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Station Test Calendar

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| WNAR | PA | 1620 | daily | 0300-0304 |
| KAVT | CA | 1680 | Jan. 21 | 0300-0800 |

From the Publisher ... Apparently only the minimal DX'ing is going on ... so how about a new Antenna Pattern Book to spark your interest? See below for details. It's hot off the press!

Welcome to these new members ... Henry Mittleman, Natick, MA; James Dean, New Orleans, LA; Robert Janney, Wayne, NJ; John A. Sullivan, Carlisle, IN; Robert Hlivak, Kaneohe, HI (rejoins); Paul Kupersmith, Flemington, NJ; William S. Cody, Swarthmore, PA; Michael Stock, Langley, BC; René Auvray, Henderson, NV (rejoins); Ted L. Wedzilowicz, Elizabeth, NJ; Janice Saylor, Nashua, NH; Bob Antoniuk, Clifton, NJ; Lance Hawk, Mercerville, NJ; James C. Kauer, Kennett Square, PA; David Alpert, Studio City, CA; Terence M. Dean, Huber Height, OH; Walter Novinger, Raleigh, NC; John E. Kahman, Houghton Lake, MI.

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 7, 1956 DXN: There was a dearth of reports on the usual Christmas Eve bonanza of Latin American celebrants because of poor conditions. On the morning of 12/25, Steve Walbridge, Pointe Claire, Quebec, heard French programs from CHRC-800 and both DHEF and CJMT on 1450 kc/s, with few ID's.

25 years ago ... from the January 12, 1981 DXN: Bob Foxworth commented about the mid-winter phenomenon which alled a darkness path from Nova Scotia to extend ofer the North Pole, the Yakut region of Siberia, and on to the southwest and allowing extraordinary DX conditions in Seattle and other locations in the darkness area.

10 years ago ... from the January 8, 1981 DXN: Gerry Thomas's article entitled "The Quantum (or Q-) Stick described his passive antenna booster for use with portables.

Announcing... **The NRC AM Antenna Pattern Book**

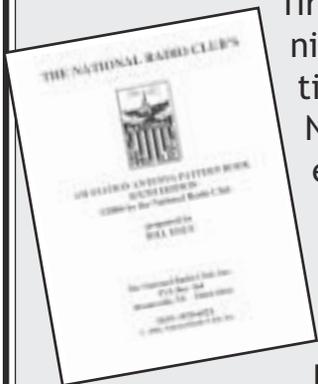
The all-new Pattern Book now includes daytime and "Graveyard" frequency patterns for the first time. Daytime patterns are depicted by a dashed line as opposed to the nighttime pattern which is defined by a solid line. Each pattern is a reproduction of pattern plots generated by a computer program written by NRC member Neil Adams. Sizes are proportional but do not reflect the actual coverage areas.

For those stations which operate with 50 kW (and higher in Mexico) non-directional (designated UL in the AM Log), the day 'pattern' is shown to approximately the predicted 0.5 m V 1M coverage limits, while the night pattern is illustrated approximately 1.5 times larger.

Stations in Alaska and Hawaii are listed on separate pages at the end of the book.

The basic list of U.S. and Canadian stations comes from the 26th Edition of the National Radio Club's *AM Radio Log*. Mexican stations in the states bordering the United States, plus those stations elsewhere which are easily heard in the U.S. and Canada are also included. The source of the Mexican stations was compiled by NRC member John Callarman. All data is up-to-date as of November 1, 2005.

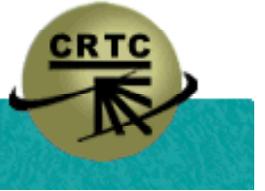
Prices: \$16.95 to USA/Canada members, \$22.95 USA non-member, \$25.95, Canada non-members/all overseas orders. Order from NRC Publications - P. O. Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY residents, please add sales tax.





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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

None this week!!



CPs ON THE AIR

- 1110 WOKU WV Hurricane - CP to move here from 1080 with D1 1000/0 is on. [We reported last week that the application was denied.]
- 1330 WPJS SC Conway - License to Operate issued for U1 3200/23.
- 1340 KVOT NM Taos - New station has been issued a License to Operate for U1 1000/1000 at N36-23-22 W105-35-09.

GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 670 NEW AZ Sahuarita - CP granted for U4 2500/700. The FCC initially granted a competing 670 in Las Vegas, Nevada, but has now reversed that decision awarding the license here. Look for more petitions and arguments for this one. Sahuarita is a Tucson suburb. [See Cancellations]
- 1120 NEW ME Richmond - CP granted for U4 1000/600 from three towers at N44-05-20 W69-50-08.
- 1340 NEW CA Bishop - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N37-42-22 W118-23-43.
- 1450 NEW NV Hawthorne - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N38-20-46 W118-37-58.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

- 730 WDOS NY Oneonta - CP granted to add night service as U1 1000/8 at the corrected coordinates of N42-27-28 W75-00-19.
- 960 KALE WA Richland - Coordinate correction to N46-14-34 W119-10-41.
- 1230 KPSA NM Roswell - CP granted to reduce daytime power from a taller tower. When operational, KPSA will become U1 620/1000 at N33-23-37 W104-36-16.
- 1320 WILS MI Lansing - CP granted to increase day and night power levels from a new four tower site at N42-37-19 W84-38-38. When operational, WILS will become U4 25000/1900.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

- 1030 WUFL MI Sterling Heights - Coordinate adjustment to N42-36-17 W82-54-40.
- 1120 KJSA TX Mineral Wells - Applies to move to Maple Grove, Minnesota! and change frequencies to 1200 kHz with U2 4000/100.
- 1270 WAIN KY Columbia - Coordinate correction to N37-06-26 W85-16-42,

