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CPC Test Calendar

KEYZ	ND	660	Mar. 6	0129-0159
WELC	WV	1150	Mar. 26	0000-0030
WTBQ	NY	1110	April 1	0515-0600

From the Publisher ... New DDXD-East editor Michael Shaw <<thousandislands@mediaone.net>> will take over duties from David Yocis for #23, with his first deadline being March 21. However, any DX reported to DDXD-E after March 9 should go directly to Michael, although Dave will forward on reports received between those two dates.

As promised, I'm happy to announce that the new "Target DX" editor will be R. J. "Russ" Edmunds, former publisher of DXN, one-time editor of "The Answerman", and a very active contributor to the DX columns and other areas of DXN and on-line forums and listservs. If you've ever had a burning question about DX hardware or techniques, or weren't sure how to accomplish a DX task, Russ will be YOUR man-on-the-spot to find the right answers ... and ultimately to help you to increase your DX totals. He's working on his first column right now and will coordinate efforts with Dave Braun to provide up-to-date DX'ing techniques info.

Much of the info for both "DX'ers' Notebook" and "Target DX" will come from NRC members and others who have had years and years of experience ... and Dave and Russ will continue operating on-line on the NRC/DXAS listserv. If you've not been a part of this electronic dimension yet, see the back page for more information on how to join in on the fun. I can guarantee that you'll find it a rewarding experience.

Although spring storms are starting to fire up,

there's still plenty of DX to be gathered in ... and no reason NOT to report to the DX columns or others! Make it your March resolution to pick a favorite column and support it!

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22.	Mar. 3	Mar. 13	27.	June 2	June 12
23.	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	28.	July 7	July 17
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25.	Apr. 7	Apr. 17	30.	Sept. 8	Sept. 18
26.	May 5	May 15			

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 25, 1950 DXN: The DX Calendar listed upcoming DX programs from 54 stations in March, ranging all the way from CKCL-1400, Truro, N. S., on March 16 to the Hawaiians on 630, 970, and 1380 kcs. on March 6. Reports to WKRM-1340 on their DX program of Feb. 7 were probably lost in the fire that destroyed the station on Feb. 14. ... from the March 4, 1950 DXN: Bob Brown, Goshen, IN, reported that veries were coming in at the rate of about 10 a week; among them were YVKU-880, Welsh Regional 804, and YV4RE.

25 years ago ... from the March 3, 1975 DXN: The CPC reached a ten-year-high with 51 tests scheduled, with Skip Dabelstein, Lincoln, being mentioned as scheduling many of the tests by himself ... Cecil R. Weinstein was offering for sale a Sears ComTrek IX 9-band receiver for \$50 or in trade for a Radio Shack DX 120 "in good working order".

10 years ago ... from the March 5, 1990 DXN: The publisher reported receiving a "rather cryptic unsigned note from P. O. Box 3333 - Cherry Hill, NJ 08034" indicating that the WDX Monitoring Service was still in operation ... Rich Froho, Willoughby, OH reported hearing 1555-Cayman Islands in almost every night, especially on 2/10.

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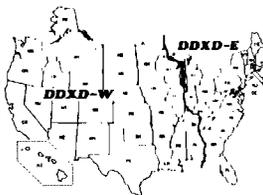
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between East and
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- o Another new voice from the "West" is heard this week . . . in the form of a positive DX Test report from Mike De Roo of Roeland Park, Kansas (a Kansas City suburb). Welcome aboard and visit often!!
- o Remember, it is not necessary to report a single station more than once during any DX season. Once you've logged it . . . you've logged it. Thanks.

REPORTERS

- SA-MB Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg Icom ICR-70 & Drake R8 + 4 Foot Unamplified Box Loop/ Quantum Loop, 145' outdoor wire, 100' indoor wire, MFJ 1026 Phasing Unit <saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
- RD-AZ Ragnar Danneskjold Mesa Kenwood R-1000 and RS 15-1853 loop; 1994 Buick Delco Car radio; Optimus 12-604A <lwdxer@juno.com>
- MD-KS Mike De Roo Roeland Park Radio Shack TRF <mderoo@mdp.com>
- GJ-CA Gary Jackson Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop <20centpostcards>
- PG-CO Pat Griffith, N0NNK Westminster NewMar NAV-121 MKII marine DF receiver with built-in top-mount rotatable loop operating on internal battery power <amdxer@webtv.net>
- BK-CA Bob Karchevski Sunnyvale R8-A/2 long wires/MFJ-1026mw <karchev@worldnet.att.net>
- JJR-WI John J. Rieger South Milwaukee FRG100, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner/preamp, DSP-599zx Audio Noise Reduction Filter + Radio Shack DX-398 stock <johnrieger@webtv.net>
- PT-WA Pete Taylor Tacoma Sony ICF 2010, Kiwa air core and Palomar loops <taytac@worldnet.att.net>
- JW-CO John Wilkins Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop, 100-foot random wire; GE SuperRadio II <peakbagger3@juno.com>
- Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills

STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 1110 KWDB WA Oak Harbor - Noted with non-stop, non-IDing mostly soft 90s/80s pops all day 2/24 (1159 tune-in). Heard also at 2130 (under KBND) and 2/25 at 1030 (over KBND). Food Bank PSA 2/25 1125 but no other talk noted. Signal about the same as the former KJTT's. No phone listing. (PT-WA)
- 1140 KCLE TX Cleburne - I talked to the owner again, and he said their new facilities on this frequency (currently on 1120) won't be ready until mid-to-late March. They are putting up two additional towers. Am going down for a visit soon. [Ed.-TX]
- 1150 CKX MB Brandon - 2/19 1600 - Good signal, with country music. Now IDing as *The new Kicks 1-oh-1 point 1 FM CKXA-FM* and *The new sound of Country Kicks*. Also dual ID as *CKX AM 11-50* and *CKXA 101.1 FM*. **The new FM transmitter is on. They should be gone to FM and let AM go dark within 90 days.** Will open up 1150 for me for SRS and SSS skip. Tried to hear the FM signal but only got bits of it when up on a bridge in traffic. 200 kilometers is too far in winter for FM. (SA-MB)

KBIF 900 AM

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1050 UNID ?? - 2/21 2021 - Looped E-W with Radio Disney programming. Fair-to-poor, over/under XED and KNML. Seemed to disappear between 2030 and 2045,

KLIX RADIO possibly a power cut. One of the Californians? Nothing listed in Log. (JW-CO) [The Radio Disney web site doesn't list a 1050 affiliate. But then, it doesn't list the local KMKI-620 (ABC owned!), either. Maybe we can get some help from our readers - Ed.]

1630 KNAX/XEUT ?? UNID - 2/24 2305 - Strong OC noted. No IDs noted through 2/25 0130 (over KCJJ; no KKWY). Did a quick scan and found KFWB, KABC and KCTD at extraordinary levels so presumed this was XEUT (even though KKJH and KOGO were non-existent and XEBACH was poor). However, when I got back to 1630 at 0135, varying levels of 60 Hertz hum were noted and at 0530, the hum was stabilized (low). Carrier still there without audio at 0945. Called KOOR/KNAX and office manager didn't know anything about 1630 (didn't get to Joe Mauk, CE). Someone recently reported that KNAX was testing and would be on soon . . . (PT-WA)

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 1150 WIMA+ OH Lima - 2/21 0100-0200 - Received CPC test, poor-to-fair, for about 70% of the hour. Heard code, tones, and band music through multiple signals. (MD-KS)
- 1150 WIMA- OH Lima - 2/21 0100-0200 - Nothing heard that may have been tones or code. Did hear KAGO-OR which points a null toward me. New! (BK-CA)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1610 TIS CA Turlock - 2/19 1530 - Female voice, with what sounded like *Yosemite Travelers Network* or ?? *Travelers Network*, followed by call letters KNEC996, which is CalTrans. Then three phone tones and *if you would like to make a call, please hang up and try again*. Very weak. Report sent, plus phone calls. No answer yet. This may be my previous unID here, plus what TRH- CA is hearing. (GJ-CA) [The FCC says KNEC996 is 10 watts, licensed to the State of California, General Services Department, 601 Sequoia Pacific Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95814-0282, phone 916-657-9999. The listing also shows this call sign licensed for 530 kHz - Ed.]
- 1630 TIS/HAR CA Los Angeles - 2/17 0815 - Giving upcoming events for Convention and Staples Center. Fair. (GJ-CA)
- 1670 WTNR210 CA Menlo Park - 2/18 0350 - Giving "What-to-do-in-case-of- flood/emergency-conditions" info. Fair signal. Also 2/21 0635 - ID and talk of emergency conditions. (GJ-CA)
- 1680 TIS/HAR NV Lake Tahoe - 2/16 0600 - Giving events for the month of February and weather conditions. (GJ-CA)
- 1700 TIS/HAR CA Norwalk - 2/17 0848 - Poor, with Cerritos College events. (GJ-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

- 620 KMKI TX Plano - 2/22 2304 - ID: *The station cooked up just for Dallas/Fort Worth, AM 6-20, Radio Disney*. (PG-CO)
- 630 KWRO OR Coquille - 2/21 0200 - ID heard under KCIS and KIDO. This was also my 2/18 mystery. New. (PT-WA)
- 650 CINTp SK Saskatoon - 2/20 2201 - Weather with overnight forecast for minus 12 degrees and promo for Saskatchewan Indian Game Authority, slogans *NTR* and *News Talk Radio 6-50*. Under unID SS and in null of WSM. Presumed - calls not heard. (PG-CO)
- 840 KJVY TX Pharr - 2/24 2300 - With Ranchera and Tejano, then ID in SS as *KJVY, Harlingen - Pharr*. (RD-AZ)
- 860 WGUL FL Dunedin - 2/20 0306 - Poor-to-fair, but steady and all alone //FM and //930 Sarasota. Satellite NOS. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 880 KRVN NE Lexington - 2/24 0200 - Good ID, with KIXI looped and absolutely no KWIP or KCMX. Only 2nd time heard. (PT-WA)
- 890 WLSt IL Chicago - 2/24 0158 - With talk under KDXU. I haven't checked the tape yet to see if an actual ID slipped through. No CJDC. (PT-WA)
- 1020 KJJK MN Fergus Falls - 2/20 0315 - Fair, in KDKA null, with *KJ 1020* non-ID and oldies. (JJR-WI)
- 1030 KLLU OR Reedsport - 2/22 0117 - Blasting in over KMAS and KTWO, with *clue* semi-ID and C&W. Not heard at night before - only just before pre-LSS power

