

# DX News

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### CPC Test Calendar

WRCR	NY	1300	Feb. 16	0000-0100
WFNY	NY	1440	FEB. 23	0000-0100

**WFNY-1440** ... P. O. Box 746 - Gloversville, NY 12078 will run a DX test on February 23rd, from 0000-0100 ELT. The test will include Morse Code IDs, station IDs, and AC Hit music. Send reports to Reports to: Michael A. Sleezer, Owner. Arranged for the NRC CPC by Ron Musco.

**From the Publisher** ... The rumors about 50 kW KOMA abandoning its music format apparently were only too true, as on February 3 it began to air a news/talk format, including Westwood One's Bill O'Reilly and CBS News as well as the late night "The Edge" SF/paranormal talk show, which already had been airing on the AM side in breaks from the simulcast with KOMA-FM.

We're experiencing a few more odd returns of DXN's and damage by the USPS to DXN's which were taped correctly and should not have caused any problems. By "odd" I mean non-delivery to addresses which have been "good" for years, returns after some three months after mailing, etc. It's not the season yet for substitute carriers filling in for regular, vacationing carriers, so I'm baffled. There's no need for you to return damaged DXN's to receive a replacement, of course, but I appreciate receiving the DXN's to survey the damage and try to figure out what happened to prevent future

damage in the mail.

Welcome to these new members ... Ron Hankins, Geneva, FL; James Moore, Blairsden, CA; Forrest Avila, Warren, RI; Martin Bassin, Linthicum, MD; Jim Roberson, Greenfield, IN; Robert Steadman, Milwaukee, WI.

### DX Time Machine

- From the pages of DX News:**
- 50 years ago ... from the February 14, 1953 DXN: James "Ed" Hill, Toronto, ON, reported nice letter varies from both CFYT-1230 and CHAK-1230 as the result of having received their DX programs. He was the only DX'er to hear CHAK, with other reports coming from British Columbia and Washington state.
  - 25 years ago ... from the February 13, 1978 DXN: A detailed article by R. J. Edmunds detailed the effects of meteorological disturbances on DX and groundwave propagation.
  - 10 years ago ... from the February 15, 1993 DXN: Rocky Stone, aka Conrad Durocher, checked in with a Musing detailing his adventures with Mickey Gilley (as lead guitarist) and his move from Texas to Missouri.

### LOCO & NOVI : THE DX CATS by Bruce Conti

<p><b>INTRODUCING NOVI</b></p> <p>NOVI IS A FEMALE BLUE POINT TONKINESE, BORN AUGUST 2002</p>  <p>LOCO IS A MALE SEAL POINT SIAMESE, BORN MAY 1997</p> 	<p>WANNNA HAVE SOME FUN?</p>  <p>SURE</p>	<p>YOU CHEW ON THE POWER CORD WHILE I CUDDLE THE TUNING KNOBS</p> 
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# AM Switch

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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>
1200	WLXX	IL Chicago	WVIV
1260	WWJQ	MI Zeeland	WPNW
1290	CFST	MB Winnipeg	CFRW

## APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

730	WA	Hoquaim: 1000/1000 U3
890	FL	Winter Springs: 10000/1000 U4
1090	NM	Farmington: 1500/250 U4
1100	NV	Las Vegas: 20000/600 U4
1590	UT	Manti: 10000/800 (10000 CH) U13

(Some of these compete with existing applications)

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1190	WBIS	MD	Highland Beach: 50000/430 U4, city of license to Garrison, MD (they were just granted a move from Annapolis to Highland Beach, see Grants below)
1290	KKAR	NE	Omaha: 50000/5000 U4
1320	KSCR	OR	Eugene: 600/28 U1
1370	WWLG	MD	Baltimore: 50000/7700 U4 (the original CP granted for WWLG to move to 1370 included a city of license change to Pikesville, MD; this application seems to indicate a move back to Baltimore if approved)
1380	WAOK	GA	Atlanta: 50000/4200 U2
1390	KJME	CO	Denver: 1300/59 U1 (reapplication)
1430	KROO	TX	Breckenridge: 640/17 U1
1430	KCOH	TX	Houston: 5000/1000 U4

## GRANTS TO EXSTING FACILITIES

660	KCRO	NE	Omaha: 1000/54 U1
1190	WBIS	MD	Annapolis: 50000 D3, city of license to Highland Beach, MD (modification of CP dropping 330 watt night power but see above under Applications)

## OTHERNESS

940	KGMS	AZ	Tucson: CP for 1000/250 U4 is on
950	WWJK	SC	Moncks Corner: 7000/135 U1 is on
1000	WRAR	VA	Tappahannock: CP for 300 D1 from new XR site is on
1010	WCST	WV	Berkeley Springs: silent station is ON THE AIR
1140	WRMQ	FL	Orlando: application for 4600/245 (4600 CH) U12 is DENIED (due to potential night interference to XEMR-1140 St.Nicolas, NL, Mexico)
1150	KKNW	WA	Seattle: CP for 10000/6000 U2 is on
1170	WKLN	FL	St. Augustine Beach: CP for 710 D1 is on
1230	KFPW	AR	Fort Smith: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1230	KTJK	TX	Del Rio: CP for 860/860 U1 is on
1510	WLKM	WI	Three Rivers: CP for 430/8 U1 is on
1540	WKKM	MI	Harrison: silent station is ON THE AIR
1560	KEGG	TX	Daingerfield: CP for 1500/60 U1 is on
1670	KNRO	CA	Redding: new station has been testing ON THE AIR

**THANKS:** Bill Hale, Perry Crabill, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, & Les Johnson

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



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

## DDXD-West

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- Heard through the grapevine: "Cold spell here continues with night time lows in minus 30s C and wind chills around minus 40 which is the same in C or F scales." - **MS-MB**; "Managed to get 2 new ones. Been very cold here so yet another cancelled trip to the DX bus. It was so cold that I had to light a propane heater under my coax antenna lead in outside to thaw out the signals I did finally get. Only in Canada you say..." - **SA-MB**; I take it, it's cold up there... - **Ed**; "I've had some excellent luck with tape recorders and timers on vacation, but this was the first time they've resulted in a new catch here in Chula Vista." - **TRH-CA**; "The Consumer Electronics Show is over in Vegas now. Susquehanna & Great Media will go with IBOC BUT Clear Channel is "cautious!" IF I'm right, Randy Michaels, who is a big wig at CC, once was in Engineering. Now all we need is a good DX season. To me, this has been up & down!" - **JJR-WI**; reserved for your take on the situation....
- I guess the cold temps reaching into the deep south is bringing some much-appreciated DX for those living there. Okay. Now it can warm back up, hi hi.
- **THE CHALLENGE!!** Yup, just align your dials to whatever those easterners are doing and it's OK with me. "But what about that "K" challenge"? laments **Bill Dvorak**, who fattens his log on K calls every night. No problemo. Just add a K and we'll do the "two-K", meaning any call with two Ks is the challenge. Oh, what the heck. Lets go whole-hog and add two-W and two-C calls to the mix. Got it? Like WWL. Or CBKC.
- A nice turnout this week. Keep those dials twisting and I hope to hear from YOU. CUN7.



### REPORTERS

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## STATION NEWS &amp; NOTES

- 1240 KALY NM Albuquerque - 1/25 - Has switched to Radio Disney. (Mike Westfall via NRC-AM List)
- 1260 WPNW MI Zeeland - 1/29 1659 - Good, with contemporary Christian music, legal ID: 1260 WPNW Zeeland-Holland, the Word in praise. Praise and Worship music for Western Michigan. New calls; ex: WWJQ. (BD-WI)
- 1270 WFRN IN Elkhart - Goes southern gospel and talk, as Smart Talk 1270. Ex: religious. (DX-midAMerica.com)
- 1380 KRKO WA Everett - 1/23 - The appeal by KRKO to erect new transmitter towers in the upper Snohomish River Valley will be heard next Wednesday [1/29/03] by Snohomish County Council. The towers are part of the plan for a power increase to 50,000 watts. (Northwest Broadcasters)
- 1480 WLMV WI Madison - This station, which went SS last October, still carries one hour of EE Monday-Friday 0600-0700 ELT. It's The Wisconsin Farm Hour farm news program // WTDY 1670. Also, WLMV now carries CNN ToH news in SS. (BD-WI)
- 1550 WZRK WI Lake Geneva - 1/23 - Noted on the air. A phone call revealed that the station's testing phase is over, and 1550 officially reactivated yesterday. (Radio/DX Information from Wisconsin)
- 1570 WKBH WI Holmen - 1/31 - Reported to back on the air, now airing Catholic programming. (AM@NRCDXAS list)

## UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 660 UNID ?? - John Rieger's unID on 1/4 [see Issue 15] could be WXIC if his loop was oriented SE. But if he was oriented south (as he remarked on Page 3 "Ramblings"), then it was most likely WLFJ, "We're Living For Jesus" is Columbia, SC with D2 50000/0 CH 10000. At 0723 they had already powered up to 50000, so WLFJ most likely a 'no-brainer'. The "jock between songs" is a characteristic of WLFJ. Since he listened from 0723 to 0736, he may not have heard an ID at the BoH. (HN-GA)
- 930 UNID ?? - Doug Smith's unID on 930 [Issue 15] is likely WFX Jacksonville, Florida. However, there is also a Fox Sports outlet in Rochester, NH, WGIN. If conditions were 'barely copyable', he may have been hearing a mixture of both with Fox Sports and Jacksonville-Fort Hampshire may have been Jacksonville . . . Rochester (i.e., one city ID followed by the other). The WLHG could be a Fox TV station call sign?? (HN-GA)
- 1500 UNID ?? - Shawn Axelrod's unID [see Issue 15] is likely KDFN Doniphan, MO D5 2500/0 CH 1000. More likely than WDEE (silent), WGHT (not in the loop's 'boresight'), WKXO or WMJL (low, low power) or KJIM (1000 Watts). Could be KUMU if loop orientation was southwest/northeast. That would be a real nice TP DX catch! But I suspect KDFN. (HN-GA)

## TIS &amp; OTHER STUFF

- 1500 WPWT499 CA San Diego - 1/25 0145 - New station is on the air from Qualcomm Stadium and getting out well with Super Bowl security announcements. Listed as 10 watts. Signal is loud but audio is a little choppy. (TRH-CA)
- 1620 "KCR" CA San Diego - 1/25 0142 - Station is still on the air despite getting trampled by XEUT-1630 most of the time. Noted while driving past San Diego State tonight. (TRH-CA)