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

- 1160 KCTO MO Cleveland - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 215/215. This amendment requests U4 500/230. Cleveland is about 15 miles due south of Kansas City on the Kansas border.
- 1280 KYRO MO Potosi - Licensed for U1 500/84, KYRO holds a CP for U1 500/50 from an adjacent tower with a newly-installed folded unipole antenna. This amendment, submitted by the station's new owners, requests U4 50000/190 from a new three tower array.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

- 890 NEW TX Mabank - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 400/250, and later amended to U4 670/230 specifying a second transmitter site for night operation. This amendment requests U4 670/248 from two sites. The application states that if granted, the applicant who is the permittee KTXV-890 in nearby Frankston, Texas, will surrender the license for KTXV in order to build the station at Mabank.
- 1040 WOKT KY Cannonsburg - Licensed for D4 2500/0 CH 1000, WOKT has applied to move to 1080 kHz with D1 1800/0 from a new transmitter site. This amend-

ment was submitted “. . . in response to a request by a member of the FCC’s staff. We have been asked to amend this application with the submission of a copy of the most recent license for WOKT-AM — namely, BL-19871125AD, which was granted on August 1, 1989. Apparently a copy of this license cannot be found in the FCC’s files.” [This item was ‘left hanging’ last issue as we hadn’t finished researching. Looking at the copy of the license attached to this filing shows an approval date of March 1, 1988 (not August 1, 1989 as stated above). And the document clearly states the license ‘ends’ August 1, 1989. So if the FCC looks closely, and this is their latest license, it would appear WOKT has been operating illegally for almost 17 years!!]

- 1230 NEW ME **Newport** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000. This amendment requests U1 1000/690.
- 1440 NEW VA **Hamilton** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4500/1000 followed by an amendment for U4 1000/1200. This amendment requests U4 1000/5000.
- 1490 NEW MI **Houghton** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000. [Correction from last Issue]
- 1570 WBGX IL **Harvey** - Licensed for U4 1000/500, WBGX applied for U4 5000/500, adding a tower to their array. This amendment changes the daytime pattern after the FCC rejected their original submission due to interference to WFUR Grand Rapids, Michigan.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

- 1190 WAFS GA **Atlanta** - Station applied to add 10 kW nights from five towers at a second transmitter site. WAFS remains D1 25000/0 CH 2300.
- 1560 KILE TX **Bellaire** - Licensed for D1 800/0, KILE holds a CP for U5 50000/100 from two sites. On October 24 they filed a request for Program Test Authority but it was turned down by the FCC. [Antenna configuration corrected from Issue 11]

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

- 670 KBTB NV **Las Vegas** - The FCC has reversed a decision granting this new facility for U4 10000/600. [See Grants]
- 1340 KTMP UT **Heber City**
- 1350 NEW ID **Inkom** - Dismissed per applicant’s request.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 760 NEW CA **Redding** - Apples for U1 1000/1000.
- 1240 NEW HI **Keaau** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
- 1340 NEW AZ **Chino Valley** - Applies for U1 250/250.
- 1490 NEW UT **Spanish Valley** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
- 1580 NEW CA **Redding** - Applies for U1 1000/1000.

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

- 690 KRGS CO **Rifle**
- 980 WAAA NC **Winston-Salem**
- 1150 KRMS MO **Osage Beach**
- 1230 KORT ID **Grangeville**



HEAR AND THAR

□ **S.C. Station Touts Its AM Stereo, Urges Others to Join In** - The latest thing in North Myrtle Beach is ... AM stereo, and Bill Norman wants other AM owners to know about it. “I am happy to confirm WNMB as just having completed and activated C-Quam AM stereo,” Bill Norman of Norman Communications told RW Online. “I did so just because I wanted to do it, and because it’s another step at being the best of our capabilities. It’s not about big numbers, instead it’s about serving my market and being better for those listeners who are so loyal to us.” He said he is writing to other AM owners to encourage them to do the same. The station is using a new Delta AM stereo exciter. “Pilot lights on the AM stereo tuners came on and the channel separation was immediately evident as ‘All I Want for Christmas’ became the first song played in AM stereo,” he wrote. Norman said the station has aired announcements about the switch and had calls from a couple of listeners pleased by the change. He also said it was not his first experience with AM stereo. “In 1984, our station

WZKY, since sold, in Albemarle, N.C., was one of the first to put the AM stereo on the air. One of my friends in broadcasting remarked to me yesterday that we could be the last to do so now." Norman also said he is not a fan of HD Radio. "I've heard IBOC and I am not impressed. My first impression is that of another inequity regarding AM radio." As to the AM stereo, "We've got some 'tweaking' to do before I will be satisfied with the sound, but I do believe it's already better than what I've heard from IBOC in 'aircheck' recordings that friends have sent to me." [From **Radio World Online**]
 WNMB operates on 900 kHz with U4 500/500.

☐ **Reported back on the air: KETX-1440 Livingston, Texas** with a Country format. But reports have **WMIQ-1450 Iron Mountain, Michigan** and **WJPI-1470 Plymouth, North Carolina** as being silent.

☐ **FINES:** The owner of **KULE-730 Ephata, Washington** was fined \$7,000 for "willful and repeated" violations regarding the fence enclosing their tower. Ouch. **Spanish Broadcasting**, owner of several stations across the land, has been fined \$20,000 for EEO violations. Caramba!

☐ Update from **Jerry Starr:** "Late news from **WHGT-1590**. The 1590 license has been **DONATED** to a Baptist Temple in MD (not VA) and they (the church) have agreed to put a temporary 100 watt signal on the air and will operate as an LMA until the 'donation' paperwork can be passed thru the FCC. The church will eventually try to locate land to rebuild the 4 tower system." Stay tuned . . .

