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CPC Test Calendar

KJSL	MO	630	Mar. 24	0300-0315
KSTL	MO	690	Mar. 24	0315-0330
WEGP	ME	1390	Mar. 29	0300-0330
WKWF	FL	1600	April 7	0030-0100
WHK	OH	1420	April 7	0300-0330

WWCN-770 - P. O. Box 9600 - Estero, FL 33928 will conduct DX tests from 0030-0100 am EST on March 24, 25, 26, and 27, and every Monday through Thursday during April at 1,000 watts directional between 12:30 and 1:00 am EST. The tests will include Morse code IDs inserted during their regular programming of old-time radio serials and vintage comedy. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. "Joey C.", Program Director. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WKWF-1600: Sorry, no information on this test yet.

From the publisher ... From Fred Vobbe at the DX Audio Service, who manages our Web Page located at <http://wcoil.com/~gnbc/> on the internet: "If you would like to have your E-Mail address, postal address, and your interests posted on the web page, please contact Fred at gnbc@alpha.wcoil.com or at 706 MacKenzie Drive, Lima OH 45805-1835. A typical entry would contain your name, E-Mail address, postal address, and just a short description of your interests." Fred's feeling much better, thank you, and he's been at the keyboard, spiffing up the Web Page, so give it a hit.

We mailed out 753 copies of DXN #23 on Friday, March 14, with all of the copies bound for USA addresses taped on the sides, differently than previously, in an effort to cut down on damaged DXN's. The local BMEU (postal distribution center) manager suggested that we try the new method, in defiance of what the Postal Manual calls for (on the top). Ironically, my copy was slightly damaged, for the first time in years; how about yours?

Now is the time for you to help us recruit new members; if you haven't sent me the name and address of a prospective member (hams, radio station personnel, anyone bored with computer games, etc.), why not do so now? And if you need

a handful of DXN's to pass out at hamfests, swap meets, flea markets, or whatever, just let me know; there's no postage charge to you, but allow 2-3 weeks for delivery by printed matter rate.

Welcome to these new members: Daniel J. Dodson WA1REI, Methuen, MA; William J. Steele WA2AUO, Harrington Park, NJ (rejoins); and B. Ray Thompson, Jr., Knoxville, Tennessee (rejoins).

IRCA Convention ... Mike Sanburn is hosting the 1997 IRCA "Mega-Convention" at the Holiday Inn Bristol Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA July 25, 26, and 27. The registration fee is \$35, and room rates are \$60 per night, per room (not per person), and those rooms include a king and sofa bed OR two queen beds. The hotel is located right off the southbound Bristol offramp of the 405 San Diego Freeway (3131 South Bristol - Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 714-557-300, FAX 714-957-8185. For more info you can contact Mike at 310-614-1444 nights, or P. O. Box 1256 - Bellflower, CA 90707.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 64

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24.	Mar. 28	Apr. 1	28.	July 11	July 21
25.	Apr. 11	Apr. 21	29.	Aug. 8	Aug. 18
26.	May 9	May 19	30.	Sept. 12	Sept. 22

DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:

50 years ago ... from the March 22, 1947 DXN: KGKO-570, Fort Worth, TX was deleted so as to permit WBAP, Fort Worth, and WBA, Dallas, to operate on 570 kHz with 5,000 watts on a share-time basis. They would continue to share time on 820 kHz with 50,000 watts, thus enabling both stations to operate full-time on alternate frequencies.

25 years ago ... from the March 25, 1972 DXN: Gordon P. Nelson lost receiving equipment, and the NRC lost archival copies of DXN reaching back into the '30's plus new members' kits, but no club members' property was lost ... Ron Schatz offered a review of the Lafayette HA-600-A; he highly recommended it for someone looking for a DX receiver in the \$100 range (it sold for \$109).

10 years ago ... from the March 16, 1987 DXN: Gene Martin, Denver, CO reported that JOIK-747 delivered a signal into his home for the first 44 days of 1987, with the reception on January 16 at 1148 about equal with stations on 750 kHz.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old call</u>		<u>New call</u>
540	KKGO	CA	Costa Mesa KNOB
590	WBNW	MA	Boston WEZE
710	KMPC	CA	Los Angeles KTZN
730	KRVC	OR	Medford KLVB
820	WQIX	NY	Horseheads WWLZ
1040	KEFZ	OR	Tigard KLVP
1060	WMAP	NC	Monroe WKRE*
1260	WEZE	MA	Boston WPZE
1310	KFSB	MO	Joplin KOCR
1380	KMII	CA	Sacramento KTKZ
1400	WHAL	TN	Shelbyville WZNG
1450	WFRY	NY	Rome WODZ
1510	KNOB	CA	San Rafael KKHI
1580	WBCS	FL	Bithlo WNTF*

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*Note: WMAP-1060 has been silent; the request for new calls may signal its return. WBCS (ex-WBGB) was monitored on 2-17-97 by your editor while in downtown Bithlo, FL. At that time they were taped them identifying as "WPGS Mims and WBCS Bithlo" (they were simulcasting WPGS-840) and the signal strength on 1580 kHz confirmed that the station had indeed moved to this new city of license for which they held a CP. Mount Dora, the previous city of license, is 35 miles distant from Bithlo. We were in Mount Dora on 2-20-97 and noted the signal was considerably weaker, additional proof that they had returned to the air in Bithlo. For some reason the FCC listing of the call change to WNTF shows the station in Mount Dora again. We believe this is a mistake and have shown Bithlo above.

APPLICATION FOR NEW STATION

540 MD Pikesville: 1000/1000 U4

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

530	CIAO	ON	Brampton: to 103.5 FM, will relinquish AM license if granted (will be granted only if CIDC-FM is granted a move from 103.5 to 92.9)
740	CBL	ON	Toronto: to 99.1 FM, will relinquish AM license if granted
1470	CHOW	ON	Welland: to 91.7 FM, will relinquish AM license if granted (CHOW was granted a move to FM in 1993 but it never happened for reasons unknown)
1580	WLIJ	TN	Shelbyville: power to 8000 D1, city of license to Bedford, TN

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1170	WBRW	NJ	Bridgewater Township: modify CP to show 243 D1
1340	CKXX	NF	Corner Brook: to 103.9 FM, will relinquish AM license when operational
1600	KOKE	TX	Giddings: 5000/700 U4, city of license to Pflugerville, TX (CP for new station, not on the air yet)

OTHERNESS

630	KKPL	WA	Opportunity: silent station is ON THE AIR as is their CP for 530/53 U1 from new site
650	WRPT	MA	Ashland: CP for 250 D1 for this frequency and city of license is on (ex-Peterborough, NH, ex-1050 kHz)
850	WREF	CT	Ridgefield: station has dropped relay of WLAD Danbury in favor of separate programming
910	WTLM	AL	Pepperell: CP for 650/56 U1 is on
1060	WJLT	MA	Natick: CP for 500 D1 is on (this is an interim mode of operation to get the

1080	WNWI	IN	Valparaiso: station is SILENT
1090	WXBK	AL	Albertville: silent station is ON THE AIR, CP for 500 D1 is on
1120	WKCE	TN	Maryville: silent station is ON THE AIR
1160	WPVG	MD	Funkstown: silent station was ON THE AIR 2-8-97 relaying WARX-FM Hagerstown, MD in order to beat the deadline but appears to have become SILENT again. Your editor was in Hagerstown 2-22-97 and the station was NOT on
1170	WBRW	NJ	Bridgewater Township: CP for 243 D1 is on
1250	KKDZ	WA	Seattle: station is SILENT (station carried the KidStar nework that has shut down)
1260	KRKE	CO	Aspen: license CANCELLED, call DELETED at the request of the licensee
1260	WWIS	WI	Black River Falls: CP for 580/33 U1 is on
1340	KKIT	NM	Taos: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1340	WYCK	PA	Plains: silent station is ON THE AIR as is their CP for 810/810 U1 from this new city of license (ex-Wilkes-Barre)
1360	KHNC	CO	Johnstown: CP for 4000/450 U4 has been DISMISSED
1370	KTMG	CO	Deer Trail: CP to move to 820 kHz has been "rescinded" by the FCC
1300	WJSH	IN	Terre Haute: attention mystery fans, Mark Burns, our reporter in Terre Haute tells us that, for reasons unknown and without fanfare, this station has moved operations to 1380 kHz! We have no record of a grant or even an application for this station to change to this frequency. Mark promises an investigation and we'll keep you posted
1400	WNEK	GA	Macon: silent station is ON THE AIR
1470	WBUL	KY	Shepherdsville: CP for 760 D1 from this city of license is on (ex-Fort Knox, KY)
1470	WVBS	NC	Burgaw: silent station is ON THE AIR
1490	KRSN	NM	Los Alamos: station is SILENT
1490	WBTA	NY	Batavia: application to increase day power to 1000 watts has been DISMISSED
1490	WOLF	NY	Syracuse: we think we've finally unraveled the CPs at WOLF. They hold both a CP to change their 1490 kHz facility to 620/750 U5. They also hold a CP for 50000/1000 U4 on 1510 kHz. Both these CPs have been granted an extension of time to complete
1590	WAUB	NY	Auburn: silent station is ON THE AIR

THANKS: Ed Krejny, Montag Fortz, Al Merriman, Mark Burns, MSJ

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

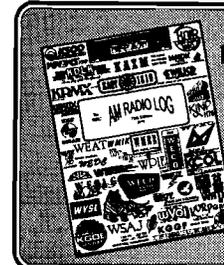
Jerry & BKF

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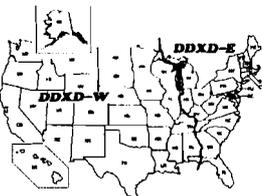
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Another plea to ALL contributors . . . include all station data with your reports. Call letters, city, state, etc . . . in frequency order in the proper time period. And the date and time (corrected to Eastern Time) logged/heard is next in importance. You'd be surprised at how many reports are received with one or more of those items missing! E-MAILERS!!! Add your "credit" to the end of each logging. Saves me a little time, and avoids nasty mistakes on my part!! And let your word processor take care of "wrapping". Don't space, space, space to make things look good, 'cause after the Internet gets ahold of your report, all \$*^^ breaks loose. AND . . . don't forget your name, location, and equipment.
- Karl Forth says I mis-credited him with the logging of KVCS-1020 in Issue 17. Sorry to have mixed up the credits. If that logging was yours let me know and I'll make good. After testing his new "clap-on", "clap-off" ear muffs, Shawn sez: "The trip to the bus was good for pirates, but the BCB and long wave was poor. Only one new station heard. The Radio Zero was coming in very clear but had a harsh hum that would not quit. Weather was good with temps around -10 C. Lots more snow this time but packed nice and hard so walking was easy. Also heard the 1630 TIS's from the Chicago area and, yes, the TISs from DFW airport. Would love to ID the two we keep hearing part of on 1610." I just figured out what the "C" behind all of Shawn's temperatures mean . . . "Canadian", of course! Hi hi **Tim reports:** "Caught an announcement on XEG-1050 and XEPRS-1090 that the following stations were carrying the same all-night program: XED-1050, XEG-1050, XEPRS-1090, WIND-560, and an UNID station in Walla Walla, Washington. Interestingly, XED was also reading these announcements, but was not //XEG and XEPRS at the time. Local: Newspaper article listed 3/10 as the latest target date for "K-Bach". Today is 3/10, still no sign of them."
- A hearty *DDXD-West Welcome* goes out to new NRC member and reporter **Dick Balzer** of Cheyenne. I believe this is the first time we've heard from a DXer in Wyoming, so . . . drinks are on me! **Jim Weber** of Colton, California writes with accolades for his new **Yaesu FRG-100**. DX results with the -100 and his new Quantum Loop "have been nothing short of awesome". **Jim** wonders why more DXers aren't using the newer models (much improved over the originals) as "it is one heck of a radio."
- A new home address should be coming shortly. Thanks for your patience in my almost year-long "move".

