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CPC Test Calendar

WRIB	RI	1220	daily	0255-0305
WQMA	MS	1520	Feb. 15	0000-0200

WQMA-1520 ... 1820 West Marks Road - Marks, MS 38646 will conduct a DX test on Sunday, February 15, from 12:00 am-2:00 am CST. Per information from WQMA announcer Paul Walker, Jr. (via DX'er John Lentz of Muskego, WI), the test will be at 250 watts ND, and the station, normally CHR, will run "special programming" during the test. Reception reports may be sent via <http://www.q1520radio.com/>. Also, please see <http://myweb.cableone.net/jkonarz/q1520radiocom/test.html> for some information about recording the test. (Arranged by Paul Walker, Jr.)

From the Publisher ... We must really be in the winter doldrums ... contributions to columns are dropping off, columns are missing, members are moving and not providing new addresses in time to avoid costing the club 70¢ each time ... and I've been reading seed catalogs ravenously for the past week and dreaming of composted manure.

Welcome to these new members: David Joiner - Woodland, CA; Jack Troup - Novato, CA; Andrew Robins - Kalamazoo, MI (rejoins after 35 or so years); and John Demmitt, Camp Hill, PA (rejoins); Lewis Rickerson, Sr. - Parrott, GA; Warren Lamp - San Diego, CA; Donal Tallman - Utica, NY; Jason Koralja, Surf City, NJ; Sheryl Paszkiewicz -

Manitowoc, WI (rejoins); John Evanko - Fairview Park, OH; and Nick Cucco - Columbia Station, OH.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 71

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
18.	Jan. 30	Feb. 9	25.	April 16	April 26
19.	Feb. 6	Feb. 16	26.	May 7	May 17
20.	Feb. 13	Feb. 23	27.	June 4	June 14
21.	Feb. 20	Mar. 1	28.	July 2	July 12
22.	Feb. 27	Mar. 8	29.	Aug. 6	Aug. 16
23.	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	30.	Sept. 10	Sept. 20
24.	April 2	April 12			

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 30, 1954 DXN: Hank Ward, Ponca City, OK reported that he had read "Kon-Tiki" over the weekend of Jan 18 and then followed it up by logging Hawaiians KJLA, Hilo, and KANI, Kaneohe, as well as Puerto Ricans WWWW, Rio Piedras, and WNEL, San Juan.

25 years ago ... from the February 5, 1979 DXN: After complaints, the NRC banned the publishing of "poetry and rhymes" from the pages of DXN ... Randy Tomer, McKinleyville, CA logged Hawaii #20 in KNDI-1270 Honolulu on January 8.

10 years ago ... from the January 31, 1994 DXN: 1270 was productive for Ken Romstadt, Ottawa Lake, MI, who logged #2400 beard in WMIZ Vineland, NJ on January 2 during a test. And Loyd Van Horn, Brasstown, NC pulled in WXYT, Detroit, MI on January 2 while listening for the WMIZ test.



All Radio, a supplement to the DX Audio Service, replaces the After Dark series. Now available on two C-100 tapes, you'll find an interview with Dave Graupner, CEO of TM/Century, about the radio and TV jingle business ... John Bowker with an article on how Clear Channel Radio's competition are starting to copy what they do ... Ken Onyschuk with an article about jazz radio in Chicago ... John Malicky giving us a tour of 540-CBEF (CBC French) in Windsor Ontario ... Mark Durenberger telling about some CBS Milestones ... John Bowker on about FCC rules and regulations ... Fred Vobbe talking about D.R.M. ... A story about a group of people that are trying to get ads pulled out of the Russ Limbaugh show ... From N.P.R., a piece on the consolidation of radio and old time radio ... How Del Rio, Texas, is proposing to give Wolfman Jack a tribute with a large statue ... Fred Vobbe with two stories on EAS fines and regulations, and finally, on the entire side second side of tape 2, Fred talks with Leonard Kahn, of Kahn Communications about digital MW radio. Order Item ART-1. U.S.A Price \$5.00; Canada \$7.00; Overseas \$9.00. Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.

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>
1570	WGSR	FL Fernandina Beach	WNNR (it's finally official!)

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

550 WASG AL Atmore - Station is licensed for U1 3400/143 here. They applied for U2 10000/143 with a move to Ensley, Florida. However, they now have received a CP for U1 10000/143 back at Atmore.

910 WPRP PR Ponce - Granted lower day and night power levels from a new site. Will be U1 4200/4200 from N17-58-52 W66-36-49.

1170 WLEO PR Ponce - Granted a decrease in power level from a new location, that of WDEP-1290 which has a CP to move to the same 319' tower. When built, will be U1 200/200.

1330 WEBY FL Milton - Granted U5 25000/79. Three new towers at a new site (N30-31-05 W87-04-56) will accommodate the day pattern, while the night service will remain at the present location.

1330 WGFT OH Campbell - Granted U4 500/215 from original day site (had been two-site operation).

1450 WYFY NY Rome - This station, which was last reported to be silent and is indicated as such in AM Log #24, is to return and be operated as a "satellite" of WYFQ-930 Charlotte, North Carolina. The application states that the station will satisfy the FCC rules by having a part-time employee visit the station weekly, originate a certain amount of local programming and local public service announcements, maintain a public file in Rome, and have a local toll-free number for the benefit of Rome residents.

1450 KNET TX Palestine - Coordinate adjustment to N31-46-22 W95-36-59.

1470 KNXN AZ Sierra Vista - Coordinate adjustment to: N31-32-55 W110-14-40.

1490 WDEP PR Ponce - Granted power decrease to become U1 3600/790 from a new site it will be sharing with WLEO-1170.

1600 KUBA CA Yuba City - Coordinate adjustment to: N39-06-22 W121-39-18.

CPs ON THE AIR

1500 WDPC GA Dallas - Now D4 5000/0 CH 500.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1060 K NV Sparks - Applies for U2 550/550. Night pattern favors the northwest.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

690 WOKV FL Jacksonville - Applies to increase nighttime power to become U2 50000/25000. Station remains a two-site operation.

NOTE: The next two items are essentially a repeat from last issue; however, a bit more detailed information has now been dug up. So here is the latest on the KPMP/KTRB situation.

840 KPMP CA Modesto - New station has a CP for U4 4000/10000 from two sites, but this amendment asks for U13 4000/5000 CH 4000. The day and CH operation would be from one site with three 293' in-line towers, while the night operation would employ three 195' towers.