## PRESUMED

- 1600 KRVAp TX Cockrell Hill - 1/22 0200 - Good, with Radio Romantica, Numero Uno. (DS-TN)

## REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 570 WVMI MS Biloxi - 1/25 2135 - Basketball game with call ID. Weak, fading signal. (JTR-OK)
- 580 WGAC GA Augusta - 1/22 0550 - Fair-to-good, with sports program, America In The Morning, and ad. (DBJ-TN)
- 590 KOMJ NE Omaha - 1/23 1838 - Poor-to-fair, in CKY splatter, with oldies, Magic 590 slogan, ads and then said The talk of the town is the new Magic 590. Had to use

- 2.3 kHz filter and USB on Drake to get away from CKY splatter. NEW here, but fairly common in Manitoba outside the greater Winnipeg area. (MS-MB)
- 590 KLBj TX Austin - 1/26 1420 - Call ID with Rush Limbaugh talk. Weak, in loop null of KOMJ. (JTR-OK)
- 600 WSOM OH Salem - 1/22 0500 - Oldies music, mention of local stores in Salem. (DBJ-OH)
- 640 KTIB LA Thibodaux - 1/26 2130 - Call ID, LA ads and oldies. Weak in loop null of WWLS. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 690 KEWI AR Benton - 1/28 2040 - Fading with C&W, oldies and call ID. Audio sounded distorted. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 710 WOR NY New York - 1/17 1730 - With a Bridal Show promo, Bob Grant talk show. (TK-AL)
- 710 WFNR VA Blacksburg - 1/17 1758 - Golden Circle of Businesses in the New River Valley. Legal ID into CBS News followed by Martha Hensen with local news. New here; strong over WOR. (TK-AL)
- 720 WGSE GA Hogansville - 1/23 1700 - News you can count on, an ID and into ABC News. Poor, over WGN. (TK-AL)
- 740 CHWO ON Toronto - 1/16 1750 - Ad for Cedar Lodge Retirement Village into a Carly Simon song. Prime Time Radio ID at 1800. Local news. Over dominant KRMG. (TK-AL)
- 750 KERR MT Polson - 1/18 1755 - Fair, with ad for Hometown Bank and mention of downtown Polson. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 800 KQCV OK Oklahoma City - 1/26 0733 - Poor - no CKLW - with station promo and calls. (JJR-WI)
- 820 WCSN IL Chicago - 1/12/ 1500 - ESPN Sports program. ID: 1510 WSCN. (DBJ-TN) [David, this is the correct call for 820 in Chicago - Ed.]
- 840 WHAS KY Louisville - 1/24 0000 - With Coast to Coast and George Noory and then ID: News radio 84. WHAS, Louisville. Very solid signal in KXNT null. (KR-AZ)
- 890 WLS IL Chicago - 1/27 2131 - With an ID and ads for Ultra Carb at 1-800-640-6791 and for ABC Super Monday. (KR-AZ1)
- 900 CKBI SK Prince Albert - 1/25 0734 - Poor, over others in fade, with Country 900 CKBI. Waited thru three songs for calls. (JJR-WI)
- 910 KLCN AR Blytheville - 1/21 0303 - Your favorite country hits from the past on Country Classic KLCN. Had me guessing at first, as it's the same "Classic Country" format as WEPG-TN. (TK-AL)
- 930 WHON IN Centerville - 1/21 0130 - Local weather and ads. VID: WHON. (DBJ-TN)
- 960 KFLN MT Baker - 1/23 1823 - Poor with call sign ID in mess. Country music heard earlier may also have been them. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 970 WGTK KY Louisville - 1/27 0330 - WGTK, the Talk of Louisville into All Night AP Radio News. (TK-AL)
- 1150 KRMS MO Osage Beach - 1/22 0530 - ID: News Talk 1150 KRMS into Coast-to-Coast. (DBJ-TN)
- 1260 KFGQ IA Boone - 1/22 0830 - Poor signal, with Focus on the Family programming. NEW! (SA-MB)
- 1330 KLBO TX Monahans - 1/23 2105 - Playing oldies with ID: Radio Free Texas, KLBO. (JTR-OK)
- 1310 KEIN MT Great Phalls - 1/28 0842 - NOS tunes, announcer with call ID after each song. Fair, in QRM, in KFKA null. (JW-CO)
- 1340 KCQL NM Aztec - 1/28 0854 - Fox Sports programming. Farmington ads at 0858; ID as KCQL Aztec-Farmington-Durango" at 0859:50; NBC(?) News at 0900. Didn't think NBC had ToH news any more but the unmistakable three-note signature was there. Fair in phase null of local KCFR. (JW-CO)
- 1360 WCKY OH Cincinnati - 1/23 2040 - IDing as Homer the Sports Animal with Cincinnati ads. Last heard as WAZU in 2000. (JTR-OK)
- 1430 WQQQ WI Durand - 1/22 0905 - Poor signal, with local ads for Menomonie and other towns nearby. NEW! (SA-MB)
- 1450 WFMB IL Springfield - 1/18 2205 - Poor with long-range local weather; continuing cold, and mentioned . . . here in downtown Springfield. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1450 KMMS MT Bozeman - 1/28 1029 - Call 586-5421 to volunteer . . . 8:30 to 11:30 . . . then This is where you hear Rush Limbaugh weekdays 10 to 1 on News radio 1450 KMMS

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- Bozeman.* **John Russell** with headlines at 1030, but soon faded. Last heard as KUUB a few years ago. Briefly fair over KVIS in KGRE null. (JW-CO)
- 1470 **KELA WA Centralia - 1/25 0300** - Fair-to-good all night, with local XERCN off. *You depend on us for Lewis County's complete news.* KELA AM 1470 *Centralia-Chelalis.* Also noted slogan *Lewis County's news leader.* Mixing with XEACE and KIID all night until XERCN carrier returned around 0807. New. (TRH-CA)
- 1490 **WDAN IL Danville - 1/24 2318** - Fair, in fade up, with calls and college basketball. (JJR-WI)
- 1490 **WZOE IL Princeton - 1/24 1900** - Poor, though a clear ID into CBS News. (JJR-WI)
- 1520 **KSIB IA Creston - 1/27 1707** - Fair, with state and local news. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1530 **WDAP TN Huntington - 1/14 0930** - Local news, CL ID, ads. (DBJ-TN)
- 1540 **WPTR NY Albany - 1/23 2258** - Poor in partial KXEL null, with oldies and top of the hour ID. NEW! Thanks to **Paul Lafreniere** of Minnesota for tip. (MS-MB)

#### 1550 Challenge (Part II)

- 1550 **KADZ CO Arvada - 1/19 1748-1751** - Fair, with young caller winning a \$25 shopping certificate for **Toys R Us**. ID: *AM 1550, AM 1690 Radio Disney.* (BD-WI)
- 1550 **KSFT MO St. Joseph - 1/19 2157-2200** - Fair, with oldies. Slogan: *Good Time Oldies 1550, ToH ID.* (BD-WI)
- 1550 **KSFC MO Saint Joseph - 1/24 0000** - Finally a very good signal where I could capture the ID and the fact that they had AP Network News on the hour (AP is not listed in the "Log"). I had heard 1960s rock-and-roll songs when I listened during the past week, so I had assumed it was KSFC, as the "Log" states that they play "oldies". There were at least two other stations in the background, but I could not determine what they were. (BF-IL)
- 1550 **WCTZ TN Clarksville - 1/20 2159** - Fair, with ToH ID: *You found the Light, WCTZ Clarksville-Fort Campbell.* (BD-WI)
- 1550 **KZRK TX Canyon - 1/24 0123** - Sports scores and results for the Australian open. ID as *Sports Radio - You're listening to Amarillo's new home for sports-talk, from the studios of Talk Sports Radio, KZRK (garble), 1550 AM, The Zone.* These guys should get an award for the most slogans used in a single ID. The part that I listed as (garble) sounded like another call sign starting with K and ending with R. Sounded like KNNR but I couldn't match that up with anything. It did not sound like KPUR unless the Texas accent was fooling me. (PG-CO)
- 1550 **WEVR WI River Falls - 1/18 1800** - With sign-off including ID and transmitter location, power given as 1,000 watts, (my listing says 920 watts) and mentioning continuing programming on WEVR-FM-106.3. *We now invite you to join us on stereo FM.* NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1550 **KSFT MO St. Joseph - 1/23 0200** - *Good Time Oldies, 1550, KSFT, Saint Joseph,* then into network news. (PG-CO)



#### We now return to regular DX Logs

- 1590 **WONX IL Evanston - 1/27 1750** - Fair, with ethnic program. IDed in English at 1800, also mentioning stations in Chicago and Aurora-Naperville. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1590 **KTCH NE Wayne - 1/27 1657** - Fair, with traditional country music, ID and news. (MS-MB)
- 1590 **KMBD OR Tillamook - 1/29 1900** - Came up in mess with ad for **Sunriver Resort** near Bend. (FA-ID)
- 1600 **KNWA AR Bellefonte - 1/15 1800** - Fair, with ... on KNWA AM 1600 *Bellefonte-Harrison,* promo for *NASCAR News.* New. (DS-TN)
- 1600 **WBTO IN Linton - 1/17 2200** - Poor ... on *WQTZ FM WBTO AM Linton.* New. (DS-TN)
- 1600 **KCRG IA Cedar Rapids - 1/17 2300;** and again - **1/18 0100** - Poor with ID ... *this is KCRG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* Old Madison regular but new here. (DS-TN)
- 1600 **WAAM MI Ann Arbor - 1/17 ~0500** - Poor with legal ID, into news. Logged on car radio on I-24 about five miles from home. New. (DS-TN)
- 1600 **KATZ MO St. Louis - 1/17 0800** - Good, but lots of fading; ad for *The Word Christian Bookstore, I-64 East at Highway 157, (618) 394-9440.* (DS-TN)
- 1600 **WMQM TN Lakeland - 1/16 1800** - Fair, with *WMQM Lakeland-Memphis.* Previously logged as WKB), Milan. Not very strong for 50 kW though. (DS-TN)
- 1670 **WRNC GA Dry Branch - 1/28 0243** - In loud and solid with slow gospel music. ID only mentioned // sister station. *AM 1280 is WLCC, The Light.* (PG-CO)

#### GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

Remember, all the GY DX records are on line at: [www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html)

Totals:	1230	1240	1340	1400	1450	1490	Total
Ron Bailey Shelby, NC	33	34	33	29	29	36	194

#### DDXD-East

Our Frequency Challenge continues on, this week with a more modest showing on 570 kHz. This one wasn't as easy as past challenges and I congratulate everyone who heard and submitted their loggings! Next week's edition will feature a dual frequency challenge - 1280 kHz and 1580 kHz. 1580 was added following a discussion on the AM Listserv regarding members wanting to DX the frequency before CHUC-1450's move there.

