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From the Publisher ... The NRC/WTFDA convention is a little over two months away, starting on August 27. Information is available on page 35; the registration fee will be announced in July.

Our sincerest sympathies go out to the family of Robert J. Garchak, Sr., of Jefferson Hills, PA, who died on April 30. His daughter Ann Jacobs commented, "Your publication brought a lot of joy to my father's life."

DXAS/NRC's Fred Vobbe was recently named Corporate Director of Broadcast Engineering for Block Communications, Inc. Congrats, Fred – but do you have more time for DX'ing now? hi

Jerry Conrad, a former NRC member, found e-DXN recently and via the message function sent a message that read: "I was a member of the NRC in the 1960's and early '70's. I still have all my DX News from that periond, my log and verifications. I still have my National HRO50 and the Collins R390A receivers and my loop antennas etc. If anybody is still around that remembers me I would love to contact. I was more than a little active during that period. I am now an elder and live in a RF noisy area that pretty much precludes the hobby. I still remember hearing Australia and New Zealand back when it ws quiet and everybody signed off on Monday morning." Jerry's e-mail address is conradcamellia "at" msn.com

Unfilled positions ... We're in need of volunteers for the following positions: an Internet web guru, to manage and update www.nrcdxas.org; DXN publisher so I can really retire; and one or more persons to edit future NRC publications developed by contributors or the club.

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DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News

50 years ago ... from the June 18, 1960 DXN: William H. Stone-Siloam, Uxbridge, Ontario wrote: "My beef department ... those NRCers who are crying no DX, static bad, etc. To all I say Phooie. Having been on the sick list for eight weeks, nothing better to do, I've DXed - and I've received 54 veries to prove it, so let's put the towels away."

25 years ago ... from the June 10, 1985 DXN: John Malicky, Pittsburgh, PA mentioned hearing WOKJ-1550 Jackson, MS on February 15.

10 years ago ... from the June 12, 2000 DXN: Perry Crabill, Winchester, VA reminisced about the receiver he used in the '60's when he lived in DC, a Heathkit Mohawk RX-1 (ham band only) for which he built a BCB down converter with a 6SA7 mixer.

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

			CAL	L LETTER CHANG	<u></u>
	Old Call			New Call	
570	WDOX	NC	Raleigh	WQDR	V
910	KTRO	WA	Vancouver	KKSN	
970	KCMD	OR	Portland	KXFD	
980	WNBI	WI	Park Falls	WPFP	
1070	KFTI	KS	Wichita	KLIO	
1210	NEW	OK	Bixby	KBXO	
1230	WIKB	MI	Iron River	WFER	
1280	WWPG	\mathbf{AL}	Tuscaloosa	WMXB	
1340	NEW	CA	Jackson	KVGC	
1490	NEW		Susanville	KLZN	
1520	KSQB	SD	Sioux Falls	KZOY	PADIO ==
1580	WEAM	GA	Columbus	WIOL	KADIO
1600	WMNE	FL	Riviera Beach	WHTY	
				ON THE AIR	
660	WBHR	MN			special Temporary Authorization (STA)
			with U2 2500/5	00.	
980	WYFN	TN	Nashville - Has	been granted an S'	ΓA for U1 500/500. As the application
			reads: "Recent fl	ooding in the Nash	ville area forced WYFN to temporarily
			cease operation.	The waters have re	ceded and cleanup is underway. How-
			ever, during the	flooding the transm	uitter was under water and is no longer
			usable. A loaner	transmitter capable	e of operating at 500 watts has been ob-
					operate in non-directional mode at this
			reduced power 1	until a new transmi	tter can be obtained and switching can
			be restored for the	ne directional array.	,
1040	WZNA	PR	Moca - Is now o	n with U4 9000/25).
1180	WPLX	AR	Turrell - Now on	the air with U7 500	00/26 CH 3500; ex: 1170 at Germantown,
			Tennessee.		
1200	WRTO	IL	Chicago - CP for	U4 20000/4500 is no	ow on from their new 6-tower site (4-by-
			day; 6-by-night)	at 41-39-43/87-37-48	3. The new day pattern throws a major
			lobe toward the	northeast with a sr	naller lobe to the southwest, while the
			night pattern is a	a single lobe to the r	ortheast.
1290	WCHK	GA	Canton - CP for	U2 10000/500 is or	, doubling their day power.
1150	WJBO	$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A}$	Baton Rouge - Is	now on the air wit	h U4 15000/5000, upping their daytime
			power. They add	ded a fourth tower	to their array, which now sends most of
			the daytime sign	al to the south-sout	heast, with little lobes to the southwest,
			west and northw		
1300	KSET	TX	Lumberton - Is	now on with U4	2000/270, adding that night power and
			moving from Sil		
1440	WFNY	NY	0		u U2 5000/500, increasing their daytime
			power.		
1600	KATZ	MO	1	r U4 6000/3500 is or	the air, increasing the day power (now
				decreasing their nig	
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560	WQAM	FL	Miami - CP gran	ted for U4 50000/25	6000. WQAM will co-locate its transmit-
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ter with that of WAXY-790 at 25-45-25/80-38-13. The new location is about 30 miles west of their current site. Both day and night patterns direct the bulk of the signal to the east-northeast with small lobes to the south, west-southwest

GA Toccoa - Licensed for U1 500/44, WNEG had a CP for U2 500/220. They

TN Memphis - Coordinate correction to 35-11-41/90-00-36.

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			then applied for U2 5000/44, which has been approved.
660	WBHR	MN	Sauk Rapids - Licensed for U4 10000/500, WBHR is operating under an
			STA with U1 2500/500 while co-owned WXYG-540 is locating their opera-
			tion to the WBHR antenna array.
660	KSKY		Balch Springs - Auxiliary permit granted for U1 2700/100.
780	WPNN		Pensacola - CP granted for D3 3000/0, moving from 790 kHz.
900	KJSK		Columbus - Coordinate correction to 41-26-23/97-23-25.
1030	KFAY	AR	Farmington - Licensed for U4 10000/1000, KFAY experienced transmitter
			problems and is now operating U4 500/500 using the 'borrowed' transmit-
			ter of co-owned KOAI-1060 Van Buren. [See related KOAI item]
1030	WNVR	IL	Vernon Hills - CP granted for U7 27000/210 CH 8000, adding two towers
			to their current array (using 6 days; 5 nights; 6 CH). The patterns are: day
			- throws the majority of the power to the northwest with a small lobe to the
			southeast; night - a large lobe to the north with a smaller lobe to the south-
			southwest; CH - a large circular lobe to the northwest with a smaller lobe to
			the southeast. The Polka format must be doing well, hi.
1060	KOAI	AR	Van Buren - Licensed for D3 500/0, KOAI is operating at an unspecified 're-
			duced power' from a back-up transmitter as their main transmitter has been
			borrowed to allow co-owned KFAY-1030 Farmington, Arkansas to continue
			broadcasting. [see related KFAY item]
1090	KEXS	MO	Excelsior Springs - CP granted for D4 8000/0 CH 4000, increasing the day
			power and adding the CH designation. The day pattern remains a large lobe
			to the southwest with a smaller lobe to the northeast. The added CH pattern
			is identical, only smaller.
1220	WPHX	ME	O ,
			filing: "The station's transmitter is old, not operating properly and in need
			of replacement. It cannot operate consistently at full power. The licensee
			requires an STA while it plans for replacement of the transmitter. The replace-
			ment process will require: acquiring financing for, shopping for, placing an
			order for, and installing the new transmitter. This process will require several
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		years ago (WBOW), but the license was revoked due to improprieties by the
		owner.
1040	NEW	CA Sanger - Applies for U4 1500/1500. Sanger is located near Fresno.
1100	NEW	OR Lebanon - Applies for U3 5000/5000. Lebanon is west of Bend.
1230	NEW	IN Terre Haute - Applies for U1 1000/1000. Similar comments as 640 above
		(old call letters here were WBUZ).
1310	NEW	AK Fairbanks - Applies for U1 10000/8100.
1340	NEW	AK Fairbanks - Applies for U1 1000/1000.
1360	NEW	CA Santa Maria - Applies for U4 2000/2000.
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NEW HI Paukaa - Applies for U1 1000/1000. Paukaa is on Hawaii's Big Island a few miles north of Hilo.

1490 NEW TX Alpine - Applies for U1 1000/950. Alpine is southwest of Fort Stockton.

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APPLICATIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

740	WDGY	WI Hudson - Application for D3 5500/0.
1260	KBSZ	AZ Apache Junction - Licensed for U1 350/100 on 1250 kHz at Wickenburg,
		KSBZ holds a CP for U1 800/50 here. They requested an amendment for
		U1 3500/50 which was dismissed. They have petitioned for reinstatement
		of that application.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

770	KJCB	A Lafayette - Petition for reconsideration of license cancellation.
1360	WVMC	IL Mount Carmel - Having had their license cancelled, WVMC has now filed
		an application for U1 500/20, adding night power, plus to be reinstated. It
		seems a former 'engineer' at WVMC submitted the FCC forms with multiple
		false statements and allegations about the station, plus a request to delete the
		license, which the FCC used as the basis to dismiss. Now the owners have
		filed for reinstatement alleging the actions of the 'engineer' was improper
		and he no authority to file the paperwork in the first place. The station is
		currently silent.

DISMISSALS

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1430	WBLR	SC Batesburg - Licensed for U1 5000/142, WBLR holds a CP for U1 5000/163.
		They applied to move those CP facilities to Grovetown, Georgia, which now
		has been dismissed.
1430	WHAN	VA Ashland - Licensed for U1 1000/31 , WHAN was issued a CP for D1 23000/0
		CH 14000 on 650 kHz and moving to Powhatan. That CP has been dismissed
		due to inaction on the licensee's part.
1520	KYND	TX Cypress - Licensed for D4 3000/0 CH 2600, KYND applied for 2 Watts
		nighttime. That has been denied by the FCC.

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS/CALL LETTERS DELETED

940	KTON	TX Belton	
1360	WVMC	IL Mount Carmel (see above)	
1590	KEAS	TX Eastland (per licensee's request)	

HEAR AND THAR

- ◆ Returning to the airwaves: (reported off temporarily, but now back on) WBMD-750 Baltimore, Maryland; WYFN-980 Nashville, Tennessee; WKSC-1300 Kershaw, South Carolina is back with a talk format; WCRS-1450 Greenwood, South Carolina; KWUD-1490 Woodville, Texas with Classic Country; WABV-1590 Abbeville, Louisiana is back on with sports; and WMNE-1600 Riviera Beach, Florida returns to the air with ethnic programming.
- Reported as Silent: WTOT-980 Marianna, Florida; KRJY-1240 Sacramento, California; WWKO-1480 Fair Bluff, North Carolina; WKXG-1540 Greenwood, Mississippi; and WLUZ-1600 Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Also off the air are KFLG-1000 and KZZZ-1490 Bullhead City, Arizona after a fire destroyed their shared studio.
- ◆ Fines: WLLL-930 Lynchburg, Virginia has been fined \$22,000 for repeatedly failing to maintain operational Emergency Alert System (EAS) equipment, exceeding its licensed nighttime operating power, and failing to maintain and make available a public inspection file; WCLM-1450 Highland Springs, Virginia has been fined \$21,000 for failing to maintain functioning EAS equipment, failing to provide functioning transmission system remote control equipment, and failing to maintain

and make available a public inspection file.