- drop. (PT-WA)
- 1050 KEYF WA Dishman - 2/14 0852-0901 - With jock jabber, Spokane, AC 509 and *Oldies 101* mentions. Some CIOF and KORE but no KTCT. Lasted through KBLE 0900 brief OC and sign-on. (PT-WA)
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver - 2/18 2251 - Traffic and weather reports . . . together on the ones. Frequent *News 11-30* slogans. (PG-CO)
- 1150 KAGO OR Klamath Falls - 2/21 0100-0200 - Talk or call-in show. Had to wait until 0200 for legal ID. Used MFJ-1026mw to kill KXTA. NRC pattern book shows KAGO has a figure eight pattern pointing east/west so their null is toward me. [The MW Database Viewer shows KAGO throws 339 Watts ERP at you at night, so . . . good catch! - Ed.] Also, no sign of KBAI in Morro Bay which I have heard here before. KBAI not in NRC log either. Are they silent? What? (BK-CA) [Although still listed in the FCC database, I believe KBAI was one of those stations which KXTA bought to take them off in order to put their U4 50000/44000 facility on the air - Ed.]
- 1180 KERI CA Wasco - 2/21 1957 - Religion comments. ID at 1959:55: *The message couldn't be clearer - KERI Wasco*. . . possibly another city mentioned after "Wasco". Tough to hear nowadays with KOIL and KYET booming in. (JW-CO)
- 1180 WSAF GA Trion - 2/20 0400 - Fair, with ID into SS programming. (JJR-WI)
- 1210 KUNF UT Washington - 2/19 1932 - NOS music, local spots. ID at 1959, then ABC News. Good on peaks, but QSB, and over/under KQTL, which was gaining strength. Needed for call change: ex-KONY. (JW-CO)
- 1230 KTRF MN Thief River Falls - 2/23 1913 - Program note for sports events on KTRF and an FM station sounding like KKBQ. Fair over jumble. (JW-CO)
- 1300 KKSC CA Brawley - 2/20 1922 - With PSA to teach your kids to read. Number (352-8541) given for Brawley, California branch of Literacy Volunteers of America. (RD-AZ)
- 1400 KWUF CO Pagosa Springs - 2/21 2257 - C&W tune, legal ID and CNN News at 2300. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1400 KART ID Jerome - 2/19 0221 - Paul Anka song, call ID. Fair in QRM. Heard quite a few times this season. (JW-CO)
- 1420 KULY KS Ulysses - 2/22 2220 - Live action play-by-play of Beavers vs Scott City basketball game. (PG-CO)
- 1440 WGEM IL Quincy - 2/23 1937 - Poor, with program notes for morning news programs; call IDs. (JW-CO)
- 1450 KVSI ID Montpelier - 2/24 0900 - ABC News, then ABC and local sports. Generally fair; occasionally downright good, over QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1450 WIBM MI Jackson - 2/15 2218 - Poor, in fade up, with *Sports Radio 1450 WIBM*, then gone. (JJR-WI)
- 1460 KKCS CO Colorado Springs - 2/25 0006 - With the SSB intro to the Ken Hamblin Show. (RD-AZ)
- 1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 2/25 0000 - With ToH ID: *The talk station, KSTP, St. Paul*, then local news. Time check as *It's Eleven o'clock*. (RD-AZ)
- 1520 KMAV ND Mayville - 2/24 0918 - Weather, area (Hillsboro, Page) ads, area sports; all part of *The Information Hour*. Good in KOMA null. (JW-CO)
- 1580 WTCL FL Chattahoochee - 2/20 0226 - Fair, with *Power Jams - TCL 1580* and heard calls again at 0231. All alone, clear. Testing? NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 1600 KCKK CO Lakewood - 2/24 0805 - With Denver weather and other local stuff. No calls but frequent mention of K104.3. (PT-WA)
- 1680 WTIR FL Warner Robins - 2/18 0400 - With C&W music and ID. Mixing with Menlo Park, CA TIS/HAR. (GJ-CA)
- 1680 WTIR FL Winter Garden - 2/18 2316 - 16-80, WTIR ID, frequent mention of telephone number 407-481-0751, mention of eventually covering the entire state of Florida. Weak, under splatter from local KDDZ-1690. (PG-CO)

DDXD-East

Lots of thanks to *Michael Shaw* for stepping forward to take the reins of this column! It's been a delight editing DDXD-East for the last few years, and I'm looking forward to an active retirement.

I'll be doing the next two columns, with the final deadline here in New York being extended a couple days to Thursday, March 9. Michael will be keeping our usual Tuesday deadlines, and now that we're moving off the weekly schedule his first few deadlines look like March 21 and April 4. Anything I get here after March 9 will get forwarded on to Michael.

Welcome (back) to *Mike Battagino*, rejoining the club (and the DDXD contributor list) after a number of years. Great to have you back!

Russ Edmunds on the 860 Philadelphia call change and possible ramifications thereof: "Latest FCC call change approvals include putting WTEL back to 860 and WYRU back to 1160 in NC. They also include moving the WAMS calls over to 1600 in Dover, DE, ex-WQVL. Former WAMS, which received approval for WTMC some time back now appears to be off, to return 'in March.'"

STATION NEWS

- 550 WGR NY Buffalo - 2/6 1300 - Announcing "*All sports all the time*" and using "*Sports Radio 55*" slogans, so apparently now SPT 24/7. (JF-NC)
- 730 WFNC NC Goldsboro - 2/12 1843 - Heard at this time; had been reported silent. (SK-PA)
- 1010 WSTP WI Stevens Point - Host Tony Kornheiser on ESPN Radio heard doing several ID-promos, including for this station. So format must now include SPT at least part time, and add ESPN net. (RJE-PA)
- 1320 WTKZ PA Allentown - 2/12 1630 - SS music, talk and teletalk, "*La Mega*" slogans. Not seen in DX News, though *Dave Schmidt* and *Bob Smolarek* confirm this occurred in early January. (RJE-PA)
- 1430 KFIG CA Fresno - Host Tony Kornheiser on ESPN Radio heard doing several ID-promos, including for this station. Included slogan "*The Big Dog*," which also suggests possible call change from the above. Format appears to be all-SPT, and add ESPN network. (RJE-PA)
- WVAM PA Altoona - Host Tony Kornheiser on ESPN Radio heard doing several ID-promos, including for this station. Add ESPN network. (RJE-PA)
- 1520 WWKB NY Buffalo - 2/6 1420-1450 - CHR music // WKSE-98.5 with "*Kiss 98.5*" slogans, quick WWKB call ID inserted at 1430. Back to usual sports format at 1620. What gives? (JF-ON)
- 1530 WLSP MI Lapeer - 2/6 1400-1510 - Open carrier only, leaving WEYZ with C&W and a weak WSAI with NOS. Silent again? Still with OC 2/13. (JF-ON)

DX TESTS

- 1150 WIMA OH Lima - 2/21 0100-0200 - Heard with marching band music, voice ID's by *Fred Vobbe*, tones, and code ID's. Under, and frequently over CKOC-ON with super signal for 1 kW. (SF-TN) Heard with many code ID's, one voice ID noted, brief marching band music, heavy QRM from WRVA-1140. (GM-VA)

UNID AND UNID HELP

- 860 UNID — 2/10 2157 - Beeps like you hear on an airport station, lost to CJBC-ON upfade at 2159. (SK-PA)
- 900 UNID — 2/18 1822 - Under CHML with Navy commercial and One on One Sports. Another, or the same, 2243, under CHML with Boston Celtics vs. Golden State basketball on the WEEI Celtics network. WJJB-ME? (NjW*ON) [Yes, per below. - DY]
- 910 UNID — 2/12 1957 - One on One Sports jingle in strong fade up. Of the listed stations, WHSM-WI is certainly more likely than KFXX-WA. (SK-PA)
- 1140 UNID — 1/12 2050-2110 - Instrumental orchestral OLD music under WQBA, WRVA, drowned out on hour. (DT-JAM)
- UNID — 2/20 0645 - Under WRVA with "*Real Country*" ID, Tanya Tucker and Donna Fargo songs. (NjW*ON) [WCJW-NY? - DY]
- 1380 UNID — 2/17 1810 - Radio Disney heard. (WM-MD) [KRNN-AR, WLVS-FL, and WFMF-LA all on last fall's list. - DY]
- 1460 UNID — 2/10 2146 - Fair at times atop jumble with tropical SS music, "*Radio Capital*" slogans. Probably WKDV-VA, WBJX-WI, or WXEM-GA. (JF-ON) [WKDV sounds most likely to me. - DY]
- 1490 UNID — 2/16 1855 - C&W music, "*Right here on Classic Coun-*



1590 UNID — try." (WM-MD) — 1/9 2045-2046 — "CBS news report, Channel 9" and a few seconds of carrier sound, repeated 5-6 times and disappeared. (DJ-JAM) [Sounds like somebody's satellite is malfunctioning. — DY]

LOGGINGS

550 CHLN PQ Trois Rivières — 2/19 1957 — "CHLN cinq cinquante" ID into Toronto-Montreal hockey, // CKAC-730. (NjW*ON)
560 WIND IL Chicago — 2/19 2215 — Presumed with man in SS, ballads, ad for McDonald's, couple of "Tremenda" promos. Fair mixing with WGAN, USB helps. (HF*ON)
WGAN ME Portland — 2/19 2000 — Top of hour ID and CBS news, QRM from CFOS. (NjW*ON)
+ 2/19 2215 — Call ID, 773-KIDS and Rush Limbaugh spots, Dr. Joy Brown program. Fair, mixing with presumed WIND. (HF*ON)
WFRB MD Frostburg — 2/20 0608 — Relaying WTBO-1450, "Cumberland's first, Cumberland's finest, AM 14-50 WTBO," light pop and C&W music, ad for Four Seasons Craft Shop, "Official Weather Channel forecast from WTBO," and "This is the home of America's best music, WTBO." Jumped briefly to 560.2 kHz at 0624, fair mixing with Art Bell interviewing Harlot. (HF*ON) [I won't ask. — DY]
+ 2/20 0611 — OLD by Elvis Presley, Lou Rawls, etc., "1450 WTBO" liners in between songs. Seemed to be same satellite stuff as on WMBG-740. (NjW*ON)
WHYN MA Springfield — 2/9 2205 — Calls, news, local weather. Talk show with female host, fair with WGAI-NC QRM. Last heard in 1984. (JEK-MD)
WCKL NY Catskill — 2/18 1948 — ID/liner heard after Barry Manilow's "Mandy," good signal over CFOS. (NjW*ON)
WVOC SC Columbia — 2/10 0724 — Good with calls, mention of Columbia, talk show discussing Confederate flag, new. (MB-IN)
WJLS WV Beckley — 2/10 1800 — Just heard ID and noted REL format, rare here. (JEK-MD)
580 WTAG MA Worcester — 2/18 1836 — Lengthy list of closings and cancellations due to snow, TC and ID 1840, back into Dr. Laura. No sign of usual CFRA. (NjW*ON)
+ 2/18 1841 — Ads for Gary Goldman, Worcester Golf Expo, Moore-Williams Advertising, Dr. Laura Schlesinger program, "Worcester County's ... News-Talk 5-80 WTAG," Worcester Ice Cats hockey spot, Ted Stewart weather, Jeff Craig with Video View, good. (HF*ON)
600 CKAT ON North Bay — 2/20 0639 — "News-Talk 600," Debbie Burke reporting snowmobile events for the Snow Track Radio Network, fair. (HF*ON)
710 CJRN ON Niagara Falls — 2/18 2120 — Red Sweeney with oldies, "CJRN, 7-10, your ... choice," CKVM and WOR there, fair. (HF*ON)
CKVM PQ Ville Marie — 2/18 2120 — Variety of FF music styles, man with FF call ID, CJRN and WOR (with New Jersey Nets basketball) there, fair. (HF*ON)
720 CHTN PI Charlottetown — 2/19 1943 — "We are your home for Good Time Oldies, AM 7-20 CHTN," and "CHTN Weather Line," good over WGN. Heard many times at home in Midland, but usually under WGN. (HF*ON)
740 WPAQ NC Mount Airy — 2/18 1350 — Gospel music and local announcements, poor signal. (NjW*ON)
+ 2/18 1815 — Low-key gospel music, ID and religious spots at bottom of hour, poor. (HF*ON)
WVCH PA Chester — 2/19 1657 — REL instrumental music, "... serving the Delaware Valley ...," WVCH advertising spot, fair. (HF*ON)
WKBG VA Williamsburg — 2/18 2111 — ID "AM 7-40 WMBG," NOS music, over SS QRM, fair and then gone. (HF*ON)
WRNR WV Martinsburg — 2/20 0731 — Under WVCH with promo for upcoming play-by-play broadcasts on WRNR. (NjW*ON)
CHCM NF Marystown — 2/19 1831 - // VPCM-590 with no mention of CHCM or Marystown, "VPCM Satellite Weather," "VPCM News," and "VPCM Million Dollar Weekend," variety music, ads for Fabricville House of Flowers, Newtel, Canadian Tire, Furrer's, Hickman(?) Motors, and Empire Cinemas, good. Best in USB to avoid CKAC-730; heard at home for first time poorly in January. (HF*ON)



