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### Station Test Calendar (tentative)

WOON RI 1240 Jan. 18 0200-0300

*From the publisher ...* We hereby welcome Greg Harris as our new DDXD-West editor; his first DDXD-West column is inside. Please keep him busy, hi.

For those who missed the 50-year-old items in "DX Time Machine" ... they're back. I thought I'd misplaced the sheet listing them or even sent it to Wayne with all the other club documents that I transported to him last June. Nope - it was just shoved back in my cubbyholes where I couldn't see it, and I finally uncovered it today. My apologies to Wayne for making him dig through all those boxes and especially to Kermit Geary, who prepares these 50-year-ago listings from his own collection of *DX News*. (All together now: "IDIOT-T-T!!")

*Unfilled positions ...* We're still in need of volunteers for the following positions: a DXN publisher, ASAP; replacement editors for languished columns ("DX'er's Notebook" (pending; I've received one tentative inquiry), "The Answerman" and "Memory Dredging"), and one or more persons to edit future NRC publications developed by contributors or the club.

### DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 76

Deadline Publ Date			Deadline Publ Date		
17.	Jan. 16	Jan. 26	24.	Mar. 6	Mar. 16
18.	Jan. 23	Feb. 2	25.	Mar. 20	Mar. 30
19.	Jan. 30	Feb. 9	26.	Apr. 3	Apr. 13
20.	Feb. 6	Feb. 16	27.	May. 1	May 11
21.	Feb. 13	Feb. 23	28.	June 5	June 15
22.	Feb. 20	Mar. 2	29.	July 10	July 20
23.	Feb. 27	Mar. 9	30.	Aug. 7	Aug. 17

### DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News*

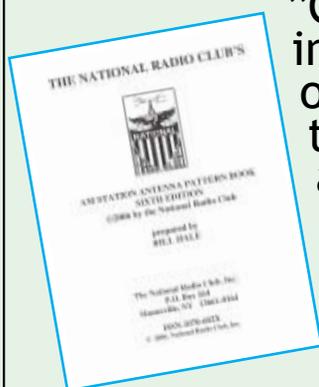
50 years ago ... from the January 24, 1959 DXN; Dan Phillips, Clinton, TN reported that WOKE-1290 had gone off the air and the frequency was taken over by WATO (ex-1490), Oak Ridge, TN, operating with 1000w day and 500w directional at night.

25 years ago ... from the January 23, 1984 DXN: Dick Truax, Louisville, KY heard 891-Algeria and 1044-Morocco on January 2.

10 years ago ... from the January 25, 1999 DXN: César Objío, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, penned an article which recounted the effects of Hurricane George which passed over his city around September 22, along with his DX events as heard on his Radio Shack TRF.

## The NRC AM Station Antenna Pattern Book

This Sixth-Edition Antenna Pattern Book now includes daytime and "Graveyard" frequency patterns for the first time. Stations in Alaska and Hawaii are listed on separate pages at the end of the book. The basic list of U.S. and Canadian stations comes from the 26th Edition of the National Radio Club's AM Radio Log. Mexican stations in the states bordering the United States plus those stations elsewhere which are easily heard in the U.S. and Canada are also included. All data is up-to-date as of November 1, 2005. Prices: \$16.95 to USA/Canada NRC members, \$22.95 USA non-members, \$25.95, Canada non-members/all overseas orders. Canadian orders: PayPal or postal M. O. only. Order from NRC Publications - P.O. Box 473251, Aurora CO - 80047-3251. (CO residents, please add 3.5% sales tax.)





# AM Switch

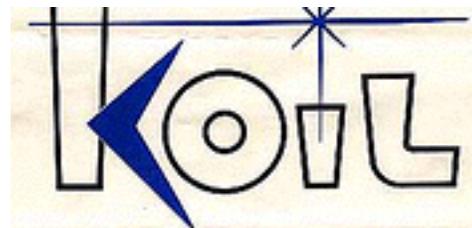
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Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC, CRTC, and listeners

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

	<u>Old Call</u>		<u>New Call</u>
1020	KOIL	NE Plattsmouth	KMMQ
1240	KSON	CA San Diego	KNSN
1380	WSCG	MI Greenville	WGLM
1550	KYCY	CA San Francisco	KFRC



## CPs ON THE AIR

870	WGHC	NC Mount Holly - CP to move from 1370 and change the City-of-License (CoL) from Clayton, Georgia is on the air with D1 5000/0 at N35-16-25 W80-51-40.
1340	WSGF	GA Augusta - CP for U1 1000/990 is on the air co-locating with WKZK-1600 at N33-29-37 W81-59-52.
1580	WNTF	FL Bithlo - CP for D3 10000/0 is on the air. The main lobe of the new pattern balloons to the northwest, with smaller lobes headed to the northeast, south west and southeast.
1600	WKZK	SC North Augusta - CP for U1 4000/27 is on the air, increasing their day power and adding the night service.

## GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

1460	NEW	AZ Stanfield - CP granted for U4 2000/2000 from four towers (using all 4 day and night) at N32-56-07 W111-42-19. The day pattern sends equal lobes to the northeast and southwest, while the night pattern shoots 95% the signal to the southwest, and a small lobe to the northeast. Stanfield is southeast of Phoenix.
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## ACTIONS

900	WGOK	AL Mobile - Applies for an STA with U1 250/95, as the transmitter site was vandalized with the loss of their copper ground radials. These applications are usually granted without notice, so we assume WGOK is on the air with these non-directional facilities
1210	WQLS	AL Ozark - Having been silenced by a fire which destroyed their facility in January of 2008 and having a deadline of January 28, 2009 to return to the air or lose their license, WQLS has applied for an STA for U1 1000/3 CH 1000. Same comments as above concerning STA notices. WQLS is scheduled to return before the end of January.

## APPLICATIONS

730	WOHS	NC Shelby - Applies for U1 10000/190 with a change in CoL to Cramerton.
900	CKDH	NS Amherst - Applies to move to 101.7 MHz with 18.7 kW; amended from 107.9.
1120	KTXW	TX Manor - Applies for U4 1100/153.
1470	WHBO	FL Dunedin - Applies for U4 3600/800, changing their CoL to Egypt Lake. They propose to move to the WQBN-1300 array for daytime service, while the night pattern is proposed to be di-plexed from the towers of WTMP-1150.

## AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

1190	WAGE	VA Leesburg - Licensed for U2 50000/1000 on 1200 kHz, WAGE has a CP to move down 10 Hz with D3 50000/0. This amendment requests U4 50000/1300.
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## CPs and APPLICATIONS DISMISSED

1190	NEW	AK Juneau - Application for U1 1000/1000 CH 1000. Station still has a pending application for U1 1000/1000 on 1210.
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1260 KIMB NE Kimball - CP for U5 50000/110 moving to Ogallala.

### AM-to-FM MIGRATION

600 CKBD BC Vancouver - Simulcast with the new CKPK-100.5 MHz came to an end on December 31 despite the fact they were authorized to continue on AM until mid-February.

### AM-to-FM CONVERSIONS NOW SIMULCASTING

610 CHNC QC New Carlisle - New FM on 107.1 is on the air.  
 1150 CHGM QC Gasp\_ - New FM on 99.3 is on.  
 1490 CFWB BC Campbell River - New CIQC-99.7 is on the air with Hot AC format as *The River*.

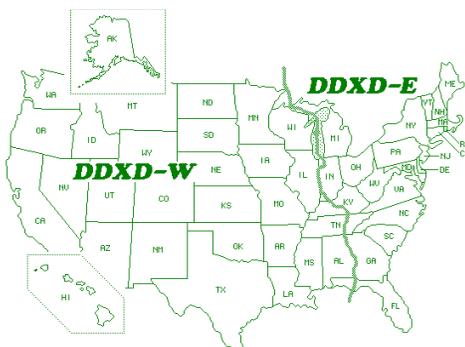
### HEAR AND THAR

- ☐ Returning to the airwaves: WFKJ-890 Cashtown, Pennsylvania and WTYL-1290 Tylertown, Mississippi with C&W // WTYL-FM.
- ☐ But reported as OFF: WSRP-910 Jacksonville, North Carolina; WIZR-930 Johnstown, New York; KHBC-1060 Hilo, Hawaii; WGSB-1060 Mebane, North Carolina; and KENT-1400 Parowan, Utah.
- ☐ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod and Dave Schmidt.

## *Domestic DX Digest*

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## **DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT**

### **DDXD-WEST**

#### FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

Hello all. This is my inaugural column. Thanks to Bill Dvorak for the outstanding job he did. As for me, I can only do my best. A few items which bear mentioning: Timely loggings submission is important; deadline dates are on the front cover of DXN; please have loggings in to me by these dates; and please don't deluge me on the last day of the deadline. Times are in ELT. If possible, frequent logging submissions are better than saving them up and sending me a long list of loggings. PLEASE DON'T use Works for windows for submissions I can't cut and paste that program. Use Notepad or put your loggings in the body of your email. Short submissions are easier to transfer from snail mail or email to the column document I use. For snail mail logging submissions please type or block print for the sake of legibility. Thank you to those who contributed to the column. With that, here we go:

#### Reporters

BD-WI Bill Dvorak, Madison. Drake \$8B, Quantum QX pro loop.  
 DBJ-TN David B Jones Nashville. Drake R8B/QX Pro Loop  
 DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu. (rcvr/ant not given)  
 GH-KS Gary Houdek Munden. G.E. Superradio.  
 KDF-IL Karl D. Forth Chicago Sangean ATS 909, DT 200VX  
 SP-WI Sheryl Paskiewicz Manitowac Icom R75/AOR Loop  
 Ed-IL Your editor Park Forest. Icom R75/Terk Loop

#### Station News

570 KVI WA Seattle..per Radio-Info.com, stn will replace Dr. Laura with Dennis Miller in Feb. when her agreement ends, airing 1206-1500. **(DP-HI)**  
 580 KIDO ID Boise.. Per Radio-Info.com and stn website, KIDO added Dennis Miller 1/01/09, airing 1107-1400. Show moves from KBOI-670. **(DP-HI)**  
 930 WKY OK Oklahoma City Per Radio-Info.com and Sports Business Daily, stn dropped its "Jox 9-30" sx format 12 / 15 and is temporarily airing ESPN Radio pending a more permanent format. **(DP-HI)**

