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CPC Test Calendar

WRIB	RI	1220	daily	0255-0305
WFIL	PA	560	1/8	0001-0130
WNTP	PA	990	12/11	0001-0130

From the Publisher ... The position of DDXD-West editor remains open; please e-mail the publisher soon with your application for the position.

WNTP/WFIL tests ... NRC member and CE René Tetro e-mailed me with information about two tests: "I noticed in the new *DX News* that you did not have a lot of information concerning the tests we are going to be running on WNTP and WFIL. For the record, here is the info:

"WNTP TEST: Modes of Operation: 00:01-00:30: 50KW Daytime Directional Pattern; 00:31-01:00 5KW Non-Directional; 01:00-01:30 Off Air to allow DXers in our region of the country to DX other stations on 990 kHz.

"WFIL TEST: Modes of Operation: 00:01-00:30 7.1KW Daytime Directional Pattern; 00:31-01:00. 2.5KW Non-Directional; 01:00 - 01:30 Off Air to allow DXers in our region of the country to DX other stations on 560 kHz.

"Programming: Morse IDs, Voice IDs, Tones, Marching Band Music - Stars and Stripes Forever, Washington Post March, Liberty Bell March (the old Monty Python Theme)."

Reception reports should be sent to René by email at rtetro@pobox.com or by snail mail at René Tetro, Chief Engineer - WNTP-WFIL - 117 Ridge Pike - Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1901. He will be sending out newly-designed QSL Cards for each station with a special label/stamp on the reverse side noting the special DX Test to those who respond.

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 72

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
9.	Nov. 19	Nov. 29	20.	Feb. 11	Feb. 21
10.	Nov. 26	Dec. 6	21.	Feb. 18	Feb. 28
11.	Dec. 3	Dec. 13	22.	Feb. 25	Mar. 4
12.	Dec. 10	Dec. 20	23.	Mar. 11	Mar. 21
13.	Dec. 24	Jan. 3	24.	Mar. 25	April 4
14.	Dec. 31	Jan. 10	25.	April 8	April 18
15.	Jan. 7	Jan. 17	26.	May 6	May 16
16.	Jan. 14	Jan. 24	27.	June 3	June 13
17.	Jan. 21	Jan. 31	28.	July 1	July 11
18.	Jan. 28	Feb. 7	29.	Aug. 5	Aug. 15
19.	Feb. 4	Feb. 14	30.	Sept. 9	Sept. 19

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the November 20, 1954 DNX: A DX broadcast was scheduled from ACA-790 and ACB20-1420, Canal Zone, on 11/22, 0330-0430, arranged by Hal Holbrook, Bethesda, MD. Gene Cameron, Spokane, WA reported that WCNX-1150 boomed in on their DX test of 11/8, with every word completely readable.

25 years ago ... from the from the November 19, 1979 DNX: Wayne Heinen, Colorado Springs, CO took over the "Verification Game" column ... Robert Kramer was the winner of the first NRC Contest, with 38 points, followed by Richard Waterman, Paul Mount, Earl Higgins, Ray Arruda, Larry Van Horn, Sharon Waterman, Larry Wild, Dave Yocis, Wat Sharp, Scott Parker, George Walton, John Buebler, Bill Hardy, Nancy Hardy, Frank Wheeler, and Raymond Loney.

10 years ago ... from the November 21, 1994 DNX: Ken MacHarg, Quito, Ecuador, published the first "Confirmed DX'er" column, which had replaced the "Verification Game" column.

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!

Flash Alert Postcard System

Can't access the Internet to find out about last-minute DX tests? Join Les Rayburn's Flash Alert System to receive notice about late-notice tests and special events. Just send Les 10 or more self-addressed postcards, and he'll be sure to keep you up-to-date and even notify you when you're down to five cards. Send your cards to Les Rayburn - 100 Centerview Drive, Suite 11 - Birmingham, AL 35216-3748. It's almost as good as being wired!

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old Call	New Call
1060 WKRE NC Monroe	WBTB
1370 KUND ND Grand Forks	KWTL

WSPY

AM 1480

CPs ON THE AIR

1020 KYXE WA Union Gap - CP granted to move here from Selah, with new facilities of U5 4000/400.
1470 WCHJ MS Brookhaven - CP for U1 1000/66 is on the air.

UPDATE - UPDATE - UPDATE

1610 CHSL ON Toronto - New station will be signing on November 21 st with a religious format.
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GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1070 WFRF FL Tallahassee - CP granted to designate WFRF as a non-commercial station.
1380 KMUS OK Muskogee - CP granted to move to Sperry, Oklahoma with U4 7000/250 from a new 6-tower site at N36-15-59 W95-58-15.
1530 WENG FL Englewood - CP granted for coordinate adjustment to N26-58-15 W82-19-24.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

540 WLIE NY Islip - Applies to raise day and decrease night power levels to be U5 4300/175.
1190 KREB AR Bentonville- Bella Vista - Applies to increase power to become D1 5000/0.
1030 WNOW NC Mint Hill - Coordinate correction to N35-08-26 W80-36-01.
1460 WPON MI Walled Lake - Applies to decrease both day and night power levels to become U4 670/175 from a new 4-tower site at N42-32-39 W83-33-36.
1540 KXEL IA Waterloo - Coordinate adjustment to N42-10-48 W92-18-38.
1550 WAZX GA Smyrna - Applies to lower both day and night power levels to become U5 33000/14 from an adjusted site coordinates of N33-53-52 W84-31-13.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

630 WDGY WI Hudson - Licensed for U4 2300/300, station has a CP for U4 1000/2500 at a new tower site, plus a later amendment asking to move the city-of-license to St. Paul, Minnesota with U4 1000/2500. This amendment ups the day power to become U4 2500/2500.
640 WJNA FL Royal Palm Beach - Licensed for U4 7500/460, WJNA has a CP for U4 25000/25000 from a new 6-tower site at N26-32-30 W80-44-30. This amendment asks to change the city-of license to Boca Raton.
990 KMSR TX Farmersville - Last Issue we stated: "Applies to add CH operation. If granted, station will become U13 7000/920 CH 7000." Now, the CH application has mysteriously disappeared leaving a CP for U4 7000/920. A clerical error?

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

870 KRLA CA Glendale - Licensed for U4 20000/3000, KRLA had first filed an application to increase nighttime power to become U4 20000/16000, followed by an amendment to raise the daytime power to become U4 50000/16000. Now they have filed for U5 50000/16000. This may be due to the increased interference they are receiving from XEMO-860.
1010 KXXT AZ Tolleson - Licensed for U5 15000/250, KXXT has an application to move the city-of-license to Phoenix. This amendment asks to raise the nighttime power slightly to become U5 15000/300.
1310 WSLW WV White Sulphur Springs - Licensed for D1 5000, WSLW has a pending application to move to Bexley, Ohio with D3 250/0 on 1000 kHz. This amendment increases the power to be D3 350/0. This is a move of about 250 miles.
1380 KRKO WA Everett - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, KRKO had applied for U2 50000/27000. This amendment now asks for U2 50000/34000.

