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From the Publisher ... A recent DXN was returned and marked "Deceased" after being sent to Roger Johnson, Mesa, AZ. Our sincerest condolences to his family.

You should be aware that there have been several short-notice tests during January, all well-publicized on the [NRC-AM] reflector, in e-DXN, and via Les Rayburn's postcard alert system. Unfortunately, most of them were received after DXN went to press, so if you really need to be advised of tests, kindly join one or all three of the services listed above.

RFI in San Diego ... From the "Gonsett Communicator" and via Mark Durenberger and others:

"MYSTERIOUS INTERFERENCE IN THE SAN DIEGO AM BAND

On Wednesday night, January 11, 2006, unidentified wideband interference blanketed the AM broadcast band in San Diego 'with peaks all over the dial' according to one report. The interference was heard from 150 kHz to over 5 MHz and obliterated weak out-of-town AM broadcast signals. KNX was said to be 90% covered by static and noise. These observations were made along Highway 52. A second report (this from an experienced broadcast engineer) noted RFI 'from 540 kHz through 5 MHz [that] came on after 6 PM, 1/11, Wed evening. In the morning the hash was gone and [the] band was back to normal Thursday night... The RFI could NOT be nulled out and was as strong OUTSIDE as inside a house. This is using battery portables with circuit breakers on the house pulled. Also noticed on several radios and

driving in [a] car. Pretty widespread. So strong a slight hash was heard under KOGO.' We could be dealing with military interference, spurs from a powerful broadcast transmitter or some peculiar kind of in-power-line device or devices. The FCC has been notified."

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the January 28, 1956 DXN: Identified on the evening of 1/14 by Charles P. Atherton, Littleton, MA, were YVMF-1120, YVOB-980, HJCV-1200, and HJCO-1160; YSS-655 was logged on 1/18 at 2130-2145, and VP4RD-785 for 45 minutes on 1/19.

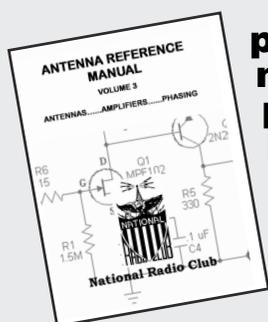
25 years ago ... from the February 2, 1981 DXN: Jerry Starr related the story of the short-lived KO2XDM-1240, built at "Survival City", NV, and subjected to an atomic bomb blast on May 5, 1955. Norm Maguire may have been the only DX'er to verify this rare station, and the verie was to be displayed at the 1981 NRC convention.

10 years ago ... from the January 29, 1996 DXN: 28 CPC test stations were listed in this issue ... KDKA-1020 celebrated 75 years of broadcasting.

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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>
980	WMEK	VA Chase City	WJYK
1020	KINF	NM Roswell	KCKN [FCC lists station as 'silent']
1340	NEW	CA Bishop	KBSP
1340	KTFX	OK Sand Springs	KTKX



CPs ON THE AIR 51 Franklin St., Springville 592-9500

700	KHSE	TX Wylie - Heard testing on 1/14 with "Radio Station KHSE, Wylie, Texas" IDs. Their latest CP lists U4 1500/920 from six-107 meter towers at N33-02-01 W96-17-55.
880	KPOE	TX Midland - License to Operate granted for U4 2000/500 from three-60 meter towers (3 day / 2 night) at N31-48-00 W102-10-30. Both patterns are 'kidney-shaped': the day going northwest; the night heading southwest.
1420	KPOC	AR Pocahontas - License to Cover issued for their CP to add night service as U1 1000/118.

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

590	KTIE	CA San Bernardino - CP granted to increase day power and decrease night power. When operational, KTIE will become U4 2500/960.
1200	WPTK	FL Pine Island Center - CP granted to increase daytime power to become U4 50000/1000 adding two new towers to the existing three. The revised daytime pattern heads 007 degrees, while the night pattern remains unchanged.
1230	KOZI	WA Chelan - Coordinate correction to N47-51-00 W120-00-20.
1270	KEPS	TX Eagle Pass - CP granted to decrease day power while adding night service from a taller tower. When operational, KEPS will become U1 890/32.
1400	KTMC	OK McAlester - Coordinate correction to N34-56-58 W95-46-01.
1570	WNCA	NC Siler City - CP granted to increase their daytime power as U1 5000/282.

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1090	CBNG	NL Glovertown - The CBC has applied to replace this low-power transmitter with a new FM station on 101.5 MHz with 1276 Watts at 149.3 metres.
1450	WWSC	NY Glens Falls - Applies to decrease nighttime power as U1 1000/940 from a new, shorter tower, utilizing a <u>Valcom</u> loaded fiberglass whip antenna.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1320	KSCR	OR Eugene - Licensed for U1 1000/48, KSCR has a CP for U1 600/28 relocating to an existing, taller tower at N44-04-55 W123-06-34, co-locating with KKNX-840 and KLZS-1450. This amendment requests U1 600/40 at the same, new location.
1570	NEW	NC Winterville - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U1 3800/200 at N35-32-06 W77-25-06. This amendment corrects the coordinates to NAD 27 datum at N35-32-15 W77-25-06, still with U1 3800/200.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1050	KTBA	AZ Tuba City - Licensed for U1 5000/6, KTBA originally applied to move to 760 kHz with U1 580/85 and later amended to U1 250/85. This amendment requests U1 250/60 on 760.
1230	NEW	TX Presidio - Initial Auction 84 Application was for U1 250/250, then amended to U1 1000/1000, and then to U1 620/585. This requests is for U1 800/720.
1240	NEW	NV Beatty - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000. This amendment moves the tower location.
1440	NEW	VA Hamilton - Initial Auction 84 Application was for U4 500/1200 from three new towers. This amendment requests U4 1000/5000 from four towers at a

new location.

