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CPC Test Calendar

WKDK	SC	1240	Feb. 3	0000-0100
WGY	NY	810	Feb. 24	0200-0400

From the Publisher ... Don't miss Tom Bryant's comments about the almost-unthinkable-format-change-from-country-music-to-sports for WSM-650 last month, on p. 22. His comments on the near-miss bear import for the entire radio industry.

And not being as learned and eloquent as Tom, at least not this week, I'm going to turn the rest of this week's front page over to another learned and eloquent NRC'er, Glenn Hauser.

World of Radio, Continent of Media Broadcast Schedule (as of 1-24) ... "It always pays to check all RFPI frequencies beyond their scheduled hours. Schedule shown is nominal, but it is not unusual for one transmitter to be down. The 15040 outlet lately has been closer to 15039. 7445 may be on AM or USB."

For latest updates see our Anomaly Alert page:

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Days and times here are strictly UT. "Thu 0030 WOR WBCQ 7415 [first airing of each edition]

Thu 0600 WOR WBCQ 7415

Thu 2130 WOR WWCR 9475 [ex-15685 through Feb]

Fri 1030 WOR WWCR 9475 [ex-3210]

Fri 1900 COM RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Fri 1930 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Fri 2215 MR WWCR 9475 [ex-3210]

Fri 2330 WOR Studio X, Momigno, Italy 1584 87.35 96.55 105.55

Sat 0100 COM RFPI 15040 7445

Sat 0130 WOR RFPI 15040 7445

Sat 0500 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan, internet:

<http://www.rinku.zaq.ne.jp/bkaec205/index.html> [often runs late]

Sat 0600 WOR WWCR 5070

Sat 0700 COM RFPI 7445-USB

Sat 0730 WOR RFPI 7445-USB

Sat 0900 WOR WRN1 to Europe, Australia, NZ,

WorldSpace AfriStar, AsiaStar

Sat 0955 WOR WNQM Nashville TN 1300

Sat 1300 COM RFPI 21815-USB

Sat 1330 WOR RFPI 21815-USB

Sat 1500 WOR WRN to North America, also WLIO-TV Lima OH SAP

Sat 1700 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan, internet:

<http://www.rinku.zaq.ne.jp/bkaec205/index.html> [often runs late]

Sat 1730 COM RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Sat 1800 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Sat 1928 WOR WPKN Bridgeport CT 89.5 [week delay]

Sat 2330 COM RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Sun 0000 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Sun 0330 WOR WWCR 5070

Sun 0500 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan:

<http://www.rinku.zaq.ne.jp/bkaec205/index.html> [often runs late]

Sun 0530 COM RFPI 15040 7445-USB

Sun 0600 WOR RFPI 7445-USB

Sun 0728 WOR WWCR 3210

Sun 1130 COM RFPI 7445-USB

Sun 1200 WOR RFPI 21815-USB

Sun 1700 WOR R. LavaLamp, Osaka, Japan:

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Sun 1730 WOR Studio X, Momigno, Italy 1584 87.35 96.55 105.55

Sun 1830 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040

[often as substitute]

Mon 0030 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040

[often as substitute]

Mon 0430 WOR WSUI Iowa City IA 910

[week delay]

Mon 0600 WOR WWCR 3210

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 2, 1952 DXN: Sid Rosenbaum, Wheeling, WV, reported that all radio stations along the Ohio River were on flood alert on January 28, with a flood stage predicted to crest at 47 feet.

25 years ago ... from the February 7, 1977 DXN: The Autec QF-1 Audio Filter was reviewed by Chuck Hutton, and the McKay Dymek DR22 Receiver was reviewed by Bob Foxworth

10 years ago ... from the February 3, 1992 DXN: Bill Hale, DDXD-E editor (living out of a hotel room in Victorville, CA) warned contributors NOT to cut their loggings into individual strips: "As soon as I see these coming out of the envelope, I throw them into the air in disgust," he grumbled.

Mon 0630 WOR RFPI 7445-USB [often as substitute]

Mon 1230 WOR RFPI 21815-USB [often as substitute]

Tue 1900 WOR RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Tue 2000 COM RFPI 21815-USB 15040

Wed 0100 WOR RFPI 15040 7445

Wed 0200 COM RFPI 15040 7445

Wed 0700 WOR RFPI 7445-USB

Wed 1300 WOR RFPI 21815-USB

Wed 1400 COM RFPI 21815-USB 15040

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old call</u>		<u>New call</u>
620	KDBZ	OR	Portland KTLK
760	KTLK	CO	Thornton KKZN
✓1290	WCCC	CT	West Hartford WTMI
1400	WDLL	AL	Fort Payne WFLA
1480	KUPN	KS	Mission KCZZ
1510	WTCV	PR	Lajas WSQD
1580	WMTI	PR	Morovis WTCV
1600	WKXF	KY	Eminence WTSZ

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

720	NYDewitt: 2500/390 U2
1440	IDPocatello: 2500/350 U4

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

630	WDGY	WI	Hudson: 2300/320 U4
640	WWJZ	NJ	Mount Holly: 50000/950 U4
740	WGSM	NY	Huntington: 20000/50 U4
1220	KOMC	MO	Branson: 1000/44 U1
1430	WKDA	TN	Madison: 10000/1000 U2
1500	WTNE	TN	Trenton: 250/6 U1

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1190	KDAO	IA	Marshalltown: 250/21 U1
1460	KKTK	TX	Waco: 4000/700 U4

OTHERNESS

580	KMJ	CA	Fresno: CP for 50000/50000 U3 is on
580	WKSK	NC	West Jefferson: CP for 5000/34 U1 is on
980	CJME	SK	Saskatoon: station has moved here from 1300 kHz
1340	WWNA	PR	Aguadilla: CP for 950/950 U1 is on
1390	KKSO	IA	Des Moines: license CANCELLED, call DELETED (will continue to operate their 1700 kHz X-band facility KBGG)

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Patrick Griffith, Fred Vobbe & Wayne Heinen *Jerry & BKF*
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

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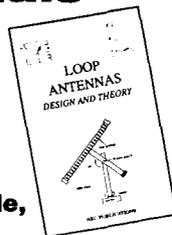
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MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- You'll find we've slimmed down from the past two or three columns, but still some mighty fine DX loggings. Keep up the good work, gang!
- Words from the wise: "Sure wish I had the big Kiwa loop, or at least the Quantum QX, on this trip instead of just the Kiwa pocket loop. When it comes to GYDX, there's an order-of-magnitude difference between those 3 antennas..." - **Tim Hall** on his recent DXing from Florida;
- Only one week until next issue! CU then.

REPORTERS

RA-CA	René Auvray	I-15 in Ontario	2002 Ford Taurus caradio
RA-CA1	René Auvray	Los Angeles	Yacht Boy 400
SA-MB	Shawn M. Axelrod	Winnipeg	Icom IC-R70 / Drake R8 / Icom R-7000 + 4 Foot unamplified box loop / Quantum Loop; 145' outdoor wire; 100' indoor wire / discone / MFJ 1026 <Saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca>
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STATION NEWS & NOTES

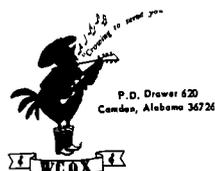
630	WDGY	WI	Hudson - Has applied for a facility change that could restore a strong signal on 630 to the entire Twin Cities area. From 1959 to 1994, the facility transmitted from Woodbury, providing a strong signal across most of the metro day and night. In 1994, the land on which the transmitter sat was sold, and the station went off the air. They returned to the air in 1997 at lower power from a site east of Hudson, and even with an upgrade last year, the facility still does not provide coverage of the Twin Cities like it did from the old Woodbury site. Now, the station has applied to move its transmitter to a site along County Road 71 near the Koch Refinery in northern Rosemount. The station would operate with 8.2 kW day and night. A three-tower array would put out a signal shooting north, providing a strong signal to the entire metro area -- perhaps even better than in the old Woodbury days. The station would remain licensed to Hudson. They are currently running a Spanish-language format known as <i>Radio Rey</i> . (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)
700	KMBX	CA	Soledad - 1/19 0005 - Now on the air. Strong signal here. (GJ-CA)
720	KDWN	NV	Las Vegas - 1/6 - Has abandoned their long-standing MM silent period. (RT-CA)



- 760 (CKQR) BC Castlegar - Info I received from a DXER in BC says that **CKQR has moved to 99.3. (RT-CA)**
- 850 WAIT IL Crystal Lake - 1/28 - Will have changed formats (by the time you read this) to a new line-up of talk shows replacing their Westwood One feed of NOS music. The three current talk hosts, Wally Philips, Clark Weber, and Karen Ross will continue. A couple of the new talkers will be Clark Howard and Neil Boortz. New slogan is slated to be *Chicagoland's Voice*. (**Chicago Sun-Times** on line)
- 1190 KMYL AZ Tolleson - 1/17 - Has changed their format to talk. (KR-AZ)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 570 UNID ?? - 1/19 0115-130 - Art Bell in the background of KLIF-570, who was also carrying Art Bell but on a seven-second delay. Heard in the KLIF null, but still too much audio and carrier from them to make an ID possible at the :30 break. Both WNAX and WVMI are listed as Bell affiliates. Oddly, no Mexican/Cuban interference. (WW-TX)
- 1110 UNID ?? - 1/15 0712 - Fair, with *Oye Como Va* by Santana and slogan *The Law, AM 1110*. Pretty clear. Who izzit? (JJR-WI)
- 1580 UNID ?? - 1/13 1832 - Strong signal at times, with an ID for U-Save Auto Rentals, during which there was a mention of KLMO-1060. After the ad, I heard an ID of *Radio Colorado*. I tuned down to 1060, and, sure enough, there was a simulcast going on. The NRC Log and Lee Freshwater's database, however, mention nothing of a simulcast and both show KWYD as having an REL format. A recent change for KWYD, perhaps? (RD-NE)



DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1650 WPMZ659 TX Friendswood - 1/18 2040 - Clear ID by female announcer, *This is WPMZ-659, Friendswood Information Radio, operating at 1650 AM (pause) on your radio dial*. Rebroadcast NOAA weather radio from the League City, TX, office. ID repeated every minute. (SHP-TX)

MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

- 540 CBK SK Regina - 1/24 2100 - No top-of-hour ID, just dead air after last CBC program ended, into CBC News. Then at 2105 regional weather intro'd by *This is CBC Radio One Saskatchewan*. Fair, in XEWA null. Not rare, but not heard that often anymore. Certainly much less regular than CBW 990 or the Toronto's on 1010 and 740. (RS-MO)
- 570 KNRS UT Salt lake City - 1/19 1718-1801 - Dr. Dean Edell show, various ads including Larry E. Miller Ford. Clear reception, then faded into jumble. Competing ABC News at 1800. Slogan: *Family Talk Radio*. (RA-NV)
- 600 KERB TX Kermit - 1/21 2345-0002 - Fair-to-poor, with Mexican ballads (not religious-sounding). No announcements between songs, but an EXCRUCIATINGLY detailed legal ID for the entire Radio Cristiana network, that must have taken at least two minutes to get through. . . . *From the beautiful Rio Grande Valley in South Texas, this is KUBR-1210 AM, San Juan Texas* (the flagship), followed by what must have been about 20 AMs and FMs from Texas to California, including this one, KERB, as well as KBRN-1500 Boerne ("Bernie"), TX; KIBL-1490 Beeville, TX; KUOL-1470 San Marcos, TX; and KVOZ-890 Laredo; *La Radio Cristiana, Christian Radio Network*. New log for me. (RS-MO)
- 620 KTAR AZ Phoenix - 1/15 1835 - Weather report, call ID. Some QRM. (RA-CA)
- 660 KAPS WA Mt. Vernon - 1/24 1942 - Amazingly atop again, with C&W music. Atop to 1947:30 when suddenly went 'poof'. (DKK-CA)
- 680 KKGR MT East Helena - 1/24 0845-0851 - Oldies tune, six ad cluster, *It's the sound track of your life; good times, great oldies, 68 KGR*, and another oldies tune. Strong signal dominating frequency at 585 miles. Reception reported. (BM - SD)
- 700 KGRV OR Winston - 1/19 1100 - ID as: *Roseburg-Winston, the Praise Station* into a religious program. Strong. Last week, KWLW was in at this time. Now KGRV. (GJ-CA)
- 800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City - 1/19 0630 - Poor, but alone, with ID and REL teaching.

