

# DX News

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### Station Test Calendar

KXTO	NV	550thru	March	0400-0600
WDAB	SC	1580	Feb.27	0000-0100

*From the Publisher ...* Fred Vobbe sent along this rather technical note: "It seems the RSGB's initial GB2RS broadcast trials with WinDRM were a success and will now be repeated every Sunday. The following text is from next Sunday's news broadcast.

#### *GB2RS digital trial a success*

Recently, we (WIMA-TV, I assume -pls.) undertook a trial digital GB2RS news broadcast. We are pleased to announce that this proved to be successful. An experimental GB2RS digital voice news reading will now take place every Sunday at 2115UTC, until further notice, on 1,992kHz USB using the WinDRM standard. This mode occupies no more than 2.5kHz bandwidth, and is capable of providing high quality audio under reasonable propagation conditions.

If you are running Windows 2000 or XP on your PC should have no trouble downloading the free software from the Internet. Both the existing GB2RS MT63 USB data and the LSB analogue voice transmissions continue as usual on 80m and 160m. Please note that upper sideband is the default mode for amateur digital transmissions on all bands, regardless of the analogue voice mode con-

ventions. More details can be obtained from the GB2RS news manager on 01565 652652. <http://www.rsgb.org/>. And those of us using Macs or Linux will just have to do without ...

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 73

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
22.	Feb. 24	Mar. 6	27.	June 9	June 19
23.	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	28.	July 7	July 17
24.	Mar. 24	April 3	29.	Aug. 4	Aug. 14
25.	April 7	April 17	30.	Sept. 8	Sept. 18
26.	May 5	May 15			

### DX Time Machine

#### *From the pages of DX News:*

**50 years ago ... from the February 28, 1956 DXN:** Howard Perkins, Euclid, OH reported that he put up a 350-ft. east/west wire and could hardly believe the pick-up it had, increasing signal strength 4 S-ratings on the meter.

**25 years ago ... from the March 2, 1981 DXN:** Dick Truax assembled a 40-pager DXN this week ... by himself! Earl Higgins was the winner of Contest #4, narrowly beating out Mike Jeziorski. Other participants were Nancy Hardy, Bob Curtis, Ray Barno, and Albert Edwards.

**10 years ago ... from the February 26, 1996 DXN:** The special "KTRK"-1670 test brought in a flood of loggings from as far west as California, Oregon, and Idaho.

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# 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>
760	NEW	NV	Las Vegas
860	WGOM	IN	Marion
1340	KVSN	WA	Tumwater
1350	KBID	CA	Bakersfield



### CPs ON THE AIR

1420	WLET	GA	Toccoa - License to Operate granted to reduce power levels as U1 1000/65 from a new transmitter location of N34-34-15 W83-19-35.
1690	WWAA	GA	Avondale Estates - License to Operate granted to change their City-of-Li-cense (CoL) here from Adel, Georgia. WWAA remains U1 10000/1000.

### GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1140	NEW	TX	Shallowater - CP granted for U4 2000/250 at N33-37-50 W101-55-32. Shallowater is northwest of Lubbock.
1450	NEW	NM	Ruidoso - CP granted for U1 1000/1000 at N33-20-23 W105-39-54.

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

910	WFVR	FL	Wellborn - CP granted to change CoL from Valdosta, Georgia and increase daytime power to become U4 35000/5000 from a new 7-tower array at N30-12-59 W82-51-39.
1010	KBBW	TX	Waco - CP granted for single CoL designation (from Waco-Marlin) along with a coordinate correction to N31-34-09 W97-00-00.
1140	KLTK	AR	Centerton - CP granted to change CoL to here from Southwest City, Mis-souri with D1 1000/0. Centerton is located west of Bentonville, home of Wal-Mart.
1270	WXGO	IN	Aurora - CP granted to change their CoL to here from Madison, Indiana with D3 330/0 from a new 6-tower site at N39-02-30 W84-56-28.

