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WXHL	MD	1550	March 29	0001-0100

From the Publisher ... Please note that the next DXN, #24, will be in THREE weeks, published on April 19. Frankly, my spring break from school is the week of March 22, and I plan to enjoy it mostly working in the garden!

NRC Contest ... I'm in a bit of a quandary as to the status of the contest ... I had intended to publish the latest standings in this issue, but the old submissions for December and January have not arrived here yet, and without them, any new compilation would be somewhat meaningless, unfortunately. So I'll wait until #24 (April 12) to publish standings through February, and perhaps March standings (which will be due on April 5) can be published on April 26 to get us current. I appreciate the patience and understanding of all who have entered the contest.

From the Listserv ... Ron Gitscher says that tests

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24.	April 2	April 12	28.	July 2	July 12
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27.	June 4	June 14			

for Jacksonville-area stations on 970 and 1570 MAY be held on March 21 from 0000-0100. Technical problems kept them from being run as scheduled earlier.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

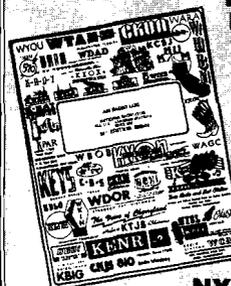
50 years ago ... from the March 13, 1954 DXN: Charlie Conley, Lemoyne, PA logged PRH9-840 for about an hour on 3/2, starting at 0230, for his 2nd São Paulo catch this year and hope that one would verify ... from the March 30 DXN: Hal Williams, Seymour, CT reported that after 5 years trying, he finally got a reportable log on WHAZ-1330, Troy, NY, despite interference from CMCB, Havana.

25 years ago ... from the March 19, 1979 DXN: Mike Tuggle, Bel Air, MD took the day off (2/26) to check out "The Great Eclipse Day" but rated both viewing and DX'ing as a "complete bust", due to rain and fog, whereas Pete Taylor, in the city of fog, San Francisco, was able to take pictures. (In mid-continent, in Moran, KS, I recall creating a pinhole projector from a box and piece of aluminum foil so that my students and I could safely view the eclipse -pls.)

10 years ago ... from the March 21, 1994 DXN: Chris Knight, in the Denver area, was listening to a pirate station on 1250 kHz, "KTLN", complete with oldies, old jingles, and old commercials. John Wilkins had heard the same operation on 1370 kHz in 1990.

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>New Call</u>	<u>Old Call</u>
540	WXNH NH Jaffrey	New station
700	KXLX WA Newport	KMJY
700	KCAF TX Wylie	KXXT (new station not yet on the air)
830	WFGM GA Sandy Springs	New station
850	WNTJ PA Johnstown	WLYE
910	WSTK NC Jacksonville	WSRP
910	WLTP OH Marietta	WBRJ
990	WNTW PA Somerset	WVSC (now "News Talk 990")
990	KMSR TX Farmersville	KCAF (now "Main Street Radio")
1160	KRDY TX San Antonio	KENS ("RDY": another play on Radio Disney)
1230	WNRG GA Augusta	WKIM
1230	KYVA NM Gallup	KTHR
1270	KNWU CA Thousand Palms	KCMJ
1270	WSHE GA Columbus	WMLF
1340	KVNN TX Victoria	KRNX
1450	WHNK WV Parkersburg	WLTP
1490	WSPO PA Johnstown	WNTJ (now "ESPN Radio 1490")
1540	WDCD NY Albany	WPTR (A return to these calls after six years as an oldies/NOS station. Before that it was WDCD as a religious station from '95 to '98. And before that it was WPTR for four decades as a rock station. Now with religious programming . . . again.)
1600	KQXX TX Brownsville	KBOR

[Note: some of these call changes may have been reported in a prior issue of DX News, but have just appeared as 'official' in the FCC databases. Reports on the NRCDXAS AM List have indicated that the calls of 1580 and 1620 in South Bend, Indiana have been swapped, but as of 12 March the FCC has made no change. Stay tuned . . . maybe next issue . . .]

CPs ON THE AIR

560	WFRB MD Frostburg - Now on with U1 5000/55.
790	WRMS IL Beardstown - Now on with U4 500/59.
1270	KSCB KS Liberal - Now on the air with U1 5000/25.
1280	WBZY PA New Castle - Now on with U2 4900/1000. Also, a coordinate correction to N40-57-14 W80-19-05.
1510	WWZN MA Boston - Now on with a slightly altered daytime pattern and CH operation. New facilities are U7 50000/50000 CH 50000.
1570	CFAV QC Laval - Now on with regular programming with mix of English and French standards from the 40s, 50s, 60s and IDing in French as "AM quinze-soixantedix, Radio Nostalgie". Translated: "AM 1570, Nostalgia Radio". Facilities are U3 10000/10000.
1670	WMWR GA Dry Branch - License for U1 10000/1000 granted.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

700	KXLX WA Newport - Included in their CP for U2 10000/600 CH 10000 at a new site, the station will be getting a new City-of-License of Airway Heights, Washington when built.
730	KSUD AR West Memphis - CP granted for U4 1000/1000 from a new 4-tower site.
850	WABA PR Aguadilla - Coordinate correction to: N18-24-02 W67-09-27.
960	WTCH WI Shawano - CP granted to change coordinates to N44-46-51 W88-37-52. (This corrects a gigantic error on my part in Issue 13).
1240	KWIK ID Pocatello - CP granted to lower power levels and correct coordinates. Will be U1 960/250 at N42-55-27 W112-27-31.
1280	WOWZ VA Appomattox - CP granted to increase day power and add night service from

new 194' tower at new location. Will be U1 5000/58 at N37-20-32 W78-57-39.

1510	WJKN MI Jackson - CP granted for a decrease in day power and to add CH operation from a new, three tower site. When built will become D4 3000/0 CH 3000.
1600	WMNE FL Riviera Beach - Coordinate correction to N26-44-55 W80-07-58.

AMENDMENTS TO CPs GRANTED

1400	KIGO ID St. Anthony - Station has a CP to move to 1420 kHz with U1 50000/160. This amendment decreases the nighttime power level to 120 Watts.
1450	KCIK CA Blue Lake - Station has a CP for U1 250/250. This amendment changes the coordinates to N40-52-22 W123-59-22.
1470	WFJY PA Portage - Station had a CP to move to 660 kHz along with a city-of-license change to Wilkinsburg with D1 270. This amendment lowers the power, so the CP now reads D1 260/0 on 660.

CPs RESCINDED OR DROPPED

1410	WHTG NJ Eatontown - Station had a CP to decrease both day and night power levels and double the height of their tower, but that authorization has disappeared from the FCC files, so we assume WHTG has opted to remain U1 500/126.
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APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

590	KSUB UT Cedar City - Coordinate correction to N37-41-46 W113-10-58.
600	WSNL MI Flint - Applies to decrease day and night power levels from new three-tower array at new site. If granted, would be U4 250/192.
800	WDESC SC Dillon - Coordinate correction to N34-22-08 W79-24-17.
900	WYCV NC Granite Falls - Applies to increase daytime power to become U1 2500/251.
930	WRVC WV Huntington - Coordinate correction to N38-24-03 W82-29-42.
1130	KTMR TX Edna - Application covers a change in city-of-license to Bulverde, Texas where it will build three new towers and remain D3 10000/0. Bulverde is a north suburb of San Antonio, about 90 miles northwest of Edna.
1140	KCLE TX Cleburne - Applies to move to 1110 kHz with D4 18000/0 CH 2500. If you'll remember, it wasn't too long ago that KCLE swapped frequencies with KJSA in order to gain night authorization. Now it seems, after all that trouble, they'll relinquish nighttime service. But KJSA, on 1120 and only 20 miles up the road, must be planning something as being only 10 kHz from 1110, they would right in the middle of KCLE's interference study. And what about the 1110 in Atoka, Oklahoma?
1150	KSAL KS Salina - Coordinate correction to N38-53-03 W97-31-02.
1230	WWGA GA Waycross - Station applies to move transmitter site to a shorter tower and remain U1 1000/1000.
1260	WISO PR Ponce - Application covers a relocation of the transmitter site. Would remain U1 2500/2500.
1400	KRVZ AZ Springerville - Coordinate correction to N34-08-17 W109-16-15.

AMENDMENTS TO CPs SUBMITTED

720	WVOA NY DeWitt - Station has a CP for U2 2500/390. This amendment increases day power and adds CH operation, which would make them U7 10000/390 CH 10000.
760	KCCV KS Overland Park - Station has a CP for U4 6000/200. This amendment seeks only to modify the number of the existing towers to be used as part of the new nighttime array along with a minor change in the height of one of the new towers.
890	KQXI ID Meridian - Station holds a CP for U2 50000/1000. This amendment requests a lower nighttime power using two of KGEM-1140's towers, plus to share the daytime site with the proposed 1100 station at Boise. New facilities would be U2 50000/250.

AMENDMENTS TO CPs DISMISSED

1490	NEW UT Moab - Station holds a CP for U1 1000/1000. The amendment would have changed transmitter site and added height to the tower.
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AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

- 930 WLSS FL Sarasota - Station has a pending application to increase nighttime power and adjust the directional patterns, becoming U4 5000/3000. This amendment would alter the patterns to reduce the radiation toward Cuba in order to reduce the interference to station CMDD, Matanzas, Cuba.
- 1510 KCUV CO Littleton - Station has three pending applications for various day and night power levels at different sites. This latest one is for U4 10000/1300, which they are currently licensed for, back at the original site.

