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CPC Test Calendar

WILM	DE	1450	Feb. 4	0000-0200
WFBS	PA	1280	Feb. 17	0000-0200

From the Publisher ... Wow, a "normal" DXN this week – still packed with DX, mind you, but one that gives me a little more time to accomplish my personal goals this weekend ... like grading ALL of that stack of papers I brought home Friday, hi!

Two non-U. S. stations are blanketing much of the country this month, and TA and TP DX is even starting to penetrate past the coasts. Find out more about CHWO-740 and R. Vision Cristiana inside!

Start cooking up your favorite radio memories now, and join in with the others who reminisce about what radio behind the mike used to be ... share your memories of the way it used to be in Dave Schmidt's "Musings of the Members" column. We're having a lot of fun on the DXAS reflector with this topic ("Radio Secrets Revealed for the First Time" could be the headline for what former and even present radio station employees are posting), and we're sharing it all with our en-

tire membership. Can't get on the Internet? No problem – we'll have it all in the Musings column.

On a more somber note, I'm saddened to report that Russ Cain's DXN's have been returned marked "deceased". Russ lived in Reno, NV. Our sincerest sympathies go out to his family.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 27, 1951 DXN: Page One carried the exciting announcement that WCRW-1240 was to broadcast a DX program on Feb. 5, 0400-0500. This rare 100-watt station, sharing time with WEDC and WSBC, was built by Clinton R. White in 1926, who had owned and operated it ever since from the same location as Chicago's Gold Coast Station.

25 years ago ... from the January 26, 1976 DXN: Ron Schiller, Lighthouse Point, FL reported receiving veries from HIJM-1090 and WERD-1400 ... Dave Schmidt, New Castle, DE invited members to drop him a line for suggestions in getting power line noise cleared up.

10 years ago ... from the January 28, 1991 DXN: The license of WBUZ-1570 Fredonia, NY appeared to be near termination, after ten years of litigation, with the Circuit Court of Appeals refusing to overturn the revocation of the license, held by owner Henry Scrafin.

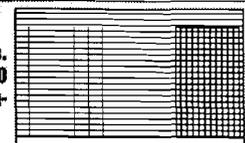
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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call	New call		
620	KEWS	OR	Portland	KBDZ
730	WKZX	TN	Lenoir City	WLIL
780	WPNP	FL	Mulberry	WPPD
870	KIEV	CA	Glendale	KRLA
1300	KTWK	CO	Colorado Springs	KUBL
1500	WGTT	AL	Alabaster	WQCR
1500	WDEN	GA	Macon	WAYS
1630	WAWX	GA	Augusta	WYRU

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS
None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

630 WDGY WI Hudson: 2300/320 U4 (reapplication)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

920 KXLY WA Spokane: 20000/5000 U1
1010 WCST WV Berkeley Springs: 500/17 U5
1060 KFIL MN Preston: relocate transmitter
1260 WMKI MA Boston: relocate transmitter
1320 WBRT KY Bardstown: 1000/44 U1

OTHERNESS

540 WDMV MD Pocomoke City: application to move to Damascus, MD has been DISMISSED
740 CHWO ON Toronto: new station is ON THE AIR
760 WCHP NY Champlain: CP for 35000/11 U3 is on
900 WNMB SC Myrtle Beach: station is SILENT, will return "by spring"
1190 KVCC CO Boulder: CP for 6800/110 (5000 CH) is on
1220 KCCS OR Salem: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1480 WNBX VT Springfield: silent station is ON THE AIR
1500 WDDZ IL Zion: silent station is ON THE AIR
1550 WVAB VA Virginia Beach: silent station is ON THE AIR

THANKS: Bill Hale, Wayne Heinen, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, and MSJ

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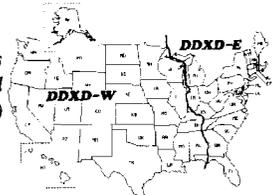
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

Well, I haven't got anything to say... so I won't. See you next week.

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

940 KGMS AZ Tucson - 1/16 0600 - KCEE apparently is **not around anymore** and is now REL KGMS. New call at ToH ID. NOS is gone. Was talking about putting channel 29 on the air, *Praise TV*, and asking listeners to call the cable carriers to carry them. (KR-AZ)
1130 KWKH LA Shreveport - 1/17 0820 - Sports call-in program, with a caller from Baton Rouge. Have noted at other times lately with sports, so they apparently have gone to all-sports, as predicted. (JW-CO)
1490 WGEZ WI Beloit - Switched from oldies to standards recently. But in response to public disappointment, the station plans to resume oldies some time soon. They dropped *Rush Limbaugh* and *Dr. Laura* in the switch to standards, and will resume *Limbaugh* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (not on yet; *Dr. Laura* will not return). Currently, WGEZ airs standards/Jones Music of Your Life from 3 p.m. to 5 a.m., with live music (a mix of standards and softer oldies) 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. The station has installed a new transmitter and will install a new tower at the same location as before (on 251 very close to the state line). (<http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing/#head>)
1500 WDDZ IL Zion - 1/13 1625 - Fair, with SS //1460 WBJX-WI. Formerly silent; now BACK ON. (JJR-WI)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

1060 UNID ?? - 1/18 0205 - CNN Radio News, about even with KYW which was also carrying CNN items but not in parallel. Sounded like the unID was also all-news. (DS-TN)
1250 UNID ?? - 1/18 0139 - Classical music, fair over and under KCNZ. Probably KKGK-KS. KCNZ was dominant at ID time. (DS-TN) (KXTR now -pls)

TIS & OTHER STUFF

1610 TIS/HAR Ca Arcata - 1/11 0600 - Giving construction info. (GJ-CA)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

550 KLLV CO Breen - 1/13 0051 - Playing country-style gospel music. In an extremely tight null of KFYL. (KR-AZ)

Jimmy & BKF

550	KFYR	ND	Bismarck - 1/15 0806 - Fair, with end of ABC News into local <i>K-Fire</i> News. (JJR-WI)
560	KSFO	CA	San Francisco - 1/18 0109 - With <i>Coast to Coast</i> , and under extreme splash from KFYI and under NOS KLZ. (KR-AZ)
600	KSJB	ND	Jamestown - 1/12 0830 - <i>Paul Harvey News</i> ; 0835 ads; 0836 call ID and weather. Fair, under KCOL. (JW-CO)
650	CINT	SA	Saskatoon - 1/15 0803 - Fair, with local and regional news. Many NTR ments. (NTR is <i>News Talk Radio</i>). (JJR-WI)
680	KNBR	CA	San Francisco - 1/18 0225 - Fair copy in mess. <i>ESPN Radio on 680 KNBR</i> . (DS-TN)
690	KOAQ	NE	Scottsbluff - 1/15 0800 - Poor, with full ID out of oldie. (JJR-WI)
700	WLW	OH	Cincinnati - 1/18 0119 - With the weather and an ID. (KR-AZ)
720	WGN	IL	Chicago - 1/18 0130 - ID and interview with a computer geek and asking for call in questions for him. Gave phone number 591-7200 and then a <u>Joint-Ritis</u> ad. (KR-AZ)
740	KIDR	AZ	Phoenix - 1/17 0845 - Radio Unica programming; local spot or two at 0855; <i>Noticias Radio Unica Siete Cuarenta Phoenix</i> at 0856 (area news); temperature 43 degrees. Fair, mixing with others. (JW-CO)
750	CJVR	SK	Melfort - 1/17 0834-0840 - News, ads, weather, ads, and farm news. Strong signal. Reception can be reported through web site: cjvr.com. My verie letter from station engineer <u>Bayne Opseth</u> arrived the same day. (BM-SD)
780	WBBM	IL	Chicago - 1/18 0145 - With on old radio show on <i>When Radio Was</i> with <u>Stan Freberg</u> . Then ID and ad for home show in Palatine. (KR-AZ)
800	KXIC	IA	Iowa City - 1/13 0800 - Poor, no CKLW, with CNN News, local news, ID. (JJR-WI)
810	WGY	NY	Albany - 1/14 0000 - Was looking for WHB in a KGO null, and up came a <u>food.com</u> ad right before the ToH ID. It was WGY into ABC News. The signal came up about 2357 and by 0002 it was under KGO and then it was gone to a SS station at 0004. It was one of those fluky things that happen and make the hobby fun. (KR-AZ)
820	CHAM	ON	Hamilton - 1/13 0354 - Good, at 30/9, with <i>Hamilton's 820 Cham</i> and C&W. (JJR-WI)
840	WHAS	KY	Louisville - 1/18 0200 - With ToH ID and then news. (KR-AZ)
850	WRMR	OH	Cleveland - 1/15 0745 - Fair and steady, with MoYL and calls. Not heard in years! (JJR-WI)
880	CKLQ	MB	Brandon - 1/14 0644 - Poor, but steady, in WCBS null. With calls and C&W. (JJR-WI)
910	WSUI	IA	Iowa City - 1/18 0211 - <i>WSUI AM 910</i> ID; nostalgia/MOR music good, well above the competition. Unusual programming for NPR station. (DS-TN)
930	WBEN	NY	Buffalo - 1/14 0731 - Fair, no WAUR, with <i>News Radio 930 WBEN</i> . (JJR-WI)
990	CKGM	QU	Montreal - 1/14 0730 - Good, no CBW!, with <i>Oldies 990 CKGM</i> . Was a nice surprise! (JJR-WI)
1000	KOMO	WA	Seattle - 1/18 0759 - <i>America in the Morning</i> , then ToH ID: <i>KOMO is Newstalk 1000, KOMO, Seattle, heard worldwide on KOMO1000.com</i> then into news. (KR-AZ)
1010	CBR	AB	Calgary - 1/18 0207 - Presumed to be them, with classical music, parallel to CBC Radio One Calgary feed on Internet. (NOT parallel to R. Netherlands feed on CBW-990, the only CBC I can get reliably by radio these days!) Poor, fighting with WINS and unIDs. (DS-TN)
1070	KNX	CA	Los Angeles - 1/18 0153 - Way over unID nostalgia station with calls in end of news story, ad for group of <u>Chevy</u> dealers in Santa Paula, Temecula, and several other Southern California cities. Not heard this well in ages. (DS-TN)
1070	WKOK	PA	Sudbury - 1/15 0745 - Fair, promoting FM outlets. Over/under CHOK. No WTSO. (JJR-WI)
1130	KWKH	LA	Shreveport - 1/18 0806 - <i>You're listening to the sports station, 1130 KWKH, Shreveport</i> . First time heard as a sports station. (KR-AZ)
1130	WBBR	NY	New York - 1/14 0727 - Very poor, though clear in local WISN null, with traffic/transit, calls. (JJR-WI)
1140	KHTK	CA	Sacramento - 1/18 0808 - ID and into disgusting sports talk about who at the station deserves a penis enlargement. Where the hell is the FCC? What a



