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CPC Test Schedule

WAMS .. 1380 DE Feb. 21 0000-0200
WILM ... 1450 DE Feb. 21 0100-0300

WAMS-1380 - Wilmington, DE will conduct a special test Saturday morning, Feb. 21 from 0000-0200 with 25 watts! The test will consist of tones and code ID's. Reports (with return postage) to: Dave Schmidt, PO BOX 11502, Wilmington, DE 19850.

WILM-1450 - 1215 French St. - Wilmington, DE 19801 will conduct a special test Saturday morning, Feb. 21 from 0100-0300 with 1000 watts. The test will consist of tones, code ID's, and special DX related programming. Phone calls will be taken (not collect) at 302-656-9800. Reports (with return postage) to Allen Ludell.

From the publisher ... Two of our members have suffered the loss of their mothers recently: Joe Kureth and Dan Bartek. Our prayers are with you and your families.

NRC member Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA has discovered a new way to ... well, pre-DX, when he discovered that WTDY in Wisconsin expects to begin testing on 1670 kHz around Feb. 1 and possibly begin regular schedule around Feb 15. "I was surfing the web at my house (with Robert Wien, Doug Martin, Mike Sanburn, and Curtis McMenamin) on Saturday, and sent an e-mail to the station. I received a reply from the station on Sunday." Tim reports that their transmitter has already been delivered.

For anyone wishing to submit an article (or column) to *DX News* or to NRC Publications, the publisher's "NRC Contributors' Guidebook" has been available for some time by mail or e-mail, but thanks to Fred Vobbe it's also available online at <<<http://wcoil.com:80/~gnbc/guide.html>>>. It contains tips and guidelines for submitting to any of NRC's publications so that writers will avoid wasting their own and editors' time in formatting electronic copy for publication. If you are a regular contributor, you could save some time by studying this publication.

Italian programming ... Alfredo E. Cotroneo, President, NEXUS-Int'l is looking for local AM or FM stations outside Italy and around the world

who are carrying programs in Italian at least some of the time.

"The Italian Government is setting aside funds to produce programs which should be aired via stations to Italians abroad, and we have been asked to help in providing a list of local stations who already have an Italian audience abroad," Alfredo adds. "If anyone can share this information with us, would you please contact info@nexus.org, with the name of the station, address, contact person, phone, fax and e-mail addresses, as well as details on their coverage and programming, which are appreciated.

Thanks again for your help. —Alfredo E. Cotroneo, President, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association PO Box 11028, 20110, Milano, Italy; e-mail: <<alfredo@nexus.org>> ph: +39-335-214-614 (try first)/ +39-2-266-6971 fax: +39-2-706-38151.

Publication ... Universal Radio sent us a review copy of the second edition of a neat little book entitled *Discover DXing!* by John Zondlo. Designed to get a beginner started in AM, F, and TV DX, it would make a nice gift especially for a younger person unfamiliar with the hobby. However, two glaring errors stood out: the mis-spelling of "Hammarlund" under photos of that venerable receiver, and the incredibly out-of-date listings of stations in the book's AM clear channel section (KOAM has not been the current call on 860 for eons!) But then John recommends NRC's log as "far and away" the best, so we can forgive him, and these errors don't denigrate the book's usefulness. Retail price is \$5.95, and you can order directly from Universal (800-431-3939).

DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:

50 years ago ... from the January 24, 1948 DXN: Clarence Burnam, Gloucester, MA reported success with Brazilians, having logged PRE4-1300 at 10:05-11:15 pm on January 6, PRB6-1200 at 4:12 am, and PRE4-1300 at 4:20 am on January 11.

25 years ago ... from the January 31, 1973 DXN: Ron Schatz's guide to "Latin American 'Funny Money'" included correct pronunciations for DX'ers.

10 years ago ... from the January 25, 1988 DXN: The Bermudan government was reported to have turned down an application for a 500 kW station on 1610 kHz with a sophisticated six-tower antenna aimed toward New York City.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGE

Old call	New call	
1470 WHUT	IN Anderson	WGNR

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1120 KCLE	TX Cleburne: modify application for move to 1140 kHz to show powers as 850/710 U4
1140 KJSA	TX Mineral Wells: to 1120 kHz with 250 D1 (application was dismissed, but a successful petition of reconsideration has caused the FCC to reinstate it)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1230 CJOK	AB Fort McMurray: to 93.3 FM, will surrender AM license when FM is operational
1450 KMCA	CA Burney: 260/250 U1, relocate transmitter, city of license to Shasta, CA
1590 WOKX	NC High Point: 1300/26 U1, relocate transmitter

OTHERNESS

610 WRUS	KY Russellville: CP for 1800/59 U1 is on
700 CHSJ	NB St. John: new FM is on the air and is being simulcast here, expect this AM facility to go off soon
730 WJTO	ME Bath: station is SILENT (the result of damage from the ice storm)
800 CJAD	PQ Montreal: station is SILENT on this frequency as it lost all four of its 675 foot towers in the northeast ice storm, is now running its programming on the 1410 facilities vacated when CFMB moved to 1280 kHz
850 WLYF	NY Penn Yan: CP for 1000/45 U1 is on
870 WLAM	ME Gorham: station is SILENT due to ice storm
880 WRFD	OH Columbus: CP for 23000 (6100 CH) D1 is on
1020 WRBF	FL Kendall: this new station in suburban Miami is expected to begin testing soon with full operation by spring
1040 WJHR	NJ Flemington: new station is ON THE AIR
1040 WYSL	NY Avon: CP for 2500/500 U2 is on
1060 KNSN	CA Chico: license CANCELLED, call DELETED
1060 KTOZ	MO Springfield: station is SILENT (vandals toppled their tower)
1150 WAVO	SC Rock Hill: station now relays WHVN-1240 in Charlotte, NC
1190 KBCO	CO Boulder: station is SILENT (has been donated by Jacor to the University of Colorado and is expected to return in "about three months")
1190 KXKS	NM Albuquerque: CP for 10000/24 U1 is on
1220 CJSS	ON Cornwall: station is SILENT
1470 WGNR	IN Anderson silent station is ON THE AIR
1550 KQXI	CO Arvada: expired CP for 10000/4750 U2 has been reinstated by the FCC (see Otherness Issue 12)
1600 WQVL	DE Dover: station was SILENT due to transmitter problems but has returned with reduced power (for several days after their return with a borrowed low power transmitter they were on 1610 kHz)

THANKS: Wayne Heinen, Al Merriman, Ed Krejny, Pat Griffith, & MSJ

Jerry & BKF

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

Broadcasters' Guides to DX

Four different tri-fold guides for use with reception reports explaining DX'ing, how the NRC was formed, and the importance of QSL's to DX'ers. AM editions in English (EEG), Spanish (SSG), and French (FFG); FM edition in English (FMG). 20 for US\$2.95 (\$3.50 non-members). From NRC Publications. (NY residents, add sales tax)

Domestic DX Digest

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

(Division line is between East and Central time zones)



DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Welcome to first-time reporter Mike Oswald of Houston, Texas. It's good to hear some first-hand news from down that way, again!
- With ear flaps in the upright position, Shawn gives this unsolicited testimonial: "What a great evening and morning. As you can see there were TISs coming out of the woodwork. The big surprise and a pleasant one at that was the lack of the Anchor Lake MN TIS on 1610 that has become a huge pest here. Two new countries and lots of new ones was very nice. The walk to the DX bus about 1500 was a rough one. Due to fresh light new snow the toboggans sank. This meant splitting loads and it took two to move the sleds to the bus. Anyone who thinks this hobby is for wimps should come out with us some time. After an hour of very tough going all the equipment was unloaded set up and away we went DXing. About two hours in my battery that powers the radio packed it in. Finally died. Thankfully Wayne had a spare we use for the cell phone so we could still keep both the ICOM and the Drake going. As for the MFJ 1026 all I can say is BUY IT NOW!!! As you see above the locals about 50-60 miles away and all beamed at us (almost all Winnipeg stations beam north at night and Valhalla Beach is North of Winnipeg) were nulled except CKY on 580. The MFJ is worth every cent and once again a HUGE thanks to Mark Connelly for his modification notes. This was easy to do and lets the signals flow in. It was amazing to hear DX under even or over our locals while they were still on air. If you BCB DX and have locals (all of ours are NSP) you need one of these MFJ 1026 units. The only disappointment was a lack of TPs and TAs save for the Iceland station on 189. Oh well lots of good domestic DX made the walk all worth while. Great way to start 1998!"
- David Gleason, PD at KTNQ News/Talk 1020 AM Los Angeles writes: "Noticed several mentions of Spanish programming heard on 1540. This station, which is apparently getting/got call letters of KCTD (California's Touchdown) has been 24-7 with One-on-One sports since 9/19/97. It is not ever in Spanish, as it was sold to One-on-One. Also of interest, on the 5th of January, the Radio Unica Spanish talk net started, based in Miami. If anyone hears a Spanish Radio Unica, it is an affiliate. They include 880-KTMP (outside Portland), 1010-KIKI in San Francisco, KTRB-860-Modesto, KVCA-670-Simi Valley, CA., 1220-KBNO-Denver, 1230 station in Odessa or Lubbock (I missed the ID promo . . . bad signal where I live), 1360-WKAT-Miami, 1380 WKDM-NYC, 1540-Gretna, LA, 1500-Charlotte, NC, 1440 in Lehigh Acres (Pt Myers), KXYZ-1320-Houston, 840-Brownsville/Harlingen, 1250-San Antonio, 1550-Hartford CT, 1600-KGST-Fresno, 860-WTEL-Philly and a number of others I could not figure out from the 'we are a big network' promos. Some stations actually called Radio Unica, some still use Unica programs and their old name. There are Radio Unica jingles and mentions constantly. Some stations take 24 hours a day, others take certain shows. Unica is pronounced 'OOH-nee-kuh' with the accent on the U."
- The feeding frenzy on vacated Graveyard records has begun. Ron Bailey, Tim Hall, and Carl Dabelstein add to their GY achievements. See later.
- I've been hit with several responses to my comments in Issue 13 about ERP and pattern info. As much as I'd like take credit for the program, I have to thank Ohio member Neil Adams for the Medium Wave Viewer program. Go to <http://www.imperium.net/~nsadams/> to get the program. Then it's off the FCC site for the files you'll need to make it go. I have fun!