REPORTERS

- DE-MO **Dennis Elya** Jefferson City Delco radio in '93 Grand Prix, and the GE Superadio III <delya@telcentral.net>
- BF-IL **Barry Finkel** Chicago Yaesu FRG-7700 and McKay Dymek DA-5 antenna <bsfinkel@anl.gov>
- BK-CA **Bob Karchevski** Sunnyvale Drake R8-A with 4' box loop <karchev@nortel.ca>
- JH-AK **Jon Horen** Fairbanks ICF-2010 barefoot or with insulated wire
- KO-IL **Ken Onyschuk** Joliet Superadio II
- KF-IL **Karl Forth** Chicago R8, IC-R70, loop, long wire
- EC-CA **Eric Cooper** Mission Viejo <eclaw@cwia.com>
- JS-AZ **John Sampson** Sun City West Collins R388; 2 foot Sanserino Loop
- JR-OK **John Reed**, KA5QEP Ponca City modified Sylvania R1414/URR + noise-reduced wire + Palomar loop phased with ANC-4 Kiwa MW loop
- JW-CO **John Wilkins** Wheat Ridge Drake R8 + 4' box loop
- JW-CA **Jim Weber** Colton Yaesu FRG-100 + Quantum Loop or 90' long wire

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- DB-WY **Dick Balzer** Cheyenne Realistic DX-375
- TJ-SD **Terry Jones** Plankinton AR-3030 + new home-built antenna
- VALDX **Shawn Axelrod** and **Wayne McRae** Winnipeg DXing From Valhalla Beach DX site 2-ICOM ICR-70 with filter mods and PLAM board + various beverages southwest and east <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- TRH-CA **Tim Hall** Chula Vista ICF-2010, KIWA Loop
- TRH-CA1 **Loggings from Idyllwild, CA** except as noted (equipment as above)
- CR-IL **Christos Rigas** Wood Dale Kenwood R-2000 + Kowalski Loop <paok@juno.com>
- INet **Internet Resources**
- Ed.-TX **Editor** Arlington ICF-2010

SPECIAL

- 650 KMRZ WY Orchard Valley - 2/24 1754 - Back on the air after being silent for 3 to 4 years (ex: KUUY). Simulcasts KIGN-FM 97.9 (*King FM*) with new and semi- old rock music. A daytimer here, but not a factor at night, fortunately. (JW-CO)
- 710 KTZN CA Los Angeles - Is now "The Zone" (ex-"Hot Talk") as they are trying to appeal to women 18-34, with more women's talk programming and women talkers such as **Dr. Toni Grant**. Former calls KMPC had been used continuously since 1927! (EC-CA)
- 720 WGN IL Chicago - 2/23 0205 - With sign-off announcement, to return at 0600, then OC and later off entirely. (KF-IL)
- 820/ WSCR/1160 WJJD IL Chicago - The long awaited WSCR move from 820 to 1160 kHz has been delayed at least until the beginning of April 1997. That is according to the Chicago Radio Online Watch (CROW) report on their Web site. CROW first reported that the switch would be finalized as early as March 6, 1997; however, in a subsequent report CROW reported about the delay, which was apparently caused by Douglas Broadcasting (which is buying the 820 frequency and operating a new station WYPA with inspirational talk format), not being able to arrange satellite feed and getting studio facilities ready. This means that WSCR will remain on 820 kHz at least until beginning of April, while WJJD on 1160 kHz will continue to simulcast its sister station WJMK 104.3 FM. (CR-IL)
- 840 KVJY TX Pharr - 3/4 - Changed from talk, back to MOR. (INet)
- 950 WEJM IL Chicago - Per *Chicago Sun-Times* report on 3/12, WEJM FM was sold by *Evergreen Media* to *Crawford Broadcasting Company*. WEJM used to broadcast hip-hop music calling itself *AMZ 106* on 106.3 FM. The sale of WEJM-FM did not include WEJM-AM as everyone expected, which leaves the fate of WEJM-AM uncertain. WEJM-AM used to simulcast WEJM-FM. Evergreen still owns the AM. (CR-IL)
- 1020 KFFR AK Eagle River - 2/16 1445 - Heard *This station is now available for lease on a short-term basis*. Well, okay. But they're messing up my reception of KCKN-NM and CKVH-AB. I wrote to KFFR asking what's going on. They're easily received, early morning. (JH-AK)
- 1100 KCCF AZ Cave Creek - Per nice v/l, was using only 1 kW, ND, when I logged them. They plan to start regular programming in March with 50 kW days, 4.4 kW nights and feature a Big Band format. They utilize a 3-tower array on the Carefree Highway, about 8 miles east of I-17. (JS-AZ)
- 1150 KIIS CA Los Angeles - 3/7 - Running a continuous 24-hour tape loop consisting of highlights of historic baseball and football broadcasts and sports-related rock music. They have been doing this for three weeks now!!!! It is getting tiresome. (EC-CA)
- KIIS CA Los Angeles - 3/11 - Now simulcasting with XETRA-690 Tijuana, Mexico with all sports. Slogan now *EXTRA Sports 1150*. (EC-CA)
- KRMS MO Osage Beach - 2/27 1535 - Noted with new format of NOS. (DE-MO)
- KDMM TX Highland Park - 2/24 - Returned to the air with traffic/CNN News format. [Ed.-TX]
- KUHD TX Port Neches - 3/3 - Back on-the-air with SS programming. (INet)
- 1160 WJJD IL Chicago - Noted simulcasting WJMK-104.3 with oldies since 2/7. (KF-IL)
- 1190 KRDS AZ Tolleson - Per article in local paper, they plan to drop REL and go to a MoYL-type, satellite-fed format. The change will include a call change. (JS-AZ)



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- 1220 KDFC CA Palo Alto - Has apparently dropped the "kiddies" format and gone back to their *Radio Concert Hall*. Spot checks during last week (3/4-3/10) were all classical music--even Saturday morning. //FM. (BK-CA)
- 1230 KNUZ TX Houston - 3/2 - Switched from talk to satellite standards, and is // KQUE 102.9. (INet)
- 1310 KXTN TX San Antonio - 3/4 - Is now AC/Contemporary Christian mix. (INet)
- 1410 KGNN MO Cuba - 2/27 - Reliable St. Louis source says it's gone for good. Now on 90.3 FM with the same calls. (DE-MO)
- 1510 KFNN AZ Tempe - Per v/1 (and ears), they are now on with 100 watt night power. (JS-AZ)
- 1540 KTNO TX Fort Worth - 3/3 - Is now a "personal achievement" station. (INet)
- 1550 KAPE MO Cape Girardeau - 2/3 0750 - Now IDs as *The Memory Station* and plays NOS music. Used to be *Talk of the Cape*. (JR-OK)

TOO HIGH TO BE LEGAL

- 1610 to 1650 KMOZ MO Rolla - 2/21 - I sent a message to the FCC complaint address this date. About one week later, this station disappeared and I haven't heard it since. (JR-OK) But on 3/10 Shawn Axelrod says: "Just finished listening to KDA 97.5/KMOZ 1590 but they were on 1615. First heard at 2100 EST with clear ID and AC music plus local ads. Now for the fun part they were on 1612 but moved up to 1615 where they seem to have stayed for the last bit. Their mode of transmission is a mystery. It IS NOT SSB as you cannot get them on either side band and you cannot zero beat the signal so it is NOT AM. The only way to copy them is in the AM mode on wide (6 KHZ) with the Passband engaged towards USB side. GO FIGURE!!!!"



UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1210 UNID ?? - 3/1 2320 - Poor-to-fair at times, with 50s-60s rock format. They IDed only as *Golden Oldies 1210*. No call letters. Several mentions of St. George and Cedar City. Perhaps KONY and a format change from C&W to oldies?? (JW-CA)
- 1470 UNID ?? - 2/2 2039 - IDing as *Solita Gold Soul* and playing UC oldies. (JR-OK)
- 1500 UNID ?? - 3/8 1845 - Poor signal, under KSTP on east wire, with C&W music. Ad for *Menard's Home Centre*. Thought it might be WBZI Xenia, OH but it came back up after 1905. Maybe KOMH Pawhuska, OK??? (VALDX) [Menard's is based somewhere in the Midwest (Wisconsin?), so those two are good possibilities - Ed.]
- 1610 UNID ?? - 3/9 0700 - Man with info about the airport and parking on the West wire. Possibly the same station as last time. (VALDX)
- UNID ?? - 3/9 0710 - Woman with a welcome to the national park and talk about lakes. The same as last time. (VALDX)
- 1640 Radio Zero ?? - 3/8 2145 - Fair-to-good signal, taking out the WQO767 TIS. With lots of BBD and NOS, dixieland music. ID's as *Radio Zero 16-40 kilohertz*. It's nine o'clock. Do you know where your children are? Well, they should be listening to Radio Zero. 50?? watts, your TIS Alternative. Time check was at 2200 or 9 O'Clock Central. (VALDX)
- 1640 Radio Zero ?? - 3/6 2153 - Good, with big band music, over the Dallas TIS. Also heard 3/9 at 2210. Thanks Robert Kramer for ID on this. (CR-IL)
- 1676 B320 ?? - 3/4 2013 - Briefly faded in with CID. Possible fishing net buoy? (JR-OK)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 640 WBOW+ IN Terre Haute - 2/16 0048 - Exactly one CID noted in 30 minutes of monitoring. Good enough for Indiana #7. Very rough under strong KFI. (JW-CO)
- 770 WCGW+ KY Nicholasville - 3/2 - At 0523 I heard some Morse code, which I could not translate. It was more than the station call letters. At 0533:20 I heard some test tones: one long, 13 shorter at a lower frequency, one long at the higher frequency, 13 shorter at the lower frequency, and one more long at the higher frequency. This was followed immediately at 0534:40 with a voice ID giving the name of the Chief Engineer and the station's address.

