

# DX News

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### CPC Test Calendar

WGY NY 810 Feb. 24 0200-0400

*From the Publisher* ... Thanks to Wayne Heinen for volunteering to take over the Formats column from Tony Fitzherbert (thanks to Tony for his years of service, also!). Wayne also assembles the NRC AM Log, and so assuming the editorship of Formats was a natural fit for Wayne, as the Log also includes ... formats info! So when you're sending Wayne updates of station formats changes, you're also helping him update the Log.

I suppose I should make it more clear that I can't do "custom work" on your mailing label, at least not in the two lines that include your street/P. O. Box address and city, as our CASS-certified mailing software generates only USPS-approved "correct" addresses (in other words, if you don't like the address printed on your label, talk to your postmaster, not the NRC) so that we can continue mailing your DXN's at a savings of six cents per 24-page issue (do the math if you don't think that six pennies is much: .06 x 30 x 640 = over \$1100 per year savings to the club). I can always add ham calls and other info to the line containing your name. On the other hand, if you want to slip me a twenty now and then, I'll hand-address your DXN personally and even illuminate it for you on special holidays ...

*DXChange* ... George Hamer - 3000 Ocean Parkway, Apt. 10M - Brooklyn, NY 11235 would like to know who might be selling the Drake SW 8 either new or used; he's aware that both Universal and Grove are still carrying them. He's also interested in the discontinued Van Eric MW-1812 VE loop antenna (see DXN August 16, 1999, p. 30).

*Welcome to these new members* ... Quentin R. Davis WA9WME, Clarksville, IN (rejoins); Gary Erovick, Longview, WA; Jeff Ball, Auburn, IL; Les Rayburn, Helena, AL; Robert Roman, Needham, MA (rejoins); Daniel Bellesfield, Allentown, PA; John Rouse, Bowie, MD; Jerry Spiess, Liberty Cen-

ter, OH; John Keiper, Bedford, PA; Robert Souza, Fresno, CA; Neil Bartlett, Moline, IL; Brent Taylor, Doaktown, New Brunswick (rejoins); Thomas DeGroff, Broadalbin, NY; Gary Wilt, Wood Ridge, NJ; Terry Wilson, Guthrie, OK; Jim Chocklett, Mauldin, SC (rejoins); Kent Plourde, Bristol, CT; David Gardiner, Collingdale, PA (rejoins); Ned Duval, Jr., Houston, TX (rejoins). Welcome all, and for what it's worth, I'm mailing out around 685 DXN's each week, which means that we pretty much have stabilized at just below 700 members for now. Of course, I'd like to see the number climb each week ... and perhaps if more members would request sample DXN's to be sent to prospective nearby members, we'd zip right past 700!



### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 69

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19.	Feb. 8	Feb. 18	25.	April 19	April 29
20.	Feb. 15	Feb. 25	26.	May 10	May 20
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22.	Mar. 1	Mar. 11	28.	July 5	July 15
23.	Mar. 22	April 1	29.	Aug. 2	Aug. 12
24.	April 5	April 15	30.	Sept. 6	Sept. 16

### DX Time Machine

#### From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 9, 1952 DXN: Charlie Conley, Lemoyne, PA reported a verie letter from KURV-710, Edinburg, TX, stating that "...Such reports from you radio club members are always welcome"; a map of Texas was enclosed.

25 years ago ... from the February 14, 1977 DXN: Gene Nix, Billings, MT logged the 1180 VOA station from Marathon, FL on January 23 at 0626, indicating that KOFI was off the air and WHAM was inaudible. However, he indicated that his best catches for the season were KORI-650 and WTIC-1080.

10 years ago ... from the February 10, 1992 DXN: Bill Hale was to take over DDXD-West from Wayne Heinen, pending his own future location as well as the location of applications for DDXD-East, and Wayne Heinen volunteered to put the NRC Log together. Bill also reported having 22 reports to edit for DDXD-East.

# AM Switch

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**Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and Listeners**

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call                      New call  
1580 WTVC PR Morovis WMTI

Note: It appears that WMTI was granted WTVC on 1/3/02 and then requested a return to WMTI which was granted on 1/17/02; we're not sure if WTVC was ever used on the air on 1580.

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

750 NV Fallon: 10000/280 U1 (10000 CH)  
1230 TN Harriman: 1000/1000 U1  
1340 WV Welch: 1000/250 U1

Note: All of these compete with existing applications

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

960 FL Golden Gate: 250/250 U1

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

620 WSNJ NJ Newark: amend application to show 3000/7600 U4  
630 WDGW WI Hudson: amend application to show 8200/8200 U4 (would include a transmitter site move over 20 miles west)  
1560 WINV FL Inverness: amend CP to show 5000 (4100 CH) D1 (no mention made of city of license change this time)

## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

710 KUET AZ Black Canyon: 22000/3900 U4  
1220 WJUN PA Mexico: 1000/40 U1  
1230 KYPA CA Los Angeles: 540/540 U1  
1400 WPAY OH Portsmouth: relocate transmitter, taller antenna  
1450 WSMG TN Greenville: 670/670 U1

## OTHERNESS

550 WKNJ NJ Lakeside: as noted in Issue 14 the FCC dismissed numerous requests for CP extensions which effectively killed this CP; now, the licensee has filed another application seeking a review of this dismissal - so stay tuned  
1220 WABF AL Fairhope: CP for 1000/4 U1 is on  
1600 KVRI WA Blaine: CP for 50000/10000 U4 is on

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny and Les Johnson  
73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

*Jerry & BKF*

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# Domestic DX Digest

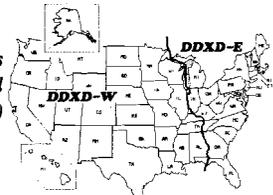
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(Division line is between East and Central time zones)



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

## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Comments: "Conditions are still fairly good but noisy. Managed to get more new ones so I cannot complain. Snowy cold weather making for more DX time as going out is not a great idea. Must be winter in Manitoba. Once weather gets a bit warmer hoping to go out to the Valhalla DX site for some real DXING" -- SA-MB
- Not a lot going on around the old bunkhouse, so let's get with it!! CU in another 7.

### REPORTERS

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GH-NY George Holland Latham unID help  
JJR-WI John J. Rieger South Milwaukee lcom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp <johnrieger@webtv.net>  
KR-AZ Kevin Redding Mesa Sony ICF-2010 barefoot <amfntvdx@qwest.net>  
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MS-CA Mike Sanburn Bellflower GE Superadio II  
MS-MB Morris Sorensen Winnipeg Drake R8 + Quantum QX Pro loop; DX-392 barefoot  
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Ed.-TX Editor North Richland Hills

### STATION NEWS & NOTES

1190 KDAO IA Marshalltown - 1/24 - Has begun 24-hour broadcasting after receiving FCC approval for 20 Watts night power. The station also has a PSRA for 250 Watts. (Upper Midwest Broadcasting)  
1280 KUYL CA Stockton - 1/27 - Format change; now AM 1280 *The Lighthouse*, with contemporary Christian. No call change. Ex: // 1360 KFIV. (RT-CA)

### UNIDs and UNID HELP

680 UNID ?? - 1/22 1400 - Playing oldies, during midday reception. KNBR easily nulled. (MR-UT)  
810 WGY NY Albany - Mike Riordan's unID in Issue 15 could be this. They carry *Art Bell* 0100-0500 ELT, per PD Greg Foster. (GH-NY)  
1470 UNID ?? 1/25 0724 - Possibly WKLZ Kalamazoo; very poor. Just heard ID sounding like WQSN. Per older NRC logs, WKLZ used to rebroadcast WQSN and according to Kalamazoo DXER Any Robbins, they still have the same owner and may still do so at times. He is checking for me. (MS-MB)

AM **WSVL** FM 97.1  
1520 "Giant of the Blue River Valley"  
SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA 46176

### MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT ELT

550 CKPG BC Prince George - 1/28 0906 - After hearing CBK completely dominating 540 - no usual X-Bach - I tuned to 550 for the top of hour IDs. A jumble, but mentions of a one day teacher walkout in British Columbia shhdcheduled (not skeduled), weather temps in BC, and a clear CKPG ID at 0906 means a completely new one heard! Next morning, Bakersfield dominated. (RT-CA)  
580 KFXD ID Boise - 1/30 0648 - With ID, then the famous words by *Conway Twitty: Hello, Darlin'*. Another ID and promo with *I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool*. (KR-AZ)  
580 WTCM MI Traverse City - 1/26 0645 - Fair, and alone, with promo and ads. (JJR-WI)

- 610 KDAL MN Duluth - 1/28 1751 - Fair, with end of sports from KBJR TV 6 into stocks. (JJR-WI)
- 610 KOJM MT Havre - 1/29 2000 - Fair, with slogan Montana's News Leader, weather, and ID as KOJM, Havre. (MS-MB)
- 660 KBHR MN Sauk Rapids - 1/28 1748 - Fair, and alone, with Fox Sports promos. No WFAN. (JJR-WI)
- 700 KWLW UT Salt Lake City - 1/30 1112 - Playing Elizabeth by the Oak Ridge Boys, Here at the Big 700, we're pumping out fifty-thousand watts of pure classic country! It'll make your fillings hum! A little daytime stuff. (KR-AZ)
- 710 WFNR VA Blacksburg - 1/26 0800 - Fair, with Sporting News Radio, ID, CBS News. ID as: The N is for News! (JJR-WI)
- 750 CJVR SK Melfort - 1/30 0836 - Gal with weather; current temp a tepid thirty-five below zero, spot for seed spreader, then Farm News. Good signal; alone on frequency. (JW-CO)
- 770 KAAM TX Garland - 1/25 0853 - NOS music, cruise ad, Legends 77 slogans. Legal ID at 0905 after a medley of patriotic songs: (spoken) You're listening to one of America's great radio stations - (sung) . . . in the morning KAAM Garland-Dallas, then more music. Fair in KKOB null. Last heard as KPBC. (JW-CO)
- 800 CHAB SK Moose Jaw - 1/26 0724 - Fair and alone, with Country 800 and promo. (JJR-WI)
- 850 KEYH TX Houston - 1/27 0701 - Good, loud in SS, with EE ID. (JJR-WI)
- 880 CKLQ MB Brandon - 1/26 0720 - Fair - no WCBS, with promo and C&W. (JJR-WI)
- 970 WNIV GA Atlanta - 1/27 0830 - Poor, but alone, with calls and program notes. REL. (JJR-WI)
- 970 WGTK KY Louisville - 1/27 0915 - Poor, in WHA null, with News Talk 970 WGTK. (JJR-WI)
- 980 CJME SK Regina - 1/28 0905 - News, One Hundred Dollar News Tip promo (call 546-NEWS), seed corn ad, and weather. Similar fare on 1/30 at 1005 with Marie Taylor announcing a brisk minus 34 temperature. Ads were followed by John Gormley talk show at 1008. Daily here, fair-to-good. Is anything going to replace CJME on 1300? (JW-CO)
- 1000 KTOK OK Oklahoma City - 1/24 2100 - Fair, with ad for Bob Moore Pontiac-Buick and ID as News Talk Radio 1000, KTOK, Oklahoma City. (MS-MB)
- 1110 WSLV TN Ardmore - 1/26 0706 - Poor, with local ad, C&W. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- 1130 WBBR NY New York - 1/27 0827 - Poor, with local WISN nulled, with weather, Bloomberg mentions. (JJR-WI)
- 1160 KSL UT Salt Lake City - 1/30 1105 - News and ID. Then talk about the expense of the Olympics. Very rare in the daytime. (KR-AZ)
- 1220 CHSC ON St. Catharines - 1/21 2100 - Good signal, with Radio Punjab programming. Talk, music and One Evening With A Prayer program. Not usual Oldies programming. (SA-MB)
- 1240 KTHE WY Thermopolis - 1/20 2159 - Simple ID, followed by ABC News. Weather at 2203, ending with You're weather-wise on KTHE, then disappeared into the muck. (JW-CO)
- 1260 KWYR SD Winner - 1/26 0749 - Very good at 30/9! Long forecast for South Dakota: s-n-o-w! Country 1260 slogan and ads. (JJR-WI)
- 1270 WKBF IL Rock Island - 1/22 2324 - Fair, with long range weather, call letter ID, nostalgia. Announcer said . . . check us out at WKBF dot com. (MS-MB)
- 1270 KRVT OK Claremore - 1/17 1757 - With movie tunes. ID at 1759:54: Ed Graham with more great songs and great memories on The River KRVT Claremore-Tulsa, then CNN News. Fair, with KBNO-1280 slop. Still there past 1830 (Tulsa sunset), with no discernible drop in signal. Should have dropped from 1000 to 26 watts. Ditto an hour later. (JW-CO)
- 1340 KCBL CA Fresno - 1/28 2055 - Sporting News Radio heard in jumble, sat on this to hear . . . from The Ball Sportsradio Weathercenter, and ToH call IDs for KCBL Fresno and KVBL Visalia. New from Davis. (RT-CA)
- 1340 KTMM CO Grand Junction - 1/31 0900 - ToH KTMM ID and The Team slogan. Fox