860 KTRB CA San Francisco - KTRB, originally licensed to Modesto with U4 50000/10000, received a CP to move to San Francisco with U4 50000/40000. This amendment now asks for U13 50000/50000 CH 50000. This would be a two-site operation with the day and CH operation from one site using three-715' towers in a dogleg arrangement, and the night site would employ four-191' in-line towers.

900 WURD PA Philadelphia - Seeks an increase in night power as well as a night pattern adjustment. Would become U4 1000/105.

KEYN
FM STEREO 104
AM RADIO 900

1010 WIOJ FL Jacksonville Beach - Requests to increase both day and night power levels from six new towers located about 30 miles west of their current site. If approved, facilities would be U4 50000/30000.

1050 KCAA CA Loma Linda - Applies to build two new towers at a second site to add night operation. If approved, they will become U4 1400/1000 from two sites.

1080 KVNI ID Coeur d'Alene - Coordinate adjustment to N47-36-59 W116-43-11.

1340 WYCB DC Washington - Application covers decreasing day and night power levels from a new transmitter site, co-located with that of the applied-for new tower of WOL-1450. If approved, would be U1 270/270.

1400 WWIN MD Baltimore - Applies to move to a new, taller tower with U1 500/500.

1450 WOL DC Washington - Application covers decreasing day and night power levels from a new transmitter site, co-located with that of the applied-for new tower of WYCB-1340. If approved, would be U1 390/390.

1450 WMVG GA Milledgeville - Applies to reduce day and night power to become U1 550/550.

1530 WVBF MA Middleborough Center - Applies to raise day power and add CH operation. Would become U1 2200/2 CH 940.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1400 KHCB TX Galveston - Wanted to build new three towers and go directional during the day, and revert back to the original site at night. Would have been U5 1000/1000.

ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

890 KQXI ID Meridian - Station has a CP for U2 50000/250 using six towers at night. Then they submitted an amendment to change locations, using two sites. This time they wanted four towers for night use. Then an amendment for two new locations (still two towers at night). Which brings us to this latest amendment . . . U2 50000/250 from the same day site as the preceding, but a different night site, still with two towers. Whew!

900 WLSI KY Pikesville - Licensed for U1 5000/159, station has a CP for U1 2400/159 from a new location. This amendment changes parameters to U1 3000/125 from another new site.

1130 KRUD HI Honolulu - Holds a CP for U1 10000/5000. The amendment reads U1 750/750. Why the drastic decrease? As the application reads: "The limited power was required in order to provide the necessary theoretical suppression to the nearby (FCC) AM monitoring station."

ENGINEERING AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

1320 KAWC AZ Yuma - Has an application submitted to reduce both day and night power levels, bringing them to U1 730/106. This amendment is for the same power reduction, but off a taller tower at a new site.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

560	WQAM	FL	Miami	1230	WAIM	SC	Anderson
770	WYRV	VA	Cedar Bluff	1240	WKDK	SC	Newberry
810	WYRE	MD	Annapolis	1340	WHAP	VA	Hopewell
950	WCTN	MD	Potomac-Cabin John	1360	WHBG	VA	Harrisonburg
950	WPET	NC	Greensboro	1380	WMTD	WV	Hinton
1030	WWGB	MD	Indian Head	1490	WRMT	NC	Rocky Mount
1070	WIWS	WV	Beckley	1550	WBSC	SC	Bennettsville
1080	WWDR	NC	Murfreesboro				

ODDS AND ENDS

- WTCK-1210 Bartlett, Tennessee is reportedly back on the air with MoYL. They had been off the air since July 2003 due to transmitter problems.
- CKY-580 Winnipeg, Manitoba is into their 'simulcasting' phase of leaving the AM band. The AM (programming) ceased as of 0900 CST on January 21 and is now // CKY-FM 102.3 with 80s, 90s, and new AC music.
- WGRP-940 Greenville, Pennsylvania was set for license cancellation on 1/5/04 due to being silent for one year on that date. However, Beacon Broadcasting was successful in getting an STA extension for 180 days. The extension was granted 12/

17/03 and expires 6/17/04. Since they went to the trouble of filing for an extension, it is assumed they plan to return to the air or have a potential customer for the AM facility. The FM has continued to operate, as the co-located FM transmitter/antenna has been moved to a nearby cellular tower and the studio/transmitter building and property including the two AM towers is on the real estate market. The AM transmitter has already been removed from the studio building which is actually a residential-looking house.

- Thanks, and a tip of the old AM Switch Super Bowl helmet go to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, and Jerry Starr.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

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

1400 kHz:					
WSTC	CT	Stamford	Niel Wolfish	Burnt River, ON	363
1450 kHz:					
WKIP	NY	Poughkeepsie	Niel Wolfish	Toronto, ON	315
1490 kHz:					
WKVT	VT	Brattleboro	Niel Wolfish	Burnt River, ON	331

What a Time-saver – the County Cross Reference

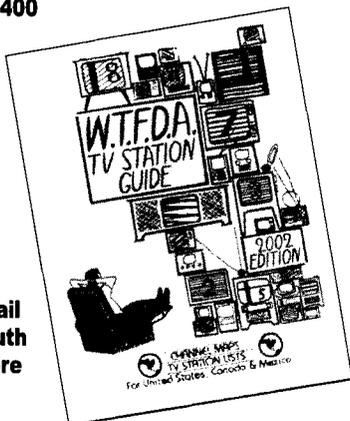
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- Both Kevin Redding and John J. Rieger submitted some interesting daytime loggings, which I've put into their own section. During winter, there are some days where the D-layer of the ionosphere disappears, making daytime skywave propagation possible. This usually happens from the winter equinox to around mid-January, but it may still be possible in February. The lower station density (especially west of the Rockies) and poorer ground conductivity in the west leave many channels open for daytime skywave. Why not give it a try?
- Wayne Heinen of NRC AM Log fame submitted some terrific graveyard catches this time.
- The next frequency challenges are 1160 (due February 4), and 1180 (due February 11). Listen and report!
- And your latest DX would be welcome here! Please follow the format you see below, including all pertinent information—frequency, call, state, city, date and time of reception, and details of your catch. Please use ELT for all times, regardless of your local time zone.

REPORTERS.