### GRANTS TO PENDING FACILITIES

790	KBET	NV	Winchester - New station, not yet on the air, has been granted a CP to change their transmitter location to N36-06-36 W115-00-08. Facility data remains U4 1000/300.
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### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

780	WAVA	VA	Arlington - Applies to increase day power and add CH operation as D1 15000/0 CH 10000 while moving to a shorter tower.
1510	WAUK	WI	Waukesha - Applies to increase day power and add CH operation as D4 23000/0 CH 20000. WAUK would add one tower to their standing two to facilitate the added Wattage.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1090	NEW	NM	Farmington - New station, not yet on the air, had a CP for U4 1500/250. This amendment requests U7 10000/250 CH 10000.
1240	KWIK	ID	Pocatello - Licensed for U1 1000/1000, KWIK has a CP for U1 960/250. This amendment requests U1 960/1000.
1490	WIRB	AL	Level Plains - New station, not yet on the air, has a CP for U1 430/430. This amendment requests U1 1000/1000 at a new transmitter site.

### AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

600	NEW	AL	Babbie - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 250/250. This amend-ment requests U1 420/300. Babbie is just east of Opp, Alabama and down the road a lick from Andalusia.
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1450 NEW AK Unalaska - Initial Auction 84 application was for U1 1000/1000 and later amended to U1 5000/5000. This amendment requests U1 4200/4200. They have lowered the proposed power levels in response to an FCC query they received regarding possible interference with another Auction 84 applicant in . . . Hawaii! Unalaska is about 800 miles southwest of Anchorage, so there may be a chance of interference between the two locations across the ocean waters.

#### LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1470 WBIT GA Adel

#### CONSTRUCTION PERMITS RESCINDED

1590 NEW AL Opp - CP was for U4 500/190.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STATIONS

1320 NEW ID Inkom - Applies for U4 1000/500. Inkom is southeast of Pocatello on I-15.  
1450 NEW KY South Shore - Applies for U1 1000/1000. South Shore is across the Ohio River from Portsmouth, Ohio.

#### LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

820 KGNW WA Burien-Seattle	1240 KRDO CO C o l o r a d o Springs	1450 KSKE CO Buena Vista
920 KSRM AK Soldotna	1240 KRDM OR Redmond	1520 KGDD OR Oregon City
930 KSEI ID Pocatello	1420 KKEA HI Honolulu	1690 WWAA GA Avondale Es-
1120 KZSJ CA San Martin		tates
1230 KSBN WA Spokane		

#### UPDATES

750 KHWG NV Fallon - In Issue 19 we stated that the station had been reported as being on and heard in the West, although no record of their license is available on the FCC's website and they are still listed as only having a CP. After receiving notes from **Al Tobias**, **Patrick Griffith**, and **Dave Williams** stating they had heard the station with what sounded like regular programming, I tried calling them. Just got voice mail. So I called the consulting engineer listed on the application who said he was sure they had been issued a license to operate. He indicated he would check with the attorney. So . . . it appears this new station is, indeed, on the air.

#### HE@\* AND THAR

- Back on the air: KCKN-1020 Roswell, New Mexico returns with C&W classics. But reported as being silent: WHGS-1270 Hampton, South Carolina and WNBY-1450 Newberry, Michigan.
- Thanks to **Bill Dvorak** and **Wayne Heinen**.

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# *BoD*

*News from the NRC Board of Directors*

A new service to the club is a downloadable searchable Excel spreadsheet of DDXD loggings created by member James Niven from Texas. James is now the moderator of the e-DXN forum that contains the link to the file and will also be managing placing the file on e-DXN as it is updated. He has expressed a willingness to take over and create a searchable file for IDXD for Volume 73, a companion for the one that Wayne Heinen created this summer.

James has also started a longer term project, scanning *DX News* and converting issues to Adobe pdf format for archiving on CD's. Volunteers who may have scanners with software capable of helping with the task and the time should contact John Bowker at the address above.