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- 1340 KWOR WY Worland - 1/24 2014 - Poor, with oldies and ID mentioning Great oldies on AM-1340, KWOR. (MS-MB)
- 1360 WGFA IL Watseka - 1/28 1835 - Poor, with calls and NOS, in WGEE null. (JJR-WI)
- 1380 KLPZ AZ Parker - 1/30 0610 - Weather for Parker and Bullhead City. Then ID at 0612 and a bluegrass version of Heaven Let Your Light Shine Down. It was really weird not hearing it done by Live, but it was OK. No sign of usual-dominant KHEY. (KR-AZ)
- 1400 KKTL WY Casper - 1/26 0805 - Poor signal, in a mess, with full ID. NEW! (SA-MB)
- 1450 KNOT AZ Prescott - 1/27 0740 - Playing NOS music, in a big mess from three of the Arizona 1450 stations. First playing Skylark, then Winchester Cathedral. (KR-AZ)
- 1450 KVSL AZ Show Low - 1/27 0752 - With a business program talking about money market funds. (KR-AZ)
- 1450 KTZR AZ Tucson - 1/27 0746 - With SS programming with an ad for a Tucson car dealer then playing Ranchera. Interference from another SS station, probably from Douglas, Arizona. (KR-AZ)
- 1460 KLTC ND Dickinson - 1/28 0312 - The new home of the legends of country, you're listening to Dave Love, 1460, KLTC. (PG-CO)
- 1480 WIOS MI Tawas City-East Tawas - 1/23 2325 - Poor briefly, with . . . on 1480, WIOS. (MS-MB)
- 1490 KZZZ AZ Bullhead City - 1/30 0530 - Becoming dominant with ID: KAAA 1230 Kingman, KZZZ 1490 Bullhead City. Spot for a sleep-aid product then into talk show. Soon lost to KMET. (MS-CA)
- 1540 WSMI IL Litchfield - 1/26 0840 - Fair signal, with sports scores and Litchfield ads. (SA-MB)
- 1600 WZZW WV Wheeling - 1/26 0811 - Fair, with AM 1420 and 1600, Joy Radio. Overtaking WMHG. (JJR-WI)

**GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE**

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

**1340 kHz:**

KTMM	CO	Grand Junction	Art Blair	Folsom, CA	<b>Miles</b> *676
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**DDXD-East  
REPORTERS**



- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonics RF-2200; RFB-45.
- SC IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft Ewe antennas east and southwest.
- PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
- GHD-WV G. Harley DeLeurere, Hendricks - Station Address Change.
- MD-MA Marc DeLorenzo, Auburndale - JRC NRD-525 & Quantum Loop
- RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Car radio and whip.
- JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - Drake R8-B, pair of 135' terminated wires, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
- HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Superadio II.
- DH-NJ David Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa Pocket Loop.
- RJ-NC Russ Johnson, Lexington - CC Radio Plus, Palstar R30C Quantum Loop, Phased Longwires.
- WM-MD William McGuire, Cheverly - DX-398.
- BDM-ON Barry McLarnon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.
- NW-ON Niel Wolfish, Coe Hill - AOR AR-7030+, pennant antenna aimed at Europe with Ken Alexander-modified homebrew Vactrol termination system, and a 500 ft beverage aimed south at 170 degrees on a course walked by Tim Flannery.

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

1510 WWZN MA Boston - 1 Van de Graaff Drive, Suite 300, Burlington, MA 01803; 781-221-7878. (GHD-WV)

## DX TEST

1290 **WNRI RI Providence** - 1/20 0007 - Continuous Morse code loop: "WNRI (x3) PROVIDENCE RI 1290 KHZ WNRI (x3)", peaking well at times and heard more or less continuously, in mix with CJBK, WKNE and others. New. (BDM-ON)

## UNID, UNID HELP, PRESUMED AND CORRECTIONS

590p **WEZE MA Boston** - 1/22 2345 - poor to fair under WARM and WLVA. Carrying nationally syndicated religious talk and news; gave Focus on the Family website and ran USA network news at top of hour. Missed an ID at top of hour, if any, but programming fits WEZE. New but unconfirmed. (DH-NJ)

590 **UNID** - 1/26 1649 - C&W music heard under CJCL-Toronto and CKRS-Jonquière. (NW-ON)

680 **UNID** - 1/23 0620 - SS, Cuban-sounding mx, guitars, brass behind. Possibly PR, Cuba Florida or Michigan if the latter does SS? (RJE-PA)

690 **UNID** - 1/26 1819 - Health Line program. (NW-ON)

720 **CHTnp PE Charlottetown** - 1/28 1750 w/ Rock oldies from 1960's, several segued well o/WGN. (RJE-PA)

730 **UNID** - 1/26 1601 - St. Francis College Terriers vs. Robert Morris University Colonials basketball (91-78 final). Commercial for Falcon Auto Sales. Does WPIT ever carry sports? (NW-ON)

760 **UNID** - 1/23 0635 - SS talk sometimes clobbering WJR. Possibly FL, PR, Cuba. (RJE-PA)

810 **CJVAp NB Caraquet** - 1/28 1732 - strong FF talk mixing w/ WGY. (RJE-PA)

810 **UNID** - 1/28 1732 - Soft contemporary Christian vocals in English mixing with WGY, CJVA. Only thing looks close is WTHV-GA (RJE-PA)

840 **KTICp NE Westpoint** - 1/26 1811 - Tuned in during an ad for a business in Oakland, NE. Followed by an UNID country song. Briefly heard in a rather fadey WHAS null. (RCP-IN)

900 **UNID** - 1/26 1547 - opera program mixing with CKDH-Amherst NS and CHML-Hamilton ON. I wonder if this might have been the Texaco Metropolitan Opera broadcast like WQXR-New York used to carry. If so, perhaps this was WMVU-Nashua NH, which is listed as being on the Metropolitan Opera network? (NW-ON)

1020 **WRIXp SC Homeland Park** - 1/25 1742 - southern gospel music in KDKA null. (WM-MD)

1050 **WEVDp NY New York** - 1/23 1746 - A promo heard "Listen to Mike in the morning on ESPN Radio New York". Very poor signal briefly rose out of the mud. (RCP-IN)

1060 **UNID** - 1/26 1622 - under KYW-Philadelphia with infomercial for Focus Factor. (NW-ON)

1080 **UNID** - 1/28 1708 - Low-cycle het against WTIC & WOKU. Disappeared right at 1715. Could be either WKBY-VA or needed WWNL-PA (RJE-PA)

1090 **UNID** - 1/23 0640 - Country - mix of current and more traditional but not the really older stuff. 2 possible in TN, 1 in GA, my money's on WJKM-TN which has been known to go AN. (RJE-PA)

1090 **UNID** - 1/28 1805 - SRN nx, followed by conservative phone-talk, likely syndicated. No local ID's heard. KAAV-AR is shown as USA. Might this be KXEO-MO? (RJE-PA)

1140 **UNID** - 1/28 1723 - C&W mixing with WRVA. Heard a mention of an FM ending in 7.3, but alas, the only two likely stations both fit - WRLV-KY or WXLZ-VA. (RJE-PA)

1360 **WCKYp OH Cincinnati** - 1/18 2300 - Fox sports network. (WM-MD)

1380 **WKJvp NC Asheville** - 1/29 0815 - Presumed, w/birthday announcements and Krispy Kreme Donuts' giveaway. Mentioned. Towns of Hendersonville, Fletcher and the Spartanburg Hwy. Gospel programming. Good signal. (HJH-PA)

1470 **WJDY MD Salisbury** - 1/21 1710 - Radio Disney. (WM-MD)

1480 **WBBPp TN Memphis** - 1/27 1900 - Two PSAs; "your gospel connection"; gospel format. (WM-MD)

1520 **WQCTp OH Bryan** - 1/25 0900 - MOYL standards, W??T ID, into ABC news, fair in mess with WWKB and others. (BDM-ON)

1560 **WGLBp WI Port Washington** - 1/25 0855 - Just caught a "GLB radio" in a mess of sta-

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tions. Propagation to that area (e.g., WAUK-1510) was exceptional at the time. New. (BDM-ON)

1570 **UNID** - 1/25 1840 - Latin American music and several non-IDs as "The Latin Explosion" and then I tuned away; Heard an ad for Mohawk Diary store in Amsterdam a few minutes later which makes me wonder if this might have been WBUG-Amsterdam; fair with WANR-Warren OH (NW-ON)

**wanl**

**The Friendly Giant**

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## STATION LOGGINGS

540 **WDMV MD Pocomoke City** - 1/17 2010 - high school basketball game; ID. (WM-MD)

**WFLF FL Pine Hills** - 1/21 1820 - Dr. Laura program. Station ID at commercial break, "WFLF". (RJ-NC)

**WWCS PA Canonsburg** - 1/26 1110 - under CBEF-Windsor with Radio Disney programming // to WQEW-New York. (NW-ON)

550 **WAYR FL Orange Park** - 1/21 1945 - alone at times on west wire with end of Tony Evans Program, ID "WAYR, Orange Park, Florida, 'Way Radio' time is 8 o'clock". New! (JF-ON)

