

DX News

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From the Publisher ... The thunderstorms are finally rolling across Topeka in late April, giving us some much-needed rain but also making DX'ing a challenge. It's still out there, though!

Experiment ... Fred Vobbe is conducting an experiment for his forthcoming *All Radio Magazine* that will deal with the quality and reception of AM station and needs a recording, from your DX location of certain selection. "The song will be "Nobody Does It Better" by Carly Simon, and it will be played on CHWO-740, Wednesday, April 30 between the hours of 9 pm and 10 pm," Fred said. Recordings can be sent in Mini Disc, CD, MP3 160 kbps or better/mono, reel-to-reel at 7.5 or 15 ips, or cassette, only if using a GOOD new tape (direct recording from radio tape; no mikes propped in front of a speaker, please). Sorry, no Real Audio files. "I only need the audio, starting about 1 minute before the start of the song to 1 minute after, so you can edit it down once it's recorded," he added. "I can't use any recordings where your recording starts after the song starts. I need the whole song. Now the hook. If you send in a recording that I can use, I will send you a WLIO "St Jude Children's Telethon" crew T-shirt!" Mail the recordings to Fred at the address on the back of DXN. Fred added that any broadcaster who would like to repeat this test should contact him.

Radio Free Dixie ... Remember the politically-oriented Radio Free Dixie? It was a program directed to the American south via Radio Progresso, Cuba, on 690 kHz from late 1962 to 1966. Hans Johnson (hans@wavecom.net; 1108 14th St #183 - Cody, WY 82414.) is doing a research paper on it

and is trying to determine how well it was heard in its target area. He is looking for logs, news, or summaries of QSL response for Radio Free Dixie. Very few loggings of RFD appeared in *DX News* ... I found only two and passed them on to Hans ... so he'll appreciate your help.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

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26.	May 9	May 19	29.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
27.	June 6	June 16	30.	Sept. 5	Sept. 15
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DX Time Machine

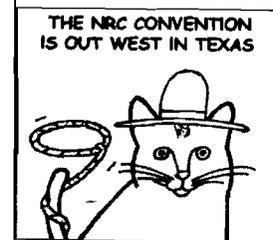
From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the May 16, 1953 DXN: Len Kruse, Dubuque, IA reported that as of May 6, 1953, there were 131 Construction Permits outstanding for new stations. He noted that he had logged every Missouri station with the addition of KJCF-1010 on a special Easter broadcast.

25 years ago ... from the May 1, 1978 DXN: Ted Fleishaker, Louisville, KY was looking for airchecks of beautiful music stations in AR, MT, VT, and SD ... Chuck Hutton noted that the '78 WRTH had not lost its "penchant for out of date LA news"; they listed Union Radio on 675 "where they have not been for an age or two" and didn't list many stations that had been on splits for years.

10 years ago ... from the May 3, 1993 DXN: The FCC announced a "filing window" for the Expanded AM Band, 1610-1700 kHz, from May 3 to June 30, 1993, with top priority going to AM daytime stations in markets over 100,000 population that have no fulltime AM or FM stations.

LOCO & NOVI : THE DX CATS by Bruce Conti



AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call	New call	Station
650 *New MI	Manistique WMII	WHLO RADIO 640 <i>A Susquehanna Station</i> <small>SERVING Akron • Canton</small> <small>867-1650 455-1650</small>
1060 KAHU HI	Hilo KHBC	
1230 WLLR IL	Moline WFXN	
1550 KVAN WA	Vancouver KKAD	

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

840 CA	Modesto: 4000/10000 (4000 CH) U13 (modification of existing application)
1100 NV	Las Vegas: 20000/600 U4 (competes with existing applications)
1560 WA	Burbank: 50000/1400 (15000 CH) U7

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1490 AL	Level Plains: 400/400 U1
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APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

540 WDAK GA	Columbus: 5000/410 U2
580 WTCM MI	Traverse City: 35000/1100 U4
730 WSCC SC	Charleston: 5300/103 U5
1110 KAOI HI	Kihei: 5000/5000 U1 from new site (see 1570 below)
1110 WFCG LA	Franklinton: 30000 (10000 CH) D1
1320 WAGF AL	Dothan: modify CP to show 1000/92 U1
1400 KBDB NV	Sparks: 1000/1000 U1
1440 KTNO TX	Denton: 5000/350 U1
1460 KTFW TX	Waco: modify Burleson, TX CP to show 5000/700 U4
1480 *New VA	Glen Allen: modify CP to show 6300/1590 U4
1570 KUAU HI	Haiku: modify CP to show 50000/20000 U1; will share antenna with KAOI-1110 (see 1110 above)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1070 WCSZ SC	Sans Souci: 50000/1800 U4
1290 KKAR NE	Omaha: 50000/5000 U4
1390 WNIO OH	Youngstown: modify CP to show 9500/4800 U4
1400 KTEM TX	Temple: 950/950 U1
1430 KCOH TX	Houston: 5000/1000 U4
1550 WLOR AL	Huntsville: 50000/400 U4
1600 WEUP AL	Huntsville: 5000/11 U1 (has application pending for 5000 D1)

OTHERNESS

540 KDFT TX	Ferris: CP for 1000/249 U4 is on
660 KCRO NE	Omaha: CP for 1000/54 U1 is on
900 WOTW NH	Nashua: CP for 910/60 U1 is on
920 KTOC LA	Jonesboro: silent station is ON THE AIR
930 WLLL VA	Lynchburg: modified CP for 9000/42 U1 is on
1050 WRFS AL	Alexander City: CP for 1000/48 U1 is on
1080 WWDR NC	Murfreesboro: CP for 930 D1 is on
1150 KCUV CO	Englewood: set to return to the air by the end of April; will keep this call and simulcast KNRC-1510 until the 1510 facility is sold, and then KNRC will move to 1150 kHz.
1160 WYNS PA	Lehighton: silent station is ON THE AIR relaying WEEX-1230
1300 WTLS AL	Tallassee: CP for 1200/18 U1 is on
1360 KDJW TX	Amarillo: silent station is ON THE AIR
1400 KIGO ID	St. Anthony: SILENT pending granted move to 1420 kHz
1450 WDXR KY	Paducah: SILENT

1510 WWBC FL	Cocoa: CP for 750 D1 from new site is on
1560 KEGG TX	Daingerfield: CP for 1500/80 U1 is on
1560 WGLB WI	Port Washington: CP to move here from Elm Grove, WI with 185/250 U4 is on
1610 CJWI PQ	Montreal: new station is ON THE AIR

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axelrod, Kermit Geary, Wayne Heinen, Patrick Griffith, Paul Crane, & Les Johnson

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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