☐ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, Perry Crabill, Wayne Heinen** for added bliss this week.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

| <u>TOTALS:</u> | <u>1230</u> | <u>1240</u> | <u>1340</u> | <u>1400</u> | <u>1450</u> | <u>1490</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
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| Rick Turner Bemidji, MN | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 15 |

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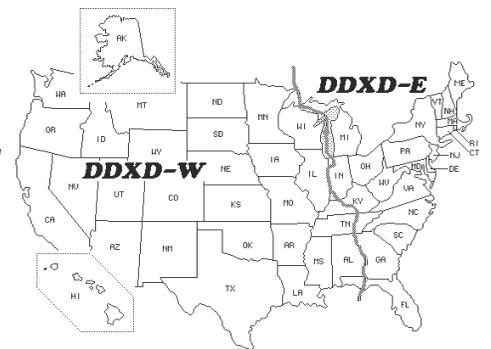
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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- The presents have all been opened, the Champaign has been uncorked, and College Bowl Game season is over. Now comes the rest of the winter. It is lucky that we DXers have some hot DX to keep us warm!
- Whatever you are hearing throughout the Vast Westland, please report it to DDXD-West. May we all have a great year of DX in 2006! 73 Bill

Reporters

- DP-HI** Dale Park, Honolulu. Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop.
- GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. GE SR III with internal ferrite loop.
- JEL-AR** J. E. Lewis, DXing from Fayetteville. Sony 2010, Select-A-Tenna.
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- LK-SD** Lewis "Rusty" Kruger, Sioux Falls. GPX RDT4004CLR personal radio.
- MS-MB** Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg. YB-400 "barefoot" or DX-392 "barefoot."
- SA-MB** Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg. ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
- WH-CO** Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B Receiver; NRC Box loop, E/W and N/S Flags; SuperPhaser.
- Ed.-WI** Your editor, Madison.

Station News

- 810 KLDC CO Brighton.** Now 24-hour operation as of mid-December—they had been temporarily daytime only until they got their nighttime pattern ready after moving from 800. They've also added IBOC, making seven stations in the 560-910 range here in metro Denver with IBOC, and rendering post-sunrise DX impossible below 950 kHz. Fortunately, four out of the seven wait until sunrise

(0715 local time) to turn on the IBOC. (JW-CO)

- 940 KMER WY Kemmerer. Is here now, ex-950. Logged by area DXer Chris Knight on December 22 with ID. Still trying to hear it here. (JW-CO)
- 1350 WSMB LA New Orleans. Returned to the air 12/12 per "Al Franken Show" and "Ed Schultz Show." Franken claimed the station stayed on throughout Hurricane Katrina, but I think he meant WSMB's sister station WWL-870. (DP-HI)
- 1400 KMNV MN Saint Paul. 12/26 0845. Poor signal in a mess with Mexican music and Spanish talk. Ex- KLBB, and new format, ex nostalgia. NEW! (SA-MB)
- 1470 KLBB MN Brooklyn Park. 12/26 0810. Good signal; soft rock oldies and ID. Ex- KLBP, taking on old calls of ex- // 1400 Saint Paul, which is now KMNV. NEW! (SA-MB)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1150 CJRCp QC Gatineau. 12/26 1657. Poor, battling CKOC with French talk. Relog. (MS-MB)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 570 CKGL ON Kitchener. 12/23 0659. Fair with ad for Rogers Wireless and other Canadian ads, then into news. Uses slogan "570 News." (MS-MB)
- 570 WAAX AL Gadsden. 12/26 0710. "Jeff [missed] on 570 WAAX." Weak signal and much QRM from WNAX and WKYX. (GH-IL)
- 610 WVBE VA Roanoke. 12/26 0725. "WVBE FM Lynchburg, WVBE AM Roanoke" by a male announcer. Good signal; QRM from unID stations. (GH-IL)
- 680 WPTF NC Raleigh. 12/26 1732. "Newstalk 680 WPTF" by a male announcer during newscast. Fair signal, with much co-channel interference. (GH-IL)
- 680 WCTT KY Corbin. 12/26 1738. "Thanks for listening to the Great 68, WCTT" by a male announcer. Weak under WPTF. (GH-IL)
- 730 KKDA TX Grand Prairie. 12/12 0103. "Soul 73 KKDA Grand Prairie-Fort Worth" and promos. (WH-CO)
- 730 KSVN UT Ogden. 12/12 0603. Out of Mexican regional music. "La Mexicana KSVN Ogden-Salt Lake City." (WH-CO)
- 730 KBSU ID Boise. 12/12 0501. Quick "KBSU AM Boise-KEZJ AM Twin Falls" and an FM in McCall, then back to jazz music. (WH-CO)
- 730 KWOA MN Worthington. 12/13 0600. "This is the Tri-states information source since 1947, AM 730 KWOA Worthington" to CBS News. (WH-CO)
- 800 KXIC IA Iowa City. 12/22 0800. Faded up with a quick "This is AM 800 KXIC Iowa City." Looking for fresh catches now that KLDC is on 810. (WH-CO)
- 850 KOA CO Denver. 12/20 0905. "News Radio 850 KOA" into KOA News. Good signal. (LK-SD)
- 860 KPAN TX Hereford. 12/29 0258. Mentions of Texas State Network; full ID at 0259 by male: "Hereford's Number One music station, KPAN AM-FM, Hereford, Texas"; faded shortly afterward. Not real common here. Briefly fair, mixing with KONO, one or two Mexican stations, and CBKF2, making it a tri-lingual melange. (JW-CO)
- 880 KRVN NE Lexington. 12/20 0909. "KRVN the Rural Voice of Nebraska and Kansas." Good signal. (LK-SD)
- 940 KVSH NE Valentine. 12/23 2018-2021. Fair, over/under several unIDs, with local DJ requesting that kids phone in and sing "Jingle Bells," which one did (but not well). "42 degrees in Valentine." First time here. Log says 19 watts. (JEL-AR)
- 980 KGLN CO Glenwood Springs. 12/17 1722. Ending light instrumental music; "Local and national news updates on the hour mornings on the Difference Channel, 980 KGLN." (WH-CO)
- 980 KDSJ SD Deadwood. 12/19 2347. Ad for Quiznos in Spearfish, heard despite a weak signal. I last heard KDSJ in 1999. First west river SD station heard since I started my new log (2004). (LK-SD)
- 1100 KKLL MO Webb City. 12/22 1935. Segued Gospel-style Christmas songs with no announcements until 1958:50, when there was a legal ID for 18 (!) stations in the network, 11 FM and 7 AM. "Serving the Heartland with the Here's Help Radio Network from stations... [18 named]... "; the AM stations named were KKLL-1100, WINU-870, WCBW-880, WDID-1510, KMRF-1510, KVAS-1230, and KKLO-1410. Good on peaks, "forgetting" to close down at sunset, apparently. Still there an hour later, even strength with KNZZ. (JW-CO) (KVAS