**WKRC OH Cincinnati** - 1/22 1740 - ads for Winchester Billiards and lendingtree.com; ID "55-KRC". (WM-MD)

**WGR NY Buffalo** - 1/25 1842 - ad for Hamburg Toyota; "all sports all the time"; ID. (WM-MD)

560 **WGAI NC Elizabeth City** - 1/17 2200 - promo for Rush Limbaugh show; "Newsradio 560" ID. (WM-MD)

580 **WHP PA Harrisburg** - 1/26 2100 - ad for Bobby Rehal Ford; ID; ABC news. (WM-MD)

590 **CJCL ON Toronto** - 1/24 0400 - Sports talk about Indy's new football coach: ID "The Sports Radio The Fan 590". Then story about the Nicks and Raptors. (SC-IN)

**WMBS PA Uniontown** - 1/24 0759 - Morning guy going over list of celebrity birthdays (Aaron Neville, Neil Diamond, etc.). "And that's it for this Thursday on WMBS and world news is next". (SC-IN)

610 **WTVN OH Columbus** - 1/22 1715 - weather forecast and ID. (WM-MD)

620 **WZON ME Bangor** - 1/25 2018 - University of Maine Black Bears hockey, ID as "The Sports Zone WZON". On top of WHEN. (NW-ON)

630 **WPRO RI Providence** - 1/26 0946 - Pet Care Program. Over CFCO, CHLT and an unidentified station with C&W (CFCY?). (NW-ON)

**WMAL DC Washington** - 1/28 2215-2245 - excellent under/over WPRO. Carrying Charlie Warren show, apparently a local talk show. Ad for local TV coverage of NHL All-Star game at 2220, jingle ID at 2233, followed by talk about American University. New. (DH-NJ)

640 **WWJZ NJ Mount Holly** - Radio Disney; ID. (WM-MD)

650 **CBF3 QC Label-sur-Quévillon** - 1/25 2021 - Under WSM with CBC French programming parallel to 540-CBEF and 860-CJBC. Not expecting to find this. Nothing else listed on CBC's website as being on 650. Presumably, this would have also been parallel to 690 if CBF was still on 690. (NW-ON)

680 **WRKO MA Boston** - 1/26 1001 - With traffic report and mention of Harvard Bookstore. Under a considerably reduced CFTR-Toronto on pennant antenna. (NW-ON)

**WPTF NC Raleigh** - 1/27 2200 - ID into news and Gary Puckett & the Union Gap song. (WM-MD)

690 **WZAP VA Bristol** - 1/22 1730 - end of bible program; ID; USA Radio news. (WM-MD)

720 **WWII PA Shiremanstown** - 1/26 1042 - "Gospel Greats" program. Local spots for businesses in Lebanon, New Providence, Mainheim and a dinner theatre in Berks County. Alone (no WGN-Chicago) on south wire. (NW-ON)

730 **WFMC NC Goldsboro** - 1/16 1822 - Fair and alone on channel with ID "You picked the right place for morning (sic) inspiration on AM-730 WFMC, the...of gospel music." (MD-MA)

**CKDM MB Dauphin** - 1/23 0025 - Out of country song into ID: "You're locked to the heartland's best music 730 CKDM" and into another song. Good signal. (SC-IN)

**KWRE MO Warrenton** - 1/23 0703 - Very weak: "This is a Casper Broadcasting news update, good morning I'm ?..? reporting for KWRE.". (SC-IN)

**WJMT WI Merrill** - 1/23 0728 - "Wrestling tomorrow night at Merrill ?? (a location in Merrill) and presented by WJMT." Weak. (SC-IN)

- WKDL VA Alexandria - 1/26 0930 - lengthy "Radio Capital" jingle, ranchero style music. On top of CKAC-Montreal on south wire. (NW-ON)
- 740 WJJB MA Cambridge - 1/26 1607 - ID after "Mack The Knife". With CHCM-Morristown NF and a nulled CHWO-Toronto. (NW-ON)
- 750 WWKK MI Petoskey - 1/25 2041 - commercials for Cherryland Propane and Great Lakes Energy Gas Services; ID as "K-O-O-L 750", which always momentarily peaks one's curiosity; on top of WSB. (NW-ON)
- WAUG NC New Hope - 1/29 1700 - Religion heard behind partially nulled WBMD-MD, but not readable until WBMD sign-off at 2251. ... News hour, 7-50 AM, WAUG. It's 17 minutes after ... and our weather forecast tonight: partly cloudy, continued unseasonably warm". (PC-VA)
- 760 WMEN TN Knoxville - 1/22 1732 - W/ talk, Local ad, PSA, ID. New. (RJE-PA)  
+ 1/24 1744 - fair in WJR null with sign off announcement: "You've been listening to the motivation station, WMEN Knoxville. We're sorry to leave you, but at this time WMEN must conclude its broadcast day... give us 21 minutes a day and we'll change your life, guaranteed". No SSB. (MKB-ON)
- 770 WLWL NC Rockingham - 1/22 1747 - Beach music; ad mentioning Rockingham; "Big Wave 77" ID. (WM-MD)
- 780 WCKB NC Dunn - 1/16 1644 - 3 local ads, wx, ID, & promo. Rare. (RJE-PA)  
WWOL NC Forest City - 1/22 1724 - Ad for Dollar General Store in Spartenburg followed by station ID at 1725. Then another ad string. Very tough in partial WBBM null. (RCP-IN)  
+ 1/22 1725 - listing of local events; ID. (WM-MD)  
+ 1/25 1725 - fair-poor in dogfight with WBBM, ad for Premier Drugs, 101 West Main St. in Spindale, phone 286-3746, into C&W gospel song, then sign off announcement: "This concludes another broadcast day on WWOL Forest City.... Be sure to join us again for the best in gospel music and programming." No SSB. QSLed as WBBO in 1979. (MKB-ON)  
+ 1/26 1149 - ID, spot for a bluegrass concert, followed by country gospel music. (NW-ON)
- WZZX AL Lineville - 1/25 1755 - C & W music in WBBM fade; "real country" ID. (WM-MD)
- WABS VA Arlington - 1/26 1500 - ID, mixing with WWOL. No sign of WBBM or WTME (which is what I was looking for). (NW-ON)
- WTME ME Rumford - 1/26 1553 - finally heard with CNN news and ID mentioning "AM 1240". Mixing with WBBM-Chicago and CFDR Dartmouth NS. (NW-ON)
- 790 WAYY WI Eau Claire - 1/26 1700 - over CIGM with top of hour ID: "News talk 790 WAYY Eau Claire, radio you can depend on" into ABC news. QSLed as WEAQ on CPC test in 1994. (MKB-ON)
- 820 WNYC NY New York - 1/25 2056 - classical music, mention that support for WNYC provided by Hebrew Home For The Aged. Very strong with CHAM reduced considerably on pennant antenna. (NW-ON)
- WWLZ NY Horseheads - 1/26 0742 - Horsemen's Radio Weekly program. Under CHAM. (NW-ON)
- 860 WAMO PA Millvale - 1/17 2253 - PSA; singing ID; call-in talk show w/ mention of Bill Cosby. (WM-MD)
- WOAY WV Oak Hill - 1/27 2255 - excellent and dominant; on day power of 10kw and not legal night power of 11w. Thanks to Rick Kenneally's tip, this one was like falling off a log. New. (DH-NJ)
- 880 KRVN NE Lexington - 1/26 1804 - not new, but a nice surprise over partially nulled WCBS with ad for Odyssey Travel in Lexington, into local weather: "5 minutes past 5 central time, time for the KRVN Weather Watch, this is Gary Brown reporting". (MKB-ON)
- 890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 1/26 0752 - body-slammng WLS (didn't even have to null them) with anti-discrimination PSA from U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, slogan "southwest Virginia's southern gospel connection, this is Joy AM". (MKB-ON)  
+ 1/26 1115 - "Joy AM" with southern gospel. Mixing with a second station carrying a religious program (WFKJ-Cashtown PA?) and WLS-Chicago. (NW-ON)



- 900 CKDH NS Amherst - 1/25 1947 - "Light Rock 900 CKDH" with music by Lionel Ritchie, Whitney Houston and (Canadian) Chantal Kreviazuk. "90 second news update" with Scott McIntosh and the "Sobey's Weatherline"; spot for CKDH Pet Detective sponsored by Real Atlantic Superstore. Fair signal with no sign of CHML (NW-ON)
- WJJB ME Brunswick - 1/26 1538 - intermission in Portland Pirates-St. John's Maple Leafs AHL hockey game; spots for Maine Line Shipping and Red Shield Heating Oil. (NW-ON)
- WFIA KY Louisville - 1/26 1820 - good at times with CHML phased with ID during a break in the Bulldogs Basketball game. (JF-ON)
- 910 KLCN AR Blytheville - 1/20 2000 - "The news station... AM 910 KLCN Blytheville", into AP news, fair in mix. In better at 2030, with "your source for news, sports and weather information, AM 910 KLCN". Obviously on day power. New. (BDM-ON)
- WAVL PA Apollo - 1/21 1715 - "Praise 910 WAVL", s/off with legal ID, virtually alone on the channel. This seems to be the only true daytimer on 910. (BDM-ON)
- WLAT CT New Britain - 1/22 2330 - good under semi-local WSBA. Spanish; IDs frequently as "la Mega." English top of hour ID. New although close. (DH-NJ)
- 930 KOGA NE Ogallala - 1/21 0500 - Partial ID due to weak and choppy signal: "?? source of ?? music KOGA Ogallala" then ABC News. (SC-IN)
- WSLI MS Jackson - 1/21 0604 - Out of ESPN into local ad "Whisper Lake, the most affordable country club in Madison Co. and is located on Highway 463." Searching the web for Whisper Lake and Madison Co. led to Jackson MS. And it is near Highway 463. (SC-IN)
- CBFC NB St. John - 1/25 2112 - "GTO Good Time Oldies 93 CFBC" ID, followed by oldies. On top of WBEN. (NW-ON)
- 940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 1/26 1806 - with weather forecast, ID, commercial for Illinois Lottery and Ann Murray song. Poor on south wire - CINW-Montreal all alone on other antenna. (NW-ON)
- 970 KXTP WI Superior - 1/22 1736 - Radio Disney babble, poor in jumble of stations. Their switch to night power would be at 1745. New. (BDM-ON)
- WESO MA Southbridge - 1/23 2006 - Local news with mentions of Southbridge, "Country 910" non-ID, good over several others. (BDM-ON)
- 1050 WFBL NY Baldwinsville - 1/20 1708 - Very good w/NOS Music. Canned ID during satellite programming. ID as "1050 AM WFBL". (HJH-PA)
- WWGP NC Sanford - 1/26 1834 - "...America's ... replayed on WWGP". Most of the comments before and after were lost in the mush. Supposed to be 161 watts. (PC-VA)
- 1060 WMCL IL McLeansboro - 1/25 2123 - C&W occasionally surfacing above partially nulled KYW; caught voice ID "WMCL" between songs. It's hard to believe that they were using authorized night power of 2 watts. (PC-VA)
- WKNG GA Tallapoosa - 1/26 1800 - sign off and Star Spangled Banner. Poor under KYW. (NW-ON)
- 1070 CBA NB Moncton - 1/27 2213 - With local WIBC in cardoid null, CHOK and WCSZ disappeared for about 2 hours providing a chance for NB. An email reply from James Roy, Exec. Producer for CBC Radio, confirmed the program I heard was "Things You Shouldn't Say Past Midnight" (Pt. 1) on Sunday Showcase. There is a "language advisory" and it is needed! (SC-IN)
- WFLI TN Lookout Mountain - 1/28 0745 - Very weak: "50,000 watts WFLI" and "Here on 1070 WFLI". "It's time for the Calvary Baptist Radio Broadcast, now here is Brother Steve Roberts". (SC-IN)
- WFRF FL Tallahassee - 1/28 0759 - Local announcer: "Turning Point one of the favorite programs here on WFRF Tallahassee Florida" then signal overtaken by WAPI. (SC-IN)
- WAPI AL Birmingham - 1/28 0800 - Faded up quickly for CBS News at 8 AM. "News and Talk Radio 1070 WAPI Birmingham". CBS News, "Mopping up in Afghanistan" with Christopher Glenn. (SC-IN)
- 1080 WOKU WV Hurricane - 1/28 1710 - segued Gospel mx, then "AM Ten-Eighty WOKU". New. (RJE-PA)
- 1100 WCGA GA Woodbine - 1/23 1750 - Michael Medved Program in progress called "Eye on Entertainment". Followed by station ID "If you're listening to Michael Medved