1560 KLTI MO Macon - Licensed for D1 1000/0, KLTI has a pending application to move to Springfield, Missouri with U5 1000/25 on 660 kHz. This amendment changes the power levels to be U4 1500/44 from Springfield.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

570 NEW GA Garden City - Application is for U4 500/500.
600 NEW AL Babbie - Application is for U4 500/300. Babbie is near Opp on US 84 going toward Andalusia.
650 NEW NY Mooers - Application is for U4 50000/9000. Mooers is about three miles south of Canada due south of Montreal, where both patterns are aimed.
760 NEW NV Las Vegas - Application is for U4 1000/930.
1030 NEW CA Elk Grove - Application is for U2 50000/10000. Elk grove is a suburb of Sacramento.
1100 NEW NV Las Vegas - Application is for U4 20000/2000.
1230 NEW GA Smithville - Application is for U1 1000/1000.
1320 NEW HI Ewa Beach - Application is for U4 5000/5000. Ewa Beach is west of Honolulu near Pearl Harbor.
1400 NEW NC Jacksonville - Application is for U1 1000/1000.
1450 NEW MS Jackson - Application is for U1 1000/1000.
1490 NEW CT Uncasville - Application is for U1 250/250. Uncasville is half-way between New London and Norwich off I-395.
1490 NEW MT Malmstrom AFB - Application is for U1 1000/575.
1530 NEW ME Orono - Application is for U13 50000/720 CH 5000.
1530 NEW MS Petal - Application is for U2 50000/260 CH 5000.
1600 NEW HI Makaha - Application is for U1 5000/5000. Makaha is on the west coast of Oahu.

APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED FOR NEW STATIONS (Auction 84 Bids)

540 NEW WY Pine Bluffs - Application on file is for U4 900/700. This amendment changes the coordinates of the proposed 3-tower site. Pine Bluffs is the first stop inside Wyoming traveling west on I-80 from Nebraska.
660 NEW PR Jobos - Original application was for U4 250/250, but an amendment has been filed for U1 205/205.
960 KOVO UT Provo - Licensed for U2 5000/1000, KOVO applied to move to Bluffdale, Utah with U2 4000/1000 from a new 2-tower site. This amendment now asks for U7 50000/1000 CH 50000 from a new(er) 2-tower site.
1040 WCHR NJ Flemington - Applies to add two towers to their current three in order to increase daytime, nighttime and CH power levels to become U13 15000/2500 CH 7500.
1210 KPRZ CA San Marcos - Licensed for U4 20000/10000, KPRZ applied to raise their nighttime power to become U4 20000/22000. This amendment raises the power further. If granted, station will become U4 10000/30000.
1450 NEW HI Hilo - Application is for U1 250/250. Currently, Hawaii has no stations on any of the 'local' channels.
1450 NEW WY Jackson - Application is for U1 1000/1000.
1460 WPON MI Walled Lake - Application covers the reduction in both day and night power levels from the new proposed 4-tower site of WCXI-1160 Fenton. If granted, WPON will be U4 670/175.
1490 NEW CT Uncasville - Application is for U1 250/250.
1500 NEW SC Murrells Inlet - Original application was for U1 1000/250, but an amendment has been filed for U2 5000/500 CH 1000 on 1520 kHz.
1510 WSQD PR Lajas - Application is to change city-of-license to San German and facilities from U3 1000/1000 to U4 1000/1000.
1520 NEW GA Savannah - Application is for U4 50000/1100. [Note: this and the amendment for the 1500 entry at Murrells Inlet may cause a legal battle, as the two cities are only about 100 miles from each other.]
1540 WADK RI Newport - Licensed for D1 1000/0, WADK had applied to add nighttime service as U2 1000/20000. This amendment scales back the power. If granted station will be U2 1000/5000.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

800 KLDC CO Brighton - Licensed for U5 1000/7, KLDC has a CP to move to 810 kHz with U4 2200/227. This denied amendment asked to increase the nighttime power of the CP to 500 Watts. The original CP still stands.
1340 WYCB DC Washington - Station had applied to co-locate their transmitter site with that of WOL-1450 and reduce their power to U1 270/270. WOL's application

was turned down, but they've petitioned the FCC to reconsider (see below), so WYCB may follow suit.

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

- 620 KZTY NV Winchester - Station had a CP to build since 1998, but construction never took place. The FCC has deleted the CP as well as call letters. The owners now ask that the CP be reinstated with new facilities. Jerry Starr has some interesting insight concerning this station: "Actually this CP WAS built but due to some bizarre zoning regulations they were unable to build the two towers as close as engineering required. So they built the DA system out of two Valcom fiberglass TIS antennas, technically not towers, and actually did some on-the-air program testing with this system. They had some sort of weird 'All Sinatra' format. Their signal was terrible. The FCC neither allows the Valcoms on this low a frequency or for directional applications so the license to cover was refused and the CP eventually expired. The Valcoms are gone now."
- 1450 WOL DC Washington - Station had applied to move their transmitter site to co-located with WYCB-1340 and reduce their power level to become U1 390/390 but was initially turned down. This amendment clarifies questions the FCC had raised concerning this move.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

- 630 WAVU AL Albertville 1330 WYRD SC Greenville

HEAR AND THAR

□ **Runaway Truck Causes Collapse of Radio Tower** from the Associated Press via Patrick Griffith: Dateline Morganfield, Kentucky - A runaway boom truck caused WMSK's tower to collapse, knocking the AM and FM radio station off the air. A utility company boom truck had been left at a repair shop on a hill over looking the station during the day Thursday, said Don Sheridan, the station's program director. A brake that was set on the truck apparently failed. Sheridan said the truck rolled down the hill around 10:30 a.m. CDT, and broke some of the tower's support cables, causing it to fall. "It's just spread all over the field out there," he said. An announcer on duty at the FM portion of the station didn't hear the crash as the station was carrying a Major League Baseball game. He learned there was a problem when listeners phoned in, Sheridan said. Both the AM and FM stations were silenced. The stations got back on the air with low power yesterday, but Sheridan said it will take a month to get a new tower and the antenna that was attached to the tower and get them installed. WMSK is owned by Union Broadcasting Inc. [Editor's note: this story is just now hitting the news, a month after it happened??]

□ Stations reported to have gone silent this past week: WHGS-1270 Hampton, South Carolina. Reported to be back on is KRKE-1100 Milan, New Mexico.

□ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen, Jerry Starr, and Niel Wolfish for tips.

Domestic DX Digest

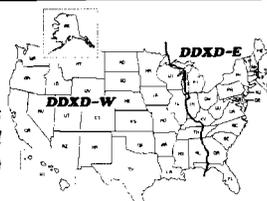
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DDXD-West

RANDOM STUFF

- Dale Park found his way to the mainland and submits some loggings this week from northern California.
- I ran into a time crunch this week and needed to close this column early. I had to hold some loggings for next time; my apologies!
- Your loggings are welcome here. Please submit items in the format you see below, including enough details to help your fellow NRCers log the station. Please use Eastern standard time for all times, regardless of your local time zone.
- Hey, I'm stepping down soon, so let Paul know if you're interested in taking over this column (and if no one does, DDXD-West simply disappears -pls.).