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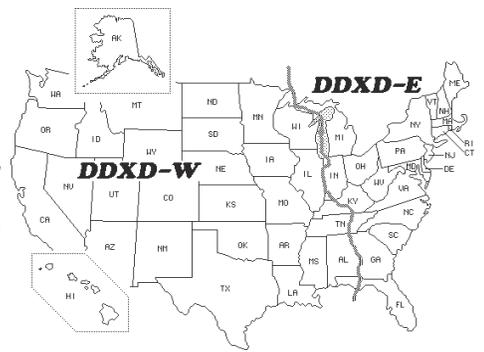
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## DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ❁ From the "Hard to Believe but True" Department: Next week's *DX News* is the last weekly issue for Volume 73. After that we go biweekly for three issues, and then we begin monthly issues in May. DDXD-West deadlines (all Thursdays) for the three biweeklies are: #23 3/9; #24 3/23 and #25 4/6. E-mail deadlines on those dates are 1300 ELT, while snail mail deadlines are that day's USPS delivery.
- ❁ There's some good reading in this week's issue. **John Wilkins**, unable to snag the test from Down East, aims his antenna North of the Border. **Wayne Heinen** tunes his dial to the right of 1650 kHz. **David Jones** reports on changes in the Nashville market. And for the first time that your faithful Editor can recall, loggings of *two* Madison WI stations are reported in one issue (see 970 and 1670 below)! Thanks go to all who continue to support this column with their loggings! 73 Bill

### Reporters

- DBJ-TN** David B. Jones, Springfield. Drake R8B, Quantum QX Pro loop.
- GH-IL** Greg Harris, Park Forest. FRG100B/Quantum Loop.
- 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, 100-foot longwire.
- MS-MB** Morris Sorensen, Winnipeg. Grundig S-350 "barefoot" or DX-392 "barefoot."
- RT-MN** Rick Turner, Bemidji. YB400PE, Select-A-Tenna 541.
- 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

- 900 WKDA TN **Lebanon**. New calls, ex-WCOR, and new format, Spanish, ex-Real Country. Calls and format moved here from 1200 (see below). **(DBJ-TN)**
- 1020 KCKN NM **Roswell**. 2/11 1935. Testing with loop tape consisting of short segments of instrumental music - Herb Alpert, Percy Faith, and a few others, repeated over and over. Between the segments there was a two-note metronome-type sound, resembling a ticking clock. There were occasional IDs, such as the following, heard at 1950 and again at 1959: "The New AM 1020 KCKN Roswell." Ex-KINF, which has been silent for at least four months. **(JW-CO)** (Follow-up logging:) 2/16 0840. Seems to be on the air with regular programming. Heard this morning with C&W classics on "The Morning Show," weather at 0845, then a spay/neuter PSA. Still there at 0920. **(JW-CO)**
- 1160 WCRT TN **Donelson**. New calls, ex-WAMB, and new format, religion, ex-nostalgia. The old calls and format moved to 1200 (see below). **(DBJ-TN)**
- 1200 WAMB TN **Nashville**. New calls, ex-WKDA, and new format, nostalgia, ex-Spanish. New calls and format moved here from 1160, while the old calls and format went to 900 (see above). **(DBJ-TN)**

### DX Tests

- 730 WJTO- ME **Bath**. 2/12 0000. Not heard on scheduled DX test; only heard XEEBC and CKDM, both poor. Too bad; still Maine-less here. **(JW-CO)**
- 1060 UNID **UnID** 2/15 0704. Fair to fadeout at 0710, with oldies. Feel sure this is the same station I had at the same time on 1/7! **(JJR-WI)**

Presumed, Tentative, UnID



## Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)

