOS pgm (MB-ON)
- 810 WGY NY SCHENECTADY 12/22 0310 fair good w/ID by female; lottery results; KCMO nulled; new here, last time hrd in '76 in Chicago; faded to SS (CJ-TN)
 - WGY NY SCHENECTADY 12/31 0200 talk show on Monday AM although Log shows SP:M0105-0500; also noted 1/7 0232 with same (PC-VA)
- 820 WBAP TX FORT WORTH 1/7 0240 hrd with TLK despite Log saying Off 1st Monday/month (PC-VA)
 - CHAM ON HAMILTON 1/7 0245 C&W mx; ID: Canada's home of country music, 820 Cham; in WBAP null (PC-VA)
- 840 KWDF LA BALL 1/8 0815 with sign-on announcement mentioning 10000 watts (so CP must be on!) and a REL format heavy GOS tune (Ed.-TX)
 - CHUR ON NORTH BAY 1/5 0027 very weak in WHAS null w/NOS and non-ID as AM Stereo; new (MH-NE)
- 870 WCHU NY TTHACA 12/30 0023 good in WWL null with Cousin Brucie's Cruisin' America and ad cluster mentioning Homer Men's and Boys Shop on Main Street (GU-NY)
- 880 WBKZ GA JEFFERSON 12/31 0704 ID after nx; w/WCBS and KRVN; new (MH-NE) WMEQ WI MENOMONIE 12/24 0728 poor in WCBS null w/annet ...coming up to 6:28 on WMEQ farm report from Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture; no sign of WRFD, which is usually heard with WCBS nulled (MB-ON)
- 930 CJCA AB EDMONTON 1/4 0403 with nx from Alberta Province; quickly faded out; 1st-timer (WPF-IN)
- 960 WKZA PA KANE 12/27 0641 poor under pests WFIR and WHAK with local wx ending with 3 degrees at AM 960 WKZA Dancing in the Streets by Martha and the Yandellas (MB-ON) [I've always wondered. What is a Vandella? -Ed.]
- 990 WIVK TN KNOXVILLE 12/30 0319 hrd under local WRRM with ID, not certain of format, as I was just plain lucky to hear ID during WRRM pause; had been trying for CHTX (JR-NY)
- 1000 WXTN MS LEXINGTON 12/31 0800 very poor with sign-on and mention of LSR-LSS sked, new at LSR (MH-NE)
 - KOMO WA SEATTLE 1/7 0228 brief fade-up, annot to call 206-821-1000 in Washington;
 KOMO Classics on the all-request Sunday Night (FM-IL)
- 1080 WEEP PA PITTSBURGH 12/28 0745 good with wx report, traffic report, sports, WEEP ID, oldies mx; in KRLD null; PA #9 (SA-MB)
- 1130 CKWX BC VANCOUVER 12/19 0014 fair with WX 1/30 ID in chatter by male DJ

 (RD-IA) [This stn was one of my favorites when stationed in Idaho back in the late
- 1160 WOBM NJ LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP 12/31 0205 NJ Lottery; ID: Star Country, WJJD nulled (PC-VA)
- 1170 WRJL AL HANCEVILLE 12/29 0744 sign-on, gives studio location; WRJL, 1170-AM, new CLs (KVJ-GA)
 - KUGT MO JACKSON 12/29 0722 Serving Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois, this is the gospel voice, KUGT, Jackson-Cape Girardeau-The Light (KVI-GA)
 - WLGO SC LEXINGTON 12/29 0733 Drunk Driving PSA, ID as Lexington-Columbia (KVJ-GA)
- 1190 WGKA GA ATLANTA 12/24 0730 with sign-on, no SSB; mention of Fine Arts programming; QRM from WOWO, WIXE...etc (FM-IL)
- 1200 CHMG AB ST. ALBERT 12/24 0554 brief annet The Platters...on MG 1200 between oldies; QRM from possible CKDA, which I'll keep trying to ID (FM-IL)
- 1220 CJRB MB BOISSEVAIN 12/31 0136 fair to poor w/CLA mx; 1220 like a local channel (MH-NE)
- 1290 KOIL NE OMAHA 12/23 0224 fair with The Mighty 1290, Coil ID; Mac Davis oldie (CJ-TN)
 - CJBK ON LONDON 12/31 0225 The Original Rock and Roll Oldies Show, WHIO nulled (PC-VA)
- 1300 WSYD NC MOUNT AIRY 12/31 0230 ID: The Star Station WSYD (PC-VA)
- 1310 WDOD TN CHATTANOOGA 1/6 0105 over/under others with C&W; 0107 ID; new (RF-OH)
 - WGH VA NEWPORT NEWS 12/31 0244 CNN Headline Sports; ID was AM 1310 WGH, and not WRAP as listed in Log (PC-VA)
- 1320 WILS MI LANSING 12/31 0308 fair with WILS ID noted in passing (RD-IA)
- 1330 WYWR OH CAMPBELL 12/31 0250 ex:WFNV (PC-VA)

promo for All Things Considered - AP Network Nx at 1400; 820 in Chicago off

PA BROWNSVILLE - 1/6 1343 behind WEEO at times (PC-VA)

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KKCS CO COLORADO SPRINGS - 12/27 0920 good with KKCS and FM102 1Ds. C&W mx; ex: KWES, now | FM; under KKAQ for CO #64 (SA-MB) CO COLORADO SPRINGS - 12/27 0923 dominating the channel with Fast 103 KCS ID - weather read by DJ Jack Hamilton (RD-IA) WPDM NY POTSDAM - 1/3 1555 good with C&W mx including If I Had You at 1556, WPDM Potsdam ID at 1559 (MS-ON) WICY NY MALONB - 1/2 1559 fair with local HKY (Ogdensburg vs ???), news break at 1601 (end of 2nd period) with ID Make the connection... WICY: over usual CKOA Amprior (MS-ON) KSTP MN ST. PAUL - 12/15 1551 running roughshod over WTOP w/North Stars vs Blackhawks HKY; ad for Channel 5 News (MB-ON) 1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT WEBC MN DULUTH - 12/21 1731 fair - poor o/nulled CJKL w/ads for Ace Hardware and Charles Schwab. ID as Talk Radio 56 WEBC (MB-ON) CKCN PQ SEPT ISLES - 12/31 1857 fair with traditional Quebecois mx, CL ID in FF at WACL GA WAYCROSS - 1/1 1738 fair in WMCA null with wx for Georgia coastline area and College Bowl scores sponsored by Crosby Pontiac-Cadillac Givic (GU-NY) WKBN OH YOUNGSTOWN - 1/3 1653 in and out of WGSM null (PC-VA) WCHS WV CHARLESTON - 1/3 1659 in and out of WHP null (PC-VA) WMBS PA UNIONTOWN - 12/28 1645 good with ad cluster including BJ Bundle(?) Furniture Co. and Uniontown Red Raiders HS BKB (GU-NY) GA ATLANTA - 1/2 1715 very weak in WOIU's null with ID; only #8 from GA (MH-NE) KMTI UT MANTI - 1/6 1930 C&W thru WSM, looped E-W; with Utah wx was enough to log it (MH-NE) KTNN AZ WINDOW ROCK - 12/23 2156-2233 C&W mx, local annets, promo for Joy of Christmas pgm, ID: You're listening to the 50,000 watt voice of the Great Southwest, AM-660, KTNN, Window Rock; WFAN nulled; fair - very good signal (KVJ-GA) WGCR NC PISGAH FOREST - 12/27 1704 heard with NC Network Nx, then local nx and wx (JR-NY) WGCR NC BREVARD - 1/3 1727 w/REL, soliciting letters and funds from listeners; very dominant in WGN null prior to Brevard LSS (PC-VA) CHTN PI CHARLOTTETOWN - 1/1 1602 fair with Broadcast News (mainly discussing Canada's new Goods and Services tax), sports, local gift shop ad, Island Weather (-12°C in Charlottetown), AST TC: It's 5:06 on 720 CHTN (MS-ON) WVIC MI EAST LANSING - 12/15 1729 hrd with FM IDs. Lansing's Music Station, live from food drive site (JR-NY) WFMC NC GOLDSBORO - 12/26 1800 fair over CKAC w/ID It's 6 O'Clock on AM Stereo 73, WFMC - local nx; 1804 ad for Family Kitchen Restaurant (MB-ON) WMBL NC : MOREHEAD CITY - 12/31 1828 heard with NOS format and IDs, no ads noted; nice in sharp CBL null; is this one now U1? (JR-NY) KJEL MO LEBANON - 12/24 1718 fair with wx for Lebanon - lite ROK & OLD mx; MO #46 (SA-MB) WHEB NH PORTSMOUTH - 1/4 1650 good with song Hungry Heart, promo for WHEB-FM's Winter Survival Guide pgm annets, diaper service ad (MS-ON) WURL AL MOODY - 1/3 1730 ID under WJR and KCCV; also hrd ... now in Moody; weak (MH-NE) WCHP NY CHAMPLAIN - 12/27 1601 poor with ending of FF (REL?) pgm - James Dobson's Family Commentary followed by quickie WCHP, Champlain ID (GU-NY) WVNN AL ATHENS - 12/15 1703 most likely them with Auburn vs Florida State BKB over the Auburn Network, but no local IDs (JR-NY) WLWL NC ROCKINGHAM - 12/27 2212 distinctive sign-off with Pink Panther Theme mx, owned by Sand Hills B'Casting; under WABC (JR-NY) WEAQ WI EAU CLAIRE - 1/3 1707 poor with news and wx; barely available (DLH-IN) WSJC MS MAGEE - 12/9 1755 good under K.CMO with ad for Christian Life Bookstore & More in Magee (RD-IA) WCYK VA CROZET - 12/23 1658 sign-off annet that followed a REL pgm, poor under WGY; WEDO signed off just after WCYK (JR-NY) WPNT IL CHICAGO - 12/24 1703 fair - good with ROK mx, Chicago's new 100 point 3, the Point ID; IL #54 (SA-MB) [Good thing you gottem when you did -Ed.] WGGM VA CHESTER - 1/2 1700 ID after GOS pgm; VA #5 (MH-NE)