530	—	Ft. Collins CO, Ft. Collins Office of Emer. Management, prepared card in 6 days after a follow-up. V/s Mike Gress, Dir. (Wilkins—CO)
600	YNLD	Managua NICURAGUA, n/d e-mail in 1 day after an e-mail follow-up. No v/s. (Myers—FL)
640	WFNC	Fayetteville NC, f/d prepared QSL sheet, report returned in 12 days after 3 rd follow-up. V/s Laura Price, News Dir./Branch Mgr. My 1000 th station verified. (Myers—FL)
740	KDIR	Phoenix AZ, prepared card in 7 days after a follow-up. V/s Illegible. (Wilkins—CO)
780	ZVBI	Tortola BRITISH VIRGIN IS, f/d card, letter in 6 wks. V/s Sandra Potter-Warrican, OM. (Myers—FL)
940	CJGX	Yorkton SK, f/d "GX94" card, thankyou card in 18 days. Returned enclosed \$1.00. V/s Bryan Mierau, Engr. (Griffith—CO)
980	KMIN	Grants NM, p/d letter, sticker in 7 days. V/s Derek Underhill. (Griffith—CO)
1080	KYMN	Northfield MN, prepared card in 9 days after a follow-up. V/s PD. (Wilkins—CO)
1130	CKWX	Vancouver BC, n/d letter, business card, key chains in 41 days. V/s Jacquie Donaldson, News Dir. (Griffith—CO)
1230	KJQS	Murray UT, confirmation on report in 10 days. V/s Jeff Rickard, PD. (Wilkins—CO)
1270	KRVT	Claremore OK, f/d letter in 10 days after a follow-up. V/s Stan Stacker (N5OHM), GM. (Wilkins—CO)
1480	KQAM	Wichita KS, letter in 2.5 months. V/s Cathy Buss, Entercom Radio (though station now has new owner/format). (Griffith—CO)
1500	KJIM	Denison TX, prepared card in 9 days after a follow-up. V/s Bob Allen, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
1510	KFNN	Mesa AZ, p/d letter, stickers, program guide in 9 days. No v/s. (Griffith—CO)
1540	KZMP	Ft. Worth TX, f/d letter, sticker in 7 days after a follow-up. V/s Scott Savage, GM. (Wilkins—CO)
1550	KZRK	Amarillo TX, p/d folding card, business card in 106 days. V/s Chris Knight, Marketing Mgr. (Griffith—CO)
1560	WTKN	Daleville AL, n/d letter, sticker in 10 days. V/s Joe Adams, Owner. (Myers—FL)
	WAHT	Clemson SC, f/d letter in 6 days. V/s "Jazzy" Jeff Bright, Station Mgr. (Myers—FL)
	CMBQ	Ciego de Avila CUBA, Radio Enciclopedia, n/d e-mail in 1 day for e-mail report. Calls per WRTH '03. Also sent written report. V/s Luisa. (Myers—FL)
1580	WLIJ	Shelbyville TN, p/d letter, stickers, coverage maps, fridge magnet in 6 days. V/s Nadine Hopkins, Owner/Mgr. (Myers—FL)
1610	WPXE855	Clearwater FL, City of Clearwater TIS, n/d e-mail in 1 day for e-mail report. V/s Doug Matthews, Public Communications Dir. (Myers—FL)
	CJWI	Montreal PQ, p/d e-mail in 2 days after an e-mail follow-up. V/s Jean Ernest Pierre, Directeur de la Station. (Myers—FL)

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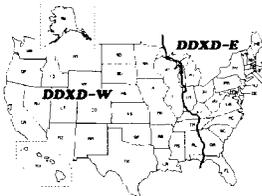
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DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ❑ A 'fair' turnout for this close to the end of the DX season. But then, some would say "... the season never ends ...".
- ❑ Heard while stalking under the DDXD-West bleachers: "It felt so good to get back to the radio! I think I've been in a DX funk/stooper for at least a month. No desire to DX. Lousy conditions when I did. It really, honestly felt good to wake up, have three cups of coffee and DX with the band FULL of DX! SS was in on 580 and 660 and there was DX for the grabbing. An UNID on 1350 with a jingle that sounded like 'CFBC Gold' whets the DX whistle. Very good conditions. I'll be at the dials again tonight!" - JJR-WI; "Maybe the 3 inches of unwanted snow has brought the DX back to life. Went out with Wayne McRae to wind up our antennas at the Valhalla DX site. Several were broken but we got all the wire back. Take time over the summer to repair them and get ready for next season." - SA-MB; your comments fit here nicely ...
- ❑ Results of the "challenges" keep coming in, which are welcome. But don't push it, hi.
- ❑ Upcoming deadlines: Issue 26 - May 8; Issue 27 - June 5 - Issue 28 - July 3 - Issue 29 - July 31; and Issue 30 - Sept 4.

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STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 540 KNOE LA Monroe - 4/8 - Now programming news/talk; ex: classic country.
(100000watts.com)
- 1230 WFXN IL Moline - Now these calls (ex: WLLR), and Fox Sports Radio 1230; ex: C&W /
/ Davenport's 103.7 FM. (Radio/DX Information From Wisconsin <<http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxing/>>)
- 1370 WLLM IL Lincoln - 4/15 - Is now religious/Moody, simulcasting WLUI 89.7 Spring-
field. (Radio/DX Information From Wisconsin)
- 1510 KNRC CO - 4/8 - I received an e-mail from the head guy at KNRC/1510 today. He
said they expect the now-dark 1150 outlet to be back on the air by the end
of the month. He said 1150 and 1510 will be simulcasting KNCR's program-
ming until a buyer is found for 1510. (PG-CO)
- 1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 4/10 - Has signed on. Format is talk, with Talkradio 1640 slogans.
(various Internet sources) plus a couple of loggings ...

- 1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 4/12 2105 - Fair, in WKSH semi-null, with Mississippi-Louisiana
hockey game. ID and ads. New. (CR-IL)
- 1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 4/17 0455 - Poor signal under WKSH, with talk programming. Now
on the air. NEW. (SA-MB)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 1010 UNID ?? - 4/11 0300-0310+ - Two stations noted beneath local KIQI. CBR the domi-
nant and the other with ESPN Sports. Possibly KSIR-CO? (DKK-CA)
- 1080 UNID ?? - 4/1 1330-1340 - Poor, with Classic Country. I think it was out of Price,
Utah, but thought I heard the call sign "KASL" - have KRPX in my notes.
(BA-CO) [Calls are KSL. You can probably move that logging from your ??
area to the "yup" area - Ed.]
- 1260 UNID ?? - 4/10 2234 - Poor, with C&W. ABC News and Real Country-Songs of
today and yesterday. (KVSE, Santa Fe? That was the station I was hunting).
(BA-CO)