REPORTERS

- DP-CA1 Dale Park DXing from Cordelia. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop
 DP-CA2 Dale Park DXing from the Bay Area. Hyundai car radio
 DP-CA3 Dale Park DXing from Fairfield. Hyundai car radio
 DP-CA4 Dale Park DXing from Vacaville. Hyundai car radio
 JJR-WI John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom R-75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp.
 JW-CO John Wilkens, Wheat Ridge. Drare R8, 4-foot box loop.
 KR-AZ Kevin Redding, Mesa. C Crane CC Radio.
 Ed-TX Your Editor, Wimberley. Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, Quantum loop.

STATION SNAFUS

- 1550 KYCY CA San Francisco. 10/19 1752. Noted with just open carrier all afternoon; later heard at 2220 with "Tom Leykis Show" refeed. Heard in Oakland. (DP-CA2)

STATION CHANGES, LOG UPDATES, ETC.

- 1290 KCUB AZ Tucson. 11/8 0945. Drive-time fare (weather, news, traffic, ads, sports); many references to Tucson and frequent "1290 AM The Storm" slogans, but no call letters heard. Looks like a format change, ex-sports; don't know if calls are the same. (JW-CO)
- 1380 KPTK OK Lawton. 11/7 1859. Legal ID: "If you want sports, sports, and more sports, you're on the right station, 1380 AM KPTK Lawton-Ft. Sill-Duncan, a ?? broadcasting communications station," then back St. Louis Rams play-by-play. Good with slop from local KGNU-1390. So is back to these calls again, or maybe never changed back to KXCA. (JW-CO)
- 1470 KYYW TX Abilene. 11/8 1834. Abilene ads, then "Classic Country 14-70" slogan and C&W mx. No call ID heard, so presumed. (JW-CO)
- 1500 KABR NM Alamo Community. 11/8 1901. Sign-off anmt following a prayer in Navajo. S/off listed as an hour earlier in NRC Log. All alone, with the aurora taking out usual pest KSTP. (JW-CO)
- 1580 KRZX TX Waco. 11/6 2059. Out of Fox Sports program with legal ID at 2059:50. Did not hear a mention of KRZI-1660, so apparently not // any longer. This is a call swap, ex-KRZI on 1580. (JW-CO)

TIS, HAR, ETC.

- 530 WPTR552 CA Martinez. 10/21 1537. Man with repeating message listing meetings for Martinez City Council and other entities, one meeting on 10/19. Poor. (DP-CA3)
- 840 WNVQ787 CA Orinda-Walnut Creek. 10/21 1523. CALTRANS HAR station with woman with repeating message saying Highway 160 is open to one-way traffic while Highway 4 is closed due to overturned big rig; expected to reopen around 1500. Poor; over TIS with man. Heard at the Fairfield Public Library. (DP-CA3)
- 840 WPEI433 CA San Francisco. 10/21 1818. CALTRANS HAR station with man with repeating informal message saying this was a test message and that it was broadcasting with 10 watts from the junction of Highways 1 and 101 (near the Golden Gate Bridge). Poor; over/under other stations. Bill Harms TIS list also has co-channel stations in San Bruno and San Mateo with the same call sign. Heard in San Pablo. (DP-CA2)

REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 540 KVIP CA Redding. 10/21 1542. Man with Christian money management show, praying w/caller from Montgomery AL, mentioned Satan was involved with her dealings. Later heard station announcer requesting listeners to mention KVIP when writing to program producers, so that KVIP gets a donation; ID at 1555 "KVIP Redding, California." Fair; over/under KMEQ in SS, QRM KSFO-560. (DP-CA3)
- 640 WWLS OK Moore. 11/7 0524. Poor with calls, contest rules. "WWLS-The Sports Animal." Not as common as it once was! (JJR-WI)
- 690 CBU BC Vancouver. 11/5 0759. Apparent sign-on with "You're listening to CBC Radio British Columbia. We welcome you to our broadcast...whether it's CBU 690 AM or one of the relay transmitters..."; news followed at 0800. Fair at best. Always nice to hear call letters from CBC outlets. (JW-CO)
- 730 WJMT WI Merrill. 11/6 1830. Poor with weather, calls. Alone. Never heard at night! (JJR-WI)
- 790 WXXA KY Louisville. 11/7 0700. Fair with ID into Sunday morning public service show.

			Rare! (JJR-WI)
860	KPAM	OR	Portland. 10/23 2118. U. of Washington football vs. USC on "the Husky Sports Network"; promo for morning show sports guy, Portland General Electric (PGE) ad, liner "Newstalk 8-60 KPAM," back to game. Heard in Berkeley. Fair to poor; mostly over KTRB. (DP-CA2)
900	WKDW	VA	Staunton. 11/6 1827. Poor with calls, OLD C&W. No usual CHML. (JJR-WI)
930	KAFF	AZ	Flagstaff. 11/2 0820. "AM 930 Calf Country" slogan; announcement of an upcoming live remote broadcast from Winslow; info about construction on I-40 east of Flagstaff. Fair o/u QRM. (JW-CO)
960	CFAC	AB	Calgary. 10/20 2318. American League championship game on ESPN R.; at 2323 update on Calgary Hitmen-Lethbridge junior hockey game by man via phone on "9-60 The Fan," Hyundai ad. Faded out underneath KQKE but came back later. Fair to very poor. (DP-CA4)
960	KQKE	CA	Oakland. 10/19 2000. ID as "KQKE Oakland-San Francisco-San Jose," local news. Uses slogans "9-60 The Quake, Talk Radio For the Rest of Us." Also noted with CNN Radio news at night and sometimes asks listeners looking for the old KABL to retune to the comparatively sh— signal of 92.1 KABL-FM Walnut Creek (no mention of Salinas relay on 1460) (my words, not theirs). 960 signal got ripply and weaker at sunset. (DP-CA1)
970	KESP	CA	Modesto. 10/25 1729. Noted in passing with local ad string, liner "ESPN R. 9-70" and back to tape-delayed "Dan Patrick Show." Heard in Redwood City. Fair to poor with mucho KQKE-960 slop. (DP-CA2)
980	KFWB	CA	Los Angeles. 10/20 0051. Woman w/traffic report, intro "KFWB News on the Ones, it's 9:52," news update, "KFWB newstime 9:54," ad for Glendale Memorial Hospital, Bloomberg Radio report. Good over mess. (DP-CA1)
990	KMSR	TX	Farmersville. 11/8 2235. "You're listening to 'The Other Side' with ?? and Joe on the new talk station for north Texas, 990 MainStreet" and back to talk. Fair signal with local KRKS partially nulled. No call letters heard. (JW-CO) 11/09 2306 with a woman, Tina [?] and a talk show. Used "990 Mainstreet" as a slogan and gave a 214 AC phone number. New! (KR-AZ)
1000	KFAX	CA	San Francisco. 10/19 1728. Mixing product of 1100 and KTCT-1050 with surprisingly fair signal. QRM KATD-990. Heard in Menlo Park. (DP-CA2)
1020	KTNQ	CA	Los Angeles. 10/19 2140. American League championship game in SS, Boston Medias Rojas at Nueva York Yanquis; announcers mentioning WYLD and KZUE radio (network affiliates?), ESPN Deportes, Sears. Fair to good; mostly over station with Bruce Williams refeed (KINF-NM?) (DP-CA3)
1090	KVOP	TX	Plainview. 11/2 0744. Election announcement from one "Tumbleweed" Smith; then C&W music on program "The Sound of Texas" "...on The Bulldog 103.9 FM and 1090 AM". Call letters not heard. Good on peaks in null of local KMXA. (JW-CO)
1210	KEBR	CA	Rocklin. 10/21 1557. Woman with Russian program, interval signal, ID in RR mentioning Oakland, EE ID "This is 12-10 AM, KEBR Rocklin-Sacramento," WYFR shortwave interval signal and man with announcement, male chorus singing with piano, man with talk in either RR or Ukrainian. Good. (DP-CA3)
1240	KSQR	CA	Sacramento. 10/20 1119. eHarmony ad; back to Air America's "Morning Sedition," two seconds behind KQKE-960 (show's on a three-hour delay); at 1131 local news. IDs as "The New Talk City 12-40 AM," "Sacramento's Progressive Talk," mentions website 1240talkcity.com. Ex-Spanish; has not changed to KSAC. Sometimes airs American Urban Network news at TOH. Very good; unID way underneath with CBS news (probably KNRY). (DP-CA2)
1260	WPNW	MI	Zeeland. 11/7 0641. Poor with calls, contemporary CHR music. Rare despite being across lake. (JJR-WI)
1270	KBZZ	NV	Reno. 10/20 0018. Tentative; noted in passing with "Tom Leykis Show" refeed. Fair over mess. (DP-CA3)
1290	KPAY	CA	Chico. 10/20 1320. Limbaugh program; liner "It's Rush Limbaugh on the North Valley's News Talk 12-90 KPAY," Limbaugh reading Lumber Liquidator ad, another ad, Phil Hendrie reading ad. Fair to poor over semi-local KAZA. (DP-CA3)
1290	WKLJ	WI	Sparta. 11/8 2259. Legal ID by M, simply "WKLJ Sparta, Wisconsin..." then covered by KKAR. Supposedly on 50 watts. This about the last thing I'd expect to hear in severe auroral conditions, whether on 50watts or 5000 watts day power! A new one here, WI #18. (JW-CO)
1310	KOKX	IA	Keokuk. 11/6 1740. Fair with no WIBA! Calls, NOS. (JJR-WI)
1380	KLIZ	MN	Brainerd. 10/28 1853. Program note for Warriors football; call ID and another