			useless arm of the government. This stuff is common and needs to stop. (KR-AZ)
1140	KNEI	IA	Waukon - 1/13 0739 - Fair, though weak but alone, with ads, C&W music. <i>KNEI FM 103.5</i> . (JJR-WI)
1150	KWKY	IA	Des Moines - 1/15 0603 - Poor, with talk show promo in mess. (JJR-WI)
1240	WSDR	IL	Sterling - 1/15 0817 - Poor, but steady and alone, with newscast. (JJR-WI)
1250	KCNZ	IA	Iowa Falls - 1/18 0200 - Legal ID for KDNZ-1650 (gave frequency) and into CBS News. No ID for 1250 given. About even with unID classical station and one with soul oldies. (DS-TN)
1270	WLIK	TN	Newport - 1/15 2031 - Poor, with clear jingle and weather. No WKBF! (JJR-WI)
1310	KBTK	NM	Corrales - 1/16 0559 - Legal ID as <i>Talk Radio 1310 KBTK Corrales-Albuquerque</i> and into CBS News. Back to <u>Joey Reynolds</u> program at 0607 after a couple of ads. Fair, mixing with others. (JW-CO)
1320	WMSR	TN	Manchester - 1/15 2047 - Fair, with PSA, calls and jock with nice thick Southern accent. (JJR-WI)
1330	WVHI	IN	Evansville - 1/14 0800 - Poor, though clear, with ID. In with others. (JJR-WI)
1350	KRNT	IA	Des Moines - 1/18 0145 - Singing ID: <i>Central Iowa's KRNT</i> . Nostalgia/MOR music. Very good. (DS-TN)
1390	WGCI	IL	Chicago - 1/17 1743-1745 - Comments by male announcer followed by plea for advertisers. Slogan is <i>Gospel Radio</i> . Barely on top of other signals. First time heard; reception reported. (BM-SD)
1450	KYLS	MO	Fredericktown - 1/14 0309 - Poor, in mess, with <i>KYLS Oldies 1450</i> . (JJR-WI)
1480	KLEE	IA	Ottumwa - 1/14 0748 - Poor, with calls and local ad, and mentions. No usual WCIN/WHBC. (JJR-WI)
1570	WXLN	IN	New Albany - 1/13 0404 - Poor/fluttery, though steady, with jingle. Southern gospel music. (JJR-WI)
1600	WARU	IN	Peru - 1/13 0805 - Poor, though alone, atop mess. <i>Classic Hits 98.5 FM</i> . (JJR-WI)
1600	WAAM	MI	Ann Arbor - 1/15 0817 - Poor, but steady. Alone with newscast. (JJR-WI)
1620	KBLI	ID	Blackfoot - 1/12 0600 - Good signal, with sports. Mixing with KSMH, on top at times. (GJ-CA)
1630	KCJJ	IA	Iowa City - 1/12 0500 - With music and ID. First time heard in a while. WAWX usually heard. (GJ-CA)

DDXD-East

Weef RADIO

1430 am

Wow...I finally got to see it! This column contains a Station News logging for 1410 WNER NY Watertown. That was the second station I worked for (from 1972 to 1974 and again from 1976 to 1979). Back then it was WOTT and used the slogan "WOTT Fun Radio". It was a great place to learn the trade, and it was a blast working my way "up" from overnights to what passes for morning drive. The worst experience I ever had was during the great blizzard of 1978, when three of us announcers were snowed in—for six and a half days! Over that period of time, Watertown received well over ten feet of snow. Guess I'll save the rest for a future "Musings". There's now an FM in Northern New York with those calls and that slogan.

I have had a couple of laughs from two members this week, who sent their logs to me by e-mail and were then surprised when I mentioned some areas they might "touch up" to better fit the DDXD-East format. These members told me that they read my sample submission and comments about the correct submission format, and said "Phew...glad he's not talking about me!"

So have another look at the way we format your submissions. Please remember, too, to use the spell-check feature on your word processing software. I mention this because *every* e-mail submission I have received for this issue has contained at least one spelling error. Embarrassing, too...one submitter misspelled his name. Thanks very much for your efforts at making DDXD-East an easier column to edit.

Finally, welcome to David Jansky (DJ-PA) with a great first report.

STATION NEWS

1060	WMEX	MA	Natick - Veri from Alex Langer at station says as of January 8, 2001 calls will become WBIX. (JF-ON)
1410	WNER	NY	Watertown - 01/14 1956-2002 - Formerly WUZZ. Female ID'ed "Sweet Willy



- Mitchell Show, with Solid Gold Soul" and played music. At 2000, male ID'ed "WNER, Watertown, the Winner", then more music. **(AR*NY)**
- 1500 **WTOP DC** **Washington** - 01/10 1915 - WTOP in Washington has been announcing that they are now simulcasting with AM station WXTR on 820 kilocycles [That Hertz! - MS] in Frederick, Maryland. They are simulcasting between 80% and 95% of the time. Along with WXTR, WTOP-FM on 107.7 megacycles in Warrenton, Virginia is also simulcasting WTOP-AM. WXTR-820 in Frederick still carries Baltimore Ravens football games on weekends which WTOP-AM and FM do not. **(GC-MD)**
- UNID, UNID HELP & PRESUMED
- 530 **UNID** - _____ - 01/13 0019 - Huge signal (S9+), well over the NJ Turnpike HAR jumble. SS male announcer and several SS songs, mentioned "hallelujah" a number of times. Ciao??? Man, I wish I paid better attention in my Spanish classes in high school! **(MB-NJ)** (R. Vision Cristiana, Turks and Caicos, most likely - in like a ton of bricks 1/15 in Topeka, too -pls.)
- 730 **WBZSp VA** **Alexandria** - 01/09 1648-1702 - Assume this was the one over WPIT with SS tropical music and IDs only as "Radio Capital". Had supposedly changed calls to WKDL with Mexican format? **(JF-ON)**
- 810 **UNID** - _____ - 01/06 1818 - Light rock REL music. Heard "...every weekday morning with Dr. David Caroline". Way under WGY even in partial null. No change through 1840 tune-out. KTBI or wishful thinking? **(SK-PA)**
- 990 **UNID** - _____ - 01/12 1654 - Station ID as "Oldies 990" and said "You can listen to the Penguins" on it. Call letters sounded like "WBST" or "WPST"; then "California Dreamin'" by The Mamas and The Papas. Signal then faded and local 1010 WINS covered it. **(MC-NJ)** [Sounds like 990 WVSC PA Somerset - MS]
- 1160 **UNID** - _____ - 01/10 1730 - Host IDs station as "Moon Radio" a couple of times; also mentions "Albany". Program played show music, 1950's music (The Four Lads), and ended with a song by the Les Brown Orchestra. Signal was fading in and out; faded just before ID at 1800. **(MC-NJ2)**
- 1260 **WTBZp WV** **Grafton** - 01/02 2026 - Likely this with ad for the Clarksburg Inn rising up clear in the mix. Not heard in some time; used to be a regular. **(SK-PA)**
- 1310 **UNID** - _____ - 01/13 1148 - Fair at times over/under CIWW/WNAE with Spanish preacher. Possibly one of the two New Jersey stations? **(JF-ON)**
- 1310 **WLOBp ME** **Portland** - 12/28 0000 - Partial ID shot through Gospel station "Serving Portland, we're AM 1310..." **(SK-PA)**
- 1330 **KWLOp IA** **Waterloo** - 01/04 2014 - Ad for Marty's (?); Canned ID "We're Eastern Iowa's..." while trying to ID basketball game. One team was Northern Kentucky. Lots of shifting. **(SK-PA)**
- 1470 **WJZI? NC** _____ - 01/12 1710-1715 - GOS music heard; time check at 1714; Full sign-off at 1715. Station address given; mentions of Highway 64 and North Carolina. ID; mention of 1,000 watts. Good signal. **(WM-MD)**
- 1520 **WHOWp IL** **Clinton** - 12/22 2241 - Part of ad "...for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling". "Weather on W__W". Mixing with KRHW under WWKB. Had C&W. **(SK-PA)**
- 1620 **KAZPp NE** **Bellevue** - 01/11 1930 - Presumed in WHLY null with ESPN Sports Talk; run-down of tonight's schedule of NHL and NBA games. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1690 **KSXXp CA** **Roseville** - 01/13 0514 - Soft Spanish music noted under a partially-nulled WPTX. No sign of KDDZ; good peaks. Tape sent. **(GM-FL)**
- UNID** - _____ - 01/11 2008-2015 - Fair at times mixing with KDDZ on west wire with Asian programming, one mention made of San Diego. KSXX on? **(JF-ON)**

DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 710 **KNUS CO** **Denver** - 01/07 0200-0230 - Not heard. Partial null of WOR produced a mix of Spanish stations. **(SK-PA)**
- 990 **KRKS CO** **Denver** - 01/07 0200-0230 - Not heard. Just the usual big mix. **(SK-PA)**
- 1280 **WFBS PA** **Berwick** - Will conduct a DX test on Saturday February 17, 2001 from 0000-0200 (EST). The test will include tones, music, code and voice ID's on 1000 watts daytime power non-directional. Phone calls (not collect) accepted at

750-752-8012. Send reports with return postage to Kevin Fennessey, WFBS, 114 Market Street, Berwick, PA 18603 (Arranged by Dave Schmidt—who will do the test—for the NRC).

- 1650 **KBJD CO** **Denver** - 01/07 0200-0300 - Test started at 0200 Morse code lasting 2 minutes followed by what may or may not have been a test tone or possibly a het from 2 other stations also on 1650. More code at 0210 and what sounded like a test tone at 0220 very weak reception here way under a dominant KDNZ. **(RCP-IN)**
- + - 01/07 0200-0230 - Steady tone until 0209, then march music until 0212; more steady tone. In partial WHKT null; was fighting it out with KDNZ. **(SK-PA)**



LOGGINGS

- 540 **CBEF ON** **Windsor** - 12/18 2100 - ID by female "La Canada, CBEF". 15-second music intro to probable news. Not heard in several years; very fuzzy. **(SK-PA)**
- WLUX NY** **Islip** - 01/05 2010 - With WWCS fading, ad for vineyard on Long Island, then "You are listening to the Wine Show. Call 955-5400". Had this verified in 1995 and seldom heard since. **(SK-PA)**
- 550 **WSVA VA** **Harrisonburg** - 01/11 1058-1102 - (TLK) "It is eleven o'clock at WSWA Harrisonburg, in Virginia. From ABC News..." **(DL/MD)**
- WGR NY** **Buffalo** - 01/11 1558-1602 - (SPT) "Sports Radio fifty-five, WGR, Buffalo"; "Enterprise Sports Radio, 20-20 Sports". **(DL/MD)**
- WKRC OH** **Cincinnati** - 01/11 1658-1702 - "WKRC" News "...on fifty-five, WKRC Cincinnati..."; CBS News. **(DL/MD)**
- 570 **WMCA NY** **New York City** - 01/05 1955 - End of infomercial from American Health Radio, two PSAs; weather. ID "You're listening to WMCA in New York". Over a wavy WKBN. This is usually in a big mix or under Radio Reloj. **(SK-PA)**
- 580 **WCHS WV** **Charleston** - 12/15 1959 - Canned ID "Your official AccuWeather station, WCHS TalkRadio 58. Depend on it". **(SK-PA)**
- CKY MB** **Winnipeg** - 01/10 1719 - "KY-58 Oldies" ID during music program. **(JR-NY)**
- 590 **CJCC ON** **Toronto** - 01/09 1607 - "The Fan, Sports Radio five-ninety Toronto"; female voice ID. "Now, get close with Vince (somebody)". **(DJ-PA)**
- WMBS PA** **Uniontown** - 01/09 1600 - Popped up in a mess; newscast, local ads and then gone. **(DJ-PA)**
- 620 **WZON ME** **Bangor** - 01/11 1914 - Local ad break, slogan "The Zone", Papa Joe Chevalier sports program; new. **(JR-NY)**
- 630 **WMAL DC** **Washington** - 01/14 0934 - (TLK) "Here on WMAL"; garden talk show. **(DL-MD)**
- 640 **WGOE TN** **Blountville** - 01/12 2300 - "WGRC" clearly copied in pause in classical music. SS "Radio Progresso" program on unidentified predominant station. **(DL/MD)**
- 660 **WXIC OH** **Waverly** - 01/06 1700 - ABC News and Sports. At 1710 female gave weather. Heard "Waverly" mentioned. She continued speaking until 1715, then signal gone; likely sign-off. **(SK-PA)**
- 670 **WSCR IL** **Chicago** - 01/10 1958-2002 - "DePaul Basketball WSCR Chicago, Radio six-seventy...". **(DL/MD)**
- 700 **WWTL MD** **Walkersville** - 01/15 1345-1405 - (ETH) Business Talk in English; on the hour: "Entertainment you can enjoy, information you can use, this is WWTL. Walkersville-Washington DC" followed by program with Arabic language intro about Islamic Religion in English. **(DL-MD)**
- 710 **CKVM QC** **Ville Marie** - 01/11 2010-2015 - Override WOR for a while but vanished at 2016. All in French. Pop vocal music with clear ID by female at 2013. **(AR-ON)**
- 740 **CHWO ON** **Toronto** - 01/10 1700 - Very good at night. "Prime Time Radio AM 740" with oldies, "Jive at Five" program; ad for Rand's Pet Depot. Also broadcasting on 1250 CHWO, and asking listeners to switch to 740 for better signal—assume call letters are the same. **(DJ-PA)**
- 840 **WHAS KY** **Louisville** - 01/01 2244 - Denton Randal (substituting on the Joe Elliott Show) talking about the famous people who died during 2000 (Charles Schultz, Steve Allen—"liked him when he was a kid"—Loretta Young, etc.). Gave scores for

made-up bowl games. Signal fair. (MC-NJ2)

