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Station Test Calendar

WUMP AL 730 until Jan. 27 0059-0600

WUMP-730 - Huntsville, AL will conduct a daily DX test ending January 27 from 0059-0600 ELT at 129 watts, non-directional. Programming will include Morse Code ID's, sweep tones, and a voice ID in sixty-second spots the first to air at one minute prior to the TOH and the second spot to air each hour as close to the half hour as possible for the schedule. Mode of Operation: Normal - "Inventory Insert". Reception reports are desired via e-mail (first choice) and snail mail (only if e-mail is not available) WUMP would prefer to received recordings of the test (MP3, CD, or cassette). Submit reports to: les@highnoonfilm.com. Please put "WUMP DX Test" in the subject line. All standard mail reports should go to: Les Rayburn - High Noon Film - 100 Centerview Drive Suite 111 - Birmingham, AL 35216. Thanks to Fred Holland and the staffs of WUMP for this test! Arranged by Rick Shaftan for the NRC/IRCA Station Test Program.

From the Publisher ... With new mail rates upon us (at least in the U. S. and Canada), Mike Hardester did a little digging and discovered the following amazing facts which may affect anyone asking for veries originating in certain countries.

"The International Mail Manual (<http://pe.usps.gov/text/Imm/Immctry.html>) lists a variety of items, as is probably of the most interest to DXers, AROs, etc.

"Examples:

"Israel (Restrictions): Records, films, recording wire, computer cards, QSL cards, and magnetic film are admitted only if sent in letter-post shipments.

"Canada (Restrictions): Coins; banknotes; currency notes; securities payable to bearer; traveler's checks; gold, silver, platinum, manufactured or not; jewelry; and other valuable articles may be sent only in registered letter-post items.

"Brazil (Prohibitions): Banknotes; currency notes; paper money; securities payable to bearer; and traveler's checks.

Maybe you're thinking of enclosing a couple of postcards with your report to a station in Cyprus:

"Cyprus (Prohibitions): Postcards of private manufacture having illustrated designs not previously approved by the Cyprus Post Office. Just logged Uzbekistan and are thinking of sending them a taped or CD report? Might want to think again:

"Restrictions: Cinematographic films, video recordings, and audio recordings may be imported with the authorization of the Ministry of Culture.

"While it's doubtful that all postal facilities in other countries are scanning every piece of incoming mail, the prohibitions and restrictions are what each country has reported.

"And, in closing, bet you didn't know this little Observation regarding mail to the Central African Republic:

"Postal authorities of Central African Rep. collect domestic postage from addressees for inbound shipments. Not stated is what is considered a 'shipment,' but it's something to think about."

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 21, 1956 DXN: Among NRC'ers reporting veries as the result of logging the DX broadcast from WVDI-600, Trinidad, were Grant Batson, Westfield, NY; Hank Holbrook, Bethesda, MD, and Barry Foote, Weston, MA.

25 years ago ... from the January 26, 1981 DXN: The IDXA Hall of Fame, edited by Paul Swearingen, showed Hank Tyndall at the top with 6635 total veries, followed by Kermit Geary, 4581; Bob Botzum, 4475, Ernie Cooper, 4142, Len Kruse, 4080, and Stan R. Morse, 3922.

10 years ago ... from the January 22, 1996 DXN: Ernie Cooper reported that his verie count had risen to 4492 with veries from WDCD-1540, WDCS-1990, WOKV-690, and WDFN-1130.



AM

Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>			<u>New Call</u>
820	WXTR	MD	Frederick	WTOP
1230	NEW	GA	Hiawassee	WNGM
1260	WAMS	DE	Newark	WRJJ
1400	KVBL	CA	Visalia	KEZL
1450	NEW	NV	Hawthorne	KIFO
1500	WTOP	DC	Washington	WTWP
1600	WEUP	AL	Huntsville	WEUV
1700	WEUV	AL	Huntsville	WEUP

CPs ON THE AIR

1330 WRAA VA Luray - License to operate issued for U1 1100/26.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1440 WJLJL NY West Seneca - CP granted to change City-of-License (CoL) from Niagara Falls, increase day and night power levels, and **relocate their transmitter to** a new 4-tower array at N42-48-52 W78-41-58. When operational, WJLJL will become U4 5000/190.

1490 WJLJM TN Lewisburg - Coordinate correction to N35-27-03 W86-46-57.

1580 WSRF FL Fort Lauderdale - WSRF, silent since their 6-tower array was destroyed by Hurricane Wilma, has been **granted a CP to** co-locate their transmitter site to that of WAVS-1170 at N26-04-39 W80-13-03 and to decrease their nighttime power. When operational, WSRF will become U4 10000/1500.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

910 WFVR FL Valdosta - Applies to change their CoL to Wellborn, Florida with U4 35000/5000 from a new 7-tower array at N30-12-59 W82-51-39, a move of about 55 miles. Wellborn is southwest of the intersection of I-10 and I-75.

1120 KANN UT Roy - Applies to increase their night power to become U4 10000/1100.

1310 WYND FL Deland - Applies to increase both day and night power levels to become U4 10400/115 [correct].

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS SUBMITTED

790 KBET NV Winchester - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U4 1000/300 from three towers at N36-05-27 W115-00-59. This amendment requests the same facilities, only at N36-06-36 W115-00-08 with four towers, altering both day and night patterns.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

960 WZRH NC Dallas - Licensed for U2 1000/500, WZRH has a CP for U4 10000/500. This amendment modifies the daytime directional pattern as well as correct other data.

1050 NEW AK Chugiak - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/400. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000.

1050 KTBA AZ Tuba City - Licensed for U1 5000/6, KTBA has applied for U1 580/85 and later U1 250/85 on 760 kHz. This amendment requests U1 250/60 on 760.

1140 NEW TX Shallowater - Initial Auction 84 application was for U4 3000/250 and later amended to U4 22000/250. This amendment requests U4 2000/250. Shallowater is northeast of Lubbock.

1390 WISK GA Americus - WISK submitted an Auction 84 application to move to 990 kHz with D1 1000/0 while relocating to Lawrenceville, Georgia. It was determined that another application was submitted for 990 in Augusta. So in order for both applications to be considered, this amendment is being submit-

ted relocating the proposed WISK transmitter site a few miles west. WISK is now asking for U1 950/25.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

1490 NEW CT **Uncasville** - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250, with an amendment for U1 195/196. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000, which was initially turned down, but the applicant has made some adjustments.

APPLICATIONS FROM PENDING FACILITIES

1450 KYLW MT **Lockwood** - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U1 1000/1000. This application requests a "Silent STA" as they state they have lost their transmitter site and 'alternative locations are being explored'.

CPs DISMISSED

740 WNYH NY **Huntington** - WNYH (back when they were WGSM) had applied for a synchronous repeater in Queens with U1 250/4. That listing has been deleted from the FCC's database.

1580 KNIM MO **Maryville** - KNIM had a CP for U1 500/7, but that has been deleted from the FCC database. **KNIM remains U1 700/7.**

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED (PENDING)

1270 CHAT AB **Medicine Hat** - Is now operating their new FM station, and the AM will be going silent within a couple of months. Better try for them while you can.

AUCTION 84 APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1480 WSDS MI **Salem Township** - WSDS had applied to change their CoL to Plymouth, Michigan. They remain U4 750/3800 at Salem Township.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1540 NEW TX **Odessa** - Applies for U4 4531/453 [correct]. Both patterns are directed at 225 degrees from six towers.

LICENSE RENEWAL GRANTED

1310 KTCK TX **Dallas**

APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL REINSTATED

1580 KKKK CO **Colorado Springs** - The station's initial renewal application was denied due to seven outstanding violations from 2001. The station had corrected the items and responded to the FCC, but it seems the paperwork was not filed properly at the FCC's Denver Field Office. Proof that the violations had been corrected was presented to the FCC and the renewal application now has been reinstated.