- ♦ News Item: Last issue we reported that broadcast radio consultant Richard Arsenault had petitioned the FCC to allow virtually all AM stations to increase daytime power up to a maximum of 10 times. Well, the FCC has now denied the petition, saying the proposal is not in the public interest because it would increase the potential for interference between AM stations and would undermine the agency's efforts to improve the AM service. Hmmm. Just what has the federal agency done lately to help the AM band lately? Huh?? (You mean IBOC wasn't a great help? lol -pls.)
- ♦ News Item: Back in Issue 24 we had word about two new Sangean portable AM and FM HD-capable radios. Since then, I have been attempting to obtain some updated information concerning these radios from the manufacturer. Finally, a local Sangean representative contacted me, but the news is not good. The original Sangean news item stated they were working on two models: one named the DT-600 with basic features that was slated to be released in June; the second, named the DT-800, a 'high-end' version with a few added features was due in October. Word now is, that they have decided not to produce the cheaper model and go with the one with all the bells and whistles. But, the "DT-800 schedule of production has not been finalized, therefore no initial arrival date in the US is available as yet." I've been promised an update when Sangean finally decides to market this radio. I'll pass that along.
- ♦ News Item: Tower Hurdles For WAGE (pt 1) The planned return of Leesburg's WAGE-1200, once a locally-based news and talk station, is now in the hands of the Loudoun County Board Of Supervisors, which has raised questions about the environmental impact of three proposed towers as well as whether the station would offer local-interest programming. According to the Washington Post, supervisors last week voted to send a proposal to build three 195-foot towers to a full board meeting June 2. But two supervisors said they have concerns about the site chosen for the towers. Station owner James Weitzman plans to construct the towers on property leased from Loudoun Water, near Ashburn. The radio towers would boost the station's power level to 50,000-watts in the day and 1,300-watts at night, allowing the station's signal to reach across county lines and deeper into other parts of the Washington (DC) region. The station's power was 5,000 (Watts) during the day and 1,000 at night before the station signed off last year. DCRTV has reported that Weitzman's Potomac Radio would probably put a brokered ethnic format on the relaunched WAGE, as is another of his stations, WUST-1120. [Editor's note We all know it's not the towers that would be responsible for the power boost . . . don't we? Don't we??]
- News Item: Tower Hurdles For WAGE (pt 2) On June 2, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved WAGE's request to build three towers in Ashburn that will allow for the rebirth of the station. Founded in 1958, WAGE went off the air in 2009 due to the recession and its weak signal that could not extend beyond Loudoun's borders. With the approval by the board, building the 195-foot towers will enable to transmit throughout the Washington, D.C., region. Construction of the towers, and a small associated building on seven acres, will begin this summer and wrap up by October 1. [Another note: although these two stories make reference to 'three' towers, the FCC application calls for <u>four</u> towers. The CP is also for a move from 1200 to 1190 kHz.]
- **♦** Thanks to: Shawn Axelrod, Gerry Conkling, Tony Fitzherbert, Harold Frodge, Wayne Heinen, Deane McIntyre, George Santulli, Dave Schmidt, HDRadio.com and Radio World Online.

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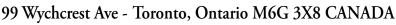
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How in the Sam Hill did it get to be June?

I was at Toys R Us a few weeks ago and saw a Slinky Science Crystal Radio Kit. Bought it. After a three-hour assembly process punctuated by many oaths and table pounding, I got it to work, hearing KCIS 630 Edmonds, my closest AM station even my cat can hear 24/7 (with his cat's whisker, get it?). At sunset, I hooked it to various antennas and heard exactly one station, chronicled below. It is now on the bookshelf, never to be spoken of again.

Reporters

DP-HI Dale Park, Honolulu, HI Sangean ATS-818CS, Terk AM1000 loop Jeff Steffes, Watertown, MN Kenwood R-2000, Quantum QX Loop **JDS-MN**

Jim Tedford, Bothell, WA Slinky Science Crystal Radio, Crane Twin Ferrite AM loop. JDT-WA John J Rieger, South Milwaukee, WI Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner-preamp JJR-WI

John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop. **IW-CO**

RV-TX Robert Vance, El Paso, TX WinRadio G303e/PD, 115 ft amplified temp random wire, 3 sq meter amplified air loop

WH-CO Wayne Heinen, Aurora, CO Kiwa Loop Drake R8B, E/W Flag, N/S Flag, Dual TG-1 Termination Gizmo w/DX Engineering RPA-1 preamp and Mini DXP5.

Station News

		_	nappened in the AM radio industry since last month. Nothing that anyone
would	notice, any	way. T	They still do AM radio?
			DX Logs (All Times ELT) NEWSTALK RADIO
560	KWTO	MO	Springfield 05/22 0600 Station ID: "AM five-sixty KWTO" followed by na-
			tional news. (JDS-MN)
580	WKTY	WI	LaCrosse 05/22 0605 ABC News, into local weather forecast, followed by
			Station ID: WKTY. (JDS-MN)
790	KGMI	WA	Bellingham 6/3 2216 Lars Larson of the <i>Lars Larson Show</i> going on and on about God knows what. Heard on a Slinky Science Crystal Radio Kit, coupled
			to a Crane Twin Coil Ferrite Antenna. No, I can't explain myself. Signal up
			for about a minute or so, then dissolves into a mush of KCIS 630 and various
			squealing noises. (JDT-WA)
790	WAYY	WI	Eau Clare 05/23 0655 Station ID: "News Talk seven-ninety WAYY" into "This
			is race day, ESPN radio's race day." (JDS-MN)
800	WDUX	WI	Waupaca 05/23 0705 National news ending, into weather forecast, followed "Classic country AM 800 WDUX" (JDS-MN)
810	WJJQ	WI	Tomahawk 05/23 0712 "WJJQ Tomahawk" followed by commercial for local
			business, into weather forecast. (JDS-MN)
850	WWJC	MN	Duluth 05/23 0717 Gospel music, followed by Station ID: "WWJC" (JDS-
			MN)
860	KTRB	CA	San Francisco 5/22 0758. PSAs for Smokey Bear, AnnualCreditReport.com,
			ID as "Home of the Oakland As, KRTB San Francisco-Oakland and All The
			Bay Area, Xtra Sports 860: into Sporting News Radio <i>SportsFlash</i> . Fair to poor, probable XEMO CA in back. (DP-HI)
880	KRVN	NE	Lexington 05/23 0724 Song: Woman To Woman, into commercial for Nebraska

NE Lexington 05/23 0724 Song: Woman To Woman, into commercial for Nebraska 880 KRVN National Guard, followed by "KRVN Country Classics" (JDS-MN)

CFAC AB Calgary 05/08 0612 Local commercials with references to Calgary, into "The 960 fan nine-sixty, Calgary's sports radio." (**JDS-MN**)

IA Shenandoah 05/08 0604 National news, followed by Weather Eye forecast, 960 **KMA**

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			into "KMA local news" (JDS-MN)
970	KJLT	NE	North Platte 05/13 0905 "KJLT Weather" and weather for Western Nebraska
000	LADAL	140	fair w/ KFEL nulled (WH-CO)
990	KRSL	KS	Russell 05/08 0626 Songs: Sundown, Gordon Lightfoot, Trouble, Tanya Tucker,
			into: "The heart and soul of countryRussell's classic country AM nine- ninety" (JDS-MN)
1000	КОМО	WΔ	Seattle 4/24, 0634; Barely eeked out with local XEFV phased and mixing
1000	ROMO	***	with XEOY- Mexico City. TC ("It's 3:34 on KOMO Newsradio"), followed by
KOI	Mone	NX/C	traffic rpt, wx, and temp in"downtown Seattle"; then back under everything
NOI	WOIIC	V V O	else. One man's backyard pest is another man's DX. (RV-TX) You mean one
			man's obsessively-listened-to-station is another man's DX. (JDT-WA)
1130	CKWX	BC	Vancouver 05/19 0100 Up briefly over KWKH nautical weather "CKWX a
1010	MCDD	**	Rogers (?) Broadcasting station" and into news (WH-CO)
1240 1240	WSDR WHBU		Sterling 5-2 2300. Very poor-LID in real mess. Quickly faded out. (JJR-WI)
1240	WIIDU	111	Anderson 5-2 2200. Poor -LID "Backyard Broadcasting", CBS.nx, fade out. 700w! NEW! (JJR-WI)
1240	KBIZ	IA	Ottumwa 5-2 2216 Poor in fade up w/promo, calls. Lost to SS and Jazz stns.
1=10	11212		(JJR-WI)
1290	KCUB	AZ	Tucson 5/31 1010; Mixing with XEAP with Fox Sports "the home of the
			Arizona Wildcats, AM-1290 The Source". Fair. (RV-TX)
1340	KCQL	NM	Aztec 03/27 2059 Break in NCAA BKB "AM 1340 KCQL Aztec" to local
1212	T/T/ 1 3 f		spot Local KCFR phase nulled (WH-CO)
1340	KKAM	TX	Lubbock 5/16, 0640; Fading up with Sporting News Radio. "1340-The Fan"
			slogan ID during local anmt for a golf radio pgm from a Lubbock golf course. Local co-channel KVIV phased. (RV-TX)
1340	KVRH	CO	Salida 03/31 2205 out of news "AM 1340 KVRH weather" KCFR phase
1010	1 1 1 1 1 1	CO	nulled. (WH-CO)
1360	KMJM	IA	Cedar Rapids 5-2 2146 Poor with no WTAQ at all! Calls, OLD C&W (JJR-
			WI)
1390	KRRZ	ND	Minot 5-16 0550 Poor -"Oldies Radio 1390 KRRZ" into ads. Very tight null.
1.110	VDD7	60	(JJR-WI)
1440	KRDZ	CO	Wray 04/15 0900 out of American Woman by Guess Who brief "KRDZ Wray" to ABC News This one is always rough with local KEZW-1430 phase nulled.
			(WH-CO)
1450	KLMX	NM	Clayton 03/21 1000 "AM 1450 KLMX Clayton" to ABC News. (WH-CO)
1450	WLYV		Fort Wayne 5-16 0600 Very poor w/LID into Rosary in mess. (JJR-WI)
1450	KSEL		Portales 4/25, 2139; Coming out of GY mess with local announcements by YL
			followed by ID "This is the #11450-AM, Cow Country, KSEL" (RV-TX)
1460	KBRZ	TX	Missouri City 5/5, 0755; In and out for a couple of hours with South Asian
			mx but was not able to catch any info for a definitive logging until now. EE
			announcements for a Houston medical center (verified tel# via Google) and another business. Caught full ID at TOH. Fair to poor in QRM and daylight
			fading. Another example of how increases in technology in the last 20-30 yrs
			really helps the DXer. (RV-TX)
1460	KBZO	TX	Lubbock 5/5, 0200; In and out with SS mx with periodic CL IDs. Did not hear
			any legal ID at TOH but there was plenty of QRM. Came in with full SS ID
			at later in the morning at 0725. (RV-TX)
1460	KCLE	TX	Burleson 5/5, 0600; Up with CWM and CL ID just after TOH. Poor in mess.
1460	KZNT	CO	(RV-TX) Colorado Springs 5/2, 2105; Fading in with disclaimer for program to fol-
1400	IXZIV I	CO	low, anncing itself as "Newstalk 14-60". The anmt that followed mentioned
			KNUS-710 and the program was a KNUS program mentioning Freedom
			University. Also noted 5/3 0800 with Morning in America pgm. (RV-TX)
1470	KWSL	IA	Sioux City 03/28 0904 "AM 1470 on the morning Mike" to OLD. (WH-
			CO)
1470	KYYW	TX	Abilene ; 5/8, 0638; Came out of mess after network commercials with "News-
			talk 14-70, KYYW" ID, then back to talk show. Main QRM was presumed
			XEACE - Mazatlan; they have been in and out all evening and another SS. (RV-TX)
1480	KQAM	KS	Wichita 5/21, 0355; Asserted itself briefly over dominant XEZJ-Guadelajara
	~		and another SS with anmt for "Dr. Laura, afternoons at 2, on NewsTalk
			1480, The Big Talker", then back under. (RV-TX)
1490	KRIB	IA	Mason City 03/19 2000 "Your Good Time Oldies Station KRIB AM 1490