REPORTERS

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MO-TX	Mike Oswald Houston Radio Shack DX-440 and Delco AM\$/FM\$ truck radio <miketx@swbell.net>
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INet Chip Kelley at http://www.metronet.com/~chipk/texas/txradio.html
Ed-TX Editor North Richland Hills

SPECIAL

790 KKBQ TX Houston - 1/17 1500 - Station is now Adult Standards and IDs as
*Unforgettable 7-90 KBME, The Best Music Ever, Unforgettable 7-90 and The
Best Music Ever, Unforgettable 7-90 KBME.* ToH ID: *Unforgettable 7-90
KBME and Unforgettable 7-90 KKBQ* both played at same time. Station
must plan on changing CLs to KBME (I don't see any AM station using the
KBME call). Announced at ToH for country music tune to FM 93Q and that
KMBE will still carry The Houston Aeros Hockey games. Music similar to
KAAM Plano, except this is off the bird [Announcer at this time is Jack
Davis]. KBME will probably hurt KQUE-1230 with same format [had Fall
rating of 1.8, 22nd place overall, 3rd place AM] but their night coverage is
only about 10 miles at best on truck radio. At 1530 announcement *If you
wondered where the best country music is, tune your radio to 92.9 FM for Fresh
Country Hits, 93Q Country.* (MO-TX)

990 WGSO LA New Orleans - 1/3 - Now airs Cigar Connoisseur Radio Network's *Smoke
This!* live Saturdays from 1200-1400 per show today. Station slogan is
City News 9-90. (DP-HI)

1000 WMVP IL Chicago - Per Robert Feder in the 1/5 Chicago Sun-Times, adds
ESPN Game Night week nights from 2100-0100 and Mutual Broadcasting
News, which is now part of the Westinghouse-CBS-Infinity-Westwood
One juggernaut. That means Casey Kasem, Howard Stern and David
Letterman have the same boss, hi. (DP-HI)

1130 KTMR TX Edna - 1/17 1545 - For the last month I have noted this station coming in
with various strengths, from local-like to nil. I think that their pattern
must be messed up. On 1/10 at 1300 they were booming in at my home
10 miles west of downtown Houston, but by the time I was inside Loop
610, about 6 miles west of downtown the signal was gone. Some nights
they have had OC all night. With only about 200 watts this direction I
shouldn't receive this station, especially at my location, which has so
much noise and static that some local stations can be difficult to listen to.
(MO-TX)

1280 KRRF CO Denver - 1/10 - Adds *Smoke This!* which is the show for the true cigar
afficionado, per program today. Station slogan is 12-80 *Ralph*, which I
don't believe refers to hurling, hi. (DP-HI)

1290 KKNW WA Port Angeles - 1/20 1830 to 2010 - In the AM Switch in Issue #12, there
was a suggestion that KKNW would relay KONP-1450. Not quite so.
KKNW is C&W. It mentions its sister station, KONP-1450, though. C&W,
with full ID on the hour only. Slogans are *Kickin' Country-1290* and
Today's hot, new country. Infrequent mention of "sister station KONP-1450"
for more news. KONP is not //. For example, Seattle Sonics basketball on
KONP from 2010, while KKNW stayed C&W. (KGS-BC)

1400 KYLR TX Huntsville - Changed from oldies to religious // KHCB-FM Houston.
(INet)

1550 KMRI UT West Valley City - 1/17 1835 - Fair-to-good, with older country music by
Johnny Cash. New call sign. NEW! (VALDX)

WLAN
P. O. Box 868
252 North Queen Street
Lancaster, Pa. 17604

1670 WTDY WI Madison - Is reported to begin testing here on or about February 1!!
WTDI has been assigned to 1670, but the calls will be swapped with 1480.
(KW-WD)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

850 UNID ?? - 1/22 2125 - Who is running FRENCH here? I heard a mention of
Radio Canada and *Montreal* (pronounced en francais) during a phone
interview. NOT // to CJBC-860, which was running a dramatic program
with sound effects etc. Soon faded under KOA. Definitely looped SW/NE
(i.e. toward Quebec). Would CKVL run any CBC French programming??
(RS-MO)

990 UNID ?? - 1/18 0853 - Poor signal, with NOS music and ID as *Stereo 9-90.*
(VALDX)

1510 UNID ?? - 1/18 0905 - Poor signal, with polka music and woman announcer.
(VALDX)

1570 UNID ?? - 1/17 1935 - Poor signal under CKMW, with 1-on-1 Sports. (VALDX)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

1610 TIS CA Manteca - 1/15 2100 - Trade Winds Chevrolet with a howling wolf and
bad jokes, offering free oil changes, etc. Contest. (GJ-CA)

KOP726 MT Deer Lodge - 1/18 0820 - Poor signal, with info on the restaurant,
campgrounds in and near Deer Lodge, and mentions of the National Park
Service. NEW! (VALDX)

UNID ?? - 1/17 2124 - Poor signal, fading in and out, with computerized voice
giving info on the Illinois Department of Transportation. (VALDX)

UNID ?? - 1/17 2127 - Poor signal, with a series of 3 (I think) telephone
tone/pulses and talk. (VALDX)

UNID ?? - 1/17 2129 - Poor signal, with information on the weather. Mentions of
temperatures in the 70s and fog. (VALDX)

1620 WNWZ910 IL Bensonville - 1/18 0015 - Fair signal, with a man giving out all sorts of
phone numbers for local services. (VALDX)

1630 WPGE863 IL Various - 1/17 2157 - Poor signal, with parking and rate info for the Rock
Island Station for Chicago Transit. NEW! (VALDX)

WPJR342 MI ??? - 1/18 0000 - Poor signal, in a mess, with woman mentioning this was
the Michigan Department of Transportation Highway Advisory Station
WPJR 342. Does anyone know the location of this?? NEW! (VALDX)
[The latest Bill Harms TIS list I have says Auburn Hills, a Detroit suburb.
Check out <http://www.erols.com/wharms/tis/> for the list - Ed.]

KNAA585 NY Jamaica - 1/17 2044 - Poor signal, with info on parking at Kennedy
airport. Back again at 2155 with good signals. NEW! (VALDX)

TIS ?? - 1/16 0600 - Welcome to METRA and train times. Can hear when KXBT-
1640 off the air. Any ideas? (GJ-CA) ["METRA" is a rail line in the
Chicago area. I believe the above WPGE863 is same? - Ed.]

1670 UNID ?? - I can hear a TIS on this frequency IDing as *Information Radio.* It's
located somewhere in Texas. Anybody know where this is? (JR-OK)

1740 IS1HT ?? - 1/18 0037 - Good signal, with Morse code ID repeated. (VALDX)

MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

680 KNBR CA San Francisco - 1/18 0657 - Fair signal, under CJOB and mixing with
CHFA, with ESPN program. (VALDX)

CHFA AB Edmonton - 1/18 0655 - Poor-to-fair signal, under CJOB, with classical
music and *Radio Canada* ID // 1050. (VALDX)

710 WTPR TN Paris - 1/15 0717 - Fair, in and out, with PSA for "Helping Hand Auction"
during live broadcasts in the afternoons all week to benefit 40 non-profit
organizations on AM 710 WTPR. Ads for Morgan Furniture Company on
East Washington in Paris and Wheeler-McLain Lincoln-Mercury in
Mayfield. (LB-MO)

720 WGN IL Chicago - 1/10 0107 - Strong in KDWN null, with *Nightside* program. First
time heard here. Some fading. (JS-AZ)

WGN IL Chicago - 1/19 0711-0735 - In null of KDWN until KDWN signed off for
testing. Strong at times, was able to hear all night long. 0717 traffic report
mentioning a fire at a Burger King, 0718 Chicago fishing outdoor show,

- 0721 talk about the Golden Globe awards. At 0800 KDWN signed on the air with *War of The Worlds*. (PR-OR)
- 780 WBBM IL Chicago - 1/10 0130 and on - In and out, with news. Heavy QRM from KKOH and less from KAZM. Audible, but not nearly as strong as WGN. First time heard here. (JS-AZ)
- WBBM IL Chicago - 1/19 0240-0300 - In null of KKOH. 0240 weather report, 19 degrees at O'Hare, 0245 sports. Fair signal at times. (PR-OR)
- 810 WMJH MI Rockford - 1/18 0740 - Poor signal, under CKJS, with NOS music and ID as *Magic 8-10*. NEW! (VALDX)
- WAPB TN Murfreesboro - 1/18 0748 - Poor, under CKJS, with full ID. NEW! (VALDX)
- 860 WDMG GA Douglas - 1/9 0541 - Weak, in the pile and mostly under FF (CJBC?), with female announcer with ID: ??? *News, Sports, all on Douglas' Mighty Georgian*, WDMG-AM 860. Then man with seemed to be an agriculture report. (LB-MO)
- 990 CKGM QU Montreal - 1/18 0602 - Fair signal, in null of CBW, with news weather and talk. NEW! (VALDX)
- 1030 KOWW MO Blue Springs - 1/16 0745 - C&W music, ads for Kansas City area. IDs as *The Cow*. (JR-OK)
- 1140 KCXL MO Liberty - 1/17 0745 - Oldies with call ID. (JR-OK)
- 1230 WZZQ IN Terre Haute - 1/20 0543 - With fair signal. Came out of mud with promo 107.5 ZZQ. AOR music. (JJR-WI)
- 1320 KELO SD Sioux Falls - 1/20 1802 - Fair, with many weather-related cancellations. Getting pounded by snow storms. (JJR-WI)
- 1400 KSIM MO Sikeston - 1/12 0738 - Weak, in and out of the mess, with local news, ID as 1400 KSIM *News Radio*. *Sikeston's Morning Edition continues*. KSIM time six thirty-eight. PSA for "?? Line" to raise money for charity on *News Radio 1400 KSIM*. (LB-MO)
- WJZM TN Clarksville - 1/12 0605 - Weak, in the mess, with ID: *Something about WJZM and ??? information in Montgomery County*. (LB-MO)
- 1420 KTOE MN Mankato - 1/13 0558 - Up on top of the pile for a while, with weather, promo for KTOE sports after seven o'clock. VID: *Friends you know, friends who know you*, AM 1420 Radio KTOE. SID, ABC *News*. (LB-MO)
- 1440 WROK IL Rockford - 1/9 0731 - Weak, in the mess, with weather, ID, Paul Harvey. (LB-MO)
- 1600 KMNY CA Pomona - 1/8 0755 - Woman and man with infomercial. Man with announcement: *This medical (garbled) program . . . AM 16 Hundred, KMNY Pomona, Money Radio network news*. Fair-to-poor, over/under presumed KGST. By the way, station airs Chinese programming (I think in Mandarin) weekday afternoons starting at 1700 ELT. (DP-HI)



0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 750 WNDZ IN Portage - 1/14 1229 - Weak, with QRN and QRM from an unID and WSB(?), with REL program, *Radio Rosary* with an appeal for money to a Cincinnati address, TC and ID: *This is Chicago's multicultural radio station, 750 AM WNDZ Portage, Indiana*. Ethnic REL programming. (LB-MO)
- 790 WAYY WI Eau Claire - 1/12 0802 - Call ID, news then lost in QRM. The "YY" on the end of the call made it stand out. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1020 WPEO IL Peoria - 1/14 1355 - Weak, with QRN and local KXEN-1010 slop, with anti-abortion commentary by Cal Thomas. Ads and ID as *Inspiration for Central Illinois, WPEO Peoria* into news. (LB-MO)
- 1210 KPRZ CA San Marcos - 1/14 0950 - On top, with religious stuff, local ads and many IDs. QRM from several, but no sign of KQTL, who is normally on top of 1210 here this time of day. Faded by 1000. (JS-AZ)
- KONY UT Washington - 1/17 1400 - *Pure Gold 1210 AM, is pure fun. It is the top of the hour on KONY Washington-St. George*. Solid signal. (FA-ID)
- 1220 CJOC AB Lethbridge - 1/17 1000 - This is southern Alberta's news and information station, 1220, CJOC. C&W music. Weak but readable. (FA-ID)
- 1280 KYRO MO Potosi - 1/13 1536 - Barely audible with terrific static, with *The latest KYRO weather*, then TC and WWW address of www.kyro.com. C&W music. (LB-MO)
- 1370 KGNO KS Dodge City - 1/10 0831 - Weak, in and out of the mess, with female announcer with ID: ??? on AM 1370 KGNO. (LB-MO)

- KWRT MO Booneville - 1/10 0835 - Weak, in and out, with weather for Booneville. *This weather brought to you by Boone County National Bank*. Oldies music. (LB-MO)
- 1400 KJFF MO Festus - 1/14 1445 - Very weak, with ID ?? in Jefferson County, KJFF. Time for the headlines on AM 1400 KJFF, Weather and news. (LB-MO)
- 1550 WJIL IL Jacksonville - 1/13 1445 - Bare audible, with phone-in talk program *The Common Man*. ID as *WJIL Jacksonville*. PSA for "Air Force Reserve". Then *The Jerry Brownfield Show on News Talk WJIL* and back to phone-in program. (LB-MO)

