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**DX Tests:** Via Ron Musco, **WFNY-1440 Gloversville NY** will be testing again on Saturday, February 22, from 0000 to probably around 0100 ELT. Test will feature Morse Code IDs and old rock-and-roll music. Owner Mike Sleezer has a nice QSL card now! Reports to [WFNY@frontier.net](mailto:WFNY@frontier.net); P.O. Box 746, Gloversville NY 12078; and/or (518) 725-1108. This one has been heard well on past tests. Thanks to Mike and Ron!

Also, **KCKM-1330 Monahans TX** will test on Saturday, March 22, at 0100-0130 ELT. Details in both past and upcoming issues.

**Unreported Domestic Stations** – For the third week in a row, no stations to cross off our list of stations not been reported to DDXD since Volume 67 (1999-2000). And two new targets on the air (KCIK-740 and KRJW-1240) brings the total to 540 stations. Can you report one?

**NRC Convention 2014:** We still need a host for the NRC convention in 2014. If no one comes forward to host soon, we may not have an NRC convention this year – so please think about whether you are interested. For more information, For information, contact Ernie Wesolowski at [NEErnieW@yahoo.com](mailto:NEErnieW@yahoo.com) or 13312 Westwood Ln., Omaha, NE 68144.

**Come Socialize with Us:** The NRC is on Facebook and Twitter! Social media is yet another way to keep in touch with NRC members, share DX tips, and spread the hobby – and the news about what the NRC has to offer. For more information, see page 7.

**From the Publisher:** The Post Office continues to mangle the occasional *DX News* more than usual; check in with Wayne in Aurora (back page for address) if you need a replacement

copy. My own printed copy of #17 came through the mails quite chopped up; fortunately my electronic copy was just fine!

### THE DX TIME MACHINE

**75 Years Ago:** From the February 20, 1939 issue of *DX News* – Jim Walker of Romney, W. Va. and Ernie Cooper of Brooklyn, N.Y., both reported verifications from LS11 in Argentina.

**50 Years Ago:** From the February 15, 1964 issue of *DX News* – Roy Barstow of Walpole, Mass. reported receiving a verification from 2 kW EAJ41-1295 Radio Coruña, Spain, as well as logging Hawaii (KORL-650 and KGU-760) for the first time this season.

**25 Years Ago:** From the February 20, 1989 issue of *DX News* – Frank Merrill logged 1,002 stations, including Radio Tupi-1280, in the first 39 days at his new location of Macomb, IL.

**10 Years Ago:** From the February 23, 2004 issue of *DX News* – Mike Hardester of Jacksonville, NC reported midday reception of Radio Visión Cristiana on 530 kHz in the Turks and Caicos Islands, from his car radio.

### VOL. 81 DX NEWS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

No	In By	Date	No	In By	Date
21	Feb. 14	Feb. 24	26	May 2	May 12
22	Feb. 21	Mar. 3	27	May 30	June 9
23	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	28	June 27	July 7
24	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	29	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
25	Apr. 11	Apr. 21	30	Sept. 5	Sept. 15

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Renewing Members** – Thanks to the continued support of Thomas E. Connatser; Anthony K. Fitzherbert; Jefferson E Lewis; Patrick Mason; Mauricio Molano; John Reed; Thomas Root; Cary Simpson; Douglas E. Smith; and Jonathan Watson.

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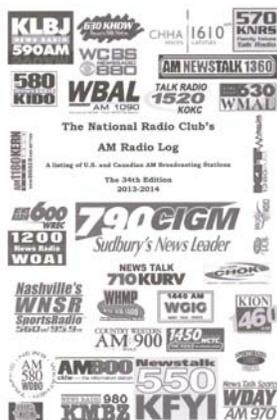
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# AM Switch



Info to David Yocis – 1245 13th St. NW #105, Washington DC 20005 – NRCDXNews@gmail.com

Richard Clark points out a typo in AMS #18 where there was a reference to “WUST-1020”; this is of course my local WUST which is, and will remain, on 1120 kHz. Sorry about the confusion!

An active week at the FCC, especially with respect to “new stations”:

## CALL CHANGES

- 570 KSNM NM Las Cruces – Call change to KGRT (2/4); this was legacy call here until 2000.
- 1120 WMSX FL Coral Springs – CP not yet on air; call change to WBUR (apparently, this CP is where old Massachusetts call letters go to retire).
- 1240 WBUR MA West Yarmouth – Call change to WBAS (2/1).
- 1590 KTCH NE Wayne – Call change to KCTY (2/3).

Also, the prospective buyer of WINU-870 Shelbyville IL has reserved call letters WTLY for use after the sale is completed. WINU has a pending application to change city of license to Assumption IL, without any physical change to location or power.

## NEW STATION WATCH

New stations on the air (some have already been heard with test authority):

- 740 KCIK HI Kihei – CP for new station (U1 5000/5000) is on the air; has been reported with Catholic programming from Immaculate Heart Radio.
- 1240 KRJW OR Altamont – CP for new station (U1 1000/1000) is on the air; has been reported as “The Winner” with CBS sports.
- 1350 KUSG GU Agaña – CP for new station (U1 250/250) is on the air; was said to be TLK.

New station CP applying for license to cover (station is built, may begin testing soon);

- 1550 KDCO CO Golden – New station with U2 990/350 at 39-53-31/105-14-20.

Application dismissed:

- 1200 APP UT Riverton – Application for new station (U2 30000/2400) dismissed.

As previously noted, there are two new station CPs that have passed their expiration date – Jacksonville OR 1180, and Shawano WI 1460. As the stations haven’t even applied for call letters, presumably the FCC will delete these shortly. In addition, three more CPs are set to expire shortly: Fultondale AL 1520 on 2/16, Terre Haute IN 640 on 2/24, and WODJ Big Rapids MI 1590 on 3/3.

## CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR EXISTING STATIONS

CP on the air:

- 1250 WTMA SC Charleston – CP for new site/pattern is on the air.

CP built, application for license to cover filed:

- 1600 WTZQ NC Hendersonville – CP for U1 5000/30.

CP granted:

- 1590 WXRf PR Guayama – CP for new site (remaining U1 1000/1000) granted.

## STATIONS GOING DARK

- 580 KRSA AK Petersburg – License expired 2/1; did not file for renewal.
- 585 KJAL AS Tafuna – License expired 2/1; did not file for renewal.
- 950 KSEW AK Seward – License expired 2/1; did not file for renewal.
- 1270 WEIC IL Charleston – Voluntarily surrendered license by letter to FCC dated 1/23.

## SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

- 1190 KNUV AZ Tolleson – Granted STA for pattern at variance; vandals stole copper ground radial system.
- 1330 WJSS MD Havre de Grace – Granted STA for U1 5000/100, phasing problems.
- 1360 WOEN NY Olean – Granted STA for U1 400/30, transmitter problems.
- 1380 KTKZ CA Sacramento – Granted STA for pattern at variance while KDPP-890 CP to diplex with KTKZ is being installed.
- 1410 WELM NY Elmira – Granted STA for U1 5000/?, diplexing issues.
- 1520 KOKC OK Oklahoma City – Granted STA for U1 5000/5000 from auxiliary transmitter after main 50 kW transmitter had catastrophic failure on 1/27.
- 1570 WIZK MS Bay Springs – Granted STA for D1 1000.

**1600 WEHH NY Elmira Heights-Horseheads** – Applies for STA for U3 3500/170, using day pattern 24 hours, diplexing issues.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from WSJC-810 Magee MS (D1 1000); WKY-930 Oklahoma City OK (U1 5000/1000); KTMS-990 Santa Barbara CA (reduced power, has been operating U4 1500/100); WCSZ-1070 Sans Souci SC (U1 2000/375); WLIB-1190 New York NY (U3 10000/10000 using day pattern); WIBR-1300 Baton Rouge LA (unspecified); WBTK-1380 Richmond VA (emergency antenna with reduced power, unspecified); KPUR-1440 Amarillo TX (reduced power, unspecified).