Upcoming Challenge listening dates are: **910 kHz** - February 5 - 11; **stations with "K" calls** - February 12-18; **630 kHz** - February 12 - 25; **1480 kHz** - February 26 - March 19; **960 kHz** - March 20 - April 1; and **1370 kHz** - April 2 - April 15.

#### REPORTERS

- PLB-MI Phil Boersma, Spring Lake** - GE Superadio III.
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto** - Panasonics RF-2200 & RFB-45; Grundig YB-400PE.
- SC-IN Steve Chappell, McCordsville** - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops, Kiwa MW Loop.
- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua** - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
- PC-VA Perry Crabil, Winchester** - Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
- RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell** - Hammarlund HQ-150 with 4' amplified air core loop.
- JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton** - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
- EG-PA Eldon Geiman, Greencastle** - Grundig Satellit 800, 300' longwire antenna.
- DH-NJ David Hochfelder, New Brunswick** - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.
- DL-MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia** - Icom 8500 on random wire or loop.
- DL\*MD Dave Larrabee, Columbia** - TenTec RX340 on a long wire operating unattended gathering 4-minute audio samples at the top of the hour.
- PM-MA Paul McDonough, Medford** - Sony 2010 and Radio Shack Loop.
- RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville** - Sony SW7600GR with RS Loop and Radio Plus Q-Stick antennas.
- RR\*NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville** - Stock radio in Volvo 960.
- JJR-PA Joe Rocchino, Cuddy** - Realistic DX-370, RS Loop Antenna.
- DT-JM Don Trelford, Runaway Bay, Jamaica** - Kenwood R 2000, long wire NS-EW.
- LW-NY Leslie Wood, East Meadow** - SONY ICP 2010, GE Superadio II, RS Loop.

#### FREQUENCY CHALLENGE - 570 kHz

- 570 **WAAX AL Gadsden** - 1/22 2147 - Weak: "WAAX" and then back to "The Mike Reagan Show" and "The Big WAAX." (SC-IN)
- + 1/26 1255 - Syndicated medical advice call-in show on "big WAAX radio." Regular daytimer here, approximately 145 miles WNW of my location. Note: listen for John Wayne reciting the American "Pledge of Allegiance" as part of an ID for "Big WAAX." (HN-GA)
- + 1/26 2103 - "5-70 WAAX Gadsden" Heard in slight null of WWNC. (RR-NC)
- WTNT DC Washington** - 1/22 1900 - "WTNT, Washington, Bethesda" under WKBN most of the time. (DL\*MD)
- + 1/28 1000 - Good signal. CNN news. Local news about Washington, D.C. Superior Court and then a story about government in Fairfax County. Carfax.com ad. "It is 19 degrees in Washington, DC... this is WTNT AM 570, Bethesda-Washington." Then into the G. Gordon Liddy show. (EG-PA)
- WIDS KY Russell Springs** - 1/25 0701 - "Here at Southern Kentucky Gospel WIDS." (SC-IN)
- WVMI MS Biloxi** - 1/23 0300 - Fair: "The only station giving you local news every hour - News Talk 57 WVMI Biloxi/Gulfport" into ABC News about Iraq. (SC-IN)
- WMCA NY New York** - 1/24 1600 - Good; Christian talk, "This is 570 WMCA New York, a service of Salem Communications" into *Concerned Women Today* program. (BC-NH)



- + 1/25 1800 - ID into infomercial about nutrition with John Berry(?) and Joy(?). Highly entertaining. Not. :) (PM-MA)
- WSYR NY Syracuse** - 1/24 1700 - Good; *The Jim Reith Show* talk, "Listen to central New York's Morning News weekdays on the news and weather station, Newsradio 570 WSYR Syracuse" into local news. (BC-NH)
- WWNC NC Asheville** - 1/26 0635 - "Newstalk 5-70 WWNC Weather". My local 24/7 pest. (RR-NC)
- + 1/26 1348 - "newstalk 570, WWNC" during break in NC Tarheel collegiate pre-game show. In WAAX null on loop. Rare for time of day. (HN-GA)
- WKBN OH Youngstown** - 1/22 0756 - in CKGL null with local traffic report, slogan "the home of Ohio State football, News Radio 570 WKBN". This and semi-local tough-to-null CKGL are about it for me on 570. (MKB-ON)
- + 1/22 1900 - "...on news radio five seventy WKDN..." followed by Ohio area advertising. (DL\*MD)
- + 1/22 2030 - poor with CKGL with ID "News Talk 570, WKBN", weather report. This one is here 24 hours a day. (JF-ON)
- + 1/27 0300 - "The Voice of the Valley, Clear Channel's News Radio 570 WKBN." (SC-IN)
- + 1/27 2215 - Fair signal. Sports talk and the Phil Hendrie Show, ABC news. (EG-PA)
- WNAX SD Yankton** - 1/23 0400 - Weak: "This is the coast to coast and 5 state neighbor 570 WNAX Yankton, South Dakota." (SC-IN)
- + 1/25 1830 - good with promo for Sunday morning farm programs, weather "9 degrees outside the WNAX studios" into "Money Talks" program. (JF-ON)
- WNAX 570**
- WMAM WI Marinette** - 1/24 0558 - Fair: "Here's the check of the area forecast on ESPN 570 WMAM." (SC-IN)
- CKGL ON Kitchener** - 1/23 1622 - good over WKBN with weather from "570 News", promo for the "Glen and Garry Show". My local on 570. (JF-ON)

## STATION NEWS

- 1490 **WUBR MI Whitehall** - 1/20 1435 - Now all sports, carrying ESPN radio feed. Call letters assumed to be the same: the space at the top of the hour for an ID was just dead air, no ID heard. Ex-NOS format. (PLB-MI)
- UNID AND PRESUMED
- 790 **UNID** - 1/22 1907 - commercial for Renault furniture and community bulletin board. IDs as "99.3 The River." (LW-NY)
- 950 **WROLp MA Boston** - 1/10 0117 - presumed with "Coast to Coast" talk show. (LW-NY)
- UNID** - 1/23 1737 - Religious talk about Christian History, using a call-in # 617-777-???? mixing with WORD and under WPEN. (RJE-PA)
- 960 **UNID** - 1/10 0105 - BJ Thomas oldies tune on "fun oldies, oldies 960." (LW-NY)
- 1150 **CKOCp ON Hamilton** - 1/22 2310 - fair with medley of oldie hits and "oldies 1150" slogans. (LW-NY)
- 1480 **WABB AL Mobile** - 1/15 2119 - talk show, CNN News, poor, interference with presumed WUNA. (DT-JM)
- WUNA FL Ocoee** - 1/15 2119 - popular latin music, poor. (DT-JM)

## STATION LOGGINGS

- 580 **WHP PA Harrisburg** - 1/24 2128 - A very weak "WHP" into ad. (SC-IN)
- 640 **WFNC NC Fayetteville** - 1/10 1658 - fair, with ID "news 24 hours a day, on talkradio 640, WFNC." CBS news on the hour. (LW-NY)
- 660 **WXIC OH Waverly** - 1/17 0800 - at top of hour "gospel music... 660, WXIC, Waverly, Ohio." ABC news. On loop, poor in slop. New. (HN-GA)
- 690 **WOKV FL Jacksonville** - 1/10 1717 - good, dominant with Hannity and Colmes, on "News Talk 690, WOKV, Jacksonville... your news, traffic and weather station, depend on it!" (LW-NY)
- 710 **WAQI FL Miami** - 1/17 0811 - "Radio Miami, La Grande" heard with WOR gone and WUFF surprisingly absent. News items with usual names - "Bush," "Saddam Hussein," etc. Moderate with waver on loop. Rare! (HN-GA)

- 720 **KSAH TX Universal City** - 1/13 1830 - No ID at bottom of hour, but several mentions of San Antonio in DJ banter. Still on day power, SS:MEX, mostly ranchero. New. (HN-GA)
- 730 **WOHS NC Shelby** - 1/20 1935 - At end of oldies song, heard 'WOHS' in very bad slop. Poor on loop. New. (HN-GA)
- 740 **WVCH PA Chester** - 1/20 0900 - "You are listening to the Christian Station seven forty WVCH, ... Chester, Philadelphia, and the entire Delaware Valley." (DL\*MD)
- 790 **WHTH OH Heath** - 1/20 0600 - TLK "On the all new Talk seven ninety, WHTH" and "seven ninety, WHTH News" (DL\*MD)
- 810 **WBIC GA Royston** - 1/24 1319 - Remarkably good for time of day. Southern gospel music format. In WNSI null. (HN-GA)
- 850 **WYLF NY Penn Yan** - 1/19 0124 - NOS music and brief ID "from Penn Yan and Corning, 850 WYLF." (LW-NY)
- WKNR OH Cleveland** - 1/24 1701 - "Sports talk 850, WKNR." Armchair copy in WDJC null. 20 over S9. First time heard here, suspect SSS the reason. Dominant, no fades. New. (HN-GA)
- 920 **WIRD NY Lake Placid** - 1/20 2300 - "You're listening to the Adirondack Park Radio Network WIRD 920 AM your ESPN Radio Network." Faded up at ident, buried under CKNX most of the time. (DL\*MD)
- WHJJ RI Providence** - 1/21 1800 NEWS/TLK "... now more than ever we need to talk, for breaking news and to talk about it this is WHJJ Providence. WHJJ News Now at 6 o'clock this is Sharon Smith, the forecast tonight clear and dangerously cold...." (DL\*MD)
- 930 **WGIN NH Rochester** - 1/12 0330 - fair under and over WPAT, with "newsradio 930" slogan and mention of local job fair. Last heard as WWNH years ago. (LW-NY)
- WSLI MS Jackson** - 1/20 1952 - Noted with Ole Miss basketball show. Excellent on both antennae, now with new parameters: 3800/3100, U2. Increase made them easier to pick out of the background. New. (HN-GA)
- WRVC WV Huntington** - 1/27 1900 - top of hour ID: "news talk 930 WRVC" in WBen null, into CNN news. (MKB-ON)
- 940 **WKGM VA Smithfield** - 1/23 1712 - "Weather for Hampton Roads", ID "940 WKGM, The Ministry Station". Rare. (RJE-PA)
- WNRG VA Grundy** - 1/23 1717 - Strong with C&W, national ads, then weather and ID. New, and a long-time target. (RJE-PA)
- WKYK NC Burnsville** - 1/23 1725 - C&W, then into "K-94 Sports sponsored by Yancy Motors". New! (RJE-PA)
- WMAC GA Macon** - 1/23 1730 - "News-Talk 940, WMAC", back into Sean Hannity show. Unusually strong for this early. (RJE-PA)
- WCPC MS Houston** - 1/23 1743 - Gospel, weather for Southern Mississippi, local ad. Very rare. (RJE-PA)
- WMIX IL Mt. Vernon** - 1/23 1933 - 1950's and 60's standards, several national ads, several muffled IDs before a clear one. Rare. (RJE-PA)
- 950 **WXGI VA Richmond** - 1/23 1700 - ID into news, under WPEN. Not usually heard this early. (RJE-PA)
- WVTS WV Charleston** - 1/23 1706 - Many mentions of Charleston in news, then ID. (RJE-PA)
- WIMP AM** 1240/1400/1600  
Pioneer Valley's #1 for News and Talk
- + 1/23 1900 - over WWJ with top of hour ID: "Charleston's news-talk WVTS AM 950" into ABC news. (MKB-ON)
- WAKM TN Franklin** - 1/23 1745 - Traffic, then "Franklin's 1st Radio Station, 950 WAKM". New and totally unexpected, as WPEN usually doesn't null this well. (RJE-PA)
- WORD SC Spartanburg** - 1/23 1734 - "Call 574-WORD or #950 for WORD 1330 and 950". Last heard from North Jersey as WSPA many years ago. (RJE-PA)
- 960 **WFIR VA Roanoke** - 1/23 1720 - Weather, ID, Verizon ad. (RJE-PA) **WRNS NC Kinston** - 1/23 1731 - C&W, school closings, ID as "95.1, WRFS". Rare. (RJE-PA)
- WRFC GA Athens** - 1/23 1800 - ID and station promo. First time at this location. (RJE-PA)
- CFFX ON Kingston** - 1/23 1825 - 1960's oldies, then "Kingston's Hometown Oldies 960, CFFX". (RJE-PA)
- CHNS NS Halifax** - 1/23 1830 - ID as "Oldies 960, CHNS" then into 1960's oldies. Rare.