1230 changed ownership, calls to KZYM and format to ESPN sports in October. The "Here's Help Network" ID obviously does not yet reflect that this station is no longer part of it. Ed.-WI)

- 1100 KDRY TX **Alamo Heights. 12/23 0830.** "From midnight to midday, Christian all the time, K-Dry" and into a religious message. Fair in QRM. (JW-CO)
- 1110 KTEK TX **Alvin. 12/28 0824.** Ad for E-Harmony.com, followed by piano music (religious, I believe). Fair in KFAB null. (JW-CO)
- 1120 KPNW OR **Eugene. 12/13 0559.** PSA with airport travel tips, ID "Newsradio 11-20 KPNW Eugene-Springfield"; Fox News Radio // KHVH 830. Poor. (DP-HI)
- 1140 CHRB AB **High River. 12/22 2200.** "AM 1140, Southern Alberta's Community Radio station, first with Inspirational programming." I have never heard a call sign ID from this one. (WH-CO)
- 1150 KSEN MT **Shelby. 12/23 1759.** Tail-end of a "spoken word special" sponsored by LDS church; legal ID at 1759:55: "We're Clear Channel KSEN Shelby-Cut Bank-Conrad...", followed by ABC news. Very good pre-sunset signal in KSAL null. (JW-CO)
- 1160 KSL UT **Salt Lake City. 12/18 0558.** Stan Freberg wrapping up an hour of "When Radio Was." ID "This is KSL AM and FM Midvale-Salt Lake City. It's [?]." ABC News followed, then at 0605 ad for Total Transformation child behavior modification, then back to more "When Radio Was." Poor to fair (DP-HI)
- 1160 KSL UT **Salt Lake City. 12/20 0845.** "KSL Newstime 6:45." Signal was fair but was being overrun by local 1140 KSOO splatter. (LK-SD)
- 1160 WAMB TN **Donelson. 12/24 0757.** Quiet piano music; legal ID at 0759:51: "Serving Nashville and middle Tennessee with... [??]... this is WAMB Donelson." Good signal but still underneath blowtorch KSL. (JW-CO)
- 1180 KYDZ NE **Bellevue. 12/16 0100.** "Radio Disney AM 1180, KYDZ Bellevue-Omaha." May be the last time for this one here! (WH-CO) (Wayne is referring to the fact that KYDZ was scheduled to go silent 1/1/06. See DDXD-W #73-11. Ed.-WI)
- 1180 KYDZ NE **Bellevue. 12/20 0912.** "Your music, your way, AM 11-80 Radio Disney." (LK-SD)
- 1180 KOFI MT **Kalispell. 12/15 1100.** Out of oldies with call sign jingle, "1180 News Talk Oldies KOFI Kalispell" to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 1190 KKOJ MN **Jackson. 12/20 0935.** "Five States Radio KKOJ." Good signal. (LK-SD)
- 1210 KOKK SD **Huron. 12/20 0940.** "Silent Night" by Garth Brooks, ID. (LK-SD)
- 1230 KOTS NM **Deming. 12/14 0800.** "KOTS Deming, New Mexico" to network news. (WH-CO)
- 1230 KYVA NM **Gallup. 12/15 0800.** Call letter jingle to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 1240 KASL WY **Newcastle. 12/8 2300.** "KASL Newcastle, AM 1240" to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 1240 KODY NE **North Platte. 12/9 0500.** "AM 1240 KODY North Platte" to ABC News. (WH-CO)
- 1240 KCCR SD **Pierre. 12/9 0300.** Ending a string of ads with "KCCR Pierre" to CBS News. (WH-CO)
- 1250 WSSP WI **Milwaukee. 12/23 0708.** Fair with two guys, apparently local as they mentioned Morning Drive, trip up to Green Bay, etc. Local CHSM off and on at the time; managed to hear mention of sports; "WSSP Milwaukee" ID at 0800. NEW! (MS-MB)
- 1260 KWYR SD **Winner. 12/20 0855.** Poor signal. I could barely dig out "Country 1260." (LK-SD)
- 1260 KSML TX **Diboll. 12/28 1859.** Poor in jumble in semi-auroral conditions. ID at 1859: "It's live and it's loaded, your new source for East Texas sports is here—ESPN 1260 KSML Diboll-Lufkin-Nacogdoches" and into ESPN program, I think. A new one here, TX #172. (JW-CO)
- 1270 CHAT AB **Medicine Hat. 12/23 0405.** Rare full ID at 0405 following a C&W song: "New Country 1270 CHAT in Medicine Hat is a division of the Jim Pattison broadcasting group" and right back into music. Fair on peaks. (JW-CO)
- 1450 CHUC ON **Cobourg. 12/26 1700.** Good with ID, Tim Horton's ad, Season's Greetings from a Cobourg Toyota dealer, CHUC News. Relog. (MS-MB)
- 1470 WMBD IL **Peoria. 12/12 1903-1908.** Slogan at 1906, then into a sports show. Very strong at 1903 and all but gone by 1908. (LK-SD)
- 1490 KXRE CO **Manitou Springs. 12/8 0902.** Ending SS Music. "Que Bueno" triple ID in SS. (WH-CO)