850 WYDE AL Birmingham – 01/04 1759 – Slogan heard “Wide Talk 850 WYDE” followed by ad for Elliot Irrigation, then into a call-in talk show. Very good signal until power cut at 1800. No sign of usual KOA. (RCP-IN)

WRBZ NC Raleigh – 01/08 1726 – Ads (only one local). “Diamonds Direct at 870-5588”. “Sports Radio 850 The Buzz Pigskin Action”; promo for Norm Patrick Show; back to Mark Morrell talking about the Carolina Hurricanes. Good signal, but lost to power reduction at 1730. (SK-PA)

+ – 01/12 1730 – Ad for McGregor’s Ale House off Highway 64 in Cary; “Not just a radio station—a way of life...Sports Radio 850 The Buzz”. (WM-MD)

WYLF NY Penn Yan – 01/12 1705 – ABC Hourly News; “It’s 26 degrees at WYLF”. (WM-MD)

870 WHCU NY Ithaca – 01/04 1610 – I tuned in at the close of a newscast. Female voice said “13 minutes past the hour with news when you want it. WHCU”. Followed by ads for Sayre Appliances in Ithaca and Roadrunner Online Service, then into a sports update with Jim Bell. Great signal with no sign of fading. (RCP-IN)

870 WWL LA New Orleans – 01/10 1858-1902 – “From the heart of the Crescent City this is WWL New Orleans, an Entercom Communications Station, AM 870, The News, Sports and Talk leader. WWL News, it’s six o’clock”. (DL/MD)

910 WNHV VT White River Junction – 12/21 2016 – “.pause for ID on the Boston Celtics Network”. Partial ID heard “.and AM 1230 WTSV Claremont, The Score”. Mixing with WABI. (SK-PA)

WABI ME Bangor – 12/21 2017 – Ads for Nicki’s Restaurant and Beacon Printing in Bangor, then Al Hackett gave the team scoring in live Bangor High School basketball game. These two stations [WABI and WNVH –MS] could be on day power as they are seldom heard. (SK-PA)

WEPG TN South Pittsburg – 01/13 1803 – C&W music, network spots; ID mentioning “WEPG”. Good signal. (GM-FL)

920 WVOH GA Hazelhurst – 01/15 0753 – C&W, spot for a hunting store, ID as “WVOH AM 9-20, 93.5 FM”. Good with WAFS-Atlanta. (GM-FL)

WMMN WV Fairmont – 01/6 1700 – Weak, into a break for station identification “With CBS Radio Sports coverage of the NFL Playoffs on WestWoodOne, this is 920 WMMN Fairmont”. (SC-IN)

WHJJ RI Providence – 01/9 1636 – Weak. Out of bank commercial with an Imus promo “Imus in the Morning now exclusively on WHJJ. And now back to more stimulating conversation with Arlene Violet on WHJJ Talk Radio 920”. Linda Chavez was the topic. (SC-IN)

WGET AM 1320
wgty fm 108

930 WDLX NC Washington – 12/24 1700 – End of PSA; ID “You’re listening to NewsTalk 930 WDLX, Washington, serving Eastern North Carolina since 1942”. Then ABC News. Atop the flutter. (SK-PA)

940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon – 01/04 0100 – Local ad ID, then Worldwide Radio News. (WM-MD)

WMAC GA Macon – 01/15 0000 – Poor; news/talk ID into ABC news, through XEQ Mexico and Radio Reloj-Cuba in CINW null. (BC-NH)

950 WBBF NY Rochester – 12/14 1944 – Ads for The Dish Store and Hospitality House; “Back to the Seventies at Seven on 93 BBF”. Last heard as WEZO. (SK-PA)

960 WTGM MD Salisbury – 01/15 0010 – Fair; 99.9 jingle, continuous country, over Radio Reloj-Cuba and WILT. (BC-NH)

WILT PA Mount Pocono – 01/15 0100 – Poor; “WILT Mount Pocono-Stroudsburg” ID, ESPN Sports Center, weather, and “This is ESPN Radio 960, your news/sports connection in the Poconos.” (BC-NH)

WHYL PA Carlisle – 01/15 1223 – (NOS) “Nine-sixty, WHYL, serving the (Keystone?) State for fifty years”. (DL-MD)

970 WCHN NY Norwich – 01/03 2000 – Canned ID “WCHN Norwich”, the ABC News. Also has ABC NOS. Over WBGG. (SK-PA)

1000 CKBW NS Bridgewater – 01/09 1958-2002 – (C&W) “.vote for your favorites today online at ckbw.com...”, with co-channel. (DL/MD)

1080 WKGX NC Lenoir – 01/9 1800 – Way down in crud with bits of sign-off announcement heard after C&W music. (JF-ON)

1090 WISS WI Berlin – 01/12 1819-1825 – Good over/under KAAY with C&W music, “Cow

Country 1090” slogans, promo for “Cow Country Sports” featuring Brewers baseball and Berlin Indians High School Sports. Good for 500 watts. (JF-ON)

WHGG TN Kingsport – 01/06 1850 – End of “when Radio Was” (not certain this was them); ID “1090 WHGG”, then preacher spoke. ID at 1900 “You’re listening to 1090 AM, WHGG in Kingsport, Tennessee. Very wavy in partial WBAL null. Forgot (?) to drop to PSSA power; dropped out suddenly at 1930. (SK-PA)

1120 KMOX MO St. Louis – 01/14 1953-2000 – Stop set with ads for “Credit Man”, Glucophage XR, Shane Co. Diamond “at shaneco.com”, Martin Glass, O’Connor and Partners; “Welcome back to our KMOX studios. I’m Tom Ackerman...”; new CBS News sounder into CBS Network News. (MS-FL)

1140 KSOO SD Sioux Falls – 12/17 2145 – Heard something bubbling under WRVA, then in partial null “Mark Davis Show at 1-800-318-TALK”. At 2159, end of ad “.a better jeweler”. Partial ID “The talk...”, then ABC News. At 2205 female gave weather “The best weather information from AM 1140 KSOO”. Then David Essell. SD # two. (SK-PA)

1150 WJBO LA Baton Rouge – 01/14 2006 – Canned ID “1150 WJBO...Depend on it” followed by LSU sports talk. (MS-FL)

1160 WAMB TN Donelson – 01/08 1805 – NOS music, pre-game for a local basketball game; several ID’s as “WAMB AM 1160”. Afternoon regular here now. (GM-FL)

1200 WOAI TX San Antonio – 01/14 2015 – “I’m Dean Adell”, followed by stop set with ads for Pure Lip with zinc, Bayer Aspirin, Total cereal, Jointritis, Ricoh and Campbell’s Soup. ID “This is the Dr. Dean Adell Show on 1200 WOAI”. (MS-FL)

KFNW ND West Fargo – 01/04 1740 – Program of contemporary Christian music with station ID at 1742 with man saying “Thanks for being part of our afternoon of classic praise on KFNW”. Very good signal with WOAI barely heard. (RCP-IN)

1210 KGYN OK Guymon – 12/25 0025 – Taped message “This is John Jones from KGYN wishing you a Merry Christmas”. At 0030 “AM Stereo...on 1210 AM KGYN”. At 0054 “Don’t miss Guymon basketball all season long on KGYN”, then female gave weather. In partial WPH null. (SK-PA)

1220 CJUL ON Cornwall – 12/14 2000 – In partial null and mixing with CHSC. “.Canada. Memories 1220 AM”. I don’t know if the broadcast news was them or CHSC. At 2005 with WKNR fading, and oldie started in the background (CHSC). All of a sudden very clear “Here’s the three-day forecast”, then started fading “You’re listening to the Jewel 1220, your information leader in the (Simi?) Valley [maybe the St. Lawrence Valley? – MS]. Memories 1220”, then The Mills Brothers’ “Ragg Mopp”. (SK-PA)

1250 CBGA PQ Matane – 01/13 1604-1624 – Poor over/under CHWO with discussion in French on the recent resignation of Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard. CBC French Network feed // CIBC 860. New. (JF-ON)

WHNZ FL Tampa – 01/14 2019 – ID “.on the all-new 1250 WHNZ” and “The new 1250 Wins, WHNZ”. (MS-FL)

1300 WBZQ IN Huntington – 01/13 0722 – Good at times mixing with WERE with “All your favorite artists are right here on WBZQ, Huntington” then “Monday, Monday” by The Mamas and The Papas. Ex-WHLT for me. (JF-ON)

1310 WDKD SC Kingstree – 12/18 2212 – “It’s Classic Country on WDKD, AM 1310”. Then, “.and now, the battle of the classics”. At 2218, “WDKD, AM 1310”. Fair after nulling NFL game. Again on 12/22 at 2200, “Your home for real country is WDKD, Kingstree”. No news. (SK-PA)

KTCK TX Dallas – 01/14 2151 – Tough with ESPN; mention of “The Ticket” at top of hour. (GM-FL)

1320 WDMJ MI Marquette – 01/11 1659 – ID, ABC news, Michigan Spartans promo; new; UP#2! (JR-NY)

WFHR WI Wisconsin Rapids – 01/11 1700 – ID, CBS news, new. (JR-NY)

WILS MI Lansing – 01/11 1759 – ID heard in mess just before top of hour; new. (JR-NY)

WOBL OH Oberlin – 01/11 1804 – Country music, ads for Lorain County, call letters; new. (JR-NY)

WVGM VA Lynchburg – 01/11 2159 – ID in mess just before the top of the hour. My fifth