WWMO NC EDEN - 1/5 1647-1701 noted with end of church pgm from Martinsville, VA;

WWMO 8-3-Oh ID, then New Apostolic broadcast; 1st-timer (WPF-IN)

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840	KVJYI	
850	WHDH	MA BOSTON - 12/27 1657 fair, mixed with semi-local CKVL with ad for learning aid Hooked on Math giving "800" number and into local talk show with host saying You're next on WIIDH (MS-ON)
880	KGHT	AR SHERIDAN - 1/6 1815 with mention of FCC requiring they power down - is a pest at night to WCBS/KRVN in St. Charles, MO, but 1st-timer here (WPF-IN)
	KJJR	MT WHITEFISH - 1/2 2300 ID after C&W ID as KJJR Kalispell-Whitefish-??? - Ai Nx; MT #10, report sent (MH-NE)
	WMEQ	WI MENOMONIE - 12/26 1717 good with WMEQ Color Radar WX, TC; also Radio 88 IDs; in CKX null for MI #66 (SA-MB)
890	WFKJ	PA CASITTOWN - 12/22 1602 fair - poor in WLS null w/USA Network Nx, 1605 ID with the good news of our Savior's birth, this is WFKJ - a medley of Christmas mx which continued past 1630 with no breaks for ads or IDs (the played everything from the traditional Christmas carols to such non-Christian stuff as Jingle Bells) (MB-ON) [Could that be abbreviated as "Jx Bells" ? hi -Ed.]
890	KDXU	UT ST. GEORGE - 12/10 1909 good under WLS with mention of KDXU Newstime - Utah & Nevada nx (RD-IA)
920	WBAA	IN WEST LAFAYETTE - 1/1 2122 fair - good in mess w/CLA mx; 2149here on WBAA; new (RF-OH)
	CJCS CFLS	NS HALIFAX - 1/6 1800 w/ROK mx, wx, ID, raixing w/many others (HJH-PA) PQ LEVIS - 1/1 2147 fair in mess w/FF DJ & FF mx; 2152 CFLS ID; new (RF-OH)
930	WJBY	AL RAINBOW CITY - 1/3 2315 good atop w/Auburn BKB; 2334 ID; 2338 sign- off after end of game; suspect they delayed sign-off until game ended; new (RF-OH)
	WZNN	NH ROCHESTER - 12/18 1728 poor in WBEN null w/ID promo weather 4 times an hour on All News 930 WZNN - local nx, lead story was that the New Hampshire Air National Guard was being shipped to the Gulf (MB-ON)
	WZNN	NH ROCHESTER - 1/1 2348 good with nx including CNN mentions, local nx for New Hampshire and Maine, ad for <u>Stafford Fuels</u> (or <u>Stratford Fuels</u> ?) in Rochester, NH, many mentions of <i>All News 930</i> , but CLs not heard (MS-ON)
980	WPGA	GA PERRY - 1/7 1800 PSAs, ID Perry, Warner-Robins, Macon triple ID; fair to good (DLH-IN)
990	KKCR	TX WICHITA FALLS - 1/2 1843 very strong with no CBW; AOR mx; probably my past unID (MH-NE)
1000	CFLP	PQ RIMOUSKI - 12/27 1652 presumed this here in FF with detailed sports; fair - good signal (MS-ON)
1050	WPZA	MI ANN ARBOR - 1/6 1726 ID & TC after AC mx into more mx; new (MH-NE)
1060	WHFB	MI BENTON HARBOR - 1/1 1631 w/nx under KDKA and oldies; at first I thought it a WBBF spur because of similar format; hrd once before on TEST, not SSS (JR-NY) [1st 1991 logging I typed up!! - Ed.]
1070	WHYZ	SC GREENVILLE - 1/6 1836 with soul - R&B mx, ad for evening of jazz at Dazzlers, 100 East Stone Rd; has this station moved to Sans Souci yet?; 1st-timerno WIBC! (WPF-IN)
1080	CKSA	AB LLOYDMINSTER - 1/6 1920 wx into ID: Put your radio onto 40 straight minutes of music - Stones mx; where is Lloydminster anyway? (MH-NE) [Probably under 3 feet of snow this time of year, hi It's right on the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border, about one-half way 'tween Saskatoon and Edmonton -Ed.]
1090	WKII	FL PORT CHARLOTTE - 12/27 1700 Nostalgia, CNN Nx, ID as Port Charlotte- Pt. Myers (KVJ-GA)
	WKFI	OH WILMINGTON - 12/27 1645 special pgm about preparing for severe winter weather (KVJ-GA)
1100	KNZZ	CO COLORADO SPRINGS - 12/17 2000 over/under WWWE with Business Radio 1100 mentioned in ID (RD-IA)
1110	WYIC	IN NOBLESVILLE - 12/27 1710 Mellow Hits, promo for Noblesville HS BKB game, Your Indy Connection, sign-off at 1715 (KVJ-GA)
1130	WJTP	NC NEWLAND - 12/21 1809-1833 Comedy recording by a real comball comedian ran this whole time with a break at 1809 w/ad for Spanky's Pizza Deli, and IDs at both times (KVJ-GA)
1150	WCEN	MI MOUNT PLEASANT - 12/27 2140 in fair with Your Original Hits Station slogan and MoYL-type format; satellite programming Mutual PM Nx at 2200 (HJH-PA)
	WCEN	MI MOUNT PLEASANT - 12/28 1748 poor with AM 1150 WCEN ID in a mess; in CKX null; MI #66 (SA-MB)