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| 1550 | KZRK | TX | Canyon. 12/11 0100. "Amarillo's New Home for Sports Talk, KZRK Canyon-Amarillo, AM 1550 the Zone" to Fox Sports. (WH-CO) |
| 1550 | KSFT | MO | Saint Joseph. 12/11 0400. "Good Time Oldies KSFT 1550 Saint Joseph." (WH-CO) |
| 1550 | KICS | NE | Hastings. 12/24 1810. ESPN programming; couple of ads, then "KICS 1550 five-day forecast"; back to ESPN at 1818. Fair at best; never does well here; co-channel QRM from KUAZ, whose 50,000-watt signal is always in well before sunset here. (JW-CO) |
| 1580 | KBLA | CA | Santa Monica. 12/10 0900. "This is KBLA Santa Monica-Los Angeles" to SS Music. (WH-CO) |
| 1590 | KLFE | WA | Seattle. 12/19 2300. "AM 1590 K-Life KLFE Seattle" briefly over KVGB. (WH-CO) |

DDXD-East

DDXD-EAST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The deadline for column submissions is 9:00 AM Eastern Time, the Wednesday before Paul's deadline.
- Please follow the format you see in the printed column. I can't stress this strongly enough! The format is: FREQ CALL STATE/PROV City - date time - Programming. (YOUR INITIALS-STATE/PROV)
- Those submitting in MS Word should ask for a template, which will help you with your formatting.
- When submitting logs in a regular email window, please submit in plain text and DO NOT use tabs or carrier returns.
- Please check your logs for errors before you send them to me. I am often trying to beat the clock in submitting the column to Paul, and need to be able to trust what you send me.
- Please make sure handwritten logs are legible. I reserve the right to reject anything I can't read.
- If you don't report hearing a clear call ID or local identifying information, your log will be placed in the UNID/PRESUMED area of the column. Quote what you heard.
- Please do not use abbreviations.
- Please do not report a station more than once per season. *If you're a seasoned DXer, please consider only reporting stations that are new for you.* [Publisher's note: This is not meant to "chill" DX reportage; however, in recent years, we've noted way too many postings of what we call "vanity" logs, those not sent in to help other DX'ers out but simply sent in to pad your total of stations reported to this column. If you hear unusual receptions of a definite DX target more than once in a season, report it! But if it's the same-old, same-old, don't, please. Let's keep the reportage as high-quality and useful to others as possible -pls.]
- Readers are very interested in reception quality. Include it in your logs!
- A station has to be at least 50 miles away from your listening location to be considered DX.

REPORTERS

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| MKB-ON | Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200. |
| HJH-PA | Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop. |
| GL-NY | Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park - DX398 and Select-A-Tenna. |
| IEN-GA | Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Drake R8B, 135' N/S Wire. |
| IEN*GA | Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Sony ICF-2010. |
| IEN#GA | Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE In-Dash Audio System CY310. |
| IEN+GA | Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Sangean ATS 909 and Select-A-Tenna. |

STATION LOGGINGS

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| 620 | WZON | ME | Bangor - 12/26 1720 - Call ID followed by numerous ESPN promos. Good then fade. (HJH-PA) |
| 880 | WRFD | OH | Columbus - 12/27 1703 - 740 area code mentioned in ad, then ID: "The Word - eight-eighty WRFD" by woman. Then "Welcome to Bob Bernie Live... 1-877-BOB-LIVE." Choppy. (GL-NY) |
| 890 | WAMG | MA | Dedham - 12/22 1653 - dueling nulled WLS with "ESPN Boston" slogan, local sports talk (i.e. about the Red Sox and Patriots) taking calls at 1-866-ESPN-890, legal "ESPN 890 WAMG Dedham, 1400 WLLH Lowell" ID at 1703. (MKB-ON) |
| 900 | WBML | GA | Macon - 12/24 1231 - Religious programming and BOH ID, into "We Wish |

You A Merry Christmas!" Pretty good, steady signal rising above the static. "WBML, Macon". **(IEN*GA)**

