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### Station Test Calendar

KRSN NM 1490 Jan. 28 0100-0310

**Unfilled positions ...** We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions, as described in detail in V73, #27, the June '06 DXN: A person proficient with phpBB to maintain the e-DXN site; one or more additional moderators for e-DXN; one or more persons to edit future NRC publications; one or more persons to scan or retype reprints currently in print; one or more persons to scan verie letters to be placed on the NRCDXAS web site; several persons to research and prepare a book in commemoration of the NRC's 75th anniversary; a "DX Targets" editor; a technical column editor; a nationwide QSL coordinator (preferably a joint NRC/IRCA/WTFDA member); someone to type e-mail reports for members who don't have computers.

**Welcome to these new members:** Bill Uhrich, Reading, PA; Bob Rickelman, Charlotte, NC; Bruce MacGibbon, Gresham, OR (rejoins); George Clement, Keystone Heights, FL; David Krause, Marysville, MI; M. Haston, and Thomas E. Harrison, Arlington, VA, who rejoins after being a member some 60 years ago!

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 74

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
18.	Jan. 26	Feb. 5	25.	Apr. 6	Apr. 16
19.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 12	26.	May. 4	May 14
20.	Feb. 9	Feb. 19	27.	June 8	June 18
21.	Feb. 16	Feb. 26	28.	July 6	July 16
22.	Feb. 23	Mar. 5	29.	Aug. 3	Aug. 13
23.	Mar. 9	Mar. 19	30.	Sept. 7	Sept. 18
24.	Mar. 23	Apr. 2			

### DX Time Machine

#### From the Pages of DX News

**50 years ago ...** from the January 26, 1957 DXN: Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY reported that, in the preceding week, he had logged the following five new stations on 860 kc/s: WSBS, WHRT, WLBG, WEVA, and WMAG.

**25 years ago ...** from the February 1, 1982 DXN: Ron Musco volunteered to take over the task of reformatting and retyping the *NRC Log*. The publishing committee asked that anyone who had access to a computer, or perhaps a TRS-80, to agree to take over part of the retyping of the next *Log*, which would be computerized.

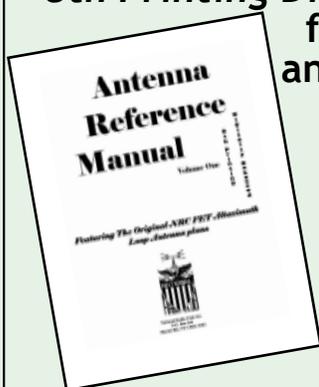
**10 years ago: ...** from the February 3, 1997 DXN: Bill Alisuskas, Douglasville, GA, reported that a call to Radio Disney revealed that there were now four stations on their net, in Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, Atlanta, and Birmingham.

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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>
1230	WITH	MD	Baltimore [it's finally official]	WRBS
1230	WCNM	ME	Lewiston	WEZR
1250	KNWH	CA	Twenty Nine Palms	KDGR
1260	WAMS	DE	Newark	WNWK
1270	KNWT	CA	Thousand Palms	KFUT
1330	WFNN	PA	Erie	WFGO
1340	NEW	GA	Cedartown	WGAA [see below]
1400	NEW	NV	Tonopah	KTNP



## CPs ON THE AIR

740	KKAG	ND	Fargo - New station is on the air with U7 50000/940 CH 7500 from six towers (using all six at all times) at N46-58-29 W96-30-12.
1240	KWIK	ID	Pocatello - CP for U1 960/960 from the corrected coordinates of N42-55-27 W112-27-31 was granted in short order and the facility is on the air.
1270	KRVT	OK	Claremore - CP to increase night power to become U2 1000/1000 is on the air. KRVT built four new towers at a second site for the night operation at N36-15-52 W95-42-34. The main lobe of the pattern is directed southwest toward Tulsa. The day site remains at N36-17-59 W95-37-16.
1310	WYND	FL	Deland - CP for a power increase to U1 10400/115 is on the air using a 6-wire unipole antenna system. The upper 100' of their tower had become structurally unsound and was removed. These new power levels allows WYND to essentially cover the same area as they did with their old power levels and the taller antenna.

