

DX News

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CPC Test Calendar

KHMO	MO	1070	Feb. 17	0100-0130
WPPI	GA	1330	Feb. 22	0000-0200
KIMM	SD	1150	Feb. 23	0200-0300
KALM	MO	1290	Feb. 24	0100-0130
WCGW	KY	770	Mar. 2	0515-0545
KFGO	ND	790	Mar. 3	0100-0130
KKFJ	CA	570	Mar. 23	0300-0400

WYTI-1570 - P. O. Box 430 - Rocky Mount, VA 24151 was scheduled to conduct a re-scheduled DX test at 5,000 watts nondirectional, using a new 200+ foot tower, between 12:00 and 12:30 am EST Saturday, February 1. The test will include Morse code IDs, test tones, voice IDs, and bluegrass music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Earl Shelton, Operations Manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KHMO-1070 - 119 North 3rd Street - Hannibal, MO 63401 will conduct a DX test at 5,000 watts nondirectional between 1:00 and 1:30 am EST Monday, February 17. The test will include Morse code IDs and test tones. Reception reports including a SASE may be sent to Mr. Greg Blanchard, Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WPPI-1330 - Carrollton, GA will conduct a DX test on Saturday morning, February 22, from 12:00-2:00 am EST, airing polkas, test tones, and voice and Morse code IDs at 500 watts non-directional. You may send reports to Bill Alisauskas only at 7548 Hillside Dr. - Douglasville, GA 30134-3309. Bill will also accept prepaid phone calls at 770-838-9774. Arranged by Bill Alisauskas for the NRC and IRCA.

KIMM-1150 - Box 8205 - Rapid City, SD 57701 will conduct a DX test at 500 Watts directional between 2:00 and 3:00 am EST Sunday, February 23. The test will include voice IDs and Morse code IDs. Reception reports including a SASE may be sent to Mr. Gary Peterson (K0CX) Chief Engineer, KIMM-AM <<rrr@rapidcity.com>>. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

From the publisher ... Ken Chatterton, NRC Publications Manager, says that orders may be delayed slightly for awhile, as he's been under the weather and can work only a few minutes at a time. His daughter has been helping out on weekends to keep things going and to keep orders from being backed up. All orders should go out within the nominal 6 to 8 weeks, however.

I've had a few semi-serious comments from members who've received damaged DXN's recently

that perhaps the USPS is reading DXN and taking revenge on us for questioning their effectiveness. Inasmuch as most of the damage seems to come from copies getting hung up in high-speed machines, I would doubt it. I've about completed compiling data from the many responses we've had to DXN arrival dates, and I should have things pulled together by the next issue. Preliminary conclusions: Detroit-area NRC'ers get the best service, Billings, MT the worst; delays are probably not caused by transportation problems but mostly likely by problems at the local level; European members sometimes get DXN before USA members; and Canadian members apparently have to wait for weeks for their DXN's to show up. A related problem that I've mentioned before: returned copies from addresses to which DXN has been delivered without fail for an extended period of time. Again, please check your address to make sure that I haven't left something out, or to see if the mailing address correction software (taken directly from the USPS database) hasn't changed something that your local carrier doesn't recognize. For example, unbeknownst to me, the software changed "PL" to "DR" (Place to Drive) on one member in Georgia, although nothing else on the address changed, and the DXN's promptly started bouncing back. And if you detect any anomalies, please let me know ASAP. Furthermore, should you chance to call me on the phone to give a correction and encounter the answering machine, be sure to give me your complete address, not your phone number, as I cannot afford to return phone calls.

DXchange ... Brandon M. Artman - 515 Maryland Ave. - West Chester, PA 19380-2255 will send you a list of the books and magazines he's cleaning out of his DX shack for an SASE, and he's also looking for a source of low-power (no license required) AM or FM transmitters.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 8, 1947 DXN: An item in *Radio News* was quoted, reporting that HOX-940, Panama City, opened on Oct. 12, 1946, with 1000 watts. The station was broadcasting in English from 9 pm to 12 midnight to combat the English-language programs from WVL-790, Canal Zone.

25 years ago ... from the February 12, 1972 DXN: An article by long-time DX'er Ben Veio told of DX'ing in the Golden '20's.

10 years ago ... from the February 17, 1987 DXN: KGGF-690 was offering \$69 for the furthest report of their March 2 test.

AM Switch

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call	New call
550 KSD MO St. Louis	KTRS
850 WUTK TN Knoxville	WJOL
1170 WRJL AL Hanceville	WXRK
1190 WMAD WI Sun Prairie	WNWC
1220 WIMN MN Stillwater	WEZU
1390 KGER CA Long Beach	KLTX
1400 WWKN MI Battle Creek	WRCC
1430 WNWZ TN Germantown	WOWW
1490 KSPE CA Santa Barbara	KBKO
1490 KXLQ IA Indianola	KBAB
1530 KWTR TX Creedmore	KNEZ
1600 WAQY MA East Longmeadow	WMRE

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

800	MN	Sauk Rapids: 2600/850 U4
890	CA	Julian: 250/330 U4
890	CA	San Jose: 1000/1000 U2 (see Otherness)
1340	ID	Rupert: 1000/1000 U1
1450	PQ	Causapscal: 1000/1000 U1 (will relay CFVM)

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

690	CBF	PQ	Montreal: move to 95.1 FM and will surrender AM license if granted (CBF joins many others competing for 95.1)
700	CHSJ	NB	St. John: to 94.1 FM, will relinquish AM license if granted
1050	KBBV	CA	Big Bear Lake: modify application for move to Loma Linda, CA to show power as 250 D1
1120	WKCE	TN	Maryville: 1000 D1, city of license to Seymour, TN
1170	KOHO	HI	Honolulu: reduce night power to 4000 watts (actually a reapplication; original application for 4800 watts was dismissed)
1240	CKLS	PQ	La Sarre: to 102.1 FM, will relinquish AM license when FM is operational
1340	WWFL	FL	Clermont: relocate transmitter site
1490	WOLF	NY	Syracuse: additional modification to CP for move to 1510 kHz to change city of license from Lafayette, NY back to Syracuse, NY
1540	WSIV	NY	East Syracuse: to 670 kHz with 1500 D1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

710	KXMR	ND	Bismarck: relocate transmitter site (CP for new station)
860	WAMO	PA	Pittsburgh: 1000/830 U4, city of license to Millvale, PA
910	WTLM	AL	Pepperell: 650/650 U1, relocate transmitter
1000	WMLZ	FL	Jupiter: modify CP to include night power changing facility to 1000/17 and change antenna to U5, relocate proposed transmitter site (CP for a new station)
1370	KTMG	CO	Deer Trail: to 820 kHz with 700 D3
1400	KTRC	NM	Santa Fe: relocate transmitter site (we're sorry to see this unique site go, as tower was atop an elevated pedestal in the middle of a city block and the elevated ground radial wires extended over building roofs and even the sidewalks to connect with a square of wire surrounding the block supported by wooden utility poles; a one-of-a-kind)
1460	KHTX	CA	Salinas: 10000/10000 U3, relocate transmitter site
1490	WUSS	NJ	Atlantic City: 290/290 U1, city of license to Pleasantville, NJ

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MARKETS
and
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RADIO IN WISCONSIN

Today, February 8th, 1982, marks twenty-five years of Federal market reports and agricultural information by WLBL in the State of Wisconsin, the pioneer State in the Union to erect and maintain a radio station primarily for dissemination of such information for the benefit of the farmer and shipper.

Much credit is due Mr. D. B. Jones, a former employee of the Wisconsin Department of Markets, for our present up-to-the-minute market service. He first foresaw the possibilities of market reports by radio as early as 1921. At that time, the University of Wisconsin operated an experimental station with call letters "92M", under the direction of Professor Terry, head of the physics department. As an experiment, Mr. Jones and Mr. Max Lillsten, also an employee of the Department of Markets, arranged with the University to present market reports over 92M on a regular schedule. Since the station was experimental and a regular schedule could not be maintained, the arrangement proved unsatisfactory and was discontinued.

Experiments Show Value of Radio

However, the possibilities of radio market reporting had been proven through the 92M broadcasting. This was demonstrated one Saturday in the early part of October, 1921, when Mr. Jones, Mr. Lillsten and Mr. C. M. Wilson, also employed by the Department of Markets, drove to Janesville for a demonstration at the office of the Janesville Gazette. There the 12:30 p. m. market reports from 92M were relayed by Mr. Lillsten using headphones. The Janesville Gazette gave much publicity to the accomplishment in its issue of that date.

1570 WYTI VA Rocky Mount: modify CP to show 2500/220 U1

OTHERNESS

540	WDMV	MD	Pocomoke City: CP for move to Brinklow, MD has been DISMISSED; not known if this also includes their application for a modification of the CP to change city of license to Damascus, MD
550	CFNB	NB	Fredericton: AM license CANCELLED, moves to 106.9 FM
610	WSNG	CT	Torrington: silent station is ON THE AIR
630	WDGY	WI	Hudson: silent station is ON THE AIR from new transmitter site (ex-St. Paul, MN)
680	KBRW	AK	Barrow: silent station is ON THE AIR
710	KFIA	CA	Carmichael: CP for 25000/1000 U4 from new site is on
810	KCHG	TX	Somerset: CP to relocate transmitter site is on
850	WREF	CT	Ridgefield: now relays WLAD-800 Danbury, CT
890	WYAM	AL	Hartselle: this is correct call, typoed as "WYAN" in Grants, Issue 15
890	*App	CA	San Jose: this application for a new station (shown above) came up out of nowhere while searching for the facilities of the App in Julian, CA. This is either very new or very old. The FCC is pretty lax in deleting old info from their database; witness the fact that the old KPTO-890 that was cancelled back in 7/95 is still shown in the database as an active CP. We'll try to find more on San Jose

AM/1050

KSOH

890	WGTX	FL	Freeport: station is now here with 2500 D1 (ex-1280 kHz DeFuniak Springs, FL)
940	WINE	CT	Brookfield: CP for 680/4 U1 from new transmitter site is on
990	WVNZ	VA	Richmond: silent station is ON THE AIR
1000	WKYB	SC	Hemmingway: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1050	CFGP	AB	Grande Prairie: AM license CANCELLED, moved to 97.7 FM
1060	WHFB	MI	Benton Harbor: CP for 5000/1 U1 is on (we'd be interested in hearing from Detroit area members how well the one-watt signal gets out)
1110	KJTT	WA	Oak Harbor: silent station is ON THE AIR
1130	KTMR	TX	Edna: silent station is ON THE AIR
1140	KSLD	AK	Soldotna: silent station is ON THE AIR (after publicly announcing last year that they would not be returning; evidently they had second thoughts)
1150	WLOC	KY	Munfordville: silent station has new owners (believe it or not, the mighty Jacor bought it) and it is expected to return to the air
1160	KENS	TX	San Antonio: CP for 10000/1000 U4 is on
1170	WBRW	NJ	Bridgewater Township: silent station (since 1990) erected their new tower 1-21 and expects to return to the air before the 2/9 deadline with 229 D1
1200	WKOX	MA	Framingham: application for 50000/50000 U2 has been DISMISSED
1210	WKNX	MI	Frankenmuth: station has been announcing on the air that they will soon move to 1250 kHz, evidently the vacated facility of the ex- WXOX in Frankenmuth; don't know if they plan a simulcast on both frequencies or not but it doesn't make much sense to abandon their present 10000-watt clear channel frequency for 1000 watts on a crowded regional frequency
1230	WGGG	FL	Gainesville: silent station is ON THE AIR relaying WMOP-900 Ocala, FL
1310	KEZM	LA	Sulphur: application for synchro at Lake Charles, LA has been DISMISSED
1330	KENU	WA	Enumclaw: silent station is ON THE AIR
1380	WAMS	DE	Wilmington: silent station (since 1991) is ON THE AIR with an STA for 25 watts diplexed into the WILM-1450 tower, expects to increase to 1000 D1 soon but this STA gets it back on the air before the February 9th deadline
1390	KGER	CA	Long Beach: letter from Dot Cannon, Operations Assistant claims KGER will go SILENT 1-31-97
1390	KFRA	LA	Franklin: station is SILENT
1390	KSLM	OR	Salem: silent station is ON THE AIR with CP for 5000/690 U1 from new transmitter site
1410	WIQR	AL	Prattville: as noted in Issue 15 this station was cancelled, then reinstated by the FCC. Since the 1997 Log was printed while WIQR was a non-station it does not appear on the 1410 page. Add WIQR Prattville, AL 5000/1000 U4
1430	WMAK	TN	Madison: silent station is ON THE AIR
1520	WHIC	KY	Hardinsburg: license CANCELLED, call DELETED at the request of the licensee
1530	KCMN	CO	Colorado Springs: CP for 3000 (1000 CH) is on