+ 2/19 1840 — With "VOCM First News" and "VOCM Million Dollar Weekend" with music by Abba, Rod Stewart, The Chiffons, etc. (NjW*ON)
770 WLWL NC Rockingham — 2/17 1750 — Black oldies music, ID. (WM-MD)
780 WCKB NC Dunn — 2/12 1753 — Ads for business on Highway 221 in Dunn, another in Cumberland Square Shopping Center in Dunn. North Carolina Network news. Signoff at 1800 saying they are owned by North Carolina Central Broadcasting in Dunn and located 1 mile from Dunn on Highway 221. First under, then smothering WABS-VA. (SK-PA)
790 WQXI GA Atlanta — 2/19 1750 — Weak to fair with ad for Löwenbräu, sports talk, promo for "790, the Zone" web page. I checked out the web page, and it was this. (HJH-PA)
810 WTHV GA Hahira — 2/17 1745 — Black gospel music, SID after WYRE-MD signoff, fair-poor. (WM-MD)
WQIZ SC St. George — 2/16 1735 — Black gospel music, tuned down to 807 kHz to avoid WXTR-820 slop. At 1756 "You're listening to the Light, American gospel," 1759 full sign-off but carrier cut before conclusion of announcement, dual city "St. George-Charleston" ID. New and much wanted. (JEK-MD)
WMGC TN Murfreesboro — 2/17 1800 — Black gospel music, ID, sign-off with mention of 5,000 watts. (WM-MD) [Would be a format change; not the above? — DY]
830 WXII NC Kernersville — 2/16 1735 — Local and state news, mention of Al Gore, traffic report, "From News Channel 12," fair. (WM-MD)
840 WVPO PA Stroudsburg — Date? Time? — Call ID, NOS music, poor. (HF*ON)
850 WPTB GA Statesboro — 2/1 2032-2200 — Sports talk show, ID only in promo "on WPTB," poor mixing with 2 SS stations. (DT-JAM)
WYLF NY Penn Yan — 2/20 1703 — "Music, news, and just plain fun, we're AM 8-50 WYLF," NOS music, fair mixing with WODZ. (HF*ON)
WODZ PA Johnstown — 2/20 0703 — Promo "The new song radio show, the best gospel," listing of Johnstown sponsors. Fair mixing with WYLF. (HF*ON)
870 WWL LA New Orleans — 2/18 2234 — Louisiana State Tigers basketball, fair mixing with WHCU, again 2/20 0650 with "American Health Radio Show" to 0700, "WWL New Orleans" SID, then "People Matters" program, again fair mixing with WHCU. (HF*ON)
WHCU NY Ithaca — 2/18 2234 — ID "News Radio 8-70 WHCU Ithaca, New York," Bill Stern Sports Newsreel old radio program, fair mainly over WWL. Again 2/20 0650 with Christian Science Sentinel program, Ithaca Christian Science Reading Room spot, CBS news at 0700, fair mixing with WWL. (HF*ON)
WPWT TN Colonial Heights — 2/19 1816 — Really strong with REL, sign-off announcement at this time, mention of transmitter located in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Cut out before announcement was over. (HJH-PA)
880 WRFD OH Worthington — 2/19 1740 — With a religious sports program "Sports Spectrum," WRFD weather 1758, fair mixing with WCBS. (HF*ON)
890 WKNV VA Fairlawn — 2/18 1440 — Under WLS with country gospel music and "Joy AM" ID. (NjW*ON)
900 WJWL DE Georgetown — 2/19 1831 — Weak to fair with CHML nulled, ad for American Play Institute and then slogan, "Looking, looking, looking for Jesus, WJL 900." (HJH-PA)
WJJB ME Brunswick — 2/9 2030 — Good to excellent with WEEI network coverage of Boston Celtics. Clear ID at 2058, SID and no mention of WJAE-1440. New, ex-WSME. (JEK-MD)
920 CJCJ NB Woodstock — 2/18 1905 — Out of Broadcast News with ID and pop music by N Sync. (NjW*ON)
CJCH NS Halifax — 2/18 1900 — Broadcast News at 1900, then Halifax Mooseheads hockey pre-game show sponsored by East Side Marios at 1925 recheck, fair with CJCJ. (NjW*ON)
940 WMAZ GA Macon — 2/20 1800 — Weak to fair in CINW null with "This is your talk and information station, WMAZ Macon," anti-smoking ad prior. (HJH-PA)
960 CHNS NS Halifax — 2/18 1934 — "Oldies 960 CHNS," into Ann Murray song, on top of CFFX. (NjW*ON)
CFFX ON Kingston — 2/18 1915 — Kingston Frontenacs vs. Windsor Spitfires hockey, good. (HF*ON)
990 CKGM PQ Montreal — 2/19 1805 — ID "Oldies 9-90, we're happy to be your oldies station,"



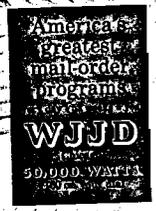
- 1000 CKBW NS fair with QRM from CKRU-980 also with OLD. (HF*ON)
Bridgewater - 2/19 1813 - With "CKBW Bulletin Board," ad for Blue Nose RV Center, "CKBW Weather," call 543-4000, "1000 AM Bridgewater CKBW," C&W music. Fair mixing with FF. (HF*ON)
- 1020 WNTK NH Newport - 2/24 1340 - Discussion of rising college costs, then male spoken ID "WNTK, Newport," before WBZ-1030 splash took over again. First time any station on this frequency has made it past the 1030 powerhouse on my car radio. (MS-MA)
- 1030 WWGB MD Indian Head - 2/19 0730 - Caught ID right before beginning of REL program, featuring female preacher from Washington, D.C. (RJ-NC)
- 1040 WYSL NY Avon - 2/19 1821 - Ad for Ontario (that's the county Avon is in) Honda-Mazda, "News when you want it ... the place to be when you want to know, the News Station," WYSL web spot. Fair, fighting C&W station. (HF*ON)
- CJMS PQ Saint Constant - 2/19 1814 - Woman in FF with "CJMS Country dix-quarante" ID, followed by C&W music. (NjW*ON)
- 1070 WSCP NY Sandy Creek-Pulaski - 2/10 1900 - Live DJ "We have high school basketball coming up later this hour on WSCP," game started at 1930. Poor and wavy to fair, with local WKOK completely nulled. Never would have heard this during their legal hours. (SK-PA)
- 1080 WOAP MI Owosso - 2/19 0747 - "AM 10-80 WOAP" ID by man, talk about tuning into WOAP for winter storm reports and Bobby Vinton oldie, under WUFO, WTIC. (NjW*ON)
- WKKE NC St. Pauls - 2/14 1759 - Poor, caught parts of signoff announcement mainly due to announcer's high-pitched voice, "WKKE concludes another day of Christian broadcasting," under WTIC. New, all 1080 NC's in the Log. (JEK-MD)
- 1100 WGPA PA Bethlehem - 2/16 1810-1815 - SS music and talk, very short signoff in EE, good. PSSA to WTAM LSS? (JEK-MD)
- WTWN VT Wells River - 2/18 1517 - Under WTAM with liner "The all new river of life, WTWN." (NjW*ON)
- 1110 WJML MI Petoskey - 2/18 1738 - Way over WBT with slogan "11-10 WJML, the best of the 50's, 60's, and 70's back to back," into "The Letter" by the Box Tops. (MB-ON)
- WNNW NH Salem - 2/18 1754 - Latin American music, EE ID at top of hour, into SS CNN news. Fair with WBT. (NjW*ON)
- WGNZ OH Fairborn - 2/18 1749 - "Radio You Can Believe ... WGNZ," spot for Greater Dayton Moving & Storage, religious music, SRN news on the hour. QRM from WNNW, WBT. (NjW*ON)
- 1150 WRUN NY Utica - 2/14 2000 - With somewhat distorted audio on 1150, bleeding over and dominating 1140 with very distorted audio. (SK-PA)
- WCRK TN Morristown - 2/20 1813 - Potent signal with OLD, ID "1150 WCRK," then into Billy Joel's "Piano Man," cut out at 1815. (HJH-PA)
- 1160 WCXI FN Fenton - 2/19 0819 - Under WSCR-IL with ID by woman, Marty Robbins country oldie. (NjW*ON)
- 1170 WMRH WI Waupun - 2/18 1754 - Overcoming nulled WWVA-WV with local weather, ID "The music of your life on AM 1170 WMRH Radio," QSL'ed in 1980 as WLKE. (MB-ON)
- 1180 WXLA MI Dimondale - 2/19 0815 - Under WHAM with blues music, ID by man, local spots. (NjW*ON)
- 1200 WSML NC Graham - 1/13 2115-2132 - Talk, news show, ID "right here on WSML," poor. (DT-JAM)
- WMIR SC Atlantic Beach - 2/16 1815 - Southern gospel music, "Hi, you're listening to the best in southern gospel, right here on 1200 AM WMIR," good signal, probably on day power. (WM-MD)
- 1230 WONN FL Lakeland - 2/17 1859 - NOS music, ID in mess: "Playing unforgettable music on WONN." (WM-MD)
- 1250 WQHL FL Live Oak - 1/15 2205-2235 - Network talk show, ID "right here on the new WQHL." Poor, mixing with SS station. (DT-JAM)
- 1260 WWJQ MI Zeeland - 2/19 0905 - "Alternative Talk Radio 12-60 WJQ," local spots for Short Cut Garage in