- 1450 NEW AZ **Cameron** - Initial Auction 84 Application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000 from a taller tower at a new location.
- 1490 NEW CO **Del Norte** - Initial Auction 84 Application was for U1 250/250. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000 from a taller tower at a new location. [Same applicant as the 1450 immediately above]

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES DISMISSED

- 1570 WBGX IL **Harvey** - Station had applied to increase day power. WBGX remains U4 1000/500.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

- 980 NEW QC **Levis** - Applies for U4 50000/50000, programming locally and from CJMS-1040 Saint Constant, Quebec.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

- 950 KZRA TX **Denison-Sherman** - License has been turned in by Susquehanna Broadcasting as the five years since the 1700 here has been on is up. The recent call change from KYNG (ref: Issue 13) was done as a 'call letter parking' maneuver to get it for another market. Verified by a call to group owners.

AUCTION 84 APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

- 1010 NEW FL **Golden Gate** - Applied for U4 1006/1006 [correct].

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

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|------|------|----|---------|------|------|----|----------|
| 1000 | WMVP | IL | Chicago | 1340 | KIKO | AZ | Miami |
| 1060 | KDUS | AZ | Tempe | 1490 | WANA | AL | Anniston |

CORRECTIONS

- 910 WFVR GA **Valdosta** - [State correction. See last Issue for details of action.]

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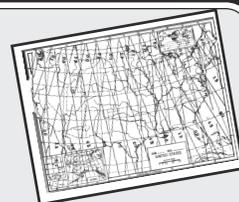
□ [I assume this is FM-related, but the article doesn't stipulate - Ed.] The HD Digital Radio Alliance of big broadcast group owners has revealed the first 28 markets in which they are readying launches of multicast programming, and the top 12 U.S. radio markets are among them. The group has also released more details on the kinds of formats we can expect on HD2 channels. Alliance President/CEO Peter Ferrara says the first of the new formats are expected to go on the air in a few days. The rollouts mark the first wide-scale launch of HD2 multicast channels, with each market airing what the groups call new and unique content. Through the selection process, each market gets its own mix of new programming. Some of the new formats to be introduced in the first wave include a specialized opera format, Classical Alternative, Traditional Jazz & Blues, Coffee House, Female Talk, Future Country, Extreme Hip Hop, in-depth news and various new rock formats. Including the 28 markets where multicast channels will be introduced, a total of some 264 new HD2 channels will be multicast. The cities are markets 1 through 12 - which are New York, L.A., Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas, Philadelphia, Houston, Washington, Boston, Detroit, Atlanta and Miami - plus Seattle, Baltimore, Portland (Ore.), Cincinnati, San Jose, Indianapolis, Memphis, Hartford, Birmingham, Dayton, Tulsa, Albuquerque, El Paso, Springfield (Mass.) and Wichita. [From **Radio World On-Line**]

□ Reported back on the air: **KNRV-1150 Englewood, Colorado** with "La Bueno Onda" slogans and **WAMB-1160 Donelson, Tennessee**. Reports from Tennessee indicate the 1160 in Donelson will change to WCRT and the WAMB calls will move to 1200 and become "Sunny 1200". Nothing official yet on the FCC's web site yet regarding the call change at this deadline. Stay tuned. Reported as OFF: **WSOS-1170 St. Augustine Beach, Florida**, **KACE-1310 Birch Tree, Missouri**, and **KPCR-1530 Bowling Green, Missouri**.

□ Thanks to **Shawn Axelrod, John Callarman, Wayne Heinen, David B. Jones, Deane McIntyre, and Doug Smith**.

Sunrise-Sunset Maps

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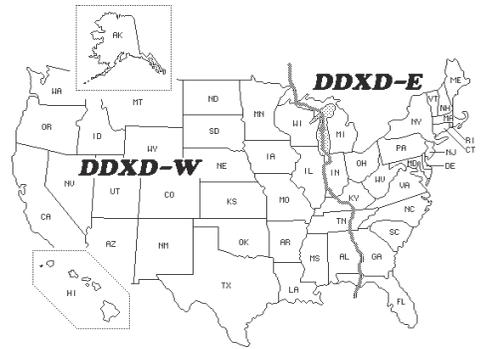
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DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- DDXD-West contributor **Gary Houdek**, Munden KS, sends along this observation: "On January 8 I was listening to 1080 KRLD Dallas at 6:35 PM. Station ID was followed by the CBS TV program '60 Minutes.' That same evening at 7:35 PM I was listening to KSL 1160 Salt Lake. Again, station identification was followed by the CBS TV program "60 Minutes." The same program I heard an hour earlier on KRLD! I do not need a TV for the program '60 Minutes!'" Other TV programs carried on radio are CBS' "Face the Nation" and NBC's "Meet the Press." Likewise, some radio shows are carried on TV: WFAN's "Imus in the Morning" and ESPN's "Mike and Mike," to name two. Have I missed any? Please drop me a line with other current examples.
- As this is being written, several DX tests, arranged by **Les Rayburn** and a dedicated group of DXers and broadcasters, are either in progress (multi-night "inventory inserts") or on the way. Please keep zeroed in DXN's front page, e-DXN, or the NRC list, or consider signing up for Les' Flash Alert system (see DXN 73-12 page 7 for details) to keep abreast of these tests. And— don't forget to send your DX test loggings in to this column! 73 Bill