HEAR AND THAR

Reported back on the air: **KBID-1350 Bakersfield, California**. Reported as being silent: **WALE-990 Greenville, Rhode Island**, **KDUN-1030 Reedsport, Oregon**, and **WAMB-1160 Donelson, Tennessee**.

Thanks to **Wayne Heinen** and **Deane McIntyre** for information provided this week.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

1450 kHz:

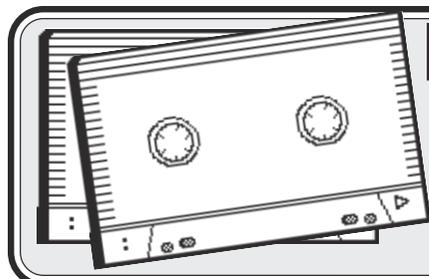
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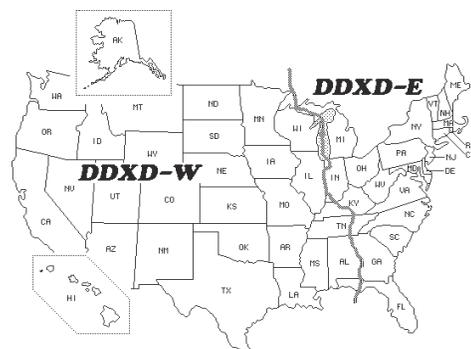
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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- You may recall that in DDXD-West #73-13, I asked if anyone could fill us in on where the term "barefoot," in reference to a receiver used without an external antenna, came from. Fellow NRCer and **Vast Westlander** Mike DeWan from Tempe AZ checks in with the answer. "My exposure to the term," Mike writes, "was as a ham radio operator (and CB prior to that). It referred to a transmitter used without the aid of an external power amplifier. Even if one was connected but not turned on, if a contact was made using the transmitter's own power output only, it was said to have been made while "barefoot" (external amps were sometimes referred to as "shoes"— on that one I have no idea why)." Eventually, the term gravitated to receivers sans antennas, and, Mike adds, "I suppose you could stretch the term to cover just about anything used to accomplish a task 'by itself.'" Thanks, Mike, for your interesting e-mail! The things you learn while reading this column!
- There of course is no way that your faithful Editor can do this column barefoot. If this column is to maintain its quality, it must be connected to many external monitoring sources, i.e. contributors like you. Please let us know what you are hearing. 73 Bill

Reporters

DP-HI	Dale Park, DXing in East Honolulu. Honda car radio.
GH-IL	Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B/Quantum Loop.
GH-KS	Gary Houdek, Munden. GE Superadio.
JJR-WI	John Rieger, South Milwaukee. Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp, GE Superadio III, Terk AM 1000 loop.
JW-CO	John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
KDF-IL	Karl D. Forth, Chicago. Drake R8, Sangean ATS-909.
MH-NC	Mike Hardester, Jacksonville. Station news.
RT-MN	Rick Turner, Bemidji. YB400PE, Select-A-Tenna 541.
SS-KS	Steve Sprague, Coffeyville. DX-375, Select-a-Tenna.
WH-CO	Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B Receiver, SuperPhaser, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, modified NRC Altazimuth loop.
Ed.-WI	Your editor, Madison. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.

Station News

- 620 KMNS IA **Sioux City. 1/10 0206.** Noted here with Fox news into ID: "Fox Sports Radio, AM 6-20 KMNS." Possible affiliate/format change? A relog with CKRM nulled. (RT-MN) (According to Upper Midwest Broadcasting, the station became Fox Sports in August 2005, although it also carries Imus and Glenn Beck. An attempted visit to the station's old website www.620am.com proved futile. Ed.-WI)
- 930 WKY OK **Oklahoma City.** According to both "The Oklahoman" and the "TMCNet," WKY switched formats Monday 1/9 from news-talk to Spanish language (simulcasting KINB FM 105.3). (MH-NC)

CHWO Special QSL Opportunity (See DDXD-W 73-14)

- 740 CHWO ON **Toronto. 1/7 2200.** "This is Prime Time CHWO AM 740 Toronto." Monitored overnight to get a report for their 5th Anniversary QSL. Fair, mixed with KRMG, with KVOR nulled. (WH-CO)
- 740 CHWO ON **Toronto. 1/8 1958.** Very good, with very light QRM from semi-local WRPQ. Program "Big Band Sunday Night," call letter ID. Listened for 18 minutes, and then dashed off a reception report for their special 5th Anniversary QSL. (Ed.-WI)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1060 UNID 1/7 0709. Very poor in KYW null. Rock oldies (50"s, 60"s, 70"s). In until an-

other unID came on at 0715 playing SSB. Totally stumped on this! (JJR-WI)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

570	WNAX	SD	Yankton. 12/27 0058. Good and in the clear with local ads, ID and CBS news. (KDF-IL)
580	CKUA	AB	Edmonton. 1/6 0900. Canadian news followed by Provincial weather for Alberta. ID noted at 0907. (RT-MN)
580	CKPR	ON	Thunder Bay. 1/9 0028. "Your information station, 580 CKPR" by a male announcer, then "CKPR" singing jingle sung by women. Excellent signal for a brief period, then faded into the mud. (GH-IL)
620	CKRM	SK	Regina. 12/23 0750. ID; "Question of the Morning": What do people do with recycled gifts? Music "Frosty the Snowman." NEW (SS-KS)
640	WGST	GA	Atlanta. 1/4 1735. Poor, in with three others, with call letter ID, phone call-ins. Rare! (JJR-WI)
640	WCRV	TN	Collierville. 1/4 1744. Fair, with legal ID between religious shows. Bott Radio mentioned. (JJR-WI)
690	CBKF1	SK	Gravelbourg. 12/28 0200. "Ici Radio Canada," mention of Gravelbourg. Fair, mixing with KTSM. Heard while looking for WJOX "Inventory Insert" test. (WH-CO)
690	CBU	BC	Vancouver. 12/28 0800. "CBC Vancouver, British Columbia. We welcome you to enjoy the wonderful programming on CBU Radio," to CBC News. A rare call ID. (WH-CO)
740	KBRT	CA	Avalon. 1/8 2002. Promos for kbrrt.com and mentions of AM 740 KBRT. (WH-CO)
750	KHWG	NV	Fallon. 1/5 2158. Out of Classic C&W. "KHWG 750 AM, serving Fallon, North Shore, South Shore, Carson City and Dayton. Thanks for listening." New for me. (WH-CO)
750	WSB	GA	Atlanta. 1/5 2205. Ending local news "on Atlanta's exclusive 24 hour News, Weather, and Traffic station, News Talk 750 WSB. Depend on us." Not often monitored here. (WH-CO)
750	KMMJ	NE	Grand Island. 1/6 0700. Sign-on announcement and program notes, to CNN News. (WH-CO)
800	WVAL	MN	Sauk Rapids. 1/4 0400. "AM 800 WVAL Sauk Rapids-Saint Cloud, Minnesota's Country Legend" to CBS News. New for me. <i>Thanks to John Wilkins for the tip.</i> (WH-CO)
800	CKLW	ON	Windsor. 1/5 0300. Promos to advertise on AM 800. "We are AM 800 CKLW, a Chum radio station. It's 3 o'clock," into BN News. Fair signal with XEROK nulled. New for me here in Colorado! (WH-CO)
800	KQAD	MN	Luverne. 1/7 0805. Local weather, "right now on KQAD..." Faded up briefly, new for me! (WH-CO)
800	KBFP	CA	Bakersfield. 1/7 0901. "Esta es KBFP Delano-Bakersfield, La Preciosa 800." No hint of / / FM. Needed call change, ex-KDFO. (WH-CO)
800	CHAB	SK	Moose Jaw. 1/11 0830. "The first with local news, local weather, and local sports— 800 CHAB. Here's Brett Rasmussen [?]..." then area temperatures and into news. Fair in XEROK null. (JW-CO)
830	CKKY	AB	Wainwright. 1/9 0910. Song "My Maria," then slogans "Cat Country" and "Key 83." Good signal over another station in WCCO null. (JW-CO)
860	WGOM	IN	Marion. 1/8 0829. "Newstalk [missed], this is AM 860 WGOM" by a male announcer. Weak under KKOW. (GH-IL)
880	KHAC	NM	Tse Bonito. 1/11 0859. Noted several mornings in the 08-09 ELT time frame, obviously on 10 kW day power, steamrolling over KRVN's 50 kW. Don't know if they're staying on all night with 10 kW, but might be a chance for those who need it to log NM. Noted this morning with legal ID at 0859 in English: "This is KHAC Tse Bonito, New Mexico - Christian Radio"; this was followed by a C&W-flavored religious song, then Navajo talk. (JW-CO)
960	KFLN	MT	Baker. 1/10 1001. Out of C&W with "KFLN Baker, a Newell Broadcasting station" into area weather. Poor in the noise. (WH-CO)
1070	KFTI	KS	Wichita. 12/29 0000. "The most awarded broadcast station by the Kansas Broadcast Association, AM 1070 KFTI Wichita." Fair in KNX null. Was looking for WAPI Inventory Insert test. (WH-CO)
1120	WTWZ	MS	Clinton. 12/27 1646. Ad for "New Years Eve Gospel Music Explosion"; ID into more Gospel music. (SS-KS)
1160	KHPP	IA	Waukon. 12/20 0953. Indians vs. Seahawks HS basketball. Ads for Waukon Standard and Waukon Tire. No call ID. NEW (SS-KS)