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

750	NEW	MN	Duluth - CP granted for U7 7000/500 CH 5000 from three towers (2-day and CH, and 3-night) at N46-43-22 W92-13-51.
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## ACTIONS

590	WKZO	MI	Kalamazoo - Coordinate correction to N42-20-55 W85-33-48.
610	WVTJ	FL	Pensacola - CP granted to increase their nighttime power to become U1 500/157 while relocating their transmitter to, and di-plexing into, the WPNN-790 tower at N30-27-18 W87-14-22.
910	WPTT	PA	Mount Lebanon - CP granted to move here (from 1360 kHz at McKeesport, Pennsylvania) with D3 7000/0 from six new towers at N40-16-05 W79-59-01. Their primary pattern is directed north-northeast. The plot thickens as you peruse 1360 below.
970	WAMD	MD	Aberdeen - CP granted to decrease their day power as U4 300/500. The reduction in power eliminates the overlap would have been created with the WWDJ-970 power boost (see below).
970	WWDJ	NJ	Hackensack - CP granted to increase day power to become U4 50000/5000.
1360	WAVL	PA	Apollo - CP granted to move here (from 910 kHz) with U4 6700/700 from five new 180' towers (5-day/4-night) at 40-27-42 W79-36-07. The daytime pattern heads west, while the nighttime pattern is directed north.
1460	WNPL	FL	Golden Gate - CP granted for U4 7000/2000 from 4 towers (using all 4 day and night) at N26-15-26 W81-40-33. They had a CP for U4 850/340, but later requested and were granted this upgrade.
1590	WCSL	NC	Cherryville - CP granted for a power increase to become U1 10000/30 from the adjusted coordinates of N35-22-27 W81-24-16.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

1460 WHIC NY Rochester - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, WHIC was granted a CP to reduce their day and night power levels to become U2 4500/3000 from the 3-tower site of WROC-950 at N43-06-25 W77-35-51. This amendment requests U2 3700/5000 from the WROC site.

APPLICATIONS

970 KESP CA Modesto - Coordinate correction to N37-41-23 W120-57-12.  
 1250 WPRZ VA Warrenton - Applies for a power boost to become U4 8000/125.  
 1370 WGHC GA Clayton - After submitting several applications and amendments, they seem to have settled on requesting D1 6000/0 CH 6000 on 870 kHz, while moving to Mount Holly, South Carolina. And that's where it stands as of now.  
 1430 WNSW NJ Newark - Applies for U4 10000/7000.  
 1510 KLLB UT West Jordan - Applies for D1 10000/0 CH 840.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1140 KCLE TX Cleburne - Licensed for U4 850/710, KCLE applied for U4 3500/710. This amendment requests U7 5000/710 CH 5000.  
 1320 WJGR FL Jacksonville - Licensed for U2 5000/5000, WJGR has a pending application for U2 19000/5000. This amendment requests U2 50000/5000.  
 1460 NEW NV Elko - Initial application was for U1 250/250 CH 250, then amended to U2 2500/250. This request is for U7 16000/250 CH 250.

APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1290 WCFI FL Ocala - Application for U4 10000/10000 has been dismissed.  
 1160 KVCE TX Highland Park - Their application for U1 290/8 auxiliary facilities is dismissed at the applicant's request.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

1500 WDEE MI Reed City

LICENSE RENEWALS GRANTED

1230 KHDN MT Hardin  
 1240 KDGO CO Durango  
 1340 WGAA GA Cedartown - Has returned to the FCC's database after being granted a Special Temporary Authority.

HEAR AND THAR

- FINES: WSQL-1240 Brevard, North Carolina has been fined \$2100 for failing to file for renewal in a timely manner, and unauthorized operation of the station after the license had expired. WGAA-1340 Cedartown, Georgia has been fined \$7000 for failing to file for renewal in a timely manner, and unauthorized operation of the station after the license had expired. But note their license has been renewed. Wow! Three mentions of WGAA this issue!
- Back by popular demand . . . TRIVIA! What do the following stations have in common: KJLL, WCTT, CBEF, and WCYN. The answer . . . next week. Or look in your AM Log!!
- Silent: WALE-990 Greenville, Rhode Island and WAHT-1560 Clemson, South Carolina.
- Thanks to Marc DeLorenzo and Wayne Heinen.

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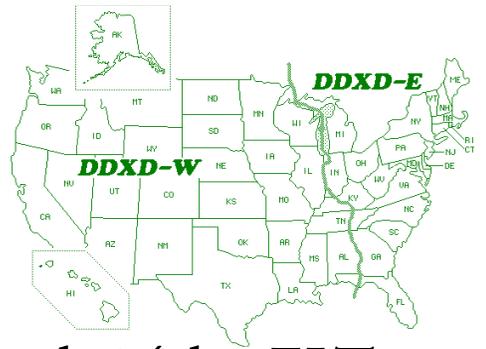
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# Domestic DX Digest

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## DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