550	KFYR	ND	<b>Bismarck. 2/16 0744.</b> Bismarck-Mandan spots, Rush Limbaugh feature, CST time and temperature check (7 degrees); "K-Fire 550" slogans and call letter IDs. Good signal. (JW-CO)
650	CKOM	SK	<b>Saskatoon. 2/16 0815.</b> Male announcer asking recent Lottery winner to call station at 477-CKOM to chat; program notes and ads; IDs as "NewsTalk Radio 650 CKOM." Good signal. (JW-CO)
680	CJOB	MB	<b>Winnipeg. 2/16 0808.</b> Sports talk; program note "...right here on CJOB 68." Fair with QRM and splatter from local KLTT 670. (JW-CO)
730	KDAZ	NM	<b>Albuquerque. 2/12 0301.</b> "You're listening to the Light in the Night, the dramatized word on AM 730 KDAZ Albuquerque." Fair while wishing for WJTO. (WH-CO)
730	CKDM	MB	<b>Dauphin. 2/16 0800.</b> Out of music with canned ID with male voice: "Your information source for... [?]. ... this is 730 CKDM news," followed by gal with CST time check and area news. Fair reception over/under one of the XEs. (JW-CO)
750	CKJH	SK	<b>Melfort. 2/15 0720.</b> Poor in WSB null. "Oldies CK 750" into ads before fadeout. (JJR-WI)
770	CHQR	AB	<b>Calgary. 2/16 0821.</b> Calgary ads, program notes; then sports at 0825 with Olympic results. Program was "CHQR Morning News." Good signal, about even with KKOBB, and dominating on the 100-foot longwire. (JW-CO)
900	CKBI	SK	<b>Prince Albert. 2-15 0714.</b> Poor and steady with calls, extended weather until fadeout. (JJR-WI)
910	WSUI	IA	<b>Iowa City. 2/11 2056.</b> Fair with New Direction Radio. Talk on relationship between capitalism, religion and the Third World. Relog. (MS-MB)
930	WBEN	NY	<b>Buffalo. 2/10 0100.</b> "News Radio 9-30 WBEN Buffalo" into CBS news. Weak but readable. (RT-MN)
970	WHA	WI	<b>Madison. 2/14 1800.</b> "With talk about issues that matter to you, AM 9-70 WHA Madison" into NPR news and weather conditions for various communities (i.e. Rhinelander). Fair to good with WDAY nulled. (RT-MN)
1170	WWVA	WV	<b>Wheeling. 2/11 1801.</b> "WWVA" by a deep-voiced male. Briefly overrode KFAQ with a good signal. (GH-IL)
1170	KJOC	IA	<b>Davenport. 2/15 0700.</b> Poor with legal ID, slogan "Supertalk 1170." Not heard in a while. (JJR-WI)
1200	CFGO	ON	<b>Ottawa. 1/30 2000.</b> Ottawa Senators hockey vs. Boston Bruins. Poor with WOAI QRM. (DBJ-TN)
1310	WDTW	MI	<b>Dearborn. 2/13 0021.</b> "Jerry Springer weekdays on 1310 WDTW" by male announcer. Strong but didn't last long. NEW. (GH-IL)
1320	KHRT	ND	<b>Minot. 2/11 0752.</b> Fair in KOZY null with old country or country gospel, ID. Had been one of my most wanted. (MS-MB)
1360	WGFA	IL	<b>Watseka. 2/12 1742.</b> "Inspirational Family Radio - Inspire 1360" slogan ID and ads mentioning downtown Watseka. Weak signal under massive QRM. Frequency is generally dominated by WLBK. New. (GH-IL)
1400	KWUF	CO	<b>Pagosa Springs. 2/15 0805.</b> Out of C&W with "The Wolf KWUF." Fair while mining for new ones. (WH-CO)
1440	WROK	IL	<b>Rockford. 2/16 0908.</b> "WROK newstime 8:08." Weak signal; much QRM from KDIZ. (GH-IL)
1550	KLFJ	MO	<b>Springfield. 2/11 0600.</b> Poor to fair in much QRM, with ads for Branson attractions. Legal ID "You're listening to KLFJ Springfield, Missouri, 1550 on your AM dial." This station has been a notorious non-IDer, but recent reports mention that it has begun doing TOH legal IDs (for example, see Wayne Heinen's logging in DDXD-W #73-19). This is the first time that I have ever heard them give a legal ID! (Ed.-WI)
1600	KATZ	MO	<b>Saint Louis. 2/15 0725.</b> Poor; promo for a cruise "from Gospel 1600." (JJR-WI)
1660	KRZI	TX	<b>Waco. 2/10 2200.</b> KRZI Waco is 1660 ESPN Radio. (WH-CO)
1660	KQWB	ND	<b>West Fargo. 2/10 2300.</b> "1660 is KQWB West Fargo" to CNN News. (WH-CO)
1660	KXOL	UT	<b>Brigham City. 2/11 0100.</b> "Northern Utah's Oldies Radio, AM 1660 KXOL Brigham City-Ogden" to CNN News. Under KQWB. (WH-CO)
1660	KXTR	KS	<b>Kansas City. 2/11 0500.</b> You're listening to Classical 1660 KXTR Kansas City. (WH-CO)