1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 630 KSLR TX San Antonio - 1/7 1950 - Religious talk, music, call ID. (JR-OK)
- KKPL WA Opportunity - 1/17 1945 - Fair signal, with NOS music and full ID by woman. NEW! (VALDX)
- 640 WOI IA Ames - 1/10 2055 - Jazz, NPR talk show. New here. In phase null of WWLS-OK. (JR-OK)
- 680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 1/14 1730 - Weak, in the mess, with ID: *This is 680 WPTF, first in news for Raleigh-Durham, ?? all news, TC and WPTF News*. (LB-MO)
- 790 KABC CA Los Angeles - 2345 - Yolanda Gaskins and company discussing a judge falsely accused of sexual misconduct, often giving out studio number 1-800-222-KABC. Ad for RV show, station promo for Crummie and Markoe on *Talkradio 7-90*, traffic report with more frequent traffic reports than any other talk radio station. At 2359 jingle and ID *Where Southern California comes to talk, KABC Los Angeles*. ABC-I News seven seconds behind 830 KHVH-HI. Fair-to-very poor, with semi-local KKON either off or very weak underneath. (DP-HI)
- 910 WSUI IA Iowa City - 1/14 1629 - Weak, in the mess, with NPR. Mention of ADM (Archer-Daniel-Midland) for supporting NPR. Outline of next day's *Morning Edition* by Bob Edwards. Weather, TC, ID: *This is WSUI Iowa City-Cedar Rapids*. NPR News. (LB-MO)
- 940 KBRE UT Cedar City - 1/15 1730 - Very strong, with OLD. Slight QRM from KCEE. (JS-AZ)
- 960 KZIM MO Cape Girardeau - 1/15 2047 - Talk, call ID, news. (JR-OK)
- 970 WLKY KY Louisville - 1/15 2050 - Call ID, weather then lost in QRM. New here. (JR-OK)
- 1140 WRVA VA Richmond - 1/16 2000 - Call ID, local news. (JR-OK)
- 1280 KDYL UT Salt Lake City - 1/15 1905 and on - Very strong, in null of local KHEP, with local news, NOS and local ads. (JS-AZ)
- CFMB QU Montreal - 1/17 1640 - Fair-to-good signal, with Spanish-language programming. NEW! (VALDX)
- 1290 KKAR NE Omaha - 1/17 1945 - Fair signal, under/over CIFX, with talk and KKAR ID. (VALDX)
- 1350 KBID CA Bakersfield - 1/17 2130 - Fair-to-good, with Bakersfield Fog minor league hockey play-by-play. *This is Bakersfield Fog hockey on 13-50 KBID*. New. (TRH-CA)
- 1410 CKSL ON London - 1/17 2227 - Good signal, with NOS music, weather report, and ID as AM 14-10 *The River*. (VALDX)
- 1510 WJKN MI Jackson - 1/17 1726 - Fair-to-good signal, with AC music selections and WJKN ID. NEW! (VALDX)
- 1540 KTCD CA Los Angeles - 1/14 1837 to 1905 - In and out, with One-on-One Sports, in null of local KASA. KTCD ID at 1700. (JS-AZ)
- 1570 KLOV CO Loveland - 1/15 1752 - On top, with talk and local ads. Slight slop from 50 kW local KCWW-1580, and eventually buried by KPRO's REL. (JS-AZ)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

- * indicates record-holder from North America
- 1450 XEDJ SON Magdalena - 1/19 0026-0200 - Fair, with *R. Clave* slogans, local ads, and music. ID at 0100: *R. Clave, XEDJ, mil watts de potencia, transmitiendo desde el corazon de Sonora, Magdalena*. Mixing with KNOT and several UNIDs. New. (TRH-CA)

1230 kHz:Miles

WSOK GA Savannah Ron Bailey Shelby, NC 223

KDOT NV Reno Pete Taylor San Francisco, CA 193

1240 kHz:

WSBC	IL	Chicago	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	571
WKOY	WV	Bluefield	Ron Bailey	Shelby	140

1340 kHz:

KVOY	CA	Mojave	Carl Dabelstein	Tucson, AZ	456
KOMY		Watsonville	Pete Taylor	San Francisco	69
WDSR	FL	Lake City	Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	360
KBET	NV	Reno	Pete Taylor	San Francisco	191
WJRI	NC	Lenoir	Ron Bailey	Shelby	43
WKGN	TN	Knoxville	Ron Bailey	Shelby	146

Totals:		<u>1230</u>	<u>1240</u>	<u>1340</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>1450</u>	<u>1490</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	19	23	20	17	21	22	122



DDXD-East

Deadlines for DDXD-East are on Tuesdays.

Steve Kennedy reports a nice verification from KEX-1190 for his 12/12 reception.

STATION NEWS

- 580 WCHS WV Charleston - Adds Westar Radio Network's "Kim Komando Komputer Show" per program today, which airs live Saturdays 1006-1300. (DP-HI)
- 590 WARM PA Scranton - 1/15 - Adds Tom Leykis show per program today. (DP- HI)
- 620 WNNR WV Beckley - 1/17 - Adds "Kim Komando Komputer Show" per program today, mention of slogan "Newstalk 6-20." (DP-HI)
- 740 WSUN FL St. Petersburg -1/21 1700-1802+ - Spur of 620 kHz here with huge signal, audible on all receivers as well as car radio all over Tampa Bay. This must be getting out far beyond Tampa Bay on their daytime pattern. Nothing noted on 500 kHz. (TLK-FL)
- 810 WPIN VA Dublin - Per v/l correct // is PAR-FM, consisting of WPIR-91.3 Roanoke Valley, WPIN-91.5 New River Valley, W273AA-102.5 Blacksburg, WPIB-90.9 Bluefield-Princeton, and WPIM-90.5 Martinsville-Danville. Full ZIP is 24063-0889 and correct phone is (540) 552-8073. (EK-OH)
- 930 WKXY FL Sarasota - 1/18 - Adds United Stations Network computer talk show "Online Today with David Lawrence" per program today. Show airs live Sundays 1406-1600. (DP-HI)
- 950 WNCC PA Barnesboro - New address: 101 Tenth St., Barnesboro PA 15714. (SK-PA)
- 1040 WJHR NJ Flemington - First noted with regular schedule 1/3, CHR stuff and ID's as "Jersey's Hometown Station." Has 5-tower DA. Signal is weak here, probably protecting KYW-1060. Owned by the same company that runs WKDM-1380. (DS-DE)
- 1190 WANN MD Annapolis - Has returned to the air, first noted 1/5 with C&W, off on 1/6 but back 1/7. Since then, programming has been tied in with WUST-1120, who is looking at buying the station. Present schedule is sunrise-1400 Monday through Saturday, silent Sunday. (DS-DE)
- 1250 WGL IN Fort Wayne - V/l mentions FM simulcasts on 94.1 and 102.3, no mention of WGLL-1570. (SK-PA)
- WPRZ VA Warrenton - Per v/l, correct zip is 20188, slogan is "Praise Radio, AM 1250." (EK-OH)
- 1310 CHGB PQ La Pocatière - I have seen some reports of this station recently in this column. This is not possible, as they moved to FM at the end of 1996. One of the two towers has come down, leaving only one to support the FM antenna. I pass through the area several times a year and have confirmed this visually. (GM-PQ)
- 1340 WPMI OH Ashland - 1/13 1000 - ID "AM 1340 WPMI Ashland, with soldo gospel," fair and atop. Apparent call/format change from WNCO and NOS. (SK-PA)
- 1360 WAZU OH Cincinnati - Per v/l correct phone is (513) 241-6565. Became WCKY on 12/12. (EK-OH)

- 1380 WAMS DE Wilmington - Operation continues with 25 watts sunrise-sunset only with CLA, ID's. Upgrade to regular power (U1 520/14) is still in the works. (DS-DE)
- 1410 CJAD PQ Montreal - Still here with about 8 kW. They plan to erect a tempo rary 350-foot tower at their transmitter site in the next few weeks. They will be able to transmit with only about 9 kW with this one tower only. They will reconstruct the original 600-foot towers in the spring. All other Montreal stations are back on the air. (GM-PQ)
- 1/19 1330 - With Tommy Shumacker talk program, news break. Still ID's as "CJAD 800." Steady but mediocre reception, noticeably weaker than semi-locals WSLB-1400 and WWSR-1420. Occasional QRM from presumed WUZZ. (AR-ON)
- WTCY-AM
- 1460 WBKC OH Painesville - 1/18 - Adds "Online Today with David Lawrence" per program today. (DP-HI)
- 1530 WCTR MD Chestertown - CP for 1000 day (270 ch) is on. (DS-DE)



UNID and UNID HELP

- 1260 UNID - — - 1/14 2025 - HS basketball, Clearfield vs. Toledo. Stayed with this until WMIH took over at 2100. Clearfield is not too far from Philipsburg PA, so maybe WPHB? Quite weak. (DZ-NY)
- 1400 UNID - — - 1/10 2200 - "Coming up on the news station," same satellite feed as WXII-830. [That would be AP Network News. - DY] Then partial ID "The right side of the AM dial," then lost into the jumble. (SK-PA)

LOGGINGS: 0000-0800

- 560 WQAM FL Miami - 1/10 0005 - End of Calgary-Florida NHL hockey game on "Florida Panthers network," followed by "Cap Recap" post-game show. Good. (LW-NY)
- 600 CKCL NS Truro - 1/6 0014 - C&W music in CIQC null, poor. (GM-PQ)
- 630 CFCY PI Charlottetown - 1/14 0049 - C&W songs, ID 0057 "This is 6-30 CFCY, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, call of the island, country favorites," into weather, in CHLT null. (DP-PQ)
- 640 KFI CA Los Angeles - 1/21 0128-0144 - Checked frequency after noting Cuban sign-off at 0103 to find this one, my first good log of them in years. Local talk show, male host pumping through calls, "We're NOT taking calls from outside Los Angeles, ESPECIALLY San Francisco. 1-800-520-1KFI is the number," local ads. Tried calling, but busy, of course. Just as well, since I'm not in Los Angeles. (TLK-FL)
- 800 CKLW ON Windsor - 1/18 0334 - Program promo for CKWW-580, weather and ID, CJAD on 1410. (GM-PQ)
- 970 CBZ NB Fredericton - 1/6 0100 - CBC Radio News and CBC Overnight programs. (LW-NY)
- 1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater - 1/17 0605 - With "Information Update" followed by "CKBW Weather Watch." (LW-NY)

LOGGINGS: 0800-1600

- 1320 WLOH OH Lancaster - 1/13 0830 - Female newscaster "It's 31 degrees in Lancaster," then local news. Atop briefly, then dropped into the deadness. (SK-PA)
- 1510 WPUT NY Brewster - 1/17 1028 - Ads for Brewster, C&W music, poor. (GM- PQ)
- WWSM PA Annville-Cleona - 1/17 1008 - C&W music, ads for PA, program "The Magazine," ID 1038. Poor. (GM-PQ)

LOGGINGS: 1600-2400

- 550 WSWA VA Harrisonburg - 1/12 1645 - ID as "News Radio 55," ABC network, weather for Richmond area. (LW-NY)
- 580 WCHS WV Charleston - 1/10 1900 - West Virginia Volunteers vs. Miami Hurricanes basketball, fair under WTAG. (LW-NY)
- 730 WWTk FL Lake Placid - 1/14 2312 - Tentative with pause for ID in basketball game, Pensacola was one team. Heard "WW," poor to fair. Mixing with others, sometimes alone, behind CKAC's fair signal. (SK-PA)
- WLIL TN Lenoir City - 1/10 2033 - Pause for ID during Loudin Commodores basketball game, "This is WLIL AM and FM, serving Loudin County since 1950." Atop but fadey, no sign of CKAC. (SK-PA)