WYRS SC ROCK HILL - 1/5 1801 up briefly but very strong with one minute description of the station and urging to write with your organization's events; slogan: Fresh 1150 and boasted of a format of contemporary ROK & C&W geared to 25 to 54 year olds; broke from the pgm The Carolina Coast ROK pgm (HJH-PA) 1170 KOWO MN WASECA - 12/15 1642 poor in WWVA null w/ad for University of Minnesota-Waseca program UWM Forum Tuesday night on KOWO-FM 92.1 (MB-ON) WVZN VA LYNCHBURG - 12/15 1651 ad for Shepherd's Guide church annets, Christian mx (KVJ-GA) 1180 WINT MS PEARL - 1/5 2000 CBS Nx into Sun Net; wx followed by ID: NewsTalk 1180. WJNT Pearl-Jackson, local KKAR + WHAM and unID SS stn interfering (MH-NE) 1190 WBSL MS BAY ST. LOUIS - 12/29 1755 local nx, ad for Wal-Mart in Waveland 1200 WCHB MI TAYLOR - 1/5 1856 ID after ad for Shopper's World into GOS mx; WOAI on OC; only #7 on 1200 (MH-NE) WBZY PA NEW CASTLE - 12/30 1700 AM-1200 WBZY, several promos for oldies show, AP Net Nx (KVJ-GA) 1250 KIKZ, TX SEMINOLE - 12/20 1921 good with TC: It is 21 minutes after 6 right here at KIKZ (RD-IA) 1260 WNRK DE NEWARK - 12/15 1857 with local ID during break in Redskins FB; xlnt signal for 42 watts!; or does Dave sometimes forget to power down? (JR-NY) 1270 NH DOVER - 12/31 1855 fair with Happy New Year 1270 WTSN is and song Don't It Make Your Brown Eyes Blue (MS-ON) CFGT PQ ALMA - 12/30 1700 fair with ID in FF by man Vous e coutez CFGT (MS-ON) CFGT PQ ALMA - 1/6 2220 good over/under, | CJMS-1280 w/RML FF net; new (RF-OH) 1280 CJMS PO MONTREAL - 1/6 2220 good, over/under with FF mx and DJs (RML Net): 2230 CJMS ID; new (RF-OH) VA COLONIAL HEIGHTS - 1/1 1700 fair with instrumental mx. ID Keep your 1290 dial set on Starlight 1290 WSTK Colonial Heights, Virginia (MS-ON) 1300 KBRL NE MC COOK - 1/4 1943 totally unexpected with C&W mx; ID and sign-off (late?) (DLH-IN) 1310 WTUX IN INDIANAPOLIS - 1/5 1743 good at times ending long sports report; IDs, then - MoYL, format; gone at pattern switch at 1745; this is a rare bird here (HJH-PA) CKEC NS NEW GLASGOW - 1/6 1742 very good w/Bluegrass mx pgm and ad for 1320 concrete firm [sure concrete is firm, once it dries, hi -Ed.]; no trace of Scranton 15 miles away (HJH-PA) WADJ 1330 PA SOMERSET - 1/4 1628 fair with oldie, ID at 1630 This is Radio Station WADJ. (MS-ON) CJLM PQ JOLIETTE - 1/6 2215 good atop w/WSLR looped, | CJMS-1280 with RML 1350 FF net; new (RF-OH) 1360 WKMI MI KALAMAZOO - 12/28 1732 good with WKMI ID, ad for Rush Limbaugh pgm they now carry; faded out; MI #65 (SA-MB) OH CINCINNATI - 1/5 1737 strong w/oldies and promo for Tribute To Elvis on 1/8; We played Elvis first, don't let anyone tell you otherwise (HJH-PA) KWWJ TX BAYTOWN - 1/1 1847 in briefly w/GOS pgm and ID: Gospel 1360; TX #89 1360 (MH-NE) CKBC NB BATHURST - 1/1 1700 fair with local wx, then Whitney Houston on CKBC (MS-ON) WGCL IN BLOOMINGTON - 1/4 1704 Cool 1370, OLD, nx, ad for 1&S Locksmith (KVJ-GA) WSPD OH TOLEDO - 12/29 1734 fair w/wx, talk, IDs; no usual WFEA/WXXI (HJH-PA) IL FAIRFIELD - 1/5 1750 ID after temperature and amount of precipitation given 1390 WFIW into American Country Countdown (MH-NE) ME PRESQUE ISLE - 12/31 1702 nice surprise for final catch of 1990; all alone with The WTMS News Watch and a mix of U.S./Capadian nx - ads for ?Not for Long? in St. John, NB and County Federal Credit Union serving Aroostock County followed by The WIMS Weather Watch with Hank Lucas giving temps in Fo and Co: 96-1 WTMS call ID and then sed back to more oldies, back-to-back, for the next . . . thirty hours (REH-ON) WCSC SC CHARLESTON - 1/6 2100 weak - fair w/Lite Rock 96.9 WXTC FM ID and WSCS 1390 ID (HJH-PA) WDOT VT BURLINGTON - 1/4 1642 good with Middle East Peace Campaign message

from Mennorite Church, WDOT Satellite wx for Champlain Valley & surrounding

area (MS-ON)

WIMA OH LIMA - 1/2 1900 call ID into Ai Nx; KSAL QRM; new (MH-NE)

JR-NY	JIM RENFREW//Rochester, NY//
RD-IA	RICK DAU//Oakland, IA (The Farm)//R-1000 + RW Loop//1065 heard
MS-ON	MORRIS SORENSEN/Holiday DXing from Kemptville, ON//RF-B65 barefoot
REH-ON	CHARLES REH//Leamington. ON//R-390A + Sanserino Loop + TR-3000 open reel tape recorder
MB-ON	MIKE BROOKER//Toronto, ON//RF-2200, ICF-7600D
JB-TX	JIM BOEHM//San Antonio, TX//SUPERADIO II//"Welcome back, Jim!!"
НЈН-РА	HARRY HAYES//Wilkes-Barre, PA//Superadio, Superloop, SM-2
GU-NY	GUIDO URZI/Mastic Beach, NY//R-5000 + Palomar Loop or 65' LW
WPF-IN	WENDELL FORD//Westville, IN//ICF-2010, DX-440
RF-OH	RICH FRCHO//Willoughby, OH//R7a, NRD-515, LA-36 loop, LW
KVJ-GA SA-MB	KARL JETER//Stone Mountain, GA//HQ-150, 4 foot amplified loop, LWs SHAWN AXELROD//Winnipeg, MB//R-70, Superadio, Caradio + 140 or 100° LW or 3' loop
CJ-TN	CHRIS JOHNSON//Memphis, TN//Superadio II barefoot & heating pad
MH-NE	MIKE HAWK//Ornaha, NE/R-1000 + 2' loop and CT-3000 tape deck
PC-VA	PERRY CRABILL, W3HQX/Winchester, VA//R-5000, 65' Inverted "L", 2' homebrew loop,
	CTR-75 cassette or R-2000 + 75' abandoned telephone wire
FM-IL	FRANK MERRILL//Macomb, IL//R-1000 + various LWs

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DLH-IN DAVE HASCALL/Fortville, IN//Superadio, DX-400 + Sanserino

ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDXD-E

|| :parallel with or to - :to or into ::00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net C&W:country & western CHR:contemporary bit radio CID:code ID ContChr:contemporary Christian EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel IRN:Interstate Radio Net 12 jingle LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset matimusic nations NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:postsunset authority QRM:man-made interference QRN:natural interference QTH:location 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 wx:weather -

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Thanks to Tim Hall for his nice Cruise loggings. 1350 KMAN KS Manhattan Since he typed it up so nice Paul & I thought we'd just run it as it is! Thanks for taking the time to write it up in NRC format. I edited out loggings that are over 6 790 WWKYt KY Louisville weeks old as of Masthead date!