- 1180 WVLZ TN **Knoxville. 1/7 0757.** Very poor though clear in WHAM null, with ID "on ESPN 1180" followed by legal ID at 0800. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1190 WSDQ TN **Dunlap. 1/8 0036.** "That was [missed] on WSDQ" by a female announcer. Signal surfaced briefly under WLIB and WOWO, then faded out again. **(GH-IL)**
- 1230 KWSN SD **Sioux Falls. 1/6 0259.** Out of sports and into legal ID. Barely readable in the 1230 zoo. Semi-rare here. **(JW-CO)**
- 1240 KRAL WY **Rawlins. 1/3 0500.** "KRAL Rawlins" to ABC News. Fair in the mix. **(WH-CO)**
- 1250 KDEI TX **Port Arthur. 1/1 0500.** Multi-station Radio Maria ID to recitation of Hail Mary. Fair and mixing with KKHK. **(WH-CO)**
- 1280 WWTC MN **Minneapolis. 1/5 1833.** Very poor in fade-up with "Patriot traffic." Rare! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1300 KAKC OK **Tulsa. 12/27 0000.** "Tulsa's Business Talk 1300 KAKC" into Information Radio Network news. Dominant all morning with no sign of usual XEP. **(WH-CO)**
- 1300 KBRL NE **McCook. 12/27 0205.** Quick KBRL ID and oldies music over KAKC. **(WH-CO)**
- 1300 KGLO IA **Mason City. 1/5 1830.** Poor and alone with calls, local news. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1310 KGMT NE **Fairbury. 12/24 0928.** PSA for Habitat for Humanity; weather and ID. NEW **(SS-KS)**
- 1310 KFKA CO **Greeley. 12/24 0938.** ID including "Northern Colorado's News-Talk-Music"; song "Winter Wonderland." Was sitting on 1310 trying for KFLA. **(SS-KS)**
- 1350 WZNN NC **Black Mountain. 1/6 2312-2341.** Good, with Bill Rosinski sports show; mentioned Chapel Hill and Charlotte on network; ads for Asheville and Lenoir. **(KDF-IL)**
- 1460 KLTC ND **Dickinson. 1/2 0200.** Ending oldies music. "AM 1460 KLTC Dickinson" ID to ABC news. In briefly over KXNO. **(WH-CO)**
- 1460 KENO NV **Las Vegas. 1/2 0600.** "Sports Radio 1460 KENO Las Vegas" to SNR sports reports. Fair mixing with KXNO. **(WH-CO)**
- 1460 KXPB NE **Kearney. 1/2 0900.** Power-up, mixing with KZNT. "KXPB Kearny" to ESPN sports. **(WH-CO)**
- 1480 KKCQ MN **Fosston. 1/5 1852.** Poor to fade-out, then fade-up in time for legal ID! Sean Hannity, legal ID, ABC news. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1490 WTIQ MI **Manistique. 1/5 0422.** Poor in fade-up with calls, "Cruisin" 1490" non-ID and oldies. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1550 WCVL IN **Crawfordsville. 1/7 0642.** Poor but steady with calls, nostalgia. No CBE. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1560 KNZR CA **Bakersfield. 1/6/ 0034.** Promo about internships at KNZR, mentioning station phone number and website www.knzs.com; ad before fading out. Station slogan is "The Voice of Bakersfield." Fair to poor; not heard in quite a while. **(DP-HI)**
- 1580 KNIM MO **Maryville. 1/7 1859.** CNN Headline News. Legal ID including slogan "The News Station," and promos for CNN and Paul Harvey. Very poor reception; night power is listed as 7 watts. NEW! **(Ed.-WI)**
- 1600 WMQM TN **Lakeland. 12/20 0900.** Strong signal, but waited a long time before station IDed. Religious programming. NEW **(SS-KS)**
- 1600 WRPN WI **Ripon. 12/30 0600.** Call ID "1600 WRPN," then CBS news. There was so much interference that I did not hear any more of this station. First time I have heard this one. **(GH-KS)**
- 1660 KQWB ND **West Fargo. 12/30 2300.** End of talk program; legal ID "Talkradio 1660 KQWB West Fargo," then CNN news. **(GH-KS)**
- 1690 KFSG CA **Roseville. 1/6 0815.** SS preacher until 0829, then gal announcer; could not make out much of what she was saying but did get the call letters for a needed call change, ex- KSXX. Went back to preaching after the ID. Fair at best in partial null of local KDDZ. **(JW-CO)**

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

- JLB-NY **Jerry Bond, Rochester** – Hammarlund HQ-140X-A and 3 foot loop.
- MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
- SC-ON **Saul Chernos, Burnt River** – Sangean ATS909, Radio Shack loop antenna, three 1000' unterminated longwires.
- SC*ON **Saul Chernos, Toronto** – Radio in 1996 Toyota Corolla.
- PC-VA **Perry Crabill, Winchester** – Station News.

MD-MA **Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis** – JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced wires, Mini DXP-3 phasing unit.
HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** – Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop.
GL-NY **Ginnie Lupi, Clifton Park** – DX 398 and Select-A-Tenna.
IEN-GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - Drake R8B and 135' N/S Wire.
IEN*GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - 2002 Nissan Sentra GXE Pioneer DEH-P470MP.
RP-IN **Robert Pote, Greenwood** – Drake R8A with Kiwa Loop and CCrane radio barefoot.