			local ad. Fair. (JW-CO)
1400	KAYS	KS	Hays. 11/5 1819. "14 KAYS" ID, then back to ESPN program. Heard later at 1852 with prices for sorghum, alfalfa, sunflowers, and other stuff. Generally fair just above the noise. (JW-CO)
1400	KBRB	NE	Ainsworth. 11/5 1856. Gal with NE sports; then call letter ID and news from Nebraska Radio Network. Fair at best through the pileup. (JW-CO)
1400	KLIN	NE	Lincoln. 11/5 1823. Guy says "We'll be right back - it is 5:13 on your..1400 KLIN" and faded. Rough in the jumble. (JW-CO)
1400	KVFD	IA	Fort Dodge. 11/5 1804. Ad for computer outfit with stores in Fort Dodge and Des Moines; call letter ID and then something about a recipe contest. Briefly fair w./KAYS et. al. New here, IA #46. (JW-CO)
1410	KLEM	IA	LeMars. 10/29 1940. Popped in for about a half-minute with "14-10 KLEM" ID and program note for area football tonight, LeMars vs ?? City Bulldogs". New here, IA #45. (JW-CO)
1410	KNTX	TX	Bowie. 11/8 1822. Local announcements, ads, weather, call ID. Fair and alone in auroral conditions. (JW-CO)
1420	KTJS	OK	Hobart. 11/8 1816. Community calendar, call ID. Fair/poor; not common here. (JW-CO)
1460	KZUE	OK	El Reno. 11/8 1853. Fair in auroral conditions with dedications, "La Tremenda" slogans, and call letter ID, all in SS, of course. Soon lost to KTFW. New catch, OK #50. (JW-CO)
1530	KZNX	TX	Creedmoor. 10/30 0759. Dual KWNX-1260 / KZNX-1530 legal ID, then back to ESPN. Only fair this day but heard regularly in the mornings, sometimes with a very good signal. Ex-KQQA here. (JW-CO)
1590	KKZZ	CA	Oxnard. 10/20 0020. Woman w/ID "15-90 KKZZ" and promoting a restaurant featuring baby back ribs, Barry Manilow's "I Got The World on a String"; liner mentioning Camarillo, Lou Rawls tune. Fair to poor; over/under mess including semi-local KLIV. (DP-CA3)

DDXD-East

From Ginny: "Please note that the editorship of DDXD-East is reverting back to me with the next issue. Many, many thanks to Mike Brooker for stepping in! Deadline is Wednesday, November 17, 9 AM."

REPORTERS

MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200.
IEN-GA	Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - AIWA CSD-FD89, 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE In-Dash Audio System CY310
DT-ON	Don Trelford, Toronto - Sangean ATS 818
NjW-H	Niel Wolfish, Toronto - Honda Accord car stereo
NjW-T	Niel Wolfish, Toronto - Sangean ATS 909



STATION NEWS

1610	CHSL	ON	Toronto - Niel Wolfish reports that they are supposed to start official operations on Sunday, November 21, with opening ceremonies at the San Lorenzo Church, 2981 Dufferin St., beginning with an Ecumenical Mass at 1230 EST, followed by blessing of the antenna tower and studio, press conference, and authorities offering their best wishes. San Lorenzo Parish, part of the Anglican Church (<i>Anglican in Canada is the same as the Episcopalian Church in the U.S.</i>), used to be known as Saint Lawrence Parish but the English community moved to Saint Hilda's and this parish became a Latin American parish. The leading person in the organization is the parish priest, Father Hernan Astudillo. His email is hastudillo@rogers.com .
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PRESUMED/UNID

600	UNID		11/08 2305 - An unplugged version of Hotel California (or perhaps it was just Don Henley), then into Spanish talk by a female and male. Decent signal. (IEN-GA)
670	UNID		11/08 2305 - An unplugged version of Hotel California (or perhaps it was just Don Henley), then into Spanish talk by a female and male. Good signal, but suffered from fading. (IEN-GA)
710	UNID		11/08 2305 - An unplugged version of Hotel California (or perhaps it was just Don Henley), then into Spanish talk by a female and male. Very good signal. (IEN-GA) (I would bet my last peso that all of the above are Cuban Radio Rebelde //s. mkb.)
960	WERCp	AL	Birmingham - 11/11 1908 - presumed over usual pest WFIR and CFFX groundwave with talk about Alabama Crimson Tide football. (MKB-ON)