- (RJE-PA)  
 7970 WHYL PA Carlisle - 1/24 1650 - 50's oldies and ID'ing as "The Mighty 960, Doo Woppin' Oldies WHYL". A daytime regular, but with the new format come new slogans.... (RJE-PA)  
 970 WZAN ME Portland - 1/19 0027 - weak with ESPN sports, station ID and local weather. (LW-NY)  
 1070 WCNT NC Greenville - 1/7 2136 - play-by-play of Clemson-Georgia basketball game on the "Clemson Sports Network". Mention of coming game in Greenville. After the game back to Spanish programming. Fair. (DT-JM)  
 WAPI AL Birmingham - 1/27 0832 - Prominent signal in LSR jumble. News items about Alabama and Birmingham, along with national and international news. ID with call letters only. Wiped out by WINA-VA later. (PC-VA)  
 1180 WZQZ GA Trion - 1/20 2048 - New, weird. On after hours, 5000, D1 with WW1 "Music of Your Life" format, not REL as in log. New format? No FM // listed. Good on loop mixing with VOA Radio Marti. WHAM nulled. (HN-GA)  
 1190 KPHN MO Kansas City - 1/24 1758 - Weak: "KPHN Kansas City" and back to Disney. (SC-IN)  
 1230 WIRO OH Ironton - 1/24 1909 - start of basketball game "...we'll be back with the starting lineups after these words on 'News Talk 1230 WIRO'..." Ad for grocery/bakery on Jefferson Street in Ironton. (JF-ON)  
 WSOK GA Savannah - 1/25 1704 - poor with GOS music, ID "1230, WSOK, Savannah, your worship and praise station". (JF-ON)  
 1310 WORC MA Worcester - "AM 1310 WORC" ID and sports talk. (LW-NY)  
 1360 WNJC NJ Washington Township - 1/22 1740 - MADD drunk driving PSA, ID as "...and we're back at 1360 WNJC", then lost to sports talk, presumably Cincinnati. (MKB-ON)  
 1380 WONO IN Fort Wayne - 1/23 2156 - ESPN talk show, ID finally at 2210 as WONO. Was hoping for WELE, but when heard it was ESPN hopes dashed. Fair. (DT-JM)  
 1440 WPRD FL Winter Park - 1/19 2022 - local talk show and man translating from EE to SS re: Oakland Transportation (public, I assume). Fair. (DT-JM)  
 1470 WLCR KY Shepherdsville - 1/24 1900 - top of hour ID: "WLCR 1470, Shepherdsville-Louisville" into EWTN news, then disappeared. Heard on December 2002 CPC test, so not needed. (MKB-ON)  
 1550 WBFJ NC Winston-Salem - 1/26 1724 - Gospel music, competing with WKBA-VA until WKBA sign-off at 1730. "The program you have just heard is sent on WBFJ ... WBFJ, Winston-Salem". (PC-VA)  
 WAZX GA Smyrna - 1/31 0000 - excellent; dominant over CBE with light Spanish ballads. ID'd as "la que buena" and English call ID at top of hour. New. (DH-NJ)  
 1570 WLBQ KY Morgantown - 1/23 1754 - in jumble heard "...up next we have ? brought to you by Morgantown Bank And Trust, here on AM 1570, WLBQ in Morgantown..." New! (JF-ON)  
 1580 WVKO OH Columbus - 1/27 0020 - fair in graveyard-like jumble. Running gospel music and call letter ID popped up between songs. Then back into the mush. New. (DH-NJ)  
 1600 WHNP MA East Longmeadow - 1/25 0814 - over WWRL with time check: "WHNP news time is 8:14", news promo: "complete updates at the top and bottom of the hour, only on WHNP", into local sports (Celtics, U.Mass, high school basketball). (MKB-ON)

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# International DX Digest

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

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### Transatlantic DX

- 234 LUXEMBOURG R.Luxembourg, Junglinster JAN 30 0122 - Fair through buzz. Woman in French. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 693 UNITED KINGDOM BBC R.5 synthros JAN 30 0150 - Fair, man in English (sports I think) over probable Azores. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 774 SPAIN RNE synthros JAN 30 0150 - Fair, man and woman in Spanish. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 783 PORTUGAL R.Comercial, various JAN 30 0125 - Weak but seemed parallel to 1035 with female pop vocal. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 1035 PORTUGAL R.Comercial, Lisbon JAN 30 0124 - Good with female pop vocals. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux JAN 30 0350 - In clear with female French vocal. Parallel to 1377 and 1557. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 1377 FRANCE Lille JAN 30 0043 - Good with music, Hawaiian style. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 1548 KUWAIT R.Sawa, Kuwait City JAN 30 0139 - Good with female pop singer in Arabic. [Dangerfield-PA]  
 1557 FRANCE Nice JAN 30 0142 - Very good. Big band music or similar. [Dangerfield-PA]

Ben speaks: Got back from our Hawaiian trip a week ago into temperature shock! From 80 to 15 in 12 hours! I guess you could call the DX from out there international even if it was all from the islands and western North America. Had no luck with anything from the other side of the Pacific, probably due to the time differences (we didn't say up very late) and my limited radio equipment. I was using my Sony-100S but mostly without the Kiwa pocket loop - which required going out on deck in the wind at night. However I found that holding the radio up to the stateroom window gave me quite good reception of stations 3000 and more miles away provided the ship was on the east side of Hawaii's mountains. This has always been the case. So I heard lots of Californians, some from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, KSL, and at least one Mexican, XEWA. Considering that the west coast is about as far east of Hawaii (almost 3000 miles) as it is west of Philadelphia I find this long distance quite remarkable. And then KSL is further yet, and XEWA even further. I had good signals from both of these from near Fanning Island which is 1000 miles or more southwest of the Big Island plus stations such as KFBK and KBLA. These distances are about the same as logging central Europe from home. Would seem to be the shore effect working for me out there in the Pacific, that is, it's like the enhanced reception we get from going to the Massachusetts or Maine shores.

Well, back home reception wasn't much until last night, Jan 29/30. Then there was a TA opening along with a limited LA opening. During the course of the evening I logged a number of TA signals including France on 1206, 1377 and 1557, Spain on 684, 774 and 855, Portugal on 783 and 1035, and Kuwait on 1548 plus Jamaica on 700, and some on LW.

### Pan-American DX

- 540 MEXICO XETX Nuevo Casas Grandes, CHIH JAN 0212 - Spot for Carniceria Los Nogales, "La Ranchera de Paquime" slogan, and song by Vicente Fernandez. After another song at 0215, more ads, including one for the same meat market. Very good with XEWA and DIA interference. No sign of XEHS, currently the "most wanted" target on this frequency. [Wilkins-CO]  
 540 MEXICO XEWA San Luis Potosi JAN 27 0217 - Government PSA, then continued with program from "La W" on dance/opera, with two male announcers and excerpts by screeching soprano. Very good signal with interference from XETX and local DIA TIS. [Wilkins-CO]  
 570 CUBA R.Rejoi, Santa Clara JAN 26 0103 - Two Spanish announcers, clicking clock, top of minute tone followed by Morse code "RR" ID. Heard on car radio. [Robinson-NC] JAN 26 0030 - Good; news, syncopated clock, minute markers, and RR code IDs through WMCA and WSYR. [Conti-NH] JAN 26 0825-0830 - Strong in WMCA phase-null with usual format of news in Spanish, syncopated clock, on-the-minute voice and "RR" code IDs. Somewhat