- new one on this frequency today—when was the last time that happened? (JR-NY)
- 1330 WESR VA Onley – 12/13 1605 – “Your hot talk and classic country forecast...”; “For forecast call 787-WESR”. PSA for Arcadia High School fundraiser, then Dr. Laura. (SK-PA)
- 1350 WTAZ IL Peoria – 01/13 0642 – Briefly atop with “News Talk AM 1350, WTAZ” ID into NBA Scoreboard. Ex-WXCL for me; used to be a regular here back in those days. (JF-ON)
- 1360 WKYO MI Caro – 12/15 1914 – Canned ID “Real Country is WKYO”. Also earlier (forgot to note time; approximately 1805) “We’re rockin’ the country. Real Country 1360” shot over WNJC. (SK-PA)
- 1380 CKPC ON Brantford – 01/16 1815-1817 – A woman announcer giving a news, traffic, and weather report. She also mentioned Highway 24, which is west of Brantford by about five miles. At 1816, she gave a clear CKPC identification. A male announcer played modern rock music after that. Signal was poor. (GMC-MD)
- 1390 WKDR VT Burlington – 01/11 1625-1640 – Weak, over pest station. Caught end of discussion about a reference to an article in the *Providence Journal* about a sports figure being offered a job. Didn’t get the name but did get an ID. “It’s 20 minutes before the hour, I’m George Cologne, Sports Radio 1390 WKDR”. Also bottom hour ID “News Talk 1390 WKDR, it is 4:30. News is next”. (SC-IN)
- WMAS**
AM 1450/FM 95
- 1400 WIRA FL Fort Pierce – 01/12 1811 – Station promo, mentions of “WIRA”; ESPN talk. (GM-FL)
- 1410 KQV PA Pittsburgh – 01/08 1720 – In a jumble; in and out with voice ID. (DJ-PA)
- 1420 WIMS IN Michigan City – 12/22 2032 – Canned ID “Thanks for spending your day with Doodlin’ 1420”, then Talk Radio Network (1-800-449-8255). ID at 2100 “Doodlin’ 1420, WIMS Michigan City”. Then CNN News. Nearly local-like. Could hear WHK way under. (SK-PA)
- 1460 WIFI NJ Florence – 01/08 1915 – With a female voice ID; Gospel music. Very good signal. (DJ-PA)
- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria – 01/08 1947 – Voice ID and sports talk—college basketball mostly. (DJ-PA)
- 1500 WBZI OH Xenia – 12/25 0216 – Ad for Classic Country Gazette in Xenia, then Lee Davenport gave weather “...on Classic Country, WBZI”. Over WTOP for a minute, then strong underneath. (SK-PA)
- 1520 KRHW MO Sikeston – 12/22 2243 – Female “That’s your weather forecast on 1520 KRHW. You’re listening to solid Gospel 1520, KRHW”. Over C&W station but under WWKB. Last heard with NOS format. (SK-PA)
- 1540 CHIN ON Toronto – 01/09 0007 – Voice ID; Spanish music. (DJ-PA)
- 1550 WLOR AL Huntsville – 01/09 1920 – Urban Contemporary music, “Jammin’ 1550 WLOR” ID’s. Loud over reduced-power Tampa station. (GM-FL)
- 1570 WFLR NY Dundee – 12/08 2034 – Ad for ? Motors on Franklin St in Watkins Glen. “Santa arrives this Saturday in Watkins Glen”. Canned ID “The station of the Finger Lakes, WFLR”; back to NASCAR highlights program. In partial WPGM null. Nine NY’s left; these are my closest unheards. (SK-PA)
- WNST MD Towson – 01/09 0753 – Fair in almost graveyard-like mush with ad for Verizon, “WNST 1570 sports” ID; into talk about the Ravens’ chances vs. the Raiders in AFC championship game. QSLed as WTOW in 1979. (MKB-ON)
- WPGM PA Danville – 01/09 0758-0802 – “...our web site address at <www.wpgm.org>”; “...it’s 18 degrees. WPGM AM FM Danville, fifteen-seventy AM, ninety-six point seven FM”. Gave other call signs too but lost in interference. (DLMD) + – 01/09 0758 – Fighting WNST, promo for web site <www.wpgm.org> (MKB-ON)
- 1580 WVKO OH Columbus – 01/12 0826 – Loud with traffic report; ad for muffler shop in Huber Heights. (HJH-PA)
- WVZN PA Columbia – 01/12 0830 – Slogan “A different kind of radio station, Radio Vision, WVZN Columbia, serving Lancaster”. Up good briefly. (HJH-PA)
- 1590 WHYT MI Coldwater – 01/09 1605 – ABC news, “Voice of Branch County”; new. (JR-NY)
- 1600 WHMP MA East Longmeadow – 01/10 1635 – UMass hockey promo; “WHMP 1400 and

- 1600” ID. (JR-NY)
- 1620 KAZP NE Bellevue – 01/13 0534 – Good with WTAW and ESPN talk “non-ID” at top of hour. First time heard from here or VA. (GM-FL)
- 1640 WKSH WI Sussex – 01/08 0658-0702 – (REL) “You are listening to life’s messages on WKSH, Sussex-Milwaukee”. (DLMD)
- 1650 KDNZ IA Cedar Falls – 01/08 0358-0402 – “It’s three o’clock. AM sixteen-fifty The Talk Station, KDNZ, Cedar Falls-Waterloo”; into CBS News. (DLMD)
- WHKT VA Portsmouth – 01/08 0558-0602 – Simulcasting Portsmouth, VA channel 13 TV audio. Mention of various East Coast cities in weather report and local news about a murder in Virginia Beach. “13 News, Weather Watch”, “13 News, Weather Lab”. “13 Means Local News”, and on the hour “This is 13 News, DayBreak”; into local news with fade to KDNZ. (DLMD)
- KWHN AR Fort Smith – 01/15 0740 – KWHN sports time was given at 0640 then into Arkansas News Network sports scores, followed by many local ads. Very good signal—I listened until 0805. I placed a call to the station; a man there said to send verification reports to Gary Elmore, Program Director. New station for me. (RCP-IN) [After last week’s Oklahoma X-bander debate on the reflector list, RCP’s logging of KWHN in Fort Smith, the city of license, sums up my opinion on the subject. – MS]
- 1670 WRNC GA Warner Robins – 01/08 1905-1930 – (C&W) “WRNC” C&W music with infrequent voice announcements. This station was predominant over WTDY most of the time. (DLMD)
- WTDY WI Madison – 01/08 1905-1930 – (TLK) 2028: “...from sixteen-seventy, WTDY and Hormel Chili...”. This station in talk format under WRNC all during the sample period. (DLMD)

TIS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 1610 WPNT550 NJ Watchung – 01/10 2117 – Borough of Watchung Travelers Information Station. Continuous loop announcement with male and female, mentions of I-78 and Route 531 “just south of exit 40”; 5-ton weight limit and overweight vehicles. Poor, very muddy and muffled audio. Transmitter location is approximately ten miles to my southwest on the other side of a ridge. (MB-NJ)

ADDRESS UPDATES

- 1300 WNEA GA Newman – 278B Bullsboro Drive, Newman, GA 30265. (SK-PA)

REPORTERS

- MB-NJ Mike Battaglino Chatham – Drake R8B, MFJ preselector/tuner; 40’ attic wire.
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker Toronto – Panasonics RF-2200 and RFB-45.
- SC-IN Steve Chappell McCordsville – Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
- MC-NJ Mike Clancy Jersey City – Optimus 12-603A.
- MC-NJ2 Mike Clancy Jersey City – SONY ICF-7480W.
- GMC-MD Gerald Conkling, Jr. Greenbelt – Grundig Millennium 800.
- BC-NH Bruce Conti Nashua – Drake R8B, MWDX-5, 100-ft wire; 100-ft east sloping wire.
- JF-ON Jeff Falconer Clinton – Drake R8B; pair of 135’ terminated wires, MFJ-1026 phase box; Timewave DSP-5992x.
- HGH-PA Harry Hayes Wilkes-Barre – Zenith Trans Oceanic; Kiwa Pocket Loop.
- DJ-PA David Jansky Sunbury – GE SuperRadio III with Radio Shack loop.
- SK-PA Steve Kennedy Coal Township – GE SuperRadio III; indoor wire.
- DL-MD David Larrabee Columbia – R8500 on loop or long wire.
- DL/MD David Larrabee Columbia – Unattended TenTec RX-320 with AMRAD LF Mod and long wire, running KFSOJ RX320 Controller gathering timed samples at the top of the hour.
- WM-MD William McGuire Cheverly – Radio Shack DX-398.
- GM-FL Greg Myers Clearwater – Sony ICF-2010; Kiwa Pocket Loop with PRM.
- RCP-IN Robert C. Pote Greenwood – Drake R8A Receiver and Kiwa Loop antenna.
- JR-NY Jim Renfrew Byron – Drake R8, 1000’ E/W wire; Grove antenna tuner.
- AR*NY Andy Rugg Route I-81 in Watertown – car radio.
- AR-ON Andy Rugg Cornwall – Radio Shack TRF.
- MS-FL Michael Shaw Palm Harbor – SONY ICF-2010 and Radio Shack DX-392.

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OK, although we prohibit most abbreviations, here is a little quiz to test your knowledge of ITU country abbreviations. These are "challenge level" questions. One of the following, to really make it tough, is something I made up! "Abbreviationists of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your names!" Answers below.

AFS _____	AGL _____	AIA _____	ARS _____
ATA _____	BFA _____	BLR _____	BIH _____
BIO _____	CBG _____	CNR _____	CTI _____
GNB _____	GNE _____	GUF _____	HRB _____
INS _____	LMD _____	LTU _____	MDA _____
MKD _____	MRT _____	MSR _____	MYT _____
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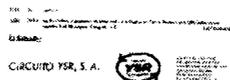
TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 153 ALGERIA Rdf Sonore, JAN 6 2137-2201+ - man with commentary in FF with many mentions of "Arabie" punctuated with music bumpers. 2142 mentioned "Bechar" then into AA chanting & AA music to 2158. Woman with brief announcement in FF at top of hour then man into AA with news? Poor/Fair with GG QRM late. [Frodge-ON]
- 162 FRANCE France Inter (p), JAN 5 2212-2218+ - man and woman in FF. Afro music with talking drums. Fair. [Frodge-ON]
- 171 MOROCCO Radio Medi-Un, JAN 6 2130-2136+ - man and woman in FF with variety music. Poor, best in USB. // 9757 Poor, covered by SS. [Frodge-ON]
- 183 GERMANY Europe 1, Saarlouis (p), JAN 5 2220-2230+ - man and woman in FF with mainly talk and few FF pop songs. Fair. [Frodge-ON]
- 252 IRELAND Atlantic 252, JAN 6 0249-0300+ - Techno & Urban Contemporary music. No break at 0300. Fair; JAN 6 2121-2129+ - man in EE with rock and rap and caller requests. "Atlantic 2-5-2...the music you want to hear". Fair. [Frodge-ON]
- 774 SPAIN RNE, Valencia (p), JAN 7 0117 - Just enough audio to determine was woman in SS. Very poor. [Frodge-ON]
- 864 FRANCE Radio France, Network B, Paris (p) - FF woman announcer with lite FF vocals. Poor but best TA audio heard. Some audio on 1557 but not enough to check if //. Hets and audio tease on most TA frequencies bottom-to-top. [Frodge-ON]
- 1314 NORWAY Kvitsoy JAN 17 2130 - Man and woman in Norwegian. [Dangerfield PA]
- 1512 BELGIUM Wolverton, JAN 17 2133 - Fair, man in Flemish, commentary. [Dangerfield-PA]

Ben speaks: "I have been holding back on my report in hopes of getting some interesting reception to talk about, but very little has materialized these past several weeks, and tomorrow we leave on a trip to the lower parts of South America. We will fly to Santiago, Chile, by way of Panama, and board a cruise ship that will take us down the Chile coast and through the Straits of Magellan to the Falkland Islands, Uruguay, and Argentina. We fly home from there, again stopping in Panama. I will try for Radio Patagonia-630 and whatever I can pick up in the Falklands, or anywhere else, for that matter. Our cabin will have a balcony which will make DXing easier. Anything will be better than this season's reception in Wallingford, Pa. The "big guns" such as 684, 855, 1089, 1134, 1314, 1521 and 1548 have been in but poor. The smaller guns like 1044, 1107, 1575 and 1602 haven't done any better. I'm hearing 12 to 18 TA's a night but all the signals are down in the mud and close to unreadable. The LW band is the worst in years here. I'm surprised that Norway-1314 is even coming through, but it is, at a low level. Just a little over three years ago, on 12-29-97, I heard from 100 TA frequencies in that one night, about 2/3 of which had fair to good audio, and about 1/3 were very good. Blame the solar conditions I guess." (We'll look forward to your travel report upon your return - Jim)

PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 268 CUBA UBY Bayamo, JAN 18 0629 - NDB. [Renfrew-NY]
- 330 MEXICO CZM Cozumel, JAN 18 0742 - NDB. [Renfrew-NY]



- 353 CUBA UHG Holguin, JAN 18 0757 - NDB, interference from HOT in Venezuela. [Renfrew-NY]
- 359 GREENLAND NA Narsasuaq, JAN 7 0301 - NDB on 358.6. [Frodge-ON] JAN 16 0436 - heard very well this night on my SSW /NNE wire, first observed at 357.22, but also closer to 359 published frequency; one code group every eight seconds, my first Greenland reception on any band. [Renfrew-NY]
- 370 CUBA UCM Camaguey, JAN 18 0801 - NDB. [Renfrew-NY]
- 390 CUBA UCA Ciego de Avila, JAN 17 0605 - NDB. [Renfrew-NY]
- 430 CUBA VA Varadero, JAN 17 0653 - NDB. [Renfrew-NY]
- 660 MEXICO XEAR, Tampico, TAMA, JAN 11 1150-1230 - Presumed this one in the 660 dog pile with "La Mexicana" slogan at 1155, and "..... en Tampico" at 1200. At least three Mexicans fighting it out here this AM. Two ran the national anthem around 1200. [Bryant-OK]
- 660 MEXICO XEDTL, Mexico, DF, JAN 11 1220-1250 - This one with a morning show of romantic music and lots of ads. Call letter ID by male at 1230 and 1245. I believe the third one was XEFZ, Monterrey. [Bryant - OK]
- 660 MEXICO XEEY, La Consentida, Aguascalientes, AGS, JAN 9 1958 - surprise to find this one atop for an ID with apparent power increase: "Con cincuenta mil watts potencia efectiva ... transmite 'equis doble-ay yay', 660 La Consentida. La Consentida para los estados de Aguascalientes, Zacatecas, Jalisco, Guanajuato, San Louis Potosi, Nayarit; estudios y oficinas ... Avenidas Universidad ... Plaza Doce ... telefono 12-16-60 ... la ... nueva ... una emisora mas del Grupo Radifonico Ser(?)". Continued with talk, then cut power and disappeared before 2000. New WIRTH, received a couple of days later, shows 50 kw for this one, but does not indicate night power or directional pattern night. [Callarman-TX]
- 660 MEXICO XEFZ, Noti-Radio 660, Monterrey, NL, JAN 9 0234-0241 - is the third station to be identified this winter on this frequency. It's the one that has the talkative woman announcer with a soft, sad-sounding voice, sounds like she's about to cry. After slow-paced songs, a different production ID by a different, more authoritative-voiced female: "XEFZ, Noti-Radio 660, las noticias como son." At first I thought she said "las noticias corazón" but "como son" seems clear on tape. I've since learned there is a music style called "son" that originated in Cuba and has spread through Latin America. XEFZ may have been the station with woman newscaster 0201-0205 and beyond, when channel became a jumble. At 0203, with fanfare, had "Opinion Editorial de su Periodico ABC" por Hector Gonzales. Then at 0204 had "Noticias Deportivas" with short bit on upcoming "Conferencia Nacional" championship game between los Gigantes de Nueva York y los Vikinios de Minnesota." (At first, I brushed this off as XEDTL, but with the emphasis on female announcers, except the editorial and the sports note, it might have been XEFZ instead; I'm still looking for XEAR - heard last year in Illinois - and XEACB, whom others are hearing on 660.) [Callarman-TX]
- 780 MEXICO XESFT, La Triple T, San Fernando, TAMS, JAN 15 0033 and beyond - Hooray, Monclova isn't the only Mexican that can be heard on this frequency. Got tape turned on barely in time to get call letters "-ESFT, la unica ... especial del estao ... La Triple T, 780 kilohertz, estudio yoficinias Zaragoza 85, centro(?) 8, San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico, La Grande de Grupo Radio Tauro ... palipas." It didn't stay up long, but obviously has kept same call letters despite apparent slogan change. This one was heard on auroral nights last spring in Illinois. [Callarman-TX]
- 800 MEXICO possibly XEGX, San Luis de la Paz, GTO, JAN 15 0102-0106 - got best audio yet from one of my mysteries here in XEROK null, with promo for band concert ... "presenta musica ... Mexico-Jamaica ... Los Asutos or Los Augustos, sonos modernos ... concert in San Miguel, Guanajuato." At 0103 had short production announcement that could have been an ID, but again the deep-voice syndrome prevails. Then accordian starts musical selection and back into the mud it goes. I can't find my detailed Mexican maps to see if there is a San Miguel something near San Luis de la Paz, but Guanajuato is a very small state. I fear if I hear this one's slogan, also Radio Canon, I'll pass it off as a nulled XEROK. [Callarman-TX]
- 830 MEXICO XEIK Piedras Negras, COAH, JAN 18 1302 - "Noticiero Zocalo" (news); 1306 ad for Firestone Tires; 1307 time ("siete con siete minutos") and temperature ("cuatro grados"); then detailed forecast at 1308, with both C. and F. temps. Good in WCCO null. [Wilkins-CO]
- 850 MEXICO XEZR, Zaragoza, COAH, JAN 01 1145 - Presume this the one heard carrying a morning music program hosted by female announcer with numerous mentions of Zaragoza. Fair to good in KOA semi-null. [Bryant-OK]
- 870 MEXICO XETAR Guachochic, CHIH Jan 11 1304 - Ranchera songs; at 1309, man in Indian language with call ID and "La Voz

de La Sierra Tarahumara" slogan; then into program of announcements in SS; occasional time checks (MST) and temperature ("ocho grados bajo cero"). The villages of El Pajarito, Batopilas, El Chilipote and Yoquibo were mentioned, among others. Fair signal in null of new local TIS station on 870. This is the first time I've heard XETAR this season. They're usually pretty regular, leading me to wonder if they were silent for a while? [Wilkins-CO]

900 MEXICO XEOK, Monterrey, SON, JAN 11 1155 - All talk from tune-in until call letter ID at 1202 and then into music. No slogan. Rather pleased to hear this 1000/250 with penny whistle beneath the 300000 watts of XEW and XEWB. [Bryant-OK]

970 MEXICO XEEZ Caborca, SON, JAN 18 1332 - Religious program just ending; semi-legal ID at 1333 (everything but the call letters!): "Estas escuchando el poder clase...La Super Zeta, transmitiendo desde 970 de AM con cinco mil wats, 18 horas contigua, llenas del cinco estrellas musicales especialmente para ti. Tropical, Ranchero, Norteno, Grupero, Banda. Con estudios y oficinas en Obregon Este 184 telefono2-09-99. Super Zeta, una estacion con categoria Cinco Estrellas Radio, Caborca, Sonora, Mexico..." then into a Vicente Fernandez tune. Fair for a while before submerging. [Wilkins-CO]

1000 MEXICO XEFV, La Rancherita, Cd. Juarez, COAH, JAN 7 1200-1216 - trying to check John Bryant's newscaster here after Mexican National Anthem, think it's XEOY, Radio Mil; found dominant station with music and mail order spots for "Laboratorios Camacho," various medical cures, with a Los Angeles post office box address, MST time checks. John Wilkins found this program on XEFV a few days later at this time. Heard "La Rancherita" mentioned here 0318 JAN. 11 as man talked with someone on telephone, and finally a clear ID for the tape machine at 0300 JAN. 15. [Callarman-TX] JAN 14 1240 - "Laboratorios Camacho" syndicated musicprogram in progress. Ads for various wonder products, including a foot powder (\$9.95/jar) and "Vitaminas Formula 40" (\$14.95/jar of 90); program end 1258; XE anthem at 1301: "Esta escuchando XEFV, La Rancherita, en el mil de su radio con mil wats de potencia ranchera, transmitiendo todo el espritu mexicano..." and into morning program of ranchera tunes, male announcer, MST time checks. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]



1010 MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH JAN 10 0232 - Ranchera music, local ads for furniture store, candy store, cable company, meat market, pharmacy. Frequent "La Ranchera de Paquime" slogans; MST time checks, dedications. Fair for a while before losing out to CBR. Finally got enough for a reception report. [Wilkins-CO]

1330 MEXICO XEWQ, Monclova, COAH (tentative), JAN 7 0150-0202 - Commercial string noted after male vocal with Latin rhythm and unusual bass saxophone sound ends. A farmacia commercial, what may have been a band concert promo: "La Maquina Musical Nortena Numero Uno;" several mentions of Monclova, including what appeared to be "Cambion Servicio de Monclova;" singing identification 0153 but couldn't read it, possibly another concert promo, "grupo metal?"; then a tearjerker of a song, with poetic reading, lots of brass and oompahpah rhythm, begins to fade under KFH as soft-voiced man talks about servicio de agua at 0158, ranchera tune goes through break, still noticeable at 0202 when song ends, but can't read it at all when music stops; found traces of this one 0225-0230, again with Monclova mentioned. [Callarman-TX]

1430 MEXICO XEWD Ciudad Miguel Aleman, TAMA JAN 01 0315 - Music program hosted by male was atop the pile for a while, with a clear ID as XE doble OO Day. Hard to believe that they were running their listed night power of 150 w. rather than their daytime 2 Kw. They sank back into the jumble before 0400, but I believe that I heard their s/off down there somewhere. Noted the Mexican NA at their scheduled s/on of exactly 1155, but signal too weak to hear ID following. [Bryant-OK]

1580 MEXICO XEDM Hermosillo SON, JAN 18 0656 - I was surprised to hear this one on what is now a crowded frequency, with "La Grande" slogan and then the Mexican National Anthem. [Renfrew-NY]

Jim speaks: "I'm not even reporting the Longwave TA's that I've been hearing every night on 153, 162, 183, 189, 198, 207, 216, 234, and 252. I still haven't heard a hint of signal on 243. I'm not advocating that IDXD specialize in longwave beacons, but I have found it interesting that there are some international receptions to be had. These are even more fun than R. Reloj because they give ID's numerous times every minute."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BELGIUM: 1305 Radio Trafic now on the air on this frequency. This transmitter has been off the air for

several years. Some years ago it was broadcasting the local programmes of Radio Namur. Good reception during the evening hours. Heard for the first time Friday, January 12th. (Bengt Ericson)

This station is only playing continuous pop music and you have to ID it by a jingle. This is a traffic station, and there are only announcements when there is traffic jam. That's mostly not when DX-conditions are favourable. If you want to catch some announcements try during European morning hours. Another way to identify the station is comparing it with the parallels 1125 and 1233 kHz. (Guido Schotmans via HCDX 14.01.2001) [Both comments via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

CYPRUS, NORTHERN: 1098 "Our transmission on MW is on 1098 kHz. As far as we know, there is currently no local transmission on 1071 kHz; The reference [in the WRTH] could be an outdated reference for CYBC's international channel. We have checked and get very clear reception of Syrian Radio on this frequency." (Bayrak Radio Television Corporation, brt@cc.emu.edu.tr via Bengt Ericson, 15.12.2000) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

FRANCE: 981 An LP station has started broadcasting in Paris, on 981 kHz. It currently carries an announcement saying the official start will be on January 18. The name of the station is CIEL AM. No transmitter power or location is indicated, but it should be 1 kW or less and I can't think of any other location than Romainville or Villebon. [From what I can gather (I haven't heard the station myself but was told about it by some friends) the station belongs to the Jewish community in Paris. Anyway it is the first operation of its kind in France and a few more are expected shortly, including a station for children. (Original info: Thierry Vignault, Paris)] (Rémy Friess via MWC e-mail news 13.01.2001) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

GERMANY: 261 Radioropa is off the air since JAN 1. Relays of ROI, RFI and YLE are also off as they were part of the Radioropa programming. (Kai Ludwig 1.1.2001) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