- 820 CHAM ON Hamilton - 1/24 1922-1926 - Comments by female announcer, auto dealer ad, PSA for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, combination promo/ID, and country tune *I Want to Fall in Love*. Strongest signal ever heard from them. 1027 miles. Reception reported. (BM-SD)
- 860 KKOW KS Pittsburg - 1/18 1958 - With several mentions of "Pittsburg" then **KKOW AM** ID included in mention of their internet web site, www.kkowradio.com. Another ID at 1959: AM 860 KKOW then signal dropped. Pattern change? (SHP-TX) [They are a nightly visitor here, as their night pattern favors us. You probably heard them with their day non-DA signal, then they went to night power/pattern. But . . . according to the MW Viewer, their pattern change time for January should be 1730 local - Ed.]
- 920 KVEL UT Vernal - 1/22 0842-0845 - Female announcer finishing sports news, ad, and detailed weather. Strong signal at tune-in, but slow fading followed. Reception reported. (BM-SD)
- 920 KXLY WA Spokane - 1/24 1954 - With 920 KXLY several times. Somehow struggled thru the slop. (DKK-CA)
- 930 KSEI ID Pocatello - 1/13 0500 - ID while atop, with Sporting News Network. In often lately. (DKK-CA)
- 980 KMBZ MO Kansas City - 1/19 0740 - With a home repair show 576-7798 call-in about wallpaper and sandpapering the sheet rock after removing old wallpaper. Rare. (KR-AZ)
- 980 CJME SK Regina - 1/13 2055 - Poor signal, in a mess, with several mentions of the *CJME 9-80 Morning Show* and the new *9-80 CJME*. Now with these calls and talk format. (SA-MB)
- 1050 KVPI LA Ville Platte - 1/24 2110-2210 - Weak-to-non-existent in XEG null, battling with a near-graveyard channel level of QRM, but occasionally surfacing with oldies, mentions of Good Times and Great Oldies, Oldies ninety-two-five (no point). Very rough copy on calls when given. FINALLY at 2210 I got a clear *Oldies 92-5, KVPI* on tape. This is listed as // FM 92.5, as well as **U1 250/10**. Had to have been on day power. Anyway, new log for me. (RS-MO)
- 1060 WKMQ MS Tupelo - 1/24 2155 - Spot mentioning 1060 WKMQ, *Tupelo's talk station . . . part of Clear Channel Worldwide*, back to Michael Reagan Show. Rare here, needed for call change. (RS-MO)
- 1070 WDIA TN Memphis - 1/17 0049 - Poor, but on top of frequency, with old R&B. Calls, local ads, promos. (JJR-WI)
- 1080 KSCO CA Santa Cruz - 1/16 1835 - Weather report, call ID. *Phil Hendrie Show*. Good at times, with KRLD competing with ID behind. (RA-CA1) [Are you sure you're reporting in Eastern Time (our standard)? I'm sure the KRLD CE would be beside himself if their signal was into LA at 3:35 PM PST. Pattern change time here in January is 5:45 PM local - Ed.]
- 1080 KRLD TX Dallas - 1/13 0503 - Popping up with Dallas news and ID through regulars KOTK and KSCO. (DKK-CA)
- 1090 KKYN TX Plainview - 1/18 2132 - With Hale Center Owls basketball game, already in progress. Numerous mentions of *Hale Center* in local spots (Hale Center Feed Yards, Hale Center ISD, etc.). Also mentioned *Plainview Lady Dogs* basketball team. Good ID at 2136, KKYN 1090 Plainview. Completely topped channel for five to six minutes over "pest" KAAY Little Rock, but lost the battle at 2137. (SHP-TX)
- 1100 KFNB AZ Cave Creek - 1/16 - Took over channel at 0701, with call ID and slogan: *Hot Talk 1100, KFNB*, then *Imus in the Morning* with news read by Charles McCord. (RA-NV)
- 1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 1/16 0700 - ABC News, suddenly faded out at 0701. Channel taken over by KFNB. (RA-NV)
- 1120 WKCE TN Maryville - 1/24 2200 - Listed as 1 kW daytime, but still on at 9 PM CST with standards, top-of-hour ID *The Music of Your Life, WKCE Maryville, Tennessee*, and into AP Network News. Don't see any PSSA listed in NRC log. KMOX nulled. Really dirty and distorted, FMing audio on this one. New log for me. (RS-MO)
- 1150 CKBL BC Kelowna - 1/24 1959:30 - Tuned in to end of C&W song. Slogan: *All Country . . . The Bulletin*. Into regional British Columbia news. Kelowna sports items at



1190 **KDYA** CA



WHBL
5000 WATTS
1330 on your dial
ABC NETWORK

2003 followed by local weather. Another ID at 2004 and more C&W music. Still atop through TVI at 2010. This in tight null of KAGO/KKGT; KXTA absent. Never heard before in 44 years in California. (DKK-CA)

Vallejo - 1/15 - After listening to Gospel music battle it out with KEX on my way home from work, I zipped in and turned on my R-7 to hear it on top at 1957. By ToH, KEX was dominant and I heard a faint mumble underneath . . . then back into Gospel music. At 2005, I phoned (thanks to NRC log phone #) and worked my way through their automated input . . . when I was finally put on "hold" pending the "operator", the hold audio was the same as I was hearing in my headphones. I verified with the gal that they were indeed using their "on air" as hold audio, so I asked to be put on hold again, and verified once again the same music as was airing. I then verified that they were signing off at 2015, then hug up and back to the headphones. The Gospel music lasted until 2012 when there was faint talk under KEX. No SSB, but the talk stopped at approx 2015. I have been hearing the music mixing with KEX for several weeks, so I was determined to get it this time! (pb-WA)

- 1230 **KDIX** ND **Dickinson - 1/22 1956** - Fair, with ad for Mile's Western Wear, then a **KDIX** jingle ID. (RD-NE)
- 1240 **KEJO** OR **Corvallis - 1/14 0325-0330** - Atop Graveyard frequency with the days sports scores, then at 0327 into many **1240 Joe Radio** slogans. Swallowed by 0330. (DKK-CA)
- 1270 **KTFI** ID **Twin Falls - 1/23 0220** - Solidly atop, with **AM 1270** slogan. Why don't stations use call letters anymore? Oldies format. Call ID at **0231: AM 1270 KTFI**. KBZZ absent. (DKK-CA)
- 1270 **CHAT** AB **Medicine Hat - 1/21 0710** - Weak, with a Reba McIntire song, then a **1270 Chat** ID and a local ad. (RD-NE)
- 1280 **WODT** LA **New Orleans - 1/20 1942** - Fair, with promo for local event and a **Blues 1280** ID. (RD-NE)
- 1320 **KSIV** MO **Clayton - 1/17 0044** - Poor, with calls noted twice. Alone. Never heard this at night! (JJR-WI)
- 1390 **KLGN** UT **Logan - 1/19 0824** - With NOS format and giving ads for Brigham City and Logan. Then the Brenda Lee version of *I'm Sorry*. New. (KR-AZ)
- 1400 **KCOW** NE **Alliance - 1/25 0859-0906** - Two guys discussing the end of National Coffee Week, ID, ABC News, and weather. Fair signal, on top of the pile. 1000 watts at 200 miles. Second attempt to get a verification. (BM-SD)
- 1460 **WXRQ** TN **Mount Pleasant - 1/23 0704** - Weak, with sign-on including mention of a southern gospel format, and a station address. (RD-NE)
- 1470 **KKTY** WY **Douglas - 1/20 0540** - ID, then into Elton John singing *Crocodile Rock*. (KR-AZ)
- 1480 **KAVA** CO **Pueblo - 1/20 0530** - In a very tight null of KPHX, with ID then *Noticias* from Radio Unica. (KR-AZ)
- 1530 **KGBT** TX **Harlingen - 1/18 2007** - With Spanish-language programming. ID as **KGBT 1530, La Primera Estacion** . . . Topped channel for a few minutes, then gone! (SHP-TX)
- 1550 **KDDZ** CO **Arvada - 1/20 0505** - With Radio Disney and *Who Let the Dogs Out*. (KR-AZ)
- 1560 **KNZR** CA **Bakersfield - 1/16 0200** - AP Network News with Sandy Cozell. Call ID and into Art Bell. (RA-NV)
- 1570 **WTRB** TN **Ripley - 1/21 1943-1946** - Two local ads, followed by network coverage of a University of Tennessee basketball game. Fair signal, with QRM from other stations. During a phone call to report reception, I asked what power they were using: 1000 or 53 watts. This reply followed: *That piece of equipment broke a long time ago, so we broadcast with 1000 watts all the time!* (BM-SD) [Gee, I'll bet the Feds would like to hear them say that! Any FCC operatives reading this? - Ed.]
- 1580 **WKKD** IL **Aurora - 1/17 1939** - Fair, with ad mentioning a number in the 630 area code, then an ID as 95.9 *The River*, followed by a Tom Petty song. Ad for North Aurora Auto Mall at 1950. (RD-NE)
- 1590 **WHLX** MI **Marine City - 1/25 0716** - Poor, with AM 1450 WHLS and 1590 WHLX out of NOS song. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 1660 **KRZX** TX **Waco - 1/18 2003** - // KRZI 1580 with CBS News, spot for IRS E>Returns,

then good ID in sports outro, *The Home of the (Baylor) Bears, News Talk Radio KRZI*. (SHP-TX)

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GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

* indicates record held by DXER from North America (excluding Alaska)

				<u>Miles</u>
1230 kHz:				
WONN	FL	Lakeland	Tim Hall	I-75 Rest Area 28 *79
CKMP	ON	Midland	Tim Hall	Condermere, ON 120
XETVH	TA	Villahermosa	Tim Hall	Naples, FL 909
1240 kHz:				
WDFL	FL	Cross City	Tim Hall	Naples, FL 251
1340 kHz:				
WPBR	FL	Lantana	Tim Hall	Tampa, FL 176
KSGT	WY	Jackson	Tim Hall	Elephant Head Lodge, WY 86

Remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

DDXD-East

This week's edition features loggings from the DX-pedition of Saul Chernos and Niel Wolfish in Burnt River, Ontario, about 100 miles north of Toronto. Lots of great catches!

Special thanks this week to our amazing, growing group of email reporters, for putting up with my format requests... you're all terrific!