- 1530 WCEG MA Middleborough: silent station is ON THE AIR carrying a reading service for the blind
- 1540 WNWR PA Philadelphia: GM at WNWR confirms that the fulltime CP for Bala Cynwyd was allowed to expire and has been CANCELLED, change Log to reflect Philadelphia as city of license and facilities as 50000 D3 (see Otherness, Issues #7 and 15)
- 1540 KBLV WA Bellevue: station gives legal is as "KXPA, your personal achievement station, is KBLV Bellevue-Seattle" so licensed call is still KBLV (see Otherness Issue #13)
- 1570 WOKC FL Okeechobee: application for 1000/12 U1 has been DISMISSED
- 1570 WYTI VA Rocky Mount: CP for 2500/220 U1 from new transmitter site is on
- 1580 WBGB FL Mount Dora: silent station (since 1988!) is reported to be on the air with tests in preparation for getting back on before the 2/9 deadline
- 1580 WNZT PA Columbia: this silent station has been sold to the Lancaster County Blind Association and is expected to return to the air soon
- 1650 *App CA Costa Mesa: LA newspaper articles claim this new station will debut in March with the call KBTL and will program the All Beatle format KGIL-1260 has been using as a publicity stunt before announcing their new format. This format is now being simulcast by KNNZ-540, the station that is the actual applicant for the move to 1650 kHz in the X Band

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Dave Schmidt, Don Kasky, John Hanz, Joe Fela, Mark Burns, Al Merriman, Dick Truax, Bart Cronin, Wayne Heinen, Olle Alm, Al Merriman, Les Johnson, and AMS.

No AM Switch for the next several issues while we go racin' down south; should return in issue #22.

73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Jerry & BKF

IRCA Mexican Log, 4th Edition

The IRCA MEXICAN LOG lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. In addition, stations that have changed frequency since 1990 are cross-referenced on the old frequency. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The log has been completely updated and carefully cross-checked by IRCA members in Mexico and the U. S. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11" and three hole punched for easy binding (optional).

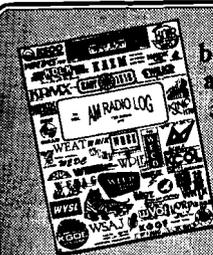
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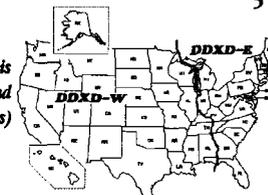
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- The FCC's Mass Media Bureau has established an electronic mailbox for complaints and inquiries concerning Broadcast Radio and TV. E-Mail your concerns to complaints-en@fcc.gov
- Remember to divide your reports into the proper categories (time, tests, etc). That makes it a whole lot easier to input your loggings into the file. My thanks go out to all those who do report in this manner.
- Adding fuel to the 540/540/1260 saga in Southern California, Eric Cooper writes: "KNNZ-1260 has changed its calls back to the original KGIL and is airing an all-Beatles format parallel with KNNZ-540 Costa Mesa and XETIN-540 Tijuana, Mexico. In early February KNNZ and XETIN are scheduled to switch to a classical format using the slogan K-Bach (no authoritative word on a call change here) and it should be noted that the owners of 540/1260 also own KKGO-FM, a classical format - maybe would indicate a possible simulcast?? (My speculation only on that one!) 1650 will NOT program classical, but will rather pick up the recently discarded AP News Network 24 hours-a-day when it goes on in either March or April. There has been no official word locally about KGIL changing to adult standards, though would make sense since that's what they originally were until a couple of years ago... and that's all the owner Saul Levine will tell the local newspapers, so far... stay tuned."
- A good turnout this issue. It's good to see reports from some of our newer members. Thanks to Lynn Simons of Birmingham, Alabama for checking in this time. Sorry for the break in Internet service, but we'll be back on line shortly.

REPORTERS

- KO-IL Ken Onyschuk Joliet GE Superadio II
- FM-IL Frank Merrill Macomb
- LS-AL Lynn Simons Birmingham <lynnsimons@aol.com>
- MS-CA Mike Sanburn Bellflower GE Superadio/GM caradio
- JR-OK John Reed, KA5QEP Ponca City modified Sylvania R1414/URR, noise reduced wire + Palomar loop phased with ANC-4, Kiwa MW loop <jtreed@iamerica.net>
- MM-IL Marc Marino Calumet City Superadio III
- RD-IA1 Rick Dau back home in Oakland Kenwood R-1000 + Radio West loop
- RD-IA2 Rick Dau Iowa City Kenwood R-1000 + RW loop
- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM R-70 w/filter mods and PLAM board + 4' box loop/Quantum Loop/100' longwire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- GB-NM Gerry Bishop Albuquerque '96 Chevy Blazer with Delco radio along I-25 between Albuquerque and Raton
- CG-LA Charlie Gaharan Thibodaus Collins R390A & GE Superadio
- PL-IL Peggy Leifert Woodridge Superadio III
- TS-MI Tom Sanders Davison via tape from California
- KF-IL Karl Forth Chicago R8, IC-R70, HQ-160 + Loop and long wire
- SP-WI Sheryl Paskiewicz Manitowoc DX-390 with Select-A-Tenna
- TJ-SD Terry Jones Plankinton DX-350 + Select-A-Tenna
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SPECIAL

540 KNNZ CA Costa Mesa - 1/10 1340 - New format is All-Beatles, ex: Bloomberg News. Slogan is The All New KGIL. Heard songs Rock and Roll Music and Real Love by

- The Fab Four. Top-of-hour triple ID: *XETIN Tijuana, Mexico, KNNZ Costa Mesa, KNNS Beverly Hills*. Phone number is 310-478-5540. Some live DJs. 540 signal seems to disappear at 2000. No activity yet on 1650. (MS-CA)
- 750 WRIK IL Brookport - NOT heard when in the area 1/8 at 1330 and 1/11 at 1500. I note they were heard as recently as December as WRHA. Temporary? (FM-IL)
- 890 WLS IL Chicago - 1/19 0105 - Signed off the air for several hours for "major maintenance". Strong SS station noted, with calls ending in *seta (Z)*. Either KVOZ or, more likely, I believe there is a Mexican station that ends in "Z". [If there is, it's not listed in the FCC database. So you may have heard KVOZ - Ed.] WMVP on 1000 needs major maintenance also . . . signal quality and containment have degraded recently. I keep checking! (PL-IL)
- WLS IL Chicago - 1/19 0130-0250+ - Noted off, leaving only a Mexican station. (KF-IL)
- 940 KFRE CA Fresno - 12/26 2100 - Noted with a weird NASA-type countdown styled to the end at 0600 PST 1/ 2. Consisted of number of days-hours-minutes-seconds until zero hour. Done in what sounded like a Swedish accent with self-styled witticisms interspersed. Came down to new format called *Hot Talk 940*, including Imus, Don & Mike, etc. At least they didn't change calls. (DK-CA)
- 950 WEJM IL Chicago - 1/20 0206 -Noted off the air. (KF-IL)
- 970 KXTP WI-Superior Has adopted a new Classic Country format. *Kicks 970* uses the ABC/SMN *Real Country* satellite feed, but *Real Country* plays a mixture of classic and new country. Therefore, KXTP's positioner, *Real Country Classics*, isn't exactly accurate. ABC News (either the Direction or Entertainment network) is carried on the hour. (INet)
- 1260 KNNS CA Beverly Hills - 1/9 2200 - Also with new all-Beatles format. KGIL slogans used. KGIL was the former call prior to KJQI and KNNS. Same triple ID as on 540. USC vs UCLA basketball game at 2230. They also carry Los Angeles Clippers basketball. (MS-CA)
- KNNS CA Beverly Hills - 1/12 via tape with no TCs - With all-Beatles and top-of-hour promo: *This is the new KGIL, the home of all-Beatles radio, playing for you just the Beatles 24-hours-a-day on the new KGIL, then legal ID: All-Beatles on the new AM-XETNN Tijuana, KNNZ Costa Mesa, KNNS Beverly Hills.* (TS-MI)
- 1380 KSFM CA Sacramento - 1840 - ID as 102.5 KSFM. New format is UC. Haven't got around to checking at top of hour, or seems KTOP is atop anytime I do. Replaces KMJI-all sports. (DK-CA)
- 1470 WCFJ IL Chicago Heights - 1/26 - SILENT since 1/22. (MM-IL)
- 1590 KIHM NV Sun Valley-Reno - 1/3 1000-1030 - With new format. Sounded like *GW?*, *Global World ???* Religion, and if interpreted correctly, a Catholic-sponsored group. In daily, except daylight hours. Gives KLIV fits at all times. Don't think they cut power at LSS. Call change from KIRS. (DK-CA)
- 1600 WCGO IL Chicago Heights - 1/26 - Apparently has fired their entire staff and is mostly carrying programming from the United Broadcasting Network. (MM-IL)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 570 WKYN ?? - 1/14 2210 - With Michael R. [probably Reagan- Ed.] talk show, *Sears ad, AM 570 WKYN ID*, winter storm watch mentioning Kentucky. Where is this? WKYM from Kentucky is on 1360. (SP-WI) [My guess is that you heard WKYX Paducah - Ed.]
- 1420 WSE(?) ?? - 1/23 0810 - News with ID WSE(?) *Newstalk*. (JR-OK)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 540 KNOE- MS Monroe - 1/13 0115 - Not heard. Only a Latin, loud and clear. (CG-LA)
- 560 KPQ- WA Wenatchee - 1/11 0300-0400 - Test not heard. (MS-CA)
- 770 WWCN- FL North Fort Myers - 1/7, 8 0030-0100 - Not heard., just WABC. Pattern book shows sharp null, so I think I wasted my time. (KO-IL)
- 980 WAPF+ MS McComb - 1/13 0200 - Barely heard, with only code being recognizable. (CG-LA)
- WAPF+ MS McComb - 1/13 0200 - CIDs and VIDs heard. Also, music that sounded like a music box, and *Weird Al Yankovic's* polka versions of popular rock songs. Test ended with *Hit The Road Jack*. WAKK-1140 ran a similar test the same night, but WRVA too strong at this QTH. (PL-IL)
- WAPF+ MS McComb - 1/13 0200 - Poor, under WONE and others, with CID. (KF-IL)

- WAPF+ MS McComb - 1/13 0209 - Four CIDs noted between 0209 and 0230, nothing else. Rough in QRM from KFWB, KMBZ and OLD station (KDSJ?). New for MS #7. Nice to hear two new stations from a semi-rare state in less than an hour! (JW-CO)
- 1140 WAKK+ MS McComb - 1/13 0130-0145 - Heard weak test tones despite strong WRVA signal. No IDs heard. (KO-IL)
- WAKK+ MS McComb - 1/13 0200 - Heard well. Received veri in 2 days. (CG-LA)
- WAKK+ MS McComb - 1/13 0130 - Good, with code and voice IDs and music. In WRVA null. (KF-IL)
- WAKK+ MS McComb - 1/13 0130 - Exactly one code ID noted. Nothing else in strong KGEM/KSOO QRM. MS #6. (JW-CO)
- KXNO? NV Las Vegas - 1/4 0300-0330 - Only heard regular programming. (MS-CA)
- 1260 WNRK- DE Newark - 1/26 0000 - Not Heard.. (SA-MB)
- 1420 KSTN+ CA Stockton - 1/1 0300-0800 - At huge level, over/under XEXX. Mostly 70s disco and some 80s (*Mr. Roboto* by Styx). Numerous mentions of test + contest + IRCA. No CIDs noted. I called the station and was put on the air at 0420. (MS-CA)
- 1450 CHUC- ON Cobourg - 1/26 0000 - Not Heard. (SA-MB)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1610 TIS NM Albuquerque - 1/10 1/18 1900 & 1/20 1700 - Test messages continue from previous report in November. Took a road trip over Martin Luther King 3-day weekend, and both frequencies are quiet outside of metro Albuquerque. Still don't know who owns these. (GB-NM) [There is also a 530/1610 combo at White Sands National Monument with different messages. One is done by Ricardo Montalban in EE and SS giving the history of the area while the other gives parking/hours/fees/etc. - Ed.]
- 530 WNMU973 NM Raton - 1/20 1330 - Thought this one was off, but seems it is technically challenged. Only audible at 7 miles south of Raton on I-25, for about 200 yards. Previously heard from 15 miles south of Raton to the top of the pass. (GB-NM)
- 1630 TIS IL ?? - Faintly audible beginning in December, then stronger 1/14. First tones, then a couple of blasts of a train whistle, then voice. Have not been able to distinguish any words yet. Tape loops and constantly repeats this same series. (PL-IL) [See recent editions of TIS & Other Stuff for all the gory details on this one - Ed.]
- 1640 WQO688CA Irvine - 1/12 2000 - Community TIS with typical tape loop. Mentions of roadways and hospital. (MS-CA)

