



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> |
|------|-----------------|----|--------------|-----------------|
| 740 | WQTM | FL | Orlando | WYGM |
| 820 | WMGG | FL | Largo | WWBA |
| 940 | NEW | ID | Jerome | KDIL * |
| 1080 | WOKT | KY | Cannonsburg | WYHY |
| 1110 | WOKU | WV | Hurricane | WIHY |
| 1400 | WSTK | NC | Jacksonville | WAVQ |
| 1450 | NEW | GA | Brooklet | WQQT |
| 1470 | WWBA | FL | Dunedin | WMGG |

+ - Unbuilt CP



CPs ON THE AIR

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| 930 | WSFZ | MS | Jackson - CP for U2 3800/3100 is on the air. They have relocated to the WOAD-1300 single-tower site at N32-23-12 W91-09-47 and built two additional towers to accommodate their nighttime pattern. Since WOAD's tower is 415 feet compared to WSFZ's former towers, they are required to reduce their power accordingly. |
| 1140 | KTLK | AR | Centerton - CP for D1 700/0 is on the air moving to a new tower at N36-21-50 N94-20-53, increasing power, and moving from Southwest City, Missouri. |
| 1200 | WKOX | MA | Newton - CP for U4 50000/50000 is on the air with these increased power levels, adding a tower to their former two at N42-17-20 W71-11-21, and with a change in City-of-License (CoL) from Framingham. Both patterns are huge balloons of power to the northeast. |
| 1200 | KFNW | ND | West Fargo - CP for U4 50000/13000 is on the air. They added a tower to what they were using for their daytime pattern for a total of four to produce a circular nighttime pattern headed due north, save for a small blip to the south. No threat to WOAI, I'm sure, as they barely make it here most nights, hi. |
| 1250 | KCST | OR | Florence - CP for U1 900/37 is on the air from a new tower location at N44-01-45 W124-05-49. |
| 1270 | WQKR | TN | Portland - CP for U4 500/29 is on, adding the night power. |
| 1330 | WRCA | MA | Watertown - CP for U4 25000/17000 is on the air from 5 towers (5-day/4 night) moving to the WKOX-1200 transmitter site (see above). Both new patterns shoot all the power out over the Atlantic Ocean. This is also a CoL change from Waltham. |
| 1480 | WTLO | KY | Somerset - CP for U1 1000/27 is on the air adding the night service and moving to N37-04-50 W84-39-39 along with a change in City-of-License from Corbin. |
| 1600 | WKZK | SC | North Augusta - CP for U1 4000/27 is on, adding night service. |

ACTIONS

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| 940 | KDIL | ID | Jerome - CP granted to move this unbuilt station from Dillon, Montana with U4 1000/250 from a two-tower site at N42-43-38 W114-37-37. |
| 1080 | KFXX | OR | Portland - CP granted for U4 50000/9000. |
| 1360 | KBUY | NM | Ruidoso - CP granted for U1 9000/201. |
| 1450 | KWES | NM | Ruidoso - CP granted for U1 1000/910. |
| 1590 | WHGT | PA | Maugansville - CP modification granted for for U4 15000/58 (from 15000/15). This is also a City-of-License change from Chambersburg. |

APPLICATIONS

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| 1330 | WLBB | GA | Carrollton - Applies for U1 1000/34, doubling the daytime power. |
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Two URL's you need: <http://e-dxn.com>; <http://www.nrcdxas.org>

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

630 KTKK UT Sandy - Licensed for U4 1000/500, KTKK has, once again, modified an application for a move to Kearns, Utah. This time they request U4 935/500.

APPLICATIONS/CPs DISMISSED

1440 WJL NY Niagara Falls - CP for U4 5000/190 and APP for U4 5000/1000 moving to West Seneca. WJL remains U1 1000/55.

AM-on-FM TRANSLATORS

1570 WSCP WI Appleton - Is now being heard on W214BT-90.7 MHz.

HEAR AND THAR

☐ Returning to the airwaves: WMSX-1410 Brockton, Massachusetts with Contemporary Christian.

☐ But reported as OFF: WDMV-700 Walkersville, Maryland; WMTC-730 Vancleve, Kentucky; WBKZ-880 Jefferson, Georgia after a fire at its studio.

☐ Thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Wayne Heinen and Dave Schmidt.

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

+ record held by a DXer in USA/Canada where a Canadian/USA record exceeds that mileage

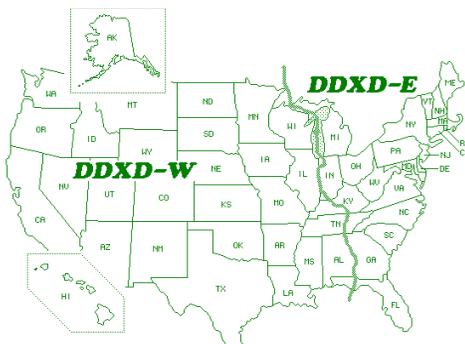
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

DDXD-West

FROM THE VAST WESTLAND

Hello all. This one starts off promisingly, Ye ed got a good one on his SRF59. Other goodies as listed below. Once again thanks to all who contributed.

