

# DX News

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### CPC Test Calendar

WEST	PA	1400	Mar. 10	0000-0030
KSLQ	MO	1350	Mar. 17	0100-0130
KKFJ	CA	570	Mar. 23	0300-0400
KSTL	MO	690	Mar. 24	0315-0330
WEGP	ME	1390	Mar. 29	0300-0330
WHK	OH	1420	April 7	0300-0330

**KKFJ-570** - P. O. Box 570 - Alturas, CA 96101 will conduct a DX test at 5,000 watts nondirectional between 3:00 and 4:00 am EST Sunday, March 23. The test will include Morse code IDs. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Daniel R. Frey (K6YXE) Chief Engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**KSTL-690** - 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 220 - St. Louis, MO 63141 will conduct a rescheduled DX test from 3:15 to 3:30 am EST Monday, March 24 at 17 watts nondirectional. The test will include Morse code IDs, test tones, and voice IDs. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Rich Czarnecki (K9AAO) Chief Engineer, <<richczar@inlink.com>>. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**WEGP-1390** - 3 State Street - Presque Isle, ME 04769 will conduct a DX test from 3:00 to 3:30 am EST Saturday, March 29 with 5,000 watts nondirectional. The test will include march music and Morse code IDs. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allan H. Weiner. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

*From the publisher ...* Patience will be the rule for those ordering both reprints and books from the Publication Center for awhile. Ken is still somewhat under the weather, and Joan Heinen is undergoing major surgery (Wayne drop-ships some of the books from where they are printed in Denver). And this month's DXAS will be a bit delayed while Fred Vobbe recovers from some nasty bug that put him in the hospital and caused his doctor to order him to take it easy for awhile. Makes my head cold of a couple of weeks ago (which caused a slight delay in the delivery of #18) minor stuff, but apparently nearly everyone has suffered from some debilitation this season. Hope the rest of you are healthy, or getting better!

Seems that the two TIS stations at Dallas-Ft. Worth airport are being reported nationwide. Gary Jackson in Sacramento, CA reported to Mike Hardester that after three hours of phone calls a possible verie signer address: Mr. Art Blair - P.O.

Box 619428 - DFT Airport, TX. 75261. Power for each is apparently 60 (sixty) watts fed into 50-foot towers, according to Doug Smith and others. The story is that, after American Airlines was successfully sued for big bucks by a motorist who was injured in an auto accident while reading arrival/departure signs enroute to DFW, AA dumped the signs and installed the twin TIS stations. More information in DDXD.

I'm hearing on @1614 the 1590 station in Rolla, MO, KDA A, loud and clear from about an hour before sunset to the time that they pull the plug (usually in the middle of a song), and apparently it also is getting out quite well. Audio is slightly distorted, so John Tudenham and I suspect a spur, rather than a wholesale wandering of the transmission up the dial. Makes you wonder if engineers really pay attention to what's happening!

I mailed out only 761 DXN's for #20; we're 38 members short of what we were last year at this time, but still 21 ahead of the previous year. Some of the shortfall is apparently due to QST readers who joined for just one year to check us out and never renewed; some may be to rather poor DX conditions the past few months. At any rate, now is the time for NRC'ers to help us recruit new members. I'll send current copies of DXN to anyone that you recommend, and if you are attending a gathering in the near future and would like some copies of DXN to spread around, just let me know how many copies you need, a couple of weeks ahead of the event, and I'll send them out Printed Matter Rate.

### DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News:*

50 years ago ... from the March 1, 1947 DXN: Bill Stone, Toronto, ON reported that he had reports out to 2DU and 7BU, both 200-watters, as well as to HJCU, ZYG3, PRA8, PRH2, and PRB9; previously verified CX6-650 and CX16-850 were heard on the morning of Nov. 25 with election returns. (And thanks again to Kermit Geary for compiling the 50-year-ago reports, and to former NRC member/current DXAS member Skip Dabelstein for the long-term loan of his DXN's so that we can research the 25-year-ago happenings in the NRC.)

25 years ago ... from the March 4, 1972 DXN: Page Taylor and Russ Edmonds warned that XERPM-660, Mexico City, ran EE programming from 0330-0400, confusing some who were listening for KFAR, Fairbanks.

10 years ago ... from the March 2, 1987 DXN: The FCC was considering lifting restrictions on placing "K" and "W" calls west and east of the Mississippi River.

# Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale phantom2@cyberhighway.net

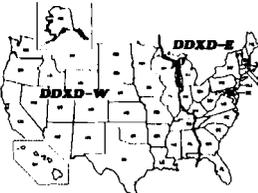
301 Boulder Bluff - San Marcos, TX 78666-8350

East: David Yocis DavidYocis@aol.com

David Yocis - 97 Clinton Ave. - South Nyack, NY 10960

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between East and  
Central time zones)



## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Just as I was about report the new 1640 and 1680 TIS stations at Dallas-Fort Worth IAP, two E-mails arrived reporting the same (see TIS below). Since these came from further that my 4-5 mile distance, I'll gladly drop out of it this time. I'm not sure of the location, as IDs only give calls as WQO767. 1680 is much stronger, carrying well past Waco as I drove south 2/27. 1640 was gone before the I-35 split. I tried to contact someone at American Airlines through Thursday, but all I got was voice mail. Grrrr. I'll keep checking.
- Some format changes are noted below, due to the demise of the KidStar Network.
- We welcome new reporter Jon Horen of Fairbanks, Alaska for the first time here. Now let's hear from more of you new members!!
- I'll be "off" next issue as have to travel to Wisconsin. But we'll be back the following week.

### REPORTERS

- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg ICOM R-70 w/filter mods and PLAM board + 4' box loop/Quantum Loop/100' long wire <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- DS-TN Doug Smith Pleasant View Kenwood TS-940 ham rig, 65' wire with W9INN loading coil, sloping with top 60' high and bottom 7' up, three 130' radials elevated about 4' above ground. Hears great, but doesn't transmit (in the 160 meter ham band) worth a d\*\*n. <72777.3143@compuserve.com>
- CR-CO Craig Rathbone, NOBSA Denver GE Superadio III <dxx@aol.com>
- BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale Drake R8-A with SM-1 (loop) <karchev@nt.com>
- BF-IL Barry Finkel Chicago Yaesu FRG-7700 with McKay-Dymek DA-5 antenna <bsfinkel@anl.gov>
- RO-AK Rod O'Conner Kodiak
- TR-IL Thomas Reiser Chicago
- JH-AK Jon Horen Fairbanks ICF-2010 barefoot or \*with insulated wire
- SP-WI Sheryl Paszkiewicz Manitowoc DX-390 with Select-A-Tenna or R8 with Eavesdropper
- CG-LA Charlie Gaharan Thibodaux Drake R8
- INet Internet Resources (sometimes reliable, sometimes not)
- Ed.-TX Editor

### SPECIAL

- 710 KTZN CA Los Angeles - Low-rated KMPC has changed its call letters to KTZN to reflect the station's new talk direction, which it calls *The Zone*. (INet)
- 830 KABN AK Long Island - Is back on, with reduced power, with *Weather Radio*. Sounds like a re-broadcast of NOAA VHF from Anchorage. Very weak ... nowhere nearly as strong as when they were 10 kW. (RO-AK)
- 950 WEJM IL Chicago - Noted back on the air 2/20 0115. Reference Special Issue 18. (TR-IL)
- 970 WAVG KY Louisville - Beginning in April, WAVG will become WLKY-AM with a news/information format. Pulitzer Broadcasting, owners of WLKY-TV, are purchasing the station to use as a promotions vehicle for their newscasts. (INet)
- 980 KMPQ TX Rosenberg-Richmond - Now // KRTX-FM 100.7 (Tejano). Word has it the KIDStar Network has folded. (INet)
- 1020 KFFR AK Eagle River - IS NOT back on yet, or if they are, they're too weak here. They used to be 10 kW and easy to hear. (RO-AK) [But wait ...]
- KFFR AK Eagle River - 2/11 1439 - Fading in and out, very clear at times, with KFFR, *Eagle River, Alaska. All-weather all the time, whether or not you need it.* (JH-AK)

- 1190 KPHN MO Kansas City - 2/3 - Has switched formats a CLs with 1340 in Kansas City, Kansas. New format is news/talk with CNN network. Stereo will remain on. Move was made because NOS/MoYL format was unavailable around Amoret (home of their synchro) and Pittsburg, and Kansas City area issues less interesting in those regions. Address is: 4121 Minnesota Ave Kansas City, KS 66102. Ex:KFEZ. (JEL-MO)
- 1220 KDFC CA Palo Alto - 2/24 - Is now simulcasting classical music from its FM sister station. Ex: KidStar. (INet)
- 1240 KDDZ CA San Diego - 2/25 - Is simulcasting KSON-FM. Ex: KID. (INet)
- 1340 KFEZ KS Kansas City & KNHN Pittsburg + Amoret synchro have traded formats with co-owned 1190 (see above). Format is NOS/MoYL for the 1340 stations. No stereo, though. Address same as 1190 above. (JEL-MO)
- 1600 KOKE TX Pflugerville - Now licensed to this north Austin suburb. From: Giddings (INet)

### DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 640 WHOW+ IN Terre Haute - 2/15 0052 - Heard code ID. (BF-IL)
- WHLO+ OH Akron - 2/10 - Heard CID (I did not note the time [Ah, one of our no-no's here - Ed.]). No voice ID. (BF-IL)
- WHLO- OH Akron - 2/10 0100-0130 - KFI dominant and un-nullable. No sign of any other station. (BK-CA)
- 1070 KHMO+ MO Hannibal - 2/16 0107 - Heard the CID fine through the whole test, in KNX null. At times was as strong as KNX without nulling them. (CR-CO)
- KHMO- MO Hannibal - 2/17 0100 - 0130 - KNX L&C. When I nulled them out, just got noise. About 0115 noticed second station faint under un-nulled KNX talk (news), with NOS songs. May have heard faint Morse code at 0128. (BK-CA)
- 1150 KIMM+ SD Rapid City - 2/23 0205:50 - Heard code ID, among a handful of other unidentifiable stations. (BF-IL)
- KIMM- SD Rapid City - 2/23 0203-0301 - Mostly slop from KHTK-1140 and KSL-1160. Did hear OLD music (KBAI-CA ?) Did KIMM use their 5 kW Non-D equipment? (BK-CA)
- 1290 KALA- MO Thayer - 1/24 - Not heard. Thought I would, especially with local 1280 off. (CR-CO)
- KALA- MO Thayer - 2/24 0050-0132 - KNSN dominates with *KPAY Chico 10-60* VID. Also OLD music (KMEN-CA ?). (BK-CA)
- 1330 WPPI- GA Carrollton - 2/22 0000 - Not heard. Only WMNN and KFH plus an UNID country and western station. (SA-MB)
- WPPI- GA Carrollton - 2/22 0001-0012 and 0101-0109 - Got KBLS-CA sign-off with SSB at 0101. Also heard KWKW-CA VID in EE at 0104. No sign of tones or Morse code. Heavy buzz in background. (BK-CA)
- 1570 WYTI- VA Rocky Mount - 2/1 0000-0030 - CKEG-BC dominant here. Faint talk (sounds REL) in background. Suspect KPRO-CA. Also some slopover after 0023. No tones or code heard. (BK-CA)
- 1600 KATZ- MO St. Louis - 2/3 0200-0230 - Three stations in a mix, the one in CC IDed as KMNY-CA *Chinese Radio* ... Others were in SS. No tones or code heard. (BK-CA)

### TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1630 WQVE862 IL Northbrook - 2/23 1906 - Fair-to-good with ID tape loop, train whistles, and other exotic noises. At least one other TIS with same programming but offset time also heard, but the Lake-Cook Depot station was dominant. Internet reports suggest there are three of these in the Chicago area on 1630. KXBT way under. (DS-TN)
- 1640 WQO767 TX Grapevine - 2/22 2300 - Excellent, with automated info on departing American Airlines & American Eagle flights from DFW International Airport. Call IDs, promo for arriving flight info on 1680. (DS-TN)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Fort Worth IAP - 2/22 2330 - Fair, with American Airlines departure info and correct time given by a woman for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Tells you to listen to 1680 for arrivals. (SA-MB)
- 1680 WQO767 TX Grapevine - 2/22 2300 - Excellent, with automated info on arriving American Airlines and American Eagle flights to DFW International Airport. Call IDs, promo for departing flight info on 1640. (DS-TN)