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

- 760 KCCV KS Overland Park - Has asked for reconsideration for their application for fulltime status by adding 200 nighttime Watts, becoming U4 6000/200.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 540 NEW WY Pine Bluffs - Station applies for U4 900/700. Pine Bluffs is on I-80 just inside the Wyoming/Nebraska state line.
- 1100 NEW MN Dilworth - Applies for U2 50000/1000 CH 4400. Dilworth is about three miles inside the Minnesota-North Dakota state line east of Fargo.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS CANCELLED

- 1510 WJKN MI Jackson - Licensed for D3 5000, station has a CP to reduce daytime power and add CH operation from three new towers at a new site. Then they petitioned to revise the parameters with the 5 kW daytime, but now has asked the FCC to forget that. The CP for D4 3000/0 CH 3000 is still on.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL SUBMITTED

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| 610 WRUS | KY | Russellville | 1450 WLAF | TN | La Follette |
| 1090 WWGC | AL | Albertville | 1490 KOTN | AR | Pine Bluff |
| 1100 WSGI | TN | Springfield | 1500 WDEB | TN | Jamestown |
| 1230 WKWL | AL | Florala | 1510 WDRF | SC | Woodruff (see next category) |
| 1250 WAPZ | AL | Wetumpka | | | |
| 1390 WYXI | TN | Athens | 1540 WBIN | TN | Benton |
| 1400 KCLA | AR | Pine Bluff | 1550 WBCV | TN | Bristol |
| 1410 WDSK | MS | Cleveland | 1560 WMRO | TN | Gallatin |
| 1410 WBBX | TN | Kingston | 1580 WTCL | FL | Chattahoochee |
| 1440 WZYX | TN | Cowan | | | |

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS FOR FAILURE TO FILE A RENEWAL APPLICATION

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|-----------|----|-------------|-----------|----|----------------|
| 580 WTSB | NC | Lumberton | 1320 WTOW | NC | Washington |
| 710 WZOO | NC | Asheboro | 1340 WOOW | NC | Greenville |
| 720 WWDF | MS | Richland | 1350 WLMA | SC | Greenwood |
| 900 WDDT | MS | Greenville | 1470 WJPI | NC | Plymouth |
| 1080 WKKE | NC | St. Pauls | 1510 WDRF | SC | Woodruff |
| 1300 WSSG | NC | Goldsboro | 1580 WDAB | SC | Travelers Rest |
| 1320 WAGY | NC | Forest City | | | |

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS PER LICENSEE'S REQUEST

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| 1270 WURL | MS | Louisville | 1400 WBTB | NC | Beaufort |
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ODDS AND ENDS

- Returning to the airwaves is WYNI-930 **Monroeville, Alabama** with a talk format. Following up on an item from last issue, it seems KIIS-850 **Thousand Oaks, California** is operating at reduced power levels under a Special Temporary Authority. Where they are operating from is the big question.
- **CBZ-970 in Fredericton, New Brunswick** is now simulcasting on 99.5 FM as the first part of its switchover to the FM band in a few months. On the afternoon of March 24th CBZ will be broadcasting live from a downtown Fredericton office/shopping complex to commemorate the 40th anniversary of CBC Radio in Fredericton, and also to "officially" switch from AM to FM.
- Thanks to **Sheldon Harvey** on the NRCDXAS AM list, plus **John Bowker, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen** and **Brent Taylor**.

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

DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- Judging from the number of logs this issue, the DX season seems to be winding down. But there is still stuff to be heard. . . . stations stay on day power / pattern at night during the summer, changing sunrise/sunset patterns give different DX possibilities in the spring/summer, and spring/summer ionosphere absorption and skip angles allow surprising DX on the graveyard frequencies. Despite summer static, the DX is still there. . . . it just takes a little more effort and patience to dig it out.
- Welcome to new reporter Steve Sprague of Coffeyville, KS. Steve says his report was motivated by Paul Swearingen's remark that no one from Kansas was reporting. Way to go, Paul! (I'm glad someone's reporting from Kansas now, hi! -pls.)
- As always, your loggings are 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. There's no need to be cursory; include enough details to help your fellow NRCDers add the station to their totals. Please use ELT for all times, regardless of your local time zone.

REPORTERS

- DBJ-TN **David B. Jones, Springfield.** Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.
- DP-HI **Dale Park, Honolulu.** Receiver, antenna, bag of "One Ton Chips" from Hilo.
- JJR-WI **John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee.** Icom R75, GE Superadio III, Kiwa loop, Terk loop, MFJ-959B.
- JW-CO **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.** Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
- KR-AZ **Kevin Redding, Mesa.** Kenwood R-1000, 60-foot wire, Sony ICF-2010, Grundig S350.
- PA-CO **Patrick Griffith, Westminster.** Drake R8, Kiwa loop.
- SA-MB **Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg.** Drake R8, Icom R70, 4-foot loop, Quantum loop.
- SP-WI **Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc.** Sony ICF-2010, Selct-a-Tenna.
- SS-KS **Steve Sprague, Coffeyville.** Realistic DX375, Select-a-Tenna. **(Welcome!)**
- Ed.-NV **Your Editor, Las Vegas.** Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010, Quantum loop and phaser.

STATION NEWS, LOG UPDATES, ETC.

- 570 **KQNG HI Lihu'e.** // to 1110 KAOI Kihei. Adds Westwood One's "Ron Insana Show" 2/15 per station announcements. The stations already air former CNBC colleague Jim Cramer's show "RealMoney Radio", while dropping The Dolans and Fox Sportsradio's "We Are There Sunday." **(DP-HI)**
- 790 **KKON HI Kealakekua/Hilo.** 3/3 1457. Noted airing ESPN radio via KHLO-850 instead of Jones Radio's satellite oldies format. Per station spokesman, KKON returned to the air relaying KHLO on 9/15/03. Power seems to be down to 1000 watts from listed 5000. **(DP-HI)**
- 850 **KHLO HI Hilo.** 3/1. Per station spokesman, KHLO flipped from Jones Radio's "Cruisin' Oldies" format to sports featuring ESPN radio. Station already broadcasts Univ. of Hawaii-Hilo basketball and baseball plus high school sports and may air ESPN play-by-play of NBA and major league baseball games. KHLO will keep airing Hawaiian music in morning drive and weekend specialty shows. **(DP-HI)**

TIS, HAR, ETC.

- 1610 **WPZH377 HI Honolulu.** 2/23 2237. New TIS noted with loop tape of woman saying "W-P-zed-H-3-7-7 Honolulu, HI. The Hawaii Convention Center Information Broadcast Service. This is a test." Somewhat overmodulated. First noted in Kahala and heard as far east as Hawaii-Kai, even though I was in Hawaii-Kai around 2040 and only heard a Talking House (mentioned in Jan.). Station

also loud and clear at my home in East Honolulu. Per convention center Telecom Manager Roy Arakaki in phone call 2/26, station signed on Monday morning with 10 watts and will be used for traffic advisories during events such as the April auto show. (DP-HI)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

560	WEBC	MN	Duluth. 3/8 2106. Fair with Fox Sports, "Duluth-Superior's Sports Leader AM 560," promo for morning show. (SP-WI)
690	WTIX	LA	New Orleans. 3/5 0745. Fair with weather, WTIX Talk Radio" ID, TC, studio chit-chat, calls, TC, "690 News," call-in. (SP-WI)
690	WJOX	AL	Birmingham. 3/5 0755. Fair with traffic, AL sports, weather, ESPN, AL news, "Jock 690, The Sports Monster" ID, local spots. NEW. (SP-WI)
760	KCCV	KS	Overland Park. 3/8 0743. Good with REL, calls, traffic, weather, "Life 92" FM. New for me on this frequency. (SP-WI)
810	WGY	NY	Schenectady. 2/23 0635. News, weather, traffic report over WHB for a time. New. (SS-KS)
830	KMXE	CA	Orange. 2/25 0833. Ad or announcement for Old Timers Foundation in Huntington Park on Feb 28; station promo ("comentanos que piensa de La Ocho Treinta") and gave website www.la830.com; then continued with talk program called, I think, "Geraldo por la Manana"; occasional vocal music. No ID heard, but a call change has been granted to KMXE, ex-KPLS, ex-EE talk. Fair before fading under WCCO. (JW-CO)
990	CBW	MB	Winnipeg. 3/1 0020. Tentative with CBC Radio Overnight playing a news cut from the BBC. Was really hammered by 990 Rockola in Tijuana. Never got an ID so this is presumed. (KR-AZ)
1010	CBR	AB	Calgary. 3/8 0600 with a sort of ID after running CBC Overnight Programming with a woman announcer saying "This is CBC Radio One." Had snippets of what sounded like news from South Africa but maybe from New Zealand by the accents of the people speaking. Was very weak and under KXEM in a bit of a null. (KR-AZ)
1230	KOTS	NM	Deming. 2/25 0557. C&W hit, then legal ID overriding the jumble: "Deming Country is 1230 AM KOTS Deming, New Mexico," and into AP news. Soon faded. (JW-CO)
1360	?	IA	Sioux City. 2/11 0340. Call in program ID at 0400, "News talk 1360 KSCJ." (DBJ-TN)
1370	WCOA	FL	Pensacola. 2/11 0500. Local weather, ID "1370 WCOA" into network news. (DBJ-TN)
1450	CHUC	ON	Cobourg. 3/6 0526. Fair w/AC-OLD and station promo, calls. (JJR-WI)
1570	KSXT	CO	Loveland. 0100 3/3 with ToH ID and then CNN News about John Kerry's near sweep of the Super Tuesday Dem primaries, and getting the votes for the nomination. NEW! (KR-AZ)
1570	KVTK	SD	Vermillion. 3/9 2327. ESPN and into ID "The Missouri Valley's original sports station, ESPN Radio fifteen-seventy, The Ticket." Great signal for 71 watts @ 463 miles! (PG-CO) That's assuming they're actually running just 71 watts, which I doubt! (Ed.-NV)
1580	KRZI	TX	Waco. 2/28 0248. "Tony Kornheiser weekdays from 9 AM to noon on Waco's ESPN radio, KRZI." (PG-CO)
1600	KATZ	MO	St Louis. 3/10 0011. "Your 24 hour inspiration station, Gospel 1600, all gospel music, all the time." At 0052 "Gospel 1600, KATZ, St Louis." This and KCRG reception possible because local KCKK was off the air. (PG-CO)
1600	KCRG	IA	Cedar Rapids. 3/10 0059. Promo for KCRG News Line 9 at 365-9999. Frequent mention of TV-9 and News Copter 9. ID at 0104 as "KCRG, The Zone" then into ESPN. (PG-CO)
1640	KFNY	OK	Enid. 2/29 0635. Poor signals but all alone on frequency with ID as "All Comedy Radio" and some comedy routines. NEW. (SA-MB) 2/23 1435-1500 with IDs, "We're serious about making Oklahoma City laugh." (SS-KS) Gee, wonder which political party will be the first to use that slogan in the upcoming campaigns??? (Ed.-NV)
1650	WHKT	VA	Portsmouth. 3/9 0413. Fair, "AM 1650 Radio Disney," teenage music, 0430 calls over music, caller from Alexandria. NEW. (SP-WI)
1700	KBGG	IA	Des Moines. 2/29 2157. SS vocal music; EE/SS legal ID at 2159:52; the SS ID

mentioned "veinte cinco mil wats de potencia" (25,000 watts of power)(?!⁷) and slogan "La Ley mil setecientos AM" ("The Law 1700 AM"). Good signal but with co-channel KQXX/KTBK QRM. (JW-CO)