720 KDWN NV Las Vegas

12/24 0752 Waiting for s/on. Faded up at 0811 1370 KFON TX Rollingwood w/AP "Newsweek on the Air" no ID at 0830 into another Newsweek on the air. Is s/on 0800. Fair w/R. Moscow & WGNt. (MD-CA)

1010 CFRB ON Toronto

1/3 0233 Wx; lcl ad and call ID. Rough w/QRM. 1st new one in 1991. ON #10. (0W-CO)

1140 KZMQ WY Greybull

1/6 0808 C&W Ms., lcl spots. o/u CISS; finally logged this call change! (0W-CO)

1340 KNHN KS Kansas City

1/70625CNN Features, ID "KC Headline News... KNHN" Fair. (0W-CO)

1340 KHUB NE Fremont

1/7 0625 Wx, ID; poor signal. Lcl KDEN on MM SP. NE #39 (0W-CO)

1350 1310 IA Keokuk

1/7 0659 While looking for KDLS s/on. Hrd ID in 3 second pause of KFKA babble. IA # 27 (0W-

1350 KCHK MN New Prague

1/7 0714 Polka Mx, Lcl spots, Wx; Fair at best. MN # 22 (0W-CO)

1/7 0729 Wx, ID, Lcl Nx. Mixed **/KRNT/ KBRX/KCHK/KGHF. KS # 42 (0W -CO)

12/28 1849 C&W Mx, "Pure Country WKY" and "Kentuckiana's True Country AM Stereo 790 WKY"; 1820 Bill Collin's Ford spot. (0W-CO)

1/5 1859 YL w/ID, promo SportsTalk prgm. Poor. (0W-CO)

1530 KXTD OK Wagoner

1/5 2230 Texas Longhorn Net BKB. YL w/ID 2231 "Sports Radio is 640 WWYLS Moore- Norman-Oklahoma City and 1530 AMI KXTD Wagoner-Tulsa-Muskogee" Good on 1530. No sign of WWLS on 640. (0W-CO)

1580 WTTNJ WI Watertown

1/7 1755 OLD Mx, weak call ID. Guess the 500 w nite CP is on. Don't think I'd have heard it with listed 9 watts. WI # 10. (0W-CO)

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DX'ing off the Coast of México ... By Tim Hall

(TRH-CA) Tim Hall, 350 G St. #F-1, Chula Vista, CA 91910-4559

(TRB-BCN1) DXing aboard the M/S "Viking Serenade" along the BC Norte coast

(TRH-BCS1) DXing aboard the M/S "Viking Serenade" along the BC Sur coast

(TRH-NAY1) DXing aboard the M/S "Viking Serenade" along the Nayarit coast

(TRH-MX1) DXing aboard the M/S "Viking Serenade" between Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta

(TRH-MX2) DXing aboard the M/S "Viking Serenade" between Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas (all with Sony ICF-2010, Radio West Loop w/car compass)

550 TX, San Antonio 12/31 1950 Awesome signal w/male DJ talking about taking a cab home on New Years Eve (guess that's OK as long as you give it back the next day, hi). NOS/MOR format, "classic songs" slogan, ID and ABC nx on the hour. (TRH-MX1)

TX, Beaumont 1/2 0244 ID *56 KLVI* followed by ad and Sally Jessy 560 KLVI Raphael. (TRH-NAY1)

TX, Dallas 12/31 2000 Good with ID, local nx with Paula Karman, and ads. Ex-1190. (TRH-MX1)

TX, El Paso 12/31 0750 Good w/OLD format and IDs. Slogans heard this 600 KROD week include "the big 6 hundred" and "your favorites of the 50s, 60s, and 70s." Finally out of range of RKLQ! Most El Paso stations make it all the way across northern Mexico with impressive signal strength. (TRH-BCS1/MX1)

K2SS NM, Albuquerque 12/30 2100 Good with PM simulcast (K2RR-FM), "94 Rock" 610 slogan. (TRE-BCS1)

WSB GA, Atlanta 1/1 2133 Fair-good in XEOH null w/tx program about exercise and cholesterol levels. Still need this from home. (TRH-NAY1)

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810	KGO	CA, San Francisco 12/30 1653 Local talk and ID, mixing w/XERSV as I approached the BCN/BCS border. Pretty good midday coverage: (TRH-CA)
930	CJCA	AB, Edmonton 1/3 0152 Fair, fading with local ads, Larry King Show, contest promo and IDs on the hour. (TRH-MX2)
930	KISS	TX, Terrell Hills-San Antonio $1/3$ 1935 Fair with local ads, Kool Gold promos. Station covers Northern Mexico pretty well at night. (TRB-BCS1)
950	KPRC	TX, Houston 1/1 0320 Pair with promo "on your Astros station, KPRC" into Talknet. (TRH-MX1)
1030	KDUN	OR, Reedsport MM 12/24 0349 Poor w/C&W & Christmas mx, CNN nx, local wx, ID "This is the voice of Dune Country, KDUN, Reedsport." Previously only heard once, at SSS. (TRH-CA)
1060	KKDS	UT, S. Salt Lake City $1/4$ 1903 Good with "Cool Kids Caravan" on "Your Imagination Station," all kid DJs. How long can they hope to stay in business with this? (TRH-BCS1)
1160	KFHM	TX, San Antonio 12/31 2023 Huge o/KSL w/ballads, ID in SS *KFHM, La Fiera de San Antonio, la que mas escucha, no hay otra* and maniacal laughter. (TRH-MX1)
1180	KERI	CA, Wasco-Greenacres 12/25 0301 S/off by man and partial SSB. Special SP for Christmas, or are they no longer $\lambda N6?$ (TRH-C λ)
1180	KGOL	TX, Humble 1/2 2134 Poor-fair but steady with Humble HS BKB. (TRH-MX2)
1190	KXKS	NM, Albuquerque 1/4 1907 Fair with promo, ID *KXKS, La Super Equis.* (TRH-BCS1)
1190	KAII	TX, Dallas 1/3 2023 Call letters presumed. CNN Headline News and lots of promos for same. Slogans "11-90 AM keeping you informed" and "The Metroplex's continuous news source." Ex-KLIF. (TRH-BCS1)
1197	KANN	UT, Roy $12/30$ 0731 Spur still here with Christian mx $//1120$. 1043 also still audible, but not as strong. (TRH-BCN1)
1210	KUBR?	TX, San Juan 1/1 0330 Ad for "Fiesta Cristiana en Mexico" o/UNID SS stn. (TRH-MX1)
1230	KAMJ	AZ, Phoenix 12/30 1909 Fair with ID "KAMJ AM 12-30, your station for
1230	KPUN?	sports and talk." Promo for Barry Farber (Daynet). (TRH-BCSI) NM, Las Vegas 1/2 2104 Nx and sx, weather for Las Vegas read by man had fairly rural sounding frost warnings. ID garbled, but probably them. Unsure what the other Las Vegas would be doing at this hour. (TRH-MX2)
1250	KANN	UT, Roosevelt 12/30 0759 f \sim g w/S/on by man, mentioned Country Gold Broadcasting, "your country connection." (TRH-BCN1)
1310	KLIX	ID, Twin Falls 12/25 1950 Good w/Christmas carols, contest promo, ID on the hour into ABC News. XEC taking annual Christmas SP. (TRH-CA)
1350	KABQ	NM, Albuquerque 1/4 1910 Fair w/New Years greetings, ID *KABQ, La Pabulosa.* (TRH-BCS1)
1400	KUNO	TX, Corpus Christi 1/2 0335 Poor-fair with *Uno Radio* slogan, asking for letters to a mailing address in Corpus Christi. (TRH-NAY1)
1500	KMXO	TX, Merkel $1/3$ 1859 Poor w/*R. Quince* slogans, SS S/off announcements by man, then off with Whitney Houston version of *God Bless America.* Wonder if 1kW CP is on yet? (TRB-BCS1)
1530	KGBT	TX, Harlingen $\ 1/1\ 0241\ \text{Good w/SS ID}$ by man, promo, and dedications from listeners. (TRH-MX1)
1530	KCLR	TX, Ralls 12/31 1906 Good w/WX & ID. Mixing w/XEUR "R. Onda" (TRH-MX1)
1540	KEDA	TX, San Antonio 1/2 0327 Good w/EE & SS TCs, TCs, comedy song "You're Impossible" (spoof of "It's Impossible"), EE ID "R. Jalapeño, KEDA, San Antonio's hottest radio station is Jalapeño R., KEDA, the granddaddy of Jalapeño music." Possible taped report. (TRH-NAY1)
1600	KBOR	TX, Brownsville 1/2 0314 Poor-fair o/KMNY but fading. Satellite program (probably 1990 hit countdown of some sort), SS programming directed at nearby Matamoros. Contests with prizes given in Pesos.