- 1230 WENYp NY Utica - 11/7 2117- Talk show, interference WECK, poor (DT-ON)
 1380 WKJvp NC Asheville - 11/7 1705 - Presumed with southern accented preacher who said "amen" about every 20 seconds; Mention of the Fellowship Baptist Church on Cove Road in Waynesville NC; Good signal for a while over top of CKPC-Brantford. (NjW-H)
 1410 WHLnP KY Harlan - 11/8 1903 - Presumed with University of Kentucky's Coach Rich Brooks call-in-show and commercials for CHA Health Plan and Wayne Supplies. Not listed on UK's radio network, but station confirms they aired show. Poor signal in mess. (NjW-H)
 1580 UNID 11/1 1817 - satellite-fed sounding "17 past the hour on the News Station". Fair signal. (for what it's worth, KNIM-Maryville MO is listed as having this ID) (NjW-H)
 1590 WFTHp VA Richmond - 11/2 1917 - Presumed with gospel music and ID as "1590-The Light". Strong over WAKR-Akron, leading me to believe they "forgot" to power down from 5000 watts as it didn't sound like 19 watts to me. (NjW-H)

STATION LOGGINGS

- 790 WAXY FL South Miami - 11/8 1824 - Traffic report read by woman mentioning Palmetto Expressway; Commercial for a local tailor, ID as "790 ESPN Radio". (NjW-H)
 870 WHCU NY Ithaca - 11/7 0807 - over CJBC-860 splatter with local weather: "and now the WHCU Weather Center forecast", New York State lottery winning numbers. (MKB-ON)
 930 WGIN NH Rochester - 11/6 0720 - poking through nulled WBEN with National Guard PSA, slogan "the news everyone is talking about, news radio AM 930 WGIN". (MKB-ON)
 WFXJ FL Jacksonville - 11/9 2140 - Sports talk and sports news. Decent signal. "930, The Fox, Jacksonville's sports leader". (IEN-GA)
 940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 11/6 0704 - in CINW null with local weather, "in sports it was a busy night for the SJHL" into long run-down of Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League scores. (MKB-ON)
 WKGM VA Smithfield - 11/7 1630 - over CINW with ID as "give thanks to the Lord for His mercy endures forever this is the ministry station, 940 WKGM", into "Prophecy Talk" gospel program. (MKB-ON)
 950 WAKM TN Franklin - 11/7 1735 - creaming the usual pests (WWJ/WROC/WIBX) with NASCAR racing report, slogan "CNN News tops the hour on Franklin's first radio station, WAKM AM 950", ad for Franklin Tire Center. (MKB-ON)
 WORD SC Spartanburg - 11/11 1732 - creaming WWJ with traffic report mentioning I-26 (at which point I knew this wasn't WWJ) or any of my other common 950 stations, as most of the Interstates I know are numbered in the 80s and 90s), ad for Auto Zone, into local news introduced by "now live from the WORD news room". (MKB-ON)
 980 WAAV NC Wilmington - 11/11 1738 - over usual co-pests WTEM and CFPL with local sports report leading off with UNCW (University of North Carolina at Wilmington) basketball, "Wave weather channel forecast" local weather, slogan "News, talk and sports 980 WAAV". (MKB-ON)
 1070 WFLI TN Chattanooga - 11/11 1721 - wiping out CHOK with country-gospel songs, slogan "one of the top gospel stations in the nation, AM 1070 WFLI", promo for WFLI's "World of Life" broadcast, ad for Air Force Reserve. (MKB-ON)
 1260 WPNW MI Zeeland - 11/6 2115- Religious talk with man and woman and orchestra and choir with older type religious music, ID by woman as "1260 wepm", poor. (DT-ON)
 1330 WHBL WI Sheboygan - 11/6 0830 - ID and local newscast at bottom-of-the-hour during polka music program; fair with WFNN and WFIN. (NjW-T)
 1360 WCKY OH Cincinnati - 11/11 1900 - Sports show/news about The University of Miami (Ohio) Basketball team. Decent signal, but faded from time-to-time. "The Official Bengals Station, 1360 Homer, WCKY Cincinnati". (IEN-GA)
 1370 WLTC NC Gastonia - 11/7 1854 - black gospel music, ID as "Rejoice AM" and legal ID at top-of-the-hour. Good over WXXI. (NjW-H)
 1420 WLNA NY Peekskill - 11/6 0906 - "Timeless classics 14-20 WLNS" into Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire", fair with WRMR. (NjW-T)
 1480 WNBX VT Springfield - 11/3 0838 - Badfinger oldie, followed by ID: "real oldies 1480 AM, WNBX". Over top of CHWO's second harmonic. (NjW-H)
 1600 WMHG MI Muskegon - 11/7 0830 - over WWRL with schmaltzy version of *Moon River*, DJ talk about the debut of *Face the Nation* TV program 50 years ago today,

- 1610 CHSL ON Toronto - 11/8 1120 - All popular Latin American music. Off at 2005. Signal fair, but had radio on full volume (using headphones), may not be on full power yet (DT-ON) (They've been testing with only 250 watts. mkb.)
 promo for Lions football, "here's the forecast from 1600 WMHG", into local weather. (MKB-ON)

Ginnie will be back next week. Thanks to everyone who contributed to DDXD-E while I was filling in. 73 - Mike

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Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs (summer: 4).

This second week of November featured classic auroral conditions, wiping out midwestern domestic signals to leave the medium waves alive with Caribbean and Latin American radio stations. On November 10, the estimated planetary K index peaked at 9. Many first time logs reported!