- 1010 WMIN MN **Sauk Rapids.** Per NorthPine.com, stn dropped the modern rock simulcast of WHMH-FM 101.7's HD channel and the WPPI callsign and flipped to locally-automated swing/standards (DP-HI)
- 1180 KERI CA **Wasco/1410 KERN-CA Bakersfield** Per Bakersfield Californian, these American General Media stns started simulcasting 12/29 at 1500 ELT, with "the more powerful frequency" 1180 becoming news-talk and 1410 on 12/31 going Protestant talk. KERI received a new \$50K xmtr earlier this year but the prgm director said the plan all along was to move KERN to the 50 kW signal. The new KERN, Kern County's oldest radio stn (since 1932), will reach 10 counties. (DP-HI)
- 1190 KNUV AZ **Tolleson/1480 KPHX-AZ Phoenix** Per website ltradio.blogspot.com, PR Newswire and stn webstream, Nova M Radio consolidated its liberal talk format onto 1190 on 1/01/09 at 0201. KPHX, which was being relayed by KNUV, switched to "contemporary standards" through an LMA, featuring "Martini In The Morning." KPHX's new slogans are "The Lounge Sound" and "The Great American Songbook," while KNUV's is "11-90 Nova M." (DP-HI)
- 1270 WRJC WI **Mauston.** Per NorthPine.com, stn is now being relayed on translator W225BF-FM 92.9; both stns are on the same tower. The only other WI MW stn with a translator is WISS-1100 (DP-HI)
- 1340 KQJZ MT **Kalispell** Per Radio-Info.com, stn adds Broadcast Architecture's 24-hour smooth jazz service. (DP-HI)
- 1380 KDXE AR **North Little Rock.** Per Radio-Info.com, stn is silent, apparently after its sale fell through. Format was ESPN Radio sx. (DP-HI)
- 1410 WCMT TN **Martin.** 1/4 1759. Promo for Dave Ramsey. Local weather legal ID "100.5 FM is W263BF martin. 1410 Your Best Friend WCMT Martin. Intro CNN News before drop to night facilities. So this is another AM station with an FM Translator. Not shown in the 29th AM Log. The Log also does not show the "14510 your best friend" slogan and CNN for ToH news. According to the stations website wcmr.com WCMT carries the following national programs. "Coast to Coast" First Light" Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Dave Ramsey and Jim Bohannon. (BD-WI)



Presumed, Tentative. UnID

Regular DX Loggings (Times in ELT)

- 630 CFCO ON **Chatham.** 12/25 0753. Station ID 92.9 630 Fresh Country CFCO then more music. (GH-KS)
- 770 WVNN AL **Athens** 1-8 2155 calls, ABC News, talk show, many local ads, News Talk 7-70 AM, 92-5 FM, WVNN. Was able to null WABC well. NEW (SP-WI)
- 960 WABG MS **Greenwood.** 1/1 2140. "WABG AM we're building this station just for you" by male announcer. Fair. New. (Ed-IL)
- 1110 WBT NC **Charlotte.** 1/2 0500 News traffic report accu weather slogan AM 110 WBT. (DBJ-TN)
- 1160 WYLL IL **Chicago** 12/29 0100-0110 Noted w/ carrier only, KSL & UnID hrd, hoping for an SP but checked back 0130 and they were back with regular program. (KDF-IL)
- 1170 WQVA SC **Lexington.** 1/3 2202. Poor, though good in peaks. SS Music. legal ID in EE "This is WQVA 1170 AM Lexington South Carolina (undecipherable in SS?). Peregon Communications. Ritmo, tu estacion" This station is a 10KW day-timer, obviously on late. New! Only my 11th SC AM. first since 2001 (BD-WI)
- 1170 WFDL WI **Waupun.** 1/8 0811. Talk by male announcer of the Fon Du Lac wedding show and talk of other events in Fon Du Lac. In null of "True Oldies 1170" (no callsign for them heard). Fair. New. (GH-IL)
- 1260 KWYR SD **Winner** 12/26 0807 Tentative w/news story about police in Gregory Co. Dui checkpoints (matched story on website). also hrd KW-Heard years ago at this time is best ultralight log so far! (KDF-IL)
- 1270 WFUL KY **Fulton.** 1/2 1949. "This is Fulton's 1270 The Train WFUL" in WWCA null. Fair. New. (Ed-IL).
- 1300 WOOD MI **Grand Rapids.** 1/8 0759. Poor to fair on a crowded frequency. "Western Michigan Morning News" program, mention of website woodradio.com,

ad for Geico, legal ID: "This is Newsradio 1300 WOOD Grand Rapids." Time check 7:59, current temperature 27, wind chill 18, lake effect snow advisory until 11. Fox news sounder, but I think the news was local. Local WIBA 1310 IBOC off at the time (it would return before 1000 ELT). **(BD-WI)**