Previously reported requests to extend STAs were granted to WFAB-890 Ceiba PR; WDEL-1150 Wilmington DE; WBOW-1300 Terre Haute IN; KKPZ-1330 Portland OR; and WSEL-1440 Pontotoc MS.

### SILENT STATIONS

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

**1070 WSCP NY Sandy Creek-Pulaski** – Silent 11/30, transmitter failure.

**1210 WDGR GA Dahlonaga** – Silent (again) 1/27, transmitter problems.

**1310 WDTW MI Dearborn** – Silent (again) 1/27, new licensee (to whom station was donated) shocked by poor condition of facilities, needs to decide what to do.

**1530 WLWB WI New Holstein** – Silent (again) 1/26, damage to ground system.

Formerly silent stations informing the FCC that they are no longer silent:

**810 WSJC MS Magee** – Silent since 2/12/2013, back on the air 1/30 with STA.

**980 KICA NM Clovis** – Silent since 10/4, back on the air 1/4.

**1460 WDDY NY Albany** – Silent since 9/28, back on the air 1/29 with new owners.

Dave Schmidt reports that WBMD-750 Baltimore MD was silent for about three weeks but is now back on the air; that one never made it into the FCC files.

*Fines:* KGSO-1410 Wichita KS, \$21,000 for operating with excessive power and operating with day pattern at night (both in Oct. 2012), and public inspection file violations; KQAM-1480 Wichita KS, \$21,000 for the same types of violation (same licensee); five stations including KLBM-1450 La Grande OR and KBKR-1490 Baker OR, \$25,000 for public inspection file violations.

And WMER-1390 Meridian MS reached a settlement with the FCC allowing its license to be renewed, even though it never paid a \$1,500 fine levied in 2008 for several violations, including operating with excess power.

*Canada:* All quiet on the northern front this week. The CRTC must be hibernating for the winter!

Here are the latest *AM Radio Log* updates from Wayne Heinen. Wayne is always collecting updates for the *Log*; e-mail him at [amradiolog@nrccdxas.org](mailto:amradiolog@nrccdxas.org).

**650 WSRO MA Ashland** – Adds // WBAS-1240. (MD)

**780 WTME ME Rumford** – Format to REL/Rock/TLK (ex-REL/EZL/TLK), slogan and group to // Easy Rock (ex-// EZ-1240). (TF)

**810 WJJQ WI Tomahawk** – Adds // W264CH-100.7.

**900 WILC MD Laurel** – Format to TLK (ex-SS:Romántica); slogan “Where Liberty Has a Voice”; networks to P/WW1.

**1000 WRTG NC Garner** – Format to SS:MEX (ex-SS:CHR).

**1150 KZNE TX College Station** – Adds // K272FK-102.3.

**1160 WPIE NY Trumansburg** – Slogan to “Ithaca’s Sports Radio.”

**1220 KLBB MN Stillwater** – Slogan to “Club 1220.”

**1230 WLNR NC Kinston** – Format to GOS (ex-SS:CHR), delete slogan.

**1240 WEZR ME Lewiston** – Format to Rook (ex-EZL); slogan and group to // Easy Rock (ex-// EZ 1240). (TF)

**WSYY ME Millinocket** – Slogan to “CBS Radio for the Katahdin Area.”

**WBAS MA West Yarmouth** – Format to ETH/Portuguese (ex-NWS/TLK); drop all networks; add // WSRO-650; delete // WBUR-FM-90.9. (MD)

**1270 KTUZ OK Claremore** – Slogan to “La Zeta”; add // KTUZ-FM-106.7.

**1290 WDZY VA Colonial Heights** – Format to REL (ex-Silent); drop all networks.

**1320 WISW SC Columbia** – Format to SPT (ex-TLK); slogan to “1320 the Fan”; nets to Ns.

**1360 WWOW OH Conneaut** – Uses two slogans: “Boomer Tunes” and “Wow.”

**1380 KDXE AR North Little Rock** – Format to UC:AC (ex-SS:MEX); slogans to “Hot 105.5” and “R&B and the Best Throwbacks”; adds // K288EZ-105.5.

**1410 WMYR FL Fort Myers** – Slogan/group to // Twang 106.7 (ex-// Original Classic Country).

- 1450 KQYX KS Galena – Format to GOS (ex-SPT); slogan to “1450 the Dove”; drop all nets.  
 WKTQ ME South Paris – Format to REL/Rock/TLK (ex-REL/EZL/TLK); slogan and group to // Easy Rock (ex-// EZ 1240). (TF)
- 1460 WDDY NY Albany – Format to REL (ex-Silent); net to EWTN; add // WOPG-89.9. (FW)
- 1480 WVOI FL Marco Island – Slogan/group to //Twang 106.7 (ex-//Original Classic Country).
- 1520 KOKC OK Oklahoma City – Adds // K276EX-103.1.
- 1530 WLLQ NC Chapel Hill – Format to SS:MEX (ex-SS:REL).
- 1590 KCTY NE Wayne – Format to AC/TLK (ex-C&W/TLK); slogan to “Today’s Best Hits”; nets to C/Bf/CM/DR/MRN.
- 1660 WCNZ FL Marco Island – Slogan/group to //Twang 106.7 (ex-//Original Classic Country).

#### Group Changes

// EZ-1240 becomes // Easy Rock – WEZR-1240, WKTQ-1450, WTME-780, W288CW-105.5. (TF)  
 // Original Classic Country becomes // Twang 106.7 – WMYR-1410, WVOI-1480, WCNZ-1660, W294AN-106.7.

Wayne’s thanks to Shawn Axelrod, Bill Hale, Tony Fitzherbert (TF), Frank Walsh (FW), and Marc DeLorenzo (MD).

# Confirmed DXer

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Report your verifications to the NRC eGroup and they will appear here. Next deadline 4/1/14 pb

- 540 WGTH VA Richlands – Date only letter and "retro" bumper sticker in 9 days for snail mail report and SASE. Letter confirms operating power as "close to 97 watts." V/s Ron Brown, General Manager. 418 miles. Report sent to PO Box 370, Richlands VA 24641. (AM-PA)
- 620 WVMT VT Burlington – Full data letter in 7 days for snail mail report and SASE return postage. V/s. Ernie Farrar, Chief Operator and On-Air Personality. Report sent to PO Box 620, Colchester VT 05446. (AM-PA)
- 940 WCIT OH Lima – Received a very nice letter/QSL card on card stock paper for letter + cd of the DX test of 12/16. 940 has been a productive frequency for me as I also have cards from: CBM (Montreal), WMAZ (Macon GA) and XEQ (Mexico City). (DP-ON)
- + Full data letter/card on heavy stock paper in 10 days for report on their DX Test transmission of 12/16 via snail mail with SASE for return postage. V/s Mark D Gierhardt, Engineering/IT Director. Report sent to Childers Media Group, 57 Town Square, Lima OH 45801. 250 watts and 440 miles. (AM-PA)
  - + E-QSL in my E-mail box this afternoon. Prompt reply from Mark Gierhart. WCIT was verified back in 1985. So this E-QSL is for the novelty only and does not enter the log book. 1985 was a good year for QSL's with 100 total including ZDK 1100, VOA St. Johns 1580, CKWX 1130 and five from Florida! (TJ-IL)
  - + Just received an E-QSL from Mark D Gierhart W8MDG Director of Engineering. Nice QSL Letter with Colour QSL CARD on sheet with Full Data. Rec'd 2 Days after sending a Report by Email. (RR-ON)
- 1580 KKTS WY Evansville – PPC and p/d letter in 5 days from Dennis Switzer, Owner. (JW-CO)
- 1690 WMLB GA Avondale Estates – No data "Indeed it was us!" email in about 5 hours for email report to Jeff Davis, VP/GM jeffdavis at jwbroadcasting dot com. Jeff lets me know he's from Levittown PA and sends greetings from Atlanta. (AM-PA)