- 1670 KHPY CA **Moreno Valley. 2/9 0202.** KHPY Moreno Valley, 1670 AM, heard weakly under WTDY. A new one for me! **(WH-CO)**
- 1670 WTDY WI **Madison. 2/9 0400.** WTDY 1670 Madison, the Pulse to ABC News. **(WH-CO)**
- 1670 KNRO CA **Redding. 2/9 1000.** KNRO call weak under WTDY, to ESPN programming. **(WH-CO)**
- 1680 WDSS MI **Ada. 2/9 1242.** Out of rock with "AM 1680 WDSS Ada-Grand Rapids, Radio Disney." Dominant half the night, amazing for 680 watts. **(WH-CO)**
- 1680 KRJO LA **Monroe. 2/9 2201.** AM 1680 KRJO Monroe... **(WH-CO)**
- 1680 KAVT CA **Fresno. 2/10 0758.** AM 1680 KAVT Fresno, back to Disney programming. **(WH-CO)**

## DDXD-East

Please remember that Mike Brooker will be editing Issues 22 and 23. Logs are due to him on February 22 and March 8, respectively – please email to him at [aum108@idirect.com](mailto:aum108@idirect.com) or [patria1818@yahoo.com](mailto:patria1818@yahoo.com). The column will come back to me with Issue 24 (logs due March 22).

Effective March 1, my new surface mail address will be: 165 WoodsEdge Drive, Painted Post, New York 14870-9059. New email – [ddxdeast@gmail.com](mailto:ddxdeast@gmail.com).

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- MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig YB-400PE; Panasonic RF-2200.
- HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** – Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop.
- DJ-PA **David Jansky, Sunbury** – CCRadio and Radio Shack Loop.
- IEN-GA **Ira Elbert New, III, Watkinsville** - Drake R8B, 135' N/S Wire.
- DP-HI **Dale Park, Honolulu** – Station News.
- WP-NJ **Wells Perkins, Scotch Plains** – Sony 7600GR.

### STATION NEWS

- 1270 WHLD NY **Niagara Falls** - Per Billboard Radio Monitor and Amherst (NY) Times, station is to drop gospel and brokered programming on 2/13 and become "the first community-based commercial progressive station in the country." The station will retain the "Democracy Now" program and add other shows from Pacifica Radio, plus Air America Radio programming. Slogan is "NewsTalk 12-70, The Voice of Reason." **(DP-HI)**
- 1520 WWKB NY **Buffalo** - Per Billboard Radio Monitor and Buffalo News, station abruptly dropped oldies at 1500 ELT 2/06 and switched to liberal talk. The only hold-over personality is Joey Reynolds overnight, but he is now joined by fellow WOR Network talker Lionel, plus Jones Radio's Bill Press, Stephanie Miller and Ed Schultz. Slogan is "Buffalo's Left Channel." **(DP-HI)**

### DX TEST

- 730 WJTO ME **Bath** – 2/12 0006 - Sweep tones, Morse ID, possibly music at 0016 under French language station. **(WP-NJ)**
- + 2/12 0010 – over partially-nulled CKAC and CHWO-740 slop with "WJTO" code ID (.— .— - —) and assortment of sweep tones: "whoosh" and "squeegee dragged across windshield" tone. **(MKB-ON)**
- + 2/12 0020 - presumed with sweep tones and code at various times until at least 0055 mostly under CKAC. No voice ID heard. **(JLB-NY)**

### STATION LOGGINGS

- 560 WIND IL **Chicago** – 2/7 2301 – With traffic report, weak to fair with "Newstalk WIND" IDs. **(HJH-PA)**
- 820 WWLZ NY **Horseheads** – 1/26 1331 – ID by maile and also ID as "WHEELZ." Many ads in Rush Limbaugh half hour break. Very good with no interference. **(DJ-PA)**
- 920 WKRT NY **Cortland** – 2/9 1859 – fighting nulled CKNX groundwave with local weather, Turbo Tax ad, "news-talk 920 WKRT" ID. **(MKB-ON)**
- 970 WKCI VA **Waynewboro** – 1/28 1656 – ID in break in sports talk show followed by an ad for Harrisonburg Nissan and an ID at 1700, also IDs as "WKCY 1320." **(DJ-PA)**



# International

## DX Digest

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

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The federal budget recently submitted by President Bush calls for cuts in *Voice of America* funding. Initial reports indicate a realignment of services is pending, resulting in drastic cuts for *VOA News Now* and broadcasts in English worldwide, while increasing AM/FM service in the Middle East. This news may not be welcomed by *VOA* listeners; however, for mediumwave DXers there might be new targets on the horizon from Afghanistan among others.