- on the Georgia coast you're listening to News Talk 1100 WCGA". Very good signal almost local like. (RCP-IN)
- WTWN VT Wells River - 1/26 1630 - Star Spangled Banner and sign-off announcement read by woman. Under WTAM-Cleveland. (NW-ON)
- 1110 WNNW NH Salem - 1/25 1800 - wiping out WBT with long string of promos for "La N ("ennnnnnn-ay"), Once-diez". ID in EE "WNNW 1110 Salem" inserted amid the warp-speed SS patter. (MKB-ON)
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**WDEL**  
 2727 Shipley Road  
 Wilmington, Del. 19899
- 1130 WWBF FL Bartow - 1/25 1800 - Music, then "This is the station for good time oldies, AM stereo 11-30, WWBF, Barstow". Into news about the suicide of a former Enron executive, then international news. Soon faded down, perhaps due to LSS power and pattern changeover. WBBR-NY not heard. (PC-VA)
- WASP PA Brownsville - 1/26 0824 - "99..." jingle, oldies by Doobie Brothers, The Association and The Beach Boys; locals spots for businesses Charleroi and the 724 area code. No sign of either WBBR or WDFN. (NW-ON)
- KFAN MN Minneapolis - 1/26 0006 - Fair: Out of ESPN into PSA, "Minnesota's ?? (bird name and bird calling), the haunting call of our state bird." Asking for donations for wildlife preservation. Then signal slipped back into swamp. (SC-IN)
- + 1/26 0902 - noted after WISN faded out with sports talk and "The Fan" slogan, assumed it was only Detroit's "Fan" (WDFN) until I heard Central time check, into talk on the Minnesota Timberwolves with the St. Paul Pioneer Press basketball beat writer. QSLed as WDGY in 1979. (MKB-ON)
- CKWX BC Vancouver - 1/26 0303 - Very weak newscast but was improving at ID: "All news all day all night, this is Vancouver's only 24 hours news, CKWX News." (SC-IN)
- WISN WI Milwaukee - 1/26 0834 - ID and commercial for sales positions at WISN/Clear Channel Communications. (NW-ON)
- + 1/26 0850 - fighting off usual co-dominant pests WDFN and WBBR with "News Talk 1130 WISN" ID, into talk on upcoming consumer electronics show. (MKB-ON)
- 1140 WCJW NY Warsaw - 1/17 1638 - traffic, weather, ID then into "Wichita Lineman". Rare. (RJE-PA)
- 1150 WLOC KY Munfordville - 1/24 1911 - Oldies song heard "My Boyfriends Back". Followed by "Your station for good time oldies, WLOC". Great signal and briefly atop the frequency. (RCP-IN)
- 1160 WYLL IL Chicago - 1/25 1712 - Religious discussion with a Dr. Kaynor (?) about the war in Afghanistan and Muslim attitudes toward the West. Logged as WJJD in 1990, and as WSCR in 1999. (PC-VA)
- 1170 WLGO SC Lexington - 1/25 1715 - gospel music; promo for gospel event; mention of South Carolina; ID. (WM-MD)
- WDIS MA Norfolk - 1/27 0800 - ID and area code 508 phone number heard under WWVA-Wheeling. (NW-ON)
- 1180 WJFF RI Hope Valley - 1/27 0803 - C&W, "Real Country WJFF" jingle. Under WHAM-Rochester. (NW-ON)
- 1210 WSKR LA Denham Springs - 1/23 1809 - Sports talk program in progress called "The Press Box" followed by several ads for Baton Rouge businesses No ID heard I placed a call to the station and the Program Director confirmed it was them. He said they were still on their daytime power. Very good signal, new station for me. (RCP-IN)
- 1230 WHUC NY Hudson - 1/25 2300 - Fair; easy listening instrumental into top of the hour ID, "...on 1230 WHUC Hudson" and network news. (BC-NH)
- 1240 WSY ME Millinocket - 1/25 2350 - Fair; "WSY, North Country 95" and "Your kind of country" network, het from France Bleu on 1242 kHz, WBUR nulled out. (BC-NH)

- WBUR MA West Yarmouth - 1/25 2325 - Fair; The World Today from the BBC World Service parallel 9410 kHz. (BC-NH)
- 1260 CKHJ NB Fredericton - 1/28 1701 - fair-poor over CJYE-1250 slop with C&W song, local weather with high of -3°C, slogan "another 30 minutes of continuous country classics, KHJ". (MKB-ON)
- 1270 WCBC MD Cumberland - 1/27 1815 - ID at end of sports program. (WM-MD)
- 1290 WFBG PA Altoona - 1/26 1854 - ad mentioning Altoona; promo for religious program; ID. (WM-MD)
- 1300 WWCH PA Clarion - 1/26 0805 - Local ads and news with mentions of Clarion and western Pennsylvania, "Radio 13" ID, good over WXRL and slop from my local 1310. New. (BDM-ON)
- WOOD MI Grand Rapids - 1/26 0900 - Very weak "W-O-O-D Grand Rapids" TOH ID, but improved a few minutes later with a "Wood-1300" ID, into a phone-in show (774-2424). New. (BDM-ON)
- 1320 WVGM VA Lynchburg - 1/21 0100 - Jack Aruit ESPN radio show. ID, "You're listening to The Game, WGMN 1240 and WVGM 1320." (RJ-NC)
- WMSR TN Manchester - 1/22 1810 - "the groove" ID; Beatles song. (WM-MD)
- 1340 WYCB DC Washington - 1/26 0100 - Fair; "The spirit of today's gospel, 1340 WYCB Washington DC." (BC-NH)
- WIRY NY Plattsburgh - 1/25 2130 - Fair; Oswego vs. Plattsburgh SUNY hockey play-by-play. (BC-NH)
- 1350 WGPL VA Portsmouth - 1/26 1957 - gospel music; ID. (WM-MD)
- 1380 WNRI RI Woonsocket - 1/23 0723 - ID and talk with the RI Chamber of Commerce Director, fair fadey signal. (HJH-PA)
- 1390 WTJS TN Jackson - 1/20 2330 - Caught part of a promo, ".afternoons here on 1390 WTJS Jackson." (RJ-NC)
- 1400 WDNY NY Dansville - 1/23 1712 - over graveyard mush with ID: "here's the sports on AM 1400 WDNY" into talk on Mount Morris Mustangs and other local high school basketball teams. (MKB-ON)
- 1400 WICK PA Scranton - 1/26 0015 - Fading in nicely with "an Elvis celebration, right here on Good Time Oldies WICK." (BC-NH)
- 1400 WINC VA Winchester - 1/26 0005 - Fair; "You're listening to the right side of the AM dial... AM 1400 WINC" and "It's on the right side of the AM dial... on AM 1400 WINC" with WLLH nulled out. (BC-NH)
- 1420 WKWN GA Trenton - 1/17 2122 - Ad for the Power Zone in Trenton. ID given as "KWN." Song "Dance To the Music." (RJ-NC)
- WACT AL Tuscaloosa - 1/17 2144 - Ad for Smith Chevrolet in Stevenson, AL on Kentucky Ave. \$2002 rebates in 2002. Gospel music. (RJ-NC)
- WKSJ TN Pulaski - 1/17 2200 - "All the oldies, all the time on WKSJ." (RJ-NC)
- WLIS CT Old Saybrook - 1/23 0730 - Fair weak sig. w/ad for "The Harbor News". Dual ID with WMRD-1150. (HJH-PA)
- 1450 WILM DE Wilmington - 1/25 2154 - "Right here on Newsradio 1450 WILM" briefly above the din in lower sideband ECSS mode. (BC-NH)
- WOL DC Washington - 1/25 2125 - Weekend show promos, "WOL, your news/talk network" and "right here on WOL, WOLB" in upper sideband ECSS mode. (BC-NH)
- 1480 WCNS MA Latrobe - 1/17 1937 - "Oldies 1480"; ID. (WM-MD)
- WSAR MA Fall River - 1/21 1649 - on top with promo for Patriots Football. Not too common these days. (JF-ON)
- WDAS PA Philadelphia - 1/26 0750 - Local program. Woman selling herbs, minerals, etc. Some call in testimonials. Sung jingle for WDAB. McDonalds ad. (RJ-NC)
- WPFR IN Terre Haute - 1/27 0853 - poked through WHBC with tail-end of gospel program, announcement by woman: "...when you write, please say you listen right here on WPFR Terre Haute", into SRN news. (MKB-ON)
- 1490 WLOE NC Eden - 1/21 1135 - Community bulletin board. Numerous references to Mayoden, Eden and Rockingham County. Phased WSAT. (RJ-NC)
- WDUR NC Durham - 1/21 1142 - Oldies music. Songs



"Close To You" and "Green Eyed Lady." // 100.7 FM. (RJ-NC)

- WCSS NY Amsterdam - 1/25 2240 - Fair; ID simply as WCSS inserted in nostalgia network feed, over WHAV. (BC-NH)
- 1500 WBRI IN Indianapolis - 1/25 0840 - Religious talk about a ministry, then "tell them you heard it here on WBRI Indianapolis", good, alone on the channel. New. (BDM-ON)
- 1510 WAUK WI Waukesha - 1/25 0850 - Sports talk, at first assumed to be the usual WWZN, but then an ad for a new East Indian restaurant "in the Milwaukee area", good, dominant. (BDM-ON)
- 1520 WRSL KY Stanford - 1/26 1735 - good over WWKB with C&W music to s/off urging listeners to "tune now to our sister station, WXYK on 96.3 for the best in contemporary Christian music". Off at 1741 with no anthem. (JF-ON)
- 1560 WNWN MI Portage - 1/20 1640 - Item about event at Mount Zion church in Kalamazoo, then "keeping you in touch, we're AM 1560 The Touch", into weather forecast, good until overtaken by WQEW. (BDM-ON)
- KKAA SD Aberdeen - 1/26 0924 - Ad for local car dealer, "Country 1560" weather forecast, then "here on Real Country, 1560 K-K-Double-A", into C&W, fair, nearly alone, about two hours after local sunrise! New. (BDM-ON)
- 1570 WGLL IN Auburn - 1/26 1800 - got ID in jumble "WGL, Fort Wayne, WGLL, Auburn". So this one is back on the air // WGL-1250. Ex WIFF for me. (JF-ON)
- 1590 WAIK IL Galesburg - 1/6 1758 - ID heard then into song "My Guy" then disappeared behind Honesdale and Glen Burnie. New. (HJH-PA)
- 1600 WXMY VA Saltville - 1/27 0819 - "Southern Gospel Sunday on 1600 WXMY". Local weather forecast and gospel music. (NW-ON)
- 1710 Pirate NY \_\_\_\_\_ - 1/26 2220 - usual fare of Chassidic music and sermons. Also caught a prayer being sung with a background of children (NW-ON)
- TIS, HAR, MISC.
- 1690 UNID NY \_\_\_\_\_ - 1/25 1846 - Heard an ID that said New York State Highway Advisory Radio and 1690 kHz, but missed call letters. Poor signal under WPTX. With a second unidentified station playing Latin American music. (NW-ON)



# International DX Digest

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

It's not IDXD material, but I'm proud of myself for finally logging a new state: Wyoming on 1630 kHz with "KWY" ID and country music! This one is #45, leaving OR, NM, AZ, AL and HI to go. The last new one (the adjacent state of Vermont) was in 1987. After many years of searching, I finally got WDOT 1390 when I least expected it ... at 10:00 AM local time. At this rate, #46 may arrive in 2017 ... and probably at lunch time.