- 790 KFGO- ND Fargo - 3/3 0100-0130 - You'd think 5 kW non-directional would have made it to San Francisco, but I heard no tones or code. Only got unneeded KABC-CA, KWIL-OR and an UnID SS (KOQO-CA?). (BK-CA)
- 1170 WWVA- WV Wheeling - 3/7 0200-0300 - KLOK must have their transmitter in East San Jose as it booms in here and cannot be nulled. No hope of WWVA or KVOO. (BK-CA)
- 1290 KALM- MO Thayer - 2/24 0100 - Not heard. Didn't hear them last year, either. Were they on? (JW-CO)
- 1400 WEST- PA Easton - 3/10 0000-0030 - KVTO-CA dominates with two other stations UnID in background. No code heard. (BK-CA)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 CA Mt. Palomar - 3/7 1800 & 3/10 1700 - Tried to confirm the existence of this station twice, listening from CA-79/CA-371 junction (5 miles N.). Both times, KNCN250 (CalTrans Big Bear road conditions) was dominant. The second time, LAX station appeared to be underneath. (TRH-CA1)
- 1610 WNKI578 CA Idyllwild - 3/7 - 3/10 - This station operates at 10 watts from 1100-2000 daily. Lots of tape loops with local history, fire and earthquake preparedness info, weather forecasts, etc. Gets out very well; noted on car radio as much as 30 miles away. Slogan is *Winky*. (TRH-CA1)
- CA Santa Monica Nat'l Recreation Area - 3/7 2346 - Caught one of the four stations, don't know which one. Male announcer gave 1-800#. (TRH-CA1)
- KNEC996 CA - 3/7 2302 - Good with info for Santa Paula and Santa Clarita valleys. Not sure if this is the old "Grapevine" station. (TRH-CA1)
- UNID - airport station with male announcer: *Long-term parking is free of charge...* This channel was covered by a bad het every evening; someone was apparently off frequency. (TRH-CA1)
- WPAN997 NY - 3/8 1925 - Poor-to-fair in a mess, with a clear ID and info on the New York Thruway. (VALDX)
- 1620 CA Burbank - 3/7 2310 - Fair-to-good, mixing with CalTrans station, giving info from Burbank city council. (TRH-CA1)
- WPJ551 CA San Diego - 3/7 2311 - Lame TIS from home is even a pest up here. *We do not expect any traffic conditions between February 24th and February 28th...* Traffic nostalgia format! (TRH-CA1)
- CA Santa Ana - 3/7 2310 - Good with info for CalTrans construction projects in Orange County. Gave station location as Santa Ana. This does not appear to be the station I've heard from home. (TRH-CA1)
- 1630 WPGE863 IL - Here is more info on the METRA TIS's. All three stations use the same call letters in their test announcements (WPGE863) as well as same pulsing tones and train whistles. I can hear all three stations here in Wood Dale, IL, with the Lake-Cook Road and Schaumburg Depot stations coming in very good, while the Hickory Creek Depot station being very weak under the two previous ones. I drove by the Lake-Cook Road depot recently and observed the transmitting antenna at the station. The address given by METRA for this station is 601 Lake-Cook Road, which is south of Lake-Cook Road. I am not sure if this is Northbrook or Deerfield, Illinois. All I know is that the Lake-Cook Road divides Lake County (north of Lake-Cook Rd.) and Cook County (south of Lake-Cook Rd.) The address for the Schaumburg Depot is given by METRA as 2000 S. Springinsguth Road in Schaumburg, Illinois and the phone number as 847-895-9260. The Hickory Creek Depot address is given as 9430 Hickory Creek Drive. No phone numbers are given for the Lake-Cook Road and Hickory Creek depots, as there are no attendants on duties at these stations. (CR-IL)
- 1640 CA Irvine - 3/7 2322 - Poor-to-fair with info from City of Irvine. Male announcer read information about a hospital. Still trying for this from home. (TRH-CA1)



[Editor's note: I have had ZERO luck trying to contact American Airlines about these stations. I was given a gentleman's name who "would know about such matters", but after over a week he hasn't returned my calls. Guess I'll go stand out on the runway and ask a pilot... if they're not on strike! And by the way, the call letters are WQO for both stations.]

- WQO767 TX DFW Airport - 2/21 1906 - Flight departure information. Quite strong and takes out a big piece of the medFER band. (JR-OK)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 2/23 0027 - Good, with American Airlines departing flight info. Mention of 16-80 AM for arrival flight info. (CR-IL)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Ft Worth International Airport - 2/23 0112 - With DFW airport info. Not as strong as 1680. (KF-IL)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 2/24 0055 - Loop tape with alphabetical list of departures from Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport and gate numbers. Gave call letters and both frequencies (1640 and 1680) and CST TC. TX #135. (JW-CO)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Ft. Worth IAP - 2/24 2330 - ID, then American Airlines departure gate information, followed by instructions to listen to 1680 for arrival gate info. (TJ-SD)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Ft Worth International Airport - 2/26 anytime after Sunset - Female voice announcing American Airline departures. Very clear reception. (DE-MO)
- WQO767 TX DFW Airport? - (no time or date) - Quite strong, with American Airlines flight departure info. Not as strong as the 1680 station but strong enough! (JS-AZ)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 3/7 2313 - Poor-to-fair, in KXBT slop, with flight information and ID. Still no trace of this from home. (TRH-CA1)
- 1680 WQO767 TX DFW Airport - 2/21 0732 - Repeated ID Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, this is WQO767 1680 AM at about 1 minute intervals. Later that day they started with flight arrival information, and also departure info on the outlet on 1640 KHz. A strong signal here. Ditto on the medFERS.. (JR-OK)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Ft Worth International Airport - 2/23 0055 - Fair-to-good with airport info, IDs. Thanks to Rob Kramer for the tip. (KF-IL)
- 1680 WQO767 TX Dallas - 2/23 0028 - Good, with American Airlines arrival flight info. Mention of 16-40 AM for departing flight info. Both 1640 and 1680 heard every time when I checked. (CR-IL)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 2/24 0049 - Same as 1640, except this frequency is for arrivals. Thanks, Chris Knight, for the tip. (JW-CO)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Ft. Worth IAP - 2/24 2335 - American Airlines arrival gate information, then instructions to listen to 1680 for departure gate info. (TJ-SD)
- WQO767 TX Dallas-Ft Worth International Airport - 2/26 - American Airlines arrivals. Very clear reception. (DE-MO)
- WQO767 TX DFW Airport? - (no time or date) - Stronger than 1640 w/ American Airlines flight arrival info. Both of these should have been heard nation-wide, given their signal strength here. (JS-AZ)
- WQO767 TX Dallas - 3/7 2317 - Poor-to-fair, with ID and flight information. This one will be tough from home, due to XEXX-XEBG mixing product (TRH-CA1)

MEDFERS

- 1641.95 MIN MN Aitken - 2/7 0728 - Solid reception of CID with wire antenna and Eddystone 958 receiver with 150 Hz filter. Heard before DFW TIS went into operation. (JR-OK)
- 1675.09 D CO Englewood - 2/26 0730 - Solid reception of CID with wire antenna and 100 Hz crystal filter on R1414. (JR-OK)
- 1687.4 TSN AZ Catalina - 2/26 0735 - Fading, but good copy of several CIDs. Best on wire antenna and 100 Hz crystal filter. (JR-OK)
- 1690.80 STLMO MO St. Louis - 3/4 2030 - Fading with CW ID, QSL address and message for tourists. (JR-OK)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 600 KSJB ND Jamestown - 2/14 0748 - North and South Dakota weather and news. (JR-OK)
- 620 KAAM TX Plano - 2/18 0723 - NOS music, ID heard. Overtaken by unID Spanish station. NEW! (finally bagged that one!) (DE-MO)
- 680 KNBR CA San Francisco - 3/9 0607 - Poor-to-fair, under local mega-pest CJOB, with clear ID and sports. (VALDX)
- 1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 2/27 0205 - Good, in KFAX null. ID, then Art Bell's Coast-to-Coast. (JW-CA)

- 1210 KGYN OK Guymon - 3/2 0245 - With Interstate Radio Network programming and C&W music. Severe QRM and fading. ID at 0300. (JW-CA)
- 1230 KBAR ID Burley - 3/9 0659 - Poor, with sign-on. New. (VALDX)
- 1330 KGAK NM Gallup - 2/28 0030 - With Gallup High School basketball game. Very weak under SS station. (JW-CA)
- 1390 KNCK KS Concordia - 2/20 0725 - Farm news with call ID. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1490 WMOA OH Marietta - 2/17 0142 - Tentative, with partial ID, standards, then address in Marietta heard at 0145. (KF-IL)
- 1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 2/18 0420 - Strong at times, in KSJX null, with ad for Shulers Shoe Stores, then Art Bell's Coast-to-Coast. QSL back in 11 days. (JW-CA)
- 1540 WSMI IL Litchfield - 2/3 0757 - Only caught call ID in heavy QRM. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 2/23 0003 - Fair in METRA TIS's null, with Solid Gold Soul mention and soul music. (CR-IL)

0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 620 KTAR AZ Phoenix - 2/5 0813 - Call ID, traffic report. In phase null of KAAM-TX. (JR-OK)
- 720 WGN IL Chicago - 3/3 0850 - Weak, but got positive ID in local talk show during KDWN's MM SP (not noted in NRC Log). Guess I got lucky on this one. (JW-CA)
- 810 KSWV NM Santa Fe - 2/26 0843 - With obituaries in EE. At 0845 a REL message in SS, then more bilingual chit-chat, including phone chat with listener. (JW-CO)
- 880 KHAC NM Tse Bonito - 2/23 0901 - REL programming and ID. Under KRVN until 0910 fade-out. (JW-CA)
- 960 KNDN NM Farmington - 2/26 0858 - With C&W music, ID by female at 0900 as *This is the Indian station, KNDN Farmington*, then into Navajo language. (JW-CO)
- 1000 KFLG AZ Bullhead City - 2/19 1027-1032 - Very weak, relaying FM. No QRM, faded completely at 1032, first time heard here. (JS-AZ)
- 1050 KTBA AZ Tuba City - 2/20 0955- 1029 - Well atop Mexicans (who dominate 1050 here during the day), with REL until total fade, some splatter from local KUKQ 1060. (JS-AZ)
- 1310 KGMT NE Fairbury - 2/6 0810 - With oldies and Nebraska weather. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1320 KWHN AR Ft. Smith - 2/6 0805 - Local news with call ID. (JR-OK)
- 1390 KLNT IA Clinton - 2/26 1555-1600 - Fair, in WGCI null, with oldies, then simple ID at 1600. Much-wanted. During rainy conditions. First-time heard, for Iowa #36 and 1390 #6. (KO-IL)
- 1470 KNXN AZ Sierra Vista - 2/20 0902-0910 - On top of Mexicans with news and local ads, into Dr. Laura and faded. (JS-AZ)
- 1590 KEPL TX El Paso - 2/19 0956-1005 - With REL. Good signal until total fade at 1005. Often heard at night here but never good enough to log. Some QRM. (JS-AZ)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 700 WLW OH Cincinnati - 2/27 2302 - Weak, but readable under KFAM, with positive ID by female announcer. (JW-CA)
- 750 CJVR SK Melfort - 3/2 2024 - Ad for Tisdale Plumbing and Heating in Melfort followed by a recording by country music singer Joe Diffie identifying the station as Great Country CJVR. (DB-WY)
- CJVR SK Melfort - 3/8 1650 - Very good signal, with ID as *25,000 watts of your community information from CJVR*. NEW power!! (VALDX)
- 840 WHAS KY Louisville - 3/2 2105 - Local news, giving addresses of shelters for people displaced by the *record floods*, then talked about *the boil water advisory* for people with wells. ID as *News Radio 84*, WHAS followed by interviews with flood victims. (DB-WY)
- 870 WWL LA New Orleans - 3/2 2059 - With *Voice of Prophecy* program ending, then jingle ID as *870 AM, WWL New Orleans*. Then *Voice of Truth* program. (DB-WY) [Lots of "voices" on that station, hi - Ed.]
- KLSQ NV Laughlin/East Las Vegas - 2/23 2158+ - SS with *Super Q* announcements, EE (dual city) ID at 2159. I have never heard it with this strength here (in