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- Holland, Thornapple Motors, promo for Chuck Swindall's Insight for Living program, into inspirational music. (NjW*ON)
- WCHV VA Charlottesville - 2/10 1955-2003 - Canned ID "The Touch 1260, the best variety," no top of hour call ID. Nearly smothering usual pest WNSS-NY. Last heard in 1995. (SK-PA)
- CIHI NB Fredericton - 2/19 1651 - "More music, See-High AM and FM," spot for Prudential River Realty, into Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 at 1700. (NjW*ON)
- 1280 WYAL NC Scotland Neck - 2/13 0658 - Full signon announcement including 500-watt PSRA, mention Sky Cities Broadcasting. Haven't heard this one in a long while, but one of the first from NC in my log. (JEK-MD)
- 1290 WHKY NC Hickory - 2/13 0728 - Mentioned ncn.com web address, Bruce Farrell with North Carolina news, ID. Seldom heard. (JEK-MD)
- 1320 WVNZ VA Richmond - 2/12 1714 - Poor with slogan "Radio Richmond WLEE, WVNZ." Ex-WREET, WLEE for me. (JF-ON)
- 1340 WMSA NY Massena - 2/19 0922 - Announcer reading birthdays, ID, and Elton John song. (NjW*ON)
- WADE NC Wadesboro - 2/16 0100 - ID strong in jumble "WADE Wadesboro," then USA news. Again at 0120 with black female giving calls. (SK-PA)
- 1360 WKOP NY Binghamton - 2/19 0936 - Announcer talking about a station event/party, playing polka music. (NjW*ON)
- 1370 WLOP GA Jesup - 2/17 1930 - C&W music, ID. (WM-MD)
- 1380 WHGT PA Waynesboro - 2/10 0912 - C&W, finally a "Country 101.5" slogan, but no AM ID. Only possible owing to the silence of WAMS-DE, even at their paltry 100 watts, hi! (RJE-PA)
- 1390 WXTC SC Charleston - 1/19 2203-2317 - GOS, call letters mentioned, QRM from WISA, poor. (DT-JAM)
- 1410 WDOE NY Dunkirk - 2/10 2019 - Possible canned WDOE ID (but then there's WDOV-DE), then start of "Rock Around the Clock," the same OLD satellite that's on my semi-local WLZS-106.1 FM. Partial ID 2100 "Your good time oldies station," then CNN news, and firm ID 2106 "We're Oldies 1410, WDOE Dunkirk-Fredonia, a ... station." (SK-PA)
- 1440 WVMG GA Cochran - 1/23 2155-2236 - GOS, church service mentioning church in Dorser (?) GA, poor with unID SS QRM. (DT-JAM)
- 1470 WPDM NY Potsdam - 2/19 1036 - "Today's Best and Yesterday's Favorites, 99 Hits" ID's, spot for Sergei's Italian Restaurant and Akwasne Mohawk Casino, music by INXS, Cher. Legal ID and ABC news at 1100. (NjW*ON)
- WPNC NC Plymouth - 2/12 0601 - Poor in mess with sign-on, address given as Box 208, 27963 (different from what's in the Log), no SSB. New. (JF-ON)
- 1480 WYZE GA Atlanta - 2/15 2000 - Black gospel music, "Wise" ID. Loud, must be on day power. (WM-MD)
- 1520 KDYS LA Lafayette - 2/14 2258 - Gave out Lafayette LA address for contest, listing of community sponsors including Dr. Susan ??, "Thank you from 15-20, Radio Disney." (RJ-NC)
- 1560 KCJK IA Iowa City - 2/6 1817 - Poor with WQEW phased with AC music // KCJJ-1630. Ex-KCJJ. (JF-ON)
- 1570 WGSR FL Fernandina Beach - 1/27 2150-2220 - OLD or NOS, call letters mentioned, poor with QRM from HIAJ, XERF. (DT-JAM)
- 1590 WQCH GA La Fayette - 2/17 1830 - A complete surprise with C&W, full sign-off announcement and SSB. Conditions seemed auroral, with low-frequency het on channel and no WAKR-OH at all. I checked the FCC database, which says night power is neither approved nor applied for, so change your Log. (RJE-PA)
- 1600 WIDU NC Fayetteville - 2/14 1800 - With WWRI. fading up heard "1600 WIDU," then smothered. #30 on 1600. (SK-PA)
- 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 2/6 0014-0024 - Fair at best, in and out amidst QRM with 80's rock music (Hooters, B-52's), Edward Jones brokerage, Mr. Musichead and local Jeep dealership commercials, and mention of a GE Superadio giveaway



- for long distance listeners at 0022, gave e-mail address as <kcjiam@aol.com>. (MB-NJ)
- 1640 **KDIA CA** Vallejo – 2/19 0700 – Under WKSH with ID by woman, into USA Radio news. (NjW*ON)
- 1680 **WTIR FL** Winter Garden – 2/19 0717 – Atop “Homey 1680” with Sea World info and announcement that WTIR has job openings. (NjW*ON)
- 1700 **WAFN FL** Miami Springs – 2/5 2353-2405 – Strong with One on One Sports talk show, full ID 0000 – “You’re listening to cutting edge sports for the new millennium, WAFN Miami Springs-Fort Lauderdale, this is 1700 the Fan.” (MB-NJ)
- KBGG IA** Des Moines – 2/19 0835 – “Tee to Green” golf program, very good. (HF*ON)
- KTBK TX** Sherman – 2/14 2155 – Promo for Tom Landry retrospective, ad for Dodge Durango, // 1310 “The Ticket.” (RJ-NC)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 530 **WNRZ656 DE** North of Wilmington – 2/17 – Near interchange of I-95 and I-495, for major construction on I-95. Heard from I-676 in New Jersey. (RJE*NJ)
- WPGX842 NJ** Camden – This one has been silent for several months. I don’t know if it’s completely out of service, or inactive. (RJE-PA)
- UNID —** ——— 2/10 0850 – TIS with alternating male and female announcers, 2 different males, also periodic 2-4 telephone touch tones between. Sounds a lot like the Newark Airport station I’ve heard when in north Jersey, and could well be. (RJE-PA)
- 830 **WPIC749 PA** Philadelphia – Has been silent for a few weeks now. This likely results, as I suggested earlier, from WEEU’s move to 830, as WEEU now blankets the entire area. No info in local press as to possible new frequency. Either 530 (if vacated by the above), or 1610 (vacated some time back by airport TIS) or 1640 (used by PA Turnpike TIS, none of which are audible downtown) remain possible. (RJE-PA)
- 1400 **WPKN267 PA** Philadelphia – Has been silent for several weeks now. I don’t know if this one is simply quiet except for traffic/weather problems, or not. (RJE*NJ)
- 1510 **WPEP788 FL** Lakeland – Lakeland Linder Regional Airport TIS, listed in FCC database and confirmed active on this frequency in 2/2000 by David Potter of Lakeland. Appears to run live (and possibly recorded) programming commensurate with events, air and balloon shows, etc. ID’ed as “WPE788” on one “live” announcement, per David. Ex-1610 kHz, where it operated during the annual weeklong spring Sun-N-Fun Fly-in. (TLK-FL)
- 1610 **TIS KY** Cumberland Falls State Park – 2/16 1928 – Poor but readable with tape describing the park. (MB-IN)
- WPHD215 NJ** Mount Laurel – 2/17 – Heard from I-676 with no ID, and New Jersey DOT Auto Inspection Station wait times for the state. This suggests there are several more of these. New Jersey is having major problems with a private vendor operating the state facilities not being able to get new equipment operating properly for emissions standards testing. This call was not heard, but it’s the only one on the FCC database anywhere near her licensed to New Jersey DOT and/or not already in use. (RJE*NJ)
- “WRFT” PA** Ambler – Campus station for the Ambler campus of Temple University is now here, ex-590. The new frequency is audible weakly under the Valley Forge National Park TIS, which is further away. I first noted this one in the car driving very near the campus, and was able to follow it all the way home. Format I heard was all rap and hip-hop although the campus website says all types of music is played. I listened as long as I could stand it, in 2 different periods, and never hear an ID nor a spoken voice announcement of any kind. Got the calls from the website also. Depending on direction (owing to the above QRM this is readable at up to 10 miles and I only checked some. (RJE-PA)

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ADDRESS UPDATES

- 940 **CINW PQ** Montreal – Phone number that I reported earlier is not valid. (DT-JAM)
- 990 **KWAN TN** Memphis – Address is not valid, report returned undeliverable. (DT-JAM)
- 1310 **WXMC NJ** Parsippany-Troy Hills – P.O. Box address expired; I’m trying the street address. (DT-JAM)

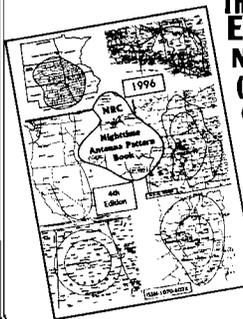
- 1320 **WZMZ FL** Miami – Address is not valid. (DT-JAM)
- 1400 **KGMV MO** Springfield – Address is not valid. (SK-PA)

REPORTERS

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| MB-NJ | Mike Battaglio | Chatham – ICF-2010, homemade 100’ attic loop |
| MB-ON | Mike Brooker | Toronto – RF-2200, RFB-45 |
| MB-IN | Mark Burns | Terre Haute – R8, 80’ RW |
| RJE-PA | Russ Edmunds | Blue Bell – Car radio & loop |
| RJE*NJ | | DX’ing in New Jersey – Car radio |
| JF-ON | Jeff Falconer | Clinton – R8B, terminated EWE antenna, modified MFJ-1026, Timewave DSP-599zx |
| SF-TN | Steve Francis | Alcoa – TRF, Select-a-Tenna |
| HF*ON | Harold Frodge | DX’ing at Coe Hill – R71A, 500’ and 1000’ RW’s, 65’ TTFDFV |
| HJH-PA | Harry Hayes | Wilkes-Barre – TransOceanic, Kiwa pocket loop |
| RJ-NC | Russ Johnson | Lexington – CC Radio, Q-stick antenna, LW |
| SK-PA | Steve Kennedy | Coal Township – Superadio III, inside wire |
| TLK-FL | Terry Krueger | Clearwater – |
| JEK-MD | Joe Kureth | Uniontown – SW8, 950’ NE LW |
| WM-MD | William McGuire | Cheverly – DX-380 |
| GM-VA | Greg Myers | Richmond – Sony ICF-2010, Kiwa pocket loop |
| MS-MA | Michael Shaw | DX’ing in Salem – Car radio, CCCrane antenna |
| DT-JAM | Don Trelford | St. Ann’s Bay – R-2000, LW NS-EW |
| NjW*ON | Niel Wolfish | DX’ing near Coe Hill (Lake Township, Hastings County) – R71A, 1000’ NE LW |

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DX Digest

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A reminder: please submit your report following the format you see below. When you reverse the order of items, it takes a lot of extra time for me to redo your report. Also, please send text files only for the same reason. Thank you!