Al Muick, Whitehall PA (AM-PA)

Dave Pyatt, Deep River ON (DP-ON)

John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO (JW-CO)

Robert S Ross, London ON (RR-ON)

Tom Jasinski, Joliet IL (TJ-IL)

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REPORTERS

- BC-NH**      **Bruce Conti, Nashua** – Excalibur SDR, MWDX-5, variable termination SuperLoop antennas northeast and south.  
**MC-NJ**      **Mike Clancy, Jersey City** – DX-396  
**TF-NH**      **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** – Grundig S-450 DX, Grundig AR 200 loop  
**BH-MA**      **Bob Hill, Littleton** – Sony ICF-2010 with Kiwa filters, AOR LA390 active loop.  
**TLK-FL**      **Terry Krueger, Clearwater** – NRD-515, NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, roof dipole, active portable loop  
**PS-ON**      **Paul Snider, Welland** – Icom R75, 3 foot homemade loop.  
**MKB-ON**      **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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STATION NEWS

- 1240 WEZR ME Lewiston** – Goes to rock music with the slogan "Easy Rock," was easy listening with some brokered religion. **(TF-NH)**

LOGGINGS

- 600 WFST ME Caribou** – 2/3 1631 – Christian rock music, promo for a program on WFST on Friday, comments on "serving Christ" and "Family Radio" into more rock, good signal, never heard here before, no sign of usual WICC. **(TF-NH)**
- 720 WHYF PA Shiremanstown** – 2/5 1700 – Poor signal but all alone; promo, "... Catholic radio station in central Pennsylvania, this is AM 720," and ID, "This is Holy Seminary Radio, AM 720 WHYF Shiremanstown-Harrisburg..." and a third unreadable location. **(BC-NH)**
- 730 WZGV NC Cramerton** – 2/2 2255 – ESPN coverage of Super Bowl XLVIII, series of ads including for a Heritage charity where you can donate your car, mentions of North Carolina, ID heard at 2300 "your home for ... [fade out] ... WZGV," back to ESPN coverage. Poor to very poor. **(PS-ON)**
- 770 WYRV VA Cedar Bluff** – 2/6 1801\* – Under WABC; sign-off announcement, "... right here on WYRV AM 770," mentioning 5000 watts power and P.O. Box 70 address, "WYRV is owned and operated by ..." and "Kiss Him Goodbye" by Steam. Then heard "Atomic Dog" by George Clinton likely from WLWL. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 780 WTME ME Rumford** – 1/29 1620 – Dave Ramsey Show, IRN News at 1620. Never heard here before, the mountains are usually in the way. **(TF-NH)**
- 790 KFGO ND Fargo** – 2/2 0056 – Coors post game show, Minnesota Wild vs. Calgary Flames hockey, liquor store ad, State Trooper ad, RBB Electric ad, weather "from KFGO" including a wind chill warning, ad for health care store with address in Fargo, Northern Natural Nutrients ad with events in Minnesota. "This is 790 KFGO" ID at 0109. Started out fair, but deteriorated to very poor. **(PS-ON)**
- 820 WWLZ NY Horseheads** – 2/3 2125 – Atop frequency, no WNYC, commercials for AutoTrader.com, Recreation Sports on Route 13, Frank's Automotive on Catherine Street in Montour Falls, an employment agency, ID for WWLZ, and into talk. **(TF-NH)**
- 830 WCCO MN Minneapolis** – 1/27 2034 – Chicago Bulls-Minnesota Timberwolves BKB, over/under WCRN. **(TF-NH)**
- 850 KEYH TX Houston** – 2/2 0706 – End of Mexi-tune, male canned "La Ranchera 850" slogan and back to songs. **(TLK-FL)**
- 920 WURA VA Quantico** – 2/3 1642 – Romantic Spanish ballads, female announcer, no sign of WHJJ or CKNX, both regular here at sunset. **(TF-NH)**
- CFRY MB Portage la Prairie** – 2/1 0700 – Fighting usual pest CKNX, "This is CFRY, 93.1 FM 920 AM ... it's minus 22 in Portage," into local news. **(MKB-ON)**

- 940 WNRG VA Grundy – 2/7 2201 – Intermittently emerged from a weak, choppy mix with SRN news; at 2205 “... radio station W-N-R-G ...” in a local accent. Nothing readable after that. **(BH-MA)**
- 950 WIBX NY Utica – 1/25 1959 – PSA for high school sports in New York State, “WIBX Utica-Rome and WIBX.com and on your mobile device ...” ToH ID into Fox news. Fair with fading and interference from WKDN-Philadelphia. **(MC-NJ)**
- KJTV TX Lubbock – 2/2 0713 – Tentatively the one briefly surfacing with seemingly some sort of Sunday morning public affairs show hosted by man with a couple of clear mentions of “Northwest Texas.” Lost to the mush of other stations and local 970 WFLA’s iBOC kicking in at 0717. **(TLK-FL)**
- 960 WEAV NY Plattsburgh – 1/26 2014 – Ad for Valley Vista, a treatment center for adolescents, PSA for EnergySavers.gov, “Home of the Boston Celtics, 960, the Zone” station promo, into CBS Sports and the Joey Mack Show. All alone, no WELI. **(TF-NH)**
- CFAC AB Calgary – 2/5 2258 – Ad for sports store, ID at 2300 as “960 The Fan,” mentions of businesses on Macleod Trail in Calgary and ESPN, sounded like news after this. Poor mixing with WFIR, WELI and slop from WDCZ-970 Buffalo. First Alberta log for me in Ontario! **(PS-ON)** *They were also my first Alberta logging from Toronto in 1977. Mike.*
- 1000 WCCD OH Parma – 1/26 1735 – Presumed with Christian rock music over/under WMVP for about fifteen minutes. The daytime Christian stations on 1000 on the EC have left the air for the day, and a visit to the station a few years ago revealed that the very directional 500 watt signal from the station’s four in line towers is aimed right at New England. **(TF-NH)**
- 1040 WHO IA Des Moines – 2/3 0400 – Good; “Life is good in Des Moines, find out why, keep it here on Newsradio 1040 WHO Des Moines,” and Fox news. **(BC-NH)**
- WSGH NC Lewisville – 1/31 2200 – Fair, over/under WHO and WNJE; over-the-top preacher in Spanish.” **(BC-NH)**
- CJMS QC Saint-Constant – 2/7 1730 – Good but with heavily distorted audio; CPAM Montreal ID and telephone talk in French. **(BC-NH)**
- 1060 WHFB MI Benton Harbor-St. Joseph – 2/4 0600 – Under KYW; “AM 1060 WHFB Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Michigan ...” and CBS news. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1120 WKAJ NY St. Johnsville – 1/26 1620 – Ads for Office Max and Estrogen Temporal Thermometer, into a long cluster of rock music, finally “We’re WKAJ – AM 1120,” Barbara Summers is the satellite-fed DJ. Lost to WBBR splatter and an unidentified SS station, new for me here. **(TF-NH)**
- 1150 WMRE CT Middletown – 1/29 1632 – Weather for WLIS and WMRE by Bill Jaquiman, who does the weather for many CT. stations, ID by Dennis Miller for “Real people, real life, real radio, WLIS and WMRE, we’ve got personality,” WLIS and WMRE musical jingle, into (surprise!!) Dennis Miller Show, no CKOC or WWDJ. **(TF-NH)**
- 1160 WCVX KY Florence – 2/5 1801 – Fair; “Christian Talk 1160 WCVX Florence-Cincinnati” into SRN news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1220 WQUN CT Hamden – 1/26 1650 – Oldies including “Killing Me Softly,” and “What the World Needs Now Is Love,” mixed with gospel music. CBS News at ToH, new here. **(TF-NH)**
- WSTL RI Providence – 1/26 1659 – Gospel music, ID for “You’re listening to WSTL and W????, Providence” and into more gospel music. No sign of WHKW, or WZBK, new for me. **(TF-NH)**
- 1290 WDZY VA Colonial Heights – 1/28 1845 – Fair with fading, fighting CJBK with “WDZY Colonial Heights-Richmond, a proud member of the Wilkins Radio Group” ID into black gospel choral music. Ex-Disney, flipped to gospel. First time heard after sunset, definitely “forgot” to cut power. Not heard the next night. **(MC-NJ)**
- 1320 WJAS PA Pittsburgh – 1/10 1810 – Fair with slogan “a great blend of the songs you love the most, 13-20 WJAS” into the Everly’s “Bye Bye Love” followed by “Dear Heart” by Andy Williams. **(MC-NJ)**
- 1350 CIRA-5 QC Gatineau – 1/29 1702 – French, combination of preaching and classical music, some sort of church service. Signal mixed with three or four other stations, 180 watts working hard, soon gone. **(TF-NH)**
- 1360 WNJC NJ Washington Township – 2/2 0131 – Ace cleaning ad, “1360 WNJC” ID at 0132. Fair to poor. **(PS-ON)**