STATION NEWS

860 **WGOM IN Marion** – no date/time listed - Station noted with a “Music of Your Life “ format, with a live DJ giving little bits of trivia about the songs being played. The 26th log shows talk format. **(RP-IN)**
1500 **WTOP DC Washington** – In a series of moves dramatically altering the radio dial in Washington, Bonneville International Corporation has announced that WTOP Radio, Washington’s 24-hour all news station is moving to 103.5 FM today to expand its reach and penetration. Additionally, WTOP will partner with The Washington Post to form a new radio station broadcasting on the 1500 AM and 107.7 FM frequencies in late March. **(PC-VA)**

STATION LOGGINGS

560 **WOOF AL Dothan** - 12/29 1755 - Sports talk program in progress, callers invited to call in and predict the Super Bowl winner. Station ID at the top of the hour: “You”re listening to 570 WOOF, The Ball.” Fair signal in partial WIND null , first time heard. **(RP-IN)**
630 **CFCY PEI Charlottetown** – 12/31 1743 - Good atop channel with C&W music and call letter ID with WPRO phase nulled. **(MD-MA)**
WLAP KY Lexington - 1/3 1708 - Good signal with football bowl game scores, ID and local spots. **(JLB-NY)**
640 **WGOC TN Blountville** - 12/30 1709 - Strong with ID between two country and western tunes. **(JLB-NY)**
660 **WLFJ SC Greenville** - 12/30 0857 - Fading in strong at times with promo by talk show host Dave Ramsey saying “You”re listening to the new 660-WLFJ.” **(JLB-NY)**
670 **KWXI AR Glenwood** - 12/31 1736 - Station Slogan heard “Quicksee 670”. Weather report “for the KWXI listening area” and a PSA for Arkansas State Parks. Fair to poor in partial WSCR null. **(RP-IN)**
690 **WZAP VA Bristol** - 12/30 1717 - Strong with formal sign off inviting listeners to come back tomorrow for the “best in gospel and Christian programming.” **(JLB-NY)**
750 **WPDX WV Clarksburg** - 12/30 0953 - Strong signal and saying “we”re playing the music of your life on WPDX” on a day with good daytime conditions. **(JLB-NY)**
760 **WETR TN Knoxville** - 12/30 1720 - Good with a promo being read by Dave Ramsey, then an ID followed by the Dave Ramsey Show. **(JLB-NY)**
790 **WSVG VA Mount Jackson** – 12/28 0209 – “The sounds of the season on 790 WSVG” and into Silver Bells and other nostalgia-format music. Dominant on channel, must be on 1000 watts day power rather than night-time 40 watts. Mixing briefly with Spanish station that was not Cuba’s Radio Reloj. **(SC*ON)**
810 **WHB MO Kansas City** - 1/6 1800 - ESPN Sports news and scores. Good signal (20 over S9) with a mix of stations underneath. “Sports Radio WHB” and “810 Zone”. **(IEN-GA)**
830 **WTRU NC Kernersville** - 1/4 1645 - Man said “You”re listening to the Dave Ramsey Show on 830 WDRU , The Truth”. Apparently simulcasting with their station on 1030 WDRU. A very good signal with a little noise but no sign of WCCO. **(RP-IN)**
860 **CJBC ON Toronto** - 1/3 1800 - TOH ID and a call-in show with a couple of guys speaking French. Good, steady signal (30 over S9). “CJBC, Toronto”. **(IEN-GA)**
870 **WPWT TN Colonial Heights** – 12/30 1710 – Good and alone on channel with “Inside the Southern Conference” on The Southern Conference Radio Network, ad for North Carolina Ford Dealers, call letter ID. Gone abruptly at 1715. Heard on car radio on Route 3 in Hanover, MA. **(MD-MA)**
910 **WSUI IA Iowa City** – 1/5 1749 – dominating frequency with sponsorship plug: “support for WSUI comes from Yoga on Yewell, 1209 Yewell Street on the east side of Iowa City” into NPR’s All Things Considered. **(MKB-ON)**
920 **WMMN WV Fairmont** - 12/30 0957 - All alone with many local spots with a legal ID thrown

- in at 0958. **(JLB-NY)**
- WTCW KY **Whitesburg** - 1/3 1749 - Oldies and a couple of station promos. Good signal (10 over S9) with slight static and fading. "Number One Oldies Station" and "Oldies Channel, WTCW". **(IEN-GA)**
- 930 WLLL VA **Lynchburg** - 12/31 1650 - Good with announcement of many upcoming local Sunday church services. **(JLB-NY)**
- 950 KOEL IA **Oelwein** - 1/4 0907 - over WROC groundwave with "KOEL morning update" Iowa news, farm report, local weather "from the KOEL weather center, your three-day forecast". **(MKB-ON)**
- 990 WNTW PA **Somerset** - 1/1 1651 - Good over WLGZ with Steelers post game show on Pittsburgh Steelers Radio Network. Used slogan "Rocky 92" which is Forever Broadcasting's co-owned WRKW-92.1. Thanks to Scott Fybush for help with this. **(MD-MA)**
- WLEE VA **Richmond** - 1/8 1450 - Good atop channel with Southern Gospel music and ID "Joy 9-90, Richmond" s only Southern Gospel station, WLEE." Reception possible because semi-local WALE has been silent since late December. **(MD-MA)**
- 1070 WSCP NY **Sandy Creek-Pulaski** - 1/5 1702 - "There Ain't No Gettin' Over Me"; signal degenerated into slop when the song ended. Faded back in with more C&W, then "WSCP" and "101.3 WSCP" popped out, followed by C&W song by female. Lots more fading and then singing ID "101.7 and 101.3 WSCP." Obviously on after sunset. **(GL-NY)**
- 1160 WABY NY **Mechanicville** - 1/4 1755 - Ads for Subway restaurant and El Monte Builders: "Let El Monte build your dream home." Followed by station ID "Listen right here on WABY." Fair signal in WYLL null, first time heard. **(RP-IN)**
- 1200 WXIT NC **Blowing Rock** - 12/30 1703 - Ad for CompUSA followed by "You're listening to the Ed Shultz show on WXIT." Popped up briefly in WOAI null, first time heard. **(RP-IN)**
- + 1/6 0752 - Sports report. Good signal swapping places with WOAI in San Antonio, TX from time-to-time. "WATA, WXIT". **(IEN*GA)**
- CFGO ON **Ottawa** - 1/3 1805 - Sports News and Scores and an ad for the National Gallery of Canada. Good, steady signal (30 over S9). "More on Sports Show on The Team, 1200". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1250 WLEM PA **Emporium** - 1/4 1556 - Good with country music saying "you've found us - the one station playing your kind of country". Caught ID later at 1609. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1260 WCHV VA **Charlottesville** - 12/30 1005 - Good with news and then a "Fox News Radio - 1260 WCHV" ID after end of the news. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1390 WPLM MA **Plymouth** - 12/28 0217 - Clear "Easy 99.1" ID fade-up and mellow music before fade back into mix of stations. New! **(SC*ON)**
- 1400 WICK PA **Scranton** - 1/4 1621 - over the graveyard mess with ad for PDQ Printing in Scranton, slogan "WICK, your local news leader" into sports. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1410 WELM NY **Elmira** - 1/4 1752 - wiping out mix of WDOE and CHKT-1430 slop with ESPN sports talk, Rose Bowl promo "your home for the Rose Bowl, the sports giant 1410 WELM". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1430 WPLN TN **Madison** - 1/6 1728 - Sports talk show about upcoming game between Giants and Jaguars. Station ID given "WPLN 1430." Very poor in partial local WXNT null, first time heard. **(RP-IN)**
- WYMC KY **Mayfield** - 1/6 1737 - What sounded like an oldies format, Four Seasons song "Candy Girl." Followed by a musical ID "1430 WYMC." Very tough in partial local WXNT null. First time heard. **(RP-IN)**
- 1440 WNYG NY **Babylon** - 1/2 1801 - "WNYG Babylon" ID heard in mess and nothing else. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1450 WLEC OH **Sandusky** - 1/4 2209 - "Cleveland Cavaliers Basketball on 1450 WLEC". Up well briefly. New. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1470 WPDM NY **Potsdam** - 1/6 1505 - over CHKT-1430/CHIN-1540 spur with CNN news, Ovaltine ad, ID as "you're listening to WDPM 1470 AM, 99.3 FM in Potsdam, the heart of the North Country." **(MKB-ON)**
- 1480 WTOY VA **Salem** - 1/8 1735 - Ad for Econo Drugs followed by an ad to advertise on WTOY. Good with fades with gospel programming. **(HJH-PA)**
- HAR, TIS
- 1620 WPTK490p NY **Syracuse** - 12/22 1545 - EZ Pass promos and weather for Central NY (different voices), mention of several routes including 250 Westbound Exits 41 &