Jim Trans-Atlantic DX

- 153 ALGERIA Bechar, JAN 26 0111 - Fair with Arabic talk. [Ball-IL]
- 162 FRANCE RFI Allouis, JAN 26 0210 - Fair in french. [Ball-IL] JAN 11 2208-2220+ - presumed, man and woman in FF with rap music. Poor/best in LSB. 2302-2310+ - man in FF with news to 2307, then man and woman in FF. News not // RFI 9805. Almost fair. JAN 12 0309 - man in FF with pop music. Poor. [Frodge-MI] JAN 26 0342 - fair with a radio play in French. [Wolfish-ON]
- 171 MOROCCO Nador, JAN 26 0121 - Fair in French with American pop music. [Ball-IL]
- 183 GERMANY EUROPE 1 Saarlouis, JAN 26 0419 - Good in French. [Ball-IL]
- 189 ICELAND RUV, Gufuskalar JAN 26 0858-0900 - good with woman speaking in Icelandic. ID and news read by man at 0900. [Wolfish-ON] JAN 27 0147 - fair with Nelly Furtado tune. [Wolfish-ON]
- 198 ENGLAND Radio 4 Droitwich, JAN 26 0121- Fair signal but really taking a beating from beacons. New Country #27. [Ball-IL]
- 207 MOROCCO Azilal, JAN 26 0131 - Fair with Arabic under heavy beacon attack. [Ball-IL]
- 252 IRELAND ATLANTIC 252 Clarkstown, JAN 26 0542 - Good with sports fighting it out with Algeria. New Country #28. [Ball-IL]
- 531 ALGERIA Ain-EL-Beida, JAN 17 0354 - Fair with Arabic music // 153. [Ball-IL]
- 621 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN RNE1 synchros, JAN 26 0335 - good with Spanish music then talk by men and woman. [Wolfish-ON]
- 783 MAURITANIA R. Mauritania, Nouakchott, JAN 26 0013- Fair to good // 4845. Woman talking with occasional music breaks. Good at 0055 with man praying. [Wolfish-ON]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN COPE synchros, JAN 26 0015 - two men yakking in Spanish with one guy humming "My Way". Good signal. JAN 27 0147 - man talking on the telephone to a woman. Poor. [Wolfish-ON]
- 855 SPAIN RNE1, JAN 26 2246 - poor with woman and man in Spanish. [Wolfish-ON] JAN 17 0357 - Very poor with Spanish. New Country#26. [Ball-IL]
- 972 LIBYA???? JAN 26 2251 - tentative at with man singing in Arabic. [Wolfish-ON]

Niel speaks: "A few logs for you from this past weekend's DXpedition in Coe Hill, Ontario. I spent more time listening for domestic stuff this past weekend. But it every so often I'd run through all the TA frequencies programmed into the memory to look for hets and wave at Ken Alexander if there was any audio (like Mauritania). Or conversely, he'd wave to grab my attention if he landed on something worthwhile. The Iceland logging from 0900 UTC was made when I heard Harold Sellers wake up and figured I should do the same, assuming it was close to sunrise. It wasn't... I decided I was better off with a few more hours sleep and went back to bed."

Pan-American DX

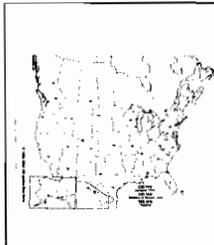
- 530 TURKS & CAICOS IS. Radio Vision Christiana (p), JAN 11 2138-2333+ - woman in SS with pop-style religious music. SIO=433, QRM from Lansing MI TIS. [Frodge-MI]
- 555 ST. KITTS ZIZ Basseterre (p), JAN 12 0636-0655+ - Very bassy Afro-sounding male choral vocals. No announcer between tunes. Stayed up to fair till QSB'd to zilch at 0655. [Frodge-MI] JAN 28 0500-0540 - good, semi-local-like; best I've heard it, and I've had it logged as tentative a couple times. Carrying BBC World Service. Thanks to Gary Wilt for the tip on the NRC listserv. [Hochfelder-NJ]
- 590 CUBA Radio Musical Nacional (p), JAN 11 2334-2342+ - man and woman in SS with lite piano music; "... Música cubano..."; talk regarding Castro & niños. SIO=533/S25. [Frodge-MI]



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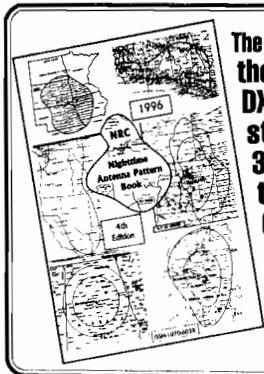
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- 610 MEXICO XEBX Sabinas, Coah. , JAN 27 1304 - Here with local noticias from Coahuila. Used 'B-X' as reference to station. Also noted Mexican National Anthem at 1306, beneath B-X. The best candidate for this second station may be XEGS in Guasave, Sinaloa on the upper West Coast. [Bryant-OK]
- 630 MEXICO XEFB Monterrey, N.L. , JAN 29 1130 - XEFB runs a beautiful Romantica program in the hours before dawn, for those Romantica fans in the Deep Southwest. Especially nice this date from 1100-1200. [Bryant-OK]
- 630 CUBA, Pinar del Rio 1/30 0345-0415 - good to excellent; at times atop a jumble of WPRO and WMAL. Playing light music. Also heard 1/29 at 0500. Both times ID'd as Havana, Cuba. Another Spanish talker underneath but unsure who this is. Although I didn't catch an outlet, I'm assuming it's Pinar del Rio based on a post to the NRC listserv from Bruce Conti. New. [Hochfelder, NJ]
- 640 CUBA Radio Progreso (p), JAN 11 2346-2352+ - man and woman in SS with Cuban vocals; sounds like a club show with crowd noise. QSB'd @2351 and possibly // weak 720. SIO=533+/S35 till QSB. N [Frodge-MI] (Sorry folks, I can't translate "QSB" into a verb since I don't know what QSB means - Jim)
- 670 VENEZUELA Radio Rumbos, JAN 26 0355 - Spanish announcements (news?) with doorbell sound effects. Under WSCR-Chicago and mixing with Cuban Radio Rebelde (which was parallel to 5025). [Wolfish-ON]
- 690 MEXICO XEN Mexico, D.F. , JAN 29 0403 - ID by female announcer caught in recording at 0400 in KGGF phase null. The 'N' was clearly pronounced as English. The second subdominant SS here appears to be XERG in Monterrey, but XEN is usually stronger. [Bryant-OK]
- 690 MEXICO XEMA Fresnillo, ZAC Jan 30 1301 with Fresnillo ads; nice ID at 1302:30 "Desde Fresnillo, Zacatecas, en el centro del pais, transmite XEMA, La Madre de Todas, en el 690 de AM, y ahora con mas potencia - 50000 wats, 50000 wats...Estamos en Avenida Hidalgo numero 316 primer piso, telefono 9373040..." then gave website. An ad cluster for a newspaper, a lumber yard, and a couple of weekend dances followed. Good signal with very little QRM; sounds like the 50000 watts is in effect. [Wilkins-CO] JAN 30 0300 - Finally heard a full legal ID on this station which I now know that I've heard mixing with XEN and XERG for most of the last two seasons in the phase null of near-local pest KGGF, Coffeerville, KS. Their most common form of ID, though is '690 kilocyclos en AH EM-may, EM-may AH, La Madre de Todas!' ['The Mother of Us All'] Their over-night and pre-dawn programming is a mixed bag of SS pops from SS 'covers' of 50s EE rock tunes through romantica to norteña hits, mostly with short IDs as above. Their formal ID states their (somewhat new) power as 50,000 watts twice. [Bryant-OK]
- 690 MEXICO XERG Monterrey, NL , JAN 31 1200 - The 1200 'sign-on' period on 690 is a real circus here in the phase null of KGGF. All-night talk station XEN, Mexico D.F. plays a choral version of the National Anthem followed by about a 90 second canned 'sign-on' announcement interspersed with 7 cock crows. All night pop music station, XEMA, Fresnillo, Zac., plays an instrumental version of the NA anthem AND, XERG (1200-0700), Monterrey, NL also currently plays an instrumental version of the Anthem before signing on with call letters and slogans as 'La R-G' and 'La Deportiva.' These three stations have been noted mixing in the early local evening hours, as well. All three have put in fair to very good signals here at times. Hard to believe that these three powerful stations exist on a single frequency in such a small area. [Bryant-OK]
- 710 MEXICO XEBL Culiacan SIN, JAN 27 0100 - Bottom of hour ID announcing first an FM station call then XEBL. [Redding-AZ]
- 730 MEXICO XEX Mexico, D.F. , JAN 26 1232 - Noted here with good level running a mixed popular music show with multiple IDs as 'La EK-kees'. [Bryant-OK]
- 780 VENEZUELA Radio Coro, JAN 26 0413 - "Radio Coro siete-ochenta ah eme" ID in between two midtempo Latin American tunes. On top of WBBM-Chicago. [Wolfish-ON]
- 820 MEXICO XEMVS Mexicali, BCN , JAN 29 1210 - Followed this in a partial phase null of WBAP, Dallas, from 1210 until 1350, 30 minutes after local dawn here. As noted on other mornings, a the pre-dawn program is a romantica music program hosted by a female announcer. During most of program, music is only interrupted occasionally by a brief mention of the program name as '... Romantica.' Finally, an audible legal ID at 1231 and others at 1255 and 1326. There was only one ad string during the entire 100 minutes. Tough copy all the way, but I finally nailed this one with help from several of the Corazon DX crowd. [Bryant-OK] JAN 25 1348 with raucous XE rock; "Nostalgia 820" slogans, which cer-