REPORTERS

- RA-MA** Ray Arruda, Acushnet - R8A, 80 Meter Dipole.
- MKB-ON** Mike Brooker, Toronto — Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.
- MB-IN** Mark Burns, Terre Haute, R8, Kiwa Loop and 80' RW
- SC-ON** Saul Chernos, Burnt River — Realistic TRF655 and Sangean ATS-909 portables, Radio Shack loop and 1200-foot longwire pointed NE-SW. Located 100 miles NE of Toronto.
- BC-NH** Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft Ewe antennas east and southwest.
- PG-MA** Phil Greenspan, Marshfield - Superadio III.
- DH-NJ** David Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop.
- RJ-NC** Russ Johnson, Lexington - GE Superadio 2, Realistic TRF 12-656, Palstar R-30, Panasonic RF-508 phased longwires with Quantum Phaser.
- DL-MD** David Larabee Columbia - Automated recording at the bottom and top of the hour using a random wire & a TenTec RX320 with KF50J software.
- WM-MD** William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.
- PRM-NJ** Paul Mount, Morganville — 1989 Mazda Car Radio.
- HN-GA** Herbert Newberry, Newborn — UNID Help.
- RCP-IN** Robert Pote, Greenwood — Drake R8A and Kiwa Loop.
- BT-NB** Brent Taylor, Doaktown — R390A/URR, FRG-7, 60' End-Fed Sloper, 4' Air-Core Loop.
- DJT-CT** David J. Twiggs, Bristol - FRG-7, Terk Loop.
- FV-OH** Fred Vobbe, Lima — Car Radio.
- NJW-BR** Niel Wolfish DXing in Burnt River, Ontario - AOR-7030+, Radio West Loop and longwire antenna.
- NJW-ON** Niel Wolfish, Toronto - SONY ICF-2010 + Radio Shack Loop.

DX TEST

- 1290 **WRNI RI** Providence — 1/20 0000-0100 — Most of their pattern goes straight into the Atlantic, so my chances of hearing them would be virtually zilch, but tried nonetheless. Frequency dominated by usual pests WNBK and CJBK. (MKB-ON)
- WLIJ** 1580 KC • • • • • 1000 Wpm, "THE VOICE OF SHELBYVILLE" PHONE (615) 684-1514 SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE 37160
- + 1/20 0006 - Good over WNBK with ID mentioning conclusion of regular NPR schedule and would be off for transmitter maintenance. Then continuous Code IDs past 0020. (RA-MA)
- + 1/20 0009 - Presumed DX test for NRC. Fast CW noted for a couple of min-



- utes mixing with CJBK and WFBG. Also heard at
 + 1/20 0013 - Weak but persistent Morse code during scheduled DX test. New.
 (SC-ON)

UNID, UNID HELP, PRESUMED AND CORRECTIONS

Herb Newberry submits the following help for UNIDs found in the 1/14/02 issue of DDXD-E:

1. William McGuire's tentative of WMGG in Largo, FL is right on target. They come in well here during the SRS and SSS time periods with SS: Tropical (think Carribean) music. They, along with many others, did play a lot of Christmas seasonal music.
2. William McGuire's SS on 870 at that hour is most likely one of the "south of the border" pests. Several Columbians are on the 25 kw and Argentina is on with 100 kw!
3. William McGuire's 960 ESPN is probably WILT, Mount Pocono, PA, with ESPN 24 hours a day. They are 1000 w days/24 w nights - at 1707 ELT they would still be on day power.
4. Robert Pote's 1000 UNID Dr. Laura is most likely KTOK, Oklahoma City, OK. They carry Dr. Laura and at 5 kw could sneak in under WMVP in Indiana.
5. Robert Pote's 1120 Tom Leykis under KMOX could be WBNW Concord, MA.
6. William McGuire's tentative WYLL on 1160 makes sense at 1710 CST, as they were still on 50 kw daytime power. They go to 5 kw at LSS to protect KSL, Salt Lake. Religious Christmas music fits their format.
7. Robert Pote's presumed CIWW on 1310 is on target - their slogan is "Oldies 1310". I would hear them here, except for WDOD, Chattanooga, TN.

This week's UNIDs and presumed:



- 540 **CBGA-1p PQ** **New Carlisle** - 1/19 2242 - French CBC. Strong echo effect due to being parallel with CBEF-ON and the timing not being exact. New. (SC-ON)
 + 1/20 2242 - presumed to be the second CBC French station here causing a slight echo effect with 540-CBEF (Windsor). Parallel to 860-CJBC. At top of the hour a CBEF ID was heard obliterating the second French signal. Could not hear CBGA1's twin on 1250. (NJW-BR)
- 620 **UNID** - 1/17 1715 - gospel music mixing with sports talk. (WM-MD)
- 700 **UNID** - 1/19 2249 - Spanish talk show way under WLW. Poor signal, but steady. (RCP-IN)
- 710 **UNID** - 1/17 1758 - Eagles song heard in WOR fade. (WM-MD)
- 730 **UNID** - 1/16 2035 - "Tar Heel basketball on Learfield sports" heard in mess. (WM-MD)
- UNID** - 1/17 1720 - Call-in talk show heard over SS. (WM-MD)
- 780 **UNID** - 1/17 1725 - Southern gospel music mixing with other gospel music. Oldies also heard. (WM-MD)
- 810 **UNID** - 1/20 1602 - what sounded like a church service under WGY. (NJW-ON)
- 960 **UNID** - 1/16 2230 - Rolling Stones song over WFIR; then Paul Simon song. (WM-MD)
- 1090 **UNID** - 1/17 1726 - A man said "now back to some more great oldies" on what sounded like WCPB. I couldn't find a reference to WCPB in 22nd. Log. But there is a WBZB with a country format. Is this them with a new format? Fair signal under WBAL and KAAY mix. (RCP-IN)
- 1330 **UNID** - 01/20 1727 - Boston College vs. Boston University hockey game. Out of 1-800-54GIANT ad @ 1728 and back to play by play between the "Terriers" and the "Eagles." A scan of both college web sites and other sources yields no station from either college w/ sports on 1330. Is WRCA still Spanish? (BT-NB)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 540 **KWMT IA** **Fort Dodge** - 1/21 1645 - Weak ID, wx, ag report u/CBEF-ON. New. (SC-ON)
- CBT NF** **Grand Falls** - 1/23 1904 - Out of CBC Radio news with Tracy Seely, and then a promo for "The Performance Hour, Saturday at 5:35, 5:05 in Labrador on CBC Radio One." Then straight into "This Morning Tonight" rerun. (BT-NB)
- 550 **KFYR ND** **Bismarck** - 1/12 0749 - "K-Fire" and full ID. (SC-ON)

- + 1/20 0721 - in WGR null with local commercials and station promo mentioning Y-93 FM. (NJW-BR)
- WGR NY** **Buffalo** - 1/17 0640 - Good, news update, "Tune to Newsradio 930 WBen," and "WGR Sportsradio 55" ID into sports talk. (BC-NH)
- CHLN QC** **Trois-Rivières** - 1/23 1905 - Very good with opening of coverage of the Montreal-Washington NHL game in French. First period being sponsored by "Dépanneur Boni-Soir" convenience stores. Then into anthems and beginning of play-by-play. //CKRS/CKAC. (BT-NB)
- 560 **WFRB MD** **Frostburg** - 1/17 0630 - Fair; local news, weather, "Right now 35 degrees at WTBO" and nostalgia. (BC-NH)
- WEBC MN** **Duluth** - 1/19 2111 - on top of CFOS with promo for NASCAR Today program, spot for Perkins and also promo for University of Minnesota-Bulldogs basketball. (NJW-BR)
- 570 **WTNT MD** **Bethesda** - 1/20 1200 - "This is the new WTNT AM five seventy, Bethesda, Washington the home for G Gordon Liddy week days ten to two..." Followed by CNN News. (DL-MD)
- 580 **WHP PA** **Harrisburg** - 1/16 2232 - String of ads; diet supplement, Autozone, ID with web address www.whp580.com. (DJT-CT)
- CFRA ON** **Ottawa** - 1/17 0518 - Fair; "Good morning, it's 18 minutes now after 5 o'clock on News/Talk Radio 580 CFRA, minus 5 degrees in the capital," in News/Talk 580 WTAG null. (BC-NH)
- CKY MB** **Winnipeg** - 1/20 0700 - "KY-58" and oldies. (SC-ON)
 + 1/20 0703 - "All oldies KY-58" with oldies by Santana, The Hollies, Rolling Stones; etc. Poor with CFRA, CKWW, etc. (NJW-BR)
- CKPR ON** **Thunder Bay** - 1/21 0615 - Men at Work, weather, "580 CKPR...playing today's hits and yesterday's favourites." (SC-ON)
- 590 **CKRS QC** **Jonquière** - 1/17 0540 - Excellent; "avec CKRS" jingle into ad string, "nouvelle de Radiomedia" news, Al Stewart "Year of the Cat" up to the top of the hour ID, "CKRS cinq-quatre-vingt-dix," over Family 590 WEZE. (BC-NH)
- KOMJ NE** **Omaha** - 1/21 0630 - Announcer with news about local area and story about Colorado. Into MX with jock using "Magic 5-90" slogan. (FV-OH)
- WJMS MI** **Ironwood** - 1/21 1614 - Polka mx, local announcements. New. (SC-ON)
- WLVA VA** **Lynchburg** - 1/23 1755 - good, mostly over WARM with oldies (all 60's-80's), F DJ, calling self "the River" with several loud ads promoting "Downtown Lynchburg" locations. New! (PRM-NJ)
- 610 **WIP PA** **Philadelphia** - 1/15 2400 - Marginal in co-channel. "WIP Sports time 12 midnight... Infinity Broadcasting, WIP Philadelphia". (DL-MD)
- WIOD FL** **Miami** - 1/21 0030 - Fair; Coast-to-Coast AM, "South Florida's only newsradio" and "Good morning. WIOD news time 12:30" into local news break, over WIP with WGIR nulled out. (BC-NH)
- 620 **WHEN NY** **Syracuse** - 1/17 2245 - good under local WSNR. Thanks to Frank Doosey for the tip. Westwood 1 carrying NCAA, Duke vs. Maryland. ID'd as "sports radio 620 WHEN." New, oddly enough. (DH-NJ)
- WVMT VT** **Burlington** - 1/17 2245 - fair to good under local WSNR and WHEN. Thanks to Frank Doosey for the tip. Carrying Jim Bohannon show and clear bottom of hour call ID. New, and my first Vermonter. (DH-NJ)
- 630 **CFCY PE** **Charlottetown** - 1/19 2136 - Local spots. Over top of CFCO and CHLT (who were carrying Montreal Canadiens NHL hockey parallel to 730-CKAC). (NJW-BR)
- 640 **WNNZ MA** **Westfield** - 01/20 1557 - Good w/ Pittsburgh-Baltimore NFL playoff game signoff, with several mentions of CBS Radio Sports and Westwood One; then "WNNZ, Westfield/Springfield" ID @ 1557. Mixing w/ classical music station, but the latter dropped into the mud at the top of the hour. New. (BT-NB)
- WHLO OH** **Akron** - 1/21 0050 - Pop/rock music, many 98.1 mentions and "98.1 KDD" ID, no longer gospel after sale to Clear Channel with plans to carry Premiere Radio Network talk according to info from Ron Gitschier, through WFNC and Radio Progreso, Cuba interference. (BC-NH)
- 650 **WNMT MN** **Nashwauk** - 1/20 1524 - promo for Tom Martino on "your information talk station WNMT". Poor with no sign of WSM. (NJW-BR)