1700 KVNS TX Brownsville. 3/05 0300. Poor signals under KBGG with mentions of Brownsville and talk programming. New calls and now talk format. NEW! (SA-MB)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto	- Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.
SC-ON	Saul Chernos, Burnt River	- Sangean ATS909, three longwires n/s, e/w, ne/sw.
RC-MD	Richard Clark, Rockville	- Sony ICF 6500W, GE SR2, Quantum Loop, Select-A-Tenna.
BC-PA	Bruce Collier, York	- Phased BOGS of 200 feet terminated at 220 degrees, and 250 feet unterminated at 45 degrees and N/S through MFJ 1025 into Sony 2010.
BC*PA	Bruce Collier, between Carlisle and York	with Sony XR-C6100 car radio with whip.
MC-MA	Mark Connelly, Billerica	- Drake R8A receiver, DXP-5 phasing unit, dual-feedline Flag antenna (4.9 m X 10.4 m), 12 m vertical.
JF-ON	Jeff Falconer, Clinton	- AOR AR7030+, 130' east EWE / 130' west EWE or Drake R8B with 45' GAP vertical, MFJ-1026 phaser, etc.
TF-NH	Tony Fitzherbert, Campton	- GE Superadio I, Radio Shack DX 350.
TRH-GA	Tim Hall (Chula Vista, CA)	DXing in Vinings (Atlanta) - ICF-2010, Kiwa Pocket Loop.
MH-NC	Mike Hardester, Jacksonville	- ICOM R-70, Radio West 22" Ferrite Loop.
WJH-MD	Bill Harms, Elkridge	- NRD-525, Homebrew K9AY.
DH-NJ	Dave Hochfelder, Highland Park	- Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.
RJ-NC	Russ Johnson, Lexington	- Sony 2010, Longwires.
TJ-NH	Tom Jones, Mason	- Yaesu FT1000d/40 m dipole, GE SR-1/Quantum Loop.
IEN-GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville	- AIWA CSD-FD89.
IEN*GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinville	- 1996 Isuzu Rodeo Premium Audio System 8200.
AO-FL	Al Ogrizovich, Jacksonville	- Crane Radio and Justice Loop.
DP-HI	Dale Park, Honolulu	- Station notes.
AP-FL	Al Prete, vacationing on Sanibel Island	- Magnavox clock radio.
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew, Byron	- Drake R8, Longwires, Quantum Phaser.
JV-NY	John Vervoort, Bronx	- Grundig YB-400PE.
NJW-ON	Niel Wolfish, Burnt River	- AOR-7030+, loop and three longwire antennas.

STATION NEWS

910	WSRP	NC	Jacksonville - 3/2 - What was WSTK has new call letters, WSRP, and has changed format to Spanish language. "The station will include recent Mexican pop music and songs of the last two decades." Confirmed newspaper article on the change 3/3. Slogan is "La Invasora." (MH-NC)
950	WCTN	MD	Potomac-Cabin John - Station is now 24/7 Korean language Christian format. Their slogan is "Washington Kidokkyo Pangsong" (Washington Christian Broadcasting). First heard with new format on 3/4 with Korean sermon by male preacher followed by hymns in Korean 0925-0955. At 0955-1000 I heard a string of ads in Korean. At 1000 heard ID in Korean by a male as "AM Kubaek-oship. Washington Kidokkyo Bangsong-immida. WCTN." This was followed by a sounder and music, and then a full legal AM with a chorus singing "WCTN Potomac-Cabin John." After the TOH ID, I heard news by a female followed by an announcement in Korean that the station will now be broadcasting 24/7 in Korea with re-broadcasts from FEBC (Kukdong Bangsong) and the Korean Christian Broadcasting System (Kidokkyo Pangsongkuk) in Korea. They will also broadcast locally produced programs. (WJH-MD)
990	WNTP	PA	Philadelphia - Per Business Wire, station is to switch from Protestant talk and teaching to conservative news-talk on 4/5, featuring Laura Ingraham, Michael Savage, and Salem's own Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved and Dennis Prager. (William J. Bennett also happens to be launching his own Salem talk show "Morning in America" on 4/5 at 0607-0900.) (DP-HI)
1190	WLIB	NY	New York - Per New York Post 3/3 and the network website, WLIB will be the flagship of the new liberal Air America talk network, operated by Progress

- Media, when it launches 3/31. Among the network hosts are Robert Kennedy Jr. and former "Saturday Night Live" actors Al Franken and Janeane Garofalo. (DP-HI)
- 1580 WDND IN **South Bend** - 3/7 1655 - Noted on new frequency with Notre Dame Fighting Irish baseball. Swapped calls and formats with 1620-WHLY. (NJW-ON)
- 1160 WMET MD **Gaithersburg** - 2/24 1233 - Heard on 1150 kHz: "To better serve our listeners, we are now leaving the air for a few of hours, after which we will return to the air on a new frequency of 1160." Back on the air at 1800 with a very weak post sunset signal barely audible in South Rockville (about 8 mi from XMTR). Call to station on 3/1 revealed that WMET is using, and will continue to use, 250W daytime and less than 250W after sundown for about two more months while new 5 tower XMTR array/configuration is being constructed. As previously disclosed in *DX News*, expects to be 50KW/1.5 KW after XMTR completion. (RC-MD)
- 1610 WPAX MD **Patuxent River** - Thanks to Bill Harms-MD, who was able to ID my previously UNID station with the "WPAS" ID. The correct ID is WPAX, and the station is located at the Naval Air Station. It provides information to base personnel. Bill passed on this website: http://www.dcmilitary.com/navy/tester/8_47/local_news/26502-1.html. (MH-NC)
- 1620 WHLY IN **South Bend** - 3/7 1620 - "Your new home for America's best music, AM 1620 WHLY". Formerly on 1580. (NJW-ON)
- 1660 WWRU NJ **Jersey City** - Station is now Korean format. It seems to be more entertainment than religion. First heard 3/3 1700 in Korean and again on 3/4 at 1930. I have not heard their slogan yet. (WJH-MD)

DDXD-E CHALLENGE - MAINE AND CANADIAN MARITIMES

- 540 CBT NL **Grand Falls** - 2/29 0022 - // CBGY-750 with talk about the Middle East; mixed with CBGA-1 and WLIE. (MC-MA)
- 560 WGAN ME **Portland** - 2/27 1640 - presumed with Howie Carr show // WRKO & WEGP and others. Very weak today. (TJ-NH)
- + 2/28 0923 - "Maine's Weather Authority, 560 AM WGAN", then advert for Highlands of Topsham retirement home (tel. 725-2650); dominant, about 20 dB over WHYN. (MC-MA)
- + 3/1 0130 - Good to excellent with WFIL phased. Carrying Coast to Coast with Art Bell. Several call ID's at bottom of hour then into CNN Radio News and local weather. New. (DH-NJ)
- 620 WZON ME **Bangor** - 2/28 2045 - Way atop frequency with University of Maine Black Bears hockey, ID as "The Sports Zone, WZON", advertisements for Bangor businesses. Interesting as signal from two tower array on edge of downtown Bangor goes northeast, away from here in NH. (TF-NH)
- + 3/4 1824 - WZON ID, sports talk; mixed with WVMT and strong Canaries-621 het. (MC-MA)
- 630 CFCY PE **Charlottetown** - 2/27 2200 - country male vocal "Letters from Home", ID "Prince Edward Island's Country Radio Station, CFCY Charlottetown"; totally dominant over WPRO & CFCO. (MC-MA)
- 640 CBN NL **St. John's** - 2/25 2339 - classical music // CBA-1070; over strong Spain-639 het. (MC-MA)
- 720 CHTN PE **Charlottetown** - 2/25 2343 - "You Didn't Have to Be So Nice" by Lovin' Spoonful, then "Summer Nights" from Grease, ID "all the hits, all your favourites, good time oldies 720 CHTN"; loud. (MC-MA)
- + 2/26 1906 - hockey into KIA ad for dealer on 600 N. River Rd. (TJ-NH)
- 730 WJTO ME **Bath** - 2/28 0935 - "I Love a Rainy Night" by Eddy Rabbitt, surf sounds, Bob Bittner ID "This is 730 WJTO", an AARP-sponsored PSA about alternatives to surgery, WJTO jingle, then Muzak version of "What a Wonderful World"; good, way over WACE. (MC-MA)
- 740 CHCM NL **Marystown** - 2/27 2140 - weather for Wabush, Labrador City, Corner Brook, and other locales: most sites were to have blowing snow to 5 cm depth. Slogan "A weekend of country favourites with Newfoundland's Information Superstation VOXM" followed by old song "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia". Atop WJIB/CHWO. I tried 590 for parallel, but all WEZE/CKRS there. (MC-MA)

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- 750 CBGY NL **Bonavista Bay** - 2/25 2344 - piano music // CBA-1070; over WSB. + 2/29 0020 - // CBN-640 with woman discussing Palestinians, West Bank settlements; very good. (MC-MA)
- 780 CFDR NS **Dartmouth** - 2/25 1640 - C&W music, ID "back to back to back to back, non stop classic country hits, 780 kicks country." (TJ-NH)
- + 2/25 2346 - country version of "The Wind Beneath My Wings", talk "Thanks for Listening to Classic Country 780 Kixx"; huge, way over WBBM. + FEB 28 0000 - ID "CFDR Halifax is 780 Kixx Classic Country"; local-like. (MC-MA)
- 810 CJVAp NB **Caraguet** - 2/25 2349 - Presumed with French talk, folk-rock French vocal; dominant over WGY. (MC-MA)
- + 3/8 1930 - presumed, always under WGY with FF & EE AC music, seems to use only female DJs. (TJ-NH)
- 870 WMTW ME **Gorham** - 2/26 2004 - ABC news, Maine news at 2205. ID "news radio WMTW". (TJ-NH)
- + 2/28 0950 - talk "Give us 10 minutes and we'll give you the news, 870 and 1470 AM and 106.7 FM, Newsradio WMTW". Presumed WHCU way under. (MC-MA)
- 910 WABI ME **Bangor** - 2/28 0005 - coverage of Unity Raceway in Unity, ME, talk "This has been a Clear Channel Maine local sports profile.", advert for Foundation Fighting Blindness, then "Wedding Song (There is Love)" by Paul Stookey; over UK-909 het. (MC-MA)
- + 3/5 1700 - "We play nothing but memory music, WABI, Bangor Maine", into ABC news. (TJ-NH)
- 920 CJCH NS **Halifax** - 2/28 1834 - Roger Whittaker concert advert, mention of Vintage Hardwood Flooring, then "From Halifax, this is AM 920 CJCH, Yesterday's Favourites", followed by "Happy Heart" by Andy Williams; good, over WHJJ/CKNX. (MC-MA)
- 930 CFBC NB **St. John** - 3/6 0028 - "Ferry Cross the Mersey" by Gerry & the Pacemakers, CKBC ID, then "Black Magic Woman" by Santana; mixed with WGIN & WBEN. (MC-MA)
- 960 CHNS NS **Halifax** - 2/25 2355-2359 - "It's Just Another Day" by Paul McCartney, Oldies 96 jingle, "Judy in Disguise (With Glasses)" by John Fred, CHNS ID, then "Here Comes My Baby" by the Tremeloes. (MC-MA)
- + 2/27 2039 - ad for World-Wide Furniture, with stores in Dartmouth and Halifax. (TJ-NH)
- 970 CBZ NB **Fredericton** - 2/26 0017 - // CBA-1070 with discussion of male sterilization being common in the Netherlands; mixed with WZAN. (MC-MA)
- 970 WZAN ME **Portland** - 2/27 2050 - Tom Leykis show followed by about 5 commercials, ID at 2052. (TJ-NH)
- + 2/28 0927 - Fox Sports Radio slogan, ID "970 WZAN", "Extreme Sports Weekend" promo; way over background WESO and some WCAP-980 slop. (MC-MA)
- 990 CBYp NL **Corner Brook** - 2/25 2335 - presumed with classical music // CBA-1070; mixed with WLZG and CKGM. (MC-MA)
- 1070 CBA NB **Moncton** - 2/25 1620 - New Brunswick weather report into "Canada Today" show. (TJ-NH)
- CBC MONCTON**