Reporters

GH-IL	Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B/Quantum Loop V2.
GH-KS	Gary Houdek, Munden. GE Superadio.
JW-CO	John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
MS-MB	Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg. Grundig S-350 "barefoot."
RT-MN	Rick Turner, Bemidji. YB400PE, Select-A-Tenna 541 or car radio.
SS-KS	Steve Sprague, Coffeyville. DX-375, Select-a-Tenna.
Ed.-WI	Your editor, Madison.



Station News

- 930 WKY OK **Oklahoma City. 1/17 1918.** Noted with new Spanish format, relaying KINB-FM 105.3 "La Indomable." Ad string for OKC businesses; mention of "105.3 FM and 930 AM," slogan, then Latino music at 1923. Fair on peaks, mixing with KRKY. Station changed format on 1/9 per web item (see also DDXD-W #73-16 Ed.-WI). Calls are still WKY, although not heard here in over an hour of monitoring. Like most other Spanish-language stations, WKY uses the slogan throughout the hour and not the call letters. (JW-CO)
- 1150 KNRV CO **Englewood. 1/16 1800.** Back on the air, first noted on this date with Spanish-language news or news/talk format. Slogan is "La Buena Onda 11-50," which is heard throughout the hour in the absence of call letters, a la WKY. They also carry at least some programming (a call-in advice show with a 602 area code) from sister station KNUV "La Buena Onda 11-90." This local station had been silent since last spring, so the party's over! (JW-CO)

Presumed, Tentative, UnID

- 1310 UNID **1/9 0203.** Station here looped SE/NW with "La Mejor 104.3 FM" slogans, Latino music. Spotty reception on overnight taping. There is an FM station in Friona, TX (near Amarillo) on 104.3 with this slogan, so suspect I'm hearing KZIP. Once again, call letters never heard, only slogan. (JW-CO)

Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

- 550 WKRC OH **Cincinnati. 1/14 1820.** "Saturday mornings on 55 KRC" by a male announcer. Weak under KTRS. (GH-IL)
- 590 CJCL ON **Toronto. 1/16 0700.** Good with Toronto area ads and ID mentioning "Sports Radio 590 CJCL, a product of Rogers Communications." First time I've heard them use call letters in many years. Usually they just say "The Fan." (MS-