DP-HI	Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
DS-TN	Doug Smith, Pleasant View (Nashville). Receiver, antenna.
JFB-IL	James Borek, Niles. Sony ICF-2010.
JJR-WI	John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R75, GE Superadio III, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B.
JW-CO	John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
KR-AZ	Kevin Redding, Mesa. Hallicrafters SX-99, Grundig S350, Space Magnet-2 loop.
PG-CO	Patrick Griffith, Westminster. Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
WH-CO	Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, N/S flag, E/W flag, SuperPhaser, a few random wires.
Ed.-NV	Da Editor, Las Vegas. Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010 w/Kiwa filters, Quantum loop & phaser.

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE RESULTS—1040 kHz

1040	WHO	IA	Des Moines. All night every night; near-local quality with ID & news. (DS-TN)
1040	WPBS	GA	Conyers. 1/19 0800. Very good "Praise 1040, Atlanta's Christian Choice." (DS-TN)
1040	WQBB	TN	Powell. 1/16 1000. Fair-good but lots of fading; ad for Norwalk Furniture, on Kingston Pike west of Walker Springs. (DS-TN)

STATION NEWS, CHANGES, ETC.

690 KORL HI Honolulu. 1/1 0112. Noted for first time with Japanese format (ex-Radio Disney) on Dec. 31 Hawai'i time, playing Japanese adult contemporary music. EE announcements gave call sign and owner's name but JJ announcements and jingles included slogan "Radio K-Japan." Per Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*, station was bought last fall by H. Hawaii Media, owner of FM stations on Kaua'i and Maui and the lessee of the programming on KJPN-1370. Subsequently, KJPN went off the air. The newspaper article did say the station's format will be multi-cultural with mostly brokered programming including EE talk. A subsequent article and monitoring showed that JJ programming runs weekdays 1100-2300; the rest of the time is spent playing contemporary jazz and running announcements offering to put on "your very own radio show" on "Hawaii's Local Talk and Multi-Cultural Radio." (DP-HI) Ah, remember when KORL was on 650 with its "KORL rock" format and you could hear them on the east coast with WSM off and Alan Roycroft would send



- neat QSL cards for correct reports? Those were the days, my friends; we'd thought they'd never end. . . . (Ed.-NV)
- 1370 KJPN HI Pearl City/Honolulu. 1/1 0113. Now silent, its programming having shifted to KORL-690. Under call signs KMDR and then KJPN, this station lasted only about 14 months. (DP-HI)
- 1400 KRLN CO Cañon City. 1/17 0200. Out of George Noory "Coast to Coast" to full legal ID and CBS News. Heard throughout the AN taping session so adjust LOG format to 24 hr. First time in Aurora for this one for me. (WH-CO)
- 1400 KSRR UT Provo. 1/16 2201. "1400 K-Star is KSRR Provo" Music was AC/OLD (also known as Gold Based AC) change from 24th LOG. New logging for me. (WH-CO)
- 1450 KWBE NE Beatrice. 1/15 0203. Full data s/off with Star Spangled Banner. Adjust LOG sked to 0600-0203. First time here for this one. (WH-CO)
- DAYTIME DX**
- 540 KNMX NM Las Vegas. 1/22 1104. Weak and playing SS music, a cumbia. 401 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 560 KBLU AZ Yuma. 1/22 1102 with what sounds like CNN news. This was heavily splattered by KFYI. KBLU is rare in Mesa. 175 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 640 KFI CA Los Angeles. 1/22 1059 with Rush Limbaugh show into ads about a talk show on from 10-1 at night and ID then news with Tim Gallagher. 387 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 650 WSM TN Nashville. 1/18 1253. Poor but clear calls. C&W. (JJR-WI)
- 660 KTNN AZ Window Rock. 1/22 1058 with Navajo chanting and prayers with drum accompaniment. 218 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 670 KLTT CO Commerce City. 1/22 1056 with a man and a woman discussing religious topics. 586 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 680 KNBR CA San Francisco. 1/22 1053. Sports talk about the AFC Championship and the upcoming Super Bowl and for some reason the figure of \$6400 being tossed around. A bet? Cost to go to the game? 680 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 720 KDWN NV Las Vegas. 1/22 1051 under withering splash from KMIA 710 and running a talk show. 276 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 770 KKOB NM Albuquerque. 1/22 1049 with talk about NM's Democratic Party primary coming up and Fox News. 315 miles. (KR-AZ)
- 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis. 1/18 1254. Poor w/faint call in local chatter. (JJR-WI)
- 840 WHAS KY Louisville. 1/18 1257. Poor; "84-WHAS" out of ad into chatter. (JJR-WI)
- 1500 UNID ?? ??? 1/18 1332. Poor u/WPjX & WAUK slop. Oldies & "Weather Channel forecast" with "a high of 20." Temps showed this would be MI, WI, MN, IL or IN. Nothing jives. Looped NW-SE. (JJR-WI)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 600 CJWW SK Saskatoon, 1/20 0730. Poor til fade out w/C&W, calls, "SK's information station." Last heard as CFQC. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 620 CKRM SK Regina. 1/20 0726. Poor but steady in local WTMJ tight null. SK weather, calls & "song of the day." C&W. (JJR-WI)
- 650 CKOM SK Saskatoon. 1/20 0725. Fair @20/9 w/calls way o/WSM. (JJR-WI)
- 650 WNMT MN Nashauk. 1/21 0555. "Newstalk 650"; Coast to Coast program ending then station faded out to return at 0605 with commercial for Dough Stephan program with call letters indicated. Surprise catch WSM not coming very well at this time. (JFB-IL)
- 800 KDDD TX Dumas. 1/16 0916. Presumed with Dumas and Amarillo obituaries; Community Calendar at 0922. Fair/poor with local KLDC off the air. Pestered by XEROK, which was still in at good level, and STILL there after 1000! (JW-CO)
- 1110 KDIS CA Pasadena. 1/15 0604. Tentative with R. Disney programming noted in fair to poor along with unID co-channel. KAOI and tower mate KNUI-900 were both off the air, probably due to the windstorm passing through the state with gusts up to 90 mph! (DP-HI)
- 1130 CKWX BC Vancouver. 1/21 0018 with BC news and ID "News 1130, Vancouver." Was fighting with an XE and very weak. First Canadian this year. Have heard this and CHRB this season. (KR-AZ)
- 1140 KHTK CA Sacramento. 1/20 0825 with an ID "KHTK's big game gone wild party!" and