- tainly did not fit the music. Also noted Jan 30 about the same time with romantic NOS vocals, slogan "Nostalgia 820, Leyendas de la buena musica". Always excellent here in the morning, seemingly on full power long before Mexicali sunrise. [Wilkins-CO]
- 830 MEXICO XEIK Piedras Negras, Coah. , JAN 26 1235 - Very good in phase null of WCCO, with multiple mentions of 'La Nortanita' slogan. I also noted a second SS signal beneath 'IK.'. [Bryant-OK]
- 870 MEXICO XEAMO(t) Irapuato, Gto , Jan 26 1230 - Believe that this is the station present in the WWL phase null several recent pre-dawns. The station runs almost continuous commentaries as it peaks around 1230. Believe I've heard 'AMO' or 'Amor' and did hear 'en Irapuato' several times during reception on JAN 31. Also, multiple mentions of nearby Jalisco state. Fair to poor signal. [Bryant-OK]
- 1040 MEXICO XEHES Chihuahua, Chih. , JAN 25 1155 - Currently the almost-dominant in the phase null of WHO at local dawn. Regularly runs 1 hour or longer programs from Radio Trans-Mundial (North American SS Trans-World Radio) in the 1100-1200+ time slot. The Trans-Mundial programs close with the RTM office address in Miami repeated twice and a short instrumental segue. On this date, the program closed at 1203 and XEHES gave a full legal ID, followed by the 'Radio Luz' slogan. Some mornings, there is no ID between the close of RTM programming and resumption of local programming. [Bryant-OK]
- 1190 MEXICO XEMBC Mexicali, BCN Jan 30 1359 with call letters given alternately by male & female announcers; not much else readable in the muck. Not real common here. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1200 MEXICO XEYF Hermosillo SON, JAN 27 0515 - with a man and woman in a "talking heads" type program, and no callers. IDs as a Radio Formula station. [Redding-AZ]
- 1290 MEXICO XEQIN San Quintin, BCN Jan 26 1400 "usual" vocal anthem, followed by kids version of NA. Sign-on by gal in SS at 1402, then another gal with sign-on in Indian language, then man in yet another language. Back to SS at 1405. Fair at best in QRM. This distant 2500-watter gets out rather well, never strong but often in there. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1300 MEXICO XESW Ciudad Madera, CHIH Jan 16 0212 with popular XE song "Amandote," then an "XESW, Radio Madera" tag by guy, and a "Radio Madera" by chipmunk, and the rest mostly garbled. Lite music followed; very spotty reception. A new one here, XE #181. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1410 MEXICO XECF Los Mochis SIN, JAN 30 - with ad for "Los Gigantes de Sinaloa" then into a banda song. [Redding-AZ]

#### International News

ARMENIA: The location of the huge transmitting station named Gavar (formerly Kamo) in central Armenia has been confirmed using Soviet military maps now available on the Internet (see: < <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/maps/azerbaijan/K-38-127.jpg>>). The station is located on a point of land protruding into Lake Sevan east of Gavar. This is a piece of flat land in an otherwise mountainous region. The map shows a large number of symbols, each representing one or more antenna masts. The site has several high powered transmitters for LW and MW (and SW) and a number of directional MW (and SW) antennas. Heard LW-MW frequencies are 234, 864, 1314 and 1350. The coordinates of the centre of the site are 40N25, 45E11. The station was built in the late '60s. [Olle Alm, 7.1.2002, via ARC Info-Desk e-mail]

AZERBAIJAN: 1296 The FS of Azerbaijan State Radio is broadcast on Pirsaat 1296 (and Gancä 6110) at 0315-0400, 1100-1600, 1700-1900 in the following languages: 0315-0400 Azerbaijani ("Güney Azärbaycan"); 1100-1200 Persian, 1200-1300 Turkish, 1300-1330 German, 1330-1400 French, 1400-1600 Azerbaijani ("Güney Azärbaycan"); 1700-1800 Arabic, 1800-1830 English, 1830-1900 Russian. At 1600-1700 these freqs relay Relay RL in Azerbaijani. (Azerbaijan State R via Mauno Ritola via Bernd Trutenau, BC-DX 2.1.2002) - Güney Azärbaycan = South Azerbaijan, i.e. Iranian Azerbaijan, apparently the target area of these broadcasts. There are at least three places called Pirsaat (Azerbaijani) or Pirsagat (Russian). The one giving name to the transmitter site is believed to be the town south of Alyat with the radio station located 6 km south of Alyat. The location of the Gancä transmitting station in western Azerbaijan has been found using Soviet military maps now available on the Internet. The site is located some distance south of Gancä, just north of Xanlar (in Russian: Khanlar). This station was often heard on 218/216 kHz relaying Baki programmes until the mid '90s. The coordinates are 40N37, 46E20. The highest tower shown is (was?) 235 m. The station seems to have existed from the early '50s. [Olle Alm via ARC Info-Desk e-mail]

BELARUS: Belaruskaje Radyjo has changed the schedule



for the 2nd Programme on 873/1008/1026/1197 kHz: 0500-2200, Sat/Sun 0600-2200. The daytime relays of R.Mayak from Russia were replaced by own programs and relays of the 1st Programme. Mayak is now relayed only Mon-Fri 2100-2200, Sat 1800-2200, Sun 1900-2200. [Bernad Trutenau-LTU 12.1.2002, in ARC Inf-Desk e-mail]

CHINA: 1134 "Noted 2230 on Dec 20 a presumed NEW, high-powered CNR1 station on 1134. ID's in CC and EE ("China National Radio"), parallel with the other CNR1 stations like 1377, 1359, 981 etc. but even stronger (S9+5 on a non-amplified K9AY). (Bjarne Mjelde, HCDX 21.12.2001) Available information says that this is a US made 1200 kW transmitter. -Olle Alm. [via ARC Info-Desk e-mail]

GUATEMALA: A recent addition to my website is a log of MW stations heard during a visit to Guadalajara in November, 2001. It includes around 75 real audio files. Go to: <http://donmoore.tripod.com/patesounds/mexilog.htm>. Or, just go to the main menu at <http://donmoore.tripod.com/> and click on "What's New". [Don Moore <mooredxer@yahoo.com>]

IRELAND: 252 Atlantic 252 has dropped its dance music format and now carries sample loops of the TeamTalk 252 all sports format that is expected to be launched on 25 February (see <http://www.teamtalk.com>). [Olle Alm in ARC Info-Desk e-mail]

MACEDONIA. Installation of new high-power MW transmitter (Text of report in English by Macedonian state news agency MIA):

Skopje, 28 January: The expert teams from the public enterprise Macedonian Broadcasting started the installation of the mediumwave [810 kHz] transmitter in Ovce Pole on Monday [28 January]. The new transmitter will improve the reception of the Macedonian Radio outside the Macedonian borders, Ljubisa Gjorgjoski, the director of "Macedonian Broadcasting" said on the occasion of the fourth anniversary since the independence of this public enterprise. The transmitter, whose power is 1.2 Megawatts, will become operational by the end of April 2002, and was provided with the financial assistance from France and Germany. The transmitter is produced by the French company Thales. With the installation of the new transmitter in Ovce Pole, the programmes of the Macedonian Radio can be heard in most parts of Europe, North Africa and some parts in the Near East.

MOLDOVA: According to the website of the Moldovan Communications Ministry, the mediumwave transmitters in Chisinau (Codru) and Edinet (but not Cahul) are running on reduced power, after pressure from the health authorities. These txs are located close to settlements, and it is feared that the radiation could cause harm to people living in the neighbourhood. No frequencies mentioned, but the likely frequencies are 873 and 1494 kHz (1494 only Edinet) respectively. [Bernad Trutenau-LTU, 12.1.2002, in ARC Info-Desk e-mail]

TURKMENISTAN: Turkmen R (some info which was found in HABARLAR 2002 14-20.01: "WATAN" radio program 279, 576, 5015, 7115, 24 hrs. "MIRAS" radio program 4930, 576, 104.4 MHz, 3549 MHz (satellite?) 0400-0630, 0900-1400, 1700-2100. "CAR TARAPDAN" radio progr 4930, 576, 104.4 MHz, 3549 MHz (satellite?) 0100-0400, 0700-0900, 1400-1700. All programmes are in Turkmen only. In WRTH 2002 under International Section transmission in English is mentioned but HABARLAR states 1 hr program "Beylik Turkmenbasynyn yurdunda" daily. [Sergey Kolesov-UKR, World DX Club, JAN 29 via Mike Barraclough, in MWC e-mail]

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Europe with Ken Alexander-modified homebrew Vactrol termination system, and a 500 ft beverage aimed south at 170 degrees on a course walked by Tim Flannery. <niel@ican.net>

#### If It's February, It Must Be ...

The following events will most likely result in special programming (e.g local programmes, extended hours of operation etc) from radio stations. This may be of interest to the avid DX'er as it could help you hear or identify interesting new stations. [Does anyone know of an existing web resource like this?] [Steve Whitt, Medium Wave Circle e-mail]

#### FEBRUARY - FEBRUAR - FEBRERO

- 1st-12th Venice carnival, Italy
- 3rd Costa Rica Presidential/Legislative elections
- 4th Independence Day in Sri Lanka
- 4th Hindus celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti
- 7th Independence Day in Grenada
- 9th-12th Carnival, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 11th National Holiday in Iran
- 12th Chinese New Year - 4700
- 12th TET Vietnamese
- 13th LENT starts to March 30th
- 16th Independence Day in Lithuania
- 18th Independence Day in Gambia
- 22nd Independence Day in St. Lucia
- 23rd National Day in Guyana
- 23rd Eid ul Adha is the 3-day Islamic Feast of Sacrifice. It concludes the Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca
- 23rd National Day in Brunei
- 24th Independence Day in Estonian
- 25th National Holiday in Kuwait
- 25th Freedom Day in the Philippines
- 26th Lantern Festival in China to March 1st
- 26th Jews celebrate Purim, in memory of the defeat of a genocide of Jews in Persia
- 27th Independence Day in Dominican Republic



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# DX'er's Notebook

Shared tips, topics, and Internet info

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A bit of a mixed bag this issue, as we take a look at some individual postings to the listserv recently, with topics ranging from the 1926 to the current DX season, with no particular theme in mind other than to pass on some information and ask some questions...

## THE SEASON SO FAR...

**Eric Loy** <eloy@wdws.com>: This AM DX season has been pretty wacky, but productive for me so far. While listening to CKWX-1130 dominate the frequency early this morning (12/27) I shook my head, considering the various areas that have opened up for me this season so far. I started the year with about as many Colombians as Mexicans heard, but that is now WAY the other way after early XE openings. The "660 graveyard" has been productive for a lot of people across the US this season. Honduras was a major surprise, and completed Central America for me. Texas has been huge this time around, and a few Floridians were newly logged. Meanwhile, looking north and west, after many years of being frustrated trying to get BC, CKWX has shown up quite a bit, the best being this morning, AND CFUN was heard as well, confirmed by e-mail. From the north, not quite as productive as last season, but the Toronto airport station on 1280 is one I won't throw back. Straight west, a couple of KFBK-1530 loggings were welcome. Not as regular as CKWX has been, but, hey. Straight east, not as good. Maybe that will open up later.