### Transatlantic DX

- 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisúttvarpid*, Gufuskálar (64°54'N 23°55'W) FEB 13 0322 - Fair over beacons with pop music, female vocals and female announcer. For some reason I never managed to get this station until now. Beacons in the way. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 549 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk* synchros FEB 4 0601 - German news by man; slightly over two others. [Connelly-MA]
- 558 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 4 0601 - Spanish news; good. FEB 14 0100 - Good with news. [Connelly-MA]
- 567 **IRELAND** *RTÉ* Tullamore (53°17'N 07°22'W) FEB 4 0559-0600 - A bit of Irish instrumental music, woman mentioned a program on Sunday morning, then *RTÉ ID*, musical interlude, into news. FEB 5 0424 - Man spoke about the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, then opera music was played; excellent. FEB 6 0356 - Small-ensemble cocktail-lounge jazz; good. FEB 14 0139 - "Falling In Love Again" by Marlene Dietrich, then female DJ in English, followed by male cabaret vocal; excellent, much louder than adjacent 570 WMCA/WSYR. [Connelly-MA]
- 576 **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1*, Bechar FEB 6 0357 - Arabic music; slightly over *RNE* Canaries-Spain. [Connelly-MA]
- 594 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba FEB 13 0330 - Loud and clear with soft music and female announcer in Arabic. This one had a better signal than parallel 1521 at times. Also noted parallel to 1440 again. With so much power it's not surprising that these stations get on top of their channels. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 603 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 14 0059 - Parallel 774 with woman in Spanish; fair to good. [Connelly-MA]
- 612 **MOROCCO** *RTM A*, Sebaâ-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) FEB 4 0556 - Group Arabic chant; very good. [Connelly-MA]
- 621 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros, Santa Cruz de Tenerife et al. FEB 6 0402 - News in Spanish; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. FEB 6 0359 - Pop music, then man in Spanish. FEB 14 0050 - Talk parallel 738 and other *RNE*'s. [Connelly-MA]
- 720 **PORTUGAL** *RDP1* synchros FEB 5 0422 - Portuguese vocal, then fast talk; occasionally over the CHTN, YVQE, and WGN melange. CHTN reducing its signal this way has made 720 a much more viable TA channel. [Connelly-MA]
- 738 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Barcelona (41°23'N 02°12'E) FEB 14 0050 - Parallel 1098 with Spanish discussion; fair through WJIB and CHCM slop. [Connelly-MA]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 747*, Flevoland (52°23'N 05°25'E) FEB 5 0417 - Dutch teletalk; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 756 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Braunschweig & Ravensburg FEB 5 0419 - Procol Harum song, then man in German; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 765 **SWITZERLAND** *RSR Option Musique*, Sottens (46°39'N 06°44'E) FEB 5 0415 - French folk male vocal and guitar (style somewhat like Donovan); good. [Connelly-MA]
- 774 **EGYPT** *Middle East Radio*, Abis (30°45'N 30°57'E) FEB 14 0114 - Very good with Egyptian music and female vocals. Was over and above the Spain stations most of the evening even though all the *RNE*s were good too. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 774 **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros FEB 14 0047 - Parallel 1098 with teletalk; fair, mixing with Egypt. [Connelly-MA]
- 792 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Limoges (45°56'N 01°10'E) FEB 7 0020 - Parallel 1206 with man and woman in French; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS // SPAIN** *COPE* synchros FEB 14 0107 - Spanish talk jumbled up with probable France and Azores. [Connelly-MA]