Reporters

JE TN Jerry Ervine Clarksville. Sony 2010. AOR LA360 Loop.
WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora. Drake R8B, Kiwa Loop, E/W Flag and N/S Flag coupled to a Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo and Mini DXP5. DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp.
SP-WI Sherry Paskiewicz Manatowoc. XDR-F1HD / Loop
DP-HI Dale Park Honolulu. Sangean ATS818CS or SRF59. or *car radio in East Honolulu.
JJR-WI John J. Rieger. So. Milwaukee. Icom R75, Kiwa loop. Preamp.
Ed-IL Ye Editor, Park Forest. Icom R75/Quantum Loop or ultralight Sony SRF59.

Station News

930 KRKY CO Granby01/28 0900 "930 AM and 101.9 FM KRKY Granby-Winter Park-Grand Lake-Kremmling" The only explanation for 101.9 is the translator K270AL-101.9 licensed to Grandby. KRKY FM is 102.1 and licensed to Estes Park. (WH-CO)

970 WHA WI Madison. A recent "QSL letter" received from Mr Johnson of this station states they have done some rebuild type work on their antenna. Didn't change the engineering, but used better materials to fix what they had. It is seeming to make a difference as they are getting more reception reports now. (ED-IL)

1180 KOIL NE Bellevue02/06 2300 out of TRN programming "Get in on the conversation Omaha's Coil AM 1180 and on line at koilam1180.com KOIL Bellevue-Omaha-Council Bluffs" to CNN News. New format and add CNN/TRN to your Logbook info (WH-CO)

Presumed, Tentative. UnID

- 960 UNID 2/7 2145. Operating slogan "Classic Rock 96 Easy". Briefly good signal then gone in the noise. **(Ed-II)**
- 1520 UNID 1/31 2232 . Ad for debt reduction services, PSA about recent veterans with war-induced head injuries; back to man w/talk show. Couldn't tell if it was KVTA-CA or KOKC-OK. FAIR to POOR **(DP-HI*)**
- 1530 KFBK CA Sacramento (tent) 1/31 2234. noted in passing with "Bob Brinker's Money Talk." POOR to FAIR; QRM KREA-1540. **(DP-HI*)**
- Regular DX Loggings (Times in ELT)
- 690 CBU BC Vancouver 02/02 0004 ending British Columbia weather "This is CBC Radio One 88.1 FM and 690 AM in Vancouver." **(WH-CO)**
- 690 CBKF1 SK Gravelbourg 02/02 0300 "Ici Radio Canada" and FF Newscast, mixing with CBU. **(WH-CO)**
- 690 WSPZ AL Birmingham. 2/8 0800 ad, calls, The Sports Animal ESPN **(SP-WI)**
- 700 WLW OH Cincinnati 01/30 2300 out of a string of spots "NewsRadio 700 WLW Cincinnati" to news. **(WH-CO)**
- 700 KALL UT North Salt Lake 01/30 2302 out of Fox Sports programs "KALL North Salt Lake Call 700 Sports" mixing with WLW. **(WH-CO)**
- 710 KGNC TX Amarillo 02/04 0305 out of a PSA "... on Amarillo's News Source NewsTalk 710 KGNC" to George Noory. Local KNUS phased. Hadn't heard this in years and added to the tape collection. **(WH-CO)**
- 740 KRMG OK Tulsa 2/8 2121 Allen Hunt Show re:'manufactured lives'. Call-in show on contacersial issue. 2127 QRM-music 'A million dollar baby from a 5 & 10 cent store' Some fading, AD cosmetic medicine-Dr Leslie Mathews. Share the Heartland ment. AD-Lenox generators. Man said, "See if you can find a moral compas?:" Note-just reporting what was heard! je. Fair to good. **(JE-TN)**
- 750 WSB GA Atlanta 2/8 2310 Woman with computer info program with caqll-ins. AD Comando.com-newsletter. Lots of reports, news, weather, ports, etc. Vid 'News talk 750 at 2330. Good. **(JE-TN)**
- 740 CHWO ON Toronto 2/8 2138 Woman singing, QRM from KRMG. Music, oldies I Walk Alone and My Happiness. AD Diamond Jewelers, VID AM 740 Toronto 2113. More oldies and news. Good w/fades. **(JE-TN)**
- 930 KIUP CO Durango 01/27 2300 quick "KIUP Durango" and ESPN programming. **(WH-CO)**
- 930 WSFZ MS Jackson. 2/6 0120. "Supersport 930" operating slogan (not The Ticket as in the NRC log) and "Sporting News Radio" sung jingle. Heard on Sony SRF59 (best ultralight catch so far) New. **(Ed-IL)**
- 930 KWOC MO Poplar Bluff. 2/9 0725. "On Newstalk 930 KWOC." and local WX. Weak. New **(Ed-IL)**
- 930 WEOL OH Elyria. 2/11 0158 "WEOL" by deep voiced male announcer. Cut through the babble. Fair briefly then gone. New. **(Ed-IL)**
- 930 WLBL WI Auburndale. 2/12 0809. "We talk about what matters (missed) WLBL" . fair. New. **(Ed-IL)**
- 960 WFIR VA Roanoke. 2/8 2206. "Newstalk 960 WFIR" by male announcer. Weak. New. **(Ed-IL)**
- 970 KCFO OK Tulsa. 2/7 2201. Local ad's. briefly good signal then faded and didn't come back up. **(Ed-II)**
- 980 KMIN NM Grants 01/26 0701 out of C&W "Serving our community since 1956 this is KMIN Grants-Milan K-Mine 980" **(WH-CO)**
- 1020 KMMQ NE Plattsmouth 02/06 0203 out of SS music "KMMQ Plattsmouth - Omaha La Preciosa 1020 AM" needed call changed taped. Good mixing with KCKN. **(WH-CO)**
- 1090 KPTK WA Seattle 1/31 2229 . Govt. PSA for the Food Pyramid featuring audio from "The Jungle Book" animated movie, promo for Peter B. Collins "on AM 10-90, Seattle's Progressive Talk." Heard at 45 minutes before sunset. POOR; KWAI-1080 QRM **(DP-HI*)**
- 1150 KTLK CA Los Angeles 1/26 0606. "Bill Press Show" heard through the mess; Heard on SRF-59 without the loop. VERY POOR; QRM co-channel unID, KPHI-1130. **(DP-HI)**