HARMONICS

- 1540 KKOB NM Albuquerque - 1/20 1550 - Heard all around Albuquerque and up near Santa Fe on I-25 on 2nd harmonic. KKOB is now part of seven station operation in town run by Citadel Communications. Engineering is centralized, and all calls to them have, for the last 10 days, gone unanswered. (GB-NM)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 550 CHNO ON Sudbury - 1/20 0328 - In and out with KSD, WCKY and a country station which I never did ID, with IDs as *All oldies, all the time* and *Celebrating 50 years on the air*. Phone number 674-6715 heard for Listener Line. (PL-IL)
- 620 WTMT KY Louisville - 12/24 0738 - Fair, with ID: *The best country sounds around, 62 WTMT.* (RD-IA1)
- CKCK SK Regina - 1/20 0730 - Call ID, rock & roll music in phase null of KAAM-TX. (JR-OK)
- 640 KFI CA Los Angeles - 1/18 1300 - In at local strength, with ID and news. Equal copy to KKOB-770. Both heard from south of Raton along I-25. Have heard long distance daylight MW in the past, but nothing like this one. (GB-NM)
- 700 WLW OH Cincinnati - 1/7 0345 - Atop with teletalk show and ID. (DK-CA)
- 800 CKCK SK Moose Jaw - 12/24 0651 - Very good, with ID as *Saskatchewan's Continuous Country, Country 800*, into weather and current temperatures around the province. Not heard at this QTH since February 1990. (RD-IA1)

- 1240 KKLA CA San Bernardino - 1/7 0333 - With time and call ID. Into pre-recorded program by Janet Marshall. (DK-CA)
- 1300 KYNO CA Fresno - 1/20 0435 - Program note for Denny Tarkanian (I think it's "Jerry" - Ed.)/Fresno State basketball . . . on *Ki-no* . . . *All-Sports Radio*, then more ads and PSAs. Briefly good and all alone. (JW-CO)
- 1490 KSPE CA Santa Barbara - 1/10 0230-0300 - In SS with *La Musical* slogan used often. ID at 0300 in EE for both KSPE AM & FM. Also used *Radio Bloom* or *Plume* or some such. (DK-CA)
- 1510 WLAC TN Nashville - 1/6 0230-0320 - Under/over KGA. Another in there with business news, probably KFNN. WLAC seemed to be the one with C&W music. CBS News 0300-0305, then very nice call ID over KGA at 0305. C&W, atop next 15 minutes. (DK-CA)
- 1520 KFFX OR Oregon City - 1/4 0230-0300 - Finally found this guy through KTRO/KOMA. Was carrying The Sports Babe and had local ads from 0244-0247. *Sports Voice-KFFX-Fans Radio*. Also noted 1/7 with ID as 1520 . . . *The Fan KFFX* at 0322. (DK-CA)
- 1550 KQWB ND West Fargo - 1/25 0753 - Talk, ad for a Fargo home loan company. IDing as *Music and Memories*. (JR-OK)
- 1560 KLTI MO Macon - 1/21 0755 - Oldies, with sports news and call ID. Fading with QRM. (JR-OK)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 550 KLLV CO Breen - 12/27 0805 - Fair, in KSD null, with *K-Love* ID and instrumental version of *What Child Is This?*. REL program noted at 0815. This one seems to get out extremely well at its 0800 ELT sign-on time. (RD-IA1)
- 890 KGGN MO Gladstone - 12/23 1144 - Good, with clear CL ID after what seemed to be black gospel program. (RD-IA1)
- 1300 CJME SK Regina - 1/24 0848 - Fair, with song *Heart Of Gold*. ID at 0855, then *Bird Dog* by The Everly Brothers. *A Look At Business* and stock market news feature. *Regina 13*, *CJME* ID at 0906. *CJME Weather Center* with conditions and forecast. Lost at 0923. (TJ-SD)
- 1470 KWRD TX Henderson - 1/25 0827 - Local news, call ID, then C&W music. (JR-OK)
- 1530 KNBO TX New Boston - 1/25 0800 - Religious C&W music, call ID and news. New here. (JR-OK)
- KQNK KS Norton - 1/21 0815 - Heavy QRM. Ad for State Bank of Norton. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1580 WTTN WI Watertown - 12/28 0838 - Fair, with ad for a taco restaurant in Oconomowoc. (RD-IA2)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 590 WGNF FL Panama City - 1/22 1730 - With stock market report. (CG-LA)
- 620 WJDS MS Jackson - 1/22 1748 - With ad for A-1 Check Cashing. (CG-LA)
- 640 WOI IA Ames - 1/9 1755 - With last part of *All Things Considered*, ad for Des Moines Symphony, legal ID, weather forecast. Lost at 1800 (LSS power/antenna change). Verie already. (JW-CO)
- 660 WHOP AL Fairhope - 1/23 1755 - With Radio Aahs weather for Mobile/Fairhope. (CG-LA)
- 790 KFGO ND Fargo - 1/9 1817 - News, weather, market report, sports. Most of program was taken up with weather-related closings and delays (blizzard conditions, minus 41 degree wind chill). First new station of 1997, for North Dakota #24. Have been chasing this one for a long time. (JW-CO)
- 810 WTHV GA Hahira - 1/27 - 1737 - Ad for Bufferin, then a promo for a local dentist: Dr. L.W. Williams, followed by an ad for a financial services group in Valdosta. Then ID as 810 AM Stereo WTHV. (LS-AL)
- KCMO MO Kansas City - 1/27 1704 - CBS News, ID as *Kansas City stock radio* [are you sure they didn't say "Kansas City's Talk Radio"? - Ed.], into talk show with cellular phone number given to call as *Star 81* for a free call into the station. (LS-AL)
- WGY NY Schenectady - 1/27 1702 - ABC News, ID as WGY. (LS-AL)
- 880 KTMT OR Phoenix - 12/26 2000 - Call ID, Prime Sports ID and into local news. (DK-CA)
- 920 KARN AR Little Rock - 1/23 1829 - With traffic report and weather. (CG-LA)
- 930 WAXY FL Sarasota - 1/22 1835 - With Tom Lykus Show. (CG-LA)

- 950 WGTA GA Summerfield - 1/16 1715 - With local obituaries. (CG-LA)
- 970 KDWG MT Billings - 1/15 1900 - Ad for a KDWG sales position, legal ID. Ex: KCTR for me. Finally. (JW-CO)
- 980 KINS CA Eureka - 1/8 1910 - After CBS News. QRM from KVLV/KFWB. (DK-CA)
- 1090 KAJK CA Fortuna - 12/26 1940-1947 - With pop-rock, over/under XERPS. ID at 1947 as *KAJK - music of the 60s-70s-80s-KAJK-K-Jack 99.1*. then poof, they were gone. (DK-CA)
- 1129.55 KLSR TX Memphis - 1/16 1830 - Still operating here and putting a nasty het on 1130. Call ID, then *The Sports Show*, a three-minute program on local basketball. Into C&W music at 1833. Pretty good signal when separated on LSB from the jumble. (JW-CO)
- 1180 KYET AZ Williams - 1/8 1945 - With full sign-off announcement, to return at 6 AM MST. Atop KERI, severe high noise level, and splatter from KLOK and KXBT. (DK-CA)
- 1190 KXBT CA Vallejo - 1/2 1930 - With OC and announcements every five minutes stating KXBT will be found on 1630 24 hours-a-day in 1997. However, from 1/3 and on, KXBT was programming music in foreign languages until 2015 sign-off. 1630 kHz was carrying the usual UC format all this while. (DK-CA)
- 1230 KFPW AR Fort Smith - 12/25 2232 - Good, with ads mentioning *Arkansas* and *downtown Van Buren*. (RD-IA1)
- KWNO MN Winona - 12/26 2244 - Fair, with weather for *southeast Minnesota* and *western Wisconsin*. (RD-IA1)
- KWAS MO Joplin - 12/26 2325 - Atop, with NOS music and *AM 1230 KWAS* ID. First time heard at this QTH since 6/23/88, when it was KSSC. (RD-IA1)
- 1250 KWSU WA Pullman - 12/26 2005 - Atop, with eastern Washington weather then into national/world headlines. (DK-CA)
- 1340 KTSN NV Elko - 1/7 1930 - Strongly atop briefly, with full ID. (DK-CA)
- 1350 KRCL ID Lewiston - 12/29 2000-2030+ - Noted with KSRO. C&W music format. ID at 2031, atop KSRO. (DK-CA)
- 1370 WFDR GA Manchester - 1/27 - 1800 - Fade-in, up out of a mess, with CL ID, followed by a promo for the Georgia Dental Association. Then signed off with the SSB. (LS-AL)
- 1370 KSUM MN Fairmont - 1/14 2248 - With CID in mess. (SP-WI)
- 1380 KTSM TX El Paso - 1/15 1834 - Headlines by female announcer. *The Information you need when you need it most, on AM 1380 KTSM*. Good signal. (JW-CO)
- 1440 WGEM IL Quincy - 1/15 1742 - Local announcements and call ID. Briefly good, over KMAJ. (JW-CO)
- 1460 KRRS CA Santa Rosa - 12/27 1930-2000 - Traces of SS under KTYM from 1930-1945. Strong, atop from 1945-2000 with music in SS and ads for many Santa Rosa merchants and many Santa Rosa mentions. Some KMWX QRM around 1955. Call ID by female in EE at 1959. My closest unheard (logged under several former calls). (DK-CA)
- 1490 KRKC CA King City - 1/9 1910-1940+ - Atop with C&W. Loud at times. (DK-CA)
- KCID ID Caldwell - 1/3 - Atop with promo and ID at 1845. Also 1/8 1840-1900. Atop with AC music and icy road conditions at 1848. 1900 ID as *KCID - news for western Treasure Valley*. (DK-CA)
- 1530 KHPY CA Moreno Valley - 1/3 1915-2000 - Under KFBK. At times topping them with SS format. Missed ID, but heard it on 1/7 at 2000 just before signal vanished. Don't know if KFBK was at lower power or not due to floods. Never heard a trace of KHPY before this week. (DK-CA)
- 1570 KNDY KS Marysville - 1/23 2000 - C&W with call ID. Weak signal in phase null of SS station. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 12/23 1944 - Mr. Buzz let up just enough for me to snag a clear KXBT, *Classic Soul for the Bay Area* ID. (RD-IA1)
- 1660 WJDM NJ Elizabeth - 12/23 1940 - Good, with Kenny Loggins' Christmas song *Celebrate Me Home* during Radio Aahs programming. I've now logged both expanded band stations from all three of my Iowa QTHs. (RD-IA1)

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STATION NEWS

- 890 **WBPS MA** Dedham - Per QSL correct address is ... Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston MA 02129. Programming is brokered, most of it multi-ethnic. (EK-OH)
- 1120 **WADN MA** Concord - Now with Bloomberg Business News, which had been on WBNW-590 before it was sold, per *Radio and Records* of 12/20. (DP-HI)
- 1280 **WHTK NY** Rochester - Per QSL is NSP. (EK-OH)
- 1340 **WBIW IN** Bedford - 1/7 - Adds "Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell" per show today. (DP-HI)
- 1410 **WPOP CT** Hartford - 1/21 1700-1705 - Seems to have changed format to SPT, ID "Sports Radio 1410 for Connecticut." (RWT-MA)
- 1430 **CKYC ON** Toronto - Try the address and phone number listed for CJCL- 590. (JH-NJ)
+ Telemedia, which had owned both CJCL-590 and CKYC-1430, sold CKYC to Y.B.C. Holdings, Ltd. in the fall of 1996. The corporate office of Telemedia's address is 1411 Peel St., 5th fl., Montreal PQ H3A 1S5. (RDR-BC)
- 1490 **WEMJ NH** Laconia - 1/14 - Adds "Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell" per show today. (DP-HI) [And now evidently 24h. - DY]