- 640 WCRV TN **MB)**
Collierville. 1/12 1000. Up briefly with religious programming, mentions of "Focus on the Family" and call letter ID. Heard on car radio in Bemidji while driving to work. Poor to fair signal. **(RT-MN)**
- 650 WNMT MN **Nashwauk. 1/8 0500.** End of "Coast to Coast" talk program, then station ID: "Newstalk WNMT, a service of Midwest Communications." ABC news followed. **(GH-KS)**
- 680 KNBR CA **San Francisco. 1/16 0100.** Up briefly with mentions of ESPN and San Francisco, KNBR jingle ID into sports news. Disappeared into the jumble shortly thereafter. Fair to good signal. New state, #29. **(RT-MN)**
- 680 WOGO WI **Hallie. 1/17 0000.** "News-Talk-Sports, AM 6-80 WOGO Hallie" into USA Radio Network News (instead of CNN as per Log), followed by Talk America's "Point Of View." Fair to good with occasional fades. They may or may not use a dual CoL in their ID. **(RT-MN)**
- 690 KTSM TX **El Paso. 1/17 0207.** Fox news into ID "NewsTalk 6-90 KTSM, a Clear Channel station," followed by Coast-to-Coast with George Noory. **(RT-MN)**
- 820 KUTR UT **Taylorville. 1/15 0957.** Fair despite some splatter from local CKJS 810. Preacher talking. Ad at ToH with the man saying "Hello Salt Lake City," then into CBS news. Legal ID not heard but may have been given after news, as I had to leave. NEW! **(MS-MB)**
- 860 CJBC ON **Toronto. 1/14 1905.** FF Newscast with "CJBC" pulled out of the babble. Strong signal, no QRM. **(GH-IL)**
- 920 KIHM NV **Reno. 1/12 0359.** Man says "...your radio here in northern Nevada for many years...an important part of the Immaculate Heart Radio Network. KIHM Reno, your local Immaculate Heart radio station..." Soon faded. New here for NV #22. **(JW-CO)**
- 1010 KCHJ CA **Delano. 1/18 1949.** Ranchera vocals, man announcer with "El Gallito Diez Diez" slogans. Fair under KSIR. **(JW-CO)**
- 1020 KDKA PA **Pittsburgh. 1/18 1953.** Heard under KOIL with "NewsTalk 10-20 KDKA" tag. First log of this, or any other, PA station since '01-'02. Used to be easy until Omaha, in the same loop direction, took up residence on 1020 in the mid-'90s. **(JW-CO)**
- 1040 KGGR TX **Dallas. 1/7 0930.** Station ID "KGGR Dallas," then religious program. WHO not heard. **(GH-KS)**
- 1060 KIJN TX **Farwell. 1/16 0859.** Religious songs in SS; semi-legal ID in Spanglish at 0901: "Jesus Radio KIJN 1060 AM Farwell-Texico, Metropolitan Radio Group" and back to music. The "KIJN 1060 AM" part was in Spanish, the rest in English. Fair, mixing with partially-nulled KRCN. **(JW-CO)**
- 1070 KNTH TX **Houston. 1/16 0828.** Out of "Morning in America" segment with ads, local headlines, traffic, and weather. Full ID at 0830: "KNTH Houston, where your opinion counts. A service of Salem Communications." Fair on peaks but some fading and mixing with KWEL and KFTI. A long-needed call change here, ex-KKHT. **(JW-CO)**
- 1070 KWEL TX **Midland. 1/16 0845.** Fading in and out with "The Morning Show," a local call-in program. Mixing with KNTH and KFTI. **(JW-CO)**
- 1200 CFGO ON **Ottawa. 1/7 2115.** New England vs. Jacksonville football. Ads for Minute Car Wash and Electrical Contractors of Ontario (ECO). ID as "Sports Radio 1200." Over WOAI for a time. NEW **(SS-KS)**
- 1210 KHAT WY **Laramie. 1/2 2110.** Ad for Robo Car Wash in Laramie, slogan "Sports Radio 1210," promo for Jim Rome. **(SS-KS)**
- 1270 KGNM MO **Saint Joseph. 1/13 1803.** Upbeat religious vocal music; ID by gal announcer (Marcy Michaels) at 1806: "The Kingdom, 1270 KGNM" into USA Radio news; readable for two more minutes. Not often heard here. **(JW-CO)**
- 1300 WOOD MI **Grand Rapids. 1/15 1830.** "Newstalk 1300 WOOD" by a male announcer; in null of semi-local WRDZ. **(GH-IL)**
- 1350 KDIO MN **Ortonville. 1/13 0459.** Guy says "You're listening to KDIO, a part of Big Stone Lake area radio"; then a short jingle, followed by the guy again with "KDIO Ortonville, Minnesota." Heard this same ID during most ToH segments on overnight taping. Fair at best—hard to believe 38 watts would punch through every hour. **(JW-CO)**
- 1460 KHOJ MO **Saint Charles. 1/18 1758.** Quiet instrumental music until 1759:30, then close-down announcement, including a dual ID for WRYT-1080 and KHOJ. Last heard a loooong time ago as KIRL. **(JW-CO)**
- 1550 KMRI UT **West Valley City. 1/12 0950.** Sounded like a police blotter segment (in Span-

ish), then a couple of songs; slow legal ID in EE at 1003: "KMRI West Valley City, transmitiendo todos los exitos en Quince Cincuenta AM..." followed by ads, more music, then more police/fire calls. Fairly good on peaks but fadey and with QRM from pest KUAZ, which dominates here after sunrise. (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.
 BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua – Station News.
 TM-MA Taylor McNeil, Arlington – In-dash radio in 1998 Camry.
 IEN-GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Sony ICF-2010.
 IEN*GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Drake R8B and 135' N/S Wire.
 IEN+GA Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville - Pioneer DEH-470MP.
 RP-IN Bob Pote, Greenwood – Drake R8A and Kiwa Loop.

STATION NEWS

1500 WTWP DC Washington - 1/19 1759 - "This is the WTOP Radio Network, WTOP-FM Washington, WTOP-AM Frederick, WTWP-FM Warrenton, WTWP-AM Washington, and worldwide on wtopnews.com." Ex-WTOP. Also 820 is now WTOP, ex-WXTR. (BC-NH)

STATION LOGGINGS

560 WNSR TN Brentwood - 1/9 1756 - Good signal with spot for the Nashville MTA, then an ID as "sports radio 560-WNSR" followed by a promo for a Nashville Predators sports broadcast and a jingle. (JLB-NY)
 KLVI TX Beaumont - 1/15 0032 - Ad for the Bottom Line Radio Network and Coast To Coast AM with Ian Punnett. Weak, but steady signal. "Newstalk 560, KLVI". (IEN-GA)

580 WGAC GA Augusta - 1/9 1750 - Nice signal with many IDs and local spots during a nice opening to the Georgia area. (JLB-NY)

600 WSJS NC Winston-Salem - 1/10 1732 - Fair signal with spot for Mohawk Carpets in Winston-Salem followed by the WSJS Accu Weather forecast. (JLB-NY)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 1/9 1741 - Nice signal with ID and saying they were "Newsradio 640 - WGST - Atlanta's place to talk." (JLB-NY)
 WCRV TN Collierville - 1/14 1758 - Religious programs (Washington Watch Weekly and Bible Answer Man), TOH ID. Good, steady signal. "WCRV, Collierville, Memphis". (IEN+GA)