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| 1230 | KYSM | MN | Mankato 2-9 0625 Very poor tho clear Mankato in ad. "AM1230 KYSM the Fan"@:28 in mess. Only 2nd time heard (JJR-WI) |
| 1270 | WLIK | TN | Newport 2-9 0634 Poor o/ others. Long range wx, TN nx, local nx o/ others.(JJR-WI) |
| 1310 | WTTL | KY | Madisonville 2/11 1239 AD-woman with Free debt analyses. ESPN Interview with Tommy Lasorda 1252 AD Barracuda Network. Weather and news for Central Kentucky. VID 'Madisonville Sports Radio WTTL. F-Good. (JE-TN) |
| 1320 | WSMR | TN | Manchester 2/11 1100 Man with news VID 'This is CBS news, QRM, weather AD Cellulite, music 'Strawberry Hill' AD- Manchester Building Supply , music-country western., deep fades. (JE-TN) |
| 1330 | WYHI | IN | Evansville 2/10 2230 Religous message 2259 VID. AD-Healing Study Course, phone no. 1100 VID "WVHI Evansville' F-Good. (JE-TN) |
| 1330 | KLBS | CA | Los Baños 1/31 2322. Blasting in local-like with PP song, M w/ tx, EE ID "You Are Listening to KLBS Los Baños, The Portuguese Radio," then quickly fading out. GOOD then VERY POOR. (DP-HI*) |
| 1560 | KNZR | CA | Bakersfield 1/31 2237 .Ad for Bob's Pharmacy on Callaway Drive, liner "15-60 KNZR," back to Fresno SU basketball vs. Utah SU // KMJ-580. (DP-HI*) |

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DDXD-East

REPORTERS

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| BC-QC | Bogdan Chiochiu, Pierrefonds - Sanyo MCD-S830 | | |
| BC-NH | Bruce Conti, Nashua - SDR IQ, WR-CMC-30, MWDX-5, SuperLoop east 1130-Ω terminated and Ewe south 1150-Ω terminated. | | |
| HF-MI | Harold Frodge, Midland - Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW | | |
| KK-VA | Kraig Krist, Manassas - NRD-545, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE. | | |
| GS-ON | Greg Shoom, Toronto - Sangean DT-400W | | |
| MKB-ON | Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus) | | |