- ▲ For at least the third time this winter, an ice storm has toppled at least one broadcast tower in the **Vast Westland!** **Patrick Griffith** reports that the 500-foot tower of KRBC TV9 Abilene TX came down on Sunday night 1/15.
- ▲ This ice storm (really several individual ones) was severe. From about January 12 through 15, it coated many areas from the Southwest to New England with up to several inches of ice. **J. E. Lewis** was in Fayetteville AR during the storm, and reports on his trip back to Kansas City: "I got back to KC around noon on 1/16. From Bella Vista AR (the last city in northwest AR before entering MO) all the way past Carthage MO and north I witnessed the most complete devastation with trees destroyed or bent, scores of abandoned vehicles, truckers who had just given up and were stopped, buildings with caved-in roofs, and many residences and businesses without power." Look below for J. E.'s station observations in the aftermath of the storm.
- ▲ Besides the disastrous ice storm, weather has been a problem in other ways. From Winnipeg on 1/14, **Shawn Axelrod** reports: "Been very cold here, -20 to -38 C. I thought the DX froze up but managed two new ones at sunrise. Hoping the temps and the DX both warm up." Nothing like a little hot DX to chase away the winter cold!
- ▲ All this talk of winter, and this is *DX News*' last publication date before Groundhog's Day. I for one will be cheering for the clouds! **73 Bill**

### Reporters

- DS-TN** **Doug Smith, Pleasant View.** Yaesu FT-1000MP, 700-foot west Beverage.
- GH-IL** **Greg Harris, Park Forest.** Icom R75 with Quantum Loop or indoor homebrew shielded loop.
- JEL-AR** **J. E. Lewis, DXing in Fayetteville.** Honda Odyssey radio, Eton E1 barefoot with amp on or Grundig G5 barefoot.
- JEL-MO1** **J. E. Lewis, DXing near Carthage.** Honda Odyssey radio.
- JEL-MO2** **J. E. Lewis, DXing near Nevada.** Honda Odyssey radio.
- JT-AZ** **John Tucker KG7RS, Mesa.** Drake R8B, varactor-tuned 3-foot box loop, 60 foot Inverted-L, Quantum Phaser.
- JW-CO** **John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge.** Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- SA-MB** **Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg.** ICOM IC-R70, Drake R8, 4 foot unamplified box loop, Quantum loop, 155 foot outdoor wire, 100 foot indoor wire, MFJ 1026 phasing unit.
- WH-CO** **Wayne Heinen, Aurora.** Drake R8B, N/S Flag, E/W Flag, Modified 4 foot NRC Altazimuth loop, 15 foot vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/2 BUF-F amplifiers, Mini-DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1.
- Ed.-WI** **Your editor, Madison.**

### Station News

- 1660 WDAF KS Kansas City.** These heritage calls have apparently returned to the Kansas City AM dial! The former "Classical KXTR" has changed to these calls, while keeping the same format. Internet postings have said so, the station's website reflects it, and **J.E. Lewis** confirms that the station is using WDAF on air. However, as of Friday evening 1/19 as this is being written, the FCC database still shows it as KXTR, perhaps because in this Holiday week the FCC is a little behind. **(Ed.-WI)**

### DX Tests

- 1560 WMRO TN Gallatin.** 1/15 0352. Sweep tones and Morse ID over KOCY and the group. A new one for me at 1020 miles! **(WH-CO)**