- WBZS** VA Arlington - 1/7 1705 - Traffic and weather report, followed by "Money Talk," good mixing with CKAC. (LW-NY)
+ 1/16 1630 - Fair with ID as "You're listening to Washington's source of business and financial news, AM 730 WBZS," into CNN news. QSL'ed as WPIK in 1978. (MB-ON)
- 760 WVNE** MA Leicester - 1/5 1645 - Fair in WJR null with announcement in midst of gospel program, "At this time WVNE must reduce power as required by FCC regulations, for those who are about to lose our signal, good night and God bless." Signal disappeared thereafter. (MB-ON)
+ 1/18 1640 - "Focus on the Family" program in WJR null. (WM-MD)
- 780 WWOL** NC Forest City - 1/9 1727 - Fair-poor in WBBM null with country gospel song, sign-off with "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Announcement said WWOL is owned and operated by Holly Springs Baptist Broadcasting. QSL'ed as WBBO in 1979. (MB-ON)
- CFDR** NS Dartmouth - 1/13 1830 - C&W music, area weather, ID as "780 Kixx Country." Fair under WBBM. (LW-NY)
- 800 WCCM** MA Lawrence - 1/17 1612 - SS ads and talk, EE jingle, poor. CJAD off. (GM-PQ)
- WTMR** NJ Camden - 1/17 1700 - Church schedule followed by ID, "Your favorite inspirational radio, 800 WTMR." Poor-fair. (GM-PQ)
+ 1/19 1600 - ID between religious programs "WTMR Camden-Philadelphia." Brief and poor reception on jumbled channel with CJAD on 1410. My first USA logging on 800 from this neck of the woods. (AR-ON)
- WCHA** PA Chambersburg - 1/17 1600 - Echoed jingle, C&W music, tentative ID, poor. (GM-PQ)
- WSVS** VA Crewe - 1/17 1707 - ID "AM 800 WSVS," C&W music, poor. (GM-PQ)
- 810 WHB** MO Kansas City - 1/18 1732 - C&W music, ID "AM 810 WHB" under WGY, poor. (GM-PQ)
- 830 CFJR** ON Brockville - 1/16 2140 - With AC music, mention of the "Weather Network" on "your information station, CFJR." Good, dominating others. (LW-NY)
- 900 WILC** MD Laurel - 1/7 1729-1745 - Atop but with long, deep fades in SS with mostly romantic music, including "Besame Mucho." One "Radio Noventa" ID noted. Heavy CHML QRM on fades, also someone with rap. (EK-OH)
- 920 WBAA** IN West Lafayette - 1/19 1705 - Presumed with NPR news, report of King parade shooting in Baton Rouge. (WM-MD)
- 940 WCPC** MS Houston - 1/10 1805 - Mississippi State Bulldogs basketball, ID, ad for State Farm Insurance of MS. Fair, mixing with WKGM. (LW-NY)
- WKGM** VA Smithfield - 1/7 1655 - ID "The Ministry Station," strong signal under, over CBM. (LW-NY)
- 950 WCTN** MD Potomac - 1/7 1701-1710 - USA news, local traffic, weather, and sports. A number of local spots, frequent ID's, nice signal with some QRM from WXGL. "Mission Network News" 1713-1715 power cut. (EK-OH)
- WCNZ** WI Sheboygan - 1/15 1700 - Fair over usual pest WWJ with ID "This is AM 950 WCNZ, Sheboygan and Sheboygan County," into local news by woman. Lead story was the death of the mayor of Sheboygan. (MB-ON)
- WFAM** MB Altona - 1/14 2144 - Caught part of ad: "... in the Altona Press sports section. To subscribe call ...," then lost back into the mix. (SK-PA)
- 970 WLKY** KY Louisville - 1/7 2020-22037 - Pulled out through the mud with news format, frequent ID's. Fair, much fading and QRM. (EK-OH)
+ 1/8 1925 - Canned ID "News Channel 32 and News 970 WLKY, Kentuckiana's only TV-radio combination." Back yto news reported by Alan Scartell. Atop for a few minutes and very clear, then back behind WWSW. (SK-PA)
- 990 CKGM** PQ Montreal - 1/15 1735 - Fair over CBW, WDCZ with ad for Crystal Palace restaurant, ID and slogan "This is 990 CKGM, talk radio with attitude," into Dr. Gabe Mirkin show. (MB-ON)
- 1020 WPEO** IL Peoria - 1/18 1758 - Religious program, sign-off, fair to good. (GM-PQ)
- 1040 WJTB** OH North Ridgeville - 1/17 1812 - Presumed with SS ads and promo, lost in noise. (GM-PQ) [More likely WSGH or a Latin; see last week's DDXD-East - DY]
- 1050 WYBG** NY Massena - 1/12 1734-1743 - Logged for the first time with emer gency programming due to recent ice storm, request for donations to the Salvation Army, etc. Frequent mentions of "here in Massena" and other area

1250 AM
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CHRISTIAN RADIO

- localities. Occasionally on top with S-7 signal, but severe fading and QRM, eventually covered by WEVD. (EK-OH)
- 1080 WKAC** AL Athens - 1/16 1746-1801 - New, with OLD. Occasionally very good, but severe fading and tremendous WTIC QRM. (EK-OH)
- 1130 WSJP** KY Murray - 1/16 1733 - A major surprise on this crowded frequency, call ID at tune-in and quickly lost in the clutter. New. (EK-OH)
- 1150 CHGM** PQ Gaspé - 1/18 1826 - Hockey game in FF under CJRC, // CHNC-610, poor. Finally got this one after years of trying. (GM-PQ)
- 1240 WTME** ME Lewiston - 1/19 1659 - "This is the ... Show, ... AM 1240 WTME Lewiston-Auburn, and 1450 AM ...," into jumble. (DP-PQ)
- 1250 WARE** MA Boston - 1/13 1650 - NOS music, weather for area. (LW-NY)
- 1260 WMIH** OH Cleveland - 1/14 2100 - ID, then NBC news, promo for religious format. Fair peak in a mess. (DZ-NY)
- 1270 WMLF** GA Columbus - 1/19 1725 - Country gospel music, TC, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1300 WTMM** NY Rensselaer - 1/18 1853 - ID as "Sports radio 1300," ads for Albany, ID. Good. (GM-PQ)
- WLIR** NY Spring Valley - 1/14 1828 - "WLIR traffic central" jumped out during WJFK fade. The NOS music made it tough to listen to the Don and Mike Show. (SK-PA)
- 1320 WJJS** VA Lynchburg - 1/13 2043 - Live DJ "Back in the day, 1320 Solid Gold Soul," then 2100 ID in mid-song of Foxy's 1978 hit "Get Off" as "WJJS Lynchburg, a Price Communication Station." Over, under WJAS. (SK-PA)
- 1340 WSSC** SC Sumter - ID "WSSC sports tonight ...," heard in the mix. (SK-PA)
- WBAC** TN Cleveland - 1/12 2000 - SID "WBAC Cleveland" into Mutual news, atop big jumble. (SK-PA)
- 1370 WCCN** WI Neillsville - 1/12 1909-1915 - Atop frequency to apparent power cut with NOS, Roberta Flack's "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," ID 1910 as "Memories 1370 AM, WCCN." New. (EK-OH)
- 1490 WESB** PA Bradford - 1/10 2000 - Partial ID jumped out of the mix: "Rock and roll, the way it was meant to be. For 40 years, WESB ..." (SK-PA)
- 1510 WNLC** CT New London - 1/15 1856-1900 - NOS, ID on the hour as "WNLC New London, and WNLC-FM East Lyme." Presume this is 98.7 FM listed in FM Atlas as WXZR? Unneeded but nice to hear again. (EK-OH)
- 1520 WARR** NC Warrenton - 1/12 1700 - Popped up for an ID, nothing before or after. Nice timing! New. (EK-OH)
- 1530 WDJZ** CT Bridgeport - 1/18 1700 - ID "You're listening to WFNW Naugatuck, WDJZ Bridgeport, Connecticut," and back into PP programming, fair-good. (GM-PQ)
- WEYZ** PA North East - 1/18 1618 - C&W music, "All new WEYZ Country 1530,"
- 1570 WSWV** VA Pennington Gap - 1/11 2220 - Canned ID "Great Music, WSWV." Rose up for this, then back into the mix. ID at 2251 as "FM 105.5," very clear, ad for Dr. Rob Hertzald in the Scott County Medical Center in Duffield. "Great songs that you know and love, WSWV AM and FM." Format change to light AC. (SK-PA)
- 1580 WCTJ** NC Camp Lejeune - 1/14 1849 - Suspected the one here with inspirational music to abrupt disappearance 1926, UPI news 1900-1904 and "Good News Today" 1904-1904. Very good at times, heavy CBJ QRM on those fades. (EK-OH)
- 1600 WKXF** KY Eminence - 1/11 2320 - This station stays on every night, but finally ID'ed tonight with no sign of WWRL pest. SID as "1600 WKXF," fair signal with only flutter mix. Had thought it was this one with bluegrass music. (SK-PA)
- 1650 KGXL** CA Costa Mesa - 1/15 2131-2144 - My first solid log, tuned in to commercials, then man with "We'll be back with Ethel Merman on KGIL," into more local ads. ID 2135 "AM 1260 and 1650, KGIL" into Ethel. Good. Almost time to kiss 1610-1710 bye-bye. (TLK-FL)
- WNYG** RADIO 1440 A.M.
+ 1/18 1951-1959 - Came up from nowhere with female announcer, ID as "1650 KGXL" followed by pop music. Woman gave web site address 1957, man spoke at 1959, then signal went away. Was much better on 1/6 with songs from "Annie, Get Your Gun." Signal drop-off around sunset; power cut or sign-off? (BD-PA) [Power cut, no doubt - DY]
- 1700 WCMQ** FL Miami Springs - 1/13 2325 - SS songs, superb ID at 2400: "This is WCMQ Miami Springs, WZMQ-FM Key Largo-Homestead-Miami, and WBMQ-FM Key

West," into SS ID "... la Nueva CMQ, la Gran Cadena, ..., 1700 kilocyclos AM en Miami," fair-good. FL #2 up here. (DP-PQ)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 530 TIS DE Bear - Delaware Department of Transportation is currently operating station WNRZ656 here. Other DOT stations are at Wilmington (1610 kHz), Claymont (rebroadcasting Philadelphia NOAA weather on 1390 kHz), and 530 kHz summer-only stations at Bridgeville and Lewes — big "Closed" sign over the sign advising on the latter. (DS-DE)
- 1610 UNID - — - 1/15 0215-0230 - "Then take the second right on Holmes Road. For people on Route 98 ... then turn into Palmer Avenue," end of tape. Tough, in and out of the flutter. (SK-PA)
- 1630 TIS NY New York (JFK Airport) - Per v/s Marianne Pellegrino, address is South Service Road, Building 14, Jamaica, NY 11430. Also valid for 1700 kHz station. (GM-VA)
- 1680 TIS TX Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport - 1/5 2159-2210, very strong with usual digitally shuffled female arrival times for airlines. 1640 "departure" frequency in equal level, same voice. (TLK-FL)

REPORTERS

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|--------|-----------------|---|
| MB-ON | Mike Brooker | Toronto ON - Panasonics RF-2200, RFB-45 |
| BD-PA | Ben Dangerfield | Wallingford PA - R8A, 3 slopers, MFJ-1026 phaser |
| SK-PA | Steve Kennedy | Coal Township PA - |
| EK-OH | Ed Krejny | Strongsville OH - |
| TLK-FL | Terry Krueger | Clearwater FL - NRD-535 |
| WM-MD | William McGuire | Cheverly MD - DX-380 |
| GM-PQ | Gilles Michaud | Montreal PQ - ICF-2010, Kiwa filters, SM-2 |
| GM-VA | Greg Myers | Richmond VA - Station news |
| DP-HI | Dale Park | Honolulu HI - Station news |
| DP-PQ | Denis Picard | Trois Rivières Ouest PQ - R5000, Kiwa loop, 145' attic wire |
| AR-ON | Andy Rugg | Cornwall ON - HQ-180, Radio West loop, Superadio 3 |
| DS-DE | Dave Schmidt | Wilmington DE - Superadio II |
| DZ-NY | Dan Ziolkowski | Hamburg NY - 2010, Kiwa filters, Kiwa pocket loop |



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PRI:Public Radio International PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

For Beginners ...

the world of DX'ing can be confusing. And that's why Jack Woods' column, "For Beginners", was created. If you have a DX question, just mail it to Jack at P. O. Box 1003 - Waldport, OR 97394-0514, and he'll answer it in a future column. Remember - you're not alone - we all started at the beginning - once!

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We welcome John Sgrulletta to IDXD, who has pledged he will no longer be a parasite user of these pages without contributing as well. There is always room for parasites and other repentant creatures in IDXD, John! We also have newcomer Ted Powers of Columbus GA cruising the Caribbean for IDXD.