**WQO767 TX Dallas-Fort Worth IAP - 2/22 2330** - Fair, with American Airlines Arrival info and correct time given by a woman for Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. Tells you to listen to 1640 for departures. (SA-MB)

#### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

**570 WSYR NY Syracuse - 2/16 0122** - With ID, program promo. (SP-WI)  
**690 CBKF1t SK Gravelbourg - 2/22 0300** - Classical music and French. Heard no IDs. News in FF at the top of the hour. (CR-CO)  
**1140 WRVA VA Richmond - 2/24 0300** - Fair signal. Not heard here much anymore. WRVA, *Richmond's news information station* and into CBS news. Then Linda Marks with the weather. (CR-CO)  
**1250 WTMA SC Charleston - 1/29 0635** - With a report on Charleston mayor's State of the City speech. (CG-LA)  
**1260 KTTS MO Springfield - 1/30 0647** - With high school basketball scores. (CG-LA)  
**1270 CHAT AB Medicine Hat - 2/24 0122** - Good signal with C&W music. *Welcome to the new country, 1270 CHAT*. (CR-CO)  
**1290 KKAR NE Omaha - 2/24 0115** - Good signal while local KRRF was off. "K-CAR" slogan. (CR-CO)  
**1300 KLER ID Orofino - 2/23 0030** - Good signal for awhile, and then faded out. End of a local basketball game, then *1st Bank Player of the Game*. KLER, *Central Idaho's Sports Leader*. New. (CR-CO)  
**1380 KRKO WA Everett - 2/22 0118-0120** - Atop channel briefly but at a good time. VID: *Snohomish County's News Station and Radio 13-80 KRKO*. C&W music mixed in later identified as . . . 100.7 *KTOM Country* (unnneeded). Also ever-present KKSJ-1370 slop (unless nulled). (BK-CA)  
**1470 KYUU KS Liberal - 2/15 0258** - Good signal, as usual, with oldies and into national news. Sure is strong all night for 170 watts. (CR-CO)  
**1560 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 2/15 0255** - Good signal over WPAD, with local car ad. (CR-CO)

#### 0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

**680 WJCE TN Memphis - 1/24 0815** - With traffic and weather. Ad for a fur sale at the Sheraton. (CG-LA)  
**1460 KULA HI Maunawili - 2/15 1100** - With *The Hawaii radio station for the decade*, then soft pop music. Later faded, and overcome by KARR-WA. (JH-AK\*)  
**1590 WZR X MS Jackson - 1/29 0815** - With ad for Capital Furniture. (CG-LA)

#### 1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

**540 WDAK GA Columbus - 2/11 1840** - With local weather and *For sports on the radio, you got to get to 5-4-oh*. (CG-LA)  
**560 WHBQ TN Memphis - 1/26 2005** - With college basketball scores. (CG-LA)  
**920 KARN AR Little Rock - 2/11 2220** - Fair-to-good, with Arkansas vs Auburn basketball, on *The Arkansas Razorback Sports Network*. (CR-CO)  
**1000 KKIM NM Albuquerque - 2/11 1925** - Good signal. *Talk Radio 1,000*. (CR-CO)  
**1010 WINS NY New York City - 2/20 2015** - Strong for about 10 minutes. CNN news and sports update. All News, 24 Hours-a-Day, wins. New, for NY #5. (CR-CO)  
**KTNZ TX Amarillo - 2/22 2208** - Fair, with promo for the Ken Hamblin Show and *Sports America* talk show. (CR-CO)  
**1030 WSFZ TN Memphis - 2/9 2200** - With ID, local news, weather. (SP-WI)  
**1140 KHTK CA Sacramento - 2/19 2120** - Strong and all alone with local talk show. Above normal KSOO. (CR-CO)  
**1190 WBSL MS Bat St. Louis - 1/24 1700** - With USA Radio News. (CG-LA)  
**1300 KGLO IA Mason City - 2/12 2250** - *Your Sports Station*. MOR music. CNN news at 2300. (CR-CO)  
**CJME SK Regina - 2/23 2044** - Fair signal, with lots of IDs. Oldies and the slogan 13 CJME. (CR-CO)  
**1310 KXAM AZ Mesa - 2/12 2000** - Fair signal, with local talk show. *The Dr. Rodeo Nutrition Show* and gave local phone number (CR-CO).  
**1410 WIZM WI La Crosse - 2/14 2030** - Fair-to-good, with CLs and then back to *The Bruce Williams Show*. (CR-CO)  
**1510 KNOB CA San Rafael - 2/2 1954-2045** - Searching for KIRV per report by Don Kaskey. Classical music dominates with talk behind. At 2003 legal ID as *This is KNOB-AM San Rafael and* (repeater ID) *San Rafael* . . . classical music continues. At 2045 music stops in mid-note, leaving only KGA-WA. Heard

faintly at 2044: *At this time radio station KIOZ* . . . NO KIOZ!! Who???(BK-CA)

**1520 KOLM MN Rochester - 2/22 1700** - Fair, with oldies music and ID as *AM 15-20 KOLM Rochester, your favourites of the 50's, 60's and 70's*. *We are Rochester's oldies Station*. Not talk as per the LOG. (SA-MB)

### DDXD-East

Deadlines are Tuesdays: March 11, March 18, April 8.

Looks like the column for Issue 17 got reprinted in Issue 18, instead of the nice 28-reporter column I typed up for that one. The loggings from the missing column have been incorporated below in their entirety, with apologies for the confusion (from me, too, as the fault most likely was mine -pls.).

*Dennis Elya* of DDXD-West land sends notice of the new Dallas TIS stations which seem to be widely heard. Dennis says the calls are WQO767 on 1640 kHz and WQA767 on 1680 kHz; Eastern reporters are struggling to get the exact letters. *Tom Mulvaney* heard 'em too and sends his first report this way; welcome, Tom! I suppose American Airlines wants to let the whole country know they didn't go on strike. So far, just a big fat S-8 carrier on 1640 kHz here in the evenings, which I doubt is Dallas.

#### STATION NEWS

**650 WRPT MA Ashland** - Ex-1050 Peterborough NH, strong here all day on Talk America network. (SM-MA)  
**990 WVNZ VA Richmond** - 1/31 1600 - Returned to the air at this time with news, local and AP network. Address: 306 W. Broad, Richmond 23220. Schedule is 24 hours NSP, U1 1000/13. Has pending application for U4 10000/5000 with six towers. Reports should go to the attention of Pat Murphy, PD and ACE publisher. (DS-DE)  
**1150 WNFT MA Boston - 2/23** - Now relaying WKLB's C&W including jingles and IDs, and a quick "WNFT Boston" on the hour. (SM-MA)  
**1160 WJJD IL Chicago - 2/5 0544** - No longer on the air; WJMK-104.3 is filling in playing oldies until WSCR takes over, per phone call made to station. Sad to see demise of WJJD. (RCP-IN)  
**WVNJ NJ Oakland** - Powered up to 20,000 watts days 12/24 1200. (JH- NJ)  
**1170 WBRW NJ Bridgewater Township** - Back on the air as of 2/8, great signal here. Format is NOS. Address: P. O. Box 8140, Bridgewater MK 08807, phone 908-722-8442. Schedule so far is 0645-1704, no SSB noted. Owners are Bridgewater Broadcasting Corp. (JH-NJ)  
**1280 WADO NY New York - 1/22** - Has switched to an all-SS talk format. No music heard late mornings or afternoons as before. Full legal EE IDs at the top of the hour. (JH-NJ)  
**1310 WADB NJ Asbury Park - 1/27 0700** - Now using these calls, ex-WJLK. Format is now NOS, ex-C&W. Most used ID is "Great songs, great memories." [How original, hi. - DY] Music format and some but not all ads are // WOBBM-1160, WJBR-1290, so apparently Westwood One satellite. (JH-NJ)  
**1340 WNBH MA New Bedford** - Has changed format from TLK to C&W, slogan "Real Country 1340, WNBH." (RWT-MA)  
**1440 WCDL PA Carbondale** - 1/12 1700 - Noted with C&W music, ID "AM 1440, the new real country for Carbondale, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre. Your kind of country, real country WCDL AM 1440." No more NOS as in Log. (PT-NJ)  
**1490 WFLB NC Fayetteville** - 2/24 - Noted back on the air while in Fayetteville; ID at 0958: "We're the station that has the memories: 14-90 WFLB Fayetteville." Male announcer, no spots noted during the 15-20 minutes it was audible. Music included EZL from 40s to 70s (e.g. Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Pat Boone, Captain and Tenille, etc.) (MH-NC) [No recent Pat Boone records, I gather, hi. - DY]  
**1520 WQWQ MI Muskegon Heights** - 1/20 - Switched to all-gospel today, but still using WQWQ calls at top of hour, heard 1500 and 1600. (PLB-MI)  
**1560 WKIK MD La Plata** - 2/22 1202 - ID "WKIK-AM 1560 La Plata, and WSMD-FM Mechanicsville-Lexington Park-Waldorf," ex-WSMD-AM. They ID as "98.3 Star FM" almost all the time. WKIK used to be on 1370 kHz in Lexington Park MD, and is now permanently off the air. (GC-MD)  
**1570 WRHD NY Riverhead** - 1/25 0700 - Silent station back on the air as "WRCN 103.9" with

- rock music, phone 442-INFO. (CRB-NY)
- WBUX PA Doylestown** - 1/23 1515 - "This is 1570 WBUX Doylestown conducting equipment test. Please stay tuned," repeated about every 30 seconds, also heard 1/26 1434. Another one trying to beat the deadline. (PT-NJ)
- KHAR**  
590 AM♥Stereo  
+ Now on the air more or less full-time with satellite-fed "The News Station" programming, and periodic tape saying "this is temporary programming ... WBUX will begin its fulltime news and information service in April." (RJE-PA)
- 1600 WKEN DE Dover** - 2/5 noted using calls "WQVL" now, no longer WQCQ, with WKEN mentioned as the legal ID once an hour. (DS-DE)  
+ 2/24 - Legal ID is still "WKEN, Dover Q." (DB-DE)
- 1640 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth Intl. Airport** - 2/23 0001+ - WQO767, automated female voice giving departure gate information for various American Airline flights departing from DFW airport. Very strong signal here for at least the next two nights. (TM-KY)  
+ 2/23 0314 - WTO767? with woman, mention of American and American Eagle Airlines, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, gate assignments for various cities, and mention to tune to 1680 for other info. (DB-DE)  
+ 2/24 0200 - WGO(?)767 giving airport information on tape loop, weak to fair. (SM-MA)
- 1680 TIS TX Dallas-Ft. Worth Intl. Airport** - 2/23 0001+ - WQO767, same as 1640 except female computerized voice was giving arriving flight/gate information for American Airlines. Frequent call signs given and information about tuning to 1640 for departure information. (TM-KY)  
+ 2/23 0319 - WTO767?, as above on 1640, sounded like same woman, mention to tune to 1640, same type of info. (DB-DE)