- "Sports 1140." (KR-AZ)
- 1190 KEX OR Portland. 1/15 0559. Tail end of ID "...The Big One, Newsradio 11-90 KEX Portland-Vancouver-Salem"; ABC news sounder and into local and national news. Fair to poor. (DP-HI)
- 1250 KDEI TX Port Arthur. 1/18 2200. Tuned to the frequency right at beginning of ID: "...DEI Port Arthur, Texas, and 89.7 FM KTIO(?)..." followed by soft EZL music for the next half hour or so. FADy with about 50% copy. Last heard as KALO years ago. (JW-CO)
- 1340 KCQL NM Aztec. 1/14 0700. Taped "KCQL Farmington-Durango Fox Sports 1340" and SPT programming. This dominates when KCFR is phased. (WH-CO)
- 1340 KVRH CO Salida. 1/14 0900 "... on your station that's first for sports, AM 1340, KVRH, Salida" in a lull in the talking on local KCFR which was phased. I heard this live while transferring overnight files to disk. New for me. (WH-CO)
- 1400 KBLJ CO La Junta. 1/17 0100. Taped "Arkansas Valley's Oldies, AM 1400 KBLJ La Junta Colorado." This hasn't been logged since moving to Aurora. Call change for me from KBZZ. (WH-CO)
- 1450 KATE MN Albert Lea. 1/18 0459. Legal ID punching thru the muck at 0459:52 "You're in tune with 1450 Radio KATE Albert Lea, Minnesota. It's the top of the hour...information from ABC News"; 0500 ABC news. A new one here, MN #52 and #32 on 1450. (JW-CO)
- 1450 KGIW CO Alamosa. 1/15 0105. Taped Noted with full data sign off including Star Spangled Banner. (WH-CO)
- 1490 KBST TX Big Spring. 1/16 0259. Out of NOS song with ID by man at 0259:52 "...KBST-AM Big Spring"; 0300 ABC news. Rough in jumble. (JW-CO)
- 1490 KOKC OK Guthrie. 1/16 0805. Taped a quick KOKC call and weather. First time here with KCFC Boulder nulled. (WH-CO)
- 1490 KUGR WY Green River. 1/16 0900. Noted with legal ID to CBS News. First time here with KCFC Boulder nulled. (WH-CO)
- 1490 KXRA MN Alexandria. 1/16 0400. Taped "AM 1490 KXRA Alexandria" to CNN News. Last heard in Colorado Springs in 1975. (WH-CO)
- 1490 WTIQ MI Manistique. 1/18 2101. Poor in fade up w/legal ID, OLD. "Cruisin'1490" is their slogan. (JJR-WI)

DDXD-East

2004 Clear Channel Challenge Schedule

- 1160 kHz – Listen January 28 – February 3, due February 4
 1180 kHz – Listen February 4 – 10, due February 11
 1200 kHz – Listen February 11 – 17, due February 18
 1210 kHz – Listen February 18 – 24, due February 25



REPORTERS

- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.
- SC-ON Saul Chernos, Burnt River – Sangean AT5909 with Radio Shack loop and east-west 1000' longwire.
- MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – DX-398.
- BC-PA Bruce Collier, York – Sony 2010 with BOGS at 220 degrees terminated and 45 degrees and N/S unterminated, MFJ 1025 phaser.
- PC-VA Perry Crabill, Winchester – Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
- GWJ-MD George W. Jensen, Baltimore – Grundig Satellit 800.
- WM-TN Willis Monk, Old Fort – Sony 3800.
- IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville - 1996 Isuzu Rodeo Premium Audio System 8200.
- AO-FL Al Ogrizovich, Jacksonville - Crane Radio Plus and Justice loop.
- DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu – Station News.
- RR-NC Rick Robinson, Hendersonville – Icom R75 and MWDX5 phasing controller, 3 BOG antennas, Sony SW-7600GR and Radio Shack loop antenna.
- JV-NY John Vervoort, Bronx – Grundig YB-400PE.
- JW-MD Jim Weber, Frederick – Car radio.
- JW-PA Jim Weber, various locations in Pennsylvania – Car radio.

CLEAR CHANNEL CHALLENGE – 1040 kHz

- 1040 WWBA FL Pinellas Park – 1/20 1737 – The Sean Hannity Show, Tampa area ads, "WWBA

- News Talk 10-40". Excellent fade up over WQBB till WHO took over. (RR-NC)
- WPBS GA Conyers** - 1/15 1057- Contemporary Christian music and religious programming, "Praise 10-40 WPBS Conyers. Atlanta's Christian choice." Excellent signal, shares the frequency during the day with WQBB. Signs off at 1740. (RR-NC)
- WHO IA Des Moines** - 1/15 0717 - battling CHUM-1050 slop with paid political announcement for John Edwards, ID as "Newsradio 1040 WHO" into sports. (MKB-ON)
- + 1/19 2045 - WHO finally available after many hours of listening. Picked up in Frederick, MD on car radio with discussion of Iowa caucus results and advertisement for Yonkers and Godiva chocolates. ID'd at 2048 as "WHO, the Big One!" (JW-MD)
- + 1/20 1755 - "Russ Johnson with the WHO Time Saver Traffic Report on News Radio 10-40." Excellent dominant signal from local sunset throughout the night. (RR-NC)
- WCHR NJ Flemington** - 1/16 0935 - In well on car radio in Lancaster with non-music Christian programming. 1/19 1830 - ID'ing as "WCHR, something good from the Delaware Valley". In well on car radio, Pleasantville, PA. 1/19 1915-1940 - Still easily readable but unidentified Spanish station cropping up underneath. ID's only once or twice an hour, this time as "WCHR, serving the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys". At this point, I'm on US 70 east, from Breezewood to Amaranth PA. 1/19 2000 - News and commercials on the hour. (JW-PA)
- + 1/18 2050 - Religious program from the Southwest Church Ministry, then into Bible in the News Report. At TOH, "Your radio dial is set at 10-40 AM, serving listeners in the Delaware Valley and the Lehigh Valley, 24 hours each day", followed by singing ID "WCHR". Logged as WJHR in 1998. (PC-VA)
- WSGH NC Lewisville** - 1/20 1425 - SS programming "Radio Que Pasa" ID frequently heard. Fair in null of WQBB. (RR-NC)
- WJTBp OH North Ridgeville** - 1/15 1654 - presumed with gospel talk, promo for "City of God" lecture series available on audio tape by calling 1-800-435-4343, over-come by CHUM slop before top of hour. (MKB-ON)
- WZSK PA Everett/Bedford** - 1/16 1123 - Gordon Liddy show on car radio in clear on PA Turnpike just past the Blue Mountain Tunnel. Announcements about school closings, Tussey Mountain district in particular. 1/19 1415 - Neil Boortz call in show in progress while passing Fort Littleton interchange on PA Turnpike. (JW-PA)
- WQBB TN Powell** - 1/17 1042- Fox Sports Network with talk show on NFL postseason playoffs. "Knoxville's Sports Station, 10-40 WQBB 'The Ticket.'" Excellent daytime signal. (RR-NC)
- KGGR TX Dallas** 1/15 1745 African American gospel music. "Great gospel music on 10-40 AM KGGR." Dallas area ads. I was surprised to catch this one. Good signal until WHO faded up. (RR-NC)