40. Suspect WPTK490 Syracuse NY. (SC-ON)

1650 WPMU972 PA **Bridgeville** – 12/23 1730 – Calls and mention of Penndot and HAR. Strong, mixing with Disney. Heard only once, a couple years ago. (SC-ON)

PIRATE

1710 Radio Top InterMA **Hyde Park** – 12/23 1800 – French with mentions of Boston and Dorchester. ID I couldn't completely copy that sounded like Radio Talk Haiti, but very strong "best ever" signal. Soon landed an ad with phone number, which I called, and got name and number of someone at the station, who confirmed name and location. Nice to finally make contact with these stations. Helped to have Radio Mossiach either off or on OC for Sabbath and excellent overall conditions to East Coast. (SC-ON)

PRESUMED/UNID

550 KTRSp MO **St. Louis** - 1/3 1738 - Fair with many spots including one with a phone number in the 314 area code which is the area code they are in. (JLB-NY)

580 CKWWp ON **Windsor** - 12/30 2011 - all alone with "AM 580 – Motor City Memories" slogan and nostalgic music format. (JLB-NY)

770 UNID — — - 1/2 1743 - Fair with gospel programming and then a formal sign off with a vocal SSB. They mentioned slogan "America's gospel station." (JLB-NY)

1120 UNID — — - 12/30 1643 - SS what sounded like a preacher giving a spirited sermon followed by what sounded like choir music. Signal was almost local like and way over usual KMOX. (RP-IN)

1260 WWRCp DC **Washington** – 1/5 1950 – University of Maryland ad, ad for show on joint health to be aired Saturday at 2:00 pm, then news/political talk. Faded out into WMKI's Disney schlock. (GL-NY)

1290 WDZYp VA **Colonial Heights** - 12/30 1029 - very good in splatter of local WHTK-1280 with Radio Disney programming. (JLB-NY)

1420 WKCWp VA **Warrenton** – 1/8 1711 – Extremely strong with Spanish programming. ID as "La Campeona". Gone at 1716 at power drop. (HJH-PA)

1610 UNID — — - 12/30 0526 – SS. A talk show was in progress followed by music. Fantastic signal, first time heard on 1610 other than KALT. (RP-IN)

1630 KRNDp WY **Fox Farm** – 12/21 0127 – Presumed with Mexican music dominating channel until KCJJ suddenly returns (suspect it was off briefly). Heard several years ago with country. (SC-ON)

International

DX Digest

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

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Both the A and K indices were at zero during the week, a good sign that we are indeed at the bottom of the solar cycle. Transatlantic DX has been responding favorably to the quiet space weather conditions. Internet reports indicate 1314 Norway received in the Pacific northwest and deep south, while the same signal has been blasting the east coast with reception in broad daylight.

Transatlantic DX

177 GERMANY DLR Zehlendorf JAN 10 1745 - DLR has been using DRM for some time on 177 (translation: bbbuuuuzzzz), but I have heard that DRM will be dropped soon, and tonight I noticed German talk again on this channel! At 0220 recheck, no audio, but no DRM either. [Renfrew-NY]

531 SPAIN RNE5 synchros JAN 4 0254 - Guitar music live in studio with interview, woman with news at 0300, "RNE Informativos" promo at 0306, then into a talk program in studio. Heard back in October for the first time. [Renfrew-NY]

531 SWITZERLAND DRS Beromünster (47°12'N 08°10'E) JAN 13 0740 - Good; pop music and telephone talk in German, parallel 531MW webradio at www.drs.ch. With 1062 Denmark and 1314 Norway so strong, I was looking for Faroe Islands, no such luck of course. [Conti-NH]

549 ALGERIA Alger Chaîne 1, Les Trembles (35°17'N 00°34'W) JAN 11 0227 - Man and woman in Arabic. [Connelly-MA]

549 GERMANY Deutschlandfunk synchros JAN 13 0755 - Fair; man in German parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]

- 567 **IRELAND** *RT...* Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) JAN 13 0800 - Good; "The time now is eight o'clock, it's Friday the thirteenth of January, and you're listening to Morning Ireland..." into news. Parallel 252, also good. [Conti-NH]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) JAN 13 0220 - Parallel 621 with man in Spanish; good, getting right by local 590 WEZE. [Connelly-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Seba,-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) JAN 8 0149 - Fair with Arabic talk. JAN 11 0224 - High-intensity Arabic vocal; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. JAN 8 0155 - Woman in Spanish mentioned banks. JAN 11 0225 - Spanish talk show; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. JAN 7 0215 - Fair; telephone talk in Spanish, loud het against 640 CBN. [Conti-NH]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *Arrow Rock Radio*, Lopik (52°01'N 05°03'E) JAN 11 0318 - Excellent, S-9, with just a little slop from Chicago and Toronto, "Let's Spend the Night Together" by the Stones (Rolling). [Renfrew-NY]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R. 5 Live*, Droitwich et al. JAN 10 1712 - *BBC* talk parallel DX Tuners in the UK. Still there at 0220 recheck. [Renfrew-NY]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 747/VPRO R.Ein*, Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) DEC 23 2303 - Pop/rock music until 2306, then news until 2315, music once again, then a conversation with a correspondent in (or about) Iraq. This was easily paralleled to DX Tuners in Sweden. JAN 11 0235-0310 - Strange electronic music (slow and haunting piano/chimes), news at 2200, ID as "VPRO Radio Ein" at 2202, conversation with a man and a woman, and assisted by parallel with DX Tuners in Netherlands. Those weird piano/chime sounds cut through the slop nicely, like a twenty-minute interval signal. [Renfrew-NY]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg JAN 8 0156 - Classical violin music; good. JAN 12 2255 - German talk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) JAN 12 2256 - Folk-rock song, French talk; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 783 **MAURITANIA** *R.Mauritanie*, Nouakchott (18°07'N 15°57'W) JAN 11 2116 - Parallel 4845 with shrieky female vocal. [Connelly-MA]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges (45°56'N 01°10'E) JAN 11 2119 - Parallel 1206 with man and woman in French; poor to fair, mixed with probable Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros JAN 11 2120 - Spanish teletalk; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Santah (30°45'N 31°08'E) JAN 11 2120 - Koranic vocal; over France. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 02°14'E) JAN 13 0224 - French vocal similar to Neil Diamond's style; over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 890.98 **ALGERIA** *ChaÓne 1*, Algiers (36°40'N 03°09'E) JAN 11 2123 - Modern Arabic vocal with drums; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.5 Live* synchros JAN 11 2125 - Sports report; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E) DEC 23 2255 - Talk program parallel DX Tuners in Sweden. Previously heard as "L-Mouv." By the way, on DX Tuners a station that sounded like "Radio Ten Gold" signed on at 2300. *Radio 10 Gold* has been heard on 675, but I wonder what this was? [Renfrew-NY] JAN 11 2131 - Music, then woman in French; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 963 unID JAN 11 0206 - Possible UK local (or Finland?) with bits of English talk by woman; through severe CHNS slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) JAN 8 0158 - Soft piano music, then man in Spanish; good. JAN 11 2133 - Fast Spanish talk; over Arabic music station. [Connelly-MA]
- 1026 unID JAN 11 0326 - Muffled audio for a few minutes, remarkable only because I've never had a TA here before! I'd suspect Spain, but the Iberians, except 621, are not that good to-night. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1044 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 8 0158 - Fast Spanish talk by woman; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 10 2212 - English talk parallel DX Tuners in the UK. First time heard here in some years. More easily heard on 1089 kHz. [Renfrew-NY] JAN 12 2230 - Fair; telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1053 unID JAN 10 2223 - Middle Eastern music, shortly after getting notice on the Medium Wave Circle e-mail list from Al Merriman which stated Libyan signals were in at this time on this