- + 1/21 1545 - ID and polka show promo, ads for Grand Rapids businesses. (SC-ON)
- 660 KSKY TX **Balch Springs** - 1/15 1828 - "660 K-Sky" and local references and phone numbers. Decent signal alone without usual pest WFAN. New. (SC-ON)
- WBHR MN **Sauk Rapids** - 1/20 1528 - various Fox Sports promos and ID as "The mighty 6-60 WBHR"; fair with WFAN. QSLed back in 1988 as WVAL. (NJW-BR)
- + 1/21 1546 - "Fox Sports Radio" o/WFAN-NY. (SC-ON)
- WLFJ SC **Greenville** - 1/23 1000 - "Pointing you in the right direction, AM 660, Christian talk for the Carolinas." In for several hours, solid o/WFAN-NY. New. (SC-ON)
- WXIC OH **Waverly** - 1/24 1730 - Signing off for day. ID. Mention of Ohio and Crystal Communications. Under WFAN. First time anything other than WNBC/WFAN heard here. (PG-MA)
- 690 WJOX AL **Birmingham** - 1/15 1759 - ESPN, "Sports Radio 690 WJOX, location. (SC-ON)
- 710 WDSM WI **Superior** - 1/20 1540 - in CJRN null with Westwood One feed of Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh NFL playoff football; heard later at 1744 with mention of Green Bay Packers radio network. (NJW-BR)
- + 1/21 1550 - "All-sports 710 WDSM" Strong o/WOR-NY and CJRN-ON. New. (SC-ON)
- 720 WWII PA **Shiremanstown** - 1/17 0720 - Fair; light Christian music, report on road conditions, "AM 720 The Rock" ID, in CHTN null. (BC-NH)
- CHTN PEI **Charlottetown** - 1/17 1755 - after Bachman Turner Overdrive song: "All great oldies all the time"; "good time oldies"; ID. (WM-MD)
- WGSE GA **Hogansville** - 1/20 1749 - under WGN with Fox Sports Radio programming. Quick sign off at 1757 by a woman mentioning station's power, transmitter location and owners. (NJW-BR)
- 730 WJMT WI **Merrill** - 1/21 1621 - ID u/WACE-MA. (SC-ON)
- 740 CHCM NF **Marystown** - 01/20 1603 - Fair w/ Beginning of a traditional music program with host Dennis Snowdon, then ID of "AM 740." Weaker than usual and flutery - perhaps a warning of Auroral conditions. (BT-NB)
- 750 WAAT PA **Olyphant** - 1/17 0800 - Fair; "This is Hot Waat Radio, WAAT Olyphant, Scranton, Wilkes Barre, the Poconos, your Dr. Laura station," USA news, and nostalgia. (BC-NH)
- 770 WLWL NC **Rockingham** - 1/14 1800 - Blues, "77 Big Wave" and full s-off. New. (SC-ON)
- WVNN AL **Athens** - 1/15 1802 - Full ID and sudden power cut. (SC-ON)
- + 1/16 1746 - fair in WABC null with "News Talk 770 WVNN" slogan, into "WVNN Exclusive Accu-weather". (MKB-ON)
- WEW MO **St. Louis** - 1/20 1813 - The Polka Club, checks with web site that lists "Polish Polka Program, Polka Plus." Atop WABC. (SC-ON)
- + 1/20 1820 - "Polka Club" program with polka music. Man and woman talking about a polka event in Springfield IL; Poor in WABC null. (NJW-BR)
- 780 WZZX AL **Lineville** - 12/22 1920 - C&W music. Hooked on Phonics ad. Syndicated "Real Country ID." Local weather with mention of Alabama. (RJ-NC)
- 790 CIGM ON **Sudbury** - 1/11 0614 - "You're listening to today's country, 790-CIGM." (RJ-NC)
- CFAN NB **Miramichi** - 1/19 2030 - under CIGM (with Sudbury Wolves hockey) and a second station with NFL playoff football. With pop music by John Mellencamp, Jewel, Incubus and The Cranberries. ID by man. Would have not been possible to pull this one out had CIGM been playing their usual C&W. (NJW-BR)
- 790 WSKO RI **Providence** - 1/20 1600 - top of the hour ID heard under CIGM mentioning that it was a Citadel Broadcasting station. (NJW-BR)
- 800 KQCV OK **Oklahoma City** - 1/19 2244 - male voice "we now return to Point of View here on KQCV 800." Not much else heard in garbled mess. (RCP-IN)
- WVHU WV **Huntingdon** - 1/22 0828 - ID in mess. New. (SC-ON)
- CJAD QC **Montreal** - 1/23 1918 - Rare here peaking well over top of regular CHRC. Interestingly, both stations audible at the



- same time with coverage of the same NHL game between the Canadiens and the Capitals. CJAD loud in English and CHRC underneath in French. Both taking commercial breaks at the same time during stoppages in play. No sign of usual Sherbrooke w/ //CJAD broadcast on 900. (BT-NB)
- 810 WMGC TN **Murfreesboro** - 1/14 1738 - Spanish, mentions Nashville in traffic report. New. (SC-ON)
- WMJH MI **Rockford** - 1/20 1712 - "Magic 810 WMJH" with Dean Martin's "Volare" and Christopher Cross' "Sailing". Local spot for a Grand Rapids business at 1721; fair with WGY. (NJW-BR)
- + 1/20 1718 - "Magic 810 WMJH" with Dean Martin, Christopher Cross mx. New. (SC-ON)
- 820 WHB MO **Kansas City** - 1/22 1800 - "WHB Kansas City." (SC-ON)
- WMGG FL **Largo** - 1/11 0811 - SS Music. ID as "La Mega - Ocho Vente". (RJ-NC)
- WWLZ NY **Horseheads** - 1/21 1020 - ID, sports, mentions TV channel 36 in Elmira. New. (SC-ON)
- 830 WTRU NC **Kernersville** - 1/13 1705 - Dr. R.C. Sproule's ReNewing Your Mind. New. (SC-ON)
- KOTC MO **Kennett** - 1/17 1740 - C & W music; "the greatest country stars of yesterday and today... real country... pure country. (WM-MD)
- WCRN MA **Worcester** - 01/20 1605 - Loud w/ Boston University hockey game. Terrible audio, play-by-play and even commercials sounded like they were being fed by telephone. Ad for B&M meats and brown bread and back into game call at 1606. New. (BT-NB)
- 840 WHAS KY **Louisville** - 1/23 1920 - Pounding in here far stronger than usual, with ad for 1-800-NEXTEL-9, full ID and back into college basketball. (BT-NB)
- 850 WWJC MN **Duluth** - 1/13 0903 - "Information with a Christian perspective 850 WWJC." (SC-ON)
- WREF CT **Ridgefield** - 1/15 0800 - ID, nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)
- WYLF NY **Penn Yan** - 1/16 1745 - Nostalgia music; "timeless classics on 850 WYLF". (WM-MD)
- 860 WSBS MA **Great Barrington** - 1/21 0948 - Full ID. New. (SC-ON)
- 870 WMTW ME **Gorham** - 01/20 1607 - Fair out of ABC Sports then ad for XM Radio, followed by "News 8 WMTW" ID, then "Maine's most accurate forecast" @ 1610. Not hard, but not in the log before either. New. (BT-NB)
- 880 WMEQ WI **Menomonie** - 1/12 0735 - "News-talk 880 WMEQ." New. (SC-ON)
- + 1/17 0856 - overcoming nulled WCBS with PSA for Organ Donation Society of Wisconsin, ID as "News Talk 880 WMEQ". (MKB-ON)
- WMDB TN **Nashville** - 1/20 1741 - gospel music. Caught sign off at 1800, which mentioned 2.5 kilowatts sunrise to sunset; in WCBS null. (NJW-BR)
- KRVN NE **Lexington** - 1/20 1804 - out of ABC news with spot for local travel agent, ID and weather at 1805 for various places in the state and surrounding area etc. Under WCBS. (NJW-BR)
- 900 WLSI KY **Pikeville** - 1/11 0638 - "You're listening to your only station in Eastern Kentucky for... your old friend, WLSI." (RJ-NC)
- + 1/16 0450 - "Your unforgettable country music, WLSI". New. (SC-ON)
- + 1/16 1915 - C & W music; "unforgettable country"; ID. (WM-MD)
- 910 CKDH NS **Amherst** - 1/16 1845 - ID after "Green Onions". Over talk. (WM-MD)
- WDOR WI **Sturgeon Bay** - 1/14 0715 - weather, ID, AC music. New. (SC-ON)
- WEPG TN **South Pittsburg** - 1/15 1736 - Local references. WJCW-TN also in. New. (SC-ON)
- WNHV VT **White River** - 1/20 0102 - spot for River Valley Credit Union and business in Claremont NH; ID as AM 910/AM 1230 ESPN Radio-The Score" with local weather dropped-in and into ESPN stuff (NJW-BR)
- 920 CJCH NS **Halifax** - 1/20 0558 - Sports, "The Team 920 Halifax." New. (SC-ON)
- WBAA IN **West Lafayette** - 1/22 1900 - totally obliterating CKNX with ID: "Available on the web at wbaa.org, this is listener-supported public radio from Purdue University, AM 920 and 101.3 FM WBAA West Lafayette. I'm Asher Byron, it's 48 degrees at 7 o'clock", into *Town Forum* NPR program. (MKB-ON)
- 930 WAUR IL **Sandwich** - 1/13 1702 - ID, Christian. New. (SC-ON)
- WLBL WI **Auburndale** - 1/21 1555 - NPR programming, "WI Public Radio." New. (SC-ON)