DX TESTS

- 770 **WWCN FL** North Fort Meyers - 1/14 0030-0100 - *Not heard*, only WABC and often strong HJJX, RCN Bogotá. Should get out much better if they'd test ND. (JEK-MD)
- 980 **WAPF MS** McComb - 1/13 0200-0230 - *Not heard*. (JH-NJ) *Heard* with code quite clearly, perhaps audio at one point, but WONE fairly dominant throughout the half hour. (RCP-IN)
- 1140 **WAKK MS** McComb - 1/13 0130-0200 - *Not heard*. (JH-NJ)
- KXNO NV** North Las Vegas - 1/4 0300-0330 - *Not heard*, just WRVA. Was test held? (RCP-IN)

UNID and UNID HELP

- 720 **UNID** - — - 1/3 1727 - Hip-hop style of music heard with unID rapper under WGN, surprisingly good at times before fadeout. (RCP-IN) [WMXY, as below? - DY]
- 870 **UNID** - — - 1/15 1830 - UnID with C&W after WPWT's sign-off. Hopefully after a few more nights of trying, this will prove to be WQRX-AL. (RJE-PA)
- 890 **UNID** - — - 1/7 1756 - Oldies, "To Know Him Is to Love Him," "Mack the Knife," etc., over and under WLS for about ten minutes until eventual fadeout. (RCP-IN)
- 1090 **UNID** - — - 1/13 0110-0115 - Sporadic code, possible code ID, over, under WBAL. (JEK-MD)
- 1390 **UNID** - — - 1/18 2101 - Someone with SSB, presumed sign-off, poor under WZHF, WDCW. (DY-NY)
- 1480 **WADR NY** Remsen - This is RWT-MA's unID in #14. They now frequently simulcast their FM overnights. This FM is newly WRFM (ex-WUUU) on 93.5 with soft hits and slogan "Warm FM," which I believe is a syndicated music service. The One-on-One Sports show is no longer run overnight. (RJE-PA)
- 1590 **WPWA PA** Chester - This is RWT-MA's unID with R. Aahs ID, according to our fearless Musings editor's Muse in issue #5. (JH-NJ)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

- 840 **WHAS KY** Louisville - 1/12 0446 - Noted off air, unID SS station heard through WHAS open carrier. (RCP-IN)
- 850 **KOA CO** Denver - 1/17 0024 - Out of jumbled mess, "SportsRadio 850, KOA," with a very clear ID followed by a talk on abortion. Strong but quickly faded. (GC-MD)
- 1040 **KGGR TX** Dallas - 12/28 0731-0741 - Tentative with sign-on announcements and an ad string that included "J.C. Carpet Cleaning Service" with a "214" area code phone number. No ID heard. Fair at best with tons of QRM from WHO, WQBB, and maybe one other station. (EK-OH)
- 1050 **WNEW? KY** Central City - 1/18 0725 - NOS, clear ID "Your station for unforgettable music, WNEW." 72 watts? (JEK-MD) [I doubt a call change from WNES;

- WNEW is still alive and well on FM here in the Big Apple. - DY]
- 1160 **WJJD IL** Chicago - 1/21 0038 - "1160 AM WJJD, and now we continue with the Tom Leykis Show." Fair and clear. Used to be regular but not heard lately, due to closer and stronger stations operating on this frequency. (GC-MD)
- WVNJ NJ** Oakland - 1/21 0721 - Clear, positive ID and faded away to WJJD. Fair, new. (GC-MD)
- 1180 **WHJM TN** Knoxville - 1/14 0655-08700 - Local ads, country gospel music heard, ID, "Solid Gospel." (WM-MD)
- 1200 **WOAI TX** San Antonio - 1/5 0435 - Noted off air. SS station heard, presumably WLXX, fair. (RCP-IN)
- CFGO ON** Ottawa - 1/15 0042 - Heard "High Energy 1200" with plenty of adds from Ottawa, followed by very heavy uptempo rock music. Was this Ottawa? (GC-MD) [Yep. - DY]
- 1480 **WNMX NC** Charlotte - 1/16 0645 - Heard over, under CHRD, WADR with pop standards, "Mix 106" non-ID, local ad. Last heard in 1970 as WAME. (RJE-PA)
- WTOY VA** Salem - 1/17 0702 - Whitney Houston song, program dedicated to Ennis Cosby. Call letters mentioned but no legal ID. (JEK-MD)

LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

- 540 **WLUX NY** Islip - 1/14 1550 - "Beautiful Music, WLUX," NOS songs, intermittently popping out of heavy noise. (PH-MA)
- 600 **WICC CT** Bridgeport - 1/14 1558 - Song "Will Power," news mentioning that more money will be available for the CT oyster industry. Very clear, usually just barely audible above the noise here. (PH-MA)
- 1250 **WGL IN** Fort Wayne - 1/1 1235 - News at bottom of hour, then into the "Best of Rush Limbaugh." First time heard, due to severe splace from local WNDE-1260. (RCP-IN)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 570 **WWNC NC** Asheville - 1/5 1659-1700 - Noted with C&W through WKBN; difficult. (EK-OH)
- 680 **WJCE TN** Memphis - 1/3 1720 - Announcer said, "We pause now to let the other stations catch up on The Juice, 680 WJCE." Then back to soul music, fair with much background noise. (RCP-IN)
- 720 **WMXY GA** Hogansville - 1/13 1746-1802 - UC music, spot for Don Evans Ford-Lincoln-Mercury in La Grange at 1750. (EK-OH)
- 790 **WMC TN** Memphis - 1/6 1823 - Promo for Dan Rather and the CBS evening news, poor mixing with KURM and WTAR. (RCP-IN)
- CIGM ON** Sudbury - 1/17 1713 - Excellent with C&W, "70 Hot Country CIGM." (JEK-MD)
- 810 **WTHV GA** Hahira - 1/6 1840 - Ad for Walmart followed by "Tell all your friends to listen to WTHV." Fair in WGY null. (RCP-IN)
- 850 **WYLF NY** Penn Yan - 1/17 1707 - Local business news mentioning new amusement park to be built in the area, ad for Clifford Motors in Watkins Glen. Excellent, in and out with CKVL. QSLed as WOZO. (JEK-MD)
- 870 **WQRX AL** Valley Head - 1/8 1754 - Several country songs back to back, very good signal, almost local-like until 1800 signoff, with WWL barely heard. (RCP-IN)
- WPWT VA** Colonial Heights - 1/15 1824-28 - With one of the longest, most drawn-out sign-off announcements I've ever heard. (RJE-PA)
- 910 **WNEZ CT** New Britain - 1/17 1725-1755 - Tentative with "romantic" music, mostly in SS but a Whitney Houston number also noted, ID as "El estación del amor (en Connecticut?) ..." Very difficult although occasionally quite strong, severe fading and QRM. (EK-OH)
- WEPG TN** South Pittsburg - 1/8 1812 - Beatles song followed by station ad, "The Tennessee Valley Informer, WEPG," fair while in. (RCP-IN)
- 930 **WBEN NY** Buffalo - 1/14 1620 - Southtown Nissan Blizzard '97 sale, Village Glen Fitness Club ad, followed by AccuWeather. Really popped out of noise about 15 minutes before local sunset. (PH-MA)
- 1000 **WDJL AL** Huntsville - 1/4 1747 - Song by Platters "The Great Pretender," followed by "Keep your radio right here, playing your favorites all day long, WDJL." Very good for a short time in WMVP null, first time heard this season. (RCP-IN)

- 1030 **WBGS WV** Point Pleasant - 12/28 1704-1716:15 - S-9+40 dB and virtually alone until abrupt sign-off - someone finally noticed that the sun had set? C&W music and announcements as "The Ministry Station" (like WFTK-1030). (EK-OH)
- 1050 **WBRG VA** Lynchburg - 1/15 1758-1802:30 - Heard for the first time with ID, promo for "Common Sense Radio Network," spot for A. G. Jefferson (optician?), ID, then into news. Fair at best, heavy QRM and fading. (EK-OH)
- 1070 **WNCT NC** Greenville - 12/29 1735-1750 - In and out of severe CHOK QRM with the "Real Country Best of '96 Weekend." Excellent when in, but very slow and deep fades made them unreadable much of the time. (EK-OH)
- WINA VA** Charlottesville - 1/16 1630-1645 - ABC news, mention of Bill Cosby, C&W music, auto ad, weather, ID. (WM-MD)
- CHOK ON** Sarnia - 1/14 1635 - "1070 Traffic Jam," "To Sir With Love," "Handle Me with Care," like local with radio facing to NW. Usually all CBA-NB here. (PH-MA)
- 1080 **WKGX NC** Lenoir - 1/16 1710 - Tips for cold weather, weather forecast, local ad, ID, good in WTIC null. (WM-MD)
- 1150 **CJRC PQ** Gatineau - 1/20 1600-2000 - IDs and FF call-in shows, in and out all night, no sign of WNFT. (RWT-MA)
- 1440 **WHHY AL** Montgomery - 12/27 1920-26 - NOS, frequent IDs, spots for National Credit and Discover card, PSA for U.S. Savings Bonds. Dominant with only moderate fading. (EK-OH)
- 1470 **WBTX VA** Broadway - 1/8 1708-1710 - Fair, spots for ADT and Lifeline. (EK-OH)
- 1520 **WDSL NC** Mocksville - 1/7 1650-1658 - With a nice signal, C&W, spots for Mocksville Builders Supply and (Davy ?) Jewelers. Weather next followed by news sponsored by J. P. Green. (EK-OH)
- 1540 **WMDO MD** Wheaton - 1/16 1658-1700 - Poor-fair with SS music, "Radio Mundo" and call ID, then into "Radio Mundo Nottcias." Tuned out at 1707 as WABQ, KXEL QRM got too much. (EK-OH)
- WDCD NY** Albany - 1/17 1700 - Promo for REL program, call ID, Family ... News. First time noted with new calls, ex-WPTR. (JEK-MD)
- WADK RI** Newport - 1/17 1635 - End of news, weather, clear ID, into slow male vocal ballad, not sure if it was EE. Much wanted; this is one of the stations heard in the day from Ocean City MD but never logged at home. New, RI #15. (JEK-MD)
- 1560 **WRHC FL** Coral Gables - 1/16 1850 - Tentative, likely the one here with lots of SS talk, over, under WQEW. (RJE-PA)
- 1570 **WXLN IN** New Albany - 1/13 1855 - Country gospel, ID well atop channel. Still there 1917, but not as strong. (RJE-PA)
- 1600 **WPDC PA** Elizabethtown - 1/18 2148-2152 - Presumed with sports call-in program on Dennis Rodman, slogan "Sports Radio 16", into ad for car dealership near Mechanicsville, in fade of WWRL. (RWT-MA)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1620 **"WMCR"MD** Westminster - 1/15 0722+ - Western Maryland College station back on after 3 weeks of just OC [probably for school break - DY]. No IDs or other talk, just a real variety of music. Carrier is still strong but modulation is very weak; carrier is NSP. (JEK-MD)

REPORTERS

GC-MD	Gerald Conkling	Greenbelt MD - YB-400, RF-1115
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds	Blue Bell PA - Nissan car radio, whip
PH-MA	Paul Hansen	Marlboro MA - Superadio 3, Select-a-Tenna
JH-NJ	John Hanz	Old Bridge NJ - ICF2010
EK-OH	Ed Krejny	Strongsville OH -
JEK-MD	Joe Kureth	Uniontown MD - DX-375, Superadio 3, LW
WM-MD	William McGuire	Cheverly MD - DX380
RCP-IN	Robert C. Pote	Greenwood IN - R8A, Quantum loop
RDR-BC	R. Douglas Reid	Vernon BC - Canadian address help
RWT-MA	Rick Turner	North Dartmouth MA - STA-300, Palomar loop
DY-NY	David Yocis	South Nyack NY - R71A, Kiwa loop

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

Jean Burnell appreciated my recent comment that 99.99% of the world doesn't care about stuff that can be found in IDXD. But he points out that 0.01% of the earth's population is still 10,000 times the NRC's membership. Well, I'm not discouraged by this fact; it simply illustrates how much more the NRC can grow!