Pete Giacopelli asks if loggings should be sent by surface mail or by e-mail. He also asks about what format to follow. Pete, I prefer e-mail as it saves me many hours of typing, but if you don't have e-mail, send it through the regular mail - no problem. However (and this is directed to EVERYONE), please use the EXACT format you see in the following example, as it will save me many HOURS of time: (DO it - pls.)

1435 AFGHANISTAN R. Kafiristan, JAN 32 0123 - Interview with British soldiers about the Masonic Order, reports of snow in high mountain passes, severe interference from Bolivia during news and sports report. etc. Great conditions! [Renfrew-NY] (Please note: there are THREE spaces between the frequency and the country name for sorting purposes)

This is what I do not want:

1435 KHZ Afghan., R. Kaf., M&W tx w/Brit soldiers abt Masonic Order, wx reports of snow, QRM de Bolivia; nx, sx, beginning at 0123 on 1/32, great cx. (JR)

It helps to put your loggings in FREQUENCY order, especially if you are submitting lots of loggings. Please do not use abbreviations, and avoid hain lingo. I have to admit a lot of frustration with loggings that were not submitted in the format you see above. Had I been able to at the time, I would have bounced them back to you for revision.

Because of the large size of last week's column, some of it was held over until this week, and you will find it below. Some contributors' names and locations will be found at the end of last week's column.

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA, Bechar, JAN 3 0352 - Koranic male vocal; loud & dominant. [Connelly*H-MA] Best LW signal with Algerian music at a good level all evening. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 162 FRANCE Allois, DEC 18 2200 - A good signal from this one which has been an early bird of late. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 22 0422 excellent with talk in French. [Smith-TN] JAN 3 0353 - FF talk by woman, then folk-style guitar & vocal; loud. [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 18 0248 - nice strong signal with male announcer playing Pink Floyd's "Great Gig In The Sky" and also rock music by AC/DC; news at top of the hour by woman at 0300. This was the first longwave station to show up, with audio first heard as early as 2026. [Wolfish-ON]
- 171 MOROCCO Nador, DEC 25 0630 - Very strong with man in FF. Usually playing Moroccan music with AA announcements. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 25 0628 weak with pop music & announcers in French, news at 0630. [Smith-TN] (OK, Gentleman, back to the Language Lab for both of you! - Jim)
- 171 RUSSIA synch., DEC 29 0333 - Weak with instrumental music and announcements by a woman in RR type language. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 177 GERMANY Oranienburg - DEC 24 0251 - Fair with pop music played by an orchestra. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 22 0444 - tentative with very weak talk. [Smith-TN]
- 177 GERMANY DeutschlandRadio- Berlin, Oranienburg, DEC 24 0320 - playing a mix of Christmas and '60's music. Apparent switch to classical music after 0330. Program(s) was (were) hosted by male in German. Weak reception but did hear 5 time pips at 0400. Only heard this station one day during week-long time period of excellent TA reception. [Sgrulletta-NY] JAN 3 0354 - good with man & woman in GG. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 183 GERMANY Felsberg, Europe 1, DEC 22 0424 - tentative, good with music & talk in French. [Smith-TN] DEC 23 0405 - tentative with armchair level with news in FF. Into music show at 0410. [Sgrulletta-NY] JAN 3 0355 - FF C&W-style male vocal; local-like. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 189 ICELAND, DEC 18 2158 - Finally logged this one with a very weak signal, man and woman in Icelandic. DEC 23 0415 - Fair with pop music and a woman announcing in Icelandic. [I have been in Iceland several times and am familiar with the language.] [Dangerfield-PA] JAN 3 0355 - Elvis Presley's version of "Silent Night"; good. [Connelly*H-MA] DEC 23 0552 - playing Gospel and Christmas music (Silver Bells). Fair to weak on this day, but reception was much better on DEC 26 0503 with an apparent 5 minute newscast in presumed Icelandic and then into 50's and 60s-type easy listening music/light rock music. Could still hear them past 0900 UTC! Best moment came on DEC 27 when they played "Does Your Chewing Gum Lose Its Flavor On The Bedpost Overnight?". [Sgrulletta-NY] JAN 17 2355 -

- fair signals with polka or dance type music and full ID in Icelandic on the hour. NEW station New country! JAN 18 0250 - Good signals with American pop oldies including Bob Dylan. Stayed in all night until we went to sleep at 0530. [VAL-DX] JAN 18 0255 - playing oldies by Paul Anka, Ray Charles and Ben E.King; male announcer spoke about the songs in between selections; good. [Wolfish-ON]
- 198 ENGLAND Droitwich, DEC 22 0540 documentary in UK-accent English, ID at 0548, into weather. QRM from beacon DIW. [Smith-TN] DEC 29 2209 - Very strong with some sort of a BBC talk program. Shaky signal from QRM. [Dangerfield-PA] JAN 3 0356 - EE discussion mentioning extremely hot weather in Australia. Comments were made about the history of droughts and monsoons. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 207 MOROCCO, Azilal, JAN 3 0357 - AA male vocal; dominant over "QI" beacon. [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 3 2140 - AA Koranic male a cappella vocal (// 594); fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 216 FRANCÉt Roumoules, R. Monte Carlo, DEC 22 0428 - tentative, good to excellent with talk & ads in French. [Smith-TN] JAN 3 0357 - FF male talked about world news events, weather in several European cities. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 216 UNID, JAN. 17 0143 - bubble jammer could be heard. No sign of Radio Monte Carlo at this time (although they were noted later). Who is being jammed? Is this supposed to be for Azerbaijan (which is also listed on 216)? [Wolfish-ON]
- 234 LUXEMBURG Junglinster, DEC 29 2210 - Rock mx [Dangerfield-PA] JAN 3 0359 - song "Walk Away Renee" (not the original Left Banke version), then man in FF; loud. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 252 IRELAND Kilmessan, DEC 17 2225 - Great signal from this one at a time when the buzz was under control. Rock music. Ordinarily not heard from until late in the evening. [Dangerfield, Pa] DEC 22 0500 - excellent with ID & light pop music. [Smith-TN] JAN 3 0400 - soul / dance music followed by a John Lennon vocal (no talk between songs). [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 16 2052 - starting to rise above the beacon QRM with Oasis song "All Around The World. [Wolfish-ON]
- 252 ALGERIA Tipaza - DEC 29 2330 - Local-like with man and woman in FF, but Radio Atlantic below and clear with rap song. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 270 CZECH REPUBLIC, Uherske-Hradiste, JAN 3 0401 - news by man in a Slavic language; atop a second station which had piano music. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 531 ALGERIA, Ain-El-Beida, JAN 3 0407 - // 549 with woman in AA; over two others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA, Les Trembles, JAN 3 0408 - AA news by woman; local-like. [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 3 2323 - male AA vocal, full orchestra; huge signal. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 558 SPAIN, RNE5 synchros, JAN 3 0408 - // 585 with man in SS; good, over second station suspected to be Portugal. JAN 3 0526 - man in SS; loud ! [Connelly*H-MA]
- 567 IRELAND, RTE R.1, Tullamore, JAN 3 0410 - EE talk, C&W / folk male vocal with piano accompaniment; over Spain. JAN 3 0544 - female version of the nostalgic song "Beautiful Dreamer"; excellent at S9+35; blasting in. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 ALGERIA, Bechar, JAN 3 0525 - // 549 with AA vocal and a mandolin-like instrument; mixed with Spain and another. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 576 SPAIN, RNE5, Barcelona, JAN 3 0411 - // 585 with operatic female vocal; fair, over other. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 585 SPAIN, RNE1, Madrid, JAN 3 0411 - // 576 & others with SS operatic vocal; HUGE ! [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 3 2146 - SS teletalk; loud. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 594 MOROCCO, Oujda, JAN 3 2140 - // 207 with Koranic a cappella vocal; good with WEZE-590 nulled. Slight het noted from Dominica - 595. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 603 SPAIN, RNE5, Sevilla / Palencia, JAN 3 0519 - SStelephone interview // 621; good to excellent. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 IRELAND, Athlone, JAN 3 0415 - EE vocal, evenly mixing with Morocco at the time. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 612 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, JAN 3 0418 - AA talk now atop; super-loud, pushing Ireland well into the background. JAN 3 0517 - man with AA talk; almost pinning the Drake R8A S-meter ! [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 3 2145 - fast AA talk by woman; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 3 0418 - // to 585 with showtune-style vocal; just slightly over other station. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 639 SPAIN, RNE1, La Coruna et al., JAN 3 0420 - // 585 with male SS showtune-style vocal; getting through slop from very strong CBN-640 (classical music). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 648 SPAIN, RNE1, Badajoz et al., JAN 3 0421 - // 774 with a Cuban-influenced jazz SS vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 657 SPAIN, RNE5, Madrid, JAN 3 0422 - // 774 with SS talk by man; poor. [Connelly*H-MA]

- 675 unID, JAN 3 0425 - AA male vocal here instead of expected Holland. On exactly 675.0, not 674 as noted previously from Libya. There are several possibilities, but I couldn't find any definite parallels. Ramadan in progress, so perhaps something on an extended operating schedule. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 684 SPAIN, RNE1, Sevilla, JAN 3 0428 - Moorish SS (AA-influenced) folk group vocal; excellent. JAN 3 0703 - still LOUD (at 2.03 a.m. local) with SS news. [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 3 2155 - SS talkshow; excellent with WRKO phased. [Connelly*Y-MA] JAN 14 0321-0330 - Presumed with man talking in SS, about every third word clear. This makes three DX seasons in a row I have heard this in Iowa. Also hets on 621, 711, 738, 774, 855, & 1107. [Moore-IA]
- 693 AZORES, RDP, Santa Barbara, JAN 3 2156 - PP "futebol" game or game excerpts. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 693 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 3 0515 - bits of man in SS // 684; in messy mix with UK & Azores. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 693 UNITED KINGDOM, BBC, Droitwich et al., JAN 3 0429 - EE talk including an interview with a US-accented man; just over two others (Azores, Spain ?). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA, Laayoune, JAN 3 0512 - // Morocco-612 with AA speech by man, AA violins, more talk; HUGE, completely killing WOR. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 729 SPAIN, RNE1, Oviedo et al., JAN 3 0448 - // 585 & others with man in SS; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 738 SPAIN, RNE1, Barcelona, JAN 3 0448 - // 585 with man in SS; good. Some CHCM slop (bearing to this is about the same). [Connelly*H-MA]
- 747 BURKINA FASO, Ouagadougou, JAN 3 2203 - // 4815 with FF news; in jumble. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 756 SPAIN, R. Euskadi, Bilbao, JAN 3 2202 - SS news by woman; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 765 SENEGAL, Dakar, JAN 3 2201 - LOUD with compressed-audio music, then woman said "Ici Senegal". News by man in FF followed. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND, RSR, Sottens, JAN 3 0346 - modern-era symphonic music; to good peak. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 774 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 3 0347 - SS talk, then electronically-synthesized version of the introduction to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony; excellent. SAH from Egypt under. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 783 SPAIN, COPE, Barcelona, JAN 3 0452 - // 837 with man & woman in SS; poor to fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 792 SPAIN, SER, Sevilla, JAN 3 0500 - // 1044 with SS news; poor, in mix with other. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 801 SPAIN, RNE1 synchros, JAN 3 0503 - // 774 with SS news by woman; poor to fair over other, in some CHRC (FF) slop with CJAD/CKLW in cardioid phase null. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 837 AZORES, RDP, Pico da Barossa, JAN 3 2355 - man & woman in PP; over Canaries-Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, COPE synchros, JAN 3 0452 - man & woman in SS // 783; fair, over others. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 855 SPAIN, RNE1, Murcia et al., JAN 3 2350 - good with man in SS. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 864 EGYPT Santah JAN 18 0246 - presumed to be Egypt based on the Koran reading I was hearing; poor. Also heard JAN 16 at 2344. [Wolfish-ON]
- 882 UNID, JAN 16 2336 - rose above the splatter with Middle Eastern style music and a female speaking (not sure of language). [Wolfish-ON]
- 882 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN, JAN 3 2346 - fast SS talk by man & woman; sloped by WCBS & YVYM. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA, Algiers, JAN 3 0700 - AA folk-style vocal with guitar, then AA talk by man; fair. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 907.8 GAMBIA, R. Syd, Banjul, JAN 18 2332 - bits of audio in tough slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 954 SPAIN, R. España, Madrid, JAN 3 2232 - tropical-style SS female vocal; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 963 PORTUGAL, R. Renascenca, Seixal, JAN 3 2230 - woman in PP; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 981 ALGERIA, Algiers, JAN 4 0042 - AA group vocal & instrumentation, possibly on extended schedule for Ramadan. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 999 SPAIN, COPE, Madrid, JAN 4 0010 - SS newstalk by man; through CKBW slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1008 CANARY ISLANDS, Las Palmas, R. Las Palmas / RadioVoz, JAN 4 0011 - calm SS talk by man; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1026 SPAIN, SER synchros, JAN 3 2222 - woman in SS; in WBZ slop. [Connelly*Y-MA]