ID and possible "La Tropicalisima" slogan. (TRH-NAY1)

	REL programming (which runs from 0730-1845 ELT), then pause and into a "s/on" for the Spanish programming which runs all night, as if they were completely different stations. (TRH-BCS1)
1610	KNEC996 CA, San Pedro? 12/25 0126 Caltrans BAR station (I've seen the signs for this on I-110 North of San Pedro); caught ID on tape. (TRB-CA)
UNIDs:	
1010	1/4 1850-1900 Fair but fading. CST TCs, C&W requests. Maybe KDJW? (TRH-BCS1)
1030	MM 12/24 0330 Talk show looping ENE u/KJDJ in KTWO SP. WB2? (TRH-CA)
1230	1/2 0206 ID by woman "AM 12-30, KWCA"(?) into Larry King show. (TRH-NAY1)
1340	12/31 0943 "Dateline New Mexico" program, then faded during wx. KSIL most likely. (TRH-BCS1) $$
1490	1/2 0204 Nx, slogan *the greatest hits of all time, right here on * and faded. Looped NE. (TRH-NAY1)
1600	12/31 0950 MYL-type mx, ID *now another classic on KMEY(?)* (TRH-BCS1)

DT, Centreville 1/4 1845 Pair with interesting "s/off" for English

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The highlight this week has to be Mark Connelly's daytime TA receptions. Makes the rest of us feel awful - he's hearing in daylight what we can't hear at night!

Since no other column has listed these lately, I will give a summary of some DX programs that can be easily heard on shortwave. While many items addressed are concerned with SW DX. there are also items concerned with MW. It has been especially interesting to hear about changes in broadcasting in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and in the Persian Gulf region. The following were gleaned from "SWL/DX Programmes" in 1/91 DX Ontario). The list contains selected programs and times, and all information is subject to change. WRNO, for example, preempts with sports broadcasts. (Note: Programs scheduled between 0000-0500 UTC are actually the previous day in North America)

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If you really want to keep current with these, consider joining a SW club that routinely publishes these schedules. Hope this is useful to you!

TRANS-PACIFIC

1296 <u>CHINA Beijing</u> is the one w/FF on this frequency, as reported in DXN 58-12. [NZ DX Times]

PAN-AMERICAN

- 525 <u>unID</u> <u>Z-L-S</u> 0530 1/3. Not in any of my references; new Bahamian?
- 530 <u>COSTA RICA R. Rumbo, Cartaqo</u> 0522 1/3. At poor/fair level w/SS ballads. [GT-FL]
- 601 NICARAGUA R. Ya, Manaqua 1/12.
 Russ Scotka called to confirm
 this ID, along with mentions of
 Nicaragua and Managua, plus
 unusual sound effects. New WRTH
 91 (bought it today) lists R. Ya
 in place of former R. Insurrección, but fails to provide an
 address! Schedule shown as 10000600. (Thanks, Russ! Jim)
- 655 EL SALVADOR YSS (tent) 0203 1/12. Thought I was tracking a TA, until I heard the SS annor emphasize "sabado" (Saturday it was already Sunday in Spain) and "Costa Rica," then checked to see that there was a strong het just above on 657 w/weak SS or PP audio. Nice to see such a crowd in between the domestics! [JR-NY]
- 792v <u>CUBA R. Progreso</u> Still here nightly hetting 790. S/off w/NA at 0600. [GT-FL]
- 850 JAMAICA R. One, Savanna-La-Mar 0540 1/3. At fair level w/female psychologist counselling callers. (GT-FL)
- 885 <u>unID</u> 0335 12/27. Poor carrier, no audio. Montserrat? [GT-FL]
- 1255 unID 1103 1/4. SS male shouting unintelligible ID then LA mx.
 [GT-FL] Russ Scotka says this is R. Latina, Danlí, Honduras; Chuck Reh also take note.
- 1360 unID 0400+ nightly. FF here, sometimes at good level. Either Hait1 or WKAT, suspect latter. (GT-FL)
- 1565 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC R. Amanecer (tent) 1000 1/4. Presumed the one w/weak SS here. [GT-FL]

- 1620 unID S-B-T 0500 1/4. Marker here, no ideas. [GT-FL]
- 1630 CUBA R. Surco 0500 1/8. After several weeks of trying, finally got a decent ID on this guy. Readable ID and s/off w/NA. Mostly soft LA mx, occasional Air Supply-like EE tune, ray gun sounds at ID. Seemed to say freq was "1160 kHz" on the air "Monday through Friday" (no R. Surco on 1160), signal varies from nil to almost fair. [GT-FL] (Spur or harmonic? Jim)
- 1660 unID Don't know who this is.
 Very weak SS audible here on
 quiet nights but can't raise
 enough audio for ID. Audible
 only on my SE mini-Beverage.
 [GT-FL1]

TRANS-ATLANTIC

- 531 ALGERIA Ain Beida 2035 1/6. Poor w/AA vocal. [MC-MA]
- 567 IRELAND Tullamore 2034 1/6. Pop mx, slopped by WGAN-560. [MC-MA]
- 666 PDRTUGAL RDP (tent) 0130 1/12. Likely them w/Phil Collins mx, and PP annor; very weak but steady audio. [JR-NY]
- 765 <u>SENEGAL Dakar</u> 2004,2030 1/6. Chanting, later AA talk, loud. [MC-MA]
- 774 SPAIN R. Uno 2005 1/6. SS talk by man and woman. [MC-MA] >>>> 2335-0005 1/11-12. ID and "noticias" at 0000, followed man and woman receiving phone calls with brief pop mx segments in between calls. Still coming in around 0130 as well. At 2335 was strong and steady o/WABC! [JR-NY]
- 882 ENGLAND Washford et al 2025 1/6. Classical piano mx // 909. [MC]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers 2000 1/6. AA talk noted (more than an hour before sunset!) [MC-MA] (Sounds like daytime bandscan material to me! Jim)
- 909 ENGLAND synchros 2025 1/6. CLA piano // 882, stronger than 910 domestics. [MC-MA]
- 1044 MORDCCO Sebaa Aioun 2020 1/6.
 Male AA chant, slopped by WBZ1030 (about 20 miles away over an all-salt-water path). [MC-MA]
- 1134 <u>unID</u> 2017 1/6. Spain or Yugoslavia. Jazz briefly, good, faded into WNEW slop before ID. [MC-MA]
- 1161 FRANCE Strasbourg 2015 1/6. Het on Main 1160, bits of FF talk surfaced. [MC-MA]

- 1314 NORWAY NRK, Kvitsoy 0501 1/5. Poor to fair, female w/apparent nx (mentions of Pres. Bush); 0503 boys' choir w/REL-type alleluia chorus; then into soothing instr mx, CLA-type piano mx and such. Male annor before each musical selection. Fairly steady signal (up to S8) w/long, deep fades. Loop angle indicated highlatitude signal path, and language sounded like a mix of German and Swedish. If not this, who else could it be? Other suspected northern European hets in this nite, but no audio (567,882,1017,1062,1269,1287, 1296). This one must have made it across by brute force. [RF-OH] >>>> 2011 1/6. NN talk, in slop. [MC-MA] >>>> (Tent) 2245-0100+ 1/10-11. 2245 light jazz mx, with M & W announcers in what sounded like a Scandanavian language, 2300 woman w/nx(?) but no ID heard, them vocal mx, (my dinner break), 0050 pop mx and female DJ which continued across the hour. Best when peaked, but at times strong enough to be separable from 1310/1320 w/out the Q Multiplier. Enough to get a QSL, I hope! [JR-NY]
- 1349 MAURITANIA Noukachott 2010 1/6. Potent het against 1350. [MC-MA]
- 1395 ALBANIA (tent) 2008 1/6. Strong carrier, but too much WPLM slop for audio. Phasing or looping would have pulled this one out.
- 1435a IRAN/JRAD 1729 1/6. Male w/AA talk o/instr rr mx. 1732 another male. Stn noted on 1445a later.
- 1445a IRANJIRAD 1758 1/6. AA type singer, 1800 pips, male amnor, noted again, 1829 male amnor, 1830 female w/tele-talk program, w/various callers, including children, 1836 male annor again. This station noted switching from 1431 to 1449 a few months ago, this noted on different days, but changed from 1435 to 1445 kHz within half an hour; weird eh?
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba 1950 1/6.
 Staggeringly loud het against
 1520 domestics and hour and a
 half before sunset! Also at 2006
 w/male AA chant, local-like,
 rendering 1520 a feeble
 background het. [MC-MA]

STATION NEWS

GENERAL: 530 CJFT is scheduled to shift to FM "at the beginning of the year" which will free up this frequency for IDXers (at least those not living in Alberta). [WF-UHF Digest]

CUBA: I had a conversation w/Russ Scotka concerning what appear to be austerity measures affecting Cuban MW broadcasts, e.g., earlier s/offs, use of Rebelde and Reloj nets at night, shifting network outlets, etc. What are the rest of you noticing?