1490	KNAM	CO	Mason City" then covered by local KCFC. (WH-CO) Silt 6/2 0259. ID a few seconds before ToH as "Colorado's Sports Leader Sports Radio 1490, the all new KNAM".Rough with QRM in KCFC null. Fir new logging of 2010, finally, and my Closest Unheard Station! (JW-CO)	
1550	KICS	NE	Hastings 05/01 0900 ESPN Programming "KXPN Kearney KICS Hastings	s"
			ID. (WH-CO)	
1560	KKAA	SD	Aberdeen 05/15 0729 Guitar instrumental, followed by "Family radio fifteen	n-
			sixty on the dial, we're KKAA, Aberdeen" (JDS-MN)	
1580	KDOM	MN	Windom 05/15 0748 Local commercials with references to Windom, into MN	N
			(Minnesota News Network) Sports, into local sports scores with reference	es
			to Windom (JDS-MN)	
1580	KWED	TX	Seguin 03/29 2300 Up briefly with AM 1580 KWED ID and local weather	r.
			Poor. (WH-CO)	
			Tentative and UNID 1580 AM SEGUIN, T	X

KXTX CA Arroyo Grande 5/29 0802 (tent). Briefly up with ESPN radio's SportsCenter, 1280 ads back to Erik Kusellias before fading out. QRM KAOI 1110 (DP-HI)

TIS and Other Low Power Thingys

CO Aurora 03/22 1415 Tape Loop talking House, 4735 S Cathay Ct. About 1 air 1620 mile away. (WH-CO)

Robert Vance's using Google to verify a telephone number for a Houston medical center (see logging for 1460 KBRZ above) reminds me of what powerful tools we have these days to identify DX catches. I remember many a trip to the public library back in the day to use business directories and out-of-town phone books to identify stuff I heard on the air during DX sessions. These days station web sites and other resources like Google make IDs of marginally-heard stations much more likely. You young whippersnappers don't know what it was like to have to DX up hill both ways. Not that there are any young whippersnappers here.) See you next time. (JDT-WA)

DDXD-East

REPORTERS

KK-VA Kraig Krist, Manassas - NRD-545, Kiwa loop, homemade 134 foot multiband antenna running NW to SE.

JJR-MI John J. Rieger, L'Anse - Sony ICF-SW7600GR

WTAR". (KK-VA)

850

WTAR

KOA

Mike Brooker, Toronto - Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-**MKB-ON** 2200 (receiver emeritus)

LOCCINGS

			LOGGINGS
680	WCBM	MD	Baltimore - 6/4 0355 – in WPTF mix with "you're listening to 680 WCBM" ID
			into PSA for National Guard, "the most powerfulin talk radio 680 WCBM
			Baltimore" ToH ID into Coast to Coast AM. (KK-VA)
	WPTF	NC	Raleigh - 6/4 0355 - out of the mix with "680 WPTF and WPTF dot com"
			ID. (KK-VA)
790	WNIS	VA	Norfolk - 6/1 0355 – in mix over other talk stations and Radio Reloj with
			Coast to Coast AM, "NewsAM 790 WNIS Norfolk" ToH ID into Fox news.
			(KK-VA)
800	CLKW	ON	Windsor - 5/27 0355 – in mix with woman reading news from Canadian
			press, "AM 800" ToH non-ID into Coast to Coast AM, slogan "your place
			CKLW". (KK-VA)
	WSVS	VA	Crewe - 5/27 0355 – in mix with CKLW, C&W songs, slogan "Classic coun-
			try favorites", "WSVS Crewe" ToH ID, station promo "the biggest stars of
			country music all right here from Eddie Rabbit to Crystal Gayle to Ronnie
			Milsap" into song. (KK-VA)
830	WCCO	MN	Minneapolis - 5/25 0355 – in mix with Coast to Coast AM, station promo
000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1,11	" online at WCCO dot com. WCCO storm center. Count on WCCO to be
			there". (KK-VA)
	WTRU	NC	Kernersville - 5/25 0355 – in mix with WCCO with religious talk, "WTRU
	WIKU	INC	
			time is 3:58", SRN news, " on AM 830 WTRU" station promo. (KK-VA)

VA Norfolk - 5/24 0355 – in mix with KOA, IDs as "News talk 850 WTAR", "850

CO Denver - 5/24 0355 – over WTAR with local news by woman, "this just in

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			to the KOA newsroom actress Britney Murphy's husbandwas found dead
900	CHML	ON	Sunday night", "8-50 KOA forecast" (KK-VA) Hamilton - 5/22 0355 – in mix with ad for West Hamilton Dental, station
			promo "news from Hamilton's most trustedAM 900 CHML" into national
			news from Canadian press, Dr. Joy Brown show, slogan "AM 900 Hamilton's
930	WBEN	NV	talk leader". (KK-VA) Buffalo - 5/20 0355 – in mix with WDLX, man giving local weather "WBEN
930	WDEIN	111	dot commeteorologist9-30 WBEN" into local news "From the WBEN
			newsroom". (KK-VA)
	WDLX	NC	Washington - 5/20 0355 – in WBEN mix with double ID "This is Pirate Radio
			12-50 WGHB Farmville Greenville. Pirate 9-30 WDLX Washington Greenville Newburg" into ESPN Radio Sports Center. "Pirate radio 12-50 and 9-30"
			slogan. (KK-VA)
940	WMAC	GA	Macon - 5/19 0355 – in mix with Coast to Coast AM, "13 WMAZ Weather
0.60	TATELLO	T 7 A	Center" local weather, "News talk 9-40 WMAC" ID. (KK-VA)
960	WFIR	VA	Roanoke - 5/17 0355 – in mix with C&W station and Cuban R. Reloj, talk show discussing drug addiction, "9-60 WFIR" ID into Fox news, woman with
			local "WFIR weather". (KK-VA)
970	WNYM	NJ	Hackensack - 5/14 0355 – in mix with station promo " weekday mornings
000	MAINITED	D.A	at 9 on the Talk of New York. AM 9-70 WNYM". (KK-VA)
990	WNTP	PA	Philadelphia - 5/13 0355 – in mix with station promo "Dennis Miller Show WNTP news radio". Jingle "WNTP news talk 9-90" into Fox news. (KK-
			VA)
1010	WSPT	WI	Stevens Point – 5/22 0538 - very poor-to-good in fades. Local ad, web/phone
			info, slogan "True Oldies Channel" 10 watts! (assuming they weren't cheating on day power) (JJR-MI)
1070	KNX	CA	Los Angeles - 5/12 0355 - mixing with WNCT and UNID ESPN station. In-
			credible reception, but true. I've had others listen to the brief recording with
		44	ID. All agree the station is KNX. My first California station! Local weather
F I'A	NSRA		forecast "clouds breakup Thursday partly sunnyFriday still a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon high of 72. Weather 24 hours a day, news ra-
			dio 10-70 KNX". Hear it yourself at http://misc.kg4lac.com/2010-5-12-1070.
			wav (KK-VA)
	WNCT	NC	Greenville - 5/12 0355 – in KNX/ESPN mix with oldies including Drifters
			"Up on the Roof". "10-70 WNCT dot com" website promo, "The Motown sound, the Philly sound it's all here. It's a North Carolina original. Beach
			music and blues 10-70 WNCT dot com". (KK-VA)
1090	WBAL	MD	
			on SNL. Promo for "Steve Ford Show on BAL", "WBAL Baltimore" ToH ID into news. (KK-VA)
1150	CKOC	ON	Hamilton - 5/10 0355 – in mix with oldies including Jay and the Techniques
			"Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie", Zombies "Time Of The Season" and Mamas
			& Papas "Monday, Monday". Station promo "CKOC is available online for
			rocking around the clock worldwide 24-7favorite announcers and songs good times and great oldies at 1150 dot com". (KK-VA)
1160	WOBM	NJ	Lakewood - 5/8 0355 – in mix with ESPN station, playing oldies including
			Patsy Cline "I Go To Pieces", "Sincerely", Frankie Valli "My Eyes Adored
			You". "bestWOBM WOBM dot com" station promo by male DJ. (KK-VA)
1230	WKLK	MN	Cloquet – 5/21 2200 - Poor with local ID, ABC news in brief fade up. (JJR-
			MI)
1240	WCBY	MI	Cheboygan – 5/13 2240 - Poor in fade up with "1240 Big Country Gold"
			(strict non-ID) into PSA mentioning "downtown Cheboygan". Oldie C&W. (JJR-MI)
1260	KWYR	SD	Winner – 5/14 0546 – Poor but steady overall with Winner Crimestoppers
			PSA, local Ford-Mercury ad, "Country 1260 KWYR" slogan into oldie C&W.
1320	KOZY	MN	(JJR-MI) Grand Rapids – 5/22 0547 - Poor over WILS with "KOZY" jingle between
1320	NUL I	1 VI 11 V	oldies. (JJR-MI)
1590	WHLX	MI	Marine City – 5/27 1959 – over usual WAKR with "Lido Shuffle" by Boz
			Scaggs, ToH ID as "the Bluewater's home for America's best music, WHLS
			Port Huron, WHLX Marine City" into CNN news. (MKB-ON)

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Foreign DX Catches. All times are UTC

Transatlantic DX

ALGERIA *Chaîne 1,* Béchar (31°38′N 2°18′W) MAY 4 0046 - Shrill Arabic vocal; over other station presumed to be Germany. [Connelly*Y-MA]

FRANCE France-Inter, Allouis (47°10′N 02°12′E) MAY 2 0304 - French dramatic talk about French literature noted briefly at a very poor and mostly unreadable level through some slight static scratches. The first TA DX in more than two months! [Chiochiu-P*QC] MAY 24 0051 - Jazz with xylophone, woman in French; to good peak, best longwave TA. [Connelly*Y-MA]

MOROCCO *R.Mediterranee Internationale*, Nador (35°03′N 2°55′W) MAY 4 0045 - Female Arabic dance music vocal; fair. MAY 24 0246 - Mideast-Afropop fusion (with hints of reggae),

into Arabic talk by man; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]

183 **GERMANY** *Europe 1*, Felsberg (49°17′N 6°41′E) MAY 18 0200
- Instrumental jingle leading to the news with the main item about various strikes done by workers in several European countries. Very good, almost armchair! Surprised to find an outage of the buzz that disrupted me. [Chiochiu-P*QC] MAY 24 0246 - Man in French with ID "Europe numero un"; loud. [Connelly*Y-MA]

189 **ICELAND** *Rikisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar (64°54′N 23°55′W) MAY 4 0046 - Pop-rock music, Scandinavian talk by man; good. MAY 24 0241 - Icelandic phone interview, two men; good.