		Regular DX Loggings (times in ELT)	
560	KWTO	MO	<b>Springfield. 1/14 1515.</b> Noted off, probably due to severe ice storm. Heard a faint unID toward Memphis. <b>(JEL-AR)</b>
630	KSLR	TX	<b>San Antonio. 1/10 0222.</b> Announcement "The Word in Texas, 630 KSLR" into religious programming. Fair with KHOW phased. <b>(JT-AZ)</b>
650	KGAB	WY	<b>Orchard Valley. 1/14 1030.</b> "You're listening to the latest information on AM 650 KGAB" into "At Home with Gary Sullivan" program talking about fixing potholes, etc. Good signal but not able to phase out co-channel interference from KMTI. <b>(JT-AZ)</b>
690	CBU	BC	<b>Vancouver. 1/11 0920.</b> Weather update, then an interview with the director of the regional Salvation Army; this was followed by a traffic report, PST time check, then another short interview with a running coach. Fair signal, mixing with KRMX and parallel to 6160 shortwave, which was also fair. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
730	KWRE	MO	<b>Warrenton. 1/13 1801.</b> "KWRE" singing jingle, then into USA Network news. Fair signal. New. <b>(GH-IL)</b>
740	CHWO	ON	<b>Toronto. 1/12 1827-2015+.</b> Fair to good under/over KRMG Tulsa's severe ice storm reports and regular programming, with Frank Sinatra and other nostalgia. Usually Houston comes in at SSS as KRMG fades deep before nighttime conditions bring it in stronger. A first for Toronto here after 27 years monitoring. <b>(JEL-AR)</b>
770	CHQR	AB	<b>Calgary. 1/11 2201.</b> "AM 770 CHQR Calgary" with KKOB nulled. <b>(WH-CO)</b>
780	KAZM	AZ	<b>Sedona. 1/11 0900.</b> Out of oldies. "News, talk, sports and weather, AM 780 KAZM Sedona" to Fox news. <b>(WH-CO)</b>
1060	KKVV	NV	<b>Las Vegas. 1/13 0857.</b> Program note for "The Midnight Hour" program "every Saturday morning from 8:00 until 9:00 right here on KKVV...;" a financial ad followed at 0858. Should have been on 43 watts-- sure didn't sound like it. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
1060	KIJN	TX	<b>Farwell. 1/13 0900.</b> Upbeat religious music; legal ID at 0901:10: "Jesus Radio, KIJN 1060 AM Farwell, Texas, a Metropolitan Radio...??..." and into SS chat by announcer, making a big deal about ice on the roads and "tormentas de hielo" (ice storms); gave time checks in CST ("tiempo de Tejas") and MST ("tiempo de Nuevo Mexico"). Good on peaks in KRCN null. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
1070	KNX	CA	<b>Los Angeles. 1/14 2030.</b> Granada Hills weather, calls, 5:30 time check. Usually poor in mess (Memphis mostly), but occasionally faded well atop. <b>(DS-TN)</b>
1100	WISS	WI	<b>Berlin. 1/14 0820.</b> Poor under WTAM with country music. NEW <b>(SA-MB)</b>
1260	KSGF	MO	<b>Springfield. 1/14 1515-30.</b> Heard stronger than normal over a little splatter from local 1250 KOFC, with severe ice storm reports and call-ins. Mentioned that they had been off for a while. <b>(JEL-AR)</b>
1270	KFLC	TX	<b>Fort Worth. 1/9 0833.</b> Very good with Dallas and Fort Worth ads in SS, call-in program, ID as "1270 AM" and "La Voz del Pueblo." <b>(DS-TN)</b>
1420	KQYS	MO	<b>Neosho. 1/16 0930.</b> While passing through Carthage, noted this station off due to the severe ice storm. <b>(JEL-MO1)</b>
1440	WZYX	TN	<b>Cowan. 1/13 2230.</b> "WZYX" by a male announcer and oldies music. Good signal. NRC Log lists as 66 watts nights. <b>(GH-IL)</b>
1440	KTNO	TX	<b>University Park. 1/18 0842.</b> Promo for record/CD package; telephone number 972-438-5093 given, as well as one with a 214 area code and a PO box in Dallas; "Radio Vida" slogans. Fair on peaks. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
1450	KVOW	WY	<b>Riverton. 1/17 0859.</b> Legal ID by male voice: "...1450 this is KVOW Riverton, Wyoming"; ABC news followed at 0900. Rough copy in QRM. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
1480	KHQN	UT	<b>Spanish Fork. 1/12 0859.</b> Legal ID by male voice at 0859:55-- "Thanks for listening to AM 1480 KHQN Spanish Fork. It's 7:00," and then faded into the jumble. Last heard eons ago when they had their infamous Hare Krishna format. <b>(JW-CO)</b>
1510	KCKK	CO	<b>Littleton. 1/6 0817.</b> Fair signals with country music and KCKK ID. NEW <b>(SA-MB)</b>
1520	KRHW	MO	<b>Sikeston. 1/14 1941.</b> C&W music under phase nulled KOKC. "Your Brand of Country, 1520 KRHW." New for Me. <b>(WH-CO)</b>
1540	KEDA	TX	<b>San Antonio. 1/16 0405.</b> "KEDA San Antonio, Texas, your Jalapeño Radio Station" to SS Music. <b>(WH-CO)</b>

- 1560 WPAD KY Paducah. 1/13 0759. Partially readable ID at 0759:50 ("ESPN Radio...WPAD..."), then scores from ESPN; heard another ID at 0803-- "ESPN Radio AM 1560 WPAD-- everything you need to know about sports 24/7-- ESPN Radio 1560 WPAD." Fair at best on peaks with long fades. (JW-CO)
- 1560 WPAD KY Paducah. 1/13 2242. "Louisville football on 1560 WPAD" by a male announcer. Medium/fair signal. (GH-IL)
- 1560 KKAA SD Aberdeen. 1/15 0000. Out of Family Radio Network programming. "Family Radio 1560 KKAA Aberdeen, South Dakota." (WH-CO)
- 1560 KBEW MN Blue Earth. 1/15 0700. Ending school delays and closings. "You're listening to KBEW Blue Earth" to ABC news. (WH-CO)
- 1580 KHGG AR Van Buren. 1/16 2300. "The Sports Hog 103.1 FM and 1580 AM, KHGG Van Buren-Fort Smith and KHGG-FM Waldron-Fort Smith" to Fox Sports. (WH-CO)
- 1620 WTAW TX College Station. 1/13 1735. "Newstalk 1620 WTAW" by a male announcer. Good signal. (GH-IL)

TIS, HAR, Etc.