QSL INFORMATION

FAROE ISLANDS now on w/200 kw. CHINA Liaoning PBS, Shenyang City 1269 JAPAN, JRT (JOJR) Tokushima TRU-NUT 1

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[MC-MA] Mark Connelly, "Daytime DXpedition," Marblehead MA; Sony ICF-2010 w/Gerry Thomas filter mod, MFJ 1024 Active whip to MWT-2 Regen preselector. The sun was shining brightly during all his loggings!

[RF-OH] Rich Freha, Willoughby OH; Drake R7A, JRC NRD-515, LA-36 Loop, LW.

[JR-NY] Jim Renfrew, Rochester NY; HQ-150, SM-1 "Space Magnet"

[GT-FL] Gerry Thomas, Pensacola FL; R-70/Loop; FRG-7/mini-Beverage

[BV-NWT] Brian Vernon, Nansivik NWT; Drake R7A, 2 1500' longwires



AM Antenna Results Are Mixed

by John Garski

Boston MA NAB AM antenna projects were the subject of good and notso-good news at Radio 1990.

Officially, the NAB put its \$100,000 anti-skywave project to rest after its unexpected and disappointing performance during tosts from the antennal transmitter site in Beltsville, MD.

Although the antenna structure is still in place, the NAB has no immediate plans to continue testing, according to NAB Staff Engineer Kelly Williams.

On the plus side, the NAB's low-profile antenna computer modeling, undertaken by AGL Inc. of Pacific Grove, CA, has produced theoretical antennas that "in some cases exceed" NAB performance criteria.

History of snags

The anti-skywave antenna project was plagued with bad luck (bureaucratic delays, equipment breakdowns and poor weather) since NAB commissioned the project in 1989. Its ineffective performance was the final disappointment.

During the AM antenna session. Williams and antenna designer Ogden Prestholdt and consultant Ron Rackley of du Treil, Lundin & Rackley acknowledged that the antenna did not effectively reduce the skywave in the direction the antenna was tuned.

The anti-skywave antenna design is

to a conventional sertical tower with a receive mode also did not significantly custom matching circuit.

skywase report, By adjusting the current horizontal radiator, a null can be placed in cluded "there was not a constant refathe vertical radiation pattern of the anterms systems at that specific azimuth and by the two elements and it was obvious system's groundwave performance."

field tests were conducted by transmitting and monitoring at two listening sites: one in Raritan, NJ, and the other in Unionfown, PA

1660 kHz test signal used field strength. meters and strip charts to record the emissions from the vertical radiator only. the horizontal radiator only and a combination of the vertical and horizontal reveal unexpected results and the antiradiators in the suppression mode.

"Attempts were made to adjust the antenna systems to produce the (skyware) null, but without success," the report. stated. "Prior calculations showed that we should have been able to achieve an average of 15 dB of suppression from the could be put to use in the future. systems."

Temporary null

"A very prosounced null could be prodraced for ashort period, but the null could ruct be sustained," the record noted.

Measurements in Uniontown were

essentially a horizontal radiator attached similar, and antenna testing in the reduce the skywave signals of distant In theory, according to the NAB arti- channels, the report continued.

In evaluating the antenna performance and phase of the signal applied to the and why it did not work, the report comtionship between the emissions produced angle of elevation without affecting the that each transmitted signal underwent a different mode ionospheric reflection. According to the report, the 21-24 June These differences caused the nulls to be unstable"

The NAB believes that time antenna produces a high angle null as predicted. but horizontal and vertical elements On-site engineers who monitored the propagate differently, which does not allow the antenna to operate as a skywave su prossion system.

In commenting on the project, designer Prestroich said experiments sometimes skywave project was indeed an "educatrional process."

Williams noted there were some positimes that came out of the project including increused knowledge on how the skywawa behaves-information that

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A special feature concerning a unique station



At one point in his life, Ron Graiff was a railroad commuter to New York, joining over 650,000 other passengers in the daily migration to the Big Apple. Like most of these folks, he less than enjoyed rising from Warm bed into the pre-dawn cold before 6:00am, to ride a crowded train to his job, almost 60 miles away. Unlike most commuters, he took action to eliminate this

sojourn from his life - by combining his hobby with his work. As Ron stood every morning in the early light on Metro North Commuter Railroad's Brewster North platform, awaiting the 6:44 express' arrival from the yard, his interest focused on a radio tower, on a hill overlooking the railroad. He mused, "I wonder if I can buy that radio station ... ", and finally, after an especially long, delay-plagued trip, he telephoned the station's general manager to ask him, "Would you call me if you ever want to see?" The owner said: "The station is for sale And that is how Ron Graiff bought his last monthly commutation ticket on Metro North, and became the owner of WPUT-1510, in the Putnam County village of Brewster.

WPUT Radio originally signed on the air in April, 1963, as WBRW (for Brewster), from a small Wooden studio on a hill off Prospect Hill Road, a mile north of the village of 2000 people. The station was founded by Morris Novak, and financed by a group of show folks from the Stamford, CT area. The most noteworthy investor was Otto Preminger, the composer. The station remained in the Novak family for years until four years ago, when Ron bought it. WBRW aired a country and western format.

WBRW broadcast on 1510 khz with 1000 watts' power, protecting only 5000 watt WFIF-1500, 45 miles away in Milford, CT. Allowed no PSA, the station broadcast from sunrise to sunset, focusing on Brewster and the surrounding township of Southwest, a rapidly developing area, home to about 12,000 people. While most residents worked locally (and still do), or in neighboring Danbury, CT, some people drove down I-684 to White Plains, or rode ancient New York Central trains to Grand Central Terminal, almost two hours away. Today the entire drea is developing, as it is the most affordable area in reasonable proximity to New York and the job market of Westchester County. Some headquarters have moved their headquarters to an easy drive from WPUT's market area. And the ancient trains have been replaced by high speed electric trains, reaching Grand Central in about 80 minutes.

WBRW aired its diet of country music and local news and chatter for the first decade of its life. In the spring of 1971, a mysterious nighttime fire broke out, gutting the studios in the basement of the station building. Firemen kept the damage to a minimum and a temporary studio was created on the undamaged second floor, during reconstruction of the regular facility. The fire was one event in the turning point of the station's life. First, Wishing to be known as the station that served all of Putnam County, the MPUT call was obtained. WBRW's letters were then requested by a new station On 1170khz in Bridgewater Township, (Somerville), NJ.

Also, after the fire, the ground conductivity at the transmitter site was remeasured. As it was not particularly good, being on the side of a hill, the station made application for a non-directional power reduction to 895 watts. In 1972, the FCC granted the station 895 watts, non directional. When PSA's were issued, WPUT was granted 4.8 watts. The PSA is used, covering only the village of Brewster, WPUT also has a PSSA authorization of approximately 14.2 watts and 4.7 watts, and only the lower authorization

WPUT received national recognition on Paul Harvey's newscast when two snakes slithered into the control room during the morning show. These critters came from a nest at the foot of the tower outside the door to the control room. The morming man killed them and resumed broadcasting, much to the delight of News Director Eric Gross (Who now does news part time with WCBS-880). Gross fed the story to Paul Harvey's show.