- 920 WPCM NC **Burlington-Graham** - 12/25 1720 - ID as "Oldies Beach 920 AM WPCM". Ad to advertise on WPCM then United Way message by President Bush. Fair signal. **(HJH-PA)**
- 940 WIDG MI **St. Ignace** - 12/27 0900 - creaming CINW with promo for Red Wings hockey on "AM 940, your home for sports in the north", top of hour legal ID: "you're listening to WIDG St. Ignace-Mackinaw City-Cheboygan, your home for sports, AM 940 The Fan" into ABC news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 960 WFIR VA **Roanoke** - 12/27 1720 - "... with news-talk 960 WFIR" popped out of mess. Lots of interference with someone playing oldies (CHNS or CFFX?), then "nine-sixty WFIR... 24 minutes after the hour" @ 1724, into Sean Hannity Show. **(GL-NY)**
- 1100 WWWE GA **Hapeville** - 12/23 1501 - Spanish programming and TOH ID. Decent, steady signal (S8) in the afternoon static. "WWWE, Hapeville, Atlanta". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1170 WACV AL **Montgomery** - 12/23/05 1742 - Oldies. Decent, steady signal above the mix. "1170, WACV". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1190 WLIB NY **New York** - 12/22 2346 - Mike Malloy Show. Signal was all but buried underneath WOWO in Fort Wayne, IN, but it would rise up and cover WOWO briefly. From time-to-time I could null WOWO entirely. "New York's Progressive Talk, 1190, WLIB". **(IEN+GA)**
- WSDE NY **Cobleskill** - 12/26 1500 - over WOWO/WLIB mix with local weather, slogan "at your service and at your side, we're AM 1190 WSDE Cobleskill" into Fox news (something you wouldn't hear on an Air America station like WLIB!). **(MKB-ON)**
- 1230 WENY NY **Elmira** - 12/21 1756 - fighting graveyard jumble (mostly WECK groundwave) with MADD PSA, slogan "the home of the best talk in the Twin Tiers, news radio 1230 WENY". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1260 WNDE IN **Indianapolis** - 12/27 0906 - in like ton of bricks with promo for NASCAR Live on "Sports radio 1260 WNDE", PSAs for United Way and Army National Guard. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1270 WCGC NC **Belmont** - 12/25 1800 - ID as WCGC Belmont, Charlotte. Began North Carolina Network News. Fair to weak with country sounding Christmas carols. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1310 WDTW MI **Dearborn** - 12/20 2318 - ID as "The new 1310, WDTW, Detroit's Progressive Talk." Then returned to The Mike Malloy Show. Fair to weak signal. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1320 WISW SC **Columbia** - 12/27 0000 - TOH ID into ABC News. Good signal with fades. "Newstalk 1320, WISW Columbia" and "Newstalk 1320, WIS". **(IEN*GA)**
- 1360 WTAQ WI **Green Bay** - 12/27 0912 - over CFTR-680 harmonic with local weather "30 degrees here in Green Bay at WTAQ" into report on the Packers upcoming game against the Seahawks. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1370 WLJW MI **Cadillac** - 12/27 0928 - over WXXI/WSPD mix with ID by woman "Community calendar is a free service of WLJW" in midst of run-down of local church events such as new year's eve dinner at the Revival Center of Cadillac. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1380 WPYR LA **Baton Rouge** - 12/22 1700 - TOH ID into ABC News. Choppy, yet decent signal with slight fading. "WPYR, Baton Rouge, AM 1380". **(IEN#GA)**
- WLRM TN **Millington** - 12/24 2001 - TOH ID, Website and Church News. Decent signal rising above the mix. "www.WLRM1380.com - log on today!" and "WLRM, 1380 AM, Millington, Memphis". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1400 WLLH MA **Lowell** - 12/26 1601 - noted only a couple days after hearing //WAMG-890, poking through graveyard mess with "this is an 890 ESPN Boston sports update", sports talk, promo for www.espnboston.com web site. **(MKB-ON)**
- WOND NJ **Pleasantville** - 12/27 1617 - fighting oldies station (likely WWWS, Buffalo) with ID while taking calls on local talk show: "967-1100, good afternoon you're on WOND", PSA for Community food bank of New Jersey. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1410 WHLN KY **Harlan** - 12/24 1806 - TOH Newscast with national, state and local news. Sports and weather followed. Good, steady signal on top of the mix. "WHLN, Your Information Station, 24/7...Count On It.". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1570 WNST MD **Towson** - 12/26 0802 - on top of heap with ad for USA Home Loans, slogan

- 1690 **WRLL** **IL Berwyn** – 12/26 1657 – “Sunshine Lollipops and Rainbows” followed by a song with a country sound – male singing with banjo background, lyrics about a lumberjack and a preacher. Then TOH ID “WRLL Berwyn-Chicago” by male and singing “Real Oldies 1690” into “CC Rider.” Signal strong underneath hiss. (GL-NY)
- UNID
- 950 **UNID** — _____ - 12/26 1642 – over WWJ with slogan “ESPN Radio 950”, promo for Dan Patrick Show. Likely possibilities (ESPN affiliates per log and Google): WXLW Indianapolis, IN; WCLB Sheboygan, WI; WXGI Richmond, VA. (MKB-ON)

International DX Digest

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

No reports last week other than my own logs and a couple news items, so I took an extra week of vacation time. Now it's back to work with a nice round of reports this week. After what seemed like early winter anomaly conditions, signals have rebounded to more respectable levels, especially from 1314 Norway. DX now!