- 1026 SPAIN SER, JAN 17 2321 - parallel to 1044 with talk in Spanish by a man; almost sounded like an echo effect on 1026 (because of the synchros?); fair and probably the best and most consistent of the TAs this evening. [Wolfish-ON]
- 1044 MOROCCO, Sebaa-Aioun, JAN 3 2222 - AA/Berber music; coming up over Spain. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1044 SPAIN, SER synchros, JAN 3 0500 - pips, Cadena SER ID, SS news; over other. [Connelly*H-MA] JAN 3 2218 - SER SS talk by man & woman - operatic music excerpts followed by discussions of the performances - excellent, over Morocco. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1053 MOROCCO, Tanger, JAN 3 2217 - // 612 with man & woman in AA; in mess, slightly over others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1089 UNITED KINGDOM, Talk Radio synchros, JAN 3 2212 - EE teletalk; fair, jumpy fades. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1179 SPAIN // CANARY ISLANDS, SER synchros, JAN 3 2207 - dominant with man & woman in SS. There was something Greek or Middle Eastern sounding in the background. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1197 LESOTHO, BBC relay, Lancer's Gap, JAN 18 2205 - BBC EE world news mentioning the Middle East. There was an on-the-scene correspondent who said "Authorities are patrolling the border." To fair peak during semi-auroral conditions. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1215 SPAIN, COPE synchros, JAN 3 0435 - SS teletalk; atop Virgin R., UK. [Connelly*H-MA]
- 1323 GERMANY Wachenbrun, DEC 7 0049 - semi-classical and old popular music "Singing in the Rain" all instrumental, female announcer in GG. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1349 MAURITANIA, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, JAN 18 2210 - AA talk; strong carrier / weak audio. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1440 SAUDI ARABIA Dammam, DEC 22 2100 - Heard clearly beneath the domestics was a woman in AA // to 1521 monster. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1467 FRANCE, TWR, Roumoules, JAN 18 2215 - US EE preacher; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Duba, JAN 3 1910 - het and bits of audio on the car radio more than 2 hours before sunset. [Connelly*Y-MA]

Ron speaks: "I too took advantage of the TA openings but I didn't log as many new ones as I should have. I have to give thanks to Al Merriman for nagging me into installing two slopers running NE and NW about 30 feet high and at least 120 feet long (he also built my phasor). I spoke with him several times during the openings and he helped me log some new ones. I even got up to 50 countries heard."

Mark speaks: "The last few days of December have seen the best conditions in over two decades for long distance reception on the AM broadcast band (540 to 1700 kHz). One of the most remarkable reports comes from Jan Alvestad, who heard the arriving and departing flight information stations on 1640 and 1680 kHz operated by American Airlines at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport! These two stations each operate with 60 watts of power, and Jan heard both in Norway on December 27 and 28. These stations were also heard by Stefan Wikander in Sweden on December 26. In Manitoba, Canada, Shawn Axelrod reports reception of AM band stations from the Azores, Morocco, Croatia, Norway, France, Algeria, and Holland on December 27 and 28. Shawn describes this period as being the best in his experience for reception of trans-Atlantic AM stations from his location in western Canada. He reports signal levels were very strong during this period; Norway on 1314 kHz was audible even before sunset!"

Bruce speaks: "I came in at the tail end of the late December Scandinavian feeding frenzy with only a glimpse of Finland on 963 and an early morning het on 531 that could've been from the Faros. Argentina on 1620 hasn't been definitely heard yet, due to PCH and a number of TIS stations on the frequency. But a January 3 - 4 Saturday night session at the Parker River NWR produced some interesting logs, although conditions were back to normal by then with Spain dominant across the dial."

Rob speaks: "Well.....another evening with good TA reception....gotta love it!! Hets and/or weak audio on almost every TA Freq. Managed to pull out one station that peaked very nicely as I tuned into it. Turns out to be TWR Romoules, France.....Country # 35 on BCB for me!!"

Doug speaks: "My first IDd TAs! The beacon band was jammed with signals, but when I heard French audio on 162 kHz I just about fell out of my chair. Except for DLR, the longwave signals were all excellent; I would have IDd all of them if I understood French. Talk Radio-1089 was pretty good for a while too. Carriers could be heard on just about every 9 kHz channel."

Shawn speaks: "Over 4 and a half hours of TA's!! That was the best bar none night of TA DX I have had ever. Two new countries and lots of new stations. Wayne McRae alerted me to 1314 booming in while it was still daylight here. That is a first for us. Now if we had been at the DX site at Vallhalla Beach we would have heard even more. We spent the time on the phone chasing the DX. We had HETS on EVERY split frequency at one time or another from about 650 right through to 1600. This was also a first. The biggest problem was choosing a HET to listen to. 1314 and 855

were so strong that they were like a local with 5 meters at levels never seen before for TA's. Wayne and I thought we had moved to the East coast. Hope that some of you in the mid west especially got some new ones that night as they were there for the picking."

Randy speaks: "It's been a wild roller-coaster ride this week, with TAs all over the dial on UT 12/29 but aurora-like last night (UT Wed. 12/31). Both nights conditions petered out by 0400 or so. The TA night was very good but not spectacular, as many frequencies produced just weak carriers, and those with audio were generally weak. On the auroral night (last night), I managed to bag a couple of long-elusive Venezuelans... indeed, I often wonder if, with its mountainous terrain, there isn't some sort of horizon-blockage effect going on, because YVs are EXTREMELY difficult to log here... Rumbos on 670 can sometimes be heard weakly behind Cuba; R.Oriental-720 has been heard in auroral conditions in years past, but has been more difficult lately, especially with R.Catolica (Nicaragua) hitting the frequency badly on 720.19... and the mysterious Radio Paraguana on 880 surfaces occasionally. Otherwise, forget it. Colombians are FAR easier to hear at my QTH (indeed, the RCNs on 760/770 were booming in all evening)."

Al speaks: "The good cx are not over. Not much from Norway tonight but everyone else is trying to make up for it. Spain is booming including not common freqs such as 819, 1071 etc. Strong Arabic on 594 is not often heard Morocco // 207, 774 has Spain/Egypt fighting it out with Morocco behind. Weak carrier on 1493 likely Ivory Coast. How long can this possibly last?"

Al speaks some more: "Thanks to Mark Connelly's tip I've got a new one! Finland-963 has been in/out since 2230z on DEC 27. Now 0420 DEC 28 and they're better than ever and someone is running tone under them. 0415z Denmark-1062 was booming and Norway-1314 has been big all evening. Ireland-567, 612 have both been good most of the evening along with a bunch of others. Cx favoring Northern Europe although some Spaniards good. Belgrade just tearing up Spain-684 at times. Some of the best cx I've ever seen to Northern Europe. Too bad Faroes-531 doesn't s/on until late on Sunday or I might add them. Lets hope things stay like this until Monday. Both A & K Index have been zero for the past couple of days."

Renfrew speaks: "I was in California, and missed all of this!"

John speaks: "Audio was also heard on 162, 171, 198, 207, 216, and 252 but unable to copy for a report. However, for the last few days, I'm not even hearing a "depression" in the dial for 1314."

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 535 TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS Radio Vision Christiana, JAN 12 0300 - fair under nulled CIAO with usual SS gospel. Tuned in at top of hour to hear EE ID "This is WWRV 530 AM broadcasting from Patterson, New Jersey" [Brooker-ON]
- 530 TURKS & CAICOS, R. Vision Cristiana, JAN 18 2356 - mellow SS folk religious vocal; local-like. Interestingly, most nights, this overwhelms the Weston, MA (Massachusetts Turnpike) TIS station at locations where the "Tune to 530" signs appear along Route 128. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 535 GRENADA, GBC, St. George's, JAN 3 2325 - light pop / soul vocal; fair. JAN 18 2356 - ministry program with a Chicago address; loud. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 555 ST. KIITS & NEVIS, ZIZ, Basseterre, JAN 3 2148 - high-energy soca dance music; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 570 CUBA, R. Reloj, JAN 3 2322 - Reloj program (SS news by man & woman, on-the-minute timechecks) overtaking WMCA. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 595 DOMINICA, DBS, Hillsborough, JAN 3 2321 - mellow vocal; poor, slopped. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 600 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMKV, Urbano Noris, JAN 3 2357 - // 710 with SS Cuban political talk; audio was distorted. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 600 COLOMBIA HJHJ Barranquilla, DEC 25 0405 - Ranchera-type music, ID as "Radio Libertad" [Trelford-JAM]
- 620 CUBA, R. Rebelde, Colon / Moa, JAN 4 0017 - // 600 with man in SS; loud, well atop the channel. The only serious QRM was Canaries-621. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 620.59 MEXICO XEGH/Fonista, Rio Bravo TAMA (PRESUMED), JAN 14 0225 - poor but readable at times in USB mode with romantic Spanish vocal and very clear "Fo-NIS-ta!" singing ID by female voice 0228. Thanks to John Wilkins for having more patience (and/or better luck) than I in pulling a definite ID out of this one. (I've listed it as "PRESUMED" 'cause I have yet to actually hear calls or QTH, just the "Fonista" slogan.) Seems to be drifting upwards ever so slowly. TA het (Canary Islands?) from 621. [Stewart-MO]
- 624 unID, JAN 3 2317 - drifts carrier with a lot of AC buzz
- 630 PUERTO RICO, WSKN, San Juan, JAN 18 2344 - SS newstalk mentioning Puerto Rico, Washington, and liberals. Very strong, well over the WPRO/CFCY/CHLT mix. [Connelly*Y-MA]