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- muffled audio. [DeLorenzo-MA] The Ginnie Lupi *Frequency of the Week*.
- 580 **MEXICO** XEMU Piedras Negras, COAH JAN 04 2055 - "XEMU La Rancherita del Aire" ID by male announcer, plus phone number and website address. "Informativo Pronostico" at 2100, then another "La Rancherita" ID at 2101. [Ponder-TX]
- 620 **MEXICO** XEBU Chihuahua, CHIH JAN 27 0252 - Noted in passing with ranchera music, "La Norteñita" slogans. [Wilkins-CO]
- 650 **MEXICO** XETNT Los Mochis, SIN JAN 18 0718 - "Radio 650" ID by male announcer, then music by male vocalist, mention of "Los Mochis" and time check at 0724 by male announcer. Signal completely gone by 0728. [Ponder-TX]
- 680 **MEXICO** unID JAN 27 0400 - Music and what sounded like "La Buena" slogans. Copy was too rough to be sure of slogan; looped more or less due south with KWKA interference. [Wilkins-CO]
- 700 **JAMAICA** RJR Hague JAN 30 0201 - Good with men in accented English discussing some local problems. This station was all alone on frequency - no WLW for a time. Unusual reception on a night when TAs were coming in. I also noticed other strong LAs in the lower part of the band with midwest stations weak. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEGD Hidalgo del Parral, CHIH JAN 27 0338 - Presumed; with romantic vocals, sung "La Poderosa" slogans. Fair/poor on both loop and phaser. [Wilkins-CO]
- 780 **MEXICO** XEMF Monclova, COAH JAN 27 0342 - Bolero music; at 0345 a man says, "Tu Música con Radio Nostalgia 780 AM," then CST time check, "9 grados" temperature check, and more mellow music. After this song, "Siete Ochenta AM, Radio Nostalgia." New slogan, apparently? [Wilkins-CO]
- 810 **MEXICO** XERSV Cd. Obregon, SON JAN 27 0144 - Banda music, MST time check, PSA, call ID and "Radio Alegría" slogan, then more banda. Stunning signal! [Wilkins-CO]
- 940 **MEXICO** XEQ México, DF JAN 29 0549 - Numerous time checks by male announcer, "Enamorada 940" IDs by female announcer, and spot featuring Veronica Castro at 0607. [Ponder-TX]
- 970 **MEXICO** XEO Matamoros, TAM JAN 10 2215 - "970 AM Radio Gallito" singing ID, male announcer mentioned "Colonia Buena Vista" at 2218, "Radio Gallito XEO" singing ID and mention of "Colonia Modelo" at 2224. [Ponder-TX]
- 1020 **VENEZUELA** YVMX Maracaibo JAN 10 2034 - Lively Latin American music, ID as *Radio Calendario* mentioned several times, fair. [Trelford-JMC]
- 1030 **MEXICO** XEMPM El Fuerte, Sinaloa JAN 27 0105 - Heard the Mexican national anthem and full ID, then into banda. New. [Redding-AZ]
- 1180 **CUBA** *R. Rebelde*, Villa María JAN 25 0530 - Barry's tip on "dxtip" that WHAM was running an open carrier clued me into an opportunity to hear *Radio Rebelde*. Several ID's and news items heard through the strong open carrier with phasing. I'm sure most people can hear Cuba on this channel all of the time, but not around here. Barry mentioned another Spanish station underneath, but not noted here. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1220 **MEXICO** XEB México JAN 05 2111 - Popular older Latin American music like "Frenesi," ID as *La Grande*, México. Fair, not needed. [Trelford-JMC]
- 1280 **PUERTO RICO** WCMN Arecibo JAN 04 1945 - Talk show in Spanish, Puerto Rico and *NotiUno* mentioned, poor. [Trelford-JMC]
- 1300 **MEXICO** XEP Ciudad Juárez, CHIH JAN 19 0558 - XEP ID by male announcer, "Radio Trece" ID by female announcer at 0610. Lots of ballads with electronic organ in background. [Ponder-TX]
- 1330 **MEXICO** XEJP México, DF JAN 29 1400 - Very weak under very weak KJLL giving ID and news with local stories. Faded by 1407. New. [Redding-AZ]
- 1420 **VENEZUELA** YVNC Maracaibo JAN 22 2139 - Two men talk then music, "música" and Maracaibo mentioned, fair. [Trelford-JMC]
- 1580 **VENEZUELA** YVTK Cumaná DEC 15 2117 - Choir with religious music, ID as *Radio Manzanaera*, poor. [Trelford-JMC]

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#### International News

**MEXICO:** XEPRS 1090 was operating under a US sales agreement granted to a Los Angeles group that programmed *La Gigante Tropical*. The licensee, in Monterrey, has yanked the rights from the US group as of last Monday (JAN 20). The old programming remains, but the staff was notified that they are now part-time only. A new format, rumored to be sports in English, is coming. If it is sports, it makes sense. XEPRS does not cover LA, but is a big San Diego signal. Clear Channel recently combined 1150 in LA with 690 in San Diego and one format; there is little local sports in SD. [David Gleason, JAN 27 am@nrcdxas.org] 1090 XEPRS Rosarito; 0656-0705 ID "XEPRS, Rosarito, Baja California. La casa de los campeones Anaheim Angeles." [H.Watanabe, Japan, JAN 28 *Corazón DX*]

73 and Good DX!

## College Sports Networks

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### Network listings for college team sports stations

Here are some more college basketball networks...the season's heating up!

#### AMERICA EAST

Albany Great Danes	980	WOFX-NY			
Hartford Hawks	1360	WDRC-CT			
Maine Black Bears	620	WZON-ME			
New Hampshire Wildcats					
910	WNHV-VT	1270	WTSN-NH	1450	WKXL-NH
1020	WNTK-NH	1370	WFEA-NH	1480	WNBX-VT
					99.7 WNTK-NH
Northeastern Huskies	104.9	WRBB-MA			
Stony Brook Seawolves	540	WLIE-NY (partial schedule)			
Vermont Catamounts	620	WVMT-VT	1230	WJOY-VT	

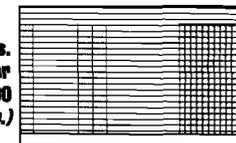
#### ATLANTIC 10

Dayton Flyers	1290	WHIO-OH			
Duquesne Dukes	1410	KQV-PA			
Fordham Rams	90.7	WFUV-NY			
George Washington Colonials	1150	WMET-MD	1200	WAGE-VA	
LaSalle Explorers	950	WPEN-PA			
Massachusetts Minutemen	100.9	WRNX-MA			
Rhode Island Rams	920	WHJJ-RI	90.3	WRIU-RI	99.3
Richmond Spiders	910	WRNL-VA			
St. Bonaventure Bonnies	1280	WHTK-NY	1300	WXRL-NY	1450
St. Joseph's Hawks	950	WPEN-PA			
Temple Owls	1210	WPHT-PA			
Xavier	700	WLW-OH			

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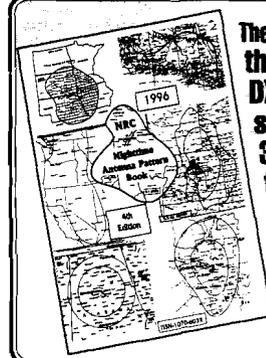
*Changes in programming status; reported by listeners*

Freq	Call	Location	New Format
540	WDMV	Pocomoke City, MD	C&W/NOS
560	CFOS	Owen Sound, ON	TLK/AC/NOS/SPT
590	CKRS	Jonquière, QC	F:NWS/TLK/AC
590	WLVA	Lynchburg, VA	NWS
590	KTHO	South Lake Tahoe, CA	AC/EZL
620	KMJC	Mount Shasta, CA	NWS/TLK/VAR
640	WJNA	Royal Palm Beach, FL	NOS
670	WIEZ	Lewistown, PA	NOS/TLK
680	WINR	Binghamton, NY	OLD
710	KMIA	Black Canyon City, AZ	SS:MEX
710	KSPN	Los Angeles, CA	SPT
770	KTTH	Seattle, WA	TLK
850	WDJA	West Palm Beach, FL	BIZ/SPT
910	WAVL	Apollo, PA	REL:AC
940	WLQH	Chieffland, FL	NOS
960	WZRH	Dallas, NC	TLK
1000	WJBW	Jupiter, FL	BIZ/SPT
1040	WLVJ	Boynton Beach, FL	REL
1050	WLYC	Williamsport, PA	AC/EZL
1060	WKRE	Monroe, NC	SS:MEX
1070	KWEL	Midland, TX	TLK
1070	WKMB	Stirling, NJ	GOS
1100	KRKE	Milan, NM	TLK
1110	KDIS	Pasadena, CA	KID
1120	WBNW	Concord, MA	BIZ/C&W
1130	WCTM	Eaton, OH	EZL
1210	KNWX	Auburn-Federal Way, WA	NWS/BIZ
1230	WJOB	Hammond, IN	NWS/TLK/SPT
1230	WTIV	Titusville, PA	NWS/TLK/SPT
1240	KALY	Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM	
1260	WCHV	Charlottesville, VA	NWS/TLK/SPT
1260	KPOW	Powell, WY	TLK
1260	WPNW	Zeeland, MI	GOS
1270	WFRN	Elkhart, IN	GOS/TLK
1270	KESS	Fort Worth, TX	SS:MEX
1280	WOWZ	Appomattox, VA	NWS
1280	KXEG	Phoenix, AZ	REL
1300	KAKC	Tulsa, OK	SPT
1320	WARL	Attleboro, MA	UC
1330	WRCA	Waltham, MA	ETH
1340	KTPI	Mojave, CA	C&W
1340	WOYL	Oil City, PA	NWS/TLK/SPT
1340	WRAW	Reading, PA	OLD
1350	WWRN	Black Mountain, NC	TLK/SPT
1350	KCOR	San Antonio, TX	SS:CHR
1360	WCHL	Chapel Hill, NC	NWS/TLK/SPT
1390	KFRA	Franklin, LA	UC:REL/GOS
1390	WPLM	Plymouth, MA	C&W
1390	WRIG	Schofield, WI	TLK
1400	WKAV	Charlottesville, VA	SPT
1400	WFOR	Hattiesburg, MS	SPT
1400	KVSF	Santa Fe, NM	SPT
1410	WNWZ	Grand Rapids, MI	SS

1420	WPBI	Delray Beach, FL	BIZ/SPT	1530	WCTR	Chestertown, MD	AC/EZL
	MSJ				MSJ		
1430	WTMN	Gainesville, FL	UC:GOS	1550	WURP	Braddock, PA	TLK
	MSJ				Kennedy		
1440	WFNY	Gloversville, NY	AC	1560	WAHT	Clemson, SC	OLD/Beach
	Musco				10000watts.com		
1450	WFRA	Franklin, PA	NWS/TLK/SPT	1580	WZKY	Albemarle, NC	OLD
	MSJ				Kennedy		
1450	WSMG	Greeneville, TN	OLD	1580	WKUN	Monroe, GA	GOS
	MSJ				MSJ		
1450	WQJM	Myrtle Beach, SC	NWS/TLK/SPT	1580	WTTN	Watertown, WI	NOS
	MSJ				DX Midamerica		
1470	WAZN	Marlborough, MA	ETH	1590	WKHZ	Ocean City, MD	NWS
	MSJ				MSJ		
1490	WBTA	Batavia, NY	TLK:AC/EZL	1600	WMQM	Milan, TN	
	Kennedy				REL MSJ		
1490	WAJF	Decatur, AL	REL	1650	KBJD	Denver, CO	TLK
	MSJ				Griffith		
1490	WRMT	Rocky Mount, NC	SPT	1670	KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	VAR
	MSJ				DX Midamerica		
1490	WWSB	Sutton, WV	AC				
	MSJ						
1520	WLGK	Greenup, KY	REL:AC				
	MSJ						

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A few more comments on the Daytime DX topic...