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, FEB 1 0408 - AA news by man, through Venezuela/Cuba-550 slop. FEB 1 2246 - LOUD with AA male group chorus & drums; destroying 550. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 549 SAUDI ARABIA, Qurayyat, FEB 1 2316 - // 648 with AA Koranic vocal. Algeria, which was atop, luckily had talk at the time. This made paralleling the music easier. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 558 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 1 0407 - // 585 with bits of ragtime jazz, voice-over by man in SS; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, FEB 1 0401 - fair with man reading news in EE. FEB 1 2325 - woman in EE, C&W music including Buck Owens; huge S9+40 signal completely crushed WMCA/CJEM-570 with the receiver in wide bandwidth. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, FEB 1 0428 - // 738 with man in SS; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, FEB 1 0358 - // other RNE1's with instrumental orchestral music (possibly a movie theme); excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, FEB 1 2250 - man & woman in SS; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebbaa-Aioun, FEB 1 2249 - woman in AA; over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1, FEB 1 0422 - // 738 with romantic female SS vocal; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., FEB 1 0355 - // 855 with acoustic guitar, then SS talk by woman; loud. FEB 1 2313 - man in SS; killing CBN/WNNZ-640. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 648 SAUDI ARABIA, Jeddah, FEB 1 2316 - // 549 Qurayyat with AA Koranic vocal; good to excellent! Low-band Middle East signals were very good on the new sloper. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, FEB 1 2303 - SS news by man & woman; good, generally getting through WFAN slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa, FEB 1 0627 - female PP vocal; fair. FEB 1 2247 - PP sporting coverage; local-like! [Connelly*H-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS, R. Ten Gold, Lopik, FEB 1 2328 - this one "duking it out" with France and eventually winning: oldies music topped the FF talker. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, FEB 1 0349 - // 855 with SS vocal; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., FEB 1 2306 - BBC EE news with man & woman and a report from an overseas correspondent; rising over Azores. FEB 1 2318 - now up to LOCAL-LIKE strength (mauling CBF) with talk about the upcoming Pakistani election. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 702 MOROCCO, RTM, Sebbaa-Aioun, FEB 1 2335 - AA talk by woman; barely over a mushy pile-up of others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711 LIBYA synch., JAN 15 0332 - Fair with man and woman in AA, then soft instrumental music. // to 1251 and I think 1125. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 711 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune, FEB 1 2320 - AA vocal; very strong signal, but either AC hum on carrier or a bad growl from someone about 50 Hz off frequency. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., FEB 1 2321 - SS talk by man; fair over several others (but too much CKAC slop to analyze the subdominant stations' audios). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, FEB 1 0417 - // 639 et al. with operatic / romantic style SS pop vocal; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, FEB 1 2329 - SS talk by man briefly dominant over others during a fade of Netherlands. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland, FEB 1 0418 - man in Dutch, then jazz; over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, FEB 1 2330 - massive signal here with cocktail-lounge jazz piano & bass. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, FEB 1 2308 - energetic African singing & yelling; initially good & over

- Switzerland's classical music. [Connelly*H-MA] FEB 4 2310 - Very strong with man in African dialect. Still has not been the same since coming on the air in 1964 when it blasted through like a semi local, often in mid afternoon. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, FEB 1 2309 - classical music noted under Senegal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 EGYPT, Abis, FEB 1 2336 - AA vocals & violins; giving Spain serious competition. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 1 0433 - // 738 with light orchestral music; to excellent peak. FEB 1 2310 - HUGE (15 dB stronger than adjacent WABC!): SS talk mentioning US football stars visiting Barcelona; atop AA music station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 783.06 SYRIA, Tartus, FEB 1 2331 - woman in AA getting through tough growl. 827 also coming in, but audio there wasn't as good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 819 EGYPT, Batra, FEB 1 2333 - Koranic vocal surfaced over "the mother of all pile-ups" on this channel. Two other identifiable and several unID stations were noted popping in & out over the course of a minute. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat, FEB 1 2333 - // 207 with man & woman in AA; briefly making it through a colossal multi-station jumble with Egypt, Spain, & others. This channel's graveyard-like amalgamation of international RF held the S-meter at a steady S9+25 or better. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 819 SPAIN, EI, San Sebastian, FEB 1 2333 - SS teletalk bubbled out of the co-channel stew for a few seconds. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, FEB 1 2337 - strong with fast PP talk over/under Canaries-Spain COPE stations. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 1 2337 - SS talk over/under Azores; good peaks. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 FRANCE, Nancy, FEB 1 0606 - // 864 with rustic carnival / circus type music with accordian & other instruments; fair over jumble. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., FEB 1 0349 - SS talk, old-style pop vocal; good on peaks, but with deep fast fades. FEB 1 2337 - local-like with man in SS; at least as good as adjacent WEEI-850. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, FEB 1 2338 - AA vocal mixing with Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 864 FRANCE, Paris, FEB 1 0603 - // 945 & 1206 with FF female vocal; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 864 SPAIN, RNE1, Socuellamos, FEB 1 2338 - SS teletalk over/under Egypt. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 873 SPAIN, SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, FEB 1 2339 - excellent with fast SS talk; well over unID that had jazz-style vocal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, FEB 1 2340 - SS talk by man / teletalk; over/under BBC UK. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Wales, Washford, FEB 1 2340 - woman in EE evenly mixed with Canaries-Spain synchros. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 1 2349 (890.97 kHz) - AA talk by man including telephone news interview. This was running S9+30, but with rather light modulation. Parallel 549, running S9+20, had better audio quality and, therefore, superior overall reception merit. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R.5 synchros, FEB 1 0604 - fair with EE news. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 918 SPAIN, R. Intercontinental, Madrid, FEB 1 2342 - man in SS; over AA- sounding station & others; tough CJCH/WHJ] slop at times. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 945 FRANCE, Toulouse, FEB 1 0601 - Caribbean-influenced female FF vocal; excellent, almost local-like. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, FEB 1 2343 - SS talk mixed with several others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 1 0600 - AA vocal; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 981 PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca synchros, FEB 1 2345 - fast PP talk (sports coverage ?) over two other audios; all under a big open (or poorly-modulated) carrier that was likely from the Algerian. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, FEB 1 0640 - HUGE with SS teletalk, completely annihilating the stations on 1000. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS, R. Las Palmas, FEB 1 0644 - non-SER program with folk/pop music & SS talk; in jumble. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1017 TURKEY, Istanbul-Mundanya, FEB 1 2350 - // 1062 with serious-sounding Islamic-vocal music; in mix with Germany & Spain. This was on after normal the 2300 sign-off time, probably because of Ramadan. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 1 2346 - // 1044 with SS teletalk; some WBZ slop. [Connelly*H-

- MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebba-Aioun, FEB 1 2347 - AA talk was under Spain at first, then it came up and blew away the SER stations. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 1 0645 - SS talk by woman; good. FEB 1 2346 - SS teletalk; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, FEB 1 2348 - // 1044 with AA talk by man; briefly over stew of stations. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK, Kalundborg, FEB 1 0558 - folk music, then man in Danish; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1062 TURKEY, Diyarbakir, FEB 1 2353 - // 1017 with Middle Eastern type vocal; to strong peaks and apparently on late for Ramadan. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1071 SPAIN (t), FEB 1 2354 - Spanish classical guitar music (maybe Andres Segovia); hammered by CBA slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, FEB 1 0647 - EE talk by man, phone calls; fair. FEB 1 2355 - EE teletalk over others; good on peaks. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, FEB 1 2356 - woman in Slavic language with teletalk; loud S9+30 signal, well over Spain. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1098 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 1 0649 - man in SS through low-pitched growl & slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 1 0650 - woman in SS; to good peak. FEB 1 2356 - SS teletalk; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1125 LIBYA El Beida, JAN 30 2201, Weak with man in AA reading news but clearly // to 1251. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1134 CROATIA, HRT Zadar JAN 25 2315 - Good; woman with "news on Croatian Radio" in English. [Conti-NH] FEB 1 2357 - strong with Slavic talk; but under assault from bad WBBR slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, FEB 1 2358 - SS talk mixed with possible Romania and an AA music station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1179 unID (possibly EGYPT), FEB 1 2358 - AA music mixed with Spain & others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Bordeaux, FEB 1 0553 - female FF vocal; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1206 ISRAEL (t), FEB 2 0000 - Hebrew-sounding talk (news); poor, hammered by WPHT slop. AA-sounding music surfaced about 3 minutes later: not certain if from the same station or from something else. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 1 2300 - SS news, in mess. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli, JAN 30 2201 - Very strong with man in AA reading the news and // to a much weaker 1125. [Dangerfield-PA] FEB 1 2259 - AA male vocal; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1278 IRELAND Cork-Dublin, JAN 27 0513 - Clear with man and woman in conversation in EE of course. The News and other items. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy JAN 19 2320 - Rock and folk music, huge S9+10 on the east sloper without phasing. [Conti-NH]
- 1431 UKRAINE Kopani, JAN 27 0439 - Good with fem vocal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 MOLDAVA Maiac, JAN 27 0426 - Fair signal with man and woman in RR type language. On top until 0445 when covered by Monte Carlo I.S. After that both stations were heard, Monte Carlo on top. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, FEB 1 2258 - religious music; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1475.5 BENIN Cotonou, JAN 30 2245 - Barely readable station to the low side of 1476 which was separate and there was a .5 kc het. The lower signal which could have been Benin seemed to have bits of African music, but there wasn't enough of it to really tell. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1476 U.A.E. Dubai [just possible], JAN 23 2238 to 2310 - Man talking in what seemed to be AA, soft music at the end. Could have been on late for Ramadan, but I didn't have much to go on. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1512 BELGIUM R.Vlaanderen Int'l, Wolvertem JAN 19 2210 - Good; DX program in English with report about R.Eviva-1566, 2230 French program. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA Duba JAN 19 2235 - Good; main program in Arabic // 9555. [Conti-NH]
- 1530 VOA SAO TOME and VATICAN, JAN 27 0419 & 0446 - Both taking turns behind WSAI and each as good as in recent months. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1554 GABON (t), FEB 1 2252 - fair carrier here was probably this, but the audio was hopelessly shredded by out-of-control WQEW slop. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1557 FRANCE Nice, JAN 27 0450 - It was nice to hear Nice so nicely again with a fem pop singer