and several other frequencies. I suppose Morocco is also a possibility. Either country would be new a one. *TalkSport* was heard before and after this. [Renfrew-NY] JAN 12 2235 - Koranic recitation faded up over *TalkSport*, not parallel *RTM A Morocco* which was strong on 207 kHz. [Conti-NH]

- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) JAN 12 2250 - Arena metal type rock, then man in Danish; good. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 2254 - Excellent; live music, sounded like The B52s. JAN 13 0840 - Fair; pop/rock music. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 11 0203 - Travel advert about going "to the land of sunshine," then *TalkSport* ID; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 11 2220 - Good, over a sizeable unID het on the high side possibly from Egypt although it's normally on the low side. [Conti-NH]
- 1107.10 unID DEC 23 2252 - Strong het heard here. Spanish talk was heard on 1107 the previous night at 2311, so this could be something else, or a synchro off-channel. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 13 0227 - Spanish teletalk; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) JAN 7 2103 - Slavic news by woman; fair. JAN 11 2141 - Slavic pop/folk vocal; loud. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 2315 - Good; rock vocal, "...Glas Hrvatske," then ID and news in English, "This is Croatian Radio, the Voice of Croatia. You're listening to Croatia Today." Parallel 7285 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden Int'l* relay, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) JAN 12 2220 - Swedish talk; fair, over Spain-Canaries and possible Romania. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) JAN 8 0203 - French news briefs, fanfare music. JAN 11 0157 - Fair with old-time jazz. [Connelly-MA]
- 1214.95 unID JAN 12 2208 - Maybe Albania (ex-1214.83?) or something else with Slavic-sounding talk, low growl against UK (which was in a brief fade). [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **KALININGRAD** *Voice of Russia*, Bolshakovo (54°54'N 21°42'E) JAN 8 2145 - Fair, over/under *COPE* Spain and *Virgin* UK; talk in an unID language, then flute music seemed parallel a weak 7445 kHz signal, no het or rumble that would indicate off-frequency Albania. JAN 11 2215 - Noted again in a battle with *COPE* Spain (dominant) and *Virgin* UK, no het or rumble indicative of Albania. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin R.* synchros JAN 7 0035 - Dire Straits "Sultans of Swing," volleying between this and *COPE* Spain. [Conti-NH] JAN 8 0057 - Female DJ, then "Take It Easy" by the Eagles; good. JAN 11 2149 - REM "Losing My Religion"; good. JAN 12 2211 - Talk about Ryanair flights, idea of displaying advertising on outsides of planes; loud. JAN 13 0233 - Talk about a weekend event, then "Hey Jude" by the Beatles; excellent. [Connelly-MA] JAN 13 2052 - Good; Beatles "Hard Days Night," then DJ banter over an instrumental bed. [Conti-NH]
- 1269 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Neumünster (54°03'N 09°51'E) JAN 12 0240 - Fair to good; classical music, man in German, parallel 6190 kHz, with a wobbly het against 1270 CFGT as if something underneath is off-frequency. First time heard. [Conti-NH]
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE* Valencia JAN 8 0049 - Spanish teletalk; over others. [Connelly-MA] JAN 11 2312 - Good; telephone talk in Spanish. [Conti-NH]
- 1296 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Radio XL*, Langley Mill (52°33'N 01°46'W) JAN 8 2115 - Poor; presumed this with subcontinental Indian music. [Conti-NH]
- 1305 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 8 0204 - Spanish news; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA] JAN 11 2318 - Fair over an unID weak signal; telephone talk parallel 1107 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitsøy* (59°03'N 05°26'E) JAN 8 0047 - Man and woman in Norwegian, then cover version of "When A Man Loves a Woman"; fair through *CKEC* slop. JAN 11 0153 - Modern version of Beatles' "Wait", man in Norwegian mentioned 1965 Rubber Soul album; excellent, loudest TA at the time. [Connelly-MA] JAN 11 2310 - Excellent; pop/rock music. JAN 12 2015 - Good; man in Norwegian and pop music, 3:15 p.m. EST more than an hour before local sunset. [Conti-NH] JAN 12 2157 - Woman in Norwegian, then Wilson Pickett oldie "634-5789"; good, stronger than adjacent 1310 WLOB. JAN 12 2206 - INXS "Need You Tonight"; S9+30 local-like! [Connelly-MA] JAN 13 0730 - Excellent; a solid s9+10 in 6 kHz wide bandwidth; news about European Union in Norwegian. Still strong at 0936 but subject to deep fade outs. [Conti-NH]
- 1341 **NORTHERN IRELAND** *BBC R.Ulster*, Lisnagarvey (54°30'N 06°04'W) JAN 12 2205 - English talk, nostalgia music (sounded like Ink Spots "If I Didn't Care"); poor. [Connelly-MA]
- 1359 **SPAIN** *RNE* Arganda del Rey JAN 11 2200 - Excellent, local-like without phasing; in-studio discussion in Spanish through the top of the hour without a network ID and news break, apparently separate from *RNE1* and *RNE5* programming. [Conti-NH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) JAN 8 0210 - Parallel 1206 with lush instrumen-