## DAYTIME DX

**Rick Dau** <[rdau1965@yahoo.com](mailto:rdau1965@yahoo.com)>: Best daytime skip logging for me EVER happened on 1/29/1990, when I was still living with my folks on their farm west of Oakland, Iowa (which is due east of the Omaha/Council Bluffs area). Snagged Kkob-770 at 1215 CLT underneath KUOM, but still in well enough to be readable. I think Albuquerque is about 900 miles (as the crow flies) from Council Bluffs. Truly a remarkable reception, one for which, until very recently, I had a QSL card. The engineer at Kkob may have been just as amazed as I was that I could get them right smack in the middle of the day at that distance.

**Paul Swearingen** <[PlsBCBDXER@aol.com](mailto:PlsBCBDXER@aol.com)>: I'd forgotten my reception of KRVN-880 at around 11 am at the 29 Palms beverage site, about 25 miles east of 29 Palms, CA, in the heart of the Mojave Desert. This would have been in early January in the mid '80's. KOA-850 and Kkob-770 were other catches at about the same time.

## RECEIVERS

I received a letter from Gordon Anderson of Huber Heights, Ohio that will lead us into our next topic:

I have a topic I would like to see covered again in DX'er's Notebook. I don't know how soon I may purchase, but I would be curious on what portable receivers the group may be using and would recommend. I would be hoping for something good on AM, maybe LW, and SW with SSB capabilities. It would also be interesting to see group comments on other receivers. Even used receivers that would still be easy to get information and parts for repair. I have seen the reviews in the *Passport to World Band Radio* book, and of the few receivers I have seen myself and other reports, I can't agree with their reviews, which leaves me to doubt the reviews of the other receivers. Comments please!

To add some comments of my own, my present receiver is a Drake R8. I like it quite well, and do wonder how I might repair it if anything major would go wrong. I bought it used several years ago, after a comparison with the R8A and R8B. I liked the R8 for it being a slightly more sensitive receiver, better S meter tracking, and better tuning and passband controls. I found that the R8B had better AGC action, audio quality and synch detector, but seemed to be more vulnerable to internal mixing from strong local stations. Also, the R8A and R8B had software issues, one being where the VHF converter was not turned off when receiving HF. I wonder if this problem was ever fixed. A check of this with a unit equipped with a VHF converter and near a weather service transmitter (if on 162.55 MHz), the weather would be heard around 19.45 MHz on HF. I also found poor sensitivity below 100 kHz on the R8B.

Some years ago I had owned a Drake R7. What I like about it was a better front end to handle strong local signals, able to receive well below 100 kHz, and an IF notch, versus the audio Notch of the R8 series. The disadvantage of the R7 was the poor AGC and audio.

I thought it would be a good time to have an updated review on receivers. Thanks for the comments.

db - Well, I'll start by saying that I think most DXers who have experienced it would say the Sony 2010 would be the best portable choice. Which leads to the following recently on the listserv:

**David Hochfelder** <[hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu)>  
This is from Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest:  
SONY ICF-2010 R.I.P.

## WMRC RADIO 1490

We are writing today regarding your backorder for the Sony ICF-2010. We have just received notification from Sony that the ICF-2010 has been discontinued. We were previously assured that this item would be available until March 31st and that there would be additional production. However, Sony has changed their mind and has elected not to produce any more units.

We regrettably have had to cancel your backorder. If you paid by check, a refund check will be

mailed very soon. If you ordered using a credit card, your card was never billed.

Please feel free to call us toll-free at 1-800-431-3939 to discuss alternate choices. Thank you for your understanding.

**Rick Robinson** <[kf4ar@arrl.net](mailto:kf4ar@arrl.net)>: That's sad news but not unexpected. It was discontinued outside the US several years ago.

IIRC, my 2010 is almost all plated through technology, parts with metal leads that are inserted into holes in printed circuit boards then soldered, and there are little if any surface mount components. Surface mount components are tiny compared to plated through components, cheaper, easier to install on boards and result in a much smaller radio. My Sony 7600GR is almost all SMT parts and is tiny compared to the 2010. Just the packaging of a receiver the size of the 2010 is expensive compared to the 7600GR. The 2010 is nearing 20 years old and I would imagine some of the molds and test fixtures are beginning to show their age. I wish Sony had made a case for the 2010, my only complaint about the radio.

I know from building QRP (low power) ham radio gear, traditional plated through components particularly some integrated circuits, are becoming more difficult to obtain. There are still plenty of traditional type parts like capacitors and resistors, but the more specialized integrated circuits are beginning to be offered only in surface mount packages. Look through a Maxxim catalog to see how few of their new ICs are available in plated through packages.

Now lets hope Sony will offer a replacement receiver with a tuning knob, synchronous AM, SSB/CW, 10Hz readout, wide and narrow filters, maybe even DSP in a package half the size of the 2010. It could happen.

db - So, where does that leave us? The 2010 is discontinued, the Radio Shack DX-398 has met a similar fate (and I have a lot of messages on the 398 saved on my system, if there is any interest in discussing this radio), what's left? First, I wanted to include this summary of those two radios that was written last fall when the 398 was being discontinued, then next time we'll take a look at what is being said about other receivers:

**David Hochfelder** <[hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:hochfeld@rci.rutgers.edu)>: Thanks to all the folks who told us that Radio Shack was discontinuing the '398. I had already bought one this past spring to give my folks this Christmas; it had been on sale for \$149. Too bad I didn't wait. I couldn't resist getting another last night for \$99. The adapter that works with it was like another \$10 or thereabouts. It also comes with a decent carrying case.

I asked the salesman why they're discontinuing it, and he said that they're phasing in the Grundig's to replace them. He also told me that he has only sold FOUR shortwave radios in the past year, and that his impression was that other salespeople had comparable numbers.

I have been working most evenings till fairly late, so I only gave the DX-398 about an hour's worth of a shakedown on MW last night. In comparison with my ICF-2010, it is a solid performer, but it is of course not equal to the '2010. Then again, it's 2/7 of the '2010's price. The DX-398 was able to haul in the Chicago clears adjacent to my local 50kW NYC clears with no trouble. Lack of a sync detector gives more splatter, and I didn't try switching to sideband to see if that helped.

On other channels, the '398 compared well to the '2010 when both were used with the internal ferrite antenna. The '398 has decent sensitivity and selectivity, and because it's smaller it's much easier to rotate for nulling and hearing different stations on the same channel. When I compared their performance with my Kiwa Pocket Loop, the difference was bigger, the '2010 being better. The '2010 also has slightly better audio. I don't do much if any FM DXing, but the RDS function on the '398 could come in handy for that purpose. I haven't yet tried it out on SW; that may be tonight's activity. I think that the country names it gives the preset memory channels will annoy me on SW; it labels WWV on 10MHz, for instance, Australia. Also, the user's manual booklet gives list of shortwave stations you can pick up with it; the list is in many cases wildly optimistic and/or inaccurate. I don't think that Tahiti, for example, is within the ability of the DX-398.

The bottom line: if you're looking for an inexpensive way to start MW DXing, you probably can't do any better than picking up the DX-398 at its current price. I estimate roughly that it can pick up 75% or more of what I've heard on my '2010. It is also compact and light enough to be a good travel radio, and it comes with an alarm function so you can use it as a travel alarm as well. As a matter of fact, that's what I plan to do with mine; it's much more portable than the '2010.

If people on the lists want, I'll come up with a more detailed comparison of the two rigs. But for now, go buy it.

**WBBX 1380**

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540	WPDI548	Denver CO, Denver Inter. Air. TIS, prepared card in 6 days. V/s Charles Cannon, Dir. Media Relations. (Griffith—CO)
	CBK	Watrous SK, p/d "CBC SK" card, info letter in 20 days. Returned enclosed \$1.00. V/s Dave Wogg. (Griffith—CO)
630	KSLR	San Antonio TX, p/d e-mail in 1 day after an e-mail follow-up. V/s Dave Gordon, GM. (Myers—FL)
710	WAQI	Miami FL, f/d letter after an e-mail follow-up. V/s David Gleason, VP Programming/Special Projects. (Myers—FL)
890	WEEZ	Laurel MS, p/d letter in 20 days. V/s Glen A. Musgrove, CE. (Myers—FL)
920	KFLB	Odessa TX, n/d letter, sticker, schedule in 10 days after a follow-up. V/s Merri Jo Leonard, OM. (Wilkins—CO)
1040	WPBS	Conyers GA, letter in 10 days for SASE. V/s Lynn Battles, GM. (Newberry—GA)
1070	KFTI	Wichita KS, confirmation on report, bumper stickers, business card, returned enclosed \$1.00 in 20 days. V/s Jeanne Cullop, Executive Admin. Assit. (Griffith—CO)
1090	KVOP	Plainview TX, p/d letter in 6 days after a follow-up. V/s Jerry Larsen, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
1110	XEWR	Cd. Juarez CHIH, MEXICO, prepared card, stickers, Juarez postcard in 69 days after a follow-up. V/s Everardo Varela Barrera, Programador. (Wilkins—CO)
1230	WONN	Lakeland FL, p/d letter in 7 days. V/s Bob Crews. (Myers—FL)
	WXTI	Dublin GA, f/d prepared QSL sheet in 10 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> follow-up. V/s Unreadable. (Myers—FL)
1280	KDOX	Henderson NV, n/d letter in 6 days. V/s Betina Bair. (Wilkins—CO)
1410	WING	Dayton OH, p/d letter in 13 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> follow-up. V/s Don Griffin, GM. (Myers—FL)
1420	KJCK	Junction City KS, p/d letter in 10 days. Returned enclosed \$1.00. V/s Gary McIntyre, Oper. Dir. (Griffith—CO)
1440	WZYX	Cowan TN, letter in 61 days. V/s Mary Lou Garner, Owner/Office Mgr. (Newberry—GA)
1450	KIOV	Payette ID, f/d letter in 53 days. V/s David L. Combes, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
1460	KXNO	Des Moines IA, f/d "miniature" card in 9 days. No v/s. (Griffith—CO)
1490	WMOG	Brunswick GA, p/d letter as an e-mail attachment in 24 days for a written report. V/s Dick Boekeloo, Chief Operator. (Myers—FL)
1520	WHIM	Apopka FL, n/d e-mail in 1 day for an e-mail report. V/s Allan Dempsey, Production Dir./Announcer. (Myers—FL)
	KDYS	Lafayette LA, p/d e-mail in 1 day after an e-mail follow-up. V/s Doug Allen, Asst. Engr. (Myers—FL)
1530	KGBT	Harlingen TX, p/d info on same letter and same v/s as 710-WAQI above. (Myers—FL)
1600	WMQM	Lakeland TN, confirmation on report, coverage map in 7 days. V/s George McClintock, Chief Operator. (Myers—FL)
1620	KOZN	Omaha NE, p/d letter, stickers in 28 days. Returned enclosed \$1.00. X-Band #38. V/s Neil Neilkin, PD. (Griffith—CO)
1660	KRZX	Waco TX, prepared card in 9 days after a follow-up. V/s Tom Bosfield(?). (Wilkins—CO)

Contributors: Patrick Griffith, Westminster, CO; Greg Myers, Clearwater, FL; Herbert Newberry, Jr, Newborn, GA; John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO

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## MW DXing with Mini-Disc Recorder/Player

by Russ Johnson

Does it seem like some of the best times to DX conflict directly with such inconveniences as the need to sleep or earn a living? It does to me, and I found the idea of unattended recording to have more and more appeal as my chances to DX in "prime time" became few and far between. I had purchased a Viking Long Play cassette recorder several years earlier to tape my daughter's basketball games on local radio. Using the Viking along with the Sony 2010 and a digital timer helped me to snag many station ID's that I would have missed otherwise.