- 864 **EGYPT** *ERTU Santah* (30°45'N 31°08'E) FEB 5 0413 - *Holy Koran Radio*, Koranic vocal; over France. FEB 6 0405 - Typical a cappella Arabic male vocal; dominant. [Connelly-MA]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 02°14'E) FEB 5 0411 - Romantic French female vocal having Italian and Spanish influences; slightly over Egypt. FEB 10 2152 - Disco female vocal; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 873 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 5 0410 - Spanish news by woman; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC R.5 Live* synchros FEB 5 0410 - BBC interview with US official about Iran's nuclear program; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 927 **BELGIUM** *VRT Radio Één*, Wolveterm (50°59'N 04°18'E) FEB 5 0500 - Flemish or Dutch news; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse (43°21'N 01°20'E) FEB 14 0106 - Parallel 1206 with "Moon River" instrumental by Henry Mancini from '61; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 999 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia/RMR*, Maiac (47°14'N 29°24'E) FEB 11 2215 - Good; news in Russian, then pop music, following a now familiar format of music with news breaks every 15 minutes, over *COPE* fútbol play-by-play. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SPAIN** *COPE* Madrid (40°28'N 03°52'W) FEB 4 0541 - Fast Spanish talk; good. FEB 14 0107 - Parallel 837 with news; good. [Connelly-MA]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 5 0456 - Sports-related talk; fair, over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) FEB 4 0540 - Rock female vocal, then man in Danish; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 5 0405 - Announcer gave phone number 087-04-20-20-20; good. FEB 6 2244 - Strong with talk about property destruction and people actually getting killed because of the Danish anti-Muslim newspaper cartoon. [Connelly-MA]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 14 0047 - Parallel 774 with Spanish teletalk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 5 0445 - Woman in studio, man on phone; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) FEB 6 0412 - Classical music; excellent, way over Spain. FEB 6 2247 - Loud with Hrvatski mention. [Connelly-MA]
- 1179 **SWEDEN** *R.Sweden Int'l*, Sölvesborg (55°59'N 14°40'E) FEB 4 0536 - Man in Swedish; loud. [Connelly-MA]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 00°11'W) FEB 7 0020 - Parallel 792 with French talk; good. FEB 10 2146 - French talk, bumper music. [Connelly-MA]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Virgin R.* synchros FEB 5 0449 - Man in English, then "Sunday Girl" by Blondie; excellent. FEB 14 0044 - "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" by Green Day; excellent signal and song. [Connelly-MA]
- 1287 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros FEB 6 0414 - Spanish newstalk; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1296 **SPAIN** *COPE* Valencia FEB 14 0123 - Parallel 837 with woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1314 **NORWAY** *NRK Kvitsøy* (59°03'N 05°26'E) FEB 4 0612 - '40s-era US female vocal; excellent. FEB 5 0439 - "Those Were the Days" by Mary Hopkin, then woman in Norwegian; excellent. FEB 10 2143 - Garage-band style rock (a bit like Green Day or Smithereens), then Norwegian talk; good, over Spain and an apparent Arabic station. [Connelly-MA]
- 1377 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Lille (50°31'N 02°59'E) FEB 10 2128 - Man and woman in French; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1394.82 **ALBANIA** *TWR Fllakë* (40°57'N 19°40'E) FEB 10 2129 - Instrumental music, then Slavic talk by woman; fair. FEB 12 2101 - Decent pre-sunset signal with news by woman. [Connelly-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros FEB 14 0125 - Parallel 621 with woman on phone; to fair peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 1422 **ALGERIA** Algiers (36°40'N 03°09'E) FEB 6 0415 - A cappella male Arabic vocal, then Arabic talk by woman; way over Germany. [Connelly-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21'N 06°55'E) FEB 14 0025 - Classical piano music; over others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1457.65 unID FEB 13 2237 - Somebody off-channel putting a nasty growl against UK station(s). Another fine product of the Tirana Peoples' Crystal Factory perhaps? [Connelly-MA]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* (43°47'N 06°09'E) FEB 13 2228 - Female Arabic vocal in an almost operatic style; screamer signal, totally blasting by 1470 WAZN and WLAM. [Connelly-MA]
- 1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20'N 35°45'E) FEB 10 2131 - Parallel 9555 and 9870 with

male Arabic vocal, strings, drums; good, demolishing 1520 WIZZ. FEB 12 2058 - Fair on early fade-in with male Arabic vocal with backing female group. FEB 13 2229 - Arabic teletalk local-like; something else noted under - probably just Spain, but China or Iran would be nice. [Connelly-MA] China often logged by DXers in the UK.