- 1370 KDTH IA **Dubuque** – 2/5 2338 – Instrumental music, various ID's at 2340 "Home of the Hawkeyes KDTH" or "KDTH". Good, fading to poor. **(PS-ON)**
- WGIV NC **Pineville** – 2/3 2240 – Gospel-like music, mentions of WGIVcharlotte.com and the city of Charlotte, more gospel/religious music, // online stream. Poor, mixing with WTAB. **(PS-ON)**
- 1390 WNIO OH **Youngstown** – 2/5 1800 – Fair; "From the Refresh Dental studios, Refresh Dental, healthier teeth, happier you, this is Sports Animal 1390 WNIO Youngstown, an iHeart radio station," into Fox sports. **(BC-NH)**
- 1410 WZBR MA **Dedham** – 2/3 1350 – Over/under WPOP; ex-jazz, now Portuguese programming parallel 650 WSRO. At 1400 briefly breaking from WSRO for ID, "AM 1410 WZBR Dedham." **(BC-NH)**
- WHTG NJ **Eatontown** – 1/23 1156 – Fair with station promo "... in your car Great Gold 14-10" into "Hitchin' a Ride" by Vanity Fair, followed by Buddy Holly song. ID as "Great Gold 1410, WHTG Eatontown, Red Bank, Long Branch." 10-inch snow storm helped signal get here. **(MC-NJ)**
- WNER NY **Watertown** – 1/29 1645 – Fox Sports Radio, mixed with WPOP, references to businesses in downtown Watertown, commercial for Progressive Insurance Hotline, new here. **(TF-NH)**
- CJWI QC **Montreal** – 1/29 1455 – Classical music, FF announcer, over/under WPOP, WNER and others, soon gone, not heard here before. **(TF-NH)**
- 1460 WBRN MI **Big Rapids** – 2/6 1804 – Fighting semi-local CJOY with local news and weather "... from news radio 1460, 107.7 and 95.1 WBRN." **(MKB-ON)**
- 1530 WLCO MI **Lapeer** – 2/6 1800 – "1530 AM WLCO Lapeer" and Real Country jingle; quickly lost to WCKY and an unID gospel station. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1540 KXEL IA **Waterloo** – 2/5 0600 – Good; "Iowa's news and talk station, News/Talk 1540 KXEL Waterloo-Cedar Falls," into ABC news. **(BC-NH)**
- 1560 WSBV VA **South Boston** – 2/5 1700 – Under WQEW; "You're listening to the voice of hope and glory, AM 1560 WSBV South Boston." Thanks to Jan Alvestad at RealDX for help with the ID. New log. **(BC-NH)**
- 1620 WNRP FL **Gulf Breeze** – 2/3 0500 – Over/under R. Rebelde; "Newsradio 1620 WNRP Gulf Breeze-Pensacola, it's 4 o'clock," into Fox news. **(BC-NH)**
- WDND IN **South Bend** – 1/26 2134 – Rock music, ad for Subway, PSA to prevent forest fires, more rock music. Weak signal with deep fades, only rock station on 1620 listed in the NRC Log. **(TF-NH)**
- 1680 WPRR MI **Ada** – 1/27 1625 – News, "get away from the mainstream media, Reality Radio, 1680 in Grand Rapids," two FM stations mentioned, and cut off by Spanish from WTTM. **(TF-NH)**
- 1690 WPTX MD **Lexington Park** – 1/26 2155 – Under CJLO with "Business Talk Radio Network" from Connecticut, telephone is a 203 area code number, discussion on how to hold meetings, at ToH, female announced "You're listening to 1690 WPTX Lexington Park, Maryland, for talk, AM-1690." **(TF-NH)**
- CHTO ON **Toronto** – 2/3 0400 – Over WPTX; "You're listening to CHTO AM 1690 Toronto, visit our website at [www.am1690.ca](http://www.am1690.ca)." **(BC-NH)**
- 1700 KVNS TX **Brownsville** – 1/26 2115 – In for a couple of minutes with a car commercial, comments about the "Hall of Fame" from "Fox Sports Radio 1700" and I-Heart Radio, then gone. 880 non directional watts making the long trip for a quick visit to NH, not heard here before! **(TF-NH)**



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## REPORTERS

- BD-WI** Bill Dvorak, Madison WI. Drake R8B, Double Kaz antenna bearing 100 degrees.  
**FO-OK** Forest Osborn, Hooker, OK. Drake R8, 4" loop and 200" LW.  
**GH-KS** Gary Houdek, Munden KS. GE Superadio.  
**GH-OK** Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK. Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only; or Sony SRF-59 as specified; Nissan stock car radio as specified; FRG-7 as specified. Glenn's complete reports, with extensive commentary, are originally published in *DX Listening Digest*.  
**JJR-WI** John J Rieger, South Milwaukee WI. Icom IC-R71, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner, preamp.  
**JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.  
**RD-NE** Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop.  
**SMA-MB** Shawn M. Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB. Icom ICR-70/Drake R8 3 Foot un-amplified box loop/Quantum QX LOOP v2.0/155 Foot "U" shaped outdoor wire /100 Foot indoor wire run around the basement walls/MFJ 1026 Phasing unit.

## STATION NEWS

- 1640 KZLS OK Enid** – 1/31 1602 – No news, just "True Oldies" music even at hourtop. But not for long! Thanks to Artie Bigley for finding this on the reactivated RadioInsight.com board for Oklahoma, posted by Lance Venta, yet *another* format change for 1640; call change coming too? McCarvilleReport.com states that "The new show on KZLS will bring back the 'information and news' paradigm that former KTOK listeners were accustomed to," Mullins said. "Guests will include local, state, and national political figures, commentators, and experts in various fields and sectors from agriculture, energy, healthcare, immigration and more." Mullins joining KZLS will kick off another format change at the station, which picked up the Oldies format and KZLS call letters when sister Classic Country "99.7 Hank-FM" KNAH debuted in late September. KZLS will shift to News/Talk in all dayparts by the end of February. (GH-OK)