STATION NEWS

- 1260 **WFTW FL Fort Walton Beach** - Adds "Kim Komando Komputer Show" per program 1/10; station slogan is "News Talk 12-60." (DP-HI)
- 1630 **Pirate MD Overlea** - 1/15 - with current and oldies pop music. IDs about every 1/2 hour as "WFAL". This is a high school station, from Overlea High School, with very low power. School mascot is the Falcon, hence the slogan "Radio Falcon" or "Falcon Radio." Seems to run 24/7, but gives hours of operation as 8 AM to 3 PM. Buried at night by others on same frequency. (GWJ-MD)

PRESUMED AND UNID

- 620 **CKRMP SA Regina** - 1/11 0716 - Web site ended in 'KRM.com' and very weak country. (SC-ON)
- 730 **UNID** - 1/19 1716 - Black Gospel. Signal of low strength, faded in and out. "You're listening to W... AM 730." (IEN-GA)
- 1040 **UNID** - 1/20 0800 - Fox sports network station mixing with a Spanish station. Any ideas? (WM-TN)

- 1270 **WSPRp MA Springfield** - 1/13 2155 - presumed with SS music. Steady signal with heavy 1280 WADO QRM. (JV-NY)
- 1290 **WNBFp NY Binghamton** - 1/13 2151 - presumed with Savage Nation. Steady signal, however taking a huge dose of QRM from 1280-WADO. (JV-NY)
- 1300 **WJFKp MD Baltimore** - 1/13 2140 - "... thezone.com." At 2146, "Get in the zone." Mixing with another unidentified sports station. WJFK was the undisputed king of pests day and night in Brooklyn, and now in the Bronx, it's everywhere I go! (JV-NY)
- 1580 **WXRAp KY Georgetown** - 1/11 1705 - Fox Sports Radio. (SC-ON)
- WEAMp GA Columbus** - 1/13 1936 - "Songs of Inspiration...The Light." I rule out Columbus Ohio under these strange cx because there wasn't an OH station heard besides 1100 WTAM clear. (SC-ON)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 540 **CBK SA Watrous** - 1/11 0700 - CBC News, later SA weather. (SC-ON)
- 570 **WWNC NC Asheville** - 1/20 0705 - ID: "WWNC, Asheville news talk radio." Weather and then news headlines. (WM-TN)
- 580 **WGAC GA Augusta** - 1/20 0650 - ID: "Your place for news and weather at sunrise, WGAC, Augusta." (WM-TN)
- WKSK NC West Jefferson** - 1/20 0650 - ID: "WKSK, West Jefferson." Into country gospel music. (WM-TN)
- WCSH WV Charleston** - 1/20 0700 - ID: "WCSH, Charleston, a West Virginia Radio Corporation service." Also called itself "The voice of West Virginia." (WM-TN)
- 610 **WTVN OH Columbus** - 1/20 0710 - ID: "Your place for traffic on the 10s, WTVN, Columbus." Then weather with a temp of 11 degrees (too cold for me!). QRM from a black gospel music station, possibly WAGG. (WM-TN)
- 670 **WWFE FL Miami** - 1/13 2100 - SS, many mentions of "Cubana" followed by TOH EE ID: "This is WWFE 670 AM Miami." New. (SC-ON)
- 690 **WJOX AL Birmingham** - 1/7 1758 - Caller said BCS worked - that Michigan wasn't a conference champion. Host liked BCS also, said that it worked! He then said that it was "5 o'clock straight up." ID: "WJOX, Birmingham... the sports monster." Then signal totally disappeared! Signal fair with some static. (MC-NJ)
- 730 **WFMC NC Goldsboro** - 1/10 1822 - ID, black gospel. New. (SC-ON)
- 770 **WVNN AL Athens** - 1/3 1732 - Neil Boortz show and plenty of "News talk 770 WVNN, depend on it" liners. (AO-FL)
- WKFB PA Jeanette** - 1/18 1524 - Weak and noisy; "7-70 AM, KFB weather ...". Music programming of an indeterminate nature. New station now on the air. (PC-VA)
- 810 **WTHV GA Hahira** - 1/20 1845 - Religious music fading in and out of the competition. "Music with a ... Solid Gospel Music, 8-10 AM, WTHV." WGY-nulled with Kiwa. (PC-VA)
- 910 **WHSM WI Hayward** - 1/11 0724 - "Music of Your Life", ID / calls. New. (SC-ON)
- 920 **CFRY MB Portage le Prairie** - 1/11 0706 - MB weather, portageonline.com ad, country. (SC-ON)
- 950 **WPEN PA Philadelphia** - 1/15 1646 - over WWJ with nostalgia songs, slogan "950 WPEN...where the big bands play", local weather, into promo for "5 day getaway to Canada" bus trip to Montreal and Quebec City. (MKB-ON)
- 980 **WKLY GA Hartwell** - 1/19 1645 - Classic Country with Ray Stevens and Shriner's Convention, ad for a Gospel Show. CNN News at TOH. Good, steady signal, with no fading. "WKLY AM 980." (IEN-GA)
- 1000 **WKDE VA Altavista** - 1/10 2130 - CNN news feed //1690 followed by bottom-of-hour break and ID: "Your CNN Headline News Station, AM 1000 WKDE." U/ Chicago. Listed as a daytimer in NRC log; they should not be on this late. New. (SC-ON)
- 1010 **WNTK NH Newport** - 1/10 0936 - Mixing with WINS u/CFRB with country. "Your hometown station AM 1010 WNTK" - only third station at Burnt River on 1010. New. (SC-ON)
- 1040 **WPBS GA Conners** - 1/20 0745 - ID: "WPBS is signing on. WPBS is Atlanta - Conners, choice for christian radio." Then into prayer with black gospel music played in the background. (WM-TN)