- 630 HONDURAS Radio America, JAN 9 0255-0302 - Presumed with futbol game featuring Olimpia vs unknown team. Olimpia is a Honduran professional soccer team. Alka Seltzer ad. Fair and dominant on frequency, but no sign of usual // 610. [Moore-IA]
- 640 CUBA, R. Progreso, Guanabacoa / Las Tunas, JAN 3 2315 - fast SS talk (// 690) with the acoustics of an outdoor event (sports or a political rally). + JAN 19 0002 - big-band Cuban jazz & SS vocal, // 660, over several others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 650 COLOMBIA, RCN Antena Dos, HJKH, Bogotá, JAN 3 2328 - SS sports report, mentions of RCN and several Colombian cities; dominant over WSM / others. JAN 18 2328 - Antena Dos ID over other Latin American. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 660 CUBA, R. Progreso, CMHG, Santa Clara, JAN 19 0002 - // 640 with big-band Cuban jazz with vocal; in WFAN null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 670 CUBA, R. Rebelde, CMQ, Arroyo Arenas, JAN 18 2338 - SS female folk vocal with acoustic guitar (style of Joan Baez); loud / dominant, // 600 & others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 690 COLOMBIA, HJJCZ, Bogotá, JAN 18 2337 - old-fashioned romantic SS vocal with accordions & electric organ, then R. Recuerdos ID; good with CBF phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 690 CUBA, R. Progreso, Jovellanos, JAN 3 2315 - // 640 with SS talk, outdoor audience noises; dominant with CBF null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 690 VENEZUELA, YVMR, Barquisimeto, JAN 4 0030 - Venezuelan sporting event; mixed with two other SS stations. CBF phased and also somewhat aurally-weakened. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 690 MEXICO XECJ Manzanillo, DEC 27 0812 - LA pop music, ID as "Radio La Grande", fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 700 VENEZUELA, R. Sur, YVPQ, Puerto Ordaz, JAN 3 2311 - SS rock, R. Sur ID, fast merengue-style vocal with brass and percussion; good, over others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 710 CUBA, R. Rebelde synchron, JAN 3 2358 - // 600 with woman in SS. JAN 19 0003 - carnival-type music // 600 & 670; loud, over WOR. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 720 VENEZUELA, YVQE, Porlamar, JAN 3 2338 - ID "R. Oriente, la señal de Venezuela", then uptempo dance-type SS vocal; good, atop CHTN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 730 BRAZIL, JAN 18 2234 - PP religious program briefly over Latin American jumble; CKAC phased. This was likely Emissora Rural (ZY1780) in Petrolina (as noted with similar programming by the NFDX '97 crew). [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 732.25 unID, JAN 3 2345 - SS talk by man; weak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 750 VENEZUELA, YVKS, Caracas, JAN 3 2348 - Venezuelan sports report; over/under WSB. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 760 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJA, Barranquilla, JAN 3 2303 - SS news, RCN ID; well over a jumble of other Latin Americans. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 760 GUYANA, R. Roraima, 8RG, Georgetown, JAN 18 2232 - most likely this with a Black / Caribbean - accented preacher; over YV/HJ/ZY mix with WJR phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 770 COLOMBIA, RCN, HJX, Bogotá, JAN 3 2349 - "la radio de Colombia" slogan; under WABC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, ZBVI, Roadtown, Tortola, JAN 19 0008 - US soul & Caribbean hits; mixed with CFDR C&W. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 789.8 BARBADOS, V.O. Barbados, Bridgetown, JAN 3 2351 - soul vocal splittable at times from the domestics on 790. Note that WSKO-RI is on 790.0 now, leaving only Barbados on the low side of the channel. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 800 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Trans-World Radio, PJB, Bonaire, JAN 3 2300 - pip, R. Transmundial ID, then PP religious program; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, TBN, Basseterre, JAN 4 0038 - // 7510 with promo. for the "Reclaiming America for Christ" conference; HUGE, atop YVLT/others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 840 CUBA CMHW Santa Clara, DEC 31 0308 - Good in WHAS null w/man and woman reading New Years greetings, many from Havana ("desde Habana"), amid easy-listening pops [Brooker*MA]
- 840 CUBA, CMHW, Santa Clara, JAN 4 0000 - folk vocal, then woman said "en Habana"; barely over others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 860 BRAZIL, ZYJ459, Rio de Janeiro, JAN 18 2329 - PP talk mentioning Mato Grosso, Porto Alegre, and the Catholic church. Then there was a good "CBN" network ID. The signal was surprisingly loud; C/JBC null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 880 VENEZUELA, Mundial, YVYM, Puerto Ordaz, JAN 3 2344 - SS female disco vocal, reverberated R. Mundial ID; excellent with WCBS in phase-null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 890 MEXICO XENZ Culiacan, JAN 4 0743 - variety of LA music, ID as "Radio La Grande", fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 895 ST. KITTS & NEVIS, VON, Bath Village, JAN 3 2338 - light instrumental music; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]

- 940 VENEZUELA, R. Punto Fijo, YVNN, Punto Fijo, JAN 4 0005 - two good "R. Punto Fijo" ID's; over phased CBM. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 961.3 unID, JAN 4 0008 - man & woman in SS; badly slopped, wedged between CHNS-960 and Portugal-963. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1000 COLOMBIA RCN Cartagena, JAN 10 0308-0313 - Announcements about Colombia, coffee ad. Fair, mixing with Chicago. // 770, but much better. [Moore-IA]
- 1020 VENEZUELA, Mundial Margarita, YVRS, La Asuncion, JAN 3 2227 - salsa music, then man in SS talked about "béisbol", advert for something "en Porlamar"; over others. JAN 4 0012 - disco, R. Margarita ID; strong, very dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1030 COLOMBIA, RCN Antena Dos, HJER, Cali, JAN 18 2340 - SS fast talk by man, // 650; mixed with second LA (Argentina?); WBZ phased. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1060 CUBA, CMDX, Baracoa, JAN 18 2330 - loud with "Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson, then woman in SS - usual boxy, overdriven audio. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1090 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, Cucutá/Sogamoso, JAN 18 2251 - SS news mentioning Cartagena, // 1100; in mix with WBAL & YVSZ. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1100 COLOMBIA, CARACOL, HJAT, Barranquilla, JAN 18 2248 - CARACOL mention in jumble with apparent Brazil and others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1160 BERMUDA, VSB3, Hamilton, JAN 18 2300 - BBC World Service announcements of upcoming programs including one on human cloning, then announcement "This is London." followed by the Lilybolero interval music and news with a lead item about Iraq. Strong, way over WSKW & others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1180 CUBA, R. Rebelde, JAN 18 2301 - // 600 with SS female rock vocal; loud / dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1210 UNID, DEC 15 & 24, noted a SS station under and sometimes even with WPHT. Both music and announcer, in contrast to most SS stations, could be best described as pretty laid back. Both times heard were between 0430-0500. Before station went off, instrumental music which sounded like an anthem, was played. I haven't as yet received No. 10 of *DX News* but haven't seen any reports on it in the other issues. When the signal was good (never at sign-off, of course) I couldn't pick out anything that would give a hint of its QTH. Any ideas? [Kureth-MD] (KGYN at times is SS nights, so beware; but probably not they - I can barely hear them here. Venezuela? -pls)
- 1240 COLOMBIA HJFG Armenia, JAN 13 0849 - LA pop music, ID as "Radio Nacional", fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1280 BERMUDA, VSB2, Hamilton, JAN 18 2305 - US-accented news ended, then there was a Bible reading called "the VSB Good News word for today", a hymn followed. Good, well over a PP station believed to be Tupi-Brazil; WADO (SS) in phase null. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1290 NF CUBA R Taino; DEC 18 1234-1445+ - After the flurry of controversy over Taino this past week, I got myself up and did another dedicated Cuban daytime bandsweep (something worthy of doing about once a month from this location, ideally). Despite some reports, pleased to find Taino really is alive and now here, good signal (not like the old 1180 transmitter days--that transmitter of course with Rebelde currently--but better than 1260, where they moved to well over a year ago, and have been untraced here for months, possibly simply due to co-channel Florida and other Cuban stations). No other listed 1290 Cubans audible. Tune-in 1234 to woman with Habana-area news and ID, joined by man, EZL female vocal 1142, long string of store promos with phone numbers from 1146. Man and woman back with more patter on local events, live "R Taino 92.1 FM... Calle 2..." (no reference to the other FM freqs, or MW for that matter), into Cuban news 1301 by man and woman. Retune at 1357, airing one of the old "Diccionario de Cuba" minute or so segments, then the familiar old carted theme at 1400 with SS woman giving ID followed by EE man (Langston Wright, of RHC), same ID 1430 into cruddy 'new' Sting/Police remix by Puff Daddy, then "Africa" by Toto. Presume via one of the listed 1290 (non-Taino) outlets in the Habana area. Interestingly, the next day, Dec 19, the signal was very poor and under at least two unID domestics. Higher power on the 18th, or one of the domestics off then? JAN 9 1307-1325 - Still here, fair, with SS man and woman local events, phone numbers, EZL SS vocals, live ID's. LSB best to avoid local WQBN-Tampa's (1300 kHz) newly-appearing 1292/1308 kHz spur. [Krueger-FL]
- 1320 PUERTO RICO WUNO San Juan, DEC 6 0812 - talk show with call-in or audience, same program as WCNM in last report. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1375 St Pierre & Miquelon RFO Jan 18 0245 Poor signals in a mess of splat with FF music. New station new country! [VAL-DX]
- 1410 CUBA CMJW Santa Cruz del Sur, DEC 12 0105 - play-by-play baseball game involving Camaguey. [Trelford-JAM]

- 1430 COLOMBIA HJBH Barranquilla, DEC 4 0850 - semi-classical and Christmas music, Barranquilla and Colombia mentioned and "La Grande Cadena", poor to fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1450 MEXICO, Magdalena SON XEDJ JAN 19 0026-0200 - Fair with "R. Clave" slogans, local ads, and music. ID at 0100: "R. Clave, XEDJ, mil watts de potencia, transmitiendo desde el corazon de Sonora, Magdalena." Mixing with KNOT and several UNIDs. New. [Hall-CA]
- 1505 ANGUILLA, R. Anguilla, The Valley, JAN 18 2308 - Caribbean-EE sports reports mentioning the World Cup; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1570 HONDURAS HRRF Tegucigalpa, DEC 21 0047 - talk show, some music, ID as "Radio Nacional", fair. [Trelford-JAM]
- 1619 NETHERLANDS PCH Scheveningen Dec 27 2236 Poor signals with Morse code ID's. [Axelrod-MB]
- 1619.5 NETHERLANDS, PCH Scheveningen Radio, DEC 29 0330 - weak but clear with endlessly repeated Morse IDs and data-bursts. I've read that this is going off the air soon, so catch it while you can! Report sent. [Stewart-MO] DEC 27 0045 - CW ID and data bursts, poor but readable. [Saylor-PA] DEC 19 2345 - "PCH" code ID, data bursts; huge signal with loop pointed northeast. [Connelly*rw-MA]
- 1620 NETHERLANDS. PCH - Scheveningen Radio, Ijmuiden. DEC 27 2300-2310. In at S5 strength with "PCH" in Morse code, followed by rapid SITOR idling pulses. At only a few hundred watts, this tipped me off that it was going to be a great night. NEW COUNTRY, NEW STATION. [Stephens-AL] DEC 20 2215 - I was in central Long Island hearing PCH on a car radio in a rented Ford Escort with a 2-foot whip, MCW'ing nicely against a couple of TIS-type signals, just driving around, radio tuned to 1620. Oddly, not much if any sign of other TA signals, faint het on 1521 was about all I could find. It (PCH) would fade from inaudible to about s-6. Has 8 bursts of SITOR type t/c then a slow CW ID. [Foxworth*NY]
- 1620 ARGENTINA, R. Esmeraldas, Buenos Aires, DEC 19 2340 - folksy SS religious vocal with Afro-pop influences; to fair peaks (S7) with stronger (S9+20) PCH Netherlands in loop null. [Connelly*rw-MA] DEC 20 2333 - SS evangelical talk, teletalk mentioned Argentina; PCH QRM was side-nulled somewhat on wire run southwards along the beach. [Connelly*Y-MA] DEC 28 0225 - Tentative; talk in Spanish through Shenandoah, VA and Niagara Falls, NY TIS stations and PCH-Netherlands, not enough for positive ID. [Conti-NH] DEC 30 0300 - Good signal over the TIS stations with female vocal in SS and religious talk by a man in SS. Haven't heard this one since. [By the way, the loudest TIS seems to be in the Shenandoah Valley] DEC 23 0200-0240+ - Fair with long, deep fades. Spanish religious talk and music. Caught several slogans which sounded like "Esperanza", rather than "Esmeraldas". ID at top of hour giving full station name. NEW STATION, NEW COUNTRY. [Stephens - AL] DEC 19 0502 - In like Flynn over the TIS stations. Heard first a ballad sung in SS by a male group with string accompaniment. Then a man in SS with dramatic talk, seemingly religious, with woman in SS joining in at 0507. This all faded around 0517. Maybe I'll write to the address furnished by Jean, but would like more info. DEC 15 0503 - Loud and clear with an instrumental musical interlude followed by a man in SS who very shortly was talking to a SS woman. Tele-talk I suppose. But very soon the TIS stations had taken over. Have tried every night since but got nothing I could clearly call the Argentinian. [Dangerfield-PA] DEC 19 - presumed, UNID rlg station, 0505+ SP M evangelical talk interspersed w/ piano mx, lots of schedule-type info but not sure for what. Long, deep fades with readable peaks over the TIS rabble. 0517 fadeup had chorus mx. M accent sounded somewhat Uruguayan (i.e. with a hint of Brazilian twang to it). 0520 SP W talk, then man again, past BoH with no ID noted. Couldn't stick with it any longer, gotta sleep sometime. KXBT and the DFW TISs were quite strong last night also, good cx. [Crawford-FL]
- 1675a UNID, JAN 15, 0130 - strong, distorted station in Spanish noted on approximately 1675 kHz. A bit of audio can be detected in AM mode but best in FM. Man/ woman in Spanish, music. Not sure if this is a Latin American or domestic. This is not local to me as I was alerted to it by Bob Tiara down in North Carolina. Obviously someone is having transmitter problems. [Merriman-VA] I can hear it in Guelph Ontario at 0443. Thanks for the tip Al. The quality of the signal reminds me of the unid that George Hakiel and I chased on 774 and 833-834 kHz back in the mid '80s -- an ugly, FMy, boiling thing, which I eventually identified as R. Belize via their 90 metre parallel. This one is equally bad but it does sound like SS gospel alright! [Funkenhauser-ON]