- 1300 **KGLO IA Mason City.** 1/80859. Fair in WNQM null. "Inside Iowa" report just ending; call ID followed by time check: "It's one minute before 8 o'clock." WIBA 1310 IBOC off. **(BD-WI)**
- 1300 **WNQM TN Nashville.** 1/8 0900. Good. Inspirational music, legal ID including slogan "Nashville's Quality Ministry." WIBA 1310 IBOC off.) **(BD-WI)**
- 1320 **WILS MI Lansing.** 1/8 0807. Alone and booming. "Lansing AM" program; man and woman chattering about Wal-Mart, man with local news, call ID. Local WIBA 1310 IBOC off at the time. **(BD-WI)**
- 1320 **WJAS PA Pittsburgh.** 1/2 0349. "Great Music 1320 WJAS" by male announcer. Fair. Not heard here since 2005. **(Ed-IL).**
- 1320 **WFHR WI Wisconsin Rapids.** 1/8 0855. Fair and in the clear. Ad for Auto Owners; North Central Wisconsin weather (high today 18, light flurries tonight with a low of 6). The Morning Report" program, "AM 1320 WFHR" ID. WIBA 1310 IBOC off. **(BD-WI)**
- 1400 **WIEL KY Elizabethtown.** 12/24 0500. ESPN Programming Mention of Kentucky **(DBJ-TN).**
- 1520 **KOLM MN Rochester.** 12/24 1100. ID News then heard sports talk but very weak while trying to ID a semi-local. **(KDF-IL)**
- 1660 **KXTR KS Kansas City.** 1/1 1940 "Classical 1660 KXTR". by male announcer. Fair **(Ed-IL).**
- 1700 **WEUP AL Huntsville.** 12/25 0600. Slogan The Peoples Station Gospel Music (unusual this time of day). **(DBJ-TN).**

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- 1670 **WGTT IN Hammond.** 1/3 1930. Emergency Weather Radio. many callsign ID's Announcement by Mike Prego and phone number given 265-4655. weak w/ interference from similar stations on frequency. Wonder if callsign is self-assigned. **(Ed-IL)**

## DDXD-East

### REPORTERS

- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua** - SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, SuperLoop east 1130-Ω terminated and Ewe south 1150-Ω terminated.
- SC-IN Steve Chappell McCordsville** - Chrysler car radio, K9AY loop antenna
- KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas** - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.
- DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu** - station news
- LW-NY Leslie Wood, East Meadow** - Sony 2010, Radio Shack loop
- MKB-ON Mike Brooker, Toronto** - Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

### STATION NEWS

- 570 **WTNT MD Bethesda** - Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Talk Radio Network's Laura Ingraham weekdays 1206-1500. **(DP-HI)**
- WDOX NC Raleigh** - Per Radio-Info.com, adds "The Best of Catholic Answers Live" weekdays 1700-1800. **(DP-HI)**
- 590 **WLES VA Bon Air** - Per website VARTV.com, station moved from 580, swapping frequencies with silent WLVA in Lynchburg. WLES thus increased its power from 201 watts day/27 watts night to 600/58. WLVA will later return with 250 watts day/15 watts night and will join WLES in relaying 830 WTRU-NC Kernersville. **(DP-HI)**
- 610 **WTVN OH Columbus** - Per Premiere Radio Network news release, re-adds Glenn Beck 1/05/09, airing 0907-1200. Beck moves from WTDA-FM 103.9. WTVN has a conservative talk format. **(DP-HI)**
- 640 **WHLO OH Akron** - Per website ohiomedia.blogspot.com, station added Dave Ramsey 11/03, airing weeknights 2006-2200. **(DP-HI)**

710	WOR	NY	New York - Per Premiere Radio, adds on 1/05/09 Glenn Beck, airing 0906-1100, and Lou Dobbs, airing 1406-1600. WOR drops Dennis Miller and Bill O'Reilly. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
770	WABC	NY	New York - Per Radio-Info.com, station added Laura Ingraham 11/24 2007-2200, replacing longtime local host Bob Grant. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
920	WIRD	NY	Lake Placid - Per <i>Adirondack Daily Enterprise</i> , station dropped its sports format featuring ESPN 11/26 at 1200 ELT and switched to relaying WNBZ-1240. WNBZ has an EZL format plus ABC News and Paul Harvey. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
950	WPEN	PA	Philadelphia - Per <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> , station will add The Content Factory's Tony Bruno for nights in mid-January. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
970	WNYM	NJ	Hackensack - Per Radio-Info.com, station adds Dennis Miller 1/05/09, airing 1106-1300. Show moves from WOR-710. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1230	WFOM	GA	Marietta - Per <i>Radio Ink</i> magazine, station dropped its "Super Talk" format 12/23 for ESPN Radio, airing some network shows not on co-owned WCNN-680 plus additional play-by-play. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1260	CKHJ	NB	Fredericton - Per <i>Fredericton Daily Gleaner</i> , they are back on air after a Boxing Day (12/26) fire destroyed equipment inside a transmitter station. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
	WSUA	FL	Miami - Per Radio-Info.com, adds Union Radio's "Hora 25 Global" show, making it the 500th affiliate worldwide. Slogan is "Radio Caracol 12-60." <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1340	WHAT	PA	Philadelphia - Per Radio-Info.com, station dropped all-Christmas and went all-Hanukkah during the week ending 12/28. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1350	WHWH	NJ	Princeton - Per Radio-Info.com, station has gone silent. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
	WZGM	NC	Black Mountain - Per Radio-Info.com, station switched from oldies to Southern gospel. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1450	WQKC	IN	Jeffersonville - Per Radio-Info.com and Indiana RadioWatch, station no longer simulcasts WQKC-FM 93.9 but keeps the sports format, changing the callsign from WAVG to reflect this. Slogan is "The Ticket." <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1510	WWZN	MA	Boston - Added KRXA-540's Peter B. Collins 12/02, airing weeknights 1807-2100. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1550	WKTF	GA	Vienna - Per Radio-Info.com, station switched from country/bluegrass to Salem Radio's "Solid Gospel" format. <b>(DP-HI)</b>
1580	WVKO	OH	Columbus - Per <a href="http://ohiomedia.blogspot.com">ohiomedia.blogspot.com</a> , station was sold to St. Gabriel Radio and flipped from leased liberal talk at 0001 12/23 to Catholic programming, relaying nearby WUCO-1270. This is the second go-around for progressive talk, having previously been on WTPG-1230. The old WVKO continues as a webstream. WVKO also lost the rights to Clipper baseball to WMNI-920. <b>(DP-HI)</b>