680 WCTT KY Corbin - 1/12 1750 - Man said "your station for great music memories, WCTT", followed by oldies tune "Don't Make Me Over" by Dionne Warwick. Signal faded up briefly over the others in the mess. (RP-IN)

710 WFNR VA Blacksburg - 1/10 1711 - Faded in very strong with a formal sign off with SSB. Invited listeners to tune to their sister station at 101 FM. (JLB-NY)

720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest - 1/16 1555 - USA Radio Network News, TOH ID and weather forecast. Good signal at times, only to fade and mix with WVCC in Hogansville, GA quite often. "You're listening to WGCR, AM 720, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina". (IEN*GA)

760 WCHP NY Champlain - 1/12 1645 - sign off announcement "WCHP Champlain now concludes its broadcast day..." noted under partially-nulled WJR. (MKB-ON)

780 WWOL NC Forest City - 1/9 1731 - Poor signal but was able to catch a formal sign off with invitation to listeners to tune in again tomorrow at sunup. (JLB-NY)
 + 1/13 1710 - over nulled WBBM with ID at end of local obituary announcements, which were read with funeral organ music in background: "if you want great gospel music, you've found the right place, this is 780 AM WWOL Forest City." (MKB-ON)

790 WQXI GA Atlanta - 1/9 1734 - Very strong with "sports radio 790- the Zone" slogan and then an Atlanta Falcons football player doing a spot for an Atlanta area eye institute. (JLB-NY)

890 WKNV VA Fairlawn - 1/16 1723 - Southern Gospel music and ads mentioning the Roanoke Valley. Station signed off at 1730. Good, steady signal. "Joy AM 890, Fairlawn". (IEN*GA)

- 910 WRNL VA **Richmond** - 1/10 1653 - Good signal with "sports radio 910" slogan and local Richmond spots. With a local HAR on 910, it's tough to get much on 910 these days. **(JLB-NY)**
- WJCW TN **Johnson City** - 1/16 1712 - Local sports call-in show (Sportsline). Good signal only to fade into the mix. "AM 910, WJCW". **(IEN*GA)**
- 1070 WINA VA **Charlottesville** - 1/14 2354 - Ad for condominiums in Charlottesville and ID. Semi-dominant signal in the mix. "Newsradio 1070, WINA". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1130 WISN WI **Milwaukee** - 1/13 1733 - What sounded like the Mark Belling show followed by station ID "WISN". First time heard in several years, it used to be a regular at my other house across town. **(RP-IN)**
- 1190 WBDY VA **Bluefield** - 1/16 1648 - Sports news and scores with local news (Tractor Supply Company store opening) at 1702. Good signal on top of the mix. Fox Sports Radio, AM 1190, WBDY". **(IEN*GA)**
- 1240 WHFA WI **Poynette** - 1/13 0858 - poking through graveyard jungle with promos for www.relevantradio.com web site, slogan at end of local weather: "thanks for spending the day with Madison's morning air, Relevant Radio 1240 AM", into "Morning Air" program talking about the best movies of 2005. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1260 WBUD NJ **Trenton** - 1/7 1615 - Good with a jingle and ID after a spot for Ryder University. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1290 WHKY NC **Hickory** - 1/13 1758 - A man said "Listen to the Christian Science Sentinel here each Sunday morning on WHKY". Briefly on top of the pack but eventually lost to WHIO and several other UNIDs. **(RP-IN)**
- 1310 WNAE PA **Warren** - 1/12 0852 - over Ottawa oldies with J.C. Penney ad, local weather, slogan "start the day with WNAE". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1320 WAGY NC **Forest City** - 1/14 2359 - Country music and TOH ID. Semi-dominant signal in a sea of other country music stations. "WAGY, Forest City". **(IEN-GA)**
- 1350 WGAD AL **Gadsden** - 1/13 1802 - A man said "here's the WGAD radar weather, overnight low of 35 degrees." Briefly heard then lost in the mess. **(RP-IN)**
- 1370 WGHC GA **Clayton** - 1/14 1552 - Radio station promo and local weather forecast into oldies. Decent signal fading in and out of the mix. "Rabun County Radio, WGHC" and "1370, WGHC". **(IEN*GA)**
- 1380 WSYB VT **Rutland** - 1/9 0620 - Great signal with many local spots and local sports highlights. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1510 WAUK WI **Waukesha** - 1/5 0938 - All alone saying "and now traffic on Milwaukee's sports radio" followed by local spots and sports news. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1540 WECZ PA **Punxsutawney** - 1/6 1706 - Poor with ID, weather and then "your community information station." **(JLB-NY)**
- 1550 WSRV MD **Elkton** - 1/6 1600 - Poor with ID and "ESPN Radio 1550" slogan. **(JLB-NY)**
- 1600 WMQM TN **Lakeland** - 1/6 1747 - Excellent signal with ID and then a preacher. **(JLB-NY)**
- WXMY VA **Saltville** - 1/12 1716 - over WAAM/WWRL mix with C&W songs, sign off announcement mentioning "you may contact us at P.O. Box 5555, Chilhowie, VA 24319, or by e-mail at wxmy@aol.com. Join us tomorrow morning at AM 1600 WXMY." Off with no SSB. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1660 WWRU NJ **Jersey City** - 1/12 1855 - Korean broadcast, ads, at top of hour brief English ID with call and location, back to Korean programming. Strong at peak, though fades too. Others heard on channel, but couldn't dig them out. **(TM-MA)**
- 1690 WPTX MD **Lexington Park** - 1/5 1850 - Talk programming, canned announcements, brief ID with calls and Lexington Park location at 1900, and into new segment. Good, but deep fades, other stations co-channel heard but not ID'd. **(TM-ID)**