Transatlantic DX

- 207 MOROCCO RTM Azilal NOV 8 2105 - Good with man in Arabic parallel 612. "QI" beacon interference. [Black-Marconi Beach MA]
 549 ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles NOV 2 0021 - Man in Arabic; good, surpassing the strength of the WDDZ, WDEV, CHLN jumble on 550. [Connelly-MA]
 612 MOROCCO RTM A, Sebaa-Aioun NOV 2 0023 - Parallel 207 with woman in Arabic talking over background music; fair. [Connelly-MA] NOV 8 2105 - Good; man in Arabic parallel 207. [Black-Marconi Beach MA]
 711.05 WESTERN SAHARA RTM Laayoune NOV 8 2135 - Good; African strings and high pitched female vocal. Way over 710 WOR. [Black-Marconi Beach MA]
 747 NETHERLANDS Flevoland NOV 2 0024 - Woman in Dutch; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
 756 GERMANY *DeutschlandRadio*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg NOV 2 0019 - Parallel 1422 with soul/blues vocal; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
 765 SWITZERLAND RSR Sottens NOV 2 0025 - "Moonshadow" by Cat Stevens; good. [Connelly-MA]
 774 SPAIN RNE1 synchros NOV 2 0025 - Man and woman in Spanish; fair, through WABC slop. [Connelly-MA]
 873 SPAIN SER synchros NOV 2 0034 - Spanish teletalk; over others. [Connelly-MA]
 999 SPAIN COPE Madrid NOV 2 0031 - Two men with fast Spanish newstalk; loud. [Connelly-MA]
 1089 UNITED KINGDOM *TalkSport* synchros OCT 28 2251 - Fair; two men in sports discussion. [Black-MA] NOV 2 0003 - Collage including interspersed *TalkSport* ID's and excerpts of play-by-play announcing, this was followed by mentions of fixtures in Manchester City and Norwich; to good peak. [Connelly-MA] NOV 7 0106 - Fair; talk about "phone lines open" and gave frequency "ten-eighty nine." Then into a US style talk show discussing US election. Interestingly, the host had a very American accent. [Black-MA]
 1116 SPAIN SER synchros NOV 2 0004 - News in Spanish; loud. [Connelly-MA]
 1134 SPAIN COPE synchros OCT 30 2244-2250 - Fair to good on peaks with news in Spanish. Mentions of Barcelona. Heavy splat from WBBR but Croatia not in evidence as auroral conditions seemingly developing. [Black-MA]
 1170 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES *R.Farda*, Dabiya NOV 1 2201 - Fair; woman reading news in Arabic then into Middle Eastern music. Het from presumed Iran. WWVA beginning to take over at 2205 and unable to null. Best on K9AY eastern loop. [Black-MA]
 1179 SWEDEN *R.Sweden*, Sölvesborg NOV 6 2143 - Poor with man and woman in talk. Heavy Spain/Canary Islands and WHAM interference but unmistakable Swedish. [Black-MA]
 1206 FRANCE *France Info*, Bordeaux OCT 29 2237 - Good with a man in French, parallel 1557. [Black-MA] NOV 2 0013 - Lounge-jazz female vocal; very good. [Connelly-MA]
 1215 UNITED KINGDOM *Virgin Radio* synchros OCT 29 2308 - Good with rock music. Couldn't get parallel on 1197. [Black-MA] NOV 2 0012 - Good with "Hotel California" by the Eagles. [Connelly-MA]
 1314 NORWAY NRK Kvitsøy NOV 1 2352 - "Close to You" by the Carpenters, then a man and woman in Norwegian; good. + NOV 2 0037 - Good with a Garth Brooks song. [Connelly-MA]
 1377 FRANCE Lille NOV 2 0014 - Parallel 1206 with female jazz vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]
 1422 GERMANY *DeutschlandRadio*, Heusweiler NOV 2 0019 - Parallel 756 with blues vocal; fair. [Connelly-MA]

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1503 **IRAN** *IRIB* Bushehr NOV 3 2352 - Light but distinct audio with Middle Eastern music and man talk. + NOV 5 0010-0021 - Fair with chanting. Spain under/over at times. [Black-MA]
1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba NOV 2 0015 - Arabic telephone interview. [Connelly-MA]
1548 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Bristol*, Bristol-Mangotsfield NOV 2 0018 - Parallel 198 with talkshow. [Connelly-MA]
1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Nice OCT 29 2237 - Fair with a man in French, parallel 1206. [Black-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 530 **TURKS & CAICOS** *R.Visión Cristiana*, South Caicos NOV 6 0607-0615 - Lite pop-style Spanish religious vocals, man in Spanish with time check "en Caribe," phone numbers, temperatura and "Radio Visión" ID. [Frodge-MI] NOV 11 0031 - Spanish preaching; good. [Connelly-MA]
555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *ZIZ* Basseterre NOV 6 0616-0623 - Lite pop music. English ad string with mention of Basseterre. Almost fair peaks, best in USB. [Frodge-MI]
570 **CUBA** *CMDC R.Relej*, Santa Clara OCT 31 0120 - Good; "Radio Relej" voice ID, usual pips and code ID. Then into news with a man and woman in Spanish. [Black-MA] NOV 11 0030 - Spanish news with ticks on the second and beeps on the minute; over WMCA/WSYR. [Connelly-MA] NOV 12 0049 - Fair; man in Spanish talk, time pips and code ID parallel 820. [Black-MA]
580 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** *HICN R.Montecristi*, Montecristi NOV 9 0032 - Very good with ID "Radio Montecristi" and religious vocals. [Black MA]
620 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites NOV 9 0022 - Male talk in Spanish. Fair, parallel 5025 strong. [Frodge-MI]
620 **MEXICO** *XESS Doble S*, Rosarito BCN OCT 21 0753 - Spanish romantic accordion music; ID at 0758 for "Ensenada-Tijuana-San Diego." Poor; over/under KPOJ/KNGS mixture. [Park-CA] NOV 9 0507-0543 - "Viva Mexico" and "Esta es la Doble S," norteña, ranchera y romantica, Spanish ad/promo strings. Good peaks mixing with presumed WRJZ y otro Spanish (Cubanos everywhere tonight). XE #19. [Frodge-MI]
630 **MEXICO** *XEFB La FB Romántica*, Monterrey NL NOV 8 0402 - Dominating channel with program "Noche de Amor." Time check four minutes fast. Gave phone numbers for requests 83-42-80-00 and 83-40-58-61, different from numbers in MPM profile. [Callarman-TX]
640 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, multiple sites NOV 8 0034-0100 - Soft-spoken male announcer in Spanish with baladas, Jose Feliciano tune and Paul Anka's "You Are My Destiny." Tentative ID at 0058. Fair over WMFN *Sporting News Radio*. [Frodge-MI] NOV 10 0400 - Spanish talk. Good signal. Slogan "Radio Progreso." [New-GA] NOV 11 2350 - Fair over WFNC Wolfpack football; ID, "Radio Progreso," at top of hour very good with WFNC gone. [Black-MA]
650 **COLOMBIA** *HJKH RCN Antena Dos*, Bogotá NOV 9 0042 - Fair; Spanish talk and mentions "Antena Dos." Heavy Spanish interference. [Black-MA]
660 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Santa Clara NOV 9 0053 - Fair; plaintive female love song over WFAN. Parallel 730. [Black-MA]
660 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, unknown location NOV 6 0528-0533 - Man in Spanish and baladas. Fair mixing with WFAN, "The Fan Sports Radio 66." Parallel 710 weak under WOR. 1180 covered and 5025 not on! [Frodge-MI]
660 **MEXICO** *XEEY La Consentida*, Aguascalientes AGS NOV 8 0030 - Still uses the emphatic "No No No No No" bit in production ID, in KSKY null. This frequency not so fertile ground here since KSKY went full-time. [Callarman-TX]
660 unID NOV 12 1011 - News, "Once minutos, once" time check, and "El reporte popular" with fanfare and mention of Santiago, in WFAN null. [Conti-NH]
670 **MEXICO** *XESOS R.Uno, La Número Uno*, Agua Prieta SON NOV 8 0026 - Slogan after explosive laser sounds heard under the Cuban. This one was a regular here on 1140; first time taped on new frequency. [Callarman-TX]
690 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Jovellanos NOV 12 0123 - Fair; romantic vocals parallel 640, over unID Latin American signals with CINF beginning to fade in. [Conti-NH]
700 **JAMAICA** *RJR* Hague NOV 11 0030 - Good; "Beyond the Headlines from the RJR News Center" political discussion in heavily accented Caribbean English, no sign of WLW. [Conti-NH]
720 **COLOMBIA** *HJAN* Barranquilla OCT 31 0126 - Fair; rapid fire announcing of sporting event, parallel 760. [Black-MA]
720 **JAMAICA** *RJR* Innswood NOV 11 0050 - Fair; political discussion parallel 700, over presumed *R.Oriente* Venezuela, no sign of CHTN or WGN. + NOV 11 2330 - Good; public affairs program, ad string with mentions of Manchester Shopping Center and Montego Bay. [Conti-NH]
730 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Nueva Gerona NOV 9 0053 - Fair; plaintive female love song parallel 660. [Black-MA] NOV 11 0105 - Good; pop vocals parallel 640 and a now dominant signal on 750, no sign of CKAC. [Conti-NH]