- and instrumental music prior to their official sign on. Possible parallels noted on 1206, 1242 and 1404. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1566 SWITZERLAND Beromunster, JAN 27 0413 - Almost armchair with female singer [EE or GG] and yodeling effects. This station seems to be a harbinger of high band openings. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 ITALY synch., JAN 27 0502 - Strong just after sign on with a man in EE. Was // to a weaker 1332. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1620 NETHERLANDS, PCH Scheveningen JAN 26 0035 - Fair; alternating PCH code IDs and data. [Conti-NH] FEB 1 2256 - "PCH" Morse code and data bursts; way atop CT Department of Transportation TIS station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1698 SPAIN, utility station, La Coruña, FEB 1 2254 - SS talk by man on upper sideband; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, FEB 1 0408 - // 555 with cricket match; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 540 MEXICO, XEWA, Monterrey, FEB 1 0625 - SS "X-E-W-A" ID, then dance-music female SS vocal; good, rolling in over the rest of the pack. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 550 VENEZUELA, Mundial, YVKE, Caracas, FEB 1 0718 - slow SS group vocal & strings // YVYM-880; dominant over the Cuban. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 540 MEXICO XEWA Monterrey, JAN 15 0925-0936 - LA pop music, ID with echo effect, fair through interference. [Trelford-JAM]
- 550 VENEZUELA R. Mundial, Caracas, JAN 13 0045 - ID (pronounced Mundee-ahl), two men talking in SS. Drifting up and down slowly in partial WCKY null. Fair to poor. [Keegan-ON]
- 555 ST. KITTS ZIZ Basseterre, St. Kitts, JAN 0103 - Traditional steel drums and heavy Afro-Carib Reggae beat but with wierd car horns, bird whistles. Occasional comments after songs like "Bot you doan care" perhaps DJ repeating lyrics. ID like car alarm siren with an echo. Poor but with good fade-ups. [Keegan-ON] FEB 1 0405 - good with cricket coverage. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 595 DOMINICA, DBS, Hillsborough, FEB 1 0411 - // 535 & 555 with West Indies cricket match broadcast; fair through 594 TA het / QRM. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 600 CUBA CMKV R. Rebelde Urbano Noris, JAN 18 0315 - fair with two men talking excitedly, "Rebelde" mentions, // 5025 kHz. [Sorensen-ON]
- 640 CUBA R. Progreso, Santa Clara, JAN 13 0300 - Male DJ playing soft romantic ballads. "Progreso" ID at 0310. Excellent S9 + 10dB. [Keegan-ON]
- 660 ST. LUCIA SLBC Castries, JAN 20 1011-1023 - West Indies-Pakistan cricket play-by-play. Suddenly appeared and then gone under WFAN and unID SS station. [Trelford-JAM]
- 670 CUBA R. Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas, JAN 13 0320 - Female DJ playing fast Cuban music. Up over WMAQ for brief periods then back under. Fair. [Keegan-ON] FEB 1 1140 - R. Rebelde ID mixed with other SS station & WMAQ just before sunrise. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 673.4 unID (CANADA ?), FEB 1 2305 - a whopper of a buzz here (but no intelligible audio): possibly the Newfie drifter (CKXB) previously heard on 672. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 690 COLOMBIA HJCL Bogotá, DEC 4 0858-0930 - Ranchera music, ID as "R. Recuerdo", QRM. from CBF, trying for KSTL test. [Trelford-JAM]
- 690 COLOMBIA HJ CZ, FEB 1 0629 - R. Recuerdo ID; over/under CBF. No sign of the Cuban "buzz" at the time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 690 MEXICO XECS Manzanillo, DEC 3 0739-0810 - LA music, ranchera, ID as "Radio Regullo", poor under CBF. [Trelford-JAM]
- 730 COSTA RICA TIHB San Jose, DEC 4 0703-0808 - Talk show, ID as "Radio Reloj, Costa Rica", poor through XEX. [Trelford-JAM]
- 760 HAITI 4VU Les Cayes, DEC 14 1927-2010 - REL talk in EE, Christmas carols accompanied by organ, talk by woman, mention of "Lumiere" at 2010. [Trelford-JAM]
- 760 COLOMBIA HJAJ RCN Barranquilla, JAN 13 0355 - Good in WJR null with ID by man sounding like "Radio de Colombia" also mentions of Puerto Rico and other countries, possibly with regard to sports, music at 0358. [Sorensen-ON]
- 770 COLOMBIA HJXX RCN Bogotá, JAN 18 0400 - very poor in partial WABC null with SP man, ad and RCN net ID, // 760. [Sorensen-ON]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN IS. ZBVI Tortola, FEB 5 0055 - Clear and atop freq. with 2 men talking in EE, ID at 0100, then calypso music. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 800 NETH. ANTILLES PJB TWR, JAN 18 0429 - SS talk, several mentions of Venezuela, ID as Radio transmundial, played what sounded like an anthem at 0430 and then went off. Good signal. [Sorensen-ON]

- 810 COLOMBIA HJCY Bogotá, DEC 6 0158 - Play-by-play futbol game, Guatemala vs. Colombia, QRM from CMHB. [Trelford-JAM] FEB 1 0638 - // 960 with SS vocal, accordion music; over/under WGY. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, TBN, Basseterre, FEB 1 0635 - // to (weaker) 7510 with US EE preacher; excellent, blowing out WCRN & the others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 840 CUBA C MEL Sta Clara, DEC 7 0420 - US pop music, into LA music, ID as "Dobleve". [Trelford-JAM]
- 860 DOMINICAN REP. Radio Clarín Sto. Domingo, FEB 4 0107 - Non stop fast LA type music with vocals. Almost sounded like rap. CJBC phased easily. Occasional mentions of Radio Clarín by a man. This station has been heard here fairly regularly. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 870 DOMINICAN REP. HIVG La Vega, FEB 4 0059 - Clear on top of freq. with ID by a man in SS, "HIVG Radio La Vega, República Dominicana" before going into music. I thought Dominican stations didn't use call letters. This one heard with WWL easily phased. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 880 VENEZUELA, Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, FEB 1 0718 - // YVKE-550 with slow SS group vocal & strings; under WCBS. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 890 MEXICO unID, JAN 19 0630-0720 - Ranchera music, "Fiesta Mexicana" jingles, local announcements, fairly good strength but fadey with WLS off. [Forth-IL] (I'll guess "Fiesta Digital", Culiacán - Jim)
- 890 CUBA R. Nacional? (Not listed Havana site), JAN 27 0432 - Mellow guitar music, soft ballads, with female DJ at 0432 Patsy Cline's "Crazy". Partial ID at 0456 as "Continental...Musica, Radio Nacional transmits de la Habana Cuba. No //s. Poor to good, mostly under but sometimes dominating powerhouse WLS. Later fully ID'd by Ken Alexander as R. Progreso. [Keegan-ON]
- 890 CUBA CMDZ R. Progreso, Santiago de Cuba, JAN 13 0302-0349 - Fair to good in WLS null with mostly dance music including the Macarena at 0303, talk by man who yelled "Ritmo!" several times, Progreso IDs heard at 0342 and 0349. [Sorensen-ON]
- 960 COLOMBIA HJHN Magangue, FEB 6 0420 - Strong atop frequency [thanks to DL2 phaser] with man in SS and many mentions of Colombia. At 0438 ID given as Caracol Caribe Manangüe, Colombia. [Dangerfield-PA] Magangue, FEB 1 0638 - // 810 with SS vocal, accordion music; dominant. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1000 COLOMBIA HJGG Manzanillo, DEC 14 0213 - News, talk, lost of Colombia ads, poor. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1000 UNID DEC 10 0213-0246 - CLA music, opera, long piano solo, no announcement, think it was SS. Ideas? [Trelford-JAM]
- 1100 COLOMBIA HJAT Barranquilla, DEC 13 1003 - News talk, lots of Caracol mentions, KAA Y QRM. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1200 CUBA R Ariguanabo - regarding Paul Zecchino's log of this in IDXD 64-17, this is absolutely not "new". It's been listed for ages, and I have frequently reported it in IDXD for over a year (last time was 5/1/96 in IDXD 64-26). [Krueger-FL]
- 1220 MEXICO XEB Mexico DF, DEC 14 0731 - LA pop music, ID at "XEB", good over WKNR. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1260 CUBA R Tafno, JAN 26 1525-1602 - regarding Paul Zecchino's log of Tafno on 1180, only Rebelde (from the same transmitter that used to carry Tafno prior to about 10/18/96, when programming switched during Hurricane Lili) is audible here. I'm not disputing Tafno isn't on 1180 as well. Tafno has used multiple frequencies in the past, but they also remain on 1260. (A detailed Tafno "frequency history" from 11/85-2/95 as monitored here was published long ago in IDXD, and remains available for anyone wanting it from me.) A refresher (previously reported in IDXD): Arnie Coro/RHC, in an e-mail to David Crawford in early December, 1996, reported that Tafno moved to 1260 kHz. This was confirmed on 12/15/96 per monitoring here (see IDXD 64-13). A recheck of the frequency shows Tafno remains active on 1260, heard today with merengue, "ad" for a local cocina, usual female SS ID over Tafno music theme followed by Langston Wright's EE ID from 1559. Arnie Coro: how many and what frequencies are Tafno presently on? [Krueger-FL] (I send IDXD to Arnie, but in the last several weeks his e-mail has been getting bounced back to me - Jim)
- 1375 ST PIERRE & MIQUELON, JAN 24 0430 - 'Power of Love' in EE followed by man in FF with news at 0430. Back to R&R Music with FF lyrics at 0440. Poor with AM Synch unlocks. [Keegan-ON]
- 1490 CUBA CMDH Mayari, JAN 8 2228-2305 - LA music, under WLJA, fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1570 GUATEMALA TGVE Guatemala City, JAN 10 0120 REL music and talk, ID as "Radio Angélico América", poor, interference from VOA Belize until they signed off at 0130.

[Trelford-JAM]

1640 UNID SS station (no date) - music and a man and woman talking SS, sudio distorted, perhaps a spur? [Trelford-JAM]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 828 JAPAN JOBB Osaka, JAN 24 1240 - JJ Noted in passing with talk; KHVH-830 off during Radio Blackout 1997 which saw eight stations take the overnight off (during which I was too engrossed with my computer to take advantage of it). [Park-HI]
- 972 S. KOREA KBS/HLCA Tangjin, JAN 10 1640 - KK Man interviewing second man, at about a half-hour before sunrise; heard on 970 on the Honda digital receiver that only goes in 10 kHz steps. Would you believe carriers from N. America were also noted? [Park*HI]
- 1110 HAWAII KAOI Kihei/790 HAWAII KKON Kealakekua, JAN 6- Has dumped WOR's Joy Browne in favor of new "Dick Cavett Show" weekdays at 1406-1600 UTC. This info of interest only to DXers west and south of here, hi. [Park-HI]

STATION NEWS

COLOMBIA: Radio Net, a 24 hour network is to start operation JAN 20. Key station is Bogotá 850, and affiliates in Medellín 590, Cali 700, Bucaramanga 1120, Valledupar 1380, Duitama 1150, Barranquilla 1040, Neiva 1210, Cúcuta 1090, Cartagena 1200. Address is Diagonal 221 No. 43-77, Bogotá. [H.Klemetz, "Dateline Bogotá" JAN 13 in *Play-DX* #919] (700, 1040 and 1090 are stations that can be heard in North America - Jim)

MEXICO: Latest news on "K-Bach AM 5-40" is that their target date is now between mid-February and March 1st. Flooding in Sacramento apparently delayed delivery of an antenna to the XETIN facility in Tijuana. An article in the *San Diego Union* implied that XETIN would be raising power to 25 kW. In the meantime, XETIN has been silent most days, and I have heard no signs of testing on 540 or 1650. [Hall-CA]

NETHERLANDS: Talk Radio Holland 1395 now broadcasting. [*Play-DX* #918]

POLAND: Norea Radio 1503 via R. Polonia in Swedish 1930-2000. Program originates in Sweden. [B.Ericson in *Play-DX* #918]

SURINAME: With regard to Jean Burnell's information about Radika 670: I checked back issues of WRTH and RADIKA was listed in 1982 edition with 10 kW on 670. The 1983 edition, which of course was compiled about Sept/Oct of 1982, reflects a power upgrade to 25 kW. For the ascribed reason, the 670 listing disappeared from the 1984 edition and has not appeared since. The return of RADIKA to the airwaves (1 kW FM only) first shows up in the 1993 WRTH. One might suspect that is the reactivation of "a few years ago" that Jean's contact is referencing. So, now that the mystery is basically resolved, it would be interesting to know just when RADIKA was reactivated on 670 and with what power. [Clark-ON] My guy in Suriname is actually not a visitor, but is some high functionary in charge of telecommunications in Suriname. I found it ironic that it took him about a month after my E-mail to find out that RADIKA was back on the air! I have E-mailed him again to see if he can find out the power of the station. [Burnell-NF]

QUERIES, ETC.