## DX TESTS

- 540 KNOE LA Monroe** - 1/19 0200-0600 - *Not heard*, only XEWA in nulled CBEF. (MB-ON) *Not heard*. (MB-IN) *Not heard*. (SF-TN) *Not heard*, XEWA fairly dominant mixing with WZER. (RCP- IN) *Not heard*, only XEWA. (DT-JAM)
- 560 KPQ WA Wentachee** - 1/11 0300-0400 - *Not heard*. (SF-TN) *Not heard*, just weak Jamaican and unID SS. (DT-JAM)
- 620 WRJZ TN Knoxville** - 12/29 0255-0300 - *Not heard*, only WSUN, Cuban battling it out. (DT-JAM)
- 630 KJSL MO St. Louis** - 12/30 0300-0312 - *Tentative* with very thin, high-pitched patches of code heard, gone at 0312 over WBMQ and unID, very poor. (DT-JAM)
- 640 WBOW IN Terre Haute** - 2/16 0030-0100 - *Heard*, of course; interesting to hear a complete DX test! Lots of code IDs, voice IDs, Al Hirt and the Tijuana Brass music. Report sent. (MB-IN) *Heard* with a few weak code periods under mammoth WGST and Cuban QRM. (SF-TN) *Heard* very well, about 80 miles east of Terre Haute, with code, several mentions of test, Herb Alpert music heard throughout. (RCP-IN) *Heard* with fair signal in QRM. (LW-NY)
- WBOW IN Terre Haute** - 2/10 0100-0130 - *Heard* with code, tones throughout the half-hour. Much QRM from WBOW, WCRV, and Cuban precluded, hearing any audio. (RCP-IN)
- 770 WWCN FL North Fort Myers** - *Not heard* on 2/17 0030-0100, just WABC and Colombian. (DB-DE) *Not heard* on numerous attempts on their various test dates, too much WABC and SS underneath. (HH-MD)
- 910 KIYU AK Galena** - 12/29 0500-0530 - *Not heard*, only unID SS, unID talk. (DT-JAM) [You're certainly an optimist! - DY]
- KPOF CO Denver** - 12/21 0200-0230 - *Not heard*, only great mix of WNEZ, unID talk, unID music, unID SS. (DT-JAM)
- 980 WAPF MS McComb** - 1/13 0200-0230 - *Heard* 0223-0229 poor under CFPL, WWRC with "WAPF" code IDs, possible voice ID 0230 but buried by CFPL. Code heard clearly enough to send a report. (MB-ON) *Heard* with code IDs, fair at best under WYFN, WXBQ, and WWRC. (SF-TN) *Not heard*, too much WWRC here. (HH-MD)
- 1070 KMHO MO Hannibal** - *Not heard*, just WIBC, CHOK, and usual mess. (DB-DE) *Heard* with code IDs a-plenty, weak but clear under WIBC. First 1070 newie since 1979, MO # 75, and my 450th K-call! (SF-TN) *Heard* weak at first but peaking nicely. (JL-OH) *Heard* surprisingly well under local WIBC with CHOK in the background; almost continuous code heard but no audio detected. (RCP-IN)

- 1140 WAKK MS McComb** - 1/13 0130-0200 - *Heard* fair under WRVA with Weird Al Yankovic records, code IDs, and voice IDs. (SF-TN) *Heard* with code at times, barely heard enough for a QSL. Heavy WRVA QRM. (HH-MD)
- 1150 KIMM SD Rapid City** - 2/23 0200-0300 - *Not heard*. (RA-MA) *Not heard* in WDEL null, just CKOC and unID SPT. (DB-DE)
- 1200 CFGO ON Ottawa** - 1/6 0300 - *Heard* rock music under WCHB's talk, no code or voice IDs heard, gave up at 0330. Definitely *not* needed. (MB-ON)
- 1260 WNRK DE Newark** - 1/26 0000-0200 - *Heard* 0007-0052 fair in fight with nulled WNSS with frequent code IDs, also "1260 kHz" in code, assortment of varying pitch tones, one sounding like a fire truck or ambulance. (MB-ON) *Not heard*. (SF-TN) *Heard* with intermittent code and tones beginning at 0003 under WEZE, code IDs, tones. No voice heard. (PG-MA) *Heard* 0108-0122 fair under WEZE, WNSS, with code IDs and long stretches of siren tone. Also heard weak siren tone occasionally 0003-0014. (AR-ON) *Was on* 0001-0148 with siren type tones, steady tones, code IDs, "Dixie," and other production-type music, many voice IDs. Signal was very strong at my location, about six feet from the transmitter! (DS-DE) *Heard* with code IDs and siren alarm tones cutting through WNSS, WEZE, and possibly WMIH at times, nothing else heard. (MS-ON) *Heard* with weak code, weak to fair alternating high-low tones, followed by slow code; was able to copy the letters "WNRK." No sign of WEZE. (RWT-MA) *Heard* police siren, voice ID 0032, 0100, into march music. QSLed in 1995. (WW-MA)
- 1290 KALM MO Thayer** - 2/24 0100-0130 - *Not heard*. (RA-MA)
- 1310 KEZM LA Sulphur** - 1/11 0100-0130 - *Tentative*, bits of code 0112-0115, tone at 0124. QRM from WPLV, WGH, poor. (DT-JAM)
- 1330 WPPI GA Carrollton** - 2/22 0000-0200 - *Not heard* in several checks, possibly some periods of 1 kHz TT just after 000, but not IDed. (RA-MA) *Not heard*, only WASA and a SS station, presumably WRCA. (RWT-MA) *Not heard*, too much WWRL. (DY-NY)
- 1450 WILM DE Wilmington** - 1/26 0105-0300 - *Not heard* in GY mush. (MB-ON) *Not heard*. (SF-TN) *Heard* with intermittent code, tones (same as WNRK tones) beginning at 0107. ID 0117 "WILM 1450 News Radio, testing to see range," male announcer, mention of postage and testing at 0120. Mixing with oldies station IDing as "America's Back Porch." (PG-MA) *Tentative* with part of code ID 0131, 0159, poor under dominant CHUC. At 0255, an unexpected code ID from CHUC. (AR-ON) *Was on* with siren-type tones, voice and code IDs, and various points in DX-related programming. Featured a program on the last days of radio in Berlin, news director Allen Ludell gave a long detailed mention of the various clubs and what the test was about. One of the more interesting ones I've heard in a while. (DS-DE) *Heard* a few code IDs, siren alarm tones cutting through GY mess. Nothing else heard, unless the station which played "Amazing Grace" at 0103 was them. New for Delaware #2 from this location and #4 overall. (MS-ON) *Heard* police siren, code ID, voice ID 0119 "WILM," thought I heard them say 800 watts but not sure. Voice poor, siren good at times. QSLed many years ago. (WW-MA)
- CHUC ON Cobourg** - 1/26 0000-0600 - *Not heard*. (PG-MA) *Not heard*; they were to test again per verification letter, but nothing was heard here and I did not see any notice in NRC about them. Did they reschedule to avoid WILM test? They are a daytime regular here. (MS-ON) *Heard* code ID weak 0008, again 0018, no voice IDs noted. (WW-ON) [Also see AR-ON under WILM above - DY]
- 1570 WYTI VA Rocky Mount** - 2/1 0000-0030 - *Heard* fair, mixing with others with voice IDs, code IDs in two different pitches, some very weak C&W or bluegrass music. Barely audible at times. (RA-MA) *Heard* faint code, followed what sounded like "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" played on a toy piano, followed by more code IDs. (RWT-MA) [Guess they finally decided to do the test, after numerous no-shows. - DY]
- 1600 KATZ MO St. Louis** - 2/3 0200-0230 - *Heard* with code breaking through WWRL, others, perhaps part of a voice announcement. Surprised this one made it. (HH-MD)

## UNID and UNID HELP

- 690 UNID** - — - 2/15 1830 - Vanderbilt vs. Auburn basketball, State Farm ad. (WM-MD) [WJOX? - DY]
- 810 UNID** - — - 2/1 1800 - CBS news heard under WGY. (WM-MD) [KCMO? - DY]

1350 UNID - — - 2/5 0655 - Rock music, "Magic 91.9" non-ID. (RJE-PA) [It's CKDO. - DY]

1390 UNID - — - 1/29 0640 - C&W with Garth Brooks, others, under WZHF, WDCW, WEOK talk. (RJE-PA) [WXTC? - DY]

1570 UNID - — - 1/27 0640 - Classic rock and "Magic 103.9" non-ID. WRHD listed silent and formerly // 103.9, but that isn't "Magic" per FM Atlas. (RJE-PA) [It's WRHD all right. - DY]

1580 UNID - — - 2/5 1825 - Believe this is the one heard with NOS and "Bringing you the hits of the 40's, 50's, and 60's, this is WBAB AM." Call change on WLIM? (RJE-PA) [How 'bout WDAB-SC, with this format? - DY]

**LOGGINGS: 0000-0800**

580 WCHS WV Charleston - 2/5 0625 - ID "Talk Radio 58" on "All News Radio," good over WTAG. (LW-NY)

590 WLVA VA Lynchburg - 2/7 0230 - ID "Great memories, and all the great sounds," GOS music, fair. (LW-NY)

700 WWTL MD Walkersville - 1/23 0736 - AA music mixing with, sometimes briefly topping WLW on this and many other mornings. No luck yet with an ID. (SF-TN) [Getting IDs out of these guys is pretty tough. - DY]

720 WGN IL Chicago - 2/23 0302 - Apparently off the air, with periods of TT and OC, only CHTN heard, no NV! (DB-DE)

820 WBAP TX Fort Worth - 2/22 0130 - "You're listening to the Midnight Cowboy Show on AM-820, WBAP," fair to poor. Used to be a regular. No sign of WXTR. (GC-MD)

CHAM ON Hamilton - 2/22 0138 - "Your Country AM 820, Cham," with modern C&W music, many Canadian advertisements, fair but mixing with at least three other stations. Calls "CHAM" said as one word, not as four letters. (GC-MD)

870 WWL LA New Orleans - 1/22 0645 - Surprise pre-sunrise DX while hunting for local WCBS. Equal in strength to the local, with mention of Metairie, college basketball scores, announcement of future college basketball games including one to be heard "right here on WWL", and talk about the Super Bowl. The car radio was remarkable in keeping WCBS slop to a minimum. (AP-NY)

890 WLS IL Chicago - 1/19 0437 - Noted off air with OC, nothing heard. (RCP-IN)

910 WNEZ CT New Britain - 12/21 0200-0250 - CNN news, talk, no ID but "stay on CNN network, mention our frequency" over, under three others. (DT-JAM)

WABI ME Bangor - 2/20 0659 - In with weather report for area, ABC news. (LW-NY)

950 WSPA SC Spartanburg - 2/17 0025 - Promo for NASCAR racing coverage "on 950 WSPA ... Spartanburg," briefly on top of mess. (DB-DE)

1030 WQSE TN White Bluff - 2/9 0454 - "No nonsense radio" slogan followed by Sunday morning program of religious music. WBZ not heard, steady signal and alone on channel. (RCP-IN)

1080 WUFO NY Amherst - 2/22 0736 - Tentative, Gospel preacher mentioning address in Buffalo, in WTIC null, faded before preacher ended. (DB-DE)

WKGX NC Lenoir - 1/26 0635 - Calls, local weather (24 degrees), country gospel song by the Hoppers. Way over WTIC. (JEK-MD)

1100 WHLI NY Hempstead - 1/29 0730 - ID heard in WTAM null. (WM-MD)

1200 WAGE VA Leesburg - 2/9 0200 - News, fair signal. (LW-NY)

1240 WGBB NY Freeport - 1/12 0330 - Noted off the air, lots of QRM on the channel. (LW-NY)

1250 WARE MA Ware - 2/8 0650 - C&W music, fair. (LW-NY)

1260 WBNR NY Beacon - 1/26 0030 - Noted clear ID "1260 WBNR" while listening to tape of WNRK test. New. DX after the fact! (WW-MA)

WNSS NY Syracuse - 1/26 0000-0100 - Dominating frequency while monitoring WNRK test with "W-News" non-IDs, local news with many mentions of Syracuse area. (MB-ON)

1300 WJFK MD Baltimore - 1/18 0100 - News/talk. (LW-NY)

WQBK NY Rensselaer - 2/3 0700 - MoR, ID, news, alone and atop. (RJE-PA)

1310 WYND FL De Land - 1/11 0254-0300 - OLD music, ID as "1310 on your dial, WYND," poor in QRM. (DT-JAM)

WPLV GA West Point - 1/11 0118-0133 - UC music, ID only as "1310 WPLV," over, under WGH, poor. While trying for KEZM. (DT-JAM)

1330 WEBO NY Owego - 2/4 0645 - Ads, ID. (RJE-PA)

1390 WEED NC Rocky Mount - 1/29 0635 - With local ads, weather, over, under WZHF, WDCW, WEOK, and unID C&W. (RJE-PA)

1400 WFAV FL Fort Walton Beach - 12/20 0329-0349 - NOS music, "Down town," ID only as "Memories 1400," poor. (DT-JAM)

1420 WWSR VT St. Albans - 1/31 0606 - SSB, sports (national and local), weather (temperature 21 degrees), host Steve ??? Mentions of Franklin County, promo for 15th annual Gun Show, jewelers ad, ID. Fading in and out, above WBSM. (PG-MA)