Transatlantic DX

- 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpid, Gufuskálar* (64°54'N 23°55'W) DEC 22 1029-1110 - Still loud and clear at this late hour with female host in presumed Icelandic and Christmas music including non-English versions of “White Christmas,” “Winter Wonderland” and “Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer.” [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles* (35°17'N 00°34'W) DEC 23 0410 - Good; Koranic recitations parallel 891 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 684 **SPAIN** *RNE1 Sevilla* (37°12'N 05°55'W) DEC 26 0527 - Woman in Spanish, then Spanish music. [Perkins-NJ]
- 702 unID DEC 23 0300 - What sounded like an anthem followed by Koranic recitations, then a man in Arabic or a Middle Eastern language. An 0300 sign-on time would suggest Saudi Arabia, but no shortwave parallels could be found for positive ID. Not parallel 9675 Saudi Arabia on the Dubai DXTuner. Egypt and Turkey also possible. Morocco should be off at this time. DEC 24 0245 - Koranic recitations fading up strong, best guess Egypt, but again no parallels could be found for positive ID. Saudi Arabia not scheduled to sign on until 0300, and Morocco not until 0500 or 0600. [Conti-NH]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info, Rennes* (47°51'N 01°30'W) DEC 23 0250 - Good, loud het against 710 WOR/*R.Rebelde* mix; man in French, classical/opera music parallel 945 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 747, Flevoland* (52°23'N 05°25'E) DEC 13 2203 - Good; woman in Dutch with news in brief, then what sounded like a *Radio 747* ID in Dutch into instrumental music. DEC 23 0035 - Excellent; telephone talk in Dutch. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk, Braunschweig & Ravensburg* DEC 13 2150 - Good; woman in German parallel 6190 kHz. DEC 17 0515 - Excellent, over presumed Spain; man in German, folk vocals. DEC 23 0235 - Good; classical music, woman in German, parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique, Sottens* (46°39'N 06°44'E) DEC 13 2144 -Excellent, local-like signal quality; Cat Stevens “Wild World,” then Option Musique jingle into a French vocal. DEC 15 2310 -Good, s9+10. DEC 23 0043 - Excellent; Option Musique jingle with dogs barking in the background, into Stevie Wonder “You Are the Sunshine of My Life.” [Conti-NH]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie, Nouakchott* (18°07'N 15°57'W) DEC 23 0048 - Fair; man in Arabic and African string vocal parallel 4845 kHz. Signed off at 0102, no anthem, leaving only an unID weak het against 780 domestics. [Conti-NH]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info, Limoges* (45°56'N 01°10'E) DEC 13 2135 - Good; woman delivering news in French. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synthros DEC 16 0850 - Fair; man and woman in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 837 **FRANCE** *France Info, Nancy* (48°53'N 06°14'E) DEC 23 0110 - Excellent, well over *COPE*; operatic French vocal parallel 945 also good. [Conti-NH]

- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros DEC 16 0015 - Discussion in Spanish, over an unID noisy low-frequency het on the high side. [Conti-NH]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R. Wales, Washford* (51°10'N 03°21'W) DEC 16 0035 - Good, loud het against 880 WCBS; telephone talk and light vocals, at 0100 a single time marker into BBC news parallel 198 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) DEC 23 0115 - Excellent, s9 signal; "Oh Happy Day" gospel vocal, man and woman anchoring news/talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros DEC 16 0145 - Good; telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio, Kalundborg* (55°40'N 11°04'E) DEC 16 0930 - Good during transmitter site dawn enhancement; pop music, man and woman in Danish, signal suddenly lost by 0945. [Conti-NH] DEC 18 2309-2317 - Very good with female host in Danish and pop tunes by Stevie Wonder and Carole King. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1125 **CROATIA** *HR Glas Hrvatske, Deanovec* (45°42'N 16°29'E) DEC 23 0140 - Poor over/under Spain; pop vocals parallel 1134 and 7285 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske, Zadar* (44°06'N 15°15'E) DEC 23 0125 - Excellent; man and woman hosting telephone talk, popular Christmas vocal in Croatian, *Glas Hrvatske* ID, parallel 7285 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitsøy* (59°03'N 05°26'E) DEC 15 2315 - Good to excellent; woman host with an eclectic variety of pop, folk, and rock music. DEC 16 0855 - Fair; man in Norwegian, Simon & Garfunkel song. [Conti-NH] DEC 18 0346-0357 - Good in peaks but subject to deep fades; pop tunes and male host in Norwegian. [DeLorenzo-MA] DEC 26 0500 - Gong after popular music, followed by a man with news, then more music and talk by a woman. [Perkins-NJ]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler* (49°21'N 06°55'E) DEC 15 2340 - Good; man and woman in German parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1503 **SPAIN** *RNE5 Piñeira and La Línea de la Concepción* DEC 16 0010 - Good, over presumed Iran; discussion in Spanish parallel 855 kHz. [Conti-NH]

Wells speaks: I was surprised by mediumwave transatlantic DX on my portable Sony ICF7600GR and the internal antenna, in New Jersey about 30 miles west of my home location. Usually I use a desk-top receiver with longwires.

Pan-American DX

- 660 **CUBA** *CMHG R. Progreso, Santa Clara* (22°24'N 79°56'W) DEC 17 0350 - Fair in WFAN null; woman with news, parallel a good 890 signal. [Conti-NH]
- 670 **MEXICO** *XESOS Agua Prieta, SON* (31°17'N 109°40'W) NOV 25 0103 - "Radio Uno XESOS, aire 6-7-0 seiscientos setenta kilohertz... Agua Prieta." [Johnson-MT]
- 700 **VENEZUELA** *YVMH R. Popular, Maracaibo* (10°39'N 71°37'W) DEC 17 0405 - Fair in WLW null; choral national anthem, then a long telephone report with Popular and Venezuela mentions. [Conti-NH]
- 730 **MEXICO** *SEX Col. El Vergel, México DF* (19°19'N 99°05'W) DEC 23 0240 - Good in CKAC null; telephone talk with many Mexicano references. [Conti-NH]
- 740 **MEXICO** *XECAQ R. Fórmula, Puerto Morelos-Cancún* (20°55'N 86°52'W) DEC 17 0530 - Presumed, over/under Cuba and presumed *R. Caroní* Venezuela in CHCM null with CHWO off; XE callsign with *R. Fórmula* network ID. Similar Cancún and XERFR *R. Fórmula* IDs were later reported by Russ Edmunds on RealDX. [Conti-NH]
- 800 **MEXICO** *XESPN Tijuana* (32°31'N 117°01'W) DEC 17 1300 - "XESPN 800 AM Tijuana, Baja California, México" ID in Spanish, and English ESPN programming. First time noted now that KLDC is on 810 kHz. [Heinen-CO]
- 860 **CUBA** *CMDB R. Reloj, Baracoa* (20°21'N 74°29'W) DEC 17 0540 - Good with CJBC off; man with news, syncopated clock, etc. [Conti-NH]
- 860 **MEXICO** *XEUN R. Unam, Tlalpan, México DF* (19°31'N 99°10'W) DEC 16 0905 - Fair, over *R. Reloj* Cuba with CJBC nulled; opera music. [Conti-NH]
- 880 **MEXICO** *XEPNK Los Mochis* (25°49'N 109°04'W) DEC 17 0407 - Out of Spanish music, full XEPNK 880 Los Mochis ID to more music, KRVN nulled. [Heinen-CO]
- 900 **MEXICO** *XEDT La Reina, Cd. Cuahémoc* (28°25'N 106°50'W) NOV 13 1200 - National anthem and *La Reina* slogan. I have never heard a call sign from this one. [Heinen-CO]
- 900 **MEXICO** *XEOK Monterrey* (25°41'N 100°19'W) NOV 11 0802 - Out of talk to 900 XEOK Monterrey full ID. [Heinen-CO]
- 940 **PUERTO RICO** *WIPR San Juan* (18°26'N 66°08'W) DEC 30 0310 - Fair; presumed this with classical music in CINW null, het from 942 *R. Progreso* Cuba, slightly auroral conditions. [Conti-NH]
- 1000 **MEXICO** *XEOY R. Mil, Iztacalco, México DF* (19°23'N 99°07'W) DEC 16 1000 - Fair in WMVP null; romantic and oldies-style vocals, *R. Mil* AM and "Radio Mil punto com" IDs, parallel 6010 kHz. [Conti-NH]