In response to Connelly's Feb 1-2 log report: February 2, I also noted the noise that seemed to be centered around 673, along with brief signs of audio which sounded like C&W music, thus assumed it was from Canada. On 690, the Cuban buzz was noted, along with another station IDing as "... Deportivo!" in a tricky to maintain CBF null, 0100-0300 UTC time frame. Morocco "A network" was heard on 612, // 207 around 0100 UTC. Spain was noted on the usual frequencies; 603 through 1305. On 1206, toward 0600 UTC, talk and music was noted, although weak and not enough to identify the language, but considering the time, it was most likely France. [Conti-NH]

PARK IN THE DARK

Guess what! It's happening as I speak! All the stations mentioned in Bryan Clark's message are off, with the exception of KWAI, which is running a carrier. The tower used by KIKI, formerly KHVH-990, is next to a home (with chicken coop) in a dale just up the road from the entrance to the Hawaii country Club in Kunia. The last sugar mill on Oahu island closed last year, so I guess the land surrounding the tower is going subdivision. KDEO-940 when it was operating also used that tower. That would leave the island with just four tower sites-- Ahui Street (KGU and I think KZOO), which is next to an abandoned sanitation dumping station and a seafood restaurant, Hart Street (KWAI and one other), Kokea Commercial Center (KHNR and one or two others), and the Mt. Palehua Complex, to which nearly every

other station was forced to migrate because of electro-environmental concerns in Our Honolulu. The Complex, ironically, is near the Mt. Palehua Solar Observatory, which the military wants to close due to budget cuts. I thought something was amiss when KGU was noted with a very weak signal at 5:40 Thursday morning and stayed that way all morning and afternoon. Only checked my radio again at 1:45 Friday morning (1145 UTC). Nothing on 990, though. The final two days of Radio Blackout 1997 (hi), Friday and Saturday mornings, were basically a bust for me, as I was busy on the computer the first day, when I first found out about this from IDXD (AOL busy signals keeping me away from the E-Mail, of course), and I had to sleep early the next day. All I have to show for is a tentative CJXX-840 and a tape of KUMU-1500 on 590, fooling me once again (image caused by the 2nd harmonic of the Sangean's IF of 455 kHz). All eight stations mentioned were off Friday, though KWAI-1080 left its carrier on for some reason. KHVH-830 was running messages by its PD Rick Hamada apologizing for Art Bell's show being cut off by the silent periods; he alluded to "expanded service" by the station's owner, Patterson Broadcasting, which in 1996 bought KHVH/KIKI AM-FM/KKLV-FM to add to its holdings of KSSK AM-FM/KUCD-FM here. (Mailing addresses remain separate.) Even KGU got a mention in the paper; station manager Gregory Skaltsas apologized for transmitter problems which began around 1000 UTC Thursday, but didn't mention why they had to shut down late Friday night. It was vital for KGU to return to the air; it's the home of the Super Bowl! [Park-HI]

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Karl Forth, Chicago IL; R8, IC-R70, HQ-160, spiral loop, KW.

@Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA.

@Brian Keegan, Windsor ON; NRD535D, FRG 100B, ATS803, DR31 etc., 70' Sloper, 18 in Miniloop, various verticals; Aurora LIM, Global ATU, various audio filters. [BrianK6608@AOL.COM]

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THE MADEIRA ISLAND DXP (DEC 1996)

By Jorge Garzón (MEDI DX GROUP.)

I went to Madeira Island at Christmas with my wife for a week vacation, and I took advantage of the island situation to DX sometimes. It was not really a DXP but rather some DX listening sometimes. Madeira island is placed about 1000 km to the southwest from Lisboa and 700 km away from African coastline (Morocco). It has around 60 km long by 20 km width, being really a rough mountainous piece of land in the middle of the ocean, and one of the most beautiful places that I've ever visited. Trust me!

There are no beaches in Madeira Island, but impressive cliffs. The island is divided by the Ribeira Brava valley (South part) and Sbo Vicente valley (North part), joined by the Encumeada Gap. From here, the island to the west is a alpine tundra plain at 1500 m above sea level; to the east the impressive Central range with the volcanic peaks of do Gato, Areiro, Cerro das Torres, being The Ruivo the highest point of Madeira with 1861 m above sea level. Gentle slopes goes down to the South part of the island, but deep gullies down to the North. This gives to the island one of the most important features for DXing. DXing in the North part and the following nite in the South is being in two different worlds, fortunately for us, suffered DXers.

I could listen sometimes at night, sometimes while I was driving. Even when I was trekking besides the levadas and at Ruivos summit, a little AIWA receiver was on me. At night I DX at two little towns: Prazeres (Southwest part of the island), and Sbo Vicente (North part). Anyway, the best place in the island to DX is Punta do Pargo, but no lodgement facilities there. In April 1997 a little

tourist complex will be open there with only 10 little appartaments; there is nothing around: Your window facing west, a 400 m gentle grass slope to the edge and 500m high cliffs falling down into the ocean. No noises at all, no neighbors; only the frequency of 1130 and 1140 probably blocked out with RDP-Radio Regional da Madeira (1125 kHz). The antenna of this station is 400m away from this site, but it is only 1 kw and well balanced, so... I use as a DX gear, my SONY ICF2010 and the KIWA POCKET LOOP, being the perfect couple for a traveller. No doubt!

Stations being heard daytime at Encumeada Gap were:

531 MDR RDP-RADIO REGIONAL DA MADEIRA Portosanto (ANTENA 1 Network at night). 576 CNR RNE-R1 CANARIAS Las Palmas. 603 MDR RDP-ANTENA 1 Pico Arieiro (//531 kHz). 621 CNR RNE-R1 CANARIAS Sta Cruz Tenerife (//576). 720 CNR RNE-R5 Sta Cruz Tenerife. 747 CNR RNE-R5 Las Palmas (//720 but different local slots). 837 CNR COPE Las Palmas. 882 CNR COPE La Laguna (//837 but different local slots and ads). 1008 CNR RADIO VOZ Las Palmas. 1017 MDR POSTO EMISSOR RADIODIFUGAO Santana (//1530). 1125 MDR RDP-RADIO REGIONAL DA MADEIRA Punta do Pargo (ANTENA 1 Network at night). 1179 CNR SER Sta Cruz Tenerife. 1269 CNR RADIO ECCA Las Palmas. 1332 MDR RDP-RADIO REGIONAL DA MADEIRA Funchal (ANTENA 1 Network at night). 1485 MDR ESTAGAO RADIO DA MADEIRA Funchal. 1530 MDR POSTO EMISSOR RADIODIFUGAO Funchal (Relay RADIO RENASCENGA many hours).

When I travel=led to North part, none of the Canary Islands Station were heard or slightly sometimes. Even Ponta do Pargo RDP station, 1530 and 1332 were difficult to listen to with no traces of 1485 Estagao Radio da Madeira at all. This shows a little bit the geographical features of this land.

If you DX at South or SouthWest, all the signals coming from both, Continental Spain and Portugal are totally blocked by daytime and only fair-weak at night, sharing channels and being overpassed oftenly. Canary stations are heard 24h day with strong fades at night and co-channel interferences and SouthAmerica and some parts of Africa are open for your ears, although the African panorama is no impressive (better Dxing in the Canaries?) but the presence of Moroccan stations.

Two hours after the sunset Brazil burst with good signals, sometimes as locals. Later on, all the South American countries appears with armchair sound quality sometimes.

You prefer DX in the North part of the island? Well, you will catch the Mainland Spanish and Portuguese stations (less stations than in Spain and much more weaker), being overpassed with American channels oftenly. Azores arrives only fair, not as local, as I thought in the beginning, some Europeans unheard in Sevilla (due to wave hoop amplitude) and surprisingly, strong signal from Arabic countries and perhaps signals from Asia, Dxing in the proper hours. Anyway is worth here to Dxing with the Grey-Line. Surprise could be great!

Following a sample of what I heard there. Main Indexed by frequencies with details in Spanish:

531 RDP-ANTENA 1 Portosanto 21:05 SIO/333. Programa especial de "Sports". //621 + A1 Network. (JGarzón, 21dic) 540 RTM-PROGRAMA A Sidi Benhour 21:07 SIO/444. Música y comentarios en árabe. (JGarzón, 21dic) 540 MR-KOSSUTH RADIO Solt 21:09 323. Comentarios en hzngaro, a veces se escucha muy bien, depende del fading. (JGarzón, 21dic) 549 RTA-CHBINE 1 Les Trembles 21:13 SIO/333. ID y música mezclada con comentarios en árabe. (Jgarzón, 21dic) 567 RTE-R1 Tullamore 21:15 SIO/343. Comentarios sobre música y canciones que estaban poniendo, después música. (JGarzón, 21dic) 576 RNE-RADIO 1 CANARIAS Las Palmas 06:55 SIO/444. Programa en paralelo con 621 kHz las 24 horas. // 621 kHz. (JGarzón, 23dic) 576 RNE-R1 CANARIAS Las Palmas 21:18 SIO/333. Conexión en cadena con RNE, comentarios deportivos. (JGarzón, 21dic) 576 RADIO RENASCENGA Braga 21:19 SIO/333. Comentarios en portugués e ID con jingle musical. (JGarzón, 21dic) 594 RADIO RENASCENGA Muge 21:22 SIO/242. Comentarios en portugués, en //576 kHz. (JGarzón, 21dic) 594 RTM-PROGRAMA A Oujda 21:23 SIO/232. Música árabe, //540 kHz. (JGarzón, 21dic) 603 RDP-ANTENA 1 Pico Arieiro 21:24 SIO/333. Programa deportivo "Sports", en //531 kHz. (JGarzón, 21dic) 612 RTM-PROGRAMA A Sebba-Aioun 23:30 SIO/343. Comentarios languidos en árabe con música intercalada. (JGarzón, 21dic) 621 RNE-RADIO 1 CANARIAS Santa Cruz 06:55 SIO/444. Identificación regional "Radio Nacional de España en Canarias", noticias regionales de 5 minutos. (JGarzón, 23dic) 630 RDP-ANTENA 1 MultiTx 23:32 SIO/343. Música y comentarios, en //531, 603. (JGarzón, 21dic) 648 RDP-ANTENA 1 Lajes 23:36 SIO/232. Música y comentarios, en cadena. (JGarzón, 21dic) 650 CKGA Gander-NF 23:41 SIO/343. Programas en cadena e ID de VOCM, música y comentarios en inglés. (JGarzón, 21dic) 666 RDP-ANTENA 1 MultiTx 23:51 SIO/333. Música tranquila, en //531, 603. (JGarzón, 21dic) 670 UNID ??? 23:58. Comentarios en inglés, ID y música. (JGarzón, 21dic) 675 RADIO 10 GOLD Lopik 23:59 SIO/343. Música pop y locutor en holandés, clara ID a las 0000. (JGarzón, 21dic) 684 RADIO BEOGRAD 1 Beograd 00:04 SIO/222. Música tradicional balcanica con comentarios en serbio?. (JGarzón, 22dic) 693 BBC-RADIO 5 LIVE Multitx 00:08 SIO/222.

Comentarios variados en inglés. (JGarzón, 22dic) 693 RDP-ANTENA 1 Viseu 00:09 SIO/222. Comentarios en portugués sobre temas sociales. (JGarzón, 22dic) 700 WLW Cincinnati-OH 00:16 SIO/333. Comentarios variados en inglés, oldies, mezclada con otra USA UNID, sports. (JGarzón, 22dic) 710 CKVO Clarendville-NF 00:05 SIO/333. Programación en cadena de "VOCM", ID clara en inglés. (JGarzón, 22dic) 711 RTM-PROGRAMA A Laayoune 00:29 SIO/333. Música en árabe e ID "Huna Ribat". (JGarzón, 22dic) 720 RDP-ANTENA 1 MultiTx 00:30 SIO/333. Música de orquesta años cincuenta. (JGarzón, 22dic) 740 CHCM Marystown-NF 00:33 SIO/444. Canción de Navidad de "Boney M" e id: "VOCM" Net. (JGarzón, 22dic) 750 CBBY Bonavista-NF 00:44 SIO/333. Música navideña y comentarios variados en inglés de una chica. (JGarzón, 22dic) 756 DEUTSCHLANDFUNK-DLF Braunschweig 00:46 SIO/343. Música alemana tradicional. (JGarzón, 22dic) 760 WJR Detroit-MI 00:56 SIO/343. Sports "Washington & Boston", anuncios, ID y llamadas de oyentes. (JGarzón, 22dic) 765 RADIO SUISSE-ROMANDE Sottens 01:06 SIO/242. Música clásica con comentarios cortos. (JGarzón, 22dic) 783 RADIO COMERCIAL Miramar 01:08 SIO/343. Programa especial "Feliz Natal" con clara ID en portugués. (JGarzón, 22dic) 810 BBC WS-SCO MultiTx 01:10 SIO/333. Noticias en inglés sobre acontecimientos políticos mundiales. (JGarzón, 22dic) 850 WEEI Boston-MA 01:14 SIO/333. Publicidad, programa de deportes, clara ID "WEEI Radio Network, Boston". (JGarzón, 22dic) 882 COPE TENERIFE La Laguna 07:40 SIO/444. Desconexión de cadena con publicidad local y anuncios promocionales de la COPE. (JGarzón, 23dic) 909 TALK RADIO UK MultiTx 01:28 SIO/333. Charlas en inglés con llamadas telefónicas de oyentes. (JGarzón, 22dic) 1010 WINS New York-NY 01:45 SIO/233. Comentarios en inglés, ID antes y después de las noticias "News on NYC - WINS". (JGarzón, 22dic) 1040 WHO Des Moines-IA 01:58 SIO/222. Comentarios en inglés y clara ID. (JGarzón, 22dic) 1130 WBBR New York-NY 01:55 SIO/444. señal local, ID y publicidad variada relacionada con la Navidad, ordenadores, etc... (JGarzón, 22dic) 1220 RADIO GLOBO Rio de Janeiro 00:04 SIO/222. Avance de programación y anuncios comerciales navideños, en portugués. (JGarzón, 23dic) 1470 RADIO VIBRACIÓN Carzpano 02:08 SIO/444. Anuncio promocional sobre emisión especial de Vibración. (JGarzón, 24dic) 1470 RADIO VIBRACIÓN Carzpano 00:19 SIO/454. Impresionante señal la de esta emisora, música habitual y locutor "excitadoooo". (JGarzón, 23dic) 1480 WMDD Fajardo 01:48 SIO/454. Programa religioso evangelista. mensajes a la familia en ocasión de la Navidad. Una señal impresionante con 5 kW. (JGarzón, 24dic) 1500 WTOP Washington DC 06:52 SIO/433. Anuncios navideños variados, en inglés. (JGarzón, 21dic) 1500 RADIO DOS MIL Cumana 01:25 SIO/343. Música latina, ID repetidas veces. (JGarzón, 24dic) 1510 RADIO INFORMATIVA 15-10 Gligle 06:24 SIO/343. Se identifica como "Sonido 15-10". Programa de éxitos musicales "Los 5 mas pegados a la 1", intercala publicidad entre los títulos. (JGarzón, 23dic) 1520 WWKB Buffalo-NY 06:14 SIO/343. Anuncios comerciales y "Weather forecast mentioning Seattle, Chicago,...". (JGarzón, 23dic) 1530 POSTO EMISSOR RADIODIFUGAO Funchal 06:27 SIO/333. Canción "Ay Currito" y comentarios en portugués. QRM de VOA Pinheira. (JGarzón, 21dic) 1540 WDCD Albany-NY 06:17 SIO/232. Comentarios variados en inglés... "FM en 96.5 Mhz". (JGarzón, 21dic) 1550 RADIO EL SOL Barranquilla 00:45 SIO/141. Anuncios comerciales en Barranquilla, retransmisión de una novena infantil de Navidad. (JGarzón, 24dic) 1560 WQEW New York-NY 06:12 SIO/444. Oldies y música de cine y películas, comentarios del locutor en inglés. (JGarzón, 21dic) 1580 UNID ??? 01:17 SIO/322. Música latina entremezclada con frases de locutor "Para toda Venezuela...", pero el desvanecimiento no dejaba identificar. (JGarzón, 24dic) 1610 CARIBBEAN BEACON Anguilla 00:21 SIO/242. Música jamaicana con canciones navidades y comentarios en inglés. (JGarzón, 24dic)