1440 WAJR WV Morgantown - 1/11 0150 - ID "Whenever, wherever the Mountaineers play, WAJR 1440." (LW-NY)

WNFL WI Green Bay - 1/26 0200 - Fair over CKYC-1430 slop, noted while trying for WILM-1450 test with ID as "The Badgers' station, 1440 WNFL Green Bay," into CBS news. On Super Bowl Sunday, to boot! (MB-ON)

1480 WCFR VT Springfield - 1/29 0735 - ID, south Vermont weather, much QRM and WITR-1470 slop. First time heard on regular schedule; tests logged previously in 1/67 and 11/71. (JEK-MD)

1520 WWKB NY Buffalo - 1/21 0451 - Blasting in with "The Road Gang," several country songs back to back, some QRM from WOOO. (RCP-IN)

1540 KXEL IA Waterloo - 2/17 0116 - National weather on "The Road Gang," then C&W music. (LW-NY)

1550 WARD PA Pittston - 2/8 0718 - In with "Accuweather" and ID on "AM 590, 1550, and 95.7 FM." (LW-NY)

WBSC SC Bennettsville - 2/5 0617 - Community Events Report on "the voice of Marlboro County." (LW-NY)

1580 WSRF FL Fort Lauderdale - 1/25 0130 - Sports news, ID "940 AM, WINZ." (GC-MD)

1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 1/26 0045-0145 - Generally very weak with soul music, but did peak with clear ID 0129 "Classic Soul 1630 KXBT: and again at 0133 "1630 KXBT, Classic Soul." (MD-MA)

+ 1/31 0156 - "1630 KXBT, Solid Gold Soul," between James and Bobby Purify and Billy Presom songs. Long, deep fades make readable IDs on this one a rarity here. (SF-TN)

+ 2/5 0447 - "KXBT, music at its finest," then into program called "Soul Food Cfe." Fair but much QRM. (RCP-IN)

**LOGGINGS: 0800-1600**

920 WMNI OH Columbus - 1/16 0825 - Fair in CKNX null with BBD music, local weather, and ID as "Music and memories on central Ohio's weather station, WMNI." (MB-ON)

1230 WITH MD Baltimore - 1/18 1445 - "Oldies 1230 WITH," looped from under dominant unID opera program. (PT-NJ)

1240 WCEM MD Cambridge - 1/18 1435 - C&W music, weather, spots, IDs, poor with WSNJ null. (PT-NJ)

1410 WMSX MA Brockton - 1/24 1100-1115 - USA Radio news, followed by local talk show. (RWT-MA1)

1520 WTHE NY Mineola - 1/29 1545 - ID, "New York's gospel station." (WM-MD)

1540 WNWR PA Bala Cynwyd - 1/25 0810+ - Commentary in FF, // WUST-1120. (JEK-MD)

1550 WXVA WV Charles Town - 1/21 1440+ - 1 kHz tone with strange "pops" underneath, possibly code. Ceased at 1440 and directly into Chuck Harder talk show. No explanation given for the "test," possibly a weak WKQV, WSER while tone was on. (JEK-MD) [Sounds like a question for Art Bell, not Chuck Harder, hi. - DY]

**LOGGINGS: 1600-2400**

540 KWMT IA Fort Dodge - 1/17 1757 - Several C&W songs back to back, ID "KWMT, 540 on the AM dial," very good with little fading. (RCP-IN)

560 WQAM FL Miami - 1/24 2243 - Female doing sports results, into station promo for WQAM. Difficult in WFIL QRM. (PT-NJ)

WFRB MD Frostburg - 1/20 1815 - C&W music, ID as "WFRB-FM, 105.3, Frostburg," poor in incomplete null of WFIL. (PT-NJ)

570 WVMI MS Biloxi - 2/17 1930 - Fair, on top with call ID, CNN news. Taped report sent. (MB-IN)

690 WJOX AL Birmingham - 1/29 1745 - Sports talk about University of Alabama football team, good over and under CBF. (LW-NY)

720 WGCR NC Pisagh Forest - 1/19 1735 - Weather forecast, ID. (WM-MD)

790 WSVG VA Mount Jackson - 1/10 2138 - Fair with ad for John's Auto Parts, ID for WSIG/WSVG "New Country," plug for high school basketball coverage. Surely using more than 40 watts night power. (MS-ON)

800 WMGY AL Montgomery - 2/17 2135 - Fair in WKZI null with ID as "You're listening to WMGY, 800," GOS music. Log says 143 watts. (MB-IN)

820 WZTM FL Largo - 1/20 1756 - Sports, call-in show in progress, slogan "The Team," ID before 1800 power cut, very good. (RCP-IN)

WBAP TX Fort Worth - 1/22 2325 - ID, sports talk, fair. (LW-NY)

840 WCTG SC Columbia - 1/30 1730 - End of religious music on "Lighthouse 840," then sign-off. (LW-NY)

870 WPWT TN Colonial Heights - 1/28 1730 - Into talk show, ID, fair in WWL null. (WM-MD)

900 WLSI KY Pikeville - 1/25 1707 - ID, promos for gospel, religious programs. QRM from FF Canadian, WILC nulled. (JEK-MD)

920 CJCH NS Halifax - 1/16 1806 - Poor in CKNX, WHJJ mix with ID as "NewsTalk Radio 920, CJCH," and promo for morning drive show. (MB-ON)  
+ 1/25 1937 - To strong peaks over WHJJ with Halifax hockey game, ID, several ads for Piercie's building supply. (DY-NY)

930 CFBC NB St. John - 1/23 1820 - Female saying "Oldies 93 CFBC," poor in mix. (PT-NJ)

940 WCPC MS Houston - 1/23 1808 - End of stock report, spot for Seafood Junction in Algona, "Time is now 9 minutes after the hour of 5 p.m., 53.7 degrees outside our studio here at WCPC AM 940 Radio Houston, Mississippi. This is Mitchell Johnson. I'll be with you throughout the evening. Now let's listen to the Gaither Vocal Band, this one's called 'There's a Mountain.'" (PT-NJ)

950 WQBE WV Charleston - 1/10 2210 - Fair with promo for a talk show "right here on WQBE," message from West Virginia Association of Broadcasters, then promo mentioning "Your station for news every hour." (MS-ON)

960 WELI CT New Haven - 1/29 1605 - ID, traffic report, mention of Connecticut Turnpike. (WM-MD)

WRNS NS Kingston - 1/14 1847 - C&W song, then "Country 95.1 WRNS," into spots and Paul Harvey's "Rest of the Story." Lots of QRM from WFIR, others. (PT-NJ)

CFFX ON Kingston - 1/18 1950 - "Good Time Oldies," first time heard with new calls, ex-CKWS. (LW-NY)

970 WAVG KY Louisville - 1/25 2030 - Personal finance program, ID during program promo "you can hear it right here on WAVG." Mostly atop in null of local WWDJ, new. (DY-NY)

1000 WMUF TN Paris - 1/30 1715 - C&W music, ID, poor. (WM-MD)

1020 WKZE CT Sharon - 1/29 1621 - Valentine's Day contest, calls, station address, McDonald's ad. Excellent. (JEK-MD)

1030 WSFZ TN Memphis - 2/14 2120 - Good with ID, One on One Sports. No trace of WBZ. (MB-IN)

1040 KGGR TX Dallas - 1/23 1830 - Ads for Bruce Miles Motors, slogan "Great Gospel Broadcast," in very well for five minutes. WHO barely heard. Hard to believe they're 1000 watts. (RCP-IN)

1060 WFLE KY Flemingsburg - 1/23 1850 - C&W music, signoff, ID. (WM-MD)

WLNO LA New Orleans - 1/18 1800-1815 - ID, religious program, excellent to 1815 pattern change. (JEK-MD)

WNPC TN Newport - 1/23 1735 - C&W music under KYW, ID. (WM-MD)

1070 WNCT NC Greenville - 12/27 1845 - C&W music, IDs "WNCT 1070 Greenville" and "Real Country, WNCT." Good, no sign of CHOK for once. (JH-NJ)

WKOK PA Sudburg - 12/26 1730 - Oldies, IDs "WKOK and 107.3 FM," WIBC not heard. (JH-NJ)

1150 WGGH IL Marion - 2/4 1811 - Jingle "WGGH Marion," contemporary Christian music, fair with fading. (RCP-IN)

WNLR VA Churchville - 2/4 1809 - ID "WNLR," then religious music, very poor. (RCP-IN)

1160 WKCM KY Hawesville - 1/24 1744 - C&W format, country song by Vince Gill followed by WKCM ID. Very tough under WJJD, WKYN, WAMB mess. (RCP-IN)

WVNJ NJ Oakland - 1/25 1908 - Several Nat King Cole songs back to back, WVNJ ID. Called station and DJ confirmed it was them. A real surprise, NJ #2. (RCP-IN)  
+ 1/30 2220 - Seemingly off for a few minutes, WJJD and Bermuda making it in well. (DY-NY)

1170 WKPE MA Orleans - 1/29 1645 - Call ID, call-in (sports?) show, giving phone number 508-349-???? Weak, but new. (JEK-MD)

1190 KFEZ MO Kansas City - 1/24 1752 - Oldies song "Dream Lover" by Bobby Darin, frequent IDs, very good with WOWO barely heard. (RCP-IN)

1200 WTLA NY North Syracuse - 1/25 2025 - Fair with ID as "1200 AM, 1440 AM, 1310 AM, Unforgettable Radio," NOS music. (BC-NH)

WAGE VA Leesburg - 1/25 2030 - Fair, "W?? AM, 97.3 FM, 1200 AM WAGE Leesburg" mentioned during basketball, and ad for tournament at Richmond Coliseum. (BC-NH)

1240 WJTN NY Jamestown - 1/19 1830 - Briefly above the din with weather, ID, "currently 13 degrees, 1240 AM WJTN." (BC-NH)

1280 WGBF IN Evansville - 1/5 2244 - "Sports talk all day long, WGBF Evansville," poor in garble. (PT-NJ)

1290 WBNF NY Binghamton - 2/3 2333 - AccuWeather forecast, ID "This is WBNF Binghamton, you can depend on us." Another ID 2359 as "NewsTalk 12-90 WBNF, Binghamton." Promo for cruise to Martha's Vineyard. New, fair to good. (GC-MD)

1310 CIWW ON Ottawa - 1/17 2150 - "GTO & Gold Mine" oldies, IDs, fair. Last heard as CKOY. (LW-NY)

1320 WARA MA Attleboro - 1/6 1932 - Many stations in jumble, drifting to top with "Hi, this is Joan Sprague(?) at AM 1320 WARA with ...," then back to garble. (PT-NJ)

WKIN TN Kingsport - 2/1 1659-1700 - David Edsell show, ID, "Your information station," then CBS hourly news. (WM-MD)

1330 WWRV NY New York - 1/24 2000 - Rising briefly above noise with EE ID, "Broadcasting from Paterson, New Jersey, this is WWRV 1330 AM," also mentioned 530 AM which is their Turks and Caicos station. Unneeded, but an interesting ID. (MS-ON) [530 comes in better than 1330 in much of the New York area. - DY]

1360 KSCJ IA Sioux City - 1/23 1750 - Ad for carpet store, mention of Iowa Hawkeyes, then into "Sportsline" program "on 1360 KSCJ," fair under WAZU. (RCP-IN)

1370 WJCL IN Bloomington - 2/13 1800-1805 - ABC news, Radio Shack ad, weather forecast, mention of Bloomington, temperature check, ID. (WM-MD)

WDEA ME Ellsworth - 1/15 2148 - Poor in WFEA, WELV jumble with music, ID "AM 13-70 WDEA," not heard in years. (WW-MA)

1390 WEOK NY Poughkeepsie - 1/23 1631 - "Heartlight" by Neil Diamond, ID "1390 WEOK, your station for music and memories," followed by new rundown of Sunday programming. Good but fadey. (PT-NJ)

WXTC SC Charleston - 1/30 2243 - C&W music, "on Bubba 107.5" ID, poking through WDCW, WZHF, others, poor. Been trying for this one for a while. (DY-NY)

1400 WIDE ME Biddeford - 1/22 1705 - Heard after WABY with ABC-I news and weather forecast, and one for the coastal areas. Unneeded. WILI QRM. (RM-CT)

WABY NY Albany - 1/22 1700 - One of my closest unheards, popped up with dual ID for AM & FM mentioning FM in Ravenna. Possible CNN news followed. (RM-CT)

1440 WRRO OH Warren - 1/9 2045 - Sports talk, many "AM 1440" IDs. (LW-NY)

1450 WFRA PA Franklin - 1/27 2120 - NOS music, "The music of your life, on WFRA," rising atop GY mush. New. (DY-NY)

WMAJ PA State College - 2/6 1805 - In with mention of "Sports Roundup" and "Nittany Lions basketball hotline" on "News/Talk 1450." (LW-NY)

1470 WZOU ME Lewiston - 1/10 2315 - ID "Wonderful and beautiful, WLAM." Fair in 1470 QRM. (LW-NY)

1480 WADR NY Remsen - 1/29 2200 - ID "1350 WRNY and WADR 1480," good mixing with WSAR. (LW-NY)

WHBC OH Canton - 2/5 1750 - ID "WHBC" followed by Ray Orbison song "Just Runnin' Scared." Fair but dueling it out with WTHI. (RCP-IN)

1490 WXVQ FL De Land - 1/8 2212-2225 - Talk show, ID in part as "Radio voice ... 1490 WXVQ," poor under unID in EE. (DT-JAM)

1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 2/5 1823 - ID "AM 1500 KSTP," into discussion of O.J. civil trial and guilty verdict. Decent signal over WTOP. (RCP-IN)

1510 WWHN IL Juliet - 1/24 1803 - Caught at sign-off, mentioned leaving the air for the day, but carrier stayed on about 10 minutes. (RCP-IN)

1530 WLSP MI Lapeer - 2/12 2300 - In with Prime Sports, USA Radio News, fair-good over, under WSAI. (LW-NY)

WBCW PA Jeanette - 2/3 1800 - Signoff announcement, mention of FM, no SSB, fair.