- + 2/25 2339 - presumed with classical music // 640, 750, 990; huge, local-like. (MC-MA)
- + 2/26 0108 - wiping out CHOK with usual "CBC Radio Overnight" short-wave re-broadcast: "you're listening to Sixty Degrees North, news and views from Radio Sweden in Stockholm". (MKB-ON)
- We deliver** 
- 1140 CBI NS **Sydney** - 2/25 2358 - presumed with piano version of "Ave Maria" // CBA-1070; mixed with WRVA & others. (MC-MA)
- + 3/4 1635 - Local music-related events then gone. (TJ-NH)
- 1160 WSKW ME **Skowhegan** - 3/5 2150 - ESPN "the score AM 1160 WSKW", back to ESPN talk. (TJ-NH)
- + 3/6 1340 - sports-related talk, usual weak groundwave signal; WTTT-1150 slop nulled. (MC-MA)
- 1260 CKHJ NB **Fredericton** - 2/28 0023 - song "Good Little Girls Make Some Mighty Wild Women", "Country 'KHJ' slogan, song "Down in Brokenheartville"; blasting over local WMKI. (MC-MA)

10 + 2/28 2010 - presumed with Canada C&W top 20 countdown, then lost to pest WMKI. (TJ-NH)

1270 CJCbp NS Sydney - 2/27 2111 - presumed with typical country format; jumbled with CFGT/WTSN. (MC-MA)

1310 WLOB ME Portland - 3/6 1010 - ad for Portland business "here since 1877", then home & garden phone-in show; fair with WORC phased, some WJDA-1300 slop. (MC-MA)

1320 CKEC NS New Glasgow - 2/26 0005 - local weather "It's -3 in New Glasgow" then recent pop hit "You'll Never Escape My Love"; way over WDER. (MC-MA)
 + 2/27 1922 - local weather report, weather line 752-2222. Ad for Blue Nose and New Caladonia club (?). C&W music. (TJ-NH)

1350 CKAD NS Middleton - 2/26 0007 - country music, "AVR" (Annapolis Valley Radio) network ID; in jumble with WOYK/WGPL/CKDO. (MC-MA)

1370 WDEA ME Ellsworth - 3/6 1913 - "great music, AM 1370 WDEA" then (I think) into Red Sox game. Tough under WFEA. (TJ-NH)

1390 WEGPp ME Presque Isle - 2/27 1642 - presumed with Howie Carr show. (TJ-NH)

1400 WIDE ME Biddeford - 2/27 1645 - Blind luck! "WBAE Portland 1490" heard during a WLLH audio crap-out. WIDE and WBAE are // per website <http://www.1490thebay.com/>. (TJ-NH)
 j + 2/28 0704 - on top with commercial for a furniture store in South Portland, "AM 1400 & AM 1490" IDs and mentions of Music of Your Life, into "Under The Boardwalk." (NJW-ON)

1440 WJAE ME Westbrook - 2/27 1615 - SNR talk show, strongest Maine station here, heard 24-7 under WVEI. (TJ-NH)
 + 3/6 1205 - WJAB jingle, "Sportsradio WJAB and Dairy Queen help celebrate the Celtics season", "Portland's home for the Celtics"; fair over WXKS-1430 splash with WVEI phased. (MC-MA)

1470 WLAM ME Lewiston - 2/29 0006 - // 870 with Maine weather; under WAZN pest. (MC-MA)

DX TEST

1520 WQMA MS Marks - 2/15 0100 - poor on DX Test with only Code IDs heard under WWKB. New! (JF-ON)

UNID AND PRESUMED

850 WRBZp NC Raleigh - 2/25 0700 - presumed with "850 the Buzz". (BC*PA)

880 KRVNp NE Lexington - 3/6 1930 - Under WCBS with Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Minnesota Golden Gophers college baseball broadcast. No ID heard, but time fits as KRVN would still have been on day pattern and KRVN is listed as being on the Cornhuskers radio network for 2004. (NJW-ON)

1000 WCCDp OH Parma - 2/28 1732 - Had me fooled with Latin American music and ID in Spanish as "Mil AM" until I heard a commercial mentioning "Euclid Avenue" and "Cleveland". (NJW-ON)

1030 UNID — 2/29 1752 - Mexican accordion music over top of WBZ. Signal got obliterated by WUFL-Sterling Heights signing off at 1757 with both the Canadian and American anthems. Gone by the time the dust had settled at 1800. I assume this was one of the North Carolina stations on 1030? (NJW-ON)

1150 WAMGp MA Boston - 3/2 0700 - presumed, with the word "Boston" heard at TOH. (BC*PA)

1230 WKYGp WV Parkersburg - 2/28 1732 - Radio Disney // 1560. Only station that checks. New. (SC-ON)
 + 2/28 1752 - Radio Disney playing something by KC & The Sunshine Band. Parallel to 1560 and all the other Disney stations. (NJW-ON)

1380 WFNWp CT Naugatuck - 2/28 1632 - on top of CKLC-Kingston with Latin American music, Spanish commercials mentioning Waterbury. (NJW-ON)

1440 WVEIp MA Worcester - 2/28 1628 - In mess with spots for Colonial Cadillac and Cumberland Farms and mentions of the 508 area code. (NJW-ON)

1618.2 UNID — 3/3 1840 - Talk by female at threshold level. Tried ECSS, but no improvement. Looping WNW/ ESE. (MH-NC)

1700 UNID — 3/3 1900 - Call in program, perhaps local, with male announcer, and

male police officer fielding calls relating to police officers and their accountability. ID, twice, sounded like WCDT, and a phone number, without area code, sounding like 826-1300 was noted as a number to call. Ideas? (MH-NC)

STATION LOGGINGS

550 KFYR ND Bismarck - 2/28 0654 - In WGR null with ID and commercial for Heartland Investors Services. (NJW-ON)

560 KLVI TX Beaumont - 3/1 0630 - ABC news and local Beaumont news. (AO-FL)

570 WMCA NY New York - 2/28 2035 - Advertisements for Brooklyn businesses, Jewish music program, under WSYR, ID at 2100 as "WMCA, New York, a service of Salem Communications", followed by WSRN News. (TF-NH)

600 WICC CT Bridgeport - 2/29 2030 - Sports talk hosted by "Bob the Bird", calls from Stratford, and other Southern CT points, in at almost local strength, the night 500 watts really gets out! (TF-NH)

620 CKRM SK Regina - 2/28 0639 - C&W music, spot for Taylor Lexus Toyota, promo for "Hockey Day in Regina" sponsored by CKRM, contest promo and mention of CKRM's website. Fair with WHEN. (NJW-ON)
 + 2/28 0640 - "620 CKRM" ID, mention of "Regina Women's Network" and country music. Relog but very solid. (SC-ON)

660 KTNN AZ Window Rock - 2/28 0420 - good on west wire over the Mexican with program from Midnight Trucker Network, partial ID at top of hour "...Voice of the Navajo Nation, KTNN..." into CNN news. New! (JF-ON)

680 WPTF NC Raleigh - 2/21 1753 - "and now back to the Mike Gallagher show on newstalk six-eighty, WPTF." Moderate to fair signal and alone on frequency. New. (JV-NY)

730 WOHS NC Shelby - 2/29 2043 - Duke University basketball (versus FL State Seminoles), local ads, "Duke Radio Network." Mixing with WLIL-TN and others. (SC-ON)

WLIL TN Lenoir City - 3/8 1913 - Country music and quarter-hour drop "WLIL AM 730". Good signal only to fade under a sports call-in show (UNC Tarheels Coach Roy Williams, Live from Leerfield Sports) from time-to-time. Any help ID'ing the call-in show? (IEN-GA)

740 KRMG OK Tulsa - 3/3 2300 - Dr. Laura Show into Top Hour ID and news. Good signal with standards buried underneath. "Remember, today you listened to Newstalk 740 KRMG Tulsa". (IEN-GA)

770 WKFB PA Jeanette - 2/29 0718 - in open carrier of WTOR-Youngstown with oldies by Starbuck and The Doobie Brothers. "Pittsburgh weather from 770-KFB" at 0730 into talk program called "A Closer Look". (NJW-ON)

WLWL NC Rockingham - 3/5 1328 - noted with long-play vocals by unfamiliar artists. As the signal was poor, I'm not certain of the format. ID at 1330, sounding like Wolfman Jack: "... 5000 watt powerhouse - WL (pause) WL, Rockingham." (MH-NC)

780 WCKB NC Dunn - 3/5 1250 - noted with "Gospel AM 780" slogan, into North Carolina Network News at 1255, and ID on hour: "Covering Fayetteville and Ft. Bragg with Christian programming, this is Gospel 780 - WCKB Dunn." Fair. (MH-NC)

790 WNIS VA Norfolk - 2/26 1905 - creaming usual pest CIGM with CBS World News Roundup, ID as "WNIS news time 7:05" into local news and "WNIS Weather Channel" forecast. (MKB-ON)

810 WPIN VA Dublin - 3/7 1825 - Fox Sports programming, local break with ID as "Sports Radio 810, the Sports Radio Addict Network", promo for advertising on the station with 951-9791 phone number given (which is WPIN's phone number). (NJW-ON)

WHB MO Kansas City - 3/7 1847 - in WGY/CJVA mess with University of Missouri-Kansas City vs. Oral Roberts University basketball. Assume this was also the ESPN station heard the previous evening. (NJW-ON)

820 WBAP TX Fort Worth - 2/21 0706 - Around LSR, conclusion of ABC news, then clear ID "News Talk 820 WBAP," then into local news with crime story. I don't know if this powerhouse booms into SW Florida regularly because I was traveling. (AP-FL)