- 1530 **VATICAN** *R.Vaticana*, Vatican City (42°03'N 12°19'E) FEB 11 0450 - Good; talk parallel 5885 kHz, Hungarian per WRTH. [Conti-NH]
- 1548 **KUWAIT** *R.Sawa*, Kabd-Kuwait City (29°10'N 47°32'E) FEB 14 0129 - Male Arabic vocal, strings; slightly over a stew of others. [Connelly-MA]
- 1548 **MOLDOVA** *Voice of Russia*, Grigoriopol (47°14'N 29°24'E) FEB 14 0458 - Very good on top of frequency with men and later a woman talking in Russian. No problem with 1550 kHz. This is the first time I have heard this station this season but in the past it has come in well. I'm surprised that there was no sign of the Brits which were good elsewhere. [Dangerfield-PA]
- 1557 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Fontbonne FEB 10 2132 - Excited French talk (sporting event coverage); to good peak. WQEW slop not too bad during this pre-sunset reception. FEB 14 0136 - Parallel 1206 with talk, music segment; fair. [Connelly-MA]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) FEB 13 2234 - Farsi talk by woman; huge. FEB 14 0021 - Dance music; excellent. [Connelly-MA]
- 1584 **CEUTA** *RadiOlé*, Ceuta (35°53'N 05°17'W) FEB 14 0137 - Romantic ballad; slightly over *SER* teletalker. [Connelly-MA]
- 1611 **ITALY** *R.Vaticana*, Santa Maria di Galeria (41°54'N 12°27'E) FEB 4 0605 - Talk by woman, then classical music; fair. [Connelly-MA]

*Ben speaks:* TAs still going strong here and on all parts of the band. On February 13 I heard 189 Iceland for the first time. I guess I'm the last of our TA gang to bag this one. I won't send a report as I verified Iceland on 666 and 737 in 1964. The TA signals are not starting much before sunset these days and usually don't get going until an hour after that, but then they do well throughout the evening. The Saudis on 594, 1440 and 1521 have been very strong the last few nights and on Feb 14 I had a big signal from 1548 Moldova before and after 0500 for the first time this season. Feb 15 the high banders all were coming through with fluttery audio which I suppose means the ionosphere was in a state of flux.

#### Pan-American DX

- 535 **GRENADA** *GBC St. George's* (12°04'N 61°45'W) FEB 6 0351 - BBC interview about Iran; to good peak. [Connelly-MA]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** *ZIZ Basseterre* (17°19'N 62°44'W) FEB 6 0354 - Mellow early-'70s soul (Chi-Lites or similar); good. [Connelly-MA]
- 570 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, Santa Clara (22°24'N 79°56'W) FEB 6 0357 - Reloj news, ticks, and "RR" beeps; over WMCA and WSYR. [Connelly-MA]
- 640 **VENEZUELA** *YVQO Unión R.*, Puerto La Cruz (10°05'N 64°47'W) FEB 6 0359 - Venezuelan national anthem; over CBN. [Connelly-MA]

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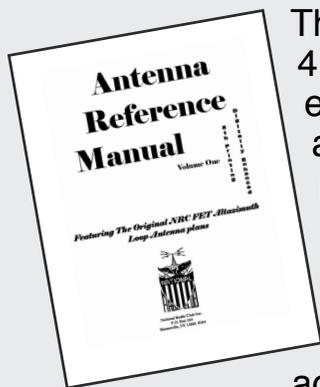
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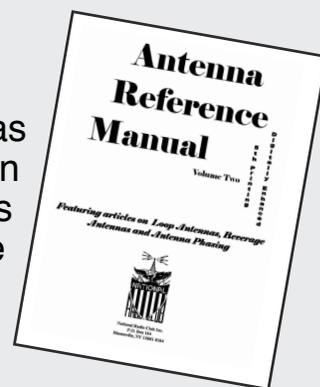


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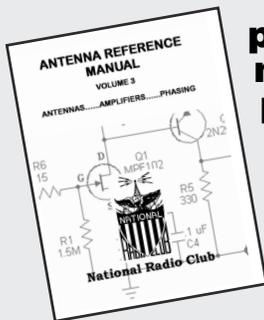
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