[Connelly*Y-MA]

198 **ENGLAND** *BBC Radio 4*, Droitwich et al. MAY 4 0046 - Man and woman talking about being introduced to somebody; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]

- 207 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Aholming (48°43′N 12°56′E) MAY 18 0210 Classical music, very poor over an even weaker station believed to be Morocco. [Chiochiu-P*QC]
- 234 **LUXEMBOURG** *RTL* Junglinster (49°40′N 6°19′E) MAY 4 0046 Female blues vocal; fair. MAY 24 0051 "In the Air Tonight" by Phil Collins; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- ALGERIA *R.Algérienne*, Tipaza (36°35′N 2°27′E) MAY 24 0051 Arabic-Berber vocal; poor. MAY 24 0246 French phone interview; fair through static, Ireland way under. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown MAY 4 0046 Big-band jazz, then man in English; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- ALGERIA Chaîne 1, El Ain Beida (35°49′N 7°19′E) MAY 24 0359 Parallel 549 with Arabic male vocal; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- ALGERIA *Chaîne 1*, Les Trembles (35°17′N 0°34′W) MAY 24 0359 Parallel 531 with Arabic male vocal; good. [Connelly*Y-MA] JUN 5 0140 Fair; North African vocal and drums. [Conti-NH]
- 693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. MAY 24 0051 Mentions of industrial region, violence; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- **SPAIN** *RNE1* synchros MAY 24 0051 Man and woman in Spanish; poor to fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 837 **CANARY ISLANDS** // **SPAIN** *COPE* synchros MAY 24 0247 Spanish teletalk; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- FRANCE France Bleu, Villebon-sur-Yvette (48°41′N 2°14′E) MAY 24 0052 Romantic French vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* Live synchros MAY 17 0200 Talk by woman, then news by man; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 999 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA R.Quran,* Tabuk MAY 4 0001 Presumed this with Koranic vocal; poor but dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1035 **PORTUGAL** *R.Clube*, Belmonte MAY 24 0400 A few words in Portuguese, then mellow female vocal; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros MAY 17 0204 Man talking about something on Tuesday; poor. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1107 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros MAY 24 0054 Spanish talk and growl from 1107.12 synchro. [Connelly*Y-MA] JUN 5 0150 Talk parallel 1098 kHz; fading up over growl. [Conti-NH]
- 1107.12 **SPAIN** *RNE5* Caceres JUN 5 0100 Growl of off-frequency signal overpowering the channel. [Conti-NH]
- 1116 **SPAIN** *SER* synchros JUN 5 0148 Good; telephone talk hosted by a woman. [Conti-NH]

- 1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros MAY 4 0000 Various adverts; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA] MAY 17 0204 DJ talk, slow song; poor to fair. [Connelly*B-MA] JUN 5 0200 Fair, over Spain; on the hour ad/promo string. [Conti-NH]
- 1377 **FRANCE** France Info, Lille (50°31′N 2°59′E) MAY 29 0135 Woman in French; poor to fair. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 1413 **SPAIN** *RNE5* synchros MAY 24 0351 Woman in Spanish; poor. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1422 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandfunk*, Heusweiler (49°21′N 6°55′E) MAY 4 0002 Woman in German; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- **DJIBOUTI** *R.Sawa*, Arta (11°31′N 42°50′E) MAY 4 0001 Typical pop/dance Mideast music, Arabic talk by man; to fair peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 1512 **GREECE** *ERA* Chania JUN 6 0230 Light music, possibly Greece. Others coming in. [Barstow-MA]
- **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba (27°20′N 35°45′E) MAY 4 0000 Pips, news by man in Arabic; fair. Het noted as early as 2220 UTC, 1 hour 40 minutes pre-sunset. [Connelly*Y-MA] MAY 29 0141 Koranic vocal; good. [Connelly*B-MA]
- FRANCE France Info, Fontbonne (43°46′N 7°25′E) MAY 4 0000 Music fanfare, woman in French; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]

Pan-American DX

- 526 **BAHAMAS** ZLS Stella Maris MAY 4 0046 ZLS Morse code aerobeacon; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- CUBA *R.Enciclopedia*, La Habana MAY 24 0246 Woman with a couple of words in Spanish, then lounge-instrumental version of Supremes' 1969 hit "Someday We'll Be Together Again"; to good peak. MAY 24 0400 Two *R.Enciclopedia* IDs by a woman; best on LSB to dodge 531 Algeria het. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- GRENADA *GBC* St. George's (12°04′N 61°45′W) MAY 24 0400 Pips, BBC World Service ID, news by man; under CBC news from CBT Newfoundland. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- MEXICO XEWA San Luis Potosí (22°10′N 100°58′W) MAY 2 0930 Booming in with US '80s and '90s pop/rock. Numerous "Música, Doble-U" IDs and mentions of "Cadena Doble-U." Full ID just after the hour. [Vance-TX]
- 555 **ST. KITTS & NEVIS** ZIZ Basseterre (17°19′N 62°44′W) MAY 17 0200 End of jazz program "The Wonderful World of Music", ten oʻclock timecheck; to good peak. [Connelly*B-MA] MAY 24 0400 BBC World Service news parallel 540 Grenada, items about North Korea, riots in Jamaica, Cannes film festival; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- PUERTO RICO WKAQ San Juan (18°26′N 66°08′W) MAY 4 0046 Spanish talk phone-in show, WKAQ mention; excellent, way over WTAG. MAY 24 0359 WKAQ ID, excited Spanish talk by man; mixed with WTAG. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 600 **CUBA** CMKV *R.Rebelde*, Urbano Noris (20°35′N 76°08′W) APR 8 0528 Monologue regarding the level of education versus the level of competence of Cuban workers. The author spoke about several university master diplomees who aren't able to write a sentence with a subject and a verb. Wow! This wins my appreciation as the best speech ever heard on Cuban radio. Surprisingly strong with the Sony SRF-A1 FM/AM Stereo Walkman. [Chiochiu-L*QC] MAY 24 0051 Parallel 670 with rock-pop Spanish male vocal; fair. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 600.65 unID MAY 24 0400 Weak het against Cuba, not sure if the Colombian drifting from 600.12, or something else. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- CUBA *R.Progreso*, multiple sites APR 8 0630 Newscast regarding vaccination against H1N1 flu (again?) of Cuban citizens in the provincia de Villa Clara. Very good and seldom heard nowadays. Tried the next evening, but WNNZ was on daytime power... grrrr! [Chiochiu-L*QC]
- GUADELOUPE *R.Guadeloupe*, Pointe-à-Pitre (16°15′N 61°32′W) MAY 4 0100 Woman in French, music (jingle?), then news by man in French; dominant. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 660 **ST. LUCIA** *R.St.Lucia*, Castries MAY 4 0059 Tentative, possibly this with "My Heart Will Go On" by Celine Dion, then apparent English talk; way under WFAN. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 670 **CUBA** CMQ *R.Rebelde*, Arroyo Arenas (23°00′N 82°30′W) APR 8 0530 Parallel 600 and even stronger. Wow! Almost local-like! They even had stereo-like fading unlike 600 kHz. [Chiochiu-L*QC] MAY 4 0100 Woman with Rebelde news, then man "noticias de Cuba y el mundo"; good, parallel weaker 600 and 710 kHz. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 670 unID MAR 13 0358 Something sounding vaguely Latin way under Rebelde and 660 WFAN hash. Possibly Costa Rica as the 760 tentative catch was up at the same time. [Chiochiu*LD-QC]
- 690 **COLOMBIA** HJCZ *R.Recuerdos*, Bogotá (4°37′N 74°03′W) MAR 7 0248 Playing old-fashioned Mexican rancheras way over 700 WLW HD interference. Very good. [Chiochiu-LD*QC]
- 710 **CUBA** *R.Rebelde*, multiple sites MAR 7 0249 Noted in passing completely on top of WOR. [Chiochiu-LD*QC]