Jim

TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA ENdRS, Bechar (presume), FEB 19 0236-0241+ - male, Arabic chanting, and instrumental music, poor. [Frodge-ON] FEB 22 0350 - Fast Arab music High pitched vocal// 549kHz. Poor. 0400 news-Female-AA, good S-9+. FEB 24 0220 - Arab music, high male voice chant. FEB 25 0236 - Two AA men in discussion // 549 kHz, good S-9+. [Stromsted-MA]
- 153 GERMANY R. Donebach, FEB 24 0220 - Symphonic music (under Bechar) presume D. Radio, medium. [Stromsted-MA]
- 162 FRANCE RFI Ailouis, FEB 22 0406 - News/commentary in FF with male and female. Dijon Elections/Sports reporting on Americas New Zealand-2 to 0). FEB 24 0144 - Modern jazz-interview with composer? More music follows, parallel 1375 St. Pierre & Miquelon. 0213 - Rock- "Devil in the Sky". "You know me", "Beautiful Stranger". [Stromsted-MA]
- 171 MOROCCO R. Meditterenee Inter.Nador, FEB 23 0105 - AA Music - Modern fast beat including flute, drums? Male with AA vocal, chorus, flutes, drums, strong beat; good. FEB 24 2239 - Arab music with male vocal, strong. [Stromsted-MA]
- 177 GERMANY Zehlendorf, FEB 24 0215 - American music-"You got the moves" male EE vocal; good, followed by country western-M-E vocal GG announcer. [Stromsted-MA]
- 183 GERMANY Europe 1 Saarlouis, FEB 22 0400 - Male and female announcer in FF with news, strong. [Stromsted-MA]
- 189 ICELAND Riksutvarpid (presume), FEB 18 2322-2337+ - man and woman with discussion; vocal music at 2332 then more talk; not // 9275 or 11402 though both these were carrying man and woman talk, poor. FEB 19 0241-0300+ - variety of music including EE pop with no announcer and no break at top of hour, fair/best in LSB. [Frodge-ON] FEB 23 0112 - Icelandic, woman and two men in discussion, strong. FEB 24 0710 - Slow beat-with EE lyrics-western. [Stromsted-MA]
- 216 FRANCE RMC Roumoules, FEB 22 0412 - Music, poor. [Stromsted-MA]
- 234 LUXEMBOURG RTL Jungslingester, FEB 22 0415 - Rock music-French lyrics-slow beat-FF with vocal; poor. [Stromsted-MA]
- 252 IRELAND New Atlantic 252, Clarkestown, FEB 22 0420 - Rock with vocal in EE; good. FEB 24 0712 - Slow rock with EE male vocal -"What a lucky day" EE disk jockey; fair. "I have to change you-like I should", Dr Pepper ad - "try it you will love it". [Stromsted-MA]
- 549 ALGERIA Les Trembles FEB 13 0135 - Poor; assumed this with string music and vocals, strong signal with loud het against 550 but weak audio. [Conti-NH] FEB 22 0350 - Fast Arab music, high pitched vocal // 153 kHz, poor. FEB 25 0236 - Two AA men in discussion // 153 kHz, poor. [Stromsted-MA]
- 864 EGYPT Santah, FEB 23 0100 - Arabic Chanting, presume Egypt, poor. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, FEB 22 2329 - two men, FF discussion, assumed Morocco, poor. [Stromsted-MA]
- 1089 ENGLAND Brookmans Park, FEB 22 2338 - two Englishmen in discussion, poor. [Stromsted-MA]



- 1125 LYBIA El Beida, FEB 25 0253- Slow AA music with vocal, fair, presumed Libya. [Stromsted-MA]

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 540 COLOMBIA R. Autentica, Bogota FEB 20 0230 - Tentative; preaching in Spanish over an unID Latin American station and WQTM. [Conti-NH]
- 550 JAMAICA RJR Montego Bay FEB 20 0300 - "RJR News" and woman in Caribbean-accented English mentioning satellite news, tough to copy in R.Rebelde-Cuba/Mundial-Venezuela mix. [Conti-NH]
- 550 VENEZUELA Mundial, Caracas FEB 20 0220 - Fair; merengue and salsa, Mundial IDs, over R.Rebelde-Cuba. Seems to have dropped YVKE from IDs. [Conti-NH]
- 570 CUBA R.Rebelde, Santa Clara FEB 20 0155 - Fair; clock and news over/under WMCA/WSYR mix. [Conti-NH]
- 620 CUBA R.Rebelde FEB 20 0150 - Fair; baseball play-by-play // 600 & 5025, over an unID Latin American station. [Conti-NH]
- 640 CUBA R.Progreso FEB 20 0120 - Good; nostalgic salsa over WFNC. [Conti-NH]
- 660 CUBA R.Progreso, Santa Clara FEB 20 0115 - Fair; radio drama and salsa // 640 & 890, even with WFAN. [Conti-NH]
- 670 CUBA R.Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas FEB 20 0110 - Good; baseball play-by-play, mentioned "primera strike" and home runs, // 5025. [Conti-NH]
- 690 ANGUILLA(p) Caribbean Beacon, FEB 15 0245-0315 - Dr. Gene Scott with usual preaching. Mixing at times with CINF but on top of channel from 0303-0314. Cuba not heard at all. [Sgrulletta-NY] (see news item below - Jim)
- 700 JAMAICA RJR Montego Bay FEB 20 0100 - Steady but weak in WLW null with reggae music. [Conti-NH]
- 700 COLOMBIA R.Net, Cali FEB 20 0105 - Faded up briefly with news in Spanish, "en Radio Net" ID. [Conti-NH]
- 730 CUBA R.Progreso, La Fé FEB 20 0330 - Good; "Radio Progreso, la onda de la alegría" ID and nostalgia, CKAC apparently knocked out by aurora. [Conti-NH]
- 750 VENEZUELA YVKS Caracas, FEB 20 0048-0101 - two men with discussion and LA music; few "RCR" IDs; Fair o/u WSB. [Frodge-ON]
- 759.75 CUBA R.Rebelde, FEB 17 0315-0344 - fairly good copy, despite local SS station WLCC "La Clasica" on 760. Site reported as Caney de las Mercedes, Granma per Osvaldo Rodriguez of Relej (Guanabacoa in the WRTH). [Krueger-FL] (this het is quite strong in Upstate New York - Jim)
- 760 COLOMBIA RCN Baranquilla. FEB 15 0059 - with ad for Banco Colombia. Heard six time pips for 0100 right over the ad. Into noticias. [Sgrulletta-NY]
- 780 VENEZUELA Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal FEB 20 0350 - Sign-off with call letters and frequencies, national anthem, under R.Coro-Venezuela. [Conti-NH]
- 780 VENEZUELA R.Coro, Coro FEB 20 0400 - Excellent after Ecos del Torbes sign-off, promo for 63-year anniversary, then "...por Radio Coro, patrimonio de la comunidad" and familiar "Mas popular" jingle ID. [Conti-NH]
- 820 unID FEB 20 0410 - Noise wiping out the frequency, sounded like a bubble jammer. [Conti-NH]
- 830 ST. KITTS & NEVIS R.Paradise, Charlestown FEB 20 0420 - Fair; youth bible program // KTBN 7510, under local WCRN. [Conti-NH]
- 830 MEXICO XELN Linares, NL, FEB 21 0400 - with ID and then noticias. [Danneskjold-AZ]
- 890 CUBA R. Progreso, FEB 15 0350 - with male announcer in Spanish. Gave ID at 0401 as "Transmite Radio Progreso Cadena national ...", parallel to 640. Was S9 signal and on top of WLS all night. [Sgrulletta-NY]
- 895 NEVIS(p) Voice of Nevis, FEB 15 0125 - with man in EE heard briefly before Progreso slop covered up. [Sgrulletta-NY]
- 1140 CUBA jammer and others, FEB 22 0550-0602 - huge Cuban jammer now active here, FM, no doubt targeting WQBA-Miami. Not the same xmtr as "The Buzzer" mystery Cuban. While I am unable to hear anything on 820 due to a local, David Crawford in Gainesville reports that the same type of Fming Cuban jammer is here, too. Not sure what the intended target would be there. On 1140 at 0558, heard a vocal version of the Cuban NA punching through the



jammer, followed by the canned "Rebelde de Habana" jingle. Not sure who this was (Bayamo or Enciclopedia closing very late?). NA and Rebelde at the same level, so maybe they just flipped to overnight Rebelde at this time. [Krueger-FL]

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ANGUILLA: DGS 11775/6090 is temporarily at 10 kW because of a damaged water hose. Once a new hose and cleaner can be installed next week it should be back to 100 kW. The 1610 kHz outlet is only running about 6 kW, and 690 is much less than the authorized 200 kW (DX LISTENING DIGEST, WORLD OF RADIO 1025). Last night (around 2330 23/2) no sign of 6090 (another station on channel) but 1610 was a fair signal here in England. [Steve Whitt via *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail]

AUSTRIA: ORF's Nachbar in Not (Neighbour in Need) is still broadcasting each night from 2000-2300 on 1476 in Serbo-Croatian/Bosnian, German, Albanian and English to the Balkans. They invite letters to Radio NIN, Argentinierstraße 30a, 1040 Vienna. [Chris Stacey in BDXC-UK via Olle Alm e-mail]

CYPRUS: TWR Monte Carlo - Cape Greco - Cyprus relay on 1233 kHz, 600 kW, 205 degrees 0300-0305 Arabic 0305-0320 Mon-Fri Arabic, Sat Sun Iraqi 0320-0325 Arabic 2025-2200 Arabic (TWR via BC-DX 450) 1233 The last we were informed about is that the new tx is under testing. From our own monitoring information it looks like that the new tx is on the air. TWR's progr on MW 1233 are aired from 0300-0325 and 2025-2200 (on Sundays 2215). [Bernhard Schraut-AUT, TWR Europe, Jan 27 via BC-DX 450 via Olle Alm e-mail]

ESTONIA: The Tartu based religious broadcaster Pereraadio (Family Radio) is planning to use Tartu 612 with 100kW for religious programmes in Russian. [BT via Olle Alm e-mail]

ICELAND: I called our Chief Engineer Transmission Network Mr. Kristjan Benediktsson and he tells me that 738 kHz is still pending for decision of closure. 666 kHz was closed April 20th 1999. He also confirms that the station at Raufarhöfn (1485 kHz / BE) has been closed but he does not know that exact date. [Gudrun Eyberg <gudruney@ruv.is> via BE via Olle Alm e-mail]

ISRAEL: I just returned from a business week in Tel Aviv. Arutz Sheva is quiet on 711 and 1143, but still active on FM from different locations in ISR. I heard a new Kol Israel stn on MW 1269. Is there any DXer that is living in or near ISR that can check. Hebrew was also heard on MW 1539. The Voice of Peace ??? (Bengt Ericson-SWE, Jan 22) Arutz 7 returned to the air yesterday from the high seas after being off the air on AM and FM for the past four days because of stormy weather we have had here in Israel. Last Tuesday, the stormy weather endangered the "Eretz Hatzvi" (Arutz 7's boat), and the Israeli navy, police and others advised the boat to find a port to take cover in, until the storms passed over. After careful consideration, the captain, with the agreement of the Arutz 7 management, anchored the boat in the port of Haifa. Maariv writes "The Arutz 7 management decided to cease all broadcasts as soon as the boat entered Israeli territorial waters, for fear of breaking Israeli law." As you all know, Arutz 7 has always anchored WITHIN Israeli territorial waters, as the trip that Martin and I took last November proved. So this above statement is just "for show". During the four days that the station was off the air on AM and FM, Internet broadcasts continued as usual. The weather here in Israel has calmed down, and winter has finally arrived in Israel. Today is a sunny, but cool 18 de-

grees C - the rain is due to return on Thursday, but not with the stormy conditions that we have witnessed over the past week or so. [Mike Brand 24 Jan 00, via Steve Whitt *Medium Wave* e-mail via Olle Alm e-mail]