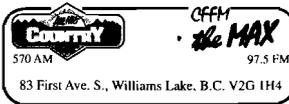
- New. (DY-NY)
- 1550 WMDH IN New Castle - 1/28 1900 - Indiana basketball game, ID. (WM- MD)
- 1560 WLJA GA Eljaj - 1/9 1636-1700 - C&W music, ad Farmer's Almanac, news 1700. Tentative, no ID heard. (DT-JAM)
- 1570 WPEP MA Taunton - 1/11 2000 - Talk, national weather, fair. (LW-NY)
- 1590 WETT MD Ocean City - 1/11 1833 - ID "AM 1590, the Talk of Ocean City," fair. (LW-NY)
- 1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 1/23 2244 - Surfaced with "Rock Me Baby," QRM from WUSB giving phone number of 632-7790 and talking about education courses. Couldn't believe I actually heard QRM on the X-band! Fortunately, the latest DX News had just arrived, otherwise I would have been really confused. (PT-NJ)

**TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1610 UNID - — - 2/14 2200 - Poor and garbled with what sounded like counter-culture music. Looped SW. Pirate? (MB-IN)
- TIS NJ — - 1/24 1721 - No ID, just New Jersey Turnpike Authority with safety info. (CRB-NY)
- KE043? NY — - 1/24 1717 - New York State Thruway Authority with weather for length of Thruway and safety announcements. (CRB-NY)
- 1658a UNID NY? — - 1/25 0850 - Found a nasty het against WJDM-1660. Audio faded up at times with REL programming, 0854 man said "questions on this program were taken from ..." followed by an 800 number (652-4252?) and P.O. Box 7100, Pasadena CA, hymn by woman at 0856, possible ID of something sounding like WJDA at 0857. At 0900, the "Good News Bible Hour" with Rev. Sloan began, off abruptly 0913 with no announcement. Anyone else hearing this? Pirate? (JA-NY) [Possibly, or maybe a SW spur? They've been popping up in the expanded band. - DY]

**REPORTERS**

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| RA-MA   | Ray Arruda      | Acushnet MA - R8A, SW8, R. West, Quantum loops, LW      |
| JA-NY   | John Arthur     | NY - Yaesu F767GX, 170' LW to the East                  |
| CRB-NY  | Charles Bernth  | Eastport NY - 2010-R&F MT antenna                       |
| PLB-MI  | Phil Boersma    | Spring Lake MI - Local news                             |
| DB-DE   | Dave Braun      | Wyoming DE - R5000, 500' LW, Quantum loop               |
| MB-ON   | Mike Brooker    | Toronto ON - RF-2200, RFB-45                            |
| MB-IN   | Mark Burns      | Terre Haute IN - R8, ATS 818CS, Kiwa loop, 80' LW       |
| GC-MD   | Gerry Conkling  | Greenbelt MD - YB-400, RF-1115                          |
| BC-NH   | Bruce Conti     | Nashua NH - HF225, MWDX5 phaser, 2x100' slopers         |
| MD-MA   | Marc DeLorenzo  | Auburndale MA - NRD-525, Quantum loop                   |
| PG-MA   | Phil Greenspan  | Marshfield MA - Superadio III                           |
| RJE-PA  | Russ Edmunds    | Blue Bell PA - Car radio                                |
| SF-TN   | Steve Francis   | Alcoa TN - Realistic TRF                                |
| JH-NJ   | John Hanz       | Old Bridge NJ - Realistic 12-650A, Superadio 2          |
| MH-NC   | Mike Hardester  | DXing in Fayetteville NC - GMC Truck radio              |
| HH-MD   | Hank Holbrook   | Dunkirk MD - R-8, Colegrove loop                        |
| JEK-MD  | Joe Kureth      | Uniontown MD - DX375, SR 2, LW                          |
| JL-OH   | Jim Leder       | Cincinnati OH -   |
| WM-MD   | William McGuire | Cheverly MD - DX380                                     |
| SM-MA   | Stan Morss      | Boxford MA -  |
| TM-KY   | Tom Mulvaney    | Lexington KY -  |
| RM-CT   | Ron Musco       | Poquonock CT - 1940 Zenith floor model                  |
| RCP-IN  | Robert Pote     | Greenwood IN - R8A, Quantum loop                        |
| AP-NE   | Al Prete        | West Islip NY - Car radio                               |
| AR-ON   | Andy Rugg       | Cornwall ON - HQ-180, Radio West loop                   |
| DS-DE   | Dave Schmidt    | Wilmington DE -   |
| MS-ON   | Morris Sorensen | Scarborough ON - HQ-150, DA-9 or SM-2                   |
| PT-NJ   | Paul Thomas     | Salem NJ - R8A, Harley loop, 169' LW                    |
| DT-JAM  | Don Trelford    | St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica -                                |
| RWT-MA  | Rick Turner     | North Dartmouth MA -                                    |
| RWT-MA1 | Rick Turner     | Wareham MA - Car radio                                  |
| LW-NY   | Leslie Wood     | N. Merrick NY - ICF-2010, Superadio 3, 2' loop          |
| WW-MA   | William Wyllie  | Franklin MA - DX390, 300-ohm TV wire around the ceiling |
| DY-NY   | David Yocis     | South Nyack NY - R71A, Kiwa loop                        |



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## DX Digest

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

While on a world scale the NRC is a small organization, as pointed out by Jean Burnell recently, we have a world wide reach. Our friend Felipe Flosi in Brazil sends info about one of Keil Kazaross' Newfoundland unIDs. Thanks, Felipe!

The Ontario DX Association annual meeting will be happening MAY 2-3 in Toronto. ODXA Medium Wave editor Ken Alexander has kindly invited me to give a presentation on Medium Wave DXing, allowing me for the first time ever to combine my hobby (DXing) with my vocation (preaching). Whether my comments contain wisdom or foolishness remains to be seen, but at least I hope to meet some Ontario NRC members for the first time.

**TRANS-ATLANTIC DX**

- 171 RUSSIA various, FEB 8 0432 - Fair with woman in RR, but signal didn't last very long. Heard previously. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 171 MOROCCO Nador, FEB 12 0504 - Good after sign on with man in AA followed by Moroccan orchestra with vocals. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, FEB 22 2312 - // 891 with AA male vocal & strings; excellent. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, FEB 22 0441 - good on peaks with mellow jazz/soul vocal. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, FEB 22 0443 - // 684 with emotional operatically- influenced SS female vocal, then man in SS; excellent. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, FEB 23 0034 - // 684 with SS talk; poor to fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, FEB 22 2309 - woman in AA eventually atop. At first the channel was a graveyard-like mix of this, Ireland, and Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS, RNE1, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, FEB 10 2230 -SS talk & huge het, killing 620 domestics on the car radio near the Shawsheen River / Route 3A marsh area. Tonight it seemed slightly auroral. The other big TA's were Senegal-765 & Mauritania-1349 (with not much of note from Europe). [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 0445 - // 585 with SS talk; some chatter from NJ on 620. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., FEB 22 0448 - // 585 with dance-style music with SS male vocal; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 648 SPAIN, RNE1, Badajoz et al., FEB 22 0449 - // 585 with SS dance music; then man in SS mentioned "Antonio Flores"; signal poor to fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, FEB 23 0032 - // 774 with classical music, then man in SS; in tough-to-maintain null of WFAN slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa, FEB 22 0504 - // 837 with male PP vocal; poor. [Connelly\*H-MA] FEB 22 2311 - PP sports coverage; good. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 674 LIBYA, Benghazi, FEB 22 2306 - AA male vocal; stronger than Netherlands- 675. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS, R. Ten Gold, Lopik, FEB 23 0029 - oldies including "How Long" by Ace (1975); good with WRKO in easy loop null. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1 Sevilla, FEB 11 0326 - Rose to good level with man talking in SS (surprise!) into guitar music. No others heard at the time, though. [Braun-DE]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, FEB 22 0443 - // 585 with emotional SS female vocal, then man in SS; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., FEB 22 0451 - EE talk mentioning politics, newspapers; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA] FEB 23 0026 -LOUD with teletalk about job stresses on marriage. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 711 unID's, FEB 22 2303 - probably Western Sahara / Libya mix with bits of AA and carriers measuring 710.9 and 711.0 (with a growl resulting). [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 720 PORTUGAL, RDP, Porto et al., FEB 23 0021 - bits of PP vocal (// 666); noted briefly in mix with threshold WGN when dominant CHTN had talk. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., FEB 23 0020 - // (huge) 738 with operatic SS male vocal; fair. [Connelly\*P-MA]

- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, FEB 22 0454 - // 585 with SS talk about music; fair through slop. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 747 NETHERLANDS, Flevoland, FEB 22 2300 - news by man in Dutch; huge / local-like, totally demolishing 750. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, FEB 22 2300 - classical music, then man in GG; excellent, Spain (SS talk) audible way under. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 756 SPAIN, R. Euskadi, Bilbao, FEB 23 0019 - man in SS; way Over Germany. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, FEB 10 2230 - really blasting in - better than WABC - on the car radio during semi-aural conditions. Audio could be heard with the 10-kHz stepped receiver on 760 and on 770. Frequency measured as 765.04 on the R8A at home a few minutes later. FEB 18 0558-0600 - interval signal with low notes, anthem, then man in FF mentioned Senegal; dominant at the time but soon faded. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 23 0018 - African vocal & drums; at first even with Switzerland, then it got stronger and wiped Switzerland out. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, FEB 23 0018 - woman in FF; mixed with Senegal, but eventually covered by it. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 774 EGYPT, Abis, FEB 23 0017 - AA talk over/under Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 18 0556 - SS teletalk; good. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 0456 - folk-style vocal having Celtic influences; fair to good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 783 SYRIA, Tartus, FEB 23 0015 - channel initially a jumble, then AA vocal // 827 surfaced. It got loud at 0016 when the music changed over to AA talk by man. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 801 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, FEB 22 0543 - // 774 with woman in SS; poor in slop. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 827 SYRIA, Deir el Zawr, FEB 23 0015 - // 783 with AA vocal to fair peak. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, FEB 22 0504 - // 666 with male PP vocal; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 23 0014 - woman in SS; dominant over pile. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 846 ITALY, Rome, FEB 23 0012 - FF talk by man, likely Italy with its international service; fair, well over unID music station; WEEI pest phased. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., FEB 22 0507 - // 684 with an interlude of light classical music, then woman in SS; fair. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, FEB 23 0008 - male Koranic AA vocal; excellent. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 864 FRANCE, Paris, FEB 18 0552 - // 945, 1206, 1377 with old-style FF male vocal; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, FEB 23 0006 - SS talk over BBC and an unID third station. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Wales, Washford, FEB 23 0035 - radio drama with very theatrical-style EE talk by woman; initially good, then crushed by co-channel Spain-Canaries COPE stations and slop from WCBS. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 22 2259 - AA violins; through some WBPS slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R.5 synchros, FEB 18 0553 - EE talk; in slop. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 945 FRANCE, Toulouse, FEB 18 0552 - // 864, 1206, 1377 with old-style FF male vocal; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. Espana, Madrid, FEB 23 0038 - SS teletalk; fair over other stuff; WPEN slop phased. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, FEB 22 0511 - bits of AA vocal at low audio level on a good-strength carrier. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, FEB 18 0550 - SS newstalk; good with a bit of slop from CFLP-PQ (which was atop 1000 at the time). [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1017 TURKEY, Istanbul-Mundanya, FEB 22 2257 - woman in Turkish mentioned Ankara; to good peak over probable German. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 22 0512 - // 1044 with fast SS talk; fair over unID station. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1035 unID, FEB 22 0514 - male operatic-style pop vocal could be Portugal or Italy, but the signal was only fair at best and not readily paralleled. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, FEB 22 2255 - AA female vocal, then talk by man; o/u Spain. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 18 0547 - SS talk to good peak over rough growl. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 0512 - fast SS talk by man // 1026; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, FEB 22 2254 - // 1044 with AA vocal; just under Talk Radio UK. [Connelly\*P-MA]