## DX LOGGINGS

- 540 KMLB LA Monroe** – 1/4 0100 – ID as "Northeast Louisiana's KMLB." Logged with call change, surely not their listed 26 watts!! (FO-OK)  
**640 WOI IA Ames** – 1/31 1547 – On the car radio, I find that our local KEPN Moore OK cuts off the air, back on, and at 1548 off again and stays off, and along with it, daytime IBOC! As I am driving around central Enid, I hasten to find a place to park with the least line noise, to go after DX on this suddenly clear frequency! I stop in front of a day care center near Seventh & Randolph, and hope I don't look too suspicious. I'm hoping for WOI Ames IA, and that's obviously just what I am getting on 640, weak but clear during "Science Friday from PRI" (no longer NPR, since demise of "Talk of the Nation"), Ira Flatow interviewing Alan Alda. There is also a slow SAH from much weaker station. Assuming skywave is not in play at mid-afternoon, most likely the 50 kW non-directional daytime groundwave signal from WCRV Collierville TN (Memphis), with the only other possibility KTIB Thibodaux LA which is 5 kW, directional N/S-ish. KFI is a bit far. At 1558, winter weather advisory for Iowa; 2059 UT mentions University of Northern Iowa (also on KUNI, I assume), and ID for "Iowa Public Radio News, WOI, 640, Ames-Des Moines". This is 5 kW non-directional at a city-to-city distance of 726 km = 451 statute miles, over high ground-conductivity central USA, and not really surprising since 540 KWMT Fort Dodge even further is constantly audible (the mixed with The Metroplex), also 5 kW, but lower-end advantage and also somewhat directional this way. (GH-OK)  
**650 KGAB WY Orchard Valley** – 1/31 1552 – Just as I tune up from 640 WOI, immediately hear "KGAB.com"; weak but steady. At 1555 this has a fast SAH on it. Could it



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be: 50 kW WSM? 250-watt KIKK Pasadena (Houston) TX? 10 kW WNMT Nashwauk MN? Surely one of those. KGAB is 8.5 kW from Orchard Valley (Cheyenne) WY; for WY on daytime groundwave, it helps to be in the SE corner closest to here. I've heard it before in daytime when KEPN IBOC was off, and it's not unusual at SRS or at night on 500 [sic] watts with WSM nulled. Now 660 KSKY Balch Springs (Irving [Dallas]) TX puts some splatter on it. **(GH-OK)**

- 670 KLTT CO **Commerce City** – 1/31 1553 – Religious ad with phone 1-888-252-5345, the numbers spelling out BIBLE## something, address in Texas, but this is no doubt 50 kW KLTT Commerce City (Denver) CO, which always has a marginal daytime groundwave signal here; to hear it, just a matter of signal/noise, but checked to compare with KGAB. What else is in? **(GH-OK)**
- 800 WVAL MN **Sauk Rapids** – 1/2 1854 – Old C&W, CBS news, call letter ID at 1908, back to old (or classic) C&W. New here. **(FO-OK)**
- 800 KQCV OK **Oklahoma City** – 1/30 0730 – Fair 20/9! REL.:Bott announcements, OKC forecast. Strong. Nothing else on frequency. **(JJR-WI)**
- 810 CKJS MB **Winnipeg** – 1/1 2050-2059 – Weak under WHB with ethnic music, sounded like Russian or Hungarian. Confirmed via webstream, and thanks to Todd Skaine for the tip! **(RD-NE)**
- 830 WCCO MN **Minneapolis** – 1/31 1556 – Weak sports talk, WCCO? Yes, ID at 1558 also with an HD2 FM frequency I don't copy, must not be the NRC-AM Log-listed 103.5, since that's only a translator. 50 kW ND WCCO is also an extreme groundwave catch from here at 1032 km = 641 statute miles. Since it's less than a sesquimonth after Solstice, the question arises whether any of this is really skywave? Enid sunset is not until 1857, and local mean noon is always 1332 ELT, so halfway between them would be 1614.5, just after this session. All these signals are weak but steady, more like groundwave than skywave. Since I am getting WCCO, try 1500 for KSTP, which if in, would likely be skywave at top end of band, but nothing audible other than my nearest, 500-watt KPGM Pawhuska OK, providing at 1601 UT Jan 31 a "WWLS Sports Animal" ID which KEPN itself cannot. **(GH-OK)**
- 850 KOA CO **Denver** – 1/25 2210 – "News Radio KOA;" then *Coast To Coast AM* program with Art Bell originally broadcast on November 27, 2001. Also heard on January 11 and 18. **(GH-KS)**
- 870 KFJZ TX **Fort Worth** – 1/9 1844 – Good signal with talk by male in Vietnamese. WWL nowhere to be found at the time. **(RD-NE)**
- 930 WRVC WV **Huntington** – 1/31 0705 – Poor; "Super Talk WRVC" noted in WOKY splash. No usual WAUR. **(JJR-WI)**
- 940 KFIG CA **Fresno** – 2/3 0900 – Legal ID in QRM: "940 ESPN KFIG Fresno ... congratulate the World Champion Seattle Seahawks," then Mike and Mike with more Super Bowl talk. Last heard as KFRE in pre-IBOC days. Rough copy but possible due to local KRWZ-950 turning off their IBOC off. **(JW-CO)**
- 940 WYLD LA **New Orleans** – 1/31 0726 – Poor Gospel programming/music; woman "... on AM 940 WYLD." Nice to hear! **(JJR-WI)**
- 940 CJGX SK **Yorkton** – 2/4 0833 – Weather, sponsored by an area casino; sports at 0835; non-ID's as "GX 94." Fair in QRM. **(JW-CO)**
- 960.04 KNDN NM **Farmington** – 2/3 0928 – C&W music; ad for I-phones; ID in English: "You're listening to the all-Indian voice of the Four Corners 960 AM KNDN Farmington, New Mexico." The "all Indian" claim must be taken with a grain of salt, since the preceding C&W music, phone ad, and ID were all in English. Navajo-language ads, however, did follow at 0933. Operating on this frequency for the umpteenth year in a row. **(JW-CO)**
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- 960 KOVO UT **Provo** – 2/4 0930 – "Utah's most ..??. sports radio" non-ID and into local (I think) sports talk. Fair, mixing with KNDN and partially-nulled CFAC. **(JW-CO)**
- 960 CFAC AB **Calgary** – 2/3 0837 – Local sports talk; "Sports Net 960 The Fan" non-ID's; gal from "660 News Traffic Center" with traffic at 0845. Good signal with local 950's IBOC off. **(JW-CO)**
- 970 KBUL MT **Billings** – 1/15 0850 – "This is the Billings Morning News on News Talk 95.5"; typical wakeup fare, i.e. news, ads, traffic, etc.; legal ID at 0859:51: "From the ?? studio, News Talk 95.5 KCHH Worden, KBUL Billings, News Talk 95.5 dot com"; Fox news was up next at ToH. Generally fair. **(JW-CO)**