KAZAKHSTAN: DXers in Kazakhstan have confirmed that Kazakh Telecom completely closed down all LW/MW transmitters "some time ago". Since then, at least some of the frequencies have been open for tender, and some of the stations which received the license (incl. Kazakh state radio) have started broadcasting in the meantime. Recently monitored stations: 1071 Öskemen: 0400-1300 Mayak, 1300-1600 Regional State bc company from Öskemen (Addr: Stakhanov köch. 70, 492018 Öskemen) in Kazakh & Russian, 1600-? Mayak. 1548 UNID location: Kazakh Radio 1. [BT, via Olle Alm e-mail] RFE/RL schedule lists 1341 Almaty in Kazakh 0100-0200, 1300-1400 and Russian 0500-0700, 1400-1600. [Olle Alm e-mail]

LITHUANIA: 612 Radio Baltic Waves (in Lithuanian: "Baltijos bangu radijas", in Belarusian: "Radyjo Baltyjskija hvali") was on the air since Jan 1, 2000, with relays of R Polonia's (POL) Belarusian bcs daily 1730-1755, preceded for some 15 mins with RBW's own ISs and annts. On Jan 21, RBW also relayed R Liberty's Belarusian service at 1600-1730, moving its ISs and annts to 1550-1600. Since Jan 22 the schedule is as follows: 0350-0400 IS+ann, 0400-0500 R Liberty in Blr; 1550-1600 IS-ann, 1600-1730 R Liberty in Blr, 1730-1755 R Polonia in Blr; 1950-2000 IS+ann,

2000-2130 R Liberty in Blr. Hope this helps. [Sigitas dilionis-LTU, Jan 24 via BC-DX 449 26 Jan 2000 via Olle Alm e-mail] 612 Radio Baltic Waves will confirm your RR later with QSL letter or card. The mailing address is: Radio Baltic Waves, P.O. Box 3245, LT-2013, Vilnius, Lithuania Fax: +370-2-625088. By now, I can confirm that your report is correct. The tx location is Vilnius/Virusliskes, tx power - 50 kW, type - "Tesla", antenna - non directional 1/4 wavelength mast. Sjarhej Shupa, RBW Editor-in-Chief. [Jan Edh, Jan 21 via BC-DX 449, 26 Jan 2000, via Olle Alm e-mail]

MAURITIUS: In a recent e-mail A. Pather, Chief Engineer - MBC, tells that "there is no SW. For MW we have the following: (a) 10 kW on 684, (b) 10 kW on 819, (c) 2 kW on 1575, (d) 2 kW on 1206 (for Rodrigues Island - 600 kms east of Mauritius). All running 24 hours". [Jarmo Patala, SDXL, via Olle Alm e-mail]

MEXICO: Regarding the SCT web site mentioned in IDXD 67-20: On my home page, <http://www.inetworld.net/halls/dx/links.html>, I have a link to the SCT's AM database. They give you a map, and you click on each state to get a listing of AM stations in that state. [Hall-CA]

SUDAN: Monitoring report by Len Walker (MWC) listening in Khartoum: The General Programme is broadcast 0300-2300 GMT. However, the frequencies that carry the General Programme are not used continuously. It is on 765 1200-2300, on 963 0300-1200 and on 1296 0300-0700 and 1200-2300. Holy Koran Radio, National Unity Radio and Khartoum State Radio are all transmitted on 1152 and 576 (maybe 1152 is just the 2nd harmonic of 576 / OA). Holy Koran Radio is broadcast 0300-0430 and 0500-0600, with news from the General Programme 0430-0500. National Unity Radio is broadcast 1100-1500 and Khartoum State Radio is broadcast 1500-1600. Radio of the White Nile Province and Radio Wad Madani both appeared to share transmission facilities on 873. They were observed 0300-0600 and 1200-1800. They would identify as "Radio of the White Nile Province on the frequency of Radio Wad Madani" or Radio Wad Madani also bringing greetings from colleagues at Radio of the White Nile Province". The town of Wad Madani and the White Nile Province are both located in central Sudan. Kassala State Radio is listed in the WRTH to be on 666. A station in Arabic (presumed to be Kassala State Radio) was observed with poor audibility and erratic transmissions on this frequency 0630-1600. When audible, it relayed the General Programme with some (presumed) local programmes 1400-1600. [MWC Feb 2000 via Olle Alm e-mail]



TAIWAN: 1557 A new Family Radio station transmitting from Taiwan was heard here at 1430 UTC with Mandarin announcements. When I checked later, at 1607, EE programming. According to Mgr. Matt Tuter of Family Radio, this transmitter is 75 kW but power will be increased to 300 kW. The station will have predominantly Mandarin programming, but with two 3-hour English time slots. I have no info yet of transmitter site. [Bjarne Mjelde via HCDX 1190] A new religious stn from Far East noted in Finland, too, on 1557 around 1300 UTC. Further info is needed. [Jorma Mäntylä via HCDX 1190 - both items via Olle Alm e-mail]

UNITED KINGDOM/BELGIUM: 1296 The BBC transmitter at Orfordness 1296 was used for test transmissions on 31 January and 1 February 2000, 0700 -1830 hours and 2200 -2400 hours. A Flemish organisation, Bob Radio was behind the programmes. The station address, if you heard the transmissions, is: BoB Radio, Century Centre, De Keyzerlei 58-60 Box 45, 2018 Antwerp, Belgium. [Dave Kenny via MWC e-mail news, via Olle Alm e-mail]

QUERIES, ANSWERS

I just read IDXD in DXN 67-15 and thought I'd correct a couple of news items (page 22): GER-MANY: Mega Radio not on yet. IRELAND Atlantic 252 still on air - no closure; ID = "The New Atlantic 252" goes with slight format shift in music style. Hope that helps, [Steve Whitt-UK]

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THAI TOUR

From Willi Passman <wpassmann@hotmail.com> (via *Medium Wave Circle* e-mail)

Fortunately I had two hours time this afternoon for a MW check. The list does not claim to be complete in any way, I simply logged the strongest signals (S 3 or better) during daytime. The locations are guesses by comparison with the frequency list of the WRTH 2000. If not stated otherwise, traditional or modern Thai music was heard; special programme formats are mentioned. All observations made in Ko Tao, Thailand, on FEB 19. All Thai frequencies (also the UNIDs = listed in WRTH) except 774 Udon Thani and 693 Saraburi were in // at 0900 UTC.

Frequency-Transmitter	711 ? various listed	918 Chanthaburi
540 Bangkok	720 UNID Thai	927 Bangkok
558 ? various listed	738 Bangkok	936 ? various listed
576 Bangkok	747 ? various listed	945 Tronoh (Malaysia)
585 ? various listed	765 Lampang	1017 Segamat (Malaysia)
594 Khon Kaen	774 Udon Thani	1062 Bangkok
612 Lop Buri	792 ? various listed	1125 Chanthaburi
630 Bangkok	810 ? various listed	1143 Bangkok
657 Samut Sakhon	819 ? various listed	1170 Bangkok
675 Chiang Mai	828 ? various listed	1215 Surat Thani
684 Bangkok	837 Sakon Nakhon	1242 Surat Thani
693 Saraburi	855 UNID Thai	1323 Surat Thani
	873 ? various listed	1377 Phitsanulok
	891 Saraburi	1449 Chumphon (int. Pop songs and Thai Rock)

POPULAR CULTURE DX QUIZ

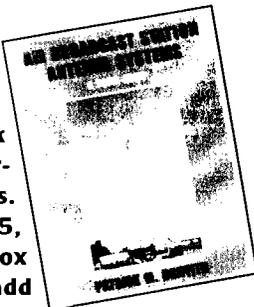
The answer is (c), although I can't remember what substance was in the coconut shells. In any event, it was not much more successful than Spock's primitive radio mentioned last week. Don't laugh at the Professor, though, because DX'ers have been known to use similar low-tech strategies in a pinch: like bow and arrows (or rocks!) to get antennae up into trees, licking battery terminals to get a better connection, and perhaps even moose calls to distract beverage-shredding critters from committing misdeeds in the field. In case you're wondering, I have about six more issues of quiz items to go (don't let that subscription lapse!).

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Network listings for team sports stations

With the Major League Baseball spring training beginning, I am starting to compile the MLB 2000 flagship list and network lists. Please send me any that you may have. And I still need some National Hockey League (NHL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) network lists. Please send me any that you have, or send me the URLs of lists you find on the web.

Confirmed DX'er

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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

This edition offers a good variety of verifications from around the country, and quite a number of new contributors. It is good to have each and every one of you on board. And, thanks to the many compliments about this column, they are appreciated. Now, on with the show...

Canada

Ontario, CFRB, 1010, Toronto, QSL card, program guide, info about ODXA in 31 days. V/s Stephen Canney of ODXA. (Kennedy—PA)
Quebec, CJBQ, 800, Bellevue, letter in 33 days. V/s Larry Mortley, D of E. (Kennedy—PA)

USA

Alabama, WPHG, 1620, Armore [Should that be Atmore???—Ken], no detail form 'certificate' in 25 days for mint stamp. (Walker—MI)
Arizona, KFNN, 1100, Cave Creek, verie letter on Renaissance Radio/North American Broadcasting Co. stationary and 2 bumper stickers in 84d. V/s Matthew Battaglia, Station Manager. Address: 5227 N. 7th St., Suite 1100, Phoenix, AZ 85014. (Griffith—CO)
Arizona, KTAR, 620, Phoenix, computer generated Certificate of Verification rcvd in 10 days. V/s Louis B. Burke Jr. Address: 5300 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012-1410. (Griffith—CO)
California, KNX, 1070, Los Angeles, QSL card in 19 days for SASE. V/s Larry Wichman, Technical Operations. (Robello—UT)
Colorado, KRKY, 930, Granby, Hand written letter on station letterhead in 24 days for SASE. V/s Scott Martin. (Robello, UT)
Delaware, WILM, 1450, Wilmington, QSL card, list of station awards in 8 days. V/s Allen Loudell [who is the news director of WILM and a very active DXer. —Ken]. (Kennedy—PA)
District of Columbia, WMAL, 630, Washington, QSL card in 8 days. V/s Don Caly, CE. (Kennedy—PA)
Florida, WGUL, 860, Dunedin, e-mail reply after an e-mail f/u. (Myers—VA)
Florida, WMIB, 1660, Marco Island, v/letter in 10 days. V/s Michele Nichols, Office Mgr. (Pote—IN)
Georgia, WRNC, 1670, Macon, v/letter in 11 days. V/s Richard Hamilton, Xmr, Eng, and James Gay II, Engineer. (Pote—IN)
Kentucky, WFTG, 1400, London, p/d letter in 2 wks. V/s Terry Harris, Op.Mgr. (Myers—VA)
Kentucky, WHAS, 840, Louisville, p/d card in 41 days for mint stamp. V/s Charles R. Strickland, CE. (Walker—MI)
Michigan, WMHG, 1600, Muskegon, letter in 22 days. V/s Don Beno, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
Michigan, WSJM, 1400, Benton Harbor, verie on back of business card in 12 days. V/s Gayle Olsen, Pres/GM. (Kennedy—PA)
New Jersey, WITM, 1680, Princeton, f/d 'certificate' in 4 months for original report (and 47 days for f/up report). V/s Anthony A. Gervasi, Jr. Sr. VP Engineering & Technology. (Walker—MI)
New York, WPTR, 1540, Albany, letter, business card in 21 days. V/s Barry Kershner, Manager. (Kennedy—PA)

New Mexico, KCKN, 1020, Roswell, Full detailed letter, daytime & nighttime coverage maps and tower & ground system drawing in 4 days for SASE. Signed by Gary Babcock, CE, Amateur Radio W5GNB. Mr. Babcock stated in letter that he would very much enjoy getting reports from other DX'ers. (Robello—UT)

North Carolina, WPAQ, 740, Mt. Airy, p/d letter in 43 days for mint stamp, used. V/s Lucy E. Bowman, Commercial Director. (Walker—MI)

North Carolina, WRCS, 970, Ashoskie, p/d letter in 2 wks after a f/u. V/s Bishop J.C. Watford, PD (Myers—VA).