In 1981, WPUT obtained a construction permit for an FM station, on 105.5mhz, to be licensed to the tiny village of Patterson, approximately ten miles north of Brewster. The original call was WRVH, for "Radio Hudson Valley". Today, the station broadcasts as "Magic 105", and is WMJV. It broadcasts from a small building secluded in the woods off Rt. 292, west of Patterson. The staff often enjoys seeing deer in the wooded glade in back of the studio, or rabbits on the from lawn. No snakes have interrupted programming here, though. Magic 105 formats adult contemporary music 24 hours daily, from compact discs. WPUT and WMJV are owned by Tri County Broadcasting, and WMJV id's for Patterson (Putnum County), Pawling (Dutchess County), and New Milford (Fairfield County, CT). Magic 105's 3kw signal originates from a 110 foot high antenna atop a 400 foot high hill in back of the studio building. While the tower is 465 feet above the surrounding terrain, it is 1220 feet above sea level, resulting in a signal heard up to 40 miles from the site.

One of Ron Graiff's first actions upon purchasing the stations was to request the FCC for permission to move WPUT's offices and studios from the transmitter site to the FM offices. Realizing the economies and efficiencies gained by such a move, permission was granted, and WPUT's operations were moved to Patterson in the spring of 1985. A backup studio is maintained in the old building , in which is housed WPUT's Harris MWK transmitter, and Collins 820D backup unit. The transmitter feeds the station's guyed 143 foot high tower, on the lawn next to the old station building.

Today, WPUT broadcasts as "The Entertainer", airing a blend of easy listening selections from the late 1950's and 1960's with light adult contemporary music mixed in. All programming is live assisted. WPUT broadcasts six minutes of CNN Radio News on the hour and two and a half minute updates on the half hour. CNN feed is augmented by extensive local news coverage.

WPUT emphasizes local sports coverage. Station Manager Ken Stein, with WPUT since 1970, broadcasts play by play of weekend Brewster High, Carmel High or Mahopac High football games, as well as other local sporting events. Schoolboy basketball is often broadcast with a tape delay, because WPUT is off the air at night. In the spring, Brewster High School baseball is aired.

WPUT carries many local programs. On Sunday, "Community Closeup" covers events of interest to Brewster, Patterson, Pawling, Carmel, and Mahopac residents. Area churches air their services over WPUT on Sunday. On Saturday, many local call in talk shows are aired. The most unusual, perhaps, has been a 30 minute show hosted by Cargain's Funereal Home of Mahopac. The show got calls, and topics ranged from the procedure beginning when the remains were picked up to how to cope with the death of a loved one. Other talk is oriented toward financial, horoscope, and gardening issues. And Ken Stein airs his daily sports show "Stein on Sports". Local traffic, Metro North train performance, weather, and lots of financial news rounds out WPUT's broadcast day.

While WPUT and Brewster are literally in the shadow of New York City's 50 kw AM stations, and very specialized FM outlets, the station has developed a large, loyal listenership - because WPUT focuses on news and events of concern to area residents..... most of whom both live and work in WPUT's market area.

The Station Profiles editor would like to thank Ron Graiff, WPUT-WMJV owner and General Manager (and DX'er in his youth), morning broadcaster Mark Smith, and Station Manager Ken Stein for all of their help in the preparation of this Station Profile. Ron gave up an arduous trek to New York to operate his stations, his first commercial broadcasting venture. Mark Smith is a communications major , holding a degree from the University of New Haven. He has worked at several area radio stations, including WDJZ-1530, Bridgeport.

Christmas not green at WBMX

Folks who enjoyed the Christ-mas music on WBMX-AM last week may have been surprised not to hear the station at all after Wednesday noon.

It seems the station license-holder, Darrell Spann, who also owns stations in Atlanta, Memphis, Chicago and Jacksonville, Fla. (where he is general manager), owed about a year's worth of rent to the BMX landlord, radio station WJO in Holland.

So, station personnel were informed Monday that all equipment had to be out of the building by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

It was a surprise, but not entirely, for BMX general manager and thief engineer, Bob Van Prooyen, who has been working on getting the AM on the air for two years.

"With the problems we've had with them (the owners) before, I've been ready to pack up and move out," said Van Prooyen, who pwned all the equipment he says is worth about \$150,000.

He said WJO was owed in excess of \$15,000 in rent.

Van Prooyen said past experiences with Spann were not as drastic as the money owed to WJO. a religious station that was renting office and transmitter space to WBMX. But past difficulties included problems meeting payroll, and promises of money for equipment that never showed up.

"It was getting flaky," said Van Prooyen, who usually dealt with Spann's father, Purvis Spann, based at WVON-AM in Chicago. "I couldn't get good people to work for me.

Purvis Spann was not available Les Lanser, owner of WJQ (AM and FM) said the action was "re-

grettable' "He (Spann) has probably extended himself beyond what he can handle right now," said Lanser, who is still dealing with Spann for

the money. "But that property is in the process of being sold, and that precipated this action.' Van Prooyen said he had no idea the rent was so far behind, since his responsibilities did not include dealing with the lease, which ex-

pired Nov. 30. On Wednesday, Van Prooyen made an announcement thanking listeners for their patronage. He had to let go program director and morning man David Bradley and two salespeople who had been working on commission.

Van Prooyen said he is actively pursuing other possibilities for AM broadcast, one in Zeeland and one in another small community he would not name.

He would, however, also consider working again for Spann.

"I'm going to pretty much wait and see what they do," he said.

"There is the slight possibility he RUTH BUTLER would be able to make a deal with me in the future - once he comes up with a substantial amount of money for what they owe me - to

get things going again.
"But after all this, I don't know how well it would sit with the pub-

Van Rooyen's plan was to do community-based radio "the way it TV/RADIO used to be." Things like the recent live broadcast of the Zeeland Christmas Parade, from atop the rook of Van Raalte's restaurant on Main Street, were the sort of events he wanted BMX to be a part of.

Although the station has been on the air for two years, as Van Prooyen made adjustments in equipment to improve the sound, it launched its regular format last Monday.

The station was to be focused on talk and music, with Bradley in the mornings, a noon-hour talk show planned and a simulcast of "News 8 at 6" on weekdays.

"We wanted it the way radio used to be," said Van Prooyen, who was an engineer at WJQ and engi-neer and manager for WYGR. "David Bradley would go out and talk to clients, and he was the guy on the air in the morning. How often do you have the morning guy go out unless you pay him big money for a remote?

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Some 14 years after joining IRCA, I have finally decided to join NRC. This is my 1st Muse so the following is an introduction for those who don't already know me from IRCA or CIDX. I am 31 years old, have degrees in Linguistics (U of Toronto, 1982) and French-English translation (Laurentian Univ., 1984), am currently under-employed as a bilingual press clipping service reader and I edit a column in CIDX "Time Out", covering sports news & new station formats. I have been DX'ing both MW & SW since 1973. I got my start by listening to baseball and hockey games on KMOX and other clear channels. I would guess that my 1st DX catch was listening to the late Dan Kelly broadcasting St. Louis Blues hockey on KMOX. Baseball is my 1st love, hockey, football, basketball, etc., being something to fill the time between the World Series & Opening Day. I have been a Blue Jays fan since day 1 (4/7/77) when Doug Ault hit 2 home runs in the snow during the Jays very first game. Most of my DX'ing is done between 530 & 1600 khz (on SW, I DX 60, 49, & 41 meters) and I am very concerned about the self destruction of the AM band, the proliferation of stations with nothing more than a satellite dish for programming, the death of once mighty CHR giants like WLS & WABC, moldy oldies dominating a broadcast spectrum in which baby boomers call all the shots, and archaic CRTC regulations that have artifically propped up a dying AM band and kept Canadian FM in the dark ages. I also wonder where the next generation of AM DX'ers is going to come from. Most DX'ers seem to get their start in their teams, yet a whole generation of teenagers has grown up listening to nothing but FM (or watching music viceos). I was unfortunate enough to be a teenager in the disco era 70's but at least the band was a lot more DXable then than it is today. 73 & Jai Bhagwam ('I salute the light within you", a Sanskirt yogic salutation). (Thanks for your report, Mills and welcome to the twee.-DWS)