The BIG 1370 Challenge

- 1370 WCOA FL Pensacola - 4/10 0000 & several times subsequent - Poor-to-fair, with call
mentions. (DS-TN)
- 1370 KDTH IA Dubuque - 4/6 0200 - NOS music. ID: ... when you need to relax—nice and easy
does it every time. AM 1370 KDTH. Semi-dominant with WSPD and KSUM
every night. (PAL-MN)
- 1370 KDTH IA Dubuque - 4/16 0900 - Fair but deep, rapid fades. ... Dubuque under cloudy
skies it's 49 degrees ... KDTH News brought to you by ... New. (DS-TN)
- 1370 KGNO KS Dodge City - 4/8 0700 - Appeared suddenly at 0700 EDT with ID: Your infor-
mation station, AM 1370, KGNO Dodge City into ABC News. (PAL-MN)
- 1370 KGNO KS Dodge City - 4/15 0800 - Poor, in mess, with 1370 KGNO Dodge City, then two
other words (Garden City?), into AP News. New. (DS-TN)
- 1370 WJMR KY Fort Campbell - daytime semi-local, completely dominant. (DS-TN)
- 1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 4/5 2359 - Fair, with ad for Downtown Toledo, Inc. ID at 0000: News
Radio 1370 WSPD Toledo. Dominant nighttime station on 1370. (PAL-MN)
- 1370 KSUM MN Fairmont - 4/6 0100 - ID: AM 1370 KSUM Fairmont, Minnesota. C&W music.
Nearly always there with WSPD and KDTH. (PAL-MN)
- 1370 KWRT MO Boonville - 4/10 0100 & a few times after - Fair, with KWRT, KWRT-FM
Boonville, Missouri, into AP News. New. (DS-TN)
- 1370 KCRV MO Caruthersville - 4/15 2200 - Mention of several area towns, then KCRV
Caruthersville-Braggadocio, Missouri, into CNN News. Second town in legal
ID is for real; check your Rand McNally. New. (DS-TN)
- 1370 WSPD OH Toledo - 4/9 2300 & many times subsequent - Poor-to-fair, with News Radio
1370 WSPD. (DS-TN)
- 1370 KSOP UT Salt Lake City - 4/11 2306 - Fair, with C&W. 1370 Gold Country, and They're
all here - on AM 1370. Brief snippets of a station mentioning Cheyenne during
fades (KJLL?). (BA-CO)
- 1370 WCCN WI Neillsville - 4/8 2022 - Ad for firm in Marshfield and other local ads. ID: AM
1370, WCCN into NOS music. (PAL-MN)
- 1370 KJLL WY Cheyenne - 4/9 0400 - Good clear ID caught on tape: 1370 KJLL Cheyenne.
New and a big surprise. Apparently not on night power. DA100 active whip
was removed from roof at this time and leaning against side of house (due to
roof work being carried on). (PAL-MN)

RUSH IS RIGHT.

WWL 1370 AM

The FINAL CC-KK-WW Challenge results

- 700 KWLW UT North Salt Lake - 4/9 2325 - Fair-to-poor, with C&W. Great country, AM 700
- where the legends live on at 2330. Also promo for New K-102 - Today's coun-
try and classics. (BA-CO)
- 870 WWL LA New Orleans - 4/8 2237 - Poor, with SPT. Much QRM, quickly faded. (I know
this is a 50 kW powerhouse, but it was the first time I caught it out here).
(BA-CO) [Happily accepted, hi - Ed.]
- 1310 KTCK TX Dallas - 4/6 0800 - Initially fair, but quickly faded. Briefly heard ID and
sports scores. (BA-CO)
- 1380 KTKZ CA Sacramento - 4/5 2125-2133 - Fair, with news. We're news - every 30 min-
utes. QRM from sports KTOM. (BA-CO)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 580 WELO MS **Tupelo - 4/13 0645** - Poor, over an unID SS, with MoYL. Only one with this format on the frequency. (JJR-WI)
- 630 KFXD ID **Boise - 4/6 2303-2311** - Call ID: *Classic Country, AM 630 KFXD* Announcements between C&W songs. Website announced about weather and traffic. Good, with some QRM. (RA-NV) [Note: this is correct city of license. When KIDO and KFXD traded frequencies, KIDO along with its programming (news/talk) went to 580 (which is licensed to Nampa) while KFXD along with its programming (C&W) ended up on 630 (licensed to Boise) - Ed.]
- 650 KGAB WY **Orchard Valley - 4/10 0004-0015** - Poor, with *The Talk of Cheyenne*. Ads for Rush Limbaugh and Paul Harvey. Also, *AM 650 - KGAB*. (BA-CO)
- 680 WJCE TN **Memphis - 4/13 0640** - Poor, in WSCR slop, with *Easy 680 WJCE* and NOS. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 710 KNUS CO **Denver - 4/7/ 0635+** - In and out, battling the KEEL/KCMO/KGNC trifecta, with news (item about a youth in Colorado Springs being dismissed from a team for making a politically incorrect remark during a game), many *K-News* slogans and Denver references. New here. Pattern does not favor this location at all. [Ed.-TX]
- 790 KGHL MT **Billings - 4/9 2335-2344** - Poor, with C&W. *Great country classics - KGHL*. Much QRM, eventually lost. (BA-CO)
- 790 KGHL MT **Billings - 4/13 0706** - Mention of Northern Ag Network on *Great Country Classics KGHL*. Into C&W music. Good signal over others. Not new. (PAL-MN)
- 880 KHAC NM **Tse Bonito - 4/6 0850-0902** - Good, with REL. Instrumental music followed by SRN News at 0855. Local weather, then *Christian Radio - KHAC* at 0900. Frequency is usually dominated by KVRN here, and could hear it underneath. (BA-CO)
- 930 WBCK MI **Battle Creek - 4/13 0705** - Fair - no WAUR. With calls and local news. (JJR-WI)
- 980 WTEM DC **Washington - 4/12 0725** - Ads for firms in Maryland and many *Sports Talk* 980 slogans. Ads for firms with 301 area code. Promos for *Sports Saturday*. Fair signal. New. (PAL-MN)
- 980 KJOX WA **Yakima - 4/11 0300** - With ID at ToH. Heard only a KUSA ID. At 0358-0400 heard numerous KUSA calls given. Finally at 0400 just after the last KUSA ID there was a quick KJOX call given. Isn't KUSA a TV station in Denver? (DKK-CA)
- 1010 WFGW NC **Black Mountain - 4/13 0700** - Poor, with legal ID, and into possibly USA News. In with two or three others. (JJR-WI)
- 1050 KTCT CA **San Mateo - 4/16 0305** - With ESPN Sports program, under XEG. Apparently they are // to KNBR. NEW. (KR-AZ)
- 1060 KGFX SD **Pierre - 4/8 2215** - Initially fair, with C&W. ABC news and *AM 1060, real country, KGFX* ID. Faded at 2220. (BA-CO)
- 1100 KFAX CA **San Francisco - 4/7 0000** - Call ID mentioning ... a service of Salem Communications. Sudden interference. (RA-NV)
- 1100 KNZZ CO **Grand Junction - 4/12 2131** - Fair with WTAM nulled. Local ads and I.D. *News Radio 1100 KNZZ*. New. (PAL-MN)
- 1140 KCLE TX **Cleburne - 4/8 2254** - Poor, with OLD. *KCLE* ID at 2255 and 2300. Faded at 2305. This was caught just after local sunset, and an exciting catch as I'm assuming they still operate at only 710 Watts at night. (BA-CO) [You are correct, sir - Ed.]
- 1180 KERI CA **Wasco-Greenacres - 4/5 2059-2110** - Fair, with GOS. *The Gospel Connection, and Because of you, we're making a difference*. (BA-CO)
- 1190 KEX OR **Portland - 4/9 2255** - Poor, with news. *News Radio AM 1190, KEX - Portland, Vancouver*. USA News at 2300. Abruptly lost just after that. (BA-CO)
- 1260 KSUR CA **Beverly Hills - 4/10 2220-2228** - Fair, with NOS. *KSUR - home of the great American songbook*. Am hearing NOS and the same *K-surf* ID on 540. (BA-CO) [Yup. They are // XEBACH - Ed.]
- 1260 KOIT CA **San Francisco - 4/6 0840** - Good, with NWS. *KOIT - 1260 AM, 96.5 FM* ID at 0845. (BA-CO)
- 1290 KCUB AZ **Tucson - 4/11 2209** - Fair, with Giants vs Dodgers baseball (7th inning). (BA-CO)