- 970 WGEE WI **Superior** – 1/28 0859 – Good, over KQAQ, with B.J. Thomas song "I Just Can't Help Believing," then ID: "The Music of Your Life, AM 970 WGEE, Superior-Duluth." Cleans up the Duluth-Superior area on AM for me at this QTH. (RD-NE)
- 980 CFPL ON **London** – 1/31 1908 – Poor but alone. "AM 980 is London's News Leader." Ads. (JJR-WI)
- 990 KWAM TN **Memphis** – 1/24 1931 – On top of frequency with talk about the Memphis Airport restaurant, ad for a glass company, ad about Tennessee education with 901 ac. This has been heard several times here, so is surely not operating at 450 watts. (FO-OK)
-  KWAM 990 THE NEW VOICE OF MEMPHIS
- 1010 KIND KS **Independence** – 1/14 1839 – Call letter ID and "Classic ???", phone with 620 area code. New here and not bad for 250 watts or 32 watts. (FO-OK)
- 1040 CJMS QC **Saint-Constant** – 1/31 0700 – Fair in WHO null, calls noted into lively FF programming. Strong! (JJR-WI)
- 1050 CJNB SK **North Battleford** – 1/6 0118 – Over/under XEG & KLOH with modern C&W music and ID. Confirmed via webstream, which was running about a minute behind. First new 1050 logged here since CKSB pulled the plug. (RD-NE)
- 1140 KCXL MO **Liberty** – 2/6 0900. In QRM, partial ID in English mentioning 1140 and 102.9 FM. That matches listing for KCXL. Since hearing "Univisión Kansas City" mentioned in Spanish on 1140, Jan 29 at 0837 and also "1140 y 102.9," I have been trying to confirm that it's really KCXL in Spanish ex-English. But apparently not. Possibly that was just a commercial for the Univisión TV outlet in Kansas City. Dave Hughes in Kansas City also checked 1140 for me, at a totally different daypart after 0100 Feb 5 and found it still in English although with QRM in Spanish, which at that hour was probably XEMR. Feb 6 and previous mornings, in the 0830-0900 period, I've only been getting a mix of KRMP OK, KLTK AR, and KSOO SD, until the log above. (GH-OK)
- 1190 WOWO IN **Fort Wayne** – 2/1 1750 – I realize this is a 50000 watt daytimer, and I used to hear it frequently, but due to KXKS in Albuquerque, it doesn't pop in often. ID as "Wo-Wo, 92.3 FM" and into talk show. (FO-OK)
- 1210 KUBR TX **San Juan** – 1/3 2122 – Over/under WPHT with local ad in SS for services at a worship center in McAllen. I had been after this one for some time, and went after it again after reading Glenn Hauser's recent loggings. (RD-NE)
- 1240 KBIZ IA **Ottumwa** – 1/31 1903 – Poor; "The Ottumwa Bulldogs on 1240 KBIZ, brought to you by ..." Strong a bit, then lost. (JJR-WI)
- 1260 KWSH OK **Wewoka** – 1/23 1830 – Good with brief "1260 KWSH" ID between C&W songs. No sign of either Springfield, MO or Belleville, IL at the time. (RD-NE)
- 1290 KGVO MT **Missoula** – 2/2 1959 – AM and FM legal ID; Fox News at 2000. Rough copy in the pileup. (JW-CO)
- 1350 KCOR TX **San Antonio** – 1/18 2201 – Fair with SS promo for upcoming San Antonio concert featuring several Tejano groups. (RD-NE)
-  101.5 FM NEWS TALK KGVO 1290AM .COM
- 1360 WIXI AL **Jasper** – 1/31 1853 – Poor "1400 WJLD" & R&B music, weather chatter and "Sexy Lady" by Johnnie Taylor then LID. No normal WTAQ. (JJR-WI)
- 1370 KWTL ND **Grand Forks** – 2/1 1830 – EWTN programming and this is the only one listed in the NRC log. I have ID'd before with call letters, but not often heard. (FO-OK)
- 1370 WWCB PA **Corry** – 2/3 1954 – Fair, in for about three minutes before disappearing under WSPD with HS basketball Corry Beavers vs. Harbor Creek with Harbor Creek leading 24-16 as the first half ended. Daytime facilities are 1kw ND, while night power is 500 watts with a more-or-less straight north-south pattern. Even if this one was on day facilities this is a pretty good catch. NEW! (BD-WI)
- 1400 WIEL KY **Elizabethtown** – 1/31 2259 – Poor but in the clear with LID // WTHX 101.5 Vine Grove KY, slogan "ESPN Radio 101.5 and AM 1400." NEW graveyarder! Distance 416 miles. (BD-WI)
- 1470 KYYW TX **Abilene** – 1/28 1848 – Texas political talk, America's Most Wanted. Call letter ID at 1848, then into "Pratt on Texas" show. Logged a long time ago as KRBC, but difficult here because of local KSMM (20 miles) in Liberal, KS. (FO-OK)
- 1520 KYND TX **Cypress** – 2/1 1845 – Under KOKC, which usually covers everything, with Outreach News, several Chinese news items. Evidently on new power, 25000/18000 watts. (FO-OK) *And reduced KOKC power; see AM Switch – DY.*

- 1520 KKXA WA **Snohomish** – 2/03 0840 – Fair signals over KOKC with John Denver’s Rocky Mountain High and then ID as “Classic Country K-X-A.” Finally off my target list. NEW. (SMA-MB)
- 1550 KUAZ AZ **Tucson** – 1/5 0938 – NPR and 89.1 FM, 40 degrees in Tucson and into Jazz. Call change logged. Logged again on 1/28 at 1944 with sign off. (FO-OK)
- 1550 KYAL OK **Sapulpa** – 1/30 0744 – Poor but over anything. Ads for local Toyota then Dodge dealers back to back. 97.1 & 96.1 announcements. If 1550 was said, did not hear. Yahoo Sports content. (JJR-WI)
- 1640 KZLS OK **Enid** – 2/3 0800 – Good signals on top as usual with new talk format. No more oldies. Full ID by the program’s announcer. (SMA-MB)
- 1680 KRJO LA **Monroe** – 1/27 0054 – Station ID: “Classic Country 1680 KRJO. Then Reba McEntire with song “Little Rock.” (GH-KS)

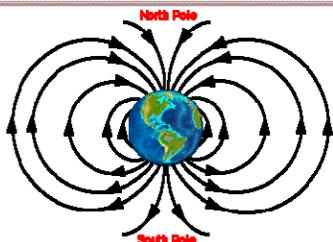
**PIRATE/UNLICENSED**

- 1720 **Radio Free Whatever** – 2/1 2340 – Poor signals with a big het on this Pirate station. Music and partial ID, but was assured by the posts on the Pirate HF Underground loggings page that was what I did hear. New. (SMA-MB)

**UNID**

- 1140 UNID -- 2/3 0905 – Checking out the Spanish stations, some Mexican music is still audible, vs an ID in English sounding like KCNC. I wonder if that could have been KNAB Burlington CO with a weather or news report out of channel 4, Denver? (GH-OK)
- 1170 UNID -- 2/5 0155 – Still trying to pull an ID from a SS with KFAQ Tulsa nulled, making 72/minute SAH 1.2 Hz; seems to be quoting Bible when KFAQ fades a bit. (GH-OK)
- 1300 UNID -- 2/1 1804 – CBS news, ad for Edgerton's Travel service and upcoming trips to Colorado, phone 260-497-trip. Edgerton's locations are in Indiana, but WBZQ is SS and WBOW is listed as 500 watts and 75 watts. I couldn't catch any other ID before they were gone. Any ideas? (FO-OK)

Thanks to all of this week’s contributors. See you next time. (JDT-WA)



## Geomagnetic Indices

Geomagnetic Summary January 2014

Via Phil Bytheway – Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Weather	1/16	121	2	0	no storms
1/ 1	160	12	3	moderate, R2	1/17	129	4	2	no storms
2	161	20	3	minor, G1. R1	18	130	2	0	no storms
3	182	10	2	minor, R1	19	128	2	0	no storms
4	215	6	1	minor, R1	20	137	3	0	no storms
5	218	4	0	no storms	21	146	8	2	no storms
6	204	4	2	minor, S1	22	143	9	3	no storms
7	237	8	3	strong, S2, R3	23	136	6	1	no storms
8	195	8	2	strong, S3, R1	24	136	5	1	no storms
9	184	10	2	strong, S3	25	x	x	x	x
10	175	5	0	moderate, S2	26	138	6	1	no storms
11	166	4	2	minor, S1	27	144	4	1	minor, R1
12	155	9	4	no storms	28	157	5	2	minor, R1
13	143	7	1	minor, R1	29	156	7	2	no storms
14	137	11	3	no storms	30	161	5	1	moderate, R2
15	126	4	1	no storms	1/31	166	3	1	minor, R1