TRANS-PACIFIC DX

Patrick speaks: "I had another good morning for TPs. Lots of 5KW commercial JJs in on 864 Khz, 765 Khz, 936 Khz. Taiwan-738 and 1143 were almost "local-like" at times. I heard an odd SE Asian type language again on 918 Khz, but still not strong enough to ID. DZXL-558 was mixing with

JOCR/ KOREA. The strong cx seemed to just affect the bottom of the band, as by 1000 khz, the signals dropped off alot. CX seem to still be good even though it is Mid January. Really different this year! [Martin-OR]

(I think this was addressed to IDXD; no date - Jim)

HARMONIC CONVERGENCE DEPARTMENT

- 2640 MEXICO XERJ, Maztalan, JAN 9 1155-1222 - Mix of romantic pops and ranchera music. Long ad string at hour. Finally three IDs as "La RJ" in the space of one minute at 1220. 2x1320. This station has been heard here a few times every winter for several years. [Moore-IA]

CARIBBEAN INFO by John Sgrulletta and Ted Powers

John Sgrulletta: I was on vacation to Tortola the first week of December, and visited ZBVI while there. They showed me where they do the commercials, the room holding the stack of cassettes for their play list, and the studio. Unfortunately, it was a Friday afternoon and the main offices were closed. The Chief Engineer, Olin Hester was not there and, in fact, lives in the American Virgin Islands. He visits the station 3 or 4 times a week. I have been trying desperately for this station from New York for a number of years. It was very depressing hearing it so clearly from my villa, about 15 miles away. I listened to 3 stations in particular as DX targets up here. This is the info I obtained using my DX-440 and 15 feet of wire:

- 780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI identifies as "AM 780 Zed BVI" or just "Zed BVI". They have BBC World Service news on the hour sponsored by Cable & Wireless. They close at 02.00 UTC (+/- 2 minutes) by saying they broadcast from "Vargas Bay" given in an echo format and then playing God Save the Queen.
- 1000 U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - WVVI is listed in my 1998 WRTH as being inactive, but it was very much active when I tuned them in. They ID as "Radio 1 AM 1000 WVVI St. Thomas" and "KISS 101.3". They had a daily show at 21.15 UTC called "BBC Caribbean Report" and are part of the CBS Radio Network, broadcasting the Jim Bohannon Show live at 04.00 UTC.
- 1340 U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - WSTA identifies as "WSTA St. Thomas". They are part of the Talk Radio Network and broadcast NBC Radio News on the hour. Local news follows at 4 minutes past the hour.
- 1540 BAHAMAS - I have picked up Radio Bahamas only once in New York in many tries, and I can see why! For a 50 kw station, they were actually weak to inaudible most of the time in the BVI. If I don't hear them well in New York to the north or in Tortola to the east, where is their signal going?

Jim's comments: 1540 does have a tight directional pattern, according to correspondence I received from Tom Bryant some years ago. Did you hear any news of the X-band station that is allocated for the US Virgin Islands? Thanks for the research.

Ted Powers: My report on a couple of Caribbean stations I heard while on cruise. Jay Novello was on the same ship.

- 1205 CAYMAN ISLANDS Radio Cayman One, NO DATE, 1103 - carrying BBC Caribbean Magazine on using employment tests in hiring personnel. At 1129 ID by two women singing "Radio Cayman in the Cayman Islands", into religious program at 1231. (50 miles off Grand Cayman Island)
- 1340 GUANTANAMO US Naval Station, Jan 8 2055 - ID as "armed Forces Radio Network" and "National Public Radio Worldwide". Program was an environmental discussion on global warming, etc. No specific mention of "Guantanamo" during ID. Excellent level until suddenly going into the mush at 2202. (Heard in Ochos Rios, Jamaica)
- Jim comments: I hope that Ted and Jay were able to cooperate in sharing the crow's nest!

STATION NEWS

ALBANIA: RADIO TIRANA MW schedule: 1089 kHz 0400-2300 First National. programme 1215 kHz 0630-0700 and 1500-1830 Albanian, 1830-1845 Turkish, 1845-1900 Greek 1395 kHz 0800-1100 Albanian 1458 kHz 1000-1500 2nd National. programme 1458 kHz 1800-1830 Italian, 1830-1845 Serbian, 1845-1915 German 1458 kHz 1915-1945 French, 1945-2000 English, 1900?-2300 Albanian This schedule may soon be changed, as we will broadcast EIR - European Information Radio from 1900-2300 UTC on 1458 kHz to Bosnia Hercegovina. [Drita Cico, Radio Tirana to David Kenny via Wolfgang Bueschel, via Ydun M.Ritz Web Page in MediDX]

AUSTRALIA: Australian DXer Ray Crawford tells me of a new station: 1701 kHz "Radio 1701" in Brisbane area. Power 100w, v/s Jack Puran, QTH: 5 Cheviot Place, Sinnamon Park, Qld 4073. Ph (07) 32791701. [Paul Ormandy via e-mail]

HOLLAND: Two new MW Stations in The Netherlands: Tapeloop on both 828 & 1224 kHz mentioning FM frequencies of "Hitradio Veronica" and announcing they have left AM. 1224

with a difference: A new station, 'Q Radio', is announced. It will start transmitting on Jan 16. 828 Arrow Classic Rock 1800 "All night long, Arrow Classic Rock". Vintage UK rock, among the groups: The Pretty Things and the Free. Waiting for the Soft Machine. 1224 Q Radio 1730 Test transmission till 00.00: Ethnic music, blues. Rather long news item about the Dutch "Green" Party. Transmitting "under the wings" of NOZEMA according to OM. ID: "Q Radio". [P. Pipers in *MediDX*] Q Radio is transmitting in Dutch and English, while on 828 kHz I only heard Dutch announcements. [Willi Passman in *Hard-Core-DX*]

JAMMER: NO IDENTIFICADO From 1700 to 2300, variable, it's possible to tune in a bubble jammer between 1584 and 1548 kHz. Presumably it's an Iraqi trying to interfere with the Voice of Kurdistan, and in Portugal, the result is especially bothersome, although it varies in duration, and on Dec. 9 it wasn't heard. [AArranz in *MediDX*] (translation by Paul Swearingen)

LATVIA: The second program of LATVIJAS RADIO has been reactivated on 1539 kHz (// 945) [I Zhurkin in *MediDX*]

NORTH KOREA: 1613v 1445-1515 KK Frontline Soldiers Radio broke a 3-week silence and resumed transmission Jan. 7 for what appears to be the first time since DEC. 18, which was the only time the station was heard in DECember. ID at 1505 "Chonyon Chobyondurul wihan Bangsong imnida." Usual North Korean songs and political slogans. The station was suddenly blacked out at 1515. North Korea's power supply may have 'improved' slightly these few days. Compared to the last few weeks of DECember, much more of Radio Pyongyang's foreign service transmissions have been observed active since last week. Frequent brownouts still interrupt transmissions, however, and feeders from Pyongyang to the transmitters are still terribly unreliable and erratic. Radio for the Soldiers at the Frontline on 1613-1614v kHz has been on the air every day since Jan. 10, and now the broadcast time seems to be 1400-2100, extended one hour from the previous 1400-2000. [Sonny M. Ashimori in *MediDX*]

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS: I did receive a QSL letter from RVCI verifying not only the switch to 530 but also stating that their power is now 40 kw using a powered down Nautel 50 kw transmitter. It also states that they are using a single 485 foot non-directional tower. I believe they were 100 kw on 535 (as listed in the 1998 edition of the WRTH) which explains the drop in signal strength Kennedy noted. [Griffith-CO]

VENEZUELA: Check 640 kHz for "Porteñas 640", Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela; it has a new 50 kilowatt transmitter. This station carries the only DX program in this country called "Sintonía DX" and produced by DXer José Elías Díaz Gómez, every Monday from 0000 until 0200 UTC. [F. Viloria in *MediDX*]

SPECIAL OFFER

To Mauno Ritola and others, If any of you has any doubt with IDs in Spanish, here at MEDI DX we could help you. Send your sound files to me and I will go through them. [Jorge Garzon, medidx@svq.servicom.es]

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Well, whadya know - a verie arrived here in the form of a friendly letter from WZBZ-1070. But when I went to place it in my NY #2 album - lo and behold - I already had them verified as WZBZ last year! So my verie count remains at 4509. I've been doing a little DXing, but at twilight time, rather than between 1 and 3AM as of yore. Here are some of the stations I've logged between 4 and 5PM in Nov., Dec. And Jan.: WVBF-1530 which is the only station on the MA Reading Network. They're strong and alone at midday but at twilight, they get bombed by WDJZ. WDFN-1130 often rides thru WBBR, WKOK-1070 over and under WZBZ, WONZ-1580, WWLE-1170, WBZS-730, CHCM-740, WSKE-1040, WBMD-750, WLAL-1190, WNWR-1540, WWTL-700. All these can be heard on some sunsets if you try real hard. Has anyone received a verie from WCMQ-1700? They have probably received a goodly bunch of reports with no competition on that frequency. One I've been trying to pull in is WVNS-670 without success but now I see they have a DX TEST scheduled for 1/30 so I'm planning on getting up for that one. I have a problem and question combined: On my 'house' receiver, the signal will be 'blotted' out of someone walks in front of it. What causes this and what can be done to eliminate it? Incidentally, my "Forward - March" show on WOMR-92.1 is now being heard 11:30A-12:30P every sat. Morning, it follows an hour of concert-in-the-park type band music. Tune me in! Forward - March!

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A long overdue MUSE.....Not much has happened in the last 3-4 months with only spotty listening done on both AM & SW with nothing earth shattering heard. The KTGG-1540 test of 10/4 was tried for but not heard. No other tests have been tried. Visited ERC back on 10/11 and he has been doing well since his operation. Hope to make another trip to Provincetown early in '98. Our Thanksgiving get together was held back in November with a very light turnout of 8 people. It was a nice gathering, and we thank those for coming. As long as the interest is there, we will continue to have the event. Like most everyone, WCMQ-1700 is heard quite well here during the hours of darkness and I haven't gotten around to sending them a reception report yet. I'll be putting together some postage and a CPC Target List for BILL HALE in the very near future. We had a quiet and peaceful Christmas and New Year holiday, thank you to everyone who phoned and/or sent cards. A very happy, prosperous and healthy New Year to all! 73

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A DX TEST to beat them all so far for a while is coming up from WAMS-1380 and another from WILM-1450. The interesting part is WAMS is only at 25 watts, while WILM is at 1000 watts; both signals come out of the same antenna!

So watch the front pages of DX NEWS for this one, and thanks to member ALLEN LUDELL for talking me into doing this one. We may be setting up some other tests on this one soon. Even at 25 watts, WAMS has a fairly good signal, audible (weakly) in Milford during the day (60 miles). It was nice to see an excellent report from BOB HARRISON at WMBT recently; he should have a verie by the time this is published. Looking for your reports to the column; help keep it alive by sending along your reports. 73

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