- 740 **VENEZUELA** unID NOV 11 0120 - Fair; teletalk. Venezuela mentions in promo/ad string, for the most part under WJIB with no sign of CHWO. [Conti-NH]
750 **CUBA** *R.Progreso*, Trinidad NOV 10 2300 - "Onda de la alegría" theme song and ID, highly distorted audio fading up over YVKS and WSB, parallel 640. [Conti-NH]
750 **VENEZUELA** *YVKS RCR* Caracas NOV 10 2220 - Good; *Informe RCR* news. [Conti-NH]
760 **COLOMBIA** *HJAJ RCN R.Suceso*, Barranquilla OCT 31 0126 - Fair; rapid fire announcing of sporting event under WJR, parallel 720. [Black-MA] NOV 11 0028 - RCN and Barranquilla mentions; dominant. [Connelly-MA] NOV 11 2300 - Good; national anthem, "Radio Suceso RCN" ID, promos, and news. + NOV 12 1043 - Good; "la radio de Colombia" jingle and news. [Conti-NH]
760 **MEXICO** *XEABC ABC Radio*, México NOV 11 0128 - Faded up nice over RCN Colombia and *R.Relej* Cuba; "ABC Radio" ID by a man followed by a soft-spoken woman with an additional slogan into a light vocal. A new log! [Conti-NH] NOV 11 0457 - ID under XEEB. Came out plain as day in a quiet moment. Must still be running their 70 kW. Nueva, primera vez! [Redding-AZ]
770 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, unknown location NOV 10 2329-2350 - Male commentary in Spanish regarding Bush, Iraq, etc. over WABC occasionally and parallel 5025, strong. New. [Frodge-MI] New is right; nothing listed for Cuba on this frequency in the WRTH.
780 **VENEZUELA** *YVMN R.Coro*, Coro OCT 30 2314 - Good; very 'salsa' like pop music. "Por Radio Coro" and mentions of Venezuela. A complete jingle and ID at 2333. [Black-MA] NOV 10 2225 - Good; rapid-fire news with IDs and frequent time checks, "por Radio Coro" promo. [Conti-NH]
790 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, Pinar del Río NOV 11 2340 - Good; man with news, "Radio Relej," minute marker, UTC-4 time check, code ID, and syncopated clock, well over WSKO. [Conti-NH]
820 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, unknown location NOV 11 0145 - Syncopated clock, minute marker, and RR code ID through an unID open carrier. [Conti-NH] NOV 12 0049 - Fair; man in Spanish talk, time pips and code ID parallel 570, over WNYC. Not listed in WRTH as a regular *Relej* outlet. [Black-MA]
830 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, Holguín NOV 9 0604-0623 - Male talk in Spanish with "RR" on minute - can't hear pips, losing to three other Spanish signals mixing, all with music! One's probably WFNO. No sign of WCCO or any English. [Frodge-MI]
850 **MEXICO** unID, *Reina Ciento Ocho Cincuenta* NOV 10 0629-0659 - Strong at times in KOA null with a variety of older musical styles, ranging from Trio Los Panchos to '60s light rock, in Spanish, with canned applause after each cut. Slogan given frequently sounded like "Reina Ciento 850." At 0656, following the slogan, had PSA for what appeared to be Cámara Visitara" with something that sounded like "La Ciudad de Fortiva," which may be a nickname; might have been tourist attraction come-on. Then came a PSA from one of the government secretarias, followed by mixed chorus version of Mexican national anthem. No call letters or location heard. XEM Chihuahua is often heard here; slogan change? [Callarman-TX]
860 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, Baracoa NOV 11 2343 - Good; "Radio Relej," minute marker, code ID, etc., over unID Latin American signals, no sign of CJBC. [Conti-NH]
860 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, unknown location NOV 9 0628-0635 - Male talk in Spanish with clear *Rebelde* ID at bottom of hour. Also hear "RR". First time for both of these. Under presumed CJBC. *Rebelde* hasn't started using "RR" also, have they? [Frodge-MI] There are two stations listed in the WRTH for this frequency; *R.Relej* Baracoa and *R.Progreso* Arroyo Arenas. Maybe the *Progreso* outlet switched to *Rebelde*?
860 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** *R.Clarín*, Santo Domingo NOV 11 0204 - Presumed; baseball play-by-play, "Siempre Coca-Cola" ad, "Esta es la cadena... nacionales en el Caribe," signal about even with co-channel *R.Relej* Cuba over an unID Latin American station. [Conti-NH]
880 **MEXICO** *XETC Torreón* COAH NOV 6 0602 - Just missed solid tape on full ID, catching "Torreón, Coahuila" by lady announcer, topping channel; followed with rock tune in English. Not new, but need a good full ID tape. [Callarman-TX]
880 **MEXICO** *XEPNK La Super Estación*, Los Mochis SIN NOV 10 0557-0604 - Super signal, virtually alone on channel with romantic vocals; full ID at 0603, then promo with excerpts of songs on the play listed. Needed solid tape for audio file. Four nights earlier, XETC had been just as strong. [Callarman-TX]
890 **CUBA** *CMDZ R.Progreso*, Chambas NOV 12 0053 - Good; Cuban salsa music parallel 640. Faded into soup at 0056. [Black-MA]
895 **ST KITTS & NEVIS** *Voice of Nevis*, Bath Village NOV 4 2328 - Good with island music. [Black-MA]
910 **VENEZUELA** *YVRQ AM Center*, Caracas NOV 12 0113 - Fair; *AM Center* ID, pop salsa and romanticas, among a couple unID Latin American signals (likely Cuba and rare San Andrés) and *WLAT La Mega*. [Conti-NH]
920 **MEXICO** *XEQD Chihuahua*, CHIH NOV 9 0258 - Program notes, several "Radio Noticias 920" slogans; call ID and into news at 0301. New catch here, CHIH #44. [Wilkins-CO]
920 **MEXICO** *XEHQ* Hermosillo, SON NOV 9 0259 - Mixing with XEQD; heard "Radio Capi-

color shimmering across the night skies of northern latitudes, familiar to most of us from grade school textbooks and television documentaries if not by personal observation. This same phenomenon can change normal nighttime reception patterns across the AM broadcast band. Sometimes it results in diminishing the strength of typically strong signals so that the band only seems noisier than usual. Then there are those nights when the entire character of the band is transformed from the same old domestic news, talk, sports, and nostalgia to the tropical sounds of salsa, deportes, noticias, and rapid-fire Spanish.