LOGGINGS

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| 550 | WGR | NY | Buffalo - 2/1 0200 - legal ID "Sports radio Fife-Fifty WGR Buffalo". Fair level. Conditions must have been quite good toward Buffalo, since this one is rarely making above the 550 kHz jumble. I think it beams away from Montreal in order to protect semi-local WEVD and former semi-local CHLN. (BC-QC) |
| 580 | WHP | PA | Harrisburg - 2/9 1718 - over talk station (WTCM and/or CFRA) with slogan "hear the difference...WHP talk radio 580" into "Central Pennsylvania Honda traffic alert" local traffic report. (MKB-ON) |
| 770 | WLWL | NC | Rockingham - 2/11 1710 - Mixing with WABC, playing oldies including Jackie Wilson "Higher and Higher" and Al Green "Tired of Being Alone". Ad at 1717 mentioning "...336 248 6600 for an appointment". Area code 336 is North Carolina. (KK-VA) |
| | WABC | NY | New York - 2/11 1710 - Sean Hannity show, mixing with WLWL. Surprised to hear Scott Shannon (of the true oldies) doing announcement. Checking the True Oldies Website, I see Scott Shannon "Scott also moonlights as the official voice of the Sean Hannity Show that is broadcast on over 400 stations across America." Geez... another Ryan Seacrest. (KK-VA) |
| 780 | WAVA | VA | Arlington - 2/10 1710 - Mixing with WBBM and WCKB with talk about Catholic church and purgatory, "Albert Muller Program" talking about parental rights. 1742 sign-off: "WAVA AM seven eighty Arlington Washington is off the air. You can continue to listen to streaming audio on the web at wavaam.com. WAVA AM seven eighty will be on the air again tomorrow morning. WAVA AM is a service of Salem Communications. The nation's leading Christian and family themed radio and media corporation. Enjoy WAVA AM seven eighty or our FM station 105.1 FM WAVA and thanks for listening." (KK-VA) |
| | WCKB | NC | Dunn - 2/10 1758* - in WBBM/WAVA mix with gospel programs and sign off: "Radio station WCKB in Dunn North Carolina now concludes its broadcast day. Owned and operated by North Carolina Central Broadcasting incorpo- |



rated of Dunn... operates with one thousand watts of power at seven eighty kilohertz on the AM dial from local sunrise to sunset...we invite you to join us again tomorrow. Good evening." **(KK-VA)**

- 790 WSGW MI **Saginaw** - 2/6 1155 - Terry Henney's Farm Report, mentioned a meeting next week in Bad Axe--Making the Most of Your Manure. **(HF-MI)** Harold also notes that Rush Limbaugh is not being simulcast on WSGW. He has been moved to FM only and replaced with Dennis Miller on 790.
- WBLO NC **Thomasville** - 2/9 1710 - Mixing with WNIS and WQXI with sports talk. Surprised to hear a lot of cussing. 1722 Ad with phone number 704 541-7654. Area code 704 is North Carolina. Slogan "Primetime Network seven ninety 'The Ball'" and "Sports talk with the Packman on 790 'The Ball'". **(KK-VA)**
- WNIS VA **Norfolk** - 2/9 1753 - in WBLO/WQXI mix with ID as "...right here on seven ninety WNIS". **(KK-VA)**
- WQXI GA **Atlanta** - 2/9 1800 - Mixing with WBLO and WNIS with ToH ID: "This is your home of the Hawks. Seven ninety 'The Zone'...This is WQXI Atlanta a Big Wave Broadcasting Company". **(KK-VA)**
- 800 WSVS VA **Crewe** - 2/8 1722 - Mixing with CKLW and others, "... songs... we got them all...Clark with a Waylon Jennings song..." into another C&W song. 1732 "News, sports, weather... extreme bluegrass... Virginia... eight hundred WSVS" into song "Welcome to My World". **(KK-VA)**
- CKLW ON **Windsor** - 2/8 1759 - Mixing with WSVS, SS and religious stations, with ToH ID: "... right here on AM eight hundred CKLW... station. It's six o'clock" into news. **(KK-VA)**
- 820 WWFD MD **Frederick** - 2/6 1710 - Mixing with WMGG and religious station, "It's five eleven" into talk about HEPA privacy act. Non-IDs "Federal news radio dot com..." and "... federal news radio fifteen hundred AM" into promo for "Radio Olympus" Greek programs. Promo for "...the Washington Caps coverage right here on WFED...". Somewhat confusing as if I didn't know better I would believe I was listening to 1500 kHz WFED. **(KK-VA)**
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- WMGG FL **Largo** - 2/6 1759 - out of the WWFD mix with "WMGG Largo..." ID. **(KK-VA)**
- 910 WRNL VA **Richmond** - 2/10 1725 - over WLAT/WAVL mix with semi-local sports (Wizards, Capitals), ad for Lexus of Richmond, promo for Jim Rome show on "Sports radio 910". **(MKB-ON)**
- 1040 WNJE NJ **Flemington** - 2/9 1703 - over WYSL/WHO mix with local sports (Knicks, Islanders, Rangers, etc.), ESPN sports talk, mostly about A-Rod's use of steroids, "1050 ESPN" jingle. //WEPN-1050. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1110 WCCM NH **Salem** - 2/7 1901 - running roughshod over WBT with easy-listening SS songs, ToH ID in EE: "your conversation station for the Merrimack Valley...online at wccmam.com, this is 1110 WCCM Salem", then back into Latino tunes. Per website, they replace their usual talk format (hence the "conversation station" slogan) with Latino on weekends. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1120 WBNW MA **Concord** - 2/8 1800 - Fair, over WPRX; "Boston's Talk Variety" and wbnw1120.com promo, "You're listening to WBNW Boston-Concord, WPLM 1390 Plymouth, WESO 970 Southbridge," into IRN USA news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1140 CBI NS **Sydney** - 2/12 1759 - Good; "This is CBC Radio One, 90.1 FM in Bay St. Lawrence, 93.9 FM in Northeast Margaree. Canada lives here." Then a local promo leading up to CBC network news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1220 CJUL ON **Cornwall** - 2/12 1801 - "When you see news, call the AM 1220 news line at 932-5309," heard through WHKW and unIDs. **(BC-NH)**
- 1240 WSYY ME **Millinocket** - 2/11 1900 - Fair; "WSYY AM 1240 Millinocket, ESPN Radio for the Katahdin area and Lincoln Lakes region. WABI Bangor," into University of Maine Black Bears hockey. **(BC-NH)**
- 1340 WBRK MA **Pittsfield** - 2/2 0321 - ID "WBRK AM 1340" Info for calling with requests, including instructions to call cell number 68683 (?) and text "studio" to make a request. Slogan: "We are in the middle of 40 minutes of non-stop music on your home for today's hits and yesterday's favorites". Then into music. **(GS-ON)**
- WENT NY **Gloversville** - 2/2 0645 - poor with oldies, ID "WENT extreme (?)... more than words." New York State lottery numbers and ads. **(GS-ON)**
- WGAW MA **Gardner** - 2/2 0100 - ID "WGAW Gardner" at top of hour amidst jumble