UNID (???) (HELP WANTED) 860 ??? 01:19 SIO/121. Música soca y comentarios en francés/creole. ¿Probable R MIN KONTRI (HTI)? (JGarzón, 22dic) 940 ??? 01:32 SIO/222. Música gospel religiosa y locutora hablando en inglés. (JGarzón, 22dic) 970 ??? 01:45 SIO/311. En estación "No les dejaban vender armas", locutor con acento cubano. Fuertes barbas de 972 kHz con música non-stop. (JGarzón, 22dic)

73, Paz y DX. Jorge Garzón, Sevilla (ESPAÑA)

DANGERFIELD DABBLES WITH DX

"Found another upper band TA opening late on Jan. 26th [early Jan. 27th GMT] but I don't think I got to it in time. Had just about given up for the night so took a shower and read a book, but just had to try again and there they were, TAs all over the dial but mostly in the 1200's and above. Noted signals on 1206, 1242, 1278, 1386, 1395, 1404, 1413, 1431, 1449, 1458, 1467, 1530, 1557, 1566 and 1575 among many weaker ones. Beromunster-1566 was booming in with pop singing and yodeling. Nice-1557 was very good with unannounced pop music as noted in Newfoundland and apparently // to some of the other Radio Bleue stations. VOA-1530 was right behind WSAI and Vatican in and out. RR sounding language on 1467 was surely Moldava. Ukraine-1431 [what else?] way up on 1431 with pop music. The strong station on 1278 that I thought was Strasbourg turned

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way up on 1431 with pop music. The strong station on 1278 that I thought was Strasbourg turned out to be Ireland. Finally, around 0500 some of the Italians were strong at sign on. And whatever happened to Rome-846? I'll look for it when I travel to Athens in 3 weeks. To change the subject, I just looked back in my verie collection and found the one from RADIKA, then on 640. V/L received 3-1-64 for a 2-5-63 report. Took over a year. Said they run 65% Hindustani, 30% Dutch, and 5% EE. That's one of 4 veries I have from Suriname, the best being Radio Apintie-820 in 1961, back in only 8 days."

Second message: Not a great deal to report here. High latitude TAs have been poor, low latitude TAs about the same, the most consistent being RNE-684. But some signs that Africans might be getting better. LAs have seemed a bit on the auroreal side, but generally the same ones as usually reported. [Dangerfield-PA]

AUSTRALIA STATION ON 1683

John Wright (Caringbah NSW) has advised me that the correct address for the Sydney station (name unknown) testing on 1683 kHz is:

Con Nicholas PO Box 150 Earlwood NSW 2206

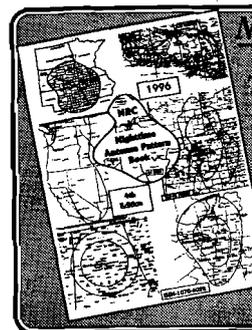
Power is 25 watts, with plans for 400 watts in the next few months. Mr Nicholas was surprised enough to be heard in the Sydney suburb of Caringbah, so was very interested to hear that the station has been logged in New Zealand. Please enclose return postage if reporting.

Regards,

Michael Rolph Inverell NSW Australia "mrolph@northnet.com.au"

CONNELLY COMMENTS

Comments section (with corrections from earlier version): I installed a sloper of about 25 m length at a "take-off" angle of 45 degrees from a window of the Harwich house to one of the nearby pine trees. The orientation of the wire, with the low end located northeast of the high end, gave some directivity to enhance European / Middle East reception and to reduce interference from New York City and other stations to the west and southwest. During the early evening of Saturday (1 FEB) the sloper was put to the test. Routine TA's were noted at first, then things got a bit more interesting with some good "fetch" from the eastern Mediterranean zone. With Ramadan in progress (10 JAN to 8 FEB this year), some Middle East stations were on beyond their normal closing times. A "drop you in your tracks" signal popped in on 1062 from Diyarbakir in eastern Turkey: Islamic music parallel to Mundanya-Istanbul (1017 kHz) at 2353 UTC. Normally these TRT stations sign off at 2300. Other good signals from the region included Syria-783, Egypt-819, Egypt-864, and Saudi Arabia on 648. The seldom-heard Saudi on 549 was heard behind dominant Algeria with music parallel to strong 648. The opening was primarily low-band: the usual "blowtorch" on 1521 was poor at the time and VOA Kuwait - 1548 was just a het. 827 had a bit of Syria, but audio was inhibited by slop from strong (but incoherent) clusters of stations on 828 and 830. At 2358 UTC on 1179 there was some Arabic-sounding music mixing with Spain-Canaries, maybe Egypt? On 1206 there was possible Hebrew talk (Israel) at 0000 UTC (2 FEB) and then a Koranic-sounding vocal briefly in at 0003 (no ideas on this one). Usual low-band Europeans were very strong on the sloper: Ireland-567 hit S9+40 with just the unamplified wire straight into the R8A's 500 ohm input. Some listening the previous night with a loop revealed only mediocre TA DX results, so the new antenna was proving its worth. The next thing I'll have to try is phasing the sloper against a loop or another wire. Since I don't own the house I can't string out a spiderweb of wires and make the place look like Navy Radio Annapolis or the Menwith Hill, UK site described in the latest issue of *Monitoring Times*. [Mark Connelly-MA]



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Network listings for team sports stations

Gerald Conkling, who lives in the DC area, reports via e-mail on the WJFK AM/FM controversy that arose in one of my NFL columns. I have done some small editing on what he wrote:

"I want to try to help you with the WJFK-AM Baltimore, MD and WJFK-FM Manassas, VA setup and the Baltimore Ravens, Washington Redskins coverage from those stations. Infinity Broadcasting owns 1300 WJFK-AM in Baltimore and 106.7 WJFK-FM in Manassas, VA (near Washington, DC). Their idea in the first place was to simulcast their programming in both Baltimore and Washington. This took place for a while. Soon Infinity Broadcasting bid on the Washington Redskins and won, taking the rights away from 570 WTEM in Bethesda, MD. A few years earlier 630 WMAL in Washington broadcast the Washington Redskins games. Meanwhile the Baltimore Ravens were moving into Baltimore, and WJFK-AM bid and won the rights to broadcast the Ravens games. Along comes 101.9 WLIF-FM in Baltimore (whether or not they are run by Infinity Broadcasting I'm not sure); they shared as a flagship station for the Baltimore Ravens.

"So this is what happened. 106.7 WJFK-FM became the flagship station, carrying the Washington Redskins games for the 1996 football season. The only other station I could hear that carried the Washington Redskins was 930 WFMD-AM in Frederick, MD. Possibly 1240 WCEM in Cambridge, MD and their FM on 106.3 were also a Redskins Football games carrier. 1300 WJFK-AM in Baltimore, 101.9 WLIF-FM in Baltimore, and (I'm positive that) 1470 WTTR-AM in Westminster, MD were carrying the Ravens' network.

"This is also interesting. There is an FM station (WWMX) on 106.5 in Baltimore that really messes up WJFK-FM's signal. WJFK-FM's transmitter is in Merrifield, VA, almost 15 miles to the west of downtown Washington; their signal barely covers all of the Washington, DC area. If you are anywhere close to Baltimore, you cannot receive the station. WJFK-AM on 1300 has a strict NW-SE beam and there is an AM on 1310 (WDCT) in Fairfax, VA, so if it weren't for WLIF-FM, Washington wouldn't have a prayer of hearing Ravens' games on radio. On TV, Channel 5 (WITG) carried the Redskins games and WBAL-TV, Channel 11 in Baltimore carried the Ravens. I hope this has helped somewhat..

Other things... WWRC 980 in Washington now carries the Washington Bullets Basketball (NBA) games; 570 WTEM in Bethesda, MD carries the Washington Capitals Hockey (NHL) games; 1090 WBAL Baltimore and 1500 WTOP Washington were carriers of the Baltimore Orioles (MLB)."

Study hard; there will be a quiz next week. :-)

For those sending me information via e-mail -- I would prefer stations to be listed in the format I use in my columns: frequency call-state (e.g., 1000 WMVP-IL). I will accept other formats (e.g., if you scan some document that has a different format and then e-mail it without editing).

Here is American Hockey League (AHL) flagship and network information from Bob Galerstein (via e-mail). He has sent me some NBA network lists via USPS; I will put them in a future column (as soon as I receive them and enter them into my PC). And I have the first Minor League Baseball information. Please send me any baseball lists that you may have; I am not sure how many network lists will be available before the end of spring training.

Adirondack Red Wings	105.7 WNYQ-NY	1450 WKTQ-ME	
Albany River Rats	1460 WGNB-NY	92.7 WOXO-ME	
Baltimore Bandits	1360 WWLG-MD	100.7 WTBM-ME	
	1330 WASA-MD	104.7 WQEZ-ME	
Binghamton Rangers	1430 WENE-NY	630 WPRO-RI	
Carolina Monarchs	1400 WKWE-NC	990 WCMF-NY	
Frederick Canadians	550 CFNB-NB a	90.5 WBER-NY	
Hamilton Bulldogs	900 CHML-ON b	Saint John Flames	930 CFBC-NB
Hershey Bears	92.1 WNCE-PA	Saint John's Maple Leafs	590 VOXM-NF
Kentucky Thoroughblades	590 WVLC-KY		740 CHCM-NF
Philadelphia Phantoms	none yet	Springfield Falcons	640 WNNZ-MA
Portland Pirates	970 WZAN-ME	Syracuse Crunch	620 WHEN-NY
	1240 WTME-ME	Worcester IceCats	580 WTAG-MA
	1280 WFAU-ME		

a Is CFNB a silent station? It does not appear in *AM Radio Log 17th Edition*.
b Bob has not heard this station broadcasting hockey during his monitoring.