- tal music; fair. JAN 12 2201 - French news with phone interview; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1386 **LITHUANIA** *CRI* Sitkunai (55°02'N 23°49'E) JAN 13 2140 - Fair; Chinese instrumental music and a woman in accented English, parallel 9490 and 9600 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1394.82 **ALBANIA** *TWR* FllakË (40°57'N 19°40'E) JAN 7 2031 - Talk; fair. At 2045, segment of classical music. JAN 12 2158 - Slav-sounding talk by woman, slight het-growl from something on 1395.0 kHz. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 2145 - Good; somber music and talk, Czech program according to 2006 WRTH and EMWG, signed off at 2200. [Conti-NH]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) JAN 11 2156 - Woman in German, choral music, then talk by man; good. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 0010 - Parallel 6190 kHz; good, over an unID Mideast-sounding signal. Maybe Iran as Algeria should be off at this time? No sign of Iran on 1503 though, only Spain. At 0155 noted loud and clear with classical music parallel 6190 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1431 **DJIBOUTI** *R.Sawa*, Arta (11°31'N 42°50'E) JAN 11 2158 - Dance music, then two *Radio Sawa* ID's by woman in Arabic; good. [Connelly*B-MA] JAN 12 2205 - Good; Middle Eastern pop music. [Conti-NH]
- 1458 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Sunrise Radio*, Brookmans Park (51°44'N 00°11'W) JAN 8 2250 - Asian-sounding music on brief fade-ins over a jumble of stations. JAN 12 0150 - Again with Asian or subcontinental Indian music, atop at least two other stations, but none strong enough for positive ID; loud het against 1460 WDDY. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR* Roumoules (43°47'N 06°09'E) DEC 23 2243 - Arabic program, easily matched with the DX Tuners in Sweden. [Renfrew-NY] JAN 6 2230 - Good; classical interlude, woman in Arabic. JAN 8 2205 - Excellent; preacher quoting the Bible in English, continued through 2230 on rechecks. [Conti-NH] JAN 11 2159 - Middle Eastern instrumental music, then woman in Arabic; superloud, shredding adjacent 1470 WAZN/WLAM. [Connelly-MA]
- 1485 **MELILLA // SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 11 2208 - Echoey sports-related *SER* net talk. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 0054 - Fair; telephone talk parallel 1575 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1494 **FRANCE** *France Info* synchros JAN 12 0140 - Fair; orchestra instrumental parallel 1206, 1377, and 1557 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1512 **BELGIUM** *R.Vlaanderen Int'l*, Wolvertem (50°59'N 04°18'E) JAN 12 2215 - Good; woman in Dutch/Flemish and pop/rock music, at 2220 telephone talk. [Conti-NH]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) JAN 7 2107 - Parallel 9555 and 9870 with news by man in Arabic; fair to good. JAN 11 2200 - Arabic public address by man in large hall; local-like, annihilating 1520. [Connelly-MA]
- 1539 **GERMANY** *Evangeliums Rundfunk*, Mainflingen, JAN 11 2201 - Religious classical music; over Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) JAN 11 2207 - Middle East dance club music; over others. JAN 13 0243 - "Kiss Me" by Sixpence None the Richer, then man in Arabic with mention of "www.radiosawa.com," followed by pop Arabic vocal; huge! [Connelly-MA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne JAN 11 2203 - French news; strong, only slightly weaker than 1560 WQEW. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 0133 - Excellent, the best of the *France Info* stations tonight; woman in French with news, then orchestra instrumental music, parallel 1206 and 1377 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) JAN 11 2204 - Pop Mideast music, Farda mention; to good peak. [Connelly-MA] JAN 12 0050 - Good over *SER* Spain; pop Mideast vocals, woman in Arabic/Farsi with www.radiofarda.com ID, parallel 9585 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1584 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JAN 11 2208 - Parallel 1485 with sports coverage; mixed with Ceuta, others. [Connelly-MA]

Jim speaks: December was a wash-out, by and large, compared to October and November TAs. There are signs that January may be improving. On most winter nights I typically tune into TA audio or strong hets on 621, 1134, 1206, 1215, and 1314, as well as most of the LW stations in Western Europe, so I have not mentioned these above. I finally decided to lay out the cash for a DX Tuners membership. The free demonstration receiver is often in use when I sign on, so it will be nice to have some other receiver options available now. Also, for a very entertaining DXpedition article from Australia's north coast, check out this report, complete with deadly creatures, off the scale heat and humidity, and perhaps too many beverages: www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/nhulunbuy_2005_12.dx.

Pan-American DX

- 620 **CUBA** □□ *CMGN*. *Rebelde*, Colón (22°42'N 80°52'W) JAN 13 0851 - Good; salsa music parallel

670 and 5025, with occasional wobbler noise. [Conti-NH]

- 820 **MEXICO** XEABCA Mexicali, BCN JAN 12 0501 - Landed on frequency just in time for nice legal ID: "XEABCA, Radio Frontera, transmitiendo en la señal 820 de amplitud modulada con 3500 wats de potencia desde sus estudios ubicados en Avenida Francisco y Madero numero 1535, Colonia Nueva, Mexicali, Baja California. Radio Frontera es un ..??. mas de la cadena radiofónica ABC Radio..." and into ABC Radio network talk show. Did not catch name of program, but gal announcer promised "...sesenta minutos de consejo, orientación, ayuda, y esperanza." Very good signal in WBAP null. Ex-XEMVS, and has been so, apparently, for some time - checked web and found one log from last June. Apparently, there is another Mexicali station in the ABC network, 940 XEMMM (ex-XEWV). Wonder if other ABC Radio stations will change call letters to XEABCx? One already has - 1440 XEABCJ, ex-XECCC. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1310 unID JAN 13 0820 - Low frequency het on high side of 1310 WVIP, WORC, and CIWW. Mark Connelly reported it as 1310.37 kHz, Spanish. Maybe WEMG "La Mega" or Cuba? [Conti-NH]

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 Jim Renfrew, Byron NY (43°05'N 78°04'W); Drake R8B, Quantum Phaser, 1000-ft west wire, 100-ft short wire for phasing.
 John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO (39°47'N 105°06'W); Drake R8, 4-ft box loop.

International News

AUSTRALIA: Sydney radio station 2KY and Melbourne's Sport 927 on Friday announced an agreement to share race broadcasts across both stations. A key feature of the partnership is ensuring listeners in both states can hear all the racing action from Victoria and New South Wales. 2KY will continue to produce programs from its Sydney studios including the Big Sports Breakfast, Greg Radley's Race Day program, Football Fever and Hi-Tide. Sport 927 will continue producing programs from its Melbourne studios and provide shared racing radio services and midnight to dawn programming. It is expected that the partnership will come into effect in the first half of this year. [www.thoroughbrednews.co.nz via ABDX]

PORTUGAL: *Rádio Club Português* (RCP) via *R.Comercial* (RC) 1035 kHz 100 kW Belmonte and 783 kHz 10 kW Canidelo is gone. We stumbled on *R.Comercial* normal program on 1035 kHz only this evening, and after a phone call to RC, I learned the changes occurred some time this week stemming from a radio authority (ANACOM) note claiming RC transmitters can only air RC programs. Curiously, another "product" from the RC group (Média Capital), viz. the defunct *R.Nacional*, was aired via RC MW transmitters for a few years time. He also informed a second transmitter (probably 50 kW or even 100 kW) was also commissioned and intended for Canidelo, but it's not operational yet. Unfortunately, the RCP can only be listened to via VHF-FM and Internet. Média Capital is owned by the Spanish group PRISA, RTLuxembourg and a Portugal shareholder. Whether this notification by ANACOM was to adequately prevent the use of the MW transmitters for some foreign relay (RTL does them) I don't know, but that wouldn't be too surprising. [Carlos Gonçalves, mediumwave.info, via Steve Whitt, Jim Renfrew, MWC]

73 and Good DX!

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Your successes in obtaining QSL's and other station items

My plaintive bleats asking for suggestions on how to obtain veries in today's DXing environment brought responses from two of NRC's most prolific "verie extractors." The first response comes from Wayne Heinen:

"One thing I do first is check the last years work of *Confirmed DXer* and see if anyone has reported receiving a verification and what the signer and type of verification was received. If I get a hit I follow

the lead of the reported and will mention the reporter, the column and the National Radio Club.

"If I am starting in uncharted territory, I will make sure I have some verifiable information. This will include program names, public service announcements and spots. When writing, I confirm that all my data is correct and converted to the stations local date and time. If I hear a station in the Central Time Zone at 11:30 PM Mountain Time on 1/1/2005 I will convert that to 1/2/2005 at 12:30 AM.

"Lately, I have been following the following 'pecking order' when addressing the letter and envelope. In major metropolitan areas I begin with Chief Engineer, if not reply I follow-up to Station Manager and third Program director. When writing to stations in smaller markets, I usually begin with Station or Operations Manager, then Program Director and usually the last follow up is sent to no one in particular. Usually my second follow up (third report) is a Prepared Card (PPC), this is always my 'verification of last resort' or in some cases is sent as follow up to a vague or otherwise unsatisfactory reply. When I send a PPC in those cases I enclosed a copy of the original report and a polite letter explaining chapter and verse what it is I am looking for.