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## Trans-Atlantic DX

- 171 **MOROCCO** *R.Mediterranee Internationale*, Nador FEB 1 2200-2203 – Good with news by woman in Arabic. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
177 **GERMANY** *Deutschlandradio Kultur*, Zehlendorf FEB 1 2204 – Good with news by man and woman in German; clear ID recorded. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
189 **ICELAND** *Ríkisútvarpid*, Gufuskálar FEB 1 2212-2213 – Strong with prayer in Icelandic (ended with Amen,) brief harp music, then into jazz/funk fusion music. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
FEB 5 0726 – Pop music; fair and steady signal, one of the few times heard this season. [Beu-TX]  
234 **LUXEMBOURG** *RTL Junglinster* FEB 1 2216 – Fair with rock music and male DJ in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
252 **IRELAND** *RTÉ Radio 1*, Clarkestown FEB 1 2218 – Fair with traditional Irish folk music. No sign of Algeria at this time. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
693 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5*, Droitwich et al. FEB 3 2230 – Fair discussing the Chelsea-Manchester City soccer match. Canned ID by female followed by, "Good evening, it is ten thirty," and into news by man. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
909 **UNITED KINGDOM** *BBC Radio 5* sychros FEB 3 2234 – Fair discussing the Chelsea-Manchester City (aka Man City) soccer match. Parallel to 693 kHz. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
936 **IRAN** *IRIB R.Iran*, Urumiyeh FEB 3 2256-2313 – Fair with man and woman in unknown language and occasional brief instrumental music bridges clearly parallel to streaming audio via mwlist.org. A bit stronger at 2336 re-check with religious chanting by man. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse FEB 3 2252 – Fair with ID and station promo by man in French. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* sychros FEB 1 2230 – Good with "Sports Headlines at Ten Thirty," and numerous ID's. [DeLorenzo-MA]  
1521 **SAUDI ARABIA** *BSKSA* Duba JAN 26 0143 – Prayer at 0144; fair signal peaks, audible the last few nights. [Beu-TX]

*Hauser transatlantic MW carrier search:* JAN 31 0122 – 1521 Saudi het is stronger than usual against 1520 KOKC, so I step down by 9-kHz to find only JBA ones on 1512, 1503, 1422, 1332, 1205, 1044, 945, and 747 kHz.

*Hauser transpacific carrier search:* FEB 3 – JBA on 774 at 1254, 594 at 1255, 747 at 1256, all likely NHK. Today's LSR is 1331 UTC, precessing about one minute earlier per day.

## Pan-American DX

- 539.835 **NICARAGUA** *R.Corporación*, Managua FEB 2 1104 – Big het up on the Mexican at 1104, seconds later into national anthem by male solo, live announcer from 1107. Good once in LSB. [Krueger-FL] FEB 3 1000 – Loud het against CBGA-1. [Conti-NH]  
540 **MEXICO** unID FEB 2 1100-1104 – Anthem, probably ID but no copy. Anthem at 1100 instead of 1200 on this one. Damaged by Nicaragua sign-on at 1104 UTC. [Krueger-FL]  
590 **MEXICO** *XEPH Sabrosita 590*, México, DF FEB 2 1122 – Female canned "Sabrosita" over very tropical non-Mexi-tunes vocals, female at 1124, "Sabrosita 590 AM, la más caliente" then live male DJ, time check, ID, mention of musical tropical, into vocal. Excellent, alone with *R.Musical Nacional* off at this hour. [Krueger-FL]  
600 **NICARAGUA** *Radio Ya*, Managua FEB 2 1127 – Excellent with Spanish male preacher on a local Sunday morning, mentions of nicaragüense. [Krueger-FL]  
700 **MEXICO** *XEETCH La Voz de los Tres Rios*, Etchojoa, Son. FEB 3 1314 – Rustic song in non-Spanish with frequency to itself; still in at 1329 just before sunrise here but fading; presumed usual XEETCH which broadcasts in three indigenous languages. FEB 4 1315 – Rustic Mexican music, hypo announcer, no doubt the regular XEETCH. [Hauser-OK]  
720 **NICARAGUA** *R.Católica*, Managua FEB 2 1134 – Light inspirational Spanish vocals, live female announcer, time check, ID, inspirational chatter over music. [Krueger-FL]  
780 **MEXICO** *XEMTS R.Fórmula*, Tampico, Tamps. FEB 2 1127 – Long string of promos for Grupo Fórmula, *R.Fórmula* ID, Spanish kiddie song 1132, into that network news feed 1137-

- 1146 with female and pulsing music between items. Promo for Grupo Fórmula 1148. No trace of the unidentified English pop Mexican. [Krueger-FL]
- 780 **MEXICO** XEWGR *Exa FM*, Monclova, Coah. FEB 3 1154 – Weak under XEMTS with national anthem beginning at tune-in followed by a vocal rendition of the catchy and obvious Coahuila state anthem, so by default it's XEWGR. [Krueger-FL]
- 780 **MEXICO** unID FEB 2 1144 – The 70s/80s English pop hits mystery continues. Tune-in to female mentioning "...punto 9" then the Bee Gee's "Jive Talkin'" and another "...punto 9" slogan, into McCartney & Wings "Jet", an unidentified female vocal, then "Kiss Me" by Sixpence None the Richer across the hour. Not XELD *R.Costa* who is listed as simulcasting 103.9, as not parallel their stream (jazzy instrumental there). Could this be *R.Fórmula Tampico* switching to their listed 103.9 FM some days/times? Cantú lists as *Fórmula NotiGape* + FM 103.9. [Krueger-FL]
- 1060 **CUBA** *Radio 26*, Jovellanos FEB 5 1059 – Good, over KYW; canned ID with piano instrumental, "Esta es Radio 26, desde Matanzas, Cuba," and distinctive tones marking the hour with a time check, "Exactamente las seis en la mañana," into news music bed. [Conti-NH]
- 1060 **MEXICO** XEEP *R.Educación*, México DF FEB 2 0639 – Parallel 6185 XEPPM is still modulating with Spanish music, instead of stopping circa 0600; and it's still undermodulated, but better than usual, yet not enough oomph to overcome 6180 Brasil. Just to be sure, I try to parallel it to 1060 XEEP, and succeed sufficiently amid the interference there. Wolfgang Büschel also heard 6185 until 0700, 18 Hz low, and declared that "Aoki is wrong," but I say it's just another instance of variable closing on 6185; don't count on it to continue, nor even all-night as it once was. FEB 3 0604 – 6185 XEPPM is again still modulating Spanishly past nominal 0600, interference from 6180 Brasil. FEB 4 0625 – XEPPM is completely off, no modulation and no carrier either. [Hauser-OK]
- 1170 unID FEB 5 0655 – Still trying to pull an ID from a Spanish signal with KFAQ Tulsa nulled, making 72/minute SAH = 1.2 Hz; seems to be quoting Bible when KFAQ fades a bit. [Hauser-OK]
- 1180 **MEXICO** XEDCH Cd. Delicias, Chih. FEB 1 0711 – Tune-in "Ciudad Delicias, Chihuahua" partial ID amid music. Per WRTH 2014, it's XEDCH with 1.5 kW at night; per IRCA it's 250 watts. And Cantú still claims the call is XEJK. Whatever, how can this possibly surpass the 34 *R.Rebelde* jammers all over Cuba on 1180 ranging from 1 to 200 kW, including four of 50 kW? What little RF is coming out of Cuba is easily nulled for XEDCH to dominate, with more interference from Omaha than Cuba. [Hauser-OK]
- 1610 **ANGUILLA** *Caribbean Beacon*, The Valley FEB 5 0735 – Religious talk by man; good signal. [Beu-TX] FEB 7 0314 – Female preacher parallel 6090; fair in a mix with presumed CHHA. [Hill-MA]
- 1610 **MEXICO** XEAUCH Texcoco, Méx. JAN 26 0040 – Program featuring blues music; good signal. [Beu-TX] Location per Cantú. 2014 WRTH lists location as Chapingo.
- 1700 **MEXICO** XEPE Tecate, BCN FEB 3 1000 – Atop the frequency; muddled ID in Spanish by a woman followed by promo, "...and you're listening to ESPN Radio 1700 ...at 7:00 a.m., ESPN Radio 1700." [Conti-NH]

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### International News

**UNITED KINGDOM:** Mobile phone company Lyca Media has acquired four radio stations from administrators previously operated by *Sunrise Radio*. Sunrise Radio 1, Sunrise Radio 3, Time 107.5 and Time 106.6 are now owned by the international calling card company. A statement issued by the administrators and posted on BizAsia said, "The Joint Administrators completed a sale of the assets of the Companies to Lyca Media II Limited on 4 February 2014. The companies operated as Sunrise Radio 1, Sunrise Radio 3, Time 107.5 and Tristar 96.6 (sic). Lyca Media II Limited will be

operating the Ofcom licences with immediate effect subject to Ofcom approval." Sunrise Radio 2 - previously known as *Buzz Asia* on 963 and 972 AM - is now carrying the programmes of *Sunrise Radio* 1458 whilst Sunrise 1 and 3 are all unbranded with non-stop music. [Steve Whitt, MWC via Facebook] The newly acquired former *Sunrise Radio* frequency by Lyca Media has begun testing. The new frequency has not officially be named as of yet. The station is using just a "1458 kHz on MW" strap. Similarly, the former *Kismat Radio* frequency is playing back to back music with inserts of "1035 kHz on MW" jingles in-between. [Asia Biz via Mike Terry, *mwdx*]

73 and Good DX!