#### LOGGINGS

540	WFLF	FL	Pine Hills - 12/28 0230 - In fair-good, with local weather, and "540 WFLA Orlando" ID. Then into program "Coast To Coast." <b>(LW-NY)</b> "WFLA" is only a slogan, a non-legal ID. The real WFLA is on 970, in Tampa. Mike
680	WCBM	MD	Baltimore - 12/16 0635 - Brief weathercast, then into "Wall Street Journal Report," on "680 WCBM." <b>(LW-NY)</b>
780	CFDR	NS	Halifax - 12/20 1730 - In with Bob Powers show on "Halifax's original country music station 780 CFDR." Good, with Dolly Parton song. <b>(LW-NY)</b>
930	WGAD	AL	Rainbow City - 1/4 0500 - "WGAD Rainbow City" with poor signal. NEW! <b>(SC-IN)</b>
950	WIBX	NY	Utica - 12/31 1728 - Commercial for Cooper Fuel Oil Co., and Bubba's Used Cars of Utica. Then into weather forecast for area, on "News Radio 950 WIBX." <b>(LW-NY)</b>
1070	WKOK	PA	Sunbury - 1/3 1659 - Good; "Hear every second of the NFL playoffs on News-radio 1070 WKOK Sunbury," and Westwood One NFL coverage. <b>(BC-NH)</b>
	WINA	VA	Charlottesville - 1/2 1854 - Fair in <i>Country 103.9</i> CHOK null; "Newsradio 1070 WINA" promos. <b>(BC-NH)</b>
1080	WHOO	FL	Kissimmee - 1/2 1845 - Under WTIC; ad for Orlando Hair Replacement during local break. <b>(BC-NH)</b>
1090	WBAL	MD	Baltimore - 1/8 1655 - mixing with probably WTSB, talking about taxation, into traffic report. OM "It's 35 in Baltimore. WBAL traffic and weather". 1700 WBAL goes to night time power as they are gone. <b>(KK-VA)</b>