PRESUMED AND UNID

- 620 WTMJp WI **Milwaukee** - 1/12 1739 - Man talking about eating and the importance of good nutrition. Ad at 1743 for Goldstar Mortgage and promo for "The Mutual Fund Store". Signal was very poor but peaked briefly in the mix. Not heard here very often. **(RP-IN)**
- 650 UNID — — - 1/10 0756 - Spanish music heard under WSM. A very good signal at times almost rivaling WSM, eventual fade out at 0800. **(RP-IN)**
- 680 WCNNp GA **Atlanta** - 1/9 1739 - Very strong with "The Fan" slogan and the John Kincaid local sports talk show. **(JLB-NY)**
- 690 UNID — — - 1/12 1759 - French man and woman possibly talking about the news. A terrific signal for over 15 minutes, possible CHFA but not sure. Only French station listed in the 26th log. **(RP-IN)**

International

DX Digest

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

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Sometimes sitting on a single frequency for a few hours or over a few days will eventually pay off with a rare catch. This technique is often successfully employed by domestic graveyard DXers. I'll have the receiver tuned to a target frequency in the background while working at the computer, even if it's just noise when I first tune in. I'll usually pick a seldom reported frequency, or one where I've previously logged an unidentified (unID) signal. Of course a tape recorder is always running so I don't miss anything while multi-tasking. My ship finally came in, frequency sitting on 702 kilohertz this week, netting a longtime unID. The same technique most recently helped to get 1215 Kaliningrad and 1386 Lithuania in the logbook.

Transatlantic DX

- 252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown JAN 17 0300 - Good, best LW station, parallel to 567 with Irish songs, news, and a teletalk program with various men and women. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 549 **IRELAND** *United Christian Broadcasters*, Monaghan (54°22'N 07°01'W) JAN 17 0318 - Separable from 550 with Christian type music and vocals by a female. First time heard here though I have logged this station from England. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) JAN 17 0300 - Very loud with some Irish music, then news followed by a teletalk program featuring discussions between a man and woman. As a side comment, my son gave me a bottle of Tullamore Irish whiskey for Christmas which maybe brought on the good reception! [Dangerfield-PA] I've found that Newfie Screech helps bring in the good stuff.
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) JAN 17 0200 - Very good lately. Man and woman parallel others. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 594 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba JAN 18 0258 - Good with Koran at sign-on, parallel to 1521 kHz. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 675 **NETHERLANDS** *Arrow Rock Radio*, Lopik (52°01'N 05°03'E) JAN 17 0251 - Loud with pop vocals. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R. 5 Live*, Droitwich et al. JAN 18 0234 - Strong. Man IDing "Radio Five Live," then news. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 702 **IRAN** *VOIRI* Rasht (37°10'N 49°40'E) JAN 20 0235 - Good, transmitter site dawn enhancement; Middle Eastern flute music, at 0300 three clock chimes, ID in Russian, "Govorit Tegeran, Golos Islamskoy Respubliki Irani," and choral national anthem, then Koranic recitations into Russian program. At 0320 still a good signal. This was a long-standing unID here, finally solved. [Conti-NH]
- 711 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Rennes (47°51'N 01°30'W) JAN 17 0322 - Atop jumble. Woman in French. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *747AM* Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) JAN 15 2233-2248 - Loud and clear with a man interviewing a woman in Dutch and bridge of choral music. One of the strongest TA signals this season! [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg JAN 15 2252-2256 - Strong with discussion between two men in German parallel to 6190 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) JAN 15 2257-2300 - Fair with light piano music and a woman in French. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 17 0001 - Good with a man reading the news in French. At other times all you seem to hear on this station is their musical program. Fades a lot. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 855 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synthros JAN 19 2135 - Good with synthro echo; "Radio Nacional de España" network ID and talk. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **EGYPT** *ERTU* Santah (30°45'N 31°08'E) JAN 14 0240 - Good, over *France Bleu*; public speaker in Arabic, then probable ID beginning with "Idha..." but lost to a burst of noise, thanks to Murphy's Law of Station Identification. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 02°14'E) JAN 15 2214-2223 - Good with man and woman in French and pop tunes including Culture Club's "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me." [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 17 0049 - Very good with male and female pop vocals, but mixing at times with the Koran station in Egypt. [Dangerfield-PA] JAN 19 2200 - Good;