- 1380 KSLG MO **St. Louis - 4/13 0606** - Fair, with Sporting News Radio. No usual WONO. Used to be much more common as 13.8 KWK! I'm dating myself, hi! (JJR-WI) [Dating yourself? It's cheaper when you go to the movies that way, hi hi - Ed.]
- 1380 WLRM TN **Millington - 4/17 0628** - Poor-to-fair, with two call IDs, one legal and one *Love Power 1380*, over unID SS which I chased for 17 minutes. (JJR-WI)
- 1390 KENN NM **Farmington - 4/11 2205** - Fair, with NWS. Jim Bohannon. *Farmington's News Authority*. Lost at 2207. Much QRM by SS station. KJME? (BA-CO)
- 1430 KLO UT **Ogden - 4/6 0831** - Good, with REL. *American Health Radio Show*, followed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and *The Spoken Word*. KEZW underneath. (BA-CO)
- 1440 KRZD CO **Wray - 4/6 0809** - Fair, with OLD. *Music about time*, and *KRDZ - Good Time Oldies*. (BA-CO)
- 1440 WJL NY **Niagara Falls - 4/13 0602** - Poor, with calls into an oldie. Alone over mush. (JJR-WI)
- 1480 WPFJ NC **Franklin - 4/17 0709** - Fair, with weather, a local ad, and *Rise and Praise Morning Show*. REL. Last heard as WLTM. (JJR-WI)
- 1490 KXLQ IA **Indianola - 4/13 0000** - Poor, with nice fade-up for legal ID. *ESPN Radio 1490*. Rare. (JJR-WI)
- 1490 KOSR NE **Omaha - 4/18 0600** - Faded up in a mess with full ID on the hour. NEW. (SA-MB)
- 1490 CFPS ON **Fort Elgin - 4/13 0619** - Poor, but nice a CFOS jingle popped up out of nowhere, then back into mud. Nice visitor! (JJR-WI)
- 1550 KADZ CO **Arvada - 4/6 0815** - Good, with KID. Radio Disney also promoted on *AM 1690, KDDZ*. (BA-CO)
- 1550 KKAD WA **Vancouver - 4/17** - Easily thru/over local KYCY from 2220-2245+ with Portland Beavers-Las Vegas baseball game. At 2230 noted ads for Portland merchants and at 2241 an ID given between innings. This game also noted at same time on KENO-1460. Ex: KVAN. (DKK-CA)
- 1580 KWYD CO **Colorado Springs - 4/2 0930-0940** - Fair, with REL. *This is KWYD, 1580, The Witness*, and program *The Preaching of Charles Stanley*. (BA-CO)
- 1580 WLIJ TN **Shelbyville - 4/17 0706** - Fair, with very-accented jock with promo for an upcoming remote ... here in *Shelbyville*, over others. (JJR-WI)
- 1590 KVGB KS **Great Bend - 4/10 2250-2310** - Good, with NWS. Jim Bohannon, ABC News (although promo'd some CBS-TV shows). *This is AM 1590, KVGB, Great Bend. The talk of the town for over 60 years, and If we got you the news any faster, we'd be making it ourselves*. (BA-CO)
- 1640 WTNI MS **Biloxi - 4/14 0606** - Poor, way under tightly nulled WKSH, with ABC News, ad, and weather. NEW! (JJR-WI)
- 1670 KNRO CA **Redding - 4/6 2245** - Tremendous signal with typical ESPN faire. All but disappeared at 2245 as power dropped from day to night levels in the middle of a commercial. This corresponds exactly to their prescribed FCC sunset time at 1945 PDT. (PG-CO)

KDAB - AM 1590

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GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

None this week, but remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

DDXD-East

We conclude this season's DDXD-E Frequency Challenges with this issue. Many thanks to all who participated - watch this space for next season's schedule!

Please note that Bruce Conti has graciously volunteered to edit the column for issue 7026, while I attend to personal business. Please send loggings to ME the way you always do. The deadline for the next issue is 9:00 am Wednesday, May 7. This is a strict deadline ... anything I receive after that will go into the next column.

REPORTERS

- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto - Panasonic RF-2200; Grundig YB-400PE.
MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City - DX-396.
BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
MD-MA Marc DeLorenzo, Marstons Mills - JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced slopers, Mini DXP-3

phasing unit.
RJE-PA Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell – Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4' amplified air-core loop.
JF-ON Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box.
PG-MA Phil Greenspan, Marshfield – Superadio III.
HH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre – Zenith Trans Oceanic, Kiwa Pocket Loop.
DH-NJ Dave Hochfelder, New Brunswick – Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.
JR-NY Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, Quantum Phaser, longwires.
RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville – Sony SW7600GR with RS Loop and Radio Plus Q-Stick antennas, Drake R8 with MWDX5 phasing controller and 3 BOG antennas.
RR-SC Rick Robinson, Myrtle Beach – Sony SW7600GR with RS Loop.

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE – 1370 kHz

1370 WGOH KY Grayson – 4/12 1812 - Classic CW music, George Jones "He Stopped Loving Her Today", "Go Radio, WGOH 13-70" Fair in WLTC null (RR-NC)
WDEA ME Ellsworth - 4/4 1945 - Good; Boston Red Sox baseball on the WEEI network with local WFEA nulled out. (BC-NH)
 + 4/7 0023 - ID'd as the "Downeast Radio Tradition". Into Kay Stafford, "You Belong to Me". (PG-MA)
 + 4/7 0434 - Loud way atop channel with NOS format and a couple of late 60's/early 70's soft rock tunes. Nice ID at 0438 "Serving the wonderful DownEast Area, a DownEast radio tradition, AM 1370 WDEA." (MD-MA)
 + 4/9 1900 - good. Running nostalgia music with CNN news at top of hour. Call ID at top of hour. A sunset logging, rare for me. (DH-NJ)
WWLG MD Pikesville – 4/6 1834 – Very good, NOS, Local ads "Miller Motors Buick since 1932 in Baltimore". "Legends 13-70 WWLG." (RR-NC)
WFEA NH Manchester – 4/3 1823 - Weather, then "The Music of Your Life, 1370 WFEA". (RJE-PA)
 + 4/5 0457 - Excellent; sign-on with open carrier, AP news at the top of the hour, and the Music of Your Life. (BC-NH)
 + 4/5 0900 - AP Network News. ID'd as "The Music of Your Life". Into program emceed by Gary Owens. (PG-MA)
WALK NY East Patchogue – 4/4 1841 - ID and into nostalgia music - "Your Favorites". (RJE-PA)
 + 4/5 0523 - Fair; "Weekends are special on 1370 WALK," and nostalgia/oldies with WFEA nulled out. + 4/5 1843 - "No matter where you are, at home, at work, in the car, the place for timeless classics, 1370 WALK." (BC-NH)
WELV NY Ellenville – 4/2 1723 - Ad for "HudsonValleyHelpWanted.com" and ID. (RJE-PA)
 + 4/5 1750 - Good; "WELV 1370" jingle, nostalgia, "WELV with the Music of Your Life at 1370," CNN Radio News. (BC-NH)
 + 4/11 0730 – fighting off 800-lb gorilla WSPD with instrumental MoYL song, ID as "the music of your life, WELV" into CNN special report on the war in Iraq. (MKB-ON)
WXXI NY Rochester – 4/2 1830 - NPR Promo and ID. (RJE-PA)
 + 4/9 0659 – over nulled WSPD with "this is NPR, National Public Radio" announcement at end of NPR program, "support for WXXI comes from..." into a long run-down of sponsors. (MKB-ON)
 + 4/11 0800 - Fair; NPR *Morning Edition*, "This is WXXI AM Rochester and wxxi.org," in WFEA null. + 4/13 0105 - Good; NPR news followed by the BBC World Service, well over WSPD and WDEA with WFEA off. New. (BC-NH)
 + 4/14 2357 - ID. Mention NPR. Promo for National Geographic program beginning at 5AM. Signal fading in and out under WDEA. (PG-MA)
WLTC NC Gastonia – 4/2 1855 - Gospel music, then "Rejoice Radio 1370 and 1490". (RJE-PA)
 + 4/8 0801 – CNN News, "The Rejoice Radio Network, 13-70 WLTC, Charlotte, Gastonia, Rock Hill." UC Gospel, the dominant day timer on 1370. (RR-NC)
 + 4/13 2359 - Over WXXI with ID "New 1370, ?? 1490 and 94.7 FM". Mention of Aiken, SC. (PG-MA)
 + 4/14 0155 - Fair; "Rejoice 1370 and 1490 AM, and the new 94.7 FM, playing the best variety of Christian music for Georgia and the Carolinas," and urban