- WTBS NC Selma** - 1/8 1655 - mixing with WBAL, playing C&W songs, not ESPN as shown at topazdesigns.com/ambc. 1720 "... forecast at WTBS..." local weather. WTBS and WMTM sign-off announcement at 1728: "WTBS and WMTM ends its broadcast day... we wish everyone a good evening." **(KK-VA)**
- 1100 WTAM OH Cleveland** - 1/7 1659 - promo for "20-20 on ABC", ToH ID "This is news radio WTAM AM eleven hundred" into news. 1730 OM "News at the top and bottom of the hour. This is Cleveland's news radio WTAM eleven hundred" into "Five thirty report". **(KK-VA)**
- 1110 WBT NC Charlotte** - 1/6 1658 - "Next on news, talk eleven ten WBT". Ad for winning tickets to the Carolina Panthers game from WBT. Into news. 1706 OM "Your breaking news, weather and traffic station. Charlotte. News, talk eleven ten WBT and ninety nine point three FM and WBT dot com". **(KK-VA)**
- 1120 WUST DC Washington** - 1/4 1700 - ethnic programming, ToH ID in EE: "You're listening to the multicultural voice of the nation's capital. AM eleven twenty WUST Washington". **(KK-VA)**
- KMOX MO St. Louis** - 1/5 1713 - Mixing with WUST until WUST went to night time power, "Traffic and weather together on KMOX". 1722 OM "Here is your KMOX weather channel forecast". Interview about RNC chairman. **(KK-VA)**
- 1130 WDFN MI Detroit** - 1/3 1702 - In WBBR null; local sports coverage, "Sportsradio 1130 WDFN" into break. **(BC-NH)**
- WBBR NY New York** - 1/3 1645 - Mixing with talk and sports station. "Bloomberg eleven thirty" into New York area traffic report. **(KK-VA)**
- 1140 CHRAB AB High River** - 1/6 0800 - Dominated 1140 all night. "You're listening to CHRAB." Never actually heard calls before. **(SC-IN)**
- WRVA VA Richmond** - 1/2 1646 - traffic report, "Right now at WRVA it's 42" into ad for basement waterproofing. Wall Street Journal Report and Fox news at 1700. **(KK-VA)**
- 1290 WKBK NH Keene** - 12/31 0117 - In with political talk/discussion show. Frequent "1290 WKBK" station ID's. **(LW-NY)**
- KOWB WY Laramie** - 1/4 1900 - "Wyoming's News Talk Sport Station voted Station of the Year by Wyoming's Association of Broadcasters" with poor to fair signal for about 35 seconds then gone. "Station of the Year" confirmed at 1290kowb.com. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1300 KGLO IA Mason City** - 1/4 0857 - over usual WOOD/WXRL groundwave mix with local weather (2°F, with wind chills well below zero), long list of weather-related cancellations, ID just after ToH: "...it's 8:01 at KGLO Mason City". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1350 KRNT IA Des Moines** - 1/3 0909 - over oldies (WPDR?) with ad for Iowa Association of Electrical Contractors, "now from the KRNT newsroom...your exclusive forecast" into local weather. **(MKB-ON)**
- WGPL VA Portsmouth** - 1/3 1902 - in like ton of bricks with ID as: "you're listening to WGPL 1350...your gospel connection" amid high-octane black gospel songs. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1360 WDRC CT Hartford** - 1/5 1607 - dominating frequency with local news and weather: "40 degrees in Hartford...next news at 4:30 on the Talk of Connecticut, 1360 WDRC". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1370 KDTH IA Dubuque** - 1/5 0701 - over usual WSPD/WXXI mix with station promo "serving the Tri-States for over 60 years...and worldwide on kdth.com...KDTH news starts now" into local news. **(MKB-ON)**
- WLJW MI Cadillac** - 1/8 1759 - over nulled WSPD with northern Michigan weather, ToH dual ID: "...thank you for supporting WLJN and WLJW, Traverse City and Cadillac" into gospel program. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1410 CFUN BC Vancouver** - 1/8 0106 - All alone thru out the evening with The Dr. Laura Show but always faded on all Id's till 0106. "This is Dr. Laura, You're listening to the Home of The Dr. Laura Show in Vancouver" and motto "The Buzz of Vancouver" into Coast to Coast. NEW! **(SC-IN)**
- 1470 WNY NY Ithaca** - 12/5 1759 - In with station ID, & weather report for area. Then into NOS music. **(LW-NY)**
- 1590 WAKR OH Akron** - 12/28 0240 - Weak-fair, in 1590 QRM. Frequent "WAKR 1590" ID's. Into rock music, with Santana. **(LW-NY)**

# International DX Digest

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Maybe it's a sign of a DX recession, a badly needed recovery from a busy holiday season, or perhaps the challenging winter weather has taken us away from the dials. This edition might be ultra-light, but it's packed with some ultra-heavy logs.

## Transatlantic DX

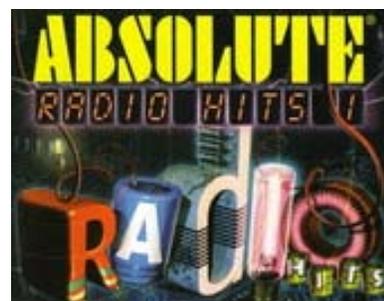
- 549 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17'N 0°34'W) JAN 9 2300 - Good; time marker, ID, and fanfare into news in Arabic. [Conti-NH]
- 603 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 9 2300 - Good; time marker, fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos." [Conti-NH]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. JAN 9 2259 - Fair; "Radio Nacional" announcement not parallel other RNE frequencies, then bumper music, time marker, fanfare, etc. parallel 603, 621, etc. [Conti-NH]
- 1044 **MOROCCO** *RTM A/C*, Sebaâ-Aioun (33°54'N 5°23'W) JAN 4 0001 - Under *SER* Spain; choral national anthem. [Conti-NH]
- 1125 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros JAN 4 0000 - Fair; time marker, fanfare, "Radio Nacional de España..." news. [Conti-NH]
- 1206 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Bordeaux (44°57'N 0°11'W) JAN 4 0000 - Excellent; "Un heure France Info," and fanfare into "Le journal" news. Audio uploaded to Loco the DX Cat page of dxclipjoint.com. [Conti-NH]
- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros JAN 4 0201 - Excellent; "Here's a scary thought. You're only six degrees of separation away from Gary Glicker. Here's a scarier thought. You're only two degrees of separation away from someone who doesn't know we're called Absolute Radio." Say what? Audio uploaded to Loco the DX Cat page of dxclipjoint.com. [Conti-NH]

## Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana JAN 9 2300 - Fair in CIAO null; woman with ID, "...CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia, desde la Habana, Cuba" and easy listening instrumentals. [Conti-NH]
- 810 **BAHAMAS** *ZNS3* Nassau JAN 6 0007 - Man in Island English reading obituary reports for January 9. Then "Radio Bahamas news time seven minutes past the hour of seven." Recorded. Fair to good with WGY phased. [Black-MA]
- 810 **COLOMBIA** *HJCY CARACOL* Bogotá (4°40'N 74°11'W) JAN 9 0013 - Interview with founder of the FARC guerrilla movement, Manuel Marulanda Vélez, a.k.a. Tirofijo, who died last year. Then discussion about the ELN guerrilla group and one of its most prominent members, father Camilo Torres Restrepo, killed in action in 1966. Recorded. Fair with WGY phased. Thanks to Henrik Klemetz and Sylvain Naud via RealDX for translation. [Black-MA]
- 1070 **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** *HIBI Hibi Radio*, San Francisco de Macorís JAN 3 0000 - Fair, but briefly dominant over nulled CHOK; announcements for "Una hora" with San Francisco de Macorís address and phone number. New log. Thanks to Jean Burnell, Rocco Cotroneo, and Mauricio Molano Sánchez of RealDX for help with identification. [Conti-NH]

## Transpacific DX

- 279 **RUSSIA** *GTRK Sakhalin/R.Rossii*, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk JAN 3 0830-0900+ - Weak but clear parallel 6075 with *R.Rossii* programming (news, features, Russian pops), also heard what sounded like a *R.Rossii* jingle! Bottom of the hour ID: "Programa... Radio Rossii." RR jingle, pips, Kremlin Bells, and "Programa... Radio Rossii" ID at 0900. Heard in mid-December with much sketchier signals. Also added two Hawaii NDBs this morning - happy happy joy joy. [Sheedy-CA]
- 612 **AUSTRALIA** *4QR ABC MS*, Brisbane (27°19'S 153°01'E) DEC 30 1707 - Remix of Peter Gabriel's "Games Without Frontiers," man with liner, woman with patter and taking phone calls. Poor to very poor; barely audible at 1715. [Park-HI]



A quick question from Dan Sheedy: I've Googled for Pacific/Oceania NDB listings in vain. Any hints/sites that you may know of?

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Dan Sheedy, Encinitas CA; R75, 30-m "randumber" wire.



### International News

**BRAZIL:** An updated medium wave radio stations list edited by the *DX Clube do Brasil* now is online, both html and pdf. Dozens of updates, with many split frequencies. Browse or download at [www.ondascurtas.com/om/index.htm](http://www.ondascurtas.com/om/index.htm). [Rocco Cotroneo via *mwdx*]

73 and Good DX!

# Musings of the Members

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Happy New Year from a 37-year veteran of this club. I hardly DX here due to power lines around this duplex. But I do keep aware of radio happenings through various broadcasting websites. I am thankful to be healthy this winter compared to knee injuries suffered the previous 2. I am also thankful to have 2 part-time jobs. In the morning I do telephone work for a basement waterproofing company, and in late afternoon I do telephone work for a health insurance broker. Both are close to home and have been successful so far. The previous mortgage company job failed, and they still owe me a small sum, which I doubt I'll ever see. On the radio scene, local WCGO-1600 is making preparation for a move to suburban Grand Rapids, MI, but they have two years to do it. I e-mailed them, since they aren't answering their phones, and they haven't responded. So they continue to air ABC satellite MoR all hours. I got tired of using the Sangean Sonido radio for serious listening and found the Eton FR300 Red Cross portable at Target. It's okay as a backup radio with a vernier dial, but for Christmas my younger brother really surprised me with the Grundig S350 DL AM/FM/SW portable off eBay, I think. It's a pretty good receiver (I got no instruction booklet) so I just figured it out. AM DX will have to wait until later. I like the FM selectivity and shortwave which I knew little about but will use as a part-time filler. I found WWV at 10,000 kc. Nice. But outside power lines make serious AM listening difficult. The AM dial is similar to the CCrane original – nice, which needs repair. I live 4 blocks from 2 parks I can visit for serious DX. I'll look forward to that later. IBOC continues to be a problem on selected frequencies. I feel it's totally useless; what do broadcasters care about us hobbyists? I am glad I can DX from a generally good area and reach 8 states in daytime and 2 Canadians. Those stations that can't be profitable will cease to exist and make the dial a little less crowded for the rest of us. Best to you all in '09.

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**DX'ing 'smart', with shared tips and information from NRC members**

Welcome to the Target DX Column number 9.

Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent. In this column we will look at hearing our targets away from our usual listening posts. The vast majority of DX'ers do their listening from their homes, condos or apartments in an urban setting. Now by urban I mean city or town. This is where we live and DX day to day. However there is an option to this urban setting and that my friends is a DX'pedition.

I am sure that many of you have seen some of the fantastic loggings of DX'ers not only on both coasts but also in the middle of the continent. All of those low powered domestics and foreign stations from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific would be great to hear but they are hard to almost impossible to catch from an urban setting from many parts of North America.