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It's been about 11 years since my last Muse, so I guess one is due. After much fanfare plus about a month, local WPNT-820 (The Point) has given up and gone silent. According to the Sun Times, they will be off until someone buys the station or they find a new transmitter site (the land they currently own is extremely valuable). The other bit of news I have is that I bought a new receiver, A Kenwood R5000. This may be the best BCB rig ever made. It has the great audio the R1000 had with better selectivity and more features. The most incredible part is that AM signals are not chopped or garbled in the SSB mode, even with the 2.4 khz filter on. Using the USB or LSB modes allows reception on channels adjacent to locals even aiming the antenna right at the transmitter of the local! It also has IF shift, which increases the selectivity even more. So far, I have logged 2 new stations with it that were not possible with my other rigs (even the R1000) and I only had it a week. These 2 loggings were WCGW-770 and KTNN-660. I've also gotten 4 new ones due to MPNT's silence, WRFA-820, WIQT-820, WWMO-830 & CFJR-830, 73's.

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I hope i can add some meat to your column, Dave, by Musing. I hope that you and everyone have had a pleasant holiday season, and, yes, between the static and those omnipresent "Hooked On Phonics" commercials (which now number about 10 an hour on all stations), there is DX to be found. I am having my best season this year in many years. I don't know if its luck, more DX time (a recession will do that) or just good conditions but it seems that after each radio session I usually come away with at least 1 new one. 28 new ones were logged since Sept. I don't usually do half that in a year. Conditions featured more than the normal number of openings to teh west, there has been a shortage of auroral conditions. One area I am doing badly in is veries, About 15 reports were sent this season with only about 3 replys. It seems that today trying to QSL a station is a waste of time. There will be a new Wilkes-Barre member in the NRC in a short period of time. Gil Chesney hails from the northern reaches of the city and I have had the pleasure of a visit and a few phone conversations from this fine gentleman. He is currently DX'ing with a longwire and it is interesting to compare conditions. He has somewhat of a problem with WARD-1550 with overload and none with WBCR-1340, while WBCR-1340 is my biggest problem. Interesting in that he is only about 3 miles away. WNAK-730 has been in hot water for several weeks now. Owner Bob Neilsen has been soliciting operting funds from listeners on his morning show. Thousands of dollars of support came pouring in, seems this station, which has been on since 1947 has many loyal listeners to its nostalgia format. Feature stories were done by the local newspaper on the stations plight. Also 2 local TV stations had features on their news. Owner, newscaster, announcer Neilsen claims he has been working for weeks without pay. He claims the reason for WNALK's financial decline is the stations inability to get young aggressive sales people to go out and get ad spots. That's all for now.

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I got a New Years Day's present on 12/28 as my closest local, WBRW-1170 signed off for good at 5P. The employees were told at 1P the same day. The station was the process of being sold but a rupture in negotiations on a long term lease for the 19 acre transmitter propert killed the sale. The station had just celebrated their 19th birthday on 12/23. WBRW almost signed off in Sept.'89 but public support brought forth more offens from prospective buyers. DX wise, it's a boon for me as1170 is now wide open, 1160 is free of splash with a WINS/WOBM mix and 1180 has a

weak WHAM with WLIB splash. On the downside, WBRW was a good station, a little Small townish but always with live jocks, a rarity these days. My area is becoming an AM graveyard as WSRR-1580, WMHQ-1510 and now WBRW are silent, who'll be next?

KEN DNYSCHUK - 13612 WENTWORTH AVE. - RIVERDALE, IL 60627 And a Happy and Healthful New Year to all. Just some Gdds and ends to mention. Back in Sept., WGCI-1390 Gumped its talk format for B/OLD, "Dusty Radio 1390", plays a variety of old music by mostly black artists. Despite being just 5 miles or so south from the WOPA-1200 transmitter, I do try to loop it at night trying for anything else. During 4 consecutive days off for the holidays, one day at 4:50P. I was stunned to loop WoPA nearly 100% but nothing was noted there. The GE 7-2930D portable is nice, it's & the weight of the Superadic and DX'es well. It's pulled in KNBR-680 when I've wanted to hear the NBA Warriors game with little eplash from WMAQ. Read in DDXD reports on WBMX-640, even tried the Selectatenna, no signal on 12/25. The station lasted less than 8 months, must have had lousy marketing Or Something to die out so fast. I'm trying to change careers and have been on light duty where I work due to a pinched herve in my back, So most evening have been spent listening to NBA games on the radio, such as wwwE-1100, ROA-850, WBAF-820 (despite CHAM/WPNT), WBT-1110 (erratic signal but I tolerate it), and WTOP-1500 (a real toughie). A few months back, thanks to tips in DX News, I was able to get CHTX-990 at sunset then caught a rare reception of KSCM-980. Last alghe, 1/3, 7 cot a nice Signal from CFAC-960 With CW music 10:30-11F, maybe a 1st time reception for me. Thasssit from this OTH!

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On a short turn-around trip to NC this past week (1/7 to 1/9), a few notes were made in a couple of on the road checks. WZKT-1490 is indeed off the air, not noted at all while on I-81 passing thru the Staunton/Waynesboro area. Even though it was reported as back on and running BRN. WPRQ-870 is Still Gff. A new one was noted on 760 in the NC area but I'm hot able to blace the Calls/location in any hotes here. WWMO-830 has a good signal in the W NO mountains, but even though its reported back on, WTYN-1160 was not audible as it was a few years back. Once heard WWES-1270 again was not heard, only heard ence in the last 10 years of going through that area so I Wonder if they are still on. The comments noted on the AM stations going off in various areas is of interest to me, since the bulk of my engineering service in this area is with AM stations, some doing well, some not. When it comes down to the cottom line, the station is Fun as a business, to make a profit. When that stops, even just a break even number, then it's time to quit. Radio in the 90's is going to be acmething to watch. This will be the day and age when operators who know how to watch the bottom line but yet still deliver a good product will continue to do well, especially with AM. 73's

AP files suit against radio station

By Teresa Brumback Daily Staff Reporter

The Associated Press is suing the operator of The suit was filed by attorney R. Ledy Stone it off, to tell you the truth," Clatter said. a Strasburg radio station that the news service Jr. of Charlottesville.

The AP also is entitled under its contract to with the AP without informing a principal owner recover 17,000 in damages for profits lost as a of the station, he said.

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a Strasburg radio station that the news service says failed to pay for news transmissions.

In the suit filed Thesday in Shenandoah County Circuit Court, the AP is seeking \$7,000 from James "Nikki" Clatter, general manager of SRO/NOVA Inc., a Delaware corporation that SRO/NOVA Inc., a Delaware corporation that operates radio station WFQX.

The suit says the operator breached a connective that the AP by failing to pay \$9,500 for news transmissions.

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The Northern Virginia Daily The Perry F. Crabill, Jr.

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KTGG-1540, Spring Arbor College, Spring 3765 for Getzuils. Arbor, MI 49283 will conduct a Special DX TEST on Saturday morning March 23, 1991 from 0430-0500 EST. Details to follow. Our thanks to Mr. Edmond R. Trombley Chief Engineer for this test. Arranged by the Colorado CPC Machine for the ones of seeing print immediately. National Radio Club.

PA; and Tom Wickham, St. John's, NWF.

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Submissions ... Keep those clippings, station logos, articles, etc. 4' comin', even though you may not see all in print. Remember that the shorter articles have a much better chance than longer

We have a fairly extensive backlog They joined ... Henry Cotterill Jr., Milford, of clippings now and do appreciate your sending them in, as some are sent on to our editors for

The Amswer Man

Got a question about radio? Send it to Russ Edmunds - 753 Valley Rd. - Blue Bell, PA 19422-2052. Wo Greetlon is a dumb question, and Russ will answer all, from basic to highly technical. Watch for the answer in DX News!