- fact, have only heard most infrequently and weakly). Suspect one of the transmitters had their pattern screwed up. (JS-AZ)
- 960 KDYL UT Provo - 3/3 2210 - EZL format, strong at times. Log lists KDYL as being on 1280 and KOVO as being on 1280. (JW-CA) [The 17th Edition of THE LOG says KOVO is on 960 and KDYL (Salt Lake City) is on 1280. If you heard a positive "KDYL" ID on 960, then we have a bit of news! Please clarify - Ed.]
- CFAC AB Calgary - 3/2 2000 - With *Today's Country live* C&W music program, followed by ID as *Calgary's Original Radio Station, 960 CFAC*. (DB-WY)
- 990 KTKT AZ Tucson - 3/1 2055 - With CNN News, followed by promo for *John C. Scott Show, mornings on KTKT*, then promo for *Safenet Show Tuesday evening at six on AM 990 KTKT*. First time heard here, as usually get CBW on 990 at night. (DB-WY)
- WCMF NY Rochester - 1/21 1740-1745 - Fair-to-good, in CBW null, with local pro hockey news. Though no ID heard, I'm sure it was them. (KO-IL)
- 1010 KTNZ TX Amarillo - 2/13 2015 - Play-by-play of *West Texas A&M vs Texas A&M-Kingsville* women's basketball. Local ads throughout. The men's game followed. Good on peaks, but over/under CBR and KTUR. Ex: KDJW. (JW-CO)
- 1030 WCTS MN Maplewood - 1/20 1655-1702 - Fair, with harp music, ID at 1700, then USA Radio News. Gone a minute later to WSFZ/WBZ. (KO-IL)
- 1070 WTSO WI Madison - 3/8 1644 - Good signal, with NOS adult standards music and 10-70 WTSO ID. (VALDX) [Wow! I was just there (within 40 miles) and all I heard from them was talk - Ed.]
- 1090 WAQE WI Rice Lake - 3/8 1646 - Good signal, with *Classic Country* slogans and C&W music. New slogan. (VALDX) [This is correct city, Shawn - Ed.]
- 1140 KXNO NV Las Vegas - 3/2 2021 - With ad promoting Las Vegas . . . *Something for every budget, 24 hours of fun in Las Vegas*. Then *Casino Radio, Las Vegas Information Center* and ID. Poor, in QRM. (DB-WY)
- 1190 KRDS AZ Tolleson - 3/2 2040 - CCM, then *KRDS 105.3 FM and 1190 AM, ministry to the world*. Gave phone number as 247-KRDS. Strong, with frequent distortion. First-timer here. (DB-WY)
- 1420 KTOE MN Mankato - 2/19 2143 - Sports, Mankato ads with heavy QRM. (JR-OK)
- 1530 WEYZ PA North East - 3/9 2155 - Well under WSAI, playing what sounded like C&W music. At 2200 heard 15-30 WEYZ? NRC AM Radio Log # 16 says station is only daytime and format is NOS. (CR-IL) [Log #17 sez it's C&W. And it is possible (although slightly) that their CH hours extend to 2200. If they are protecting WSAI (which doesn't switch to night pattern until LSS at Sacramento), there's a chance they were on legally at that hour. Any members from that area? Help! - Ed.]
- 1590 KYOK TX Houston - 2/7 1955 - UC music, call ID, heavy QRM and fading. New here. (JR-OK)



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Welcome (back) to Jay Novello who returns to the NRC after a six-year absence.

STATION NEWS

- 610 WTVN OH Columbus - 2/25 - Adds "Coast to Coast with Art Bell" per program today. (DP-HI)
- 850 WNIS VA Norfolk - 3/4 - Adds "Coast to Coast with Art Bell" per program today. (DP-HI)
- 910 WNEZ CT New Britain - Letter from station says that it's been SS since 12/20 1600. New address is 30 Waterside Dr., Farmington CT 06066. (DT-JAM)
- 1120 WKCE TN Maryville - 3/5 - Has been off since 2/22, apparently returning on 2/8 for the sole purpose of buying another year's silence. Wonder if the FCC realizes they're being played for a fool? (SF-TN)
- 1240 WRTA PA Altoona - 2/23 - Adds "Dreamland with Art Bell" per program today. (DP-HI)
- 1410 WTIM IL Taylorville - Recent QSL says they do not carry CNN as per Log, but are on RFD Network and Brownfield Agricultural Network. (DT-JAM)

- 1420 WBRD FL Palmetto - 3/2 0455-0510 - Appears to be news-talk format, ID as "WTMY Sarasota and WBRD . . ." ex-GOS. Poor, QRM from unID SS. (DT-JAM)
- 1430 WLTG FL Panama City - 2/22 - Adds "Coast to Coast" and "Dreamland" per former program today. (DP-HI)
- 1530 WCEG MA Middleboro - 3/9 1500 - Fair; reading of Time magazine, ID for Massachusetts Reading Network on WJUL (91.5) Lowell, WNMH (91.5) Northfield, WCEG Middleboro, and WDJM (91.3) Framingham, a reading service for the blind, first noted here after hearing tip on the NRC DXAS. (BC-NH)

DX TESTS

- 640 WBOW IN Terre Haute - 2/16 0030-0100 - Not heard, only a very strong R. Progreso, Cuba. (DT-JAM)
- WHLO OH Akron - 2/10 0100-1030 - Heard with code IDs, poor in QRM. (DT-JAM)
- 770 WCGW KY Nicholasville - 3/2 0515-0545 - Heard with tones, siren tones, code IDs, and voice IDs, topping WABC at times. (SF-TN) Not heard, strong WWCN, weak WABC. (DT-JAM)
- 790 KFGO ND Fargo - 3/3 0100-0130 - Not heard. (SF-TN) Not heard, only R. Reloj, Cuba. (DT-JAM)
- 1070 KHMO MO Hannibal - 2/17 0100-0130 - Not heard, only unID EE talk, briefly WHYZ, and unID SS. (DT-JAM)
- 1260 WNRK DE Newark - 1/26 0000-0200 - Not heard, only CARACOL? (DT-JAM) [I think that's WSUA, Don. - DY]
- 1290 KALM MO Thayer - 2/24 0100-0130 - Not heard. (SF-TN)
- 1310 KEZM LA Sulphur - 12/11 0120-0133 - Heard bits and pieces of code, tone, QSLed on 2/9. (DT-JAM)
- 1330 WPPI GA Carrollton - 2/22 0000-0200 - Not heard. (SF-TN)
- 1450 WDEL DE Wilmington - 0100-0300 - Not heard. (DT-JAM)
- 1600 KATZ MO St. Louis - 2/3 0200-0230 - Not heard, just pest WPOM. (DT-JAM)

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LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

- 560 CJKL ON Kirkland Lake - 3/8 0336 - Spots for A-1 Variety, Dino's Pizza, Kew Weeldon Motors; C&W music. Fair with CFOS, others. (NJW*MI)
- 670 WWFE FL Miami - 3/6 0459 - Tentative with various singers in SS, several mentions of Miami. A Hispanic co-worker listened to the tape and said the program was originating from Miami. Very good, playing havoc with WMAQ. (RCP-IN)
- 710 WAQI FL Miami - 1/25 0022-0034 - Talk show in SS, ID in SS, EE as "WAQI, Miami," fair in QRM. (DT-JAM)
- 720 WRZN FL Hernando - 3/12 0725 - "Eddie Hubbard plays the best music from the last fifty years, afternoons on Sunshine 720, WRZN." Mixing with someone else playing NOS. (JN-NC)
- 830 WKTX OH Cortland - 3/12 0700 - SSB, ID and sign-on routine, "This is WKTX, Cortland Ohio, signing on the air," address as in Log, mentioning 1000 watts. Heard while waiting for an ID on SS FL station, which never happened. No sign of semi-local WETR. (JN-NC)
- 860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 1/28 0255-0307 - Talk show, UPI news, ad for Prudential Senior Care, ID as "KKOW 860 AM," poor over, under WGUL. First from KS; will have all midwest states QSLed if they respond. (DT-JAM) [Nice! - DY]
- 1030 WSFZ TN Memphis - 3/6 0600 - Call ID, mention of Peyton Manning. (WM-MD)
- 1060 WNRX MS Tupelo - 3/8 0430 - Poor in KYW null with ID, AP news. (NJW*MI)
- 1070 WHYZ SC Sans Souci - 2/17 0100-0105 - UnID music, man and woman talking, ID, call letters heard, then disappeared, so maybe sign-off? While trying for KHMO test. (DT-JAM)
- 1310 WDKD SC Kingstree - 3/12 0736 - C&W music, weather, "Don't miss the ten most requested songs of your country on the top ten countdown with Park Andrews, Sunday at 11 AM on WDKD." Local WTIK not in evidence. (JN-NC)
- 1390 WROA MS Gulfport - 3/7 0540 - Very long piano concerto, ID, local weather, into another piano song. Very steady signal while in. (RCP-IN)

- 1400 WZAZ FL Jacksonville - 3/2 0434-0445 - GOS, ID "music with ... WZAZ 1400, all gospel all the time." Fair. (DT-JAM)
- 1430 KEES TX Gladewater - 3/7 0452 - Ad for Pontiac dealer in Bossier City LA, into Jim Bohannon show. Fair in local WMYS null. (RCP-IN)

LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

- 1060 WJLT MA Natick - 3/7 0930 - Have been looking for this one for a long time, and finally snagged it with REL format and ID: "Boston's Praise and Worship Station, J-Light 1060, WJLT." (RWT-MA)
- 1470 WLMC SC Georgetown - 3/12 0840 - GOS mx, female DJ, "1470 AM, WLMC, your 24-hour community station." (JN-NC)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 640 WGOE TN Blountville - 3/7 1757 - Promo for advertising on WGOE, into Charlie Rich song, fair with WMFN. (NJW*MI)
- 700 KSEV TX Tomball - 1/23 2109-2133 - Talk show, news, man and woman talking, call ID. Poor, under JBC Jamaica. (DT-JAM)
- 780 WWOL NC Forest City - 3/7 1825 - Country gospel, sign-off 1830 over choral "My Country 'Tis of Thee," fair in WBBM null. (NJW*MI)
- 790 CIGM ON Sudbury - 3/9 1904 - Weather report and then "On with more New, Hot Country 790, CIGM," followed by excellent C&W music. Excellent until nighttime pattern change at 1910, when WTAR took over with the Tom Lykus Show. (GMC-MD)
- 970 WVOP GA Vidalia - 3/6 2010 - ID "WVOP, your station for great oldies," mentioned serving southeast Georgia. In briefly, mixing with WAVG. (RCP-IN)
- 1060 WNRX MS Tupelo - 3/9 1930 - HS baseball broadcast with numerous local spots, including one for Griffin Marine, fair with a third station (news-talk) in KYW null. (NJW*MI)
- 1100 WGPA PA Bethlehem - 3/9 1700 - Instrumental '40's BBD music, simple "AM 1100, WGPA" ID at top of the hour, then back to the instrumentals. WTAM not yet in evidence. Surprised to find this one on the south mini-beverage. (JN-NC)
- 1110 WMBI IL Chicago - 3/8 1857 - Religious programming in SS from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, very good. (RCP-IN)
- 1210 WGSF TN Bartlett - 2/9 2100-2125 - Talk show, ID only as "Radio 1210," under unID, WPHT. (DT-JAM)
- 1260 WHYM SC Lake City - 3/12 1715 - NOS, "This is Eddie Hubbard, nice to be with you, playing unforgettable music on WOLS." That's their //, according to Log. Eddie sure gets around. (JN-NC) ["Hubbard's Cupboard," afternoon satellite program, heard on a bunch of stations 'round here too. - DY]
- 1470 WQSN MI Kalamazoo - 3/3 1835 - Call ID under WKAP'S NOS. (WM-MD)
- 1480 WTHI IN Terre Haute - 3/4 1905 - Ad for local bank, promo for Indiana Pacers, "News-Talk 1480," with REL station. (WM-MD)
- 1630 KXBT CA Vallejo - 3/8 2225 - Fair; Barry White "Ecstasy" and other classic soul hits. (BC-NH)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1620 TIS VA — - 3/8 2200 - Noted with mentions of I-64, I-81, Blue Ridge Parkway and Staunton. Didn't hear "official ID" or call letters; poor. (NJW*MI)
- 1630 TIS IL Lake-Cook Road Depot - 3/7 2142-2200 - Usual train whistles, tones and WPGE863 IDs by man mentioning METRA rail system parking; mixing with KXBT to provide a real "SOUL TRAIN" effect, hi! (NJW*MI)
- 1640 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth Airport - 2/24 2040 - [WQO767] Weak but usually readable with woman giving American Airlines departures by city and gate number. Usenet posting says this and 1680 are each running 60 watts. (SF-TN)
- + 3/8 2225 - Fair, woman announcing cities and corresponding gate numbers for American Airlines departures, call letters sounded like WQA767. (BC-NH)
- + 3/11 2140 - This and 1680 with clear ID. (MM-DE)
- UNID - — - 3/3, 3/4 2130+ - Non-stop Big Band swing music with no announcements of IDs. Usually mixing with or over DFW Airport, peaking S-7 to S-9. Any ideas? (JA-NY)

- UNID - — - 3/8 2230 - 1940's nostalgia, fair over/under American Airlines TIS. (BC-NH)
- 1640.2 UNID - — - 3/9 2208-2242 - "Radio Zero" on top of WQO767 with big band music by Artie Shaw, Bing Crosby and others; announcer referred to the station as "your TIS alternative" and asked for reports to the Internet. The 1680 WQO767 station was in the clear at this time, but I understand that "Radio Zero" has also been on 1680/ (NJW-MI)
- 1680 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth Airport - 2/24 2043 - Good on peaks with woman announcing American Airlines arrivals. Usenet posting by Andrew Gardner says he's heard this and 1640 in New Zealand! (SF-TN)
- + 3/8 2330 - Fair; cities and gate numbers for American Airlines arrivals. (BC-NH)

REPORTERS

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|--------|-----------------|--|
| JA-NY | John Arthur | Belfast NY - Yaesu FT767GX, 170' LW running E |
| GMC-MD | Gerald Conkling | Greenbelt MD - Panasonic RF-1115 |
| BC-NH | Bruce Conti | Nashua NH - HF-225, Europa, MWDX-5, 100' slopers |
| SF-TN | Steve Francis | Alcoa TN - TRF |
| MM-DE | Michael Manning | Wilmington DE - HF-1000, Kiwa loop |
| WM-MD | William McGuire | Cheverly MD - DX-380 |
| JN-NC | Jay Novello | Wake Forest NC - R8A, 750' mini-Beverage, Alpha Delta DX Ultra |
| DP-HI | Dale Park | Honolulu HI - Station news |
| RCP-IN | Bob Pote | Greenwood IN - DX392, R8A, Quantum loop |
| DT-JAM | Don Trelford | St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica - R-2000, LW NNNW-SSE |
| RWT-MA | Rick Turner | No. Dartmouth MA - STA-300, Palomar loop |
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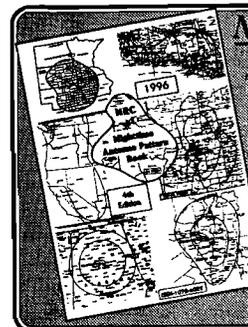
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As I am typing this column I have a great signal on Croatia 1134, but little else audible on other TA frequencies. I hope you are hearing this and more!

After this column we slip into the non-weekly schedule, but keep those reports coming.

Once again, I look forward to meeting some of our Canadian members at the 1997 Ontario DX Association Convention, Friday MAY 2 and Saturday MAY 3 at the CBC Broadcasting Centre, Front Street, Toronto. I have been invited to give a seminar on international medium wave DX. Steve Canney, George Zeller, and others will be giving seminars as well. There will also be tours of the CBC. For further info, write to ODXD, PO Box 161, Station A, Willowdale ON M2N 5S8. Advance registration is \$15 (must be received by APR 30), \$20 at the door. You might also e-mail Ken Alexander, my ODXD counterpart, at kena@interlog.com for additional information.