Ohio, WKRC, 550, Cincinnati, f/d letter in 5 wks. V/s Gary Barnett, Engr. (Myers—VA)

Ohio, WKRC, 550, Cincinnati, f/d letter on station stationary in 40 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Gary Barnett, Engineering. (However, the letter thanked me for listening to WKRC, yet verified my reception for co-owned WCKY! Thank you de-regulation!) (Walker—MI)

Pennsylvania, WCOJ, 1420, Cortesville, letter in 7 days. V/s Lloyd Roach. (Kennedy—PA)

South Carolina, WBAJ, 890, Blythewood, verie on a sticker attached to tract in 9 days. (Kennedy—PA)

South Carolina, WFIS, 1600, Fountain Inn, f/d e-mail in 5 days for written report. (Myers—VA).

Tennessee, WAMB, 1160, Nashville, v/letter in 20 days. V/s William Barry, owner. (Pote—IN)

Tennessee, WQSE, 1030, White Bluff, letter plus bumper sticker and business card in 6 days. V/s Duane B. Jeffery. (Miller—IN)

Virginia, WGCV, 1240, Petersburg, verie on a coverage map in 12 days. (Kennedy—PA)

Virginia, WHKT, 1650, Chesapeake, v/letter in 11 days. V/s Doug Stewart, Group Marketing. (Pote—IN)

Utah, KLO, 1430 Ogden, QSL letter on 'Unforgettable KLO' stationary in 285 days station was 5kw when I heard them but has since changed to 10kw/U2 with a new transmitter site at Layton, UT. Also states that station is 2nd oldest in UT signing on in 1924 and that morning show announcer Len Allen has worked for the station for 53 years! V/S: Arlene Harris, Office Manager. Address: 4155 Harrison Blvd., Suite 206, Ogden, UT 84403. (Griffith—CO)

Wisconsin, WTMJ, 620, Milwaukee, letter in 46 days. V/s John Schweitzer, Eng. (Kennedy—PA)

Thanks and a tip of the DX'er's hat to Pat Griffith, Westminster, Colorado, Steve Kennedy, Coal Township, Pennsylvania, Richard Miller, Mishawaka, Indiana, Greg Myers, Richmond, Virginia, Robert Pote, Greenwood, IN, Rocky Robello, Sandy, Utah, Bob Walker, Michigan.

SPRING 2000 RADIO CAMP

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Visitors are welcome! There is no charge if you just wish to drop in to visit and do not plan to have any meals or to stay a night. If you are in the area and want to see how a radio camp works, then please join us for a few minutes, or a few hours!

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Name and location	Yr	Last	TDV	SV	PV	DCV	TDH	SH	PH	DCH	TDI	ST	PT	DCI
Geary, Kermit-e PA	26	2/92	5161	50	10	✓	5575	50	10	✓	2487	48	9	✓
Cooper, Ernest-Cape Cod, MA	32	10/78	3601	48	10	✓	3601	48	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Steele, Sid-e IL	31	7/98	2994	49	10	✓	3400	49	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Krejny, Ed-nr Cleveland, OH	50	11/96	2729	49	10	✓	3265	49	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Schiller, Ron-central NJ	52	11/98	2103	48	10	✓	2534	48	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Kramer, Robert-Chicago, IL	70	11/96	2010	49	10	✓	3803	50	10	✓	2733	49	10	✓
Wesolowski, Ernie-Omaha, NE	58	2/99	1970	49	9	✓	2115	49	9	✓	0	0	0	0
Wilkins, John-Denver/Des Moines	62	11/98	1852	45	7	✓	2200	45	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Wheeler, Frank-nw PA	30	3/97	1708	50	9	✓	2510	50	9	✓	232	34	3	✓
Starr, Jerry-Youngstown, OH	54	1/86	1610	50	10	✓	2159	50	10	✓	1055	50	10	✓
Rugg, Andy-Montreal, sc ONT	60	9/99	1552	47	10	✓	1587	47	10	✓	168	28	7	✓
Hennu, Wayne-NY/CO	64	12/96	1434	49	9	✓	1434	49	9	✓	0	0	0	0
Rugg, Andy-Montreal	60	9/99	1395	47	10	✓	1426	47	10	✓	168	68	7	✓
Musco, Ron-nr Hartford, CT	62	12/99	1244	47	9	✓	1367	47	9	✓	108	28	3	✓
Jeter, Karl-Atlanta, GA	69	3/84	1193	44	6	✓	1574	44	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Arnuda, Ray-nr Boston, MA	63	6/99	1150	47	9	✓	1292	47	9	✓	0	0	0	0
Chatterton, Ken-n NY	45	11/78	1101	50	10	✓	1845	50	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Forth, Karl-vic Chicago, IL	70	11/78	1088	48	10	✓	1771	48	10	✓	1077	48	10	✓
Falconer, Jeff-Clinton, ON	69	9/99	1045	49	10	✓	2673	49	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Fcla, Joseph-cent. NJ	61	10/78	1045	48	9	✓	1861	49	10	✓	400	40	7	✓
Whatmough, Dave-Hamilton, ONT	51	1/00	1030	49	10	✓	2061	49	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Anderson, Roger-Washington, DC	38	10/78	1017	48	9	✓	1017	48	9	✓	0	0	0	0
Schmidt, Dave-se PA/n DE	65	11/79	1006	48	8	✓	1250	48	8	✓	400	40	4	✓
Sampson, John-Omaha, NE	54	12/78	912	45	6	✓	912	45	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Malicky, John-Pittsburgh, PA	70	11/87	902	38	7	✓	1461	40	7	✓	1184	40	6	✓
Holland, George Jr., vic. Albany, NY	31	11/85	828	49	9	✓	828	49	9	✓	0	0	0	0
Harrison, Bob-ne NJ	82	6/98	772	36	7	✓	996	36	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Ponder, Stephen-Shreveport, LA	75	8/89	721	39	5	✓	769	39	5	✓	10	4	4	✓
Voorhies, Don-New York/Oswego, NY	32	2/98	611	47	10	✓	1838	48	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Zank, Neil G.-Lincoln, NE	61	10/78	535	45	9	✓	1100	46	9	✓	0	0	0	0
Wolfish, Neil-Toronto, ONT	78	2/93	493	43	10	✓	1285	43	10	✓	402	39	6	✓
Hopkins, Jim-s NJ	72	10/78	455	43	7	✓	850	44	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Sampson, John-Winston-Salem, NC	68	10/78	450	30	1	✓	450	30	1	✓	0	0	0	0
Pimper, Dennis-NE, UT	68	12/84	425	45	6	✓	2447	47	7	✓	651	40	5	✓
Rigas, Christos-vic Chicago, IL	81	3/98	382	44	6	✓	862	46	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Kureth, Joe-Uniontown, MD	61	1/00	342	41	7	✓	2162	46	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Sampson, John-Hutchinson, MN	60	10/78	336	42	6	✓	336	42	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Taylor, Pete-San Francisco	58	7/99	329	32	7	✓	449	32	7	✓	70	6	1	✓
Foxworth, Robert-Long Island, NY	57	11/78	270	48	7	✓	1000	49	10	✓	400	44	9	✓
Edmunds, R. J.-n NJ/e PA	62	9/99	263	42	6	✓	2001	47	9	✓	806	41	8	✓
Sampson, John-Cupertino, CA	66	10/78	258	17	3	✓	258	17	3	✓	0	0	0	0
Renfrew, Jim-New Canaan, CT	67	4/89	247	35	7	✓	721	39	8	✓	0	0	0	0
White, Thomas-nr Washington, DC	68	1/92	243	38	7	✓	970	39	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Mouti, Paul-ne NJ	73	2/86	224	33	6	✓	489	36	7	✓	199	26	5	✓
Sanburu, Mike-Bellflower, CA	72	11/92	212	23	5	✓	600	32	5	✓	33	10	1	✓
Taylor, Pete-Durham, NC	52	7/99	208	36	6	✓	366	39	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, Steve	58	12/99	202	40	6	✓	1501	45	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Karchewski, Bob-San Francisco, CA	69	10/78	198	36	5	✓	249	36	5	✓	197	35	5	✓
Hayes, Harry J.-ne PA	70	7/98	185	30	3	✓	1354	41	9	✓	641	39	9	✓
Sampson, John-New York, NY	65	12/78	181	33	6	✓	181	33	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Renfrew, Jim-Rochester, NY	76	3/98	161	42	8	✓	1678	44	8	✓	68	27	5	✓
Alves, Paul IL-nr Boston, MA	48	2/99	145	25	5	✓	352	32	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Wallace, Jim-Columbus, OH	69	10/78	137	36	3	✓	795	41	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Taylor, Pete-Miami, FL	45	7/99	132	28	2	✓	182	29	3	✓	0	0	0	0
Tyan, Jeff-Parker, CO	87	4/89	128	27	5	✓	674	36	5	✓	0	0	0	0
Greene, George-Akron, OH	60	11/84	119	29	3	✓	743	45	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Greenberg, Warren-vic Boston, MA	72	11/78	99	26	6	✓	125	27	6	✓	0	0	0	0
Kureth, Joe-Southern Pines, NC	63	6/71	92	26	2	✓	878	38	7	✓	0	0	0	0
Edmunds, R. J.-Syracuse, NY	64	9/99	75	31	5	✓	533	45	9	✓	0	0	0	0
DeLeurere, Harley-Hendricks, WV	55	10/78	59	48	10	✓	59	48	10	✓	0	0	0	0
Bezilla, Steve-cent. PA	24	10/78	50	45	4	✓	3000	48	8	✓	0	0	0	0
Boersma, Philip-w MI	73	10/78	50	24	3	✓	520	41	6	✓	0	0	0	0