So here are my targets for the second half of the season:

CBA-1070 (reported in WI a little while ago)

WAPA-680

ID my 910 SS UNID

ID one of my 1020 SS UNIDS

Arizona. Any Arizona.

XETRA-690 why not?

R. Clarin-860

A sign of a TA. Maybe Vatican-1611.

Well, anyway, it would be interesting to see targets for folks from around here and/or other DX areas.



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## 1926

**John Callarman** <JohnCallarman@msn.com>: Here is a real newspaper story I found while doing genealogical research in the microfilm of the weekly Wyoming, Illinois, Post-Herald. This story was published on March 17, 1926, and the headline:

*"Radio Reception Is Bad On Mondays"*

"Predicting radio superminds have been telling Chicago's public that the winter's "magnetic blanket," which has been smothering good reception in this and other areas, has been jerked aside. If it has, somebody must have slipped on another covering.

"Take last Monday night's period of quiet, for example. It is true that all of the locals "stood by" as per their "gentleman's agreement," yet the distant stations just were not there. The "blanket" was still in evidence despite the prediction made more than two weeks ago that it had gone or was almost ready to disappear.

"Weary dial manipulators who searched in vain for a long list of stations had to be satisfied with three or less. Even the powerful output of WJZ just barely pushed through. About the only station that came into Chicago with any degree like the punch that outsiders are supposed to have was WEMC at Berrien Springs, Michigan. His call letters graced almost every listener's log.

"The night was another case where a sharply dropping thermometer had its effect. The temperature finally got down under 20 degrees, carrying a galaxy of signals along with it. In fact observation has shown that cold weather this winter had had a disastrous effect on radio as far as reception is concerned.

"A peculiarity noticeable only on Monday nights again was prevalent. This peculiarity makes itself known by a buzzing which seems to be affected by tuning. Suspicious listeners have been commenting on the cause of this disturbance, but so far no reliable data has been forthcoming."

In the golden days of DX'ing, I guess, DX'ers' problems were made the news.

**Benjamin Dangerfield** <ben-dangerfield@worldnet.att.net>: This would have been at the maxi-

mum peak of the sun spot cycle at that time. Perhaps they didn't know about sun spot cycles back then. But it sure sounds like the conditions we are now experiencing.

## AM DXING IN A VIDEO BAG...A REPORT FROM ABROAD

**Ron Gitschier** <RGITSCHIER@doyle.navy.mil>: Here's what I do when I got to sea with my ship. It works for me pretty well.

I have my DX-398 and a Aiwa AM/FM walkman cassette recorder (dig tuned). I patch my 398 lineout to the MIC input jack with great sounding results! I also have some small 'powered' speakers. And a Sony SRF A1 AM stereo FM stereo radio so I can sample the AM stereo stations still alive. And they're out there.

I take my 8mm video bag, leaving the camera at home, put two speakers in opposite ends of the main compartment. In between the speakers I lay down the Aiwa and SRF-A1 and even a blank cassette or two. On top of that I place my DX-398 and my 4-D cell holder. I like to power my DX-398 with the D-Cell pack I adapted with the proper adapter power plug. I like to use packing tape to secure the power plug, and even tie strap the D cell pack to the back of the 398 which serves as a neat, secure prop-up to angle back the 398. In the side pocket my WRTH 2001 book easily slides in along with a mini PC handheld mic and two patch cords. I like using a long stereo mini plug male to female. Then I dictate my "we're on 540 AM now off of Panama City, Panama at 2PM....." with the mic into the long patch cord female jack that's leading to the Aiwa walkman size radio-cassette recorder. Then I pull out the mic and take my double male stereo mini plug from the DX 398 line out and plug that into the female that leads to the Aiwa. I fear damaging my Aiwa's stereo mic input jack with lots of toggling between mic and DX 398 connected double male patch cord. I use the DX 398 for better audio and reception vice just using the Aiwa HJ470's AM section when taping station IDs or making airchecks. And the FM reception of the DX 398 w/telescopic whip ant blows the Aiwa walkman unit away.

Now with that all said, I plug a pair of Koss 6v internal C-cell speakers already in the video bag into the Aiwa's headphone jack. I'm shying away on depending on headphones for DXing AM. My ears are already on the fritz and I can amp the audio quite adequately between the headphone volume output of the walkman recorder and volume of the Koss speaker set. The C batteries in the speakers last a long time. I also carry a GE SR III with me to use mostly in port. Done DXing? All this packs up neatly and quickly into the video bag and neatly stows in my bed-locker (coffin locker) on the ship, safe and secure from theft.

I listen for stations day or night from sea on the aft end of the ship that we call the flight deck. We carry a helicopter, so sometimes when I'm DXing I have to clear out and strike inside the ship at a moment's notice. Also I don't have a chair or table. That makes it uncomfortable sitting on cleats or chocks used to moor the ship and little place to put down the equipment. The ship could be pitching or rolling, depending on the sea state. I could get sea spray in/on the equipment. Having the bag helps some. Occasionally when I can steal one I grab a chair to take outside; that helps a lot. I got those newfangled fold up chairs to use at my kid's ball games... I'm going to grab one for the second segment of my deployment the next time I go home! Maybe an umbrella to shield myself from the sun which gets pretty intense. All told it's great to be able to DX and log stations (on paper and tape) from different parts of the world being in the US Navy. I am at the tail end of my career and am glad I revived my AM DX hobby in the past couple of years, due in good part by discovering the NRC back a couple of years ago!

## AVIVAMIENTO SPANISH RELIGIOUS NETWORK

**Bruce Conti** <BACONTI@aol.com>: While searching the Internet for Radio Avivamiento, I found this list of licensed and unlicensed stations carrying one of many networks or programs using the Avivamiento name.

California: 9.975 and 17.775 SW (KVOH) "Alta Aventura"

Boston, Massachusetts: 1580 AM "Radio Manantial"

Lawrence, Massachusetts: 99.9 FM "Radio Inspiracion"

Linden, New Jersey: 1620 AM "Radio Vencedor"

New York: 1530 and 1660 (WWRU) AM "Radio Restauracion"

Port Arthur, Texas: 1150 AM, KUHD

Roma, Texas: 97.7 FM, KBMI "Radio Familiar"

## HAITI HELP

**Greg Myers** <tmyers01@tampabay.rr.com>: Does anybody have the "current" address for 4VEH? The 2000 WRTH is totally worthless for ANY info on Haiti- at least that's what I gather. I e-mailed OMS Inter., the organization that operates it, but that has resulted in replies that provide no info as well. I also hear French on 1020 which I presume is Haiti also. I wonder how wrong the address info is for XE stations- which may explain why I get no replies from them either.... or that could be whole different story! TNX in advance for any help.

**99.3 FM**  
**WSFW**  
**1110 AM**

## REMOTE TUNED LOOP

Les Rayburn <lowga@hotmail.com>: Using the new four foot loop last night (Christmas Eve) for the first time. Christmas Party limited my time to just a few minutes... Loop is located about 75 feet from the house, up on a telescoping mast about 35 feet high. Coax carries power and tuning voltage to the pre-amp...allowing me to tune the loop from about 600khz to 1710khz.

It's mounted on a small TV rotor, which works fine. I used a modified MFJ phaser with the 120 foot longwire and the loop last night. I decided to try to null WYDE 850khz, a strong local.

Around 11:30PM last night, I easily was able to null WYDE... revealing a powerful signal underneath. Heard locals ads for "Your Rocky Mountain Ford Dealer" and then later a great ID for KOA, Colorado.

Granted KOA has a huge signal and is no great DX catch... but I have never been able to null WYDE enough to hear it at all here. Last night it was literally arm chair copy.

While having the loop removed from the shack makes it impossible to do azimuth adjustments to deepen nulls...getting it out of the noise field seems to more than make up for the difference.

Can't wait for those West Coast DX Tests!

I may also try re-winding the loop with 10/40 litz wire to see if I can obtain higher "Q" and thus better nulls.

BTW, I used "Liquid Nails" and nylon screw bolts along with cider parts to construct the loop. Everything was varnished with marine coatings to insure good weatherproof performance.

Last six feet of mast is PVC with a varnished wooden dowel inserted for strength. Took all precautions to limit any metal that would distort the nulls.

Can't wait to give it a good test tonight when family activities die down.

Les returned the next day with...More notes on the Remote Tuned Active Loop antenna:

1. The design of the pre-amp and tuning control are indeed based on the varactor designs available at:

<http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/index.html>

I made some minor changes, like adding static protection diodes across the gate of the FET, etc. Nothing major.

The loop design is a clone of the "NRC Loop" made from cedar, and as mentioned using nylon screws, bolts, etc. purchased in the specialty hardware section of my local Lowes.

2. Rewound loop with 10/40 litz wire tonight and found that while the "Q" was sharper, overloading of the varactors occurred much more than when using standard 16 gauge stranded copper wire.

3. Wellbrook Communications in the UK, does indeed make MW loop antennas...however they are broadband and not "tuned" at all. As such, they are poor performers when compared to most any tuned active loop.

4. Further testing revealed that it was possible to get usable nulls on even the most powerful local AM stations. WERC 960 is the most powerful nighttime local here and I could null it enough to allow reception of at least two other stations.

KOA was again very clear here tonight. I was even able to clearly gather it's ID and call in show phone numbers using only the loop and no phasing.

My next step may be to try tuning this loop with a motor driven variable capacitor rather than the varactors. This might allow me to use litz wire in the design without worrying about overloading.

Can someone suggest a "hot list" of split frequency stations that I could test with? I'd like to try logging a few of the easier ones using the loop. A top five candidates from my inland Alabama location would be very helpful.

## LOOP CONSTRUCTION ARTICLE

I'm including this question as I didn't see any response to Fred on the listserv - did anyone tackle this project?

**Fredrick Vobbe** <fredv@nrcdxas.org>: Has anyone built the "Bob Flick" loop, as presented in the Antenna Reference Manual (Vol 1, pg 34)? I'm thinking of building it in another configuration, and would like to compare notes.

The next few items from Patrick Martin relate to various antenna projects he worked on over the last few months, and are interesting in the results he found in his tests:

## IS YOUR COAX ACTUALLY AN ANTENNA?

**Patrick Martin** <mwdxcer@webtv.net>: Per the article done (in DX News Vol. 68, No. 26) by Bill Bowers of Oklahoma. I decided to find out if the 75 feet of RG58/59 was picking up signals. When I disconnected the antenna from the coax, yes I did hear some signals. However when connecting the receiver directly to the antenna through a 3 foot piece of coax (Yes I took the R8 outside), I found no difference in the noise floor or the signal numbers on the S Meter or the directivity of the antennas.



None. KXL-750-Portland OR and KPAM-860-Portland both run 50 kW days. KXL is directional to the West and KPAM in ND. Both run right at S9+20 dB off the 1500 foot Eastern beverage during the day. With 75 feet of coax connected to the receiver inside the house or the three feet using the receiver at the antenna. When connecting the coax to the antenna and the coax to receiver, it kind of neutralizes the signals not in the path of the Eastern Beverage as far as I can tell. Other than the locals, the very weak stuff off from the lobe of the beverage are gone. There is one "big" difference between Oklahoma and the Oregon Coast, the water in the Ground. I find the noise level to be much worse in dry areas like our place in Rancho Mirage CA (1 1/2 inches of rain a year) compared to Seaside (65-100 inches a year).