- 1053 SPAIN, COPE, Zaragoza / Castellon, FEB 22 2252 - SS teletalk; initially strong (over Talk Radio). [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1053 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, Start Point et al., FEB 18 0546 - // 1089 with EE talk mentioning pop stars; fair in WEVD/CHUM slop. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 2253 - man & woman in EE; mixed with Spain & Morocco. FEB 23 0039 - loud with talk about prisoners going out on parole. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1062 DENMARK, Kalundborg, FEB 18 0544 - man in Danish; fair with some slop from new WJLT-1060. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, FEB 18 0543 - EE talk about pop stars; huge. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 0518 - EE teletalk; fair through slop. [Connelly\*H-MA] FEB 23 0041 - good with talk about people adjusting to civilian life after long periods of being in institutional settings such as prison, mental hospitals, or the military. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, FEB 18 0542 - typical moody orchestral music; over Spain's SS talk. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 2250 - Slavic talk by man & woman; good. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, FEB 18 0541 - SS news by man, slight synchro delay echo noted on audio; signal was strong. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 2249 - man in SS; excellent. UnID with piano music & vocal noted way under. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1143 SPAIN, COPE synchros, FEB 18 0540 - fast SS talk by woman; slightly over a big jumble. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1179 GREECE, Thessaloniki (t), FEB 22 2353 - Greek male vocal & bouzouki accompaniment to STRONG peak over Spain-Canaries. This was a real surprise. The signal was very good at 2358. At the top of the hour, the music went to talk that sounded Greek. By then co-channel QRM from the SER stations and adjacent slop from WHAM had worsened. The strong signals noted from nearby areas such as Turkey, Syria, and Egypt indicated that the propagation was viable for Greece to override the more common 1179 stations. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, FEB 23 0001 - fast-delivery SS news rising over Greece & others. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1179 SWEDEN, Solvesborg, FEB 18 0536 - Swedish talk by man & woman; slightly over SER Spain-Canaries. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 22 2200 - Swedish talk; overwhelming WHAM/WJFF on the car radio just before sunset (Route 6, Yarmouth / Dennis area). [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE, Bordeaux, FEB 18 0552 - // 864, 945, 1377 with old-style FF male vocal; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1215 UNITED KINGDOM, Virgin R. synchros, FEB 18 0531 - blasting in with "Sussudio" by Phil Collins; almost local quality. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1269 GERMANY, Neumunster, FEB 18 0529 - bits of GG music; in CJCB/WTSN slop. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, FEB 22 2344 - SS teletalk; poor. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1314 NORWAY, NRK, Kvitsoy, FEB 18 0538 - New Age music; only fair at the time despite other strong European signals. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1332 ITALY Rome, FEB 20 2300 - Fair with man in IT. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, FEB 10 2231 - bits of chant and fat het against 1350 here on the car radio during a rare spell of auroral conditions. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1359 SPAIN, Arganda, FEB 23 0446 - man in SS; fair through slop from Haitian FF show on WLYN. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1377 FRANCE, Lille, FEB 18 0552 - // 864, 945, 1206 with old-style FF male vocal; fair. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1386 GREECE Athens, FEB 17 0403 - Heard it again! Fair with man in Greek and about 20 minutes later ballads by a female vocalist. Sounded as it did when heard in Newfoundland. My report still unanswered. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1386 KALININGRAD Bolshakovo, FEB 20 2257 - Super signal with band music, then IS chimes and sign off or pattern change at 2300. There's an article on Kaliningrad in the latest National Geographic. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1395 NETHERLANDS Lopik ?, FEB 11 0252 - Fair with man and woman talking in Dutch so must be Talk Radio Holland. Maybe this is the one I heard a few weeks ago and thought was Albania. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1395 NETHERLANDS, Lopik, FEB 18 0527 - Dutch talk by man; in slop. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1422 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, FEB 18 0502 - fair to good with man reading news in GG. [Connelly-B-MA] FEB 23 0044 - // 756 with Sinatra- style pop vocal; just barely over a second station believed to be Algeria. [Connelly\*P-MA]

- 1440 LUXEMBOURG, Marnach, FEB 18 0501 - man & woman in GG; well atop the ME & MA domestics. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1458 UNID mix, FEB 20 2254 - I could not separate these stations but at least one of them was slightly off frequency. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, FEB 20 2231 - religious music and monster het; bombarding the 1470 domestics on the car radio during the homeward commute through a large open wetland area near the Route 3 / Route 495 intersection in Chelmsford. Numerous other strong high-band hets were heard, including Ukraine-1431 drilling WXKS-1430. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1512 BELGIUM Wolverton, FEB 20 2302 - Very strong with man speaking in Flemish, probably reading the News. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1512 BELGIUM, Wolvertem, FEB 22 2341 - man in Dutch with telephone interview; good with WNRB phased. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1530 SAO TOME & PRINCIPE, VOA, Pinheira, FEB 18 0524 - African talk (listed as Hausa) // 5745; under WSAI, over orchestral music station that was probably R. Vatican. FEB 21 0437 - PP talk mixing with Vatican; WSAI phased. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN, R. Vaticana, FEB 22 2337 - piano and "dream-like" orchestral music; over WSAI. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1539 GERMANY, ERF, Mainflingen, FEB 18 0456 - hymn in GG, then GG talk by woman; loud. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1544 ALGERIA - CLANDESTINE, Tindouf, FEB 22 2334 - surprisingly this was playing an instrumental version of "La Macarena"; good through WDCD slop. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1548 KUWAIT VOA, FEB 17 0340 - Good with man and woman in EE. Must have been near dawn in Kuwait. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1548 UNITED KINGDOM, FEB 18 0455 - a couple of stations here with the dominant one running British-accented talk that seemed // BBC-198. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1566 SWITZERLAND, Sarnen, FEB 18 0453 - HUGE with Alpine instrumental music. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1575 SPAIN SER or OCR, FEB 20 2250 - One of those Spanish stations was way up on top and nearby frequencies also good. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1575 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 18 0450 - // 1584 with SS teletalk; over tone- tester. [Connelly-B-MA] (I think tone might have been Italy, as heard on 1062 kHz before 0500 while in Newfoundland - Jim)
- 1584 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 18 0450 - // 1575 with SS teletalk; bits of Ceuta audible under. [Connelly-B-MA]
- 1602 SPAIN, SER synchros, FEB 23 0047 - // 1044 with mellow '40s type female vocal with SS talk voice-over. [Connelly\*P-MA]
- 1611 VATICAN Vatican R., MAR 1 0540 - Noted with IS at this time, weak with TIS QRM, possibly Rumanian program at this time. First TA in many weeks. [Renfrew- NY]
- Ben speaks:* "Feb. has been a month of brief openings but nothing new. Most of the activity has been at the high end although the regular low-enders like 585, 684, 693 and 711 have been steady. There was an opening on 2-17 from 0330 until after 0430 and others around sunset on 2-19, 2-20, and 2-21. The latter was of note because it began an hour before sunset around 2135. These 3 nights have not been auroreal and tonight [2-21] looks good so far. I'm leaving for Athens on 2-23 so will be off the scene here until mid-March. Of course I'll be checking the status of the French Inter stations, Rome-846, Bulgaria, and lots of others. I just don't believe that AN schedule of Rome-846 that appeared recently under station news."

#### PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS, R. Vision Cristiana, FEB 22 1407 - man in SS; daytime groundwave running about S6 to S7 with some local electrical noise. [Connelly\*H- MA]
- 550 CUBA, R. Rebelde synchros, FEB 22 0530 - Rebelde ID in mess. [Connelly\*H- MA]
- 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, FEB 22 0531 - soca music; good. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 580 PUERTO RICO, WKAQ, San Juan, FEB 22 0605 - SS news with many local Puerto Rico items; over other SS & possible Jamaica. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 600 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, FEB 22 0535 - huge with SS talk // 550. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 640 MEXICO XEHHI Hidalgo del Parral CHIH, FEB 16 0547 - Fast Latin music, male announcer mentioned "Noches de Fiesta", possibly program name, then right into XE anthem. Sign-off announcement at 0554, mentioning 640 kHz, 1000 watts, "Radio Uno" slogan. Quite sure now call is XEHHI, as first reported by Wiseblood. Good signal, but QRM from unnullable KFI. [Wilkins-CO]

- 640 MEXICO XEJUA Cd. Juarez CHIH - still no sign of this new station here in Denver metro. [Wilkins-CO]
- 640 CUBA, R. Progreso outlets, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, FEB 22 0538 - under Guadeloupe with mellow SS male vocal // 740. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 640 GUADELOUPE, RFO, Pointe-a-Pitre, FEB 22 0536 - FF talk by man; loud, over Cuba with Spain-639 nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 740 CUBA, R. Progreso synchros, FEB 22 0538 - // 640 with mellow SS vocal; over CHCM & unID FF-sounding station with CBL nulled. [Connelly\*H-MA]
- 870 COLOMBIA Barranquilla, FEB 16 0303 - Very strong with Radio Mar Caribe Barranquilla ID by a man. WWL phased. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1060 MEXICO, XEEP Mexico City, FEB 16 0431 - Fair in KYW null with "La Hora Nacional". First time IDed here, and only number 5 on 1060. [Braun-DE] (Not bad, with KYW in your backyard - Jim)
- 1260 MEXICO XEOG Ojinaga CHIH, FEB 10 0150 - Mexican music, CST timechecks, male announcer with call ID. Fair in QRM. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1290 MEXICO XEAP Cd. Obregon SON, FEB 17 0258 - Ranchera music, canned ID at 0300 "XEAP, R. Sensación, 1290 kilohertz, mil wats de potencia. Planta transmisora, estudios y oficinas en ... Cd. Obregón, Sonora, Mexico". Poor in QRM. [Wilkins-CO] (Not THAT poor if you could hear that much of an ID! - Jim)
- 1520 MEXICO XEJBC Cd. Juarz CHIH, FEB 2 1347 - XE music, program noted for sporting event, "Radio Canal 15-20 slogans. Fair on peaks with KOMA semi- nulled. [Wilkins-CO]
- John speaks:* "Still waiting for that super opening into Mexico/Central America. Haven't had a good one in several years, but once the Solar cycle starts to swing upward, things might start hopping on MW." (I heard Glenn Hauser mention on "World of Radio Extra #18" a prediction that the next solar cycle might be a quieter one - Jim)

#### STATION NEWS

MEXICO: XETGO 1100 Tlaltenango ZAC - these are correct call letters, per verie, not XETTO. Address is Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez #51, 3er piso, Tlaltenango ZAC 99700. Power is 5000 watts days, 400 watts nights. Came on the air in October 1993. [Wilkins-CO]

#### UNIDS, ETC

ARGENTINA: "I think the unID 1350 station heard by Neil Kazaross on Newfoundland DXpedition V was Radio Buenos Aires from Argentina. This station is airing at night programs of the Brazilian religious group "Igreja Universal de Reino Deus". They probably have bought this station as they have bought many others worldwide. The speaker is normally a Brazilian talking a bad Spanish ("La Palabra Libra"). They normally speak bad Portuguese, too. This is a typical stupid use of speeches for influencing masses (poor people) politically or religiously. In order to get artificially close to people they destroy our languages. They are the strongest Argentinian I hear although I have a local on 1360 kHz." [Felipe L.G. Flosi - Brazil]

AUSTRIA: Austria returns to medium wave again. From JAN 17 on 1476 kHz (QTH Bisamberg) at 1830-1930 operated by several groups. [C.Ratzer via WB in WWDX Club FEB 97]

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#### DX FILES: AFTERNOON DRIVETIME DX REPORT

Is Rush Limbaugh making your blood boil? Are Don and Mike offending your decency? Is NPR lacking salsa? Has your rock and roll become flat and lifeless? If so ... we recommend drivetime DX. Read on!