940 **WCPC MS Houston** - 1/22 1747 - Local PSA. (SC-ON)
WKGM VA Smithfield - 1/23 0745 - Christian, ID. New. (SC-ON)
 970 **WRCS NC Ahoskie** - 1/12 0030 - Weak in mess but definite beep tones during DX test. New. (SC-ON)
 990 **WNOX TN Knoxville** - 1/14 1730 - "990 WNOX" in and phone-in. (SC-ON)
 1020 **WNTK NH Newport** - 1/12 0827 - "The New WNTK, your hometown music station." New. (SC-ON)
 1030 **WNVR IL Vernon Hills** - 1/20 1725 - presumed the one here under WBZ with talk in a Slavic-sounding language that I assume was Polish. Possible commercials at 1731. (NJW-BR)
WNOW NC Mint Hill - 1/23 0800 - SS tx-mx, "La Carolina" and reference to Raleigh. New. (SC-ON)
 1040 **WOKT KY Cannonsburg** - 1/14 1635 - southern gospel song followed by "your favorite music without all that talk, 1040-WOKT, Joy AM." Great signal but briefly in, WHO barely heard. New. (RCP-IN)
 1060 **WKGQ GA Milledgeville** - 1/11 0840 - Georgia News Network. Story about plane returning to Harsfield airport. Song "Harper Valley PTA". "Great oldies on Q-Country." (RJ-NC)
WLNO LA New Orleans - 1/22 1816 - "1060 WLNO, the most powerful Christian station." (SC-ON)
 1070 **WOIA TN Memphis** - 1/15 2015 - Good at tune in with UC music, calls. No WIBC/CHOK. New. (MB-IN)
 1080 **WTIC CT Hartford** - 1/16 0600 - News/Talk - Weather forecast "at the weather station WTIC ten eighty" followed by promos for upcoming programs "News Talk ten eighty, WTIC Hartford, good morning it's six o'clock..." (DL-MD)
WKGX NC Lenoir - 1/20 0618 - Under WTIC with bluegrass music; Local spots read by man with southern accent at 0621 and ID by woman. (NJW-BR)
 1090 **KAAY AR Little Rock** - 1/14 1752 - "You're listening to AM-1090 KAAY" Christian rock. New. (SC-ON)
 1100 **WTWN VT Wells River** - 1/12 0830 - Christian music and local references. New. (SC-ON)
WTAM OH Cleveland - 1/16 0029 - Sports - "WTAM eleven hundred" on the half hour followed by sports scores.... (DL-MD)
 1110 **WBT NC Charlotte** - 1/16 0328 - "Check out all latest in weather, news and events in the trucking industry on the midnight cowboy web site at www dot mid-night... Now the latest team coverage from CBS, CNN and News Talk eleven ten WBT on Operation Enduring Freedom." CNN News. (DL-MD)
WGNZ OH Fairborn - 1/18 1712 - creaming WBT with ID slogan "your home for solid gospel music, WGNZ" into old-time twangy country-gospel song. (Well, what were you expecting? A Sanskrit bhajan?) (MKB-ON)
WNNW NH Salem - 1/20 0630 - SS mx, calls, "La Once N Diaz" (or something close to this, which is how the NRC log has it). New. (SC-ON)
WJML MI Petoskey - 1/20 1624 - mixing with WUHN (with C&W music) with Michigan Sports Weekend program. (NJW-BR)
KFAB NE Omaha - 1/22 0730 - faded up with traffic report read by Kevin Carmichael, ID and into ABC news. (NJW-ON)
 1120 **WBNW MA Concord** - 1/14 1937 - Business News. Under WPRX with KMOX faded. (SC-ON)
 + 1/20 0200 - winning fight over nulled KMOX, with promo for talkamerica.com web site, top of hour dual ID: "WBNW 1120 and WPLM 1390, your source for information and news". QSLed as WADN on CPC test in 1990. (MKB-ON)
WPRX CT Bristol - 1/14 1938 - Spanish, mentions Hartford. Over WBNW with KMOX faded. (SC-ON)
KMOX MO St. Louis - 1/16 0528 - "... John Grayson with you on News Talk eleven twenty KMOX" followed by local advertising. (DL-MD)
WUST DC Washington - 1/17 0900 - Short Program 'Profile America' - "WUST AM eleven-twenty and on the internet at WUST 1120 dot com. Good Morning this is New World Radio the multi-crutural voice of the nation's capital, AM eleven-twenty WUST Washington. The time is nine AM and its time for the daily live broadcast of China Radio International." "This is China Radio International coming to you on WUST Washington, WNWR Philadelphia, and



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WBIS Baltimore." This identification was part of the English Language program from CRI. (DL-MD)
 1130 **KFAN MN Minneapolis** - 1/20 1518 - "The Fan Outdoors" promo, "AM 1130 KFAN." (SC-ON)
 1140 **WBXR AL Hazel Green** - 11/15 1800 - ID and New England Broadcasting Co. New. (SC-ON)
CBI NS Sydney - 1/20 0605 - CBC news, CBC jingle, NS wx. (SC-ON)
 1150 **WMRD CT Middletown** - 1/16 1750 - Doobie Brothers song; ID. // WLIS. (WM-MD)
WGBR NC Goldsboro - 1/16 1820 - Pregame show on "North Carolina Sports Network"; air conditioning ad. (WM-MD)
WMET MD Gaithersburg - 1/17 1200 - "...Washington's Financial News Source ... WMET Gaithersburg, Maryland and Washington DC." Information Radio Network news feed. Weak but readable. (DL-MD)
CKOC ON Hamilton - 1/17 1900 - "...Oldies eleven fifty, CKOC and..." "Oldies eleven-fifty CKOC, the station that played them then, plays them again. The greatest oldies ever made." (DL-MD)
WLOC KY Mumfordsville - 1/18 0700 - In heavy co-channel: "... in the hottest in country from AM eleven-fifty WLOC is out of the box from Nashville..." (DL-MD)
 1160 **WAMB TN Nashville** - 1/1 1730 - Ad for Bush Dental Center in Nashville. "Music Radio 1160. with 50,000 watts." (RJ-NC)
WPIE NY Trumansburg - 1/12 1600 - Local sports promo and references. Also heard overnight. New. (SC-ON)
WMVI NY Mechanicville - 1/13 0053 - "Moon Radio" and nostalgia music. New. (SC-ON)
WBOB KY Florence - 1/15 1700 - Area references and phone numbers. New. (SC-ON)
WCXI MI Fenton - 1/20 1638 - In mess with WCCS and WYLL with C&W by Hank Williams and talk about the Davison Shriners Club and a Shriners event in Flint. (NJW-BR)
 1170 **KVOO OK Tulsa** - 1/15 1814 - ID and country. (SC-ON)
WWVA WV Wheeling - 1/19 1900 - "...This is the 2nd longest running live radio show in existence which means in the hour of the show we'll have.... Radio Jamboree USA has been broadcast live on eleven-seventy, WWVA since January 7th 1933, complete with regional talent..." (DL-MD)
WMRH WI Waupun - 1/20 1727 - "WMRH Accuweather forecast" Christopher Cross' "Sailing"; Commercial for "Wisconsin FYI dot com" and mention of a Big Brothers event at Parkway Lanes in Fond Du Lac. Under WWVA. (NJW-BR)
 1200 **CJBZ ON Ottawa** - 1/23 1506 - Good in broad daylight w/ "the Score" ID and talk of the previous night's Ottawa Senators game. (BT-NB)
 1250 **WLEM PA Emporium** - 1/14 2300 - "Country twelve-fifty, WLEM Emporium..." CNN news. (DL-MD)
WEAE PA Pittsburgh - 1/14 2400 - In heavy co-channel. "Number one if you're a sports fan ... WEAE, ESPN." (DL-MD)
 1260 **CKHJ NB Fredericton** - 1/21 0640 - Local minor hockey commentary. (SC-ON)
 1270 **WKZT KY Fulton** - 1/17 1812 - Live announcer for high school sports event; singing ID. (WM-MD)
 1280 **WGBF IN Evansville** - 1/15 1721 - News-talk" and local references. New. (SC-ON)
 1290 **WNBF NY Binghamton** - 1/20 0006 - "Listen to News Talk 1290 WNBF", which popped up in mess while trying to hear WRNI test. (RCP-IN)
WKNE NH Keene - 01/20 1619 - Fair w/ ad for the Star Registry, followed by "News-Talk 12-90, WKNE," then ad for the Family Ties Restaurant and the Keene Chamber of Commerce. (BT-NB)
 1300 **KGLO IA Mason City** - 1/13 0930 - Billy Graham, then ID. (SC-ON)
WNQM TN Nashville - 1/15 1730 - Local church promo. New. (SC-ON)
WJFK MD Baltimore - 1/16 1100 - "This is the station, AM thirteen hundred, WJFK, and this is the website 1300 WJFK dot com." (DL-MD)
 1310 **WDOD TN Chatanooga** - 1/15 1709 - "More unforgettable memories, 1310 WDOD" and local ad. New. (SC-ON)
WORC MA Worcester - 01/20 1621 - Fair w/ ad for Diamond Chevrolet, 520 Park Avenue, Worcester. O/U CIWW Ottawa. NEW (BT-NB)

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- CIWW ON Ottawa - 01/20 1624 - Fair w/ "Oldies 13-30 spoken ID, then ad for an Ottawa travel agency, then out with choral "Oldies 13-30" and into music. Mixing w/ WORC. New. (BT-NB)
- 1320 WMSR TN Manchester - 12/31 0806 - Promo for classic country WXYM-1600 after the news. (RJ-NC)
- WILS MI Lansing - 1/14 1645 - "Unforgettable 1320" into Englebert Humperdink song. Very tough to hear in local WTLC 1310 splash. New. (RCP-IN)
- 1330 WHAZ NY Troy - 1/15 0827 - ID, Christian. New. (SC-ON)
- 1360 WHBG VA Harrisonburg - 1/14 1527 - ID in mess. New. (SC-ON)
- WWOW OH Conneaut - 1/14 1528 - "Bringing on those good memories, WWOW." New. (SC-ON)
- WWLG MD Baltimore - 1/16 1600 - "...the music of your life WWLG Baltimore." ABC News. (DL-MD)
- CKBC NB Bathurst - 1/22 1740 - Legal ID. (SC-ON)
- 1370 WFEA NH Manchester - 01/20 1632 - Up out of the pile with several mentions of I-93 and then into an ad for the New Hampshire Technical College in Manchester. New. (BT-NB)
- 1380 WWMI FL St. Petersburg - 12/31 0801 - Kid ID "Radio Disney 1380 WWMI-St. Petersburg." (RJ-NC)
- WMJR KY Winchester - 1/14 1701 - Weak ID in mess. Heard following night with solid ID. New. (SC-ON)
- WNRI RI Woonsocket - 1/19 2200 - Top-of-the-hour ID after syndicated talk show; into USA Radio News; out of news at 2205 with local spots for Mailloux Furniture on Clinton Street and a beauty salon on Old Victory Highway. Ran identical spots one hour later too. Mixing with WPHM and CKLC. Didn't sound like they were running on their 18 watts night power. (NJW-BR)
- + 1/19 2308 - RI ads. New. (SC-ON)
- WSYB VT Rutland - 01/20 1633 - Ad for the Vermont National Guard, followed by another ad for "freecreditreport.com," then into a financial talk show. New. (BT-NB)
- 1430 WENE NY Endicott - 1/19 2133 - "The Team" carrying Knoxville Speed vs. Binghamton (Broome County) Icemen UHL hockey. Over top of CHKT. (NJW-BR)
- WXKS MA Everett - 01/20 1633 - Up out of the slop with full ID, "Start your day off on the right foot with AM 14-30 WXKS," then into oldies ballad. New. (BT-NB)
- 1440 KDIZ MN Golden Valley - 1/13 0919 - Radio Disney. Other MN in on SRS greylines. (SC-ON)
- WZYX TN Cowan - 1/15 1728 - Local references. New. (SC-ON)
- 1460 WKDV VA Manassas - 1/13 1000 - Very weak, in music. "WKDV Manassas" at the top of the hour. (DL-MD)
- WGNA NY Albany - 01/20 1643 - Poor, w/ ad for Perdue Short-Cuts roasted chicken, followed by an ad about Albany sales tax refunds. New. (BT-NB)
- 1480 WSDS MI Ypsilanti - 1/18 0805 - wiping out usually dominant WHBC with slogan "classic country for eastern Michigan, AM 1480 WSDS" into C&W song. (MKB-ON)
- 1500 KSTP MN St. Paul - 1/20 1154 - all alone with "AM-1500 KSTP" ID and local talk program about Martin Luther King; KSTP was still all alone (no sign of WTOP-Washington or WLQV-Detroit) at 1500 recheck. (NJW-BR)
- + 1/20 1200 - Strong midday signal for several days all-day, tx, "AM-1500-KSTP." (SC-ON)
- 1510 WLAC TN Nashville - 1/16 2239 - U of TN basketball post game show, ID. (DJT-CT)
- 1530 WRTP NC Chapel Hill - 1/16 1730 - religious music; ID; sign-off. Mentions of FM and internet. Very good signal. (WM-MD)
- WSAI OH Cincinnati - 1/23 1855 - Poor/fair with the Association's "Windy" and a deep "Murphy" fade just at song's end. Then on with the theme from "the Sting" and, finally, two nice IDs and an ad for "your Cincinnati-area Chrysler dealers." Not heard here lately. (BT-NB)
- 1540 WNWR PA Bala Cynwyd - 1/17 1700 - Sign off announcement, "Multicultural radio for the Delaware Valley." Off with national anthem. (DJT-CT)
- 1550 WVAB VA Virginia Beach - 1/16 2324 - Ad for a Hampton Roads restaurant, CNN headline news audio, ad for Ben Franklin crafts store in Yorktown, ID. Off suddenly at 2325. (DJT-CT)