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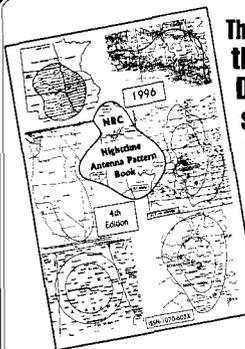
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1110 WJML MI Petoskey - 1/15 0850 - wiping out WBT with ad for Fillmore's family restaurant in Petoskey, slogan "1110 JML" into talk on 7-11 pulling its stores out of Detroit. (MKB-ON)
- 1240 WDNE WV Elkins - 1/9 2305 - ID, Dionne Warwick song. New. (SC-ON)
- 1250 WARE MA Ware - 1/13 2206 - "I'm meteorologist... on oldies twelve-fifty WARE." (JV-NY)
- 1260 WCHV VA Charlottesville - 1/14 1135 - Clear call letters in break. (BC-PA)
- 1290 CJBK ON London - 1/9 2304 - "... it all happens on twelve-ninety CJBK." Poor signal mixing with an UNID. (JV-NY)
- CFRW MB Winnipeg - 1/14 0740 - Pretty Lady by Lighthouse, followed by "CFRW, the greatest oldies of all time." (SC-ON)
- 1360 WWWJ VA Galax - 1/10 0850 - Area ads (Elk Creek, Independence), bluegrass gospel. New. (SC-ON)
- WDRC CT Hartford - 1/13 2122 - "And now back to the Savage Nation on AM thirteen-sixty, WDRC." At 2130, "... on AM thirteen-sixty, the talk of Connecticut." Mostly on top mixing with CKBC. (JV-NY)
- CKBC NB Bathurst - 1/13 2124 - "CKBC" ID, then into country tunes. Floating under WDRC, however, remained consistent. New. (JV-NY)
- WNJC NJ Washington Township - 1/14 1105 - Black gospel, very up female announcer, loud! WDRC phased. New! (BC-PA)
- WTAQ WI Green Bay - 1/15 0907 - alone on frequency with local news, ID by woman: "coming up on WTAQ traffic and weather...WTAQ news time 8:07". QSLed as WGEE in 1978. (MKB-ON)
- 1400 WMAN OH Mansfield - 1/19 1756 - over Buffalo groundwaver WWWS with Ohio News Network state news, tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. with *Abraham Martin and John* playing in background, top of hour ID: "WMAN Mansfield, Ohio...ABC news is next". (MKB-ON)
- KMHL MN Marshall - 1/14 0735 - MN farm talk, local ancts for Marshall and MN Valley. New. (SC-ON)
- 1410 WHTG NJ Eatontown - 1/10 1509 - ID: "Great gold for Long Branch, great gold, 1410, WHTG" followed by "Call Me" and "All My Lovin'". A female voice said: "the powerful voice of Gary Puckett on great gold 1410." Followed by his song, "Woman." Signal aided by 15 degree weather. (MC-NJ)
- 1420 WRMR OH Cleveland - 1/8 0616 - NOS, WRMR News and Cleveland weather. (AO-FL)
- 1440 WHKW OH Warren - 1/5 2155 - "this is a rebroadcast of the ... show on fourteen-forty WHKW." Moderate signal and alone on frequency. (JV-NY)
- WACK NY Newark - 1/11 0727 - Newark ad. New. (SC-ON)
- 1470 WLOA PA Farrell - 1/19 1900 - fighting nulled oldies station (likely WTKO) with ID as "listener-supported WLOA Farrell-Youngstown, the station of the cross" into recitation of the Lord's prayer by woman. QSL'd as WFAK in 1978. (MKB-ON)
- 1480 WPWC VA Dumfries Triangle - 1/10 0908 - Mexican-SS music, "Esta es Radio Fiesta." New. (SC-ON)
- KKCQ MN Fosston - 1/14 0712 - Q-Country, country, central MN (Rosemont etc) announcements. NOTE: This used to be the format and slogan before switching to talk/oldies. Seems to be back as country? New. (SC-ON)
- 1490 WMRN OH Marion - 1/13 0833 - Calls, WMRN.com, "Marion Ohio" QTH. o/WJMO-OH. New. (SC-ON)
- 1500 WLQV MI Detroit - 1/14 1159 - TOH ID with Detroit heard clearly. New! WTOP phased. (BC-PA)
- 1510 WAUK WI Waukesha - 1/15 0858 - over usual pest WLAC with ads for U.S. Bank and Andrews Chevrolet (with testimonial from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee basketball coach about the Chevy he just bought from them!), slogan "Milwaukee's only all sports station, WAUK AM 1510". (MKB-ON)
- 1590 WARV RI Warwick - 1/12 2158 - "... life changing radio, WARV." Poor signal mixing with UNID. New. (JV-NY)
- KCNN MN East Grand Forks - 1/13 1843 - IDs, QTH. Alone. New. (SC-ON)
- 1600 KDAK ND Carrington - 1/13 1921 - Several "Dakota Country Radio" IDs, promo for live radio coverage of MN Vikings and other MN teams, country music, possible ABC news at 1930, then ND news and promo for various local live sports, including Carrington Dakota Boys teams. Alone. Likely on 500 watts day power. New. (SC-ON)
- WLXE MD Rockville - 1/18 1600 - English ID after ethnic music, "WLXE, Rockville-Washington." Was WINX in 1990 and WKDM in 2003. Sharing channel with WHJP-PA. (PC-VA)
- WZZW WV Milton - 1/19 0800 - battling WWRL/WAAM mix with announcement at end of local news: "...and you'll hear it first on 1600 WZZW" into CBS news. (MKB-ON)
- 1640 WTNI MS Biloxi - 1/15 0005 - Call letters out of weather after news. New! (BC-PA)
- WKSH WI Sussex - 1/15 0005 - under WTNI, dominant without phasing. (BC-PA)
- 1650 KDNZ IA Cedar Falls - 1/15 0006 - calls, weather, out of news with WKKT phased. New! (BC-PA)
- TIS, HAR
- 1700 TIS MD Blackwater Wildlife Refuge - 1/10 1757 - Repeat looped tape about the refuge, open 8-4, mention of kiosks. Tentatively logged a month ago with a 410 area code. New. (SC-ON)

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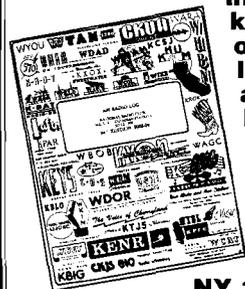


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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELI, subtract 5 hrs.