contemporary Christian music, in WXXI null. (BC-NH)
WLLN NC Lillington – 4/5 1757 – presumed with SS announcer mentioning "Aqui en Norte Carolina." Good in fade of WLTC. (RR-NC)
WTAB NC Tabor City – 4/1 1738 – Religious programming, Tabor City church news, Hughes McDaniel Tractor Co. ad, "Here at WTAB". Dominant daytime signal at Myrtle Beach on 1370. Power reduction promptly at 1800. (RR-SC)
 + 4/5 0600 - Fair; sign-on with vocal national anthem, "We're AM 1370 WTAB Tabor City-Loris" and C&W music. New. (BC-NH)
 + 4/16 0629 - Sports, followed by "This is the North Carolina News Network....WTAB 1370". Don't know why this one was missing until the last moments of the challenge as it's not that rare here. (RJE-PA)
WSPD OH Toledo – 4/2 1830 - "Newsradio WSPD" ID mixing with WXXI. (RJE-PA)
 + 4/2 2039 - good with ad for John Deere in Maumee during Indians baseball, ID "From Washington to the war front, get ready for the latest info on 'News Radio 1370', WSPD". (JF-ON)
 + 4/4 1900 – major dominant pest with top of hour ID: "When you need to know, depend on news radio 1370 WSPD Toledo" into news, leading off with suspected local cases of SARS. (MKB-ON)
 + 4/5 0459 - "Newsradio 1370 WSPD" in ad string heard through WFEA open carrier. (BC-NH)
 + 4/8 2129 – Michael Reagan Show, "Million dollar Nokia giveaway on WSPD". Nighttime regular here. (RR-NC)
WWCB PA Corry - 4/5 1140 - fair over WSPD on east wire with oldies, "Power 1370, WWCB" slogans. (JF-ON)
WPAZ PA Pottstown – 4/2 1730 - My 20-mile local with program promo and ID. (RJE-PA)
 + 4/5 0700 - "You're listening to one of America's great radio stations, 1370 WPAZ Pottstown" in late sunrise skip pileup with WFEA nulled out. + 4/11 1940 - Philadelphia Phillies baseball under WELV. (BC-NH)
WKMC PA Roaring Spring – 4/12 0800 – another frequent pest with "WKMC Roaring Spring – Martinsburg – Altoona" top of hour ID into AP news. (MKB-ON)
 + 4/12 1935 - Brief ID during break in Altoona Curve minor league baseball "on the Altoona Curve Radio Network" - which neither I, nor, apparently the team (per its website) knew existed. (RJE-PA)
WDEF TN Chattanooga – 4/9 2212 "Your home for Atlanta Braves baseball, ESPN Radio 13-70 WDEF." Regular night time signal. (RR-NC)
WBTV VT Bennington - 4/11 1705 - Poor; heard "Education at Vermont State Colleges" report in WFEA null, then back in briefly at 1738, "Hello to Williamstown. Hello to North Adams... Thanks for listening," through WELV. New. (BC-NH)
WHEE VA Martinsville - 4/3 1900 - Full signoff announcement followed by slow SSB by a brass ensemble. (RJE-PA)
WVLY WV Moundsville – 4/2 1841 - Ad for West Virginia Tech, ID and talk following. First time with this call. (RJE-PA)
 + 4/6 1958 – over WVLY with "WVLY Dining Guide...a look at some of our finest eating establishments in the Ohio Valley", plugging Prime Rib Night, every Wednesday at the Esquire Supper Club. (MKB-ON)
 + 4/7 0005 – fair; call ID popped up after top of hour; under a station carrying Radio America network programming. Thanks to Barry McLarnon's DX tip. (DH-NJ)
UNID – _____ - 4/5 1900 - Orchestral SSB only heard. Only even remote possibilities are WRGS-TN, WLOV-GA and WGHC-GA. (RJE-PA)