"I noted some very strong heterodynes - and, in some cases, audio - from Trans- Atlantic medium wave stations on the car radio during my drive home from work between 2230-2315 UTC

(5.30 to 6.15 p.m. EST) on Thursday, 27 FEB '97. France-1467, Algeria-549, Spain-1359, and several others were getting audio through and many of the other stations (especially from southwestern Europe and northwestern Africa) were QRM'ing the domestic 10 kHz multiple stations. Although the area through which I drove (Chelmsford/Carlisle/Billerica) is about 15 to 20 miles (24 to 32 km) from the ocean, the strength of the stations was quite good. As usual, open flat wetland areas near the Concord and Shawshen Rivers offered the best reception. I almost thought I was on Cape Cod (where loud European signals at sunset are not unusual). The more northerly stations such as Ireland-567 and UK-1089 seemed to be weaker "per watt" than Spain, Morocco, Algeria, etc. That is not an uncommon condition. It was interesting that strong signals extended all the way from 531 to 1602 kHz. Many of the recent openings have been on one end of the dial or the other. I hope that some of you were listening on "real" equipment during this period. Best of luck and good DX to all." Mark Connelly, WA1ION

#### AXELROD AND McCRAE DXPEDITION COMMENTS

(goes with report from last week, sorry for delay - Jim)

Now that was a DX'pedition. We tramped out to find both of the East beverages missing. The lead in wire was there but no sign of the antenna. I dug around outside for about 30-45 minutes in -15 C temps but to no avail. Hey with 2-4 feet of snow on the ground it would have been easier to find a needle in one of the hay bales on the field than that 22 gauge wire! Oh well, the rest worked well and as you see we got many new ones including KWOF Waterloo IA my #2000! I had wanted to hear 2000 by the year 2000 so I'm early. The TP Hets were just rolling in but only got audio on 2 or 3. Could have been better but will settle.

We got a bit of a surprise when the skies cleared and the temps went down to - 26 C. Well at least the cars started in the morning. Slow but started. Had a lovely 60 mile drive home in blowing snow just to cap it off.

We did see one new thing at the farm. A HUGE owl decided to look for food about 150 feet from the DX bus. I have never seen one that size. We stopped DX'ing to watch it catch two field mice. Wing span was at least 6 feet! Beautiful bird. That and great B-B-Q for supper made it extra special. Will try for one or two in March.

#### DX FILES: BAREFOOT ON FIJI

- Bryan Clark at Lautoka Fiji and Mana Island off the northern Fiji Coast between January 31 and February 6 1997, equipped with Sony ICF7600G and no external antenna.
- 540 0807 WESTERN SAMOA 2AP Apia in Samoan clear in Radio Rhema null. nothing heard on 747.
- 639 0300 FIJI FBC's Radio Fiji 1, Lautoka has annoying spurs down to 612 and up to 666kHz, latter meaning reception of Noumea 666 not particularly enjoyable!
- 648 0810 AMERICAN SAMOA WVUV Pago Pago good in Samoan, western rock music. Was regular in NZ until Radio Rhema took frequency.
- 774 0840 FIJI FBC Suva's 20kw transmitter was surprisingly poor level in Northern Fiji and quite hard to hear in Auckland nowadays compared with dominance in past years.
- 846 0802 KIRIBATI Tarawa always a strong signal in the evening.
- 1020 0714 USA KTNQ Los Angeles always strong in SS.
- 1080 0558 USA KNX Los Angeles up with "News Radio 10-70" - amazingly early reception given local sunset not till 0651 UTC and no external antenna used!
- 1089 0835 FIJI Radio Fiji Gold from Suva's relatively low power means only mediocre reception in Northern Fiji.
- 1098 1009 MARSHALL ISLANDS ending news in local dialect then EE news, f/by politicians speech thanking Australia for educational aid.
- 1100 0711 USA KFAX San Francisco CA regular with gospel preacher.
- 1143t 1812 PHILIPPINES? VOA suspected the Chinese heard well here.
- 1160 0709 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT promo for "Teacher Feature - nominate your most deserving teacher", good and clear.
- 1179 0805 VANUATU Santo regularly much stronger than higher power Vila 1125.
- 1188 0830 WALLIS ISLAND (NOT) After 4 nights monitoring this frequency, believe this is LIKELY NO LONGER ON AIR. Carrier evident from about 0700 but peaking on Australian rather than Wallis bearing. When audio finally emerged after 0830 only Australian audible. Difficult frequency due dominance of KEX 1190 in the evening.
- 1190 0705 USA KEX Portland OR ABC news & promo for "Your Morning Update with Bob Miller", strong over another US station.
- 1350t 1816 JAPAN JOER suspected the Japanese lang here but seemed // with 1314.

- 1410 0752 CANADA CFUN Vancouver "You're listening to People Helping People on 14-10, CFUN". good and clear.
- 1413 1740 UNID with Quran at strong level. Would BBC Oman carry this?
- 1420 0750 HAWAII KCCN Honolulu vg with baseball commentary past 0800.
- 1440 1807 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA in AA w/ Quran over/mixed Aussie carrying BBC Newsdesk. Later in the clear and heard on peaks past 1900.
- 1460 0821 HAWAII KULA with idents as "Krater 96" (FM call KRTR) & Uniden commercial, good. Easy listening format.
- 1521t 1758 SAUDI ARABIA tentatively the weak AA audible here, not same programming as 1440.
- 1580 0746 USA KCWW Tempe AZ dominant with country music over KBLA in Korean, ident as "KCW, AM 1580".
- 1593 1805 NEW ZEALAND Reo Atumotu, Auckland with annoying het confirming Andy Gardner's January comments re off-frequency. Ditto with 1476.
- 1630 0745 Weak carrier here evenings but never up to audio level. Nix on 1660. Bryan D. Clark, Auckland, New Zealand clarkb@sparc.org.nz

#### NZ DX TIMES (2/97 Edition) - PACIFIC MEDIUM WAVE NEWS UPDATE

NEW ZEALAND Coast Access Radio is new on 1512, address is Waikanae Community Centre, Aputa Place, Waikanae. Running 300w w/tests at present and full service in March. V/s Max Kempson ZL1VV, Station Manager. (Keith Robinson) Another address from Keith is 3 Horopito Rd, Waikanae. 1377 Dunedin is also new, being used for Sports Roundup coverage with 2.5kw when Parliament is being carried on 4YC 900. Presumed to be a temporary assignment. (Arthur Cushen)

Classic Gold Lawrence 1440 has been heard at breakfast time // to 1125 and 89.4 w/ZB-FM programming, so I wonder if they have their own programming anymore? (Paul Ormandy) Reo Atumotu 1593 heard again with this slogan on Saturday night with Nuiean programme. (PWO)

RNZ address for National Radio is now P.O. Box 123, Wellington. Sports Roundup, now part of The Radio Network, address now P.O. Box 2936, Wellington (Keith Robinson)

BOP Talk Radio 1521 is off the air, though the transmitter seems to be operating at various times. Noted the frequency clear on 18/1 but the following morning it was carrying Maori programming parallel to 1XK 1440. (Bryan Clark)

1521 carried BBC WS a few weeks ago in the evening and now no sign of them. (Keith Robinson) Kurow (Southland) residents are attempting to raise \$20,000 for an AM Community Radio station. (Keith Robinson)

Begin 5 nights DX'pedition on Saturday with Paul Ormandy - lets hope the great AM conditions come down under too!

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#### A TASTE OF MOSCOW

Review of *Moscow Information DX Bulletin* # 54-55 (January-February '97) (Times - UTC, Frequencies - kHz)

This issue begins with article "BBC: 10 years without jamming" where is listed main facts from the BBC Russian service history and several opinions about past and present of BBC activity. Then we announce a great event in the history of Russia's DX movement: First Russia's DX Contest. Here are the details:

The Contest period from 00.00 MSK March, 31, 1997 till 00.00 MSK June, 1, 1997 (It will be summer time in Moscow when UTC=MSK-4). Everybody can take part in this contest. The program: you should listen to the broadcast stations which are broadcasting from the territory of Russia.

The whole band range is available between 150 kHz and 108 MHz in any mode: AM, SSB or FM. Every station in spite of the language of the program should be picked up at least 15 minutes and not more than one time on the same frequency. The report for the contest should contain the following: type of receiver and antenna, place of reception, your name and postal address, the sentence: "I confirm that I myself listened all these stations during the contest period. (Signature)". In the report you should list (it is desirable in table form): - frequency; - station name; - time of reception in MSK; - language of the broadcast; - signal quality using SINPO code; - program details. The count system: - the first reception of the station on LW, MW, SW gives 10 points; - the second, third, etc reception of the same station but on another frequencies and time gives you extra

5 points on LW, MW and 2 points on SW each time; - the first reception of the station on UHF located in the place of reception gives you 5 points, the same station but on another frequencies and time gives you extra 1 point each time; - the first reception of the station on UHF located outside your region gives you 25 points each time; (A second reception of the same station on the same frequency doesn't take in account.) - inclusion of the station address, phone and fax numbers in your report gives you extra 10% to the points for this station; - inclusion of the full frequency schedule of the station in your report gives you extra 25% to the points for LW & MW reception, 50% to the points for SW reception, 10% to the points for UHF reception of this station. The participation fee is 5000 rubles or 2 IRCs for MIDXB subscribers or 15 rubles or 5 IRCs for the others. The report with the participation fee should be send before June 15 (according postmark) to the following address: Russia 125581, Moscow A-581, P.O.Box 65, c/o Vadim Alexeew, Club of DXers. The results will be published in the August edition of MIDXB.

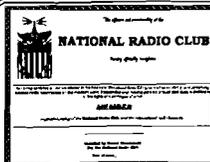
Every participant will receive a certificate with the place and points. First five places will be awarded with WRTH-97, annual MIDXB subscription, annual subscription on our reference book "Broadcasts from abroad in the Russian language" and another prizes. Welcome to our competition!

Next in this bulletin we remind our readers about coming of the 40th anniversary of the Radio Budapest DX-show and inform about several events in connection with this. "Funny air" is our new trial heading. It shows funny moments which you heard on the air. In this issue we've resumed our regular heading devoted to the Russia's stations with the new name "Russia's air". In it this time: - Astrakhan: new UHF stations; - news from Vladivostok; - changes on 1332 in Krasnoyarsk; - Voice of Russia new time for broadcast; - Radio Liberty relays; - full schema of Moscow air; - changes in "Radiostantsiya Samara"; - and another news. "Band news: MW-LW" includes: - ERF via Albania; - regular reception of Radio Varna; - Mothers of Battles Radio on MW; - Latvia again on 1539; - new programs relayed via 999 in Moldavia; - 3rd program of local Ukrainian Radio has broadcasts in Russian; - Estonian Radio again on 1566; - and another news. "Band news: SW" includes: - what will happen with Radio Australia; - changes in BRTN: very sad; - extra financial support for BBC; - it seems, Iraq reactivate external broadcasts; - has Radio Pyongyang any difficulties; - additional broadcast of Polish Radio in Russian is monitored irregular; - news from Radio Miami International; - Radio Tadjikistan on 7515; - RFI will drop SW for Europe; - and another news. "Catches in the air" covers this time frequencies between 648 and 21725. "Schedules" presents Radio Austria International, Radio Argentina al Exterior, local UK stations, Radio Georgia, Rikisutvarpid, Qatar Broadcasting Service, Central Broadcasting Station (Taiwan), Radio Moldova International, RDP International, WRMI, Radio Thailand, Radio Croatia, HCJB, transmitting station in Meyerton. Our new heading "Clandestine broadcasting" this time has stories from Iraq and Iran and also Mathias Kropf's Review of Clandestine Stations Activity. In "Utility broadcasting" we present Captown Radio/ZSC, coast stations in Spain, UHF communication in Moscow and another interesting items. Then we present the next part of the Russian language version of "Digital Signals" by Stan Scalsky and Mike Chace. This time about fax signals and slow speed TV. "QSL-corner" as usual is full of useful information including this time "grey" list of stations. "Your letters" this time answer the question about propagation on LW and MW. We also described our bulletin in full to introduce our bulletin to our readers closely.