- COLOMBIA HJAJ *RCN* Barranquilla (10°53′N 74°49′W) MAY 4 0102 Colombia news by woman, Bogotá mentions; mixed with (and eventually overtaking) WJR. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- unID MAR 13 0358 UTC Spanish vocals under *RCN* Barranquilla in WJR null. Maybe TICR in San José, Costa Rica, which ironically IDs as *R.Columbia*, more likely at this late time than YVQQ Puerto La Cruz, Anzoátegui, which would have played Gloria Al Bravo Pueblo. Mexico unlikely because of concrete shield to the west and XEABC is supposed to be talk, while TILX is playing some music (heard on the Internet). Another possibility would be the Florida's Spanish station I don't know if it's still Spanish gospel and I lost the tape segment I sent to Henrich Klemetz many years ago. [Chiochiu-LD*QC]
- 770 **CUBA** unID MAY 4 0100 "Wobbler" type signal; under WABC. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** ZBVI Roadtown, Tortola MAY 4 0059 Phone-in show with Caribbean-accented woman talking about local union issues; over unID country/oldies station (Maine?). [Connelly*Y-MA] "The Great 78" WXME relays *Legacy 1160* WSKW oldies.
- VENEZUELA YVMN R.Coro, Coro (11°23′N 69°40′W)
 MAR 3 0246 Sermon by a numerologist talking about "el milagro de la numerología" analyze your birth date and lucky numbers for the Venezuelan lotteries such as Lotería de Táchira. Tremendous strength! MAR 17 0450 Fading up to an excellent level with tropical music. MAR 24 0302 Mixture of tropical music and Spanish pops that seems to replace the Romántica 780 show with its old fashioned and uninspired ballads. At 1002 tune-in, back to back Venezuelan joropos with IDs between songs, "Toda la música criolla en Radio Coro," and lots of time checks. Generally fair with some deep fading and minor 770 WABC splatter. [Chiochiu-LD*QC] MAY 2 0428 "Aunque Me Duele" classic cumbia vocal. Before 0400, a new program called "...de la balada" which replaces La Bailante Siete Ochenta on weekend evenings. Fair with the PK AM Loop. [Chiochiu*P-QC] MAY 17 0159 R.Coro ID, dance music; fair. [Connelly*B-MA] MAY 24 0401 Talk "...treinte minutos, Radio Coro presenta..."; over WBBM. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- CUBA CMAQ *R.Reloj*, Pinar del Río (22°25′N 83°43′W) MAY 8 0231 Fair, over unID Spanish and WPRV; alternating man and woman in Spanish, clock, minute marker, and RR code. [Conti-NH]
- ST. KITTS & NEVIS *TBN/R.Paradise*, Charlestown (17°08′N 62°37′W) MAY 4 0000 ID, "This is the Trinity Broadcasting Network," then Paul Kraus program; to good peak. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- CUBA CMHW Santa Clara (22°24′N 79°56′W) MAY 24 0400 Cuban anthem march parallel 640; over WHAS, Haiti, and Brazil. [Connelly*Y-MA] Possibly another station? There are four stations listed on this frequency including *R.Progreso*.
- 840 **HAITI** 4VEH Cap Haitien MAY 4 0000 "Ici ... Radio 4VEH"; good. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- MEXICO XEFG Celaya, Gto APR 25 1011 Poor in 850 KOA splatter and hash with banda and norteña music; "La Pachanga" slogan ID between each song. [Vance-TX]
- CUBA CMDT *R.Reloj*, Sancti Spíritus (21°56′N 79°26′W) MAY 17 0200 News, ticks, "RR" beeps; over WLVP, WHCU, and WWL jumble. [Connelly*B-MA]
- 900 **CUBA** CMKP *R.Progreso*, Cacocum-San Germán (20°44′N 76°20′W) MAR 16 0200 Ritmos; fair, over/under some slight interference. [Chiochiu*LD-QC]
- 910 **CUBA** *R.Cadena Agramonte*, Camagüey MAR 2 0858 Jazz influenced cha-cha-cha number followed by ID, news, then brutal fade-out leading to a brief fade-in of YV visitor RQ-910 around 0914. Heard the previous evening with musical requests. [Chiochiu-LD*QC]
- 910 **VENEZUELA** YVRQ Caracas (10°32′N 66°55′W) MAR 2 0914 An unequivocal 'RQ ID heard between two traditional Venezuelan harp music selections. Only poor to fair, after a brutal fade-out of *R.Cadena Agramonte*. [Chiochiu-LD*QC] APR 24 0933 Venezuelan harp music; fair in mess, but remarkable to catch it twice in less than two months on what is now a fairly crowded frequency. [Chiochiu-L*QC]
- 920 **MEXICO** XECQ Culiacan, Sin MAY 2 1110 In and out with norteñas. Several "La Ranchera de Culiacan" slogan IDs with callsign ID at 1125. Local KQBU phased. [Vance-TX]
- 960 **CUBA** *R.Reloj*, multiple sites MAY 4 0100 Ticks, Spanish talk, "RR" beep; in jumble with WEAV and others. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- 969.8 **MEXICO** XEEZ Caborca, Son MAY 2 1157 Weak under phased XEJ and slightly off-frequency with música popular. Callsign ID on the hour. [Vance-TX]
- unID JUN 5 0100 Fading up briefly with shouting, "Diez-Siete..." and sports commentary. Probably of domestic origin. [Conti-NH]
- 1100 **BRAZIL** ZYK694 *R.Globo*, São Paulo (23°32′S 46°37′W) MAY 17 0204 Portuguese talk by man; under WTAM. [Connelly*B-MA]
- VENEZUELA YVQT *R.Carúpano*, Carúpano (10°40′N 63°18′W) MAY 4 0100 Newscast, "en Venezuela y el mundo"; mixed with WBT. [Connelly*Y-MA] MAY 17 0204 "En Venezuela, Carupano" ID; good / dominant. [Connelly*B-MA]

- BERMUDA VSB3 Hamilton (32°18′N 64°46′W) JUN 5 0130 Fair, over *Legacy 1160* WSKW, "America's favorite adult standards" WABY, and 1161 het; BBC World Service. [Conti-NH]
- MEXICO XEWT Culiacán, Sin APR 25 0930 Fair with fading; U.S. '90s pop and "W Radio" slogans every other song, sometimes also with the call letters. Had WOAI knocked down with phasing enough to make this one dominant; a little splatter from local 1190 XEPZ even in USB. [Vance-TX]
- 1280 **BERMUDA** VSB2 Hamilton MAY 4 0052 Usual preaching, gospel choral music; over WADO and WFAU. [Connelly*Y-MA]
- MEXICO XECU Los Mochis (26°25′N 108°39′W) APR 26 0202 Coming out of GY mess with ID announcement, "Escuche XECU, La Rancherita... (power, tel, other info) ...La Rancherita, la grande ...XEOMS (or XEOMF)." That last part is a bit puzzling to me. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XECB San Luis Río Colorado, Son MAY 3 0355 Fading up with norteña then "Radio Ranchito" ID folowed by other announcements. Poor and didn't stay on top long. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XECAV Durango, Dgo MAY 10 0230 Up with announcements then ID, "Pah-Lay, Pah-Lay (Play) Catorce-Setenta AM, XECAV, cinco mil wats, en Durango, Durango, México." Then back into announcements. Competing with XEACE Mazatlan and one other Spanish station; fades between 'very good' and 'What happened to it?' [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEZJ Guadalajara, Jal MAY 17 0200 Out of mellow music with ID, "XEZJ, Ciudad Catorce-Ochenta... en Guadalajara, Jalisco..." Also mentioned Grupo Radiorama. The term "Ciudad 1480" was said frequently, sounds like it's their slogan. Back into música romantica. In and out during this session mixing with another Spanish station. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XENS Navojoa, Son MAY 17 0502 Out of dominant XENS shadow with ID announcement. Lasted just long enough to get the "Esta es XENS..." then back down. [Vance-TX]
- MEXICO XEHM Cd. Delicias, Chih MAY 17 1205 ID after Mexican national anthem then into announcements. Fair-to-poor with interference de XEZJ. Also observed in-and-out on MAY 21; the term "Más fuerte" ('louder' or 'loudest') used as a slogan quite frequently. [Vance-TX]

Contributors

Roy Barstow, Teaticket MA; Microtelecom Perseus, 50 x 30 SuperLoop at 63°.

Bogdan Chiochiu, DXing from Lisette Dupras, Lakeshore, and Pierrefonds QC.

Mark Connelly WA1ION, Billerica MA and South Yarmouth MA; Perseus operated with MSI Wind U100 netbook, west-nulling cardioid-pattern terminated loops.

Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; SDR IQ, 9.8 x 19.5-m variable termination Split SuperLoop at 60° and 15 x 23-m SuperLoop south.

Robert Vance, El Paso TX; WinRadio G303e/PD, 12 x 9-ft unterminated corner-fed north-south loop, 3 sq meter amplified air loop.

73 and Good DX!

Silent Stations List

The 31st edition of the National Radio Club *AM Radio Log* is getting ready to go to press! Do you have updates to contribute? Changes in network news affiliation, talk shows, formats or hours of operation? We're looking for your input for the Log. Below is the current list of silent stations; do you have any to add or know of any that have returned to the air? Let us know! Email to amradiolog@nrcdxas.org or snail mail to Wayne Heinen - 4131 S Andes Way - Aurora, CO 80013-3831

Freq	Call	City/State	Date Silent	<u>Freq</u>	Call	City/State	Date Silent
550	WASG	Atmore, AL	6/2009	890	WHJA	Laurel, MS	9/2008
590	WREN	Carrollton, AL	7/2009	900	WWLK	Eddyville, KY	12/2002
600	KGEZ	Kalispell, MT	9/2009	900	WCME	Brunswick, ME	7/2008
610	WLVE	Winchester, VA	11/2008	910	WSRP	Jacksonville, NC	1/2009
660	KXOR	Junction City, OR	12/2009	910	WBZU	Scranton, PA	11/2009
690	KZEY	Tyler, TX	9/2006	910	WNHV	White River Jct., V7	5/2010
690	CINF	Montréal, QC	01/2010	930	WIZR	Johnstown, NY	12/2008
700	WDMV	Walkersville, MD	03/2010	940	KTON	Belton, TX	6/2009
710	KAPZ	Bald Knob, AR	6/2009	940	CINW	Montréal, QC	01/2010
730	WZMF	Nanticoke, PA	2/2010	950	KSEW	Seward, AK	11/2008
780	WZZX	Lineville, AL	5/2010	950	WGTA	Summerville, GA	6/2009
780	WIIN	Ridgeland, MS	6/2009	970	WAMD	Aberdeen, MD	01/2010
850	KXGM	Waterloo, IA	12/2009	980	WTOT	Marianna, FL	05/2010
860	KWRF	Warren, AR	2/2010	1010	KDLA	De Ridder, LA	02/2008
880	WBKZ	Jefferson, GA	2/2009	1020	KOAN	Eagle River, AK	9/2008