- 1020 **CUBA** *R.Relej*, unknown location DEC 16 1005 - Fair in KDKA null; syncopated clock, RR code ID. [Conti-NH]
- 1180 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, Villa María (23°07'N 82°22'W) DEC 16 1002 - "Aquí Radio Rebelde de la Habana Cuba" atop at this time. [Heinen-CO]
- 1180 **MEXICO** XEDCH Cd. Delicias DEC 16 0502 - Ending CHR vocal, "Esta es XEDCH 1180 Romántica, Ciudad Delicias, Chihuahua" by female announcer, mixing with KOFI. [Heinen-CO]
- 1190 **MEXICO** XECT Monterrey (25°41'N 100°19'W) NOV 13 0300 - "XECT AM 1190 transmite Monterrey..." [Heinen-CO]
- 1190 **MEXICO** XEPZ Cd. Juárez (31°43'N 106°27'W) NOV 13 0101 - Full callsign ID, "XEPZ Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, 1190." [Heinen-CO]
- 1550 **MEXICO** XENU Nuevo Laredo (27°30'N 99°33'W) DEC 11 1004 - Callsign ID to Christmas tune in Spanish. [Heinen-CO]
- 1570 **MEXICO** XERF Cd. Acuña (29°21'N 101°02'W) NOV 18 1000 - Big Ben chimes, 4 a.m. time check, and callsign ID. [Heinen-CO]
- 1580 **MEXICO** XEDM Hermosillo (29°09'N 110°54'W) NOV 15 0400 - Complete call letter ID. [Heinen-CO]
- 1700 **MEXICO** XEPE *Cash 1700*, Tijuana (32°32'N 116°59'W) DEC 4 1300 - English car ad, XEPE 1700 Tijuana in Spanish by female, then "Cash 1700 where money talks" and Information Radio News in English. [Heinen-CO]

Transpacific DX

- 558 **FIJI** *Fiji BC*, Suva (18°07'S 178°28'E) DEC 19 1207 - Tentative; Melanesian singing; man with talk parallel 1152 kHz. Poor, interference from 550 KMVI. [Park-HI]

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International News

- ALBANIA:** Due to energy conservation measures and poor economy, the use of **1089 kHz** has been reduced to 1500-2000 UTC. *R.Tirana* 1215, 1395, and 1458 kHz foreign service transmissions for the same reason have been suspended, at least temporarily. Programmes of other broadcasters leasing time on Albanian transmitters are aired according to schedule. [Olle Alm, ARC Information Desk]
- AUSTRALIA:** *ABC* is carrying domestic programming on 11880 kHz; *ABC* live sports at 0745 Dec 10, several IDs for *ABC Darwin* and "783 Alice Springs." Poor-fair, and signal generally goes down hill around 0830. Carries *R.Australia* programming from 0900. [Jerry Berg, BADX]
- BRAZIL:** *R.Record*, 6149.93 kHz, lite pops, fairly good signal at 0750 Dec 11 with no sign of Dr. Scott; UTC-2 time checks, ID with AM and SW frequencies mentioned, many jingles. [Jerry Berg, BADX]
- MALAYSIA:** *Voice of Malaysia* (Suara Malaysia) on **1475 kHz**, RTM's external service in Tagalog for the Philippines, seems to have changed its schedule to 1300-1530 (formerly 1030-1300). "I haven't been able to confirm that the new schedule is being followed regularly every day, but has been heard between these times on several occasions including 16 December. Reception is surprisingly poor 'round here for a service supposed to be using 700 kW. The new timings would probably give new reception possibilities for Europe in the winter, but might make reception more difficult in North America. Thanks to Mauno Ritonen for the tip." [Alan Davies, *DXplorer*]
- MEXICO:** 820 XEABCA Mexicali, BCN, "ABC Radio," and "Radio Frontera," with call letter ID and slogans at 1701 PST Dec 10. Ex-XEMVS. [Albert Lehr, ABDX]
- PARAGUAY:** 970 ZP9 *Radio AM 970* (ex-*R.Montecarlo*) lists a transmission power of "almost 100 kilowatts," although the MERCOSUR Regional Listing shows 10 kW. Most probably, they increase the power during football matches and special events. 1020 ZP14 *R.Ñandutí* also increases power, from 25 to 60 kW, during football matches and other special events. [Adán Mur, ARC LA News Desk]

73 and Good DX!