- WLOR AL Huntsville - 1/23 0806 - Local ads. (SC-ON)
 - WDZK CT Bloomfield - 1/23 0704 - Radio Disney //1560-NY. Checks with Web. New. (SC-ON)
 - 1570 WFUR MI Grand Rapids - 1/14 0830 - Christian, full ID, weather. New. (SC-ON)
 - WNBX TN Centerville - 1/21 1839 - ID in mess. New. (SC-ON)
 - WGLL IN Auburn - 1/21 1903 - Live (Notre Dame) Fighting Irish sportscast, this checks with Web. New. (SC-ON)
 - WCLE TN Cleveland - 1/22 1705 - ID in mess. (SC-ON)
 - 1580 WTTN WI Watertown - 1/13 2230 - CNN News, "Today's News, great talk, WTTN Watertown." Solid - probably forgot to power down. (SC-ON)
 - WDAB SC Traveler's Rest - 1/21 1750 - SS mx, calls, "La Poderosa" ID and gone (switched to night-time power & pattern). (SC-ON)
 - WZKY NC Albemarle - 1/21 1841 - Singing ID in mess. New. (SC-ON)
 - 1600 WXMY VA Saltville - 12/24 1603 - WMSR Local News. Ad for car dealership. Reminder not to drink and drive on New Year's Eve. (RJ-NC)
 - WQOP FL Atlantic Beach - 1/17 1700 - station ID heard at TOH: "WQOP, Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville." Faded up briefly then lost in mess. New. (RCP-IN)
 - 1630 KCJJ IA Iowa City - 1/17 0910 - Good; local ads, "You're listening to the Captain and Anthony, Iowa City's number one radio show, on eastern Iowa's new 1630, KCJJ." (BC-NH)
 - WTEL GA Augusta - 1/21 1900 - Good; what sounds like a top of the hour legal ID, "News/Talk/Sports 1630 WRDW Augusta, a Beasley Broadcast Group station," ABC news, then the hidden real legal ID at 1906, "WRDW and WTEL Augusta" into Sporting News Radio. (SC-ON)
 - KKWY WY Fox Farm - 1/16 0602 - Country in previous night and again here for over a half-hour at occasional strength. Had to wait until KCJJ-IA switched from music to talk to get a full ID: "KWY 1630 Fox Farm-Cheyenne." New. (SC-ON)
 - + 1/22 0250 - Fair; "I love my country, KWY," C&W oldies, at 0300 "The Spirit of Wyoming... KKWY Fox Farm, Cheyenne" and AP news, in WTEL null with no sign of KCJJ, my first from Wyoming! (BC-NH)
 - 1660 KXTR KS Kansas City - 1/20 1819 - presumed the one here with classical music under WWRU and WQSN. Poor signal. (NJW-BR)
 - 1710 PIRATE NY _____ - 1/19 1905 - The Lubavitcher pirate station noted with Chassidic music. Best in LSB. (NJW-BR)
- TIS, HAR, MISC.
- 1610 WPKW775ME York - 1/23 1615 - ID. Maine Turnpike. Female voice followed by male voice. State Trooper. What to do in the event of skidding on ice. Reference to www.maine Turnpike.com. Tel # ???-PIKE. Confirmed with Bruce Pelletier at Maine Turnpike communication. Faint signal. ^{10,000 WATTS} (PG-MA)
 - 1630 KNAAS85 NY Queens - 1/18 2205 - Fair; parking information for JFK airport, with WTEL nulled out. (BC-NH)

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International DX Digest

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

Not much time to DX this week, and very little time to edit the column. The reason is that this weekend I'm being formally installed as the pastor of the Byron Presbyterian Church where I've been serving on a temporary basis since October 2000, so there is a lot of activity, including the visit of my parents. Some have remarked that securing my first permanent job since 1978 is worthy of celebration. However, most of my temporary positions have lasted longer than most of the permanent positions in our district! My other church position in the next town over, for instance, is still temporary, but is more than ten years duration and still going!

Well, not so busy that I can't come up with a few stumpers for you: (1) In the game of Scrabble, what is the highest multiple that can be applied to a played word? (a) double (b) triple (c) quadruple (d) nine times (e) twenty seven times. (2) In the game of Uno, what is the greatest number of cards that a player may be required to draw in a given turn? (a) one (b) two (c) four (d) six (e) seven. (3) In the game of Jenga, what is the highest level that could be achieved by steady-handed players? (a) twelve (b) twenty four (c) thirty eight (d) fifty four (e) eighty one. (4) In the game of Monopoly, what is the rent owed when a player lands on Boardwalk with a hotel? (a) \$200 (b) \$1000 (c) \$2000 (d) \$4000 (e) \$10,000. Answers below.

Jim

Trans-Atlantic DX

- 153 ALGERIA Rdf Sonore, Bechar (p), JAN 11 2310-2318+ - 2 men in AA with music, sounds like a drama. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 549 GERMANY DLF, JAN 20 0610 - Fair; classical music and man in German parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 621 CANARY I. Santa Cruz, JAN 21 0314 - Good, RNE-1 program with man in SS. But now I wonder if this should just be reported as a synchronized channel because the Euro MW Guide show this transmitter as only 10 KW. For years it was listed as 100 KW. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 684 SPAIN Seville, JAN 24 0206 - Very good. RNE-1 with man and woman in SS, followed by pop music and vocals. This, of course, has always been one of my regulars, but lately has been hampered by a wandering signal from our computer which at the time of this logging was sitting right on 684 khz. I could turn off the computer, but why bother? [Dangerfield-PA]
- 756 GERMANY DLF, JAN 20 0625 - Poor; classical music parallel good signals on 153 and 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 765 SWITZERLAND RSR Sottens JAN 20 0630 - Poor; presumed this with light music on transmitter site dawn enhancement. [Conti-NH]
- 774 SPAIN RNE synchros JAN 20 0640 - Good; man in Spanish with synchro echo, I believe it's the first time I've ever noted echo on this frequency as the Valencia 100 kW is presumed the one usually dominant which makes me wonder if one of the others increased power. [Conti-NH]
- 837 AZORES Barrosa, JAN 21 JAN 21 0258 - Fair, with pop music, then a man in PP with, I think, the news. Was // to a much weaker 837. No BBC 0302 - Just above noise level, with man in PP and the News, and // to a stronger 693. Apparently now set on 837 instead of 836. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 945 FRANCE Le Mouv, Toulouse JAN 17 0050 - Fair; presumed this with technopop music. [Conti-NH]
- 981 PORTUGAL Coimbra et al, JAN 21 0128 - Weak, with soft pop music and announcements by a man in PP. Separable with difficulty from 980. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1035 PORTUGAL Lisbon, JAN 21 0053 - Good, with romantic pop ballads and vocals by a man and a woman. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1044 MOROCCO Sebba Aioun, JAN 18 0249 - Fair, with woman and man in AA, and seemed to be // to 207 [which wasn't too hefty]. The transmitter is pretty far inland so it isn't surprising that the signal doesn't get out too often. Spain was way behind. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba JAN 15 2300 - Good; Middle



Eastern music, time pips marking the top of the hour, man in Arabic with Saudiyah Arabiyah mention, must have signed off shortly after as the signal was gone upon recheck just a few minutes later while searching for SW parallels. [Conti-NH]

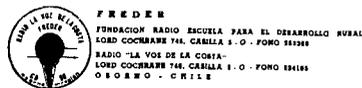
Ben speaks: "There really isn't much to talk about here, but I just want you all to know that I still try every day, hoping for something new or a good opening. At this point, this season will go down as one of the all-time worst, not only for TAs but also for LAs, undoubtedly because of the ongoing solar disturbances, for it seems as though when one solar flare or whatever ends, another starts up. There have been recently a few periods when I could count 40 or so TA signals on a night, but then, almost all of those were barely above the noise level. Only Saudi-1521 and Mauretania-783 have been regulars, but weaker than in the past. Croatia-1134, Slovakia-1098 and UK-1089 have made a few appearances, but also much weaker. I haven't heard from Norway-1314 this year, so you can't prove it by me that they are still on the air. A few days ago there was some low end activity and even some LW activity, but to make things even, the high end has been poor. Cubans seem to be the most dominant LAs, and I find them rather boring. I have had Grenada-535 a few times, but very weakly. And to think that around a year ago I actually heard Surinam-670! Well, I'm always the optimist, so will predict that conditions will be a lot better come February and March!"

Pan-American DX

- 535 GRENADA St. George, JAN 8 0320 - Weak to fair. Woman and man in EE discussing the economy. Rarely heard any more. Conditions or power decrease? [Dangerfield-PA]
- 540 MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH, JAN 20 0500 - heard weakly under XEWA, but still a very clear ID "...quinientos-quarenta (540), X-E-T-X, La Ranchera de Paquime", followed by woman talking. New log for me. [Stewart-MO]
- 560 MEXICO XEQAA Chetumal JAN 13 0255 - "La Poderosa" fighting with WQAM. Mexico City station also noted here some mornings. [Hall-FL3]
- 560 NICARAGUA? JAN 11 1115 - Man with news about Nicaragua, GMT-6 TCs. Is there a Nicaraguan on 560 now? [Hall-FL3]
- 590 HONDURAS HRLP3 San Pedro Sula JAN 7 1151 - Man with time check and ID "Radio America, la primera cadena radial de Honduras... siempre informativa, siempre independiente, siempre por el pueblo." [Hall-FL1]
- 590 MEXICO UNID JAN 11 1200 - XE anthem way under the Cuban classical music station. [Hall-FL3]
- 630 HONDURAS HRLP7 La Ceiba JAN 7 1102 - ID and Honduras news. Mixing with XEFU later. Noted several subsequent mornings from Tampa and Naples. [Hall-FL1]
- 630 MEXICO XEFB Monterrey, NL, Jan 21 1208 - Poor with noticias, multiple mentions of Monterrey and slogan 'Noticieros Entrelines' as per IRCA Log. Brought outta the muck with phasing. This 50 KW blowtorch is directional. It must be protecting the USA. First time log here. [Bryant-OK]
- 660 HONDURAS HRNN18 La Ceiba JAN 7 1151 - Very good with ad for Cafe El Indio, ID "RCR, La Voz de Honduras." [Hall-FL1]
- 660 MEXICO XEFZ Monterrey, N.L., JAN 25 0131 - way atop channel with "Grupo Radio Alegria" and "Notiradio" mentions during a sportscast. [Stewart-MO]
- 730 MEXICO XETEB, Tenabo, Campeche, JAN 20 0045-0200+ - frequent male on cart with call sign and IDs as La Voz de los Mayas and mentioning "6 mil vatios de potencia" and "emisora cultural para toda la peninsula Yucatan" or similar. 0100 had strange SP metalhead program, otherwise difficult to distinguish from XEX "La Nueva X" on same frequency from Mexico DF, which gradually took over the frequency. The gov.mx site lists this one on 920 with 1.5 kW by Instituto Mejicano de la Radio. Fair readable peaks but mostly buried under WLIL, TN. [Crawford-FL]
- 740 MEXICO XEPET Peto JAN 7 1014 - Fair over WQTM with local features. [Hall-FL1]
- 750 MEXICO XETI Tempoo JAN 12 0203 - Slogan "Radio Fiesta, Jalapa, Veracruz." [Hall-FL3]
- 780 MEXICO XESFT San Fernando JAN 9 1728 - Ads for Carniceria La Unica, and Farmacia _____. IDs and slogan "La Triple T". SOLID midday signal into SW Florida today! [Hall-FL2]
- 780 VENEZUELA R.Coro, Coro JAN 20 0755 - Good; "fin de semana" UTC-4 time check, "Radio Coro 780... primer lugar de sintonia" and "Radio Coro 780" jingle, romantic and tropical music. [Conti-NH]
- 790 MEXICO XERC Mexico JAN 13 0317 - Fair with "Formato 21" slogans, mixing with other XE which was possibly XEUP. [Hall-FL3]
- 790 MEXICO XEUP Tizimin JAN 10 1224 - Fair under Reloj and WAXY. Male announcer giving local weather for Yucatan peninsula. [Hall-FL3]
- 810 BAHAMAS ZNS3 Freeport JAN 11 1720 - Fair midday signal with sports talk about an upcoming soccer game in New Providence.