We welcome information, comments and suggestions on our bulletin. We would like to establish contacts with DX clubs; DX, Radio and Media magazines around the world. If you would like to make contacts with us, please, write to the following address: Russia, 125581 Moscow A-581, P.O. Box 65, Vadim Alexeew. Via Internet: gusev@vxitep.itp.ru. This review can be sent you on a free basis via Internet or Mail on your request.

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## AREA CODES PART III - New codes for 1997

by Christopher R. Cuomo

In what is becoming a yearly tradition, several new area codes are being introduced during 1997. The increasing popularity of FAX machines, modems, and cellular phones, often combined with rapid population growth in certain areas of the country have caused a shortage of available phone numbers in many areas.

The changing of an area code requires extensive publicity to accustom phone users. PSA's will often be heard on radio stations in affected areas. It should also be a hot topic on talk radio.

Consult your long distance operator in the event of any confusion.

NPA stands for Numbering Plan Area, which is simply the geographic area using a specific area code. Keep in mind that in no instances (except in some sparsely populated Canadian provinces) does an NPA boundary cross a state or provincial border.

### ARKANSAS

501 / 870 Split occurs April 14, 1997: Metropolitan Little Rock and the northwest portion of the state will retain area code 501. All other areas of the state including the cities of Texarkana, Jonesboro, Pine Bluff, El Dorado, and Helena.

### CALIFORNIA

619 / 760 Split occurs March 22, 1997: Metropolitan San Diego will retain 619. The remainder of this oddly shaped NPA, will get the new 760 a.c. The 760 NPA includes Oceanside, Palm Springs, El Centro, Bishop, Barstow, Twentynine Palms, and Indio.

818 / 626 Split occurs June 14, 1997: The San Gabriel Valley -- Pasadena and all cities to the east -- will switch to a.c. 626.

415 / 650 Split occurs August 2, 1997: All of Marin County, plus the cities of San Fransisco, Brisbane, and Daly City will retain 415. All other areas of this NPA, including the cities of San Mateo, Palo Alto, and Menlo Park, will switch to a.c. 650.

714 / 949 Split date TBA: Southern Orange County, including the cities of Costa Mesa, Irvine, Huntington Beach, and Mission Viejo will switch to a.c. 949.

916 / 530 Split date TBA: Metropolitan Sacramento will retain 916. All other areas of this NPA which extends north to the Oregon border will switch to a.c. 530. The 530 NPA will include the Mount Shasta and Lake Tahoe regions, plus the cities of Chico, Redding, Susanville, Yuba City, and Yreka.

510 / 925 Split date TBA: I'm not sure of the exact boundary, but I am certain that all cities to the east of I-680 in Contra Costa County, plus all of Alameda County to the east of the Hayward Hills will be getting the new 925 a.c. This new NPA includes Concord, Walnut Creek, Livermore, and Pleasanton.

### INDIANA

317 / 765 Split occurred February 1, 1997: The Indianapolis area retains 317. The remaining area including Richmond, Muncie, Anderson, Kokomo, Lafayette, and Marion now use 765. The remaining 317 area will be split again at a later date.

### MASSACHUSETTS

617 / 781 Split date TBA: The boundaries of this split have not been determined. Expect the city of Boston to retain 617. Some bordering suburbs may also retain 617.

508 / 978 Split date TBA: The boundaries of this split have not been determined.

### MICHIGAN

810 / 248 Split occurs May 10, 1997: Oakland County will switch to a.c. 248.

313 / 734 Split date TBA: Detroit and its inner suburbs like Highland Park, Hamtramck, and Dearborn will keep 313. The outer suburbs including Wayne, Livonia, Ypsilanti, Plymouth, and Ann Arbor will switch to a.c. 734.

### NEW JERSEY

201 / 973 Split occurs June 1, 1997: Bergen and Hudson Counties retain 201. Morris, Essex, Sussex, and Passaic Counties will switch to a.c. 973. The 973 NPA will include Newark, Passaic, Patterson, Orange, Wayne, and Parsippany.

908 / 732 Split occurs June 1, 1997: Warren, Union, and Hunterdon Counties plus northern Somerset County will retain 908. Southern Somerset County, plus Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties will switch to a.c. 732. The 732 NPA will include Toms River, Long Branch, and East Brunswick.

## OHIO

216 / 440 Split occurs July 5, 1997: Exact borders have not been determined, but Cleveland and perhaps some neighboring suburbs will retain 216.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

803 / 843 Split date TBA: The Atlantic Coastal region will be switching to a.c. 843. Exact boundaries have not determined.

## TEXAS

214 / 972 Split occurred September 14, 1996: Only the city of Dallas retains 214. The 972 NPA surrounds the city and includes a small portion of the city itself. The 972 NPA includes (clockwise starting with due north) McKinney, Plano, Richardson, Rockwall, Terrell, Ennis, Waxahachie, Irving, and Grande Prairie.

713 / 281 Split occurred November 2, 1996: I'm not sure of the boundaries here (local members?) but I believe the region within the I-610 beltway retains 713, while areas outside that highway loop now use 281.

817 / 254 / 940 Three-way Split occurs May 25, 1997: Fort Worth and Arlington will retain 817. All or part of the 23 counties to the south including the cities of Waco, Temple, Hillsboro, and Stephenville will switch to a.c. 254. The remaining northern section including Gainesville, Wichita Falls, and Mineral Wells will switch to a.c. 940.

210 / 830 / 956 Three-way Split occurs July 7, 1997: Metropolitan San Antonio will retain 210. All or part of 34 counties to the north including the cities of Uvalde, New Braunfels, Fredericksburg, and Kerrville will switch to a.c. 830. The remaining southern portion which includes the Rio Grande Valley cities of Laredo, McAllen, Harlingen, and Brownsville will switch to a.c. 956.

## WASHINGTON

206 / 425 / 253 Three-way Split occurs April 27, 1997: Seattle and Richmond Beach, plus Mercer, Bainbridge, and Vashon Islands will retain 206. The Southern Tier including Tacoma, Auburn, Puyallup, Des Moines, and Kent will switch to a.c. 425. The Northern Tier including Renton, Bellevue, Bothell, Lynwood, and Everett will switch to a.c. 253.

## WISCONSIN

414 / 920 Split occurs July 26, 1997: Metropolitan Milwaukee and areas south to the Illinois border, like Kenosha and Racine, will retain 414. All other areas will switch to a.c. 920. The 920 NPA includes Green Bay, Manitowoc, Appleton, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac.

## U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

809 / 340 Split occurs Summer 1997: All cities will switch to a.c. 340.

## GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, and NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

These U.S. territories in the Pacific Ocean will be joining the NANP during Summer 1997. The NANP, or North American Numbering Plan, is a treaty that groups the U.S., Canada, and various Caribbean islands under international direct dialing country code "1" and divides area codes between them. Each of the aforementioned U.S. territories will use their current country code as their new area code: Guam-671, American Samoa-684, and Northern Mariana Islands-670.

## YUKON and NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

403-819 / 867 Split occurs October 21, 1997: All cities in both territories will switch to a.c. 867. Currently, Yukon shares 403 with Alberta, and the N.W. Territories use 403 and 819, which is shared with Quebec.

In addition to the following splits, watch for upcoming splits in the following NPA's occurring possibly as early autumn of 1997. In all of the following, no dates, boundaries, and new codes have been determined yet.

602-Metro Phoenix, AZ; 209-San Joaquin Valley, CA; 213-Metro L.A., CA; 303-Metro Denver, CO; 904-Northern Florida; 913-Northern Kansas (new: 785); 318-Western Louisiana; 612-Metro Twin Cities, MN; 816-Northwestern Missouri; 402- Eastern Nebraska; 702-Nevada; 405-Western Oklahoma; 609-Southern New Jersey; 704-Western N.C.; 910-Central N.C.; 215-Metro Philadelphia, PA; 717-Central PA; 801-Utah; 514-Metro Montreal, QC.

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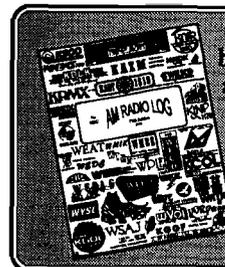
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The recent profile on WWSW brought back memories to me, and I couldn't resist Musing a bit about those Pittsburgh radio stations of the Thirties, the decade of my youth and first of many as a DXer. Mention was made of the studios WWSW had in the Hotel Keystone. Well, the only time in my life that I broadcast on the radio was there, where around 1936 I joined a group from my school to sing Christmas carols. It was one of those live broadcasts that all the stations liked to put on in those days. In the mid Thirties three of the five Pittsburgh stations had studio orchestras. WWSW had the Gloom Chasers, KQV the Blues Chasers, and KDKA the Strollers. And yes, WWSW was first to broadcast Pirate baseball [later joined by KDKA] via recreations of away games via tickertape. But KQV forced the issue on broadcasting home games when around 1938 they put a spotter on top of a roof across the street from Forbes Field and between innings described the action. [You could say they were pirating the Pirate games.] The ball club didn't like it and sued the station. KQV won and home games could be broadcast from within the park. WWSW and KQV were independent stations and thus rivals for years. Before going AN WWSW was on from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. KQV had to share time evenings with WSMK, Dayton, and in winter was off from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. on until 10:00 P.M., and then off for the night. In the summer they could stay on until 10:00. They did depend on phonograph records to fill in the gaps between the live programs. The disc jockies would go to a record store and bring back a stack of records to keep them going for a few days. They would buy a few and return the rest. The music stores didn't mind having their new releases played over the air. I once was sent by a Pittsburgh music store to the KQV studios to purchase some records I

wanted, and I bought them directly from the disc jockey. Does anyone realize that of the 5 stations operating in Pittsburgh from 1931 until after WW2 the call letters of 4 are same as then, [KDKA, WJAS, KQV, WWSW] and the 5th just a one letter change [WCAE to WTAE]. One last thing. In early 1937, WWSW's frequency, 1500, had 29 stations on the air at night after adjusting for sharetimers. Today, 1490 [1500's successor] has 191 in U.S. and Canada. WCAE's frequency, 1220, had 7, with only 4 of these on at night after eliminating a daytimer and 2 share-timers. Now, 1250 [1220's successor] has 63 stations including 3 daytimers. That's where the DX of the Thirties has gone! I'd better end this and give someone else a chance. Going to Athens, Greece for two weeks on Feb. 23rd.

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Hi! It has been a few years (at least) since I mused. This is due in equal parts to workload and inactivity on the bands. Unfortunately, I live in the blanketing area of 50 kw KMPC-710 and all my neighbors have halogen lamps and dimmers. I've now been in LA for 5 years, seen 2 earthquakes and a major riot as well as fires and floods. I am PD of KTNQ, the only Spanish language news talk station in the West, and work on several of our company's other AM stations like KESS-1270 and WADO-1280. Am also involved with KLVE, the soft AC station that has been #1 in LA for the last 6 Arbitrons. It is fun, but lots of travel and not enough sleep. Interestingly, I have not seen a domestic report for KTNQ in the two years I have been there, surprising for a 50 kw station, even if we shoot most of it over LA to the West. My receiver continues to be a NRD525, unmodified. I guess I will get a loop soon and try some expeditions outside of the LA area, as I can't get some of the locals where I live!! Best 73 to all. David Gleason KLVE "Radio Amor" & KSCA "La Nueva 101.9" & KTNQ "La radio que Habla "Exitos Express "Las Ultimas Novedades Cada Semana" Los Angeles



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