Willis Monk wants to know, "In your column you have reports for stations from Cuba. You give the location. How do you know where the location is, when no stations in Cuba give it?" Excellent question. It's true that most of the national network stations in Cuba don't provide "legal" identification by callsign and city of license. Therefore, although accuracy may be in question, locations listed here are based on the latest information available from the *World Radio TV Handbook* (WRTH), some cross-referenced with Cuban network affiliate lists on the Internet.

Transatlantic DX

- 162 FRANCE *R.France*, Allouis JAN 17 0248-0300 - Fair; man and woman in French with frequent mention of New York and America. 0254:30 "La Voix du...?" Vocal tune at 0257 then more talk. Later at 0525, man and woman in French with peppy, AR-like tune. [Frodge-MI]
- 171 MOROCCO *R.Méditerranée Int'l*, Nador JAN 17 0302-0311 - Loooonng AR vocal song (not chant). Fair; USB best. [Frodge-MI]
- 189 ICELAND *Ríkisútvarpið*, Gufuskálar JAN 16 2341-2350 - Two men with discussion in Nordic language. Best ever heard in Brighton till about 2350, then got mushier, better in AM than SSB. Audio detectable at 0105 but buried. [Frodge-MI]

Pan-American DX

- 530 TURKS & CAICOS *R.Visión Cristiana*, South Caicos JAN 20 0500 - *R.Visión* ID in English at the top of the hour, "Christian International Radio Visión, on 1330..." (gave call and other info but didn't understand it) and on 530 Radio Visión Cristiana International, Turks and Caicos Island. Then into Spanish Christian music. [Monk-TN]
- 550 CUBA *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites JAN 20 0600 - ID, "Radio Rebelde, La Habana." There was more in the ID, I don't understand Spanish. [Monk-TN] Guantánamo, Pinar del Río, and Manzanillo are listed locations in WRTH.
- 570 CUBA *R.Relej*, Santa Clara JAN 20 0730 - ID, "Radio Relej, La Habana." Very strong signal, at times over WWNC. RR Morse code in background. [Monk-TN]
- 570 MEXICO XEUK Caborca, Son JAN 22 1700 - Adult contemporary Spanish music, then into a banda song. 225 miles. [Redding-AZ]
- 600 CUBA *R.Relej* JAN 20 0735 - ID, "Radio Relej La Habana." Very strong signal, only thing heard on this frequency. RR code in background. [Monk-TN] This is new. Normally *R.Rebelde* (150 kW) would be on this frequency. Often, *Relej* fills the time when the *R.Progreso* network is off, but this is the first I've heard of *Relej* taking over for *Rebelde*, if that is indeed what happened.
- 680 MEXICO XEFO Chihuahua, Chih JAN 22 1258 - Weird banda song with rap lyrics; "Energia 680" tag at 1300, then more music. Generally fair. [Wilkins-CO]
- 690 MEXICO XEN México, DF - Noted last week at 1200 with anthem and opening announcement. Misplaced my notes so don't know date and other details but they definitely did announce "cien mil wats." [Wilkins-CO]
- 700 MEXICO XEETCH Etchojoa, Son JAN 16 *1303 - Thanks to Mike Westfall's tip, heard XEETCH on new 700 kHz (ex-1130) this morning with usual format, i.e. anthem by kid's choir at 1303, then sign-on in Spanish and two Indian languages, then indigenous flute and fiddle music. Think they are still 5000 watts, per announcement, broadcasting mornings only. Fair signal and improving, but bothered throughout by splatter from local 710 KNU. 1130 was by far the better frequency at this receiving location, with a good, clear signal most mornings. Heard on subsequent mornings, as well. National anthem varies a couple minutes either side of 1300. XE #203 here and SON #33. [Wilkins-CO] JAN 20 1319 - Classic Mexican barn dance music, then ID. New for frequency change. This music is so distinctive there is no way that you can confuse this station with another. [Redding-AZ]
- 820 MEXICO XEMVS Mexicali, BCN JAN 22 1646 - *Sona Stereo Mexicali* with David Bowie's song Fame. 1st daytime reception of this station here. 235 miles. [Redding-AZ]
- 920 MEXICO XEHQ Hermosillo, Son JAN 22 1350 - Non-descript vocal music; "La Explosiva" slogans; ID at 1359:20, "Explosion de emoción desde Hermosillo, Sonora, México. Escucha XEHQ, La Explosiva, 920 AM de su radio, con cinco mil wats de potencia," followed by a

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- PSA from the Secretaria de Reforma Agraria. Fair. New slogan, ex-*La Mejor*. [Wilkins-CO]
- 960 MEXICO(?) unID JAN 22 1314 - Woman with religious talk in Spanish; religious song at 1315; woman again at 1318 with greetings to listeners, religious talk, quotes from Libro de San Mateo. Loops north-south. Good signal for several minutes before fading at 1327; CFAC took over at this point with an equally good signal. [Wilkins-CO]
- 990 MEXICO XEHZ La Paz, BCS JAN 21 0705 - Heard under 990 *Rockola* from Tijuana. XEHZ was playing the Mexican National anthem and upon completion, full ID and calls. Es nueva para me, primera vez! [Redding-AZ]
- 1050 MEXICO XED Mexicali, BCN JAN 14 1400 - Mexican anthem; sign-on by gal at 1402:50, "XED en el 1050 AM, 'W Radio' ...en Pasaje Vallarta 1128 Edificio (?) Centro Civico, Mexicali, Baja California, telefono..." and into a story about the Fox/Bush meeting in Monterrey. Address matches BC04 in my 2002 WRTH not BC06. Don't know if the new WRTH has corrected it. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1129.98 MEXICO unID JAN 16 0315 - Noted the unID here again with banda music and "La Invasora Once Treinta" slogans. This is probably the station heard by Tim Hall and myself in Nov/Dec with what sounded like "Sinaloa" slogan. Did a Google search with no results and there is nothing listed in current references. [Wilkins-CO]