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 WLTN NH Littleton - 2/28 0712 - Paul Revere & the Raiders (Kicks), "At home at work in your car, this is where the oldies are ... AM 1400 WLTN," Ray Charles (Can't stop Loving You), then "Oldies 1400 WLTN" jingle. New. (SC-ON) and (NJW-ON)
- WMAN OH Mansfield - 3/6 0800 - ID: "the news authority, WMAN Mansfield" into ABC news. (NJW-ON)
- WQBH MI Detroit - 3/7 1659 - faded up with several IDs heard just before top-of-the-hour, weather forecast and gospel music. (NJW-ON)
- 1440 WJLL NY Niagara Falls - 2/20 1723 - Heard in Carlisle on PA Turnpike, no sign of WTHM in Red Lion, PA. Clear calls. New. (BC*PA)
- 1450 WCLI NY Corning - 2/28 2203 - ID by woman mentioning "Two Way Radio" caught in the mess underneath CHUC-Cobourg. (NJW-ON)
- 1490 WVGB SC Beaufort - 2/10 0059 - "WVGB, your inspirational... Victory 1490." (RJ-NC) + 2/15 1816 - Urban gospel and "WVGB Victory 1490" liners. Local GA station off air. (AO-FL)
- WLRT VA Hampton - 2/17 0206 - "This is your total... radio station WLRG, AM 1490 - The Outlaw." (RJ-NC)
- WSWW WV Charleston - 2/18 0000 - "You're listening to the music of your life, WSWW Charleston." (RJ-NC)
- WRMT NC Rocky Mount - 2/18 0300 - "ESPN radio WRMT - Rocky Mount." (RJ-NC)
- WITA TN Knoxville - 2/19 0558 - "You're listening to 1490, WITA Knoxville." (RJ-NC)
- CFPS ON Port Elgin - 2/28 0700 - over usual daytime groundwave WBTA with rare CFPS ID: "this is 1490 CFPS and 560 CFOS, proudly serving Bruce, Grey and Simcoe counties for over sixty years", into local news. // CFOS-560, of course. (MKB-ON)
- WIKE VT Newport - 2/28 0803 - out of CBS news with local weather, ID by man and C&W music. (NJW-ON)
- WMRN OH Marion - 3/6 0805 - faded up over WBTA-Batavia with "this is WMRN news". (NJW-ON)
- 1500 WLQV MI Detroit - 3/8 2300 - Good signal except for some bleed from WLAC on 1510 in Nashville, TN. However it must've been sign-off time for them because I heard nothing, but... "We are Victory 1500, WLQV Detroit". (IEN-GA)
- 1560 WTOD OH Toledo - 2/28 0941 - over top of WQEW-New York and WATJ-Chardon OH with "Northwest Ohio's Country Music Station, K-100" ID and promo for a Toby Keith concert. (NJW-ON)
- WQEW NY New York - 3/4 0510 - Radio Disney. "AM 1560 NY" liners. (AO-FL) + 3/9 1917 - Radio Disney fare. Decent signal. "We're all ears... AM 1560, New York". (IEN*GA)
- 1570 WPEP MA Taunton - 2/19 2353 - Clear calls in promo. 227 watts, New. (BC-PA)
- WBGX IL Harvey - 2/28 0047-0100 - mixing with WWCK-Flint with St. John's Pentecostal Church of Deliverance program. ID "Big Gospel Express on WBGX 1570 AM" and "WBGX Harvey-Chicago" IDs at 0100. (NJW-ON)
- 1580 WTTN WI Watertown - 2/28 0820 - Heard 1-800-281-1580 during buy & sell. Not sure who it was so called. Requested an ID, told WTTN. Had brief exchange about hearing it in central Ontario. I didn't realize I was live on-air even after DXer Niel Wolfish, sitting across the table from me, started responding to the questions I was being asked on the phone. Announcer said they still use "The Goose" slogan when I asked. (SC-ON)
- WANB PA Waynesburg - 2/28 0956 - C&W music, ID as "Cool Country WANB". (NJW-ON)
- WTCL FL Chattahoochee - 3/4 1910 - contemporary gospel music, "WTCL 1580" liners and sign off announcement. (AO-FL)
- WXRA KY Georgetown - 3/6 0740 - Fox Sports programming, local Lexington commercials and promotion for co-owned 630-WLAP. (NJW-ON)
- 1590 WRXB FL St. Petersburg - 3/8 2200 - Gospel music. Buried in the slop, but good signal at times. "The New 1590 AM, WRXB". (IEN-GA)
- 1620 WHLY IN South Bend - 3/8 1807 - ex-1580 with usual nostalgia format, ad for Dell computers, ID as "set your clock radio to AM 1620 and start your day with America's best music on WHLY". (MKB-ON)

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

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

Congratulations to Mike Beu, receiving his first transatlantic mediumwave signals in Texas! The DX is out there! You don't believe it? Check out the logs below, or even better, plan on attending the 2004 NRC/DXAS Convention to hear it from DXers outstanding in their field of corn!

Transatlantic DX

- 153 ALGERIA *Rdf Sonore*, Bechar FEB 28 0404 - Man wailing in Arabic. New longwave country. [Chernos-ON] MAR 6 0031 - Presumed; chanting, poor, and at 0101 a woman in French, then soft music with male announcer in Arabic; fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 162 FRANCE *France-Inter*, Allouis FEB 28 0244 - French talk; good, best LW TA by a wide margin. [Connelly-MA] FEB 28 0340 - French talk and ballads, other interesting pop. Close to the best signal ever noted here. [Chernos-ON] MAR 4 0500 - French talk, loudest I've heard this one this year. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 6 0036-0100 - Presumed; man and woman in French, sounding like a very passionate drama with occasional bird chirps and operatic music. Brief announcement in French at 0059:50 but couldn't copy it. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 171 MOROCCO *Radio Mediterranee Internationale*, Nador FEB 28 0312 - What sounded like Arabic music followed by "Life For Rent" by Dido. French talk. New country. [Chernos-ON] MAR 6 0247 - Arabic vocal music. Fair, parallel 9575. [Frodge-MI]
- 183 GERMANY *Europe Un*, Sarlouis FEB 28 0345 - French talk. Fairly strong, close to best ever noted here. [Chernos-ON]
- 189 ICELAND *Ríkisútovarpið*, Gufuskálar MAR 7 0002-0007 - Presumed; man in Nordic language. Fair; sometimes parallel 207 covered by Morocco. [Frodge-MI]
- 207 MOROCCO *RTM Azilal* MAR 7 0130-0136 - Presumed; woman announcer in Arabic with chant. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 216 FRANCE *R.Monte Carlo*, Roumoules FEB 28 0343 - French talk right over a couple of beacons. New. [Chernos-ON] MAR 4 0503 - Weak signal with what sounded like French, NDB interference. [Renfrew-NY]
- 234 LUXEMBOURG *RTL Junglinster* FEB 28 0402 - French talk. New country. [Chernos-ON]
- 252 ALGERIA *Tipaza* MAR 3 0505 - Presumed with French talk. Ireland is supposed to sign on again as of MAR 17. [Renfrew-NY] MAR 7 0007-0013 - Presumed; woman announcer in French with Arabic chanting and vocals. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 549 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles JAN 7 0144 - Parallel 890.98 with Arabic male vocal and strings; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 567 IRELAND *RTE R.1*, Tullamore JAN 7 0142 - Pop-country vocal, then man in English; poor to fair. + FEB 23 0413 - two men in English with news discussion program; fair. + FEB 29 0544 - Traditional fiddling; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 585 SPAIN *RNE R.1*, Madrid FEB 24 0236 - Talk parallel 774; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 SPAIN *RNE R.1*, La Coruña JAN 7 0139 - Parallel 738 with talk and music; getting by CBN. + FEB 28 0235 - Parallel 774; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 711 FRANCE *Rennes* FEB 24 0241 - Jazz; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 738 SPAIN *RNE R.1*, Barcelona JAN 7 0137 - Man and woman in Spanish; fair over slight WJIB slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 GERMANY *DeutschlandRadio*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg FEB 28 0243 - Opera; well over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 SWITZERLAND *RSR Sottens* FEB 24 0245 - Emotional operatically-influenced male French vocal; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 SPAIN *RNE R.1* synchros FEB 24 0236 - Parallel 585 with man in Spanish; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 783 MAURITANIA *Nouakchott* MAR 9 2243 - Fair; local type music and female singers. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN *COPE* synchros FEB 28 0253 - Spanish talk parallel 1224, 1296; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 855 SPAIN *RNE R.1* synchros JAN 7 0135 - Echoey Spanish talk; tough WEEI slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 FRANCE *Paris* JAN 7 0134 - French pop music vocal; over Egypt. [Connelly-MA] MAR 10 0433 - Very nice signal with man and woman in French. [Dangerfield-PA]