- 1640 WPXY389 MO Nevada. 1/16 0945. Noted off, presumably due to severe ice storm to the south. Usually rebroadcasts NOAA weather from El Dorado. (JEL-MO2)

## DDXD-East

### REPORTERS

- MC-NJ Mike Clancy, Jersey City – DX-396.
- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50 x 75-ft terminated broadband loops east and south.
- MD-MA Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis - JRC NRD-525, noise-reduced broadband loop 35' per side, 140' longwire, Mini-DXP3 phasing unit
- HF-MI Harold Frodge, Midland - Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts DXpedition, Brighton MI - Drake R8B + 500' NE unterminated beverage, 250' SE unterminated beverage, 65' TTFD.
- HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - Grundig S350, Kiwa Pocket Loop
- DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu (station news items)
- GW-NJ Gary Wilt, Wood Ridge – ICOM R75, rooftop loop
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto – Grundig YB-400PE, Panasonic RF-2200

### STATION NEWS

- 610 WTVN OH Columbus - Per *Columbus Dispatch*, station dropped Glenn Beck 1/06 as they move towards more local programming. Owner Clear Channel offered to move Beck to its new conservative station WYTS-1230 but he declined. (DP-HI)
- 990 WALE RI Providence – Station is SILENT once again. (MD-MA)
- 1150 WMRD CT Middletown – (also //WLIS-1420 Old Saybrook, CT) Adds Jones Radio Network's Stephanie Miller per show 1/17; however the stations' joint website does not reflect this change, only a local show during the 0906-1200 time slot. (DP-HI)
- 1230 WYTS OH Columbus - Per *Columbus Dispatch* and *The Other Paper* of Columbus, along with call change (ex-WTPG), station flipped from liberal talk featuring Jones Radio and Air America Radio on 1/08 to mostly conservative talk with Laura Ingraham, Michael Savage and Jim Rome, among others. (DP-HI)
- 1270 WHLD NY Niagara Falls - Per *Buffalo News*, station dropped liberal talk featuring Air America Radio 12/18 and flipped to an "urban inspirational" format with black gospel music and black preaching. Slogan is "The Word 12-70" and among the program providers are the Totally Gospel and Excel radio networks. Station will air Catholic Mass Sundays at 1200 and plans to add news and talk programming later. WHLD retains the liberal talk show "Democracy Now!" (DP-HI)

### UNID

- 530 - 1/13 2051-2110+ - 3rd station there besides CIAO & Radio Vision Christiana (p); carrying bkb game in SS--possibly NY Knicks. Not // Rebelde & no RR,

so maybe VOA? (HF-MI)

DX TEST

1560 WMRO TN Gallatin – 1/15 0337 – Heard 10 seconds of sweep tones under WQEW's Radio Disney which was running a voice promo for radiodisney.com at the time. Reception through Radio Disney's music was impossible. (MD-MA)