LATVIA: According to Latvian newspaper reports, the Latvian government decided on JAN 2 that Latvia is again going to apply Summer Time (UTC+3h) from 25 March 2001, after not having switched to daylight saving time during 2000. Lithuania and Estonia (which currently have UTC+2h all year round) have so far not expressed any intention to revert from standard time during the summer months. (Bernd Trutenau) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

LEBANON: 756 The South Lebanon Army's radio station, which stopped broadcasting after Israel withdrew from South Lebanon in May, has recently gone back on the air. The station is now calling itself the "Voice of Experience from the Mediterranean Basin" rather than "Voice of the South," and it also now appears to be broadcasting from northern Israel. However, it has been broadcasting a few hours a day on the SLA's old frequency, 756 AM. (Daniel Sobelman, Ha'aretz Correspondent, via Paul Bowery via MWC e-mail news 27.12.2000) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

LUXEMBOURG: 1440 According to a report by Gregor Behr, RTL-Radio yesterday announced repeatedly that from JAN 1 Mega-Radio will be carried on Marnach 1440 Mon-Sat 0500-1800 and Sun 0630-1800. (Kai Ludwig 25.12.2000) Marnach 1440 now indeed carries Mega-Radio, no noticeable delay compared with 1431. The programme of this commercial station, which consists almost entirely of nonstop music, is generated at Schwerin and distributed by an encrypted Eutelsat DVB feed to the transmitter sites. Mega-Radio already uses (in Germany) Wöbbelin 576, Wilsdruff 1431 and Burg 1575. (Kai Ludwig 1.1.2001) Joe Leyder reported to the German A-DX list that Marnach currently operates 1440 with 300 kW, but during the religious broadcasts they turn up the power to full 1200 kW. They switch the antenna pattern to skywave radiation at 1700. I checked today: Indeed 1440 was very strong after 1830 and a few moments after 1900 the signal dropped by some dB. (Kai Ludwig, 7.1.2001)

Yesterday I noted a carrier break at 0635, perhaps the morning antenna switch provided that this was not just a transmitter trip. (Kai Ludwig, 9.1.2001) [all items via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

MOLDAVA: 1548 Maiac reactivated DEC 13, first with TWR at 1800-2000, using 150 kW and an omnidirectional antenna. (Nikolay Pashkevich in DX_BISTRO via Bernd Trutenau, 13.12.2000)

Nikolay Pashkevich reports in DX_BISTRO that the Malaya zarya antenna system in Maiac will again be operational around 30 December. (Bernd Trutenau 27.12.2000) 999, 1548 Only the transmissions of TWR, DW and VOR in Romanian were resumed on 11 and 13 December on 999 and 1548. (Rumen Pankov, 17.12.2000 via BCDX) [all items via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

MONACO/ITALY: 702 It now looks as if the use of the R. Monte Carlo station on 702 kHz for RAI Radio 2 is not - or not only - directly linked to the reduced power operation of the 846 kHz



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Rome transmitter. On DEC 1, RAI took the following Radio 2 transmitters off the air: Genova/Granarolo on 936 kHz, Alessandria on 1449 kHz and Pisa/Coltano on 1116 kHz. And the following message appears on the RAI website: "To receive Radio 2 in the areas which were covered by these transmitters please retune to 702 kHz". (Stefano Valianti via MWC e-mail news 04.01.2001) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

NETHERLANDS: 747 Radio 1, Flevoland. Radio 5 will move here from 1008 before 1 September and Radio 1 on this frequency will leave MW. (Gerben Vos via Pypers 02.01.2000, EuroLog 13.01.2001) 1008 Radio 5, Flevoland. This frequency has to be vacated for commercial use before 1 September, causing Radio 5 to move to 747 kHz and Radio 1 on that frequency to leave MW. (Gerben Vos via Pypers 02.01.2000, EuroLog 13.01.2001) 1035, 1332 There have been several reports on Dutch TV over the last week that Radio Nationaal, the station playing Dutch music on 1035 & 1332 is on the edge of bankruptcy. No listeners and no advertisers that is the problem. The presenters, like the singer Father Abraham are now busy with a last-minute campaign to save the station. So, if you still need to log or QSL this station.....This development shows that most listeners in Holland do not listen to MW anymore, it has all shifted to FM only!! (Julius Hermans, Breedenbroek, Netherlands via MWC e-mail news 14.01.2001) 1584 Station 1584 AM-Radio Paradise is back on the air again, after being off the air for some weeks. The signal strength is very good, better than before, it sounds much more fresh. I'd like to know how reception is at your location. If you wish a QSL, you can send your reports to: Ruud Vos, QSL Manager 1584AM, J. Overdijkstraat 59, Utrecht 3551 VG, Netherlands. Please enclose an IRC or a dollar for return postage. (Ruud Vos via MWC e-mail news 15.12.2000) Power is 800 watts. (Björn Fransson)

The frequency is owned by 'Goiland Productions' and they are planning to go on the air as 'Radio 192'. They will use the old 'Paradijs' transmitter at first, later a 5 kW (?) one will be installed. (Piet Pypers 28.12.2000 EuroLog 13.01.2001) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

NORWAY: 216 Only two companies have applied for a private radio licence to operate on 216 kHz with up to 1200 kW of power. Northern Star International Broadcasters and an organisation of Tamils in Norway. The NSIB started its work many years ago, and it is thanks to the NSIB that the licence is being advertised at all, through their intense lobbying activities towards the government.

The Tamils, organized in "Det Tamilske Samordningsutvalget i Norge", already operate a FM-station in Oslo (Radio Tamil Murasam 105.8 MHz) on a frequency shared with other organisations. They intend to put their proposed transmitter somewhere in the Oslo-area, airing programmes aimed at the Tamil residents all over Norway, while the NSIB is working to establish their facilities somewhere in the southwestern coastal area of Norway, aiming at a more international audience. The licencing body will now hold meetings with the two groups, hoping to issue a licence "in the near future", I would assume around this summer. The licence will be issued for 7 years only, and may not be prolonged should the government at that stage want to use the frequency for "other purposes", i.e. digital transmissions. (Bernt Erfjord via MWC e-mail news 11.01.2001) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

PORTUGAL: I want to make some corrections and to add some more info related to some Portuguese MW stations. 783 Several changes are to be reported on this frequency. Rádio Comercial doesn't broadcast on MW anymore, only on FM. Another radio, belonging to the same media group, uses this frequency, as well as 1035 kHz. It is called Rádio Nacional, but it is a commercial radio, not state-owned. It has this name because it only broadcasts music sung in Portuguese. - The Miramar transmitter now belongs to RDP and is on 720 kHz. The transmitter belonging to Rádio Nacional, on 783 kHz, is located at a place called Afurada, close to Oporto. The website of Rádio Nacional doesn't specify the transmitter location, though; it only says it is in the North of Portugal. 1035 As I said before, Rádio Nacional is now on this frequency, instead of Rádio Comercial. The transmitter is at Porto Alto, near Lisbon. (F. S. Ribeiro - f.s.ribeiro@mail.telepac.pt via AMNF 21.12.2000) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: 1314 VOA via Dabiya. The International Broadcasting Bureau is testing the performance of a potential mediumwave lease on this frequency. For the month of January 2001 only it is possible to hear VOA NewsNow programming from 0200-0300 and 1600-1800 Reports to IBB, Spectrum Management Division, Washington, DC 20237 or Bill Whitacre, e-mail: bw@his.com (Bill Whitacre, IBB, via HCDX 02.01.2000) [via ARC Info-Desk JAN 15]

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Score: 1-10 correct: Perhaps you should take up Scrabble? 11-15 correct: Remedial study of WRTH could help. 16-20 correct: You are already within the top ten percent of the geographically literate, 21-25 correct: You could be a professional acronymologist! 26-30 correct: The ITU needs you!

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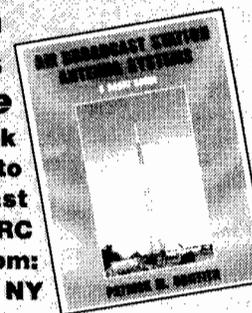
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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

Once again here is the Confirmed DX'er column. This one contains many listings that I couldn't get into the last one. So, let's get underway...

Canada

British Columbia, CHWK, 1270, Chilliwack, QSL certificate. (Martin—OR)
Ontario, CKGB, 750, Timmins, f/d personal letter and sticker in 19 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Sara Smith, News Anchor. (Walker—MI)

USA

Arizona, KJLL, 1330, Tucson, QSL letter in 10 days. V/s: Don Wiggins-GM. Address: 4320 N. Campbell, Ste. 234, Tucson, 85718 (Martin—OR)
Arizona, KUAZ, 1550, Tucson, f/d letter in 13 days. V/s David Ross, CE. (Wilkins—CO)
California, KAZT, 1670, Redding, QSL letter in 9d for taped report. Returned stamp enclosed. V/s: Jim Bremer-CE. Address: 3360 Alta Mesa, Redding CA 96002. (Martin—OR)
California, KAVT, 1680, Fresno, e-mail QSL in 30 days from taped report, from V/S; Paul Shinn-CE. Address: < Paul @ kstn.net >. (Martin—OR)
California, KAVT, 1680, Fresno, QSL letter in 37d from: Paul Shinn-CE. Radio Disney. Address: 139 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno CA 93728 (Martin—OR)
California, KIRN, 670, Simi Valley, email QSL in 4 days. V/s: Siamak Kalhor, GM Address: <siak2msn.com> (Martin—OR)
California, KOQL, 1200, Soquel, ppd/card in 15 days. V/s: Julie Hakn. (Martin—OR)
California, KUYL, 1280, Stockton, letter in 47 days. V/s: Marty Lanser-APD (Assist. PD?) Address: Clear Channel Comm. 3600 Sisk Road, Modesto CA 93556 (Martin—OR)
California, KRAK, 1470, Sacramento, QSL letter in 170 days. V/s: Matt Greer-Assit. CE. Address: 5244 Madison Avenue, Sacramento CA 95632. (Martin—OR)
Colorado, KJJD, 1170, Windsor, note on report in 13 days for f/up. V/s Jesse Rodriguez, Owner (Wilkins—CO)
Florida, WMIB, 1660, Marco Island, f/d QSL card, business card in 16 days. V/s Phil Beckman, OM/CE. (Kennedy—PA)
Florida, WPSL, 1590, Port St. Lucie, form letter, bumper sticker in 35 days. V/s: Greg & Carol Wyatt, owners. (Trelford—JA)
Florida, WTIR, 1680, Winter Garden, QSL certificate in 180 days. V/s: M. Dawson. (Trelford—JA)
Georgia, WAWA, 1240, Thomson, verie on my report, business card in 10 days. V/s Mike Well, Pres. (Kennedy—PA)
Georgia, WAWX, 1630, Augusta, f/d letter in 20 days. V/s Harley Drew, OD. (Kennedy—PA)
Georgia, WDUN, 540, Gainesville, f/d letter and key chain in 16 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Bill Maine, General Manager. (Walker—MI)
Georgia, WGIG, 1440, Brunswick, letter in 29 days. V/s Dick Bockeloo, Engineer. (Trelford—JA)
Georgia, WRNC, 1670, Warner Robins, n/d letter in 15 days for follow-up report and mint stamp. V/s: James K. Gay II, Studio Engineer. (Walker—MI)
Hawaii, KIFO, 1380, Honolulu, QSL letter in 45d from taped report along with pgm sked, Address: 738 Kaheka Street, Honolulu HI 96814-3726 (Martin—OR)
Idaho, KVSI, 1450, Montpelier, verie state on my report in 5 days. V/s: Keith Mantendal-GM. Address: PO Box 1450, Montpelier ID 83254 (Martin—OR)
Illinois, WINU, 880, Highland, f/d handwritten verification on station stationery and bumper stickers in 15 days for mint stamp, used. V/s: Dennis Harper, GM. (Walker—MI)
Illinois, WJBC, 1230, Bloomington, f/d letter in 13 days. V/s Elizabeth Estes Cooper, PD. (Kennedy—PA)
Iowa, WHO, 1040, Des Moines, f/d card in 11 days for mint stamp (not used). (Walker—MI)
Kansas, KXTR, 1250, Kansas City, f/d letter in 33 days. V/s Ken Wolf, CE. (Wilkins—CO)
Kentucky, WNOP, 740, Newport, f/d letter for two reception reports in 15 days for a follow up report and 3 months for an original report with one stamp returned. V/s: Ms. Frankie Robinson, Office Manager. Sadly, they are no longer the "Jazz Ark" in as much as they no longer broadcast from studios

on the Ohio River! [Right Bob, they were in a studio that looked like floating beer cans. This is an historic station, and I just read somewhere that they had been purchased by somebody and would be dropping the jazz format—Ken]. (Walker—MI)