I was thinking the coax might cause the noise level to increase somewhat, but I could find no difference. The only antenna I did not check was the 400' NNW wire with 150 feet of coax. There is no power over there and I did not want to haul a battery with me to run the R8.

These tests were done on MW (530-1700 kHz). At least here on the Oregon coast I find the coax to be fine in running my antennas. It might be different in a dryer climate.

I did this test for two reasons. The first reason was to find out if my coax was affecting the directivity and noise floor. The second was to see if I was getting any loss in the coax. It has been out there a few years, but only maybe 10 feet is buried. The rest of it runs under the house totally shielded by the metal around the base of the house which is also grounded.

## VERTICAL ANTENNAS

**Patrick Martin:** I have hooked up a 40 foot vertical up in the backyard with a series of Ground rods for a Ground plane. It works pretty good and does throw a lobe mostly to the North for some reason. Any ideas on a loading coil I could wrap to extend the length? Or is it worthwhile? Also has anyone experimented with more than one vertical to phase them to get a directional pattern for receiving? I wonder how they would compare with other antennas?

## LOOP VS OUTDOOR ANTENNA

**Patrick Martin:** One experiment I have not made for a number of years was comparing my box loop to the K9AY, EWE, and beverages. The other day 930-Bellingham, WA (1 kW), at 200+ miles to the NNW changed call letters. In logging them, I tried different combos, antennas to get the best signal. I finally found a combo using the 40 foot vertical with the NNW beverage to get the best signal during the day. It was OK, about S3 or 4. I thought I would try the loop, and not a peep out of them, just barely a het on 930 during the day. I tried other frequencies and I found if I did not have my outdoor antennas, I would not hear half of what I do during the day. At night, who knows? The phased antennas, beverages, etc all out do the loop.

## EWE ANTENNA

**Patrick Martin:** As many of you know I have replaced my old EWE antenna with a new one. I had to, as the old one came down after 20 years, and there was an electric fence between me and the old end (termination) of the old EWE's location. I found I could not run one exactly the same direction as before. My old one ran SW/NE with the lobe to the SW. The new one runs WSW/ENE, with the lobe to the WSW. The vertical sections are at an angle a bit more than I like, but at least I have improved on them. Little by little I have been working, trying to get the old pattern back. I have been getting close, very close. I tried a counterpoise between the two grounds (the one at the termination (5 copper rods) and the one on the coax end (4 ground rods). That helped a bit but I was getting too much background noise for some reason. I ran into to an interesting situation the other day. While I was trying different combos of hooking in a counterpoise I tried hooking the ground from the coax end over to the hot lead on my 40 foot vertical. The pattern improved a bit more. Not a big difference, but it works better. The nulls on 630 (KCIS-Edmonds, WA), leaving KWRO-Coquille OR in the clear are pretty good now. The null on KGNW-820-Seattle is not quite a good as before. Close, but not quite there. I can knock it down to 3-4 S Units, but not completely out, to hear KORC-Waltport, OR in the clear. The K9AY antenna does a bit better on that. But 1030 has KLLU-Reedsport in the clear with Shelton, WA way behind, if I hear it all.

I am really a "nit picker" when it comes to my antennas. I try for perfection. I know I will not get that, but I get a close as possible and then some. hi.

With TP/DU conditions so poor so far this early Fall, I think I have been expecting too much. I am spoiled after years of excellent DX and conditions.

I have come to the conclusion that both the K9AY & EWE and indeed working, but until conditions improve the best antenna in the World wont do a whole lot. What can I do to improve that? Humnnn...

I have information on propagation, interference sources, antennae, and yet more on receivers waiting for upcoming columns. Hope to see you then.



**Expiring? Time to renew? Not sure when? Need to call or e-mail someone? Check the back page - it's all right there!**

# Musings

## of the Members

Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

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I was delighted to see my name mentioned in your column a couple of issues ago. You sure know how to draw people out, you sneaky devil. In fact, however, I have a developing story that may entice some members to consider moving to a retirement community such as we have in central Florida where I live. This is a town of about 16,000 and we have folks moving in as young as 55 years old. Our middle age bracket is 72 years old. While that may sound old to some readers, let me tell you that the alternative to growing old is not good, so we just let it happen. The best part of living here is the neighborhood. We have all retired from some type of endeavor and, quite understandably, we have a number of ex-broadcasters now living here. Rosa Rio, who was the premier soap opera organist during the 1930s and 40s is a frequent performer. And most recently, Ed Brown, a well known producer in those days, got a few of us together to reenact a full radio broadcast — complete with commercial interruption — to a packed room. We were the entertainment at an anniversary dinner for two of our residents celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The only differences in the way we did it and the way we used to do it way back when, was the use of an iMac for the sound effects! We used a couple of my older ribbon microphones (RCA 44BX and 77D) and two Shure mics from the old Mutual Network days. Let me tell you, Casablanca never sounded so good! And no, recordings of our production were immediately burned. We ran 18 seconds long! Can you imagine what that would have done to net control 60 years ago? More later. (Thanks John, I knew I could count on you!-DWS)

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Hi Everyone!!! After having been out of the DX and radio business for a few years due to medical probs I'm back....now working as engineer/announcer for WVCH Chester (Philadelphia). Before WVCH I had the pleasure of working with Ye Olde Musings Editor at WFBS Berwick Pa where I was News Director and backed up the amazing DAVE SCHMIDT when he wasn't able to make it to Berwick. I am a transplanted Rhode Islander, having worked as DJ and engineer at many stations in RI and Boston/SE Mass before moving to PA. This week marks my 25th year in broadcasting..having started at the late WERI (now WXNI) Westerly RI in 1977. I'm loving it here.. am divorced with a 16 yr old daughter and 14 yr old son....and have been dating a wonderful lady from the Philly northern suburb of Oreland for over 2 yrs. (This is proof that arm bending really does work; I kept telling Dave "you should rejoin"....and he did! Glad to have you back Dave and keep in touch with us!-DWS)

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My DXing hobby began at 14 by tuning down from WLS to hear WWL-870 and KOA-850. At that time (1970), WLS and WCFL were the Top 40 favorites! Finding the first issue of *Communications World* on the newsstand a month later provided the first list of AM stations and info about clubs and verifications. I missed the NRC convention in Pittsburgh, and I was there in late August as part of my "Art Summer" tour of museums and galleries in the east. (I did Radio Summer too—in 1972!) On another road trip to Colorado and Nebraska in June I was encouraged to hear more stations with local programming. Not everybody's on the satellite, but I'm still hearing a lot of AM stations running the audio of local TV newscasts. Recent DX has been light, but I did get a few new X-banders (KWHN-1650, KRJO-1680 and KXTR-1660). Also, there's a new TIS in town on 1650, providing traffic info for Lake Shore Drive motorists from a downtown location. I haven't heard them here yet, but heard it from the northern end of LSD and about two miles inland on 12/30. The biggest radio-related project in some time here was the creation of databases for BCB domestic, foreign, shortwave, TV and FM loggings in Microsoft Access. This was accomplished mostly by converting word processing files into text files, and then importing them into Access. In September, the hard drive on my computer crashed and I lost the whole thing! But I had made copies of the data in Excel files on a disk so the databases were easy to re-create. Another current interest is determining transmitter site locations and changes. I hope everyone has a great 2002! (And thanks for your report too, Karl!-DWS)

**Rick Kenneally**

It has been almost year since I re-started DXing and re-joined the NRC, so a musing is long overdue.

I'm the lucky father of two little girls, and I live and work in southwest Connecticut. While in high school in Cincinnati back in 1978 I heard PJB-800 in Bonaire, Netherland Antilles, on my all-in-one Panasonic stereo, and I've been hooked on AM DXing ever since. From Cincinnati I logged 1100+ in 43 states and 41 countries before moving east. Back then, I relied on a Hammarlund HQ-180 and a Realistic DX-160, both of which I still have stored away. After college, I DXed sporadically from New York City and the metro area, logging about 450 stations before the demands of a new family caused a multi-year pause in all hobbies. But along the way, I collected a pair of Sony 2010 portables that have served me very well. I now DX from a reasonably quiet, wooded lot that borders a very large tract of undeveloped swamp land. Currently I've got a 1100' terminated Beverage pointed south and, when/if my swamp freezes over and can be crossed, I'll have a similar east-facing wire. Thanks to an article from Steve Byan and input from Mark Connelly, I hope to have a remote-controlled termination scheme working on both Beverages. But the pleasures and demands of a young family take priority, so this antenna work proceeds very slowly. Actual DXing time is also limited, so I tend to rely heavily on timer-automated recordings that I then review while commuting. All loggings are taped, and the tapes are archived. Well, I've rambled enough for this installment. Good DX to all. (Thanks, Rich, for checking in with us!-DWS)

## FCC Asks Broadcaster, Power Company To Help Cure Weird Interference

From The ARRL Letter, Vol 21, No 01; via Wayne Heinen

The FCC has written a Cincinnati AM radio station and the electric utility serving that region to help resolve an unusual and longstanding interference situation affecting local amateurs. Sharon Bowers of the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau in December wrote Clear Channel-owned WLW and Cinergy Corp citing numerous reports of apparently spurious signals associated with WLW transmissions that have been monitored over a wide area and frequency range.

"Many of these reports indicate that, although the noise is associated with WLW transmissions, the strongest signals appear to be originating some distance from the WLW transmitter site, possibly on a high-voltage tower owned by Cinergy Corp," Bowers wrote. The FCC said the circumstances suggest that multiple sources of interference are involved. According to the FCC database, WLW operates on 700 kHz with 50,000 W into a single, top-loaded half-wave vertical tower.

One of the amateurs affected—Bob Reiff, WA8ULW, of Mason, where WLW's tower is sited—said that while the noise is most noticeable on 160 meters, it's showing up elsewhere. "It is pervasive in the spectrum," Reiff told ARRL, "and, we suspect, it is causing us problems even on our

2-meter repeater."

The FCC said that Reiff and the other complainants attempted unsuccessfully for the past two years to work with WLW and Cinergy.

Bowers noted that WLW and Cinergy already have "expended considerable efforts" to locate the noise source and cause, but the noise remained "as strong as ever according to recent reports." She noted that the noise became intermittent after some recent work done on a Cinergy high-voltage tower, and she expressed the FCC's appreciation for the cooperation to date. But, Bowers admonished, the FCC expects the responsible party to address any reports causing harmful interference to a licensed radio service.

"While the Commission recognizes that this is an unusual case, and the source could turn out to be something unexpected," Bowers wrote, "the Commission is turning to the radio station and electric utility company, asking for your help and cooperation in finding the source of the noise."

Ohio ARRL Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, credited the activities of the Greater Cincinnati Local Interference Committee with helping to bring the interference case to the FCC's attention.

### For Beginners ...

the world of DX'ing can be confusing, but both new and experienced DX'ers can find answers in Russ Edmunds' column, "Target DX." If you have a DX question, just send it to Russ at <wb2bjh@nrcdxas.org> or 753 Valley Rd. - Blue Bell, PA 19422-2052 and he'll answer it in a future column. Remember - you're not alone - we all started at the beginning - once!

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