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<u>Freq</u>	Call	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Date Silent</u>	<u>Freq</u>	Call	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Date Silent</u>
1040	KXPD	Tigard, OR	12/2009	1370	WPAZ	Pottstown, PA	12/2009
1060	WGSB	Mebane, NC	1/2009	1380	KMUS	Sperry, OK	01/2010
1070	WCSZ	Sans Souci, SC	6/2009	1380	KRCM	Beaumont, TX	3/2008
1080	WALD	Johnsonville, SC	6/2009	1390	WAJD	Gainesville, FL	7/2009
1090	KULF	Bellville, TX	12/2009	1390	WROP	Belton, SC	6/2009
1110	KLIB	Roseville, CA	4/2006	1400	KCLA	Pine Bluff, AR	12/2008
1120	KLIM	Limon, CO	10/2002	1400	WIEL	Elizabethtown, KY	9/2009
1120	WXJO	Douglasville, GA	3/2010	1400	KWLA	Many, LA	7/2009
1140	WRLV	Salyersville, KY	9/2009	1400	WEEP	Virginia, MN	12/2002
1140	WVHF	Kentwood, MI	2/2010	1400	WAVQ	Jacksonville, NC	8/2009
1140	KPWB	Piedmont, MO	4/2009	1400	WOBĜ	Clarksburg, WV	12/2009
1150	WDTM	Selmer, TN	7/2009	1410	WYIS	McRae, GA	2/2009
1170	WQHC	Hanceville, AL	10/2007	1410	WSTN	Somerville, TN	6/2009
1170	WRPM	Poplarville, MS	1/2009	1420	KSTN	Stockton, CA	2/2010
1170	WQVA	Lexington, SC	4/2010	1420	WLET	Toccoa, GA	9/2009
1190	KMFX	Wabasha, MN	2/2008	1420	WQBC	Vicksburg, MS	6/2009
1190	WAGE	Leesburg, VA	8/2009	1420	WIGG	Wiggins, MS	02/2010
1200		O	8/2009				
	WAGE	Leesburg, VA	· ·	1430	WQOQ	Durand, WI	9/2008
1210	WDGR	Dahlonega, GA	9/2009	1440	WWCL	Lehigh Acres, FL	7/2009
1220	KQMG	Independence, IA	02/2010	1440	WDXQ	Cochran, GA	03/2010
1230	WNUZ	Talladega, AL	7/2007	1440	WSEL	Pontotoc, MS	4/2010
1230	WWSD	Quincy, FL	5/2006	1450	WCOX	Camden, AL	10/2009
1230	WTSV	Claremont, NH	6/2009	1450	WROB	West Point, MS	12/2009
1230	WLNR	Kinston, NC	4/2009	1450	KYLS	Fredericktown, MC	
1240	WULA	Eufaula, AL	7/2009	1450	KYLW	Lockwood, MT	3/2010
1240	KRJY	Sacramento, CA	5/2010	1450	KLZS	Eugene, OR	12/2009
1240	WBGC	Chipley, FL	6/2009	1470	WPGG	Evergreen, AL	1/2009
1240	KALY	Los Ranchos de Alb.,	NM 01/2010	1480	WWKO	Fair Bluff, NC	5/2010
1240	KPBL	Hemphill, TX	02/2008	1490	WIRB	Level Plains, AL	11/2009
1250	KBSZ	Wickenburg, AZ	4/2009	1490	KOTN	Pine Bluff, AR	12/2008
1250	WIPS	Ticonderoga, NY	12/2009	1490	WPNT	South Bend, IN	01/2010
1260	WBBK	Blakely, GA	12/2009	1490	KXLQ	Indianola, IA	4/2009
1260	WTJH	East Point, GA	12/2009	1490	WIKC	Bogalusa, LA	10/2009
1260	WCSA	Ripley, MS	8/1992	1490	KBSR	Laurel, MT	4/2010
1260	KIMB	Kimball, NE	9/2008	1490	WRCE	Watkins Glen, NY	12/2009
1270	WYXC	Cartersville, GA	12/2009	1490	WTQS	Cameron, SC	6/2009
1270	KVCL	Winnfield, LA	7/2009	1490	KOGN	Ogden, UT	12/2008
1270	WMLC	Monticello, MS	6/2009	1500	WQMS	Quitman, MS	6/2009
1280	WDNT	Dayton, TN	11/2009	1500	WTNE	Trenton, TN	7/2009
1280	KVWG	Pearsall, TX	10/2008	1520	KHLT	Hallettsville, TX	6/2009
1290	WCFI	Ocala, FL	9/2004	1530	WRPM	Poplarville, MS	1/2009
1290	WRRA	Frederiksted, VI	12/2004	1530	KCLR	Ralls, TX	6/2009
1300	WIBR	· ·	6/2009	1540	WKDG		9/2005
		Baton Rouge, LA	· ·			Sumiton, AL	
1320	WCOG	Greensboro, NC	01/2010	1540	WKXG	Greenwood, MS	5/2010
1330	WITM	Marion, VA	8/2008	1540	KGBC	Galveston, TX	01/2010
1340	WFSH	Valparaiso-Nicevil		1560	KDDA	Dumas, AR	1/2000
1340	WKCB	Hindman, KY	10/2009	1560	WMBH	Joplin, MO	4/2009
1340	WAML	Laurel, MS	3/2010	1560	KKUZ	Sallisaw, OK	12/1999
1340	WOYL	Oil City, PA	12/2009	1570	WNKX	Centerville, TN	6/2009
1340	WMON	Montgomery, WV	4/2010	1580	WBBA	Pittsfield, IL	9/2003
1350	WOAM	Peoria, IL	01/2010	1590	KQLO	Sun Valley, NV	3/2010
1360	WVMC	Mount Carmel, IL	01/2010	1590	WZUM	Carnegie, PA	3/2010
1360	KBYO	Tallulah, LA	6/2009	1600	WBTO	Linton, IN	12/2006
1370	KRAC	Quincy, CA	12/2008	1600	WLUZ	Bayamon, PR	5/2010
1370	WLLN	Lillington, NC	4/2009	1650	KYHN	Fort Smith, AR	04/2008

It may not be perfect ...
but the NRC AM Log is, simply, the best there is because of your contributions. Why not make the next edition even better? Send all corrections and changes to Wayne Heinen - 4131 S. Andes Way - Aurora, CO 80013-3831, or amradiolog@nrcdxas.org. Thanks!

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Shared tips and information from NRC members, both new and old

Greetings once again from the Heart of the Continent, and welcome to the DX Tool Box Column number 17.

This column will about radio silliness. Over the years in this hobby I have seen lots of silly sayings about the hobby. I collected some of them and have put them down here in a random fashion. Some deal with Medium Wave or Shortwave or the Ham bands, but it is all in fun. I hope nobody finds them offensive in any way as that is not the intention at all.

If you have any you would like to add to the list please feel free to send them along and I will add them to a future column.

Be Cool... DX Naked

Being a famous print journalist is like being the best-dressed woman on radio

Beverages More Than A Drink

Come Fill Your Thirsty Ears

DC To Daylight DX It All

During the day I dress up like a radio announcer

DX'ers get a better reception

DX'ing is 97% Propagation 03% Perspiration

Every DX'er's Dream....The Immaculate Reception

George is a radio announcer, and when he walks under a bridge... you can't hear him talk

Get more fire in the wire. Or get the wire up higher!

If It's Too Loud You Are Too Old!!

If while testing a tube, you drop it and it breaks, it "was" good!

Love doesn't drop on you unexpectedly; you have to give off signals, sort of like an amateur radio operator

Lowfers Are Not Lazy DX'ers

Medium Wave DX'ers Have Longer Wires

QSY to Seventy Centipedes

Radio is the theater of the mind; television is the theater of the mindless

Radio...Because Some Pictures Need a Thousand Words

Radio...Come Hear the Big Picture

Real Radios Glow In The Dark

Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever

Remember, On Any Night You Can Hear Beyond Forever

Ride the Radio Waves

S W L... Silly Wave Listener

S W L's Do It With Frequency

Television: chewing gum for the eyes

Television: A medium - so called because it is neither rare nor well done

The World at Your Finger Tips

Towers Get Me High

Why did I Learn MORSE ???? I only did it coz me da da did it

You can hear them through the Talk but not the Rock

Bits and Bites from the NRC listserv:

This time around we look at what happens if you are patient enough and keep trying for that hard to catch station.

From: "Robert S. Ross VA3SW" Subject: ULR DX...NEW ULR STATE # 41 Logged ARKANSAS + another New One to boot!! Hi Guys: Last night I did some tuning on the BCB before hitting the hay. I didn't expect to hear much as things have been pretty sparse around here lately. To my surprise I was able to hear 2 NEW Stations for the ULR LOG in about 15 Minutes!! I have been trying to Log 1090 KAAY Little Rock, Arkansas on the ULR's since Jan of 2008....it was my closest unheard State. Arkansas is State # 41 for Ultralight Radio. Also bagged a New One on 910 as well. Radio Used is SONY SRF-T615 ULR Barefoot 910 WDOR Sturgeon Falls, WISC. May / 09 / 10 2137 EDT EE FAIR Male Announcer with Program Promo. ID as "On 910 AM WDOR" @ 2137 EDT. Another Program Promo by Female with ID as "WDOR". Female with Local Weather....FROST tonight!! Male DJ spoke at 2140 with Station

Info. Frequency, Power, Location, etc. Possible power down announcement? NEW STATION ULR #832 1 KW/102 Watts Nights 1090 KAAY Little Rock, ARKANSAS May/09/10 2150 EDT EE FAIR Mix at times with WBAL. Male Preacher @ 2150-57 EDT. Gave a Program Address in Calgary, ALBERTA. Male DJ with Station Promo/ID as "1090 KAAY Dot Com". Gospel Music by a Choir @ 2157-59. Male Preacher @ 2159. More Gospel Choir Music 2159-2200 EDT. Male Preacher with a New Gospel Show @ 2200 EDT. RELOG....BUT NEW ULR #833 ULR STATE #41 Heard 50 KW 73......ROB VA3SW Robert S. Ross London, Ontario CANADA

From: Peter Subject: DX update from northern Delaware - possible 4VEH?? DX update from northern Delaware: I snagged the below recording this evening (10-May) starting at 2059 local on 840 kHz. with presumed WHAS phase nulled. I'm reasonably sure that this is 4VEH from Haiti. Indeed, I think that I hear "Ici la Cap Haitien, vous ecoutez Radio 4VEH, la voix ..." starting at 55 seconds into the clip. That said, I'd appreciate getting a second opinion from the medium wave DX'ing community that it was indeed 4VEH that I heard. Many thanks in advance. http://www.21centimeter.com/21centimeter/Recordings/840-khz_2059-Local_10-May-2010.mp3 Rgds, Pete Jernakoff K3KMS Wilmington, Delaware

This month's DX Tool Box web site is: NORTHWEST BROADCASTERS

http://members.shaw.ca/nwbroadcasters/

This site bills itself as: **The AM, FM, TV and Digital Broadcasters of Northwest Washington, USA and Southwest British Columbia, Canada.** From Kelso, WA to the northern tip of Vancouver Island, BC - call letters, formats, slogans, networks, technical data, and transmitter maps.

Basically if it is about AM FM or TV stations in the region described above, it is detailed here. There is even a section with recent news that posts almost daily with details as to what is going on in the region.

73 for this time Shawn Remember On A Clear Day You Can Hear Forever



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Network listings for college sports stations

Starting with this column of College Sports networks, I am changing the format just a wee bit. The networks below are assumed to be for both football and men's basketball unless otherwise noted. Not much this month, as we finish up with the schools that start with "R".

RADFORD HIGHLANDERS, Radford VA, Big South Conference

107.1 WPSK-VA

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE EN-GINEERS (Red Hawks for Hockey), Troy NY 91.5 WRPI-NY, hockey

RHODE ISLAND RAMS, Kingston RI, Colonial Athletic Association

920 WHJJ-RI

90.3 WRIU-RI

99.3 WJZS-RI

RICE OWLS, Houston TX, Conference USA 97.5 WFNC-TX

RICHMOND SPIDERS, Richmond VA, Colonial Athletic Conference

950 WXGI-VA 93.1 WLFV-VA

ROCHESTER INSTIUTUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIGERS, Henrietta NY

89.7 WITE-NY hockey

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS, Piscataway NJ,

Big East Conference 710 WOR-NY 1450 WCTC-NJ



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Network listings for team sports stations

Here is more Minor League Baseball (MiLB) flagship information. I do not know if any of these teams has a network beyond the station(s) I have listed. The teamnames came from www.milb.com, and the broadcasting stations and announcer names came from my Google searches. Many web pages did not list a station call letters, e.g., "92.1 ESPN", and I had to do further searches to find the call letters. I might have made some mistakes. And some stations use slogans instead of call letters on their web sites, e.g., K-FROG. I could not find the call letters of that station on their web site. In some cases I was unable to locate the station; all I found was the name of the announcer.