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960 UNID – _____ - 3/31 1959 – Black gospel heard faintly in CHML null. (MC-NJ)
1410 WPOpp CT Hartford – 3/31 2029 – presumed with NY Yankees game. (MC-NJ)
1700 WJCCp FL Miami Springs – 4/7 2045 - presumed over KTBK at times with lively SS:Tropical music. Not SS:REL as per NRC Log. (JF-ON)
 + 4/15 2019 – presumed with SS pop vocals, though they didn't sound particularly Christian, fading in and out over computer-generated static. (MKB-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 590 KOMJ NE Omaha - 4/5 2329 - strong with NOS music, "Magic 590" slogan, "CNN Special Report" on war in Iraq. (JF-ON)
- 600 WMT IA Cedar Rapids - 4/5 2331 - good with several "News Radio 600, WMT" mentions, into "Dow Jones Weekend Money Report". (JF-ON)
- 940 WMAC GA Macon - 4/3 0130 - News Talk 940 slogan, ABC news. (JR-NY)
- 1000 WIOO PA Carlisle - 3/31 1848 - good with classic C&W, ID "Country Gold 1000, WIOO plays all of your favorites", Johnny Cash song. (JF-ON)
- 1070 WINA VA Charlottesville - 3/16 2249 - station rose out of classical music, with a PSA for animal shelter (phone 434-973-5959), then ID: "you are listening to central Virginia's station for news, weather, sports... 1070, WINA." Then it faded back into the music. (MC-NJ)
- 1080 WNWI IL Oak Lawn - 4/8 0125 - "GreaseMan Show", IDing as WGOP 700 and WNWI 1080. Strong in WTIC null. Had a DC traffic report, so probably originally aired during the day. (JR-NY)
- 1110 WJSM PA Martinsburg - 4/6 1920 - AM-FM ID by woman with many others, "WJSM AM-FM Martinsburg". Religious format. (HJH-PA)
- 1120 WSMO NC Camp Lejeune - 3/28 1801 - poor under WMNY with classic C&W music, quick ID at top of hour. New on this frequency, ex-1580. (JF-ON)
- 1150 WCRK TN Morristown - 3/30 1850 - fair mixing with CKOC running oldies, ID "The Heartbeat of Hamblen County, Hometown Radio, WCRK". (JF-ON)
+ 4/6 2106 - Very good at times with coverage of Lady Vols v. Duke Basketball. "Today's Lady Vols basketball brought to you by WCRK and Morristown Utilities Group..." (HJH-PA)
- WNLR VA Churchville - 4/6 1945 - Signoff at this time, mentioned that station is owned by Neolight Ministries and power of 2500 watts. "Join us tomorrow as we lift up the name of the Lord." (HJH-PA)
- WMRD CT Middletown - 4/6 2300 - Good at times, mostly by itself. Had coverage of Yukon Huskies vs Texas basketball. Dual ID w/WLIS 1420. (HJH-PA)
- 1290 CJBK ON London - 3/26 2231 - "News/Talk 1290 CJBK" ID. "Hooked on a Feeling" into "Coast to Coast AM" with George Noorie. Signal fair/poor fading in and out of interference caused by local WADO-1280. (MC-NJ)
- 1380 WLRM TN Millington - 4/1 1952-2000 - good at times over CKPC with end of REL program giving web address "power1380.com" (which I tried without success), ID at top of hour "It's 7 PM on Power 1380, WLRM, Millington". New! (JF-ON)
- 1390 WHMA AL Anniston - 4/1 1959 - alone with "WHMA Weather", nice 75-degree temps given. (JF-ON)
- 1400 WRCC MI Battle Creek - 4/4 2303 - poor in jumble with one clear ID heard "It's 11:03 on WRCC, time for local, state, and national news...." Ex-WKNR for me. (JF-ON)
- 1450 WCEV IL Cicero - 3/27 2043 - fair with Chicago Area Community Calendar. (JF-ON)
- WASK IN Lafayette - 3/27 2048 - faded up with OLD music, ID "Cool Oldies WASK, great oldies all of the time." Only 2nd time here. (JF-ON)
- WMFJ FL Daytona Beach - 4/1 1900 - poor with end of REL program, clear ID "This is your inspirational station, WMFJ, Daytona Beach". Not a GYDXA record, even though it is 997 miles away. New! (JF-ON)
- 1470 WMBD IL Peoria - 4/15 2059 - in like ton of bricks with ID during St. Louis Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers baseball game: "the station where the Cardinals always play, news radio 1470 WMBD Peoria." (MKB-ON)
- 1520 KOLM MN Rochester - 4/12 0100 - fair under very dominant WWKB. Sports talk about Augusta National before 0100, then into "Sports Overnight America" with Matt Johnson. USA Radio Network news at top of hour. Thanks once again to Barry McLarnon for the posting to the DX tip list. My identification of this station rests on web research showing that KOLM is the only Sports Overnight America affiliate on this channel. Presumably on day power of 10kW. New. (DH-NJ)
- WTHE NY Mineola - 4/13 1957 - Signoff after religious service. Was in well but soon overtaken by WWKB. (HJH-PA)
- 1560 WATJ OH Chardon - 4/6 1856 - with Sporting News Network program, call letters, WQEW phased. New with these calls. (JR-NY)
- 1580 WCNB IN Connersville - 4/14 0020 - fair in a jumble. ID'd as "100.3 WIFE" then into a

local ad, then back into the mush. Also heard two clear ID's from WVKO, a relog but not typically heard. Thanks to Barry McLarnon and Perry Crabill for getting me to listen to this channel. New. (DH-NJ)

1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 4/11 0030 - fair to good at occasional peaks. Carrying Jim Bohannon show and ABC news at top of hour. City and call ID at bottom of hour. Thanks to Barry McLarnon's DX tip; he's apparently the first to log this one. WKSH off or open carrier. (DH-NJ)

+ 4/12 0732 - fair in WKBH phase null with ID at end of ABC News, "News Talk 1640", WTNI, Biloxi", into "swap shop" type program, "please call 896-TALK". New station is on the air. New! (JF-ON)

1700 KTBK TX Sherman - 4/7 2046 - good mixing with WJCC with PSA for The Medical Center of Plano, ID "You're listening to Briscoe? Roughrider's baseball on 'The Ticket', KTBK AM 1700", back to the game. (JF-ON)

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1620 WNTK490 NY Mattydale - 4/12 0735 - fair in WDND phase null with call ID, then traffic info and driving tips given. New! (JF-ON)

1630.1 WMMS NY Riga - 4/14 1020 - "WMMS Radio 1630" tape loop from the Mill Seat Landfill, female announcer with "Safety Awareness Week" promo and 10 mph speed limit reminder. The first "M" in the call letters may refer to Monroe County which operates the landfill. Very poor ten miles away where I live in Byron, but should pin the S-meter at my church, where the landfill is now a prominent landmark on the near horizon. Someone out there ought to be able to come up with a cogent comment about the uses that AM radio has descended to. How about: "Limbaugh produces it, Millseat accepts it?" (JR-NY)



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Network listings for team sports stations

Texas Rangers (EE) 2003 Eric Nadel, Vince Cotroneo Texas Rangers (SS) 2003 ??
<http://www.texasrangersradio.com/affiliates.htm> (03/26/2003)

Is this the 2003 list?	1220	KMVL-TX 1	1400	KVRP-TX	95.9	KBST-TX
600	KTBB-TX	1230	KSST-TX	1410	KCUL-TX	97.1 KVRP-TX
690	KPET-TX	1240	KASO-LA 1	1430	KEES-TX	97.7 KAXT-TX
710	KGNC-TX		KVSO-OK	1450	KGFF-OK	98.3 KASZ-TX
740	KCMC-TX		KVLF-TX 1	1490	KRUI-NM	KCUB-TX
760	KTKR-TX	1260	KKSA-TX		KBST-TX 1	99.9 KMOO-TX
930	KDET-TX	1270	KESS-TX *S	1540	KGBC-TX	100.5 KDET-TX
950	KJIV-TX	1290	KWFS-TX	1550	KCOM-TX	100.9 KIXC-TX
1000	KTOK-OK	1300	KFLO-LA 1	1560	KZQQ-TX	101.9 KACQ-TX
1080	KRLD-TX *	1320	KVMC-TX	1590	KGAS-TX 1	104.3 KGAS-TX
1090	KKYN-TX	1330	KSWA-TX	1600	KOGT-TX 1	105.1 KWMW-NM
1140	KCLE-TX	1370	KJCE-TX	92.3	KCUL-TX	106.3 KAUM-TX
1150	KZNE-TX 1	1380	KBWD-TX	94.3	KSEY-TX	

Toronto Blue Jays 2003 Tom Cheek, Jerry Howarth, Mike Wilner
http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/tor/schedule/radio_network.jsp (03/25/2003)
As of March 10, 2003

560	CFOS-ON	900	CHML-ON	1070	CHOK-ON	1310	CIWW-ON
570	CKGL-ON	960	CFAC-AB	1190	CFSL-SK		CJYM-SK
590	CJCL-ON *	980	CFPL-ON	1210	CFYM-SK	1490	CFPS-ON
600	CKAT-ON		CKRU-ON	1240	CJCS-ON	1570	CKMW-MB
790	CIGM-ON	1040	CKST-BC g	1280	CJSL-SK	94.1	CKNR-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

- 252 **ALGERIA** Tipaza APR 13 0515 - Fair despite a killer buzz with Mid East type music and female vocals. I guess the Irish station was not yet back on the air as no sign of it. [Dangerfield-PA] See International News.
- 1332 **ITALY** Rome APR 12 0508 - *RAI Uno* fair with a man in Italian. [Dangerfield-PA]

Ben speaks: I am reporting primarily to stay in touch because there has been almost nothing of interest here in recent days. The few openings have been to the high end of the band with such as 1521, 1557 and 1575. Below that very little and at the low end a terrible buzz noise that comes on promptly at 1645 each day and ruins the LW band and the MW band to some extent into the middle 800's. I am again trying to contact my friend at PECO electric in hopes of tracing it or maybe pinning it to the electric company. Now while I tend to agree with you that the DX season never ends I still maintain that the TA season always slows down to almost nothing come the end of April and doesn't pick up until the end of August or early September. In fact I would say that from last September to the middle of April there have been less than a half dozen decent openings and I could say the same for LAs. But I'm going to try and be optimistic.