- woman with news until 2203, then *France Bleu* jingle into music. [Conti-NH]
- 882 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.Wales*, Washford (51°10'N 03°21'W) JAN 17 0057 - Good with Welsh ballads followed by BBC news at 0100. This is one of the best UK stations these days once you get it separated from WCBS. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 13 0310 - Clear with men on sports and almost as good as 1089 which is a regular. 1053 is harder for me because of severe 1060 KYW splatter. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) JAN 14 2305-2315 - Loud and clear with pop and rap music following the news in Danish. Solid signal with no fading! JAN 18 2250-2256 - Pushing aside 1060 KYW on car radio on Rt 6 in West Barnstable, MA with rock music and man in Danish! [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1170 **IRAN** *IRIB Sarasary*, Semnan JAN 14 0113 - Fair in WWVA null; Koranic recitations. [Conti-NH]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitsøy* (59°03'N 05°26'E) JAN 14 0336 - Loud and clear with male DJ in Norwegian and Supertramp's "Take the Long Way Home." [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 1503 **IRAN** *IRIB Sarasary*, Bushehr (28°58'N 50°51'E) JAN 14 0010 - Fair; presumed with Middle Eastern music. At 0100 still good; Koranic recitations and string music. [Conti-NH]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) JAN 11 0131-0146 - Good with male host in Arabic taking phone calls and playing pop tunes including "Axel's Theme" from Beverly Hills Cop. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 14 0015 - Fair; woman with news in Arabic, at 0030 returned to music. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) JAN 14 0038 - Good; man in Farsi with news including English sound bites, at 0040 Middle Eastern music. [Conti-NH]

Ben speaks: Even as the local sunsets are getting later, TA reception is getting better! The last several days have seen much improvement even though I'm having difficulty in coming up with stations not already reported, so there are repeaters on my list, but I won't list the ones like 1134 and 1314 that everyone else is hearing these days. It does appear that signals are having no trouble in finding their way over the Arctic regions. Most of what I'm hearing is on the lower half of the band, like 549 and 567 Ireland, and stations on 675, 684 and 693 and such. And that in spite of the usual buzz that haunts the low end. UK stations have been especially good but for some reason, France has not, nor has Germany, yet 765 Sottens, Switzerland had peaked at times.

Marc speaks: Well the recent highlights have been the signal from 747 Holland on Sunday, Jan 15, and hearing 1062 Denmark on my car radio during the drive home from work on Wednesday, Jan 18!

Pan-American DX

- 640 **MEXICO** XEJUA Cd. Juárez, CHIH (31°45'N 106°29'W) JAN 16 0400 - Out of instrumental music to full XEJUA callsign ID. Dominant this morning. [Heinen-CO]
- 640 **MEXICO** XEHHI Hidalgo del Parral (26°56'N 105°40'W) JAN 16 1301 - Out of national anthem, "XEHHI Radio Uno," weak under XEJUA. [Heinen-CO]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEETCH Etchojoa JAN 15 0103 - Mentions of Etchjoa, Sonora, "XEETCH La Voz de los Trés Ríos," over domestics. [Heinen-CO]
- 700 **MEXICO** XEGD Hidalgo del Parral (26°55'N 105°39'W) JAN 15 1400 - "XEGD La Poderosa" ID, weak and mixed with domestics and XEETCH. A new catch for me. [Heinen-CO]
- 800 **MEXICO** XEROK Ciudad Juárez (31°42'N 106°23'W) JAN 4 0300 - Out of Spanish talk, full callsign ID and more Spanish talk programs. [Heinen-CO]
- 900 **MEXICO** XEW *La Voz de la América Latina*, México DF (19°18'N 99°08'W) JAN 12 0402 - In Spanish, "Double V Radio," four descending chimes, "La hora... La Voz de América Latina desde México," descending chimes, "Double V Radio." Weak and mixed with XEOK and CKBI. [Heinen-CO]
- 1050 **MEXICO** XEG Monterrey (25°42'N 100°11'W) DEC 30 0402 - "La Ranchera 1050 Monterey XEG." Dominant. [Heinen-CO]

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International News

KOREA: A Broadcast Engineer in Korea (www.smecc.org/a_broadcast_engineer_in_korea_-_1957.htm). This brief account centers on an engineer's experiences at AFRS Korea mediumwave stations, but includes a few mentions of shortwave. Contains some nice photographs. [Jerry Berg, BADX]

73 and Good DX!

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Changes in programming status; reported by listeners