While the Long Play cassette recorder got me back in action, eventually I got a bit frustrated with some of its drawbacks. First, it's not really portable. If you record in Long Play, then of course you have to play back in Long Play, which pretty much constrains you to the location of that machine. Second, it's easy to lose your place while reviewing a cassette. (Let's see, that's the 4<sup>th</sup> top-of-hour segment on the tape, so that means it was 2 a.m... or was it the 5<sup>th</sup> segment?). I'm sure this never happens to you, but occasionally (just occasionally), I've been known to doze off while reviewing a tape (nuts, now where am I?). The tape counters can help a little, but they aren't linear and not very precise.

Based on the little I knew about the Mini-Disc (MD) format, it seemed to offer promise for MW DX recording. It certainly is portable. Also, each recording period or session would create a separate track, making it easy to nail down what time the recording was made. After spending a weekend of internet research, I learned that there are two major players in MD (Sony and Sharp). Both brands offer MD recorders that function in synchro-record (unattended) mode; however Sony units appear to only synchro-record from a digital source. Sharp units can synchro-record in both the digital and analog worlds!

Although I couldn't get all of my questions answered, I took the plunge and ordered a Sharp MD-MT200 Mini-Disc Recorder/Player. This unit has long play capability. It can record at regular, 2x and 4x speeds. That meant I could get nearly 5 hours on standard 74 minute mini-disc. By the way, a mini-disc measures about 2.75" x 2.75." The Sharp MD-MT200 measures about 3"W x 3.25"H x 1"D. With the rechargeable battery installed, it weighs about 5 ounces.

How does it work? Fantastic! The MD-MT200 works very well with my Sony 2010 / Intermatic DT17 timer combination. I have the timer set up for 7 top-of-hour periods during the night and early morning. I run a patch cord from the 2010 headphone jack to the MD recorder input jack. I leave the MD-MT200 in synchro-record mode and it sits patiently waiting for input to arrive from the 2010. Of course, I have the MD recorder powered by AC for this. When I sit down in the evening (at my convenience!) to DX, I've got 7 tracks on the MD recorder to review. It's a snap to play a portion of a track over and over again. You just take note of the time elapsed on the display and go back to that spot. No more guessing on how far to rewind. Doze off? No problem; just go back to whatever track you want with the push of a button.

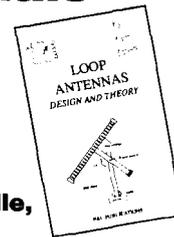
What I wasn't prepared for was the audio quality. It is noticeably better than what I was used to from Long Play cassette. I am hearing things I couldn't hear before. I certainly can recommend mini-disc for unattended MW DX recording. The audio quality is excellent, it is very portable/convenient, and it offers a good alternative for the DXer who is looking for a high quality non-computer based format.

Disappointments? I did find that the display on the MD-MT200 could introduce some hash into the Sony 2010. Separating them by about 2 feet took care of that. I also found that the supplied 5 volt AC adapter was very noisy and also caused interference to the 2010. I replaced it with a filtered 4.5 volt Radio Shack adapter and that cured that problem.

Oh, by the way, MD is great for music (its intended use). It is a breeze to copy vinyl over to MD. For anyone wishing to learn more about mini-disc, <http://www.minidisc.org> is a good resource website. I would also be happy to field questions by e-mail as well ([johnsonrkk@lexcominc.net](mailto:johnsonrkk@lexcominc.net)).

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*International DX verie/taped totals listed by continents*

Year Started	DX'er	Location	Last Update	Af	Total Veries	Ctries	Forgn	Eur	Oc	SA	NA	As
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA	2000	33	432	128	332	152	8	44	85	10
1933	Geary, Kermit	PA	2001	28	6554	115	1106	152	62	291	571	2
1938	Anderson, Roger A.	VA/NY/PA	1993	28	1448	105	514	128	48	78	227	5
1946	Moore, Ray	MA	1993	24	245	104	245	59	8	52	95	7
1940	Morss, Stan	MA	1993	14	3922	84	424	221	1	65	218	3
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA	1994	14	1615	93	368	88	3	47	212	4
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH	1996	10	2733	76	441	91	6	126	208	0
1952	Schiller, Ron	NJ	1999	8	2103	86	254	72	1	34	136	3
1960	Rugg, Andy	QC	2002	6	1784	71	208	66	0	48	88	1
1964	Whatmough, Dave	ON	1999	6	1014	13	15	3	0	1	6	0
1954	Starr, Jerry	OH	1974	3	1209	51	194	20	3	34	134	0
?	Callarman, John	?	1970	3	740	50	138	17	20	20	72	6
?	Sampson, John	NJ	1965	3	445	54	72	38	1	6	23	1
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY	1998	3	64	54	64	19	0	24	24	3
1988	Kenneally, Rick (taped)	CT	2002	2	36	150	18	0	40	88	2	
1962	Musco, Ron	CT	1999	2	1308	49	54	10	0	5	40	1
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE	1999	1	2222	32	103	0	7	8	85	2
1955	Palmer, Richard D.	IL	1993	1	822	33	94	10	2	4	77	0
?	Fela, Joseph	NJ	1965	1	738	24	35	11	0	4	19	0
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL	1974	1	567	26	40	5	3	9	21	0
1963	Scrimgeour, Gray	CA/ON	1971	1	526	47	440	18	31	10	354	26
1965?	Neff, James R.	NY	1971	1	30	29	87	10	1	4	70	1
1931	Steele, Sid	IL	1998	0	3101	36	299	2	8	12	104	1
1964	Heinen, Wayne	NY/CO	1996	0	1470	38	38	5	2	3	26	2
1964	Reynolds, Bruce	MO	1977	0	1103	28	121	2	2	6	111	0
1969	Falconer, Jeff	ON	2000	0	1091	22	20	2	2	2	14	0
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC	1973	0	1049	23	142	3	33	4	102	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (taped)	NJ	1998	0	897	43	56	14	0	37	50	1
1931	Holland, George B., Jr.	NY	1996	0	885	22	58	5	2	5	46	1
1975	Swearingen, Paul (taped)	KS	2003	0	847	22	112	0	0	21	59	0
1965	Kadet, Jeff	MD	1969	0	703	12	41	0	2	0	39	0
1964	Sorensen, Morris	ON/MB	1975	0	537	13	385	9	0	1	375	0
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA	1982	0	457	9	20	0	0	0	0	0
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY	1998	0	400	40	67	0	0	7	44	0
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON	1977	0	397	11	20	2	0	4	14	0
1992	Taylor, Pete	CA	1993	0	375	26	58	0	13	4	22	19
1976	Froemming, Gary	AZ	1994	0	338	17	92	0	1	7	85	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (paper)	NJ	1998	0	266	7	13	0	0	3	10	0
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ	1995	0	230	6	25	0	0	2	22	0
1969	Karchevski, Bob	MA/CA	1975	0	204	24	141	0	6	0	112	0
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY	1966	0	132	23	27	5	2	3	17	0
1965	Long, John	CT	1968	0	101	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
1967	Floden, Eric	ONT	1970	0	93	16	65	0	0	3	61	0
1964	Edmunds, R. J	NY	1999	0	76	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE	1976	0	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1960	Lynch, Don	MA	1980	0	0	9	157	0	0	0	0	0

This IDXA is tabulated by Asian totals, with total veries as the tie-breaker. Thanks to Rick Kenneally for his recent update. Although non-renewing members are routinely deleted from this list, if you've rejoined and don't see YOUR name in the listing above, send in your totals so we see YOU here next time!

Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXA; you probably have a month or more. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadian catches should not be included in NA totals for either U. S. or Canadian DX'ers. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. Our next column will feature African totals.