"I try to follow up in 90 day increments, after a year or so it is very questionable that the station would want to respond to such a report, but I have been desperate on some of my more difficult catches.

"I always enclose a copy of the National Radio Club's *The Broadcasters Guide to DX* available from the Publications Center (member price 20 for \$3.50). My overall return percentage is running around 80% over all, which in this day and age appears to be pretty good!"

Wayne, a return percentage of 80% is not "pretty good." It's phenomenal! Thanks for sharing your techniques and insights with everyone!

John Wilkins also submitted his thoughts about getting verifications today:

"I did a summary of verie signers for 2005 here (44 US veries) and came up with the following:

Engineering/Technical/DoE/CE - 12	DJ - 1
GM/OpsMgr -6	AdminAsst - 1
Pres/VP - 4	PgmMgr - 1
Owner -3	??? - 16

"Looks like the Engineering Dept is still the best bet for veries, although they, too, have become much less cooperative over the years. I usually start by sending first report to GM or Ops Mgr. If that doesn't work, the first f/up goes to Chief Engineer, and subsequent f/ups to either Program Director or to nobody in particular. I send out the first couple of f/ups about every three months; after that, not so often, unless I see a specific V/S reported or a new address. All reports and f/ups include return postage, either a 37-cent stamp or a dollar to US stations. I write as a DXer, not as a program listener, although I don't use the word "DX" or use DX terms, since few people know what they mean.

"I usually do not use prepared cards until the second f/up, hoping to get something on the station's letterhead, something else that is happening less and less lately.

"That's the way I do things here. Given my low rate of return, maybe it shouldn't be considered a 'tip,' hi!"

My thanks to both Wayne and John for their insights on how to get veries today. I'd welcome any similar material from other NRCers, especially those who actually work at a station. And now for the veries your fellow NRCers have been receiving:

570	KVI	WA	Seattle. PPC in 18 days on fourth try. V/s Gabriel Joseph, Engineering. (Wilkins-CO)
570	WNAX	SD	Yankton. PPC in five days for SASE. V/s reads like John Cyr, Chief Engineer. (Harris-IL)
610	WIP	PA	Philadelphia. Received PPC and business cards in 21 days for SASE. V/s Ben Hill, Chief Engineer. Handwritten note on WIP stationary says WIP's antennas will be rebuilt next year and that I should listen again in March or April 2006. (Harris-IL)
640	WGO	TN	Blountville. PPC for SASE in 32 days. V/s is near-illegible but appears to be "Hagan" (Harris-IL)
640	WOI	IA	Ames. PPC in 14 days for SASE. V/ David Knippel, CE. (Harris-IL)
730	KWOA	MN	Worthington. PPC in 10 days on fifth attempt. Received exactly one year after logging date. V/s Matt Widboom. (Wilkins-CO)
750	KHWG	NV	Fallon. P/d letter, bumper sticker, and business card in 68 days for standard report and US \$1 (returned). Letter says they are presently at 7500 watts but plan to be up to 10000 watts by December. Address: 1050 W. Williams Ave., Fallon 89406. V/s: Dee Gregory, General Manager. (Griffith-CO) PPC in 9 days from Dee Gregory, GM. (Wilkins-CO)

800	WVAL	MN	Sauk Rapids. F/d letter, coverage maps, and a boot-shaped sticker in 14 days. V/S Kim Salitros, Program Facilitator. (Wilkins-CO)
810	KLDC	CO	Brighton. PPC in three days. "Eng. Dept." written on the line where the signature should have been. (Wilkins-CO)
860	KKAT	UT	Salt Lake City. PPC on third f/up in seven days. V/s illegible. (Wilkins-CO)
900	XEDT	CHIH	Cd. Cuauhtemoc. E-mail verie 15 days after snail mail f/up to WRTH address. "Signer" was Ma. Elena Pinuelas. (Wilkins-CO)
920	KBAD	NV	Las Vegas. F/d letter and football-shaped "ESPN Radio 920" sticker in ten days from V/s Bill Croghan (WB0KSW), CE. (Wilkins-CO)
1010	KCPW	UT	Tooele. PPC in 13 days for f/up. V/s somewhat illegible but looks like Lulu or Lillian Schuff or similar. (Wilkins-CO)
1010	KSIR	CO	Brush. Received large sized station designed QSL card roughly two months after receiving my PPC back. The printed QSL was not for a follow up. V/s Alec Creighton. Evidently Mr. Creighton sent the printed card along as a kindness which was a nice thing for him to do. (Harris-IL)
1050	CHUM	ON	Toronto. V/l signed by Larry Keats CE for typed report and return postage in five months. (Harris-IL)
1150	KSVE	TX	El Paso. N/d letter in nine days from Jim Lotspeich, CE. (Wilkins-CO)
1240	KIUL	KS	Garden City. F/d letter in 47 days for f/up. V/s James Janda, Pgm Mgr. (Wilkins-CO)
1330	KNSS	KS	Wichita. PPC on third f/up in nine days. V/s illegible. (Wilkins-CO)
1330	KWLO	IA	Waterloo. Friendly p/d QSL letter, copy of 1961 coverage map, and separate letter of thanks with information about the station and the community. Received in 359 days for my reception on Christmas Eve 2004! Address: 514 Jefferson St, Waterloo 50701. V/s: Mark Schumacher, CE. (Griffith - CO)
1330	WFNN	PA	Erie. PPC with illegible v/s in ten days for SASE. (Harris-IL)
1330	WVHI	IN	Evansville. PPC in 12 days for SASE. V/s Krista Denton, Operations Manager (Harris-IL)
1330	XEWQ	COAH	Monclova. E-mail verie 18 days after snail mail f/up. No signer. (Wilkins-CO)
1380	KFNI	TX	Pleasanton. PPC and note on report in 23 days for f/up. V/S Paul (or Raul) Burt, CE. (Wilkins-CO)
1380	KJUA	WY	Cheyenne. Two PPCs in 71 days for f/up via KRND-1630. "Thanks, you got us" was scrawled on the line where the signature should have been. (Wilkins-CO)
1380	KJL	WY	Cheyenne. Two PPCs for fourth f/up of 2003 log (previous call of KJUA). Details as above. (Wilkins-CO)
1390	WTJS	TN	Jackson. PPC received for SASE, v/s Brian Stewart. Also received his business card with this written on the back: "Thanks a ton! Good to hear from the radio enthusiasts out there. Keep it up." (Harris-IL)
1480	KNIT	TX	Dallas. F/d letter in 11 days from David Darling, Ops Mgr. (Wilkins-CO)
1580	KKKK	CO	Colorado Springs. PPC in three days via KRCN from Ron Nickell, Sr. VP, KRCN. (Wilkins-CO)
1600	KCPX	UT	Centerville. PPC in 11 days for fifth f/up of 1998 log. V/s illegible. (Wilkins-CO)
1630	KRND	WY	Fox Farm. PPC in 15 days. V/s ??, President. (Wilkins-CO)
1650	KBJD	CO	Denver. PPC in 14 days for SASE. V/s looks like Wayne Widn, CE. In SASE also was a "station designed" QSL card that was not filled out. (Harris-IL)
1660	KAXY	TX	Waco. PPC in eight days for sixth f/up. V/s illegible. This was the original call of this X-Band station, pre-KRZI, pre-KRZX. (Wilkins-CO)
1660	KQWB	ND	West Fargo. PPC and very nice "station designed" QSL card for SASE in ten days. V/s John Jones, Assistant Engineer. Mr. Jones kindly wrote a note on the back saying they didn't get many reception reports from within the U.S. (Harris-IL)
1670	KHPY	CA	Moreno Valley. PPC in ten days for second f/up. V/s Bill DeGeorge, GM. (Wilkins-CO)

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