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550	KYFI	Tempe AZ, p/d letter in 18 days. Mentions that at the time I heard them they were receiving "heavy interference from a Mexican pirate" who has since moved to 560. V/s John P. Baker, DoE. (Griffith—CO) Same in 10 days after a follow-up. (Heinen—CO) Same but also prepared card in 9 days after 4" follow-up. (Wilkins—CO)
570	WNAX	Yankton SD, f/d card, business card in 6 days for \$1.00. V/s David Onsted, GM. (Griffith—CO)
620	KJOL	Grand Junction CO, f/d letter, fridge magnet, ruler, stickers in 6 days. V/s Ken Andrews, Mgr. (Heinen—CO)
720	WGN	Chicago IL, p/d card, sticker in 15 days. V/s James Carollo, DoE. (Griffith—CO)
730	KBSU	Boise ID, f/d letter, QSL card, bumper sticker in 12 days. V/s Steve Johnston, DoE. (Heinen—CO)
770	WWCN	N. Ft. Myers FL, n/d e-mail in 2 weeks after an e-mail follow-up. V/s Ronnie Kabanasky, Promotions Dir. (Myers—FL)
790	KBME	Houston TX, p/d letter in 8 days after a follow-up. V/s David Armstrong, CE. (Heinen—CO)
840	KMAX	Colfax WA, p/d letter, sticker in 9 days after a follow-up. V/s Glenn V. Vaagen, PD. (Wilkins—CO)
900	KHOZ	Harrison AR, p/d letter, stickers in 49 days after John Wilkins follow-up. His letter mentioned me and mine him! V/s Bill Wilcox, CE. (Heinen—CO)
980	CJME	Regina SK, f/d postcard in 28 days for mint stamp. V/s David M. Senft, VP Engr. (Heinen—CO)
1010	WMOX	Meridian MS, f/d form letter in 21 days for DX test. V/s Bill Smith, Station Mgr. (Wilkins—CO)
1070	KATQ	Plentywood MT, letter in 10 days. V/s Bonnie Simon. (Heinen—CO)
1130	WDFN	Detroit MI, prepared card in 147 days after a 5" follow-up for a 1996 reception. V/s Illegible. (Heinen—CO)
1160	KENS	San Antonio TX, prepared card in 11 days after a follow-up. V/s Frank A. Peterman, DoE. (Heinen—CO)
1180	KYDZ	Bellevue NE, prepared card in 8 days after a follow-up. V/s ????. (Wilkins—CO)
1290	KKAR	Omaha NE, letter in 15 days after a follow-up. V/s Billy Shears, PD. (Heinen—CO)
1350	XELBL	San Luis Rio Colorado SON, MEXICO, prepared card in 52 days. Postmarked San Luis, AZ. V/s Aidee Ceballos Castillo (Wilkins—CO)
1360	KFIV	Modesto CA, f/d letter in 8 days. V/s Steve Minshall (WA6VCR) DoE. (Heinen—CO)
1460	KXPX	Kearney NE, confirmation on report, sticker in 10 days. V/s Dan Beck, OM. (Wilkins—CO)
	XECB	San Luis Colorado SON, MEXICO, Same as 1350. (Wilkins—CO)
1550	KUAZ	Tucson AZ, letter, fridge magnet in 21 days after a follow-up. V/s Frank Fregoso, CE. (Heinen—CO)
	KDCC	Dodge City KS, p/d letter, business card in 11 days. V/s Jon L. Ewy, Professor of Mass Communications. (Heinen—CO)
	KKJY	Albuquerque NM, p/d letter in 8 days. V/s Don Davis, Local Owner. (Heinen—CO)
	KZRK	Canyon TX, n/d card in 27 days. V/s Chris Knight, Market Mgr. (Heinen—CO)
1580	KMIK	Tempe AZ, confirmation on report, business card in 8 days after a follow-up. V/s David Griffin, Station Mgr. (Heinen—CO)
1620	KBLI	Blackfoot ID, f/d letter in 144 days. V/s Carl Watkins, CE. (Heinen—CO)
1660	KQWB	West Fargo ND, f/d card in 9 days. V/s Josh Jones, AE. (Heinen—CO)
1700	KQXX	Brownsville TX, f/d letter in 57 days after a follow-up. V/s Billy Santiago, OM. (Heinen—CO)

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Here is the NRC column which answers the question, "How Much Is That R390 In The Window?". When sending your items along, please keep them radio and DX-related, plus it really helps if you send something in to keep it related to! Here we go:

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I just recently purchased a Sony ICF-SW7600GR general coverage receiver and am very satisfied with its performance so far. I also own two Grundig YB400PE radios. In addition, I also have a Radio Shack small portable that is capable of tuning into 144-162.550 mhz with analog tuning. My other two receivers I bought in 2000 were retired last week and I placed them on a table in my apartment building so someone else can enjoy them. The radios in question are a Sony SW10 with analog tuning and a Radio Shack DX399 which are both hand helds. The DX399 actually had a defective SW band, but it did work on MW, which I should have taken back for a refund. On the other hand, I was able to catch WLOC-1150 running 61 watts at the time I heard them. And as for the Sony, I never had any problem with it. I am now in the process of running comparisons with the Sony and Grundig units. An article in from the 2002 WRTH publication made me purchase the Sony; it was everything as mentioned in the review. One of the pros with the Sony is its ability to filter out adjacent channel interference, testing it on WLS, with no interference detected from WCBS, and on WLW, no interference was noted from WOR. There is also a news/music switch that helps aid reception. You can also plug in accessories that are also geared for MW reception. The set also has an ability to store 100 frequencies which can also be lettered. Tuning is continuous from 150khz to 30mhz which I also like. On FM, the unit tunes down to 76 mhz (which is where the FM band starts in Japan). Both units passed my "WBZ Test": I simply tune both units to 1030 and see if I can tune in WBZ for their daytime signal. The Sony unit doesn't come with an adapter to use in place of the batteries. The Grundig is just about as good as the Sony except I think it performs better on the MW band. The Grundig, however, only holds 40 frequencies in storage. The Grundig has a gap in coverage between 353 and 520 khz, but it can tune down to 144khz. Both units have a side band feature. Overall, I feel both are very good products, but I am going to give the Sony the upper hand.

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Cold weather finally set in during the first week of January, and naturally, the schedule went nuts with calls with problems. We have reports on hand from JOHN MALICKY and QUENTON DAVIS and could also use YOURS! The first IBOC radio was sold recently to an engineer from Cedar Rapids, IA; 3 units are out on the market, in the \$300-\$500 price range. And in Cedar Rapids, the only station running IBOC is an FM station!

I was told that WOLF-1490 is running the digital system fulltime now; I haven't been in Syracuse for a while to see what kind of noise it generates on the sidebands, however. A trip to Jersey recently revealed WMTR-1250 is now running a "Classic Oldies" format, simulcast on WWTR-1170 during the day. In AM SWITCH, I noted the story of 1330 in Youngstown; I can remember my stint while there of running "Big Al Knight" from the old WHOT "Night Site", and the station being the only one in the US having 3 active NRC members on its staff. It was sad to find out it isn't there any more. Lets here from you; keep things going! 73

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