- [Hall-FL3]
 810 MEXICO XEFW Tampico JAN 10 1218 - OC appeared suddenly at 1218 drowning out an other XE that was here earlier. "Radio Estrella, Grupo Fe y Esperanza." [Hall-FL3]
 880 CUBA CMAF Pinar del Río, JAN 23 0615 UTC - fair-poor during WCBS silent period with long-winded, monotonous commentary by woman, no Radio Progreso ID heard but was // 890, which was creaming nulled WLS. These WCBS-880/WFAN-660 silent periods are getting to be old hat. They were both off this morning, from 0100 EST/0600 UTC. [Brooker-ON]
 890 MEXICO XEBY Tuxpan JAN 10 1210 - Fair-good "La Consentida" female announcer with call-in program. [Hall-FL3]
 895 NEVIS (t) V.of Nevis, JAN 25 0139 - briefly fair to good in bad domestic slop with what sounded like rock music (a steady 2/4 beat anyway, didn't sound "Caribbean"). No announcements heard; audio level seems pretty low. Signal soon faded to just a weak het. Is 0200 the official s/off for this? No time listed in 2002 WRTH, but carrier definitely gone after 0200. LONG time since I've heard this one with audio coming through. [Stewart-MO]
 900 MEXICO XEW Mexico / XEWB Veracruz JAN 12 0208 - Both stations together with noticeable delay between them. Lengthy discussion of food product awards. [Hall-FL3]
 930 MEXICO XEU Veracruz JAN 10 1203 - Very good with ID by man, promo for 1:00pm news-cast "El noticiero de la una", possible slogan "lider en informacion local". [Hall-FL3]
 970 MEXICO XERFR Mexico JAN 11 1157 - XE anthem and ID. [Hall-FL3]
 970 MEXICO, Caborca, Sonora XEEZ 1/25 0838 with an ad for a club that features ranchera music, then slogan La Super Zeta" into a ballad and traditional accordion loaded ranchera music. Gone by 0845 UTC. NEW. [Redding-AZ]
 980 MEXICO XETU Tampico JAN 10 1215 - "Radio Tampico" jingle, mixing with XEQO. [Hall-FL3]
 980 MEXICO XEQO Cosamaloapan JAN 11 0228 - Time checks, ad for Superfarmacia Rio Verde. Announcer barely pronounced the "O" in the call letter ID. [Hall-FL3]
 990 MEXICO UNID JAN 12 1204 - XE anthem, ID sounded like "XEXW." [Hall-FL3]
 1010 MEXICO XEFM Veracruz JAN 11 0232 - Male announcers with call-in show, "somos La Maquina Musical." [Hall-FL3]
 1050 MEXICO XEQOO Cancun JAN 7 1058 - Big signal with Radio Pirata slogans [Hall-FL1]. JAN 9 1700 Further south, this one can be logged midday. [Hall-FL2]
 1060 MEXICO XEEP Mexico, DF, JAN 20 0450 - kind of surprised to find R.Educación running parallel to their SW outlet (6185) with hot tropical vocals... don't they usually program separately, at least in the evening? Way dominant over anything else on the frequency. [Stewart-MO-MO]
 1080 CUBA? UnID, JAN 25 0236 - sports coverage en español with occasional mentions of Cuba, sometimes quite dominant in KRLD null, but more often fading into the mud. No clues as to ID, but presumably Radio Cadena Habana. I know there are //s on 1090 & 1120 among others, but nothing coming through on either frequency matching this. [Stewart-MO]
 1090 MEXICO XEMCA Panuco JAN 10 1232 - Good with ID, slogan "MCA 10-90". Noted several times this week announcing power is now 10kW. Announcer barely pronounces the "u" in "Panuco". [Hall-FL3]
 1090 MEXICO XEFC Merida JAN 10 1159 - XE anthem, "Magica fiesta... Radio Comadre(?)... La Frecuencia Cordial, XEFC." [Hall-FL3]
 1140 MEXICO XEMR Monterrey - JAN 19 0241 - Heard with surprisingly good signal, spot for "Los Tigres futbol" then time check at 0242 and good ID at 0248 "XEMR" [Ponder-TX]
 1210 MEXICO XEVZ Acayucan JAN 12 1303 - Fair on car radio near Everglades City with TCs, mention of 5kW power. Slogan sounded like listed "La Veraz." (Hall-FL)
 1230 MEXICO XETVH Villahermosa JAN 10 1252 - Fair-good with time checks, light music, "Estereo Mexicana" slogans. A nice surprise. [Hall-FL3]
 1280 MEXICO XEAU Monterrey, NL, Jan 22 0303 - Evening talk show at fair level on K9AY. ID at 0307 as 'Radio Ah - Doubl Ooo, Ah Mem-ay' New for me. [Bryant-OK]
 1340 CUBA "Ciudades" Palmira JAN 9 0400 - Good with "La Radio Cubana... Ciudades!" [Hall-FL1]
 1340 MEXICO XENV Monterrey? JAN 10 1256 - TENTATIVE with song, "laser blast" sound effects, PSA, news and temperatures for Monterrey. Taken over by Cuban station after 1300. [Hall-FL3]
 1375 ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON RFO, St. Pierre, JAN 19 2309 - French and jazz/lounge music; weak but clear [Chernov-ON]
 1380 CUBA, JAN 9 0405 - Cuban baseball (Camaguey



- vs. Holguin?). Tons of Cuban stations running baseball this week, including 1070 and 1080 tonight. I think I heard them say it was playoff time down there ("La Serie Nacional"). [Hall-FL1]
 1410 CUBA R. Reloj JAN 7 1034 - Usual Reloj pips and news, //950. [Hall-FL1]
 1410 MEXICO XEBS Mexico JAN 11 0248 - Fair-good, "Radio Sinfonola." [Hall-FL3]
 1480 MEXICO XEHM Ciudad Delicias, Chih., Jan 21 1115 - Morning music show, mostly romantica with multiple IDs as 'AH-cheh EM-meh!' Fair level, good at peaks. [Bryant-OK]
 1550 MEXICO XERUV Jalapa JAN 11 0258 - Good with ID "XERUV, Radio Universidad Veracruzana... 10kw... 1550 kcs... desde Jalapa, capital del estado de Veracruz." [Hall-FL3]
 1610 ANGUILLA? JAN 8 0255 - Sermon noted here. Signal lost at 0300. Is Anguilla still active? Haven't thought about these guys since the days when I could hear them on my car radio in California! [Hall-FL1]

Tim speaks: "This was fun. I didn't have as much time to DX as I would have liked (this was mostly a business trip, and our hotel room in Naples was drowning in electrical noise). I did manage to DX at sunrise on the beach on the 12th but conditions weren't very good that morning. I had better reception sitting in the rental car outside the hotel with my '2010 and the Kiwa pocket loop sitting up on the dashboard. This was a very nice trip (my wife enjoyed it too) so we'll be back again, probably in the month of January."

Trans-Pacific DX

- 1575 THAILAND, JAN 20 1150-1207 - peaked 1159-1201, parallel 9890 kHz with VOA Burmese program, mostly weak in the noise. At 1200 Burmese program ended with usual musical selection. After a brief pause a man said what sounded like "good morning", although it was just after sunset in Thailand, then into new program. Also JAN 22 1147-1158 at threshold level parallel 9890 kHz. [Moore-FL]

Ray speaks: "TP DXing is rather boring during the winter but Thailand keeps popping up along with an occasional good carrier on 1475 kHz, to sustain my interest."

International News

FRANCE: The CSA, the French radio authority, have announced that they will soon make a number of MW frequencies available to the private sector. The first batch of five licences are expected next month. Interestingly, they call these "AM" licences. The term "ondes moyennes" (mediumwave) is no longer used. Meanwhile Radio France have relinquished two of their unused channels, 585 kHz in Marseille and 963 kHz in Paris. What is still unclear, is whether the CSA wants to let the private sector use the high power TdF stations previously used by Radio France or simply make the frequencies available for stations to set up their own LP transmitters. RMC Info, Littoral AM, Superloustic and Ciel AM are widely regarded as favourites for the first batch of licences. Ciel AM make no secret of the fact that they want a channel in Marseille and Lyon in addition to the one in Paris, which they feel they should get automatically since they ran an experimental station there a while ago. [Rémy Friess, Medium Wave News e-mail list]

RUSSIA: Radiostantsiya Tikhyy Okean has eliminated its SW 7175, LW 234-Magadan & 243-Vladivostok from this year. Only 810 kHz-Vladivostok has been used. Opening announcement is not changed and describes itself as "program for fishermen, seamen & all the people living in Far East Russia", but now, as a matter of fact, the program seems only for Vladivostok (OGUMA Hironao, Tokyo, Japan Premium Jan 24 via DX Listeners Digest)

VENEZUELA: Some notes regarding the ARC Central and South America Desk reports in the e-mail IDXD 69-16: ARC asked, "Changes reported by Venezuela en la Onda, can anyone confirm?" 610 YVMN Radio Coro, Coro, ex 780 kHz. - As of JAN 20, R.Coro is still being received on 780 with Radio Coro 780 IDs and jingles. 880 YVYM Venezuela 880, Puerto Ordaz, ex Mundial 8-80. - I've been reporting this since at least September, IDs as Radio Venezuela (IDXD, DX News V69 #1). [Conti-NH]

Publications

"I've just updated the Pacific Asian Log. This was the first update since it was issued last August. I've added central Russia and the Asian CIS countries to the log, so the PAL and the EMWG now have complete coverage of Asia and Europe. The country version is now sorted in country, frequency, location order, making it a bit easier to use. I've also incorporated several suggestions, and updated many of the listings. Special thanks to Miller Liu for a major update to the Taiwan listings. The Log is available for free from the TPDx website: www.qsl.net/n7ecj. You can download the log in Frequency or Country order. It now has over 3500 listings. As always, your

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comments are most welcome, as are any additions or corrections to the list. I'm especially interested in the new Russia/CIS listings, since I'm not too familiar with the MW scene in that part of the world, and information is hard to find. Information on China would likewise be very welcome. I've also added more material to the TPD website in recent weeks, including more links, logs from the November Grayland DXpedition, and several more audio files (including the final signoff for KAIM-870)." [Bruce Portzer, via hard-core-dx e-mail]

Corrections

John Bryant's reports in the previous IDX were indeed from January!