Texas League

* Arkansas Travelers	920 KARN-AR	Phil Elson
* Corpus Christi Hooks	1360 KKTX-TX (E)	E) Matt Hicks
-	1400 KUNO-TX (S	SS)
* Frisco RoughRiders	105.3 KRLD-TX	Aaron Goldsmith
* Midland RockHounds	102.1 KFZX-TX	Bob Hards
* Northwest Arkansas Naturals	92.1 KQSM-AR	Steven Davis
* San Antonio Missions	680 KKYX-TX	
* Springfield Cardinals	98.7 KWTO-MO	Jeff Levering
* Tulsa Drillers	1430 KBTZ-OK	Dennis Higgins

Class A Advanced

California League

* Bakersfield Blaze	1230 KGEO-CA	
* High Desert Mavericks		
* Inland Empire 66ers	1050 KCAA-CA	
* Lake Elsinore Storm	92.9 KFGY-CA	Sean McCall
* Lancaster JetHawks	1380 KOSS-CA	Jeff Lasky, Scott Blusiewicz
* Modesto Nuts	970 KESP-CA	Greg Young, Brian VanderBeek
* Rancho Cucamonga Quakes	1510 KSPA-CA	
* San Jose Giants		Joe Ritzo
* Stockton Ports	1280 KWSX-CA	Zack Bayrouty, Curtis Bryant

1270 KJUG-CA

Carolina League

* Visalia Rawhide

* Frederick Keys 1450 KTHU-MD (EE) 1520 WTRI-MD (SS)

* Kinston Indians 960 WRNS-SC Chris Hemeyer, Matt Friedman

1490 WWNB-SC

105.7 WWNB-SC

1400 WSPG-SC

* Lynchburg Hillcats 105.5 WKDE-VA Scott Bacon

* Myrtle Beach Pelicans 1050 WIQB-SC

93.7 WXJY-SC

* Potomac Nationals Will Flemming, Tim Swartz

Evan Lepler * Salem Red Sox 960 WFIR-VA

* Wilmington Blue Rocks John Sadak

* Winston-Salem Dash (www.wsdash.com) (Internet only)

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Musings of the Members

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On April 23, 2010 at 1pm EDT an iconic radio station met its AM dial demise. Toledo's second-oldest call sign and third-oldest radio station WTOD-1560 signed off for the last time.

As DXers we are very tuned into changes that occur in the broadcast industry. As listeners most of these are accepted as part of the normal cycle of things, shifting trends and tastes, etc. Sometimes a switch strikes a chord that makes you realize an era has ended. So it is for me with the loss of WTOD, perhaps even more so than stations I've worked at which have seen call and format changes, i.e. WMHE 92.5 to WVKS and the many at WTUU-1520 to WANR/WGOR/WVOI/WDMN/WNWT - originally WTTO.

What makes WTOD so different is the legacy this station has had in Toledo. While only a daytimer, the call sign even recognized that uniqueness as Toledo's Only Daytimer, so too was the call letters reference to dial position as Top Of the Dial, as well as the call sign being closely associated to the city of license-Toledo. So considering the heritage of the call sign itself, losing it from the AM dial is tough to take, even more so for me as my favorite station while I was growing up. WTOD might just as well have stood for fun and entertainment.



While in this region no one can question the domination of CKLW-800 (The Big 8) or Keener 13 WKNR-1310, in its heyday WTOD was perhaps the highest-rated daytime-only station, not in just one format but two! WTOD was Toledo's earliest entry into Top 40 when then GM Bob Martz - a real Toledo radio legend - switched the station to that format. He paraded a host of on air talent through 1560s door - Bob

Kelly aka Norm Plummer (whose program included Soupy Sales' dog White Fang as his sidekick and whose "Uh-Huh" sound effect was featured often and ended his show with "Come get me, mother, I'm through"); John Garry (don't you try to scare me - whose theme song "Willie Boy" by Phil Harvey was instrumental ecstasy); Lee (Knobby Knees) Fowler (whose theme song "Listen to the Mocking-bird" was a lively instrumental version); Bob Brossia, Bob (Mr. Music) Parkinson, Larry (the Emperor) O'Brien, Swinging Sweeny, Skapura, Bill (wee Willie-shouting) Webb, Michael Drew Shaw, Terry Shaw (aka Terry Gottshalk), Bill Hughes, Mike Edwards, 'Fat' Dean Dark aka Bernard Riggs (often signing off by wishing listeners "Blue Skies and Green Lights to you and yours"), and Mick Hodges _ all these in the days of the famed Popometer music survey that included a weekly "Pick to Click".

WTOD was noted as much for its bubbly personalities as for its music. (I can say quite unequivo-cally this station was the reason I sought a radio career, because these guys were all having so much fun and were so creative!). WTOD featured bawdy ads, iconic jingles - many included those geared to each day of the week - humorous episodes of that wild hero Super Fella, and uproarious sound effects. One great sound effect even found its way onto WTOD's world famous sign-off as a giant 'BONK' that was designed as a flip-off to then WQXR, the radio station of the New York Times which always had a chime on the hour ushering in their station ID. It was WTOD's way of saying "screw you" for forcing them off the air nightly.

WTOD having to sign off nightly did not enhance any love of NYC for me which needed none since I already had a strong dislike for the NY Yankees. The inability of WTOD to secure night-time service likely hastened its ultimate demise which had been in free fall since 1993 anyway. It was then that it became a simulcast satellite of sister station K-100 which ironically whose origins can be traced to WTOD's other highly successful format, country, as "Countrypolitan WTOD".

Cumulus was unwilling to channel money to maintain the physical plant or its staffing. During WTOD's Top 40 days it was not unusual for the DJs to have sock hops set up after hours in a myriad of places such as the Swanton Coliseum, Maumee's Luke's Barn, Gem Beach, or the West Toledo YMCA, such was the drawing power of the station. Of course you had to pick up your Popometer Survey at Joey's Record Mart in downtown Toledo if you wanted to be hip. WTOD was a big presence at the Lucas County Fair, being set up yearly at comer of Midway and Administration, often interviewing listeners as they happened by, and they did because WTOD always promoted the fair by telling everyone to "come see the big piggies and the wooley little lambies"; trite - but it worked! Even after WTOD switched to country, that tradition continued, and folks met such renowned personalities as my good pal Bill Manders, Tom Rice aka Tom Pepas, Mark Adams, Tom Lawrence, Country Dan Dixon, good

friend Dennis Williams (who was later drive time host at WCWA-1230 Toledo and still airs a Saturday AM show there), and Cliff Smithers, among so many others.

WTOD also was a breeding ground for news talent with the likes of Chase Clements (later of CH.13 WSPD/WTVG fame), Don Edwards (of both CH. 11 WTOL-TV and CH. 13 fame), Bob Zraik, Dick



Lambert, Jim Camey (whom I once interned with at WCWA), good friend London Mitchell, who gave me my first real radio job at WTUU-1520, and Joe Donovan (still at WWJ-950 these days).

Sportcasters were bred at WTOD as well, such as Lee Pete, the Tabner brothers, Joe, Doug and Orris; the latter worked at WTOL-TV CH.11 for 39 years! WTOD was a rich magnet for developing executives such as Gentleman Jim Wood, Charlie Fleischman, and Charlie "Chuck" Welch, now owner of Swanton's WJUC 107.3 - "The Juice". The latter was at WKLR 99.9 "Kooler 99" when I began an intemship through the University of Toledo at WTOD in 1972.

One mainstay at WTOD was the Sunday morning Polka Party hosted for over 50 years by Chet Zablocki and originally co-hosted by first wife Helen and then hosted by second wife Sharon. WTOD signed on in 1946; this show came on in 1947 and has been a Sunday morning staple for Toledo's huge Polish-American community ever since. (The show now airs on WLQR-1470-ex-WOHO).

Even WTOD's contests and promotions were classics. I once participated in their "Would You Believe It's Time To Play Would You Believe" contest on back-to-back days; the first day I lost and received a WTOD pen which I still have. The second day I won and received Tussy Dusting Powder, which I gave to my mom - she loved it! At Thanksgiving time they'd give folks a chance to win their bird via the Turkey Shoot by correctly guessing if it would take 1 to 5 shots to bring down the bird. I never got through on this contest, but it was still fun to hear the results, especially the turkey's squawk if it was shot down - today's animal activists would surely disapprove now, hi. One popular promotion borrowed from-WOWO-1190 Fort Wayne was the WTOD Penny Pitch at Christmas time. Listeners were invited to toss loose change into bins placed around town for the needy, which often merited thousands of dollars going toward the cause. (We could use that revived now.)

As I mentioned I had a college internship at WTOD. For me it was a thrilling and rewarding experience. I learned much from real radio pros; many are still considered close friends of mine in the industry even today. As someone desiring a radio career, their guidance and understanding led to my increased confidence in pursuing that end; it also led me toward seeking and obtaining my current job as a Sylvania, OH police dispatcher. I placed calls to the public as part of their FCC ascertainment requirement for license renewal, and I went along on engineer Ted Miofsky's never-ending efforts to keep WTOD's pattern within specs, as WTOD's cornfield location was being urbanized by constant new development.

It was while interning that I had a chance to watch WTOD conduct its very popular radio auction. The hosts made the action fun and always added humor to their spiel. Needless to say, I learned the fine arts of production editing, programming cueing, and many other fine points that would serve me well at broadcasting jobs I would later obtain at both WTUU-1520 and WCWA-1230.

The success of WTOD in the country field was without peer. The station was eventually moved to 99.9 as K-100 WKKO and has for the past 14 years been Toledo's #1-ranked radio station, this ever since Gary Shores and Harvey J. Steele (DX'er Sid Steele's son) has manned the morning drive slot.

The once proud and loud 5000-watt WTOD signal has in recent years deteriorated down to somewhere around 250 watts due ironically to damage done to the grounding radials at the tower site created by expansion of the WTOD (and other Cumulus stations) facilities at their Arlington Avenue location. While WTOD did try to make a comeback as Supertalk 1560, the grandeur that was WTOD was never realized. Costs to make improvements to the 1560 signal were prohibitive and were not going to happen since Cumulus Media itself is trying to avert bankruptcy due to its heavy debt load. So the owners sought a better solution by selling the 1560 facility to Calvery Satellite Network (KAWZ) and swapped that for their low power FM on 100.7 (now on 100.9) in exchange so as to re-create WTOD (eventually) on this FM dial spot. For now the WTOD call sign is parked at a silent 1450 AM spot in Hartsville, S.C. until all paperwork is processed in this deal.