of stations. A couple of hours later I heard a stronger ID plus ESPN sports programming. (GS-ON)

- WIRY NY **Plattsburgh** – 2/2 0700 - ID heard at top of hour followed by (CNN?) news. (GS-ON)
- WMSA NY **Massena** – 2/2 0522 – very poor with mention of URL “1340wmsa.com”, which is WMSA’s station website. (GS-ON)
- WSTJ VT **St. Johnsbury** – 2/2 0222 – very poor, heard “only on ...1340 WSTJ” followed by the Pink Panther theme music. (GS-ON)
- WWNH NH **Madbury** – 2/2 0324 – poor with religious programs, slogan “Love 1340”. (GS-ON)
- 1420 WLIS CT **Old Saybrook** - 2/13 1800 – Fair with NewsChannel 8 television news audio. (BC-NH)
- 1450 WSNO VT **Barre** - 2/13 1800 - Fair; ID as “WSNO Barre, Montpelier,” into CBS news. (BC-NH)
- 1480 WHBC OH **Canton** - 2/13 1800 - Fair; “This is WHBC Canton, brought to you by...” and News/Talk 1480 WHBC ID into weather and news. (BC-NH)
- 1600 WCGO IL **Chicago Heights** – 2/10 1911- Beatles, Beach Boys, other oldies. Call ID spot at 1921. Fair peaks in /out with UNID Ron Reagan Show, sports & religious stations. (HF-MI)

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Transatlantic DX

- 153 **ALGERIA** *Chaîne 1*, Béchar (31°38'N 2°18'W) FEB 6 0220 - Presumed with Arabic music at the same time the Tipaza transmitter on 252 kHz was almost booming in with dance music. Weak-poor level with the PK Shielded Magnetic Longwave Loop set to amplify the lowest frequency possible. I think the frequency limit is 162, not 153 or 150 kHz. I doubt it is a receiver problem. I never get good audio on 153, though Algeria is almost a pest for several DXers in eastern North America. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 153 unID FEB 8 0445 - Woman talking in an unID language; very weak and noisy. Algeria was tentatively received here on occasion, but it could be something else this time, like Germany or maybe Romania. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 162 **FRANCE** *France-Inter*, Allouis (47°10'N 02°12'E) FEB 2 0358 - Weather reports about ice storms, time pips, followed by a short newscast, then an obscure (to me!) lite rock number. Very good, booming in with some heavy static scratches from a thunderstorm somewhere mid-Atlantic, but no computer-related growl or CATV noises. FEB 4 0440 - Radio drama regarding some marginal woman (sexual workers) working in “maisons closes.” Quite good with, surprisingly, no computer hash. FEB 8 0400 - Usual Sunday literature related program; good, but noisy signal. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 171 **MOROCCO** *R.Medi Un*, Nador (35°03'N 2°55'W) FEB 8 0105 - An eclectic set of Arabic vocals (Middle Eastern pop, Algerian and/or Moroccan, raï, trad, dance, etc.) that were taped as I was going to a party. The only LW broadcaster with even half-decent audio the past night. Geomagnetic conditions were unsettled. [Chiochiu-QC] FEB 8 0456-0506 - Arabic music to brief announcement by a man at 0459, then a woman in Arabic with news to 0505 when Arabic music continued. Good; 9575 not there! 171 is often better than 9575 kHz. [Frodge-MI]
- 183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg (49°17'N 6°41'E) FEB 8 0436-0445 - Two men in discussion and took phone call, ad at 0443, all in French. Good peaks. [Frodge-MI] FEB 8 0504 - This one, 162 France as well as 252 Algeria were the longwave broadcasters with listenable signals the past night around midnight local. FEB 9 0330 - Good through some annoying buzz, playing an old-fashioned disco-sounding French song. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar (64°54'N 23°55'W) FEB 4 0420 - Playing a wide variety of English and Icelandic pops that did include the “Message in a Bottle” early ‘80s smash hit by The Police. Very good; this and *Europe 1* on 183 kHz are usually the strongest longwave broadcasters in the Montreal area. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 207 **MOROCCO** *RTM*, Azilal FEB 5 0310 - Presumed with apparent Arabic programming (traditional Arabic music and plaintive male talk) in heavy beacon interference. Best ever audio