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA, Bechar, MAR 9 0513 - // 549 with Koranic male AA vocal; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 162 FRANCE, Allouis, MAR 9 0513 - man & woman in FF; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 171 MOROCCO, Nador, MAR 9 0512 - AA female vocal & violins, then AA talk by man followed by light pop song in EE; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 183 GERMANY, Saarlouis, MAR 9 0510 - man in FF, then dance music with female vocal; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 198 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., MAR 9 0509 - EE news interview with man & woman; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 207 MOROCCO, Azilal, MAR 9 0023 - // 819 with AA vocal & strings; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 216 FRANCE, R. Monte Carlo, Roumoules, MAR 9 0508 - movie song "Doing that Thing You Do"; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 234 LUXEMBOURG, Junglinster, MAR 9 0507 - FF showtune-style vocal; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 252 IRELAND, Atlantic 252, Kilmessan, MAR 9 0505 - "It's All Coming Back to Me" by Celine Dion; good, over AA station (Algeria). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 270 CZECH REPUBLIC, Uherske-Hradiste, MAR 9 0504 - good with Slavic talk mentioning socialists. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 531 ALGERIA, Ain-El-Beida, MAR 9 0208 - // 549 with "militant" march-style AA male group vocal; fair, in mix with Spain & others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, MAR 5 0214 - AA male vocal, plucked strings, then AA teletalk; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0059 - rustic AA music that sounded almost like an Irish jig; monster signal (S9+40; at least 20 dB stronger than the 550 cluster). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 558 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 5 0213 - woman in SS; in WGAN slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, MAR 5 0210 - LOUD with man & woman in EE talking about the feuding among Greek, Slavic, and Albanian factions in Macedonia. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0456 - "Your Song" by Elton John, then man in EE; good. MAR 9 0515 - telephone discussion with woman talking about children with autism and other handicaps; local-like signal. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, MAR 9 0057 - song "Jesus Christ Superstar" // other RNE's; fair, over other. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, MAR 9 0055 - // 855 with title song from "Jesus Christ Superstar"; fair in VPCM slop with WBNW nulled. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 FRANCE, Lyon-Tramoyes, MAR 9 0518 - FF folk vocal; slightly over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, MAR 9 0047 - // 684 & 855 with showtunes, then SS talk. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 612 IRELAND, Athlone, MAR 9 0455 - country music, then some awesome traditional fiddling; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., MAR 5 0205 - SS news; in CBN slop. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0241 - // 774 with Latin American style music, then man in SS; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 648 SPAIN, RNE1, Badajoz et al., MAR 9 0218 - woman in SS, then music; poor with slop from local-like Antena Dos on 650. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, MAR 9 0248 - // 774 with woman in SS; fair with WFAN phased. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 666 PORTUGAL, RDP, Lisboa, MAR 9 0045 - group vocal in a style similar to that of Pink Floyd; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 675 NETHERLANDS, R. Ten Gold, Lopik, MAR 5 0245 - slow version of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina". [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0043 - good with "Time After Time" by Cyndi Lauper. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, MAR 5 0201 - SS news mixing with the Yugoslav. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0016 - // 855 with EE female vocal from "Jesus Christ Superstar"; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA), Beograd, MAR 5 0202 - man reading news in a Slavic language took over from co-channel Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, MAR 5 0240; PP talk; atop BBC UK. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., MAR 5 0155 - EE talk mentioning economic issues; fair. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 15 0218 - brief EE audio, weak. [Renfrew-NY]
- 702 MOROCCO, RTM, Sebba-Aioun, MAR 9 0040 - man in AA; dominant. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., MAR 9 0036 - // 738 with man & woman in SS, over likely Ireland with music; fair with CKAC nulled. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, MAR 5 0154 - SS talk; loud with only slight CHCM QRM. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0035 - LOUD with man & woman in SS. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, MAR 9 0235 - SS vocal; over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 756 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Braunschweig/Ravensburg, MAR 5 0146 - grand opera // 1422; over/under Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 756 SPAIN, R. Euskadi, Bilbao, MAR 5 0146 - SS talk by man & woman; mixing with Germany. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, MAR 9 0252 - classical violin & orchestral music; good to excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, MAR 5 0236 - woman in SS; fair through WABC slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 783 SPAIN, COPE, Barcelona, MAR 5 0144 - SS teletalk with man & woman in studio; over others. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, MAR 9 0026 - man & woman in SS; good, over minor CFAN slop with WLKW phased to the mud. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 819 EGYPT, Batra, MAR 9 0021 - Koranic chant; briefly atop Morocco. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 819 MOROCCO, Rabat, MAR 9 0023 - // 207 with male AA vocal and strings; rising over Egypt. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., MAR 5 0140 - SS group discussion; good with WEEI-850 phased. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0014 - female vocal "Everything's All Right" from the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar"; excellent / local-like. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 864 EGYPT, Santah, MAR 5 0138 - male Koranic AA vocal; loud. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 864 SPAIN, RNE1, Socuellamos, MAR 5 0139 - fast SS talk by man; far under the Egyptian. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 873 SPAIN, SER R. Zaragoza, Zaragoza, MAR 9 0439 - SS teletalk; fair, over jumble. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, MAR 9 0013 - fast SS talk by man; over/under BBC. MAR 9 0310 - SS teletalk. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 882 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC Wales, Washford, MAR 5 0137 - EE talk about protecting endangered animals; good, way over Canaries-Spain SS talk. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0013 - woman in EE talking about international regulatory agencies; over/under SS stations. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, MAR 5 0133 - AA talk by man at low audio level on a huge carrier; other audios way behind. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0012 - male lead singer with female group backing on a shrill AA vocal; loud. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 909 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC R.5 synchros, MAR 5 0132 - EE discussion program with man & woman; to good peak, pushing WABI/CHRL-910 aside. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 936 GERMANY, R. Bremen, Bremen, MAR 5 0025 - man & woman in GG; fair in mix with Spain; CBM phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 936 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 5 0025 - SS teletalk came up over the German. [Connelly*R-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. España, Madrid, MAR 5 0026 - SS talk mentioning "Antonio y Raoul" (talkshow hosts?); loud. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0437 - man in SS talking about business; huge signal, something else was way under. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 1017 GERMANY, Rheinsender, MAR 5 0001 - man in GG mixing with Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1017 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 5 0001 - woman in SS; initially even with, then taking over from, the German. MAR 5 0235 - SS teletalk; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 4 2354 - SS news // other SER's; poor in slop of nulled WBZ. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, MAR 4 2342 - EXCELLENT with plucked strings and a rustic sort of AA or Berber vocal. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 5 0029 - SS talk mentioned Barcelona; excellent. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0434 - SS teletalk; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1062 DENMARK, Kalundborg, MAR 9 0428 - rock music; fair to good. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1071 unID, MAR 5 0130 - probably Spain here cutting by CBA briefly with '50s hit "Maybe" by the Chantels; signal was lost to slop before the song ended. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1079 unID, MAR 5 0038 - het on 1080 that seemed to be only on the lower sideband, so more likely a carrier than a 1 kHz tone test. This has also been noted from other receiving sites. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1080 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 5 0037 - SER SS talk // 1044 over/under music station that was probably Venezuela; WTIC in cardioid phase null. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, MAR 4 2347 - talk about mayors and strikes by city workers, announcer said "We're on Talk Radio ... Hello!"; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1098 SLOVAKIA, Nitra, MAR 4 2350 - Slavic talk evenly mixed with the SS synchros. MAR 5 0039 - really blasting over the others with recent female vocal hit "Walking on Broken Glass". [Connelly*R-MA]
 1098 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 4 2350 - SS talk over/under Slovakia. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1107 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 5 0040 - woman in SS; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1115 ANGOLA (t), MAR 5 0129 - probably this with a het against Spain-1116. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1116 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 5 0129 - fast monotone-delivery SS talk by man; over growls & presumed Angola-1115 het. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1125 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, MAR 5 0128 - // 1107 with light music, then man & woman in SS; good with WBBR phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1134 CROATIA HRT Zadar, MAR 15 0200 - strong signal with pips, woman with news, then pop music, weakening. Strong again around 0400 with pips, man with news, piano music began at 0404. [Renfrew-NY]
 1197 LESOTHO, BBC relay, Lancer's Gap, MAR 5 0044 - country music show turned out to be this: BBC announcer in EE came on after a song finished; poor, in slop and co-channel QRM. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1242 FRANCE, R. Bleue, Marseille, MAR 5 0120 - male FF light-pop vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1251 LIBYA, Tripoli, MAR 9 0418 - AA vocal; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1278 IRELAND, RTE R. 2 synchros, Cork/Dublin, MAR 5 0118 - EE telephone news interview or teletalk; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1287 SPAIN, SER synchros, MAR 5 0116 - SS teletalk; in jumble. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1296 SPAIN, COPE, Valencia, MAR 5 0049 - SS talk mixed w/ R. XL, UK. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1296 UNITED KINGDOM, R. XL, Birmingham, MAR 5 0049 - Indian/Hindi pop music & talk; over/under Spain. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1332 ITALY, Rome et al., MAR 5 0113 - opera; in slop. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1395 NETHERLANDS, Lopik, MAR 5 0111 - Dutch teletalk with man & woman; good. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1422 ALGERIA, Algiers, MAR 5 0055 - bits of male AA vocal & guitar-like instrument; poor. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1422 GERMANY, Deutschlandradio, Heusweiler, MAR 5 0110 - opera presentation with classical orchestra and male tenor; to strong peaks, but with deep, jumpy fades. Algerian with AA was audible under. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1512 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Jeddah, MAR 5 0057 - a cappella male AA vocal; to fair peak with WNRB phased. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1530 VATICAN, R. Vaticana, MAR 5 0058 - Bert Kaempfert type light instrumental music; audible with WSAI phased. [Connelly*R-MA] MAR 9 0327 - Vatican interval signal; way over VOA & WSAI. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1536 unID, maybe one of those clandestines, MAR 5 0106 - bits of vocal on a carrier that had AC ripple; poor in WDCD splash. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1548 KUWAIT, VOA, Kuwait City, MAR 5 0100 - atop the UK pile with "Here is the news from the Voice of America". [Connelly*R-MA]
 1548 UNITED KINGDOM, MAR 5 0102-0105 - BBC news with woman newsreader popped up

- over VOA Kuwait. [Connelly*R-MA]
 1620 NETHERLANDS "PCH" Scheveningen Radio, MAR 15 0545 - Noted for first time with Morse code ID, faded by 0615, country #52 heard. [Renfrew-NY]
- PAN-AMERICAN DX**
- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, MAR 9 0205 - soul-reggae song with percussion & Cajun-sounding accordion backing instrumentation; good. [Connelly*H-MA]
 540 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMHV, Sancti Spiritus, MAR 8 0612 - Rebelde ID, opera in SS (// 550, 560, 710); over other SS Latin Americans (XE/YV/HJ/HI ?) & Florida sports station. Signal was not bad for 1 kW. [Connelly*H-MA]
 540 MEXICO, XEWA, Monterrey, MAR 9 1055 - lengthy "X-E-W-A" promo, then reggae-influenced SS female pop vocal; excellent. I looked for other Mexicans on 730, 800, 900, 940, 1050, 1060, 1220, and 1570 but did not hear any of those. [Connelly*H-MA]
 550 CUBA, R. Rebelde synchros, MAR 8 0612 - // 540, 560, 710 with Rebelde ID, opera performance; over jumble. [Connelly*H-MA]
 555 ST. KITTS & NEVIS ZIZ, FEB 14 0223 - Weak until 0246, ID "This is Radio ZIZ", into news read by woman until about 0255. [Wyllie-MA] MAR 9 0213 - mellow female vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*H-MA]
 560 CUBA, R. Rebelde (unlisted outlet), MAR 8 0612 - Rebelde ID, opera music (// 540, 550, 710); over/under WGAN. [Connelly*H-MA]
 570 CUBA, R. Reloj, MAR 8 0552 - Reloj SS news & time-check show; mixed with WMCA & others. MAR 9 1100 - Reloj still audible through WMCA at 6 a.m. local, but it was fading fast. [Connelly*H-MA]
 580 PUERTO RICO, WKAQ, San Juan, MAR 8 0619 - dominant with Puerto Rico news in SS, announcer mentioned Cuban exiles living in Florida and Puerto Rico. [Connelly*H-MA]
 640 CUBA, R. Progreso outlets, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, MAR 8 0545 - // 740 with SS talk, romantic SS pop vocal; excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
 650 COLOMBIA, RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogotá, MAR 8 0540 - fast SS music, slogan "canciones de éxitos", Antena Dos ID; slamming in at a scorching S9+40: the brassy music was slopping over onto WFAN-660 (which was only S9+30!). [Connelly*H-MA]
 670 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, MAR 9 1053 - // 710 with mellow SS vocal; very good. [Connelly*H-MA]
 670 SURINAME, RADIKA, Paramaribo, MAR 8 0538 - gospel-influenced music, man & woman in Asiatic language, then "RADIKA" ID; atop Cuba & possible Venezuela. [Connelly*H-MA]
 670 VENEZUELA, R. Rumbos, YVLL, Caracas, MAR 5 0244 - doorbells, SS talk, Rumbos ID. [Connelly*R-MA]
 680 PUERTO RICO, WAPA, San Juan, MAR 5 0242 - SS talk & "Guapa" (or "Wapa") mention heard in mix with Cuban; WRKO in phase null. [Connelly*R-MA]
 690 CUBA, Jovellanos, MAR 9 0220 - "buzz" station here doing a job on CBF. [Connelly*H-MA]
 700 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJXC, Cali, MAR 8 0531 - Bogotá news in SS, Banco de Colombia adverts. [Connelly*H-MA]
 710 CUBA, R. Rebelde synchros, MAR 8 0612 - R. Rebelde ID, SS opera performance (// 540, 550, 560); under WOR. MAR 9 1054 - // 670 with mellow SS vocal; good, over/under WOR. [Connelly*H-MA]
 740 CUBA, R. Progreso synchros, MAR 8 0545 - // 640 with SS talk, then romantic vocal; poor, under CHCM/CBL. [Connelly*H-MA]
 1610 ANGIILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, FEB 14 0215 - Weak, but audible with religious program, Not heard in a long time. What happened to their signal? They used to be strong, now they're weak or not at all. [Wyllie-MA] (There is a lot of TIS interference on this frequency now, and some of them are slightly off frequency, leaving a nasty het - Jim)
- TRANS-PACIFIC DX**
- 657 NORTH KOREA MAR 1 1336 - poor level with female speaker. [Helms-CA]
 774 JAPAN JOUB, Akita, MAR 4 1340 - superb level with man and woman and EE lessons. [Helms-CA]
 873 JAPAN JOGB, Kumamoto, MAR 4 1335 - weak // to 774. [Helms-CA]
 972 SOUTH KOREA HLCA, KBS, Tangjin, MAR 4 1334 - good with man and woman KK with what seemed to be some sort of radio drama or animated discussion. [Helms-CA] (probably discussing DX! - Jim)
 1053 NORTH KOREA "Space Patrol" jammer, MAR 4 1332 - at great level. [Helms-CA]
 1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ, Cheju, MAR ?? 1330 - armchair strength with man in JJ. [Helms-

CA]

Harry speaks: "No TPs at all here from mid-December to mid-February; it wasn't until late February that readable audio was noted on even common stuff like 774 and 1566. I have discovered a positive correlation between bright comets and TP DXing. A bright comet makes you set the alarm for an earlier time; if it's cloudy when you wake up, you reach for the radio instead of the binoculars!"