## *Musings of the Members*

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**Thoughts from NRC members. Local time per Muse.**

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Two years back in the NRC after a hiatus of 6+, so it's time for a re-intro. I'm 48, single, and holding down steady work as a route driver for a local O'Reilly Auto Parts "hub" store (I make the same 45-mile loop between our store and three others 6 times a day!). I do not currently have a vehicle of my own, but I'm saving up for a pickup truck, and getting pretty close to purchasing one very soon. I attended the joint NRC/IRCA/WTFDA/MDXC convention in Minneapolis and had a grand time. Very nice to meet Bob Antoniuk, Bob Klinger, Richard Allen, Mark Jones, Wally Wawro, Robert Grant, Nick Hall-Patch, and Nigel Pimblett for the first time. Also good to renew acquaintances with Skip Dabelstein, Mark Durenberger, Phil Bytheway, Neil Griffin, Paul Swearingen, and Wayne Heinen, plus Minnesota DXers Jim Dale and Mikes Bates (for the first time since the MDXC's winter DXpedition in February 1992!). The surprise encounters of the weekend happened at the auction on Saturday night. Whose voice should I hear making a bid but none other than Toledo's Gary Siegel! Hadn't seen Gary since I hosted the 3rd DX mid-AMERICA GTG in Lafayette, Indiana on 10/12/1996. The REAL shocker, however, came just a few minutes later when I crossed paths with Chicago's Karl Forth, whom I hadn't seen since attending Rob Kramer's GTG on New Year's Day 1989! Don't be a stranger and come to more conventions, Karl! On September 14th, I hosted the 5th DX mid-AMERICA GTG in Champaign, Illinois. Meeting in the breakfast room of the Ramada Inn off I-74 were myself, co-host Earl Higgins, Ken Hawkins of St. Louis, Bill Dvorak of Madison, Frank Merrill of Macomb, Neil Kazaross of Barrington, IL, FM/TV DXers Mike Glass and Steve Rich from Indianapolis, and FM/TV DXer Curtis Sadowski of Paxton, IL, the closest attendee. Was pleased by the decent turnout, and I will probably host #6 in Kalamazoo in either 2014 or 2015. DXing on the MW band has been good here so far this season. Total heard here on Labor Day was 824, it's at 872 as of 11/12. Best catches have been KVEL-920 in Utah, KDIX-1230 in North Dakota, CBX-740 in Alberta, WROX-1450 in Mississippi, WONQ-1030 in Florida, WTNK-1090 in Tennessee, and a surprise post-sunset logging of WBEN-930 in New York. WHFB-1060 in Michigan has returned to the air, now //WIMS-1420 fulltime, logged here on 11/4. Thassall for now. 73 de RWD.

## NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued February 3, 2014 – For the period February 3-March 1, 2014

(From <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftplib/weekly/WKHF.txt>)

Solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels with a chance for high levels through 09 February when Regions 1967 and 1968 cross the west limb. Moderate to high levels are again possible after 21 February with the anticipated return of Regions 1967 and 1968. For the remainder of the period, activity is expected to be predominately low.

There is an increasing chance for proton events at geosynchronous orbit, particularity between 03 - 09 February as Regions 1967 and 1968 cross the central meridian and moves into a more favorable position. The threat decreases after 09 February as both regions cross the west limb. The remainder of the period should see low potential for proton events in the absense of any new large region development.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during the forecast period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels, associated with recurrent coronal hole high speed streams, on 08 - 10, 17 - 18 and 25 February. The remainder of the forecast period is expected to see mostly quiet conditions in the absence of any transient features.

**FCC SILENT STATION LIST**

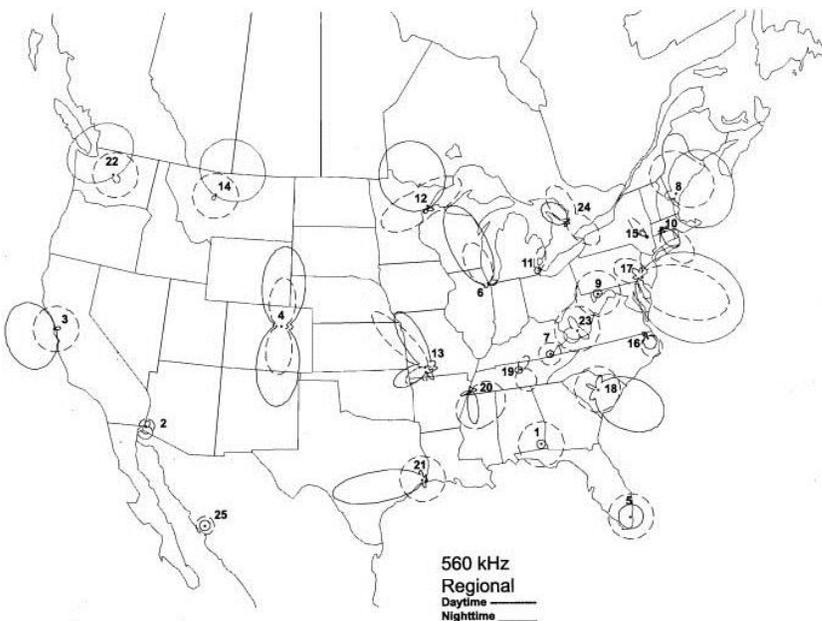
As of Friday, February 7, 2014, the FCC listed 97 stations as "licensed and silent." Some of these are clearly erroneous (such as WQOM-1060, which the FCC thinks has been silent since 2010 but has been reported on the air many times since then), and WKSH-1640, which has been reported back on the air but is still on the FCC list. Other silent stations are missing. Call letters in parentheses are technically deleted; stations didn't apply to renew licenses on time. Anything else strike you as wrong? Drop a line to the Publisher at [NRCDXNews@gmail.com](mailto:NRCDXNews@gmail.com).

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700 WCNF-AL	WUTI-NY	KUKU-MO	WTQS-SC
710 WUFF-GA	1160 WJFJ-NC	1340 WHTD-GA	KIBL-TX
790 WJNA-TN	KRDY-TX	KTSN-NV	KWUD-TX
850 WKGE-PA	1170 WDEK-SC	WXXK-WV	KJNT-WY
860 WAMI-AL	1180 KORL-HI	1360 WHNR-FL	1500 WQMS-MS
910 WAEI-ME	1190 KPHN-MO	KBYO-LA	WASN-OH
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WHFB-MI	1280 KMFR-TX	1450 WKAL-NY	1590 WIJK-MD
WGSB-NC	1300 WKXM-AL	WPAM-PA	WXRF-PR
1070 WSCP-NY	WKSC-SC	WTOD-SC	1640 WKSH-WI
1080 WALD-SC	1310 WDTW-MI	WBVA-VA	1660 KXOL-UT
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