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*Domestic DX totals listed periodically in different categories*

Name and location	Yr	Last Upd.	TDT	ST	PT	DCT	TDV	SV	PV	DCV	TDH	SH	PH	DCH
Geary, Kermit-e PA	26	7/01	2768	49	10	√	5448	50	10	√	5939	50	10	√
Starr, Jerry-Jungtown, OH	54	1/86	1055	50	10	√	1610	50	10	√	2159	50	10	√
Axelrod, Shawn M.-s MAN	85	10/00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	√	1913	50	10	√
Chatterton, Ken-n NY	45	11/78	0	0	0	0	1101	50	10	√	1845	50	10	√
Steele, Sid-e IL	31	7/98	0	0	0	0	2994	49	10	√	3400	49	10	√
Krejny, Ed-nr Cleveland, OH	50	11/96	0	0	0	0	2729	49	10	√	3265	49	10	√
Falconer, Jeff-Clinton, ON	69	7/00	0	0	0	0	1070	49	10	√	2799	49	10	√
Wesolowski, Ernie-Omaha, NE	58	2/99	0	0	0	0	1970	49	9	√	2115	49	9	√
Whatmough, Dave-Hamilton, ONT	51	1/00	0	0	0	0	1030	49	10	√	2061	49	10	√
Fela, Joseph-cent. NJ	61	10/78	400	40	7	√	1045	48	9	√	1861	49	10	√
Heinen, Wayne-NY/CO	64	12/96	0	0	0	0	1434	49	9	√	1434	49	9	√
Vervoort, John-Brooklyn, NY	55	11/02	0	0	0	0	563	49	9	√	1093	49	10	√
Foxworth, Robert-Long Island, NY	57	11/78	400	44	9	√	270	48	7	√	1000	49	10	√
Holland, George Jr., vic. Albany, NY	31	11/85	0	0	0	0	828	49	9	√	828	49	9	√
Bezilla, Steve-cent. PA	24	10/78	0	0	0	0	50	45	4	√	3000	48	8	√
Francis, Steve-nr Knoxville, TN	70	2/00	315	45	3	√	37	36	0	√	2687	48	8	√
Forth, Karl-vic Chicago, IL	70	11/78	1077	48	10	√	1088	48	10	√	1771	48	10	√
Schmidt, Dave-se PA/n DE	65	11/79	400	40	4	√	1006	48	8	√	1250	48	8	√
Anderson, Roger-Arlington, MD	38	1/02	0	0	0	0	1017	48	9	√	1017	48	9	√
DeLeurere, Harley-Hendricks, WV	55	10/78	0	0	0	0	59	48	10	√	59	48	10	√
Pimper, Dennis-NE, UT	68	12/84	651	40	5	√	425	45	6	√	2447	47	7	√
Edmunds, R. J.-n NJ/e PA	62	9/99	806	41	8	√	263	42	6	√	2001	47	9	√
Rugg, Andy-Montreal, sc ONT	60	9/02	168	28	7	√	1575	47	10	√	1616	47	10	√
Rugg, Andy-Montreal	60	9/02	168	28	7	√	1419	47	10	√	1456	47	10	√
Musco, Ron-nr Hartford, CT	62	1/02	108	28	3	√	1244	47	9	√	1386	47	9	√
Arruda, Ray-nr Boston, MA	63	6/99	0	0	0	0	1150	47	9	√	1292	47	9	√
Kureth, Joe-Uniontown, MD	61	1/00	0	0	0	0	342	41	7	√	2162	46	10	√
Zank, Neil G.-Lincoln, NE	61	10/78	0	0	0	0	535	45	9	√	1100	46	9	√
Truax, Dick-vic. Louisville, KY	72	12/78	120	35	5	√	20	17	3	√	935	46	6	√
Rigas, Christos-vic Chicago, IL	81	3/98	0	0	0	0	382	44	6	√	862	46	7	√
Wilkins, John-Denver/Des Moines	62	3/00	290	35	0	0	1931	45	7	√	2250	45	7	√
DeLorenzo, Marc-e MA	62	9/00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	√	1172	45	9	√
Sampson, John-Omaha, NE	54	12/78	0	0	0	0	912	45	6	√	912	45	6	√
Greene, George-Akron, OH	60	11/84	0	0	0	0	119	29	3	√	743	45	7	√
Edmunds, R. J.-Syracuse, NY	64	9/99	0	0	0	0	75	31	5	√	533	45	9	√
Renfrew, Jim-Rochester, NY	76	3/98	68	27	5	√	161	42	8	√	1678	44	8	√
Jeter, Karl-Atlanta, GA	69	3/84	0	0	0	0	1193	44	6	√	1574	44	6	√
Swearingen, Paul-e KS	75	02/03	745	44	7	√	2	2	0	√	745	44	7	√
Wolfish, Niel-Toronto, ONT	78	2/93	402	39	6	√	493	43	10	√	1285	43	10	√
Onyschuk, Ken-Homewood, IL	66	11/92	0	0	0	0	16	13	0	√	972	43	6	√
Bond, Jerry-Rochester, NY	62	10/78	50	10	2	0	0	0	0	√	785	43	8	√
Sampson, John-Hutchinson, MN	60	10/78	0	0	0	0	336	42	6	√	336	42	6	√
Hayes, Harry J.-ne PA	70	7/98	641	39	9	√	185	30	3	√	1354	41	9	√
Wallace, Jim-Columbus, OH	69	10/78	0	0	0	0	137	36	3	√	795	41	7	√
Boersma, Philip-w MI	73	10/78	0	0	0	0	50	24	3	√	520	41	6	√
Malicky, John-Pittsburgh, PA	70	11/87	1184	40	6	√	902	38	7	√	1461	40	7	√
Taylor, Pete-Durham, NC	52	3/00	0	0	0	0	208	38	6	√	891	40	6	√
Johnson, Nancy-coastal WA	69	12/84	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	√	778	40	5	√
Reed, John-Ponca City, OK	95	1/03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	√	656	40	6	√
White, Thomas-nr Washington, DC	68	1/92	0	0	0	0	243	38	7	√	970	39	7	√
Ponder, Stephen-Shreveport, LA	75	8/89	10	4	4	√	721	39	5	√	769	39	5	√
Renfrew, Jim-New Canaan, CT	67	4/89	0	0	0	0	247	35	7	√	721	39	8	√
Kureth, Joe-Southern Pines, NC	63	6/71	0	0	0	0	92	26	2	√	878	38	7	√
Bailey, Ron-Shelby, NC	92	1/03	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	√	1428	37	5	√
Wolfish, Niel-Winnipeg, MAN	85	2/93	113	10	4	√	25	10	4	√	813	37	9	√
Harrison, Bob-ne NJ	82	6/98	0	0	0	0	772	36	7	√	996	36	7	√
Hardison, Greg-Atlanta, GA	64	11/78	0	0	0	0	42	19	5	√	900	36	6	√
Smolarek, Bob n NJ	82	6/02	78	1										

Karchevski, Bob-San Francisco, CA	69	10/78	197	35	5	198	36	5	249	36	5
Houdek, Gary-n KS	75	1/81	0	0	0	31	21	1	294	34	3
Taylor, Pete-Tacoma, WA	81	3/00	399	33	0	70	14	7	468	33	3
Sampson, John-New York, NY	65	12/78	0	0	0	181	33	6	181	33	6
Sanburn, Mike-Bellflower, CA	72	11/92	33	10	1	212	23	5	600	32	5
Taylor, Pete-San Francisco	58	3/00	70	6	1	329	31	7	450	32	7
Alves, Paul H.-n Boston, MA	48	2/99	0	0	0	145	25	5	352	32	6
Renfrew, Jim-New York, NY	78	4/89	0	0	0	0	0	0	242	32	2
Vervoort, John F.-Brooklyn, NY	00	11/02	24	9	2	4	4	0	247	31	5
Sampson, John-Winston-Salem, NC	68	10/78	0	0	0	450	30	1	450	30	1
Taylor, Pete-Coral Gables, FL	45	3/00	0	0	0	132	30	2	221	29	3
Woods, Jack-w OR	74	2/81	0	0	0	25	18	0	194	26	4
Edmunds, R. J.-ne ME	94	9/99	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	20	6
Sampson, John-Cupertino, CA	66	10/78	0	0	0	258	17	3	258	17	3
Renfrew, Jim-San Diego, CA	84	4/89	0	0	0	0	0	0	164	17	3
Renfrew, Jim-Raleigh, NC	78	4/89	0	0	0	0	0	0	329	7	2

**Legend:**  
 TDH, TDT, TDV District of Columbia heard, taped, and/or verified  
 SH, ST, SV Total Domestic Heard, Taped, Verified  
 PH, PT, PV States Heard, Taped, Verified  
 Provinces Heard, Taped, Verified

Thanks to Roy Barstow for joining us, and for updates from Ron Bailey, John Reed, and John F. Vervoort. We hope to see YOUR name and updated listings the next time around. Please?

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

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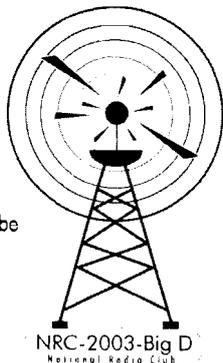
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# Musings

## 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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Most of my DXing in the past few months has been in the Atlantic Time Zone. I did some listening on a vacation in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island in October. I heard two LPRT's on the trip, CBAX-600 in McAdam, NB, and CBAO-990 in St. Stephen, NB, while driving in or near those two southwestern NB towns (these and other loggings were in DDXD a few weeks ago). Only a couple of Newfoundland stations were heard. One of them, CHCM-740, was heard from several locations at different times of the afternoon and evening, so this would continue to be one of the better bets to hear the province. It was also interesting to hear Boston on 680 and 1030 come booming in depending on my location in relation to the Bay of Fundy. Also fun to hear Celtic music programs on several stations, including CJFX-580. At home, the DX has been a lot less interesting! I've done some listening on the expanded band and on Friday nights for high school sports, but nothing really unusual noted. In fact, the "Friday Night Lights" football broadcasts were heard from the same group of stations as the year before and the year before that. A new Quantum loop was purchased last year and it provides very sharp nulls and seems to be quite sensitive. Care must be used when using it with the R8 because of several stations that are close to this location. This winter's radio project has been to scan verification letters and cards into digital images. I'm making bitmap images of these scans, and the whole thing fits easily on a single CD. I explained this project to a non-DXer, and he said, "Now you can get rid of all those letters and cards." Well, not exactly. (Thanks for the report Karl, nice to hear from you!-DWS

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Its been quite a while since I've had time to MUSE for various reasons, not the least of which was having to move my 87-year-old mother from NJ to an assisted living facility here in NC. I'll be 64 on 2/7/03 and have been retired since 1996 after working 33 years in the lithium industry as a chemical engineer. I guess the biggest news is the AL MERRIMAN and I have decided not to represent the NRC at the shortwave listeners convention in Kulpsville, PA this March due to the meager return on our investment of expense and travel time in order to sell club materials and collect a couple of membership dues. Hopefully, someone else can pick up the banner (literally!) and carry it to Kulpsville. DX-wise I am still using the Drake R8A, seven 550-foot long beverages, a 100-foot-long sloper, and a DL-2 to bag an occasional new one. My domestic total from NC to date since becoming an NRC member in 4/92 is 1428; 55 LAs/SAs have also been logged. January's loggings include WPBS-1040 (moving from 1050), WSMO-1120 (moved from 1580), and 3 new ones, WHLO-640, WWJZ-640 and WWLG-1370. Ham activities have included putting out various counties from my 1993 Chevy S-10 Blazer on the MARAC net on 14.336 MHz, using an ICOM IC-706MKIIG and magnetically roof-mounted Hamstick. I intend to be active on 10 through 80 meters from at least 12 counties during the NC QSO party on 2/23/03. 73! (And the green ink was fine Ron, no problem! Thanks for the report and nice hearing from you also!-DWS)



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