- 890.98 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Algiers JAN 7 0132 - Arabic moaning vocal; strong. + FEB 23 0417 - Arabic music; through slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid JAN 31 0500 - End of female vocal, then news with several announcers in the studio; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1035 **PORTUGAL** *R.Nacional*, Lisboa JAN 31 0503 - Bits of Portuguese news; tough WBZ slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 2 2349 - Parallel 1116 with teletalk or interview; fair over others. + FEB 24 0222 - Teletalk; fair. + FEB 28 0434 - Parallel 1584 with interspersed talk and music; fair over Quebec-1040 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks R.*, Kalundborg FEB 23 0400 - End of Manfred Mann's "Mighty Quinn", then news by man in Danish; fair. + FEB 26 0527 - Beatles-influenced vocal, Danish talk by man, then Dido song; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 7 0128 - Teletalk with man in studio, woman on phone; fair peak. + JAN 31 0427 - Man and woman with sportstalk; over low rumble. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE R.5* synchros JAN 7 0127 - Parallel 1107 with man in Spanish; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE R.5* synchros JAN 7 0127 - Spanish news; some echo. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 2 2249 - Teletalk about "socialistas"; loud. [Connelly-MA] MAR 10 0354 - Good; two men in Spanish teletalk. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1125 **CROATIA** *Deanovac* MAR 10 0338 - Fair; parallel to stronger 1134, man in Croat. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Hrvatski R.*, Zadar FEB 20 0223 - Slavic folk music group vocal; excellent. [Connelly-MA] MAR 10 0338 - Very good signal parallel to 1125. Man in Croat. A little later one of the Spanish *COPE* stations was in with almost an equal signal. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1134 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 2 2346 - Two men in Spanish, then electronic music fanfare; fair to good, dominant. + JAN 31 0432 - Parallel 1296 with instrumental music, then talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1143 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros MAR 10 0348 - Fair with man and woman in Spanish. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1179 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 27 0031 - Parallel 1575 with fast teletalk; good. + FEB 28 0252 - Parallel 1521 with Spanish teletalk; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1197 **SPAIN** *Vitoria* MAR 10 0335 - Fair; man in unusual language, somewhat like Spanish but definitely not Slavic, so was most likely Basque as Spain was strong at the time and the VOA pattern is eastward. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *Bordeaux* JAN 2 2342 - Jazz, then man and woman in French; good. + JAN 7 0123 - Parallel 1377 with light classical music; good. + FEB 28 0208 - Parallel 1377 with French talk, then flamenco guitar; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 31 0437 - Parallel 1296 with Spanish talk by man and woman; slightly over UK. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin R.* synchros JAN 7 0121 - British male announcer, then "Brown Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison from '67; good. + FEB 23 0407 - New Radicals "You Get What You Give"; fair to good. + FEB 28 0210 - Punk rock; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1224 **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 7 0125 - Man in Spanish; good. + JAN 27 0042 - Parallel 1296 with teletalk; poor. + FEB 28 0253 - Talk parallel 837, 1296; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1242 **FRANCE** *Marseille* JAN 31 0440 - Parallel 1206 with bits of French talk. [Connelly-MA]
- 1251 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli JAN 27 0040 - Arabic news; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE* Valencia JAN 7 0124 - Spanish talk; over likely *Radio XL*, UK (Indian music). + JAN 27 0042 - Woman on phone said "buenas noches" to host; good. + JAN 31 0442 - Loud, parallel 1215, 1224, et al. + FEB 28 0253 - Talk parallel 837, 1224; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE R.5* synchros JAN 7 0118 - Echoey Spanish talk. + JAN 31 0443 - Classical music interlude parallel 1107. [Connelly-MA]
- 1332 **ITALY** *RAI R.Uno* synchros JAN 27 0043 - Italian vocal; fair with WRCA phased. + FEB 28 0212 - Italian talk by man; fair over nulled WRCA slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1341 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 31 0444 - Spanish talk; poor, mixed with Northern Ireland. [Connelly-MA]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC R.Ulster*, Lisnagarvey JAN 31 0444 - English talk; mixed with *SER* synchros. [Connelly-MA]
- 1359 **SPAIN** *Arganda* JAN 7 0148 - Spanish talk getting by WLYN. + JAN 27 0044 - Man in Spanish; huge, clobbering WLYN. + JAN 31 0445 - Political talk, telco-quality audio feed; huge signal. + FEB 28 0527 - Fast Spanish talk by woman; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1359 **SPAIN** unID MAR 3 0626 - Talk by a man in Spanish. Could not catch an ID but I strongly suspect *RNE*. Peaking to good level with heavy QSB. Could not detect any signal after 0630. Also frequently hearing carriers on 1521, 1377 and 684 kHz. [Beu-TX] I don't doubt that this was Spain, as evident from Connelly's logs, one of the strongest most consistent signals all

- year. Outstanding! Keep an ear to 1521 kHz before 2300 sign-off and at 0300 sign-on, as the super powerful signal from Saudi Arabia was once received in Texas by Mark Connelly while on a business trip, so it's definitely possible. Look for transmitter site dawn enhancement of 1377 France and targets from the Iberian Peninsula.
- 1377 **FRANCE** *Lille* JAN 7 0123 - Parallel 1206 with light classical music; fair. + FEB 23 0410 - French talk, musical interlude; fair over unID second station. + FEB 28 0208 - Parallel 1206 with French talk, then flamenco guitar; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE R.5* synchros FEB 28 0214 - Echoey Spanish news; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *DeutschlandRadio*, Heusweiler JAN 7 0117 - Symphonic music of a somewhat modern (dissonant) style; good peaks, jumpy fades. [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* JAN 2 2227 - Group vocal (melody of "Salve Regina"), then English talk about Adam and Eve; fair. + JAN 31 0445 - Musical-box *TWR* interval signal, 10 seconds of jazz, then woman in German; to good peak with WAZN phased. + FEB 29 0507 - Woman in German; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1485 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 28 0220 - Parallel 1521 with Spanish talk by young girl; through jumble. [Connelly-MA]
- 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE R.5* synchros JAN 27 0044 - Spanish talk; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba JAN 2 2252 - Parallel 9555 with reverberated soft-spoken Arabic talk by man; good. + FEB 1 2159 - Parallel 9555 with large group chorus, then mentions of "al hajj" (pilgrimage to Mecca); fair over unID music station. + FEB 28 0255 - Call to prayer, shrill vocal; local-like, mashing WWKB to a pulp. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 **SPAIN** *SER* Castellón FEB 28 0230 - Pips, *Cadena SER* ID followed by medieval-style trumpet fanfare; excellent, taking a "ride" on Saudi open carrier that was 20 dB stronger than WWKB. [Connelly-MA]
- 1539 **GERMANY** *Evangeliums Rundfunk*, Mainflingen FEB 29 0510 - Religious music; well over *SER* station and 1540 slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *Nice* JAN 27 0027 - Tropical jazz; fair. + FEB 5 2202 - French news; fair. + FEB 28 0432 - French interview; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 27 0031 - Parallel 1179 with Spanish teletalk; good. + FEB 28 0227 - Parallel 1521, 1584 with teletalk; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé*, Ceuta JAN 7 0152 - Over *SER* stations with some FM'ing / drifting noted. + JAN 31 0453 - Pop vocal; over *SER*. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 31 0453 - Parallel 1575 with Spanish teletalk; under Ceuta. + FEB 20 0227 - Parallel 1044. + FEB 28 0227 - Poor to fair, parallel 1521. [Connelly-MA]

Ben speaks: The first several days of March produced nightly TAs and few LAs but the night of March 9/10 was the best of the month so far. Few of these signals have been worth mentioning but March 9/10 was interesting. The middle of the band was alive from the 800's through the 1100's. Not much on the lower band and LW was impossible due to the noise. Only Saudi-1521 was strong on the high end. On March 9 I was getting a number of TAs prior to sunset, then went out until later in the evening so don't know what I might have missed in between. Counted signals on 45 TA frequencies. Croatia-1134 is still the most often heard clearly.

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *R.Visión Cristiana*, South Caicos MAR 6 0258-0300 - Spanish religious program to "RVC" ID at 0259. Mixing with "Multi-cultural radio, CIAO 530" also with a Spanish religious program. [Frodge-MI]
- 680 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Ciego de Avila MAR 6 0115 - Spanish beisbol game coverage. Poor, well under CFTR; parallel 1180 and 5025. [Frodge-MI]
- 730 **MEXICO** *XEX México* DF MAR 6 0304-0310 - Two men in Spanish with fútbol game call; ID as "Mexicana... La X." Fair peaks, occasionally on top of mess. [Frodge-MI]
- 830 **MEXICO** *XEITE R.Capital*, México DF FEB 29 1134 - *R.Capital Musical* heard in ID and Spanish rock. New. [Chernos-ON]
- 1030 **MEXICO** *XEMPMP R.Fama*, El Fuerte FEB 29 1148 - Mexican rock, *Radio Fama* ID. New. [Chernos-ON]
- 1060 **MEXICO** *XEEP R.Educación*, México DF MAR 3 0100 - Mexican national anthem heard while pursuing WMCL tip, later in the hour noted with jazz. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1140 **MEXICO** *XEMR Monterrey* FEB 25 0100 - Tentative; Mexican national anthem, almost certainly *XEMR* which has been widely reported. On other nights I've noted preaching after this time on this one. At least, I've been able to ID *CHRB* here. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1160 **BERMUDA** *VS3B* Hamilton JAN 2 2252 - *BBC* with talk about romantic fantasies, delayed about 15 seconds from parallel 5975; over WSKW hockey coverage and Spain-1161 het. [Connelly-MA]
- 1180 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Villa María MAR 6 0111 - Two men in Spanish with beisbol game coverage;

well under WHAM but copiable. Parallel 5025 with S30 signal. [Frodge-MI]

Jim speaks: Our initial planning meeting for the 2004 NRC Convention in nearby Batavia anticipates some Beverage fun in the field around my house. So plan to bring your receiver, a 1000 foot roll of wire, and mud boots to get in on the fun. Good news is that I just learned that the neighbors who own the land will be away Labor Day weekend, so we may be able to run wires further south and west than usual (over their driveway). However, I don't know what will be growing in the field at that time... corn, soy, cactus?

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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is a revised list for the 2004 Arena Football League. I have expanded on Robert Pietsch's data with other data from <http://www/arenafootball.com>. I was unable to locate the names of announcers besides those listed. I decided that it would be easier for me to re-publish the entire list instead of just the updates. Also, with spring training in full swing, it is time to send me any information you have for Major League Baseball.

Arizona Rattlers	860	KMVP-AZ	
Austin Wranglers	102.3	KPEZ-TX	
Carolina Cobras			
Chicago Rush	1000	WMVP-IL	om Dure, John Jurkovich
Colorado Crush	760	KTLK-CO	
Columbus Destroyers	107.1	WAZU-OH	
Dallas Desperados	1310	KTCK-TX	
Detroit Fury	1130	WDFN-MI	Mark Champion, Jim Brandstatter
	1310	WXDX-MI	
Georgia Force	790	WQXI-GA	
Grand Rapids Rampage	1340	WBBL-MI	Joe Parson
Indiana Firebirds	950	WXLW-IN *	
	95.9	WPZZ IN *	
	1130	WSDX-IN	
	1300	WBOW-IN	
Las Vegas Gladiators	920	KBAD-NV	
Los Angeles Avengers	690	XETRA-BC	
	1150	KXTA-CA	
New Orleans Voodoo	870	WWL -LA	
	1350	WSMB-LA	
New York Dragons	1440	WNYG-NY	Peter Schwartz
	540	WLIE-NY	
Orlando Predators	740	WQTM-FL	Marc Daniels, Tom Morgan
Philadelphia Soul	1360	WNJC-PA	Ari Wolfe, Darrin Kenney
San Jose SabreCats	680	KNBR-CA	Bob Fitzgerald, Keena Turner
	1050	KNBR-CA	
Tampa Bay Storm	620	WDAE-FL	



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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