**Definition** If you have never been on a DX'pedition, you have been missing the ultimate DX'perience. But what exactly is a DX'pedition you ask? Simply put, a DX'pedition is going to a new or favourite site, putting up antennas, (if your receiver needs an external antenna) and then listening to the radio to your heart's content. If all you have is a portable radio or a loop antenna then bring them with you. Once you are away from all the noises urban living generates it will be like you have a brand new radio in your hands.

Oh yes, it is also about having fun, a learning experience, and a super way to hear your targets. The countryside is prime DX'pedition territory. Now this does not mean a DX'pedition cannot be held in a city or town, because it can. But for this editor's money, the rural sites are the best. If you have no access to a rural site, getting together with a group of DX'ers at somebody's home for a night of DX can be equally exciting. A garage emptied of cars and some tables set up can be a DX'er's dream when you share it with others for an evening of DX.

The whole point of any DX'pedition is to try new things and share ideas. Most of us practice our hobby alone at home. Some of us are using a portable radio in a bedroom, others are lucky enough to have a radio room. The DX'pedition is a chance to DX together. The sharing of ideas, DX'ing techniques and just plain old story telling or having stories to tell makes any DX'pedition a success regardless of what you hear. You can go to <http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/dxpedition.html>

This is the site of the AMANDX DX'peditions in Manitoba with stories and pictures of our past DX'peditions.

**Selection** Now that you have decided to go on a DX'pedition, it is important to choose your site carefully. This section will look at the various aspects of site selections that will match your particular circumstances. The information below is based on my experiences and may not include every detail that your situation dictates. Use it as a guide to help you on your site selection and then custom tailor the information to your needs.

As you will note, there are many factors to consider. They will help to ensure your DX'pedition is fun, and that your site meets your needs for the type of DX'ing you enjoy.

**Distance** The very first thing you must do is get a map of your area. Take a look at it and see where some potential sites might be located. Not all sites on the map will be good sites from which to DX. Before you select some sites to look over, decide how far you want to travel. Here in Winnipeg MB, we are very fortunate to have some great sites within 1 to 1\_ hour's drive. I have driven 3\_ hours to sites, on occasion, but this can prove a bit much for short DX'peditions. Of course, you could get going at 6:00am and be there early, but close sites are preferable whenever possible.

Once you have selected a site or two on the map, you should go out and look them over. Several things must be considered when investigating a site.

**Accessibility** A big question is: How easy it is to get to? If a site looks great, but you need a four-wheel drive vehicle to get in, and your Honda Civic says to you, "Who are you kidding?" a change of site will be necessary. By the way, consider what the weather will do to your site. One of my favourite sites is great when it is dry, but a group of us showed up after a heavy spell of rain and we ended up carrying all of our gear in mud and water that was more than ankle deep in places. A body can be a bit sore after three trips across 1,200 feet of mud, especially when carrying 50 pound batteries. We laugh about it now, but it was a long haul at the time.

Snow can always change situations a bit. A major storm can change a site considerably. One storm we encountered caused drifts so deep we had to turn back as we sank to our waists in the new soft snow. In order to get to another DX site, we had to place plywood across a ditch as the road to access

the trailer was drifted in. The good news was that the lake was frozen solid and we could lay wires toward Europe right on the lake. You cannot do that in the summer, so the site has different uses, based on the weather and the time of year.

**Set up** Once you are there set up should be quick and easy. You can use a trailer a tent a cabin whatever is available to you and meets the weather conditions. You can lay out an antenna or two or three if you want by just unrolling wire on the ground. This can be of any length you have the wire to use. You can put out anywhere from 75 feet up to 1,000 or more feet if you have the wire and the space. If you have brought along a loop antenna set it up plug it in and go. You can even DX from inside your car or truck. Antennas on the outside and you with the radio inside and you are set for a night of DX.

How you do it is up to you. Tailor your DX'pedition to your needs and equipment. You don't have to go out and spend a lot of money for new gear. Use what you have or buy some wire if you want a longer antenna, but keep it simple. Listen as long or as short as you want and see what comes in. Hopefully one or more of your Targets List stations will come in for you. There are no guarantees but I have been on DX'peditions since 1986 and only once did I not get a new station.

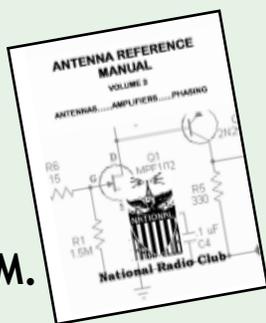
If you have any comments or suggestions for a column please feel free to send them in.

73 for this time Shawn

**Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever**

(Shawn - I'm going to add a few lines here, for safety's sake. In this day of cell phones and GPS and instant communication, maybe this warning is unnecessary ... but my aged grandparents got stranded once in the highlands of Big Horn County, WY, and would have died 14 miles away from civilization had not someone come along on his bi-weekly trip to feed his sheep and found them barely able to move beside the road. They loved to explore the back areas - my grandfather collected agates and dinosaur bones - and in 1964 they just used their ordinary rear-wheel drive Ford; they didn't have a Jeep. They took a back road, got high-centered, and couldn't dig out the rear wheels enough to get traction. So - also take some kind of two-way gear with you, whether it be a cell phone, a CB, or 2-meter gear, in case something happens and you need to summon help -pls.)

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