Maryland, WBAL, 1090, Baltimore, f/d letter in 18 days for follow-up report and mint stamp (used). V/s Sandy Bartel, Engineering Assistant. (Walker—MI)

Michigan, WBCK, 930, Battle Creek, f/d letter in 1 week for mint stamp (used). V/s: Tim Collins, Operations Manager. (Walker—MI)

Michigan, WGVS, 850, Muskegon, n/d letter, station information in 7 days for mint stamp (not used). (Walker—MI)

Michigan, WHAK, 960, Rogers City, n/d letter in 7 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Donna Smith, On Air and Organization Manager. (Walker—MI)

Michigan, WJIM, 1240 Lansing, n/d letter, sticker and station information sheet in 2 weeks for mint stamp (used). V/s: Jack Robbins, PD. (Walker—MI)

Michigan, WMPC, 1230, Lapeer, f/d letter in 5 days for mint stamp (not used). V/s: Robert L. Baldwin, GM. (Walker—MI)

Minnesota, WNMT, 650, Nashwauk, signature on original report in 10 days for mint stamp (used). (Walker—MI)

Mississippi, WJNT, 880, Pearl, f/d fill-in-the-blank form letter for DX test reception and bumper sticker in 8 days for mint stamp, used. V/s: Stan Carter, CE. (Walker—MI)

New Mexico, KKJY, 1550, Albuquerque f/d letter in 10 days. V/s Edward Longhi (W5VP), P.D./Owner. (Wilkins—CO)

New York, WGR, 550, Buffalo, f/d letter, mailing label, show promo info and WBEN/ Buffalo Bills Bumper Sticker in 11 days for mint stamp (not used). V/s: Dennis Kavanaugh, Engineering Manager. (Walker—MI)

New York, WGY, 810, Schenectady, f/d letter and window sticker in 17 days for follow up report and mint stamp. V/s: Bob Blanchard, Director of Engineering. (Walker—MI)

Ohio, WAKR, 1590, Akron, f/d personal letter and card with bumper stickers and Cleveland Indians schedule in 16 days for mint stamp (not used). V/s: Tim Davisson, Senior Account Executive. (Walker—MI)

Ohio, WRFD, 880, Columbus, f/d letter, coverage map, and station information sheet in 5 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Dan Craig, General Manger. (Walker—MI)

Pennsylvania, WFBG, 1290, Altoona, f/d letter in 27 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Rich DeLeo, Sports Director. (Walker—MI)

Ohio, WWMK, 1260, Cleveland, n/d letter in 8 days for mint stamp (used). V/s: Dawn A. Doty, Administrative Assistant. (Walker—MI)

Oregon, KKNX, 840, Eugene, e-mail QSL back in 2days after sending a f/up report via e-mail. V/s John Mielke, KKNX Radio. Address :john@radio84.com (Martin—OR)

Pennsylvania, WLPA, 1490, Lancaster, f/d letter in 4 days. V/s Edd Monskie. (Kennedy—PA)

Rhode Island, WARV, 1590, Warwick, letter, bumper sticker, schedule, tract in 160 days. V/s Lincoln W. Hubbard, CE. (Trelford—JA)

Tennessee, WRJZ, 620, Knoxville, f/d letter, bumper sticker and business card in 10 days for follow-up report and mint stamp (not used). V/s: Alan Stalsworth, CE. (Walker—MI)

Texas, KELP, 1590, El Paso, f/d letter, AM/FM stickers, sked, newsletters in 6 days. V/s Casey Celum. (Wilkins—CO)

Texas, KRITX, 980, Rosenberg, ppd/card, n/d letter, FM sticker in 118 days for f/up. V/s Doug Fredericksen, C.E. (Wilkins—CO)

Texas, KQXX, 1700, Brownsville, certificate, sticker in 316 days. (Trelford—JA)

Texas, KTBK, 1700, Sherman, f/d 'certificate' in 2 weeks for second follow-up report and mint stamp (used). V/s: illegible, Technical Department. (Walker—MI)

Texas, KTBK, 1700, Sherman, certificate in 111 days. V/s Herbert Bowes, Tech. (Trelford—JA)

Texas, WOAL, 1200, San Antonio, TX. F/d letter in 24 days for mint stamp (used). V/s Kimberly Schoellman, Executive Assistant. (Walker—MI)

Texas, WTAW, 1620, College Station, colorful QSL card in 89 days. Address: PO Box 3248, Bryan TX 77805-3248. (Conti-NH)

Texas, WTAW, 1620, College Station, f/d card in 9 days for mint stamp (used). (Walker—MI)

Washington, KGA, 1510, Spokane, ppd/card in 8 days for f/up. V/s: P. Avalon. (Wilkins—CO)

Outside of North America

Australia, NSW-2RF, 1611, Griffith, f/d QSL card in 17days. V/s: John Wright-400 watts, Address: 4/33 Kerrie Crescent, Peakhurst NSW 2210, Australia. Australian MW QSL #220. (Martin—OR)

British Virgin Islands, ZBVI, 780, Road Town, Tortolla, letter, QSL card, map, history of station. V/

s Sandra Pottier-Warrican, OP Mgr. (Trelford—JA)

Mexico, XEFC, 1090, Yucatan, Merida, letter, CD tape of Mexican music in 100 days. V/s Guillermo Tarfan Cervera. (Trelford—JA)

Mexico, XEMO, 860, Tijuana, very nice letter in SS in 40 days for taped report. Also sent "La Poderosa" bumper sticker. V/s: Sergio Golarle Quiros, Gerente de promociones. Address: XEMO, Grupo Uniradio, Gral. Manuel Marquez de León No. 950 Zona Río, Tijuana BCN 22320, México. (Martin—OR)

New Zealand, Southern Star, 909, Hawkes Bay, QSL card and letter. V/s: Brian Fergusson-PD Address: Southern Star, Private Bag 92-636, Symonds Street, Auckland NZ. (Martin—OR)

New Zealand, Southern Star, 981, Timaru, QSL card and letter in 60 days from Brian Fergusson-PD for taped report. Address same as above. New Zealand MW QSL #106. (Martin—OR)

Other Good Stuff

California, TIS, 1630, Arcata, letter in 3 days. V/s: Russ Lee-Traffic Operations. They were testing on 1630, now on 1610. Address: State of California, Dept. of Transportation, 1656 Union St, PO Box 3700, Eureka CA 95502-3700 (Martin—OR)

Reporters: Bruce Conti, Nashua, New Hampshire, Patrick Griffith, Westminster, Colorado, Steve Kennedy, Coal Township, Pennsylvania, Patrick Martin, Seaside, Oregon, Don Trelford, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, Bob Walker, Fenton, MI, John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

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ELECTRONIC DX NEWS

We begin with one additional comment on the Electronic Publishing thread.

Jerry Starr <w8jv@yahoo.com>: I've followed the ongoing saga of printed vs. electronic DX News. Recently the amateur radio club of which I am president examined converting our newsletter to electronic delivery. Our first step was to distribute a survey card to the membership asking how many would be interested. Virtually every one of our nearly 200 members has a computer. To our surprise the vast majority (about 75 percent) said they'd rather have the printed version; this included comments from some very computer savvy people who work in the computer and data industry. Perhaps the NRC should conduct a member survey and put the question to rest one way or another. For myself, I prefer the printed DXN. It is not because I'm some old guy who's afraid of technology. My work is nearly 100 percent computer based, and I spend hours in front of a monitor every day. My AM Switch column is all generated electronically and sent to Paul via e-mail. My audio version for the DXAS is sent to Fred electronically as an MP3 audio file, and I receive numerous periodicals via e-mail. It has more to do with HOW I USE my DX News. If it arrives before I leave for work I pop in into my briefcase and enjoy reading it while I have my lunch. If I read it at home I like to lean back in a comfortable chair and enjoy it. In the summertime I do most of my reading-for-enjoyment on the patio or front porch. I'll often get a half hour of reading in bed before nodding off. And, yes, sometimes in the traditional "porcelain library". There is no computer in the lunch room, or my easy chair or the front porch or bed. After spending all day looking at a monitor I certainly don't want to have to do the same thing at home. Is it possible to die from eye strain? Hihi. How many members get other printed magazines? Do you ever go to the library and get a printed book? Don't you enjoy stretching out in bed and reading it? This isn't some work related publication; it is a hobby magazine what can be enjoyed at your leisure. Sometimes I think we rush to technology just because its there. Just because it can do lots of neat things to make our jobs easier doesn't mean we have to use it for everything. Savoring the printed word in whatever comfortable surroundings you choose is a lot more enjoyable than being tied to the monitor. And one other observation. It's pretty easy for people to want something when somebody else has to do the work. In our case make that somebody who works for free. I have to say I haven't seen a long line forming with people volunteering to publish the EDXN.

MFJ-1026

Rick Shaftan <shaftan@ptd.net>: Here's a question I know someone will probably be able to answer in no time. Sometime between last night and this morning, my MFJ-1026 went haywire. It might have had to do with several inches of rain screwing up the grounds (which is something I ought to

know about) or it may be something else. Currently, the unit produces a greatly attenuated signal unless the ground wire is removed. And in either situation the gain controls are meaningless, the unit now only combines the two signals but does not allow any phasing whether or not a ground is connected. Usually the ground is essential to kill noise. Under normal circumstances, when the gain pots are turned all the way down there is no signal. Now there is an equal signal whether the pots are up or down. It seems as if the entire unit is now grounded for some reason, so whether I put the wire in the antenna input hole or just touch it to the surface, I get the same result. For what it's worth, the terminating ground rod on the 500 foot longwire is probably submerged right now. 4.17 inches of rain since about 4 am. Winds hit 42 but all antennae are OK.

Benjamin Dangerfield <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net>: Rick Shaftan said he had problems with his MFJ-1026 phasing unit. I, too, had very similar problems last summer. It just seemed to stop phasing. And it was grounded. So I sent it on to Al Merriman who had converted it for the best MW use after I had bought the unit from the manufacturer. But Al couldn't fix the problem. So I sent it to Mark Connelly, but he couldn't fix it. He still has it. My suggestion is to send it back to the maker and let them try.

Rick Shaftan: The folks at MFJ swear that the 2N5109 transistor blew in my unit and the same is probably true for Ben's also.

RECEIVERS

Russ Edmunds <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org>: Since we have a number of Europeans on the list, I want to ask a question. I purchased a Nordmende Galaxy mesa 6000 multiband receiver around 1970. Over the years, it has reached a point where it needs some work. The main problem I see is parts. Does anyone know of any source where one might obtain replacement parts for this receiver? The speaker is dead, and the volume control is not far from it, plus a few other things may be needed. Any help anyone can provide will be greatly appreciated. I've tried previously in DX News for this info, but without result. Thanks!