As you can see, the passing of WTOD-1560 into the broadcast ether is hard to accept, but the memories are lasting ones. The 1560 in Toledo is now WWYC. The WTOD I remember was so much a part of Toledo that among its best slogans was "WTOD, That's Your Radio Station", and yes it was truly my favorite, but not just for what it was, but rather for who made it what is was, the great people who worked there. It's hard to believe that the station that originated from well-modulated South Toledo and who always told you the temperature in street-level degrees is gone! Just as WTOD in its country days played the Statler Brothers (I'm reminded of one of their songs: "Whatever Happened to Randolph Scott?", which to paraphrase a line from the song goes hand in hand with the loss of so much great music that WTOD played, which is a story for another day, that what has happened to WTOD has

happened to the broadcast industry. Truly a sad state of affairs which is where things are today, so with that in mind, goodbye old radio friend; it was a great ride. RIP WTOD; thanks for all the good times.

Just when I felt I had recalled a large measure of Toledo heritage daytimer radio station WTOD's history, there was an interesting piece that I somehow overlooked in the epitaph concerning the once dominant 1560 spot on Toledo's radio dial, (maybe because at the time it was so traumatic that I've always tried to put it out of my mind, hi). I mentioned the transition from Top 40 to Country that took place in 1969. There was an even more defining event involving WTOD that year. A fire occurred that destroyed the station's Arlington Avenue studios. The blaze which knocked the station off the air for about a week in the spring of 1969 had its origin in an office supply room. In what is still one of the top promotional ideas ever for a station, especially one burned off the air, were ads WTOD ran in the *Toledo Blade and Times* which featured a fire department hat along side the WTOD call letters indicating that Toledo's "#1 Fire Station" would soon return to the air. They were helped in that effort by just about every other station in town that lent them equipment and even a remote studio trailer to help WTOD return to the air.

When WTOD finally did return they continued to use the "#1 Fire Station" appellation as a means to promote the fact that their music was so hot that it torched the station and that was a clear reason for listening. While that idea worked beautifully, change was in the offing for WTOD as by September of 1969 "the Sound of the City" would give way to "the sound of the country" as the Countrypolitan format was launched.



Whether the fire had anything to do with the format change is one speculation that I never really found out the answer to, but with all of their records melted in the fire, any decision to change formats was likely expedited by this tragic event. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time of the fire. Bob Kelly, who was the morning man at WTOD at the time, called his boss Bob Martz who usually ran late and told him he could

sleep in as no show would be aired from the pile of ash that was WTOD.

I recall being so concerned for my favorite radio station that I felt compelled to mail a letter to WTOD expressing hope that they would return even better than ever and would not permanently go away. There have been instances where such catastrophes have actually ended some stations existence, thus you could imagine my level of apprehension. Soon those fears were eased and all was well in my radio world back then.

Now in 2010 ironically, what the fire was unable to do, in silencing WTOD in Toledo, modem business models and the economy have done. All is not well in today's radio world. Certainly Toledo without a WTOD seems unimaginable but that's what we have now. Radio will never be as it was; that's just a fact of modem life. It doesn't seem right, but that's just is the way that it is. 73s.

"From Comics to Country" by John R. Malicky

On the dawn of another weekend from May 14-16, with permission to assist media personality and my cousin Leonard Lies, aka "Machete Zombie" from the 1978 horror movie "Dawn of the Dead", I attended the 21st annual Motor City Comic Con (www.motorcity conventions.com) in Novi, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, at the Rock Financial Showplace. Having been to two similiar shows in Chicago (2004) and Nashville (2009), this was the largest gathering in terms of artists and illustrators (151), media guests (61), floor space (150,000 square feet), publishers and organizations (21), and at least 5 modified automobiles from various TV series and movies. Included in some of these categories or 'cate-gore-ies' were artists Sergio Aragones (Mad Magazine) and Herb Trimpe (Incredible Hulk/Wolverine), media guests like Linda Blair ("The Exorcist"), Ray Park (Star Wars Episode I: "The Phantom Menace") who probably had over 1,000 people paying for his autographed picture, Raven (WWF/E Champion wrestler), Felix Silla ("Cousin Itt" from the Adams Family), Lindsay Wagner ("The Bionic Woman"), Dawn Wells ("Mary Ann" from Gilligan's Island), and battling against unscrupulous DX reports, "Batman's" Adam West! Among evil villians and Star Wars characters were the vehicles from "Ghostbusters" (ambulance), the road warrior from "Mad Max", the stock car from "The Dukes of Hazard", and an \$85K modified Pontiac Firebird, "The Firebreather" for the upcoming summer movie *Jinn: The Ghost is Dead.*

Still alive and spreading the good news of the NRC, I had two 'close encounters' with a werewolf and a friend of ghosts! The first was meeting Executive Producer Mac Kelly, aka "Wolfman Mac" who coordinates the locally-produced (Pontiac, MI) and nationally syndicated RTN (Retro TV Network) "Chiller Drive-in" (www.chillerdrive-in.com) that airs Saturdays at 10 FM ET and 9 PM CT; check your local listings. Hoping to also perform radio podcasts from old radio theatre broadcasts, Mr. Kelly started his career in radio on the west coast and then moved to "Joe FM" WMJO-97.3 Essexville/Saginaw, MI before beginning a 'howling' production of "Chiller" in front of a ten foot .'scream' or screen

filled with cobwebs in 2007. With a voice and style similiar to the legendary Wolfman Jack, Wolfman Mac's show is a situation comedy about a haunted drive-in in the town of Hauntington Heights and is performed during classic or not so classic "B" horror movies. With a crew of about 40 volunteers, the supporting cast includes "Bony Bob, Madame Nina, Morbid Melvin, Oscar The Ogre, Rubella, (a nutty chick) Jackyl & Hyde, Son of Froggy, Torg The Robot, The Milkman, and The Witch Doctor". Produced at the Erebus Haunted Attraction, the Wolfman's wish is to "stay creepy!"

Meanwhile on the floor nearby adhering to this message is a local star, "Creepy Clyde" Brown, aka "The Country Vampire", who hosts a time-brokered show, "Spooky Talk", Wednesdays at 5 PM on WPON-1460 Walled Lake/Detroit. Also as an actor, voice actor, singer, musican, and cartoonist where anyone can join his "Creepy Clyde Club", Mr. Brown notes this is "the talk show that's spooky", where anyone can also call the 24 phone line at 313-633-1599 to relate a 'spooky' experience and listen as they are streaming live at wpon.com/spookytalk.com. Anyone with a 'spooky' DX experience?!

With a little time on Friday, May 14, 2010, I was able to 'boldly go where no other member has gone before' to visit three of Detroit's most recognizable AM stations nearby, WDFN, WXYT, and WWJ. First was a visit only to the lobby of Clear Channel's 6 stations that included 5 FMs and Fox "Sportstalk" WDFN-1130 located in Farmington Hills in their own huge office complex, but previously 11 years ago to my visit to Detroit where 1130 resided in the city along with "4 W County" WWWW-102.9 that is now in Ann Arbor. With an eleventh rated market and 57 'varieties' or stations that included at least 6 high school FMs and three stations on 88.1 like an eleven watt operation WHPR, I 'hit'an "inside the

park(or station) homerun' at Detroit's definitive sports and news voices, WXYT-1270/97.1 and WWJ-950. Dominating the pro team coverage, WXYT carries the Lions, Pistons, Red Wings, and Tigers simulcasting through their more publicized voice "The Ticket 97.1". Having outgrown the co-owned space with WWJ, WXYT resides in an office complex "Hunter's Square" at 31555 West 14 Mile Road, also in



Farmington Hills. About seven miles southeast off 1-696 exit 8 at 26495 American Drive in Southfield, I have 'hunted' and found WWJ in their one-story building which is about three miles north of the city line and about 20 minutes northwest of downtown.

That time is also what I had before end of business hours at 5:30 FM to encounter a 'milestone visit. Located here about 11 years, WWJ is one of the 6 CBS owned market stations with two each in three separate locations. With plans to incorporate all six in one building, I was pleased to be 'incorporated' for a great visit and tour by 16-year employee with five as News Director, Rob Davidek. Like for many stars at the convention, WWJ's acronym has been "Radio One" having signed on August 20, 1920 just preceding KDKA. I verified WWJ in August 1971. the station was owned by The *Detroit News* along with TV 4 downtown. Now proclaiming a celebration of "90 years of innovation and committment to southeast Michigan", WWJ's creed is also to provide, "a goal o£ diversity, economic development and overall good for the city of Detroit," while radio as a whole still provides for a large influence in people's lives, as Rob also noted that the economics here are not as bad as some people nationwide may think. Having aired the first symphony and wedding as well as introducing listeners to the internet and cell phone, some of WWJ's features include timely weather traffic-center helicopter updates during rush hours and reports 24 hours along with airing University of Michigan and some Piston basketball games. Of sports, WWJ provided tributes for the late Tigers' announcer Ernie Harwell, a "fantastic man", who passed on May 4th and who, after retiring as the voice, recorded some ads here.

Not recording, I also met Managing Editor Rob Sanford, Pete Kowalski-VP & Director of Sales, and Producer and Special Projects Editor Timothy Kiska. A most pleasant task, Tim's assignment now is writing and documenting WWJ's history for a book later this year. Tim's e-mail is his name and "@ cbsradio.com" while the office number is 248-945-9950.

With Top-40 station "Amp Radio 98.7 FM WVMV here also, there are about 35-40 people on the staff, while CBS Detroit overall employees stand between 300-350. Not too far from here, WWJ's transmitter site provides a 50kw signal directional with different patterns day and night. Unfortunately, not here now was 30 year engineer, CE Bob Ostazewski. Fortunately and permanently here are the historic WWJ photos in the lobby and a large poster board. No special meaning, but a special place in my heart and for the people of Detroit, WWJ or 'We Welcomed John' was a very fine visit indeed!

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WHEN? Official convention activities start Friday morning, August 27, but early arrivals are welcome to join us for an informal dinner (and maybe a Rochester Red Wings baseball game) on Thursday night, August 26.

WHAT TO DO? On Friday, we'll have a full day of tours of Rochester's AM, FM and TV stations - or hang out and enjoy the companionship in our meeting room at the inn. Friday night, it's a cookout at the famous DX spread of Jim Renfrew. On Saturday morning, join us in the convention room for several informal presentations about DXing and broadcast history, then more tours (including the Antique Wireless Association museum!) Saturday night, it's the banquet (menu and location TBA), then back to the hotel for the world-famous auction. (Note: please - no children during the business meeting or speaker's presentation; hold all questions until after the speaker has finished.) And on Sunday, we'll meet in the morning for the annual DX Quiz before heading home.

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