<i>Freq</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>New Format</i>				
600	WVOG	New Orleans, LA	REL/GOS	1220	WOTS	Kissimmee, FL	SS:TLK
630	WJDB	Thomasville, AL	AC	1220	WMGT	Stillwater, MN	NOS
670	WMTY	Farragut, TN	OLD	1220	KZEE	Weatherford, TX	ETH
710	KMIA	Black Canyon City, AZ	SS:SPT	1230	KVOC	Casper, WY	SPT
740	WMIN	Hudson, WI	SPT	1230	WECK	Cheektowaga, NY	C&W
740	WNYH	Huntington, NY	Brokered/OLD	1230	WIKB	Iron River, MI	AC/EZL
750	WTHQ	Brookport, IL	C&W	1230	KPSA	Roswell, NM	NWS/TLK
790	WMC	Memphis, TN	C&W	1230	KBCR	Steamboat Springs, CO	SPT
790	KBRV	Soda Springs, ID	C&W	1240	WBHB	Fitzgerald, GA	UC:GOS
850	KEYH	Houston, TX	SS:OLD	1240	KSAM	Whitefish, MT	SPT
860	WGOM	Marion, IN	NOS	1250	C#3	Ottawa, ON	FF:
860	KWPC	Muscatine, IA	OLD	1270	WXYT	Detroit, MI	SPT
860	WTZX	Sparta, TN	TLK	1270	WHGS	Hampton, SC	NWS/TLK
860	KOSE	Wilson, AR	C&W	1280	WJWK	Seaford, DE	AC/OLD
910	KINA	Salina, KS	TLK/SPT	1280	KWSX	Stockton, CA	TLK
930	WKY	Oklahoma City, OK	SS:MEX	1290	WRRR	Frederiksted, VI	GOS
930	WWON	Waynesboro, TN	C&W	1290	WTMI	West Hartford, CT	CLA
960	WHYL	Carlisle, PA	NOS	1300	WIBR	Baton Rouge, LA	AC
970	WATH	Athens, OH	OLD/SPT	1310	KZRG	Joplin, MO	TLK
970	KNFX	Austin, MN	SS:OLD	1310	KDLS	Perry, IA	NOS
1010	WQYK	Seffner, FL	C&W	1310	WPLV	West Point, GA	TLK
1020	WJEP	Ochlocknee, GA	REL/GOS	1320	KSDT	Hemet, CA	SS:MEX
1020	KOIL	Plattsmouth, NE	KID	1330	WJNX	Fort Pierce, FL	SS:MEX
1030	KCWJ	Blue Springs, MO	REL	1340	WMDR	Augusta, ME	GOS
1030	WBGs	Point Pleasant, WV	TLK/SPT	1340	KDTD	Kansas City, KS	SS:MEX
1050	KVPI	Ville Platte, LA	C&W	1340	WDSR	Lake City, FL	GOS
1070	WIWS	Beckley, WV	REL	1340	WLVL	Lockport, NY	TLKd/SPTn
1080	WKGX	Lenoir, NC	SPT	1340	WVCV	Orange, VA	NOS
1090	WCZZ	Greenwood, SC	UC:GOS	1350	KBID	Bakersfield, CA	SS:REL
1100	KNZZ	Grand Junction, CO	NWS/TLK	1350	WZNN	Black Mountain, NC	NWS/TLK
1100	WWWE	Hapeville, GA	SS:REL	1350	WDCF	Dade City, FL	SS:REL
1110	WBIB	Centreville, AL	GOS	1350	KCOX	Jasper, TX	C&W
1110	WOKU	Hurricane, WV	SPT	1360	KDJW	Amarillo, TX	REL
1140	WRLV	Salyersville, KY	GOS	1360	KAHS	El Dorado, KS	REL
1150	KSVE	El Paso, TX	SS:SPT	1360	WGFA	Watseka, IL	REL/TLK
1150	CFCT	Tuktoyaktut, NT	VAR	1370	KFRO	Longview, TX	C&W
1170	KLOK	San Jose, CA	SS:NWS/TLK	1380	KUVR	Holdrege, NE	OLD
1180	KLAY	Lakewood, WA	TLK	1380	WPHM	Port Huron, MI	NWS/TLK
1190	WAFS	Atlanta, GA	SS:CHR	1390	WTNL	Reidsville, GA	SS:REL
1200	WKDA	Nashville, TN	NOS	1420	WCOJ	Coatesville, PA	TLK
				1430	WEIR	Weirton, WV	NWS/TLK

1440	WC DL	Carbondale, PA	NOS	1570	WANR	Warren, OH	OLD
1440	KETX	Livingston, TX	C&W	1580	KGAF	Gainesville, TX	NEWS/TLK
1470	WLAM	Lewiston, ME	SPT	1580	WLIM	Patchogue, NY	SS
1480	WTOX	Glen Allen, VA	SS:MEX	1580	KQRL	Waco, TX	C&W
1480	WVOI	Marco Island, FL	OLD	1590	WHGT	Chambersburg, PA	REL:AC
1480	KCZZ	Mission, KS	SS:AC	1590	WHLX	Marine City, MI	NOS
1490	WCVA	Culpeper, VA	NOS	1590	KRQX	Mexia, TX	C&W
1490	WJJM	Lewisburg, TN	OLD	1590	WSMN	Nashua, NH	TLK/SPT
1490	WFAD	Middlebury, VT	SPT	1650	KCNZ	Cedar Falls, IA	SPT
1490	KRTN	Raton, NM	AC/OLD	Contributors Chernos DX Midamerica DX News Fitzherbert Hardester Heinen Houdek Kennedy Lyon M Street Journal nrcdxas.org Starr Wesolowski			
1490	WODJ	Whitehall, MI	TLK/SPT				
1500	KBRN	Boerne, TX	C&W				
1510	KCUV	Littleton, CO	OLD				
1510	WDRF	Woodruff, SC	OLD				
1540	WADM	Decatur, IN	C&W				
1540	WMYJ	Martinsville, IN	GOS				
1540	KLKC	Parsons, KS	TLK				
1540	KZMP	University Park, TX	SS:MEX				

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