580	WIBW	Topeka KS, f/d card in 9 days. No v/s. (Jones—TN)
590	KCSJ	Pueblo CO, p/d letter, business card in 10 days. V/s Lee Roberts, PD. (Griffith—CO)
	WDIZ	Panama City FL, letter, business card. V/s Charlie Wooten, CE. (Ogrizovich—FL)
600	WBWL	Jacksonville FL, letter. V/s Jay Schneider, GM. (Ogrizovich—FL)
640	WGST	Atlanta GA, QSL card, business card. V/s William Lawing, DoE. (Ogrizovich—FL)
690	WTIX	New Orleans LA, f/d letter in 8 days. V/s Rob Hunter, OM/Afternoon Talk Host. (Myers—FL)
730	WJTO	Bath ME, f/d card in 2 weeks for DX Test. V/s Bob Bittner, Owner and NRC member. (Galerstein—NJ)
740	CHWO	Toronto ON, QSL card, bookmarks, CHWO historical data, program schedule, radio related info in 20 days for an e-mail report. V/s Brian Smith, QSL Mgr. (Griffith—CO)
840	WBHY	Mobile AL, letter, business card, bumper sticker. V/s William Goforth, GM. (Ogrizovich—FL)
850	WDJC	Birmingham AL, letter. V/s Wayne Wallach, Show Host. (Ogrizovich—FL)
900	WBML	Macon GA, letter. V/s Barbara Roberts, Office Mgr. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1040	WWBA	Tampa FL, letter. V/s Carol Azaravich, OM. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1060	KRCN	Longmont CO, prepared card in 3 days for follow-up sent to the OM. V/s Illegible. (Wilkins—CO)
1130	WFXH	Hilton Head SC, business card and signed program log. V/s CB Gaffney. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1140	CHRB	High River AB, p/d letter in 2 weeks for report, tape and \$1.00. V/s Keith Leask, Station Manager. (Galerstein—NJ)
1160	WMLB	East Point GA, letter and info on DJs. V/s Al Hardee, PD. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1170	WSOS	St. Augustine FL, letter. V/s Alan Alsobrook, CE. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1220	WFKN	Franklin KY, n/d letter in 20 days. V/s Shelly Gent. (Jones—TN)
1260	WNDE	Indianapolis IN, letter. V/s Edward S. Hazel, Staff Engr. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1420	WRMR	Cleveland OH, letter, bumper sticker, fridge magnet. V/s Robert Conrad, President. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1470	WQXL	Columbia SC, letter, rate card, coverage map, program guide. V/s Olin B. Jenkins, Operations/Program Mgr. (Ogrizovich—FL)
	KKTY	Douglas WY, f/d letter, business card in 16 days. V/s Dennis Switzer, Owner/GM. (Griffith—CO)
1480	WHBC	Canton OH, QSL card. V/s William Glasser. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1520	KOMA	Oklahoma City OK, n/d letter, stickers in 4.5 mo. V/s Dennis Orcutt, VP Engr. (Jones—TN)
1550	KYCY	San Francisco CA, p/d e-mail in 6 days for written follow-up. V/s Phil Lerza, CE. (Wilkins—CO)
1590	WKTP	Jonesboro TN, letter. V/s George DeVault. (Ogrizovich—FL)
1640	KMMZ	Enid OK, p/d letter in 7 days after a follow-up. V/s Hiram Champlin, Owner. (Myers—FL)
1650	KBIV	El Paso TX, p/d letter in 5 days. V/s Jim Lotspeich, CE (N5FKW). (Myers—FL)
1660	WFNA	Charlotte NC, f/d letter in 2 weeks. V/s Jennifer Bell. (Myers—FL)
1690	KTFH	Seattle WA, f/d computer form letter, photo of v/s in 21 days after a follow-up. V/s Richard B. Harris, Corporate Projects Engr. (Retired). (Wilkins—CO)
1690	WSWK	Avondale Heights GA, p/d letter in 7 days. V/s Gil Moor. Addr.: PO Box 191747, Atlanta, GA 31119. (Myers—FL)
	WRLL	Berwyn IL, f/d card in 6 weeks for taped report. V/s Len O'Kelly (KB9ZCX), Overnight Announcer. (Galerstein—NJ)

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International DX veries/taped totals listed by continents

Year Started	DX'er	Location	Last Update	Foreign	Ctries	Total Veries	NA	SA	Eur	As	Af	Oc
1933	Geary, Kermit	PA	2001	1106	115	6554	571	291	152	2	28	62
1938	Anderson, Roger A.	VA/NY/PA	1993	514	105	1448	227	78	128	5	28	48
1950	Krejny, Edward	OH	1996	441	76	2733	208	126	91	0	10	6
1963	Scrimgeour, Gray	CA/ON	1971	440	47	526	354	10	18	26	1	31
1940	Morss, Stan	MA	1993	424	84	3922	218	65	221	3	14	1
1964	Sorensen, Morris	ON/MB	1975	385	13	537	375	1	9	0	0	0
1958	Merriman, Alan	VA	1994	368	93	1615	212	47	88	4	14	3
1958	Dangerfield, Ben	PA	2000	332	128	432	85	44	152	10	33	8
1952	Schiller, Ron	NJ	1999	254	86	2103	136	34	72	3	8	1
1946	Moore, Ray	MA	1993	245	104	245	95	52	59	7	24	8
1960	Rugg, Andy	QC	2002	208	71	1784	88	48	66	1	6	0
1954	Starr, Jerry	OH	1974	194	51	1209	134	34	20	0	3	3
1960	Lynch, Don	MA	1980	157	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1988	Kenneally, Rick (taped)	CT	2002	150	36	88	40	18	2	2	0	0
1947	Luton, Relfe	NC	1973	142	23	1049	102	4	3	0	0	33
1969	Karchevski, Bob	MA/CA	1975	141	24	204	112	0	0	0	0	6
?	Callarman, John	?	1970	138	50	740	72	20	17	6	3	20
1931	Steele, Sid	IL	2003	122	32	3108	104	12	2	1	0	8
1964	Reynolds, Bruce	MO	1977	121	28	1103	111	6	2	0	0	2
1975	Swearingen, Paul (taped)	KS	2004	114	23	851	61	16	0	0	0	0
1955	Palmer, Richard D.	IL	1993	94	33	822	77	4	10	0	1	2
1976	Froemning, Gary	AZ	1994	92	17	338	85	7	0	0	0	1
1976	Renfrew, Jim	NY	2003	91	56	540	59	10	19	1	1	0
1965?	Neff, James R.	NY	1971	87	29	30	70	4	10	1	1	1
1964	Heinen, Wayne	NY/CO	2003	76	26	1671	64	3	5	2	0	2
?	Sampson, John	NJ	1965	72	54	445	23	6	38	1	3	1
1958	Wesolowski, Ernie	NE	2004	70	26	1966	55	6	0	1	1	7
1967	Floden, Eric	ONT	1970	65	16	93	61	3	0	0	0	0
1973	Sgrulletta, John	NY	1998	64	54	64	24	24	19	3	3	0
1931	Holland, George B., Jr.	NY	1996	58	22	885	46	5	5	1	0	2
1992	Taylor, Pete	CA	1993	58	26	375	22	4	0	19	0	13
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (taped)	NJ	1998	56	43	897	50	37	14	1	0	0
1962	Musco, Ron	CT	2003	54	50	1392	40	5	10	1	3	0
1965	Kadet, Jeff	MD	1969	41	12	703	39	0	0	0	0	2
1958	Phillips, Dan	TN/AL	1974	40	26	567	21	9	5	0	1	3
?	Fela, Joseph	NJ	1965	35	24	738	19	4	11	0	1	0
1966	Bruner, Jesse R.	KY	1966	27	23	132	17	3	5	0	0	2
1973	Mount, Paul	NJ	1995	25	6	230	22	2	0	0	0	0
1968	Bytheway, Phil	WA	1982	20	9	457	0	0	0	0	0	0
1977	Wolfish, Niel	ON	1977	20	11	397	14	4	2	0	0	0
1969	Falconer, Jeff	ON	2000	20	22	1091	14	2	2	0	0	2
1964	Whatmough, Dave	ON	1999	15	13	1014	6	1	3	0	6	0
1962	Edmunds, R. J. (paper)	NJ	1998	13	7	266	10	3	0	0	0	0
1964	Edmunds, R. J.	NY	1999	1	3	76	1	0	0	0	0	0
1975	Bartek, Daniel, Jr.	NE	1976	0	2	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
1965	Long, John	CT	1968	0	29	101	0	0	0	0	0	0

This IDXA is tabulated by All Foreign veries/tapes, with total countries as the tie-breaker. Although non-renewing members are routinely deleted from this list, if you've rejoined and don't see YOUR name in the listing above, send in your totals so we see YOU here next time!

Feel free to send in your updated totals in time for the next IDXA; you probably have a month or more. Remember, only taped or paper veries are counted, and mainland U. S. and Canadian catches should not be included in NA totals for either U. S. or Canadian DX'ers. Include your best catch from each continent and all other totals when reporting. And please update what you see above - I get letters, and lists of stations or countries, but no updates - and I can't update what you don't send! Our next column will feature North American totals.

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Here is the NRC column which has no spurious or annoying sideband signals, just good audio! When sending your items in (yes, you can send them via regular mail for 37 cents!), please keep them related to radio and DX doings, items of interest and possible use by others. Here we go:

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I noted with interest a NAB spokesman says night time tests of the IBOC DAB were "not as bad as we thought". Well, any time is BAD. WBZ puts out a nasty hiss on 1020 and 1040, and I was listening on a car radio south of Portland, ME. DX will be confined to Central and Northern Canada when IBOC goes national fulltime. I do not note and hiss from WOR which is supposedly on IBOC during the day. A 1670 pirate was noted in Portsmouth repeating WRYF-1380. The new 1470 in Watertown signal is not as strong as the old WSRO here 20 miles N of Boston. I've renewed for 2 years, my 64th and 65th as an NRC member. Noted a collection of EKKO verification stamps in a MA Stamp Auction, bid above the value given but was not successful.

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One thing I think they should do with the digital service on AM was to put it in its own designated band, say in the LOWER side of the broadcast band, 300 to 530 khz, were they could run tests and see how digital really would be affected by interference. On Friday 3/5, on my way home from work, attempting to listen to WWKB-1520, it was unlistenable due to the hash from WSAI-1530 and their IBOC testing. Yet WSAI was being hammered by another station, at 7:30 PM (a daytimer on past sunset? never happens!). The NAB shouldn't have its nose in engineering anyway. We're just about out of the weeklies and you can send along your "How I Got Started in DX'ing" reports, which I'll kick off with my own in the next few issues, might be a good item to include in each issue BUT we can only do it if you SEND in YOUR Musings!