Taylor, Pete-Tacoma, WA	81	7/99	45	14	2	423	29	4	372	26	4		
Harrison, Greg-Atlanta, GA	64	11/78	42	19	5	900	36	6	0	0	0		
Francis, Steve-nr Knoxville, TN	70	2/00	35	35	0	2648	48	7	✓	220	44	3	
Houdek, Gary-n KS	75	1/81	31	21	1	294	34	3	0	0	0		
Woods, Jack-w OR	74	2/81	25	18	0	194	26	4	0	0	0		
Wolfish, Niel-Winnipeg, MAN	85	2/93	25	10	4	813	37	9	113	10	4		
Truax, Dick- vic. Louisville, KY	72	12/78	20	17	3	935	46	6	✓	120	35	5	✓
Onyschuk, Ken-Homewood, IL	66	11/92	16	13	0	972	43	6	✓	0	0	0	
Smolarek, Bob n NJ	82	4/89	7	7	0	817	36	5	✓	78	16	5	
Yocis, Dave-Bridgeport, CT	92	4/97	5	5	0	726	37	8	✓	22	6	0	
Bailey, Ron-Shelby, NC	92	1/00	4	4	0	1340	37	4	✓	0	0	0	
Mount, Paul-se OH	78	2/86	3	3	0	390	36	3	✓	60	25	1	
Hardy, Nancy-coastal WA	69	12/84	3	2	0	778	40	5	0	0	0	0	
Swearingen, Paul-e KS	75	2/00	2	2	0	684	44	7	✓	684	44	7	✓
Axelrod, Shawn M.-s MAN	85	11/96	0	0	0	✓	1673	50	10	✓	0	0	0
Bond, Jerry-Rochester, NY	62	10/78	0	0	0	785	43	8	✓	50	10	2	
DeLorenzo, Marc-e MA	62	4/98	0	0	0	1172	45	9	✓	0	0	0	
Edmunds, R. J.-ne ME	94	9/99	0	0	0	172	20	6	0	0	0	0	
Reed, John-Ponca City, OK	95	12/96	0	0	0	604	38	5	0	0	0	0	
Renfrew, Jim-New York, NY	78	4/89	0	0	0	242	32	2	✓	0	0	0	
Renfrew, Jim-Raleigh, NC	78	4/89	0	0	0	329	7	2	✓	0	0	0	
Renfrew, Jim-San Diego, CA	84	4/89	0	0	0	164	17	3	0	0	0	0	
Renfrew, Jim-Severna Park, MD	71	4/89	0	0	0	553	36	5	✓	15	8	1	
Tudenhams, John-Joplin, MO	90	10/97	0	0	0	444	36	5	0	0	0	0	
Turner, Richard-se MA	94	12/97	0	0	0	328	29	6	✓	0	0	0	
Winkelman, Bruce-Greensboro, NC			0	0	0	686	40	4	✓	0	0	0	
Winkelman, Bruce-Tulsa, OK	79	1/92	0	0	0	284	30	2	0	0	0	0	

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Thanks for updates from Shawn Axelrod, Ron Bailey, Steve Francis, Steve Kennedy, Joe Kureth, Ron Musco and Dave Whatmough. We hope to see YOUR name and updated listings the next time around (don't MAKE me run a column listed by oldest update, hi!).

This column is arranged by Total Domestics Verified, then by States verified as the tiebreaker, and we'll run various priorities at different times. Domestics of course include the contiguous 48 states and Canada; Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, etc., are counted as foreigners. We'll only delete listings of those who are no longer NRC members, so should you drop out and rejoin, you'll need to resubmit your totals. How about making it a priority for next time of filling in the blanks above, at least in the year started and last update column? Some of the listings are estimates, and that's just fine, but don't forget to update accurately when you can. See you next time? -73.

WMBE provides fishy updates

From the Associated Press, via Fred Vobbe

Kaukauna, WI - WMBE-AM played to its favorite audience over the weekend of 12th and 13th, providing sturgeon spearing updates and entertainment to those manning ice shanties on the Lake Winnebago chain.

WMBE, broadcasting from a studio nestled between a discount hair salon and an insurance office, calls itself the world's ONLY sturgeon reporting station.

As hundreds of sportsmen stared through holes in the ice on Saturday, the music was Dick Pillar and his Orchestra, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

Jerry Schneider took the microphone. "May the good Lord bring a sturgeon to your hole," he told listeners.

While Schneider and his wife, Karen - sometimes known as the "Sturgeon Queen" - headed up the sturgeon information for the day, Schneider's brother, Steve, spent the day working the phones at the station. "It has the market cornered," he said.

WMBE, with a transmitter of just 250 watts, is hardly a match for today's area FM stations, which offer as much as 100,000 watts. But the main audience, of course, is people on the lake.

"Game wardens say that just about every shanty door they knock on is tuned to WMBE," said Karen Schneider.

Are you expiring?

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International DX Achievements

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International DX verified totals listed by continents

Year Started	DX'er	Last Location Update	NA	SA	Ctries	Foreign	Eur	Oc	Af	As	Total Varied
1933	Geary, Kermit	PA 1993	512	243	107	988	147	61	23	2	6190
1933	Cooper, Ernest	NY-MA 1980	528	131	79	760	88	7	6	0	4142
1952	McIntosh, Eric	NZ 1965	301	2	63	635	45	253	4	81	686
1967	Wood, Dr. Richard E.	LA 1970	515	27	51	551	2	76	0	26	629
1938	Anderson, Roger A.	VA/NY/PA 1993	227	78	105	514	128	48	28	5	1448
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH 1996	208	126	76	441	91	6	10	0	2733
1963	Scrimgeour, Gray	CA/ON 1971	354	10	47	440	18	31	1	26	526
1940	Morss, Stan	MA 1993	218	65	84	424	221	1	14	3	3922
1964	Sorensen, Morris	ON/MB 1975	375	1	13	385	9	0	0	0	537
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA 1994	212	47	93	368	88	3	14	4	1615
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA 1999	85	44	127	332	151	8	33	10	431
1931	Steele, Sid	IL 1998	104	12	36	299	2	8	0	1	3101
1952	Schiller, Ron	NJ 1999	136	34	86	254	72	1	8	3	2103
1946	Moore, Ray	MA 1993	95	52	104	245	59	8	24	7	245
?	Dellit, Sam	Australia 1978	109	0	37	218	5	80	1	23	362
1960	Rugg, Andy	QC 1999	87	48	71	208	66	0	6	1	1747
1954	Starr, Jerry	OH 1974	134	34	51	194	20	3	3	0	1209
1960	Lynch, Don	MA 1980	0	0	9	157	0	0	0	0	0
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC 1973	102	4	23	142	3	33	0	0	1049
1969	Karchevski, Bob	MA/CA 1975	112	0	24	141	0	6	0	0	204
?	Callarman, John	? 1970	72	20	50	138	17	20	3	6	740
1964	Reynolds, Bruce	MO 1977	111	6	28	121	2	2	0	0	1103
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE 1999	85	8	32	103	0	7	1	2	2222
1975	Swearingen, Paul (taped)	KS 2000	43	16	22	95	0	0	0	0	775
1955	Palmer, Richard D.	IL 1993	77	4	33	94	10	2	1	0	822
1976	Froemming, Gary	AZ 1994	85	7	17	92	0	1	0	0	338
1931	Wheeler, Frank	PA 1993	68	7	25	78	1	2	0	0	1885
?	Sampson, John	NJ 1965	23	6	54	72	38	1	3	1	445
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY 1998	44	7	40	67	0	0	0	0	400
1967	Floden, Eric	ONT 1970	61	3	16	65	0	0	0	0	93
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY 1998	24	24	54	64	19	0	3	3	64
1931	Holland, George B., Jr.	NY 1996	46	5	22	58	5	2	0	1	885
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (taped)	NJ 1998	50	37	43	56	14	0	0	1	897
1962	Musco, Ron	CT 1999	40	5	49	54	10	0	2	1	1295
1965	Kadet, Jeff	MD 1969	39	0	12	41	0	2	0	0	703
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL 1974	21	9	26	40	5	3	1	0	567
1964	Heinen, Wayne	NY/CO 1996	26	3	38	38	5	2	0	2	1470
?	Fela, Joseph	NJ 1965	19	4	24	35	11	0	1	0	738
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY 1966	17	3	23	27	5	2	0	0	132
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ 1995	22	2	6	25	0	0	0	0	230
1969	Falconer, Jeff	ON 1999	14	2	22	20	2	2	0	0	1064
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON 1977	14	4	11	20	2	0	0	0	397
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA 1982	0	0	9	20	0	0	0	0	457
1964	Whatmough, Dave	ON 1999	6	1	13	15	3	0	6	0	1014
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (paper)	NJ 1998	10	3	7	13	0	0	0	0	266
1964	Edmunds, R. J.	NY 1999	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	76
1965	Long, John	CT 1968	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	101
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE 1976	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	23

Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXA; you probably have 3-4 weeks. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadians are not included in NA totals. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature North American totals.

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of the Members

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Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only.

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During the depths of winter in the Great White North, I added some more stations to my totals. At 6PM 12/18, WAFN-1700 finally bubbled up with a strong ID and sports programs. On 1/17, the WVNE-760-Test was an easy relog, thanks to the multiple CW ID's. On 2/5, the WMBT-1530-Test squeaked thru, thanks again to the CW ID's. By the way, I had missed their initial TEST in December 1962. I was DXing from Waterloo, ON and my old "Howard 430" had broken down for a few weeks. After 37 years of patience, I had another chance and this time I got them! The final new log was a call change, WMKI-1260, during the evening of 2/6. Veries are in from CHCM-740, WVNE-760-Test and WRNC-1670. I just renewed for my 40th year as an NRCer! Good DX & 73!!!

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Hi again. First off, thanks to everyone who sent e-mails and letters regarding my recent return to these pages. Thanks also to those who commented on my review of the CCRadio a few issues back. On the CCRadio, a couple of observations...In the review, I mentioned that I was impressed with the degree of shielding used in the radio. I neglected to mention that even the speaker magnet was shielded; you don't see that every day in a portable. Secondly, the "low battery cut-off voltage" of the CCRadio, I've recently discovered, is about 4.8 vdc. This would explain the fact that the predicted 200 hours of use per set of batteries is not being realized. It would also suggest that nicads would be operating on the cusp of the cut-off even when fully charged. By comparison, purely analog radios (like the Superadios) can operate on voltages down to about 3.2 vdc. The new Quantum Loop Pro should be ready by the time you read this (cabinets are being screenprinted). It's a larger version of the Quantum Loop (15" head vs. 7-1/2") and covers LW and MW. It also includes Q-multiplication (i.e., regeneration) on both bands and costs about \$100 more than the regular Quantum Loop. Believe it or not, printed circuit boards for the Quantum Phaser that were ordered in late October have still not arrived...hopefully, this week. The delay in the Phaser has also prevented me from putting together the catalog sheets for this season...please hang on. On other matters, in my desperation to get some readable audio on a pile of LA splits that I've been chasing, I put together a 5-foot spiral air-core loop a few weeks ago, tried it with both inductive and direct coupling, amplified and unamplified, and still haven't been able to ID the beasts. Also tried Misk's (Beverage Antenna Handbook) SLO-MO shorted beverage antenna (450'). Neither gave more fruitful results than the Quantum... will keep trying. I did, however, get a tentative ID on my mystery cool jazz station on 1630 kHz...I think that it is XEUT, Tijuana. Finally, WDAE in Tampa, formerly on 1250 kHz, moved to 620 kHz (replacing WSAW) and now booms into Pensacola with its sports programming. That's about it from here. 73's...GT



P.S. I wrote the preceding in mid-January. Before I could send it in, my wife suffered a brain aneurysm and has been hospitalized. Everything is on hold until things stabilize around here. (Our prayers are with you and yours, Gerry -pls.)

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