LOGGINGS

- 530 CIAO ON Brampton – 1/13 2051 - Talk & music program in Slavic language, 2100 EE ID, "Ciao, AM 5-30 Multicultural radio for Brampton...and the GTA". Mainly o/presumed Radio Vision Christiana & UNID SSA. (HF-MI)
- 540 CBT NL Grand Falls-Windsor - 1/12 0355 - Under CBEF and CBGA1; classical music parallel 1070 CBA. (BC-NH)
- 550 WSWA VA Harrisonburg – 12/25 2128 – "Severe weather update from News radio 550 WSWA", PSA for 5 K run to support Generations Crossing, co-sponsored by "Lite Rock 96.1". Signal fair with static, occasionally picked up at twilight, never at night. (MC-NJ)
- 620 WDAE FL St. Petersburg - 1/12 2118 - Sports Talk with ID, "Sports Talk 620 WDAE". Heard under WSNR's open carrier. (GW-NJ)
- 870 WPWT TN Colonial Heights– 1/13 1728 – good over WLVP with *The Storm Report – Weekend*, promo for free radio, ID "Working to keep you informed, we are Power Talk for the Tri-Cities, WPWT Colonial Heights." (MD-MA)
- WWL LA New Orleans – 1/3 2208 – Sugar Bowl (Notre Dame v. LSU) on LSU radio network, LSU getting TD to lead 21-14. Fair with fading and moderate to heavy slop from local WCBS-880. (MC-NJ)
- 890 WLS IL Chicago – 1/3 2202 – ID: "Listen more, know more, Chicago's talk station is 890 WLS", Sugar Bowl on Westwood I (Notre Dame regular season network). Irish get TD to tie score at 14-14. Fair with fading and moderate WCBS-880 slop. (MC-NJ) *Loggings of easily heard 50 Kw clear channels aren't usually considered DX worth reporting to DDXD-E unless they're first-adjacent to a local blowtorch, that's running IBOC to boot. Mike.*
- 910 WLAT CT New Britain – 1/16 1705 – over usual "Praise 910" WAVL pest with SS hot hits, bilingual promo "La Mega is out of control..." giving 1-866-910-MEGA phone number in both EE and SS. (MKB-ON)
- WFDF MI Farmington Hills – 1/17 1801 – dominating frequency with "AM 910 WFDF Farmington Hills-Detroit" legal ID amid Radio Disney jingles and usual puerile Disney junk. (MKB-ON)
- 980 CKRU ON Peterborough - 1/18 1900 - Good; Peterborough vs. Ottawa hockey pre-game show, local ads including Peterborough Chrysler, "Hometown Radio, 980 Cruise" ID. (BC-NH)
- 1020 KJJK MN Fergus Falls – 1/13 2010 – "You're listening to Groovy 1020 KJJK Million Dollar Weekend"; Twins spot. @2044 went to local high school hoops, u/o KDKA. (HF-MI)
- 1060 WQMV TN Waverly – 1/13 1942 - local high school basketball game w/local ads at break. Mixing w/KYW & XEEP, w/one peak on top. New. (HF-MI)
- 1070 WINA VA Charlottesville – 1/13 1934 – "News-Radio 1-70 WINA"; local news/weather, ad for Virginia Plumbing. Mixing w/WIBC. (HF-MI)
- 1080 KRLD TX Dallas - 1/13 1931 – Warnings of ice storm due in Dallas-Fort Worth. Mixing w/WTIC. (HF-MI)
- 1090 WBAL MD Baltimore – 1/13 1925 - Local sports program -- not at all happy about the Indy Colts coming to town. Mixing w/"The Mighty 10-90 Oldies", CKKW & religious station. (HF-MI)
- 1140 CBI NS Sydney - 1/12 2210 - Good; classical music // 1070 CBA. (BC-NH)
- 1220 CKSM QC Shawinigan - 1/12 2235 - Good; sports coverage and CHLN ID in French. (BC-NH)
- 1260 WWRC DC Washington – 1/13 1815 – Ad for University of Maryland Criminal Justice program. Slogan, "Progressive Talk". Returned to program, "Ring of Fire on Air America Radio". Fair w/fades. (HJH-PA)
- 1350 CKAD NS Middleton - 1/12 2148 - Good on east loop; "AVR, today's best country" and contemporary C&W music. (BC-NH)
- 1370 WELG NY Ellenville – 1/16 1643 – ex-WRWD noted with Office Depot ad, slogan "Great

- memories 1370 WELG", into MoYL/nostalgia song. **(MKB-ON)**
- WGCL** IN **Bloomington** – 1/16 0653 – over WELG/WSPD mix with ad/PSA for Bloomington Hospital, "and the news continues on WGCL" into state news. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1480** **WGUS** GA **Augusta** – 1/2 2220 – Call ID's after each song. Gospel format. Mostly alone with weak to readable signal. "This is 102.7, WGUS". Formerly heard as WRDW. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1520** **KRHW** MO **Sikeston** – 12/16 1819 – "1520 KRHW" followed by C&W song "Satin Sheets", slogan "The classic country station with your kind of country, KRHW", followed by two ads for Geico and Ace Hardware. Fair/poor signal with fading; usual WWKB nowhere in sight. **(MC-NJ)**
- 1540** **KTGG** MI **Spring Arbor** – 1/13 1719 - Jeezus pop music; ID @1730 as, "From the campus of Spring Arbor College, this is AM 15-40 KTGG & AM 15-10 WJKN Jackson" (latter not audible). Best ever heard from Brighton. QRM WBCO. **(HF-MI)** Unlike KDKA or KYW, this eastern K-call wasn't grandfathered from the 1920s, but was the result of a clerical error at the FCC. Apparently the city of license on their application was misread as being in Montana (MT), not Michigan! Mike.
- WBCO** OH **Bucyrus** – 1/13 1725 - Up briefly u/KTGG w/"Music of your life, AM 1540 WBCO" **(HF-MI)**
- KXEL** IA **Waterloo** – 1/12 2219 – University of Northern Iowa men's basketball game against Creighton. UNI loses 62-54, first loss in new gym. Fair with usual interference from WDCD Albany, both battling to be the lead station. **(MC-NJ)**

#### NON-ARCANE ABBREVIATIONS USED IN DDXD

//:parallel to :00:on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press BBD:big band C&W:country & western CCR:contemporary Christian radio CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NFL:National Football League NBA:National Basketball Association NHL:National Hockey League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference (power lines, etc) QRN:natural interference (lightning, etc) QTH:location PRI:Public Radio International REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International VID:voice ID

## *International DX Digest*

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

After record-breaking mild weather in December, it's payback time for Mother Nature. No power or phone for two days the past week due to as much as 1-inch ice accumulation bringing down trees and utilities here, followed by subzero temperatures. Unfortunately it happened on work days, so no time to take advantage of potential electrically quiet DX conditions while power was out. At least the antennas survived. Hope everyone is surviving as well during this sudden North American winter blast.