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Well, it's been ages since I've contributed to this column so perhaps a re-intro is called for. I've been DX-ing since the late '70s concentrating mostly on the MW band and SW utilities. My exposure to radio, however, started way back in the late '50s when my Dad bought me a Hallicrafters S-108 SW receiver for Christmas and I spent many, many long hours scanning the SW bands being absolutely stunned that I was hearing stations halfway around the world. Radio interests fell by the wayside when I discovered girls and cars in high school, and most of my college years were spent studying and surfing. I got back into radio sort of by accident when I was trying to hear the local college basketball team on the radio. Tuning the AM band to the station I thought was carrying the game; I was astounded to hear the game being broadcast by the opponent's station 800 miles away; I never knew about long-distance AM reception. Anyway, since then I've been hooked on MW DX. Being a scientist by profession and an experimenter by nature, I soon started tinkering with radio circuits with the result being that I started Radio Plus+ Electronics in the mid-'80s. For those who don't know, I manufacture and sell the Quantum Loops, Phaser, Q-Stick, etc. and have a website (www.dxttools.com) if you are interested in checking out what's available. Which brings up a couple of points ... Some of the components of the loops in particular are getting increasingly difficult to find, so I'll be changing the circuit of the Quantum Loops before next season and will, unfortunately, have to raise the price by, I'm guessing, 5%-10%. The prices have been the same for several years now, but my costs are increasing, sometimes dramatically, and I just have to pass them along ... sorry. Club members, however, will continue to receive a 10% discount off the list price. The big news around here is that as of March 1st I am officially retired from my job as a government scientist ... hooray. Working for 25 years in an underground laboratory is enough to drive anyone insane. The good news is that I'll now have more time to devote to the radio hobby and Radio Plus+ in particular. I've had a couple of SW products in the prototype stage now for many years and hope to introduce them by next season now that I'll be working only one job instead of two. Heck, I might even have time to DX again, hi. Let's see, what else? Oh yeah, my shack has a slew of radios, but my favorites are the Drake R-8 (for MW DX), the Palstar R-30CC (for SW utilities) and the JRC NRD-535D (for general SW listening). Of course I have all manner

of antennas, experimental and otherwise, that feed the rigs. Finally, on the local radio scene, WECM-1490 last week changed its format from religious to oldies. It ID's as "WECM, Memories 14-90, Milton, Pace, Pensacola; Radio the way you remember it." That's about it from here. 73...GT

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It's been some time since I mused, so a brief re-intro is in order. I started DXing in the Montreal area in the early-1970s and continued through most of that decade. In 1981 I got married (ready to celebrate the 23rd anniversary this year) and my DXing was curtailed by family and work commitments for most of the last two decades. My wife, Janice, bought me a Grundig YB-400 for Christmas a few years ago and my interest in DX was rekindled. Although I owned an R390A/URR, an FRG7 and some other radios, I never owned a proper, "modern," DX receiver. So, I did lots of reading and experimenting (including playing with Niel Wolfish's AOR7030 at Miscou this past season) and finally settled on the Icom R75 as a good blend between performance and price. I ordered the radio from Universal and had it shipped to Craig at Kiwa for a round of modifications before I had it shipped to me on vacation in Florida earlier this month. I had Craig do the sync detector upgrade, the audio upgrade, BCB attenuator full disable, Kiwa R75 3.7 filter module install, new 4.5 filter install, and Craig moved the stock 6.0 filter the "wide" 15 kHz position. I've just returned from Florida and have only been able to do cursory listening with this radio, but so far it sounds and performs super! On the first night back (3/8) I copied a nice net from the 1521 Saudi for about half an hour, but there was no sign of other TA activity. I'm quite anxious to get back to Miscou this fall to see how it stacks up against the AOR7030s that the other guys have. Anyway, with the Sun quieting down and darkness coming later in the evenings I might have more time to DX in the coming month or two. 73 for now!

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Back in 1961 while attending the Ward School of Electronics in Hartford (a division of the U. of Hartford) I purchased and built a Heathkit GC-1A Mohican portable receiver. I aligned it in the school's lab and put it to use. In my parents house I connected it to a 300-ohm TV twin-lead antenna strung between two trees in the front yard. It was up about 10 feet and about 50 feet long in total length. I used this rig until 1965. I joined the NRC in April 1962 after hearing about the Club from a neighborhood young man and seeing his copy of DX NEWS. I missed out on a lot of CPC Tests and a lot of DX due to the fact that I was working for the old Hamilton Standard division of United Aircraft (you know Sikorsky Helicopters, Pratt & Whitney engines, the Chance Vought Corsair). The DX was rolling in! WOWO was a favorite. After reading the old-timers' Musings I decided to trade in the Mohican and Q-Multiplier at Hatry Electronics in Hartford. \$350 plus the rig got me a HQ-180A. It was a cold, sleety day, and I remember pushing the box up the sidewalk to my car (I was afraid of dropping it!) First new station was 1430-WENE Endicott, NY. In 1967 I got married and moved about six air miles to my own house in Windsor. By this time I was using a Sanserino ferrite-rod loop antenna. Work and a family cut into DX'ing but I persevered. First Convention was 1970 Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Then Cambridge in 1973 where Gordon Nelson gave me the AM Log Updater column. I also purchased from Charles Alan Taylor of Indy an Amelco R-390A/URR receiver. During the 1974/75 DX season I heard about 180 new stations and verified most of them. I was getting on the average three veries a week. A lot of time was spent on the graveyards, and I've got over 150 heard on these channels. Then my first Convention, the 1975 in Windsor Locks (who remembers the Dead Bus?). The bus died on I-91 while heading for the ARRL in Newington. Then 1983 at Ilona Helmsley's Hotel in Enfield and the Clambake alfresco and the fireworks at the Trolley Museum. By gosh, that was a humdinger of a time! Now it can be told: a low-power XR was set up from a crane at the rear of the museum pretty close to the beverage antenna that I had strung in a southerly direction. Imagine 1240-KMCL McCall, Idaho running an equipment test at 2300 local time and being heard! Some of our knowledgeable and well-respected members fell for this one. The 1993 featured more fireworks at the same Hotel and thanks to ERNIE WESOLOWSKI, I have a tape of that Convention for the Archives. Then driving down to the Vince Lombardi Rest Area in New Jersey and meeting Herr Schmidt whom I traded cash and left with three R-390A's. I now use a Drake R8 which I purchased from AL MERRIMAN and two slopers, one in the front yard and the other in the back yard connected to a phasor. Also in the back yard are K9AY terminated loops. I still have the HQ-180A, an HQ-150, two R-390As, an old Zenith floor model, an old Philco table model, and a 1930s vintage Sterling re-generative receiver made in Chicago. DX you bet. Over Christmas I was hearing a station with 680-WRKO but couldn't ID it with the slopers. Three days of dicking around with the K9AY rig produced decent reception and a cassette made and mailed to WINR Binghamton, NY. Yesterday 3/8, a nice card with a CM on the back arrived from the Op Mgr. They must have got them printed just for me! One of my goals has been to hear and verify every station from the states of New York and Pennsylvania as well as every station in New England. I need about 23 each from NY and PA to complete hearing all stations. RI, CT, VT are complete. Too many graveyarders in Maine left

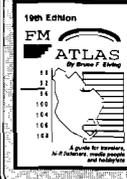
to hear. New Hampshire I need Madbury on 1340 but New Bedford covers them up. And the only Continental state I need is IDAHO! As far as CPC work ... I've had ZERO HELP so I can only assume no one in the NRC cares about this facet of the Club activities so I ain't busting my hump for others. Other hobbies are old cars with six old Plymouths and half a cellar full of an HO-Gauge Model Railroad. (And at the '75 Convention, how many people were walking around trying to find why WLNG was on 640? That was the start of the convention radio stations. Now I wonder who did that?-DWS)

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I'm sure that I've written about getting started as a teen DXer (bedcovers, flashlight, transistor radio, earplug), but I haven't thought about how I got back to DXing after I've left it a couple of times. I know that I had my trusty Radio Shack DX-100 during my freshman year, because that November I tried to hear Maryland election returns from upstate New York on WFBR 1300. My roommates appeared to have the same reaction as everyone else I've ever exposed to this stuff (polite amazement, revealing eyeball roll). I lived on the top floor of the dorm, but I don't remember doing much more with the radio (hmmm, I wonder what intruded?). After graduation I moved to Syracuse, but I didn't keep a log book then, because I seemed to know that I'd be moving on soon. Sure enough, I moved to Rochester in the fall of 1976, and I began to keep track of my receptions, although I didn't write down much more than the year of the logging. Living on poverty wages, I also ignored QSLing. I still had the DX-100, and I managed to string a longwire in the small backyard. It must have been a fantastic period for TA DX, because I heard quite a few stations on the old TA channels from western Europe. In 1978 I moved to New York City to attend Union Theological Seminary. Once again, radio took a back seat to my studies, but by my final year I brought the radio down from Rochester and had it again. Reception was horrible due to the dial overload in the metro area, and the lack of an antenna. One day I got the idea of tossing a weighted wire from my sixth floor window out to a tree branch in the Quadrangle of the Seminary, but it didn't quite reach and the wire slammed down into a window on the first floor and broke it. That was the end of my antenna efforts there. An interesting footnote is that the Law & Order TV series frequently uses the Seminary Quadrangle as a backdrop (usually the episodes when they are investigating a crime perpetrated by a student at a prep school), and on a recent episode Brisco and Green walked right past the window I broke! After finishing seminary I returned to Rochester, to one of the worst DX spots in the city near Pinnacle Hill (perhaps rivaled only by Scott Fybus's current location) and for the first time made plans to acquire a decent receiver and antenna. I bought an HQ-150 and a Space Magnet loop from a DXer in a nearby town, and later came across a friend's friend who was eager to sell a solid state Sony (the one manufactured just before the Sony 2010, was it a Sony 2001?), then the Sony 2010, HQ-180 and most recently a Drake R8 (from Mark Connelly). I've now moved about 30 miles west of Rochester, and for the first time have lots of room for beverage antennas. My K9AY antenna is about halfway constructed. Those attending the 2004 NRC Convention in Batavia (about 6 miles from my house) will have a chance to see my set-up and have the opportunity to plug into some of these beverage wires. Perhaps one of you will be interested in acquiring that HQ-180? So in 28 years of DXing in the Rochester area, I have logged over 2000 AM stations, verified about 600 of them, along with more than 1000 FM stations, more than 200 TV stations, and more than 500 Longwave stations. I've also logged 187 shortwave countries, but I can't tell you how many stations are included in that. This season has been a bit slow, but I think this is due to having only one beverage wire instead of two, so I've been phasing using a much shorter second wire. Not too many highlights to mention, except for France 1206 and 1140 Alberta. Even as I am writing this I'm trying to ID XEMR 1140. OK, OK, OK with the DX, back to sermon-writing.

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Now that we're in to the two-weekly-type columns, we get a few reports! Thanks to those who sent these along, but we still want to hear from YOU: how did you get started in DX'ing? I'll tell my story as time permits; this is going to bed a couple days early as work continues at a steady pace here. Radio stations still break down in cold weather. See you in two weeks!



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