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS AND CAICOS** *R. Visión Cristiana* APR 14 0247 - Usual man's passionate voice in preaching noted in passing at a decent strength, but through heavy computer interference. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *ZIZ Basseterre* APR 14 0348 - Good with pop vocals by a man and woman. I guess with 1375 gone this is one of the three remaining Pan American splits. Sad. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** *HJA RCN Barranquilla* APR 14 0247 - News report about drugs. A fading, but listenable signal. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 600 **CUBA** *CMKV R.Rebelde, Urbano Noris* APR 13 0326 - Man in Spanish with "Deportivamente" sports comments. Very good with a poor trace of CKAT. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 640 **CUBA** *R.Progreso* APR 13 0324 - Radio Progreso ID in mess with a poor WNNZ. No sign of Guadeloupe, the usual dominant Caribbean station on this channel. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 890 **CUBA** *R.Progreso, Chambas* APR 13 0330 - "La onda del alegría" and "Ritmos" mentions, then music. Strong and initially very clear with WLS easily nulled, but two minutes later huge splatter from local-like WCBS on 880. There was nearly no splatter at all using the Sanyo receiver, but the Phillips is more sensitive in the 800-1000 kHz range and is the radio I used the most while DXing this station. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1029.93 **HAITI** *R.Guinen, Port-au-Prince* APR 8 0040-0153 - Tentatively this, based on the known off-channel frequency, the religious program, and what sounded like French talk. Jean Burnell and I heard this in Newfoundland in November, and Barry McLaron has heard traces of it in Ottawa. 1029.93 may not be the exact frequency, but it's the best place that I was able to hear the signal in LSB through WBZ. There was one instrumental hymn that I know as "Aleluia, Sing to Jesus." Radio Guinen has a website, but it seems dedicated to e-sales (nothing to do with Haiti). The list of Haitian stations on the official government web page shows this one as being on 1050, similar to the WRTH. Thanks to Barry for reporting this one. Too bad that I don't have a wire aimed south at this time. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1150 **MEXICO** *XESO Cd. Obregón, SON* APR 12 1203 - Instrumental national anthem, then ID at 1205 "...en la música banda, XESO La Coqueta presenta..." A program of banda music followed, with canned slogans after each song. No ads noted during 1203-1230 monitoring period, and possibly no live announcements either, just music and slogans. Generally fair, mixing with KSAL and KDEF. First time heard, XE #191 and Sonora #32. Got enough for a good taped report. [Wilkins-CO]

Bogdan speaks: Conditions were very poor toward Cuba and no Venezuelans were heard at all. Also 750 had only very weak traces of WSB. Still, I heard something for that late in the mediumwave DX season.

Conti responds: Solar activity has been dropping significantly over the past few weeks, which would

explain the reduction in Latin American signals received in Montreal and elsewhere. Correspondingly transatlantic reception seems to be picking up in intensity, especially from the Middle East. 1521 Saudi Arabia has been huge before 2305 sign off, well before local east coast US sunset.

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International News

ALGERIA: 198 noted silent, all other Algeria transmitters heard well in the daytime. [Tim Bucknall, APR 10 via *MWC E-Mail News*]

IRELAND: At 1705 Norwegian Time I note that currently *RTE Radio One* is blasting through with a strong signal on the Drake SPR-4 at 252 kHz with a +9dB above 0 signal in parallel to Tullamore 567 kHz. Algeria *Chaîne Trois* notable below. Good to hear 252 again. Wish *RTE* welcome on LW and all success to them. [Svnen Martinsen, Western Norway, APR 14 via *am@nrcdxas.org*]

ITALY: *RAI 2* is back on 846 kHz. Heard on 7 APR at 1700 UTC. [Karel Honzik, Czech Republic, via *MWC E-Mail News*] It's again on the air today 10 APR at 1145 UTC. The transmitter is testing at 75 kW to allow for RF level measurements. [Fabrizio Magrone, Italy, via *MWC E-Mail News*] 846 was taken off the air due to electromagnetic pollution health concerns. Italy has been a leader in the investigation of health effects of long term exposure to high RF levels. Similar concerns resulted in reduced power and operating schedules for *R. Vaticana* medium and shortwave outlets.

MADEIRA: 531 Porto Santo is silent. 1485 Fuchal is silent, and so is its FM relay on 96.0 MHz. 603, 1017, 1332, and 1530 kHz are operating normally. [Tim Bucknall, APR 10 via *MWC E-Mail News*]



73 and Good DX!

Musings of the Members

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I guess I'm 62/79, an NRC member since 1941 and have all DX NEWS in two trunks marked for delivery to RON MUSCO in the future. Am rather inactive, listening every now and then but not reporting. 4000+ stations verified; best 3 or 4 veries are WIND-1584 Morocco, Radio Saba, China-1521 and WGBY-1450 Guantánamo. Am still farming full time as I have did when I joined and have to keep at it another year or two, get tired out easier and no more 16 hour days but still at it 7 days a week.

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Here's an idea to keep Musings going through the spring/summer months, send in a report and give us a recap for your DX doings for the past season. Heard something unusual? Receiver problems? Antenna work that you've done that has improved reception conditions? Let us know! I was recently called with a problem with a station in Albany and when returning the call, I ended up on the air with JR at WKRD, and naturally went into working in radio stories with him. JR and myself worked at a number of stations around the Philadelphia/Wilmington area before he left the area and put his time in all over the country, where I opted for staying around the same place (until moving up here 5 years ago). My first job at WVCH-Chester, PA were at the studios right in front of the Scott Paper factory, where a huge water tank was painted up as a display of the product they were famous for. Maybe someone was trying to tell me what I was in for in 1967 when I started! And figuring it out (as Stan did above), I'm 39/52 with the NRC. Thanks all for your support this year and please keep sending your reports in! We'll have a good one from HERBERT NEWBERRY, JR. next issue!

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WKBZ

By Phil Boersma

Muskegon, Michigan is a small city on the shores of Lake Michigan. Located almost directly across the lake from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Muskegon began in the 19th century as a lumber town; when that economy faded, Muskegon became a manufacturing and chemical center. After World War II, the city slowly faded as many "Rust Belt" cities did. During the last decade, Muskegon has begun to reinvent itself as a tourist and recreation-oriented location.

WKBZ was Muskegon's first radio station. It was put on the air in Ludington, Michigan in 1926 by Karl Ashbacher and his son, Grant. It operated on 1500 kilocycles with 15 watts (later increased to 100).

The economic ravages of the Great Depression made operation in Ludington impossible by 1934. In that year, the Ashbackers moved WKBZ 50 miles south to the larger city of Muskegon, which had no local radio station. WKBZ began broadcasting from Muskegon's Occidental Hotel in the fall of 1934, still on 1500 kc, with 100 watts. In 1941, the frequency shifted to 1490.