from this one! [Chiochiu-QC]

- 216 **FRANCE** RMC Roumoules (43°47'N 6°09'E) FEB 8 0445-0454 - Man taking phone calls, mentioned France, all in French. Fair with interference from 216 CLB and 218 RL. [Frodge-MI]
- 252 **ALGERIA** *R.Algérienne*, Tipaza (36°35'N 2°27'E) FEB 1 0410 - Woman with weather forecast in French, temperatures ranging between +14 degrees and twenty-something. Fair but finally had some decent audio. FEB 6 0210 - Back-to-back dark-edged rai influenced house tracks; poor to fair, over assumed Ireland. FEB 8 0510 - In and out with news as well as weather reports of rain, snow, and temperatures lower than the average for this time of the year in Algeria, followed by talk about Algeria. Good to fair signal strength, but splatter from the local UL non-directional beacon on 248 kHz made readability quite a thrill (even when detuned to 253 or 254 kHz in AM narrow mode). Still, during the weather report, the signal was armchair. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown FEB 9 0335 - Man in Irish-accented English slightly over Algeria. Both very poor with heavy interference from local UL non-directional beacon on 248 kHz. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 526 **BAHAMAS** ZLS Stella Maris FEB 1 0231 - Poor to fair; non-directional beacon throwing some very slight splatter against 530 Cuba on the Sangean/PK loop combo in AM wide mode. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 585 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Madrid (40°28'N 3°52'W) FEB 1 0340 - A Cuban jazz song, then talk about how Cuban music became a major force worldwide; fair-good signal with at least partial readability, medium-level splash from 580 and 590 kHz. Better fidelity in AM wide mode on the Sangean CST-818 and PK loop combo. The PK loop was set to amplify around 500 kHz which is the highest frequency that it can be tuned to. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 639 **SPAIN** *RNE1* La Coruña et al. FEB 13 0100 - Good; time marker, "Radio Nacional de España, Informativos," and time check into news, parallel an equally strong 621 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 648 **SPAIN** *RNE1* Badajoz (38°53'N 6°58'W) FEB 13 0100 - Time marker and fanfare into news; heard through 660 WFAN-HD digital interference. [Conti-NH]
- 747 **NETHERLANDS** *Radio 5*, Flevoland (52°23'N 5°25'E) FEB 8 0000 - Fair over *RNE5*, to excellent; time pips (two short, one long), international news in Dutch. [Conti-NH]
- 864 **FRANCE** *France Bleu*, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41'N 2°14'E) FEB 7 2345 - Good; Saturday night classic disco music program. Not the same tired old songs played on U.S. oldies radio, *Bleu* plays music like what was once heard on Boston's WBOS "Disco 93" back in the day. [Conti-NH]
- 936 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros FEB 7 2300 - Pre sign-off test tones parallel 1062 kHz. [Conti-NH]
- 999 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA R.Quran*, Tabuk FEB 7 2301 - Fading up nicely with Koran. [Conti-NH]
- 1053.07 **LIBYA** *Libyan Jamahiriya*, Tripoli (32°50'N 13°00'E) FEB 13 0040 - Good with hum of sub-audible het against 1053 *TalkSport*; Arabic speaker parallel 972 kHz, on past usual 2345-2353 sign-off time. [Conti-NH]
- 1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros FEB 7 2258 - Fair; flourish with "Rai" ID and brief announcement in Italian, four short test tones separated by approximately 25 seconds, then signed off. [Conti-NH]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros FEB 13 0000 - Good; "From the Sky News Center, TalkSport News." [Conti-NH]
- 1467 **FRANCE** TWR Roumoules (43°47'N 6°09'E) FEB 13 2350 - French program, 2400 sign-off with one cycle of interval signal, open carrier until 0002; in heavy splatter from *The Oldies Channel* 1470 WLAM. [Conti-NH]
- 1566 **BENIN** TWR Parakou FEB 13 2200 - Presumed with carrier but little audio; receiver sunset now well after 2200 with increasing daylight hours a harbinger to well deserved warmer spring weather and DXpeditions. [Conti-NH]