There are two invaluable sources of up-to-the-minute information that DXers can use to be prepared for the next auroral event. On the Internet, visit <http://sec.noaa.gov>, "Space Weather Now" produced by the Space Environment Center (SEC) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Here you'll find the latest conditions updated in real time, plus an x-ray image of the Sun to observe sunspots, a map of the auroral dome, and links to the latest alerts and advisories. If you don't have access to the Internet, no problem. Listen to radio station WWV at 5000, 10000, or 15000 kHz shortwave for the latest conditions, K-index, and forecast at 18 minutes past every hour. Listen for a K-index of 5 or greater along with mention of geomagnetic storm activity, then get ready to spice up your DXing experience.

Other useful web sites:

SEC Report of Solar and Geophysical Activity, www.sec.noaa.gov/forecast.html
The SEC Alert Message WWV Broadcast, www.sec.noaa.gov/Data/info/WWVdoc.html
NW7US Propagation Resource Center, <http://prop.hfradio.org/>
KN4LF Daily Solar Space Weather & Archive, www.kn4lf.com/kn4lf5.htm
jBAMLog! <http://members.aol.com/baconti/bamlog.htm>

NRC Contest

An annual DX contest which encourages DX'ing and offers prizes

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Contest Observations and FAQ

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We have a variety of entrants from a variety of locations using a variety of equipment. Urban apartment dwellers with indoor antennas and portables, suburban contesters with modest wires and rural contesters with beverages! It has been suggested that in future contests we look at categories based on receiving equipment and antennas, which is not a bad idea.

We have 13 contesters at this point who have submitted 1,940 loggings.

Q: How are my contest logs handled?

A: I import logging files or hand enter paper submissions and compare them to the NRC AM LOG database. Any non matches are brought to the attention of the contesteer. Foreign loggings and non Logbook stations (Such as TIS stations) are checked with a separate database. I then use the Latitude and Longitude from the NRC Station Location Map book or the foreign and non standard station database to compute the mileage for each station from the coordinates supplied by the contesteer or as determined from the address that I am given. The formula used for the mileage is the same as appears in the NRC Station Location Map book

Q: Do TIS stations Count?

A: Yes, as long as you follow the logging criteria in the Contest Rules.

Q: Can I join the contest after the October starting date?

A: Yes you can! I encourage monthly submissions and will reserve the right to accept and reject contesters based on the submission frequency. Don't expect to submit a gajillion points at the end of an award period and receive a prize!

Loggings for the month of November (or October and November if you decided to join the fun) need to be submitted by December 5th.

Standings through October 31st 2004

Contester	Location	Points	Contester	Location	Points
Ron Bailey	Shelby, NC	1195	Steve Sprague	Coffeyville, KS	181
John Wilkins	Wheatridge, CO	771	Dave Braun	Wyoming, DE	177
Wayne Heinen	Aurora, CO	600	David Jones	Springfield, TN	64
Chris Knight	Fort Lupton, CO	416	Gary Hitchcock	Hollywood, FL	42
Paul Swearingen	Topeka, KS	335	Mike Clancy	Jersey City, NJ	34
Nancy Johnson	Billings, MT	221	Michael Carroll	Phoenix, AZ	31
Darrell Neft	Costa Mesa, CA	212	Dale Park	Honolulu, HI	8

Musings of the Members

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Here is the NRC column which asks the question, where have all the MUSERS gone? Well, they're right here, keeping us informed of their DX doings, a little story or two, and radio-related items. We'd like to hear from you! And here we go:

J E Lewis

Musing part two—After Chicago area and Tampa, went back to Chicago until Fall of '66, but then went to Miami until Fall '77. Lots of Cuba and rumble noise at night probably caused by Cuban and other Latin stations a little off freq. Especially bad on 1140 and 710 with later Cuban jammers, although they had their own stations on both of those. Ground conductivity was poor to fair and most coastal Florida stations sent their signals out in water nights so they faded out quickly. 540 Cypress Gardens probably covered most but went off at night. 620 and 1380 St. Pete had saltwater grounding producing great signals as did 560 and 610 Miami and 1550 Coral Gables but the later's towers, out in water south of Key Biscayne, were blown away by Andrew. Latins came in real well especially 800 Bonaire Netherlands Antilles. Chicago & New York clears unheard Summers and difficult Winters except cold nights. '77-86, moved to Tulsa, got Superadio, so got New York and LA nights. Fall of '86 moved to urban area of Kansas City, got several Grundigs, Selectantenna I and II as well as best radio ever, Sony ICF 2010, a steal at \$200. Lots of great catches at this central location best being 655 San Salvador. Stations north more difficult than other directions at night. Static from security lights bad but Sony synch a real lifesaver. "73"

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I'm sorry to report that my Realistic AM Portable Radio with FET Tuned RF Stage, Radio Shack Cat. No. 12-655, cannot be repaired. I sent it via one of the local stores to the Radio Shack Service Center in Greensboro, NC, only to find out that the parts required are no longer available. The set was returned to me with no charge and my \$10.00 service deposit was refunded. For some time it had begun to oscillate, except when tuned to 1.0 kW local WINC-1400 only three miles airline from my QTH, and then it finally quit altogether. I had tried adding bypass capacitors to cure the oscillation, but to no effect. I had bought the set on November 11, 1975 when I was living in Maryland. It is 29 years old, and I suppose that it didn't owe me anything, but that was one of the best AM receivers ever sold for \$29.95. I haven't thrown it out yet; but will keep it around for a while to see if anyone might like to have it for parts to repair another 12-655. Early on I learned the value of having a TRF stage to improve receiver performance, and my favorite receiver of this type was a Philco Model 635 all-wave receiver. I was living in Washington, DC, and went across town to a Washington's birthday sale in the early 1940s and bought it used for \$12.00. It had a tag that said, "Smokes When Plugged In". I carried it home on the streetcar, tested it, and found no smoke problem. I realigned it and used it for BCB DXing as well as listening to shortwave stations from all over the world. In those days local police departments operated base stations in the 2-3 MHz band. I heard not only WPDW in Washington on 2422 kHz, but police stations in New York City and Chicago, along with many in Ohio. I even improvised a relay squelch arrangement with the coil wired in series with the shadow tuning meter favored by Philco in those days. A front contact of the relay shorted out the loudspeaker until WPDW came on the air and the relay released. I found a diagram and service information for the 635 in a Rider's Manual in the DC Public Library. When hams were allowed to get on 80 meter CW after WW-II I added an outboard BFO and used it for CW contacts with a single-tube, crystal-controlled transmitter for a number of months.

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Another to add to the hash-makers list, WGY-810 has been noted running the IBOC tests. When stations are running the IBOC, audio bandwidth is limited to 5kHz. You can't notice it too much on talk, but I've noticed the difference with the few music stations running it, such as WPEN-950. From what I've heard, I'll take the music sideband noise anyway over the constant white noise. A request: when sending your items in, please make sure that your name and location is included, that would help a lot. Not much else going on, trying to move to the new place over the next few weeks and getting ready for our annual open house with the model railroad club in Wilkes Barre. And yes, I have installed a regulation AM tower on this 1900 square foot layout, complete with regulation flashing beacon and side lights (no fence around the tower base, though; guess the FCC will fine me for that!). Let's hear from you! 73