#### Transatlantic DX

- 162** **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis (47°10'N 02°12'E) JAN 6 2140 - Loud and clear with apparent ads and soccer match in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 183** **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Saarlouis (49°17'N 06°41'E) JAN 6 2146 – Loud and clear with sports play-by-play in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 189** **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar (64°54'N 23°55'W) JAN 6 2151 - Fair with pop music but reception spoiled by electrical interference. [DeLorenzo-MA] JAN 14 0320-0332 - Man and woman in Nordic language with all English pop tunes. Good, USB best; best heard in ages. Only a hint of audio on a few of the other LWBC frequencies. [Frodge-MI]
- 198** **ENGLAND** *BBC Radio 4*, Droitwich et al. JAN 6 2200 - Fair with BBC World News - report on Iraq's mishandling of Saddam Hussein's execution. [DeLorenzo-MA]
- 252** **ALGERIA** *Alger Chaîne 1/3*, Tipaza (36°35'N 02°27'E) JAN 10 0104-0115 - Loud and clear

with lively, modern North African music - Arabic vocals with keyboard, horns, and percussion - very entertaining! [DeLorenzo-MA]

- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 00°34'W) JAN 13 0436 - Woman approximately one second ahead of 153 parallel. [Conti-NH]
- 756 **SPAIN** *R.Euskadi*, Bilbao JAN 6 0342 - Spanish talk; weak but dominant. [Connelly-MA] This log incorrectly listed last week as Germany, my mistake.
- 1044 **MOROCCO** *RTM A/C*, Sebâ-Aioun (33°54'N 05°23'W) JAN 13 0015 - Good; choral chants with male lead and strings, 0029 Koranic recitation, then woman with fanfare, 0100 man with news, continuing well past usual sign-off until fading out after 0115. JAN 18 2330 - Good, solid s9 signal; North African singing with drums and strings. [Conti-NH]
- 1053 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros JAN 18 2325 - Talk; no sign of off-frequency Libya. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **DENMARK** *Danmarks Radio*, Kalundborg (55°40'N 11°04'E) JAN 18 2310 - Fair to good; rock music. [Conti-NH]
- 1098 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 13 0218 - Talk with obvious synchro echo. JAN 18 2338 - Good, solid s9 signal; discussion with synchro echo. [Conti-NH]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 13 0215 - Talk with synchro echo and sub-audible het from off-frequency signals. [Conti-NH]
- 1134 **CROATIA** *Glas Hrvatske*, Zadar (44°06'N 15°15'E) JAN 13 0148 - Good with adjacent 1130 WBBR nulled; discussion parallel 7285 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 1395 **ALBANIA** *TWR Fillakë* (40°57'N 19°40'E) JAN 19 2135 - Presumed; unID language discussion with piano interludes; fading up nice at times, then buried by domestic slop. Czech program per EMWG and 2007 WRTH. [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** *TWR Roumoules* (43°47'N 06°09'E) JAN 19 2155 - Good; Arabic program. [Conti-NH]
- 1575 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** *R.Farda*, Al Dhabiya (24°11'N 54°14'E) JAN 19 2110 - Good; Mid East pop/dance vocal, parallel 7580 and 9335 kHz. [Conti-NH]

#### Pan-American DX

- 670 **CUBA** *CMQ R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas (23°00'N 82°30'W) JAN 13 0420 - Good; "If You Leave Me Now" by Chicago, man and woman in Spanish, then nostalgia, parallel 600 and 710 but not 5025 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 720 **JAMAICA** *RJR Innswood*, St.Catherine (18°00'N 76°47'W) JAN 19 0230 - Good; reggae and R&B/soul music, ads and RJR 94 FM promos. [Conti-NH]
- 720 **MEXICO** *XEAVR R.Fórmula Veracruz*, Veracruz, Ver (19°05'N 96°05'W) - Faded up over *RJR* Jamaica and *WGN*; music promo and *R.Fórmula* ID. [Conti-NH]
- 780 **MEXICO** *XEMF R.Nostalgia*, Monclova (26°56'N 101°27'W) JAN 11 0402 - Full data ID for *XEMF* 780 AM Monclova, "Radio Nostalgia." [Heinen-CO]
- 820 **MEXICO** *XEABCA Mexicali*, BCN (32°37'N 115°32'W) JAN 13 0300 - Full data *XEABCA* ID, "Radio Frontera" slogans, *WBAP* phased. New for me and taped. [Heinen-CO]
- 1020 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, unknown location JAN 13 0110-0144 - Only heard an occasional RR under *KDKA* and *KJJK*. [Frodge-MI]
- 1050 **MEXICO** *XED Radiorama Siglo 21*, Mexicali, BCN (32°40'N 115°23'W) DEC 13 1410 - Fair with XE vocals, and canned slogans after each song. The last word in the slogan was different each time - first heard as "Radiorama Siglo Veintiuno, 1050 AM, lo nuevo en la salud"; the next time it was "...lo nuevo en la parapsicología," then "...lo nuevo en el pasatiempo," etc. Rather unusual. Apparently they've dropped the "W Radio" format. [Wilkins-CO]
- 1060 **MEXICO** *XEEP R.Educación*, México DF (19°22'N 99°02'W) JAN 13 0051-0106 - Woman in Spanish with wide variety of music and extensive commentary; news 0101-06; no ads. Mixing with *KYW* and *WQMV*, but on top quite a bit. [Frodge-MI]
- 1540 **MEXICO** *XEHOS Hermosillo*, Son (29°03'N 111°01'W) JAN 16 0300 - *XEHOS* full data ID, "La Poderosa" slogans. Excellent over *KXEL*. [Heinen-CO]