In 1946, with the war over, the FCC began a selective breakdown of certain clear channels. 850 kc was the first to be broken down when the FCC authorized WHDH in Boston to operate with 50,000 watts, directional, on a frequency which until then had been reserved at night for KOA in Denver. That situation allowed other, less-powerful stations to also operate full-time on 850. In 1947, WKBZ received permission to move to 850 kc, with 1,000 watts directional day and night from a new transmitter site about 3 miles south of Muskegon, on Pontaluna Road. WKBZ utilized a four-tower, "dogleg" pattern with a sharp null to the west to protect KOA. Main power lobes went north and south, with a small lobe to the southeast.

WKBZ established itself in the post-war years as Muskegon's premier "adult" radio station, playing what was then known as "good music" (later called "middle of the road"). While teens listened to Top 40 WTRU-1600 (which began in 1955), their parents almost all listened to WKBZ. WKBZ also boasted the biggest, most active news department in the market, giving it the reputation as "Muskegon's broadcast news authority", as the station put it.

WKBZ updated its music in the late 1970's, becoming "adult contemporary", but its news department retained the station's dominance in that field into the early 1980's. Yet that decade revealed the first signs of trouble for the station.

WKBZ acquired an FM around 1980. Actually licensed to Whitehall, a small city 15 miles north of Muskegon, WKBZ-FM was also a Class A, and its 3,000 watts was too small to allow the FM any sort of market dominance. Between 1985 and 1994 WKBZ went through three sets of owners, with profits continually shrinking due to increasing competition. Tinkering with the format also began, and by 1993 WKBZ-AM was all talk, carrying syndicated fare such as Rush Limbaugh.

In late 1994, the station's then-current owners decided they had enough, and donated WKBZ AM and FM to Grand Valley State University for a hefty tax write-off.

Grand Valley State (GVSU) already owned noncommercial NPR affiliates WGVU AM (1480) and FM (88.5) in the Grand Rapids market. GVSU's original plan in 1995 was to convert WKBZ AM and FM into relays of WGVU's noncommercial programming. Congressional funding cuts for public radio torpedoed that idea. Instead, GVSU decided to keep the commercial formats of WKBZ AM and FM and use the station's profits to fund WGVU radio and television, which were experiencing budget pinches due to Congressional cuts.

GVSU intentionally bled the WKBZ stations, cutting its news department from three people to one. Much of the "local news" began to be items simply rewritten out of the previous night's newspaper. Other staff cuts also were instituted, but GVSU could never get WKBZ to be very profitable. In 1996, GVSU gave up and sold the stations.

The buyer was a local company, WLC Broadcasting. WLC (the initials of the company's three principal investors) also bought another station in the market, WQWQ-1520. The company had big plans for the three stations.

WKBZ-AM retained its talk format, while WKBZ-FM shifted from soft rock to urban contemporary, and WQWQ was changed from nostalgia to gospel.

Within a year, WLC Broadcasting began showing signs of financial difficulty. WKBZ-AM lost the broadcasts of the Detroit Tigers because WLC was unable to pay the fee demanded by the baseball team and its flagship station, WJR.

By the end of 1997, WKBZ saw its local high school sports broadcast team defect to a competing station. And in 1998, the station lost Rush Limbaugh, the centerpiece of its talk format, because it could no longer afford the fees his syndicator demanded. Rush was replaced by another talk show featuring an unknown host but which was provided free to the station.

In the summer of 1998, WLC Broadcasting declared bankruptcy. Under Chapter 11, the company would be allowed to keep its three stations, reorganize, and receive debt relief. A new general manager was appointed, and hopes were raised that the company might make it.

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WLC was supposed to file a new business plan under the bankruptcy, but it never did. After the 120-day deadline expired, the court stepped in.

WLC was forced to give WKBZ AM and FM to its principal creditor, Grand Valley State University. WLC was allowed to keep WQWQ.

This time, with mope federal funding available, GVSU did what it had wanted to do three years previous: WKBZ AM and FM were changed into relays of WGVU AM and FM. Shortly thereafter, GVSU jettisoned the historic WKBZ call letters, and 850 AM and the FM became WGVU-AM and WGVU-FM.

WLC had moved the commercial talk format to WQWQ-1520. When the WKBZ call letters became available, they were snatched up for the 1520 station. In effect, WKBZ had been moved to 1520 AM. This was an inferior facility, particularly at night. Originally built as WKJR in 1969, the 1520 facility utilized a three-tower directional pattern with 10,000 watts during the day. But at night, the station had to cut back to 1,000 watts and use a highly restrictive, nine-tower directional pattern which did not adequately cover the market.

By mid-1999, WLC thought it had found a buyer for WKBZ-1520. The station was sold to Harbor Pointe Entertainment, a local real estate/entertainment company owned by two Muskegon-area brothers. The brothers also at about the same time inked an agreement to buy WCXT-FM, a powerful 100,000 watt FM based in Hart, Michigan but which covered Muskegon with a "city-grade" signal. Harbor Pointe poured money into both stations, building new studios and upgrading equipment. WKBZ even got Rush Limbaugh back. For a while, it looked like WKBZ's troubles were over.

But then the roof fell in again, after only a few months. Harbor Pointe turned out to be a financial shell game (one of the two brothers was later convicted of several crimes in relation with the operation of Harbor Pointe). The company defaulted on payments, forcing WCXT's original owner to take back the station in the fall of 1999. By the end of the year, WKBZ's employees found their checks bouncing, and the station's utilities were shut off several times due to non-payment. WKBZ was off the air for days at a time in December, 1999 and January, 2000.

Bankruptcy court stepped in. With court supervision, WLC Broadcasting (then in Chapter 7 bankruptcy, meaning its assets were being sold off) was allowed to take back the station. WLC operated WKBZ with a skeleton crew and a few short-term loans for the rest of the year 2000. WLC was supposed to sell the station as soon as possible, but for a year no buyer stepped forward.

By January, 2001, WLC thought it had found a way out: the station was to be leased to Disney Corporation. A deal to air "Radio Disney" 24 hours a day on WKBZ was signed in mid-January, and on the 17th of that month, all WKBZ employees were fired, and WKBZ was turned over to "Radio Disney", who would pay a fee to WLC Broadcasting for use of the station.

Still more problems emerged, however. WKBZ's 1520 facility had two aging transmitters, a 10,000 watt one for days and a 1,000 watt one for nights.

Both were at least 30 years old in 2001 and had suffered from engineering neglect for most of the previous decade. The 1,000-watt transmitter died early in 2001, forcing WKBZ to operate (illegally) on its 10,000 watt daytime pattern 24-hours-a-day by the time the "Radio Disney" deal was inked.

But after a few weeks of airing "Radio Disney" around the clock, the also neglected 10,000-watt transmitter failed as well. It was catastrophic failure, not able to be fixed. Disney gave up on the station and cancelled the lease deal, and WKBZ remained off the air after March, 2001.

Time had run out. WLC Broadcasting dissolved, no one wanted WKBZ, and the transmitters were beyond repair. The bankruptcy court stepped in. WKBZ was to be sold to the first person or company which offered any reasonable money for the property.

In early 2002, the WKBZ property was sold to a developer. The area around the station was being rapidly developed, and the developer wanted the land for a condominium project. The WKBZ property was sold to the developer, who received approval from the local government for the condos. Construction began in late 2002, at which time the WKBZ studio/transmitter buildings were razed, along with the nine towers. By the end of the year, the FCC had cancelled WKBZ's license under the "use it or lose it" provision for being off for more than a year. WKBZ officially died, after 76 years of existence.



WKBZ-1520 studios and transmitter