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Tim Hall, DX'ing on the road in Florida, including "1" Tampa, "2" I-75 rest area near exit 28, and "3" Naples; ICF-2010, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Delco car radio.

Raymond S. Moore, Key West FL; R8, 23" passive spiral loop, 23" SW loop. <rsmcomm@usa.net>

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Special Report from the World Radio TV Handbook

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SPLIT: Many DXers and listeners have asked why the domestic and international broadcasts in WRTH are separated. The first reason is that, in order to get the book out in December (so that you get it while the information is current), we have to get as many pages as we can ready in advance so that they can be printed before the international SW information is ready. We then get the SW information as quickly as we can and the rest of the book is printed, and the whole thing bound, boxed and distributed in two weeks. It would not be possible to get copies around the world in time if we put the two sections together. The second reason is that we produce the SW section on a database. We have to do this to produce the frequency and language listings. It would be a very long job to re-integrate the SW country information from the database output into the National listing and we would not get the book out until January or February by which time there is only a short time to run on the winter schedules. SW FREQUENCY LIST IN WRTH 2002: There has been a lot of comment over the missing domestic SW frequencies in the SW frequency list in WRTH 2002. Our apologies for this. I am finding out why this happened and what went wrong. We will make the missing information available as soon as we can. [Nicholas Hardyman, Publisher, *World Radio TV Handbook*, via hard-core-dx e-mail]

Review of 2002 World Radio TV Handbook

I have compiled an incisive INFOVIEW of the World Radio TV Handbook 2002, which has been posted in the public domain. It may be viewed at: <<http://clix.to/edxp>>. The Publisher, Nicholas Hardyman, said this about the INFOVIEW: "I have just read your review of WRTH 2002. It is a very good review and sums up admirably where we are and where we need to go. I like your idea of an index for multi-national broadcasters". [Bob Padula, Melbourne, Australia, <bobpadula@bigpond.com>, in hard-core-dx e-mail]

Stumpers Solved!

(1) If there are already eight letters played along the edge of the board, it is rarely possible to multiply the value of a 15 letter word by twenty-seven times if the three "triple word score" spaces had not yet been covered. (2) Four cards. (3) Fifty four levels, is remotely possible if players consistently leave the middle pieces in place as they build up the tower. (4) \$2000. Four correct = Bingo! Three correct = "Close" only works in horseshoes and hand grenades. Two correct = Sorry! One Correct = Uno! None Correct = Go to Jail. Go directly to Jail. Do not pass Go. Do not collect \$200.



Professional Sports Networks

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here are two National Hockey League (NHL) networks, which I had misplaced because they had arrived before I had received/found a flagship list. The announcer names are from last season. Please send me any professional hockey or basketball network lists that you may have.

Detroit Red Wings 2001/2001 Ken Kal, Paul Woods (from <http://www.wxyt.com/ease-zine/stories/wingsafils2.html> (10/15/2001) and www.detroitredwings.com (via Bob Pietsch 12/21/2001))

580	WTCM-MI	970	WKHM-MI b	1290	CJBK-ON c	1400	WSJM-MI c
590	WJMS-MI c	980	CFPL-ON bd	1330	WTRX-MI c	1450	WHTC-MI c
	WKZO-MI	1050	WTKA-MI	1340	WBBL-MI	1470	WLQR-OH
600	WCHT-MI	1230	WSOO-MI		WMBN-MI c	1490	WABJ-MI
630	CFCO-ON	1240	WATT-MI c	1380	WPHM-MI	1500	WDEE-MI c
790	WSGW-MI		WCBY-MI		WPLB-MI b	1550	WSHN-MI c
910	WFDF-MI b	1270	WMKT-MI c	1400	WCCY-MI	92.7	WQTX-MI
940	WIDG-MI		WXYT-MI *		WRCC-MI	97.3	WDEE-MI b

San Jose Sharks 2001/2002 Dan Rusanowsky, Pete Stenkowski (from www.sj-sharks.com via Bob Pietsch 10/23/2001)

950	KAHI-CA	1340	KATA-CA	1400	KVBL-CA	1640	KDIA-CA
970	KESP-CA		KCBL-CA	1460	KTXK-CA	98.5	KUFX-CA *
1270	KXBX-CA	1380	KTOM-CA	1490	KRKC-CA		

b = This station is on the WXYT web site but not on the detroitredwings site.

c = This station is on the detroitredwings web site but not on the WXYT site.

d = This station broadcasts both the Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Christos Rigos informed me that the announcers for the Chicago Black Hawks (NHL) are Pat Foley and Billy Gardner.

Here is the Western Hockey League flagship information from Terry Keyowski via Morris Sorensen.

Regina Pats	620	CKRM-SK
Brandon Wheat Kings	880	CKLQ-MB
Moose Jaw Warriors	800	CHAB-SK (not all games)
Prince Albert Raiders	900	CKBI-SK
Saskatoon Blades	92.1	CFQC-SK
Swift Current Broncos	94.1	CIMG-SK
Medicine Hat Tigers	1270	CHAT-AB
Lethbridge Hurricanes		N/A
Red Deer Rebels	105.5	CHUB-AB
Calgary Hitmen	960	CFCA-AB
Kootenay Ice	570	CKEK-BC
Kamloops Blazers	610	CHNL-BC
Kelowna Rockets	1150	CKFR-BC
Prince George Cougars	550	CKPG-BC
Portland Winterhawks	970	KUFO-OR
Spokane Chiefs	790	KFAN-WA
Tri-Cities Americans	97.9	KTHK-WA
Vancouver Giants	1040	CKST-BC
Seattle Thunderbirds		N/A

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of the Members

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Tom Bryant - Nashville, TN (retired WSM Production manager)

Y'know, it's been about 15 years since I mused, so I guess a brief re-intro would be in order. Actually, if you go to my web site <<http://members.home.net/tjbdx/>> you can learn a lot about me and my 42-year broadcast career. For those who don't have internet access..or could care less.. suffice to say that I spent over 30 years at WSM in Nashville.

I'm writing this in response to a lot of inquiries regarding my personal opinion about the recent firestorm which resulted with the announcement that WSM was contemplating a format switch from classic country to sports-talk.

Well, since I'm retired, and have no major ties with WSM's owners, Gaylord Entertainment Company, I can and will speak freely.

In an age when formats get changed about as frequently as diapers (and the contents are often similar) WSM's proposed switch was a shocker that garnered national...even worldwide attention. For a one-of-a-kind establishment which is virtually the broadcast version of the Smithsonian Institution to throw out 75+ years of history would be unconscionable.

Or would it?

If the claim is true that WSM \$1.5 million last year, perhaps a change is in order. But would it be necessary to toss the baby out with the bath water? Take a look at the 'big picture' and draw your own conclusions.

First, you must understand that the overall situation is quite complex. Not only is WSM-AM's heritage as a pioneer and promoter of country music involved; so are two other co-owned Nashville FM stations. Also involved: public opinion, bean counters, changing times, demographics, bottom lines, emotions, traditions, and probably a dozen other factors I've either overlooked or don't know about. My initial reaction was one of shock. They're thinking about doing WHAT? "IDIOTS", I thought to myself.

After the numbness had subsided, I thought back over the last 10 years, and realized that the Gaylord people have done a horrid job of preserving the country music institutions and heritage established by their predecessors.

Regardless of how volatile the subject might be, a proposed format change really shouldn't have been a surprise. After all, this same ownership that shut down the Opryland USA Theme Park (making money, just not enough) and replaced it with a shopping mall. Disposing of the successful TNN and CMT cable channels to outsiders also eroded Gaylord's image, and was considered a commitment sellout by country music devotees.

Not only have many of their corporate moves (particularly since the retirement of former National Life VP/Opryland CEO Bud Wendell) been unprofitable; some have created bad vibes with Nashville residents, and others simply have appeared to be money grabs with little or no justification.

Of course Gaylord is entitled to do as it wishes with any properties it owns, including the programming on WSM...and in the long run probably will. This time, however, their CEO (himself an "outsider") seemed to be caught completely off guard by public outcry against the possible change. I can only speculate as to why the proposed change was called off and a promise made to cease meddling with WSM's vintage country format; and I don't care to express all of my opinions in that area. I do believe that it would be safe to say that for at least one very rare occasion, public opinion and sentiment played a part in a Gaylord corporate edict. While WSM and its continued devotion to the content that made it (and Nashville) famous are in a safe haven for the moment, I don't expect the bottom-liners to go away.

CEO Colin Reed made it clear that it will NOT be business as usual. There MUST be improved profits. Considering the continually declining state of AM radio...unique formats included...fulfilling that demand is not going to be an easy task. Syndication of the Grand Ole Opry has been mentioned as a means to increase listenership and revenue. That sort of effort hasn't done well in the past. Is there any reason to think it would work now? They seem to think so, I don't.

Then, there's the sad fact that, no thanks to the FCC, the "clear channel 650" AM signal ain't what it used to be; and as each year passes it reaches fewer potential listeners. The Opry (Gaylord considers it the "crown jewel" of its properties...or at least that's what they say) is available on the internet...but no

one seems to believe that's where its future lies. XL, Sirius, or another satellite delivery system? Could be. The honchos say they're looking into everything and don't care to discuss specifics. If they can get the beloved Grand Ole Opry (and maybe even the unique WSM programming) on a 'bird', perhaps the heat will disappear for the AM operation.

Bottom line? I don't know for sure if there is one. For the present WSM and the Grand Ole Opry are intertwined to the point where one without the other is unthinkable. WSM with a non-country format is, I suppose, an option; but I'll have to borrow an opinion from country entertainer Charlie Daniels to conclude my comments. I concur with his analogy that switching WSM-AM from classic country/Grand Ole Opry to ANYTHING else would be akin to tearing down the Washington Monument to make way for a 7-11 store.

Will there be changes? Sure. What will they be? That's anyone's guess. Are there any right answers? Probably, but I doubt, considering their track record, that in the long run the Gaylord people will find them.

Two probabilities loom large in my mind...one is to donate the station, the Grand Ole Opry, and the Ryman Auditorium to the Country Music Foundation which would in turn run it in conjunction with the Country Music Hall of Fame. I am not a number cruncher and would let the experts figure out how to fund operation under that plan. The other is simply for Gaylord to leave WSM-AM and the Opry alone and use them as tax writeoffs. While I'm not sure how that works, I hear about them all the time...and am aware that big corporations commonly use "loss leaders" as image boosters.

If any company ever needed an image improvement, Gaylord does. I hope they act sensibly.

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