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- Wayne Heinen, Aurora CO; R8B, north/south Flag, east/west Flag, modified 4-ft NRC Altazimuth

loop, 15-ft vertical whip, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo with two BUF-F amplifiers, Mini DXP5, DX Engineering RPA-1.

John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4-ft box loop.



### International News

**DENMARK:** 243 kHz will be shut down, and 1062 kHz hours of operation will be reduced significantly, beginning February 15 per the following schedule: 0545-0551 Vejrmedling, 0600-0607 Radioavis fælles med P4, 0830-0840 Krop og bevægelse, 0845-0900 Vejrmedling, 0900-0907 Radioavis fælles med P4, 1145-1200 Vejrmedling, 1200-1230 Radioavis fælles med P4, 1745-1800 Vejrmedling, 1800-1816 Meddelelser fra Søværnets Operative Kommando, 2245-2300 Vejrmedling, 2300-2305 Radioavisen fælles med P4. [Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Radionyt.com]

73 and Good DX!

# Musings of the Members

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Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only.

Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

Here we go with the Musings column once again. Deadlines are FRIDAYS!

And as Paul mentioned, if you hand write or type your Musing, please skip a line/double space the report; it really does help!

### Roger Windsor - 2277 Sandwood Street - Portage, IN 46368

Well, lets try again for a Musing! I emailed a report to MIKE BROOKER but he never got it. Back in December on the 11th, incredible skywave was in til noon, local time. Stations from LA, AL, TN and AR were all over the dial Some noteworth ones were WWL-870 at 10:45AM, KWKH-1130 was just blasting WISN with country musicWBXR-1140 with their 11AM ID, KAAY-1090 all alone all AM, shocker WMQM-1600 with an ID at 10:30AM mixing with WAOS, both were new. 12/17 found WACV atop the frequency at 11:50PM with oldies but IDing as 'Montgomnery's Talk Station" 12/18 found WMOX-1010 at 7:10AM with CBS news , first time heard in years. Later that day, WQZQ-1180 was overboard at 6:25PM with standards and ID over WHAM on my car radio. 12/19 on 1110, found a strong Back To The Bible broadcast, IDed as WMOB . Called them, they are an FM simul;cast and didn't know 1110 was still on! Loud rosary over and over on 850 turned out to be KJUN, also on late. 12/28 WCHB-1200 surfaced under WRTO at 6PM ID time and lastly, 12/29 WDJ0-1160 with a clear ID at 9:21 under WYLL. Total now 3139 heard. 73 (Thanks for the report Roger and double spacing it, helps very much-DWS)

### Harry Hayes - 9 Henry Street - Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

I would hate to see the Musings column go by the wayside so here is what's going on around here. I'm batting 100% in the veries department, with a v/l received from WBCR-1470 Alcoa, TN. This sounds good until I mention that this is the only station I sent a report out to this eason. The vice president of operations answered the report by saying, "Thank you for confirming our program content". While I'm more than grateful for the response, the nature of the response seems to point out that very few people are aware that there was once a hobby of verifying, or confirming receptions, not program content. I would imagine that many personnel at stations today, upon receiving a reception report, look at it and scratch their heads. I have never been all that serious about QSL collecting as far as its importance for counting stations received but just the same hate to see this endeavor fade into history. I know it's necessary in today's modern, fast paced society to rely on e-mail but it's too bad that on recent DX tests, that traditional requests for confirmations on stationery are looked at with disdain. In the future will anyone be that excited at looking at a book full of e-mail confirmations? With the absence of reports on station stationery we lose the whole character of the station we are verifying and the area of the country or world that it's from. I know why e-mail is preferred, but I wish it wasn't that way. I guess any QSL is better than no QSL but I just felt I had to voice my opinion on this. Thanks once again to the vice president at WBCR for responding to my verie request at a time when this is becoming a rare thing for over worked station personnel to do. The season started out kind of disappointing for domestic DX but real good for the international stuff. It was nice to receive Radio Farda-1575 UAE on the evening



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