Pan-American DX

- 526 **BAHAMAS** ZLS Stella Maris FEB 1 0231 - Poor to fair; non-directional beacon throwing some very slight splatter against 530 Cuba on the Sangean/PK loop combo in AM wide mode. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana FEB 1 0230 - Muzak instrumental version of Billy Ocean's 1984 smash dance hit "Caribbean Queen." Fair-good in CIAO null and slight 526 ZLS splatter with the PK loop set to amplify the highest frequency (500 kHz) which throws quite some gain around the bottom end of the mediumwave band too. Though not quite as regular as the former *R.Visión Cristiana*, it does make in at listenable levels even during below-average

conditions to the Caribbean. [Chiochiu-QC]

- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** ZIZ Basseterre (17°19'N 62°44'W) FEB 8 0520 - Back-to-back calypso music with some English-Caribbean DJ chatter using the talkover effect, part of it was Carnival related. Switched to BBC World Service by 0600 UTC. Very good peaks with slow fadings that were deep, though it always came back at the very good level mark. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 750 **VENEZUELA** YVKS RCR Caracas (10°29'N 67°00'W) FEB 7 0320 - Woman in Spanish noted in passing at a nice but fadey quality and atop WSB. Very regular, easier for me than 780 YVMN Coro which is unheard here since January. FEB 7 0125 - "Ventana Deportiva" sports program. Poor-fair signal with some good peaks, deep fadings, and WSB interference. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 760 **COLOMBIA** HJAJ RCN Barranquilla (10°53'N 74°49'W) FEB 6 0025 - News followed by ads, one of them being for "Banco Popular" with the "está es sú banco" slogan, then time pips at 0030 leading once again to "RCN Noticias..." news. This and 750 YVKS are the only South Americans that reach Montreal during such abysmal Latin American conditions. FEB 9 0145 - Woman host taking calls from listeners that were, among other things, bothered by their work. Unstable propagation, deep fadings, and very good peaks in WJR null. [Chiochiu-QC]
- 1620 **US VIRGIN ISLANDS** WDHP Frederiksted, St.Croix (17°43'N 64°53'W) FEB 10 0335 - Non-stop reggae, full ID with address, then BBC news. New for me, really excited about this one! [Paszkievicz-WI]

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73 and Good DX!

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

Welcome to the Target DX Column number 11. Contributors this time:

Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent.

This column will be taking a slightly different turn over the next few months. As well as a Target DX Column it will also focus on basics for DX'ing the medium wave or AM bands. It will however not be a technical column as my technical abilities are limited. I will leave the technical material to those better trained and suited to it than myself. The column will concentrate more on the newer DX'er but there will be information for all DX'ers at all levels in the hobby. Any contributions suggestions or material you would like to see covered are welcomed here. I will do my best to include information in a column on the topics you want to see.

I suppose like all good stories I should start at the beginning. If you are going to DX the medium wave bands you should know what frequencies are covered by that phrase. In my last column I made mention of the frequencies used in countries other than in North America. Here in North America we change frequencies on the AM radio band by 10 kHz increments. The rest of the world uses 9 kHz spacing. As well there are many parts of the world that use the Long Wave band to transmit radio programming. Here in North America these frequencies belong to the Aero Beacons from airports and other utility stations around the continent as well as Lowfer (Low Frequency) experimental stations. Below is a series of charts showing the frequencies used world wide. The figures in the 9 kHz section that are in **BOLD** are the 9kHz spaced frequencies that are the same as the frequencies in 10 kHz spacing system used in North America. Many of these are very high powered stations with power well above the 50,000 watt maximum allowed in North America. The highest power I know of for a non-North American station is 2,000,000 (not a typo)watts.

Long Wave Band Frequencies:

153 162 171 177 180 183 189 198 207 216 225 234 243 252 261 270 279

Medium Wave Frequencies using the 9kHz spacing:

531 540 549 558 567 576 585 594 603 612 621 630 639 648 657 666 675 684 693 702 711 720
 729 738 747 756 765 774 783 792 801 810 819 828 837 846 855 864 873 882 891 900 909 918
 927 936 945 954 963 972 981 990 999 1008 1017 1026 1035 1044 1053 1062 1071 1080 1089 1098
 1107 1116 1125 1134 1143 1152 1161 1170 1179 1188 1197 1206 1215 1224 1233 1242 1251 1260
 1269 1278 1287 1296 1305 1314 1323 1332 1341 1350 1359 1368 1377 1386 1395 1404 1413 1422
 1431 1440 1449 1458 1467 1476 1485 1494 1503 1512 1521 1530 1539 1548 1557 1566 1575 1584
 1593 1602 1611

Australian Expanded Band frequencies:

1620 1629 1638 1647 1656 1665 1674 1683 1692 1701

Medium Wave Frequencies using the 10 kHz spacing:

530 540 550 560 570 580 590 600 610 620 630 640 650 660 670 680 690 700 710 720 730 740
 750 760 770 780 790 800 810 820 830 840 850 860 870 880 890 900 910 920 930 940 950 960 970
 980 990 1000 1010 1020 1030 1040 1050 1060 1070 1080 1090 1100 1110 1120 1130 1140 1150
 1160 1170 1180 1190 1200 1210 1220 1230 1240 1250 1260 1270 1280 1290 1300 1310 1320 1330
 1340 1350 1360 1370 1380 1390 1400 1410 1420 1430 1440 1450 1460 1470 1480 1490 1500 1510
 1520 1530 1540 1550 1560 1570 1580 1590 1600

North American Expanded Band frequencies:

1610 1620 1630 1640 1650 1660 1670 1680 1690 1700

Central America Caribbean and Mexico split frequencies:

555 895

There are also some stations that operate off any regular frequency, but I will not start listing them here. They may shift their frequencies so the list would be too unstable to list here.

As you can see there are an abundance of frequencies to DX. A word of advice when trying to listen to the split frequencies or 9 kHz spaced frequencies: try to pick ones that are furthest from the 10 kHz frequencies we use in North America. In other words it will most likely be easier to hear such frequencies as 747 855 or 1314 than 1089 1179 or 1539. This would also work for DX'ers who reside outside of North America. They would pick the 10 kHz spaced frequencies furthest from their 9 kHz stations. For non-North American DX'ers the 1610 to 1700 kHz expanded band would be a natural place to DX as there would be limited interference from licensed broadcast stations. Europe however has a large number of pirate stations in this frequency range especially from Greece and the Netherlands. If you hear some station totally off a regular frequency from Europe it is most likely one of these pirate stations.

When you see how many frequencies there are you understand why a Targets List or a choice of 100 kHz sections as discussed in the last column are so important to your DX'ing techniques.

As stated above anything you would like to see here is welcomed as a suggestion.

73 for this time Shawn

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College Sports Networks

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Network listings for college sports stations

We are coming down to the end of the basketball season with March Madness right around the corner. That means time to focus on spring sports- baseball, softball, lacrosse (there ain't much lacrosse on the radio from what I can see!). I have some baseball and softball info that is on the front burner, but anything you have to contribute will be much appreciated as always!

This time, a look at the men's basketball networks for Conference USA and the Ivy League. Flagship stations in bold

CONFERENCE USA men's basketball radio networks

Alabama-Birmingham Blazers

1170 WACV-AL 98.3 WTXO-AL 100.5 WWMM-AL 105.9 WFXO-AL
94.5 WJOX-AL

Central Florida Knights

740 WQTM-FL

East Carolina Pirates

560 WGAI-NC 1250 WKDX-NC 1350 WHIP-NC 1540 WTXY-NC
850 WRBZ-NC 1290 WJCV-NC 1490 WWNB-NC 107.9 WNCT-NC

University of Houston (TX) Cougars

790 KBME-TX

Marshall (WV) Thundering Herd

600 WKYH-WV 1290 WVOW-WV 92.7 WVJO-WV 99.5 WBYG-WV
620 WWNR-WV 1340 WEPM-WV 93.7 WDDG-WV 100.1 WDMX-WV
920 WMMN-WV 1360 WMOV-WV 96.5 WXCC-WV 101.9 WVOW-WV
930 WRVC-WV 98.3 WCEF-WV 105.5 WKQV-WV
1050 WAMN-WV 98.3 WLGW-OH 107.3 WKAZ-WV

University of Memphis (TN) Tigers

600 WREC-TN 1160 WAMB-TN 93.5 WKBQ-TN 99.3 WZLT-TN

Rice (TX) Owls

97.5 WFNC-TX

Southern Methodist University (TX) Mustangs

770 KAAM-TX

Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles

1180 WJNT-MS 1490 WHOC-MS 96.7 WFFF-MS 104.5 WXRR-MS
1390 WMER-MS 102.3 WWSL-MS 105.7 WAKH-MS

Texas-El Paso Miners

92.3 KOFX-TX

Tulane (LA) Green Wave

690 WIST-LA 960 KROF-LA 1210 WSKR-LA 104.7 WJSH-LA

University of Tulsa (OK) Golden Hurricanes

740 KRMG-OK

Bruce Howard, Rick Coun



IVY LEAGUE men's basketball radio networks

Columbia (NY) Lions Destin Jenkins, Jelani Johnson

89.9 WKCR-NY

Cornell (NY) Big Red

1160 WPIE-NY

Dartmouth (NH) Big Green

1400 WTSL-NH 94.3 WTSL-NH

Princeton (NJ) Tigers

103.3 WPRB-NJ

Pennsylvania Quakers

950 WPEN-PA

88.5 WXPB-PA

88.7 WXPB-PA

Yale (CT) Bulldogs

1340 WYCB-CT

I am missing info for Brown and Harvard

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