Bruce Conti <BACONTI@aol.com>: Yaesu has a new high-end communications receiver that features a voice synthesizer option. The model number is VR-5000. It's brand new, so I don't know any of the specifics in terms of performance. This is Yaesu's entry into the wide frequency coverage, DSP, table-top receiver market. It might be a worthy receiver for DXAS members who have considered the sometimes complicated push-button control of digital receivers a road block to graduating to something better than analog Superadio type portables. The voice synthesizer announces the operating frequency. Check out the specs and price at www.universal-radio.com or visit the Yaesu site at www.vxstd.com for more info. Icom, Ten-Tec, Japan Radio, and AOR have had receivers featuring implementation of DSP on the market for some time now, but only the AOR AR7030 has been given exceptionally high marks for DX performance. The "old school" Drake R8B is still the best for the money in my book, but whenever a new receiver is introduced it captures my interest. Yaesu is the first that I know of to provide voice synthesis.

Randy Stewart <jrs55t@smsu.edu>: In checking both Universal Radio's and Yaesu's own write-ups on this rig, there's NO mention of selectivity figures (aside from buying the OPTIONAL DSP module, of course). I also notice that the (AM) sensitivity figures of 10 microvolts on longwave and 4 microvolts on the BCB aren't any too impressive as far as I'm concerned. That's the trouble with these wideband receivers: they place a premium on receiving as many frequency ranges, in as many modes, as they can cram into one small box, but they don't tend to do what a DXer needs most: dig weak, interference-ridden signals out of the mud and make them readable enough to log! Presumably the digital signal processing would assist with this goal—the question is how much? How sophisticated IS the processing? The specs don't really go into a lot of detail. At the price (surprisingly reasonable, it seems to me) I have to wonder.

Paul Smith, W4KNX <sunray2@gte.net>: These boxes do an outstanding job on Shortwave and ham bands, but the MW Broadcast band is the red headed stepchild to these people. I have an ICOM 756PRO, it is very good at the high end of the MW Band, but worthless at the low end. It is the best box I've ever owned for the ham bands.

Bill Meers <meersworld@voyager.net>: I have been a NRC member for two years currently and a year or two back in the 80's. I have a ICOM R-75 and find it rather poor on MW as it overloads on the nearby local BCB stations and for weak signals is usable only in SSB mode. I need to get a new inexpensive receiver to dedicate as my primary MW receiver. I have been looking at the Crane CCRadio. I haven't seen it listed in the East or West reports, but would really love to have some user reports. I wouldn't like the RCA radios as they don't have a digital read out and that is essential for me. I am only at about 350 stations which is not so great, but low count is due to lots of noise and interference from xmtrs within three miles. Hope to have any suggestions for a receiver around \$150.

If anyone can help Bill out, you can contact him directly, or through me, or through the listserv.

I'll try to play catch up some of these -

From **Scott Fybush's NorthEast Radio Watch** dated December 11:

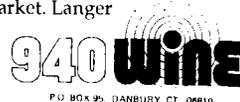
The FCC has dismissed the application from WRKL (910 New City) to add 800 watt night service from two additional towers (for a total of four) at its Rockland County site...Over at Southington's WNTY (990), Dr. Phillip Duncan, formerly of WNEZ (910 New Britain), has been named PD/MD of the leased-time "Blaze 990" urban format. The Blaze folks are now programming Caribbean music all day Saturday, and are reportedly talking to station owner ADD Media about leasing WNTY full-time... We hear from our friends up near Ottawa that the end of CJET (Smiths Falls) on AM came a few months earlier than planned. It seems the AM 630 transmitter failed unexpectedly...and with FM 92.3 now on the air, the CJET folks decided the AM wasn't worth fixing!

From **Scott Fybush's NorthEast Radio Watch** dated December 18:

A new era is about to dawn in Toronto radio...on one of the city's most venerable frequencies. NERW was scanning the dial on Friday afternoon and caught one of the first tests of CHWO (740), the new 50,000 watt voice of "Prime Time Radio." The new station will operate from the Hornby transmitter site that was home to the original Toronto 740, the CBC's flagship CBL, from the 1930s until the station moved to FM last year. But while CHWO is paying the CBC for the use of the Hornby site, it could soon be writing those checks to someone else. The CBC issued a "Request for Information" last week to begin exploring the possibility of selling its huge network of transmitter sites across Canada to a private operator, which would then lease transmission services back to the CBC. For tower-management companies, the deal would provide access to a huge amount of vertical real estate in both rural and urban Canada, while for the CBC, the deal would provide plenty of cash for the conversion to digital radio and TV — and a guarantee that CBC services will retain priority use of the sites. Meanwhile on 740, we're now told January 8 is the target date to move the adult standards from little CHWO (1250 Oakville) to the big 740 signal, and we expect to be hearing more tests on the 50 kW clear channel over the next three weeks or so. (A note about those call letters: CHWO had requested CFPT as the new 740 calls. But at press time, NERW learned that the CRTC had rejected that request, so CHWO will instead move its existing calls to 740 from 1250. That, in turn, means 1250 will become CJYE, "Joy 1250," when it goes all-religion in January)...Elsewhere in CANADA, Telemedia is bolstering its sports-radio franchise against the possibility of new competition from Corus' CFYI (640 Toronto) or CHUM Group's CHUM (1050). CJCL (590) is now the Eastern flagship of "The FAN Radio Network," which will supply sports talk to other stations around the country, including the newest "FAN," CKST (1040 Vancouver), which flipped from adult contemporary to sports this week...In Quebec, CKFL (1400 Lac-Megantic) has been granted a move to FM. The station will use 4250 watts on 106.7 when it makes the transition next year...Down in the Hudson Valley, Sunrise Broadcasting is trying again to move its WGNV (1220 Newburgh) to 1200. The station did move to 1200 for a few years in the 1990s, but was forced back to 1220 when its most recent Special Temporary Authority expired. Now Sunrise is applying for a "new station" in Kingston on 1200, with 2000 watts day from 2 towers and 400 watts night from 5 towers. (Actually, NERW thinks it's possible WGNV might be able to continue its current operation on 1220 even if the new 1200 is built...)...We hear WBTN (1370 Bennington, VT) is back up and running with Christmas music, with a new full-service format presumably to debut after the holidays.

From **Scott Fybush's NorthEast Radio Watch** dated December 25:

The rumors have been flying for a few weeks now, but it's now clear that Boston's newest talk station is about to be history. WMEX (1060 Natick) will switch to an all-business format January 8, displacing veteran local talker Upton Bell and ending the latest Boston talk stint for San Francisco-based Gene Burns. The new "Business 1060" will revolve around the "Money Couple," Brad and Bonnie Bleidt, who will continue their Boston Business Journal-branded morning show. Lawyer Steve Weisman, who has been part of the morning show, will move to his own spot later in the day, and Bob Glosky (formerly part of the Money Experts on WRKO and, before that, on WBNW 590) will also be part of the mix. Programming will also include a new afternoon show hosted by Mark Mills, formerly the executive producer of WCVB (Channel 5)'s Chronicle. Mills will be busy off the air as well; he's been named director of business programming for the station, to be renamed WBIX "Business News 1060." Also on the way to WBIX will be Bloomberg business reports, currently heard in the market on the "new" WBNW (1120 Concord), and a show hosted by Boston Globe business reporters Steve Bailey and Charlie Stein. So what becomes of the talk? We hear it will show up in some form on another of Alexander Langer's stations, WSRO (1470 Marlboro), which is planning a power increase and a move to Watertown, placing it squarely within the Boston market. Langer says Bell and Burns will still be heard somewhere in the market after the format change. As for the legendary WMEX calls, those too could end up on 1470 when 1060 becomes WBIX. (Those WBIX calls were last heard in



the region on New York's 105.1 in its "Big 105" days a few years back.)...in Worcester, we're hearing that WCRN (830) is running holiday music and liners announcing "Swinging in New England, Swing 830," which suggests a new (and powerful) nostalgia station for central New England...ADD Media has filed to change the call letters of its Spanish-language WJYT (1320 Attleboro) to WARL. No word on whether there's a format change associated with the move...WENY (1230) is still doing its own thing with satellite oldies, rather than the promised relay of talker WCLI (1450 Corning)...We heard the new standards signal of WEHH Elmira Heights-Horseheads, now operating on 1600 from the WELM (1410) towers instead of on 1590 from its old site...Back in New York, a call change in Watertown also involves the folks who own Keymarket. Their Forever Broadcasting owns 1410 in Watertown, which is changing from WUZZ to WGME(AM). Could a sports format be next?...In Utica, WRUN (1150) has a new format, but it's still a simulcast of another local station. We hear Regent has flipped the station from country and WFRG-FM (104.3) to a rebroadcast of news-talk WIBX (950 Utica), though it's not clear that the 1150 signal reaches any areas that WIBX's existing signal misses...Testing continues on CHWO (740 Toronto), as the station reactivates the old CBL facility. We hear the tests were to end at 6 AM on Monday, January 8, with "PrimeTime Radio" programming beginning at, appropriately enough, 7:40 AM. If you're hearing the station and want a QSL, we're told the Ontario DX Association will be handling those requests. Drop a line to them at PO Box 161, Willowdale Postal Station "A", Toronto ON M2N 5S8, and we're sure a bit of return postage or an IRC (International Reply Coupon) would help them get that QSL to you faster.

Musings

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We begin the saga of Memories Behind the Mike (And On the Other Side, Too!) ...

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I remember my first night behind the microphone at KIXZ-940 in 1966. An economy move to operate from the transmitter was the only reason I was on as I was also the engineer. It was called "East of midnight" with "John Roberts" my air name. We had a top 40 format but mixed with oldies on the weekends. I was doing fine until 12.30am and it was time for news headlines. One of the news stories involved a student boycott. Instead of BOYCOTT I said BOYSCOUT. I realized what I said and just kept on going rather than correct my mistake. I was nervous anyway and hoped no body had caught the mistake. A few of my friends I told to listen kidded me about it. Then there was the case of Payola. A couple of guys that had a rock band came out to the transmitter, 10 miles out in the country, with a brand new record they wanted me to play. I said we had a strict play list and they would have to see the program director. Next they said they were going in town and asked if I wanted a hamburger and fries. I said yes but intended to pay them for it. The came back and would not take any money. They asked me again to play their record even putting it on the turntable. Again I refused saying they would have to see the PD. Anyway I got a free meal out of it and was not payola.

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OK, heres a chance for some of our radio folks (ones in the business) that can pass on some stories of some true life radio adventures, things that have happened to them on the air and behind the mic! I've been in the radio business since 1967; my first job was a summer relief board operator at WVCH-740 Chester, PA. I can remember one Sunday afternoon a very bad thunderstorm arrived about 4PM and the then-owner of the station came in to make sure everything was operational. Both he and I were looking out the back window of the station when a HUGE bolt of lightning hit the water tower at the Scott Paper plant (in Chester, it had the honor of being painted up as a huge toilet paper roll!), and I watched as his hearing aid shot out of his ear like a bullet and the station was knocked off the air right in the middle of a very whining church service, which we ended up replaying again after 6PM (I had to sit through it twice). Then there was the radio adventures (1968) of working at WXUR-690, where the station would sign OFF in the middle of the day (both AM&FM) when a thunderstorm would approach! Believe me, there are a lot more I can pass along, and I'm hoping some of the others in the club will also! Its nice to listen to Primetime Radio, CHWO-740, I'm a firm believer that AM radio can sound good (from a technical standpoint) and they have certainly proven it. I was recently involved in the move of WLUX-540, building new studios for them in Deer Park, NY. The studios are set-up for digital operation, and they'll be ready to switch over whenever digital comes of being. 73