STATION NEWS

- ALBANIA: The unID station is again on the air (irregularly) after a short break. The language is definitely Albanian and they relay with a very good signal Radio Shqiptar National programme. Heard, for example, around 1830 // 1089 Durres until sudden sign-off at 1857 on FEB 5. Reported 846-851 kHz. [Wm. Buchanon, *Medium Wave News*, MAR 1997]
- AUSTRIA: According to information given by Wolf Harranth, Shortwave Panorama at Radio Austria International, please cancel the news message in DXM 2/1997 that medium wave 1476 kHz (Bisamberg) is operating again. The transmitter is not on air. [Wolf Harranth, Feb 24, in *World Wide DX Club*, MAR 1997]
- LATVIA: Medium wave changes of Latvian Radio. The first domestic program now on 945 kHz (Riga) and 1539 kHz (all ex 576 kHz). (WBI) First program 0400- 2300 at 1602, 1539, 1422, 1350, 945, 576 kHz (2125-2140 Radio Sweden, weekday 2140-2200 Voice of America). Address: Doma Laukuma 8, LV-1505 Riga. Fax: +371-2-206709. [SWB in *WWDX Club* MAR 1997]
- MEXICO/US: Caught an announcement on XEG-1050 and XEPRS-1090 that the following stations were carrying the same all-night program: XED-1050, XEG-1050, XEPRS- 1090, WIND-560, and an UNID station in Walla Walla, Washington. Interestingly, XED was also reading these announcements, but was not // XEG and XEPRS at the time. [Hall-CA]
- MEXICO: Newspaper article listed MAR 10 as the latest target date for "K- Bach". Today is 3/10, still no sign of them. [Hall-CA]
- PARAGUAY: A new station Radio Libre heard testing on 1200 kHz from Itagua appears to be the former station R. Arasapoty 1360 which closed at the end of 1996. [Levi P. Iversen, Paraguay, via *CLUBE DX-ISTA DO PARA* in *Medium Wave News* MAR 1997]
- UNITED KINGDOM: Look for BBC local IDs up to 0200 instead of usual Radio 4 or World Service during the General Election, which Steve Whitt guesses might be MAY 1. [Williams/Whitt in *Medium Wave News* MAR 1997]

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DXpedition "LEM104" to Lemmenjoki, Finland, from January 4 to 11, 1997

Logs of Mika Makelainen, Vantaa, Finland

(via Mark Connelly and Grupo Mediterraneo DX #21)

Participants and location:

This is a partial log of DXpedition number 104 to Lemmenjoki in Northern Finland. Altogether three DXers took part; Hannu Niileksela from Dec. 28th 1996 to Jan. 11th 1997, Timo Reiniluoto from Dec. 28th to Jan. 4th and Mika Makelainen from Jan. 4th to Jan. 11th. LEM104 was just one of a series of DXpeditions, which were held non-stop from September to late January in Lemmenjoki.

Equipment:

An array of 14 beverage antennas and 2 longwires, each 700-1000 meters in length, was used. Most of the antennas were directed to different parts of North America, with the exception of two antennas to the Southern part of South America, two antennas to the Caribbean, two straight north and two to Far-East Asia. Most of the time two receivers per person was used, the most popular model being JRC NRD-535.

Conditions:

Nearly all DX-activity was concentrated on MW DXing, the favorite target being North American AM stations. Conditions to this area remained relatively good and steady most of the time, but were very general in nature, so that the usual dominants tended to be heard over and over again. There were very only very few more narrow openings to specific areas, which was what we needed to identify stations that were new to us. Friday Jan. 10th offered a good opening to California. Conditions toward South America were poorer than average, and to Asia much poorer than average. This was probably my first ever DXpedition to Lapland which didn't offer any new Japanese AM stations to me. All in all, the results for me were slightly below average, and I did expect better results taking into consideration that we should be experiencing solar minimum and exceptionally good AM reception.

The weather conditions were normal to this area at this time of the year, with temperatures ranging from -5 degrees Celsius to around -35. As Lemmenjoki is located above the Arctic circle, in early January the sun never comes above the horizon, but there is still daylight for a few hours per day.

Notes on the log:

The entire log of the three participants will be published in the upcoming issue of "DXclusive" magazine. As I (Mika Makelainen) am the only one online, only my loggings will appear also here - they represent perhaps one third of the total loggings. Also my log is strictly limited to stations that were either new to me, or otherwise relatively rarely heard up here, or were of special interest for some other reason. For instance, around 150-200 most commonly heard North American stations are not listed at all. More or less this applies to all continents. Needless to say, I was looking only for a few specific stations from Europe.

Most of my tapes are yet to be reviewed so many stations will be found in the coming weeks. These additional logs will likely be published only in "DXclusive", as they are of interest mainly to other Scandinavian DXers.

It is also worth noting that in Finland there is strong emphasis on picking up local station identifications. Stations are not identified by merely checking whether they simulcast some other more well-known station. In case the station in question has local programming at some time of the day, a local station identification is generally needed for positive station identification. This of course makes listening to Japanese NHK stations, Russian and Spanish stations, among others, much more difficult, but is also much more rewarding.

A few unidentified stations are also mentioned in case someone could help in identifying them. The log is divided by continents, under which stations are listed in frequency order. The details are in the following format: frequency (kHz), date (day.month), time (UTC), station name and location. Address all comments to: mtm@cinet.fi

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 630 8.1. -1500 R Saratov
 657 9.1. 0620 RAI Veneto, Venezia
 729 9.1. 0655 RNE-1 Castilla y León, Valladolid, and of course Asturias on top
 729 9.1. 1504 BBC Essex
 801 9.1. 0655 RNE-1 Castilla y León, Zamora/Burgos
 801 9.1. 0657 RNE-1 Galicia, Lugo
 837 9.1. 2256 COPE Sevilla
 846 5.1. 1400 R Mediana, Perm
 855 8.1. -0810 R Penza
 900 9.1. 0704 COPE Vigo
 1080 7.1. 2327 Onda Cero R, Toledo, surprisingly with a local ID at this time
 1575 6.1. 0620 RAI Umbria, Perugia

Africa:

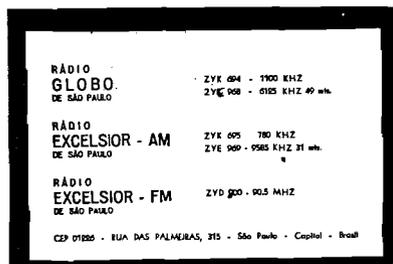
837 8,9.1.2232,2129 COPE Las Palmas
 1179 10.1. 2338 R Club Tenerife, Santa Cruz
 1440 5.1. 0031 tent. GBC Yola. Only an announcement for "R One" was heard

Asia:

189 9.1. 2245 Amurskaya R, Belogorsk
 234 9.1. 2319- R Irkutsk
 279 9.1. 0010- R Yekaterinburg
 729 10.1. 1546 AIR Guwahati
 747 5.1. 1315 R Karaganda
 760 9.1. 1725 Yemen RTV, Mukalla
 801 5,9.1. 1300- R Eskemen/Ust-Kamenogorsk (Vostozhno-Kazahstanskaja oblastnaya Radio), bilingual local program as usual for Kazakhs
 801 8.1. 1330 Azerbaijan RTV Sirketi, Baki/Pirsagat
 891 4.1. 1500 HLKB Pusan
 936 11.1. 0016 BSKSA Riyadh 1322,91 11.1.
 1100 China R Int 1323 11.1.
 1100 Ningbo PBS 1360,57 3.1. 2117 DZYR San Fernando
 1449 8.1. 1550 IRIB Bandar-e-Torkamen, FS-program to Turkmenistan
 1602 5.1. 1147 Russkaya R, (Tyumen?). Does anyone have an address for this?

North America:

530 5.1. 0915 CIAO Brampton ON
 570 4.1. 0859 KVI Seattle WA
 580 4.1. 0346 CFRA Ottawa ON
 590 10.1. 1039 CFNL Ft. Nelson BC
 630 10.1. 1513 KIAM Nenana AK
 710 4.1. 0925 WDSM Superior WI
 850 4.1. 0503 CKVL Verdun PQ
 850 11.1. 0632 WRMR Cleveland OH
 900 5.1. 0959 CJBR Rimouski PQ
 980 5.1. 0840 KFWB Los Angeles CA
 990 7.1. 0925 CBY Corner Brook NF
 1010 4.1. 0034 WINS New York NY
 1160 4.1. 2246 WJJD Chicago IL
 1160 4.1. 2301 WSKW Skowhegan ME
 1160 4.1. 2303 WCCS Homer City PA
 1340 4,9.1.1059,1130 KLKI Anacortes WA
 1340 7.1. 0946 CJLS Yarmouth NS
 1390 11.1. 0904 KJME Denver CO
 1390 11.1. 1038 KRRZ Minot ND
 1400 10.1. 1159 KVTO Berkeley CA
 1420 3.1. 2350 KTOE Mankato MN
 1420 6,7.1. 2352,0031 CKPT Petersborough ON
 1420 9.1. 0805 CKDY Digby NS
 1450 6.1. 2249 CHUC Cobourg ON



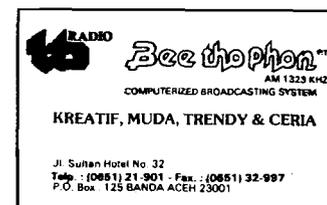
1450 10.1. 0959 KEST & KOBO CA
 1450 10.1. 1028 KLBM La Grande OR
 1480 4.1. 2201 WSAR Fall River MA
 1480 7,10.1. 1028 KYOS Merced CA
 1490 6.1. 0432 KNDC Hettinger ND
 1490 6,7.1. 1403,0930 KBSR Laurel MT "Big Sky R"
 1490 8.1. 1243 KCID Caldwell ID
 1490 10.1. 0957 KOWL South Lake Tahoe CA
 1490 10.1. 1012 KWAC Bakersfield CA
 1490 10.1. 1032 KBKR Baker OR
 1490 10.1. 1036 UNID "Radio Consentida" in Spanish, in the Pacific time zone
 1490 10.1. 1159 KTOB Petaluma CA. Shortly before the KTOB-ID an ID was heard for the FM-station KFOX 93.5, perhaps also this over KTOB
 1490 often often KEYG Grand Coulee WA
 1570 6.1. 0935 WXLN New Albany IN
 1580 4,5,6.1. 0329,1030 WSRF Ft. Lauderdale FL, relaying WINZ 940
 1580 6.1. 1230 KDOM Windom MN
 1580 7.1. 1221 KGAL Lebanon OR
 1600 4.1. 0603,1247 KWOM Watertown MN, more precisely on 1599.97 kHz.
 1630 6.1. 1309 KXBT Vallejo CA

Central America:

530 4.1. 0224 R Visión Cristiana, South Caicos
 660 6.1. 0103 R St. Lucia, Babonneau
 840 5.1. 2337 R Caribbean Int, Castries, St. Lucia
 890 4.1. 0455 R Progreso, UNID QTH
 990 10.1. 0641 XECL Mexicali BC
 1120 5.1. 2322 WMSW Hatillo PR
 1160 5.1. 2237 WBQN Barceloneta PR
 1350 4.1. 0159 WEGA Vega Baja PR
 1560 11.1. 1001 XEJPV Cd. Juárez CH "Digital AM Estereo" 3300
 7.1. 1100 R Cultural, Guatemala 5890 USB
 6.1. 1210 UNID sending religious PX in Spanish, perhaps the new Honduran

South America:

590 7.1. 0627 R Continental, Buenos Aires
 720 6.1. 0058 R Oriente, Portlamar
 740 7.1. 0320 R Caroní, Puerto Ordaz
 830 6.1. 0147 R Sensación, Caracas
 880 10.1. 0158 Mundial 880, Puerto Ordaz
 890 8.1. 0406 R Libertad Sport, Montevideo
 1080 6.1. 0210 R Barcelona
 1110 5.1. 2258 R Carzpano
 1120 5.1. 2359 tent. Caracol, Tunja (no local ID, only Caracol)
 1230 6.1. 0027 R Calidad, Cali
 1230 6.1. 0029 R Reloj, Tunja
 1240 5.1. 2359 R Nacional de Venezuela, Punta Tumatey
 1300 8.1. 0228 Super R Tupi, Porto Alegre
 1380 4.1. 0028 UNID "... estudios del circuito radial Continente."
 1380 7.1. 2351 Ondas del Mar, Puerto Cabello
 1390 5.1. 0243 R F y Alegría, Caracas
 1420 5.1. 2355 R Marabina, Maracaibo
 1430 5.1. 2356 R Bahía, Puerto La Cruz
 1500 11.1. 0130 R Floresta, Tucuruí
 1510 8.1. 0334 R 1510, Gige 4777,71
 8.1. 0935 R Andes, Uyuni 4939,45
 9.1. 0915 R Amazonas, Puerto Ayacucho 4949,84
 8.1. 0923 R Bahía Otavalo



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How to Write and Send a Reception Report

This article isn't just for beginners!!

by Brandon M. Artman

Here are some of the tips of the DX trade I've picked up over the past few years from a number of various sources. Maybe you could use a few of them the next time you are DX'ing.

As soon as I sit down at my Grundig Yacht Boy 400 to scan the dials in search of MW DX, I have a few things within arm's reach: A pencil, paper (I cut up sheets from a notebook), the NRC AM Radio Log, a tape recorder, a patch cable, and lots of cassette tapes (C-60's). I put a piece of carbon paper under my original reception report when writing it so I have a back-up copy. If I'm writing the report on the computer, I print out an extra copy.

I purchased a Y-adapter from Radio Shack (part #274-361 for \$2.39). I run the wires to my headphones into one of the input plugs of the Y-adapter, and the patch cable, attached to by recorder's input plug, into the other plug of the Y-adapter. I put a tape in the cassette and push record, and then "Pause" immediately. I put my Select-A-Tenna next to the Yacht Boy and start tuning the dials.

As soon as something interesting shows up, (this is confirmed by the Log) I immediately press "Pause" again so the tape begins recording. I make a note on a piece of paper of the EXACT time (You'll see why later), date, frequency, and the station's calls (if I know them), or I take a guess until an ID is heard. Now it's time to listen in.

If you can, try to run WWV into your set-up so that you get both the broadcast of the MW station and the time announcements of WWV on your cassette. This will help you A LOT later! When the tape is done recording, either send the tape to the station as it is, or "Transcribe" from it. I put the tape in my Walkman and sit at the computer. If WWV was fed onto the tape, it's easy to transcribe. Just type what you hear, arranging the details by minute (and second if you're a real stickler!). If you didn't put WWV in, get a stopwatch, preferably a digital one. Start the watch ticking at EXACTLY the time the tape begins, when you know it's exactly the right time. Now listen, with the watch still running, until something noteworthy is said. Listen, and then stop the watch. Write down the time the sentence began and run the tape back. Now type what is said onto your reception report. After the sentence/announcement is done, keep the tape rolling and start the watch again. Do this every two to three minutes, and you have an accurate account of what was said when.

When the report is all typed and signed, politely ask for a QSL card or letter. I always say that a QSL is a card or letter of confirmation of reception of your station, just in case the station doesn't know what a QSL is. Then I put in a copy of the "Broadcaster's Guide to DX," available REALLY CHEAP through the NRC's Publications Center. I also typed up a little page about my hometown and the radio and TV stations there. I also include a little info about myself, that I am a high school student interested in radio and also music education. I write that I hope that they got a good idea of how well their signal was getting to my area of the country.

If I enclosed a tape, I usually enclose \$1 for return of the cassette for postage (often, the dollar is returned and not used). Otherwise, I enclose a stamp or two and a pre-addressed label (self-stick) for use on the return letter. I usually don't enclose an SASE -- some extra "Goodies" they might want to send might not fit in the size envelope you send them. I address the envelope according to the Log. If I can, I use the veri-signer for that station (This is an NRC reprint) and put "ATTN: (person & title)" at bottom left to the envelope. If I don't know the person's name, I put it in care of the Chief Engineer. If a tape is enclosed, I write that on the envelope with "Do Not X-Ray."

Now I record the date I sent the report and put the carbon copy of the report in my file. NOW THE WAIT BEGINS!! If the wait is too long (over 3 or 4 months), I send a follow-up report, which is a carbon copy of the first one, or a fresh report, with a note explaining that I didn't receive any answer from the first one. A return address label is included with this follow-up, along with another copy of the "Broadcaster's Guide to DX."

Sometimes, but not often, I send them a prepared QSL card. Some generic ones are available from Bill Plum, 12 Glenn Road, Flemington, NJ, 08822. He also has world stamps for those Trans-Atlantic or Pacific catches! Mr. Plum also has a great book called "Foreign Airmail Postage for Successful QSL'ing." Although intended for the Ham, this book is also great for SW or foreign MW DX. The price is \$5 ppd., and you get a \$5 gift certificate in return for stamps and other airmail supplies. He also prints QSL cards, note sheets, and has airmail envelopes available in 2 sizes!

If you don't like the idea of the generic prepared card, get out your markers and colored pencils and create a unique one of your own!

Once you receive that QSL (prepared or otherwise) and maybe a few extra "goodies," think of all the hard work you put into it and put it away for safe keeping. Of course, then send the logging into

the NRC for DDXD in *DX News*, and send the veri-signer's name to Ken MacHarg c/o HCJB at Box 39800, Colorado Spring, CO, 80949. Also, tell him what goodies you got, how long the station took to get back to you, etc...

Then, sit back and try to log a Hawaii or Alaska station or a 1000-watter a couple of states away! Happy listening and Good DX!

Radio Roundup

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News of the radio industry, of interest to DX'ers

Greetings all ... The Spirit of New York, WWRL, has requested an increase in power from 5,000 to 39,000 watts, to become effective in the spring. The make this change the management has purchased and shut down WQQW-Waterbury, CT, WLNG-Sag Harbor, NY, and WERA-Plainfield, NJ ... DJ Radio Legend "Hoss" Allen, of WLAC in Nashville has passed away at age 74. Like Allen Freed, he was instrumental in introducing white radio listeners to the so called "race" music of the time ... Ridgefield, CT's WREF has switched to post-'70's oldies programming ... The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the FCC's ban on advertising casinos is un-constitutional under the first amendment ... Dr. Toni Grant is coming back to the radio dials after a seven-year hiatus. Her new show will be syndicated by Radio Shows ... Sharp eyed NRCer Art Blair reports that ex-KSTE's gabber Jeff Katz isn't too pleased on being passed over in favor of Tom Leykis to a nighttime talk gig on KPIX. Katz was all set to air his show, when KPIX listeners put pressure on KPIX's management to ax the deal, based upon Katz's position on illegal immigrants, so much for political correctness ... Panama Jack has joined KWLN in Sacramento ... Kate Delaney has taken over Sports Director chores at KRLD-Dallas. That must make her one of a very few sports directors in radio ... KRRF has become an NBC Radio affiliate ... After many years on KMOX, The University of St. Louis is moving its football games over to crosstown rival KTRS, formerly KSD ... Just when you think you have heard everything, the rumor mill in Los Angeles says that a radio station in LaLa land is courting O.J. Simpson for a daily sports talkshow. The hype and speculation has taken on a spectacle of its own. Looks to me like a free promo for a new radio station's format than any real substance ... Lynne Samuels has been dumped by WABC-770 again ... Lyndon Byers, of Boston Bruins fame, has become the Sports Director of Beantown's WAAF ... WDFW now automated with hits of the 70's-80's... Another set of famous call letters have bitten the dust. Los Angeles' KMPC is now the Zone, KTZN ... Charles Osgood has been tapped to host the Radio Hall of Fame ceremonies in Chicago, Oct 97 ... Steve Cochran has replaced Danny Bonaduce in the afternoon drive spot on Chicago's WMVP ... WKYN is slated to become the new Cincy Bengals Flagship station... In other sports news, WFLA will be the flagship station for the new Tampa Bay Devil Rays when this new professional baseball team hits the stadium in 1998 ... Dr. Laura has added KGO to her affiliates list ... The nation's first computer generated DJ Cyberboy is about to hit the airwaves. Look for him to bring along Cybergirl too ... KBTL-1650 scheduled to be on the air in March, programming all Beatles music, just like their sister station KGIL-1260 ... From the, It Had to Happen Department, a syndicated radio program supporting cigars titled Smoke This has hit the airwaves, hosted by Cigar Dave. The show airs live from noon to 2:00 pm, eastern local time ... KMOX has become an affiliate of CNNRadio... WAPE's Dino has moved on to Houston and an overnight gig on KRBE ... Thom West is now doing the wake-up show on KPNT in St. Louis ... The duo of Ron and Ron has broken up after more than a ten year partnership. The Ron Diaz side of the team said that he wants to pursue other interests ... Former Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce has signed on the dotted line to do play-by-play for Columbus' WTVN and a Tuesday night show too... Van Earl Wright, whose sports delivery became mimicked by many across the country when he was on CNN, has moved out of Detroit on to KFWB in Los Angeles ... WDAE in Tampa has finally ended its sister station simulcasting and taking on its own life as The Sports Animal. Its programming will be that of a sports bar atmosphere. Bob Lassiter returns to the area as afternoon drive host, with WFLA's Brian James moving over for the morning slot on WDAE. The station will be affiliated with ESPN Radio and the Prime Sports Networks. The FCC has granted station a 90-day grace period of the installation of their new Emergency Alert System (EAS) equipment ... KJMI-1380 has switched from sports to religious programming. The station is now owned by Salem ... WJJI-1440 in Niagara Falls has upped its power from 1,000 to 5,000 watts daytime and will run 750 watts at night ... If you would like to contribute to this column, I may be reached at the address above, Internet PetekZ1Z@AOL.COM, the FIDO system in the Shortwave, Ham or Broadcasting echo areas, The Oracle 1:141/1015, or amateur radio packet, KZ1Z @ K1UOL.CT. So much for now.